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Special to the Okeechobee News/**Westside Christian Church**

**Cast members who took part in the Westside Christian Church Christmas Play included: left to right, front row; Gavin, Devin and Treyvin Harden, center row; Mitchell and Layla Gaucin, Jonathan Aldridge, Megan Vickers and Jacob Aldridge, back row; Dennis Dawn, Cade Hans, Richard Barker, and Cory Vickers. Not pictured: Sophia Galletto, Garrett and Madison Ferguson.**

# Church presents the Christmas story

On a chilly Sunday morning, Dec. 20, the congregation at Westside Christian Church had their hearts warmed by a retelling of the beautiful Christmas story from the books of Matthew and Luke. As Wiseman Richard Barker read the account of Mary and Joseph and their journey to Bethlehem, the choir and cast re-enacted the events from long ago which are the centerpiece of Christmas today.

The drama was a presentation of classical Christmas hymns directed by Keith Abbott with musical accompaniment by Evelyn and Willard Delaney; with Mary and Joseph, played by Layla and Mitchell Gaucin, making their way to Bethlehem, accompanied by shepherds, angels and wise men. The cast was compromised of youth and adults and the youngest cast members provided some spontaneous moments


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# Theatre seeks singers, musicians

The Okeechobee Community Theatre is seeking local gospel singers and bluegrass musicians for roles in its upcoming production of the hit gospel comedy, "Smoke on the Mountain" which will be performed in March.

Auditions are scheduled for Monday and Tuesday nights, Jan. 4 and 5 at 7 p.m. at the theatre on the Okeechobee Freshman Campus, one block west of Golden Corral Restaurant.

Available parts include five adults of various ages, plus a boy and a girl in their late teens.

Auditioners should come prepared to sing a gospel song of their choice, or to play an instrument, or both, if applicable. Instruments needed for the show include piano, guitar, banjo, mandolin, upright bass, etc. Anyone interested in trying out can get further information by calling 863-763-1307.

The show is set in the 1930s as the fictional Sanders Family Gospel Singers perform a live concert on a Saturday night at Mount


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# Okeechobee man helps Mexican growers fight citrus greening

**By Pete Gawda**
Okeechobee News

An Okeechobee man has been helping with an international problem. Citrus greening is a big problem, not only in Florida, but Mexico as well as other parts of the world. Bruce Sutton, owner of Nuvee Enterprises, Inc. of Okeechobee recently spoke at a three-day workshop in Mexico for the identification and management of citrus greening. The trip was sponsored by Development Center for Business and Technology Fruit of the Humid Tropics of Mexico, a group that is funded by the Mexican government and a small group of investors to educate growers in Mexico about citrus greening.

Mr. Sutton said he talked all day and traveled all night. Using the services of an interpreter, his presentation including the process of surveying groves for citrus greening, the methods of training scouts to identify diseased trees and the marking and GPS mapping of diseased trees. The marking makes it easier to remove diseased trees and track the spread of the disease.

He said the best part of his pre-


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# Citrus

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sentations was the question and answer session which came after he spoke. He said the citrus growers asked very good questions that showed they understood the disease and its effects.

While citrus greening is a big problem is Mexico, Mr. Sutton said that country does not have the resources to effectively combat the disease. It has also been a serious problem in Brazil for several years.

Nuvee Enterprises was one of the first citrus contractors to offer citrus greening detection in the state. Their crews, who have been trained by the IFAS extension office, have surveyed approximately 120,000 acres of citrus spanning 12 Florida counties.

On a scale of one to 10, Dan Culbert, Okeechobee County Extension Horticulture Agent, called citrus greening "an imperfect ten."

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**Bruce Sutton, owner of Nuvee Enterprises, Inc., of Okeechobee, recently spoke at a three-day seminar in Mexico dealing with citrus greening.**

Citrus greening is also known as huanglongbing (HLB) or yellow dragon disease. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) says the disease is thought to have originated in the late 1800s in China, hence the Oriental name.

The Florida Department of Agriculture and Commerce call citrus greening "one of the most serious citrus diseases." It affects the vascular system of certain trees including orange, lemon, lime, Chinese orange, key lime, mandarin orange, mock orange, tangerine and kumquat. Once a tree is infected there is no known cure. It has been found in every citrus producing county in Florida.

The disease is carried by a small insect called the Asian citrus psyllid which is no bigger than the head of a pin. The psyllid feeds on the leaves and stems of citrus trees. Once the psyllid picks up the disease it carries it for the rest of its life.

The Asian psyllid was first found in the U.S. in 1998 in Delray Beach. Then in 2005 the first known U.S. cases of citrus greening were discovered in two citrus trees in south Florida.

The symptoms include yellow sprouts, twig die-back, reduced fruit size and quality, lopsided fruit, bitter inedible fruit and leaf mottling or discoloration. Most infected trees die within a few years.

One of the problems with the disease is the symptoms do not show up for several years.

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

## Local pet rescue needs help

The Humane Society Pet Rescue of Okeechobee needs help to keep our shelter a great place for adoptable pets to stay. They are also in need of donations to help with food, vet and other operating expenses. Anyone interested in helping is asked to contact Belinda at the shelter at 863-357-1104.

# Theatre

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Pleasant Baptist Church somewhere in North Carolina. It features nearly 30 gospel music favorites, old and new, including, "Wonderful Time Up There," "Church in the Wildwood," "I Wouldn't Take Nothing For My Journey Now," and "I'll Fly Away."

The laughs roll in like the fog in the Smokey Mountains, as the audience gets to know the six members of the Sanders clan.

The show is not all for laughs, however. There are many poignant and moving moments, and the message of faith, family and forgiveness rings clear as the Sanders' share their testimonies.

There is an ensemble cast of seven speaking/singing roles, plus non-speaking/non-signing parts for the necessary back-up musicians.

The gospel singing family is led by Burl Sanders, who serves as master of ceremonies for the evening, and his wife Vera, the Bible quoting, hymn-belting matriarch. Also performing are teen-aged twins, Dennis and Denise, and the eldest daughter, June, who "doesn't sing, she signs." The wayward uncle Stanley Sanders, and the church's pastor, the young Reverend Mervin Oglethorpe, round out the signing/speaking parts. The ability to play an instrument is highly desirable, but not an absolute requirement for casting in any of these roles.

The number of back-up musicians needed will depend upon how many of those cast as the Sanders family members are able to play instruments themselves.

The Okeechobee Community Theatre is an all-volunteer organization, now in its 31st year of presenting Broadway-style shows for local audiences.

# Christmas

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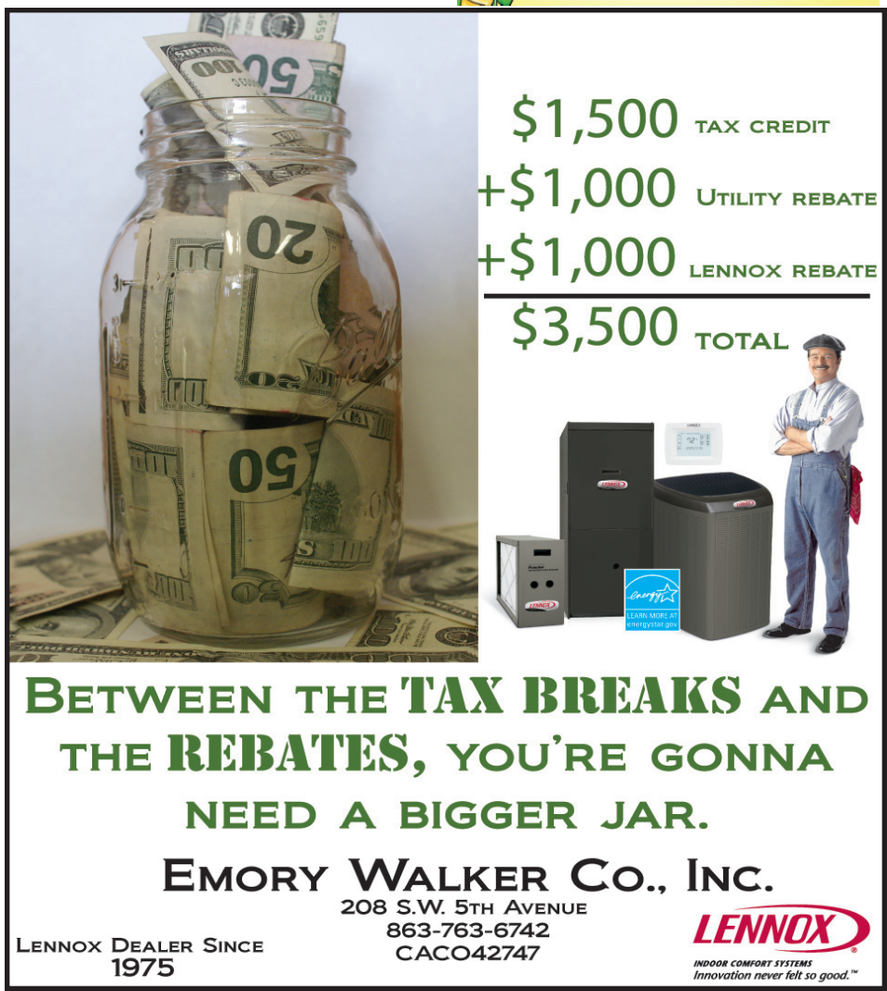
causing laughter in an otherwise serious, touching story. All costumes were created by a talented group of volunteers from the congregation, and each family received a gift handcrafted by Jim and Marie Lowe. At the conclusion, one congregate commented, with tears in his eyes, that it was the most touching version he had ever seen. Westside Christian Church is located fives miles west of the city on S.R. 70. Services are traditional and begin at 10 a.m. on Sunday and 6 p.m. on Wednesday.

## Tax aide volunteers sought

AARP seeks computer literate volunteers to help with the income tax filing assistance program for the 2010 tax season. Complete training will be provided, using AARP software and training materials. For information, call Neile at 863-357-1694.



# 'Mentally-challenged' man charged with felony

**By Eric Kopp**
Okeechobee News

A mentally challenged man already being held in the county jail has been served with an arrest warrant charging him with a first-degree felony.

**James Lee Clark**

James Lee Clark, 19, was arrested Dec. 23 on a warrant charging him with one count of attempted aggravated kidnapping - child under the age of 13. He is now being held in the Okeechobee County Jail without bond.

Clark was first arrested Friday, Dec. 11, on a misdemeanor charge of trespass after warning. His bond on that charge was set at $25,000—an unusually high bond for a misdemeanor.

Okeechobee County Sheriff Paul May indicated that the new felony charge may clear the way for Clark to get professional care.

"Our number one priority is to protect our children," the sheriff said. "Secondly, it is to get this man some help."

The felony warrant was applied for by Detective M.D. Faulkner, of the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO), and was signed by County Judge Jerald Bryant.

In his probable cause affidavit, Detective Faulkner states that Clark approached a 6-year-old girl at the Okeechobee County Sports Complex "... asking where her parents were and requesting that she attend a parade with him. He did not leave the area until he was confronted by the father of the child."

Although the 6-foot-11-inch, 250-pound Clark did not touch the girl, Assistant State Attorney Ashley Albright said his statements were enough to warrant the felony charge.

"What the law requires is an overt act toward the completion of a crime," explained Mr. Albright.

During an interview with Detective Faulkner, Clark said Satan talks to him but he fights Satan's requests through God. According to the detective, Clark said Satan tells him to hurt little children but he won't do it because he is a Christian.

Clark, who reportedly has the mind of a 6- to 10-year-old child, was first arrested by Officer Scott Morgan of the Okeechobee City Police Department (OCPD) on the trespass charge. Complaints had been made about him frequenting areas around local day care centers and talking to the young children. He was subsequently trespassed from the Stepping Stones Academy, but allegedly returned to the center and was later arrested.

On Dec. 10, OCSO Deputy Yamil Astacio was summoned to the Sports Complex on N.W. 23rd Lane by a concerned parent who complained that a "large man" had approached his children in the bathroom. One of those children was the 6-year-old girl.

Deputy Astacio's incident report indicates that Clark apparently watched the girl's 3-year-old brother use the toilet.

Not long after that incident a flier was given to local law enforcement personnel, schools and day care centers stating if Clark was seen around areas with young children that law enforcement should be notified. This flier was not to be seen by the public. However, copies were made and given to parents and "... ultimately caused a bit of a panic," said OCSO Detective Ted Van Deman.

