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## Riverside Bank fails

Riverside taken over by TD Bank

By Pete Gawda  
Okeechobee News

What a difference a day makes! On Thursday, April 15, everything looked normal with Riverside National Bank. On Friday the bank was closed and its assets bought by TD Bank of Wilmington, Del.

Calls to Riverside Bank on Monday morning were greeted with a recording that said: "Important announcement: TD Bank has as-

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This was the sign seen Monday morning, April 19 at the former Riverside National Bank Branch on S. Parrott Avenue.

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## Students visit Crystal Mine

North Elementary School brought its youngest students to the Fort Drum Crystal Mine on Friday, April 16. Three bus loads of anxious kindergarten and first graders arrived ready to climb, dig and learn about crystals and fossils. Many of the students visiting had not ever been to the mine before and raced up the first hill toting a plastic bag and shovel. Three friends, Brandon Santiago (left), Francisco Gomez (right) and Alex Blackwood, all first graders at North Elementary combined efforts in digging for crystals during their visit. For more on the story ... see Page 10.

## County commission to honor Judge Hendry

By Pete Gawda  
Okeechobee News

For the second meeting in a

row, the Okeechobee County Commission is facing a short agenda. Probably the two items of most interest will be a resolu-

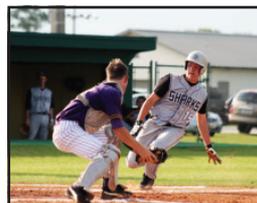
tion honoring Judge Hendry and the auditor's report.

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## City plan would help derail the 'Pain Train'

By Eric Kopp  
Okeechobee News

The City of Okeechobee is hoping that Ordinance #1063 will be the tool that will help law enforcement derail the 'Pain Train.'

If passed at its final reading on May 4, the ordinance will create a moratorium on opening a pain management clinic inside the city limits. And, if the ordinance passes, Okeechobee County Sheriff Paul May would like to do his part in derailing the flow of prescription pain killers from Florida to other states in the Southeast.

"If the city approves this, I would like to get a copy and present it to the county," he said. "I think we both need to be on the same page. I think it's the perfect thing for the city and county to do."

The 'Pain Train,' explained a detective with the Okeechobee Narcotics Task Force, is the flow

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## Lake Level

14.75 feet

Last Year: 11.56 feet



Source: South Florida Water Management District.  
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### HDTV

• We have bought a new TV for the living room. I guess it is hi-definition or something. Our house is only about 30x50 ft with an open style except for bedrooms. We have had a TV in every room for years. Now the new set has a picture that really blasts your eyeballs, but the audio is not in sync with the other TVs. I can no longer just turn on another TV, kitchen or bedroom, and go walking through the house doing chores and not miss a thing. The sound comes through on the older sets before the newer one and the echoed sound drives you bats.

• I received this answer from a member of our PC user group from Fort Myers: What you both are noticing is not a problem with any of your TVs -- it has to do with technology differences between digital and analog television systems. If you have an analog TV that is fed an analog signal directly from a cable TV connection or from a cable box, the picture and sound come to you virtually instantaneously. If you have an HDTV that is being fed a digital signal, the data stream that comprises the picture and sound is "buffered" when it arrives at your TV. This buffering is done to help prevent intermittent dropouts or errors in the data from degrading the quality of the picture and sound that you experience. The idea is to collect a couple of seconds worth of data in a memory circuit known as a data buffer. Once that buffer has filled, the TV begins to decode and convert the digital data back to the analog picture and sound that you see and hear from the TV. The digital TV's picture lags behind the analog one, but you wouldn't notice it unless you were watching both.

• If your televisions are both HD and they are not "in sync" make sure they are on the same channel. We have direct TV and sometimes the same program is on more than one channel, but the channels are not quite in "sync" with each other so there is a delay of about a second.

### National Day of Prayer ruled unconstitutional

• What is wrong with this country that they rule against the National Day of Prayer?

• If you are going to pray you sure don't need a whole day. Isn't it enough that he has to answer millions of murmurs daily anyway? How is that possible?

• Is it really any surprise that this happened? All of what is happening now has already been predicted hundreds of years ago. It just goes along with all the other anti-religious factions we have now.

• It has been predicted since 1791, when the first amendment was enacted.

• The devil has been around longer than that.

• If you pray, you don't need a SPECIAL DAY to do it. Pray on your own time, when you want and how you want, but don't make it some special holiday.

• It's one district court judge in Wisconsin trying to make a statement/name for herself. National Prayer Day will still go on.

• I am for national days of prayer, or any day of prayer by/for anybody. What I would like to be aware of is some sincerity about calling on God for the benefit of all good people, rather than the benefit of the show of it all. Every year, this or that outfit, either local or national, with have a prayer breakfast, dinner or whatever, and get up from the breakfast and immediately go about putting the screws to the people some more. In my opinion it is all pretty phony. Let's see some Christian action out of these people afterwards.

### Bypass road from 710 to 98

• Give some opinions on where you think this road should go. I think at least close to the outside of town. If not what is the purpose in wasting the money for another road?

• It is a waste no matter what. It will first go to 441. No one comes this way on 70 or 710 to go anywhere on 441 north. It will be another 25 years before it makes it to 98.

• First, build a bypass from 70 E to 70 W, running north of town (probably north of Basswood), cross 441N and 98N. It would run from Four Corners to somewhere near the west county line. That would do more to alleviate traffic at Park and Parrott than anything else. THEN build a short connector from 710 to the E-W bypass. Solves all the problems.

• If and when the by-pass is constructed it will benefit the owners of the land it passes across. Check out that map to see who that might be. It will remove any chance local business owners have of enticing travelers to stop and enjoy a rest stop in Okeechobee. Leave a few coins with a restaurant or any other business. The majority of travelers will not go out of their way to get off that by-pass and find a road to bring them into the community, but if the road brings them through it they will stop if they see interesting signage.

• I brought up those same points the last time a bypass was discussed, about 10 years ago -- won't local businesses be hurt by a bypass diverting traffic? The answer I got, from local businessmen, was surprising. First of all, they pointed out, there were very few businesses, aside from three or four gas stations, three or four fast food restaurants and a couple of motels, that benefited from transient traffic. Any bypass would not affect traffic on 441 very much. Secondly, it was pointed out that eliminating or reducing the transient traffic would make it much easier for local folks to come downtown, because traffic would be not nearly as much of a problem. Thus, the business folks to whom I spoke actually anticipated an increase in business, from the local residents to whom they cater, as a result of a bypass. The bypass under discussion was an east-west bypass diverting traffic from SR 70 through town. There is also generally an upwelling of business at intersections with a bypass to serve those transients. Consider the bypass of SR 60 around Bartow, for example. The downtown area still seems to be doing very well, and the bypass area has exploded.

• People DO come from the East coast to go up 98. That's the easiest way to Sebring; even from Vero or all the way up to Palm Bay. And, they come through town on their way to the west coast. Or, they come up 710 from South Florida to go to the West Coast or Sebring. Just count the number of rigs hauling sports cars coming through Okeechobee to Sebring on race weekends.

• Did you notice that this latest thread on the subject is from 710 to 98? Someone else figured out how many cars would go north on 441; not very many. Now, they just have to figure out that 70 percent or 80 percent of the through traffic in downtown is east-west (or west-east) on SR 70.

• I think the bypass is a good idea. There is too much traffic at the main intersection.

• An east-west bypass from 128th Avenue East to 128th Avenue West, curving out north of town, with a connector from the bypass to 710, solves almost all of the through-traffic problems. The only through-traffic left is the tiny number of vehicles coming up 78 or 441 around the lake -- and the bypass west of town, from 78 to 70, would solve most of that.

### Bank fails

• Mark this down. There will be more. Many more. Approving loans to people who did not have the ability to pay. People who agreed to an adjustable rate mortgage (no financial clue there). What really boggles my mind though, are the people who actually DID the loaning. Did they sit, face to face, review every detail, like did they actually work? Was their employer legit? I highly doubt it. It was all about the Benjamins. Greed is a giant killer.

• Why did the Feds give the failed bank to a Canadian bank to oversee. Aren't there any "safe" banks left in America that could run it? Now I guess any profit they may make will go to Toronto.

• Obviously we do need more banking regulations. However, some of these people should be held accountable because they were giving loans to folks they knew or should have known could not pay them back.

• I blame the government for a lot of the bank problems. The federal government pretty much forced the banks to be more lenient on their loan policies because it was called discrimination if they refused to give a loan to someone who did not have a steady job and proof they could make the monthly payments. I also blame the greedy Realtors who showed prospective buyers how they could be more creative in their loan applications and qualify for a bigger loan so they could buy a house they could not afford the payments on.

### Wild horses

• I agree with those who said they should have left the Mustangs on the SFWMD property along the river. The wild horses have as much right to be there as the people do to go there to fish and hunt. I think having wild horses there would have been a tourist draw.

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**Free Earth Day celebration set for Saturday**

Looking for a unique way to celebrate Earth Day with your family and friends? Then join us at DuPuis Management Area for our 10th Earth Day celebration: Healthy Earth & Healthy You! on Saturday, April 24, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Visitors' Center.

This fun-filled event is free! Come out for a day filled with outdoor activities, free health screenings and a free hot lunch prepared by the Boy Scouts. Be one of the first 100 participants to receive a free Earth Day t-shirt. Enjoy a scenic hayride tour and view live wildlife by Treasure Coast Wildlife Center.

Don't miss out on a chance to win 1 of 5 new bikes being raffled off for free! We host non-profit environmental groups that will have booths that feature crafts and games for kids.

DuPuis offers a safe and natural location for families to celebrate Earth Day!

Transportation will be provided every half hour free of charge departing from Post Family Park located in Indiantown starting at 9:45 a.m.

DuPuis Visitors' Center is located 8 miles west of the junction of 710 on Hwy 76 (Kanner Hwy) and 3 miles east of Port Mayaca.

**Earth Day tips offered for boaters**

Being good to the environment doesn't have to cost money. With Earth Day coming Thursday, April 22, these five clean boating tips from the BoatUS Foundation will improve stewardship of the waterways without breaking your bank:

1. When you wash your boat, will so-called "environmentally friendly" boat cleaners get the job done? You can learn which products scored the highest — both in effectiveness and ecology — in BoatUS Foundation cleaning products tests. View a series of short videos as well as a full report, "Foundation Findings #47 — Green Cleaners Testing," at [www.BoatUS.com/foundation/findings/47](http://www.BoatUS.com/foundation/findings/47).

2. If you trailer your boat to different waterways each summer, leave the uninvited aquatic hitchhikers at home by ensuring it is cleaned thoroughly (including any tackle or watersports gear) and allow it to dry completely before splashing in a different lake or river. This will help ensure any invasive species are not transported to invade new habitat.

3. Lighten the load. Remove any unnec-

essary gear or equipment from your boat to improve fuel economy. For boats kept in the water, keep the hull and running gear free of marine growth that can sap fuel efficiency. An engine tune up in the spring can also pay for itself over the course of the summer.

4. Stash your trash. Make a rule aboard your boat that nothing gets thrown overboard, including partially eaten food and cigarette butts. Be especially vigilant with plastic bags that can take flight underway and later kill marine life when ingested. Discard butts in special containers and recycle fishing line.

5. Fill her up — without spilling a drop. Learn about safe and clean refueling tips, such as the use of absorbent pads and "donuts," or learn how to not overfill your boat's gas tank, all at [www.helpstopthedrops.com](http://www.helpstopthedrops.com).

