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Angola contract could mean jobs



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Josefina Diakite, Angolan Ambassador to the United States, performs a traditional toast during a tour of a model home at the Royal Concrete Concepts plant on Saturday.

Ambassador from Angola tours Royal Concrete Concepts in Okeechobee

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

Royal Concrete Concepts owner Wally Sanger hosted the Angola Ambassador Josefina Diakite, her husband Mamadou Diakite, and other Angolan officials Saturday in an effort to land a huge contract for new houses.

The Angolan government has vowed to build 1 million new homes and Okeechobee's plant could play a big role in that effort.

The ambassador took a tour of a model home that will be shipped from

Okeechobee to Angola on June 11.

Mr. Sanger would like to send 15,000 more just like that home to the port city of Lobito in the next three years.

"This would be a big shot in the arm to Okeechobee. It could mean up to 20,000 homes in the next three years and billions in revenue. We could put 1,000 people to work," he said.

Angola is in desperate need of housing after nearly 30 years of civil war. Ambassador Diakite said in the past the Angolan government had to focus its resources on rebuilding their large cities and their infrastructure there, which left little for smaller towns and communities. She noted Angola is a huge country with 18 different provinces.

"We need those houses. I'm very impressed with the product. Royal Concrete builds hotels, schools and

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Memorial Day: 'We remember'

By Charles Murphy
Okeechobee News

Several hundred people converged on Veterans Memorial Park in Okeechobee Monday to honor the nation's soldiers who have died in wars.

American Legion Post 64 commander Paul Partridge said Okeechobee always does a great job to honor veterans. He said he would like other communities to do the same.

"I think there could be a lot more observances

than what there are," he said. "Unfortunately most of these observances are in small towns, not in large cities."

The names of Okeechobee's war dead were read to the crowd. That list includes two soldiers who have died in conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"I hope that's all there is. Let's hope all of our soldiers come home safe," Mr. Partridge said.

He urged the crowd to

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Thomas Farrell performs Taps at Monday's Memorial Day observance.

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other buildings and they have the potential to do that in Angola," she said.

Angola is now at peace and has a stable economy. The country had one of the largest growing economies in the world before the Global economic crisis. Mrs. Diakite said the economic growth was close to 18 percent per year.

The ambassador said she was also impressed with the energy efficiency of the products in Okeechobee. She also expressed confidence the homes could handle any weather problems that arise in Angola. Mrs. Diakite said Angola will look to the United States when it comes to finding ways to solve their problems.

"I think Royal has a great potential to be in our market for a long time. They know the land, they know the culture and they know our work force," she explained.

Mr. Sanger and other company officials visited Angola in February. They will send a team of employees to Angola in July to oversee the installation of the first unit and to train the Angolan work force to install homes.

Mr. Sanger said his company has also done business recently in Biloxi, Miss. where they sold 250 new homes. They also are working with Haiti to provide homes there to replace those damaged in the earth quake earlier this year.

Mr. Sanger said they have about 150 em-

ployees in Okeechobee right now. They had huge layoffs when the economy declined. He predicted that this contract might lead to a regional trickle down affect that creates up to 7,000 jobs.

A key obstacle will be making the homes affordable for Angolan people. Ambassador Diakite said there are government programs that can help. She said the Royal homes would be a great first home for many of the younger families in Angola.

"I'm very happy. It would definitely meet our needs. I assume this will become a reality for the overwhelming majority of the Angolan people," she added.

The tour included a special toast in the model home. Ambassador Diakite and her group spilled a small amount of champagne on the floor to bless the occasion. She said the blessing calls for the spirits of her ancestors to come and bless the home, the environment and the business venture.

The model home measures 960 square feet. It includes solid concrete walls, roof, and floors. It features a flat roof with three bedrooms, two baths, a kitchen and a living room. It is assembled in three parts and can ship easily.

"We started thinking outside the box years ago," Mr. Sanger said, "When the housing market tanked, we knew we had to come up with new ideas. These homes are attractive, spacious, and efficient and can be transported overseas very economically."

The Okeechobee plant has been in operation since 2007.

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support a blood drive as a way to show support for veterans.

Chairman of the Okeechobee County Board of County Commissioner Clif Betts was the featured speaker this year. His speech was entitled 'We Remember.' Mr. Betts told the crowd that those of us that are still breathing can never repay those that gave their lives defending us. He said at the very least, we can—and must—remember them.

"One million young men and women have died in service to this nation. None of them can be replaced. Most of them were young and in the prime of their lives. They all left a nation that is in their debt," he said.

Mr. Betts said these dead veterans would like to be honored in the way the nation takes care of their families. Mr. Betts said the country must live up to President Lincoln's promise to not only care for those that went to battle, but for their widows and orphans.

"Once a year is not enough to honor these men and women. We must continue the legacies for which they died which are democracy, decency and patriotism. The American Legion is a catalyst for these principles," he added.

He also read the World War II poem, "Flanders Field" and spoke about the stories of three individual soldiers who gave their lives in the most brave and valiant ways.

He noted the country can best support veterans by being proud of what they are

doing and to have faith in their decisions.

"America must continue to be the world's beacon of freedom. We must represent the aspirations and hope of millions of people. In this country you can succeed with hard work and perseverance," he said.

Mr. Betts also told the crowd that without U.S. military might, the world would be a much darker place. He said the U.S. military has foiled terrorist plots, brought down tyrannical regimes, and brought killers to justice.

He also made a special plea to the crowd to honor veterans of World War II. Less than 10 percent of the soldiers who served in WWII are alive today.

The observance also included special patriotic music. The Okeechobee High School Jr. ROTC program presented the colors and gave a military gun salute. Thomas Farrell performed Taps.

Dallas Creech read a list of names of Okeechobee veterans who died in battle. Chaplin Carl Diesslin gave the invocation.

The public was also invited to dine on pork dinners at American Legion Post 64. Other veteran organizations from Okeechobee were also recognized.

Real Life Children's Ranch sale closed for summer

Real Life Children's Ranch Yard Sale is closed for the summer. They will reopen the fundraiser after Labor Day.

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Taxes

- America must stop giving away free citizenship to these "anchor" babies born to those in this country illegally, for all it does is promote the expecting mothers to cross the borders or to become pregnant while in the States in order to secure "anchor" their position on American soil.

Memorial Day

- I think Obama should have been at Arlington. It is, after all, THE National Cemetery. I think it's an insulting slap in the face to our men serving today and to the families and friends of those who have fallen in service to this country. I guess my way of respecting this Holiday will be to change my voter affiliation, from democrat to republican. Obama makes me embarrassed to say I'm a Democrat.

