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Sheriff: 'Furloughs won't work'

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

Bring up the idea of furloughing employees and the customary smile on Paul May's face quickly disappears and is replaced by a steely glare.

"I don't favor a furlough. That's out of the question," said the normally affable Okeechobee County sheriff. "If county employees have to take a pay cut, I think it's only fair people at the sheriff's office take a pay cut also. But a furlough? That's not going to work for on-the-road deputies."

Having county employees take a mandatory furlough is just one of the cost-cutting ideas being discussed by the Okeechobee County Board of County Commissioners. The idea is to have every county employee take one day off each month for the next five months without pay. In essence, this would shut down county government for one day a month.

For the sheriff's office, this would save the county $189,717.41. For county employees who do not work for other constitutional officers, the measure would save $172,000.

"I can't do that," said Sheriff May. "If I have six deputies scheduled to work and furlough one today and one calls in sick, then I'm down to four. That's not fair to the deputies."

So Monday, May 4, all of the county's constitutional officers and government leaders met at the Okeechobee County Public Library to try and find ways to save money. And though no definitive measures were taken, Sheriff May said the meeting opened up "good dialogue" between the constitutional officers and the county commissioners.

"We discussed cutting wherever possible—to start at the bottom and cut what we can," said Sheriff

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Submitted photo

OHS Drama Club presents 'Guys and Dolls'

The Okeechobee High School Drama Club and the OHS band presented the musical "Guys and Dolls" on Thursday and Friday. If you missed the performances this past weekend they have two more shows on Friday and Saturday evening at 7:30 p.m. Admission is $10 for adults and $5 for students.

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County commission to look at budget shortfall

By Pete Gawda
Okeechobee News

A special meeting that was originally scheduled to handle proposed changes to the county's comprehensive plan has taken on new significance. In addition to those items, when Okeechobee County Commissioners meet tomorrow, they will look at options for solving the county's dire budget situation.

At last Thursday's meeting, county administrator Lyndon Bonner proposed a five day furlough for county employees. On five separate days scattered through the remainder of the budget year the county would essentially shut down. While employees would still receive health benefits, the county would not pay salary or retirement benefits on those days. Commissioners were not in favor of that idea. Commission chairman Clif Betts asked for more options to solve the budget crisis. Mr. Bonner said he would meet with the constitutional officers on Monday, May 4 to discuss options. Then the matter would be taken up again at the previously scheduled special meeting on May 7.

If you go ...
What: Special meeting of the Okeechobee County Commission
When: 9 a.m. Thursday, May 7
Where: County Health Department Auditorium, 1728 N.W. Ninth Ave.

The county administrator said the county is facing a $2.7 million deficit. Deputy county administrator Robbie Chartier presented revenue figures as of March 31, half way through the budget year. Ad valorem property taxes collected were down 10.51 percent from the projected amount. The small counties surtax was down 2.13 percent from the expected amount. The half cent sales tax was down 28.52 percent. State revenue sharing was down 3.97 percent. The tourist development tax was down 17.53 percent from the projected amount. Revenues from building permits were 25.29 percent below the budgeted amount.

The original purpose of the meeting was to hold a public hearing on proposed amendments to the county's comprehensive plan to meet conditions laid down by the Florida Department of Community Affairs.

SHERIFF

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May. Among the cost-saving measures discussed were employee furloughs, pay reductions and layoffs. Although layoffs were discussed, the sheriff emphasized that he has not been asked to cut staff.

The sheriff said there was talk about a 3 percent pay reduction which, for the sheriff's office, is basically taking back the 3 percent raise given to employees below the rank of lieutenant last year.

Total salaries paid to the 225 OCSO employees is $8.1 million annually. That figure does not include insurance, benefits, Social Security or retirement.

"But, the consensus was to try and cut other areas rather than the salaries of employees," he said. "I told them, if you cut the salary of the employees it's telling them it's their fault. Start somewhere else, look at some other spending—maybe put some projects on hold."

Sheriff May and Major Noel Stephen said Monday afternoon they've already begun pinching pennies where they can. Among those measures are turning off some of the lights at the sheriff's office, not letting cars sit and idle, changing the oil in patrol cars every 5,000 miles instead of every 3,000, charging a fee for those booked into the jail, which has raised over $30,000 this year, and sending only one car on a call unless the deputy knows a backup will be needed.

"We have already stopped serving meat for breakfast at the jail and that's saving between $11,000 and $12,000 a year," added Sheriff May.

One thing that would help the sheriff save $7.5 million a year would be to privatize the jail.

"I'm not contemplating not running the jail," he said. "In my experience, counties that have done it have gone back because it's cheaper."

And although he's had to absorb salaries for the Narcotics Task Force, the sheriff said there would be no way he would do away with that unit simply to save money.

"The last thing I would do is cut the task force," he said without hesitation.

The sheriff's office budget this year is $17,586,040. Included in that budget is the jail; 256 inmates as of Tuesday, May 5; courthouse security; detectives; narcotics task force; deputies; and, administrative staff.

County salaries

- Sheriff's Office - $8.1 million
- Fire/Rescue - $2.1 million
- Clerk of Courts - $1.4 million
- Property Appraiser's Office- $769,000
- Tax Collector's Office - $475,000
- Supervisor of Elections Office - $158,000
- All other county employees - $7 million
- County commissioners - $33,471 each

NOTE: The figures listed here are rounded off and do not include insurance, benefits, Social Security or retirement.

Correction

An error appeared in an article on page 12 of the Sunday, May 3 issue of the Okeechobee News under the headline "Long commission meeting produces few results." The article discussed plans for restoration of the Kissimmee River. The place of the restoration was incorrectly described as River Oaks Subdivision. The restoration mentioned is actually taking place in the area of River Acres Subdivision. River Oaks is just south of S.R. 78. River Acres is on Lofton Road. We apologize for any inconvenience caused by this error.

Okeechobee Forecast

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 92. Calm wind becoming east southeast between 5 and 10 mph.

Wednesday night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 67. Southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph becoming calm.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 94. Calm wind becoming east southeast between 5 and 10 mph.

Thursday night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 67. South southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Friday: Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 95. South southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Friday night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 69. South southeast wind around 5 mph.

Florida Lottery

Florida Lottery — Here are the numbers selected Monday in the Florida Lottery: **Cash 3:** 1-1-4; **Play 4:** 3-1-7-4; **Fantasy 5:** 5-6-9-31-34; **Mega Money:** 5-7-10-38 MB 14; **Florida Lotto**: 3-4-22-42-45-47; **Powerball:** 3-20-38-42-45 PB27 x3. Numbers drawn Tuesday, **Cash 3:** 5-6-9; **Play 4:** 4-8-3-1.

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Motorcyclist killed in crash

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

A motorcyclist was killed early Sunday morning in a two-vehicle accident on U.S. 441 S.E.

Pronounced dead at the scene was David H. Purdy, 44, of Okeechobee, stated an accident report by Deputy John Ashby of the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office. Mr. Purdy was pronounced dead at the scene by emergency medical personnel from the Okeechobee County Fire/Rescue Department.

According to Deputy Ashby's report, Mr. Purdy was westbound on U.S. 441 S.E. around 2:17 a.m. Sunday, May 3. He was riding a Suzuki VL-800 motorcycle.

The report states as Mr. Purdy was approaching a driveway in the 4500 block of U.S. 441 S.E. a vehicle driven by Donald G. Bryant, 62, Okeechobee, made a left turn into the driveway in front of him.

Deputy Ashby said Mr. Bryant turned his Ford F-350 in front of the oncoming motorcycle, and the motorcycle struck the pickup truck in the passenger side.

Upon impact, Mr. Purdy was thrown from his motorcycle and it caught on fire, the deputy's report stated.

The report does not state if Mr. Bryant or the passenger in his car, Julie Hulsey, 44, Clearwater, was injured.

Also, the report does not indicate if anyone involved in the crash was cited.

Man charged with attacking wife

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

An Okeechobee man was arrested and charged with attacking his wife, stealing her purse and then escaping by swimming across the Rim Canal.

Willie Joe Harris III, 30, U.S. 441 S.E., was arrested Sunday, May 3, on a felony charge of robbery by sudden snatching. He was also arrested on misdemeanor charges of battery and domestic battery. He was booked into the Okeechobee County Jail under a bond of $30,000.

Willie Joe Harris

Harris was arrested later that day in connection with an April 28 incident when he first reportedly attacked his wife. He was charged with the misdemeanor of domestic battery. His bond on that charge was set at $10,000.

Arrest reports indicate that Harris and his wife have been separated for a few weeks.

In an arrest report by Deputy Robbie Lamb, of the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO), the victim and a male friend were walking into a convenience store at the intersection of S.E. 34th Ave. and U.S. 441 S.E. shortly after 5 p.m. Sunday.

As they approached the door of the store Harris reportedly came up behind the victim, grabbed her purse and snatched it off her shoulder, stated the deputy's report. Her male friend then came to her aid and began to fight with Harris.

At some point, Harris apparently took off and ran across U.S. 441 S.E. with the man chasing him. Harris then jumped into the Rim Canal and swam to the other side, the report continued.

When Harris reached VFW Post #10539, 3912 U.S. 441 S.E., he reportedly swam back across the canal and tried to get a ride. But when the man from the store approached him, Harris again fled and ran to a residence in the 4100 block of U.S. 441 S.E., stated the arrest affidavit.

Deputy Lamb stated that he arrested Harris around 6:45 p.m. Sunday when he saw him walking along U.S. 441 S.E.

Another arrest report by OCSO Deputy Corporal Timothy A. Higgins indicates that on Tuesday, April 28, Harris hit and pushed his wife and "... ripped the purse from her, tearing both handles of the purse off."

Even though several OCSO deputies searched for Harris they were unable to find him at that time, stated the report by Cpl. Higgins.

Arrest Report

The following individuals were arrested on felony or driving under the influence (DUI) charges by the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO), the Okeechobee City Police Department (OCPD), the Florida Highway Patrol (FHP), the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) or the Department of Corrections (DOC).

• Walter David Saunders III, 27, N.E. 101st Ave., Okeechobee, was arrested April 30 by Deputy Cari Arnold on a felony charge of uttering a forged instrument. He was also arrested on a misdemeanor charge of petit theft. His bond was set at $12,500.

• Jason Michael Hormuth, 29, Bobolink Ave., Zephyrhills, was arrested April 30 by Deputy Harold Hancock on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with violation of probation - dealing in stolen property and violation of probation - giving false information to a pawnbroker. He is being held without bond.

• William P. Edwards, 49, N. K Street, Lake Worth, was arrested April 30 by Deputy Sergeant J. Royal on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with violation of probation - driving under the influence. His bond was set at $5,000.

• Eric Douglas Molina, 24, N.W. 40th Ave., Okeechobee, was arrested April 30 by Deputy Yamil Astacio on a warrant charging him with violation of probation - driving under the influence. His bond was set at $1,500.

• Jason Collier Smith, 29, S.E. 34th Ave., Okeechobee, was arrested May 1 by Deputy Joseph Hall on charges of grand theft and burglary of a curtilage. His bond was set at $2,500.

• Diego Hernandez, 18, S. Ninth St., Immokalee, was arrested May 1 by Deputy Corporal Aric Majere on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with failure to appear - grand theft. He is being held without bond.

• Eric Tyrone Brown, 33, N.E. 13th Ave., Okeechobee, was arrested May 1 by Deputy Donnie Holmes on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with grand theft and giving false information to a pawnbroker. His bond was set at $12,500.

• Edward DeFede, 53, N.W. 30th St., Okeechobee, was arrested May 1 by Deputy Paul Jackson on charges of grand theft and dealing in stolen property. His bond was set at $2,500.

• Lucio Landaverde Aguilar, 21, N.E. Eighth Way, Okeechobee, was arrested May 2 by Deputy Matt Crawford on a felony charge of possession of cocaine. He was also arrested on a misdemeanor charge of battery. His bond was set at $2,000.

• Beau Asher Emily, 25, N.E. 11th St., Okeechobee, was arrested May 3 by Deputy Lieutenant Keith Murrish on Okeechobee County warrants charging him with violation of probation - possession of cocaine (two counts), violation of probation - possession of a controlled substance and violation of probation - driving under the influence. He is being held without bond.

• Becky Lee Cook, 29, S.E. 62nd Ave., Okeechobee, was arrested May 3 by Deputy Lt. Keith Murrish on a warrant charging her with grand theft. Her bond was set at $2,500.

• Florencio Serrano, 18, N.W. Seventh Ave., Okeechobee, was arrested May 4 by Deputy Mark Shireman on felony charges of burglary of a conveyance and theft. He was also arrested on a misdemeanor charge of resisting a law enforcement officer without violence. His bond was set at $5,500.

• Robert W. Cory, 17, S.E. 25th St., Okeechobee, was arrested May 4 by Deputy Jason Hickman on a charge of burglary of a structure. He was booked into the Okeechobee County Jail then released into the custody of his parents.

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U.S. May Revive Guantánamo Military Courts

• The Obama administration is moving toward reviving the military commission system for prosecuting Guantanamo detainees, which was a target of critics during the Bush administration, including Mr. Obama himself. Officials said the first public moves could come as soon as next week, perhaps in filings to military judges at the United States naval base at Guantánamo Bay, Cuba, outlining an administration plan to amend the Bush administration's system to provide more legal protections for terrorism suspects.

• Having rights—What a novel concept. You know someone could start a whole new country on that idea. But then some others would come along and mess it all up.

• Interesting how we grant American rights to insurrectionists and terrorists. Yet our rights are ignored.

• For a majority of the detainees no charges have been proven, or even brought against them. What of our rights have been ignored by our government? Should we lower our moral standard to that of those we are at war with over their low moral standard?

County considering furloughing employees

• Days off with no pay is not something most employees would look forward to. Most are living paycheck-to-paycheck as it is. I don't know what the county is going to do, but they have to find ways to cut expenses.