For a complete list of 21 Steps to Clean Boating, go to [www.BoatUS.com/foundation/cleanwater](http://www.BoatUS.com/foundation/cleanwater). Or, to make a tax-deductible donation to the Foundation that will help keep waters clean for boating and angling all year round, go to <http://www.BoatUS.org/givegreen>.

publicans/DNC Democrats — Election 2008. Yes We Can! Yes we did it again! In 2010, for all the American People, we deserve a cut, a slice, a sliver of some form of real decent healthcare in these United States of America. The greatest, wealthiest nation on Earth! Shame on the GOP Republicans to make this about them, (house divided mentality) misrepresenting, mischaracterizing the bill; deceitful on healthcare reform and other matters of political importance. Hey, that is an entire okay! Move on.

Also, someone needs to inquire to Florida teachers on SB-6. Healthcare is the most significant social reform in decades. Passed! Yes he did! What you say? Yes he did! Signed into law on Tuesday, March 23, in the East Room of the Whitehouse. Sincere thank you in advance, Mr. President! Beautiful, great, bold, intelligent, wisdom, all by God's grace and mercy! Yes he did! What you say? Hey! In your face politics! President Obama's legacy sealed. Historic. He has already changed America. **Smile!**

**Brenda Scott**  
poet, playwright, author

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**Johnnie Patent**  
commander VFW Post 9528

**Special Olympics make a difference**

I can't begin to imagine the range of emotions a mom and dad go through when they find out that their child has a developmental disability. For that I am sure there are many unanswered questions and many dreams lost. I am sharing "Rick's story" with you as a provider of care to many special people who just happen to have a developmental disability.

Rick, a man with Down's Syndrome in his early 40s, was not plagued with the usual aches, pains and gray hairs that we find ourselves dealing with when we hit that infamous number. Rick's spirit was alive, living each day for the simple wonderment it offered. He was funny, charming and had a tenacious love for dancing and the Special Olympics. While enrolling Rick into the programs at the ARC, I had the opportunity to do a home visit. Rick with his parents, eagerly showed me around his new apartment. He went from room to room with great enthusiasm, to show his new friend his comfortable new apartment. The large overstuffed recliner and wonderfully decorated bedroom were pale in comparison to the cases of medals and the wall of trophies that Rick had acquired from competing in the Special Olympics. I'm sure that at some time in everyone's life they have had a moment or for many, more times than they care to remember when they just didn't measure up. Whether it be the time when the last to be picked for a team sport caused a feeling of shame, or when attempting to meet the expectations of a parent or teacher fell short. You see most with a development disability will live their life trying with all their heart

**Okeechobee Forecast**

**Today:** A 30 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 84. Calm wind becoming west between 5 and 10 mph.

**Tonight:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 57. South wind around 5 mph becoming west northwest.

**Extended Forecast**

**Thursday:** Sunny, with a high near 88. North wind around 5 mph becoming calm.

**Thursday night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 61. Calm wind becoming south-east around 5 mph.

**Friday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 87. East southeast wind around 5 mph.

**Friday night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 67. Southeast wind around 5 mph.

**Lotteries**

**Florida Lottery** — Here are the numbers selected Monday in the Florida Lottery: **Cash 3:** 3-9-9; **Play 4:** 9-3-8-3; **Fantasy 5:** 2-15-17-34-36; **Mega Money:** 6-19-22-41 MB 18; **Florida Lotto:** 15-16-20-32-45-50 X 3; **Powerball:** 5-21-22-41-49 PB15 x5. Numbers drawn Tuesday, **Cash 3:** 9-5-1; **Play 4:** 9-9-7-8.

just to fit in, seeking praise and the recognition that we all strive for.

Rick, as an athlete with Special Olympics, found an area in his life that he was able to measure up! He not only completed his competitions, he excelled time after time to bring back the Gold, Silver and Bronze. Rick showed me his medals with great pride. A pride realized with strength and effort many of us may live a lifetime never knowing. With a loving family and as a Special Olympian, he had an opportunity to compete, to succeed to win, to soar, to be what we all strive for...a success!

Unfortunately, after suffering with pneumonia, Rick, at the age of 46, lost his battle. His life was full with friends, family and co-workers. You see, both on and off the field, Rick was a winner!

I recently had the opportunity to attend a coordination meeting for the 2010 Law Enforcement Special Olympics Torch Run. The run will occur on May 1 starting at the Sheriff's Office and conclude at Publix Supermarket. The Torch Run, coordinated by the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Special Response Unit, will consist of representatives from the Sheriff's Office, along with other representatives from the Law Enforcement Community. Your support is needed, whether it be a monetary contribution with the purchase of a Special Olympic t-shirt or just a smiling face cheering on our athletes. You see, we can all make a difference. I hope to see you there!

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# Okeechobee churches plan special spring events

By Pete Gawda  
Okeechobee News

The **First Methodist Church** Youth Theatre Production of "Godspell" will be performed in the church fellowship hall, 200 N.W. Second Ave. on Friday, **April 23**, and Saturday, **April 24**, at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$5 and include a dessert bar. Tickets will be available at the door but seating is limited.

**The Story of Jesus** is once again being put on at the **Hardee County Cattleman's Arena, 507 Civic Center Drive, Wauchula**. The dates are: **Friday April 23; and Saturday, April 24**. All performances start at 7:30 p.m. and are about three hours

long, including intermission. The volunteer cast of 225 people comes from nearly 40 different churches. The 250 foot set uses 150 animals. For more information online, go to [www.storyofjesus.com](http://www.storyofjesus.com).

**First United Methodist Church**, 200 N.W. Second St., will be sponsoring a Mother Daughter Friend Luncheon on **May 1**. Speakers will be Donna Robards and Karen Schaffer from Women's Refuge of Vero Beach. Tickets are \$5. A love offering will also be taken for your choice of the Women's Refuge or the Pregnancy Center. For more information, call 863-697-0469 or 863-763-8865.

**St. Stephen A.M.E. Church** is sponsor-

ing a **Health Fair** on Saturday, **May 1**, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Douglas Brown Center. Other sponsors besides the church are Okeechobee County Health Department, Big Lake Hospice of the Treasure Coast and Pregnancy Center of Okeechobee. There will be free health screenings, and information on high blood pressure, hospice care, breast cancer, HIV/STD, prostate cancer, teen pregnancy, diabetes, heart disease and testicular cancer. If you would like to participate or have any questions contact Shelia Bradley at 863-801-4901.

The youth ministry for **Peace Lutheran Church**, 750 N.W. 23rd Lane, has resumed its regular schedule. Group building activities

begin each Monday at 4:30 p.m. with Bible study then dinner. Activities are for all community youth grades 5-12. Numerous adult Bible study groups are offered including "Firm Foundations," "316, The Numbers of Hope," and "the Book of John." Please call the church office, 863-763-5042, for more information.

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

## Community Events

### Shriners honoring Marsha Montesi

An event, in honor of Marsha Montesi, will be held on May 1 at the Shrine Club from 6 p.m. to midnight. Plan on casual attire, adults only. A cash bar will be open. All meals will be provided by the Shriners for a donation of \$10. All proceeds will go to the Shriners in memory of Marsha. Please RSVP by **April 21**. Call Charlotte Bailey to respond at 863-697-1536.

### Local business women meet

The Women of Tomorrow Chapter of the American Business Women's Association (ABWA) invites your attendance at the April program meeting at the Clock Family Restaurant on **April 22**, at noon. Our guest speaker will be Brian Cartland, executive director of the Business Development Board. For additional information or questions, call President Karin Ammons to Cassell's and McCall 863-763-3131.

### Hospice to host special yard sale

Hospice of Okeechobee, 411 SE Fourth St., will hold a Gigantic Yard Sale on Thursday, **April 22**, and Friday, **April 23**, from 8 a.m. until noon. New specialty items this sale include many new furniture items, clothing of all sizes! We have new items galore offered at extremely reasonable prices. All funds raised will benefit patient care, including services at The Hamrick Home. For information call 863-467-2321.

### Eagles to hold steak night

Fraternal Order of Eagles, #4137, will have Steak Night on Friday, **April 23**, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Located at 9985 Hwy. 441 N. Steak dinners will include steak, salad, baked potato or sweet potato, garlic bread and dessert for \$12. Live entertainment by Michael's Memories from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.

### Christian Music Fest presented at Freedom Ranch

Oakfest 2010 will be held on Saturday, April 24, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Freedom Ranch, located at 11655 Hwy. 441S.E. The featured artist is December Radio and other groups such as City of David, In The Walk and The Broken. Oak Fest 2010 is an all day, family fun Christian event featuring local, regional and national music artists as well as exhibits, bounce houses, raffles, speakers, animal exhibits, pony rides, face painters, buggy rides, great food and much more. Children under 12 are free. Advance tickets available for \$10. Or get your ticket at the gate on the day of the event for \$15. No pets. For tickets and information call 772-626-7512 or visit the web at [www.wscf.com/OakFest/oakfest2010.html](http://www.wscf.com/OakFest/oakfest2010.html) where you can buy your tickets online.

### Moose Lodge hosts dance night

Come out and dance on **April 22**, at the Moose Lodge N.W. 36th Street. There is no cover charge. DJ Dance music & karaoke from 7 to 10 p.m. Refreshments available.

### Lake pulse releases topic of radio talk show

On Saturday, April 24, at 7:30 a.m., Mark Perry, executive director of the Florida Oceanographic Society, will speak on "The devastating impact of fresh water pulse releases from Lake Okeechobee on the St. Lucie River and Caloosahatchee River estuaries." This will be broadcast on local talk radio WWFR 91.7 FM and rebroadcast at 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. on the same day. For more information, contact Mark Perry at 772-225-0505 or at [www.fos-cc.org](http://www.fos-cc.org) on the internet.

### Eagles plan Turkey Shoot and Spring Yard Sale

Fraternal Order of Eagles, #4137, at 9985 U.S. 441 N. on Saturday, April 24, will hold a turkey shoot from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and a spring yard sale from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bring your items to sell and donate a percentage back to the Ladies Auxiliary.

## Obituaries

*Obituaries should be submitted to the Okeechobee News by e-mailing [obits@newszap.com](mailto:obits@newszap.com). Customers may also request photos and links to online guest books. A link to the obituaries is available at [www.newszap.com](http://www.newszap.com).*

### Clora Rose (Beavers) Snipes

OKEECHOBEE — Clora Rose (Beavers) Snipes passed away quietly at her home on April 19, 2010. She was born March 30, 1964.

She is survived by her husband, James Snipes of Okeechobee; children, Ashlie Rose Beavers (Kevin) of Palm City, Autum Roberts and Billy Roberts of Stuart; stepson, Michael Snipes of Okeechobee; grandson, Rylee Andrew Shetran; and soon to be born grandchild. She is also survived by numerous family members, brothers, sisters, nieces, nephews, in laws, and outlaws.

She was preceded in death by her father and mother, Columbus Andrew Beaver and Helen Grace Beaver.

Services will be 7 p.m., Friday, April 23, at the Family Worship Center, Indiantown. A reception will follow at the VFW in Indiantown.

### James Russell Price, 85

OKEECHOBEE — James Russell Price, age 85, of Okeechobee, passed away April 14, 2010, in Okeechobee.

Born Sept. 25, 1924, in North Carolina, he was a Jehovah's Witness. Mr. Price proudly served our country in the US Navy during WWII. He was a farm equipment salesman.

Mr. Price is survived by his wife, Mary Bloodworth Price; daughter, Jo Price of Macon, Georgia; one grandchild; three great-grandchildren; brother, John Price of Michigan; and sister, Margie Teachey of North Carolina.

To honor Mr. Price's wishes, no services will be held.

All arrangements are entrusted to the loving care of Bass Okeechobee Funeral Home and Crematory, 205 NE 2nd ST, Okeechobee, FL 34972.

