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Homecoming royalty

Tyler Finney (left) and Taylor Fulford (right) enjoy their moment at halftime after being named the 2011 Okeechobee High School Homecoming King and Queen, Friday night at Brahman Stadium. For more Homecoming photos online see the Okeechobee News page on Facebook.

Gospel music comedy returns to theatre stage

The Okeechobee Community Theatre (OCT) gets set to bring back the biggest hit show in its thirty-three year history as it presents the bluegrass-flavored gospel music comedy, "Smoke on the Mountain," November 4, 5, 11 and 12, at 8 p.m. each evening.

"This show struck a chord

with our audiences when we presented it just a couple of seasons ago," said OCT Coordinator/Director, Ron Hayes.

"We completely sold out every performance after opening night, and even had to turn people away at the box office.

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County may suspend impact fees

By Pete Gawda
Okeechobee News

Impact fees will be a major topic of discussion at Thursday's meeting of the Okeechobee County Commission.

There has been some discussion about suspending county impact fees as a possible means to stimulate new construction. The city and the school board have already taken such action.

If you go ...

What: Meeting of the Okeechobee County Commission
When: 9 a.m.
Thursday, Oct. 27
Where: Okeechobee County Courthouse, 304 N.W. 2nd St.

Commissioners will hear presentations from consultants Kimley Horn & Associates and James Duncan & Associates providing the options available to the board concerning amending

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Special to the Okeechobee News/OCT

Members of the Sanders Family singers perform one of the thirty bluegrass-flavored gospel tunes included in the upcoming Okeechobee Community Theatre reprise of its hit show *Smoke On the Mountain*. Performers are, left to right, Daniel Womble, Ralph Baker, and Ron Hayes.



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Seventh Annual Halloween Festival set for Monday

Once again, Okeechobee Main Street, the Children's Services Council of Okeechobee, the Okeechobee County Board of Commissioners, the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office and the City of Okeechobee Police Department will sponsor the annual Halloween Festival at the Agri-Civic Center as a safe alternative to door-to-door trick-or-treating. This exciting event will take place on Monday, Oct. 31, from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., and will include a haunted hay ride, kid's corral, costume contest, pumpkin contest and over 40 booths of spooky entertainment, fun, prizes and candy.

Billy Dean from WOKC Okeechobee will be the Master of Ceremonies for the costume contest which will again be sponsored by Seacoast National Bank. A sign-up booth for the contest will be available the night of the event in the middle of the Agri-Civic arena and parents are advised to sign up children as soon as they enter the building. Prizes for first, second and third place will be given in each of four age categories and the judging will occur at the following times: 0-2 years from 5:45-6:15 p.m.; 3-5 years from 6:15-6:45 p.m.; 6-10 years from 6:45-7:15 p.m. and 11-14 years from 7:15-7:45 p.m. Three very experienced judges will be on-hand to make

the final decision and to award prizes.

The haunted hayride will run for anyone who dares! It has been rumored that there is something living in the woods that surrounds the Agri-Civic Center and creatures lying in wait beneath the water. Join the hayride to see if the rumors are true, or if you will only be on an innocent hayride near the woods. "Amazing Eugene" will tempt you with magic as you wait in line for this event.

This year you can bring your pre-decorated or pre-carved pumpkin with you to the Agri-Civic Center for a Pumpkin Judging. Pumpkins will be set up outside the arena for visitors to see and prizes will be awarded based on number of entries. Judging of the pumpkins will take place at 7 p.m. The pumpkin contest is for youth up to 14 years of age.

Admission, parking and all activities for this event are free to the public. In addition to the event, the Okeechobee High School Band Boosters will sell hot dogs, chips and a drink to help in their efforts to send the High School Band to Washington D.C., where they have been invited to perform in the National Memorial Day Parade.

Okeechobee Main Street is still accepting applications from any business who would like to participate in this event by setting up a booth. Candy and/or monetary donations are accepted and very much appreciated! Candy collection boxes are currently at the following locations: WOKC radio station, Seacoast North, Seacoast South, Katie's Pet Parlor, Ultimate Gamer, Pueblo Viejo, Okeechobee Golf and Country Club, Bank of America, Toni's Chic Boutique, Rustic Style and Cabins, TD Bank, Okeechobee Correctional Institute, and North Park Tire Center. Anyone with questions, applications and/or donations should contact Cindy Birdashaw at the Main Street Office, 111 N.E. Second Street, or call 863-357-6246.



Special to the Okeechobee News/OKMS

Teresa Chandler, Community Relations Representative for Okeechobee Landfill, presents a donation of candy to Okeechobee Main Street Executive Director Cindy Birdashaw for the 2011 Halloween Festival on Monday, Oct. 31.

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Okeechobee County Forecast



Today: Mostly sunny, with a high near 85. East wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Tonight: A 20 percent chance of showers after 2 a.m. Partly cloudy, with a low around 65. East wind around 5 mph.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: A 40 percent chance of showers, mainly after 8 a.m. Partly sunny, with a high near 85. East wind around 5 mph.

Thursday night: A 40 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around

70. East southeast wind around 5 mph becoming calm.

Friday: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Cloudy, with a high near 84. East wind around 5 mph.

Friday night: Scattered showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 66.

Northeast wind around 5 mph becoming calm. Chance of precipitation is 40 percent.

Saturday: Scattered showers. Partly sunny, with a high near 83. North northeast wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30%.

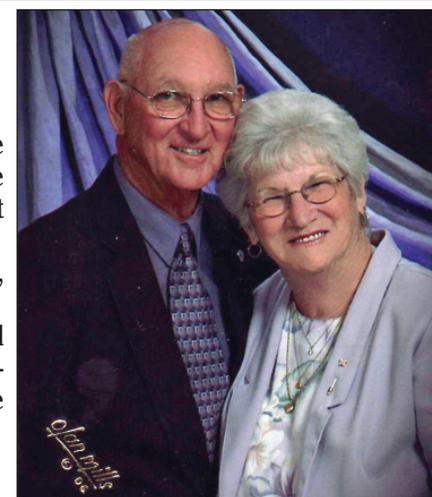


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City and school board impact fees suspended

By Pete Gawda
Okeechobee News

While Okeechobee County Commissioners will be discussing the fate of impact fees tomorrow, the Okeechobee County School Board and the Okeechobee City Council have already taken action on the issue.

Impact fees are designed so that new construction pays for such things as the additional wear and tear on roads, the additional impact on corrections, parks, law enforcement, EMS and fire services and the additional burden on the school system it creates. Impact fees are paid at the time building permits are pulled.

At their May 17 meeting, the city council voted to suspend city impact fees indefinitely in the hopes that that action would stimulate new construction. Some time ago the city did use impact fees to partially pay for a new fire truck.

In the city, before the suspension of impact fees, the impact fee on a single family residence was \$1,506, Commercial rates varied with the type of building. The impact fee on a 5,000 square foot restaurant was \$2,200. City administrator Brian Whitehall said the city has not seen a noticeable increase in new construction since the suspension. He said that most city building permits are for remodeling or expansion and not for the new construction that would require an impact fee.