• I'm sure the county won't shut down the jails or fire department...I think they have enough sense to juggle the furlough days for those employees around. It's tough times right now and Okeechobee County isn't immune from what is happening globally! Would you rather see the county go bankrupt?

Swine flu

• WHO Spokesman Gregory Harti stated "I ... would like to remind people that in 1918 the Spanish flu showed a surge in the spring, and then disappeared in the summer months, only to return in the autumn of 1918 with a vengeance. And we know that eventually killed 40 million to 50 million people." Something to think about.

• Parents of children or adults themselves need to take proper precaution if they are ill so that this does NOT spread to others. School, Walmart, Church, etc. It is up to those who are not well to prevent the spreading. So PLEASE if you do not feel well or even think you are becoming sick do NOT go into public and take the necessary precautions to protect yourself.

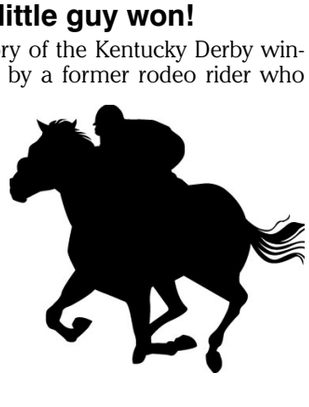
• This is from the Center for Disease Control: Stay informed. This website will be updated regularly as information becomes available. Influenza is thought to spread mainly person-to-person through coughing or sneezing of infected people. Take everyday actions to stay healthy. Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it. Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. Alcohol-based hands cleaners are also effective. Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread that way. Stay home if you get sick. CDC recommends that you stay home from work or school and limit contact with others to keep from infecting them. Follow public health advice regarding school closures, avoiding crowds and other social distancing measures. Develop a family emergency plan as a precaution. This should include storing a supply of food, medicines, facemasks, alcohol-based hand rubs and other essential supplies. Call 1-800-CDC-INFO for more information.

• While there being no cure is accurate, that doesn't mean it isn't treatable. There is no cure for cancer either, but do we tell people "just let it run its course" when there are several treatment programs for it? There are four drugs that treat the seasonal flu effectively, two for the H1N1 2009 virus. While our bodies do have things to fight this off, because this is a new strain, many people's bodies are using too many, thereby killing themselves. So saying "let this run its course" can be extremely dangerous and even deadly in a lot of cases. If not treated with the proper medication, this can kill.

• At church today, there was hand sanitzer on the table as we came in, and they made an announcement that if you are not feeling well, you should not come to church, to avoid the potential spread of germs.

50-1 odds on derby winner—glad the little guy won!

• The story of the Kentucky Derby winner—trained by a former rodeo rider who drove the horse from New Mexico to Kentucky himself (despite a broken leg) — is great. Now, if we had just had some money bet on that horse with the odds at 50-1. I love it when the cowboys' horse beats the high-price race horses owned by the sheiks. If he wins the triple crown we will surely see a movie about this horse.



• It was wonderful to see that little colt just open up and turn it on. $9,500 vs $2.1 million from Dubai. Couldn't ask for anything better. Actually made me feel better about that little $500 calf I bought for my son for the Okeechobee Youth Livestock Show next year as opposed to the $1,500-$2,000 ones that are available.

County staff downsized

• This is what I see happening: hurricane, flood, badly beaten roads or worse washed out, now we have spent tons of money on an Agri Civic Center that gets used a handful of times through the year. Here's an idea: Shut down the ag-center. Then deduct money from our commissioners' pay for they do the least for us at this moment. Get rid of any secretaries that sit and file their nails all day and hire someone who is going to work and complete a job when we are in need. I have no personal favors in any of this, but being I have seen how this county is run and who is in whose back pocket—or should I say check-book—we all should know that in a time of emergency if we don't depend on ourselves then we are doomed. Depending on our county would be like depending on a toddler to make breakfast and hold down a job.

Church goers more likely to support torture, survey says

• Interrogation is one thing but torture is another.

• Have you ever seen the movie Dirty Harry? The bad guy kidnapped a young girl and buried her alive. She only had a few hours of air. Harry caught the bad guy alive and as far as he knew the girl was still alive but if he didn't find her before the air ran out she would die. The question is -- was it more important to protect the bad guy's civil rights or more important to find the girl? Harry's choice was to inflict pain on the bad guy until he told him where the girl was. The judge -- in the movie -- didn't agree.

• Our country is founded upon innocent until proven guilty. According to our law of beyond a reasonable doubt, it is more important to let a guilty party go than convict an innocent person. Every person has a right to a trial. As smart as Dirty Harry was, he didn't have the right to be the judge and jury. Take away that principle, and we might as well do away with our court system and just kill each other in the streets.

• You know the maggot has your child hidden. You know he's laughing at you. And you know your child will be dead (and he promises most painfully) in 30 minutes unless you do something. At this point, I have no problem with my decision.

• Here's another scenario -- there's a nuclear bomb hidden in a major U.S. city -- and the FBI captures a member of the terrorist cell that planted the bomb. They are bragging that millions will die. How far should the interrogators go to try to find out the location of the bomb? Would you be OK if they used truth drugs? Torture? In these extreme situations when lives hang in the balance, is torture understandable? And if so, who makes the call about when it is OK and when it is not OK? Or is it never all right and we acknowledge that but we are human and sometimes we're going to do it anyway and then face the consequences afterwards because we can't stand to let that child die or that bomb go off without doing everything humanly possible to prevent it?

• If it were my child, I would do whatever it took for them to be safe. So in saying that, that is just what our brave soldiers are doing for us. They feel the same way about the U.S.A., They are there to serve and protect and that is what they are doing.

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'We want your waste!'

Hazardous waste amnesty day is Saturday, May 9

By Dan Culbert
IFAS Extension Horticulture Agent

Spring cleanup chores can take homeowners from the garden into the shed. The result can often lead to the discovery of a disaster waiting to happen.

This Saturday Okeechobee County's Solid Waste Department will be offering to take your tired, and your poor, those struggling masses of unknown containers and bags of chemicals, all yearning to be free. All you have to do is get them to the county's vehicle maintenance facility at 206 NW 9th Avenue, this coming Saturday, May 9, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and be rid of these problems.

And the county will get to save money too. By keeping these hazardous materials from leaking into the soil and water, and keep them out of the landfill, expensive environmental cleanup costs will be avoided.

This information is about the things to bring to Amnesty Day, and how to safely get them there.

Unknowns

Several years ago, I was employed by a research facility. My job included disposing of unused and unknown lab chemicals and pesticides. Over the years, containers were shoved to the back room, cracks in bottles allowed leaks. Bagged and boxed containers became moist and caked, and labels became unreadable. Since we had no idea what some of these materials were, they had to be considered unknowns.

To a hazardous waste contractor, unknowns mean "worst case scenario."

Technicians get dressed up in all kinds of expensive protective gear, take samples and run expensive diagnostic tests to try to find out what it is, then place them into special (expensive) containers that will take these problems to their final destination—big expensive incinerators, or big expensive landfills.

Did I tell you that disposing of hazardous wastes is expensive?

Preventing waste

Prevention can be practiced by buying only what is needed for the immediate future. Buying more than what is needed is cheaper but only if the entire container is used. And chemicals will break down or become contaminated if not stored properly under cool dry conditions. Excess chemical products that someone else could use could be given away or returned to the supplier.

What to bring

Hazardous wastes can include the obvious nasties such as pesticides, cleaning solvents, pool chemicals, or petroleum products. But it can also include less obvious sources of chemical contaminants:

• Oil-based paints (that are cleaned up with turpentine or mineral spirits—flammable). Latex water-based paints can be left open to completely dry out, and then placed into the regular garbage pickup.

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• Mercury-based thermometers or thermostats (with the silver stuff, not the red stuff).

• Weed and feed fertilizers (the ones that are as hard as rocks and have been sitting in the back of the shed for many years).

• That "secret supply" of insecticide that you got from your friend who used to work for a pest control company, who gave it to you "just in case."

• Batteries — both for vehicles and for flashlights — contain caustic chemicals or heavy metals that can contaminate our environment.

If you have a leaker, put it into a bucket or heavy duty plastic bag. If the label is intact, use a permanent marker to label the bag or bucket with the name of the product. Carefully place your contributions to Amnesty Day into the back of the pickup truck or the trunk of the car.

Do not transport these materials in the cab or on the floor where passengers may contact this stuff.

Drive extra carefully to the County's vehicle maintenance facility, 206 N.W. Ninth Avenue from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 9.

Here are a few other notes about Saturday's Amnesty Day:

• Used tires will be accepted, but only four per household.

• No propane tanks can be accepted. (Propane vendors such as Glades Gas will be happy to accept these items)

• Businesses that have hazardous materials to dispose of may also bring them to Amnesty Day, but expect to pay for hazmat disposal.

If you have any questions about the County's Amnesty Day, call Russell Rowland at 863-763-1811.

If you need additional information on reducing or handling hazardous waste, give your County Extension office a call (863) 763-6469, visit our webpage at http://okeechobee.ifas.ufl.edu, email us at Okeechobee@ufl.edu or stop by our office at 458 Hwy 98 North.

Go Gators!

Special note for residents of Treasure Island

In Treasure Island, a group of local volunteers will pick up hazardous waste items for elderly persons and other residents who cannot transport their own hazardous waste items to the Amnesty Day site. Treasure Island residents can put their hazardous waste items out by the road early Saturday morning for pickup. Pickup will start around 8 a.m. Call Jay Davies at (863) 467-8683 if you have any questions or special needs or if you would like to volunteer to help.

Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY

Just for Today Club of Okeechobee, 242 Hwy. 441 S.E., Okeechobee, A.A. Grapevine Group, Open Discussion meeting at 6:30 p.m.; N.A. Nowhere Left To Go Group 8 p.m. The Just for Today Club of Okeechobee is not affiliated with any 12-step fellowships.

Martha's House Spanish groups meet from 7 until 8 p.m. at the Okeechobee Christian Church, 3055 S.E. 18th Terrace. Ana Romero is the group facilitator. Another group meets in the Okeechobee County Health Department, 1798 N.W. Ninth Ave., from 5 until 6 p.m. with Irene Luck as the group facilitator. There is another meeting from 6 until 7 p.m. with Shirlean Graham as the facilitator. For information, call 863-763-2893.

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

A.A. meeting from 8 until 9 p.m. at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 701 S.W. Sixth St. It will be a closed discussion.

Moose Lodge Bingo and food, food served at 5 p.m. and bingo starts at 6 p.m. For information call 863-763-2250. Public is welcome.

THURSDAY

Okeechobee Stitchin' meets from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Okeechobee Presbyterian Church, 312 North Parrott Ave. Bring your sewing project and join in on the fun. All types of sewing is welcome, such as quilting, applique, embroidery, croch. For more information call Belinda Boyle at 863-357-0166 or Corry Geissinger at 863-467-2231.

Tantie Quilters meet every Thursday from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Historical Society Museum on U.S. 98 N. For information call Margaret at: 863-467-8020, or Marie at 863-357-0868.

Family History Center is open from 1 until 5 p.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 310 S.W. Sixth St. For information, call The Family History Center at 863-763-6510 or Richard Smith at 863-261-5706 for special appointments.

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

Just for Today Club of Okeechobee, 242 Hwy. 441 S.E., Okeechbe, **N.A.** Sickest Of The Sick Group - Basic Text meeting at 8 p.m. The Just for Today Club of Okeechobee is not affiliated with any 12 step fellowships.

A.A. Closed big book meeting from 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. at Church of Our Savior, 200 N.W. Third St.

Prayer group meets at 10 a.m. at the Community Center, 412 N.W. Sixth St. For information, call 863-763-5996.

Christian Fellowship Prayer group meets at 9:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall at 412 N.W. Sixth St. For information, call 863-763-5996.

Kiwanis Club of Okeechobee will meet from noon until 1 p.m. at the American Legion Post 64 501 SE Second St. For information, contact Frank Irby at 863-357-1639.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly No. 47 will meet from 5 until 6:30 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, 200 N.W. Second St. Call Phyllis at 863-467-8636 or Hazel at 863-763-4920 for information.

Cowboys for Christ will meet at Dunklin Memorial, 407 N.W. Third Ave. Everyone is invited. For information, call Mike Fletcher at 863-357-6257.

Grieving parents support group meets from 7 until 8:30 p.m. at the Red Cross building classroom, Court Plaza, 323 N. Parrott Ave. For information call Georgene at 863-763-2957 or Melanie and Tony at 863-763-4149.

Martha's House Inc. support groups for women affected by domestic violence and abusive relationships meets at 6 p.m. For information call 863-763-2893, or call Shirlean Graham or Irene Luck at 863-763-2893 or 863-763-0202.

Free Adult Basic Education/GED and English as a second language classes will meet from 7 until 9 p.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 701 S.W. Sixth St.

Okeechobee Outreach Hope Narcotics Anonymous will meet from 8 until 9 p.m. at the Church of Our Saviour, 200 N.W. Third St. For information, call Hugh Lambert at 863-763-7185.

Okeechobee Citizens Recreation Association, OCRA will meet at 7:30 p.m. at Teen Town, 305 N.W. Second St. Anyone interested may attend. For information, contact Frank Coker at 863-467-1941.

Ongoing Caregiver Support Group Hospice of Okeechobee and the Area Agency on Aging sponsor a caregiver support group at 2 p.m. at Hospice at 411 S.E. Fourth St. For information, call 863-467-2321.

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

Narcotic Anonymous (NA) meets at Believers Fellowship, 300 S.W. Sixth Ave. at 7 p.m. For information call Monika at 863-801-3244.

Classic car show at Beef O'Brady's, 608 S. Parrott Ave., from 6:30 until 8 p.m.

