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Lawmakers OK gaming compact

Deal must now be approved by Seminole Tribe

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

There were a lot of winners last week when state legislators passed the Seminole gaming compact. But, the real winner was the State of Florida.

Trying to find ways to add money to state coffers, the state will get a minimum of $150 million annually in revenue sharing if the Seminole Tribe approves the deal. It is anticipated that the money will be put to use in the state educational system.

The Senate passed the bill by a 31-9 vote, while the House approved the measure 82-35 as the Legislative session was winding down Friday, May 8.

Even though Legislators gave their approval, the Seminole Tribe must still okay the pact. If the Tribe approves the deal it will then be sent to the U.S. Department of Interior. It must also be ratified by the Legislature.

Under the agreement, the Tribe will have blackjack and other card games at three Broward County casinos and the Hard Rock in Tampa. They will also be able to put in Vegas-style slot machines at all seven of their casinos, including the one at Brighton Seminole Reservation.

Also, poker rooms at pari-mutuel facilities will stay open longer and will now have larger pots. And, where already approved by South Florida voters, the tax rate on the profit from slot machines will be lowered from 50 to 35 percent. If voters later approve, these pari-mutuels will also be allowed to run blackjack and other card games.

A Florida TaxWatch study done earlier this year indicated that if

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Beckham out as OHS football coach

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

It was a short marriage and even shorter honeymoon for Okeechobee football coach Jeremy Beckham, who is no longer the head coach.

Beckham said he and the School Administration came to a mutual agreement for him to leave the program on Monday, just a week after the first official practices started for spring ball.

Beckham wouldn't go into specifics about the departure, only to say he appreciated the opportunity to come to Okeechobee that the school board gave him and that he didn't' see eye to eye on key issues with the administration.

Mike Radebaugh has been named interim coach of the football team and a search for a permanent successor will begin shortly, according to Assistant Superintendent Ken Kenworthy.

"We regret that things didn't work out. We felt this decision was in the best interests of our students and the high school athletic department," he noted.

Coach Jeremy Beckham appeared to be settling in at spring practice last week, but this week brought news that he would be replaced.

Okeechobee News/**Charles Murphy**

Defensive line and strength and conditioning coach Billy Brockhouse tutors some of the young Brahmans at spring practice.

Kenworthy also gave no specifics on what the disagreement with Beckham was. He noted the spring football season will continue as scheduled, with the spring jamboree planned for Brighton next Thursday and the spring game at home against Palm Bay on May 29.

Kenworthy also said Radebaugh is likely not a candidate for the permanent position, "I wouldn't eliminate him, but he has a full plate and it would be difficult for an administrator to handle both jobs."

Beckham was hired in January after Chris Branham resigned following two great seasons where the Brahmans reached the Class 4A regional quarterfinals. Beckham was selected after an exhaustive search that resulted in more than 30 applicants. The local candidates on the list and the others are allowed to reapply for this position.

Kenworthy said all the assistant

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the compact was approved the state would lose money from other tax sources, such as pari-mutuels. However, the study went on to say that after five years the state will see a net increase.

After the bill cleared both chambers, the Seminole Tribe of Florida issued a statement Friday saying it looked forward to working out an agreement with Governor Charlie Crist.

"Today, we move closer to reaching an agreement that will support education, put unemployed Floridians back to work and bring economic relief to our state. It is a day that has been 19 years in the making and we commend the Florida Legislature for taking this critical step," said the statement. "Going forward, we will conduct a thorough review of the provisions in the bill. We remain hopeful that together with Gov. Crist and the Legislature we can agree upon a compact."

The deal not only guarantees revenue sharing with the Tribe, but lets the state now use the more than $150 million already set aside by the original pact between the Tribe and Gov. Crist.

The governor and the Seminoles entered into an agreement in 2007 that gave the Tribe Vegas style slot machines and blackjack. That agreement was thrown out by the Florida Supreme Court which ruled that Gov. Crist overstepped his authority. The high court said only state Legislators could approve such a deal.

The Tribe, however, went ahead with its expansion plans.

News in brief

Non Alcoholic Grad Nite

On June 4, 2009, the seniors will celebrate a milestone in their lives with graduation from High School. To keep the graduates safe, the Okeechobee Kiwanis Club sponsors the alcohol-free all night graduation party. Donations of cash and door prizes are sought for the 2009 event. Checks made out to "Grad Nite" can be mailed to 110 N.E. Fifth Street, Okeechobee, FL 34972 or if prizes need to the picked up call 863-763-1994.

Free government contract business seminar set

The Small Business Development Center will be holding a seminar for those looking to win contracts from the Government on May 14, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. The seminar will be held at the Williamson Conference Center at Indian River College on N.W. Ninth Avenue. Government contract expert Dan Telop from Florida Gulf Coast University will be on hand to show attendees the ins and outs of doing business with the Government including how to register and submit bids. The seminar is FREE to the public but registration is required. Please call 863-517-0097 to register.

Lotteries

The Florida Lottery: The numbers selected Monday in the Florida Lotto are: **Cash 3:** 5-9-5; **Play 4:** 6-1-9-3; **Fantasy 5:** 10-13-16-31-35. Numbers selected Tuesday are: **Cash 3:** 3-8-8; **Play 4:** 9-9-7-4.

Local Forecast

Weather forecast for Okeechobee County from the National Weather Service:

Okeechobee Forecast

Today: Mostly cloudy with a high near 88 with a slight chance of showers, then a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 2 p.m. Winds will be from the southeast between 5 and 10 mph.

Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 66 and winds from the east between 5 and 10 mph.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: Mostly cloudy with a high near 88 and winds from the east between 5 and 15 mph with gusts as high as 20 mph. Rain chance is 20 percent for showers and thunderstorms after 2 p.m.

Thursday night: Partly cloudy with a low around 68 and winds from the east between 5 and 10 mph.

Friday: Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 2 p.m.

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coaches selected by Beckham were asked to continue in those positions at least through spring ball.

Beckham said all of those coaches are committed to the kids and he expected they would stay with the program, "I just feel the level of expectations for the program I had for the program was different from the administrations."

Beckham added that he would pursue other coaching options in Florida.

"I wish that we saw eye to eye, I felt the support from the community was there and we were building support from other areas, I'm disappointed I can't see those through," he added.

Kenworthy said he expected a full time football coach to be hired in time for the beginning of fall practice in August. He noted Okeechobee football has a long history of integrity, sportsmanship and fair play and that the team is ready to move forward in a positive direction.

"This is just a little bump in the road, a minor setback. The kids are ready to give their all," he added.

Correction

An error was made in a story on page 1 of the Sunday, May 10, issue of the Okeechobee News under the headline Eckerd loses state contract. The statement -- "any current employee hired by G4S will lose whatever dollar amount they built up in PTO (paid time off)" is incorrect. According to Eckerd Youth Alternatives, employees who have been employed with EYA for more than five years will be eligible for PTO payout. Upon separation from EYA, PTO will be paid out at the employee's base pay rate as of the last day worked. We apologize for the error and any confusion it may have caused.

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Corrections officer denies sexual allegation

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

A female corrections officer at the Okeechobee Correctional Institute (OCI) denies the allegation that she had sex with a male inmate while on duty.

According to the Department of Corrections (DOC), Corrections Officer Betty Bohannan is in the process of being terminated under extraordinary dismissal procedures. Bohannan, 34, was reportedly caught by her captain having sex with the inmate in her OCI office.

The inmate has been identified as Michael C. Skinner, 31, who was sentenced to life after his 2003 conviction of first degree murder in Polk County.

Jo Ellyn Rackleff, a DOC public information officer in Tallahassee, said Ms. Bohannan has turned in her OCI identification. Ms. Rackleff also said DOC is conducting a criminal investigation into the allegation.

Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO) reports by Deputy Donald Ellis and Detective William Maerki indicate there is no current criminal investigation being conducted by the sheriff's office.

In their reports, both Deputy Ellis and Detective Maerki responded to Raulerson Hospital at 9:25 p.m. Saturday, May 9. Their reports state that Ms. Bohannan was at the hospital and was asking that a sexual assault kit be performed on her to prove that she had not had sex with anyone.

According to a report by Deputy Ellis, Ms. Bohannan said two male inmates were in her office moving a desk when the door to her office was accidentally closed. The door, she reportedly told the deputy, was to remain open. She also told the deputy that the door locks automatically when closed.

Shortly after the door closed her captain and two other officers came into her office and accused her of having sex with the inmates, stated the OCSO reports. They took her OCI identification and escorted her off the property.

When asked about Ms. Bohannan's statement that there were two inmates in her office, Ms. Rackleff said she could not comment because of the ongoing investigation.

Detective Maerki's report states Ms. Bohannan denies having sex with the inmate. He also stated that because there is no ongoing criminal investigation the sexual assault kit could not be performed.

The detective stated in his report that Ms. Bohannan still had her badge and state-issued equipment.

Ms. Rackleff said Ms. Bohannan was hired by the department on Aug. 2, 2002.

A phone call to Ms. Bohannan seeking comment was not returned as of newspaper deadline.

OUA asked to help with Wi-Fi

By Pete Gawda
Okeechobee News

The Okeechobee Utility Authority (OUA) Board of Directors heard good news and bad news at their meeting on Tuesday, May 12. The good news is that wireless high speed internet may soon be more readily available in Okeechobee. The bad news is that the utility was forced to purchase the package treatment plant serving King's Bay.

Steve Briney, of CML Communications, outlined his plan for providing expanded wireless high speed internet to as many areas of the county as possible. In addition to providing a service at a price below any other provider, Mr. Briney said he plans to deliver free internet to disadvantaged children and their parents as well as to handicapped individuals who are economically disadvantaged.

Mr. Briney wanted to use OUA water and communication towers and possibly even OUA buildings to mount his equipment. In exchange, Mr. Briney's company would be willing to provide lighting of structures involved and maintenance of OUA antennas and guy wires.

Since Mr. Briney's program is still in the planning stage, he had no definite proposals to offer. No formal action was taken.

At the advice of legal counsel the board agreed to a $363,500 purchase price for the King's Bay wastewater treatment plant. That is reduced from the original asking price of $420,000. The utility had been leasing the plant and operating it. However, recently the owner indicated he did not wish to operate the plant and did not wish to continue to own the property.

"The board has no choice on this," attorney Tom Conley stated. "We are in a corner." He feared that if the utility refused to buy the plant, the owner would seek court action to compel OUA to buy the plant. The board had to take action at this meeting since June 1 was the deadline for them to announce the purchase.

"We will either own it today or own it in a few months at a higher cost," stated Chairman Frank Irby.

The board was also told that there are engineering problems involved in connecting the King's Bay wastewater system to the proposed Treasure Island sewer system. Therefore, the wastewater treatment plant would have to continue in use until the proposed eastside forcemain is built. It was mentioned that when the eastside forcemain is completed the King's Bay wastewater treatment plant site could be used for a vacuum lift station.

The bad economy is hurting the developers of several planned housing projects, including some who have not paid their non ad valorem assessment for guaranteed wastewater capacity.

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Corrections officer

• It was on the news that a female corrections officer at the Okeechobee Correctional Facility is accused of having relations with an inmate. If she did it, is the woman gone completely mad? Didn't she know you can't keep something like that a secret?

• As a retired correctional officer I knew there would be problems when the states let the male officer work at the female prisons and the female officers work at the male prisons. I can recall when it first started, a female officer would stand and watch the male prisoners in the showers. It should have never been permitted in the first place.

• Men have this little thing called testosterone. A woman can qwell a disturbance sometimes better than they can. What I do believe is that if you have a weak mind you do not need to go into that profession. However, confidence can be faked, can it not? Self esteem can be faked, and lead a person to appear to be what they are not, and men, well, men are going to do what they do.

• I don't understand how these officers get themselves into these situations. They know the high risk of AIDS.