The school board was a little more exact in their action. School impact fees are suspended a year at a time beginning June 30,

2011. Before impact fees for the school system can be reinstated an impact fee study must be made.

Superintendent of Schools Ken Kenworthy said that several factors went into the decision. He said that studies showed that with the exception of a slight increase next year, school enrolment is expected to decline over the next decade. That diminishes the need for more school facilities. Also, Mr.

Kenworthy said the school's capital funds have diminished. He said that the state has taken capital funds from local school systems and given it to universities and charter schools. Impact fees, in themselves, would not cover the full cost of school expansion. "Even if we wanted to build, we couldn't afford it," Mr. Kenworthy said. Before it was suspended the school impact fee for a single family residential dwelling was \$3,384.



Special to the Okeechobee News/Historical Society

Historical Society meets

The October meeting of the Okeechobee Historical Society featured Gay Carlton, School Board Member, speaking to the group about how the school system has changed over the past 50+ years. The focus of her talk was how new technologies are being used in the classroom to make Okeechobee's students better prepared for the future. Pictured are members of the Historical Society who are Okeechobee High School graduates. In the picture, from left to right are Zelda Mixon, Magi Cable, Shirley Conrad, guest Kim Williamson, Betty Chandler Williamson, Gay Carlton, Wilma Williams, and Suzanne Morton.

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Public Forum/Speak Out

Speak Out has moved online, where it is quicker and easier to share your ideas and converse with others. Go to www.newszap.com, click on the community name and your local or state Public Forum. There, you can create new topics or comment on existing topics. What follows is a sampling of some of the discussions currently taking place. Thanks for participating!

OHS dances

- I recall back when I was in high school, the dance committee made a decision about our Homecoming dance. We opted to make it a sock dance. No formal dresses just every day school clothes and socks; \$5 got you in the door, We had food and drinks donated from area vendors, mostly from Publix and Buds Chicken. The place was packed EVERYONE had a blast and the school thought it was a great idea to eliminate the need of formality. Maybe OHS could rethink this event to make it a tad more affordable for the families?

- I can understand a higher price for prom. That is traditionally a formal dance for the senior class. In many schools only juniors and seniors are allowed to attend the prom. Here the junior class puts the prom on for the seniors. But homecoming doesn't have to be formal. Homecoming is supposed to be a celebration of school spirit.

- I think the parents of high school students should ask the school for a financial accounting of how that \$25 per student was spent. That adds up to a lot of money.

- I feel it would be better to pursue how the tax money is being spent. It is the largest portion of our property tax bill.

- Is this money not for the Senior Class? I want to say when we were in school that the money raised for Homecoming was for the Senior Class, just like Prom is I believe. It covers the cost of the party and left over money goes towards Grad Night entry/bus money.

- It seems there were current high school students who could not afford to go to the Homecoming dance because of the price. That just seems so wrong. If they want to raise money for senior grad night, surely they can do it another way instead of pricing some kids out of participating in something as basic as homecoming.

Sightings

- Anyone heard the rumor that Casey Anthony has been seen in Okeechobee County?

- Maybe she moved in with the skunk ape?

- Apparently a woman who looks like her was spotted near LaBelle.

- Who cares?

Republican debate

- The way the liberals are attacking Herman Cain makes me want to root for him. He seems like an intelligent, good-hearted person.

- Maybe you missed the debate, didn't look like he had many friends in the GOP either.

- Personally I find it refreshing that Cain doesn't try to fool people. If he makes a mistake he admits it and if he doesn't know the answer he goes and finds out. I think that we need someone who has run a successful business. Someone who knows the ins and outs and how to control spending and therefore make a profit. I find that the liberal news media going after Cain is nothing more than a telling action. The media seems to go after those they fear the most. Happens every time. If I had to choose today I would choose Cain because he presents himself as being honest and for his knowledge of how a business works.

- Cain has an admirable business background. He still lacks the well rounded experience in government, esp. in foreign affairs. He wouldn't hold up running against Obama. I think the GOP recognizes this. I really hate to see Newt climbing in popularity. He has been an embarrassment. Oh well, we'll see what shakes out in the months to come.

Elections

- The problem with the way the county is set up is that you have to live in a county commission district in order to run for the seat for that district, but everyone in the county can vote. It is possible to lose in your district—which has happened—and still be elected to office. I think either they should just let everyone run at large in order to get the best candidates in the race, no matter where they live. Or else have the election by district so the elected person can be held accountable by that district. The way it is now, we are limited in who can run since you have to live in the district to run. And yet the person who wins does not have to be accountable to the district since you can lose the district and still win the election.

Letters to the editor

Janet's story - Blood stories

Janet Colunga is a resident of Okeechobee who is a recipient of donated blood. Janet wants to share her experience so that others may be inspired to donate the gift of life – their blood.

In 1992, while living in North Carolina, Janet was giving birth to her son when she began hemorrhaging. She lost a lot of blood and required three units of blood to replace it. This young mother would have died while giving birth to her son had she not received the donated blood.

Janet donates blood now and her 15-year old daughter can't wait to turn 16 so she can donate also. Janet tells everyone that donating blood is one of the most important acts a person can do because nobody knows when they or a loved one may need blood.

Janet plans to give blood at the Sixth Annual Okeechobee Blood Roundup that will be held at the Freshman Campus on Nov. 19 and 20, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day. Please join her and your fellow Okeechobees in helping the Roundup meet this year's goal of 600 units of blood.

Susan Williams

Breast cancer awareness

I want to thank you for printing my article about male breast cancer awareness on Sept. 30. Many people have read it and it may have saved lives. For this I am very grateful. My son from whom this all started has finished chemo and now sees his surgeon on when he will have his surgery. My goal is to have both breast cancers for men and women acknowledged at the same time, maybe we could work on that for next year.

Thank you again,

Sincerely,

Roberta Stoltzfus

Okeechobee has lost its way

Can we all agree that this town has lost its way?

We've sacrificed our youth for the promise of down home living. Its the simple life that people seek when moving to this town we call Okeechobee. With a teen birth rate of 94 we just beat out Hendry (97) and Hardee (103) as the top county for Teen Pregnancy in the whole of Florida. Unfortunately, history tells us that we are usually in the top spot for that statistic. We also have some of the highest numbers of drug abuse for any



Janet Colunga

county in the State. Our vices are marijuana, synthetic marijuana, opiates, cocaine, and others.

We are an hour drive from anything entertaining and our children are wasting away; filling their time with drugs, sex, and the occasional drunk driving incident. Unemployment is on the rise and the promise of lasting jobs dwindles by the day. We have gas stations, plazas, and storefronts that are being taken back by nature because we can't keep businesses in them and when we lose one we can't bring in another.

Those in power need to show us that they see this, that they care, and that they can help us pull ourselves through. We don't want a hand out, we don't even want a handout. We just want to know that you see this and that you also care for us, this town, and the future it represents.

**Patrick Van Tassell,
Local Okeechobee citizen**

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PLAY

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We decided to put it in our season schedule again this year because of the large number of requests from patrons who either missed it the first time, or who want to see it again.”