Okeechobee County Cancer Support Group welcomes all cancer patients, survivors and supporters to attend, support and encourage each other. We meet the first Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church, 401 SW Fourth St., Okeechobee, (entrance is the door to the W in front of church). Please contact Susie Pickering at 863-467-5831 or First Baptist Church at 863-763-2171 for more information.

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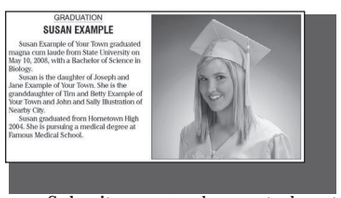
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David Harald Purdy, 44

OKEECHOBEE — David Harald Purdy, age 44, of Okeechobee, died Sunday, May 3, 2009, in Okeechobee.

Born Nov. 23, 1964, in Key West, he had been a resident of Okeechobee for the past 4 years and enjoyed fishing, motor cycles, NASCAR, barbeques. He was a member of Butch's Redneck Yacht Club.

He is survived by his wife, Drenda Purdy of Okeechobee; daughters, Amanda Purdy of Bradenton, Alyssa Purdy of Wauchula, Darlinda Dickey of Okeechobee, Catlin Dickey of Wauchula, Dakota Dickey of Okeechobee; parents, Richard and Dolores Paduchowski; grandson, Caleb; sisters, Edie Terceira of Melbourne, Lori Prudom (Richard) of Tallahassee; and nephew, Robert Fowler of Melbourne.

The family will receive friends from 10 a.m. until service time of 11 a.m. Saturday, May 9, in the Buxton Funeral Home Chapel.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Butch's Redneck Yacht Club, 4870 Highway 441 SE, Okeechobee, FL 34974. Condolences may be sent to www.buxtonfuneralhome.com.

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

Dolores Jean Lenker, 77

OKEECHOBEE — Dolores Jean Lenker, age 77, of Okeechobee, died Friday, May 1, 2009, in the Hamrick Home.

Born July 29, 1931, in Pittsburgh, Pa., she had been a resident of Okeechobee since 1983 and enjoyed drawing, dolls and baking.

She was preceded in death by brothers, Larry and Johnny.

She is survived by her husband, Jim of Okeechobee; sons, Bobby (Joy) Alt of Royal Palm Beach, Jimmy Alt of Panama City, Ron Alt (Susan) of Savannah, Ga., Edward Alt of Okeechobee, David Lenker (Heidi) of Lakeland; daughters, Linda Alt of Fort Worth, Texas, Karen Brewer (Kevin) of Okeechobee, Kathleen Watson of Okeechobee; 18 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be 2 p.m. Friday, May 8, in the Buxton Funeral Home Chapel, with Brother Joe Bishop officiating. Condolences may be sent to www.buxtonfuneralhome.com.

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James 'Jim' Edward Pfleger, 70

LORIDA — James "Jim" Edward Pfleger, age 70, of Lorida, died Saturday, May 2, 2009, in his residence.

Born Nov. 22, 1938, in Chicago, Ill., he had been a resident of Highlands County for the last 11 years.

Jim graduated from St. Mary's School in Miami, Miami Edison High School and Palm Beach Jr. College. He was attending University of Miami when he was hired by Johns-Manville Corporation as a sales representative in their air handling division. He remained with Johns-Manville until retiring 25 years later.

He was an avid sportsman in hunting and deep sea fishing. He was a true friend and loved by all he met.

He is survived by his loving wife of 38 years, Linda of Lorida; brothers, Henry J. "Jack" (Jeanie) Pfleger, Thomas J. (Sylvia) Pfleger of Boca Raton, and Richard E. Pfleger of Atlanta, Ga.; and sister, Mary Pfleger Graves of Vero Beach. In addition, he is survived by many nieces and nephews.

A Memorial Service and Mass will be 11 a.m. Thursday, May 7, at the Buxton Funeral Home Chapel, with Father Lorenzo Gonzalez officiating.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Good Shepherd Hospice, 4418 Sun-N-Lake Blvd, Sebring, FL 33872; or your local Humane Society. Condolences may be made at www.buxtonfuneralhome.com.

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

Robert S. Reichert, 62

OKEECHOBEE — Robert S. Reichert, age 62, of Okeechobee, died May 3, 2009, at home in his sleep.

Born Oct. 6, 1946, in Sebring, he was a lifetime resident of Okeechobee and a 1965 graduate of Okeechobee High School where he played football. He enjoyed fishing gardening, hunting and weightlifting.

He was an avid Miami Dolphins Fan; and a member of the Northside Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his natural parents, Gordon S. Fortner and Gertrude Hare-Fortner and his adopted parents, Jake and Ethel Reichert; and brothers, John and David Fortner and son Cody Wilcox.

He is survived by his wife of 18 years, Michelle Reichert; sons, Chad Reichert and Cory Wilcox; sister, Laverne Eldridge; nephew, Tim Washburn (Lotte); and grandchildren, Chad, Kailynn, Erika and Jaylee; mother-in-law, Brenda Phillips; and brothers-in-law, John (Katrena) and Donny Phillips.

The family will receive friends at the Buxton Funeral Home from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 9, with services beginning at 4 p.m. Pastor Arlen Cook will be officiating.

Online condolences may be made at www.buxtonfuneralhome.com.

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

Sampson Julian Gopher, 35

BRIGHTON — Sampson Julian Gopher, age 35, of the Brighton Reservation died Sunday, May 3, 2009, in Raulerson Hospital.

Born Aug. 22, 1973, in Clewiston, he had been a life-time resident of Brighton.

He was preceded in death by mother, Rosie Jane Billie; grandmothers, Goby Tiger, Maude Gopher; grandfathers, George Billie, John Henry Gopher; niece, Jorja Julia Urbina; cousins, Luke and Joe Tiger; uncles, Rufus Tiger, Sr., Henry Gopher, Charlie Gopher, and James Gopher; andaunts, Mary Gopher and Virginia Tiger.

He is survived by his wife of 15 years, Shannon Gopher; sons, Nathan Gopher, and Reed Gopher; daughters, Toby Gopher, and Allison Gopher; father, Sammie Gopher, all of Okeechobee; brothers, Weems Buck (Melanie) of Okeechobee, and Shane Buck (Sandi) of Ft. White; sister, Emma Urbina (Jessie) of Okeechobee; nephews, Yahola Buck, and Timothy Urbina; nieces, Lucinda Josh, Sonja Reico, Jewel Buck, and Rosa Urbina; eight great-nieces and nephews and a host of aunts, uncles and cousins.

Services will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, May 6, in the First Indian Baptist Church. Interment will follow in the Brighton Cemetery. On line condolences can be sent to www.buxtonfuneralhome.com.

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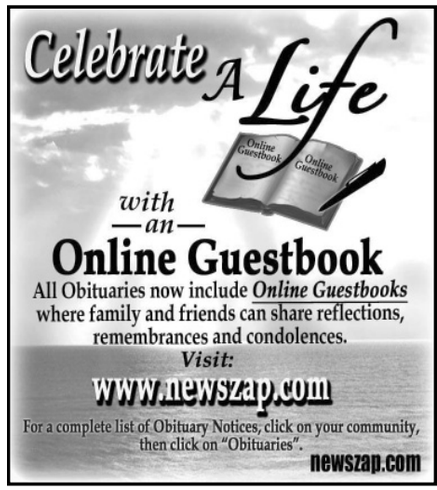

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Common sense urged in dealing with swine flu

By Pete Gawda
Okeechobee News

There is now one "probable case" of swine flu in Okeechobee County. According to Frank Krupa with the Okeechobee County Health Department, the possible victim is an adult. He would release no further information on the person. Mr. Krupa said his department is awaiting results of tests being conducted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to verify whether or not that person actually has swine flu. He did not know how long that would take.

With reported cases of swine flu growing more numerous, people should exercise common sense and not panic. A toll free number, 1-800-342-3557 has been established by the Florida Department of Health to answer questions. The line is open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Mr. Krupa advises people to stay home from school or work if they feel ill. They should go to their health care provider. He said health care providers have been trained to treat people who might have swine flu.

There is no vaccine to prevent swine flu. Therefore, precautions should be taken against catching it. Mr. Krupa said it is very important to wash your hands frequently for at least 30 seconds at a time and cover your mouth when you cough.

Okeechobee County Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Patricia Cooper, said that the schools are following the lead of the health department and taking a common sense approach, urging students to wash their hands frequently and to cover their mouths when they cough. The symptoms are similar to other forms of flu. However, there are several emergency warning signs in adults that require urgent medical attention. They include difficulty breathing or shortness of breath, pain or pressure in the chest or abdomen, sudden dizziness, confusion or severe or persistent vomiting.

In children the emergency warning signs include fast breathing or trouble breathing, bluish skin color, not drinking fluids, not waking up or not interacting, being so irritable the child does not want to be held, flu-like symptoms improve then return with fever and worse cough, fever and rash.

Besides the Okeechobee case, there are also unconfirmed single cases of swine flu in Alachua, Lee, Indian River, Palm Beach, Seminole and Clay counties. Miami Dade and Broward each has three probable cases. Hillsborough County has six probable cases. As of newspaper press time there were five confirmed Florida cases. Two in Lee County, one in Broward County, one in Orange County and one in Pinellas County.

As of 11 a.m. Tuesday, May 5 the CDC reported a total of 403 confirmed cases of swine flu in 38 states with one fatality in Texas.

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

National Day of Prayer to be observed on Thursday

By Pete Gawda
Okeechobee News

The Okeechobee Ministerial Association is sponsoring the local observance of the **National Day of Prayer,** Thursday, **May 7** on the courthouse lawn beginning at noon. Prayers will be offered for local, state and national leaders as well as law enforcement officers and fire fighters. Lunch will be provided.

Oakview Baptist Church, 677 S.W. 32nd St.**,** will host its 14th Annual Golf Tournament on Saturday, **May 16** at the Okeechobee Golf & Country club, The cost is $45 which includes the green fee, cart and a barbecue lunch. You may register at the church office Monday through Thursday or on Sunday morning in the church vestibule. Proceeds aid our youth in their mission projects and mission trips. For more information call 863-763-1699.

Peace Lutheran Church, 1750 N.W. 23rd Lane, will participate in the FL/GA District Summer Event **July 26 - Aug. 1**. They will be helping the community of Eustis, which was damaged by Tropical Storm Fay last fall. The event is open to high school and college level young people and adults.

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

The Okeechobee News welcomes news from area churches for this column. E-mail okeenews@newszap.com or call Pete Gawda at 863 763-3134, extension 4225. The deadline to receive information to appear in Wednesday's column is 5 p.m. the Monday before.

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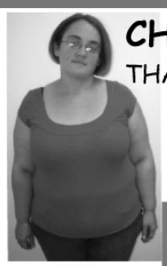

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Kids compete in baseball contest

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

The Aquafina Pitch, Hit and Run contest included 37 kids from Okeechobee who competed in various tests of skills at the Okeechobee County Sports Complex in late April.

Josephine O'Mallan of the Okeechobee County Parks and Recreation Department said the event didn't attract as many athletes as she had hoped, "It was a beautiful day, but it didn't draw as much attention as we held it on the football field."

The event was for both boys and girls but few girls participated in the event this year.

Corey Coleman (boys 7-8), Tylor Herndon (boys 9-10), Elijah Finney (boys 11-12), and Christian Crews (boys 13-14) won the pitching competition.

Bradly Kirk (boys 7-8), Lane Thomas (boys 9-10), Justin Fletcher (11-12), and Christian Crews (13-14), won the hitting competition.

Cory Romer, (7-8), Tylor Herndon (9-10), Layton Thomas (11-12), and Dalton Murray (13-14), won the running competition.

The top two finishers in each competition advanced to the regional competition to be played at Mets stadium in Port St. Lucie on May 16. The top competitors at the regional can advance to the national competition which is held at Major League Baseball stadiums around the country.

"The kids had fun, it was a learning experience, and it was a free program, they hope to do well at Port St. Lucie," O'Mallan said.

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Alyke Baker competed in the pitch, hit and run in the 7/8 year old division.

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An 18-hole four person scramble golf tournament will be held on Saturday, **May 9**, to benefit the Community holding kids accountable program.

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Miami Dolphin linebacker and former Gator great Channing Crowder will be on hand. There also will be an auction that includes the signatures of several famous Florida athletes like Fred Taylor, and Anquain Boldin.

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O.G. & C.C. Golf Results

Gold Tee - April 17: First place (tie) - L. Cox and V. Johnson. Second place - George Guydosh. Third place - K. Muller.

P.I.G.S. - April 17: First place - Paul DeWitte. Second place - Pat Riley. Last place - George Guydosh.

Closest/pin: Pat Riley, Russ Papy, John Lucreelle, Sunni Adams.

P.I.G.S. - April 24: First place - Harry White. Second place - Paul DeWitte. Last place - Russ Papy.

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Gold Tee - April 24: First place - J. Masters. Second place - C. Herndon. Third place - B. Meyers. Fourth place - G. Guydosh.

P.I.G.S.- April 27: Closest to the pin: #2 - Ben Burdeshaw, #8 - Ida Curtis, #11 - Bob Bain.

P.I.G.S.- April 29: First place - Paul DeWitte. Second place - Ben Burdeshaw. Last place - Clyde Price.

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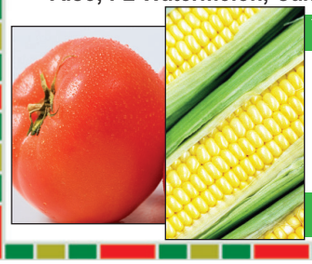
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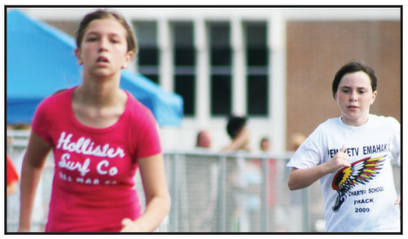
Students compete in Hershey's Track and Field Championships

Girls take off to compete in the 50 meter dash at the Hershey's Track and Field Championships Friday.