Happy Mothers Day

• Wishing love and peace to all Mothers A special thought for those Mothers who have lost children and now are Angels in safe hands.

School situation

• Here's the deal from Joe the plumber concerning this school situation. I don't understand what the big deal is. The principals had to make tough decisions, but they did what was best for kids. They should be commended, not slandered. If that offends some people, so what? Teachers aren't the only ones out of jobs here. We need to keep this in prospective!

Why aren't Americans buying American cars?

• It seems the American public is more interested in smaller, fuel efficient cars especially those that are more affordable. Will the American car makers be willing to compete for that market? There is less profit per vehicle, but it's a growing market.

• I think if the auto makers produce something Americans like, they will buy it.

Look at how fast the new Camaros are selling. Plus the new Transformer movie comes out soon, and Chevrolet was smart to use that to their advantage.

• The recent gas hike was yet another wake up call that we need more fuel efficient vehicles also. Not only that but we need to make the vehicles Americans want get better gas mileage. What is the point of having a truck that gets 30 mpg if you can't tow or haul anything with it? New hybrids that are feasible for every one not just people who live in cities with nice climates. Ford has one for 2010 the Milan/Fusion is a full hybrid. Plug in hybrids which if driven under the right conditions may never use gas. I'm sure the Japanese are working on these things too. But it is good to see we are trying to take the lead in a lot of areas. This has been a wake up call for the American Auto Makers. I see a lot of good coming from it. Now it is up to the American Public to support them and put America First.

• I will continue to look at a U.S.-made car before a foreign one, but as a consumer I will ultimately make my pick on what is the best choice. Sometimes that might not be an American-made vehicle, and that's how free market capitalism works. We just need to be better competitors.

Entertainment

• I wish we had more in-town for entertainment. I hate it that we have to drive to the coast to find a skating rink. If this town could support a skating rink 25 years ago -- when we had one -- surely with the added population we could support one now.

Burn ban

• I don't care if there is an official burn ban issued or not, it is just too dry to be setting fires. People, use some common sense. Now is not the time to burn yard debris. Let the waste disposal folks haul it off.

• I was curious as to why the counties around us have burn bans in effect and Okeechobee County doesn't. So I went to the Division of Forestry web site and looked up the contact number and called and asked. I was told that unless there is a statewide or regionwide burn ban in effect -- which can be done by the Commissioner of Agriculture or the Governor -- then it is up to each county. The counties around us such as Glades, Hendry, St. Lucie and Martin, have all imposed burn bans because it is so dry. But Okeechobee County hasn't bothered to do that. It is just as dry here -- in fact our drought index is higher than St. Lucie County's drought index. But the County Commissioners just haven't done it. I have to wonder why not? Hendry County and Glades County Commissioners are concerned enough about the danger of wildfire to impose burn bans, but Okeechobee County Commissioners are not.

• We are solidly in the 650 - 699 range of the Keetch-Byram Drought Index (KBDI. Anyone with any amount of common sense should know that burning at this time can lead to disaster. Hopefully, those who choose to partake in smoking also know that "flinging" their butts outside their vehicle can also lead to disaster.

• When the grass is so dry -- as it is right now -- be careful if you drive any kind of vehicle into high grass. The heat from your engine can start a fire. ATVs are especially bad about this because they can throw off sparks. That is how the big fire inside the Lake Okeechobee dike started last year, and that fire caused a lot of damage as well as injuries in auto accidents caused due to the poor visibility from the smoke. Do not drive or ride in the dry brush. You could endanger yourself and others by starting a brush fire.

Water conservation

• I think the deputies could just take a ride around the county and see who is wasting water. It's pretty obvious when you see one house on the street with a lush, green yard and the rest with brown grass.

Juvenile facility

• It was nice for someone to refer to the juveniles housed at the juvenile facility as clients. In the real world they are thugs and bullies that will in all probability lead a life of crime. They have no respect for anyone or anything including themselves. They were probably raised this way and that's the life they more than likely will follow, with few exceptions.

• I hope the company that is going to take over the juvenile facility has a better plan for controlling the boys incarcerated there. It seems every time I pick up the paper I read about the juveniles attacking the staff members. It seems like there are all kinds of legal protections for the boys but very few for the adults who work there.

• I wonder why the State of Florida wants to give the contract to run the juvenile detention facilities to a company from overseas. Haven't we outsourced enough of our jobs. Now we send the money to companies overseas and let them run our prisons? Can't Americans do anything themselves. In this economy, I just hate to see any more local people lose their jobs. Doesn't the state care about that?

Water quality

• Our water is disgusting! We can't drink it, or do much else with it. Even if you boil it it is yellow and has particles floating in it. Even household items are effected by all the grit in it. How can our city management expect us to accept this? Sure, we are a small town, but we aren't backwoods people who don't know any better. Now you want to raise our water bill! How dare you to think we should just go with the flow. *Editor's note: The city does not control the water system; it is operated by the utility authority. Water quality may be affected by a number of factors including the water lines to and in your home. If you are Okeechobee Utility Authority water, questions may be directed to 763-9460.*

Teachers

• I saw in the paper that this is teacher appreciation week. I think all of the parents should take the time to thank the teachers who work so hard. They deserve some appreciation.

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Caring for your septic system

By John Burton, interim director
Okeechobee County Health Department

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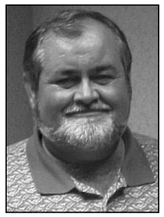

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Pump your septic system at least every 3 to 5 years to help insure it works properly.

Protect your septic system, do not drive or park vehicles on the septic tank or drainfield.

Plant only grass over and near your drainfield to avoid damage from roots. Make sure your gutter downspouts are directed away from the drainfield area. Fix leaking toilets and dripping faucets immediately.

Use your toilet to flush human waste only. Anything other than human waste can clog and possibly damage your septic system. Do not pour household products, such as cleansers, medicine, auto fluids, paint and lawn care products down the drain. These items can pollute surface and ground water, which supplies your drinking water. It may also end up in your local creeks and lakes. Compost your kitchen scraps rather than use your garbage disposal, to help your septic system last longer.

Conserve water and consider spreading laundry out over days instead of doing all the laundry on one day. Front loading washing machines use much less water than top loading machines. Remember your septic tank and drainfield cannot accept unlimited amounts of water and still function properly.

Please contact the Okeechobee County Health Department if you have any questions concerning your septic system at 462-5805

John Burton is the Interim Environmental Health Director at the Okeechobee County Health Department.

Community Calendar

Wednesday

Just for Today Club of Okeechobee, 242 Hwy. 441 S.E., Okeechobee, A.A. Grapevine Group open discussion 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 support groups meet each Wednesday. 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 of Our 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.

Bingo at the Buckhead Ridge Moose Lodge. Food will be served at 5 p.m. and bingo starts at 6 p.m. Public is welcome.

Ministerial Association meets the second Wednesday of every month at noon at the Clock restaurant. All area ministers are invited to attend.

Thursday

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

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

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.

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.

Family History Center meets from 1 until 5 p.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 310 S.W. Sixth St. Anyone interested in finding who your ancestors are is welcome to attend. For information, call The Family History Center at 863-763-6510 or Richard Smith at 863-261-5706 for special appointments.

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

Christian Fellowship Prayer group meets at 9:30 a.m. at 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. All Kiwanis and the public are welcome. 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. Please join us or ask questions. 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. Second Ave. Everyone is invited. For information, call Mike Fletcher at 863-357-6257.

Martha's House Inc. sponsors weekly support groups for women who are, or have been, affected by domestic violence and abusive relationships. The support groups are held every Thursday 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.

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Hand & Hand Ministries of Palmdale meets the second Thursday of each month in the community club house on the corner of Fifth and Main at 6 p.m. for food and fellowship and gospel music and the word at 7 p.m. For information call 863-612-0640.

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

Taylor Creek Bass Club will hold meet at the Buckhead Ridge VFW Post #9528 at 7 p.m. The club meets the second Thursday each month with bass tournaments held the following weekend. For information call Dave Stout at 863-467-2255.

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

Ongoing Caregiver Support Group Hospice of Okeechobee and the Area Agency on Aging sponsor a caregiver support group every Thursday at 2 p.m. Anyone who is caring for an ill family member is welcome to join. The meetings are held at Hospice at 411 S.E. Fourth St. For information, call 863-467-2321.

Raulerson Hospital offers a monthly Diabetes Support Group which meets on the second Thursday of each month in the hospital cafeteria at 2 p.m. If you have any questions please call the program coordinator, Wanda Haas, R.N., B.A., C.D.E., C.P.T., at 863-763-5093.

Letter to the Editor

Space for Habitat

On behalf of Habitat for Humanity of Okeechobee County, we would like to thank you for the space that you gave us in your newspaper to announce the softball tournament to benefit our local Habitat program. It was very successful and we appreciate your interest in us. Thank you for helping us to get our news out to the public. It has made people very aware of Habitat in this area. Thanks to you.

Sincerely,
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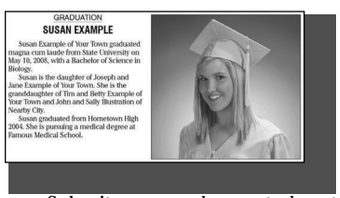
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SUSAN EXAMPLE
Susan Example of Your Town graduated magna cum laude from State University on May 10, 2008, with a Bachelor of Science in Biology.
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Community Events

Memorial set for fallen officers

The annual Law Enforcement Memorial Service will be held Friday, **May 15**, at the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office, 504 N.W. Fourth St., starting at 9 a.m. The public is invited. For information, contact the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office at 863-763-3117.

Impact Cheer Camp registration dates set

The First Baptist Church Summer Impact Cheerleading Camp will be held from June 15-19, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Ages run from kindergarten through 10th grade. The cost is $125 which includes lunch each day and snacks. Registration forms can be picked up at the ROC or the First Baptist Church office. **Deadline to register is May 15.** If you have any questions, please contact Teresa Arrants at the ROC office, at 863-467-7625.

Children's Services Council Meeting

The Children's Services Council will meet on Thursday, **May 14** at 5 p.m. in the conference room of the Okeechobee County School Board Office at 700 S.W. Second Ave.

School Advisory Council meeting set

Seminole Elementary will hold a school advisory council meeting on Thursday, **May 14,** in the conference room at the school.

Obituaries

Obituaries should be submitted to the Okeechobee News by e-mailing obits@newszap.com. Customers may also request photos and links to online guest books. A link to the obituaries is available at www.newszap.com.

Dianne K. Ford, 60

OKEECHOBEE — Dianne K. Ford, died Friday, May 8, 2009, in Palm Beach Gardens Hospital. She was 60.

She was born Nov. 23, 1948 in Mobile, Ala.

She is survived by her husband, Charles B. Ford of Okeechobee; daughter, Tabitha Flocken of Milton; son, Bleu Ford of Okeechobee; son-in-law, Chris Flocken; and grandson, Taylor Flocken, both of Milton.

A memorial service will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 13, 2009 at Bass Okeechobee Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hospice of Okeechobee, P.O. Box 1548, Okeechobee, FL 34973.

Friends may sign the guestbook at www.bassokeechobeefh.com.

Arrangements by Bass Okeechobee Funeral Home and Crematory, 205 N.E. 2nd St., Okeechobee.

Frank Jeffery 'Jeff' Griffis, 42

OKEECHOBEE — Jeff Griffis, age 42, of Okeechobee, died due to an aortic aneurysm May 10, 2009, at Lawnwood Regional Medical Center in Ft. Pierce.

Born May 22, 1966, in Okeechobee to Alberta Griffis and the late Charles D. Griffis, he was a heavy equipment operator. He attended church at Dunklin Memorial Camp.

He was preceded in death by his father, Charles D. Griffis; and his grandmother, Gladys Clay - founder of Gladys' Restaurant. He is survived by his mother, Alberta Griffis; son, Jonathan Griffis; sister, Carrie Kilpatrick; brother, Charles "Joey" Griffis; fiancé, Kelly Nealis; two nephews, David Kilpatrick and Charles Coby Griffis.