This is not an uncommon response to the show, he points out. One theatre group in Tennessee has performed it with great success as a part of their regular season for more than a dozen years. It is also a long-running top attraction among the shows in Branson, Mo.

Reserved seat tickets for the OCT production are now on sale for \$12 each at the office of the Pennysaver at 111 N. E. Second Street, in the block north of CVS Pharmacy. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. All performances of the show are at the theatre on S.W. Second Avenue at Seventh Street, one block west of Golden Corral restaurant.

The setting of “Smoke on the Mountain” is 1938. Mount Pleasant Baptist Church’s pastor, Mervin Oglethorpe is presiding over his first-ever Saturday night gospel sing. The evening’s special guests are the Sanders Family Singers, who arrive a bit flustered and out of breath. Their tour bus overturned in a ditch next to the local pickle factory. Some local residents kindly came to their rescue, and now they’re ready to sing, testify, and generally entertain for the next two hours (allowing for a 15-minute intermission.)

The music, mostly bluegrass-flavored gospel, is full of four-part harmonies, and features guitar, banjo, mandolin, autoharp, piano, and numerous homemade percussion instruments.

Nearly 30 new and old gospel songs make the show a contemporary and historical musical treat. They include “Wonderful Time Up There,” “Whispering Hope,” “I Wouldn’t Take Nothin’ for My Journey Now,” “When the Roll is Called Up Yonder,” and “I’ll Fly Away.” In addition to the music and comedy, the show reveals itself as being about forgiveness, salvation, and getting along with one’s family.

All but one of the original cast members are back from the OCT’s earlier production to reprise their roles. They are, Jim Clark as Pastor Oglethorpe, Billy McCullers, Laurie Garner, Nikki St. Pierre, Daniel Womble, Stephany DuPree, Ralph Baker and Ron Hayes as the Sanders family, with Judine Cole and Joanie Moffatt as two wealthy spinners who have strong reservations about having stringed instruments in the church.

Just a short three weeks after “Smoke on the Mountain,” the OCT will present “Christmas On the Air,” a holiday music and comedy variety show which features a cast of twenty-five.

Patterned after a Bing Crosby-style Christmas special, it includes some big production numbers, comedy, and drama, along with a host of favorite Christmas carols and songs. The presentation is done in a warm-hearted vintage style that is sure to evoke pleasant memories of Christmases past.

“Christmas On the Air” will be performed

three times only, on Friday and Saturday evenings, Dec. 2 & 3 at 8 p.m., with a 2 p.m., matinee on Saturday afternoon, Dec. 3.

Tickets to this show are also on sale now at \$12 each at the Pennysaver office.

The current OCT theatre season will conclude in March with the Pulitzer prize - and Tony Award-winning dramatization of “The Diary of Anne Frank,” the story of a Jewish family’s attempts to hide from the Nazis in Holland during the Holocaust of World War II, as seen through the eyes of a young girl.

Tickets to this production will go on sale in February.

The Okeechobee Community Theatre, a member of the American Association of Community Theatre and the Florida Theatre Conference, is now in its 33rd season of presenting Broadway-style musicals, comedies and dramas for local audiences. For more information, call Ron or Jacque Hayes at 863-763-1307, or visit the theatre website, okeecommunitytheatre.com.

OKMS announces quarterly meeting

The next quarterly general membership meeting for Okeechobee Main Street will be held on Oct. 26, at noon at Golden Corral. All members are encouraged to attend and receive an update on recent events and activities. Please join us to share in a special awards presentation and meet our new Board Secretary, Courtney Moyett, who is also a litigation support specialist with Philip DeBerard Injury.

Library to host Ask-A-Lawyer event

Okeechobee Attorneys and Florida Rural Legal Services will be at the Okeechobee County Public Library, 206 SW 16th Street, Okeechobee, Wednesday, Oct. 26, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Flag Disposal Ceremony

American Legion Post 64 will hold a Flag Disposal ceremony at 6 p.m. Thursday Oct. 27, at the legion home 501 SE 2nd St. Assisting in the event will be the Color Guard of Okeechobee High School JROTC, Cub Scout Pack 964 and Boy Scout Troop 964 and current Legion Officers. The public is invited to attend. Bring the children as they will get an education on proper flag display/disposal.

Euchre Tournament group meets

The Euchre tournament will resume for the season on Mondays and Wednesdays. The next tournament will take place on Oct. 26, & 31, at the Village Square Restaurant, at 301 W. South Park St. Play starts at 6:30 p.m. but plan to arrive at 6:15 p.m. Everyone is welcome, even beginners. Call John Munger for information, at 863-357-0803.

FEES

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or modifying the impact fee schedule. The consultants will answer any questions from commissioners concerning impact fees. At the end of the discussion commissioners could give direction to staff concerning impact fees or the matter could be taken up again at a later meeting.

In a related matter commissioners will consider a proposed amendment to the interlocal agreement with the school board concerning collection of school impact fees. Currently the county is required by ordinance to collect the school impact fee and there is no provision in that ordinance for a temporary suspension or moratorium. In ad-

dition to amending the intercoal agreement the county will probably consider another ordinance that would allow for a suspension or moratorium on collection of school impact fees.

In other action the board is expected to:

- recognize employees for longevity;
- approve payment of a fire control assessment to the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for fiscal year 2011/12;
- renew the contact with Curren Electric for airfield lighting and equipment maintenance;
- appoint one member to the affordable housing committee with a term to expire Sept. 15, 2013; and
- consider a resolution for collection of non-ad valorem assessments.

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The Buckhead Ridge VFW Ladies AMVETS will hold a dinner on Wednesday, **Oct. 26**, with fresh corn chowder, open-faced turkey sandwiches and sides topped off with pumpkin praline cake. Serving 5 p.m. until they run out. Donation, \$7 for local charities. Music to follow. For information call, 863-467-2882.

Legion Post hosts taco night

American Legion Post 64 has Tacos every Wednesday, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., this week we have music with CC live from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. On Friday we have dinner/music from 5 until 8 p.m. Music is with Lisa this week and we offer fish, chicken strips or country fried steak you have a choice of fries or slaw or you can have mashed potatoes and vegetables all dinners come with rolls and desert for \$6. Everyone welcome.

Legion Post plans night

American Legion Post 64 Riders Thursday, **Oct. 27**, we offer bargains \$1 to 3.50 for lunch and dinner we serve from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m. Everything from beans & cornbread to cheeseburgers. We have music from 4:30 until 7:30 p.m. with Cowboy Jody Karaoke. All proceeds benefit our Adopt a Veteran and his/her Family Program. Everyone Welcome.

Eagles hold Spaghetti dinner

On Thursday, **Oct. 27**, the Cypress Hut Eagles will hold a spaghetti dinner, at 5:30 p.m. for \$6. Proceeds to FOE community charity fund. Public welcome!

Martha's House has yard sale

Come to Martha's House, 4134 Hwy 441 N., for the fall yard sale on **Oct. 27/28**, from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m.