- It really doesn't matter which presidents didn't go to Arlington on Memorial Day. It is inexcusable for all of them and definitely unacceptable.

- I don't buy the argument that it is wrong for a president to observe Memorial Day somewhere other than Arlington. Those American soldiers buried at Normandy -- where another president spent one Memorial Day -- are just as important as those buried at Arlington. Those soldiers buried at other veterans cemeteries in the United States are also just as important. Just because my Dad, a decorated WWII veteran who would have qualified for Arlington, chose to be buried closer to home so that his children and grandchildren could visit his grave, don't try to tell me that his contribution to the freedom of this country was somehow less important.

Oil spill

- The ocean is on fire and this is treated as a "good" thing. We are in serious trouble.

- This will not be stopped. It will keep on gushing and gushing until it is bone dry. 5,000 feet down, impossible, like putting a spoon under a kitchen faucet. BP and the goonies who are in charge should pay and pay dearly. Having no safeguards in place is inexcusable. There are thousands of other wells out in the gulf that should be shut down immediately before this happens again. Already, the environmental fallout of this disaster is immeasurable. The oversight on these off shore wells is beyond belief. Money keeps the politicians mouths shut, and BP shelled out plenty of it. This will wind up on our Florida beaches. And it's not going to be pretty.

- It appears that one thing they could do to prevent disasters like this is to change their batteries every now and then, perhaps when we set the clocks forward or back.

- I think BP should be required to pay for clean up efforts until every drop of oil is recovered. In Alaska, that spill was 20 years ago and the fishing is still ruined there. That spill took away thousands of jobs and ruined communities. I saw pictures on the news that showed there are still oil problems in the ocean there. This one could be hundreds times worse than that one.

- No more drilling off our coast. Enough said.

Hours of operation

- Not all small towns/cities have all the amenities that other larger towns/cities offer. There will be times that you will have to venture out of your comfort zone to find some things.

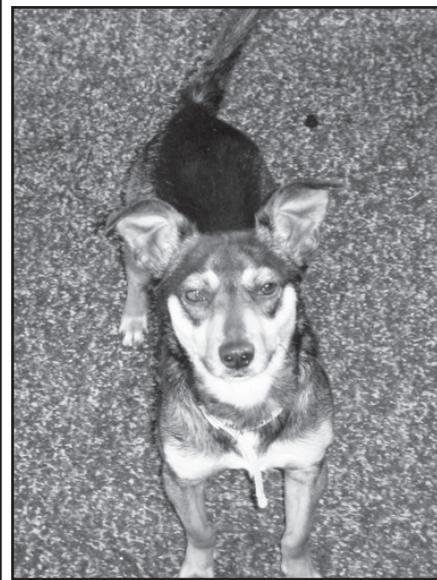
- I think we should understand that some places in town have to cut their hours of operation to save money during the slow season. But by the same token, those businesses have to understand that some customers who live here year round will not be able to patronize that business due to the hours of operation. So even though I live here year round, you might not see me again until you restore your winter hours.

Hurricane season

- Hurricane season is HERE. Are you ready? Make a list and work on it now. We should all do what we can and hope for the best. Me and my family have checked our supplies and are as ready as we can be. Are you?

Registration extended for Summer Play Camps

Sign ups for the 2010 Summer Play Camps have been extended through Friday, **June 4**. One additional week of pre-registration will be offered. The times are from 8:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. at the Okeechobee County Sports Complex in the Parks and Rec Office, 640 N.W. 27th Lane. Enrollment is limited and slots are filled on a first come, first served basis. Campers must be 6-12 years of age. Play camps will operate Mondays-Fridays from June 21-Aug 6, except on Monday, July 5, from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. at the Okeechobee County Civic Center and at Osceola Middle School. Fees are \$60 per week per participant, plus fees for field trips and special activities, with special rates of \$40 a week for children on the reduced school lunch program and \$20 a week for children on the free school lunch program within the Okeechobee County School system for the 2009-10 school year. A letter of participation from Okeechobee County School Food Service must be presented at the time of registration in order to qualify for special rates. Extended hours, 7:30-8:30 a.m. and 4:30-5:30 p.m., will be available for an additional fee of \$10 per week per participant.



Special to the Okeechobee News

Pet of the week

Poncho is a young neutered male Rat Terrier who is waiting for a home. Adoption fee is \$175, which includes vaccinations, HW neg. To see Poncho and other dogs available for adoption, go to the Humane Society Pet Rescue FL, 1203 Hwy. 98 N. Okeechobee. For information, call 863-357-1104, or go online to www.animalrescueokeechobee.org or email reunitepets@aol.com. Humane Society is also looking for volunteers and items needed to care for the animals. See the web site for information.

Okeechobee Forecast

Today: Scattered showers and thunderstorms after noon. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 91. Calm wind becoming southwest around 5 mph. Chance of precipitation is 50 percent.

Tonight: Scattered showers and thunderstorms before midnight. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 72. South southeast wind around 5 mph becoming calm. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: Scattered showers and thunderstorms after noon. Partly cloudy, with a high near 91. South wind between 5 and 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 50 percent.

Thursday night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 11 p.m. Partly cloudy, with a low around 72. South southwest wind around 5 mph.

Friday: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 90. Southwest wind around 5 mph.

Friday night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 74. West southwest wind around 5 mph.

Lotteries

Florida Lottery — Here are the numbers selected Monday in the Florida Lottery: **Cash 3:** 7-8-8; **Play 4:** 8-0-9-6; **Fantasy 5:** 1-10-11-13-34; **Mega Money:** 13-17-30-31 MB 5; **Florida Lotto:** 3-7-8-25-36-45 X 3; **Powerball:** 1-3-24-28-41 PB10 x4. Numbers drawn Tuesday, **Cash 3:** 7-1-6; **Play 4:** 4-3-6-4.

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SFWMD encourages all to prepare for rainy season

As a wetter-than-normal dry season officially comes to a close, the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) is encouraging residents to prepare for the summer rainy season and hurricane season.

As part of its preparations, the District is launching a new webpage with information on the shared responsibilities of flood control in South Florida and what residents, businesses and local governments can do to prepare for a storm. The District also held a media briefing today detailing operation of the regional flood control system, preparations for the rainy season and continual maintenance to protect residents. In addition, the agency will hold its annual "Hurricane Freddy" exercise on Wednesday to once again test its emergency operations response to and recovery from a hurricane.

"South Florida's ever present water management challenge is balancing flood control, water supply and the health of the natural system for 7.5 million residents," said Tommy Strowd, SFWMD Deputy Executive Director of Operations and Maintenance. "While it is difficult to predict how the wet season will unfold, a focus on smart strategies, such as continual maintenance, will

help us meet the challenge."