View obituaries from the past month at <http://www.legacy.com>

### Domestic violence and assault awareness workshop offered

Martha's House will offer a workshop from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. on The Dynamics of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault. **April 28**, at the South Florida Water Management Auditorium located upstairs in the Bank of America Building, 205 North Parrot Ave. Certificates will be given. The deadline for workshop sign up is April 21. For more information contact: Shirlean Graham at 863-763-2893.

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# Report: coke, pills found on arrestee

**By Eric Kopp**  
Okeechobee News

A misdemeanor drug arrest led to felony drug charges being filed against an Okeechobee man when pills and cocaine were allegedly found on him at the county jail.



**Ethan Lynn Gopher**

Ethan Lynn Gopher, 18, N. Tucker Ridge Road, was arrested Saturday, April 17, on felony charges of possession of cocaine, possession of a controlled substance (xanax) and introduction of contraband into a county detention facility. He was also charged with the misdemeanor of possession of marijuana under 20 grams.

Gopher was booked into the Okeechobee County Jail under a bond of \$3,500. Jail records indicate he has since been released on bond.

According to an arrest report by Deputy Brian Cross of the Okeechobee County Sher-

iff's Office (OCSO) he stopped a 2000 green Chevrolet pickup truck around 11:27 p.m. for no tag light. When the driver and a passenger, Gopher, got out of the truck the deputy stated in his report that he saw Gopher drop something into the bed of the truck.

Deputy Cross went on to state that he retrieved the plastic baggie and saw that it contained a green leafy substance. When field tested, the substance indicated a positive result for the presence of marijuana. The suspected pot weighed 9.2 grams, added the deputy.

Gopher was then taken to the county jail where, during a search of his person, a detention deputy reportedly found 10 xanax pills in Gopher's jacket. Then, as the deputy was removing Gopher's socks, a small plastic baggie containing a white powder allegedly fell out of Gopher's left sock.

The white powder was field tested and indicated a positive result for the presence of cocaine, stated Deputy Cross. The suspected coke weighed 1.4 grams.

The driver of the truck was not charged.

# Teens charged in vehicle thefts

**By Eric Kopp**  
Okeechobee News

Three area teens have been arrested for their alleged connection in the theft of two pickup trucks last year from the southeast section of the county.

Charged are: Jimmy Paul Wellman, 17, Indiantown; Ashley Lea Lightsey, 14, N.E. 11th Court, Okeechobee; and Summer Lynn Elliott, 15, S.W. 10th Ave., Okeechobee.

Wellman was charged with two counts of grand theft auto, while Lightsey and Elliott were each charged with one count of grand theft auto.

Elliott was arrested Jan. 14, 2010, and Lightsey was arrested April 2. Wellman was arrested Friday, April 16.

Following their arrest, each girl was booked into the Okeechobee County Jail then taken to the St. Lucie Regional Detention Center in Fort Pierce. Wellman, who was charged as an adult, was booked into the county jail and is being held there on \$5,000 bond.

An arrest report by Detective Augustin Saucedo of the Okeechobee County Sher-

iff's Office (OCSO) states that the two trucks were stolen from area residences between Dec. 6 and Dec. 7, 2009.

A 1995 Nissan pickup was found on S.E. 96th Circle and then returned to its owner on Dec. 9. The second truck, a 1993 Ford Ranger, was found Dec. 7 by the Doral Police Department in Doral.

The detective's report states that Wellman parked the Nissan truck behind a home in the area of County Road 15-A. He apparently told the girls he was going to "borrow" another truck from a friend and left them with the Nissan. Wellman returned a short time later with the Ranger pickup and the three juveniles drove to Miami, stated Detective Saucedo.

After arriving in Miami the trio went to a mall, where Wellman told the girls he was going to the bathroom. Wellman never returned so the two teenage girls caught a ride to a housing complex where they were later caught by the Doral police as they slept in someone else's vehicle.

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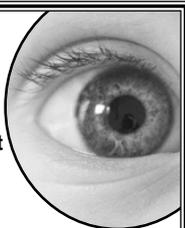


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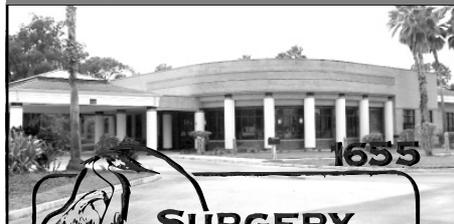
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### Digging up treasures

North Elementary School students enjoyed a visit to the Crystal Mine last week. Shannon Smith, just a kindergarten student at North Elementary, was the lucky recipient of this shiny crystal. Another student found it and gave it to her while she hunted for her own. First grader, Wake Sizemore from Ms. Stanley's class at North Elementary was the first in his group to find a crystal.

## Fatality crash under investigation

A motorist was killed early Tuesday, April 20, in a single vehicle accident on U.S. 98 N. near the Okeechobee County line.

The identification of the driver had not been released, pending notification of the next of kin.

According to Detective Ted Van Deman,

of the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO), the vehicle left the roadway and struck a tree. The driver was the sole occupant of the vehicle.

The cause of the crash, as well as what time it occurred, was unknown as of newspaper deadline.



Okeechobee News/K. Elsken

### Mustang auction

The Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office will auction off 17 mustangs on Thursday, April 22, at noon at the Okeechobee Cattlemen's Rodeo Arena on U.S. Highway 441. The horses were captured running loose on public lands near the Kissimmee River. They had been there for at least 7 months. They are believed to have been dumped there.

## PILLS

Continued From Page 1

of prescription pain killers on Interstate 75 from Wildwood north into both Tennessee and Kentucky. It has become a multi-billion dollar business for people from these states to visit pain management clinics in South Florida, dubbed pill mills, then return home to sell these pills for a hefty profit.

"They can come out of here (Florida) with 10,000 pills. Around here they (oxycodone pills) are going for around \$15 each. The street price in Kentucky is \$40 a pill," said the detective, who primarily handles doctor shopping cases.

Doctor shopping is simply described as a person going from one doctor, or pill mill, to another to get pain killers such as oxycodone, roxycodone, hydrocodone and vicodin. Of these, oxycodone is the drug of choice.

State statistics show that nearly all of the top 50 prescribers of oxycodone in the U.S. are located in Florida, and that South Florida pill mills are the top prescribers of illegal prescription drugs.

Because state and federal law enforcement agencies have started closing pill mills in Broward and Palm Beach counties, City Administrator Brian Whitehall feels its imperative that the city get something on the books to keep these clinics out of Okeechobee.

"The City and County should be concerned that if the abuse is going on on the Treasure Coast, you can just about figure that they're going to migrate to Okeechobee County," he added.

The administrator went on to say that the ordinance is aimed at "squelching the doctor shopping concept."

And Sheriff May agrees with the city administrator.

"I have thought all along this would be a perfect place for them to come. Those people in Palm Beach being denied now will certainly drive 60 miles (to Okeechobee)," he said.

While it would be unfair to label all pain clinics as illegitimate, verbiage in the proposed measure would help separate the bad from the good.

"We're certainly not trying to impose restrictions on legitimate outfits, but want something in place to point out the illegitimate ones," Mr. Whitehall said.

Three of the pill mills that were recently closed down were not owned by physicians. They were owned by ordinary citizens and, in some cases, convicted felons. Ordinance #1063 also addresses the ownership issue.

"If I own a pain clinic and I'm not a doctor, then I'm in it for the money," said the task force detective.

The detective pointed out that there is a pain clinic currently operating in Okeechobee County that is run by doctors.

"We've never had a problem and they are keeping it legitimate," the detective said of the local clinic.

Sheriff May said from what he knows, the local clinic "has an excellent reputation."

With prescription pill overdose deaths in Florida up 77 percent from 2003 to 2008—and at least seven local overdose deaths last year—law enforcement wholeheartedly supports the city's proposed ordinance.

"The quicker we put a collar on this, the better off we'll be," said the task force investigator.

Even though he dislikes government intervention, Mr. Whitehall said there's a point when it's needed.

"And, this is it," he emphasized. "I think law enforcement has its hands full trying to fight the problem without the proper tools. This (ordinance) is just another tool for law enforcement to fight the drug of choice."

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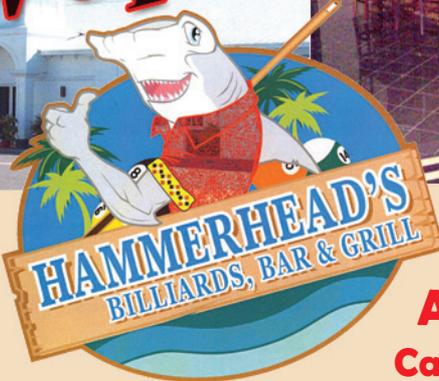
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# Brahmans take two games from Satellite Beach

By Charles M. Murphy

Okeechobee News

Okeechobee High School broke a four game losing streak and gained some much needed momentum this past weekend as they defeated the Satellite Beach Scorpions in two home games, 5-4 on Friday, and 8-1 on Saturday.

Coach Dylan Tedders said his team appears to be breaking out of a hitting slump at the right time.

Aaron Suarez had three hits and Adam Tewksbury had an RBI double on Friday. Suarez added three hits on Saturday, while Justin Morgan and Brice Buckner had two hits in the game.

"The guys we need to start rolling are starting to figure it out at the plate and that is a good sign," Tedders said.

Jonathan Crawford also broke out of a batting slump with a solo homerun on Saturday

## Tewksbury gem leads Brahmans



Okeechobee News/Charles Murphy  
Adam Tewksbury (left) attempts to tag Ryan Kahl during the second inning of Okeechobee's win Monday. Kahl was called safe by the home plate umpire on the play.

By Charles M. Murphy

Okeechobee News

Senior Cameron Tewksbury scattered three hits in a complete game performance and Drew Selvey had two hits as Okeechobee (14-8) defeated Sebastian River, 2-1, in boys baseball action Monday night in Okeechobee.

Tewksbury allowed just a second inning run to the Sharks and the Brahmans used some aggressive base running to score their runs.

A stolen base and a poor pickoff throw contributed to a run in the third for the Brahmans and a rare steal attempt of third led to another throwing error in the sixth and the Brahmans second run.

Brahman Coach Dylan Tedders said he is willing to take chances when the offense is struggling. He sent pinch runner Jack Radebaugh in the sixth to try and steal third and the throw went into left field, "You have to put pressure on teams and we weren't doing it on offense. If the play comes off we look like a genius, if the play goes bad we look stupid. We rolled the dice and it came out in our favor."

Tedders said he saw some encouraging signs at the plate as Selvey continued to hit the ball hard. He and Jonathan Crawford both hit balls that were homerun distance but foul. He said his veterans are starting to hit the ball better.

"It's going to take them all to win the district tournament. Hopefully they all stay on track," he added.

as the Brahmans blew out the Scorpions.

Tedders said he scheduled the Scorpions because their coach knows what he's doing and always has his team ready to play. "It was a match up of two even teams. They are a scrappy team. We knew we'd be in for a fight," Tedders added.

The Brahmans Coach said he'd like to see his team score more runs late in games. He also wants to fix a couple of defensive miscues as the Brahmans threw a bunt away and had trouble fielding a couple of bunts on Friday.

Drew Selvey continued to hit the ball hard for Okeechobee, (13-8). Selvey and Suarez both had RBI singles and a throwing error contributed to a three run fifth inning for Okeechobee Friday. Okeechobee scored two runs early and survived a three run third by the Scorpions.

Suarez had done well after he was

On the mound Tewksbury kept the Sharks off balance. He mixed in a fastball, curve and changeup. He said command was his biggest asset on Monday night.

"I was able to throw the ball where I wanted to throw it. Not everything was there tonight. It is important to get the team in the dugout when we're not hitting," he said.

The Sharks scored in the second on a double, and an infield hit. Other than that they had few scoring opportunities.

"It sucks when you give up early runs but you just keep throwing your stuff and it will be alright," Cameron added.