Considering adoption?

Anyone interested in learning more about adoption is encouraged to join the Children's Home Society of Florida, Treasure Coast Division at our monthly Adoption Orientation session. The next meeting is scheduled to take place at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, **Oct. 27**, at the Early Learning Coalition of St. Lucie County office, located at 804 S. 6th Street in Fort Pierce. This informative, casual and free open house-style orientation will provide an overview of foster care adoption and answer all questions related to adoption and CHS' adoption process. Please help us raise adoption awareness in our community as we try to find additional permanent Forever Families" for local children in foster care. To RSVP or for more information, contact Children's Home Society's Adoption Information Line at 772-429-2001.

Eagles hold Halloween party

On Saturday, **Oct. 29**, the Cypress Hut Eagles will hold a Halloween party, at 6 p.m. and it is free. Music by the Harpers. Public welcome!

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.

Jacob H. Shiveler, 63

NAPLES — Jacob H. Shiveler, 63, of Naples, passed away on Oct. 24, 2011.

Born Feb. 11, 1948, he was the son of George and Mabel Shiveler.

Jacob is survived by his loving wife and best friend of forty years, Gloria Ann Shiveler; his beloved children, Jason (Susan) Shiveler of Naples, Danielle Shiveler of Ft. Lauderdale, Bruce (Jane) Swindell and Greg (Karen) Swindell, all of Jacksonville; eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Jacob was a kind and giving man throughout his life, truly being an advocate of those in need. His lifelong passion for farming made him very active in the Agriculture community. He will be dearly missed by all whose lives he touched.

A Memorial Service will take place on Friday, Oct. 28, 2011, at 2 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Immokalee, 1411 Lake Trafford road, Immokalee, FL 34142.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Jacobs honor may be made to Harry Chapin Food Bank, 3760 Fowler Street, Ft Myers FL 33901, www.fighthunger@harrychapinfoodbank.org. For online condolences, visit fullerfuneralhome.com.

Mark Allen Ward, 49

WALLAND, Tenn. — Mark Allen Ward, 49, of Walland, Tenn., formerly of Okeechobee, passed away Sunday, Oct. 23, 2011, at Blount Memorial Hospital in Maryville following a short illness.

He was an avid fan of dirt track car racing. He was a Licensed Barber for over 30 years. He lived life to the fullest and he lived it his way. He was preceded in death by his son, Jake Allen Ward; father, Julius Wayne Ward; step-father, Barney Durbin; step-brother, Kenny Durbin.

He is survived by his wife of 25 years, Cynthia Walker Ward; children, Joshua Lee Ward, and Zachary Ray Ward; mother, Mollie Durbin, mother and father-in-law, Harvey and Sylvia Walker; sister-in-law, Sandra (Rickey) Betts; brothers, Tony (Gina) Ward, and Brian (Joanne) Ward; step-brothers, David (Wendy) Durbin, and Alan (Kay) Durbin; sister, Kim (Brian) Herbst; step-mother, Pat Ward; sisters, Melanie (Rick) Bodner, and Tammie Nelson; step-sister, Kelly Durbin; many nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be held at The Gathering, 1735 SW 24th Ave., Okeechobee, (phone: 863-357-4418) at 7 p.m., Friday, Oct. 28, 2011, with Pastor Mike Brown, and Pastor Dale Buchanan officiating, the family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday before the service.

Memorial Funeral Home in Maryville, Tenn., is in charge of arrangements.

Mary Frances

Henderson Runyon, 57

OKEECHOBEE — Mary Frances Henderson Runyon, age 57, died at the Hamrick Home on Monday, Oct. 24, 2011.

She was born in Plant City, Fla., on Jan. 27, 1954, to Cecil and Roselle Henderson. Her family moved to Okeechobee in 1958.

In addition to being an Eckerd employee for 18 years, she also managed Larry's Suds & Duds for 13 years.

Her family was the focus of her life and she loved spending time together and cooking for everyone and being a "Mom."

Frances was preceded in death by her parents, Cecil and Roselle Henderson; brother, Billy Henderson; and sister-in-law, Marynell Henderson.

She is survived by her loving husband of 39 years, Billy Joe Runyon of Okeechobee; sons, Frankie, Steven, and Brian (Debbie) Runyon; daughters, Connie (Eric) Collins, Helen (Wallace) Johnson, and Juanita Caldwell; brothers, Rex (Arlene) Henderson, Roy (Rachelle) Henderson, and Rickie (Dottie) Henderson; sister, Elaine (James) Rowell; 16 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Go with God Frances. You will be loved and missed always.

Visitation will be held from 6 until 8 p.m. at Buxton-Seawinds Funeral Home on Thursday, Oct. 27, 2011, and services will be on Friday, Oct. 28, 2011, at 11 a.m. Burial will follow at Evergreen Cemetery.

Condolences may be sent online to www.buxtonseawinds.com

All arrangements are under the care and direction of Matthew and Paul Buxton of Buxton-Seawinds Funeral Home, 3833 SE 18th Terrace, Okeechobee, Florida.



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Rains bring increased mosquito activity to South Florida region

Due the heavy rains over the past few weeks, there has been a rise in the mosquito population statewide.

Okeechobee County Emergency Management reminds residents of the "5 Ds" for prevention:

- Dusk and Dawn—Avoid being outdoors when mosquitoes are seeking blood, for many species this is during the dusk and dawn hours.
- Dress—Wear clothing that covers skin.
- DEET—When the potential exists for

exposure to mosquitoes, repellents containing DEET (N,N-diethyl-meta-toluamide, or N,N-diethyl-3-methylbenzamide) are recommended. Products with concentrations up to 30 percent DEET are generally recommended for most situations. (It is not recommended to use DEET on children less than 2 months old. Instead, infants should be kept indoors or mosquito netting used over carriers when mosquitoes are present). If additional protection is necessary, apply a permethrin repellent directly to your clothing.

Always read the manufacturer's directions carefully before you put on a repellent.

- Drainage—Check your home to rid it of standing water in which mosquitoes can

lay their eggs.

Elimination of breeding sites is one of the keys to prevention.

Arrest Report

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

• Brandon Pitt, 19, N.W. 36th St., Okeechobee, was arrested Oct. 20 by Deputy Patricia Massung on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with dealing in stolen property. His bond was set at \$7,500.

• Gary N. Bohannon, 64, U.S. 441 S.E., Okeechobee, was arrested Oct. 20 by Deputy Marcus Collier on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with the felony of driving under the influence with priors. He was released on his own recognizance.

• Reyna Ortega, 26, S.E. 57th Drive, Okeechobee, was arrested Oct. 23 by Deputy Donnie Holmes on a felony charge of battery on a law enforcement officer and a misdemeanor charge of disorderly conduct. His bond was set at \$1,250.

• Steven Cody Crose, 22, N.E. 128th Ave., Okeechobee, was arrested Oct. 24 by Deputy DeMarcus Dixon on a charge of felony petit theft. His bond was set at \$2,500.

