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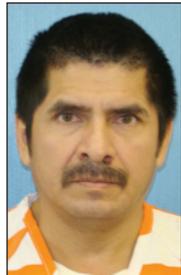
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## Nephew tells jury he watched aunt die



**Enrique Medrano**

**By Eric Kopp**  
Okeechobee News

"I grabbed her to see if she was all right and then she took her last breath."

As Nacho Delacruz fought to hold his emotions in check Tuesday morning he recalled for the jury how he held his aunt in his arms and watched her die. Angelica Delacruz, 36, died shortly after a knife was plunged into her left breast and traveled over 7 inches into her body.

The 12-inch blade severed her heart,

went through a portion of a rib and didn't stop until it struck her liver.

Enrique Arellano-Medrano, 43, was found guilty late Tuesday of first degree murder and was sentenced to life in prison.

Arellano-Medrano was arrested in a Martin County motel room on a charge of first degree murder. His trial got under way Nov. 15 with the 12-member jury hearing from the young men who watched the drunk and jealous Arellano-Medrano kill the mother of his three chil-

dren and his paramour of 20 years.

Although they were referred to as husband and wife, they were never officially married.

Witnesses told the jury how Ms. Delacruz had tired of Arellano-Medrano's drinking and abuse and left him. Although she had moved on with her life and found another man, Arellano-Medrano couldn't accept the fact that she had left him.

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## Recycling facility to process food and yard waste

**By Pete Gawda**  
Okeechobee News

City, county and business officials gathered at an unlikely place for a meal and a celebration on Tuesday, Nov. 15.

Waste Management (WM), in partnership with Publix, celebrated America Recycles Day by cutting the ribbon on a new recycling program at their Okeechobee landfill. Pre-consumer food waste from Publix, which includes produce, bakery and floral items, are combined with yard waste collected by Waste Management to form compost.

The Okeechobee WM facility is permitted to accept up to 15,000 tons of food waste and 15,000 tons of yard waste a year.

Garick, a subsidiary of Waste Management, and leading manufacturer, marketer and distributor of organic lawn and garden products is marketing the results of WM's food recycling.

"Today marks a great day in our partnership with Publix, said Tim Hawkins, area vice president for WM. "Our company is in a unique position in a very competitive industry. We are trying to do something to distinguish ourselves."

"What a great way to celebrate America Recycles Day," said Eric Myers, director of organic recycling for WM.

"Waste Management is not your father's garbage company," he said, noting the

changes WM has made over the last 10 years and the wide range of

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Okeechobee News/Pete Gawda

**Government and business officials took part in a ribbon cutting ceremony on Tuesday, Nov. 15 for Waste Management's new recycling plant that produces compost from pre-consumer food products and yard waste. Cutting the ribbon are, left to right, Okeechobee County Commissioner Bryant Culpepper, Okeechobee City Councilman Clayton Williams, Okeechobee City Councilman Dowling Watford, Tim Hawkins, Area Vice President for Waste Management, Kim Brunson, Recycling and Solid Waste Manager for Publix, Bill Faverbach, Vice President of Retail Sales for Publix, Okeechobee County School Board Member Joe Arnold, Okeechobee County Commissioner Joey Hoover, Interim Okeechobee County Commissioner Frank Irby, Teresa Chandler, Community Relations for Waste Management, Tony Bishop, Waste Management District Manger and Jeff Sabin of Waste Management.**



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# Fundraiser benefits Buddy Mills

By Bobbi Poole

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They came from as far away as West Palm Beach to support our local Agriculture teacher, Mr. Buddy Mills.

All who attended gave of themselves, money, time, energy, cookies, cakes, food, plates, cups, napkins, center pieces, gifts for auction. Once again Okeechobee, outdid itself with the most astonishing gift of generosity ever! The complete total raised has not been tallied as of this writing, but, I can verify it was well into the thousands of dollars. Gifts of art work, framing's, horseshoe art, saddle pads, vacations, baskets, western style lamps, trees, a HORSE, guns, glass etchings, saddles, jewelry, and so much more were part of the silent auction items. Each item was labeled and, with a sheet of paper was nearby for folks to put their bid on it.

The excitement in the ROC was like a landslide, with people competing to see who could out bid the other, all in the name of love for "Mr. Buddy." The most heart-felt gift, was a hand made picnic table and bench set, "squared-off" into 6 x 6 blocks. For \$20, the squares could be purchased, to write a message to Mr. Buddy on the table top.

BBQ pork dinners in "to go" boxes were flying off the tables by the hundreds, for \$10 each.

Food was auctioned off, with swamp cabbage in gallon bags going for \$120 each.

Those who attended left exhilarated, joyful, pleased with the never-ending generosity of the citizens of Okeechobee, and most of all happy to know everyone from the youngest to the oldest, did their best in having such



Special to the Okeechobee News/Bobbi Poole  
Brian Trimble and Dr. Randall Mims participate in making the auction an exciting and profitable part of the fundraiser for Buddy Mills.

a wonderful event. Each offered up faithful prayers to God, for a miraculous healing to be given to Mr. Buddy. We know our prayers will be answered.

## Okeechobee Forecast



**Today:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 85. Calm wind becoming south southeast between 5 and 10 mph.

**Tonight:** A 20 percent chance of showers. Partly cloudy, with a low around 65. South southeast wind around 5 mph.

### Extended Forecast

**Thursday:** A 20 percent chance of showers. Partly sunny, with a high near 87. Calm wind becoming southeast around 5 mph.

**Thursday night:** A 20 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 65. East northeast wind around 5 mph.

**Friday:** A 20 percent chance of showers. Partly sunny, with a high near 82. Northeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

**Friday night:** Mostly cloudy, with a low around 66. East northeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

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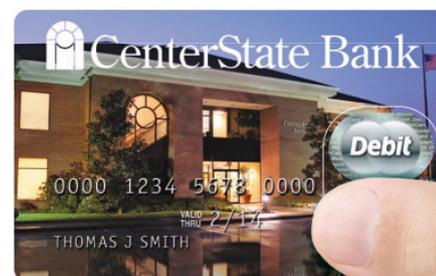
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# Donors sought for annual Blood Roundup

The Okeechobee Blood Roundup is only days away. This annual event is the culmination of four months of work by a volunteer group of more than 40, for the sole purpose of assuring a blood supply for Raulerson Hospital and helping people realize its importance for Okeechobee. This year's goal is 600 units of blood drawn in just two days—Nov. 19 and 20, from 9 to 6, at the Freshman Campus. If you are planning a Thanksgiving trip, you can call 1-888-9DONATE (1-888-936-6183) and make an early Saturday appointment, donate and then get on your way.

If your donation has ever been declined in the past, try, try again. Rules change all the time and what might have prevented your donating might not now be a problem. Diabetics, heart patients, cancer survivors and even those on many medications may be eligible to donate now. Come in and let the Roundup have the opportunity to make you a current donor.