Visitation will be 4-7 p.m. today, May 14, at Bass Okeechobee Chapel. Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Friday, May 15, at Fountain of Life Church with Pastor Mickey Evans and Pastor Joe Bishop officiating. Burial will follow at Evergreen Cemetery.

Friends may sign the guestbook at www.bassokeechobeefh.com.

Arrangements by Bass Okeechobee Funeral Home and Crematory, 205 NE 2nd ST, Okeechobee, Fl 34972.

Mary Ellen Ewing Mercer

OKEECHOBEE — Mary Ellen Ewing Mercer, of Okeechobee, died peacefully on May 7, 2009. Her husband, of 25 years, John Homer Mercer, predeceased her in December 2001.

She was born in Mount Vernon, Ohio, in 1933 to John D. Ewing and Esther Boner Ewing. She attended Denison University and was a member of Tri Delta Sorority. After she moved to Miami she became a model and worked as a secretary.

During her marriage Mary Ellen and John resided in the Pine Crest section of South Miami. They traveled many times to Africa on hunting and photographic safaris. They also raised champion field trial Brittany Spaniels. Mary Ellen was an avid quail hunter and a trap and skeet enthusiast. In 1992 the Mercers moved to a game preserve named Indian Hammock in Okeechobee, where they enjoyed nature, wildlife, trap and skeet.

She is survived by her stepdaughter, Frances deCourcy Mercer; her devoted friends, Sue Black and Anne Bonanno; her dedicated caregiver, Teri Foulke; and the many Indian Hammock friends, and cousins in Ohio. All of her friends will miss her and will carry fond memories.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to: American Brittany Rescue, 114 Marlin Ct., Centerville, MD 21617.

A celebration of life will be at a later date.

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

Raymond Luther Morgan, 93

OKEECHOBEE — Raymond Luther Morgan, age 93, of Okeechobee, died Friday, May 8, 2009, in Palm Garden of Port St. Lucie.

Born September 17, 1915 in Tigrett, Tennessee he had been a longtime resident of Okeechobee.

He is survived by his sisters, Elva Barner, Sue Botkins, both of Lafe Arkansas; brother, Leroy Morgan of Jacksonville, Ark.; grandchildren, Douglas Townsend of Howell, Mich., Donald Townsend (Theresa) of Rector, Ark., Jeff Knapik (Margie) of Sanford, Mich., Kim Garcia (Terry) of Breckinridge, Mich., Scott Knapik (Lisa) of Wheeler, Mich., Jim Knapik (Shannon) of Hemlock, Mich.; and longtime close friend, Willie York of Okeechobee.

The family received friends on Tuesday, May 12, and services will be today at 11 a.m. in the Buxton Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will follow in Evergreen Cemetery.

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

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Naomia 'Polly' Akard Underwood, 81

OKEECHOBEE — Naomia "Polly" Akard Underwood, age 81, of Okeechobee, died Saturday, May 9, 2009, in the Okeechobee Health Care Facility.

She was born June 2, 1927, to Hattie and Claude Akard in Bailey, Texas. She moved to Okeechobee and became a member of the First Baptist Church in 1969. She was a homemaker and secretary for her family business in Mobile Home Sales.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Elmer Underwood; brother, John Akard; sister, Tommy Boland; brother and sister-in-laws, Adell Caphart (Ray), Franklin Underwood (Amary/Dorty), Ellen Richardson (Luke/Don), and Earl Underwood (Peggy).

She is survived by her two sons, Dale Underwood (Betty Taylor), Nick Underwood (Susan) of Okeechobee; and sister-in-laws, Doris Grant (David) and Johnnie Underwood. In addition she is survived by six grandchildren, Rhonda Underwood of New York, William Underwood (Kelley), Laurie Underwood (John), Lisa Johnson (Marcus) of Okeechobee, Jennifer Ballard (Gene) of Georgia; and ten great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends today, May 13, from 1 p.m. until service time of 3 p.m. in the Buxton Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will follow in the Evergreen Cemetery.

Online condolences may be sent to www.buxtonfuneralhome.com.

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Group chooses basketball hoops over gangs

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

Thanks to a light going off in the head of Sylvester Whitaker and some financial help by a local businessman, some local boys have found their way into a basketball gym instead of a gang.

The Lakeside Kings, ranked third in the state and in the top 40 nationally, will take their traveling hoop show on the road once again when they head to Lakeland for the state USSSA tournament June 12-14. If the local team places high there, it will then qualify them for a berth in the national USSSA tournament in Indiana.

As chairman of the business relations committee, which is part of the local Gang Reduction Task Force, Steve Geary is more than happy to help the local kids. The whole purpose behind the team is to show the kids another way of life that does not include gangs.

"There are alternatives in life," said Mr. Geary, owner of Shoreline Aluminum. "There are avenues in life and good paths to go down and there are people willing to take the time and mold them. These coaches—if the kids want to play—will even pick them up and take them home."

And when Mr. Whitaker, a prep basketball official and one of the Kings' coaches, saw similar programs in other communities he wondered to himself why there wasn't one in Okeechobee.

"I was officiating a basketball game at Okeechobee High School one night and (OHS boys varsity) Coach (Jon) Enrico said we needed to start a basketball team and a light went off in my head," recalled Mr. Whitaker. "I talked to him and I said 'I'm going to do it.' I was introduced to Myron (fellow Lakeside coach Refoure) and it took off from there."

They, along with fellow coach Marvin Roberts, began putting things together and by March of this year they had a team.

"It wasn't easy, but it happened," said Mr. Refoure.

Mr. Whitaker said he "recruited" a core group of players and those kids then recruited the rest until they had a squad of 15.

Next, the travelling team targeted four tournaments and did well enough to qualify for the state event.

Since the team's inception, the kids have been spending their time in the Yearling Middle School or the Freshman Campus gyms instead of on the street.

"We have a very diverse team," said Mr. Whitaker. "The opportunity is there for them to get exposed to these activities because there is a local group (gang). I know there is some affiliation due to family members, but they (the kids) have been positive. The opportunity has been there for them to turn right instead of turning left."

According to Mr. Geary, "each one of these kids has the opportunity to go with one of these gangs but they are choosing to play basketball."

Detective Sergeant Brad Stark, who heads up the gang unit for the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office, has documented 12 local criminal street gangs with over 200 members and associates.

For now, Mr. Geary said they are focusing on this age group and will go straight to the gridiron once the hoop season is over.

"We want to keep them busy all year long," he said.

He went on to say that he is in the process of starting a company to be called the Lakeside Athletic League. The focus of the company will be to make sports available to boys and girls from the third grade through high school.

Mr. Geary said local business leaders and churches are being sought "to get involved and to be a part of this."

To show off what has been so quickly accomplished, the Lakeside Kings will be playing a practice game Friday, May 15, in the OHS gym beginning at 7 p.m. There will be a $2 admission charge.

Proceeds from the game will fund the team's trip to Lakeland. It's estimated that it will take at least $2,000—which includes the entry fee, motel rooms and food for the team—to go to the state event.

Besides displaying their talents, Mr. Geary said the Lakeside Kings will also get their new uniforms Friday.

"If it wasn't for the schools allowing us to come in and practice, this wouldn't have happened," said Mr. Geary. "It (basketball) has provided more structure and changed the whole dynamic of their attitude. When they were given their practice uniforms it took it to another level—now they had something."

That kind of makes one wonder what level the team will reach when they get their new uniforms.

Okeechobee News/**Charles Murphy**

Lakeside Basketball

The Lakeside Basketball team is part of a traveling league. In the top row left to right are: Coach Myron Refoure, Zachary Stanley, Stephen Geary, Coach Sylvester Whitaker, Jose Santibez, Alejandro Diaz, Sylvester Butler, Coach Marvin Roberts, Eddie Neal, Felton Johnson. In the bottom row from left to right are: Luis Fonseca, Rashad Bailey, LaVonta Spivey, Sidarius Whitaker, TaNorris Jones.

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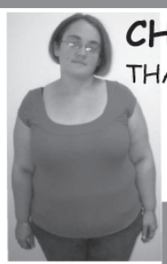

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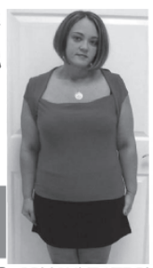

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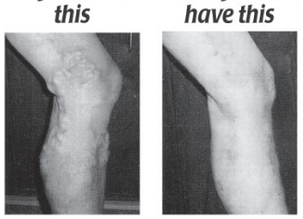

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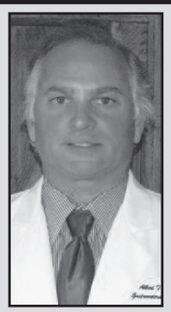

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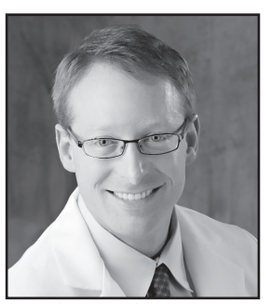

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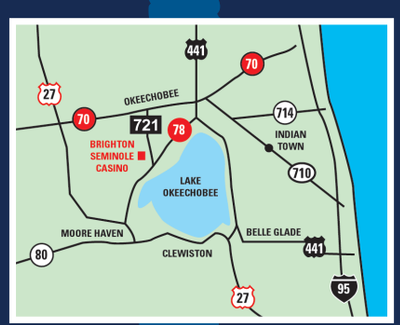

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Easter Offering

The offering taken up at this year's Easter Sunrise Service sponsored by First United Methodist Church was donated to Okeechobee Presbyterian Church for their food bank. Taking part in the check presentation were, left to right, Nancy Vaughan, director of Christian education, First United Methodist Church, Rev. Loy Mershimer, pastor of Okeechobee Presbyterian Church, Rev. Jim Dawson, assistant pastor, First United Methodist Church, and Rev. Bruce Simpson, pastor, First United Methodist Church.

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Boaz Frankel arrived in Okeechobee by train on Monday. His Unroad Trip is taking him all across the country using every means of transportation except automobile. Using an airboat piloted by Jason Williams, right, Mr. Frankel crosses the lake to Clewiston. From there he will travel by horseback across Hendry County.

'Unroad Trip' comes to Okeechobee from Oregon

By Pete Gawda
Okeechobee News

For someone who does not own a car, Boaz Frankel gets around a lot. He got off an Amtrak train in Okeechobee Monday afternoon, May 11 as part of his Unroad Trip, a car-free journey across America that uses alternative methods of transportation and stays away from highways.

Mr. Frankel is a television and video producer who has also managed a small zoo in the middle east and started the west coast's only kazoo museum. He also plays kazoo in Seattle's jugband, The Dexter Street Stompers.

"I love walking, biking and public transport," he said, explaining those means of transportation allow him to meet people.

The Unroad Trip started April 19 in his hometown of Portland, Oregon. Mr. Frankel started out on a cooler powered by an electric motor with a top speed of 14 miles per hour. He soon switched to man's most ancient way of transportation, walking. Then he joined the mayor of Portland on a tandem bicycle before catching a train to California where he rode an electric bicycle across the Golden Gate Bridge. He has travelled by foot, ferryboat, water taxi, yacht, catamaran, helicopter, horse drawn wagon, traditional bicycle, a row bicycle (which is a combination of a rowing machine and a bicycle), a pedal powered kayak, electric shuttle bus, natural gas bus and a supercharged pogo stick. At the Albuquerque zoo he rode a camel. His journey took him from Albuquerque to Chicago by train where he encountered his weirdest means of transportation. It was an experimental vehicle that looked something like a big tricycle with two wheels in the front and two metal feet in the back which propelled the vehicle.