• Dustin Lumpkin, 25, N.E. 26th Ave., Okeechobee, was arrested Oct. 24 by Deputy Greg Popovich on an amended Okeechobee County warrant charging him with violation of probation - driving under the influence. He is being held without bond.

This column lists arrests and not convictions, unless otherwise stated. Anyone listed here who is later found innocent or has had the charges against them dropped is welcome to inform this newspaper. The information will be confirmed and printed.

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

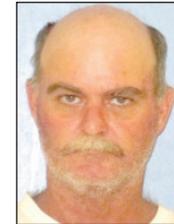
An Okeechobee man is being held in the Okeechobee County Jail in lieu of bond following his arrest on felony drug charges.

Ronald Mark Barber, 45, N.E. 12th Ave., was arrested Saturday, Oct. 22, on felony charges of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, two counts of possession of a controlled substance (morphine) and fleeing and attempting to elude a law enforcement officer. He was also arrested on a misdemeanor charge of possession of marijuana under 20 grams.

Barber is being held on \$36,000 bond.

An arrest report by Deputy Arlene Durbin, of the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO), stated that she clocked a dark-colored Ford sports utility vehicle doing 60 mph in a 45 mph zone. However, when she tried to stop the SUV in the 2400 block of U.S. 441 S.E. it only increased its speed.

She later caught up to the Ford Expedi-



Ronald Barber

tion in the 3400 block of S.E. 34th Ave. where it had apparently stopped and turned off its lights.

The deputy went up to the vehicle and identified the driver as Barber.

During a subsequent search of the Expedition she and OCSO Deputy Brian Cross reportedly found the remnants of three suspected marijuana cigarettes. Those cigarettes were field tested and indicated a positive result for the presence of marijuana.

According to Deputy Durbin's report, 18 pills were found in Barber's pockets. The deputy said the pills were identified at 15mg and 60mg morphine tablets.

The report went on to state that a 12 gauge shotgun was also found in the vehicle.

A check of Barber's arrest record indicated that he was convicted in 2002 of interference with custody, which is a felony.

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Local churches plan speakers and special fall events

The pumpkin on Hunter Road continues. Come hear the greatest story ever told on Saturday, **Oct. 29**, from 3-6 p.m. at the **Buckhead Ridge Baptist Church**, 1731 Hunter Road. There will be games, hay ride, cake walk, music and lots of fun.

Okeechobee Church of God, 301 N.E. Fourth Ave, will host a concert by American Idol Season Six Top 10 Finalist Chris Sligh on Saturday, **Oct. 29**, at 7 p.m. For more information call 863-763-4127. **First Baptist Church** has received word from Angel Food Ministries that the food program has been discontinued.

The Fifth Sunday community-wide service, sponsored by the **Okeechobee Ministerial Association (OMA)**, will be this **Sunday, Oct. 30**, at 6 p.m. at the Faith Farm Tabernacle, 7595 NE 128th Ave. (9 miles from the intersection of U.S. 441 & SR 70. East on 70, left on N.E. 128th at the Crossroads/Landfill Road and then 1.7 miles on the left). Rev. Jim Benton, Director, will preach; the Okeechobee Community Choir will sing, and many members of the Ministerial Association will participate in the service. In addition, Frank Carter, composer, concert pianist and director of Music and Art at Good Shepherd United Methodist in WPB,

will again accompany and play. Come, hear the word of the Lord preached and enjoy the fellowship this small-town community-wide service provides. Fellowship time will follow the service. Churches and groups represented by the 25 members of OMA are: **Bethel Baptist, Church of Our Saviour Episcopal, Cornerstone Baptist, Faith Farm Ministries, First United Methodist, The Gathering, Lamb of God Recovery Center, Lighthouse Refuge, More to Life Ministries, Northside Baptist, Okeechobee Community Choir, Okeechobee Correctional Institute, Okeechobee Pregnancy Center, Okeechobee Presbyterian, Real Life Children's Ranch, St. Stephens AME and The Vineyard.** Ministers of other churches and ministries are invited to join the OMA on the second Wednesday of every month at noon at The Lodge Restaurant.

Sunday, Oct. 30, starting at 10:30 a.m. The Bluegrass group Scattered Grass will play at Point of Light Fellowship Church 15399 Hwy. 78 Lakeport. Spaghetti lunch will follow. Then after lunch more bluegrass!

There will be a Fall Festival at **Point of Light Fellowship Church**, 15399 Hwy 78, Lakeport, on Monday, **Oct. 31**, from 6-8 p.m.

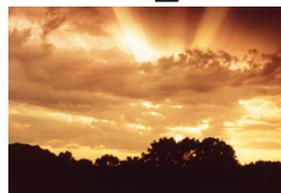
Lots of games, candy and fun!

Church of God of Prophecy has an Open Arms Ministry, 102 NW 10TH Street. The Hurting Women's Ministry meets every second and fourth Friday of each month at 7 p.m.

This is ministry for women for all ages who are going through or have been through crisis in their lives. For more information please call 863-254-8304.

A benefit barbecue dinner and gospel sing for Charles and Sophia Graves will be held on Saturday, **Nov. 5**, at the **First Baptist Church's ROC** from 3-7 p.m. The menu will include pulled pork dinners with drink and dessert. Gospel singing will begin at 3 p.m., and run through out the evening with several different groups appearing. The cost of the meal is \$10. Tickets are on sale now or can be purchased at the door as long as they last. You may dine in or carry out. There will be door prizes and a silent auction.

Oakview Baptist Church will host Xtreme Missions, Saturday, **Nov. 5**, from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. This event is for children in grades 1-6 and their church leaders. The children will meet with missionaries and learn about their country and culture. The cost of the event is \$16 which includes a t-shirt and



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lunch. For more information, please contact Oakview Baptist Church at 863-763-1699.

The **Okeechobee Church of God Ladies Ministry** will host a Community Yard Sale with a concession Stand on **Nov. 12**, Saturday at the Okeechobee Church of God, 301 NE 4th Avenue. Have you wanted to have a yard sale not enough room, or hate to do it by yourself. Come join with us, a space with a table \$10 or a space without a table \$5. Donation. What you make is yours. Call to reserve your space with Norma Sue 863-634-2930. The Ladies Ministry will do all the advertising.

The **Okeechobee Missionary Baptist Church**, at 4212 Hwy. 441 N., will sponsor a revival on **Nov. 16 to 18**. Evangelist Danny Young, pastor of Lighthouse Baptist Church of Spring Hill, Florida will preach.

Registration for Upward Basketball and Cheerleading has begun at **First Baptist Church** of Okeechobee. Deadline is **Nov. 30**. The program is for girls and boys in K-5 through 6th grades. For more information or to register, please call 863-467-7625 or go to the church or ROC office. Registration forms are also available at your child's school.

Fr. Hugh Duffy will give a series of talks on the parables every Thursday night from 7 to 8 pm in the pavilion at the **Sacred Heart Catholic Church** at 901 SW 6th Street. The talks begin on Thursday, **Nov. 3** and end on Thursday, Dec. 15. Everybody is welcome and there is no charge to attend. For more information call 863-763-3727.