More than 250 prizes, donated by local businesses, ranging from fishing trips to cosmetics, to haircuts, airboat rides, car servicing, meal tickets and other surprises will

be given, by drawing, to donors. Each donor will also each receive a goodie bag and a 2011 T-shirt. Continuous entertainment will be provided by Michael's Music Memories who last performed at the Roundup in 2009.

Trophies unique to Okeechobee, featuring a jumping bass and a Brahma bull will be given to two groups which bring in the largest number of donors. A special "traveling trophy" will be won in a competition between the six police and fire departments in our area, again, for bringing in the largest number of donors.

There is NO substitute for human blood. The holidays are a difficult time for blood banks as people are busy and don't want to stop; but they are also a time when more blood is needed than at any other time of the year. Ask someone who has needed a transfusion and you will be made aware of how important this drive is. Letters to the editor in the Okeechobee News in recent weeks have relayed the stories of some blood recipients saved by your donation.

If you have a question, or want further information, please call Raye at 863-610-

2176 or Florida's Blood Centers at 1-888-9DONATE.



Special to the Okeechobee News/Raye Duesinger

**Specially designed trophies unique to Okeechobee will be awarded to groups bringing in the most donors.**

## Main Street announces holiday festivities

Okeechobee Main Street is again sponsoring the annual Lighted Christmas Parade and Top of the Lake Christmas Festival in Flagler Park on Dec. 10. They are currently accepting applications for the parade and booth space in the park. Food vendors, speciality vendors and non-profits are welcome to apply!

Main Street will also again hold the annual Christmas Window Decorating Contest for businesses throughout the city. This year a first and second place will be named for Large Window Display; Small Window Display and Overall Business Display. Decorations must be completed by Tuesday, Dec. 6 and judging will occur from Wednesday, Dec. 7 through Friday, Dec. 9. The winners will be announced at the festival on Dec. 10.

Applications for the parade, festival and window decorating contest are available at the Main Street Office, 111 North-east 2nd St. and can be faxed or sent via e-mail. Please call Cindy for more information at 863 357-6246.

## Church to host "New Beginnings" Concert to benefit Healthy Start

This Sunday, Nov. 20, at 4 p.m., Church of Our Saviour Episcopal Church will hold the fourth annual Beginnings Concert. The concert, "New Beginnings" will benefit the Healthy Start Coalition of Okeechobee. Those attending will enjoy a varied concert including organ and harpsichord duet pieces and organ compositions by Handel. Musical numbers from Phantom of the Opera, Jeckyll and Hyde and the Sound of Music will also be presented. A section of the concert will also include musical selections from "Americana" classics. A light reception will follow and will be hosted by members of Church of Our Saviour. This reception will give the attendees a chance to meet the performers and the staff of Healthy Start.

There is no admission price for the concert, however, this concert also serves as a diaper drive for Healthy Start. Please bring a package of diapers, or a monetary dona-

tion for the Healthy Start Coalition. The Beginnings concert, in its fourth year, has provided hundreds of diapers and thousands of dollars for the coalition—all distributed and spent locally to assist expectant mothers in prenatal services and education.

Healthy Start offers a variety of services to their clients. This valuable program has suffered a myriad of budget cuts from federal and state funding programs over the last year. Church of Our Saviour warmly invites everyone to come and enjoy good music and food on Sunday at 4 p.m. to show how giving this community can be to those that need it. Church of Our Saviour Episcopal Church is located at 200 N.W. Third St. (across from the Courthouse). Please call the church at 863-763-4843 for more information on the concert or for information on where to send a donation to Healthy Start.

## Cause of early morning blaze undetermined

### Unoccupied home a complete loss

By Eric Kopp  
Okeechobee News

A home on N.W. 36th St. was completely destroyed by fire early Monday morning but no one was inside the home at the time, according to a report by Okeechobee County Fire/Rescue (OCF/R) personnel.

According to the report by OCF/R Lieutenant Robert Banfield, the home is normally occupied by six adults and a 17-month-old child.

The lieutenant's report stated that firefighters were sent to the home at 1:35 a.m. and they had the blaze extinguished in about three hours.

Lt. Banfield stated that upon his crew's arrival, the 1,198-square-foot home was about 50 percent involved in flame and that flames were shooting through the roof and one wall.

He went on to state that when the home was about 75 percent involved the OCF/R truck began to run out of water, so they enlisted the help of the Okeechobee City Fire Department (OCFD) by having them hook up to another hydrant to supply the OCF/R engine.

Some photos and personal items were recovered and saved for the homeowners.

The American Red Cross was also contacted, and their volunteers arrived to help the family with their needs.

Lt. Banfield stated that the cause of the blaze is under investigation by the state fire marshal.

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### Applebee's coming to Okeechobee

- If they keep up the standards as they have in other Applebee's I think the place will stay packed.
- I am excited to see it coming to town. Maybe other national chains will follow.

### Community theatre

• My congratulations to the Okeechobee Community Theatre for another outstanding production. If you have never attended an OCT play, you are missing out on real treat.

### Band boosters

- I have been told that some of the school instruments used by the Okeechobee High School Band are in sad shape and in need of replacement. I wonder how many people have a band instrument around the house ... one bought for a son or daughter who was in the band in school but lost interest after high school. Donating those instruments to the OHS band would be a blessing to the school. And it would be one less thing taking up space around your house.
- The OHS band's fundraising efforts are going well but they still need our help. When you see the band members hosting a fundraising event, please support them. They are working hard to have the privilege to represent Okeechobee in a parade in Washington, D.C.

### Abuse

• The recent child abuse scandal at Penn State should be a reminder that anyone who suspects child abuse has a moral responsibility to report it to the authorities. The person who saw the abuse should have called the cops right away. When he told the coach, the coach should have called the cops instead of just telling the university officials. Now all of the people who helped cover it up are in trouble. But the real crime is that because it was covered up, the abuse was allowed to go on for years.

### Tires

• It's pretty common nowadays to have a "Miles Until Empty" readout on the odometer. Well, my car used to go about 450 miles per tank of gas. Then, when I bought four new tires that were 'on sale,' at a national chain, but still supposed to be pretty good, I started getting only 400 miles per tank. I checked the tire air pressure, and even raised it 5 psi above what the car manufacturer recommends, but still below the tire's maximum allowable pressure. So I guess to have saved a few bucks on the purchase of the tires, I will be paying for them as long as I own them.

### Buy American

• I have been checking labels and trying to buy American-made goods. If you buy American, you put Americans to work. We are borrowing money from China and then buying Chinese made goods. This is getting us deeper and deeper in debt. People say they can't find American made goods to purchase. If enough people asked for American-made items the stores would start stocking them.

### Family Fun Festival at Okee-Tantie

• Couldn't have picked a more beautiful day to do the benefit! The weather was good, music enjoyable, food great, good people. Wow what a great day it was. The setting was awesome. I've never been there before and was amazed by the beauty of it all. The Humane Society Pet Rescue sends a huge thank you to all who worked so hard to make it the perfect day.