Balancing the sometimes conflicting missions of flood control, water supply and environmental protection is a daily challenge for the SFWMD.

Structural maintenance and upgrades, accomplished primarily during the dry season, are critical to ensuring that the regional flood control system of 2,600 miles of canals and levees operates at optimal capacity. During the past five years, the District has invested \$240 million in essential maintenance work.

As the summer rainy season and hurricane season approach, many canals and lakes from Orlando to the Florida Keys are lowered, creating additional capacity to store stormwater and provide flood protection. District crews also inspect many of the approximately 1,300 water control structures and 64 pump stations.

South Florida's weather can transition rapidly from drought to flood, especially during hurricane season from June 1 through Nov. 30. For example, Tropical Storm Fay brought an average of more than 7.5 inches of rain to the region over six days in August 2008, causing flooding in areas that just

weeks before were parched from a two-year rainfall deficit.

Challenges for water managers have been highlighted by these recent weather extremes:

- November 2008 through April 2009 marked the driest six-month period in South Florida, according to District records dating back to 1932.

- In 2009, the sea-breeze cycle ushered in the wet season in May. With 9.04 inches of rain falling across the District, May 2009 became the wettest May on record, according to District records dating back to 1932.

- October 2009 was one of the driest Octobers on record, with only 1.16 inches of rain falling, compared to a historical average of 3.76 inches.

- After a dry start through most of November, the 2009-2010 dry season saw above-average rainfall.

- An average of 23.24 inches of rainfall fell across the District during the 2009-2010 dry season through May 28, representing 127 percent or 4.99 inches more than the average for this time period. This included events such as a December storm that dropped up to 15 inches of rain in a 24-hour

period on areas of the east coast, representing a one-in-100-year storm. At a time when evaporation typically begins to exceed rainfall, March and April instead combined this year to produce nearly half of the dry season total (11.29 inches), making the two-month period the wettest March/April on record for the District.

Flood control in South Florida is a shared responsibility between the District, county and city governments, local drainage districts and residents. Residents can do their part by:

- Knowing whether they live next to a primary canal maintained by the District or a secondary canal maintained by a municipality or drainage district.

- Making sure trees or other vegetation do not encroach on canal maintenance right-of-way.

- Reporting the location and condition of any clogged or damaged facilities to the proper authority.

- Keeping ditches, swales, drainage grates and retention lakes clear of debris, trash and other discarded material.

More tips on how residents can prepare for the rainy season are available on the District's new Rainy Season Readiness website. For updates from the District in case of an emergency, follow the District's Twitter feed: @SFWMD.

Every family needs a hurricane plan



The National Hurricane Center (NHC) advises all Floridians to prepare for hurricane season. Even those who live inland can be hit by a hurricane, as residents learned in 2004 and 2005.

Before a storm threatens, each family should have a hurricane plan.

- Discuss the type of hazards that could affect your family. Know your home's vulnerability to storm surge, flooding and wind.
- Locate a safe room or the safest areas in your home for each hurricane hazard. In certain circumstances the safest areas may not be your home but within your community.

- Determine escape routes from your home and places to meet. These should be measured in tens of miles rather than hundreds of miles.

- Have an out-of-state friend as a family contact, so all your family members have a single point of contact.

- Make a plan now for what to do with your pets if you need to evacuate.

- Post emergency telephone numbers by your phones and make sure your children know how and when to call 911.

- Check your insurance coverage - flood damage is not usually covered by homeowners insurance.

- Stock non-perishable emergency supplies and a Disaster Supply Kit.

- Use a NOAA weather radio. Remember to replace its battery every 6 months, as you do with your smoke detectors.

- Take First Aid, CPR and disaster preparedness classes.

According to the NHC, items suggested for a disaster supply kit should include:

- Water - at least 1 gallon daily per person for 3 to 7 days

- Food - at least enough for 3 to 7 days, including non-perishable packaged or canned food and juices, foods for infants or the elderly, snack foods, a non-electric can opener, cooking tools and fuel, paper plates and plastic utensils.

- Blankets and pillows.
- Clothing, rain gear and sturdy shoes
- First Aid Kit, medicine, prescription drugs

- Toiletries, hygiene items, moisture wipes

- Flashlight and batteries

- Radio - Battery operated and NOAA weather radio

- Telephones - Fully charged cell phone with extra battery and a traditional (not cordless) telephone set. (If the power is

out a regular "landline" telephone will still work as long as the phone lines are operational.)

- Cash (with some small bills) and credit cards - Banks and ATMs may not be available for extended periods

- Keys
- Toys, books and games

- Important documents - in a waterproof container or watertight resealable plastic bag -- items such as insurance, medical records, bank account numbers, Social Security card, etc.

- Tools - keep a set with you during the storm

- Pet care items such as proper identification, immunization records, medications, food and water for pets, a carrier or cage, muzzle and leash.

In addition, when a storm threatens, make sure all vehicles have full gas tanks. After a storm, it may be some days before you can buy gasoline again.

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Community events

Football clinic planned

Registration is set for **June 8**, at the Okeechobee Civic Center from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. for the upcoming Chaka's Stars John Grace Proskills Football Clinic set for Saturday, June 12. The clinic is free and is open to youth ages 9-18. The clinic is limited to the first 100 to sign up so, don't delay! To register, contact Chaka Smith at chaka@chakastarsfoundation.com.

Soccer registration to open

Registration for Upward Soccer for boys and girls grades K-4 thru sixth grade will begin on Monday, **June 14**. Interested persons may pick up a registration form at the Oakview Baptist church office anytime between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

Hospice to host yard sale

Hospice of Okeechobee, 411 S.E. Fourth Street) will hold a Gigantic Yard Sale on Thursday, **June 3** and Friday, **June 4**, from 8 a.m. until noon. Specialty items this sale: lots of children's school clothes. We have NEW ITEMS galore offered at extremely reasonable prices. Funds raised will benefit patient care, including services at The Hamrick Home. For information call 863-467-2321.

Main Street plans mixer

Okeechobee Main Street's June Mixer will be held on Thursday, **June 10**, hosted by Seacoast National Bank at their 500 North Parrott Avenue Office from 5-7 p.m. Main Street Mixers are a great networking opportunity for the businesses and residents of our area. Main Street Mixers are open to the public, whether you have an established or new business, new to our area or just want to know more about Okeechobee Main Street you're invited to join us for networking, refreshments, door prizes and a chance at the yearly Mega 50-50. For more information call 863-357-MAIN (6246).

Fun shoot fundraiser planned

Okeechobee Christian Academy will host a 100 target fun shoot at Pine Creek Sporting Club on **June 12**. Registration begins at 8 a.m., the course opens at 8:30 a.m. The last shooter must take the course by 10 a.m. Lunch will be provided and there will be raffle prizes and a live auction.