Clark, a native of North Carolina, was in custody at the time.

Detective Faulkner said a background check shows that Clark has no prior criminal history.

Mr. Albright said Clark is being represented by attorneys from the public defender's office.

# 7-year-old charged with domestic battery

**By Eric Kopp**
Okeechobee News

A 7-year-old boy was arrested Dec. 23 on a misdemeanor charge of domestic battery and then transported to the Department of Juvenile Justice Detention Center in Fort Pierce.

An arrest report by Deputy John Hazy, of the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO), stated that the boy had attacked his younger brother, thrown rocks at the family's vehicle and then ran to get away from his parents. The report went on to state that the boy refused to talk to the deputy and that he continued to attack his father by kicking him and swinging his fists.

When Deputy Hazy placed the 80-pound boy under arrest he tried to kick the deputy as well as his father, the report continued. The deputy stated that after he handcuffed the child and put him in his patrol car, the boy tried to kick out the windows and, when that failed, he "... began to bang his head against the cage glass."

At the Okeechobee County Jail the boy continued to try to kick Deputy Hazy as well as other detention deputies, stated the report.

Deputy Hazy said the boy "... never cried or showed any sign of being scared. He just refused to be compliant and tried to kick anyone he could."

According to Okeechobee County Jail Administrator Ronnie White, this boy was one of the youngest ever brought into the facility. Mr. White said once a juvenile is brought into the jail the booking process has to be completed within six hours.

"He was put in one of the attorney rooms so he had no contact with other males or adults," explained Mr. White. "We make all the adults move out of the hallway and even the trusties are put back."

Once the boy was officially booked, he was placed back into an attorney room where he stayed until he was taken to Fort Pierce.

As for being handcuffed, Mr. White said even though regular cuffs "go down real small" if a child's hands and wrists are so small that handcuffs won't stay on then plastic ties are used.

"It's a shame when you see someone that young come in here," said Mr. White.

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## Hospital ER

• For the past few months I have been dealing with a torn muscle, causing severe muscle spasms in my lower back. They are strong enough to make it difficult to breathe. In October I went in, with no insurance—it was a week before my insurance kicked in—because I was unaware of what the problem was and was concerned that it was my kidneys. The nurses and registration woman were very nice and helpful. They treated me, sent me home with a prescription and a doctors note for work. On Dec. 24, I had another spasm that was extremely painful. My mother and my sister were already at the hospital because a friend of my sister's was visiting them and ended up needing an ambulance due to pain from a surgery. I have nothing to do with this friend, don't know him. But apparently he has no insurance, and is a bit thugish and they don't like treating him. When I arrived, I began filling out the triage paperwork but only got a few questions in when the nurse took me back. She asked me my general info, weight, height, any medicines...and then asked "Is that your brother that is here too" with a slight attitude. I told her no, I have nothing to do with that person. After that, every person had an attitude with me for being there, I wasn't asked what my current insurance situation was, and I was being treated very poorly. Because my family was there with another person who does have a shady history, I was paying the price for it.

• Get a primary physician and see him or her for things like this and quit using the emergency room as a clinic.

• Every human being deserves to be treated if they come to the hospital. Yea I know, we all pay for it ... I am very well insured, and it upsets me at times to see people come in when it is obvious it could be taken care of at a doctor's office/clinic but to turn away people due to not having insurance is inhumane. If you have insurance, thank God and have some decency for people who get treated like dirt because they have no insurance.

• I used to be upset about non-emergency cases using the emergency room, but since the hospital has a program to deal with this anyways, I see why people do it. Sometimes people can't get in to see their doctor. I know when I was out of insurance the clinic at the health department was not taking any new patients, as were a lot of the others.

• Last Saturday I woke up with the left side of my face and eye looking like I had gone three rounds with Tyson. Pain was unbelievable. I went to the ER—they took one look at my face, and whisked me to the back. I had a few girls come by and do the normal stuff and I filled out some paperwork. The doctor came right in and did her thing and was very professional. I don't have insurance. As a 20 year cancer survivor and I am uninsurable unless I want to pay the big bucks. I paid with my debit card. But, while I was in the back waiting I could hear other patients yelling and being very rude to the staff—unreal—demanding drugs etc. Maybe if some of these people would arrive at the ER and leave the "attitude" in the car they would be treated better. More with sugar as they say.

• Health care is something you cannot put off until you are in pain in the middle of the night. Everyone needs a primary care doctor. You need to find one and have an annual checkup so that you have that relationship with a doctor before you are in pain in the middle of the night. It's easy to bash the ER—and I have had good and bad experiences there myself—but you have to take some responsibility for the situation you put yourself in. In my opinion, you have to make your own health care a priority and make time for checkups and if necessary save up the money for appointments. It's a necessity in this day and age. I have called doctors in the middle of the night, on weekends, and once on Christmas Eve and had them either call in meds or else open up their offices for my family members. But in every case, these were already "our" regular doctors and we had established that doctor-patient relationship BEFORE there was an emergency.

• I have a great surgeon, one of the best but sometimes things just happen where you have to go to the ER. Obviously, one is not their best in this condition, so being treated with compassion, kindness and being treated like a human being is something that one should expect from an ER. If you can't do this, get out of your profession as the oath you took you are not up-holding. If you hate your job so much, and are so sick of treating patients to the point you can't even pretend to be nice, get out.

# Letter to the editor

## For the dogs

Humane Society Pet Rescue of Okeechobee would like to say, "Thank you" to George Duport and wife, Madalyn of 'George's Hot Dogs' for their help and participation in the "Dogs for Dogs" fundraiser. George says that he will host the fundraising event next year as well.

What a great "Christmas Tail" to tell our pets! How the good folks of Okeechobee have once again stepped up to help provide food and gifts for the needy including homeless pets. So many abandoned, abused, neglected, unwanted and orphaned animals are forgotten at this time. We are again so thankful to everyone who donated and to the "Dogs for Dogs" program for helping us to feed our local "furry friends."

**Merry Christmas and many thanks!**
**Belinda Forlifer, president**
**Humane Society Pet Rescue of Okeechobee**
**1203 Hwy 98 N. Okeechobee**

# Okeechobee Forecast

**Today:** Mostly sunny with a high near 75. Winds, from the north becoming east southeast.
**Tonight:** Partly cloudy with a low around 55. Winds will be from the north at 5 mph.

## Extended Forecast

**Thursday:** Partly cloudy with a high near 77 and a 20 percent chance of showers between noon and 4 p.m. and a slight chance of thunderstorms after 4 p.m. Winds will be from the south between 5 and 10 mph.
**Thursday night:** Partly cloudy with a low around 56 and a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Winds will be from the west southwest around 5 mph.
**Friday - New Year's Day:** Partly sunny with a high near 68 and winds from the northwest between 5 and 10.

# Lotteries

**Florida Lottery** — Here are the numbers selected Monday: **Cash 3:** 1-3-1; **Play 4:** 6-2-6-4; **Fantasy 5:** 3-11-28-30-31; **Mega Money:** 7-28-31-42 MB 9; **Florida Lotto**: 2-3-23-38-43-48 X 3; **Powerball:** 32-36-37-41-53 PB30 x3. Numbers drawn Tuesday, **Cash 3:** 1-9-3; **Play 4:** 7-3-6-0.


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# SFWMD highlights a year of restoration progress

## 2009 accomplishments helped protect water resources for residents, environment

WEST PALM BEACH—Marking 60 years of service to Central and South Florida's residents and environment, the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) documented significant progress in environmental restoration and water resource protection initiatives in 2009.

Initially created in 1949 as the Central and Southern Florida Flood Control District, the agency has evolved at the direction of the Florida Legislature into the multi-faceted SFWMD, the largest and oldest of the state's five water management districts. Today, the District continues its original mission of providing regional flood protection while also managing water supplies for a population of approximately 7.5 million, improving water quality and leading the restoration of America's Everglades — the largest environmental project in the nation's history.

"Because of the Governing Board's commitment to sound fiscal management, we successfully carried out our core water management responsibilities for South Florida residents, while moving forward with unprecedented environmental projects and opportunities this past year," said Executive Director Carol Ann Wehle. "There is a proud history of success at the District that we continue to build on year after year."

### Ecosystem restoration

The agency is poised to vastly expand Everglades restoration opportunities with the approval of a contract to acquire an initial 73,000 acres of strategic lands south of Lake Okeechobee. The pending purchase will be financed with Certificates of Participation, and the River of Grass Phase II public planning process to develop restoration configurations is under way.

In a step that lays critical groundwork for Everglades restoration in the decades ahead, the District Governing Board and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers approved a Master Agreement to establish uniform terms and conditions for all construction, maintenance and operation of future Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP) projects. An infusion of Congressional appropriations for federal project construction can now be used. The Master Agreement also allows crediting of CERP land acquisition at appraised value (vs. purchase price), saving Florida taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars in expenditures.

To improve Everglades water quality, the District initiated construction on another 12,000 acres of water quality treatment marsh. More than 52,000 acres of land south of Lake Okeechobee have already been converted to Stormwater Treatment Areas (STAs), yielding 45,000 acres of treatment wetlands. Since 1994, STAs and agricultural "Best Management Practices" have together prevented more than 3,200 metric tons of phosphorus from entering the Everglades.

The District construction department is currently overseeing $346.2 million in construction to support Everglades restoration as well as operations and maintenance of capital projects.

### Flood Control Operations

In keeping with its commitment to ensuring public access to public lands, the District expanded recreational opportunities and access to an additional 21,000 acres of District land. An equestrian trailhead and 5 miles of trails were opened at Allapattah Flats in Martin County, and a duck-hunting and bird-watching blind that meets Americans with Disabilities Act standards was opened at STA-5 in Hendry County.

More than 25 million acre-feet of water moved through the network of canals and structures operated and maintained by the District to support flood control and water supply capabilities. Each year, the District inspects hundreds of levees and structures to ensure peak performance of the interconnected system.

To ensure water flow through the regional system, more than 50,000 acres of exotic vegetation were treated. In the on-going battle against other invasive species, the 300th Burmese python was captured and removed from District lands.

### Water supply

Work continued with local governments to conscientiously manage shared water resources during water shortage conditions that impacted the 16-county region.

Recognizing the need to consistently conserve water and increase protection of limited resources, the District began implementing measures outlined in the District's Comprehensive Water Conservation Program. To help ensure a sustainable supply of water for South Florida's communities and environment, the District Governing Board approved sweeping year-round water conservation measures that place permanent limits on landscape irrigation throughout the region.

Also in 2009, the District funded 38 Alternative Water Supply projects that will produce 27 million gallons of additional water a day, and 44 WaterSIP grant projects that will generate another 457 million gallons of additional water a year.

The District's ePermitting database was extended, increasing online public access to historic permit documents. To date, more than 9.1 million older documents have been converted into electronic format. In addition, key provisions of Senate Bill 2080 were implemented that delegated some permit application approvals to the Executive Director. As part of this effort, the District enhanced opportunities for public comment on permit applications.

### Public affairs

The first phase of a completely redesigned and re-engineered District Web site (www.sfwmd.gov) was successfully launched. It features easier navigation, exciting multimedia, powerful search tools and a host of high-tech improvements to make the site more useful to the public.

In an on-going commitment to open government and transparency, the agency fulfilled more than 600 public records requests.

The District also produced more than $2.4 million in savings through belt-tightening efforts, shifting some contract work to full-time employees and reducing off-site training, aviation fuel and purchasing expenses.

Energy/water efficiency building improvement projects were completed that saved more than 760,000 gallons of water and 419,000 kWh of energy. The District received a $20,000 FPL rebate for installing energy-efficient roofing at its headquarters facility.

During the year, the District was once again recognized by professional organizations for excellence in financial reporting, budget presentation and procurement.

# Woman suspected of burglarizing home

**By Eric Kopp**
Okeechobee News

A homeowner backed away from his home and sought out a police officer after he pulled into his driveway and saw someone in his home.

Betty Jean Jenkins

After police returned to the man's home, they placed Betty Jean Jenkins, 48, N.W. Ninth Ave., under arrest on felony charges of burglary of an unoccupied dwelling, possession of burglary tools and grand theft. She was also arrested on a misdemeanor charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

Jenkins was booked into the Okeechobee County Jail under a bond of $8,000.