• What an awesome day! Thanks to all that came out and to all the vendors who participated.

• Thank you from the Band Boosters! We had a great day as well. Lots of fun, face painting, food and great weather! See you at the Christmas Festival in the Park.

### Champion golfer

• Congrats Richard for putting Okeechobee on the map. On a side note, I want to say that Waldau's Junior Golf tournament has played a big role in his development. That's why we as a community should be sponsoring and partaking in their annual tournaments. They also give college scholarships to local seniors.

• Congratulations to this young man for all of his hard work. Congratulations to all the young people of Okeechobee for hard work in all their activities, whether they win a contest or just participate.

## Letters to the editor

### A life tax on smokers?

Smokers know it costs a lot to buy their cigarettes. They know the Florida tax on cigarettes is steep. But many do not consider the "life tax" they are also being charged. Smokers pay more for life insurance, health insurance and health care costs, among other products and services.

When you add it all up, it's a much bigger number than most people realize, and a steep incentive for those who still smoke to save a bundle by quitting. And your employer may be a great resource for you in getting the support you need to make cigarette smoking a thing of the past.

Health insurance premium penalties and incentives are just one approach for companies that want to promote employee wellness and lower health care costs. In a 2011 survey by benefits consulting firm Mercer, about 28 percent of large employers indicated that they vary their premiums based on tobacco use.

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Florida works with a growing number of employers in Florida to offer employee smoking cessation programs and support. Options include one-on-one health coaching with a BCBSF nurse via telephone, a seven-week on-site program developed by the American Lung Association, and an online Smoking Cessation Lifestyle Improvement Program.

The decision to quit smoking is certainly a personal one, but the consequence of smoking is far reaching. In Florida alone, the annual direct costs to the economy attributable to smoking are in excess of \$19.6 billion, according to Tobacco Free Florida. Furthermore, smoking remains the #1 preventable cause of death in the United States, accounting for more than 393,000 deaths each year.

That's why Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Florida would like to encourage the 2.6 million adult smokers in Florida to participate in the [Great American Smokeout](#) on Nov. 17. The sooner you quit smoking, the sooner your body can begin to heal.

Smokers should check with their employer to see if they offer smoking cessation support. Free resources and help for quitting can also be found by calling 1-800-QUIT-NOW (784-8669).

Jannifer Harper, MD  
**Vice President of Medical Operations, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Florida. Dr. Jannifer Harper is Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Florida's vice president of medical operations, leading the clinical areas of the medical operations unit as well as oversight of clinical strategy for BCBSF.**

### Tina Elder's story

Tina Elder is an Okeechobee resident who has donated blood for many years. She used to bring her two children with her when they were young whenever she got on a Big Red Bus. Tina gives blood whenever she can because she is a blood recipient herself and wants to share her story to let people know how the act of donating blood is the act of a selfless hero.

When Tina Elder had her first child, a daughter, the delivery went fine just as it did for her second child, a healthy baby boy born a couple years later on July 3, 1994. Tina had been diagnosed with placenta previa during her pregnancy; however, since she was fine and the baby was fine, her doctor went home after the delivery.



Tina Elder

Tina began hemorrhaging and required emergency surgery to stop the bleeding. She lay in the intensive care unit for two days while her family was called in to say their goodbyes. Tina received five units of blood to replace what she lost during that time; without that donated blood, Tina knows she would have died.

Tina had to take iron pills and pre-natal vitamins for a year and could not donate blood. Since then, Tina has donated blood every time she can to pay back the generosity of those five blood donors who saved her life. Tina does this even though her veins are hard to find and several attempts are made before a suitable vein is located. By requiring a blood transfusion, Tina discovered that her blood is Type O negative and that makes her a universal donor; her blood can be given to most people who need blood regardless of their blood type. Tina's daughter is now a blood donor and Tina hopes her son will start donating blood when he is old enough.

Tina is one of many mothers with complications due to placenta previa who have shared their stories in this space. All of these mothers would have died and left their children motherless if they had not received their gift of life—blood donated by people like you and me.

Please join Tina, her daughter and me 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. You can be someone's hero and help the Roundup meet this year's goal of 600 units of blood.

**Susan Williams**

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### MEMBER



# MURDER

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Now on his own, Arellano-Medrano moved in with his daughter Erica and her family. Then, testified the 22-year-old Erica, her father told her he was still angry at her mother and had decided to kill her.

She said her father made that statement in her home about two days prior to her mother's death.

"She was just tired of when he came home he would argue with her and beat her," said Erica, while being queried by defense attorney William Santana.

Then on July 15, 2010, while Nacho was mowing his grandmother's lawn his uncle, Arellano-Medrano, approached him. While standing under a shade tree near the singlewide mobile home on N.W. Eighth Ave. in Whispering Pines, Arellano-Medrano asked his nephew to call Angelica. The man wanted Nacho to tell her that he had some money for her and for her to come to her mother's home.

When Angelica drove up to the mobile home in her new boyfriend's red Chevrolet Blazer around 2:30 p.m. her former par amour was waiting.

Nacho testified that Arellano-Medrano had gone into the home to use the bathroom and when he came out he called for Angelica to come to him. When she refused, he moved closer to her and asked her again to come to him so he could give her the money.

When she still refused Arellano-Medrano walked over to her and held out his hand like he was giving her something. When she reached for his hand he grabbed her by the hair, pulled her close to him and said "This is what you get for cheating on me," said Assistant State Attorney Daryl Isenhower in his opening statement to the jury.

Mr. Isenhower said Arellano-Medrano then plunged the knife into Angelica's left breast.

Nacho then grabbed Arellano-Medrano and began to wrestle with him. At some point, he was able to get control of the knife and he threw it into the yard.

As Arellano-Medrano started to walk away from the home, Nacho ran to his aunt.

"I ran up to her because she was calling my name," he told the jury.

He then took her into his arms and watched Angelica's life slip quickly away.

Another witness, Johnny Tijerina, testified how he was helping his cousin Nacho clean the yard. And even though he didn't actually see the stabbing, he did see Arellano-Medrano grab his aunt and make a quick motion toward her.

"She was tumbling back," the now 12-year-old boy told Mr. Isenhower from the witness stand. "I was scared and I didn't know what to do. I got on my bike and left."

He went on to say he just rode his bike around the neighborhood "hoping that everything was all right."

He told the jury that when he left, Angelica was laying down and Nacho was cradling her in his arms.

Under cross examination by Francis Ienaco, another member of the defense team, Johnny said he didn't actually see the knife until Nacho threw it aside.

Jurors also heard from Dr. Linda O'Neil of the District 19 Medical Examiner's Office in Fort Pierce, who performed the autopsy on Angelica. She told the jury that while the wound to the woman's liver could have killed her, the cause of death was a stab wound to the chest—the one that severed Angelica's heart.