On Tuesday, May 12, Mr. Frankel left Okeechobee by airboat. This was his first airboat ride and it would take him to Clewiston where he planned to travel across Hendry County on horseback before taking a boat down the Caloosahatchee River.

From the west coast of Florida, he will head north to New York and then over to Boston. After a total of about 10 weeks he plans to end where he started in Portland. You can follow his travels by going to Mr. Frankel's website, www.unroadtrip.com.

Will commissioners discuss the budget?

By Pete Gawda
Okeechobee News

What: Meeting of the Okeechobee County Commission
When: 9 a.m. Thursday, May 14
Where: Okeechobee County Health Department Auditorium

Tomorrow's meeting of the Okeechobee County Commission could be short and routine or it could be long and unpredictable. Who knows? There are only four noncontroversial action items on the agenda. However, as we learned last week, the most interesting items are not always on the agenda. They can be brought up at the end of the meeting by individual commissioners. Last week commissioner Ray Domer was insistent on discussing the budget even though Commission Chairman Clif Betts tried to sidestep the topic. Commissioner Domer's request to bring up the topic provoked a lively debate but no action.

At tomorrow's meeting Donnie Oden is scheduled to request approval of a reconfiguration of the Florida Power and Light easement at the old courthouse to facilitate placement of a transformer on the east side of the building. Commissioners are also scheduled to act on a recommendation from special magistrate Lois Nichols that a code violation fine be reduced. Turning to proclamations, the board is expected to proclaim the month of May as Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month and Foster Care Month in the county.

The big question is if commissioners will take any action to help alleviate or even discuss the county's $2.7 million deficit. While that action is not specifically listed on the agenda, it could come under the heading "Staff reports" or it could be brought up by a commissioner. However, the supporting documentation accompanying the agenda does not contain any budget proposals. To date the only action commissioners have taken is to lay off seven employees from the building department.

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

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

INDUSTRIAL FAN - on pedestal. 6'T X 32"W. $50 (863)467-9800

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

Miscellaneous

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

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TABLE - Stainless Steel. 6Ft. x 21½Ft. Wide. $60 (863)467-9800

Musical Instruments

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

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

Pets/Supplies

55 GAL salt water tank w/fish - 75.00, 20 gal fshwtr w/fish $25. (863)801-1800

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Apple head toy Chihuahua's For Sale - mother weighs 6 lbs. & father weights 3 lbs. 6" long by 3" tall. 618-841-1188

CHIHUAHUAS (4)- 2 Long Hair & 2 Short Hair. UKC Reg. w/health cert. $400 ea (863)763-3073

DOG BOX/CARRIER - 3x3, single door $225/or best offer. (863)467-7197

DOG BOX/CARRIER - New, 4x4 double door! $375/or best offer. (863)467-7197

DOVES - 2 peach ringnecks. LaBelle $20. (863)675-2541 (863)675-3729

MEAL WORM starter kit - Grow your own. Easy money saver. $20. (863)763-5150

MINI DACHSHUND PUPS - 2 Males, All shots/wormed, health, $250. (863)801-6103

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

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

Plumbing Supplies

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

Sporting Goods

POOL TABLE $475 or best offer Anita 8-5pm 863-675-4411

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

SEARS NORDITRAC Elliptical machine - Excellent condition. $325. (863)634-5038

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

Stereo Equipment

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

SUBWOOFER Cadence, 12" carpeted box w/300 amp, CD & Capacitor. $180 863-697-3748

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

Tools

CRAFTSMAN 30 Gal. - Compressor $150/neg. (863)697-9204

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

DRILL PRESS, table saw, band saw - alot of misc tools each $100. (863)801-1800

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

GUARDIAN GENERATOR - New, 15,000 watt, bought new last yr, $1950 (863)697-9704

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

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

Tools

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

Video/Audio

PIONEER DVD Recorder - Record TV onto blank DVD's. Excellent condition w/ instruction manual. $100. (863)447-9762

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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Horses

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

MISSOURI FOX TROTTER - Beautiful Gelding. For more info. call 863-634-5406

Lawn & Garden

CRAFTSMAN 42 in Riding Mower - Good condition, some spare parts. In Clewiston. $250. (305)219-6160

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

ROCKING CHAIRS - 2, Martha Stewart w/cushions. $80 both, will sep. (863)763-5265

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

Seeds/Plants/ Flowers

MESA PLANT WORLD - 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

FOR RENT Rentals

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Apartments

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 $750 mo. includes water. Pets okay upon approval. Call 561-255-4377

Houses - Rent

AFFORDABLE NEW HOUSES - 3/2/2 and 3/1/1, tile floors, jacuzzi tub, Bring Pets, Large Yards (561)723-2226

CBS 3BR, 1.5 BA, Carport. 1600 SW 3rd Ave. Near library. Fenced yard. $900 mo. $2000 to move in. (863)634-0512

DUPLEX 3BR, 2 BA, Garbage pickup & Lawn included. $800 mo., 1st & sec. (863)634-5283

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

LEAVE THE CITY - Live in the country! 2/2 Share 20 acres. Horses welcome! Call Buzz (772)201-8230

OKEE - 2/1 & 3/1 Clean, furnished homes. $800 mo. & $850 mo.; water included. 786-201-0306

OKEECHOBEE - 2/1 SW section of town, $750/mo. 863-357-1195

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

Office Space Rent

OKEECHOBEE - 820 sq. ft. per unit-4 units avail. Call (772)201-7473 & ask about free rent.

Roommate

ROOM TO RENT - Private BR & BA, on lake, Taylor Creek. Drug Free env. Criminal bkgd. ck. req. $350/mo. 561-644-4242

Rooms To Rent

Rooms for rent in Taylor Creek - Nice home good location 863-430-6646

Real Estate

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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

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

BHR - RVs for Rent, starting $300-$500 & 1BR/1BA Cabin, 55+ park, seasonal or yearly. (863)763-7164

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

DBL WIDE - 3BR, 2BA, refrig, W/D & water, carport, large lot, $750/mo. 1 yr. lease & 1 mo. sec. (863)467-5616.

DBL WIDE 3BR, 2BA, C/Heat & Air, on 2+ acres. Close to high school. $850 mo., 1st & last. Includes trash pickup, water & lawn maintenance. Call (863)467-2563 or (863)447-2172

KISSIMMEE RIVER EST - 17216 Brynwood, $400/mo + $400 sec dep. (317)402-5441

RIVER ACRES, 2BR/1.5BA, Single, on Kissimmee River, $600/mo. + sec. & electric. Yearly lease. (863)467-5616

Mobile Home Rent

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

By Owner: Lake access property, park model/with lg. Fla. rm. on corner lot, gated adult park, fully furn., $78,000. 863-824-0687

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

GLASSPORT BOAT 19' - with trailer, cover and 150 HP Mercury motor $3900 (863)357-7936

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

IRWIN 37' SAILBOAT 1976 - Worthy project. engine avail. $4950. (239)823-2587

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

MILITARY ENSIGN 37' 1982 - Fiberglass hull. As Is. $1475. (239)823-2587

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

Boats

SPORTSMAN 1992 - ALum Boat & Trailer 120hp Merc Motor $2000. (863)261-3328

STRATOS DUAL CONSOLE 1998 - 19ft Bass boat w/trailer/trolling motor/175HP Johnson Motor $4000. (863)983-7835

SYLVAN DECK BOAT '96 - 50hp Johnson, seats 7, trailer, runs good, $1800 (239)222-6925

Campers/RVs

CAMPER 1974 - A/C, Stove, Sink etc. $1000. (863)261-3328

Fifth Wheels

NUWA HITCH HIKER 1990 - 34 ft., 2 slides, oak cupboards and woodwork. Nice. $40000/firm. (218)340-8897 (218)340-7756

Marine Accessories

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

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SIX HORSE outboard - Evenrude, rebuilt, runs good. $300. (863)763-5150

Motorcycles

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

LIFAN 150CC 1999 - Street legal scooter. 4 stroke. 70 original miles. Brand new battery. Alarm. $1200. (863)763-8581 (863)233-1561

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

MINI SPRINT RACE CAR 750 Kawasaki eng. 4 torsion bar susp. $3500 (863)805-2877

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

Travel Trailers

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

Automotive

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Automobiles

CADILLAC SEDAN SEVILLE Select - Priced for quick sell. Call for details. $1500/neg. (863)342-3374

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. (863)634-6335 (863)634-7568

CHEVROLET CAPRIEC CLASSIC 1986 - run great good shape $4700/or best offer. (863)201-3492

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

HONDA CIVIC Select - runs great, needs windshield $1500/or best offer. (863)201-3492

LakeMotors Inc. 863-467-5243 **2000** GMC Savana Conv Van V6 Loaded only $3995 - U0936 **2000** Expedition 4x4 A/C Leather T-Towing only $4595 **2000** Chevy Malibu 4dr 6 cyl A/C nice car only $2995 - U2156

Automobiles

LakeMotors Inc.863-467-5243 **2003** Ford Taurus SE 6cyl a/c pw/pl/ps good gas mileage only $3995 **2002** Ford F150 4x4 auto a/c longbed bedliner towing pkg only $4595 **1998** Honda Accord V6 a/c Leather only $2995

NISSAN 300Z 1987 - 5-spd, t-tops, turbo needs work b/o $500. (863)801-1800

Classic Cars

CHEVY P/U - '51, 80% Complete w/350 Camera eng, & Trans. $3500 neg. (863)801-9136

Four Wheel Drive

CHEVY BLAZER 1979 - 350, 4 Spd., 205, Woods truck. $750 neg. (561)902-7840

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

JEEP WRANGLER 1989 - I6, 5spd, lifted, cust. bumpers, CD $5000. (863)634-2131

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

Parts/Repairs

1995 TOYOTA CAMRY NEEDS FRONT CLIP - RUNS GOOD $1200. (239)745-8051

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

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

GM FRONTWHEEL Drive Trans Axel - $400. (863)801-5687

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

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

TRANSMISSION - Chevy 1/2 Ton 4X4 '03 w/rebuilt convert. $400. (863)801-5687

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

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Pickup Trucks

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

CHEVY DULLY 3500 '98- 4 dr, new flat bed, 4wd $4800 (863)763-0416

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

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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

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

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF INDIAN RIVER STATE COLLEGE WILL HOLD A REGULAR BOARD MEETING TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2009 AT 3:30 P.M. IN THE SCHREIBER CONFERENCE CENTER AT THE INDIAN RIVER STATE COLLEGE ST. LUCIE WEST CAMPUS AT 500 N.W. CALIFORNIA BLVD., PORT ST. LUCIE, FLORIDA 34986. NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN THAT AT 9:00 A.M., TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2009 AN AGENDA MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE BOARD ROOM OF THE BEN L. BRYAN ADMINISTRATION BUILDING ON THE MAIN CAMPUS, 3209 VIRGINIA AVENUE, FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA 34981-5596. ANY PERSONS WISHING TO PLACE BEFORE THAT BOARD FOR CONSIDERATION ARGUMENTS CONCERNING ISSUES OF LAW OR POLICY OR PRESENT EVIDENCE OF ANY PERTINENT FACT THAT MAY BE IN DISPUTE MUST NOTIFY THE PRESIDENT OF THE COLLEGE AT LEAST SEVEN DAYS BEFORE THE SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES. ANY PERSONS WISHING TO APPEAL THE DECISIONS OF THIS BOARD WITH RESPECT TO ANY MATTER CONSIDERED AT SUCH MEETING WILL NEED A RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS, AND FOR SUCH PURPOSE MAY NEED TO ENSURE THAT A VERBATIM RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS IS MADE.
319594 ON 5/12/09

OKEECHOBEE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD POLICY

In accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act, Chapter 120, Florida Statutes, notice is hereby given that the Okeechobee County School Board will consider adoption of the School Board policy listed below at their meeting on Tuesday, June 9, 2009, at 6:00 p.m., in Room 303 of the School Board Administrative Office at 700 S.W. Second Avenue, Okeechobee. Copies of the proposed policy are available in the School Board Office located at 700 S.W. 2nd Avenue, Room 307.