An arrest report by Officer Chad Troutman, of the Okeechobee City Police Department (OCPD), indicated that the homeowner arrived home around 1:16 a.m. Monday, Dec. 28, and saw a figure inside his home. He turned off his vehicle's lights, backed out of the driveway and left to notify police.

Officer Troutman said when he arrived at the home he, too, saw someone in the home. As he approached the home's front door it opened suddenly and a woman ran from the residence.

A woman, later identified as Jenkins, was found hiding in some bushes a short distance from the home, continued the report.

The officer stated that lying next to her were two plastic bags containing various items including: a laptop computer, valued at $400; an electric food mixer, valued at $35; and a blackberry cell phone and charger, valued at $400. Several pieces of clothing were also found in the bags, Officer Troutman said.

According to the officer's report, the man's mobile home had also been ransacked and the front door had been pried open.

During a search of Jenkins, Officer Troutman stated that a small scale and a pair of white gloves were found in her possession.


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## Shirley Carlson Anderson

OKEECHOBEE — Shirley Carlson Anderson was born on April 13, 1930, and passed on to be with the Lord on Dec. 26, 2009.

She was born in West Haven, Conn., to August and Daisy Carlson. She is survived by her daughter, Kristin Anderson of Fayetteville, N.C. and by her grandson, Jason Gernat of Seattle, Wash.; as well as by two nephews and three cousins all of whom live in Connecticut.

Shirley was brought up in the Swedish Lutheran Church in Connecticut. In 1953 she married and two years later, moved to Bend, Ore. Shirley moved to Okeechobee in March of 1963 with her daughter Kristin, and has been an active member of the community thereafter.

Since the age of 15 Shirley's greatest love was singing for the Lord. She used her voice to praise the Lord and lift people's spirits. She simply loved singing and sharing the word of God in song.

In her professional life, she worked as an advertising manager for the Okeechobee News and WOKC Radio. She was also an Administrative Secretary and Public Relations Director for Okeechobee General Hospital and later Raulerson Hospital. Her last job was Educational and Professional Services Secretary at EYDC Boys School.

One of Shirley's major accomplishments was being a charter member of the Okeechobee Charter Chapter of the American Business Women Association (ABWA) becoming their first Public Relations Chairperson, and holding the title for 14 years.

Her accomplishments in life have been many, but her most meaningful and lasting accomplishments consisted of what she gave to the communities in which she lived, because of her love for the Lord.

Shirley will be missed by all who knew her, especially by her family, friends and her church family.

The family will receive friends on Wednesday, Dec. 30, from 9 a.m. until service time of 10 a.m. with Pastor John Hirst officiating in the Buxton Funeral Home Chapel.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to: Peace Lutheran Church of Okeechobee, Florida or Humane Society, Okeechobee, Florida.

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

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## Carlton Duane Comfort, 74

OKEECHOBEE — Carlton Duane Comfort, age 74, of Okeechobee, died Friday, Dec. 25, 2009, at Raulerson Hospital .

Born Aug. 24, 1935, in Cortland, N.Y., he has been a resident of Okeechobee since 1970. He proudly served in the U.S. Marine Corp and was a member of Resurrection Life Church and a member of American Legion Post 64. His hobbies included his family, softball, baseball and bowling.

Proceeded in death by granddaughter, Dawn Marie Snow Fertitta, great grandson Chandler John Fertitta and his parents Mr. and Mrs. Ayerie Comfort, he was also proceded in death by four brothers and four sisters.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Patricia; children, Donnie Comfort (Alysa), Laurie Comfort Snow, Carlton Comfort Jr., Wendy Comfort Burney, Sgt. 1st Class Larry Comfort (Janette) and Tommy Comfort (Patti).

In addition, he is survived by grandchildren, Denise Comfort, Donna Comfort, Donovan Comfort (Samantha), Wendi Snow, Patty Entry (Joseph), Kari Sallette, Kala Burney, Kristi Burney, Marshall Comfort, Mitchell Comfort, Mercedes Comfort, Mariah Comfort, Justin Comfort Maki Comfort, Jordin Allen and Roma Comfort. Surviving great-grandchildren include, Asmeralda Comfort, Mahallie Comfort, William Yargee, Brandy Comfort, Faith Comfort, Ottis VanDiver, McKayla Snow, Rumor Juarez, Rudy Juarez IV, Jagger Gaucin, Brandon Entry, Kyle Entry, Dakota Entry, Karson Sallette and Kammy Bonea.

Friends may greet the family at the Resurrection Life Church , 1803 SW 3rd Street , Okeechobee, on Wednesday, Dec. 30, from 5 p.m. until 6 p.m. at which time a memorial service will be conducted with Pastor Dave and Deborah San-Martin officiating.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be sent to First Bank and Trust of Indian Town, Okeechobee office for funeral expenses of Carlton Comfort.

On line condolences may be made at www.buxtonfuneralhome.com

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## Jerry Lee Tolbert Sr., 68

OKEECHOBEE — Jerry Lee Tolbert Sr., age 68, of Okeechobee died Saturday, Dec. 26, 2009, in St. Lucie Medical Center.

Born May 29, 1941, in Dublin, Va., he had been a resident of Okeechobee for the past two years.

He is survived by his daughters, Donna McKnight of South Carolina, Cindy Lake of Maryland, Trina Marion of Okeechobee, Angela Ottiwell (Kyle) of Okeechobee; and son, Jerry Tolbert, Jr. of Okeechobee. In addition he is survived by the mother of his children, Carlina Orr of Okeechobee; ten grandchildren, and six great grandchildren.

There will be no public visitation or services. On-line condolences may be made at www.buxtonfuneralhome.com.

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## Richard Charles Gumaer, 69

OKEECHOBEE — Richard Charles Gumaer, age 69, of Okeechobee, died Thursday, Dec. 24, 2009, at his residence.

Born March 14, 1940, in Milford, Pa., he had been a resident for the past 25 years. He proudly serviced in the United States Air Force for 20 years and was a member of the Buckhead Ridge VFW and the Eagles.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Faye.

He is survived by his sisters, Carol Grosvenor of Okeechobee, Nancy Page, and Linda Gaige both of Boynton Beach; and companion, Bonnie Hartsuff of Okeechobee. In addition he was survived by several nieces, nephews, and great nieces and nephews.

The family received friends on Monday, December 28, from 2 p.m. until service time of 3 p.m. in the Buxton Funeral Home Chapel.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Okeechobee, P.O. Box 1548, Okeechobee, Florida, 34973.

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## Jacque Edward Wander, 79

OKEECHOBEE — Jacque Edward Wander, age 79, of Okeechobee, died Thursday, Dec. 24, 2009, at the Palm Beach Gardens Medical Center .

Born in Baltimore, Md., to Edward and Erna Frey Wander, Mr. Wander was a 30 year resident of Okeechobee and loved his cats and special friends. He also had a passion for stock car racing.

He is survived by two daughters, Linda Houge of West Palm Beach and Sandy Lloyd (Bob) of Newport, Tenn. Also, surviving is one son, Scott Wander (Carol "Charlie") of Okeechobee. In addition, there are ten grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends on Jan. 2, 2010, at the Buxton Funeral Home from 1 p.m. until service time at 2 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Okeechobee P.O. box 1548 Okeechobee, Florida 34973.

On line condolences may be made at www.buxtonfuneralhome.com

All arrangements are under the direction and care of the Buxton Funeral Home and Crematory.

## Joshua Wade Fetterolf, 18

BOAZ, Ala. — Joshua Wade Fetterolf, age 18, of Boaz, and formerly of Okeecobee, died Saturday, Dec. 26, 2009. He was born July 31, 1991 in Stuart.

He was preceded in death by his father, George Franklin Fetterolf.

He is survived by his mother, Debra Fetterolf of Boaz, Ala.; brother, Justin Fetterolf of Boaz, Ala.; grandmother, Arlene Fetterolf of Tampa; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

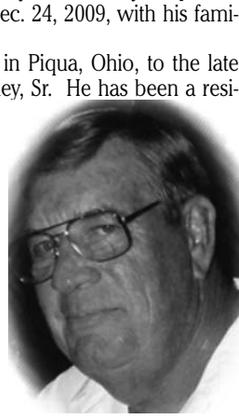
The family will receive friends on Thursday, Dec. 31, from 10 a.m. until service time of 11 a.m. in the Buxton Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Charles Boggs, Jr. of the First United Methodist Church of Fort Pierce officiating.

All arrangements are under the direction ad care of the Buxton and Crematory, 110 Ne 5th Street, Okeechobee, Fl 34972. On line condolences may be made to www.buxtonfuneralhome.com.

## Floyd E. Wooley Jr.

OKEECHOBEE — Floyd E. Wooley Jr. passed away peacefully on Dec. 24, 2009, with his family by his side.

Born Sept. 3, 1938, in Piqua, Ohio, to the late Irene and Floyd Wooley, Sr. He has been a resident of Okeechobee since 1994.



He was preceded in death by his sister, Flora Runyon.

He is survived by his wife Shirley Wooley; sons, Gregory, Michael, James, Robert and daughter, Regina Jones; sister, Norma Faubion; brother, Gene Wooley; 17 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

He loved to fish and was a pilot and loved to fly. He was a wonderful family man. "He was our rock and will be greatly missed."

Visitation and Service was held Tuesday, Dec. 29, with Pastor Joe Bishop officiating.

Friends may sign the guestbook at www.bassokeechobeefh.com

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## Harry Wayne Ripperdan, 65

LAKE PLACID — Harry Wayne Ripperdan, age 65, of Lake Placid, died Friday, Dec. 25, 2009, in Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center in Sebring.

Born May 30, 1944, in Evansville, Ind., he had been a resident of Lake Placid for the past five years. He was a former fifth and sixth grade Teacher in Okeechobee and was a member of the Moose, Elks, VFW Auxiliary.

He is survived by his sons, Wayne Ripperdan (Corinna) of Okeechobee, and Greg Brown (Melanie) of Indianapolis, Ind.; daughter, Shannon Hawkins (James) of House Springs, Mo.; eight grandchildren, one brother and one sister.

A memorial service will be 2 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 30, in the Elk's Club of Lake Wales.

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# Community Events

## Main Street plans mixer

Okeechobee Main Street's first mixer for 2010 will be held on Thursday, **Jan. 21**, from 5–7 p.m. Our January Mixer will be hosted by Real Life Children's Ranch located at 7777 Hwy 441 SE.

## EOC plans luncheon

The Okeechobee Economic Development Council (a Division of Okeechobee Main Street) will be hosting a luncheon from noon to 1 p.m. at the Williamson Center on the IRSC campus. The program will feature an overview of the EDC's program of work, future objectives and progress to date. Seating is limited, so please RSVP before **Jan. 5**, by contacting Brian Cartland at 863-467-6246 or Brian@theOKedc.com.

## Top of the Lake BBQ

Okeechobee Main Street's Top of the Lake BBQ Affair will be held on **Jan. 22 and 23** at the Okeechobee Agri-Civic Center. Cooks from all over will compete for prize monies and trophies in categories such as the "Homeboy" to Grand and Reserve Champions. Go to www.mainstreetokeechobee.com for registration forms, and information.

## Red Cross offers CPR class

The Okeechobee Service Center of the American Red Cross will offer an Adult CPR/AED class on Wednesday, **Jan. 6**, Infant/Child CPR/AED on Monday Jan. 18 and First Aid Basics on Thursday, January 21. All classes begin at 6 p.m. and are held at the Service Center located at 323 N. Parrott Avenue. To register or obtain more information call 863-763-2488.

## 'Red is for Love' gala planned

The Gift Gathering Event for the First Annual "Red is for Love" Gala to benefit our local American Red Cross will be held on Thursday, **Jan. 14**, from 5:30–7:30 p.m. at the Hampton Inn, 1200 NE Park Street. All gifts and donations for the "Red is for Love" Gala will be accepted at this event. The First Annual "Red is for Love" Gala is a black tie optional event to be held on Saturday, Feb. 13 and will benefit the American Red Cross. Sponsor tables are $500 each and sit eight or you may purchase individual tickets for $50 each. For more information call Event Chair Maureen Budjinski at 863-467-0054 or Co-Chair Toni Doyle at 863-357-6246.