When asked by Mr. Isenhower about the lack of blood at the scene and on Angelica, Dr. O'Neil explained that the fatty tissue of the woman's breast actually closed around the wound when the knife was pulled out

and held the blood internally.

She said she found about 1,000 CCs of blood in the woman's chest cavity and about another 150 CCs in the sack around the heart. Blood was also found in the woman's abdomen, she told the jury.

A DNA expert from the Indian River Crime Lab in Fort Pierce also told the jury that the knife recovered from the scene was, without a doubt, the one that killed Angelica.

Dan Nippes told Assistant State Attorney Rob Moeller that he found the presence of blood on the knife's blade and performed a DNA test on a sample of that blood. That DNA profile matched the DNA taken from Angelica.

"There's no question at all that the blood on the knife came from the victim," he said.

Jurors also heard how Arellano-Medrano fled Okeechobee County with the help of family members and was arrested later that evening in room 201 of the Holiday Inn Express at Kanner Highway and I-95 in Stuart.

Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office Detective Ted Van Deman testified that he—along with OCSO Deputy Corporal Randy Thomas and deputies from the Martin County Sheriff's Office—arrested Arellano-Medrano without incident at 9:08 p.m.

While Mr. Isenhower told the jury that Arellano-Medrano was guilty of premeditated murder, Mr. Santana said his client was guilty of manslaughter because he had no intention of killing Angelica.

Fueled by anger and beer, Arellano-Medrano came out of the mobile home "like a raging bull," said Mr. Santana in his opening statement to the jury.

He went on to tell the jury that his client didn't even know what happened.

"He didn't come here with a knife. He didn't come here with anything," he said. "I'm counting on you to use your common sense."

Through testimony it was learned that the knife used to kill Angelica was taken out of a kitchen drawer in the home.

## Help available for victims of abuse

Martha's House in Okeechobee provides shelter, counseling and other assistance for victims of domestic violence. For more information, call the crisis hotline at 763-0202 or the business office phone at 763-2893.

# WASTE

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products and services offered.

He said that North American homes produce 60 to 80 tons of organic waste a year. "They are no longer waste, they are resources," he added.

"It's a recipe like baking a cake." Mr. Myers said as he explained the process where by truckloads of ground up yard waste are

mixed with truckloads of pre-consumer food waste with a front-end loader. Then, following the recipe the operator of the front-end loader dumps this mixture into a machine which further mixes it up.

The mixed product is then stored in large piles under canvas on a concrete pad. Pipes under the piles draw air through the mixture from slits in the canvas. The air coming from the compost piles is then released through what looks like a pile of wood chips to remove any odors. In 15-day intervals for a total of 45 days, as the compost settles, it

is mixed and recombined with other piles and recovered. In total the compost goes through a six-month aging and filtering process before it is ready for market. Mr. Myers said the finished product is very consistent as compared with commercial fertilizers. He predicted that in the future there would be more and more need for such products created from recycled waste.

*Post your opinions in the Public Issues Forum at [www.newszap.com](http://www.newszap.com). Reporter Pete Gawda can be reached at [pgawda@newszap.com](mailto:pgawda@newszap.com).*

## Bake sale to benefit Buckhead Ridge firefighters

Come to the Buckhead Ridge Fire Station Bake Sale! Get homemade cakes, pies, breads and cookies. The sale begins at 8 a.m. until noon. on Saturday, Nov. 19. Proceeds to benefit local firemen.

## OHS girls soccer team to hold 5K Run/Walk

Come out and join OHS Girls Soccer in a 5K Run/Walk on Saturday, Nov. 19, at 8 a.m. at the Taylor Creek Stormwater Treatment Area on Hwy 441 N. Entry fees prior to Nov. 14 are \$20; \$25 day of race. For information, please call Jeri Raulerson at 863-697-8982.

## Correction

The information under the page one photo of the Okeechobee High School JROTC Color Guard, in the Sunday, Nov. 13 edition of the Okeechobee News contained an error. J. Sylvia was not in the photo. Those pictured were Brittany DeWitt, G. Martinez, B. Bush and A. Rowe. We regret the error and any inconvenience it may have caused.

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## Obituaries

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### Annie M. Sales, 36

OKEECHOBEE — Annie M. Sales, age 36, died Monday, Nov. 7, 2011, at her home.

Born in Tampa, she had lived in Okeechobee since 1989.

Annie was preceded in death by her mother, Deborah Ann Sales; and her grandparents, Henry and Annie J. Sales.

She is survived by her three children, Shyann, Deborah, and Thomas; father, John L. "Leonard" Sales Sr.; brother, John L. (Debbie) Sales, Jr.; sister, Angela (Mike) Davis, all of Okeechobee; grandmother, Norma Bryan of Orlando; nephews, Raith Sales and Mason Davis, both of Okeechobee; niece, Kiersten Sales of Okeechobee; aunt, Teresa (Michael) Molavi of Orlando; and a host of other cousins and their families.

The family will hold a private service at a future date.

Friends may send online condolences at [www.buxtonseawinds.com](http://www.buxtonseawinds.com).

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

### James H. Taylor, 91

OKEECHOBEE — James H. Taylor, 91, of Okeechobee, passed away Nov. 12, 2011, at the West Palm Beach Veteran's Hospital.

He was born Feb. 8, 1920, in Fairmont, W.Va., to John and Grace Taylor. Mr. Taylor proudly served our country in the U.S. Navy during World War II as a Ship's Cook Second Class. He came to Okeechobee from Baltimore, Maryland in 1992. He was a retired laborer with Bethlehem Steel Manufacturing Corporation. He was an avid golfer.

Mr. Taylor was preceded in death by his wife, Betty Taylor.

He is survived by his daughter, Cecelia A. St. Don of Piney Point, Md.; son, Gary L. Taylor of Essex, Md.; five grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

No local services will be held.

Friends may sign the guest book at [www.Bas-sOkeechobeeFH.com](http://www.Bas-sOkeechobeeFH.com)

All arrangements are entrusted to the loving care of Bass Okeechobee Funeral Home and Crematory, 205 N.E. Second Street, (863) 763-2111.

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### Tony Randall DeVoss Sr., 42

OKEECHOBEE — Tony Randall DeVoss Sr., age 42, our favorite fisherman, went home to be with the Lord on Nov. 10, 2011.

Tony was born in Fort Lauderdale, on Feb. 21, 1969. He graduated from Okeechobee High School in 1988. He was a hard working man who was employed at Tarmac for 19 years. Tony was a beloved son, brother, father and friend. He was very kindhearted, loving, outgoing and will be missed dearly by many. He loved spending lots of time with his family. He was an avid fisherman who loved being on the lake. He also enjoyed hunting and playing golf.