ADOPTION OF BOARD POLICY 6.50 - Grievance Procedure for Personnel

1. This policy sets forth procedures for filing an employee grievance.
2. The proposed amendment will bring the policy up to date and into agreement with language in employee bargaining unit contracts.
3. The legal authority for this policy is F.S. 1001.41, 1012.22, and 1012.23. Laws implemented are F.S. 381.0056, 1001.43, 2012.22, 1012.27, 1012.32, 1012.39, 1012.465, and 1012.56.
4. This policy amendment will not affect individuals from an economic standpoint.

Patricia G. Cooper, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools
320146 ON 5/13/09

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR HARBORVIEW 2006-4 TRUST FUND, Plaintiff,
vs. CASE NO. 08-CA-99
MILTON MORENO A/K/A MILTON R. MORENO, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated April 21, 2009 and entered in Case NO. 08-CA-99 of the Circuit Court of the NINETEENTH Judicial Circuit in and for OKEECHOBEE County, Florida wherein U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR HARBORVIEW 2006-4 TRUST FUND, is the Plaintiff and MILTON MORENO A/K/A MILTON R. MORENO; MONICA MORENO; KING'S BAY HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INCORPORATED; TENANT #1 NAVA RACHEL DICKEART 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 11:00AM, on the 3rd day of June, 2009, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

BLOCK 4-B, REPLAT OF KING'S BAY AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGES 97 THROUGH 99, PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 19, BLOCK 4, PLAT OF KING'S BAY, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGES 91 THROUGH 94, PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, SAID CORNER BEING THE POINT OF BEGINNING. THENCE BEAR NORTH 51 DEGREES 53 MINUTES 56 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT 19, A DISTANCE OF 72.63 FEET TO THE NORTH LINE OF BLOCK 4; THENCE BEAR NORTH 50 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 77.45 FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 21, BLOCK 4; THENCE BEAR SOUTH 39 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WENT ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID LOT 21, A DISTANCE OF 90.00 FEET TO THE NORTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF SOUTHEAST 43RD STREET; THENCE BEAR SOUTH 50 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID NORTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE A DISTANCE OF 18.63 FEET TO A POINT OF CURVATURE OF A CIRCULAR ARC CONCAVE TO THE SOUTHWEST HAVING A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 72 DEGREES 23 MINUTES 56 SECONDS, A RADIUS OF 40.00 FEET; A CHORD OF 47.25 FEET AND A CHORD BEARING OF SOUTH 74 DEGREES 18 MINUTES 02 SECONDS EAST, THENCE ALONG SAID ARC A DISTANCE OF 50.54 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.
A/K/A 5265 SE 43RD 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 23, 2009.
Sharon Robertson
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: /S/ Sandra L. Creech
Deputy Clerk
319015 ON 5/13,20/09

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LEGAL NOTICE

A public auction will be held at BMJ Towing, Inc. Lot at 414 South Parrott Avenue, Okeechobee, Florida 34974 on Friday the 29th day of May, 2009 from 10:00-11:00 A.M. Pursuant to Florida statute 713.78 for unpaid towing and storage. Year, Make, Model & Vin's as follows:

1995 Green GMC Jimmy 1GKDT13W7S2525907
1991 Red Chevy Cavalier 1G1JC54G7M7320793
2004 Blue Dodge Neon 1B3ES56C64D549667
2004 Red Dodge Neon 1B3ES56CX4D523041
1989 White Honda Accord 1HGCA6287KA013259
1970 Green Triumph KC1144L

Terms of sale are cash, and no checks will be accepted. The seller reserves the right of final bid. All sales are final. No refunds will be made. Said automobiles will be sold in "AS IS" with no guarantees.
320787 ON 05/13/09

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO. 47-2009-CA-000262

HSBC MORTGAGE SERVICES, INC., Plaintiff
VS.
TIMOTHY S. VINSON; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF TIMOTHY S. VINSON; AMANDA J. VINSON; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF AMANDA J. VINSON; 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;
Defendant(s)

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: TIMOTHY S. VINSON; AMANDA J. VINSON;IF LIVING, INCLUDING ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SAID DEFENDANT(S), IF REMARRIED, AND IF DECEASED, THE RESPECTIVE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LEINORS, AND TRUSTEE, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE NAMED DEFENDANT(S)
Whose residence are/is unknown

YOU ARE HEREBY required to file your answer or written defenses, if any, in the above proceeding with the Clerk of this Court, and to serve a copy thereof upon the plaintiff's attorney, Law Offices of Daniel C. Consuegra, 9204 King Palm Drive, Tampa, FL 33619-1328, telephone (813)915-8660, facsimile (813)915-0559, within thirty days of the first publication of this Notice, the nature of this proceeding being a suit for foreclosure of mortgage against the following described property, to wit:

LOT 34, BLOCK 3, DIXIE RANCH ESTATES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 33, PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A

7437 NW 81ST COURT OKEECHOBEE, FL 34972

If you fail to file your answer or written defenses in the above proceeding, on plaintiff's attorney, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint or Petition.

DATED at OKEECHOBEE County this 8th day of May, 2009.

SHARON ROBERTSON, CLERK
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By /S/LINDA F. YOUNG
Deputy Clerk

NOTICE

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 (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.
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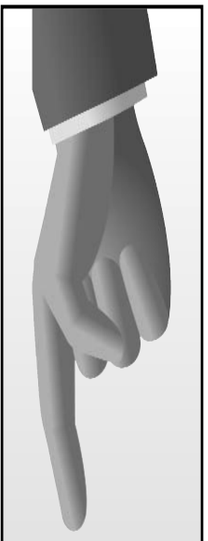

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 19TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2008-CA-607

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

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

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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

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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 2009 CA 000067

NATIONAL CITY BANK SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO HARBOR FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK
PLAINTIFF
VS.
DONNA HOPEWELL LEE, ET AL
DEFENDANT(S)

NOTICE OF ACTION CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE

TO: DONNA HOPEWELL LEE AND UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DONNA HOPEWELL LEE whose residence is 631 NW 28th AVE., OKEECHOBEE, FL 34972. and who is evading service of process and the unknown defendants who may be spouse, heirs, devisee's grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, and all parties claiming an interest by, through, under or against the Defendant(s) 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:

LOT 5, BLOCK 11, BASSWOOD UNIT 1, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 22, PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, on DAVID J. STERN, ESQ. Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 900 South Pine Island Road, Suite 400, Plantation, FL 33324-3920, 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 the seal of this Court at OKEECHOBEE County, Florida, this 6th day of May, 2009

SHARON ROBERTSON, CLERK
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

BY /S/ LINDA F. YOUNG
DEPUTY CLERK

THIS NOTICE SHALL BE PUBLISHED ONCE A WEEK FOR TWO CONSECUTIVE WEEKS.

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LAW OFFICE OF DAVID J. STERN, P.A
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF
900 South Pine Island Road Suite 400
Plantation, Fl 33324-3920
320749 ON 5/13,20/2009

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
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LEGAL NOTICE

Public Auction will be held at Johns Towing Service storage lot located at 704 Northeast 2nd Avenue, Okeechobee, Florida 34972 on MAY 29, 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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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY
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, TOGETHER 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

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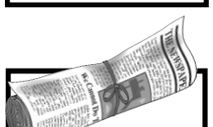

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
Case No.: 2009-CP-79
Division: Probate

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

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
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Two men are accused of knife attack

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

Two men were arrested early Sunday after they allegedly attacked another man, who was ultimately stabbed with a knife.

Javier Garcia Damian, 34, N.E. First St., Okeechobee, was arrested on felony charges of aggravated battery with a deadly weapon and burglary with battery. He was booked into the Okeechobee County Jail under a bond of $75,000.

Javier Garcia Damian

Also arrested was Julian Villa Riviera, 32, N.E. First St., Okeechobee. He was arrested on a felony charge of battery on a law enforcement officer, and on a misdemeanor charge of battery. His bond was set at $7,500.

Julian Villa Riviera

An arrest report by Deputy Dale Hardy, of the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO), states that Damian, Riviera and two other men went to the victim's mobile home around 1:37 a.m. Sunday, May 10. When Damian knocked on the door and the victim answered, Damian reportedly grabbed the victim and pulled him outside, the report continued.

Once outside, Damian and Riviera allegedly began hitting and kicking the victim and at some point Damian reportedly stabbed the victim in the leg with a knife. According to the report Damian tried to stab the victim a second time but he was able to run away.

Deputy Hardy's report said the other two men did not take part in the attack.

At the jail, Riviera became aggressive and resisted corrections officers to the point he kicked one officer in the groin, the report states.

The deputy's report does not indicate if the stabbing victim needed medical attention.

Office manager accused of grand theft

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

The office manager for a local business was arrested, accused of paying herself for 39 hours of overtime on five separate occasions. Susan Thornton Hutcheson, 58, S.E. 97th Trail, was arrested Saturday, May 9, on six counts of grand theft. She was booked into the Okeechobee County Jail under a total bond of $15,000.

According to Officer Ryan Holroyd, of the Okeechobee City Police Department (OCPD), Hutcheson claimed she worked 39 hours of overtime each week for five consecutive weeks. The officer's arrest report states this amounted to a total of $717.80 in overtime each week. She also reportedly wrote a check to herself for $5,348.34.

Two injured in truck crash

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

Two Okeechobee men were injured in a single-vehicle accident Saturday afternoon and subsequently transported to a Fort Pierce hospital.

A passenger in the 1995 Chevrolet pickup, Rigoberto Ruiz, 16, was listed in critical condition at Lawnwood Medical Center, stated a Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) accident report by Trooper Brian K. Timmons.

The report states that on May 9, around 3:18 p.m., Basiliso Ruiz, Jr., 18, apparently fell asleep behind the wheel of the pickup and drifted off of S.R. 70 just east of N.W. 80th Ave. He then over-corrected and veered to the left and lost control of his truck.

As the vehicle was spinning counterclockwise it struck a road sign and overturned twice. Basiliso Ruiz and Rigoberto Ruiz, along with an unidentified passenger, were all thrown from the vehicle.

The report indicates that Basiliso Ruiz suffered minor injuries.

According to the report, neither Basiliso Ruiz and Rigoberto Ruiz was wearing a seat belt.

The accident is still under investigation, stated Trooper Timmons.

Damage to the truck was estimated at $10,000.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

MEECORP CAPITAL MARKETS, LLC, a New Jersey limited liability company,
Plaintiff,
VS.
CASE NO.: 2008-CA-193

DRY LAKE DEVELOPMENTS, INC., a Florida corporation; 3D DEVELOPMENT SERVICES, LLC, a Florida limited liability company; WINSOME JACKSON; M H FUNDING & INVESTMENTS LLC, a Florida limited liability company; L.J. CLARK CONSTRUCTION, INC., a Florida corporation; NEFF RENTAL, INC., a Florida corporation; SOARES DA COSTA CS, LLC, a Florida limited liability company; and IRMA RODRIGUEZ, Defendants. /

NOTICE OF JUDICIAL SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated April 16, 2009, entered in Civil Case No. 2008-CA-193 of the Circuit Court of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Okeechobee County, Florida, wherein MEECORP CAPITAL MARKETS, LLC, a New Jersey limited liability company, is Plaintiff and DRY LAKE DEVELOPMENTS, INC., a Florida corporation, et al. are Defendants, I will sell to the highest bidder for cash at the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 312 N.W. Third Street, Okeechobee, Florida 34972, 2nd Floor at 11:00 A.m. in the Jury Assembly Room on June 3, 2009, the following described property as set forth in the Final Judgment of Foreclosure, to wit: SEE EXHIBITS "A" AND "B" ATTACHED HERETO AND INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE HEREIN.