Dodie McCarty of North leads Kailin Brown of Seminole in the girls' 800 meters. Brown came back to win the race. *Photos on this page were taken by Charles Murphy of the Okeechobee News.*

Boys, 9-10, take off to run in the 50 meter dash Friday.

Noe Draz of Everglades competes in the standing long jump, Friday.

Brittany McCoy, a fourth grader at North, takes part in the girls' softball competition Friday.

Ethyn Johnson (right) of Central, awaits his turn along with his pal, Hunter Sills.

Dylan Sheffield of South competes on the standing long jump.

(At left) Raylee Coleman, a fourth grader at Central, reacts after her softball throw during the girls' competition Friday.

Megan Hargraves, a third grader at Central, tosses a softball during Friday's meet.

Zachary Kielbasa of North Elementary competes in the softball throw.

Hunter Sills lets fly with his softball toss during the boys' 9-10 competition Friday.

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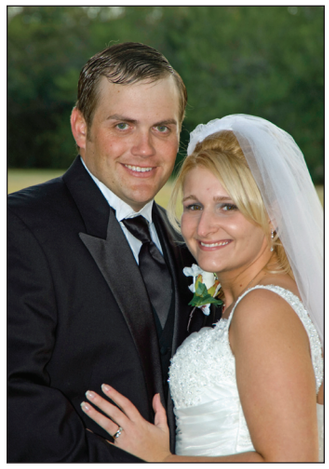

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Okeechobee track stars ready for state

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

One of them can't even practice at his own high school while the other is in awe of just getting the opportunity to compete.

They are Ricky Nieto and Malcolm Rush who both qualified last Wednesday for the Class 4A track meet to be held this Saturday, May 9, at Showalter Field in Winter Park.

Nieto will compete in the high jump. He finished tied for second in the region with a leap of 6 ft. 2 in. He said he knows that wasn't the best he could do.

"It wasn't my personal record. I think I could have done better. I'm just happy to go to state. There were some good competitors there. I reached 6 ft. 2 in. at Merritt Island. I scratched out in my attempts at higher. Hopefully I'll do better at state.

Nieto does a remarkable job when you consider he can't practice in Okeechobee. The equipment used for the high jump was damaged last year. Nieto now can only improve his skills on days that he is competing.

"I can't practice, but I know the form, I just kind of go through it in my head and try to do my best. I like to see and watch the other guys perform so I can learn from their form, it's a learning experience. Hopefully, I'd like to reach 6'10 or 7 ft. by the time I graduate, that's my goal."

Nieto won the district championship and said he thinks he can put in a great performance Saturday at the state track meet.

Malcolm Rush will compete in the 200 meter days. He finished fourth at the regional tournament last week. Rush said he realized right away that he was running against some very talented individuals, "I feel like it was a much higher level of competition. The people who were there I knew from other conference meets. I'm actually good enough to make it to this level and even state; it was really good for me and my confidence."

Rush said he hopes to finish ranked in the top five in the state. He intends to practice hard all week and improve his speed. He noted he hopes some college recruiters pay attention Saturday because he intends to impress them. "I haven't seen any offers yet. I'm just hoping that since I made it to state in the 200 meters, there will be college recruiters on hand and they'll have some offers for me."

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All-Star athletes

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Appliances

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Appliances Small

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Building Materials

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Children's Items

BUNKBED - LaBelle. white Metal w/ ladder. $125/or best offer. (863)673-5704

BUNKBEDS - Labelle. Metal w/ queen on bottom and full on top w/ ladder. $100/or best offer. (863)673-5704

CRIB - LaBelle. Crib of high quality wood on wheels w/ mattress and Disney interior accessories $100/or best offer. (863)673-5704

Children's Items

CRIB - Labelle. Quality wood on wheels w/ mattress, $100/or best offer. (863)673-5704

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Clothing

CLOTHES BABY Boys 0-12 mths - $75/or best offer. (863)763-4902

MENS JEANS - Price for all three pairs. Sizes 40W, 30/32L (Okeechobee area) $10. (863)763-6131

MENS SHORTS - Several pairs, excel cond, sizes L/XL/38/40 (Okee) $16/will sep. (863)763-6131

Collectibles

JOHN WAYNE - Complete collection plates & figurines under glass. Price per item. $50. (239)936-0747

Computer/ Supplies

DELL COMPUTER - Vista HomeP/Office2007: new Flat screen; super! paid $899, must sell. $350. (863)517-2782

DESKTOP - Computer-XP + edu/games, Crt Monitor + k/m; fast! $79. (863)517-2782

Crafts/Supplies

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QUILT - twin/full size, HAND STITCHED, w/pillow cover. Pinks, tan cream colors, $98 (863)532-8180

Furniture

1YR.OLD QUEEN Sleeper Couch Black-cloth Good Condition - Call before 9 PM $300. (863)763-8562

BEDROOM SET - Bassett, maple, 2 chests, 1 triple dresser, nite stand, mirror, chest $595 (863)467-8140

CHAIR/STOOL LARGE Choc. Brown Good Cond - $50. (863)763-4902

CHINA CABINET - Nice china cabinet. Two doors at bottom and small drawer inside. $150/neg. (863)634-1343

DINING SET - Table, 4 chairs with leaf. Light color and solid wood. $100. (863)983-1360

DINING TABLE - Older large dining table. Needs to be refurbished. 4 chairs. $100/neg. (863)634-1343

GLASS TOP TABLE & CHAIRS - 48", beveled glass, off white wrought iron, 4 uphol chairs $135 (863)532-8180

POOL TABLE - Cooper Pool Table $500. (863)763-0818

Furniture

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MARTHA STEWART PATIO ROCKERS (2) $80 or will separate. (863)763-5265

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RECLINER CHAIR - Rattan sides and white material. Very durable and great shape. Have 2 @ $125 ea. $125. (863)824-0145

SOFA - Queen size sleeper sofa. Good condition. First caller takes. $5/or best offer. (863)675-0215

Sofa Bed, nice, clean, on wheels $300 OBO 863-983-6748

WALL UNIT - Holds 36"TV solid oak $150/or best offer. (863)674-0281

Golf Clubs/ Equipment

For Sale
1994 Golf Cart - Club Car nice shape - lot's of extra's $1350.00 - 863-634-5862

Guns/Supplies

AMMO .223 - 500rds JSC 55gr FMJ & 120rds Wolf 55gr HP + four 30rd mags. $150. (239)275-6942

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GUNS - Remington 870 wingmaster 12 ga., S&W40 cal. auto $800.00, will seperate $800. (863)447-5915

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HOMAK 10 gun safe - $140. (561)261-6417

RIFLE .22 - Rem. 550 .22LR blue/walnut, 24"bbl. $200. (239)275-6942

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CARDIO FLIGHT SLIDER - $40 CALL (863)357-2485

HOT TUB - Hot Tub, Newly Rebuilt! 4-5 person, 120Volt. $1500/or best offer. (863)612-0200

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PROFORM MOMENTUM Elliptical with Preset Workouts - Work both your upper and lower body with this compact, affordable fitness machine. $350/or best offer. (863)634-5506

WEIDER XP600 EXERCISER - Good condition. $250 Call (863)357-0023

Household Items

DEHUMIDIFIER - Capehart Portable, like new, $75 (863)675-7080

Jewelry

DIAMOND ENGAGEMENT Ring 1 carat - Round Cut Solataire, White Gold, Tiffany Setting $1700. (863)517-1518

Medical Items

ELECTRIC MOBILITY Scooter $500 also for sale electric lift for sale. (863)532-1325

Miscellaneous

ACHY BONES, Very relaxing Jacuzzi hot tub, has all the bells & whistles, loaded $1000 or will trade for equil value (863)763-7174

GOLDSTONE TIRES (4) - These are Military tires like new. 9.00-16. Ask for Tommy. $150. (863)697-8868

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HOME THEATER System - Koss, DVD, LaBelle $75. (863)517-1663

METAL DRUMS - 55 gal. steel barrels, used once $10. (863)467-7415 (863)634-4179

OVATION TANNING BED - COMMERCIAL USED ONLY 34 HOURS. WAS $8000.00 NEW. HAS 10-15 MINUTE TIMER $2000. (863)673-4851

RCA 500 w/ Surround Sound Sys. New in the box. $300 (863)634-4758

ROCK WALL/STAIR AND CURVED SLIDE FOR KIDS JUNGLE GYM - $150/will sep. (863)357-3092 (863)634-2382

WATER SYSTEM - Complete, 1.5hp pump, water softener, Pressure tank. New $1250. Asking $650. (863)763-3932

Musical Instruments

KIMBALL PIANO - beautiful sound, $700 (863)599-0774

KIMBALL PIANO - older but in excellent condition $450 (863)357-2485

Pets/Supplies

AMERICAN STADDFORDSHIRE TERRIERS - AKC Reg. 3 males. 8 wks. old. Parents on premises. All shots & dewormed. Starting @ $800 Call (256)342-7004

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REPTILE CAGE - wooden cage with front glass doors, on movable frame. 71"x24"x42". $400/or best offer. (863)824-2213

SALT WATER AQUARIUM - 125 gallon, all pumps, filters, inclds custom wood stand $800 (863)634-3312

WELSH PONY - Saddle & 2 Saddle Pads Included. Very good w/children. $1050 863-673-5159

Photography

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BATHTUB - New, Cast Iron, Double-ended. White 5' clawfoot tub. Cost $1,700 $800. (863)467-6079

OVAL BATHTUB - Like new with fixtures, white 60" X 36" $125. (863)824-0145

Pools & Supplies

POOL FILTER - for swimming pool, Haywood 120 with cartridges $55/or best offer. (863)674-0281

Sporting Goods

DART BOARD - Professional, Oak Cabinet, 12 Pro Style Darts, Absolutely Brand New In Carton. $60. (561)573-3499

SCUBA WET Suit - Fathom Seaflex 3/16 one-piece custom w/accessories. $375. (239)936-0747

WEIDER PROCLUB weight bench w/300lb weight set - call after 3pm $300. (863)885-1172

Stereo Equipment

JVC SURROUND Sound Receiver - Dolby Pro Logic. 100 watts/channel. Remote control. Instruction book. $30. (863)763-0201

POWER AMPLIFIER - Jensen amplifer 400watts 4ch bridgeable $115/or best offer. (863)634-2191

POWER AMPLIFIER - pyramid amp 2ch 240 watts works great $100/or best offer. (863)634-2191

TECHNIQUES 5 SPKER STEREO SYSTEM - 2 cass. plyer, 5 CD plyr, glass door cabinet $500 (863)467-0234

Television

DIRECT TV RECEIVERS (4)- with remotes and dual L & B Dish for all. $100 (863)610-2772

Tools

CRAFTSMAN SHOP Vac - Wet/Dry 8 gal. $25. (863)193-1360

GENERATOR - 6500 Watts, Commercial Unit, Robin Wisconsin, Electric or Manual Start, Runs Great. $350. (561)573-3499

Hand Tools for SALE!!
Carpenter,plbg., elect., sheet mtl, cement finishing. All for $500. 863-763-7871 Will seperate or negotiate.

MK100 DIAMOND Wet Saw - Tile saw with stand. 2yrs old Great shape. $325. (863)824-0145

RADIAL ARM SAW - Craftsman, 10", stand, blades & accessories, $175. (863)675-7080

TOOLS FOR SALE
7" skill saw/metal box hasp & paddle lock. $35 Call 863-763-7871

Toys & Games

Games only (6) for 360 Good shape. $110 (863)634-2790 anytime

Video/Audio

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Wanted To Buy

LOOKING TO BUY Mobile home clam shell awnings 1- 6' x 2'.8", 1- 6' x 2' and 2- 4' x 2' Call (863)467-2589

Agriculture

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Farm Equipment

SPRING TOOTH 3 Point Harrow heavy duty $200 (863)610-2206

Horses

HAY RING - Heavy Duty Plastic. $430 neg. 863-674-1181 or 863-673-5159

MINITURE DONKEY Jack - 11 months old.loves people, very willing.UTD on shots $600. (863)357-1945

Lawn & Garden

BIRD DETERRENT Netting - 9 rolls each 17'x 150' long. Brand new. Located in LaBelle. $500/or best offer. (954)816-6159

CUB CADET MOWER - ZERO TURN MOWER, 50" CUT, 22 HP, ONLY 40 HRS LIKE NEW. $1400/firm. (863)477-6064

HUSQUVARNA RIDING MOWER- 42" cut, w/util trailer, $500 (863)467-0234

Lawn & Garden

ZERO TURN Commerical Mower - Bunton, 50" cut, 25 HP Kohler, works great! $2000/neg. (863)261-6124

Seeds/Plants/ Flowers

PLANTS - Blueberry $13, Pomegranates $25, Pecans $60, Apple Trees $55, Peach Trees $55, Pear Trees $55... **Bulk Mulch** - Pine or Eucalyptus. (863)673-7280 Lic. # 48006674

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Apartments

Apartment for Rent
2Bd 1 1/2 Ba In Town, Very clean W/D $650 mo, 1st, last & sec. No Pets 863-697-1129

BEAUTIFUL SAMANTHA'S GARDEN APTS - In Town, 2br/2ba, W&D, $850 mo. + $500. sec. (863)634-5780

BEAUTIFUL 2BR, Close to town. Newly renovated. Only $775 mo. includes water. Pets okay upon approval. Call 561-255-4377

Condos/Townhouses Rent

OKEECHOBEE - 2 br, 2 ba, privacy fence, Unit #36, All appls, new tile & carpet. (863)447-0925 or (863)763-2416

Houses - Rent

BHR - 4/2, on water, fenced yard, $900 mo. + sec. dep. 863-824-0981

CANAL FRONT Furnished 2BR, 1BA, screen porch, boat dock & lift, hardwood floors through out, DW, W&D. Includes Lawn Care, water & satellite TV $850 1st & sec. (863)467-7528

FURNISHED DUPLEX - 2BR, 1BA, 1 car garage, W&D, DW, Ceiling fans in every room, front & rear porch, tile floors through out, Located in Kings Bay. Includes lawn care & garbage.- $775 first & sec. (863)467-7528

KINGS BAY, Furnished 1BR, 1BA duplex, 1 car garage, W&D, tile floors through out, ceiling fans in every room. Includes, lawn care & garbage. $675 1st & sec. (863) 467-7528

OAK PARK 3/1 Fenced, Avail mid-June. All appl. $800 mo. 1st, Last & Sec. Call 407-860-0074 or 321-235-5575 to see.