There are various levels of sponsorship and participation. If you are interested in being a part of this event please contact Okeechobee Christian Academy at 863 763-3072 to register in advance. Don't miss this exclusive opportunity to shoot at Pine Creek Sporting Club and show your support for Okeechobee Christian Academy!



Special to the Okeechobee News/Jenny Pung

Graduation party support

Okeechobee Landfill continues its support for community traditions by contributing to the annual Non-Alcohol Graduation Night Party to be held at the bowling alley for Okeechobee High School seniors graduating next week. Chairperson Matt Buxton, receives a \$1,000 donation check from Okeechobee Landfill's Jenny Pung to help fund this tradition that helps keep our youth safe on graduation night. For more information contact Matt Buxton at 863-634-3706.



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Memorial Day

Members of the Okeechobee High School Junior ROTC honor guard at the Memorial Day Services in Flagler Park on Monday included Scarlett Viers, Valparisia Gibson, Ian Rogers, Ruben Rodriguez, James Marguis, James Sylvia, Gerardo Martinez, and Adriana Calazada.

Obituaries

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

Emma D. LaDuke, 97

OKEECHOBEE — Emma D. LaDuke crossed over on Monday, May 31, 2010, at the age of 97.

She is survived by one daughter, Nadine Troiano and a son-in-law, Mickey Troiano; a grandson, Jesse Troiano; two great-grandchildren, Mason and Issiah Troiano; and a granddaughter, Pia Troiano.

A memorial service will be held at the Big O Clubhouse, 7950 Hwy. 78 W, Okeechobee on Friday June 5 between 4 and 8 p.m.

Vivian Waldron, 82

OKEECHOBEE — Vivian Waldron, age 82, of Okeechobee, passed away May 29, 2010, in Okeechobee.

She was born March 7, 1928, in Okeechobee to Harry and Neva Hulsey. She was born and raised in Okeechobee. She was a homemaker and member of Okeechobee Seventh Day Adventist Church.

Mrs. Waldron was preceded in death by her husband, Hubert Waldron; sister, Sally Snedgen; and grandson, Justin Wade Waldron. She is survived by her two daughters, Rene Harvey (Jim) and Joy Surls (Chester); three sons, Lonnie Waldron (Dorothy), Horace Waldron (Sue) and Huggie Waldron, all of Okeechobee; 12 grandchildren and 15 grandchildren; and two brothers, Harry Hulsey (Bernice) and William Hulsey (Myrtle), both of Collegedale, Tenn.

Visitation will be 4 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 2, 2010, at Buxton Funeral Home. Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Thursday, June 3, 2010 at Okeechobee Seventh Day Adventist Church with Rev. Rafael Fernandez officiating. Interment will follow at Evergreen Cemetery.

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

All arrangements are entrusted to the loving care of Buxton Funeral Home, 110 NE 5th ST, Okeechobee, FL 34972.

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Churches plan summer activities for young people

By Pete Gawda
Okeechobee News

The youth of **Haven of Rest Church** will have a bake sale on Saturday, **June 5**, at 9 a.m. at Publix.

This is a fundraiser for 2010 Radical Remnant Youth Camp June 14-18 at Camp Denton.

For more information on the fundraiser or youth camp call Gabrielle Velie at 863-532-8546 or 863-357-3053.

Peace Lutheran School, 750 N.W. 23rd Lane, will have their second year of summer camp with a theme of "Superheroes for God." A full day program beginning at 7:30 a.m. and ending at 5:30 p.m. is being offered. Sessions will begin **June 14** and continue for eight weeks. Please call 863-763-7566 for more information.

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23rd Lane, will have Vacation Bible School **June 21-25**. The theme is "A High Sea of Adventure" and the hours will be 6 to 8:30 p.m. For more information or to register check our webpage <http://www.groupvbsspro.com/ez/PeaceOkee>.

First Baptist Church, 401 S.W. Fourth St., is having Vacation Bible School **July 12-16** in the mornings from 8:30 a.m.

to noon for children from kindergarten through fifth grade.

Oakview's Vacation Bible School, "Saddle Ridge Ranch", will be held on **Monday, June 21-Friday, June 25**, from 6-9 p.m.

The Okeechobee News welcomes news from area churches for this column. E-mail 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.

Women's business group supports CASTLE Safe Families program

On May 27, the local chapter of the American Business Women's Association invited Evelyn Arp, Development Associate with the CASTLE, to give a presentation at their chapter program meeting. The CASTLE office in Okeechobee is located in the hallway of New Endeavor High School. The programs offered to Okeechobee residents are Safe Families, an in-home education program to prevent abuse and neglect; Strong Fathers/Strong Families, for incarcerated fathers and their families to teach responsible fatherhood and reunification; and Families First, a court-ordered seminar for couples wishing to dissolve their marriages. CASTLE is recognized as a reliable source for parenting services and training on the Treasure Coast since 1981. Eventually the CASTLE would like to offer all 8 of its programs in Okeechobee.

The CASTLE's mission is to prevent abuse

and educate parents. Over the last year, 600 Okeechobee individuals participated in the three programs. The goal of the CASTLE is to never have to turn any families away that are in need of their services. However, for every one family served four are turned away. Cases of child deaths due to abuse and neglect are on the rise. Something has to be done; we need to pull together as a community and partner with the CASTLE in the fight against child abuse. It's not those children or their children, it's our children.

CASTLE is a United Way partner organization and is supported by the area Children's services councils as well as UFF. CASTLE facilities are located in St. Lucie County (772-465-6011), Martin County (772-781-4510) and Indian River County (772-567-5700). For further information, call Evelyn Arp @ 772-781-4510, or visit our website at www.castlctc.org.



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Karin Ammons (left), president of Women of Tomorrow Chapter of the American Business Women's Association (ABWA), welcomes guest speaker Evelyn Arp, development associate with CASTLE.

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Dairy farm world tour brings Georgia youth to Okeechobee

Okeechobee farmers again help Lancelot Holton on his quest to see dairy farms all over the world.

On Thursday, May 20, farm manager, Ray Bassett escorted Lancelot on a tour of the Basinger farm owned by Woody and Grace Larson.

Lancelot, of Douglas, Ga., enjoyed seeing the largest herd of Registered Brown Swiss cows in the U.S.

Since Lancelot first came to Okeechobee on April 23, 2008, he wanted to return to see the Larson's herd.