## Register and pay for IRSC online

Indian River State College students can use the convenience of the web to register and pay for their classes for the Spring Semester while the College is closed for Winter Break. The college will reopen on Monday, Jan. 4, 2010. Classes for the Spring Semester start Jan. 6. The last day to pay for classes and avoid a late fee is **Jan. 4**. For more information about IRSC and to register and pay for classes, visit www.irsc.edu.

## Senior Awareness seminar set

The Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office is sponsoring a Senior Awareness Seminar from 2 to 3 p.m. on Monday, **Jan. 4**, at the Golden Corral, 700 S. Parrott Ave. Seniors are invited to come and learn about illegal activities that are targeted against them.

## Cypress Hut holds Snowball Queen fundraiser

On **Jan. 5**, from 5 until 8:30 p.m., bring your unwanted gold, silver and platinum jewelry metals, sterling flatware and get paid top dollar for a donation of 10 percent for the charity fund raiser for Pam and Tommy our 2010 Snowball King and Queen. Finger foods for sharing are welcomed. For questions or concerns, please call Billy or Diane at 863-467-1154.

## Shared services network meets

The Executive Roundtable of the Shared Services Network of Okeechobee County will conduct its bi-monthly meeting at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, **Jan. 8**, in the board room of the Okeechobee County School Board Office. This forum provides a mechanism for dialogue and problem solving in our community through the collaborative efforts of our local decision makers. The public is invited to attend. For more information, please call Sharon Vinson 863-462-5000, Ext. 257.

## Benefit for Lisa Burkhardt

Lisa Burkhardt is battling cancer for the second time. She is a breast cancer survivor who is now battling brain and lung cancer. A benefit for her will be held at the VFW Post 10539, 3912 Highway 441 S.E., on **Jan. 10**, starting at 1 p.m. There will be food, music, raffles and more. For information, call 863-697-2930.

## Early Learning Coalition meeting

Early Learning Coalition of Indian River, Martin & Okeechobee Counties, Inc. – Okeechobee County Provider Meeting on Wednesday, **Jan. 13** at noon at the American Red Cross, 323 North Parrott Avenue, Okeechobee.

## Children's Services Council seek summer projects

Children's Services Council will once again offer creative groups an opportunity to have a quality summer program for children and youth of Okeechobee. Any agency/group who has a great idea for a summer activity, can apply to the Council for a Special Summer Project. The major goal is to provide a summer program for a maximum of nine weeks for children/youth ages 4-18. Not for one-day events, the project must detail who, where, and the activities it will be providing for Okeechobee County children and cannot discriminate due to race or religion. You can enhance your existing program if you already receive a Children's Services Council grant. The project application is currently available. Call Cathleen Blair or Cheryl Sutton at 863-462-5000, Ext.255. Completed application must be submitted by **Jan. 25**.

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## William 'Bill' Siglar Hays, 68

OKEECHOBEE — William "Bill" Siglar Hays, age 68, of Okeechobee died Monday, Dec. 28, 2009, in Raulerson Hospital.

Born Feb. 1, 1941, in Columbus, Ohio, he had been a resident of Okeechobee for the past 12 years. He proudly served in the United States Navy from which he retired and worked for Florida Power and Light for over 18 years. He loved his family, country, hunting, fishing and just hanging out with everyone. He was a member of the Florida Bass Federation, Nation member of the B.A.S.S Club, VFW of Mayport, Fl Post 316, founded the Big O' Teen Anglers along with his wife, Co-found the Treasure Coast Bass Club and member Taylor Creek Bass Club.

He was preceded in death by his son, Jerry L. "Bubba" Curry, Jr.; and parents, William V. and Alfretta "Etta" Hays.

He is survived by his wife, Charlie Hays of Okeechobee; son, Brian Hays (Becky) of Okeechobee; daughters, Colleen Frost (Mike) of Okeechobee, Sherri Lynn Johnson (Dennis) of Mansfield, La., Jody M. Curry of Port St. Lucie; six grandchildren, Will, Dara, Richard, Robby, Alexis, Danny; brother, James Roy Hays (Karen); and sister, Bobbie Jean Larrabee (Pat) all of Royal Palm Beach. In addition he is survived by numerous, nieces, nephews, and many friends.

The family will receive friends on Saturday, Jan. 2, from 5 p.m. until service time of 7 p.m. in the Buxton Funeral Home Chapel. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Big O' Teen Anglers, Inc., in care of SunTrust Bank.

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On-line condolences may be made at www.buxtonfuneralhome.com.

## Virginia Francis Buske, 85

OKEECHOBEE — Virginia Francis Buske, age 85, of Okeechobee, died Monday, Dec. 28, 2009, in the Hamrick Home.

Born Feb. 15, 1924, in Pecksills, N.Y., she had been a resident of Okeechobee for the past five years and enjoyed watching TV.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Buske.

She is survived by her son, Hugh Fielder (Peggy) of Okeechobee; sister, Ruth Gaither of Boynton Beach; grandson, Kevin Combs (Patty) of Deltona; granddaughters, Jody Fregoe (Patrick) Lake Worth, and Kerry Anderson (Ric) of Samateo, Calif.; and several great grandchildren.

There will be no public services or visitation. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Okeechobee, P.O. Box 1548, Okeechobee, Fl 34973.

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## Alan 'A.P.' David Penton, 67

OKEECHOBEE — Alan "A.P." David Penton, age 67, of Okeechobee, died Thursday, Dec. 24, 2009, at his residence. Born June 17, 1942, In Hallendale, he had been a resident of Okeechobee since 1974. He enjoyed shooting pool and golf.

He is survived by his wife, Debra Penton of Okeechobee; son, Christopher Penton of New York; daughter, Tya Penton of South Carolina; sister, Dorothy Baker; niece, Wendy Coker (Frank); nephew, Joe Baker (Peggy), all of Okeechobee. In addition he is survived by a host of other relatives and his precious dog, Dawg.

A service will be 6 p.m., at Good Spirits Lounge on Saturday, Jan. 2.

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## Ruth Ann Wilson, 60

OKEECHOBEE — Ruth Ann Wilson, age 60, of Okeechobee, died Monday, Dec. 28, 2009, at her residence.

Born Oct. 11, 1949, in Valrico, she had been a resident since 1977 and was a member of the New Testament Baptist Church.

She is survived by her loving husband, Ray Wilson; daughters, Dana Michele Thomas, and Margaret Elaine Isaquirre (Thomas), all of Okeechobee; two grandchildren, Krista and Chance; brothers, Ross Allen Jones, Jr. (Connie) of Tampa, and Donald C. Jones (Elizabeth of Loxahatchee; sister, Charlotte Alva Sims (Larry) of St. Petersburg; and niece and nephew, Rick and Glenda Wilson.

The family will receive friends on Thursday, Dec. 31, from 2 p.m. until service time of 3 p.m. in the New Testament Baptist Church, with Pastor Jim Gilbert officiating

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Okeechobee, P.O. Box 1548, Okeechobee, Fl 34973.

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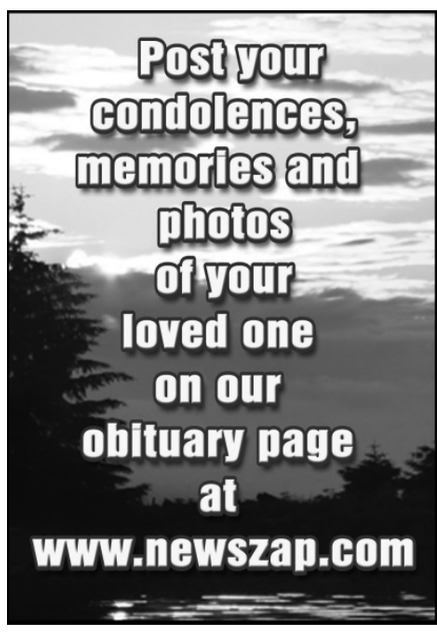

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# Plans for 'The Grove' put on hold indefinitely

**By Pete Gawda**
Okeechobee News

In January 2006 plans were announced for a 9 square mile planned city in the extreme northeastern part of the county. Today it looks like that city will not be built any time in the near future.

The planned city, called "The Grove" was a partnership between the Barron Collier Companies and Evans Properties. Barron Collier has been involved in citrus groves, vegetables, cattle, sod and more recently in real estate development. The company was involved in developing Ava Maria, a planned community in eastern Collier County near Immokalee. Evans Properties, owner of the land that was to become The Grove, also owns land in several other counties and is one of the largest grove owners in the state.

Tom Sansbury, of Barron Collier, recently stated that his organization is no longer in partnership the Evans Properties. A special taxing district was formed by the state legislature for The Grove to pay for roads, water and sewer. Mr. Sansbury said that operation of the special taxing district was turned over to Evans properties.

Ron Edwards, president of Evans Properties, said even before the economy went sour, they could see that the project was not going to be practical. He said they were not likely to get Florida Department of Community Affairs approval because of the transportation issues involved. Mr. Evans said that the special taxing district is dormant.

For the second year in a row real estate prices in Okeechobee have dropped. Unemployment in the county is about 13 percent. Those factors, as well as government bureaucracy contributed to the demise of The Grove.

"It's a possibility, but not very likely for a long time," Mr. Edwards said of developing the Grove.

The original announcement was greeted with great fanfare and anticipation. The news was first made public at a noon luncheon of business and professional people on Jan. 4, 2006 sponsored by Okeechobee County Economic Council. Later that afternoon there was a town hall meeting at the Dixon Hendry Campus of Indian River State College.

Both meetings were attended by representatives of Barron Collier and Evans Properties who used maps and drawings to explain their ambitious concept.

The planned community, which was to take 15 to 20 years to fully develop, was to have 15,000 housing units and be self contained with grocery stores, dry cleaners and other necessary retail businesses as well as recreational amenities such as golf courses and tennis courts. There were even plans for an entrance ramp to the adjacent Florida Turnpike. The planned city was expected to create 3,000 to 4,000 service oriented and professional jobs.

Evans Properties is now once more concentrating on agricultural related activities. They recently applied to the Florida Public Service Commission to operate a utility to provide water in bulk quantities for agricultural use and reclaim surface water exclusively for their extensive land holdings in Okeechobee and adjoining counties, including property that once was to become The Grove.

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

# New Year brings new programs

**By Pete Gawda**
Okeechobee News

Rev. Cecil Bryant from Niceville will preach at New Life Holiness Church of Basinger Wednesday through Sunday of this week. Services will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday and at 6 p.m. on Sunday. Everyone is welcome. Directions to church: take 700 A to 190th St. turn right, church is on the left. For more information, please call 863-484-0714 or 863-763-6989.

**Saint Theresa's Catholic Church, on State Road 78 at Chobee Loop** in Buckhead Ridge, will hold New Year's Day services at 8:30 a.m. in French; at 11 a.m. in English and at noon in Spanish.

**North Okeechobee Church of God** will host a Southern Gospel Sing with the internationally known group "Naomi and the Seagos" Friday, **Jan. 8** at 7 p.m. The church is located at the corner of NW 30th Terrace and CR 68 W. approximately 2 and a half miles west of U.S. 441 N. For information contact Don Leon at 863 634 0344. A love offering will be received.

**Okeechobee Church of God,** 301 NE Fourth Ave., presents Trust Quartet in concert at 6 p.m. on **Jan. 10**. For more information 863 634 8793.

## Places of Worship

**Okeechobee Church of the Nazarene,** 425 SW 28th St., announces their 2010 Winter Southern Gospel Series: Brian Free & Assurance, Sunday **Jan. 10** at 2 p.m.**;** Dixie Echoes, Friday, **Jan. 22** at 7 p.m.; Kingsmen Quartet, Monday, **Feb. 1** at 7 p.m.; Mark Trammel Trio, Friday, **Feb. 5** at 7 p.m.; The Perrys, Sunday, **Feb. 14,** at 2 p.m.; Dixie Melody Boys, Thursday, **March 25** at 7 p.m. Limited seating available. For more information please call 863 763 7113.

**Westside Christian Church,** 8080 SR 70 W., will host ministers of music from Pennsylvania in concert on **Jan. 31** at 6 p.m. The church will have a revival **Feb. 14-17** featuring Willard Delaney with Grace Harmony in concert nightly.