EXHIBIT A

Legal Description of Property

A PARCEL OF LAND LYING IN SECTIONS 23,24,25 AND 26, TOWNSHIP 36 SOUTH, RANGE 34 EAST, OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 25, SAID POINT BEING ALSO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THAT PARCEL OF LAND AS RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS O.R. BOOK 340, PAGE 1016, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, SAID POINT LYING ALSO ON THE EAST BOUNDARY LINE OF THAT PARCEL OF LAND AS RECORDED IN O.R BOOK 122, PAGE 209 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE BEAR N 01°16'30" E, ALONG THE WEST BOUNDARY LINE OF SAID SECTION 25, AND ALONG THE SAID EAST BOUNDARY LINE OF O.R. BOOK 122, PAGE 209, FOR A DISTANCE 440.67 FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID O.R. BOOK 122, PAGE 209, AND THE POINT-OF-BEGINNING; THENCE BEAR N 72°02'29 E FOR A DISTANCE OF 66.57 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE BEAR N 04°35'08" E FOR A DISTANCE OF 435.22 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE BEAR N 00°26'22" W FOR A DISTANCE OF 252.92 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE BEAR N 25°54'25" E FOR A DISTANCE OF 264.00 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE BEAR N 03°22'26" E FOR A DISTANCE OF 106.91 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE BEAR N 03°16'09" W FOR A DISTANCE OF 142.51 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE BEAR N 15°07'22" W FOR A DISTANCE OF 115.22 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE BEAR N 63°31'35" E FOR A DISTANCE OF 586.89 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE BEAR N 69°01'03" E FOR A DISTANCE OF 236.63 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE BEAR N 81°47'09" E FOR A DISTANCE OF 338.33 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE BEAR N 38°30'39" E FOR A DISTANCE OF 204.47 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE BEAR N 04° 28'13" E FOR A DISTANCE OF 73.33 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE BEAR N 15° 58'24" W FOR A DISTANCE OF 407.71 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE BEAR N 89°17'47" W FOR A DISTANCE OF 87.26 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE BEAR N 24°19'53" W FOR A DISTANCE OF 655.86 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE BEAR N 26°19'38" E FOR A DISTANCE OF 1426.95 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE BEAR, N 80°21'51" E FOR A DISTANCE OF 420.39 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE BEAR N 44°15'14" E FOR A DISTANCE OF 411.29 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE BEAR S 45°20'01" E FOR A DISTANCE OF 684.69 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE BEAR N 58° 59'52" E FOR A DISTANCE OF 391.99 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE BEAR N 05°43'57" E FOR A DISTANCE OF 332.72 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE BEAR N 33°31'50" E, DEPARTING SAID SECTION 25 AND ENTERING SAID SECTION 24, FOR A DISTANCE OF 1476.30 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE BEAR N 01°07'35" E FOR A DISTANCE OF 2933.20 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE BEAR N 89° 59'47" E FOR A DISTANCE OF 1575.42 FEET TO THE INTERSECTION WITH THE EAST BOUNDARY LINE OF SAID SECTION 24; THENCE BEAR N 01°07'35" E, ALONG SAID EAST BOUNDARY LINE OF SECTION 24, FOR A DISTANCE OF 1529.80 FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 24; THENCE BEAR S 89°59'47" W, ALONG THE NORTH BOUNDARY LINE OF SAID SECTION 24, FOR A DISTANCE OF 5399.95 FEET TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 24, BEING ALSO ME NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 23; THENCE BEAR S 89°59'04" W, ALONG THE NORTH BOUNDARY LINE OF SAID SECTION 23, FOR A DISTANCE OF 2672.09 FEET TO THE NORTH ONE-QUARTER (1/4) CORNER OF SAID SECTION 23; THENCE BEAR S 01°07'44" W, ALONG THE WEST BOUNDARY LINE OF THE EAST ONE-HALF (1/2) OF SAID SECTION 23, FOR A DISTANCE OF 5384.91 FEET TO THE SOUTH ONE QUARTER (1/4) OF SAID SECTION 23, BEING ALSO THE NORTH ONE-QUARTER (1/4) CORNER OF SAID SECTION 26; THENCE BEAR S 01°11'37" W, ALONG THE WEST BOUNDARY OF THE EAST ONE-HALF (1/2) OF SAID SECTION 26, FOR A DISTANCE OF 2939.52 FEET TO THE INTERSECTION WITH THE NORTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF U.S. HIGHWAY 98; THENCE BEARS S 39°13'58" E, ALONG SAID NORTHERLY RIGHT-OF- WAY LINE OF U.S. HIGHWAY 98, FOR A DISTANCE OF 1509.92 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF A 66.00 FEET WIDE COUNTY MAINTAINED ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY, AS REFERENCED AND RECORDED IN O.R. BOOK 353, PAGE 493 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE BEAR N 54°02'00" E, ALONG THE WESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF SAID MAINTAINED RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR A DISTANCE OF 845.00 FEET TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID MAINTAINED RIGHT-OF-WAY, AS FIELD DETERMINED BY END OF ASPHALT; THENCE BEAR S 35°58'00" E, ALONG THIS NORTH BOUNDARY LINE OF SAID MAINTAINED RIGHT-OF-WAY, FOR A DISTANCE OF 66.00 FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID MAINTAINED RIGHT-OF-WAY; THENCE BEAR S 54° 02'00" W, ALONG THE EASTERLY RIGHT-OF- WAY LINE OF SAID MAINTAINED RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR A DISTANCE OF 450.94 FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID O.R. BOOK 353, PAGE 493; THENCE BEAR S 35° 45'30" E, ALONG THE NORTHERLY BOUNDARY LINE OF SAID O.R BOOK 353, PAGE 493. FOR A DISTANCE OF 154.40 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID O.R. BOOK 353, PAGE 493; THENCE BEAR S 54°02'00" W, ALONG THE EASTERLY BOUNDARY LINE OF SAID O.R. BOOK 353, PAGE 493, FOR A DISTANCE OF 124.71 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID O.R. BOOK 353, PAGE 493; THENCE BEAR N 35°45'35" W, ALONG THE SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY LINE OF SAID O.R. BOOK 353, PAGE 493, FOR A DISTANCE OF 154.40 FEET TO THE POINT-OF-INTERSECTION WiTH SAID EASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF COUNTY MAINTAINED ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY, SAID POINT BEING ALSO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID O.R. BOOK 353, PAGE 493; THENCE BEAR S 54°02'00" W, ALONG SAID EASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF MAINTAINED RIGHT-OF-WAY, FOR A DISTANCE OF 265.59 FEET TO THE INTERSECTION WiTH SAID NORTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF U.S. HIGHWAY 98; THENCE BEAR S 39°13'58" E, ALONG SAID NORTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF U.S. HIGHWAY 98, FOR A DISTANCE OF 1469.90 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID O.R. BOOK 122, PAGE 209; THENCE BEAR N 26°41'29" E, ALONG THE WESTERLY BOUNDARY LINE OF SAID O.R. BOOK 122, PAGE 209, FOR A DISTANCE OF 428.72 FEET TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID O.R. BOOK 122, PAGE 209; THENCE BEAR S 88°43'30" E, ALONG THE NORTH BOUNDARY LINE OF SAID OR. BOOK 122, PAGE 209, FOR A DISTANCE OF 527.19 FEET TO THE POINT-OF-BEGINNING-LESS AND EXCEPT: COMMENCING AT A POINT WHERE THE WEST BOUNDARY LINE OF THE E 1/2 OF SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 36 SOUTH, RANGE 34 EAST, INTERSECTS THE CENTER LINE OF STATE ROAD 700, RUN THENCE S 39°13'45" E ALONG THE CENTER LINE OF SAID STATE ROAD 700 FOR A DISTANCE OF 1469.10 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE RUN N 54°02'00" B ALONG THE CENTER LINE OF A COUNTY ROAD FOR A DISTANCE OF 327.82 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE RUN S 35°45'35" E FOR A DISTANCE OF 33 FEET TO A POINT ON THE EASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF SAID COUNTY ROAD FOR THE POINT-OF-BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUING S 39°45'35" E FOR A DISTANCE OF 154.40 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE RUN N 54°02'00"E FOR A DISTANCE OF 124.71 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE RUN N 35°45'30" W FOR A DISTANCE OF 154.40 FEET TO A POINT ON THE EASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE FOR THE AFORESAID COUNTY ROAD; THENCE RUN S 54°02'00" W ALONG THE RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE FOR A DISTANCE OF 124.71 FEET TO THE POINT-OF-BEGINNING. ALSO LESS AND EXCEPT: THE NW 1/4 OF NE 1/4 AND THE NORTH 33 FEET OF THE SW 1/4 OF NE 1/4 OF SECTION 23, TOWNSHIP 36 SOUTH, RANGE 34 EAST. LESS THE FOLLOWING LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS: LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Lot 15, Hudson Lake Ranches (Unrecorded Plat) A parcel of land lying in a portion of Section 23, Township 36 South, Range 34 East, Okeechobee County, Florida, and being more particularly described as follows: Commence at the Northwest corner of the Northeast quarter (1/4) of said Section 23; Thence South 01°03'18" West along the Centerline of said Section 23, for.1,929.28 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING; Thence South 89°00'42" East, for 678.22,feet; Thence South 28°58'27" East, for 456.97 feet to a point of curvature with a curve concave to the Southwest, said curve having a radius of 715.00 feet and a central angle of 05°27'53"; Thence Southeasterly along said curve for 68.19 feet Thence South 23°30'34" East, for 90.11 feet; Thence North 88°05'44" West, for 975.73 feet, said point being on aforesaid Centerline of said Section 23; Thence North 01°03'18" East along said Centerline, for 522.91 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Subject to existing easements, rights-of-way, covenants, reservations and restrictions of record, if any. Said lands lying and situate in Okeechobee County, Florida. Said lands contain 10.11 acres, more or less. LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Lot 27, Hudson Lake Ranches (Unrecorded Plat) A parcel of land lying in a portion of Section 24, Township 36 South, Range 34 East, Okeechobee County, Florida, and being more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCE at the Northwest corner of said Section 24; Thence North 89°55'21" East along the North line of said Section 24, for 1,285.23 feet; Thence South 00°04'39 East, for 567.39 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING; Thence South 46°59'32" East, for 630.79 feet Thence South 51°31'16" West, for 426.63 feet to a point at the beginning of a non-tangent curve, concave to the Southwest, said curve having a radius of 2,055.00 feet, a central angle of 11°16'58" and from said point a radial line bears South 44°31'38" West; Thence Northwesterly along said curve for 404.68 feet; Thence North 22°56'47" East, for 479.98 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Subject to existing easements, rights-of-way, covenants, reservations and restrictions of record, if any. Said lands lying and situate in Okeechobee County, Florida. Said lands contain 5.13 acres, more or less. LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Lot 56, Hudson Lake Ranches (Unrecorded Plat) . A parcel of land lying in a portion of Section 25, Township 36 South, Range 34 East, Okeechobee County, Florida, and being more particularly described as follows: COMMENCE at the Northwest.corner of said Section 25; Thence South 01°00'00" West along the West line of said Section 25, for 2,201.72 feet; Thence South 89°00'00" East, for 194.03 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING; Thence North 81°15'05" East, for 571.68 feet to a point at the beginning of a non-tangent curve, concave to the Northeast, said curve having a radius of 285.00 feet, a central angle of 05°33'23" and from said point a radial line bears North 68°23'35" East; Thence Southeasterly along said curve for 27.64 feet; Thence South 27°09'48" East, for 452.86 feet to a point of curvature with a curve concave to the Northeast, said curve having a radius of 3,035.00 feet and a central angle of 05°15'36"; Thence Southeasterly along said curve for 278.63 feet; Thence North 76°23'17" West, for 1,089.20 feet; Thence North 75°37'18" East, for 19.99 feet to a point of curvature with a curve concave to the Northwest, said curve having a radius of 200.00 feet and a central angle of 94°46'43"; Thence Northeasterly along said curve for 330.84 feet; Thence North 19°09'25" West, for 65.81 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Subject to existing easements, rights-of-way, covenants, reservations and restrictions of record, if any. Said lands lying and situate in Okeechobee County, Florida. . . Said lands contain 8.44 acres, more or less. LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Lot 60, Hudson Lake Ranches (Unrecorded Plat) A parcel of land lying in a portion of Section 26, Township 36 South, Range 34 East, Okeechobee County, Florida, and being more particularly described as follows: Commence at the Northeast corner of said Section 26; Thence South 01°00'00" West along the East line of said Section 26, for 4,107.72 feet; Thence North 89°00'00" West, for 188.13 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, said point being the beginning of a curve concave to the North, said curve having a radius of 940.00 feet, a central angle of 18°58'11", and from said point a radial line bears North 09°25'07" West; Thence Westerly along said curve for 31 1.22 feet to a point ,of compound curvature with a curve concave to the Northeast, said curve having a radius of 765.00 feet and a central angle of 37°04'50"; Thence Northwesterly along said curve for 495.09 feet; Thence North 43°22'06" West, for 168.18 feet; Thence North 41°11'07" East, for 455.29 feet to a point at the beginning of a non-tangent curve, concave to the North, said curve having,a radius of 228.00 feet, a central angle of 55°32'08" and from said point a radial line bears North 38°37'06" East; Thence Easterly along said curve for 221 .00 feet; Thence South 27°52'11" East, for 740.20 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Subject to existing easements, rights-of-way, covenants, reservations and restrictions of record, if any. Said lands lying and situate in Okeechobee County, Florida.