Tony is survived by his two children, his son, Tony, Jr.; his daughter, Karen Ann; his father and mother, Lloyd and Patsy DeVoss; his brother, Richard DeVoss, Sr. and his two children, Richard Jr. and Kristopher; his sister, Christina Fulford and her husband, Randy and their three daughters, Taylor, Kaylen and Alexandra, all residents of Okeechobee.

The family would like to say a heartfelt "Thank You" for all who have expressed their prayers and support at this difficult time in their lives, the loss of a wonderful son, father, brother and friend. There will always be an empty place in our hearts for Tony.

Funeral services will be 3 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 19, 2011, at Oakview Baptist Church, 677 SW 32nd Street, Okeechobee, with Dr. John G. Garrison officiating.

Friends may sign the guest book at [www.Bas-sOkeechobeeFH.com](http://www.Bas-sOkeechobeeFH.com)

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



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## Community Events

### Hospice to host yard sale

Hospice of Okeechobee's next sale will be Wednesday **Nov. 16** and Thursday **Nov. 17**, from 8 a.m. until noon. The yard sale is located at the corner of SE 4th Street and SE 3rd Ave. Donations are accepted Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to noon. For information call 863-467-2321 or see our web page [www.hospiceofokeechobee.org](http://www.hospiceofokeechobee.org) and click on Events tab.

### VFW to host dinner benefitting returning vets

BHR VFW Post #9528 Ladies Auxiliary will host a beef stew dinner on Wednesday, **Nov. 16**, for a \$6 donation. Dinner will be served 5 p.m. 'till they run out. Music to follow. For info, call 863-467-2882.

### Ducks Unlimited event

A Ducks Unlimited event will be held at the Okeechobee Shrine Club on Hwy. 78 West, on Wednesday, **Nov. 16**, at 6 p.m. This is an event to judge interest in starting a local Ducks Unlimited chapter here! Evening features steak dinner, raffle and auctions. For tickets: contact Bill at 863-357-1554 or David at 863-227-0659.

### Farm City Week Luncheon to be held

The Kiwanis Club of Okeechobee and the Okeechobee Area Agri-Council will be co-hosting the 17th Annual Kiwanis/Ag Council Farm-City Week luncheon at the Okeechobee KOA. The luncheon is scheduled to begin at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, **Nov. 17**. Tickets can be purchased in advance at Farm Credit 863-763-6466 or Farm Bureau at 863-763-3101.

### ODEC meeting scheduled

The Okeechobee Democratic Executive Council will be meeting on Thursday, **Nov. 17**, beginning at 6 p.m. in the meeting room of Beef O'Brady's. Discussion on how to be a delegate to the 2012 National Democratic Convention will occur. Any interested Democrats are welcome to join us.

### Friends of the Okeechobee Library to host Book Sale

Friends of the Okeechobee Library invite you to their fall book sale from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Wed. **Nov. 16**; 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 17; 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 18; and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 19. Books and videos are a dollar a pound. Saturday, a bag of books is \$2 and a box is \$5. A 10 percent discount is offered with a Friends of the Okeechobee Library membership card. The sale has been extended an extra day because of the large number of books available for sale. This is the Friends of the Okeechobee Library's major fund-raiser.

### 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, **Nov. 17**, 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. To RSVP or for more information, contact Children's Home Society's Adoption Information Line at 772-429-2001.

### Eagles turkey shoot, dinners

Cypress Hut Eagles 4509 will host a spaghetti dinner, on Thursday **Nov. 17**, at 5:30 p.m. \$6 plate. The public is welcome. Cypress Hut Eagles will be hosting a Turkey Shoot on Saturday, **Nov. 19** and Sunday, Nov. 20. Start time is 10 a.m. All proceeds go toward "Christmas For Kids" The public is invited. On Sunday, Nov. 20, the Cypress Hut Eagles will have a fried chicken Dinner from noon-4 p.m. \$6 plate. Public is welcome.

### Benefit golf tournament set

The Big Lake Cancer Victims first golf tournament is planned for Saturday, **Nov. 19**. Best Ball 2 shot gun starts 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. at the Blue Heron Golf Club, 1925 S.E. 9th Avenue, Okeechobee. Cost is \$40 per person; Mulligans \$5, 50/50 Drawing, lunch included. Prizes for longest drive and closest to pin. For information Call Bill 863-634-2534 or Blue Heron 863-467-1651.

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# Churches plan yard sale, speakers, gospel sings, revival

Ministers of other churches and ministries are invited to join the **Okeechobee Ministerial Association** on the second Wednesday of every month at noon at The Lodge Restaurant.

**Church of God of Prophecy** has an Open Arms Ministry, 102 N.W. 10TH Street. The Hurting Women's Ministry meets on the 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.

**Cowboys for Christ of Basinger** will meet Thursday, **Nov. 17**, at the Basinger Community Center. A pot luck supper will begin at 6 p.m. followed by services at 7 p.m. John Rhoden will be the guest speaker. For information, call Doyle McDuffie at 863-763-2285.

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

**First Baptist Church Okeechobee** will have a yard sale on Saturday, **Nov. 19**, from 6:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. We will be selling 20'x 9' parking spaces for \$20 each. Bring your items to one central location for a large community yard sale, and keep all your profit. Please call 863-763-2171 for more information and to buy your spaces. All proceeds will go to fund a mission trip to Alaska.



## Places of Worship

On Sunday, **Nov. 20**, at 4 p.m., **Church of Our Saviour Episcopal Church** will hold the fourth annual "Beginnings" concert. The concert will include a varied program including classical, Broadway, modern and American music. The admission price for the concert is a package of diapers or a donation for Healthy Start here in Okeechobee. Healthy Start provides many services for expectant mothers including resources and education. A reception will follow in the Parish Hall. Performers in the concert and

staff from Healthy Start will be there to greet attendees and enjoy a time of fellowship. Please join us for a wonderful event of music and fellowship. Church of Our Saviour is located at 200 N.W. 3rd Street (behind Five Guys) in downtown Okeechobee.

**First Indian Baptist Church at Brighton Reservation**, 20060 Reservation Road (on south SR 721, 7 miles south of State Road 70, 16 miles west of Okeechobee), will hold their annual Fall Revival, **Nov. 23-27**. The nightly services will coincide with the Annual Indian Baptist Weekend Assembly with meetings during the day. Brother Love, a Creek Indian from Oklahoma, will preach. The public is invited to attend the nightly revival services at 7 p.m. Congregational songs will include both English and Creek singing. Music will be led by Jonas Cypress.

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 by the church or ROC office. Registration forms are also available at your child's school.

The **Mark Trammell Quartet** will be in concert on Saturday, **Dec. 3**, at 6 p.m. at the Church of the Nazarene, at 425 S.W. 28th St. A love offering will be taken. For information, call 863-763-7113.

The **Proclaimers Quartet** is coming to Okeechobee on **Dec. 3**, at 7 p.m. and **Dec. 4**, at 10 a.m. They are a unique Southern Gospel Quartet out of Georgia, who have travelled with the Gaithers! They will be at Victory Baptist Church, 500 S.W. 9th St. No admission will be charged, but a love offering will be taken. Contact info: 863-763-0669.