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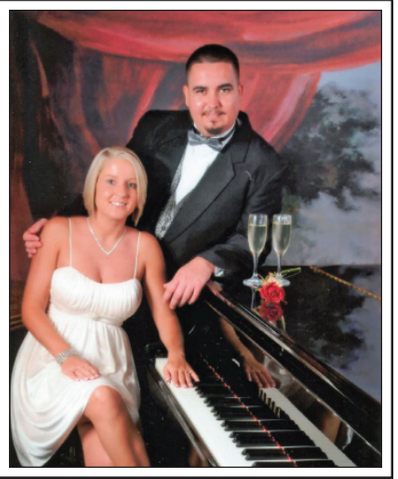
Jay is a 2001 graduate of Flannigan High School in Pembroke Pines and is currently employed as the Master Chef for Cowboy's Restaurant in Okeechobee.

An October 10, 2010 wedding is planned.



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# Outstanding employees

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# Undercover operation reveals reptile store selling pythons illegally

Working on an anonymous tip, investigators with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) busted a Palm Beach County reptile store for selling pythons illegally.

Mark Bavosa, 45, of Boynton Beach, owner of Reptiles Plus Inc. in Lake Worth, was charged with two misdemeanors - illegal sale of a reptile of concern (ROC) to an unpermitted person and improper caging. Bavosa also received a warning for failing to keep proper inventory of reptiles of concern.

In addition, officers issued warnings to two of his employees for selling reptiles of concern to unpermitted people.

Undercover FWC investigators visited the store Tuesday and inquired about purchasing pythons. Bavosa told the officers that two pythons, a reticulated python and a Burmese python, were available for sale and that both snakes were dropped off to his store by someone who did not want them anymore.

Bavosa asked the undercover investigator if he had the proper permit to possess an ROC, and the investigator said he did not, but Bavosa sold the pythons to him anyway for $250. The FWC turned the snakes over to a permitted captive wildlife facility. The snakes did not have the required microchips.

Under an executive order issued this month, ROCs can be turned over to authorized reptile of concern permit holders with no questions asked.

"We take ROC amnesty seriously," said FWC Chairman Rodney Barreto. "The owner of this pet store acted irresponsibly when he failed to report to the FWC that he accepted these unwanted pets in the first place. Then, he let us down by selling the pythons under the table to an unpermitted person."

Eugene Bessette, a representative from the state's reptile industry, said, "The reptile industry has no tolerance for anyone taking advantage of the FWC's amnesty program by selling ROCs to unpermitted individuals. The vast majority of people with licenses to possess these reptiles appreciate the importance of abiding by Florida's regulations."

Reptiles of concern must be licensed by FWC's Captive Wildlife Section to be kept as pets. The license costs $100 per year and mandates specific caging requirements. All ROCs more than 2 inches in diameter must be implanted with a microchip that identifies the animal. It is unlawful to allow one to escape or to release one into the wild.

# Brush fire damages local hunting camp

**By Charles M. Murphy**
Okeechobee News

The Division of Forestry and Okeechobee County Fire Rescue were able to stop a brush fire in its tracks Monday on NE 366 Trail.

Three units and firemen responded just after noon on Dec. 28, to 682 NE 366th Trail and found a shed on fire and a brush fire moving quickly to a nearby single wide trailer.

Lt. Ron Suit said crews were able to move quickly to save the trailer that is used as a hunting camp from significant damage. The estimate of damage was placed at $5,500. The shed was ruled a total loss.

About 3 acres of brush was burned in the fire until it was extinguished by fire breaks.

The DOF provided a plow and pumper truck to the effort, Lt. Suit added.

Neighbors also pitched in as they used tractors to help control the fire before firemen arrived.

The hunting camp is owned by Kubeir Pershad of Pembroke Pines.

DOF officials said three homes in the area were saved thanks to the quick work of firemen.

DOF spokesperson Melissa Yunas said the fire is under investigation by the Department of Agriculture Department of Law Enforcement.

Officials also noted the area remains very dry and that the cold snap Monday night will make conditions ripe for more brush fires. "Residents living in or near brush or wooded areas should make their homes as safe as possible from the threat of wildfires.

Leaves, pine needles and twigs should be removed from roofs and gutters and a 30 foot buffer zone should be placed around homes and sheds."

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## Donation appreciated

**Beta Nu Chapter collected toiletry articles for Martha's House. Theresa Alexander, director of Martha's House (center) received the items from Pam Trent (left) and Judith Mix. Beta Nu has members in Martin and Okeechobee Counties and is a chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International which promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.**

# Ft. Drum Plaza to be renovated

**By Pete Gawda**
Okeechobee News

A good tax producer for the county is scheduled to undergo renovation at state expense. Officials of the Florida Turnpike announced that beginning some time in 2010 the Fort Drum Service Area will be renovated. There could be some new restaurants and the fuel station will be redone. Work is scheduled to be completed some time in 2012.

The vast majority of motorists on the turnpike have very little contact with the county, only stopping at the service area and traveling the few turnpike miles that are in the county. Nevertheless motorists on the turnpike contribute to the county's tax base. About 5.4 million travelers stop at the service area annually, paying sales tax and fuel tax. In 2008 total food, beverage and retail sales at the service area in were $9,554,602. That same year travelers paid taxes on the 4,679,634 gallons of gasoline and 540,133 gallons of diesel fuel that were sold at the service area. Those figures are expected to increase when the renovations are completed.

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# First-time homebuyer credit extended

## Some current homeowners now also qualify

WASHINGTON — A new law that went into effect Nov. 6 extended the first-time homebuyer credit five months and expands the eligibility requirements for purchasers.

The Worker, Homeownership, and Business Assistance Act of 2009 extended the deadline for qualifying home purchases from Nov. 30, 2009, to April 30, 2010. Additionally, if a buyer enters into a binding contract by April 30, 2010, the buyer has until June 30, 2010, to settle on the purchase.

The maximum credit amount remains at $8,000 for a first-time homebuyer — that is, a buyer who has not owned a primary residence during the three years up to the date of purchase.

But the new law also provides a "long-time resident" credit of up to $6,500 to others who do not qualify as "first-time homebuyers." To qualify this way, a buyer must have owned and used the same home as a principal or primary residence for at least five consecutive years of the eight-year period ending on the date of purchase of a new home as a primary residence.

For all qualifying purchases in 2010, taxpayers have the option of claiming the credit on either their 2009 or 2010 tax returns.

A new version of Form 5405, First-Time Homebuyer Credit, will be available in the next few weeks. A taxpayer who purchases a home after Nov. 6 must use this new version of the form to claim the credit. Likewise, taxpayers claiming the credit on their 2009 returns, no matter when the house was purchased, must also use the new version of Form 5405. Taxpayers who claim the credit on their 2009 tax return will not be able to file electronically but instead will need to file a paper return.

A taxpayer who purchased a home on or before Nov. 6 and chooses to claim the credit on an original or amended 2008 return may continue to use the current version of Form 5405.

Income Limits Rise

The new law raises the income limits for people who purchase homes after Nov. 6. The full credit will be available to taxpayers with modified adjusted gross incomes (MAGI) up to $125,000, or $225,000 for joint filers. Those with MAGI between $125,000 and $145,000, or $225,000 and $245,000 for joint filers, are eligible for a reduced credit. Those with higher incomes do not qualify.

For homes purchased prior to Nov. 7, 2009, existing MAGI limits remain in place. The full credit is available to taxpayers with MAGI up to $75,000, or $150,000 for joint filers. Those with MAGI between $75,000 and $95,000, or $150,000 and $170,000 for joint filers, are eligible for a reduced credit. Those with higher incomes do not qualify.

New Requirements

Several new restrictions on purchases that occur after Nov. 6, go into effect with the new law:

- Dependents are not eligible to claim the credit.
- No credit is available if the purchase price of a home is more than $800,000.
- A purchaser must be at least 18 years of age on the date of purchase.

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# Red Cross announces Health and Safety classes

The Okeechobee Service Center of the American Red Cross will be holding the following Health & Safety classes in January:

* Wednesday, Jan. 6 - Adult CPR/AED at 6 p.m.
* Monday, Jan. 18 - Infant/Child CPR/AED at 6 p.m.
* Thursday, Jan. 21 - First Aid Basics at 6 p.m.

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

# RV condominiums aren't new

**By Pete Gawda**
Okeechobee News

Although two new RV condominiums came into existence in the county in 2009, the concept is not new.

However, Silver Palms RV Village, 4143 U.S. 441 S, which opened earlier this year is the first new RV condominium in almost 19 years. It was built specifically to be an RV condominium.

On Dec. 17 Okeechobee County Commissioners approved the final plat for Water's Edge Motor Resort Condominium, which is located on U.S. 441 SE near the intersection with SR 15B. This facility is actually a renovation of an older RV park which had rented lots.

There are at least three other RV condominiums in the county. The "Declaration of Condominium" for Ancient Oaks is dated June 6, 1984. Big O RV Park filed a Declaration of Condominium on July 25, 1986. Big Cypress Golf & RV Resort came into existence Jan. 22, 1991.

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# OHS boys basketball upset powerful Lakeland

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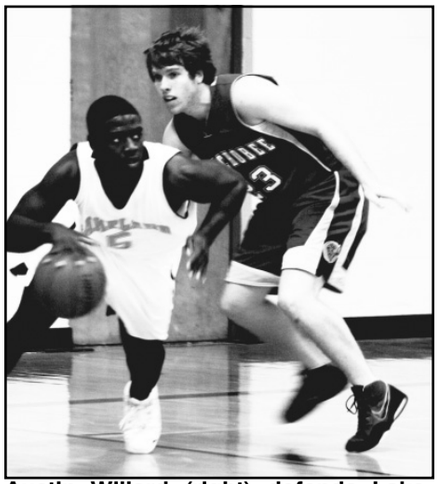
**Ryan Osceola (left) struggles to control the ball as Zac Palmer of Lakeland looks on.**



**Austin Willard (right) defends Lakeland's Queshawn Neely during the first quarter of Monday's game.**

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**Ryan Osceola (left) and Troy Harper await a referees call as Demarcus Ingram of Lakeland (right) looks on.**

**By Charles M. Murphy**
Okeechobee News

It wasn't exactly David versus Goliath but Okeechobee nonetheless will take any win they can get against Lakeland.

Okeechobee High School's Boys Basketball Team surprised the Dreadnaughts, 59-56 in the first round of the Jim Taveniere Holiday Tournament at Sebring High School Monday night.

Duelle Gore scored 15 points and helped control the boards, and Deforest Shanks poured in 12 points to lead Okeechobee (4-4) to the upset.

"We couldn't help but go hard," Shanks said, "We came out strong. There was nothing else we could do. They were doubting us the whole game. They were laughing at us."

Ricky Nieto got the Brahmans off to a good start with a three pointer to start the game and Okeechobee never let up, building as much as a 14 point lead in the second half.

Coach Bryan Van Camp said Lakeland has a history of having talented and skilled basketball teams and that it was important for his team to get off to an early lead, "We knew that we had to play our hearts out to win tonight and the kids definitely did."

Okeechobee traded baskets in the first quarter but gained in confidence even when Lakeland hit two three pointers. Okeechobee used the bench liberally as 10 players hit the floor in the opening quarter. A nice feed from Ryan Osceola to Troy Harper for a layup helped Okeechobee enjoy a 17-14 lead after the first quarter.

Okeechobee build a 10 point lead as Shanks and Nieto hit baskets early in the second quarter. Even a 6-0 run by Lakeland couldn't deter the Brahmans as they were able to take a 33-24 lead into the locker room.

"I told them to play good tough aggressive basketball," Van Camp said, "If we push the basketball and not let the defense rest, we can play with anybody. This is a big confidence builder for our district games in January."

Okeechobee continued to keep the pedal to the medal in the third quarter as they got two easy buckets by Matt Skipper on transition and a 12 footer from Gore to build a 46-36 lead.

Gore said his team never let up with their intensity, "We all stepped up tonight. Everybody was a big part of the win. We ran our offense pretty good and the transition game was working for us."

Gore's layup gave Okeechobee a 50-36 lead moments into the fourth quarter and things looked good for Okeechobee. Lakeland wasn't finished as they scored six straight to close the gap.

Okeechobee didn't scare and a three pointer by Aaron Suarez gave Okeechobee a nine point lead in the final two minutes.

Gore said he felt confident that his ball handlers wouldn't turn the ball over at crunch time, "I don't think too much about the other team. I just try my hardest and I felt real good. I have all the confidence in the world in my guards."