The Brahmans first run came after a one out single by Adam Tewksbury, a stolen base by Estremara, an infield single by Selvey, and a throwing error by Sebastian River.

Okeechobee scored the winning run in the sixth without a base hit. Brice Buckner and Austin Hamilton drew walks before Radebaugh's winning dash to third.

Coach Tedders said the team must show more spark on Monday nights because their first district tournament game will be played next Monday against Westwood. "It is hard to get motivated but we have to figure out a way to be awake on Monday."

Okeechobee wrapped up their regular season on Thursday with two games against St. Lucie West Centennial at home. At 4:30 p.m. the teams will finish a game interrupted by rain earlier this year. At the completion of the suspended game, the teams will play a regular game.



Jack Radebaugh (left) is congratulated by Tyler Finney after he scored the go-ahead run in Monday's game.

switched to the second spot in the Brahman batting order. He noted the team came out relaxed and wanted to break their losing streak.

"We have done a lot of work in the cages to try and put the ball in play. We haven't been doing that. We did well with that tonight. It feels good to group and get a win," he added.

Suarez ended up with six hits this weekend with a simple approach, just hit the ball hard, and go the other way. "The coaches want us to produce, especially with runners in scoring position. We did a good job of that this weekend."

Brice Buckner picked up the win as he pitched six solid innings. He scattered four hits. Brandon Farless, Noah Wilcox and Cameron Tewksbury pitched in relief with Tewksbury getting the save. A line drive caught by Selvey which he turned into a double play, ended a scoring threat in the sixth.

Tewksbury came on with two runners on in the seventh and got a big strikeout to end the game.

Saturday Austin Hamilton threw five solid innings as he allowed only two hits and one run and struck out seven. The sophomore continues to get better with an improving curve ball.

"He doesn't get rattled. He allowed a homerun and then came back and struck the next batter out on three pitches," Tedders noted.

Okeechobee got an RBI single by Buckner in the third to score Selvey. They added

three runs in the fourth thanks to an RBI single by Justin Morgan, a ground ball off the bat of Tyler Finney that was thrown away for an error, and another throwing error by the Satellite catcher.

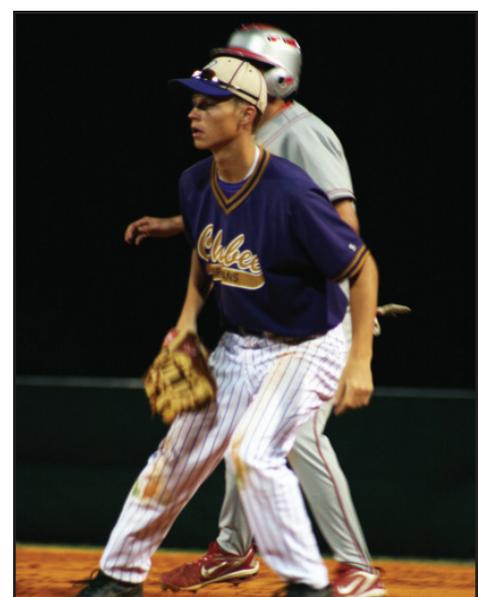
Crawford added a solo homerun in the late innings for the Brahmans.

Tyler Barber got his first varsity action of the season as he threw two scoreless innings.

Okeechobee had a busy week this

week with home games on Monday against Sebastian River, and Tuesday against Port St. Lucie. Tuesday night was Senior night.

The Brahmans will also complete a suspended game with St. Lucie West Centennial at home on Thursday at 4:30 p.m. The teams will play another full game after the suspended game immediately following that game.



Okeechobee News/Charles Murphy  
Austin Hamilton (left) holds a runner on first base during Friday's game at OHS.



Okeechobee News/Charles Murphy  
Pinch runner Jack Radebaugh dives back to first during a pickoff attempt Friday night.



Austin Hamilton threw five strong innings in the Brahman victory over Satellite Beach on Saturday.



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# OHS to host district softball tournament

**By Charles M. Murphy**  
Okeechobee News

Okeechobee High School earned the #1 seed in the District 14-4A Tournament this year and will also have the benefit of playing their games at home this year. The Brahman (19-6) won't have an easy road to another district softball championship, however. Jensen Beach has a strong team and both Suncoast and Lincoln Park are capable of upsets.

Brahman Coach Kim Hargraves said her team has a very good chance to move on to the state regional this year, "I'm always excited about the district tournament. We should have big crowds and the girls will be pumped up. Obviously having the home field should be an advantage for us." Hargraves said it is intimidating to come to Okeechobee when there are big crowds on hand. She noted that although Okeechobee swept through the district this year, there are no sure things. She said Jensen Beach should really come after Okeechobee

with a vengeance due to their early season loss to the Lady Brahmans.

"We're well rested. Were pretty healthy and we could be the home field. I think the 13 day layoff could be a good thing for us, it allowed us to get some school work done, mend up and get some time to breathe," she added. Hargraves said Okeechobee can help the girls by coming out and watching the semifinals which start tonight, Wednesday, and the final on Friday. She noted a big crowd is expected.

Games began on Tuesday at other schools. In the first round Fort Pierce Westwood met Jensen Beach, Boynton Beach tangled with Suncoast and Lincoln Park battled Fort Pierce Central.

Okeechobee was scheduled to play the winner of the Lincoln Park and Fort Pierce game tonight at 7 p.m. Jensen Beach was scheduled to meet the winner of Suncoast and Boynton Beach at 5 p.m. at Brahman field.

The winners on Wednesday will battle again on Friday night at 7 p.m. in Okeechobee.



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### Apply for alligator hunting permits on May 5

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) will begin accepting applications May 5, for a chance to obtain highly coveted permits to participate in the statewide alligator harvest. In Phase I, applications will be accepted for a random drawing from 10 a.m. (EDT) May 5 through 11:59 p.m. (EDT) May 18. Approximately 6,000 alligator harvest permits will be available.

During the Phase I random drawing, each person can submit only one no-cost application, which provides the option of prioritizing up to five hunt area and period choices. All those seeking a harvest permit must be at least 18 years of age by Aug. 15. A permit allows the harvest of two alligators on a designated area.

People can submit applications at any county tax collector's office, license agent (retail outlet that sells hunting and fishing licenses), and at [www.fl.wildlifelicense.com](http://www.fl.wildlifelicense.com). Drawing results will be posted at [MyFWC.com/Hunting](http://MyFWC.com/Hunting); click on "Limited Entry Hunts," then "Check Permit Availability and Drawing Results." Successful applicants must make their trapping license

fee payments at the application locations list above by June 7.

Any permits remaining after June 7 will be offered during Phase II on a first-come, first-served basis from 10 a.m. (EDT) June 9 through 11:59 p.m. (EDT) June 15. Those who purchased a permit during Phase I may not apply. Applicants in Phase II are limited to one permit. Successful applicants must submit payment for an alligator trapping license and two alligator harvest tags, or provide proof of a valid alligator trapping license (must be valid through Nov. 1) and pay the fee for two harvest tags. No other hunting licenses are required.

The cost for a resident alligator trapping license and alligator harvest tags is \$271.50, and nonresidents pay \$1,021.50. The cost for each additional alligator hunting permit is \$61.50, regardless of residency. All fees are nonrefundable. Tags and permits are nontransferable.

The alligator hunting season will run 11 consecutive weeks from Aug. 15 through Nov. 1. For more information about these alligator hunts, visit [MyFWC.com/Gators](http://MyFWC.com/Gators).

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# BANK

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sumed all deposit accounts of Riverside National Bank of Florida which has failed. All locations of the former bank will reopen as branches of TD Bank..." The recording went on to give a toll free telephone number and web address for more information.

When a bank "fails," its chartering institution revokes the bank's charter and the bank is closed. In the case of Riverside, a national bank, the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC), administrator of national banks, revoked the bank's charter and named the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) as a receiver. All Riverside deposits, up to \$250,000 would have been covered by FDIC. However, TD Bank then bought the assets of Riverside from the FDIC and took over all accounts.

According to the FDIC, no advance notice is given to the public when a financial institution is closed. An FDIC press release stated that all Riverside deposits, excluding certain brokered deposits, have been transferred to TD Bank and will be available immediately.

All 58 branches of Riverside Bank as well as two other Florida banks, AmericanFirst Bank in Clermont and First Federal Bank of North Florida in Palatka have been taken over by TD Bank.

A press release from OCC stated that Riverside Bank had experienced "substantial dissipation of assets and earnings due to unsafe and unsound practices."

Dean Debuck, of OCC Press Relations, stated that those practices included high risk retail loans.

The OCC press release went on to say that the bank "incurred losses that depleted its capital and there is not reasonable prospect that the bank will become adequately capitalized without federal assistance."

According to TD Bank officials, it will be business as usual for former Riverside customers. "At this time we are asking customers to continue to bank as they always have," stated Rebecca S. Acevedo, public relation manager for TD Bank.

When asked if people who had accounts with Riverside will have to open accounts with TD Bank, Ms. Acevedo replied: "We anticipate that there will be changes to the products and services we offer. We are currently evaluating them." She went on to say that TD Bank would be communicating with former Riverside customers as quickly as possible.

All former Riverside branches will operate at their normal business hours. Depositors of Riverside will automatically become depositors of TD Bank. Deposits will continue to be insured by FDIC. Automatic deposits and withdrawals will be transferred to TD Bank. The terms of loans will not change.

All interest accrued through April 16 will be paid at the same rate. Automatic teller machines will still be available. Checks that did not clear before Riverside was closed will be honored as long as there are sufficient funds in the account.

The former Riverside Bank branch on Parrott Avenue in Okeechobee was open and doing a brisk business on Monday. However, local banking officials could not comment on the situation.

Neither the City of Okeechobee nor Okeechobee County had any funds deposited in Riverside Bank. Ken Kenworthy, assistant superintendent of schools said the school system had about \$1,000 in Riverside that is now held by TD Bank. However, TD Bank may not have that money very long. Some time ago, in an action totally unrelated to Friday's bank closing, the school board voted to advertise for requests for proposals to provide banking services. As a coincidence, Friday was the deadline to receive proposals and four banks submitted proposals which the school board will be considering. Mr. Kenworthy said the school board attorney is reviewing the school board's banking contract that TD Bank inherited from Riverside.

According to figures released by FDIC, as of Dec. 31, 2009 Riverside had total assets of \$3.42 billion and total deposits of \$2.76 billion. These three banks were the 44th, 45th and 46th banks to fail in the nation this year and the seventh, eight and ninth banks to close in Florida this year.

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In recognition of Judge William Hendry's service as county attorney, city attorney, school board attorney, county judge, circuit judge, chief circuit judge and senior circuit judge, the commission is scheduled to act on a resolution naming the courtroom in the renovated Okeechobee County Courthouse as the "Judge William L. Hendry Courtroom."

Turning to the audit, The NCT Group, CPAs, has completed the audit of the board's and the constitutional officers' financial statements for the fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 2009. Judy Fowler of The NCT Group will provide an overview of the financial statements and be available to respond to questions.

In other action, the board is expected to:

- accept an Assistance to Firefighters

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**What:** Meeting of the Okeechobee County Commission

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# Cocaine arrest made at rodeo

By Eric Kopp  
Okeechobee News

A Jupiter man was arrested Sunday at the Okeechobee County Agri-Civic Center when a number of small baggies containing suspected cocaine were reportedly found on his person.

Marco A. Martinez, 23, First St., was arrested April 18 on a charge of possession of cocaine with intent to sell. He was booked into the Okeechobee County Jail under a bond of \$15,000.

Deputy Mike Bobrowski of the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office arrested Martinez while working a special detail at a rodeo be-



Marco A. Martinez

ing held at the agri-civic center. The deputy's report states that he was summoned to a bathroom where Martinez was being held by private security officers.