County Extension Officer Pat Miller, and 4-H director Debbie Clements gave Lancelot a Dream of a Dairy day in 2008. They kindly took Lancelot to four dairies beginning with the McArthur farm and ending with Ben Butler's Dairies. The day ran out, as Lancelot talked dairy farming with Ben and his Uncle; or he would have seen the Basinger farm in 2008.

Lancelot has severe vascular problems and he could die at any moment. His car-

diologist, Dr. Bill Marvin said, "There is no medical reason for him to be alive."

Seventeen-year-old Lancelot was not expected to live to see his second birthday. He was born with so many health problems, his doctors did not think he would ever be able to walk or talk.

In 2006, he asked his mother if he could see dairy farms all over the world. Thanks to the wonderful, sharing Dairy industry in Okeechobee County, he is working on that goal, his mother stated.

On his web site, www.questofheart.com, his mother wrote, "He pays no mind to the fact that he has Severe Peripheral Pulmonary Stenosis, Severe Aortic Stenosis, Renal Stenosis, William's Syndrome, Von Willebrand's II B, Chronic Hypertension, Pulmonary Hypertension, allergic to almost everything, Scoliosis, Joint Problems and Sensory Integration Problems."

To follow Lancelot on his quest, or to make suggestions of dairies, go to questofheart.com.



Submitted photos/Renee Holton

Lancelot Holton seems happily overwhelmed when his visit brought him to the Larson Dairy Farm recently.



A sweet baby calf awaits Lancelot's recent visit at Larson's Dairy Farm in Okeechobee. The young visitor, Lancelot, 17, has a serious illness and wishes to visit dairy farms across the country. This was his second trip to Okeechobee.



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Year end celebration

Seminole Elementary School Kindergarten students celebrated the end of the year by presenting a show entitled, "Down by the Bay." Students sang and danced as parents happily looked on. The students dressed in beach themed tie-dyed shirts they created after learning about the ocean and the creatures that live there. Congratulations to our Seminole Elementary School kindergarteners.



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Students of the Week

Central Elementary Students of the week for May 24, include: kindergarten, Isabella Calvillo, Joshua Dossat, Logan Rhoden, Morgan Tucker, Anja Koivenano, Ariana Merchant; first grade, Yamila Lopez, Kaydra Bradle, Yuliana Licea, Madison Hargraves, Lauren Sills; second grade, Diana Morales, Elizabeth Casas, Julian Arellano, Cera Elliott; third grade students, David Solorzano, Lataveous Barrett, Cassandra Brown, Ryan Albers, Ruben Bustos, Anali Carmona; fourth grade students, Makala Skinner, Sara Bishop, Hadeel Abed, and Jacaira Gutierrez.



Special to the Okeechobee News/OMS

Students of the Week

Osceola Middle School students, chosen by their teachers for hard work and good character, were treated to Domino's Pizza for lunch with OMS Principal Mrs. Bass, Deans Mr. Burk and Mr. Barrett and Guidance Counselors Mrs. Branham and Mrs. McGlamory. OMS would like to thank Domino's for their support of our program to recognize the good things students are doing at Osceola Middle School. Seated from left to right are: Ares Hernandez, Mason Faulk, Samantha Wine. Standing, left to right: Steven Alvarez, Misei Esquivel, Sabrina Pressley, Selena Quesada. Not pictured: Alexa Delgado, Marisol Solis, Breanna Russell.



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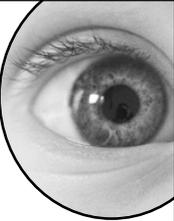


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Eighth graders show off skills in final scrimmage

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

Marshall Tommie scored three touchdowns, one on an 80 yard run, as spring football practice came to an end with a scrimmage for eighth graders on Friday afternoon.

Tommie took a bootleg for a long run in the first half for the opening score of the game as the offensive team broke more big plays than in their first scrimmage on May 21, at the Brighton Reservation.

"We improved a whole lot in the last week," Tommie said, "I don't know what the deal was last week. This week we really surprised the coaches."

The team showed they had a lot of talented linemen this spring. There was a lot of hard hits and competition at the line of scrimmage. Coach Rafe Erwin said some of these linemen have a chance to do something with their high school careers.

"Up front we have a really good class coming in. The kids have a shot to do something. They must work hard in the weight room," he said.

Erwin said the coaches had nothing to complain about because all of the kids

came out here this spring and improved. He praised the offense as they executed several plays well. He also praised the work ethic of the group.

"Every week we came out here and had improvement. These kids really worked hard," he added.

Other highlights of the scrimmage included some solid runs by Datron Smith, Adrian Minondo Jr., and James Marcum.

Minondo rushed for 30 yards on six carries. Marcum had some long runs of 18 and 20 yards in the game. He scored on a three yard touchdown in the second half.

Datron Smith had an 18 yard touchdown run and also a 13 yard run in the contest. Eddie Neal completed a couple of passes and also had a 15 yard run.

Coaches named Cody Dunn the defensive player of the game. He had several solid hits on defense. He has played football since he was five years old and said he looks forward to high school football.



Eddie Neal showed off a strong arm and also ran for 15 yards on this play.

"I thought spring practice and this scrimmage went well. We have a lot of bigger players this year and that helps a lot," he added.

Tommie said the offensive line has blocked well and he expects that to continue in the fall. "Were strong and we have a lot of heart. I feel a lot better after those



Okeechobee News/Charles Murphy
James Marcum was the workhorse as he carried over a dozen times in Friday's scrimmage.

touchdowns. With me it's all about school first and getting good grades. Sports come second," he said.



Marshall Tommie (left) is tackled for a loss on this play but had a big afternoon Friday as he crossed the goal line three times.



Varsity Coach Myron Jackson had words of encouragement for the eighth graders following Friday's scrimmage. The varsity scrimmage was cancelled due to rain and lightning.

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Whose residence is: 805 SW 15TH ST., OKEECHOBEE, FL, 34974

TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING AN INTEREST BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST JOHN W. ABNEY, SR REVOCABLE TRUST DATED DECEMBER 14, 1993
Whose residence is: UNKNOWN

If alive, and if dead, all parties claiming interest by, through, under or against JOHN W. ABNEY, SR A/K/A JOHN W. ABNEY; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JOHN W. ABNEY, SR A/K/A JOHN W. ABNEY; JOHN W. ABNEY, SR A/K/A JOHN WABNEY AS TRUSTEE OF THE JOHN W. ABNEY, SR REVOCABLE TRUST DATED DECEMBER 14, 1993; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING AN INTEREST BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST JOHN W. ABNEY, SR REVOCABLE TRUST DATED DECEMBER 14, 1993 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:

Description of Real Property Situated in Okeechobee County, Florida.