Coach Van Camp said the guys had been frustrated by some earlier performances and wanted to play up to their potential in this game. He did his part and didn't change his philosophy of playing aggressively, "You can't change your philosophy and stop doing what got you the lead. I don't want the kids to think I don't have confidence in them at the end of the game."

Suarez had eight points and Skipper added six points for Okeechobee. Markeith Cauley led Lakeland with 21 points.

Okeechobee played Ridge Community on Tuesday night at 6 p.m. in the winner's bracket of the tournament. Coral Gables defeated Hardee 63-53, Sebring defeated Lake Gibson 70-49, and Ridge Community defeated Parkway Charter School of Miramar in the other first round games.

# Little league signups planned

Okeechobee little league starts the 2010 campaign with signups in January. Children ages 5-15 can sign up at the Okeechobee U-Save parking lot on South Parrott Avenue on Saturday Jan. 9, Saturday Jan. 16, Saturday, Jan. 23, and Saturday, January 30, from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. The cost is $60. Volunteers and coaches are welcome to join the organization. For more information call 863-634-3482.

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### Public Notice

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING NOTICE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the City Council of the City of Okeechobee will meet in Regular Session on **Tuesday, January 5, 2010, 6:00 p.m.**, at City Hall, 55 SE 3rd Ave, Rm 200, Okeechobee, Florida. The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE AND BE ADVISED that no stenographic record by a certified court reporter will be made of the foregoing meeting. Accordingly, any person who may seek to appeal any decision involving the matters noticed herein will be responsible for making a verbatim record of the testimony and evidence at said meeting upon which any appeal is to be based. Please contact City Administration at 863-763-3372, or website www.cityofokeechobee.com, to obtain a copy of the agenda.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 persons needing special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the City Clerk's Office at 863-763-3372 for assistance.

by: James E. Kirk, Mayor
Lane Gamiotea, CMC, City Clerk
342648 ON 12/30/09

### Public Notice

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA**
**Probate Division**
**File No.: 2009-CP-224**
**Judge: F. Shields McManus**

IN RE: ESTATE OF
**DEVON VENABLES**
Deceased

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

The administration of the estate of Devon Venables, deceased, whose date of death was August 1, 2009, and whose social security number is XXXXX-8824, is pending in the Circuit Court for Okeechobee County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 312 Northwest 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida 34972. The names and addresses of the personal representatives and the personal representatives' attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

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

The date of first publication of this notice is December 31, 2009.
DATE: Dec. 28, 2009

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Okeechobee Utility Authority will hold a Public Hearing as soon after 8:30 A.M. as possible to consider the adoption of Resolution 10-01 dealing with general policy and procedures for the Okeechobee Utility Authority . A copy of the proposed Resolution is available for viewing at the office of the Executive Director, Okeechobee Utility Authority Offices, 100 SW 5th Avenue, Okeechobee, Florida.

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John F. Hayford, P.E.
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342158 ON 12/30/09

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 47-2007-CA-000272**

KONDAUR CAPITAL CORPORATION
Plaintiff
Vs.
DELROY A. GREENLAND, et al.
Defendant(s)

**NOTICE OF SALE**

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure of Order dated 11/16/2009, entered in Civil Case Number 47-2007-CA-000272, in the Circuit Court for OKEECHOBEE County, Florida, wherein KONDAUR CAPITAL CORPORATION is the Plaintiff, and DELROY A. GREENLAND, et al., are the Defendants, I will sell the property situated in OKEECHOBEE County, Florida, described as:

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Dated: 11/20/2009.

Sharon Robertson
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

BY: Linda F. Young
As Deputy Clerk

NOTICE REGARDING THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITES 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 telephone 1-772-8074370 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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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO. 2009-CP-241**

IN RE: ESTATE OF
**JENNIFER SONNE**
Deceased

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

The administration of the estate of JENNIFER SONNE, deceased, File Number 2009-CP-241 is pending in the Circuit Court for Okeechobee County, Florida, Probate Division; the address of which is Probate Division, Circuit Court of Okeechobee County, Okeechobee County Courthouse, 312 N.W. 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida 34972. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons, who have claims or demands against decedent's estate, including unmatured, contingent or unliquidated claims, on whom a copy of this notice is served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons who have claims or demands against the decedent's estate, including unmatured, contingent or unliquidated claims, must file their claims with this court WITHIN THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICAITON OF THIS NOTICE.

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THE DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE IS DEC. 30, 2009.

Attorney for
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Shepard Lesser, Esq.
Florida Bar No. 046634
Lesser, Lesser, Landy & Smith, PLLC
101 Northpoint Parkway
West Palm Beach, FL 33407
Telephone: 561-655-2028
Personal Representative:
CONNIE PHILLIPS
342641 ON 12/30/09 1/6/10

**IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 09-CC-286**

**CARL S. MAXWELL,**
**Plaintiff,**
**vs.**
**MAYNOR R. ROSALES and MARY Y. ROSALES, husband and wife, and any unknown tenants in possession,**
**Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF ACTION**

TO: Maynor R. Rosales
Mary Y. Rosales

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to quiet title of the following described property in Okeechobee County, Florida, to-wit:

**PARCEL:**

**LOT 9, BLOCK 33, BASSWOOD, UNIT 2, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 28, PUB LIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.**

**Parcel ID:**
**1-05-37-35-0020-00330-0090**

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defense, if any, to it on DEVIN R. MAXWELL, Esquire, 405 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida 34972 and file the original with the Clerk of the above styled Court on or before January 22, 2010.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of said Court on this 2nd day of December, 2009.

SHARON ROBERTSON
Clerk of Circuit Court
By: Kimberly J. Sarros
341225 ON 12/9,16,23,30/09

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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No.: 2009 CP 253**

IN RE: ESTATE OF
**JESSICA ROMANI**
Deceased.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

The administration of the estate of Jessica Romani, deceased, whose date of death was September 23, 2009, is pending in the Circuit Court for Okeechobee County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida 34972. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICEOR 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 DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is December 30, 2009.

Personal Representative:
Lucia Listur
13574 43rd Road
Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411
Attorney for
Personal Representative:
Kirk Grantham
Attorney for Lucia Listur
Florida Bar No. 133803
The Grantham Law Firm
1860 Forest Hill Blvd., #105
West Palm Beach, FL 33406-6086
Telephone: (561) 966-6211
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342646 ON 12/30/09 1/6/10

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROBATE DIVISION CASE NO. 2009-CP-242**

In Re: Estate of
**MARJORIE P. SANDEFUR,**
Deceased

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

The administration of the estate of MARJORIE P. SANDEFUR, deceased, date of death November 7, 2009, is pending in the Circuit Court for Okeechobee County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 312 N.W. 3rd Street, Suite 101, Okeechobee, Florida 34972. The personal representative's and the personal representative's attorney names 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 persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent 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 PERIOD SET FORTH IN THE FLORIDA STATUTES WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.**

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

The first publication of this notice is December 30, 2009.

Robina S. Marker
Personal Representative
2033 N.W. 46th Avenue
Okeechobee, Florida 34972
CONELY & CONELY, P.A.
Post Office Drawer 1367
Okeechobee, Florida 34973-1367
(863) 763-3825
By: Tom Conely III
Florida Bar #096482
Attorney for Personal Representative
342288 ON 12/30/09 1/6/10

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO. 47-2009-CA-000026**

US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR BAFC 2007-1,
Plaintiff,
DONALD CHRISTOPHER SPATH, et al
Defendant(s).

**NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated 12/9/2009 and entered in Case NO. 47-2009-CA-000026 of the Circuit Court of the NINETEENTH Judicial Circuit in and for OKEECHOBEE County, Florida wherein US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR BAFC 2007-1, is the Plaintiff and DONALD CHRISTOPHER SPATH; 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 20th day of Jan., 2010, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

**COMMENCING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE SOUTHEAST ONE-QUARTER OF SECTION 17, TOWNSHIP 37 SOUTH, RANGE 36 EAST. THENCE RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 24 MINUTES 08 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE HALF SECTION LINE OF SAID SECTION 17 A DISTANCE OF 202.61 FEET FOR POINT OF BEGINNING. THENCE RUN NORTH 0 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 07 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 110.00 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 24 MINUTES 08 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 198.00 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE RUN SOUTH 0 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 07 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 220.00 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 24 MINUTES 08 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 198.00 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE RUN NORTH 0 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 07 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 110.00 FEET TO POINT OF BEGINNING. LYING IN AND COMPRISING A PART OF THE EAST ONE-HALF OF SECTION 17, TOWNSHIP 37 SOUTH, RANGE 36 EAST, OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.**

**A/K/A 7355 7TH STREET NE 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 12/11/2009.

Sharon Robertson
Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: Linda F. Young
Deputy Clerk

Florida Default Law Group, P.L.
P.O. Box 25018
Tampa, Florida 33622-5018
F09000747
341917 ON 12/23,30/09

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO. 2008-CA-688**

CITIMORTGAGE, INC.,
Plaintiff,
VS.
BILLY J. ELLERBEE; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF BILLY J. ELLERBEE; STACEY ELLERBEE; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF STACEY ELLERBEE; 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); ADVANTAGE ONE MORTGAGE CORPORATION; WHETHER DISSOLVED OR PRESENTLY EXISTING, TOGETHER WITH ANY GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, OR TRUSTEES OF SAID DEFENDANT(S) AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST DEFENDANT(S); UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2;
Defendants)

**NOTICE OF SALE**

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

**LOT 4 AND THE EAST 1/2 OF LOT 5, BLOCK 88, OKEECHOBEE, AS PER PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGE 5, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.**
**A/K/A**
**308 NE 6th Street**
**Okeechobee, FL 34972**

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, in the Jury Assembly Room of the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 312 NW 3rd Street, 2nd Floor, Suite 257, Okeechobee, FL 34972 at 11:00 o'clock, A.M., on 1/13/2010.

DATED this 18th day of Nov. 2009.

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

Witness, my hand and seal of this court on the 18th day of Nov., 2009.

SHARON ROBERTSON, CLERK
CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT

BY: Linda F. Young
Deputy Clerk

THIS INSTRUMENT PREPARED BY:
Law Offices of Daniel C. Consuegra
9204 King Palm Drive Tampa, FL
33619-1328 Phone: 813-915-8660
Attorneys for Plaintiff

**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.**

**IN THE COUNTY OF THE**

**NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 09-CC-286**

CARL S. MAXWELL,
Plaintiff
vs.
MAYNOR R. ROSALES and MARY Y. ROSALES, husband and wife, and any unknown tenants in possession,
Defendants.

**NOTICE OF ACTION**

TO: Maynor R. Rosales
Mary Y. Rosales

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to quiet title of the following described property in Okeechobee County, Florida, to-wit:

**PARCEL**:

LOT 9, BLOCK 33, BASSWOOD, UNIT 2, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 28, PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Parcel ID:
1-05-37-35-0020-00330-0090

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defense, if any, to it on DEVIN R. MAXWELL, Esquire, 405 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida 34972 and file the original with the Clerk of the above styled Court on or before November , 2009 otherwise a judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of said Court on this day of November, 2009.

SHARON ROBERTSON
Clerk of Circuit Court

BY: DEPUTY CLERK
340544 ON 12/9,16,23,30/09

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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 19TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION CASE NO: 2008-CA-463**

NATIONAL CITY BANK SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO HARBOR FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK
PLAINTIFF
VS.
DARIO A PERDOMO; LASHA B. PERDOMO; 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
DEFENDANTS

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated 11/16/2009 entered in Civil Case No. 2008-CA-463 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 13th day of Jan., 2010, the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment, to-wit:

**LOT 3, EMMA W. LAWRENCE SUBDIVISION, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 80, 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 this18th day of Nov., 2009.