The Okeechobee News welcomes news from area churches for this column. E-mail okeeneews@newszap.com.



Special to the Okeechobee News

Church hosts Pumpkin Patch

The Pumpkin Patch is back! Joining pastor Jim Dawson and the Little Old Lady Who Wasn't Afraid of Anything, are students from Stepping Stones Academy One. The public is invited to visit the patch located at the First United Methodist Church, 200 NW 2nd Street, to take pictures and enjoy the display. Pumpkin sales benefit the church's Youth Mission Trips. For more information, contact the church office, 863-763-4021.



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Huntin' season is crankin' up!

By Tony Young
Florida Fish and Wildlife

Football season is in full swing, and the 2011-12 hunting season is cranking up. Heck, in Zone A, they're already into general gun season. But for the rest of us, I'd like to cover the rules and regulations regarding two hunting seasons that are just around the corner: muzzleloading gun and the first phase of dove.

Immediately following the close of cross-bow season in each zone, the muzzleloading gun season begins. Season dates run Nov. 19 - Dec. 2 in Zone B, Oct. 22 - Nov. 4 in Zone C and Dec. 3-9 in Zone D.

During muzzleloading gun season, bows and crossbows are also legal methods of taking game on private lands, in addition to muzzleloaders. But on wildlife management areas (WMAs), only muzzleloaders may be used.

The most common types of game to take during muzzleloader season are deer and wild hog. Only bucks may be taken, and one antler must be at least 5 inches long above the hairline. The daily bag limit on antlered deer is two. You can hunt wild hogs year-round on private lands, and there are no bag or size limits.

It's also legal to shoot gobblers and bearded turkeys during muzzleloading gun season. You may take only one per day, and there's a two-bird fall-season limit. But you can't hunt turkeys in Holmes County during the fall and winter. On WMAs, bag limits and antler/size restrictions can differ, so check

the specifics of the area before you hunt.

Legal shooting hours are a half-hour before sunrise to a half-hour after sunset. Except for turkeys, hunters may take resident game over feed such as corn on private lands. No baiting is allowed on WMAs, however.

For hunting deer, muzzleloaders firing single bullets must be at least .40-caliber. Guns firing two or more balls must be 20-gauge or larger. You may not use muzzleloaders that take smokeless powder, ones that can be loaded from the breech or those with self-contained cartridge ammunition capabilities during muzzleloading gun season.

The first phase of the mourning and white-winged dove season begins Oct. 1 and ends Oct. 24 statewide. Shooting hours during this first phase are noon to sunset, and there's a 15-bird daily bag limit.

The only firearm you're allowed to use for hunting doves is a shotgun, but you can't use one larger than a 10-gauge. Shotguns must be plugged to a three-shell capacity (magazine and chamber combined).

You may hunt doves over an agricultural field, as long as the crop has been planted and manipulated under normal agricultural practices. However, it's against the law to scatter agricultural products over an area for the purpose of baiting.

Some things you can't do while dove hunting include using rifles, pistols or crossbows; shooting from a moving vehicle; and herding or driving doves with a vehicle.

In addition to a Florida hunting license, you'll need a \$5 muzzleloading gun permit to hunt during muzzleloader season. To hunt deer, you need a \$5 deer permit, and if you'd like to take a fall turkey, you'll need a \$10 turkey permit (\$125 for nonresidents). If you're going to hunt doves, you'll need a no-cost migratory bird permit, and if you hunt on a WMA, you also must have a management area permit, which costs \$26.50.

All are available at your local county tax collector's office; through license agents; by calling 888-HUNT-FLORIDA; or by going online to www.fl.wildlifelicense.com.



O.G. & C.C. Golf Results

Gold Tee Winners

Okeechobee Golf Country Club Gold Tee Winners for Oct. 21, are: 1st place Tie - B Meyers, J North, 2nd place - D Thomas, 3rd place tie - R. Cardia, G. Guydosh, D. Burdshaw.

Register for Upward Basketball

Upward Basketball and Cheerleading registration is open at the First Baptist Church. The deadline to register is Nov. 30. K5 - 6th grade, boys and girls. For information call 863-467-7625.



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Public comment deadline extended for wildlife refuge

The US Fish and Wildlife Service is pleased to announce the extension of the public review and comment period for the draft Land Protection Plan (LPP) and draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed Everglades Headwaters National Wildlife Refuge and Conservation Area. The Oct. 24, comment deadline has been extended to Nov. 25.

To ensure consideration of your comments in the development of the final LPP and EA, please ensure that we receive your comments on or before Nov. 25. Comments may be emailed to us at EvergladesHeadwatersProposal@fws.gov; faxed to 321.861.1276; or mailed to Everglades Headwaters Proposal, PO Box 2683, Titusville, FL 32781-2683. Names and addresses should be included with comments, with the understanding that the material is subject to the federal Freedom of Information Act and may be released to the public upon request.

Copies of the documents and additional information are available online: (<http://www.fws.gov/southeast/evergladesheadwaters/>). Paper and/or CD copies of the documents can be requested by calling 321-861-0667.



Special to the Okeechobee News/Tamra Cunningham

Relay for Life fundraiser

Relay for Life team "Angels Among Us" members, Tamra Cunningham, Lynette Leonard, captain, Lacey Summerall and co-captain Jade Leonard have created "Operation Potty Police," a fundraiser with proceeds to benefit the American Cancer Society. The fundraiser donation is a total of \$50 which includes \$25 to pick up the toilet, \$15 to send it somewhere else and \$10 to find out who sent it. For information, call co-captain Jade at 863-261-1049.

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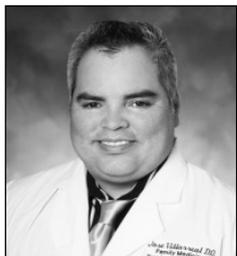
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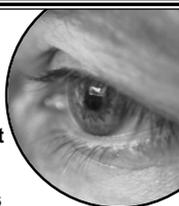
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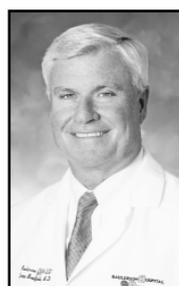
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ONEWEST BANK, FSB, SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO INDYMAC FEDERAL BANK, FSB, SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO INDYMAC BANK F.S.B. Plaintiff, vs. IDELSYS BLANCO; CARLOS F. BLANCO; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY; Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated September 16, 2011, and entered in Case No. 47-2009-CA-000451, of the Circuit Court of the 19th Judicial Circuit in and for OKEECHOBEE County, Florida. ONEWEST BANK, FSB, SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO INDYMAC FEDERAL BANK, FSB, SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO INDYMAC BANK F.S.B. is Plaintiff and IDELSYS BLANCO; CARLOS F. BLANCO; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY; are defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at THE JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM, 2ND FLOOR, OF THE OKEECHOBEE COUNTY JUDICIAL CENTER, 312 N.W. 3RD STREET, OKEECHOBEE, FLORIDA 34972 in 11:00 a.m., on the 16th day of Nov, 2011, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 7, BLOCK 5, A PLAT OF BASSWOOD INCORPORATED, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 22, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A 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 27th day of Sept., 2011.