There is a **Community Gospel Sing** at the **Seventh Day Christian Church**, at 912 N.W. Park St. (Hwy. 70) every Tuesday at 7 p.m. Anyone can participate in singing or playing guitar, banjo, mandolin, fiddle, do-bro, and harmonica—come and enjoy!

Fr. Hugh Duffy will give a series of talks on the parables every Thursday night from 7 to 8 p.m. in the pavilion at the **Sacred Heart Catholic Church** at 901 S.W. 6th Street. The talks are ongoing until 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.*

## IRSC Fine Arts to host holiday show

Ring in the season with sounds of the holidays! From inspirational carols to nostalgic T.V. memories and a visit from Santa, the "IRSC Holiday Show" brings holiday favorites for everyone to the McAlpin Theatre.

Join the entire Indian River State College Fine Arts Department for a very special McAlpin OnStage production for the whole family that is sure to become a season tradition as they present the "IRSC Holiday Show." Featuring song, dance, musical performance and an appearance from Santa, the "IRSC Holiday Show" is a performance that all will enjoy as the IRSC Fine Arts Department helps ring in the holiday season. Shows will be Dec. 8, 9 and 10 at 8 p.m., in addition to a 2 p.m. performance Dec. 10.

The show will feature traditional, con-

temporary and inspirational music, starting with "It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year," evoking the nostalgic memories of years gone by.

Tickets for the "IRSC Holiday Show" are \$12. Purchase tickets online at [www.irsc.edu](http://www.irsc.edu) or at the box office located in the McAlpin Fine Arts Center lobby on the IRSC Main Campus at 3209 Virginia Avenue in Fort Pierce, Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., or by phone with VISA, MasterCard, Discover or American Express. For your convenience, tickets may now be picked up at will call before the shows. Call the McAlpin Fine Arts Center Box Office today at 772-462-4750 or toll-free at 1-800-220-9915. Don't delay in purchasing tickets as they can sell out early.



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## OUA honors service

(left photo) At the Tuesday, Nov. 8, meeting of the Okeechobee Utility Authority (OUA) Board of Directors Chairman Steve Nelson (left) honored Joshua Jenkins (right), for five years service to the utility. Mr. Jenkins works in the maintenance department. (right photo) Robert Ellerbee (right), of the maintenance department of the OUA, was also honored by Steve Nelson, for 15 years service.

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## 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).

• David Dewilton Thomas, 56, Old Lakeport Road, Okeechobee, was arrested Nov. 8 by Deputy DeMarcus Dixon on a warrant charging him with failure to appear - dealing in stolen property and failure to appear - giving false information to a pawnbroker. He is being held without bond.

• Amanda Valdez, 31, Mil Run Court, Greenacres, was arrested Nov. 8 by Deputy DeMarcus Dixon on an amended warrant charging her with violation of probation - possession of cocaine. She is being held without bond.

• Dawn Nichole Helfinstine, 25, Andrea Lane, Okeechobee, was arrested Nov. 8 by Trooper T.D. Burk on a misdemeanor charge of giving false information to a law enforcement officer. Her bond on that charge was set at \$1,000. She was later arrested by Trooper Burk on a warrant charging her with violation of probation - possession of oxycodone and violation of probation - possession of methadone. She is being held without bond on those charges. Helfinstine was later arrested by Deputy DeMarcus Dixon on amended felony warrants charging her with violation of probation - possession of oxycodone and violation of probation - possession of methadone. She is being held without bond on those charges.

• Brandon Clinton Pitt, 19, N.W. 36th St., Okeechobee, was arrested Nov. 9 by Deputy Greg Popovich on an amended Okeechobee County warrant charging him with grand theft firearm. He is being held without bond.

• Jeremy Dustin Jones, 36, S.E. 28th St., Okeechobee, was arrested Nov. 10 by Deputy Arlene Durbin on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with failure to appear - possession of oxycodone and failure to appear - possession of drug paraphernalia. His bond was set at \$5,000.

• Jose Juaquin Cervantes, 23, U.S. 441 S.E., Okeechobee, was arrested Nov. 10 by Trooper T.B. White on a felony charge of driving while license suspended - habitual offender. His bond was set at \$2,500.

• Xavier Laffyate Fulks, 17, N.E. 14th St., Okeechobee, was arrested Nov. 10 by Deputy Justin Akins on a juvenile take and hold order charging him with the felonies of burglary of a structure and grand theft, and the misdemeanor of possession of marijuana under 20 grams. He was taken to the St. Lucie Regional Detention Center in Fort Pierce.

• Carol Ann Mallory, 28, N.W. 34th St., Okeechobee, was arrested Nov. 10 by Deputy Matthew Crawford on a Hernando County warrant charging her violation of probation - grand theft (two counts). She is being held without bond.

• Chad W. Broadrick, 27, N.E. First St., Okeechobee, was arrested Nov. 13 by Deputy Sarah Green on charges of grand theft, giving false information to a pawnbroker and dealing in stolen property (two counts). He was released on his own recognizance.

• Warrant Andrew Smith, 21, S.E. Fourth St., Okeechobee, was arrested Nov. 13 by Deputy Paul Jackson on a felony charge of battery on a law enforcement officer, and a misdemeanor charge of disorderly intoxication. His bond was set at \$3,000.

• Matthew Peaden, 19, S.R. 78 W., Okeechobee, was arrested Nov. 14 by Deputy Steven McKinley on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with violation of probation - possession of marijuana over 20 grams and violation of probation - possession of drug paraphernalia. He is being held without bond.

• Reba Osceola, 22, Knotts Landing, Okeechobee, was arrested Nov. 14 by Deputy Arlene Durbin on an Okeechobee County warrant charging her with failure to return leased property. Her bond was set at \$2,500.

• Robert Frith, 19, S.E. 12th Drive, Okeechobee, was arrested Nov. 14 by Deputy Steven McKinley on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with violation of probation - criminal mischief. He is being held without bond.

• Adam Brantley Osceola, 24, N.E. 10th St., Okeechobee, was arrested Nov. 14 by Deputy Corporal Aric Majere on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with grand theft and dealing in stolen property. His bond was set at \$30,000.

• Raymond Lloyd Herndon, 42, N.W. 15th St., Okeechobee, was arrested Nov. 14 by Deputy Arlene Durbin on charges of exploitation of the elderly, uttering a forged check (20 counts) and theft from a person over 65 years of age. His bond was set at \$17,500.

*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.*

### Salvation Army needs bell ringers for annual Bell Campaign

Your local Salvation Army helps families experiencing a financial crisis. The main source of income is the "Bell Campaign." If you, your business or employer can spare some time to ring the bells, please call Kip Gardner at 863-357-0427 or his cell at 863-610-6659.