When the deputy went to the bathroom he found two security officers detaining the Jupiter man. They reportedly told Deputy Bobrowski they had found a small plastic bag containing a white substance on the man.

As the deputy searched Martinez, he allegedly found an additional five small bags with a similar substance.

A field test of the bags indicated a positive response for the presence of cocaine, stated the deputy.

Deputy Bobrowski went on to state that suspected coke weighed 3 grams.

The deputy stated that he also seized \$42 in cash from a wallet belonging to Martinez.

# Teen facing burglary, pot charges

By Eric Kopp  
Okeechobee News

A local teen was placed in a juvenile detention facility following his arrest on a felony drug charge, as well for his reported alleged involvement in a burglary.

Michael Randall Johnson, 17, U.S. 98 N., was arrested Wednesday, April 14, on felony charges of burglary, dealing in stolen property and possession of marijuana with intent to sell. He was also arrested on misdemeanor charges of resisting a law enforcement officer without violence and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Johnson was booked into the Okeechobee County Jail then taken to the St. Lucie Regional Juvenile Detention Center in Fort Pierce.

An arrest affidavit by Detective Rick Durfee of the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO) stated that Johnson took part in the break-in of a home during which a 52-inch flat screen television, computer, jewelry and remote-controlled cars were stolen.

In the course of his investigation, the detective said he learned that Johnson could be found at a mobile home on S.R. 70 E.



Michael R. Johnson

When he knocked on the door of the trailer, a man answered and reportedly told the detective that he would get Johnson. The man then shut the door.

A short time later OCSO Deputy John Fisher, who was stationed at the back of the trailer, alerted the detective that the teen had exited the home by the back door and was running. Detective Durfee said Johnson was seen running from the mobile home with a white plastic bag in his hand, which he then tried to hide in a culvert.

Detective Durfee said Johnson was quickly apprehended and the bag was retrieved. Inside the bag the detective allegedly found 491 grams of a green leafy substance, a large number of plastic sandwich bags, digital scale and a marijuana grinder.

A detective from the Okeechobee Narcotics Task Force was contacted and when a field test was done on the substance it indicated a positive result for the presence of marijuana.

According to the detective's report, the television had been sold for \$200. The report went on to indicate that none of the items reportedly stolen from the home have been recovered.

In a separate report, the task force detective said the sandwich bags weighed about 8 grams each and are "... commonly known and sold as quarter bags."

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**VIKING/PRAIRIE** Efficiency. Very clean! \$500/mo. Incl. utils. No pets. Call 561-329-8205

## Condos/Townhouses Rent

**Taylor Creek Condo 1/1 Furn. \$975 move in, 1ST mo FREE, W&D, water & elec. (863)763-6540**

## Houses - Rent

**3/2/2** in Lazy 7, on 1 acre lot. Ceramic tile floors throughout. Kids & pets welcome.  
863-634-9330 or  
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**Beautiful 2BR/2BA** house in Kings Bay. Lakeview, washer & dryer, a/c, swimming pool. \$800/mo. plus utilities. Call 561-255-4377.

## Houses - Rent

**BASSWOOD** - 1300 sq ft CBS, 3br,2ba, tile throughout, fenced yard, 10x10 shed, \$1000/mo, 1st, last & Sec. Avail immediately. Call Tony (561)662-9644

**Basswood** - 3BR/2BA, 1 car garage, tile & carpet, split plan, dishwasher, \$1100 mo. 561-307-2502

**Beautiful Country** Home in Country Hills Estates - built 2006 on 5 fenced acres, 3BR/2BA, furn., \$1500 mo. (954)326-2083

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**BUCKHEAD RIDGE** - Waterfront, 2BR house, furnished. \$900 mo. 561-352-5977

**CBS** - 3BR, Southwest section, great location, remodeled & upgraded, Corian, marble, Oak cabinets, tile floors, 24/14 encl. FL rm, huge fenced backyard, 12/12 wood shed, landscaped. Move in June 25th. \$900/mo. neg. 1st, last & sec. Credit & background check. 863-357-0391. HURRY!

**For Rent** Lovely 2bd/1ba with lake access, Fl. room, garage & dock. \$850 mo. sec. deposit reqd. call 863-484-0411

**OKEECHOBEE** - 3br, 2ba, \$875/mo + sec. Call (772)528-7004 or (863)697-6817

**S.E. OKEE:** 3BR, 1 BA., CBS Home. Annual lease. W&D. \$850 mo. 1st. & last sec. dep. (863)697-1129

## Office Space Rent

**OFFICE SPACE FOR RENT (863)763-8565**

## Office Space Rent

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## Houses - Sale

**OKEECHOBEE- MFG** Home, 24x60, 3br, 2ba, CA/Heat, W/D, Refrig, DW, Stove, on Cul-de-Sac, Boat hse, \$97,500 neg. (863)763-8132

## Mobile Homes

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## Mobile Home Rent

**BHR, 2br/2ba, Furn. W&D. \$975 move in, \$725 mo. 1ST MONTH FREE. Small pets ok 863-763-6540**

**COUNTRY LIVING** - 2br, 1ba, single wide MH, on 1.5 acres, 12 mi N of high school. \$650/mo, lawn maint incl., 1st & Last, Sec. neg. (863)467-2563 or (863)447-2172

**FOR RENT:** 3/2 (avail. July) and 2/1 Cottages. Newly remodeled. 12 miles north of Okeechobee on beautiful ranch. Water, trash & lawn maintenance included. NO PETS! M-F. (863) 467-2982

## Mobile Home Rent

**For Rent:** Well maintained Treasure Island 2bd/2ba w/lake access, furn. or unfurn., lg Fl. rm., screened in porch, dock must see to appreciate \$800 mo. 1st, last & sec. call 561-202-7213

**OKEECHOBEE** - 1br, 1ba with large back porch on large scenic, wooded, fenced lot, \$525 mo. Call 863-634-3451

## Mobile Home Sale

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

**DW MH** - 4BR, 2.5BA, renovated, on 1/2 acre fenced in lot, screened patio, shed, off 710 & 15A. \$85k. Owner finance w/10% down. Call (863)610-1600

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**2003 DODGE RAM 1500**  
- Black, single cab, cloth seats, one owner, V-6, automatic transmission, air conditioning, air bags, CD, cruise control, 109K miles. Please call after 5pm. \$5,000 /neg (863)697-0852

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**UTILITY TRAILER** - heavy duty, single axle, farm hitch, no lights, 13.5' x 6.5' overall (bed 8'8" x 5.5') Good condition, \$195, Mon.-Fri. 8:30-3:30. 863-467-9800

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**FORD PEOPLE MOVER**  
1998 - 29 Passenger. Great condition. A/C. \$1,500. (863)484-2757.

**Public Notices**

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**Public Notice**

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
A public auction will be held at BMJ Towing, Inc. Lot at 414 South Parratt Avenue, Okeechobee, Florida 34974 on Friday the 7th day of May 2010 from 10:00-11:00 A.M. Pursuant to Florida statute 713.78 for unpaid towing and storage. Year, Make, Model & VIN's as follows:  
**1984 White Dodge D150 PU**  
1B7FD14HXE210959

Terms of sale are cash, and no checks will be accepted. The seller reserves the right of final bid. ALL SALES ARE FINAL. NO REFUNDS WILL BE MADE. Said automobiles will be sold in "AS IS" with no guarantees.  
352129 ON 4/21/2010

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Public Auction will be held at Johns Towing Service storage lot located at 704 Northeast 2nd Avenue, Okeechobee, Florida 34972 on MAY 7, 2010, at 9:00 A.M. Pursuant to Florida Statute 713.78 for unpaid towing and storage charges. Year, make, model and VIN are as follows:  
**2001 Mercury Sable**  
VIN# 1MEFM50U81A633497

Terms of sale are cash, and no checks will be accepted. Seller reserves the right of final bid. ALL SALES ARE FINAL. NO REFUNDS WILL BE MADE. Said automobiles will be sold in "As Is" condition with no guarantees.  
352044 ON 04/21/2010  
Public Auction will be held at Johns Towing Service storage lot located at 704 Northeast 2nd Avenue, Okeechobee, Florida 34972 on MAY 7, 2010, at 9:00 A.M. Pursuant to Florida Statute 713.78 for unpaid towing and storage charges. Year, make, model and VIN are as follows:  
**2001 Mercury Sable**  
VIN# 1MEFM50U81A633497

**Public Notice**

**NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE**  
**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that pursuant to an order issued by the Circuit Court of Okeechobee County, Florida, on the 24th day of November, 2009, in the cause wherein BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. being Plaintiff and FRANKLIN BRAUER AND MELODY A BRAUER being Defendants, being Case No. 2009-CA-34 in the said Court, I Paul C. May, as Sheriff of Okeechobee County, Florida shall offer the following property for sale in Okeechobee County Florida to wit:  
**DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY**  
**BLUE 2007 CHEVROLET C1500- CREW PICKUP,**  
**VIN # 2GCEC13C171601182, TAG # J31VDJ**  
I shall offer the above described property for sale subject to all prior liens and encumbrances if any, on the 5TH day of May, 2010 at 11:00AM or as soon as possible thereafter at the OKEECHOBEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, 504 N.W. 4th STREET, Okeechobee, Florida and will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, all right, title and interest, of FRANKLIN BRAUER in said property.  
Vehicle may be seen one hour prior to sale @ BMJ Towing, 414 S. Parratt Ave., Okeechobee, Florida, 34974.  
Paul C. May, Sheriff  
Okeechobee County  
In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons with disabilities needing a special accommodation to participate in the proceeding should contact Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office not later than seven days prior to the proceeding at 863-763-3117, ext. 2225.  
350127 ON 3/31/47,14,21/10

**Public Notice**

**LAKEPORT WATER ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
**REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS**  
**ENGINEERING SERVICES**  
**GENERAL SCOPE:** The Lakeport Water Association, Inc. requests qualifications from consulting engineering firms to provide continuing professional services for its water supply, treatment, storage, and distribution systems.  
The work will include, but not be limited to:  
1. Assistance with contract negotiations with the Seminole Tribe of Florida for bulk purchase of treated water;  
2. Development of alternatives for the Association to provides its own water supply and treatment systems;  
3. Performance of surveys necessary to locate various components of the existing distribution system;  
4. Assistance with distribution system testing to identify locations of excessive water loss;  
5. Preparation of plans and specifications for capitol improvement to the water system;  
6. Preparation of documents in support of applications to State and/or Federal agencies for funding of capital improvements;  
7. Assistance with preparation of utility rate studies.  
**SELECTION PROCESS:** The consultant will be selected by the Lakeport Water Association, Inc. Board of Directors under the guidelines of Chapter 287.05FS, the Consultants' Competitive Negotiation Act (CCNA). The selection will be based upon the experience and ability of the firm to timely accomplish the general scope of work. The Association is interested in receiving submittals from firms with past and current experience with local projects. The Association will negotiate a contract with highest rated firm, subject to contract terms which may be required by a third party funding agency.  
RFQs are due no later than 5:00 pm April 30, 2010 at the office of the Lakeport Water Association, Inc., 1057 Red Barn Rd., Moore Haven, FL 33471. Provide seven (7) copies of the submittal.  
**CONTACT:** Jeff Ussery, Utility Director  
1057 Red Barn Road  
Moore Haven, FL 33471  
Phone: (863) 946-1300  
Fax: (863) 946-1300  
E-Mail: lakeportwater@yahoo.com  
350775 CB/CGS 4/14,21 ON