Parcel 1:
Commence at the Northeast corner of the Northwest Quarter of Section 28, Township 37 South, Range 35 East and run West on the North boundary of said Section 28 for a distance of 721.5 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence run South 525 feet thence run East 258.7 feet; thence run North 525 feet; thence run West on the North boundary of said Section 28 for a distance of 258.7 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Parcel 2:
A parcel of land lying in the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 28, Township 37 South, Range 35 East. Commence at a railroad spike in the center of asphalt marking the Northeast corner of the Northwest Quarter of Section 28; thence run S00°44' 09"W for a distance of 35 feet; thence run N89°28'16"W for a distance of 450.27 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence continue N89°28'16"W for a distance of 12.4 feet thence run S00°32'16"W a distance of 489.34 feet thence run S89°15'47"E a distance of 131.32 feet; thence run N00°32'14"E a distance of 303.61 feet; thence run N89°15'51"W a distance of 118.91 feet. thence run N00°32'14"E a distance of 185.78 feet to the Point of Beginning.

a/k/a 805 SW 15TH ST., OKEECHOBEE, FL 34974

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to, to, 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 of 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 12th day of May, 2010.

SHARON ROBERTSON
As Clerk of the Court
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 N 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 for that purpose.**
356281 ON 6/2,9/10

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO. 2009 CA 684

SEACOAST NATIONAL BANK, Plaintiff
VS.
LOCK 7 DEVELOPMENT, LLC, a Florida limited liability company; STEPHEN E. FISHER; SANDRA H. FISHER; DEAN E. LAVALLEE; ANN MARIE LAVALLEE; and LA-FISH, LLC, a Florida limited liability company, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO F.S. CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure dated March 18, 2010, the above-styled cause, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the in the Jury Assembly Room, 2nd Floor, Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, FL 34972 at 11:00 a.m., on 6/16/2010, the following described real and personal property located in Okeechobee County, Florida:

a. Land. (herein, the "Land"): A parcel of land lying in Section 4, Township 38 South, Range 35 East, Okeechobee County, Florida, being a portion of Lots A and B, according to the Plat entitled Survey of a Part of Section 4, Township 38 South, Range 35 East, as recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 76, Public Record of Okeechobee County, Florida, being more particularly described as follows:
Commencing at the Northeast corner of said Lot A, being the point of intersection of the North line of said Section 4 and the West right of way line of State Road 15, also known as Parrot Avenue, as shown on State of Florida Department of Transportation Right of Way Map Section 926; thence South 00 degrees 07' 39" West along the East line of said Lot A and said West right of way line a distance of 110.00 feet to a point on the South line of the North 110.00 feet of said Lot A and the Point of Beginning of the following described parcel of land; thence continuing along said East lot line South 00 degrees 07' 39" West a distance of 196.87 feet to the point of curvature of a curve concave to the North, having a radius of 90.80 feet and a central angle of 72 degrees 07' 18"; thence departing said lot line, Westerly along the arc of said curve a distance of 114.30 feet to a point of reverse curvature of a curve concave to the South, having a radius of 137.89 feet and a central angle of 57 degrees 59' 03"; thence Southwesterly along the arc of said curve a distance of 139.55 feet to a point of compound curvature of a curve concave to the Southeast, having a radius of 3191.17 feet and a central angle of 03 degrees 00' 01"; thence Southwesterly along the arc of said curve a distance of 167.10 feet to a point of compound curvature of a curve concave to the East, having a radius of 147.59 feet and a central angle of 22 degrees 09' 19"; thence Southerly along the arc of said curve a distance of 57.07 feet to a point of compound curvature of a curve concave to the East, having a radius of 355.45 feet and a central angle of 16 degrees 05' 28"; thence Southerly along the arc of said curve a distance of 99.83 feet to a point of reverse curvature of a curve concave to the West, having a radius of 55.91 feet and a central angle of 54 degrees 49' 06"; thence Southerly along the arc of said curve a distance of 53.49 feet to the point of tangency; thence South 45 degrees 40' 32" West a distance of 21.51 feet to a point of curvature of a curve concave to the East having a radius of 48.59 feet and a central angle of 66 degrees 59' 23"; thence Southerly along the arc of said curve a distance of 56.81 feet to the point of tangency; thence South 21 degrees 18' 51" East a distance of 27.64 feet to a point on the North right of way line of State Road 78 as described in Official Record Book 517, Page 1810, Public Records of Okeechobee County, Florida; thence South 63 degrees 28' 36" West along said right of way line a distance of 109.15 feet to a point on the West line of said Lot B; thence departing said right of way line North 00 degrees 07' 39" East along the West line of said Lot B a distance of 813.78 feet to a point on the South line of the North 110.00 feet of said Lot B; thence departing said West line of said Lot B, South 89 degrees 48' 24" East along said South line a distance of 433.32 feet to the Point of Beginning.

b. Appurtenances. The benefit of all easements and other rights of any nature whatsoever, if any, appurtenant to the Land or the Improvements, or both, the benefit of all rights-of-way, strips and gores of land, streets, alleys, passages, drainage rights, sewer rights, rights of ingress and egress to the Land and all adjoining property, and any improvements now or hereafter located thereon, water rights and powers, oil, gas, mineral and riparian rights, whether now existing or hereafter arising, together with the reversion or reversions, remainder or remainders, rents, issues, incomes and profits of any of the foregoing (the "Appurtenances").

c. Improvements. All buildings, structures, betterments and other improvements of any nature now or hereafter situated in whole or in part upon the Land or the Appurtenances, regardless of whether physically affixed thereto or severed or capable of severance therefrom (the "Improvements").

d. Tangible Property. All of Mortgagor's right, title and interest, if any, in and to all inventory, goods, furniture, fixtures, equipment and tangible personal property of any nature whatsoever that is now or hereafter (i) attached or affixed to the Land or the Improvements, or both, or (ii) situated upon or about the Land or the Improvements, or both, regardless of whether physically affixed thereto or severed or capable of severance therefrom, or (iii) regardless of where situated, if used, usable or intended to be used in connection with any present or future use or operation of or upon the Land, the foregoing includes: all heating, air conditioning, lighting, incinerating and power equipment; all engines, compressors, pipes, pumps, tanks, motors, conduits, wiring, and switchboards; all plumbing, lifting, cleaning, fire prevention, fire extinguishing, refrigerating, ventilating, and communications apparatus; all boilers, furnaces, oil burners, vacuum cleaning systems, elevators and escalators; all stoves, ovens, ranges, disposal units, dishwashers, water heaters, exhaust systems, refrigerators, cabinets, and partitions; all rugs, draperies and carpets; all laundry equipment; all building materials; all furniture, furnishings, office equipment and office supplies; and all additions, accessories, renewals, replacements and substitutions of any or all of the foregoing. The items of property encumbered by this paragraph are jointly and severally called the "Tangible Property" in this Mortgage.