Said lands contain 7.80 acres, more or less. LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Lot 61, Hudson Lake Ranches (Unrecorded Plat) A parcel of land lying in a portion of Section 26, Township 36 South, Range 34 East, Okeechobee County, Florida, and being more particularly described as follows: COMMENCE at the Northeast corner of said Section 26; Thence South 01°00'00" West along the East line of said Section 26, for 3,423.16 feet; Thence North 89°00'00" West, for 754.83 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING; Thence South 41°11'07" West, for 455.29 feet; Thence North 43°22'06" West, for 571.60 feet to a point of curvature with a curve concave to the East, said curve having a radius of 35.00 feet and a central angle of 105°16'40"; Thence Northerly along said curve for 64.31 feet; Thence North 61°54'34" East, for 215.23 feet to a point of curvature with a curve concave to the Northwest, said curve having a radius of 235.00 feet and a central angle of 56°35'40"; Thence Northeasterly along said curve for 232.12 feet; Thence North 51°52'34" East, for 68.61 feet to a point at the beginning of a non-tangent curve, concave to the Northeast, said curve having a radius of 1,020.00 feet, a central angle of 05°32'56" and from said point a radial line bears North 55°38'32" East; Thence Southeasterly along said curve for 98.78 feet to a point of reverse curvature with a curve concave to the Southwest, said curve having a radius of 1,400.00 feet and a central angle of 11°51'21"; Thence Southeasterly along said curve for 289.69 feet; Thence South 28°03'04" East, for 76.60 feet to a point of curvation with a curve concave to the Northeast, said curve having a radius of 228.00 feet and a central angle of 23°19'51"; Thence Southeasterly along said curve for 92.84 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Subject to existing easements, rights-of-way, covenants, reservations and restrictions of record, if any. Said lands lying and situate in Okeechobee County, Florida. Said lands contain 6.25 acres, more or less. LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Lot 64, Hudson Lake Ranches (Unrecorded Plat) A parcel of land lying in a portion of Section 26, Township 36 South, Range 34 East, Okeechobee County. Florida, and being more particularly described as follows: COMMENCE at the Southeast corner of said Section 26; Thence

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North 88°47'57" West, for 665.53 feet said point being on the Easterly right-of-way line of U.S. Highway 98, the following two (2) courses being along said Easterly right-of-way line; Thence North 39°18'24" West, for 1,623.00 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING; Thence continue North 39°18'24" West, for 355.21 feet; Thence North 14°35'37" East, for 186.42 feet; Thence North 33°58'47" West, for 10.00 feet; Thence North 56°01'13" East, for 431 .I5 feet to a point of curvature with a curve concave to the South, said curve having a radius of 35.00 feet and a central angle of 80°36'41"; Thence Easterly along said curve for 49.24 feet; Thence South 43°22'06" East, for 382.00 feet; Thence South 48°45'41" West, for 639.92 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Subject to existing easements, rights-of-way, covenants, reservations and restrictions of record, if any. Said lands lying and situate in Okeechobee County, Florida. Said lands contain 6.20 acres, more or less.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Lot 65, Hudson Lake Ranches (Unrecorded Plat) A parcel of land lying in a portion of Section 26, Township 36 South, Range 34 East, Okeechobee County, Florida, and being more particularly described as follows: COMMENCE at the Northeast corner of said Section 26; Thence South 01°00'00" West along the East line of said Section 26, for 2,254.70 feet; Thence North 89°00'00" West, for 552.99 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, said point being the beginning of a curve concave to the Northwest, said curve having a radius of 375.00 feet, a central angle of 16°04'33", and from said point a radial line bears North 37°54'00" West; Thence Southwesterly along said curve for 105.22 feet; Thence South 68°10'34" West, for 455.31 feet to a point of curvature with a curve concave to the Southeast, said curve having a radius of 228.00 feet and a central angle of 62°50'53"; Thence Southwesterly along said curve for 250.09 feet; Thence South 77°06'10" West, for 71.56 feet; Thence North 29°21'108" West, for 102.09 feet to a point of curvature with a curve concave to the East, said curve having a radius of 2,565.00 feet and a central angle of 13°58'26"; Thence Northerly along said curve for 625.58 feet; Thence North 85°23'19" East, for 314.07 feet; Thence South 89°08'21" East, for 252.1 1 feet; Thence South 89°38'36" East, for 168.52 feet; Thence South 47°17'00" East, for 380.31 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Subject to existing easements, rights-of-way, covenants, reservations and restrictions of record, if any. Said lands lying and situate in Okeechobee County, Florida. Said lands contain 9.01 acres. more or less. LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Lot 66, Hudson Lake Ranches (Unrecorded Plat) A parcel of land lying in a portion of Section 26, Township 36 South, Range 34 East, Okeechobee County, Florida, and being more particularly described as follows: Commence at the Northeast corner of said Section 26; Thence South 01°00'00" West along the East line of said Section 26, for 2,003.52 feet; Thence North 85°00'00" West, for 1,005.39 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING; Thence North 89°08'21" West, for 252.1 1 feet; Thence South 85°29'19" West, for 314.07 feet to a point at the beginning of a non-tangent curve, concave to the East, said curve having a radius of 2,565.00 feet, a central angle of 03°53'33" and from said point a radial line bears North 74°37'18" East; Thence Northerly along said curve for 174.25 feet; Thence North 11°29'09" West, for 293.22 feet to a point of curvature with a curve concave to the Southeast; said curve having a radilis of 35.00 feet and a central angle of 100°22'10"; Thence Northeasterly along said curve for 61.31 feet to a point of tangency; Thence North 88°53'01" East, for 558.42 feet; Thence South 08°23'37" East, for 494.03 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Subject to existing easements, rights-of-way, covenants, reservations and restrictions of record, if any. Said lands lying and situate in Okeechobee County, Florida. Said lands contain 6.57 acres, more or less. LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Lot 67, Hudson Lake Ranches (Unrecorded Plat). A parcel of land lying in a portion of Section 26, Township 36 South, Range 34 East, Okeechobee County, Florida, and being more particularly described as follows: COMMENCE at the Northeast corner of said Section 26; Thence South 01 "00'00" West along the East line of said Section 26, for 1,468.25 feet; Thence North 89°00'00" West, for 381.12 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING; Thence South 11°33'27" West, for 107.91 feet; Thence South 02°49'40" West, for 400.69 feet to a point of curvature with a curve concave to the Northwest, said curve having a radius of 375.00 feet and a central angle of 49°16'20"; Thence Southwesterly along said curve for 322.49 feet; Thence North 47°17'00" West, for 380.31 feet; Thence North 89°38'36" West, for 168.52 feet; Thence North 08°23'37" West, for 494.03 feet; Thence North 88°53'01" East, for 34.43 feet to a point at the beginning of a non-tangent curve, concave to the North, said curve having a radius of 50.00 feet, a central angle of 129°09'07" and from said point a radial line bears North 44°27'24" East; Thence Easterly along said curve for 112.71 feet: Thence North 85°37'37" East, for 586.42 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Subject to existing easements, rights-of-way, covenants, reservations and restrictions of record, if any.

Said lands lying and situate in Okeechobee County, Florida., Said lands contain 9.02 acres, more or less. LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Lot 68, Hudson Lake Ranches (Unrecorded Plat) A parcel of land lying in a portion of Section 26, Township 36 South, Range 34 East, Okeechobee County, Florida, and being more particularly described as follows: Commence at the Northeast corner of said Section 26; Thence South 01°00'00" West along the East line of said Section 26, for 732.64 feet; Thence North 89°00'00" West, for 1,046.87 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING; Thence South 01°47'19" East, for 696.92 feet to a point at the beginning of a non-tangent curve, concave to the South, said curve having a radius of 50.00 feet, a central angle of 52°35'07" and from said point a radial line bears South 05°53'46" West; Thence Westerly along said curve for 45.89 feet; Thence South 88°53'01" West, for 617.96 feet to a point of curvature with a curve concave to the Northeast, said curve having a radius of 35.00 feet and a central angle of 84°36'21"; Thence Northwesterly along said curve for 51.68 feet to a point of compound curvature with a curve concave to the East, said curve having a radius of 165.00 feet and a central angle of 55°18'04";Thence Northerly along said curve for 159.26 feet; Thence North 48°47'27" East, for 293.74 feet to a point of curvature with a curve concave to the Northwest, said curve having a radius of 235.00 feet and a central angle of 46°37'41"; Thence Northeasterly along said curve for 191.25 feet; Thence North 59°12'58" East, for 368.81 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Subject to existing easements, rights-of-way, covenants, reservations and restrictions of record, if any. Said lands lying and situate in Okeechobee County, Florida.