**Lakeport Water Association, Inc.**  
**Notice of Intent to Apply**  
**For Federal Assistance**  
Lakeport Water Association, Inc. is complying with the requirements of 7CFR 1780.19(a) by publishing this **Notice of Intent to Apply** for a loan and grant from the USDA, Rural Utilities Service. This project will consist of payment of a connection fee to the Seminole Tribe of Florida to continue procuring potable water and infrastructure upgrades.  
Written comments may be directed to:  
Attn: Jeff Ussery, Utility Director  
Lakeport Water Association, Inc.  
1507 Red Barn Road  
Moore Haven, FL 33471  
350776 ON 4/14,21 CB/CGS 4/15,22/10

**OKEECHOBEE UTILITY AUTHORITY**  
**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**  
**FOR**  
**AUDIT SERVICES**  
The Okeechobee Utility Authority is requesting proposals from qualified firms of Certified Public Accountants to provide annual audit services. The Request for Proposal (RFP) outlines the services desired concerning the auditing of the Authority's general-purpose financial statements and provides the requirements for submitting a proposal.  
An audit services RFP package will be available April 19, 2010 in either electronic or traditional paper media. Those interested in receiving the RFP package are asked to contact the OUA by telephone at (863) 763-9460 or by e-mailing boule@ouafl.com  
Final firm responses must be received by **3:00 PM EST, on May 14, 2010**, at 100 SW 5th Avenue, Okeechobee, Florida 34974-4221, to be eligible for consideration.  
350044 ON 4/18,21,23/10

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROBATE DIVISION**  
**CASE NO. 2010-CP-44**  
In Re: Estate of **WILMA LEE VICKERS**, Deceased  
**(NOTICE TO CREDITORS (ancillary administration))**  
The ancillary administration of the estate of **WILMA LEE VICKERS**, deceased, date of death May 16, 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

**Public Notice**

**RFP 2010-05**  
**OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**  
**DISASTER RECOVERY CDBG GRANT**  
**ADMINISTRATION AND ENGINEERING SERVICES AND**  
**ECEBG GRANT ADMINISTRATION**  
Notice is hereby given that Okeechobee County, Florida, hereby requests proposals from qualified individuals or firms to provide grant administration, project delivery and/or engineering services for 2008 CDBG disaster recovery grant in the amount of \$470,595 and ECEBG in the amount of \$301,747.01. Okeechobee County also seeks proposals from qualified individuals or firms to provide grant writing services, administration, project delivery and/or engineering services for 2009 and/or 2010 CDBG Program. Proposals may be submitted for grant administration and/or engineering services. Proposals will be evaluated separately for each service.  
Inquiries and/or requests for additional information may be obtained by contacting Robbie L. Charter, Deputy County Administrator, at (863)763-9312 or fax (863)763-0118 or on the county's web page [www.co.okeechobee.fl.us](http://www.co.okeechobee.fl.us). Contracts resulting from the process will be subject to state and federal requirements and grant award and release of funds by the funding agency. The Okeechobee County Board of County Commissioners reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, waive technical errors, waive any informalities or irregularities, and award the contracts in the best interest of the County.  
Administration services may include management and reporting for the grant(s), environmental review, contract development and administration, financial administration, labor standards compliance, reporting, and other necessary tasks. Housing service delivery/project administration should be described specifically as a separate task. Engineering services will include preliminary investigations and reporting, conceptual design and estimates of probable costs, provision of necessary sub contractual services such as surveying (if not contracted separately) and soil testing, final design, permitting, bidding, construction administration, resident inspection, and other necessary associated tasks. A scope of work outlining tasks to be performed for each service must be included in the proposals.  
Proposers desiring to provide the services described in this RFP shall include a title page, table of contents, letter of transmittal, profile of proposer, summary of proposer's qualifications. Proposals for CDBG administration services must include a fee proposal, which may include a separate fee for direct housing service delivery/project administration.  
Interested parties shall submit an original and three (3) copies thereof in a sealed envelope bearing the name of the proposer and the words "**PROPOSAL FOR CDBG/ECEBG GRANT WRITING, ADMINISTRATION, PROJECT DELIVERY AND ENGINEERING SERVICES**" no later than 3:00 p.m. EDT on May 12, 2010, to the Board of County Commissioners, Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 312 NW 3rd Street, Room 206, Okeechobee, FL 34972. Proposals received after the time and date specified will be returned to the submitter unopened. Proposals will be opened and evaluated by a committee as soon thereafter as possible.  
**EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER; FAIR HOUSING & HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE JURISDICTION.**  
Okeechobee County accepts no responsibility for any expense related to preparation or delivery of proposals, reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals, reserves the right to award a separate contract for each assessment program, to waive technical errors and informalities, and to accept the proposal, which in its judgment, best serves the public interest.  
Okeechobee County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.  
Cliff Betts, Jr., Chairman  
Board of County Commissioners  
Okeechobee County, Florida  
352131 ON 4/21/10

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 April 14, 2010.  
Ancillary Personal Representative  
Robin Dale Vickers  
305 Buffalo Creek Road  
Kenova, West Virginia 25530  
Attorney for Ancillary Personal Representative:  
CONELY & CONELY, P.A.  
Post Office Drawer 1367  
Okeechobee, Florida 34973-1367  
(863) 763-3825  
By: Tom Conely III  
Florida Bar #096482  
351277 ON 4/14,21/10

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY**  
**CASE NO. 10-CA-1692MF**  
PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff,  
vs.  
TRAVIS S. NEAL, et al. Defendants.

**NOTICE OF ACTION**  
TO: TRAVIS S. NEAL  
Whose residence is: 5800 MAGNOLIA CT., OKEECHOBEE, FL 34972  
TO: UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF TRAVIS S. NEAL AS OF 8/14/2009  
Whose residence is: 5800 MAGNOLIA CT., OKEECHOBEE, FL 34972  
If alive, and if dead, all parties claiming interest by through, under or against TRAVIS S. NEAL, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF TRAVIS S. NEAL AS OF 8/14/2009 and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property described herein.  
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Foreclosure of Mortgage on the following described property:

**Public Notice**

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 19TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION**  
**CASE NO. 47-2009-CA-000340**  
NATIONAL CITY BANK SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO HARBOR FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK, PLAINTIFF  
VS.  
FRANK A. GAYLE; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF FRANK A. GAYLE IF ANY; PAULETTE M. BEEK; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF PAULETTE M. BOX IF ANY; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANTS( S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE , WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS  
DEFENDANT(S)  
**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated 4/1/2010 entered in Civil Case No. 47-2009-CA-000340 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 5th day of May, 2010 the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment, to wit:  
A PARCEL OF LAND LYING IN SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 34 SOUTH, RANGE 34 EAST, OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:  
COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE WEST ONE-HALF (W 1/2) OF SECTION 23, TOWNSHIP 34 SOUTH, RANGE 34 EAST;  
THENCE NORTH 00°06'16" WEST, ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID W 1/2 OF SECTION 23, A DISTANCE OF 2567.70 FEET TO POINT P AS SHOWN ON MAP OF SIMONE ESTATES, DATED JUNE 21, 2004;  
THENCE SOUTH 88°17'54" WEST, ALONG THE LINE DEFINED BY POINT P AND POINT O OF SAID MAP, A DISTANCE OF 2383.82 FEET TO SAID POINT O;  
THENCE SOUTH 86°45'18" WEST, ALONG THE LINE DEFINED BY SAID POINT O AND POINT J ON THE CENTERLINE OF THE 70.00 FOOT WIDE INGRESS, EGRESS AND UTILITY EASEMENT AS SHOWN ON SAID MAP OF SIMONE ESTATES, A DISTANCE OF 2716.23 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING;  
THENCE CONTINUE SOUTH 86°45'18" WEST, ALONG SAID LINE, A DISTANCE OF 1436.76 FEET TO SAID POINT J ON SAID CENTERLINE;  
THENCE SOUTH 00°00'05" WEST, ALONG SAID CENTERLINE, A DISTANCE OF 903.65 FEET TO THE POINT OF CURVATURE OF A CURVE CONCAVE TO THE NORTHEAST AND HAVING A RADIUS DISTANCE OF 300.00 FEET;  
THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY ALONG SAID CENTERLINE AND ARC OF SAID CURVE, THROUGH A DELTA ANGLE OF 91°49'22" AND A CHORD OF 904.96 FEET BEARING SOUTH 45°54'36" EAST, AN ARC DISTANCE OF 480.78 FEET TO A POINT OF TANGENCY;  
THENCE NORTH 88°10'43" EAST, ALONG SAID CENTERLINE, A DISTANCE OF 1127.79 FEET TO POINT F ON SAID CENTERLINE;  
THENCE NORTH 00°06'16" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 1248.99 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.  
SUBJECT TO AND TOGETHER WITH THE RIGHT OF INGRESS, EGRESS AND PUBLIC UTILITIES UNDER THAT CERTAIN GRANT OF EASEMENT RECORDED AUGUST 5, 2004 IN O.R. BOOK 539 AT PAGE 192, 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, 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  
09-47379-NCM  
**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.  
350545 ON 4/14,21/10

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
**CIVIL ACTION**  
**CASE NO. 47-2009-CA-000462**  
**CITIMORTGAGE, INC.,** Plaintiff,  
vs.  
**DALLAS R. SANTA A/K/A DALLAS SANTA, et al,** Defendant(s).  
**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**  
**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated April 01, 2010 and entered in Case No. 47-2009-CA-000462 of the Circuit Court of the NINETEENTH Judicial Circuit in and for OKEECHOBEE County, Florida wherein SCITIMORTGAGE, INC., is the Plaintiff and DALLAS R. SANTA A/K/A DALLAS SANTA; ROBERTO SANTA, JR.; SEACOST NATIONAL BANK; 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 5th day of May, 2010, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:  
LOT TRACT 37, OF CENTRAL ACRES SECTION THREE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 8, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.  
TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN MOBILE HOME DESIGNATED AS FOLLOWS: MAKE: CAVALIER YEAR 2005 JD NUMBERS: BLOSGA0136919A & BLOSGA0136919A sits on the property. a/k/a 5800 MAGNOLIA CT. OKEECHOBEE, FL 34972  
has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it, on Jessica Fagen, Attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is 2901 Stirling Road, Suite 300, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33312 on or before May 3, 2010 and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiffs attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.  
WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this 22nd day of March 2010.  
Malcom Thompson  
As Clerk of the Court  
By: /s/ Michelle Shepard  
As Deputy Clerk  
A copy of this Notice of Action, Complaint and Lis Pendens were sent to the defendants and address named above.  
In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a reasonable accommodation to participate in this proceeding should, no later than seven (7) days prior, contact the Clerk of the Court's disability coordinator at 7728074370, 250 NW Country Club Drive, Port St. Lucie, FL 34986. If hearing impaired, contact (TDD) 8009558771 via Florida Relay System.  
**This is an attempt to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used**  
351357 ON 4/14,21/10