e. Incomes. All rents, issues, incomes, accounts and profits in any manner arising from the Land, Improvements or Tangible Property, or any combination, including Mortgagor's interest in and to all leases, licenses, franchises and concessions of or relating to all or any portion of the Land, Improvements or Tangible Property, whether now existing or hereafter made, including all amendments, modifications, replacements, substitutions, extensions, renewals or consolidations; but reserving to Mortgagor in the manner provided by this Mortgage and the Assignment of Rents and Leases the right to collect and retain all such rents, issues, incomes and profits until Mortgagor's default under this Mortgage. The items of property encumbered by this subparagraph are jointly and severally called the "Rents" in this Mortgage.

f. Secondary Financing. All of Mortgagor's right, power or privilege to further encumber any of the property described in this paragraph 2 for debt, it being intended by this provision to divest Mortgagor of the power to encumber or to grant a security interest in any of the property encumbered by this Mortgage as security for the performance of an obligation.

g. Proceeds. All proceeds of the conversion, voluntary or involuntary, or any of the property encumbered by this Mortgage into cash or other liquidated claims, or that are otherwise payable for injury to or the taking or requisitioning of any such property, including all insurance and condemnation proceeds as provided in this Mortgage.

h. Contract Rights and Accounts. All of Mortgagor's right, title and interest in and to any and all contracts, written or oral, express or implied, now existing or hereafter entered into or arising, in any matter related to the improvement, use, operation, sale, conversion or other disposition of any interest in the Land, Appurtenances, Improvements, Tangible Property or the Rents, or any combination, including any and all deposits, prepaid items, and payments due and to become due thereunder; and including maintenance contracts, construction contracts, service contracts, advertising contracts, purchase orders and equipment leases; but reserving to Mortgagor the use and benefit of all such contracts, deposits, prepaid items, payments and proceeds unless and until Mortgagor defaults under this Mortgage. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Mortgagor will not be bound by any of Mortgagor's obligations under any of the foregoing contracts unless and until Mortgagor elects to assume them in writing.

i. Name. All right, title and interest of Mortgagor in and to all trade names now or hereafter used in connection with the operation of the Land and Improvements.

Other Intangibles. All contract rights, goods, inventory, commissions, money, documents, instruments, chattel paper, accounts, commercial tort claims, deposit accounts, cash proceeds, investment property, letter of credit rights, letters of credit and general intangibles, as such terms from time to time are defined in the Florida Uniform Commercial Code, in any manner related to the use, operation, sale, conversion or other disposition (voluntary or involuntary) of the Land, Appurtenances, Improvements, Tangible Property or Rents, including all permits, licenses, insurance policies, rights of action, choses in action, contract rights, corporate or other business records, inventions, designs, patents, patent applications, trademarks, trade names, trade secrets, goodwill, copy rights, registrations, franchises, claims under guarantees, security interests or other security held or granted to secure payment of contracts by account debtors, all rights to indemnification and all other intangible property of every kind and nature.

k. Appurtenances. The benefit of all easements and other rights of any nature whatsoever, if any, appurtenant to the Land or the Improvements, or both, the benefit of all rights-of-way, strips and gores of land, streets, alleys, passages, drainage rights, sewer rights, rights of ingress and egress to the Land and all adjoining property, and any improvements now or hereafter located thereon, water rights and powers, oil, gas, mineral and riparian rights, whether now existing or hereafter arising, together with the reversion or reversions, remainder or remainders, rents, issues, incomes and profits of any of the foregoing (the "Appurtenances").

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Contract Rights and Accounts. All of Mortgagor's right, title and interest in and to any and all contracts, written or oral, express or implied, now existing or hereafter entered into or arising, in any matter related to the improvement, use, operation, sale, conversion or other disposition of any interest in the Land, Appurtenances, Improvements, Tangible Property or the Rents, or any combination, including any and all deposits, prepaid items, and payments due and to become due thereunder; and including maintenance contracts, construction contracts, service contracts, advertising contracts, purchase orders and equipment leases; but reserving to Mortgagor the use and benefit of all such contracts, deposits, prepaid items, payments and proceeds unless and until Mortgagor defaults under this Mortgage. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Mortgagor will not be bound by any of Mortgagor's obligations under any of the foregoing contracts unless and until Mortgagor elects to assume them in writing.

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Any reference to the "Mortgage" shall mean that certain Commercial Mortgage and Security Agreement dated November 15, 2006 and Mortgage Modification and Extension Agreement dated December 19, 2008 made by the Mortgagor to the Mortgagee, and any reference to the "Mortgagor" shall mean Lock 7 Development, LLC, a Florida limited liability company, and any reference to the "Mortgagee" shall mean Seacoast National Bank.

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

Dated this 7th day of May, 2010.

Sharon Robertson, Clerk of Court
Linda F. Young, Clerk of Court
3542610N 6/2,9/10

Public Notice

Your new home could be in today's paper. Have you looked for it?

Your next job could be in today's classifieds. Did you look for it?

When you want something sold, advertise in the classifieds.

Public Notice

Shop from a gift catalog that's updated regularly: the classifieds.

Sharon Robertson, Clerk of Court
Linda F. Young, Clerk of Court
354315 ON 5/12,19,26;6/2/10

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 2010-CP-059

IN RE: ESTATE OF JENNIE T. ALDERMAN Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS (Summary Administration)

TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE:

You are hereby notified that an Order of Summary Administration has been entered in the estate of Jennie T. Alderman, deceased, File Number 2010-CP-059, by the Circuit Court for Okeechobee County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida 34972; that the decedent's date of death was March 17, 2010; that the total value of the estate is \$5,000.00 and that the names and addresses of those to whom it has been assigned by such order are:

Name	Address
James E. Alderman, Trustee of the Jennie T. Alderman Revocable Trust dated May 20, 1993	13510 NE 24th Street Okeechobee, Florida 34972

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:

All creditors of the estate of the decedent and persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent other than those for whom provision for full payment was made in the Order of Summary Administration must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE.

ALL CLAIMS AND DEMANDS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

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

The date of first publication of this Notice is June 2, 2010.