OKEECHOBEE - 1BR, 1BA, 904 SW 7th Ave. $600/mo. + dep. & utils. 863-801-9121 or 863-763-9500

OKEECHOBEE - 3br, 1ba, garage, CA/Heat, great neighborhood, in town, $950/mo, Lease & Ref's required. (863)610-1000

Houses - Rent

OKEECHOBEE - 3BR/1BA Duplex, DW. W&D Hookup, central a/c & heat. $750 mo. + $500 sec. (863)763-4414

OKEECHOBEE - 4br, 2ba, great neighborhood, tile throughout, $1195/mo, 1st & sec move in (561)248-3888 or (863)599-0156

Southwest Section - 3/2, w/2 car garage, c/a/h, w/d hookup, oak trees. (863)467-2541/634-9330

Waterfront Rentals

TREASURE ISLAND
3BR, 2BA, with shed. $950 move in, $750/mo. Call 863-824-0981

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Houses - Sale

Orange Blossom Ranches - $99,900. 3/2 on dbl lot, built in 2000, excellent cond. Call Steve (863)801-1739

PLAYLAND PARK 3BR, 2BA on 5 acres, w/detached metal dbl carport & util rm. ½ ml to Seminole Elm Sch. $279,000 (863)467-7770

Waterfront Property

OKEECHOBEE - Waterfront Lot, 100' x 145', must be fast/cash, Mob home on prop rented, $50,000 (561)202-7702

Mobile Homes

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Mobile Home Rent

BEST VALUE IN TOWN! For Rent: 2/1 apartment. Unit newly remodeled. Located 12 miles north of Okeechobee on Equestrian Ranch. Monthly water, trash & lawn maintenance included. No Pets! $495 - Move in special. M-F (863)467-2982

BUCKHEAD RIDGE - Dbl. Wide 2 BR, 2 BA, C/Air. $500 mo. 3 BR, 2 BA, C/Air. $600 mo. No pets. (863)763-4031

NICE 2 BR, 1½ BA, All appl. W&D. Completely furnished. $400 mo. + small dep. (812)989-3022

OKEECHOBEE - Viking area, 4br, 2ba on 10 acres, barn, wrap around porch, $1000/mo, 1st, last & sec (863)634-3844

SENIOR PARK - Over 55, 35' travel trailer w/screen room, $600/mo + deposit (863)824-0835

Mobile Home Sale

Attention! BANK REPO'S MOVE TO YOUR LAND Mobile Home Angels 561-721-2230

DEW DROP INN - nice 14 x 48 mob home w/ Fla room, 8761 Hwy 78W #17, Call (618)384-6240

Recreation

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Boats

AIRBOAT HULL - Apache, 12', with good trailer & cage work, no motor, $1000 or best offer. (863)357-5754

ALUMACRAFT 17 FT 1990 - 17' Alum Bass, great depth/fish finder. 70# trolling motor. All new wiring. Fair 40 HP Susuki. Good trailer. $3K or will trade for 20' to 24' pontoon with trailer and good motor. Call evening after 6. $3000. (863)228-7126

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HYDRO SPORT BASS BOAT 1982 - 175 Mercury Professionally rebuilt within 100 hours.40lb.Kota trolling motor.With Atwood Trailer- $2600. (863)467-2267

JOHN BOAT ALUM. Select - nice straight 12' v-hull, trailer, title $450. (863)467-7415

JON BOAT - 10FT, w/trailer and 4.5hp Johnson motor. All in great condition, $800 (863)467-4551

RIVERIA 1976 - 15ft fiberglass boat. Great condition. 333 Iforce running motor. With trailer. Must see. Call for info. Price neg. $650. (863)228-5789 (863)228-6766

Campers/RVs

FORETRAVEL RV 1983 - 454 Runs, Older very nice liveable, needs Some work. Trade Poss. $2500. 863-990-4714

Fifth Wheels

NUWA HITCH HIKER 1990 - 34 ft., 2 slides, oak cupboards and woodwork. Nice. $4000/firm. (218)340-8897 (218)340-7756

Marine Accessories

ANTIQUE OUTBOARD MOTOR - 1936 JOHNSON GOOD CONDITION FOR THE COLLECTOR $200. (863)824-0801

Motorcycles

HONDA BIG RUCKUS 2006 - 250 CC SCOOTER PERFECT CONDITION 5000 MILES,EXTRA FEATURES $4650. (863)824-0801

Motorcycles

MOTORIZED BICYCLE - w/2 cycle engine, great mileage and lots of fun $300 firm (863)467-4551 before 5/18

YAMAHA R6 2007 - Low Miles,600cc, Yamaha Blue color, Great Condition. $4500. (863)517-1518

YAMAHA V STAR 650 1998 - 58K mls. New clutch. Runs good. $2500 or best offer. (863)634-0771

Z-L KAWASAKI ZL600-B3 1996 - Black and in excellent condition. $2600. (863)902-9469

Sports Vehicles/ ATVs

HONDA - 3 Wheeler, 1983 in excellent cond. Shaft drive, hi/low range reverse $1300 obo (863)697-9616

POLARIS ATV 500 2002 - Sportsman 500 needs work good motor $1000/or best offer. (863)467-7123

SUZUKI VINSON 500 2007 - 4x4 automatic with 4 maxxis mudzilla mud tires included. $4000/or best offer. (863)675-2148 (863)675-3896

VW SANDRAIL BUGGY Select - manual trans, w/ title, extra set of back tires $600. (863)673-0057 (863)673-2558

Travel Trailers

AIR STREAM SILVER STREAK TRAVEL TRAILER - NO TITLE, FIXER UPPER, SOLID $1000. (863)763-3451

Automotive

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Automobiles

CHEVROLET CAMARO 1994 - Air bags, anti-lock brakes, bucket seats, V-6, a/c, alloy whls. Auto. Rear defrost, tinted windows $1500/or best offer. (8 6 3) 6 3 4 - 6 3 3 5 (863)634-7568

CHEVROLET STATION WAGON 1991 - 9 passenger, 84 K miles, cold a/c, runs great $3500. (863)467-8292

CHEVY CAMARO 1994 - Needs motor work. Asking $1500 or best offer. Call for details. (863)634-7568

FORD MUSTANG GT 1994 - RED 5 SPEED $1500/firm. (863)234-2906 (863)230-0957

FORD MUSTANG - 1988, Runs great, cold a/c all original, 4 cyl, auto $1000 FIRM (863)484-2128

FORD T-BIRD, 1995 - V8, auto, a/c, stereo CD, new tires, new paint, extra clean. Only $2895. U5701. Call 863-467-5243

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Automobiles

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FORD BRONCO 1979 - 400 v8 automatic 4x4, 8 inches lift, 39.5 swampers, truck runs and drives call for details $3000/or best offer. (863)634-5289 (863)634-5278

FORD F150 4x4, 2002 - Auto, V8, a/c, LB, bedliner, only $4995. U5988. Call (863)467-5243

JEEP WRANGLER 1989 - must sell! v6, 5 spd, CD plyr, custom bumpers, garage kept, lifted $5000. (863)634-2131

JEEP WRANGLER 1995 - 4X4, AUTO, NEW TOP, RUNS GREAT, $4500. (239)633-7173

OTHER SAMURI 1986 - 350eng, 21.5x16.1, automatic, wench, w/ title $5000. (863)673-0057 (863)673-2558

Golf Carts

GOLF CART Select - gas powered, new turf tires, 10 inch lift, sunroof, runs great, like new condition. call I'll e-mail a picture. $2400. (561)793-4755 (561)662-8279

Parts/Repairs

CAMPER TOP - top came off a 1995 Ford pick up truck. $50. (863)673-6089

FOR SALE - Ford Trailer Hitch
Fits F150 & F250 '97 up.
Like new. $125 Class 4
863-763-0944

For Sale*GM Alloy Tires & Wheels, New Tires - Bridgestone's P245/70/16 $425 863-763-0944

FORD 17" rims & tires - 17" rims, five lug-Chrome spoke 265-70-17 tires, fair $75/firm. (863)265-0574

FORD RIMS - "NEW" F-150 6 LUG 18" ALUM. $350/or best offer. (863)634-1545

FOUR TIRES 13.5 x 16, 5 lug rims $200 (863)763-8085

HYDRAULIC ENGINE HOIST - $100 (863)467-9800

PANASONIC CD Changer/ Player - 99-06 V.W. Golf. Magazines & pig tail inc. $25/firm. (863)357-0344

PARTS - 300/6 cyl. tranny, various other parts. $800 for all, will sep. Call for more info. (561)902-7840

RUNNING GEAR 1/2 TON $150 (863)763-8085 OR 863-697-1120

SPEED SPRAYER - Small, on trailer with wawn and boom, sprayer nozzles, 5hp engine $300 neg (863)763-1370

Parts/Repairs

TONEAU COVER - Nice ARE fiberglass cover for small p/u truck. Have spare s10 parts also $275/or best offer. (863)634-7157

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TRANSMISSION AND MOTOR - for 94 Nissan Sentra, 95K miles, $500 (863)610-1593

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CHEVY PICKUP 1989 - v-8 full size ext cab 8ft bed runs good $2000/or best offer. (863)673-2250

FORD F100 1970 - Three speed on column $850/or best offer. (863)697-2080

FORD F-150 XLT 2003 - All elec, tow package,reg cab, 64k miles, 1 owner, tinted windows, rear defrost, V-6, air bags, a/c, auto. CD $7500. (863)467-6079

FORD F250 2006 - Super Duty, Super Cab, V8, auto, a/c, LB, bedliner, tt pkg, only $8995. U6348. Call (863)467-5243

FORD RANGER '02 - Ext cab, auto, 6 cyl, runs good, looks good, AC, $3500 (863)302-4442 LaBelle

GMC C70 '88 - with lift, boom and dump bed, gas engine, $2000 firm (863)763-1370

TOYOTA TACOMA 2001 - RUNS PERFECT, 127K MI, A/C, LINER, TOOL BOX, $4500. (239)633-7173

Toyota Tacoma 2009 extended cab pickup, same as new. Charcoal grey. Must sell due to death in family Paid $21,000 will sell for $17,000 239-289-3530

Sport Utility

FORD EXPEDIATION Eddie Bauer, 1998 - V8, a/c, TV, leather int., loaded. Only $4995. U1884. Call (863)467-5243

Utility Trailers

For Sale
5 x 8 Flat Bed Trailer
nice shape - light weight
(863) 634-5862.

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Public Notice

Request for Bids

The Okeechobee Utility Authority (OUA) will receive Sealed Bids, for the purpose of purchasing the following:

24-Inch Water Main Installation - Phase I

Detailed specifications are available upon request from the office of the Executive Director, Okeechobee Utility Authority, 100 SW 5th Avenue, Telephone 863-763-9460, Facsimile 863-763-9036. The OUA reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive formalities in any bid wherever such rejection or waiver is determined to be in the best interest of the OUA.

Bids must be delivered to John F. Hayford, Executive Director, on or before 3:00 PM on May 18, 2009. Bids shall be contained within a sealed envelope with the bidders name clearly marked on the outside of the bid package. Additionally, the sealed bid shall also be clearly marked as a sealed bid for the above listed product or service.

John F. Hayford
Executive Director
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NOTICE OF CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED SPECIAL EXCEPTION

NOTICE: A PUBLIC HEARING will be held before the City of Okeechobee Planning Board/Board of Adjustment and Appeals on **Thursday, May 21, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.** or as soon thereafter as possible, at City Hall, 55 SE 3rd Avenue, Room 200, Okeechobee, Florida
To consider Special Exception Petition No. 09-002-SE, submitted by H.L. Bennett, on behalf of property owner Linda Bridges, to allow an outdoor vehicle sales lot within a CHV Zoning District (Ref. Code Book Section 90-283(18)).
Property is located at 920 NW Park Street. Legal description: Lots 14 to 17, inclusive, of Block 163, Okeechobee, Plat Book 1, Page 10, Public Records of Okeechobee County, Florida.
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE AND BE ADVISED that no stenographic record by a certified court reporter will be made of the foregoing meeting. Accordingly, any person who may seek to appeal any decision involving the matters noticed herein will be responsible for making a verbatim record of the testimony and evidence at said meeting upon which any appeal is to be based. Please contact Betty Clement at 863-763-3372, or website www.cityofokeechobee.com, to obtain a copy of the agenda.
In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 persons needing special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the General Services Office at 863-763-3372 for assistance.
BY: Brian Whitehall, Zoning Administrator
Petition No. 09-002-SE
319730 ON 5/6,15/09

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO. 47-2008-CA-000539

CITIBANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR THE HOLDERS OF STRUCTURED ASSET MORTGAGE INVESTMENTS II INC., BEAR STEARNS ALT-A TRUST, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2006-4
Plaintiff,
vs.
DANIEL REARDON A/K/A DANIEL E. REARDON, et al,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated April 08, 2009 and entered in Case No. 47-2008-CA-000539 of the Circuit Court of the NINETEENTH Judicial Circuit in and for OKEECHOBEE County, Florida wherein CITIBANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR THE HOLDERS OF STRUCTURED ASSET MORTGAGE INVESTMENTS II INC., BEAR STEARNS ALT-A TRUST, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2006-4, is the Plaintiff and DANIEL REARDON A/K/A DANIEL E. REARDON; CATHERINE REARDON A/K/A CATHERINE L. REARDON; GUENTER GOERTZ; TENANT #1, TENANT #2, TENANT #3 AND TENANT #4 are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM, 2ND FLOOR, OKEECHOBEE COUNTY JUDICIAL CENTER, 312 N.W. 3RD STREET, OKEECHOBEE, FLORIDA 34972 at 11:00 AM, on the 13th day of May, 2009, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 2, GREEN HILLS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 94, PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

A/K/A 5851 SE 128TH AVENUE, OKEECHOBEE, FL 34972

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale.