### Holiday Window Decorating Contest planned

Main Street will again hold the annual Christmas Window Decorating Contest for businesses throughout the city. This year a first and second place will be named for Large Window Display; Small Window Display and Overall Business Display. Decorations must be completed by Tuesday, Dec. 6, and judging will occur from Wednesday, Dec. 7 through Friday, Dec. 9. The winners will be announced at the festival on Dec. 10.



# HOLIDAY DEADLINES

## Display Advertising DEADLINES

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Wednesday, Nov. 23 @ 3 p.m. For Sunday, November 27th

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# Lady Brahmans JV plays in district tourney

On Oct. 22, the J.V. Lady Brahmans played in the first Junior Varsity Volleyball District Championships. They defeated Treasure Coast 25-7 and 25-14; Martin County Freshmen 25-8, 20-25, and 15-13; and Vero Beach 25-21 and 25-19 before moving on to the championship game against Martin County. The Brahmans played Martin County the week prior and fell short in the third set.

The much shorter but quicker Brahmans played solid volleyball in the first set of the championship match 1 winning 25-21. Set 2 Martin County rallied at the end to win 25-23, sending the match in a third and deciding set for the championship. The Brahmans pulled together displaying tremendous teamwork and their best volleyball of the season to win the J.V. District Championships 15-11.

## CTT opens fishing tourney season

November was the earliest that the Christian Team Trails tournaments could get going this year due to the low lake levels.

More than 50 boats set out on the morning of Nov. 5, on their quest for the biggest catch and the most in total weight.

At the end of the tournament, boat #45 carrying Justin Schwier and Jim Hurlock, Jr. took the trophy for largest in total weight with 25.04 lbs. brought in. The two-man team also took the award for second place Big Fish weighing in at 7.29 lbs. The two were awarded a total of over \$1,200 at presentation time.

Boaters, Keith Keene and Jessica Carroll in #19 boat took the second place spot overall with a total weight of 23.89 lbs. brought in and also took the top spot for Big Fish with their single large catch weighing in at 8.85 lbs! Keene and Carroll accepted just over \$700 in prize winnings at awards presentations.

Third place winners, Kyle Monti and Steve Broughton in boat #48 brought in a respectable catch at weigh-in time with 20.61 lbs. measured bringing them a \$265 prize.

The next tournament is scheduled for Dec. 3.



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Justin Schwier and Jim Hurlock, Jr. took the trophy for largest in total weight with 25.04 lbs.

## O.G. & C.C. Golf Results

### Gold Tee winners

Okeechobee Golf and Country Club announces Gold Tee Winners' Circle scores for Nov. 11:

First place - B. Birdshaw; second place - J. Masters; third place - W. Hall; fourth place - H. Shelkie; and, fifth place - C. Hendren.

The team consists of four sophomores and eight freshmen. Captains Brianna Nunez, Jaide Micco, and Lexi Ward showed great leadership on the court keeping the team unified and focused. Sophomore Brianna Nunez had a stellar day as libero playing defensively against the 6 footers hitting coming away with 22 digs, 4 kills, and 3 aces. Also a sophomore, Jaide Micco, had 27 digs, 11 aces, and 7 kills. Freshman Lexi Ward hustled and saved many points accumulating 32 assists, 17 aces, 17 digs, and 4 kills. Another talented freshman Delaney Osceola finished with 24 kills, 43 digs, and 4 aces.

All the players have made tremendous strides this year and grown as both players and young ladies. Tabitha Tabor and Jessica Turgeon saw the most growth as this was their first year playing volleyball. Tiffany Bowers stepped up and played a position for the team that she has seen very little playing time at and did a remarkable job. She found herself across the net against girls over 6 feet tall and did a fabulous job covering the court and winning points. Three other freshmen on the team contributed to the success of the team including Julia Weldon, Jacalyn Sutton, and Sarah Hurst. Sarah showed great poise and control on the court and came away from the tournament with 11 kills, 7 digs, 8 aces, and 13 assists. Julia Weldon played a key role going on the court wherever the team needed her, especially for her serving expertise. Jacalyn Sutton came up with many block touches giving our defense a chance to dig up some hard hit spikes. She

has really grown this year with her ability to put the ball away, ending with 8 kills including the last point of the Championship match.

Two players stood out amongst all the players at the tournament and were named to the All-Tournament Team: Delaney Osceola and Lexi Ward. Not only did our team have two All-Tournament team players but the MVP came from our Okeechobee Brahman Team, Delaney Osceola. Congratulations to the Okeechobee Junior Varsity District Volleyball Champs 2011! Team members include: Lexi Ward, Brianna Nunez, Jaide Micco, Sarah Hurst, Jacalyn Sutton, Tiffany Bowers, Tabatha Tabor, Jessica Turgeon, Delaney Osceola and Julia Weldon. They are coached by Karen Cotton.



## Bartow eases past OHS, 74-20

By Charles M. Murphy  
Okeechobee News

The Okeechobee High School girls basketball team ended their preseason with a loss to Bartow, 74-20, Thursday night at the Sebring Preseason Tournament.

Okeechobee ended the tournament at (1-1) after a win over the hosts Sebring on Tuesday night.

The Lady Yellow Jackets presented problems from the start for the young Brahmans with their speed and athleticism and led 30-6 after the first quarter.

"It was a tough game for us. Bartow is

big, strong and fast," Brahman Coach Erin Morrow said.

Bartow enjoyed a 50-17 halftime lead and led 64-19 after the third quarter.

Coach Morrow said the tournament did show the girls the things they need to work on for the regular season.

"I hope this game was an eye opener for the girls. They have to give 100 percent.

In practice and push themselves at all times to get better," she added.

Okeechobee will open their home schedule next Thursday night against South Fork.



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## Students of the week

Here's to a spook-tacular group of students! Congratulations to Osceola Middle Students of the Week for Oct. 27, Haley Land, Megan Mitchell, Christian Rios, Jaen Torres, Ryan Blackstone, Marciela Bucio, Saif Memon, Omar Gazga, Sarah Gabor- not pictured, Anali Carmona- not pictured.



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## Students of the Week

Seminole Elementary would like to congratulate their Students of the Week for the week of Nov. 4: Jo'Dejah Sewell, Michelle Jaimes-Saucedo, Sandy Leon, Daniel Mingo, Kavion Thomas, Melvin Rojas, Axel Tellez, Jason Villatoro, Kenyon Garner, Maxwell Downing, Brooke Whitman, Migabella Ernest, Victor Cardoso, Santiago Tinajero, Amber Sheffield, Lisa Brown, Wilbert Lopez, Mackenzie Pelham, Maria Alice Calais, Alejandro Gonzalez, Marco Campos, Chadrick Williams, Destiny Gorney, Rosy Seca, Jacqueline Jaimes, Quannaisa Futch, John Twist, Samuel Tagle, Fernando Hernandez, Jordan Sperry and Maritzel Roman.