Attorney for Person Giving Notice:
Bradley R. Gould
Florida Bar No. 0502571
Michael D. Minton
Florida Bar No. 348511
Dean, Mearns & Zwemer
1903 S. 25th Street, Suite 200
Fort Pierce, Florida 34947
Telephone: (772) 464-7700
Fax: (772) 464-7877

Person Giving Notice:
James E. Alderman, Trustee of the Jennie T. Alderman Revocable Trust dated May 20, 1993
356128 ON 6/2,9/10

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROBATE DIVISION
CASE NO. 2010-CP-52

In re: Estate of ROSCOE VERNON HOLDEN, a/k/a ROSCOE V. HOLDEN Deceased

NOTICE TO CREDITORS (Summary Administration)

TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE:

You are hereby notified that an Order Determining Homestead Status of Real Property and Order of Summary Administration has been entered in the Estate of ROSCOE VERNON HOLDEN, a/k/a ROSCOE V. HOLDEN, Deceased, File Number 2010-CP-52, by the Circuit Court for Okeechobee County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 312 N.W. 3rd Street, Suite 101, Okeechobee, Florida 34972; that the decedent's date of death was November 6, 2008; that the total value of the estate is \$11,000.00; that the names and addresses of those to whom it has been assigned by such order are: PAULINE S. HOLDEN, 512 Summergreen Way, Greenville, South Carolina 29607.

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is served within three months after the date of the first publication of this notice must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY THE LAW.

All other creditors of the decedent and persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent must file their claims with this Court AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE WITHIN THE TIME PERIOD PROVIDED BY THE LAW. ALL CLAIMS AND DEMANDS NOT SO FILED AND ANY CLAIM FILED TWO YEARS AFTER THE DECEDENT'S TIME OF DEATH WILL BE BARRED FOREVER.

The date of the first publication of this Notice is May 26, 2010.

Person Giving Notice:
Pauline S. Holden
512 Summergreen Way
Greenville, South Carolina 29607

Attorney for Person Giving Notice:
CONNELLY & CONNELLY, P.A.
Post Office Drawer 1367
Okeechobee, Florida 34973
By: Tom Connelly III
Florida Bar No. 096482
355248 ON 5/26;6/2/10

Public Notice

NOTICE

The Affordable Housing Advisory Committee of Okeechobee County has scheduled its next regular session for Tuesday, June 8, 2010, at 9:00 a.m. in the Board of County Commissioners meeting chambers at the Health Department located at 1728 NW 9th Avenue, Okeechobee, Florida.

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

Stephany DuPree
Affordable Housing Advisory Committee Facilitator
353970 ON 6/2/10

LEGAL NOTICE

A public auction will be held at BMJ Towing, Inc. Lot at 414 South Parrott Avenue, Okeechobee, Florida 34974 on Friday the 4th day of June 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:

1994 Blue Chevy Caprice Classic
1G1BL52W5R1158625

2004 Silver Ford Explorer Sport Trac
1FMZU67K84UC30241

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.
356282 ON 06/02/10

It's never too late to find the perfect gift. Look for it in the classifieds.

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 19th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 2009CA565

RIVERSIDE NATIONAL BANK OF FLORIDA,
Plaintiff,
vs.
MICHAEL WALSH,
Defendant.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated May 13, 2010 and entered in Case No. 562009CA565 of the Circuit Court of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Okeechobee County, Florida, wherein RIVERSIDE NATIONAL BANK OF FLORIDA is the Plaintiff and MICHAEL WALSH is the Defendant, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in the Jury Assembly Room, 2nd Floor, Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, FL beginning at 11:00 on the 16th day of June, 2010 the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

Public Notice

Beginning at the Southeast corner of the SE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 28, Township 37 South, Range 35 East, and run South 157.50 feet, thence run West 226 feet, thence run South 157.50 feet, thence run East 226 feet to the Point of Beginning.

And Also:
Beginning at the Southeast corner of the SE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 28, Township 37 South, Range 35 East, and run West 226 feet for a point of beginning; thence run West 135 feet; thence run North 157.50 feet; thence run East 135 feet and thence South 157.50 feet to the Point of Beginning. All being located in Section 28, Township 37 South, Range 35 East, 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 at Okeechobee, Florida, this 5th day of May, 2010.

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
OKEECHOBEE County, Florida

By: Linda F. Young
Deputy Clerk

In accordance with Disabilities Act of 1990, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the Court Administration located at 250 Northwest Country Club Drive, Port St. Lucie, FL 34986, Phone Number 772-807-4370, or the Florida Relay Service number, 1-800-955-8771, for assistance.

Attorney For Plaintiff:
Marinosci Law Group, P.A.
100 W. Cypress Creek Road,
Suite 1045
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309
Phone: 954-644-8704
353810 ON 5/26;6/2/10

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROBATE DIVISION
CASE NO. 2010-CP-66

In Re: Estate of
ROBERT EARL WILLIAMS,
Deceased

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The EARL WILLIAMS, deceased, date of death April 10, 2010, 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 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 OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIOD SET FORTH IN THE FLORIDA STATUTES WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

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

The first publication of this notice is May 26, 2010.

Diana Mae McAfee
Personal Representative
17184 Hawthorne Road
Carthage, Missouri 64836
CONELY & CONELY, P.A.
Post Office Drawer 1367
Okeechobee, Florida 34973-1367
(863) 763-3825
By: Tom Conely III
Florida Bar #096482
Attorney for Personal Representative
355250 ON 5/26;6/2/10

NOTICE OF SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order rescheduling foreclosure sale dated 5/5/2010 entered in Civil Case No. 2009CA360 of the Circuit Court of the 19th Judicial Circuit in and for Okeechobee County, Florida, wherein LAYNE BROWN, Plaintiff and OKEECHOBEE TOWN CENTRE, LLC, ET AL are defendant(s), I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, at the JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM, 2ND FLOOR, at Okeechobee Judicial Center, 312 NW 3rd St., Okeechobee, FL in accordance with the provisions of Section 45.031, AT 11:00 AM, 6/16/2010, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

Earn some extra cash. Sell your used items in the classifieds

Husband accused of strangling wife

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

An Okeechobee man was arrested and booked into the Okeechobee County Jail after he allegedly attacked and choked his wife.

Ruben Eric Collins, 35, S. Parrott Ave., was arrested Saturday, May 29, on a



Ruben Eric Collins

felony charge of domestic battery by strangulation. He was booked into the county jail under a bond of \$10,000.

An arrest report by Officer Charles Green of the Okeechobee City Police Department (OCPD) stated that the husband and wife became embroiled in a heated argument inside their rented room at the Budget Inn Motel at 201 S. Parrott Ave.

They were reportedly arguing about their finances.

According to the arrest report, at some point Collins grabbed his wife and choked her to the ground. He then grabbed her by the hair and punched her in the face as he pulled her down a hallway, stated Officer Green.

The witness tried to intervene by pulling Collins off his wife, but was unsuccessful.

Officer Green said the incident took place in front of the couple's young son. The officer did not indicate the boy's age in his report, or if the victim received medical treatment.

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