SHARON ROBERTSON
Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: Linda F. Young
Deputy Clerk

THE LAW OFFICES OF
DAVID J. STERN, P.A.,
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF
900 South Pine Island Road
Suite 400,
Plantation, FL 33324-3920
(954) 233-8000

**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, FL 34986 or call 1-772-807-4370 within two working days of your receipt of this Summons/Notice to Appear. If you are hearing impaired call 1-800-955-8771. If you are voice impaired call 1-800-955-8770, via Florida Relay Service.
340350 ON 12/23,30/09

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Capital Solutions Bancorp, LLC will sell all assets of Sod Services, LLC and Sod Services Lawn and Maintenance, LLC which will be sold as a unit and not in lots, to the highest qualified bidder in public as follows:

Date: Thursday, December 31st 2009
Time: 10:00 AM
Place: 12751 World Plaza Lane, Fort Myers, FL 33907
Terms: 100% cashier's check
342553 ON 12/30/09

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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 19TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION CASE NO: 2008-CA-000691**

NATIONAL CITY BANK SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO HARBOR FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK
PLAINTIFF
VS.
DAVID J. BROWN; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DAVID J. BROWN IF ANY; JOANNA H. BROWN A/K/A JOANNA BROWN-UNDERHILL; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JOANNA H. BROWN A/K/A JOANNA BROWN-UNDERHILL IF ANY; 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; STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; JOHN DOE AND JANE DOE AS UNKNOWN TENANTS IN POSSESSION
DEFENDANTS

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated 11/16/2009 entered in Civil Case No. 2008-CA-000691 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 20th day of Jan., 2010, the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment, to-wit:

**WEST HALF (1/2) LOT 44, PIONEER ESTATES, UNIT 2, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGES 15 THRU 17, INCLUSIVE, PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT A POINT LYING ON THE EASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY OF SE 80TH TRAIL BEING THE NORTH WEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 44; THENCE SOUTH 53 DEGREES 39' 07" EAST A DISTANCE OF 155.31 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE SOUTH 36 DEGREES 20'53" WEST A DISTANCE OF 142.88 FEET TO A POINT LYING ON THE NORTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY OF S.E. 59TH CIRCLE; THENCE NORTH 53 DEGREES 19'07" WEST ALONG SAID NORTHERLY A DISTANCE OF 120.31 FEET; THENCE A DISTANCE OF 54.99 FEET ALONG THE ARC OF A CURVE BEING CONCAVE TO THE NORTHEAST, HAVING A RADIUS OF 35.00 FEET, A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 89 DEGREES 59'52" WITH A CHORD BEARING OF NORTH 08 DEGREES 39'11" WEST TO A POINT; THENCE NORTH 36 DEGREES 20'53" EAST A DISTANCE OF 107.88 FEET ALONG THE EASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY OF S.E. 80TH TRAIL TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, TOGETHER WITH 1990 FLEETWOOD DOUBLEWIDE MOBILE HOME, VIN #GAFLL34A13263SK AND GAFLL34B13263SK**

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 20th day of Nov. 2009.

SHARON ROBERTSON
Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: Linda F. Young
Deputy Clerk

THE LAW OFFICES O
DAVID J. STERN, P.A.,
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF
900 South Pine Island Road
Suite 400,
Plantation, FL 33324-3920
(954) 233-8000

**NOTICE REGARDING THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1999**

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, FL 34986 or call 1-772-807-4370 within two working days of your receipt of this Summons/Notice to Appear. If you are hearing impaired call 1-800-955-8771. If you are voice impaired call 1-800-9558770, via Florida Relay Service.
340369 ON 12/23,30/09

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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: 2008CA0241**

GMAC MORTGAGE, LLC
PLAINTIFF
VS.
BRUCE D. LARGE; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF BRUCE D. LARGE, IF ANY' 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; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC.; JOHN DOE AND JANE DOE AS UNKNOWN TENANTS IN POSSESSION
DEFENDANT(S)

**RE- NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Granting the Motion to Reset Foreclosure Sale dated 11/16/2009 entered in Civil Case No 2008CA0241 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 at the JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM, 2ND FLOOR, at OKEECHOBEE JUDICIAL CENTER of the OKEECHOBEE County Courthouse, 312 NW 3RD STREET, Okeechobee, Florida, at 11:00 a.m. on the 13th day of Jan., 2010, the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment, to-wit:

**LOTS 4, 5 AND 6, OF BLOCK 250, FIRST ADDITION TO OKEECOBEE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGE 6, 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 20th day of Nov. 2009.

SHARON ROBERTSON, CLERK
Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: Linda F. Young
Deputy Clerk

**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, FL 34986 or call 1-772-8074370 within two working days of your receipt of this Summons/Notice to Appear. If you are hearing impaired call 1-800-955-8771. If you are voice impaired call 1-800-955-8770, via Florida Relay Service.

LAW OFFICES OF DAVID J. STERN, P.A., 900 SOUTH PINE ISLAND ROAD, SUITE 400,
PLANTATION, FL 33324-3920
(954) 233-8000
340010 ON 12/23,30/09

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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 19TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO.: 47-2009-CA-000435**

SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, INC.,
Plaintiff,
VS.
LEROY GOLDSTEIN; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF LEROY GOLDSTEIN; UNKNOWN TENANT(S); IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY,
Defendants.

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated the 16th day of Nov., 2009, and entered in Case No. 47-2009-CA-000435, of the Circuit Court of the 19TH Judicial Circuit in and for Okeechobee County, Florida, wherein SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, INC. is the Plaintiff and LEROY GOLDSTEIN; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF LEROY GOLDSTEIN; UNKNOWN TENANT (S); JOHN DOE; JANE DOE AS UNKNOWN TENANT (S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY are defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the OKEECHOBEE COUNTY JUDICIAL CENTER, 312 NW 3RD STREET, JURY ASSEMBLY ROOK SECOND FLOC, OKEECHOBEE, FLORIDA 34972 at 11:00 am. on the 20th day of Jan., 2010, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

**PARCEL 40, BRIDLEWOOD RANCHES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 34, 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.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) disabled person who, because of their disabilities need special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact not later than seven (7) days prior to the proceeding Court administration at 250 NW Country Club Dr., Port St. Lucie, FL 34989. Phone 772.807.4370, 1.800.955.8771 (hearing impaired) or 1.800.955.8770 (voice impaired).

Dated this 20th day of Nov., 2009.

Sharon Robertson
Clerk Of The Circuit Court

BY: Linda F. Young
Deputy Clerk

Submitted by:
Law Office of Marshall C. Watson
1800 NW 49th Street, Suite 120
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33309
Telephone: (954) 453-0365
Facsimile: (954) 771-6052
Toll Free: 1-800-441-2438
340013 ON 12/23,30/09

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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 19TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO.: 2009-CA-584**

TD BANK, N.A., a national banking association, successor to PALM BEACH COUNTY BANK,
Plaintiff,
VS.
JUAN A. CASTRO; ANA M. CASTRO; OKEECHOBEE UTILITY AUTHORITY; TENANT #1 and TENANT #2, unknown parties in possession; and JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, unknown parties in possession
Defendants.

**NOTICE OF SALE (Lot 62, Unit #7)**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure on Count II of Plaintiffs Verified Complaint to Foreclose Mortgage dated 11/16/2009 (the "Judgment"), entered in Civil Case No. 2009-CA-584 of the Circuit Court of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Okeechobee County, Florida in which TD BANK, N.A., a national banking association, successor to PALM BEACH COUNTY BANK, is Plaintiff, and JUAN A. CASTRO; ANA M. CASTRO; and OKEECHOBEE UTILITY AUTHORITY, are Defendants.

I will sell the Property as defined in the Judgment and as set forth below at a public sale on Jan. 20, 2010, at 11:00 a.m. to the "highest bidder," for cash at the Jury Assembly Room, 2nd Floor, Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 312 NW Third Street, Okeechobee , Florida 34972, in accordance with Section 45.031, Florida Statutes. The "highest bidder" for purposes of this Notice of Sale, is defined as the party who bids the largest amount of money to purchase the Property and who completes the sale in a timely fashion, as hereinafter set out. The one who bids the largest amount of money to purchase the Property shall be permitted to complete the sale by delivering to the Clerk, the balance of such bid, over and above the deposit, by 5:00 p.m. on the day of sale.

The following Property located in Okeechobee County, Florida, is the subject of this Notice of Sale:

Lot 62, of Treasure Island, Unit #7 According to the Plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 57, Public Records of Okeechobee County, Florida
a/k/a 3243 SE 25th Street,
Unit #7, Okeechobee, FL 34974

together with all existing or subsequently erected or affixed buildings, improvements, and fixtures (the "Unit 7 Property").

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 seal of this Court on 11/20/2009.

SHARON ROBERTSON
Clerk of Circuit Court

BY: Linda F. Young
Deputy Clerk

Noelle M. Page, Esquire
Akerman Senterfitt
222 Lakeview Avenue, Suite 400
West Palm Beach, Florida 33401
Telephone: (561) 653-5000
Facsimile: (561) 659-6313
340000 ON 12/23,30/09

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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 19TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION CASE NO: 2008-CA-00609**

NATIONAL CITY BANK SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO HARBOR FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK
PLAINTIFF
VS.
JEFFREY TALAN A/K/A JEFFREY TALAN; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JEFFREY TALAN A/K/A JEFFREY TALAN IF ANY; ANY AND ALL UNKNKOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFEDNANT(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; BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.; JOHN DOE AND JANE DOE AS UNKNOWN TENANTS IN POSSESSION
DEFENDANTS

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated 11/16/2009 entered in Civil Case No. 2008-CA-00609 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 20th day of Jan. 2010, the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment, to-wit:

**LOT 123, TREASURE ISLAND, UNIT 7, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 60, PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.**

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

Dated this 20th day of Nov. 2009.

SHARON ROBERTSON
Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: Linda F. Young
Deputy Clerk

THE LAW OFFICES OF
DAVID J. STERN, P.A.,
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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 19TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO.: 47-2008-CA-000651**

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK TRUST COMPANY, N.A. AS SUCCESSOR TO JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A. AS TRUSTEE FOR RAMP 2005RZ4,
Plaintiff,
VS.
ELIZABETH PINEIRO, et al,
Defendants.

**RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated the 2ND day of March, 2009, and entered in Case No. 47-2008-CA-000651, of the Circuit Court of the 19TH Judicial Circuit in and for Okeechobee County, Florida, wherein THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK TRUST COMPANY, N.A. AS SUCCESSOR TO JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A. AS TRUSTEE FOR RAMP 2005RZ4 is the Plaintiff and ELIZABETH PINEIRO; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ELIZABETH PINEIRO A/IC/A RAIMEL RODRIGUEZ; UNKNOWN TENANT (S); JOHN DOE; JANE DOE AS UNKNOWN TENANT (S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY are defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the OKEECHOBEE COUNTY JUDICIAL CENTER, 312 NW 3RD STREET, JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM, SECOND FLOOR, OKEECHOBEE, FLORIDA 34972 at the Okeechobee County Courthouse in Okeechobee, Florida, at 11:00 a.m. on the 20th day of Jan., 2010, the following described property as set forth in said Final

**LOT 20, BLOCK 5, COUNTRY HILLS ESTATES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 97, 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.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) disabled person who, because of their disabilities need special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact not later than seven (7) days prior to the proceeding Court Administration at 250 NW Country Club Dr., Port St. Lucie, FL 34989. Phone 772.807.4370, 1.800.955.8771 (hearing impaired) or 1.800.955.8770 (voice impaired)

Dated this 20th day of Nov., 2009.

Sharon Robertson
Clerk Of The Circuit Court

By: Linda F. Young
Deputy Clerk

Submitted by:
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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 19TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION CASE NO: 472009CA000187XXXX**

NATIONAL CITY BANK SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO FIDELITY FEDERAL BANK & TRUST
PLAINTIFF
VS.
NICK BRIDGENBACK A/K/A NICK K. BRIDENBACK A/K/A NICHOLAS KEITH BRIDGENBACK; KAREN BRIDGENBACK A/K/A KAREN E. BRIDENBACK A/K/A KARNE ELIZABETH BRIDENBACK; 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; JOHNE DOE AND JANE DOE AS UNKNOWN TENANTS IN POSSESSION
DEFENDANTS

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated 11/16/2009, entered in Civil Case No. 472009CA000187XXXX 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 13th day of Jan., 2010, following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment, to wit:

**LOT 80, RIVER ACRES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGES 13 AND 14, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN 2003 SKYLANE DOUBLEWIDE MOBILE HOME WITH VIN# F7630333RA AND VIN# F7630333RB.**

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

Dated this 18th day of Nov., 2009.