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on April 16, 2009.

Sharon Robertson
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: /s/ Sandra L. Creech
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318477 ON 4/22,29;5/6/2009

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JH2PC2504RM300745

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320045 ON 05/6/09

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 19TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO.: 2007-CA-254

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. AS TRUSTEE FOR MORGAN STANLEY CAPITAL I INC. (,SAC) 2006-HEI,
Plaintiff
vs.
JOHN W. BELL; PRIMEQUITY, LLC; DEBORAH M. BELL; JOHN DOE; JANE DOE AS UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY,
Defendants

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated the 8th day of April, 2009, and entered in Case No. 207-CA-254, of the Circuit Court of the 19th Judicial Circuit in and for Okeechobee County, Florida, wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. AS TRUSTEE FOR MORGAN STANLEY CAPITAL I INC. (MSAC) 2006-HE1 is the Plaintiff and JOHN W. BELL; PRIMEQUITY, LLC; DEBORAH M. BELL; JOHN DOE; JANE DOE AS UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY are defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the OKEECHOBEE COUNTY JUDICIAL CENTER, 312 NW 3RD STREET, JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM, SECOND FLOOR, OKEECHOBEE, FLORIDA 34972, at 11:00 am on the 20th day of May, 2009, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 154, PALM VILLAGE RANCH, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 34, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAT THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) disabled person who, because of their disabilities need special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact not later than seven (7) days prior to the proceeding Court Administration at 250 NW Country Club Dr., Port St. Lucie, FL 34989. Phone 772-807-4370, 1-800-955-8771 (Hearing impaired) or 1-800-955-8770 (voice impaired)

Dated this 14th day of April, 2009

Sharon Robertson
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By:/s/ Sandra L. Creech
Deputy Clerk

Law Office of Marshall C. Watson
1800 NW 49th Street, Suite 120
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33309
Telephone: 954-453-0365
Facsimile: 954-771-6052
Toll Free: 1-800-441-2438
318935 ON 4/29 & 5/6/09

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 08-000449-CA

U.S. BANK, N.A.
Plaintiff
v.
GERALD E. HEARN A/K/A GERALD HEARN; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF GERALD E. HEARN A/K/A GERALD HEARN; JOAN HEARN and all unknown parties claiming by, through, under or against the herein named Defendants, who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said unknown parties claim as heirs, devisee's, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, spouses, or other claimants; TENANT #1 and/or TENANT #2, the parties intended to account for the person or persons in possession.
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated April 8, 2009, in this cause, I will sell the property situated in **OKEECHOBEE** County, Florida described as:

LOTS 15 AND 16 BLOCK OF SOUTHWEST ADDITION OF OKEECHOBEE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2 PAGE 7 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

A/K/A 1006 SW 3rd St., OKEECHOBEE, FL 34974

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, in the Jury Assembly Room on the Second Floor of the Okeechobee Judicial Center, located at 312 NW 3rd STREET, OKEECHOBEE, FLORIDA at 11:o'clock a.m. on May 20, 2009.
Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.
Dated at Okeechobee, Florida this 14th day of April, 2009

SHARON ROBERTSON
Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: /S/ SANDRA L. CREECH
Deputy Clerk

Douglas C. Zahn, P.A.
18820 U.S. Hwy. 19 N., #212
Clearwater, FL 33764
(727)536-4911
(727)539-1094 Fax

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES NEEDING A SPECIAL ACCOMODATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING SHOULD CONTACT COURT ADMINISTRATION NOT LATER THAN SEVEN DAYS PRIOR TO THE PROCEEDINGS AT 250 NW Country Club Drive, Port St Lucie, FL 34972 OR Call 1-772-807-4370 within two working days of your receipt of the NOTICE, IF YOU ARE HEAING IMPAIRED CALL OR 1-800-955-8771 (TDD);IF YOU ARE VOICE IMPAIRED 1-800-955-8770 (V); VIA RELAY SERVICE.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION

BAYVIEW FINANCIAL TRADING GROUP, LP,
Plaintiff
VS. CASE NO. 2009 CA 102
FRANCOIS BENJAMIN; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF FRANCOIS BENJAMIN; BETRANE BENJAMIN; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF BETRANE BENJAMIN; IF LIVING, INCLUDING ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SAID DEFENDANT(S), IF REMARRIED, AND IF DECEASED, THE RESPECTIVE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, AND TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE NAMED DEFENDANT(S); UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2; UNKNOWN TENANT #3; UNKNOWN TENANT #4;
Defendant(s)

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above-styled cause, in the Circuit Court of Okeechobee County, Florida, I will sell the property situate in Okeechobee County, Florida, described as:

PARCEL 1: THE WEST 1/2 OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF TRACT 5, SECTION 36, TOWNSHIP 34 SOUTH, RANGE 33 EAST, OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.(E&F)
AND PARCEL 2: THE EAST 1/2 OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF TRACT 6, SECTION 36, TOWNSHIP 34 SOUTH, RANGE 33 EAST, OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.(G&H)
A/K/A

15412 NW 256TH Street
Okeechobee, FL 34972

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, in the Jury Assembly room of the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 312 NW 3rd Street, 2nd Floor, Suite 257, Okeechobee, FL 34972 at 11:00 o'clock, A.M., on May 20, 2009.
DATED this 8th day of April, 2009.
Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendants, must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.
Witness, my hand and seal of this court on the 15th day of April, 2009.

SHARON ROBERTSON, CLERK
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

By: /S/ Sandra L. Creech
Deputy Clerk

NOTICE
NOTICE REGARDING THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990: In accordance with the American with Disabilities Act of 1990, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact Court Administration no later than seven days prior to the proceeding at 250 NW Country Club Drive, Port St. Lucie, Florida 34986, (772) 807-4370 within two working days of your receipt of this notice: IF YOU ARE HEARING IMPAIRED CALL 1-800-955-8771; IF YOU ARE VOICE IMPAIRED CALL 1-800-955-8770.
318193 on 4/29;5/6/09

NOTICE OF OUA MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Okeechobee Utility Authority will meet in regular session on Tuesday, May 12, 2009 at 8:30 A.M., at the Okeechobee Utility Authority Offices, 100 SW 5th Avenue, Okeechobee, Florida.

Pursuant to Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes, if a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Authority with respect to such meetings, he or she will need a record of proceedings and for such purpose may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made; which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is based. Such person may provide a court reporter, stenographer, or tape recorder for such verbatim record.

BY ORDER OF THE OKEECHOBEE UTILITY AUTHORITY

John F. Hayford
Executive Director
320012 ON 5/6/09

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Public Notice

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS
Architect Selection process

"Okeechobee Achievement Academy"
Design/Administration/Construction

The School District of Okeechobee requests interested parties to submit qualifications documents for review for the design, administration and construction phases of a new "Okeechobee Achievement Academy".

What to Submit:

Any Florida registered architectural firms are encouraged to submit four (4) copies of their statement of qualifications and performance (Government Service Administration forms 254 and 255 or 330) along with any other information that would be beneficial in the selection process for this construction project. This information may include but not be limited to: number of years in business, location of firm's office nearest the county seat, past or present projects of similar nature along with names and addresses of at least three (3) school boards or other agencies for whom similar services have been performed within the last five (5) years and the date and the specific service rendered in each case, photos of completed projects, biographical information, range of experience and any other information that would help give a complete picture of the submitting firm.

Scope of Work:

The selected firm must be able to design and coordinate all phases of a new educational facility. Documents will include the following: Civil, Architectural, Electrical, Mechanical, Plumbing, EHPA (if required), Fire Safety (including sprinkler systems, if required) and any other such drawings as required by code, SREF, School District of Okeechobee County, or the Department of Education.

Responsibilities:

- During the planning stage, the Architect will have personnel available, knowledgeable in the various divisions, to answer questions and provide expertise.
- The selected Architectural firm will be responsible for the production of a final set of signed and sealed construction plans and specifications, reviewed and approved by the Department of Education, Office of Educational Facilities, Plan Review and Training Department and the School Board of Okeechobee County.
- During construction, the selected Architectural firm will conduct weekly "on-site" inspections to assure compliance with the plans and specifications. These meetings will include the Director of Operations, Contractor, Architect's Representative and other individuals by request.

Important Dates and Times:

- Advertisement dates for "Request for Qualification": April 22, 29 and May 6, 2009
- RFQ documents must be submitted no later than: Friday, May 8, 2009
- Review and "short listing" by Selection Committee: Monday, May 11, 2009
- Review "short list" and determine rank order of selections: Tuesday, May 19, 2009
- Short listed and ranked firms submitted to School Board with a recommendation for approval of the #1, #2 and #3 ranked architectural firms, June 9, 2009.

317353 ON 04/22,29/05/06/09

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 19TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2008-CA-607

BLUE CHIP MORTGAGE WHOLESALE FUND I, LLC
Plaintiff
vs.
LUIS RODRIGUEZ, GRAND BANK & TRUST OF FLORIDA; JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, as unknown tenants in possession,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated April 8, 2009 and entered in Case No. 2008-CA-607 of the Circuit Court of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit in and for OKEECHOBEE County, Florida wherein BLUE CHIP MORTGAGE WHOLESALE FUND I, LLC is Plaintiff, and LUIS RODRIGUEZ and GRAND BANK & TRUST OF FLORIDA, are Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the OKEECHOBEE COUNTY JUDICIAL CENTER, JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM, and Floor, 312 Northwest Third Street, Okeechobee, FL 34972 at 11:00 a.m. on the 27th day of May, 2009 for the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 21, BLOCK 5, DIXIE RANCH ESTATES, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 33, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator, Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 312 Northwest Third Street, Okeechobee, FL 34972, phone number (772) 801-4370 within 2 working days of receipt of this notice.

DATED at Okeechobee County, Florida this 27th day of April, 2009.

SHARON ROBERTSON, CLERK

Sandra L. Creech
Deputy Clerk

Matthews & Piazza, P.A.
Vincent J. Piazza
1325 S. Congress Ave., Suite 104
Boynton Beach, FL 33426
(561) 738-5501
Attorney for Plaintiff
319788 ON 5/6,13/09

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2002-CA-235

COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P.
vs.
LONI A. D'ARTON; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF LONI A. D'ARTON; ERNEST BLITCH, and any unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, and other unknown persons or unknown spouses claiming by, through and under any of the above-named Defendants.

AMENDED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned Clerk of the Circuit Court of Okeechobee County, Florida, will on the 27th day of May, 2009, at 11:00 o'clock A.M. at the Jury Assembly Room, 2nd Floor, Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida, offer for sale and sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situate in Okeechobee County, Florida:

Lot 20, Block 25, BASSWOOD INCORPORATED UNIT 2, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 28, Public Records of Okeechobee County, Florida.

pursuant to the Amended Final Judgment entered in a case pending in said Court, the style of which is indicated above.

Any person or entity claiming an interest in the surplus, if any, resulting from the foreclosure sale, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens, must file a claim on same with the clerk of Court within 60 days after the foreclosure sale.

WITNESS my hand and official seal of said Court this 19th day of March, 2009.