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**Public Notice**

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 19TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION**  
**CASE NO. 47-2009-CA-000340**  
NATIONAL CITY BANK SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO HARBOR FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK, PLAINTIFF  
VS.  
FRANK A. GAYLE; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF FRANK A. GAYLE IF ANY; PAULETTE M. BEEK; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF PAULETTE M. BOX IF ANY; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANTS( S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE , WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS  
DEFENDANT(S)  
**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated 4/1/2010 entered in Civil Case No. 47-2009-CA-000340 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 5th day of May, 2010 the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment, to wit:  
A PARCEL OF LAND LYING IN SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 34 SOUTH, RANGE 34 EAST, OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:  
COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE WEST ONE-HALF (W 1/2) OF SECTION 23, TOWNSHIP 34 SOUTH, RANGE 34 EAST;  
THENCE NORTH 00°06'16" WEST, ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID W 1/2 OF SECTION 23, A DISTANCE OF 2567.70 FEET TO POINT P AS SHOWN ON MAP OF SIMONE ESTATES, DATED JUNE 21, 2004;  
THENCE SOUTH 88°17'54" WEST, ALONG THE LINE DEFINED BY POINT P AND POINT O OF SAID MAP, A DISTANCE OF 2383.82 FEET TO SAID POINT O;  
THENCE SOUTH 86°45'18" WEST, ALONG THE LINE DEFINED BY SAID POINT O AND POINT J ON THE CENTERLINE OF THE 70.00 FOOT WIDE INGRESS, EGRESS AND UTILITY EASEMENT AS SHOWN ON SAID MAP OF SIMONE ESTATES, A DISTANCE OF 2716.23 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING;  
THENCE CONTINUE SOUTH 86°45'18" WEST, ALONG SAID LINE, A DISTANCE OF 1436.76 FEET TO SAID POINT J ON SAID CENTERLINE;  
THENCE SOUTH 00°00'05" WEST, ALONG SAID CENTERLINE, A DISTANCE OF 903.65 FEET TO THE POINT OF CURVATURE OF A CURVE CONCAVE TO THE NORTHEAST AND HAVING A RADIUS DISTANCE OF 300.00 FEET;  
THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY ALONG SAID CENTERLINE AND ARC OF SAID CURVE, THROUGH A DELTA ANGLE OF 91°49'22" AND A CHORD OF 904.96 FEET BEARING SOUTH 45°54'36" EAST, AN ARC DISTANCE OF 480.78 FEET TO A POINT OF TANGENCY;  
THENCE NORTH 88°10'43" EAST, ALONG SAID CENTERLINE, A DISTANCE OF 1127.79 FEET TO POINT F ON SAID CENTERLINE;  
THENCE NORTH 00°06'16" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 1248.99 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.  
SUBJECT TO AND TOGETHER WITH THE RIGHT OF INGRESS, EGRESS AND PUBLIC UTILITIES UNDER THAT CERTAIN GRANT OF EASEMENT RECORDED AUGUST 5, 2004 IN O.R. BOOK 539 AT PAGE 192, 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, Clerk of the Circuit Court  
By: Linda F. Young, Deputy Clerk  
THE LAW OFFICES OF DAVID J. STERN, P.A., ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF  
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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
**CIVIL ACTION**  
**CASE NO. 47-2009-CA-000462**  
**CITIMORTGAGE, INC.,** Plaintiff,  
vs.  
**DALLAS R. SANTA A/K/A DALLAS SANTA, et al,** Defendant(s).  
**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**  
**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated April 01, 2010 and entered in Case No. 47-2009-CA-000462 of the Circuit Court of the NINETEENTH Judicial Circuit in and for OKEECHOBEE County, Florida wherein SCITIMORTGAGE, INC., is the Plaintiff and DALLAS R. SANTA A/K/A DALLAS SANTA; ROBERTO SANTA, JR.; SEACOST NATIONAL BANK; 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 5th day of May, 2010, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:  
LOT TRACT 37, OF CENTRAL ACRES SECTION THREE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 8, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.  
TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN MOBILE HOME DESIGNATED AS FOLLOWS: MAKE: CAVALIER YEAR 2005 JD NUMBERS: BLOSGA0136919A & BLOSGA0136919A sits on the property. a/k/a 5800 MAGNOLIA CT. OKEECHOBEE, FL 34972  
has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it, on Jessica Fagen, Attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is 2901 Stirling Road, Suite 300, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33312 on or before May 3, 2010 and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiffs attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.  
WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this 22nd day of March 2010.  
Malcom Thompson  
As Clerk of the Court  
By: /s/ Michelle Shepard  
As Deputy Clerk  
A copy of this Notice of Action, Complaint and Lis Pendens were sent to the defendants and address named above.  
In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a reasonable accommodation to participate in this proceeding should, no later than seven (7) days prior, contact the Clerk of the Court's disability coordinator at 7728074370, 250 NW Country Club Drive, Port St. Lucie, FL 34986. If hearing impaired, contact (TDD) 8009558771 via Florida Relay System.  
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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
**CASE NO. 472010CA000111**  
SEACOST NATIONAL BANK, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
BENNIE C. SIMS; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF BENNIE C. SIMS; JOHN DOE, UNKNOWN TENANT; AND JANE DOE, UNKNOWN TENANT, the names being fictitious to account for parties in possession, Defendants.  
**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated April 8, 2010, in Case No. 2010-CA-111 in the Circuit Court of the 19th Judicial Circuit in and for Okeechobee County, Florida wherein Seacoast National Bank is Plaintiff and Bennie C. Sims is the Defendant, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Jury Assembly Room, 2nd Floor, Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, FL 34972 at 11:00 am on the 12th day of May, 2010, the following described property Okeechobee County, Florida:  
**A PARCEL OF LAND LYING IN SECTIONS 14 AND 23, TOWNSHIP 38 SOUTH, RANGE 36 EAST OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:**  
COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 14; BEAR N 00°00'30" W ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION 14 TO THE INTERSECTION WITH THE SOUTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT'S LEVEE 63 SOUTH AS SHOWN ON S.F.W.M.D. DRAWING L-635-3, SHEET 4 OF 7, A DISTANCE OF 4427.88 FEET; THENCE BEAR S 53°39'07" E, ALONG SAID SOUTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF S.F.W.M.D. LEVEE 63 SOUTH A DISTANCE OF 1564.73 FEET; THENCE BEAR S 66°36'16" W, A DISTANCE OF 2157.75 FEET; THENCE BEAR S 27°49'42" W, A DISTANCE OF 485.89 FEET; THENCE BEAR S 43°36'17" W, A DISTANCE OF 1105.04 FEET; THENCE BEAR S 43°35'59" W, A DISTANCE OF 2394.81 FEET TO THE NORTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF S.R. NO. 15; THENCE BEAR S 48°46'14" E ALONG SAID NORTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF S.R. NO. 15, A DISTANCE OF 798.13 FEET FOR THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE S 48°46'14" E, ALONG SAID NORTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF S.R. NO. 15, A DISTANCE OF 300 FEET; THENCE BEAR N 43°38'49" E, A DISTANCE OF 990.13 FEET; THENCE BEAR N 48°46'14" W, A DISTANCE OF 300 FEET; THENCE BEAR S 43°38'49" W, A DISTANCE OF 990.13 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.  
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.  
Dated this 12th day of April, 2010.  
SHARON ROBERTSON, CLERK  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
By: Linda F. Young  
Deputy Clerk  
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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
**CIVIL ACTION**  
**CASE NO. 47-2009-CA-000462**  
**CITIMORTGAGE, INC.,** Plaintiff,  
vs.  
**DALLAS R. SANTA A/K/A DALLAS SANTA, et al,** Defendant(s).  
**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**  
**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated April 01, 2010 and entered in Case No. 47-2009-CA-000462 of the Circuit Court of the NINETEENTH Judicial Circuit in and for OKEECHOBEE County, Florida wherein SCITIMORTGAGE, INC., is the Plaintiff and DALLAS R. SANTA A/K/A DALLAS SANTA; ROBERTO SANTA, JR.; SEACOST NATIONAL BANK; 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 5th day of May, 2010, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:  
LOT TRACT 37, OF CENTRAL ACRES SECTION THREE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 100, PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.  
TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN MOBILE HOME DESIGNATED AS FOLLOWS: MAKE: CAVALIER YEAR 2005 JD NUMBERS: BLOSGA0136919A & BLOSGA0136919A sits on the property. a/k/a 5800 MAGNOLIA CT. OKEECHOBEE, FL 34972  
has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it, on Jessica Fagen, Attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is 2901 Stirling Road, Suite 300, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33312 on or before May 3, 2010 and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiffs attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.  
WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this 22nd day of March 2010.  
Malcom Thompson  
As Clerk of the Court  
By: /s/ Michelle Shepard  
As Deputy Clerk  
A copy of this Notice of Action, Complaint and Lis Pendens were sent to the defendants and address named above.  
In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a reasonable accommodation to participate in this proceeding should, no later than seven (7) days prior, contact the Clerk of the Court's disability coordinator at 7728074370, 250 NW Country Club Drive, Port St. Lucie, FL 34986. If hearing impaired, contact (TDD) 8009558771 via Florida Relay System.  
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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
**CASE NO. 472010CA000111**  
SEACOST NATIONAL BANK, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
BENNIE C. SIMS; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF BENNIE C. SIMS; JOHN DOE, UNKNOWN TENANT; AND JANE DOE, UNKNOWN

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO. 47-2009-CA-000605 SUNTRUST BANK, N.A., Plaintiff, vs. JEAN TREVOR, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated April 01, 2010 and entered in Case No. 47-2009-CA-000605 of the Circuit Court of the NINETEENTH Judicial Circuit in and for OKEECHOBEE County, Florida wherein SUNTRUST BANK, N.A., is the Plaintiff and JEAN TREVOR; GEORGE A. STUBER, JR.; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF GEORGE A. STUBER, JR. N/K/A TINA STUBER; ESTATES AT OKEECHOBEE PINES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM, 2ND FLOOR, OKEECHOBEE COUNTY JUDICIAL CENTER, 312 NW 3RD STREET, OKEECHOBEE, FLORIDA 34972 at 11:00AM, on the 5th day of May, 2010, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 17, ESTATES AT OKEECHOBEE PINES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 54, PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 10845 NE 26TH STREET, FORT PIERCE, FL 34981 Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale.

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on April 1, 2010.

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 F09080188

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. 350738 ON 04/14,21/10

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 19TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION CASE NO: 47-2008-CA-000211

HSBC BANK USA, NA, AS TRUSTEE FOR NOMURA ASSET ACCEPTANCE CORPORATION, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-AR2 PLAINTIFF vs. ALION KHAN, ET AL DEFENDANT(S)

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated 4/1/2010 entered in Civil Case No. 47-2008-CA-000211 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 5th day of May, 2010 the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment, to

LOT 20, BLOCK 5, OF KING'S BAY, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 95, PAGE(S) 91 THROUGH 94, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis pendens, must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. Dated this 1st day of April, 2010.

Sharon Robertson Clerk of the Circuit Court By: Linda F. Young Deputy Clerk

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DAVID J. STERN, P.A., ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF 900 South Pine Island Road Suite 400, Plantation, FL 33324-3920 (954)233-8000 08-43845(ASCF) NOTICE REGARDING THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990 - In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact Court Administration no later than seven days prior to the proceeding at 250 NW Country Club Drive, Port St. Lucie, 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. 350497 ON 4/14,21/10

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 19TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO. 47-2010-CA-00095

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC, Plaintiff, vs. YURGYS RODRIQUEZ, et al, Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: YURGYS RODRIQUEZ Last Known Address: 17601 Northwest 288th Street Okeechobee, FL 34972 Also Attempted At: 7095 West 2nd Ln., Hialeah, FL 33014 and 2144 Southwest 6th Street, Apt #12, Miami, FL 33135 Current Residence Unknown

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Foreclosure of Mortgage on the following described property:

THE EAST 1/2 OF THE EAST 1/2 OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF TRACT 32, SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 34 SOUTH, RANGE 33 EAST, OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGES 3A-D, INCLUSIVE OF THE OKEECHOBEE COUNTY PUBLIC RECORDS.

Has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it, on Marshall C. Watson, P.A., Attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is 1800 NW 49TH STREET, SUITE 120, FT. LAUDERDALE FL 33309 within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Notice in the OKEECHOBEE NEWS and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

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) WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this 7th day of April, 2010.