SHARON ROBERTSON
Clerk of Circuit Court

BY: Linda F. Young
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**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, FL 34986 or call 1-772-807-4370 within two working days of your receipt of this Summons/Notice to Appear. If you are hearing impaired call 1-800-955-8771. If you are voice impaired call 1-800-9558770, via Florida Relay Service.
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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 19TH JUDICIAL CIRCIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY Case #: 2009 CA 000416**

U.S. Bank, National Association as Trustee for WAMU Mortgage Prass Through Certificate for WMALT Series 2007-OA3,
Plaintiff,
-VS.-
George E. Canning a/k/a George Canning and Nonie Frazee Canning a/k/a Nonie Canning, His Wife; Unknown Parties in Possession #1; Unknown Parties in Possession #2; If Living, and all Unknown Parties claiming by, through, under and against the above named Defendant(s) who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said Unknown Parties may claim an interest as Spouse, Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, or Other Claimants
Defendant(s)

**NOTICE OF SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order of Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated 11/16/2009, entered in Civil Case No. 2009 CA 000416 of the Circuit Court of the 19th Judicial Circuit in and for Okeechobee County, Florida, wherein U.S. Bank, National Association as Trustee for WAMU Mortgage Pass Through Certificate for WMALT Series 2007-OA3, Plaintiff and George E. Canning a/k/a George Canning and Nonie Frazee Canning a/k/a Nonie Canning, His Wife are defendant(s), I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, IN THE JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM, ON THE SECOND FLOOR, OF THE OKEECHOBEE JUDICIAL CENTER, 312 N.W. THIRD STREET, OKEECHOBEE, FL 34972 at 11:00 a.m. on 1/13/2010 the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

**LOT 168, TREASURE ISLAND UNIT NO. 6, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 57, 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 US 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 COURT ADMINISTRATION NO LATER THAN SEVEN DAYS PRIOR TO THE PROCEEDING AT 250 NW COUNTRY CLUB DRIVE, PORT ST. LUCIE, FLORIDA 34986, 1-772-807-4370, WITHIN 2 WORKING DAYS OF YOUR RECEIPT OF THIS NOTICE OF SALE:** IF YOU ARE HEARING IMPAIRED CALL: 1-800-955-8771; IF YOU ARE VOICE IMPAIRED CALL: 1-800-955-8770

DATED at OKEECHOBEE, Florida, this 18th day of Nov., 2009.

SHARON ROBERTSON
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
Okeechobee County, Florida

BY: Linda F. Young
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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 19TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO.: 2009-CA-584**

TD BANK, N.A., a national banking association, successor to PALM BEACH COUNTY BANK,
Plaintiff,
VS.
JUAN A. CASTRO; ANA M. CASTRO; OKEECHOBEE UTILITY AUTHORITY; TENANT #1 and TENANT #2, unknown parties in possession; and JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, unknown parties in possession,
Defendants.

**NOTICE OF SALE (Lot 62, Unit #6)**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure on Count I of Plaintiffs Verified Complaint to Foreclose Mortgage dated 11/16/2009 (the "Judgment"), entered in Civil Case No. 2009-CA-584 of the Circuit Court of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Okeechobee County, Florida in which TD BANK, N.A., a national banking association, successor to PALM BEACH COUNTY BANK, is Plaintiff, and JUAN A. CASTRO; ANA M. CASTRO; OKEECHOBEE UTILITY AUTHORITY; and TENANT #1, n/n/k/a JASON HUEY, are Defendants.

I will sell the Property as defined in the Judgment and as set forth below at a public sale on 1/20/2010, at 11:00 a.m. to the "highest bidder," for cash at the Jury Assembly Room, 2nd Floor, Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 312 NW Third Street, Okeechobee , Florida 34972, in accordance with Section 45.031, Florida Statutes. The "highest bidder" for purposes of this Notice of Sale, is defined as the party who bids the largest amount of money to purchase the Property and who completes the sale in a timely fashion, as hereinafter set out. The one who bids the largest amount of money to purchase the Property shall be permitted to complete the sale by delivering to the Clerk, the balance of such bid, over and above the deposit, by 5:00 p.m. on the day of sale.

The following Property located in Okeechobee County, Florida, is the subject of this Notice of Sale:

Lot 62, of Treasure Island, Unit #6 According to the Plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 57, Public Records of Okeechobee County, Florida

a/k/a 3636 SE 26th Street,
Unit #6, Okeechobee, FL 34974

together with all existing or subsequently erected or affixed buildings, improvements, and fixtures (the "Unit 6 Property").

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 seal of this Court on 11/20/2009.

SHARON ROBERTSON
Clerk of Circuit Court

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**ACROSS**

1 Good-sized piece of meat
5 Play-of-color gem
9 To the left, at sea
14 Volcanic output
15 White House staffer
16 Medium for FDR's fireside chats
17 Sign of things to come
18 Start of many a corny joke
20 O'Hara's estate
21 Flavorful
22 Canadian tribe
23 Neighbor of Swe.
25 Scat singer Fitzgerald
27 Start of a trucker's communication
34 Crude in a gusher
35 Sea World performer
36 Heredity units
38 "Metamorphoses" poet
40 Like milk on the floor
43 Outside, as a chance
44 Knot again
46 Classic grape soda
48 "Fourscore and seven years ___ ..."
49 Start of a sound man's mike check
53 Cancún cash
54 Pampering place
55 Manuscript encl.
58 Remove by percolation
61 Kept from swelling
65 Start of a newsboy's cry
67 City near Sacramento
68 Jewelry fastener
69 High-performance Camaro
70 Finished
71 Church belief
72 Bulletin board sticker
73 Monthly expense

**DOWN**

1 Opening for a coin
2 Tibet's Dalai ___
3 State with conviction
4 Fruit high in potassium
5 Acorn producers
6 ___ colada
7 Big fusses
8 Hannibal the Cannibal
9 Genesis craft
10 Breakfast stack
11 Olfactory reception
12 Pilaf grain
13 Casino gratuity
19 NASCAR's Petty or Busch
24 Gives a thumbs-up
26 Fall behind
27 One lacking manners
28 Fastener for Rosie
29 Upper crust
30 Music genre in the 'hood
31 Jewelry in the 'hood
32 China's Zhou ___
33 King's tenure
37 Unhealthful skyline obscurer
39 Scatter
41 Give permission
42 2007 William P. Young Christian-themed best-seller
45 Summer in France
47 AOL, for one
50 Cruise ship stop
51 "You can't get out this way" sign
52 One whose job is fitting?
55 Religious offshoot
56 Wheel shaft
57 Ollie's sidekick
59 Gillette razor
60 Gator's cousin
62 Sheltered inlet
63 Garden site in Genesis
64 Malicious gossip
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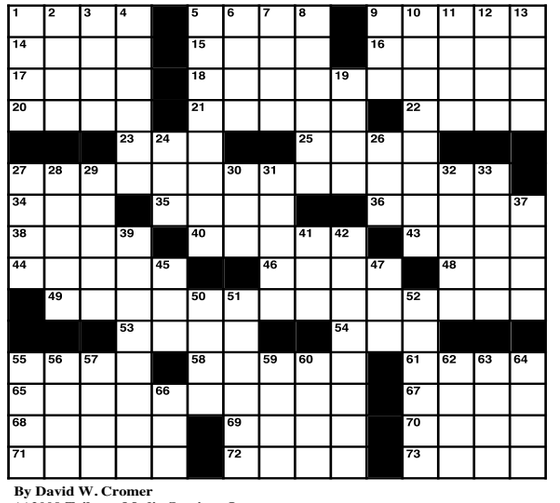

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## Public Notice

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY CASE NO. 08000524CA**

SUNTRUST BANK D/B/A SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, INC.,
Plaintiff,
VS.
DAMARIS CASANOVA; et al.,
Defendants.

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated 6/26/2009 and entered in Case No. 08000524CA, of the Circuit Court of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Okeechobee County, Florida , wherein SUNTRUST BANK D/B/A SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, INC., is a Plaintiff and DAMARIS CASANOVA; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DAMARIS CASANOVA; JACOBO GONZALEZ; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JACOBO GONZALEZ; BRIDLEWOOD RANCHES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; UNKNOWN TENANT # 1; UNKNOWN TENANT # 2 are the Defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at Jury Assembly Room, Second Floor, Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 312 N.W. 3rd St., Okeechobee, FL, at 11:00 AM on Jan. 13, 2010, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

**PARCEL 5, BRIDLEWOOD RANCHES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 34, 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: Linda F. Young
As Deputy Clerk

Dated this 20th of Nov. 2009.

**ATTENTION: PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**

If you are a person with 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 Court Administrator at 250 NW Country Club Drive, Port St. Lucie, FL 34986; Tel.: 7728074370 within two (2) working days of your receipt of the NOTICE OF ACTION; if you are hearing or voice impaired, Call 8009558771; THIS IS NOT A COURT INFORMATION LINE

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## Public Notice

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 08-000644-CA**

U.S. BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO WACHOVIA BANK, N.A. AS TRUSTEE FOR GSMPS 2005-RP3
Plaintiff,
v.
ADAN OROZCO; ESTELA OROZCO, MARIA R. OROZCO; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MARIA R. OROZCO, and all unknown parties claiming by, through, under or against the herein named Defendants, who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said unknown parties claim as heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, spouses, or other claimants; TENANT #1 and/or TENANT #2, the parties intended to account for the person or persons in possession
Defendants.

**NOTICE OF SALE**

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Summary Final Judgment of foreclosure entered on July 6, 2009, and the Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale entered on 10/29/2009, in this cause, in the Circuit Court of OKEECHOBEE County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in OKEECHOBEE County, Florida, described as:

**LOT 20 AND THE EAST 1/2 OF LOT 19, BLOCK 43, OKEECHOBEE PARK, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 28, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.**
**a/k/a 2671 NW 5th Street, Okeechobee, Florida 34972**

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, in the Jury Assembly Room on the Second Floor of the Okeechobee Judicial Center, located at 312 NW 3rd Street, Florida, OKEECHOBEE County, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock a.m., on January 6th, 2010.

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

Dated at Okeechobee, Florida, this the 30th day of Oct., 2009.

Sharon Robertson
Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: /S/ LINDA F. YOUNG
Deputy Clerk

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To be eligible for these hunts, applicants must be at least 12 years old by the first day of the hunt they are applying for and under 16 years old on the last day of the hunt for which they apply.

Each permit allows only one youth to hunt, and that youth must be accompanied by an adult supervisor who is 18 or older. The accompanying adult is not permitted to hunt. No license or permit is required of the supervising adult, unless the adult desires to assist in calling on the turkey hunts. Permitted youth and adults will be guided during the hunts.

The youth and adult are required to attend and participate in all the Youth Hunting Program of Florida orientation and training events the Friday evening before the scheduled Saturday and Sunday hunts. All members of the hunting party are required to stay with the group from Friday evening until noon on Sunday. The FWC will assign primitive campsites for selectees.

Quail hunt applications may be submitted now through 11:59 p.m. EST, Jan. 17, 2010. Quail hunts will occur from Feb. 19 to 21 and from Feb. 26 to 28.

Spring turkey hunt applications may be submitted from 10 a.m. EST, Jan. 28, 2010, through 11:59 p.m. EST, Feb. 12, 2010. Turkey hunts will occur from March 19 to 21 and March 26 to 28.

Online applications can be obtained and submitted by visiting MyFWC.com/YHPF, then following the links for the Babcock Ranch Youth Hunts.

If you would like more information on Florida hunting opportunities, visit MyFWC.com/Hunting or contact your nearest FWC regional office.

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| | | 6 | 9 | | | 1 | 8 | |
| 2 | 5 | | | | | 6 | | |
| | 8 | | | 6 | | | 2 | 4 |
| | | | 1 | | | | 9 | |
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| | | | 8 | 4 | | 7 | | 3 |

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ANSWER:

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4 | 7 | 2 | 5 | 9 | 6 | 3 | 1 | 8 |
| 5 | 1 | 9 | 4 | 3 | 8 | 2 | 7 | 6 |
| 6 | 3 | 8 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 9 | 4 | 5 |
| 3 | 4 | 6 | 9 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 8 | 7 |
| 2 | 5 | 1 | 7 | 8 | 4 | 6 | 3 | 9 |
| 9 | 8 | 7 | 3 | 6 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 4 |
| 7 | 6 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 3 | 8 | 9 | 2 |
| 8 | 9 | 3 | 6 | 7 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 1 |
| 1 | 2 | 5 | 8 | 4 | 9 | 7 | 6 | 3 |

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## All-Star Champs

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