SHARON ROBERTSON
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: /s/ Sandra L. Creech
Deputy Clerk

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Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 19TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION
CASE NO.: 47-2008-CA-000386

SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, INC.
PLAINTIFF
VS.
UNKNOWN SPOUSE, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LEINORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING AN INTEREST BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE ESTATE OF MARY ELLEN SULLIVAN, DECEASED, ET AL.,
DEFENDANT(S)

NOTICE OF ACTION
CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE

TO: **CARMEN ALEXANDRA JEVIER-SULLIVAN**
whose residence is unknown if he/she/they be living; and if he/she/they be dead, the unknown defendants who may be spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, and all parties claiming an interest by, through, under or against the Defendants, who are not known to be dead or alive, and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property described in the mortgage being foreclosed herein.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property:

LOTS 1, 2 AND 3, BLOCK 239, FIRST ADDITION TO OKEECHOBEE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 11, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA;

TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 1, BLOCK 239, PROCEED SOUTH ALONG THE EAST BOUNDARY THEREOF, A DISTANCE OF 97.77 FEET TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH THE HOPKINS MEANDER LINE (THE "POINT OF BEGINNING");

THENCE CONTINUE SOUTH ALONG AN EXTENSION OF THE EAST BOUNDARY OF SAID LOT 1, A DISTANCE OF 44.73 FEET;

THENCE PROCEED IN A WESTERLY DIRECTION ALONG A LINE PARALLEL TO THE NORTH BOUNDARY LINE OF LOTS 1 AND 2 OF SAID BLOCK 239, TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH THE HOPKINS MEANDER LINE;

THENCE PROCEED NORTH 56°13'00" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 80.44 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on DAVID J. STERN, ESQ. Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 900 South Pine Island Road, Suite #400, Plantation, FL 33324 no later than 30 days from the date of the first publication of this notice of action and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition filed herein.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court at OKEECHOBEE County, Florida, this 27th day of April, 2009

SHARON ROBERTSON
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

By: Kathy Arnold
DEPUTY CLERK

LAW OFFICES OF DAVID J. STERN
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF
801 S. UNIVERSITY DRIVE
SUITE 500
PLANTATION, FL 33324
07-10714 (ASCF)

NOTICE REGARDING THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990 - In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact Court Administration no later than seven days prior to the proceeding at 250 NW Country Club Drive, Port St. Lucie, Florida, 34986, 1-772-807-4370 within two working days of your receipt of this Notice. If your are hearing impaired call 1-800-955-8771. If you are voice impaired call 1-800-955-8770, via Florida Relay Service.
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Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO. 47-2008-CA-000267

CHASE HOME FINANCE LLC,
Plaintiff,
vs.
DINA F. RAY, et al,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated April 08, 2009 and entered in Case No. 47-2008-CA-000267 of the Circuit Court of the NINETEENTH Judicial Circuit in and for OKEECHOBEE County, Florida wherein CHASE HOME FINANCE LLC, is the Plaintiff and DINA F. RAY; DANNY RAY, PALISADES COLLECTION, LLC ASSIGNEE OF HSBC; are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM, 2ND FLOOR, OKEECHOBEE COUNTY JUDICIAL CENTER, 312 N.W. 3RD STREET, OKEECHOBEE, FLORIDA 34972 at 11:00 AM, on the 13th day of May, 2009, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

PARCEL I: LOT 1 WEST EDWARDS SUBDIVISION, UNIT 1, AN UNRECORDED PLAT LYING IN SECTION 30, TOWNSHIP 35 SOUTH, RANGE 35 EAST, OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 30, BEAR NORTH 00 DEGREES 50 MINUTES 49 SECONDS WEST, ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION 30, A DISTANCE OF 192.27 FEET TO THE NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY OF STATE ROAD NO. 68; THENCE BEAR NORTH 81 DEGREES 51 MINUTES 41 SECONDS WEST, ALONG SAID NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE A DISTANCE OF 1939.79 FEET TO THE INTERSECTION WITH THE EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF INDIAN TRAIL ROAD; THENCE BEAR NORTH 04 DEGREES 43 MINUTES 01 SECONDS WEST; ALONG SAID EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF INDIAN TRAIL ROAD A DISTANCE OF 2041.18 FEET TO THE CENTERLINE OF CHEYENNE ROAD; THENCE BEAR SOUTH 81 DEGREES 51 MINUTES 41 SECONDS EAST, ALONG CENTERLINE OF SAID CHEYENNE ROAD, A DISTANCE OF 505.11 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, SAID POINT OF BEGINNING BEING ON CUL-DE-SAC IN RIGHT-OF-WAY AT THE END OF CHEYENNE ROAD; THENCE CONTINUE SOUTH 81 DEGREES 51 MINUTES 41 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 179.39 FEET TO A POINT ON THE WATER OF OTTER CREEK; THENCE TRAVERSE NORTHERLY ALONG THE WATERS OF OTTER CREEK, TO A POINT THAT BEARS NORTH 10 DEGREES 35 MINUTES 20 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 356.40 FEET FROM AFORESAID POINT ON OTTER CREEK; THENCE BEAR NORTH 81 DEGREES 51 MINUTES 41 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 215.10 FEET; THENCE BEAR SOUTH 04 DEGREES 43 MINUTES 01 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 306.71 FEET TO THE POINT ON CUL-DE-SAC IN RIGHT-OF-WAY OF CHEYENNE ROAD; THENCE ALONG ARC OF CURVE IN CUL-DE-SAC CONCAVING TO THE SOUTHWEST, SAID CURVE HAVING A RADIUS OF 50.00 FEET, AND A DELTA ANGLE OF 129 DEGREES 38 MINUTES 10 SECONDS, A DISTANCE OF 113.13 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

PARCEL II: LOT 2W, EDWARDS SUBDIVISION, UNIT 1, AN UNRECORDED SUBDIVISION LYING IN AND COMPRISING A PART OF SECTION 30, TOWNSHIP 35 SOUTH, RANGE 35 EAST, OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 30, TOWNSHIP 35 SOUTH, RANGE 35 EAST; RUN THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 50 MINUTES 49 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE EAST BOUNDARY LINE OF SAID SECTION 30 FOR A DISTANCE OF 192.27 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO A POINT ON THE NORTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF S.R. S-68 ; THENCE RUN NORTH 81 DEGREES 51 MINUTES 41 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE NORTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF SAID S.R. S-68 FOR A DISTANCE OF 1939.79 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 04 DEGREES 43 MINUTES 01 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 2077.08 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 81 DEGREES 51 MINUTES 41 SECONDS EAST PARALLEL WITH THE NORTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF SAID S.R. S-68 FOR A DISTANCE OF 288.00 FEET FOR THE POINT-OF-BEGINNING THENCE CONTINUE SOUTH 81 DEGREES 51 MINUTES 41 SECONDS EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 139.34 FEET TO A POINT OF A CIRCULAR ARC TO THE LEFT, SAID CURVE HAVING FOR ITS ELEMENTS A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 25 DEGREES 56 MINUTES 20 SECONDS AND A RADIUS OF 50.00 FEET; THENCE RUN ALONG SAID CIRCULAR ARC FOR A DISTANCE OF 5.18 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 04 DEGREES 43 MINUTES 01 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 306.71 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 81 DEGREES 51 MINUTES 41 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 144.00 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 04 DEGREES 43 MINUTES 01 SECONDS EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 310.28 FEET TO THE POINT-OF-BEGINNING TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN MOBILE HOME LOCATED THEREON, SERIAL NUMBER HMST13971AGA & HMST13971BGA.

A/K/A 3737 NW 167TH COURT, OKEECHOBEE, FL 349720000

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale.

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on April 16, 2009.

Sharon Robertson
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: /s/ Sandra L. Creech
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Public Notice

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE BY CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, SHARON ROBERTSON, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Okeechobee County, Florida, will on the 27th day of May, 2009 at 11:00 A.M. at the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 312 Northwest 3rd Street, Jury Assembly Room, Second Floor, Okeechobee, Florida 34972, in the City of Okeechobee, offer for sale and sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situated in Okeechobee County, Florida, to-wit:

All of parcel 13-B of an unrecorded plat of FOUR SEASONS ESTATES subdivision further described as recorded in Official Records Book 276, Page 431, of the Public Records of Okeechobee County, Florida.

pursuant to the final decree of foreclosure entered in a case pending in said Court, the style of which is:

OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, a political subdivision of the State of Florida,
Plaintiff
vs
IDA HARRELL, GENA VILLARREAL and TODD HARRELL,
Defendants

and the docket number of which is: 2008-CA-248

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

WITNESS my hand and the official seal of said Court, this 30th day or March 2009.

SHARON ROBERTSON, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Okeechobee, County, Florida

BY: /S/ Sandra L. Creech
Deputy Clerk

Law Office of Cassels & McCall
John D. Cassels, Jr., Esquire
Post Office Box 968
Okeechobee, Florida 34973
316485 ON 5/6,13/2009

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO. 2007-CA-475

TAYLOR, BEAN AND WHITAKER MORTGAGE CORPORATION,
Plaintiff,
vs.
GARY R. KRESS, et al,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated April 08, 2009 and entered in Case No. 2007-CA-475 of the Circuit Court of the NINETEENTH Judicial Circuit in and for OKEECHOBEE County, Florida wherein TAYLOR, BEAN AND WHITAKER MORTGAGE CORPORATION, is the Plaintiff and GARY R. KRESS; BARBARA T. KRESS; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INCORPORATED, AS NOMINEE FOR IRWIN HOME EQUITY; PALM VILLAGE RANCH HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM, 2ND FLOOR, OKEECHOBEE COUNTY JUDICIAL CENTER, 312 N.W. 3RD STREET, OKEECHOBEE, FLORIDA 34972 at 11:00 AM, on the 20th day of May, 2009, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 198, OF PALM VILLAGE RANCH, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, AT PAGE 34, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

A/K/A 4351 12TH WAY, OKEECHOBEE, FL 34974

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale.

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on April 16, 2009.

Sharon Robertson
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: /s/ Sandra L. Creech
Deputy Clerk

319166 ON 4/29;5/6/2009

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 19TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 2008-CA-701
DIVISION: Civil Division

LIVE OAK TRUST, INC.,
A Florida Corporation
Plaintiff
v.
GUY RADCLIFFE,
Defendant

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order of Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated April 8, 2009, and entered in Case No. 2008-CA-701 of the Circuit Court in and for OKEECHOBEE County, Florida where in LIVE OAK TRUST, INC., a Florida Corporation is the Plaintiff, and GUY RADCLIFFE is the Defendant, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in the Jury Assembly Room of the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 312 NW Third Street, Okeechobee, Florida at 11 o'clock A.M. on the 20th day of May, 2009, the following described property as set forth in said Order or Final Judgment, to wit:

The W½ of the E½ of the N½ of the S½ of Tract 2 Section 22 in Township 34 South, Range 33 East, Okeechobee County, Florida, according to the Plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 4, Pages 3 A-D, inclusive of the Okeechobee County Public Records.

Strap Number(s):
1-22-34-33-0A00-0002-J000

NOTICE

IF THIS PROPERTY IS SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION, THERE MAY BE ADDITIONAL MONEY FROM THE SALE AFTER PAYMENT OF PERSONS WHO ARE ENTITLED TO BE PAID FROM THE SALE PROCEEDS PURSUANT TO THIS FINAL JUDGMENT.

IF YOU ARE A SUBORDINATE LEINHOLDER CLAIMING A RIGHT TO FUNDS REMAINING AFTER THE SALE, YOU MUST FILE A CLAIM WITH THE CLERK NO LATER THAN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE. IF YOU FAIL TO FILE A CLAIM, YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITIED TO ANY REMAINING FUNDS.

IF YOU ARE THE PROPERTY OWNER, YOU MAY CLAIM THESE FUNDS YOURSELF. YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO HAVE A LAWYER OR ANY OTHER REPRESENTATION AND YOU DO NOT HAVE TO ASSIGN YOUR RIGHTS TO ANYONE ELSE IN ORDER FOR YOU TO CLAIM ANY MONEY TO WHICH YOU ARE ENTITLED. PLEASE CHECK WITH THE CLERK OF THE COURT, OKEECHOBEE COUNTY JUDICIAL CENTER, 312 NW THIRD STREET, OKEECHOBEE, FLORIDA, WITHIN TEN (10) DAYS AFTER THE SALE TO SEE IF THERE IS ADDITIONAL MONEY FROM THE FORECLOSURE SALE THAT THE CLERK HAS IN THE REGISTRY OF THE COURT.

Dated at Okeechobee County, Florida this 15th day of April, 2009.

SHARON ROBERTSON
CLERK OF THE COURT

BY: /S/ SANDRA L. CREECH
Deputy Clerk

KENNETH M. JONES
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319026 ON 04/29;05/06/09

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Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY CASE NO. 2008-CA-393

FLAGSTAR BANK, F.S.B.,
Plaintiff
vs.
JOHN W. LEANDER JR A/K/A JOHN W. LEANDER, et al,
Defendants

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated April 8, 2009, and entered in Case No. 2008-CA-393, of the Circuit Court of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Okeechobee County, Florida, wherein Flagstar Bank, F.S.B., is a Plaintiff and JOHN W. LEANDER JR A/K/A JOHN W. LEANDER; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JOHN W. LEANDER JR A/K/A JOHN W. LEANDER; UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2 are the Defendants. I will sell to the to the highest and best bidder for cash at Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 2nd Floor, Jury Assembly Room, 312 N.W. 3rd St., Okeechobee, FL at 11:00 AM on May 27, 2009, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 18, RIVER RUN RESORT SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 18, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

SHARON ROBERTSON
As Clerk of the Court
By: /s/ Sandra L. Creech
As Deputy Clerk
Dated this 16th day of April, 2009.

IMPORTANT
In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a reasonable accommodation to participate in this proceeding should, no later than seven (7) days prior, contact Court Administration at (772) 807-4370, 250 NW Country Club Drive, Port St. Lucie, FL 34986 within two working days of you receipt of this notice. If hearing impaired, contact (TDD) (800) 955-8771; if you are voice impaired call (800) 955-8770.
319522 ON 5/6,13/09

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Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 47 2009 CA 00085

WACHOVIA ENTITY (WACHOVIA BANK OF DELAWARE, WACHOVIA MORTGAGE) OR SOUTHTRUST MORTGAGE,
Plaintiff,
vs.
JAVIER ANTONIO PAZ, et al,
Defendant(s)

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated April 8, 2009, and entered in Case No. 47 2009 CA 000085 of the Circuit Court of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Okeechobee County, Florida in which Wachovia Entity (Wachovia Bank of Delaware, Wachovia Mortgage) Or Southtrust Mortgage, is the Plaintiff and Javier Antonio Paz, Martha Beatriz Rivera, are defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 312 North West 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida 34972, Okeechobee County, Florida at 11:00AM on the 20th day of May, 2009, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

LOT 33, CROOKED CREEK PLANTATION UNIT 1, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGES 77 AND 78, PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

A/K/A 5033N.E. 122ND DRIVE OKEECHOBEE, FL 34972

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of Lis Pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.
Dated in Okeechobee County, Florida this 15th day of April, 2009.