SHARON ROBERTSON As Clerk of said Court By: Sandra L. Crech As Deputy Clerk Florida Rules of Judicial Administration Rule 2.540 If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proced-

Public Notice
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 19 JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 47-2011-CA-000275
PNC BANK, NA, Plaintiff, vs. SCOTT BASSETT, AKA SCOTT R. BASSETT, DECEASED HIS/HER RESPECTIVE UNKNOWN SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, AND TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE NAMED DEFENDANT; AND THE AFOREMENTIONED NAMED DEFENDANT AND SUCH OF THE AFOREMENTIONED UNKNOWN DEFENDANT AND SUCH OF THE UNKNOWN NAMED DEFENDANT AS MAY BE INFANTS, INCOMPETENTS OR OTHERWISE NOT SUI JURIS; et al., Defendant(s)

NOTICE OF ACTION-FORECLOSURE PROCEEDINGS
TO: SCOTT BASSETT, AKA SCOTT R. BASSETT, DECEASED HIS/HER RESPECTIVE UNKNOWN SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, AND TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE NAMED DEFENDANT; AND THE AFOREMENTIONED NAMED DEFENDANT AND SUCH OF THE AFOREMENTIONED UNKNOWN DEFENDANT AS MAY BE INFANTS, INCOMPETENTS OR OTHERWISE NOT SUI JURIS

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This action has been filed against you, and you are required to serve a copy of your written defense, if any, to it on Plaintiff's attorney, Weltman, Weinberg & Reis, Co., L.P.A., whose address is 500 West Cypress Creek Road, Suite 190, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309, on or before 30 days after date of first publication, and file the original with the Clerk of the Circuit 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 seal of this Court on the 14th day of Oct., 2011. Sharon Robertson, Clerk Okeechobee County, Florida By: Arlene Nealis Deputy Clerk

Weltman, Weinberg & Reis, Co., L.P.A. Attorney for Plaintiff 500 West Cypress Creek Road, Suite 190 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309 Telephone No.: 954-740-5200 Facsimile: 954-740-5290 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 Corrie Johnson, ADA Coordinator, 250 NW Country Club Drive, Suite 217, Port St. Lucie, FL 34986, (772) 807-4370 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. WWW.FL11047578 400994 ON 10/26;11/2/2011

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TD BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff, vs. DONALD B. RIDER, et al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated October 20, 2011 (the "Judgment"), entered in Civil Case No. 2009-CA-630 of the Circuit Court of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Okeechobee County, Florida, in which TD BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, is Plaintiff, and DONALD B. RIDER, JOAN C. RIDER, BLUE CYPRESS GOLF & RV RESORT CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC., and NEAL LONG CONTRACTOR, are Defendants.

The Clerk of Court will sell the Property as defined in the Judgment and as set forth below at a public sale on November 16, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. to the "highest bidder," for cash in the Jury Assembly Room at the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 2nd Floor, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida 34972, in accordance with Section 45.031, Florida Statutes. The "highest bidder" for purposes of this Notice of Sale, is defined as the party who bids the largest amount of money to purchase the Property (as defined below) and who completes the sale in a timely fashion, as hereinafter set out. The one who bids the largest amount of money to purchase the Property (as defined below) shall be permitted to complete the sale by delivering to the Clerk, the balance of such bid, over and above the deposit, by 3:00 p.m. on the day of the sale.

The following property located in Okeechobee, Florida, is the subject of this Notice of Sale: Unit No. 240, Blue Cypress Golf and RV Resort, an RV Condominium, according to the Declaration of Condominium thereof, as recorded on January 22, 1993 in Official Records Book 220, Page 741 through 811 (Condominium Plat Book 1, Pages 45 through 51) of the Public records of Okeechobee County, Florida, together with all appurtenances of such unit according to the Declaration of Condominium together with all existing or subsequently erected or affixed buildings, improvements and fixtures (the "Property"). The Property has a street address of 13801 SE Highway 441, Lot 240, Okeechobee, FL 34974 (a/k/a 12381 SE 143rd Avenue, Lot 240, Okeechobee, FL 34974).

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SHARON ROBERTSON Clerk of Circuit Court By: Sandra L. Crech Deputy Clerk Lawrence P. Rochefort, Esquire Erin M. Maddocks, Esquire AKERMAN SEITZBERG 222 Lakeview Avenue, Suite 400 West Palm Beach, FL 33401 Telephone: 561-653-5000 Facsimile: 561-653-6313 Counsel for Plaintiff 401349 ON 10/26;11/1/2011

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SEACOAST NATIONAL BANK, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BIG LAKE NATIONAL BANK, Plaintiff, vs. JAY T. HUFFMAN, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JAY T. HUFFMAN n/k/a LEE ANITA HUFFMAN, and all unknown parties claiming by, through, under and against the herein named individual defendants; TD BANK, A NATIONAL ASSOCIATION F/K/A RIVERSIDE NATIONAL BANK OF FLORIDA, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated October 13, 2011, and entered in Case No. 2011-CA-195, of the Circuit Court of the 19 Judicial Circuit in and for Okeechobee County, Florida, wherein SEACOAST NATIONAL BANK, is the Plaintiff and JAY T. HUFFMAN, THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JAY T. HUFFMAN n/k/a LEE ANITA HUFFMAN; any and all unknown parties claiming by, through, under and against the herein named individual defendant; and TD BANK, A NATIONAL ASSOCIATION F/K/A RIVERSIDE NATIONAL BANK OF FLORIDA are Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the OKEECHOBEE COUNTY JUDICIAL CENTER, 312 NW 3rd Street, JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM, SECOND FLOOR, OKEECHOBEE, FLORIDA 34972, at 11:00 a.m. on the 9th day of November, 2011, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

Lot 15 and 16, Block 35, OKEECHOBEE PARK, according to the Plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 28, Public Records of Okeechobee County, Florida. Together with a 1985 Chandler Doublewide mobile home VIN #s GAFL2AG250510049 and GAFL2AG250510049 and TITLE #s 41847430 and 41851296 Parcel ID # 1-17-37-35-0020-00350-0150 Street Address: 2551 NW 5TH ST, OKEECHOBEE

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 2010-CA-288 Assigned to: Judge Schack
RIVERSIDE NATIONAL BANK OF FLORIDA, Plaintiff vs. DALLAS REXROAD, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DALLAS REXROAD, ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S), WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR LIVING, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS, AND JOHN DOE and/or JANE DOE as Unknown Tenants-in-Possession Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45
NOTICE IS GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated October 11, 2011, Case No. 2010 CA 288, in the Circuit Court of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit, in and for Okeechobee County, Florida, in which TD BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, is Plaintiff, and DALLAS REXROAD, THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DALLAS REXROAD, JANE DOE and JOHN DOE, et al, are Defendants, the Clerk will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 2nd Floor, Jury Assembly Room, 312 NW 3rd St., Okeechobee, Florida 34972, at 11:00 A.M., on November 9, 2011, the following described property set forth in the Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure, to-wit:

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Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2011-CA-172

SEACOAST NATIONAL BANK, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO FIRST NATIONAL BANK AND TRUST CO. OF THE TREASURE COAST,
Plaintiff,

VS. DAVID D. SMITH, DONNA L. SMITH, and NANCY LAWRENCE, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated October 13, 2011, and entered in Case No. 2011-CA-172, of the Circuit Court of the 19th Judicial Circuit in and for Okeechobee County, Florida, wherein SEACOAST NATIONAL BANK, is the Plaintiff and DAVID D. SMITH; DONNA L. SMITH; and NANCY LAWRENCE, are Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the OKEECHOBEE COUNTY JUDICIAL CENTER, 312 NW 3rd Street, JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM, SECOND FLOOR, OKEECHOBEE, FLORIDA 34972, at 11:00 a.m. on the 9th day of November, 2011, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

Lot 243, TAYLOR CREEK ISLES, SECTION 1, according to the Plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 59, Public Records of Okeechobee County, Florida.

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Dated the 17th day of October, 2011.

SHARON ROBERTSON
Clerk of Circuit Court
By: Sandra L. Creech
Deputy Clerk

Attorney For Plaintiff:
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Community events

Chamber to host investor luncheon

The Chamber of Commerce of Okeechobee County will be hosting the quarterly Investor Luncheon on **Oct. 27, 2011** at the IRSC Williamson Center beginning with a networking session at 11:30 with lunch being served at noon. The keynote speaker is Larry Pelton, executive director, St. Lucie County Economic Development Council. Our business spotlight will be MIDFLORIDA Credit Union. Lunch is \$10 for chamber members and \$15 for non-members. You may register on-line at: www.okeechobee-business.com by selecting this event under the calendar. Check or cash at the door will be accepted. For further information contact Terry Burroughs at 863-467-6246.

'Celebrity' servers at Golden Corral

The HOSA of Okeechobee will have a Celebrity Sever evening at Golden Corral on Thursday, **Oct. 27**, from 5 to 8 p.m. This a fundraiser for the Kids Cancer Foundation of Okeechobee. Come support this local cancer foundation, dedicated to the little warriors of Okeechobee.

GUARDIAN ad LITEM program meets

Be a Voice of the Children. Give our abused, abandoned, and neglected children in Okeechobee a chance at life. Join us to find out how you can be proactive. Help your own children, grand-children and all those who do not have a positive support system. Members of the GAL Program will be available at 2 p.m., Thursday, **Oct. 27**, at Mom's Kitchen, Hwy. 441 S. Okeechobee, to help you make your decision and get started to be part of the solution.

Ranch rodeo to benefit Hannah Kate

A ranch rodeo will be held for Hannah Kate who has leukemia on Saturday, **Oct. 29**, at 1 p.m., in the Okeechobee Cattleman's Arena. All proceeds will benefit St. Jude's Hospital where she is being treated. In addition to the ranch rodeo look forward to a 50/50 raffle, live auction, T-shirts for sale and food. A blood mobile will be present. Contact Bobby Joe Fulford at 863-634-3429 or Tuyl Oxer at 863-441-1617 for more information.

Barbecue to benefit local boy

O.C.R.A. will host a benefit to help local player, nine year old, Bryce Johnson who has lymphoma. The benefit will be held on Saturday, **Oct. 29**, at the Sports Complex from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Barbecue pulled pork plates are \$10 each with local delivery available. There will also be a silent auction and bounce house and slide for donations. All winners will be notified and posted by 6 p.m. Proceeds will benefit the Johnson family to help with expenses. For more information, please call 863-634-0515.

B.R.A.T. Club to host Halloween Dance

Come and join us for our "Spookiest Teen Dance Party" this year! Tweens and teens ages 12-16 attend the party in costume and enter a contest to win \$25 for best costume! The party gets started on Saturday, **Oct. 29**, from 7-10 p.m. at the Freshman Campus. Admission is only \$7 and includes dinner and treats. Halloween games planned. Proceeds from the dance will benefit B.R.A.T. Club events. For more information, call Teresa Chandler at 863-801-4996.

Eagles hold Sunday chicken dinner

On Sunday, **Oct. 30**, the Cypress Hut Eagles will hold a chicken dinner, from 1-4 p.m. for \$6. Proceeds go to FOE community charity fund. Public welcome!

Service Club to host Monster Mash

American Legion Post 64 Riders to host A MONSTER MASH on Sunday, **Oct. 30**, from 4 until 7 p.m. We will have money prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd place. Music provided by Cowboy Jody. Bring a covered dish. Everyone can participate and be in on the fun. All proceeds benefit our Adopt a Veteran and his/her Family Program.

Freedom Outreach fishing tournament set

The Freedom Outreach Classic, on Sunday, **Oct. 30**, will be a one-day event with a \$120 entry fee, cash only. You must have fished at least three tournaments to be in the Classic. Register early. Tournaments are held at Okee-Tantie Marina Boat Ramp from safe light until 2 p.m. Scott Driver will be used as a backup. Please call 561-719-5989 or 863-634-8127 to register or with questions.

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Students of the Week

Yearling Middle School is pleased to announce the names of the Students of the Week for the week of Oct. 20. From left to right sitting are: Lizeth Reyes, Daniel Groso, Jackson Castro, Eric Emperio; left to right standing are: Eric Rivera, Matthew Coleman, Mr. Stuart (Dean of Students); in the center sitting is: Miranda McClanahan. Congratulations students.



Special to the Okeechobee News/CES

Students of the Week

Central Elementary School is pleased to announce the names of Students of the Week for the week of Oct. 20 including: kindergarten students, Harmoni Randolph, Jacob Moats, Omar Gonzalez, Brnady Sumner, Lily Duncan, Cody James, Jenna Ramaglia; first graders, Leslie Cruz, Karianna Sullivan, Ira Garin, Travis Fludd, Jennifer Santillan, Maria Sotelo, Gisselle Medrano; second graders, Robbie Talley, Aaren Cruz, Princess Espinol, Alissa Wingfield, Ja'bria Brinkley, Jayla Hayes; third graders, Timoteo Mejia, Andrea Ramirez, Nataly Solis, Justice Bostwell, Beyonece Garcia, Josef Steiert; fourth graders, Laura Rodriguez, Jennifer Salas, Nickalus Dailey, Jeremiah Stalans and Kailee Pasley.



Pet of the Week

Skylar is a male Yorkie mix who likes to play with stuffed toys. He wants to be the only pet of the house. He's cute and fun. Adoption fee for this character is \$175. He is neutered and up to date on vaccinations. He is one of the dogs available for adoption at Okeechobee Humane Society/Pet Rescue on Highway 98, next door to the Livestock Market. For more information, contact Humane Society Pet Rescue Florida, at 863-357-1104. To see more available animals go to petfinder.com. Homes are also needed to "foster" animals who are waiting for a permanent adoptive home.

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