Sharon Robertson As Clerk of the Court By: Linda F. Young As Deputy Clerk 351115 ON 4/14,21/10

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY CASE NO. 2010-CA-123

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE, LLC, Plaintiff, vs. JOSEPH L. MORRIS, et al. Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF WILLIAM G. FAGAN, AS OF 07/01/2005 Whose residence is: 624 ST. LUCIE CRESCENT, 405, STUART, FL, 34994

If alive, and if dead, all parties claiming interest by, through, under or against UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF WILLIAM G. FAGAN, AS OF 07/01/2005 and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property described herein.

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Foreclosure of Mortgage on the following described property: LOT 1, BLOCK 32, BASSWOOD ESTATES UNIT 2, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 51, PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

a/k/a 3967 NW 30TH AVE. OKEECHOBEE, FL 34972

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has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it, on Jessica Fagen, Attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is 2901 Stirling Road, Suite 300, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33312 within 30 days after the first publication of this notice and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this 18th day of March 2010.

SHARON ROBERTSON As Clerk of the Court By: Linda F. Young As Deputy Clerk

A copy of this Notice of Action, Complaint and Lis Pendens were sent to the defendants and address named above. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a reasonable accommodation to participate in this proceeding should, no later than seven (7) days prior, contact the Clerk of the Court's disability coordinator at 7728074370, 250 NW Country Club Drive, Port St. Lucie, FL 34986. If hearing impaired, contact (TDD) 8009558771 via Florida Relay System.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 472010CA000097

FIRST BANK AND TRUST COMPANY OF INDIANTOWN, Plaintiff, vs. INDIANTOWN ENTERPRISES, INC.; HOWARD F. FENNELL; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF HOWARD F. FENNELL; JOHN DOE (1), UNKNOWN TENANT; JANE DOE (1), UNKNOWN TENANT; JOHN DOE (2), UNKNOWN TENANT; JANE DOE (2), UNKNOWN TENANT; JOHN DOE (3), UNKNOWN TENANT; AND JANE DOE (3), UNKNOWN TENANT; Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated April 8, 2010, in Case No. 2010-CA-097 in the Circuit Court of the 19th Judicial Circuit in and for Okeechobee County, Florida wherein First Bank and Trust Company of Indiantown is Plaintiff and Indiantown Enterprises, Inc., Howard F. Fennell, The Unknown Spouse of Howard F. Fennell, John Doe (1), Jane Doe (1), John Doe (2), and Jane Doe (2), I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Jury Assembly Room, 2nd Floor, Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, FL 34972 at 11:00 am on the 12th day of May, 2010, the following described property: Okeechobee County, Florida:

Parcel 1: Lot 2, Block 3N, KING'S BAY, according to the map or plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 5, page 97, public records of Okeechobee County, Florida. Parcel Identification No. 1-31-37-36-0020-00038-0020

Parcel 2: Lot 6, Block 6B, REPLAT OF KING'S BAY, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 5, page 95 through 99, inclusive. Public records of Okeechobee County, Florida. Parcel Identification No. 1-31-37-36-0020-00068-0060

Parcel 3: Lot 6, LAKE MONTAZA ESTATES, SECTION 20W, according to the map or plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 5, page 39, public records of Okeechobee County, Florida. Parcel Identification No. 1-27-33-35-0020-00000-0060

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, CLERK Clerk of the Circuit Court By: Linda F. Young Deputy Clerk 351705 ON 4/21,28/10

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 47-2009-CA-000421

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. Plaintiff, vs. LUIS R. ALVAREZ; ARQUIDIA ALVAREZ; UNKNOWN TENANT 1; UNKNOWN TENANT 2; and all unknown parties claiming by, through, under or against the above named Defendant(s), who (s/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; CONNERS GABLE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated April 1, 2010, in this cause, I will sell the property situated in OKEECHOBEE County, Florida, described as:

LOT 12, LESS THE NORTH 60.00 FEET THEREOF AND THE NORTH 63.00 FEET OF LOT 11, BLOCK 14, A REVISED AND ADDITION TO PLAT OF CONNERS GABLE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 15, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

a/k/a 932 SE 38TH AVE, OKEECHOBEE, FL 34974

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, in the Jury Assembly Room on the Second Floor of the Okeechobee Judicial Center, located at 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida, at 11 o'clock a.m., on May 5, 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 8th day of April, 2010.

Sharon Robertson Clerk of the Circuit Court By: Linda F. Young Deputy Clerk

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

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES NEEDING A SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING SHOULD CONTACT COURT ADMINISTRATION NOT LATER THAN SEVEN DAYS PRIOR TO THE PROCEEDINGS AT 250 NW COUNTRY CLUB DRIVE, PORT ST. LUCIE, FL 34972 OR CALL 1-772-807-4370 WITHIN TWO WORKING DAYS OF YOUR RECEIPT OF THE NOTICE. IF YOU ARE HEARING IMPAIRED CALL 1-800-955-8771 (TDD); IF YOU ARE VOICE IMPAIRED 1-800-955-8770 (V); VIA RELAY SERVICE. 351278 ON 4/14,21/10

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO. 2009 CA 379

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, acting through Rural Development, formerly Farmers Home Administration (FmHA), United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Plaintiff, vs. RODGER W. HOKREIN and MARI-LYN HOKREIN, beneficiaries of LYN ANN HOKREIN, Deceased; and JOHN DOE AND JANE DOE, representing all unknown minors, heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, or other claimants by, through, under, or against LYN ANN HOKREIN, deceased, and all parties having a claim, right, title or interest in the property herein, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment entered in the above entitled cause in the Circuit Court of Okeechobee County, Florida, I will sell the property located in Okeechobee County, Florida, being specifically described as follows: Lot 11, Block 28, UNIT NUMBER 2, BASSWOOD INCORPORATED, according to the Plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 28, of the Public Records of Okeechobee County, Florida, at public sale to the highest and best bidder; for cash in the Jury Assembly Room, 2nd Floor of the Okeechobee Judicial Center, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida, at 11:00 a.m. on the 5th day of May, 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.

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 Administrator, at (772)807-4370, 1-800-955-8771 (voice impaired), or 1800-955-8770 (hearing impaired), within 2 working days of your receipt of this document; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 1-800-955-8771. Dated April 1, 2010.

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- ACROSS 1 Sitcom set in Korea 5 Pub diversion 10 Late-night talk pioneer Jack 14 Spots in high school? 15 Group cultural values 16 Funny Bombek 17 Horse racing coup, literally 20 Work on seams 21 Moo goo pan 22 Draw a bead on 23 Baseball rarity, literally 28 Strait of Dover port 30 Prefix with -syncratic 31 University of Maine town 32 Each 33 Gag response 37 Lecherous 38 Book in a hotel room 39 Apple MP3 player 40 Lad's love 41 Bakery buy 42 More than sufficient 43 Hood's gal 44 Chews out 45 Rhythm for waltzing, literally 49 Aptly named Renault 50 Blazed a trail 51 McDonnell Douglas product 54 Text layout specification, literally 59 Prefix with dynamic 60 Fanatical 61 Flu symptom 62 Reader of Seventeen 63 Coasters with runners 64 Refs' fight-ending decisions DOWN 1 Computer choices 2 Meadow measure 3 Drift removers 4 Cut with an ax 5 Turns to compost 6 Just free of the bottom, as an anchor 7 Letter after pi 8 Pull off the road 9 Nine-digit ID 10 Jeopardy 11 Coffeehouse lure 12 Big name in multilevel marketing 13 Vehement speech 18 Mystery writer Marsh 19 Guitarist's gadget 24 Comes down to earth 25 It might be applied while puckering 26 German violinist Busch 27 Cry of surprise 28 Prof.'s employer 29 Length times width 32 Garlicky mayo 33 Mouthed sidelines greeting 34 Brandy distilled from cider 35 Place for cargo 36 Fruity drinks 38 Sponge up 42 Litmus reddeners 43 "... for a \_\_\_ pittance" 44 Rides for knights 45 Home often made of canvas nowadays 46 Sympathetic words 47 City SE of Atlanta 48 11th century Spanish hero 49 Future atty.'s exam 52 Canyon rebound 53 Casual shirts 55 From gp. 56 Buddy 57 Civil War nickname 58 Soft touch

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

Grid of crossword puzzle answers: PAVES, FAWN, CALF, EMILY, ISEE, AWOL, RODIN, ETAS, FICA, REACH, FORTHESSKY, ONEA, SEETHE, DIG, DUFF, ALE, ORAL, TALL, ORDIE, NOMOREQUESTIONS, SCENE, SINE, AUKS, GEM, DOLT, GAO, PEEVES, MACH, LEAVETHAT ALONE, ANTI, HOHO, KRUPA, ICET, OVER, INTEL, DENY, DEMO, ESSES

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15x15 crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-64 indicating starting positions for clues.

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FWC reports encouraging news for Florida panthers

With spring in full bloom, some positive signs have emerged about Florida's endangered panther. Biologists with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) and Big Cypress National Preserve (BCNP) have been busy documenting active Florida panther dens filled with kittens.

A total of four dens, with three kittens apiece, have been documented so far in 2010. These particular dens were found in palmetto thickets in Picayune Strand State Forest and BCNP in Collier County. The births are significant because they offset panther deaths and hopefully mean the population will continue to grow.

The panthers' numbers declined to approximately 30 cats by the early 1980s, but research and monitoring by FWC biologists have helped in restoring the genetic health and vigor of the panther population.

Florida panthers breed throughout the year, but peak activity occurs in the spring. Biologists attempt to visit the dens when the kittens are approximately two weeks old. At that time, litter size and composition are noted, samples (skin, hair, blood, fecal) are taken for genetic testing and health screening, transponders are inserted for identification purposes. This information helps biologists learn about the genetic structure of the population. It's 624 steworming medication is administered to help give the kittens a healthy start.

The kittens stay in the den for about two months, after which they begin following their mother to kills and begin the weaning process. Kittens stay with their mother for about 14 months. Females set up a home range near or overlapping their mother's home range. Males disperse away from their natal range, sometimes

covering hundreds of miles before settling into their own home range.

"It's quite rewarding when we can follow Florida panthers throughout their lives," said FWC panther biologist Mark Lotz. "Active dens are tangible evidence that the Florida panther is reproducing. We learn so much about panthers when we track them from birth through adulthood."

Details on this year's births can be found at www.FloridaPantherNet.org; click on "Panther Pulse."

State funding for panther research and monitoring comes from fees collected when Florida residents purchase panther specialty license plates. Visit www.buyaplate.com for more information.

To report dead or injured panthers call the Wildlife Alert Hotline at 888-404-3922.

# Nofi wins Taylor Creek Bass Club tournament

Taylor Creek Bass Club member, Sal Nofi took top honors on Lake Okeechobee, at the Taylor Creek Bass Club of Okeechobee April Tournament which was held on April 10.

Nofi brought in a total of 13.91 lbs. to the scales for a great win on a beautiful and windy fishing day. Jack Harrison takes the big fish award with his 6.16 lbs. catch.

The team event "Calcutta" was won by Dave Stout and Al Willis with their total weight of 19.15 lbs.

Runner up in second place was Mike Zubrisky with a total weight of 13.27 lbs. Jack Harrison finished in third place with 13.01 lbs. Dave Stout finished in 4th place with 11.70 lbs.

The Taylor Creek Bass Club meets at the Buck Head Ridge VFW Post 9528 on the second Thursday of each month. Tournaments are held the following weekend. New boaters and (especially) non-boaters are welcome. For information call Dave Stout at 863-467-2255.

The club also sponsors and presents the annual Lee McAllister Memorial Kid's Fishing Festival.



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Sal Nofi took first place in the Taylor Creek Bass Club April tournament with 13.91 lbs. of fish.



Mike Zubrisky took second place in the tournament with a total weight of 13.27 lbs.



Jack Harrison finished in third place with 13.01 lbs.



Dave Stout finished in fourth place with 11.70 lbs.

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