SHARON ROBERTSON, CLERK
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Okeechobee County, Florida
By: /S/ Sandra L. Creech
Deputy Clerk
In Accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you are a person with a disability who needs an accommodation in order to access court facilities or participate in a court proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. To request such an accommodation, please contact Dianna Cooper in Court Administration - Suite 217, 250 NW Country Club Dr., Port St. Lucie 34986; Telephone: 772-807-4370; at least 3 working days of the date the service is needed. Hearing impaired, please call 1-800-955-8771; Voice impaired, please call 1-800-955-8770.
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Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO. 2007-CA-162

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE UNDER THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED AS OF NOVEMBER 1, 2005, GSAMP TRUST 2005-HE5,
Plaintiff,
vs.
LANCE W. ROOT, et al,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated April 08, 2009 and entered in Case No. 2007-CA-162 of the Circuit Court of the NINETEENTH Judicial Circuit in and for OKEECHOBEE County, Florida wherein DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE UNDER THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED AS OF NOVEMBER 1, 2005, GSAMP TRUST 2005-HE5, is the Plaintiff and LANCE W. ROOT; DONNA S. ROOT; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INCORPORATED AS NOMINEE FOR EMC MORTGAGE CORPORATION; are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM, 2ND FLOOR, OKEECHOBEE COUNTY JUDICIAL CENTER, 312 N.W. 3RD STREET, OKEECHOBEE, FLORIDA 34972 at 11:00 AM, on the 20th day of May, 2009, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOTS 13 TO 20 INCLUSIVE OF BLOCK H. OKEECHOBEE DEVELOPMENT CO. SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 15, PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA. SUBJECT TO EASEMENTS RESTRICTION AND RESERVATIONS OF RECORD.

A/K/A 1401 SE 6TH STREET, OKEECHOBEE, FL 34974

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale.
WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on April 16, 2009.

Sharon Robertson
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: /s/ Sandra L. Creech
Deputy Clerk
319159 ON 4/29;5/6/2009

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Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 19TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION CASE NO.: 47-2008-CA-000494

COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC.
PLAINTIFF
VS.
JAMES B. LOWE; LYNETTE M. LOWE; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; W.C.W. HOLDINGS, LLLP F/K/A W.C.W. HOLDINGS, LTD; JOHN DOE AND JANE DOE AS UNKNOWN TENANTS IN POSSESSION
DEFENDANT(S)

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated February 24, 2009 entered in Civil Case No. 47-2008-CA-000494 of the Circuit Court of the 19th Judicial Circuit in and for OKEECHOBEE County, Okeechobee, Florida, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash on the Jury Assembly Room, 2nd Floor of the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida, at 11:00 a.m. on the 27th day of May, 2009 the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOT 11, BLOCK 12, BASSWOOD UNIT #1, ACCORDING TO PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 22, PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens, must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.
Dated this 26th day of February, 2009.

SHARON ROBERTSON
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
BY: /S/ SANDRA L. CREECH
DEPUTY CLERK
LAW OFFICES OF DAVID J. STERN
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF
900 SOUTH PINE ISLAND ROAD
SUITE 400
PLANTATION, FL 33324-3920
(954) 233-8000
08-90661 CWF
NOTICE REGARDING THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990
In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, person needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact Court Administration no later than seven days prior to the proceeding at 250 NW Country Club Drive, Port St. Lucie, FL 34986 or call 1-772-870-4370 within two working days of your receipt of the Summons/Notice to Appear. If you are hearing impaired call 1-800-95-8771. If you are voice impaired call 1-800-955-8770, via Florida Relay Service
313397 ON 5/6,13/09

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 19TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION CASE NO.: 2008CA611

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON F/K/A THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATE-HOLDERS CWABS, INC. ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-11
PLAINTIFF
VS.
JAMES G. MCALHANY; PAMELA D. MCALHANY; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; JOHN DOE AND JANE DOE AS TENANTS IN POSSESSION
DEFENDANT(S)

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated March 18, 2009 entered in Civil Case No. 2008 CA 611 of the Circuit Court of the 19th Judicial Circuit in and for OKEECHOBEE County, Okeechobee, Florida, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash on the Jury Assembly Room, 2nd Floor, Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida, at 11:00 a.m. on the 27th day of May, 2009 the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOT 4, BLOCK 8, LAKE MONTANZA ESTATES SEC 4-A, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGE 51, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA TOGETHER WITH THE MOBILE HOME(S) LOCATED THEREOF

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens, must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.
Dated this 19th day of March, 2009.

SHARON ROBERTSON
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
BY: /S/ SANDRA L. CREECH
DEPUTY CLERK
LAW OFFICES OF DAVID J. STERN
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF
900 SOUTH PINE ISLAND ROAD
SUITE 400
PLANTATION, FL 33324-3920
(954) 233-8000
(954)233-8705
08-59096 (NCM)
NOTICE REGARDING THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990
In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, person needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact Court Administration no later than seven days prior to the proceeding at 250 NW Country Club Drive, Port St. Lucie, FL 34986 or call 1-772-870-4370 within two working days of your receipt of the Summons/Notice to Appear. If you are hearing impaired call 1-800-95-8771. If you are voice impaired call 1-800-955-8770, via Florida Relay Service
319314 ON 5/6,13/09

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO. 2007-CA-452

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A,
Plaintiff,
vs.
MICHAEL W. FISHER, et al,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated April 08, 2009 and entered in Case No. 2007-CA-452 of the Circuit Court of the NINETEENTH Judicial Circuit in and for OKEECHOBEE County, Florida wherein BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., is the Plaintiff and MICHAEL W. FISHER; DENEL FISHER; TENANT #1 N/K/A BILL SUGGS, and TENANT #2 N/K/A ELIZABETH SUGGS are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM, 2ND FLOOR, OKEECHOBEE COUNTY JUDICIAL CENTER, 312 N.W. 3RD STREET, OKEECHOBEE, FLORIDA 34972 at 11:00 AM, on the 20th day of May, 2009, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 20, BLOCK 3, DIXIE RANCH ACRES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 35, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 7682 NW 89TH COURT OKEECHOBEE, FL 34974

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale.
WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on April 16, 2009.

Sharon Robertson
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: /s/ Sandra L. Creech
Deputy Clerk
319178 ON 4/29;5/6/2009

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
Case No.: 2009-CP-79
Division: Probate

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
ELMER A. PERRY,
Deceased

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of ELMER A. PERRY, deceased, who died on an undetermined date and whose social security number is 263-37-7326, is pending in the Circuit Court for Okeechobee County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 312 North West 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida 34974. 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 PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECENDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is May 6th, 2009.

Attorney for Personal Representative:
JEFFREY A. FADLEY, P.A.
Fla. Bar No.: 035667
Attorney for Petitioner
807 South West 2nd Avenue
Okeechobee, FL 343974
Telephone: (863)763-5733
Facsimile: (863)763-6199
Personal Representative:
Sheila Clemons
3492 NW 6th Street
Okeechobee, Florida 34972
320035 ON 05/06,13/09

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO. 47-2008-CA-000352

LA SALLE BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR WASHINGTON MUTUAL MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES WMALT SERIES 2007-2 TRUST,
Plaintiff
vs.
ARNULFO GONZALES, et al,
Defendants

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated March 24, 2009, and entered in Case No. 47-2008-CA-000352, of the Circuit Court of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Okeechobee County, Florida, wherein LA SALLE BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR WASHINGTON MUTUAL MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES WMALT SERIES 2007-2 TRUST, is a Plaintiff and ARNULFO GONZALES; REBECCA M. GONZALES; UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2 are the Defendants. I will sell to the to the highest and best bidder for cash at Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 2nd Floor, Jury Assembly Room, 312 N.W. 3rd St., Okeechobee, FL at 11:00 AM on May 27, 2009, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 6, LESS THE NORTH 30.00 FEET THEREOF, TOSGETHER WITH THE NORTH 45.00 FEET OF LOT 7, BLOCK 4, A REVISED AND ADDITION TO THE PLAT OF CONNERS GABLES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 15, PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

SHARON ROBERTSON
As Clerk of the Court
By: /s/ Sandra L. Creech
As Deputy Clerk
Dated this 30th day of March, 2009.

IMPORTANT
In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a reasonable accommodation to participate in this proceeding should, no later than seven (7) days prior, contact Court Administration at (772) 807-4370, 250 NW Country Club Drive, Port St. Lucie, FL 34986 within two working days of you receipt of this notice. If hearing impaired, contact (TDD) (800) 955-8771; if you are voice impaired call (800) 955-8770.
319578 ON 5/6,13/09

NOTICE

There will be a meeting of the Tourist Development Council (TDC) of Okeechobee County on Tuesday, May 12, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. in the Tourist Development Council Office located at 500 N.W. 6th Street, Okeechobee, Florida.

Any person deciding to appeal any decision made by the TDC with respect to any matter considered at such meeting will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

Kathy Scott, Tourism Coordinator
Tourist Development Council
Okeechobee County
320013 ON 5/6/09

LEGAL NOTICE

Public Auction will be held at Johns Towing Service storage lot located at 704 Northeast 2nd Avenue, Okeechobee, Florida 34972 on MAY 22, 2009, at 9:00 A.M. Pursuant to Florida Statute 713.78 for unpaid towing and storage charges. Year, make, model and VIN are as follows.

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Public Notice

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF SEVIER COUNTY, TENNESSEE

STATE OF TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES No.07-000657

PETITIONER
v.
MARTIN ROBIN BORNHEIMER, Father
Unknown Address but last known address was Okeechobee, Florida

RESPONDENT

IN THE MATTER OF:

DUSTIN TREVOR HICKMAN, d.o.b: 1-22-2001
A CHILD UNDER EIGHTEEN (18) YEARS OF AGE

ORDER FOR SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

TO: Carol White

Pursuant to T.C.A. § 37-1-121 and § 37-1-123, you are hereby summoned to appear on the **13th day of May, 2009, at 9:00 a.m.**, and defend the above-entitled action in the Sevier County Juvenile Court, at Sevierville, Tennessee, and answer the Petition for Custody filed by the State of Tennessee, Department of Children's Services, and to serve your answer upon the Petitioner. In case of your failure to do so, judgment will be rendered against you according to the demand of the Petition, which has been filed with the Clerk of the Sevier County Juvenile Court located at the Sevier County Courthouse, 125 Court Street, Sevierville, Tennessee 37862. Since your whereabouts is unknown and the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon you, a copy of this summons shall be published in the Okeechobee News newspaper for four (4) consecutive weeks.
ISSUED this 27th day of March, 2009.

HON. DWIGHT STOKES
SEVIER COUNTY
JUVENILE COURT JUDGE

APPROVED FOR ENTRY:

Daniel Smithwick, BPR #, 023900
Assistant General Counsel
Department of Children's Services
115 Allensville Rd., Suite 105
Sevierville, TN 37876
(865) 429-7012

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that in accordance with Rule 5.02 of the Tennessee Rules of Civil Procedure, I have served a true and exact copy of the foregoing Order on all parties of interest, by this day hand-delivering and/or mailing a copy of the same, via United States Mail, postage prepaid, addressed as follows:

Jeff Stern
Attorney at Law
P.O. Box 5797
Sevierville, TN 37864

James R. Hickman, Jr.
Hickman, Gray, & Associates
101 Bruce St.
Sevierville, TN 37862

This 23rd day of March, 2009.

Daniel Smithwick
Assistant General Counsel
Department of Children's Services
317540 ON 04/15,22,29;05/06/09

NOTICE

The Affordable Housing Advisory Committee of Okeechobee County has scheduled its next regular session for Tuesday, May 12, 2009, at 3:00 p.m. in the Board of County Commissioners meeting chambers at the Health Department located at 1728 NW 9th Avenue, Okeechobee, Florida.

A person deciding to appeal any decision made by the Committee with respect to any matter considered at such meeting will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

Stephany DuPree
Affordable Housing Advisory
Committee Facilitator
320009 ON 5/6/09

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Community Events

Red Cross safety classes

The Okeechobee Service Center of the American Red Cross will hold the following the following Health & Safety classes in May:

• Wednesday, May 6 - First Aid Basics @ 6 p.m.

• Monday, May 11 - Infant/Child CPR/AED @ 6 p.m.

• Wednesday, May 20- Adult CPR/AED @ 6 p.m.

All classes are held at their Service Center, located at 323 N. Parrott Ave. To register, or for more information call 863-763-2488.

Hospice to hold yard sale

Hospice of Okeechobee will host a yard sale at the Blue Volunteer Building, next to the Hamrick Home (411 S.E. Fourth Street) on Thursday, **May 7**, from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m., Friday, May 8, from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. and Saturday, May 9, from 8 a.m. until noon. All monies raised will go to the continuing care for patients in the Hamrick Home and those who chose to stay in their own homes. For information call 863-467-2321.

KOA fundraiser

Good Spirits, 245 Hwy. 441 SE will sponsor a "Ham Yee-Haw Dinner on Saturday, **May 9**, beginning at noon. There will be music, games & a delicious ham dinner for a $5 donation. Eat in or take out, limited delivery is available. Proceeds benefit the little ones at the KOA Cancer Camps. Everyone is welcome.

Blood drive set

Publix Okeechobee will have a Blood Drive on Friday, **May 8**, from noon to 6 p.m. All donors receive a FREE $ 35 entertainment Treasure Coast coupon book and a special restaurant meal coupon.

Roundtable to hold meeting

The Executive Roundtable of the Shared Services Network of Okeechobee County will conduct its bi-monthly meeting at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, **May 8**, in the board room of the Okeechobee County School Board Office. The public is invited. For more information call Sharon Vinson at 863-462-5000, ext. 257.

Lodge holds Mother's Day breakfast

Okeechobee Lodge No. 237, F&AM will hold a Mother's Day Breakfast on Sunday, **May 10** at the Okeechobee Masonic Lodge, 107 NW Fifth Avenue, serving will be from 8 - 11 a.m. In observance of this special day, all Mothers and Grandmothers will be treated to a great breakfast free of charge. Children under 10 $3 and all others $6. Tickets can be purchased at the door. The menu includes biscuits and sausage gravy, scrambled eggs, pancakes and grits, bacon, sausage, coffee and orange juice. For information, contact Hugh Alger at 863-467-1491, Jim Green, Worshipful Master at 863-634-4401 or any lodge officer.

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