Said lands contain 6.98 acres, more or less. LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Lot 83, Hudson Lake Ranches (Unrecorded Plat) A parcel of land lying in a portion of Section 24, Township 36 South, Range 34 East, Okeechobee County, Florida, and being more particularly described as follows: Commence at the Northwest corner of said Section 24; Thence South 01°00'00" West along the West line of said Section 24, for 1,274.56 feet; Thence South 89°00'00" East, for 336.36 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING; Thence South 66°40'43" East, for 243.42 feet; Thence South 57°23'08" East, for 327.45 feet; Thence South 32°36'52" West, for 447.58 feet; Thence North 58°30'34" West, for 117.33 feet to a point of curvature with a curve concave to the Southwest, said curve having a radius of 1,085.00 feet and a central angle of 16°36'56"; Thence Northwesterly along said curve for 314.64 feet; Thence North 15°38'01" East, for 483.01 feet to the POINT 0.F BEGINNING. Subject to existing easements, rights-of-way, covenants, reservations and restrictions of record, if any. Said lands lying and situate in Okeechobee County, Florida: Said lands contain 5.30 acres, more or less. LEGAL. DESCRIPTION: Lot 84, Hudson Lake Ranches (Unrecorded Plat) A parcel of land lying in a portion of Sections 23 and 24, Township 36 South, Range 34 East, Okeechobee County, Florida, and being more particularly described as follows: Commence at the Northwest comer of said Section 24; Thence South 01°00'00" West along the West line of said Section 24, for 1,185.92 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING; Thence South 79°38'39" East, for 203.90 feet; Thence South 66°40'43" East, for 146.12 feet; Thence South 15°38'01" West, for 483.01 feet to a point at the beginning of a non-tangent curve, concave to the South, said curve having a radius of 1,085.00 feet, a central angle of 13°37'43" and from said point a radial line bears South 14°52'30" West;

Thence Westerly along said curve for 258.08 feet; Thence North 88°45'13" West, for 92.32 feet to a point of curvature with a curve concave to the Northeast, said curve having a radius of 35.00 feet and a central angle of 87°53'08"; Thence Northwesterly along said curve for 53.69 feet to a point of reverse curvature with a curve concave to the West, said curve having a radius of 535.00 feet and a central angle of 14°55'06"; Thence Northerly along said curve for 139.30 feet; Thence North 15°47'11" West, for 341.48 feet to a point of curvature with a curve concave to the East, said curve having a radius of 365.00 feet and a central angle of 12°11'14"; Thence Northerly along said curve for 77.64 feet; Thence South 79°38'39" East, for 307.95 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Subject to existing easements, rights-of-way, covenants, reservations and restrictions of record, if any. Said lands lying and situate in Okeechobee County, Florida. Said lands contain 6.1 1 acres, more or less. LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Lot 87, Hudson Lake Ranches (Unrecorded Plat) A parcel of land lying in a portion of Section 24, Township 36 South, Range 34 East, Okeechobee County, Florida, and being more particularly described as follows: Commence at the Northwest corner of said Section 24; Thence South 01°00'00" West along the West line of said Section 24, for 903.59 feet; Thence South 89°00'00" East, for 806.01 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, said point being the beginning of a curve concave to the Southwest, said curve having a radius of 1,985.00 feet, a central angle of 12°59'45", and from said point a radial line bears South 24°20'46" West; Thence Southeasterly along said curve for 450.24 feet; Thence South 37°47'00" West, for 538.87 feet; Thence North 57°23'08" West, for 365.78 feet; Thence North 66°40'43" West, for 7.59 feet; Thence North 29°38'17" East, for 524.73 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Subject to existing easements, rights-of-way, covenants, reservations and restrictions of record, if any. Said lands lying and situate in Okeechobee County, Florida. Said lands contain 5.09 acres, more or less,

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(A) All tenements, hereditaments, easements and other rights of any nature whatsoever, if any, appurtenant to the and' or the Improvements, or both, the benefit of all rights-of-way, strips and gores of land, streets, alleys, passages, drainage rights, sanitary sewer and potable water rights, stormwater drainage rights, rights of ingress and egress to the Land and all adjoining property, and any improvements of Mortgagor2 now or hereafter located on any of such real property interests, water rights and powers, oil, gas, mineral and riparian and littoral rights, whether now existing or hereafter arising, together with the reversion or reversions, remainder or remainders, rents, issues, incomes and profits of any of the foregoing (the "Appurtenances"). 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Community Events

Cowboy church to meet

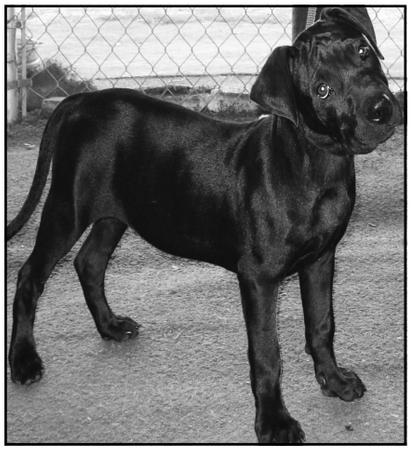
0n **May 14,** the Cowboy Church at Palmdale Community Center will meet at 6 p.m. for food and fellowship and at 7 p.m. for gospel music and the word brought this month by Olie Ore from Clewiston.

Orchid Club meeting canceled

The **May** meeting of the Orchid Club and the Garden Club have been cancelled due to the holiday. Meetings will resume on the fourth Monday in June. For more information call the extension office at 863-763-6469.

Embroidery club to meet

If you have an embroidery machine, plan to buy one or are just interested in the concept, please join us at our next meeting. It will be held on Saturday, **May 16**, from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. in the Red Cross classroom, 323 N. Parrott Ave. Bring your machine and lunch for a fun-filled day. Cross-stitching, in the past, was a beautiful form of hand sewing that was very time consuming; but now we can create those same beautiful designs using our embroidery machines. Machine cross-stitch will be our project for the month of May. Bring your cross-stitch design and choice of material to see what you can create. For more information, please call Joan at 863-467-0290 or Corry at 863-467-2231.



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Pet of the Week

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Softball tourney helps Habitat projects

Hundreds came out to cheer and participate in the First Annual Softball Tournament for Habitat for Humanity on Saturday, April 25. The winning team, which is seeking a sponsor, received a plaque and tee shirts. The tee shirts proudly proclaimed Habitat for Humanity, Building Hope and Homes.

More than $4,000 was raised which will go toward the building of Habitat Houses in Okeechobee. Nineteen Habitat volunteers served as umpires, ticket takers, food vendors, etc. The all-day affair was sponsored by 23 local businesses which each contributed $100 as sponsors. In addition, 20 businesses contributed door prizes awarded throughout the day.

Habitat was grateful to Tim Higgins who helped enlist teams, organize the competition and coordinate the tournament.

Sponsors were Beef O'Brady's, Big Lake Roofing, Board of County Commissioners, Board of Realtors, Brewski's, Creech Construction, Country Corner Drive Thru, Dr. James Letcher, Don's Appliances, East Coast Signs, Flamingo Games II, 441N Drive Thru, Higgins Garage Doors, Jersey Mike's, John's Towing, Mosquito Creek Grocery, Okeechobee Sears, Pier II Motel, Pueblo Viejo, Quik Change Oil, Seacoast Bank, Texaco and W & W Lumber.

Okeechobee News/**Pete Gawda**

Thanking the commission

Ed Thornton, left, of Habitat for Humanity, presents Okeechobee County Commission Chairman Clif Betts with a Habitat T-shirt in recognition of the fact that the commission granted Habitat free use of county softball fields for a fund raising tournament. The presentation took place at the Thursday, April 30 commission meeting.

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).

• Michael Brandon Harvey, 25, N.W. Ted Beck Road, Moore Haven, was arrested May 5 by Deputy Sergeant J. Royal on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with violation of probation - possession of methamphetamine and violation of probation - possession of a controlled substance. He is being held without bond.

• Joshua Matos, 22, Farmcrest Drive, Waterbury, Ct., was arrested May 7 by Officer Justin Bernst on a charge of fleeing and eluding a law enforcement officer. His bond was set at $2,500.

• Moses Coley, 46, N.E. 14th Ave., Okeechobee, was arrested May 7 by Deputy Corporal Aric Majere on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with grand theft. His bond was set at $2,500.

• Scott M. Gabor, 41, S.E. 59th Circle, Okeechobee, was arrested May 7 by Deputy Robbie Lamb on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with the felony of possession of a controlled substance. He was also arrested on a misdemeanor charge of possession of drug paraphernalia. His bond was set at $6,000.

• Lucie Robillard Gallagher, 51, Peceful Lane, Okeechobee, was arrested May 7 by Officer Justin Bernst on an Okeechobee County warrant charging her with trafficking in oxycodone (two counts) and obtaining a controlled substance by fraud (two counts). Her bond was set at $60,000.

• Stacey Stallworth, 27, N.E. 12th Ave., Okeechobee, was arrested May 8 by deputy Justin Akins on a Palm Beach County warrant charging her with grand theft and uttering forged bills. She is being held without bond.

• Jason Myles, 29, Centerstone Lane, Riviera Beach, was arrested May 8 by Deputy Sergeant J. Royal on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with violation of probation - worthless check. He was released on his own recognizance.

• David Bernard Robinson, 26, N.E. 17th Ave., Okeechobee, was arrested May 9 by Deputy Dale Hardy on a felony charge of burglary of an occupied conveyance. He was also arrested on a misdemeanor charge of battery. His bond was set at $2,000.

• Tammy Denise Files, 40, S.W. Fifth St., Belle Glade, was arrested May 9 by Officer Phillip Eddings on a charge of aggravated assault. Her bond was set at $2,500.

• James William Kennedy, 47, U.S. 98 N., Okeechobee, was arrested May 10 by Deputy Joseph Gracie on a charge of lewd and lascivious exhibition. His bond on that charge was set at $10,000. He was later arrested on charges of lewd and lascivious molestation and capital sexual battery. He is being held without bond on those charges.

• Christopher E. Gillaspy, 35, S.E. 33rd Terrace, Okeechobee, was arrested May 10 by Deputy Patricia Massung on an Indian River County warrant charging him with failure to appear - careless operation. His bond was set at $150 cash only.

• Charles Edward Head, 32, S.E. 57th Drive, Okeechobee, was arrested May 10 by Deputy Arlene Durbin on a charge of battery by strangulation (domestic). His bond was set at $1,000.

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Great results for Chaka's Stars Program

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

Two NFL stars came through big time for the Chaka's Stars program Saturday as a golf tournament fund raiser was a huge success.

Thirty-seven teams competed in almost perfect conditions Saturday to help raise funds for the youth program's summer camp and other programs they operate.

"It feels good," said Former Gator and current Dolphins linebacker Channing Crowder. "It's fun out here with a great cause. Chaka has it going on and I'm glad to be a part of it. There's a lot of UM fans in Miami, but up here Gator and Dolphins fans. I'm happy to be here and have the support we have. It's a good cause and I'm having a good time shooting well, so its fun."

Crowder said he thinks the Dolphins are headed in the right direction. He said he got lucky being drafted to the Dolphins but still misses the experiences he had in Gainesville. "Pros are a lot of politics. College is just college, everybody loving the Gators. You can't beat Gainesville. I enjoyed it and I go back there whenever I can. I'd say college is better."

Crowder said he thinks the Dolphins had a good draft getting West Virginia QB Pat White, some solid cornerbacks, and other good players.

There was an auction of great NFL memorabilia. Among the players that donated items were Reggie Wayne of the Colts, Anquan Boldin and Larry Fitzgerald of the Cardinals, Brian Westbrook of the Eagles and Urban Meyer and Tim Tebow of the Florida Gators.

Also on hand was Santana Moss, a former great for the University of Miami, who now plays for the Washington Redskins. He said that he likes people to see the man he really is outside the uniform.

"I like to give something back, and make somebody's day. This was a great cause and I like to support kids and the community in Miami and across South Florida."

Moss said he also likes where he is professionally. He stated that he has matured a lot when he played for the New York Jets and is now a member of a great organization.

"Every year our purpose is to win a championship," he said. "I think we are building a puzzle to have a great team, the Redskins are almost cult like, once you win a championship there, you become a legend."

Organizer Chaka Smith said he wanted to thank all the sponsors, participants, and volunteers for their efforts. He especially thanked his wife Suraiya, Sheriff May, County Commissioner Joey Hoover, Channing Crowder, Santana Moss, other players who donated items for the auction, the local media and the Seminole Tribe for their support.

"I can't thank everybody enough, we'll raise the bar from here and the tournament will be bigger and better next year," he said.

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Santana Moss signs autographs for fans at Saturday's golf tournament.

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Channing Crowder signed autographs for Dolphin and Gator fans.

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From (L-R) Santana Moss, Chaka Smith and Channing Crowder pose for pics at Saturdays golf tournament.

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From (L-r) are: Santana Moss, County Commissioner Joey Hoover, Chaka Smith and Channing Crowder.

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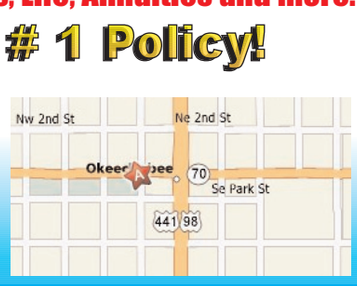
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