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## Rotary guest

Rotary President Lyle Fried (right) extended a warm Rotary welcome to guest speaker Freeman Nettles, Director of Haiti's Youth With A Mission (YWAM) non-profit organization. In an interesting presentation, Mr. Nettles (left) briefed the club on YWAM's latest phase of home construction, its joint potable water project with the Rotary Club of Okeechobee as well as the state of the Haitian government and economy.

## YMCA offers 'School's Out' program

No school? Don't worry—the 'Y' will serve children in Okeechobee.

The YMCA ran a summer camp program for the last two years and the parents asked for a place for their school age children to go on weekdays when school is out, such as the Thanksgiving holidays. Thanks to the Children's Services Council of Okeechobee support, the children of Okeechobee will be able to enjoy "YMCA Okeechobee School's Out" childcare at the Okeechobee Achievement Academy, 575 S.W. 28th Street. The program can accommodate up to 100 children.

The children will participate in arts and crafts, sports, nature exploration, innovative learning programs, swimming, outdoor games, field trips, and Y's You Matter program.

The program will be available for Nov. 21, 22, 23, and Dec. 19-30.

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Achievement Academy located on 575 S.W. 28th Street, Okeechobee. Staff will include Okeechobee School District teacher and Y Summer Camp Director Trish Jennings as well as other certified YMCA Staff. All Y staff are highly trained, background checked, and passed drug testing.

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# Two men accused of theft of handgun and cash

By Eric Kopp  
Okeechobee News

Two men have been arrested and are being held in the county jail for their alleged connection with last month's theft of a handgun and a small amount of cash from a parked vehicle.

Arrested Wednesday, Nov. 9, were Michael Ronald Holmes, 20, and Robert William Cory, 19.

Holmes, of a S.E. 23rd St. address in Okeechobee, was charged with burglary of a conveyance, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and dealing in stolen property. He is being held in the Okeechobee County Jail in lieu of a \$42,500 bond.

Cory, of a S.E. 25th St. address in Okeechobee, was charged with burglary of a conveyance and grand theft firearm. He is being held on a bond of \$12,500.

In an arrest report by Detective M.D. Faulkner, of the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO), an Okeechobee man got into a vehicle to go to work early on the morning of Oct. 25 and noticed that \$8 in cash was missing from a cup holder. After closer inspection, he found that his .40



Michael R. Holmes



Robert W. Cory

caliber Smith & Wesson semi-automatic handgun and an extra magazine for the gun were also missing.

Detective Faulkner stated that the gun was valued at \$505.

The detective went on to state that on Wednesday, Nov. 9, he received information that Cory had stolen the money and firearm.

During an interview, Cory allegedly told the detective that he and Holmes went "car hopping"—checking parked cars for unlocked doors—and took the gun.

According to the investigator's report, Holmes took the gun and sold it to another man for \$100. When contacted that man freely turned the gun and a partially-loaded magazine over to law enforcement.

The cash was not recovered, said Detective Faulkner.

A record check revealed that Circuit Court Judge Robert Belanger sentenced Holmes on Oct. 7, 2010, to a year in the county jail after he was found guilty of burglary of a

structure—a felony. He was also found guilty of petit theft and received a sentence of one year in the county jail on that charge.

Judge Belanger ruled that the two sentences were to run concurrently.



Okeechobee News/Pete Gawda

# Woman charged with DUI, drug possession

By Eric Kopp  
Okeechobee News

An Okeechobee woman was arrested on a felony drug possession charge after she was involved in a minor traffic accident with another vehicle Friday afternoon.



Arlene P. Huff

Arlene P. Huff, 58, N.W. 53rd Terrace, was arrested Nov. 11 on a felony charge of possession of a controlled substance without a valid prescription. She was also arrested on a misdemeanor charge of driving under the influence (DUI).

She was booked into the Okeechobee County Jail under a bond of \$3,250.

Jail records show that she has been released on bond.

An arrest report by Officer Victoria Williams, of the Okeechobee City Police Department (OCPD), stated that around 3:10 p.m., Huff ran into the back of another vehicle in the 100 block of South Parrott Ave. As she spoke with Huff, Officer Williams stated that she noticed the woman was moving slowly and slurring her speech. However, added the officer, she did not detect the smell of alcohol.

The report goes on to state that Huff was unable to successfully complete roadside

sobriety tests and was placed under arrest for DUI.

Huff reportedly told Officer Williams that she had taken a perocet earlier in the day because she had been in a car accident Thursday in Clewiston.

According to the officer's report, she found a piece of a pill in Huff's purse that she identified as xanax. Then, while Huff was being booked into the county jail,

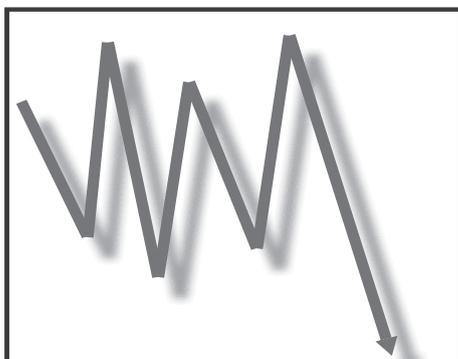
Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office Deputy DeMarcus Dixon found half of a white tablet that was identified as vicodin, added the report.

Officer Williams stated that suboxone pills were also found in Huff's purse, but she apparently had a prescription for those.

Suboxone is often prescribed to help people who have an addiction to prescription medications.

## Farm-City Week

At their meeting on Thursday, Nov. 10, Okeechobee County Commissioners proclaimed the week of Nov. 18-24 to be Farm-City Week in the county. Commission Chair Margaret Garrard Helton presented a copy of the proclamation to Jacob Larson of the Okeechobee County Farm Bureau. In the foreground is a basket of agricultural products.



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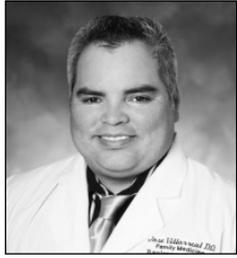
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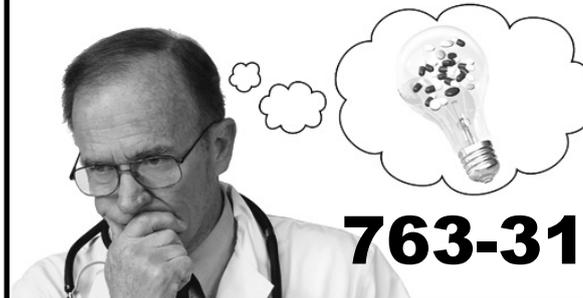
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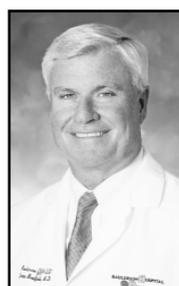
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## Employment Full Time

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PROGRAMMER**  
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## Employment Full Time

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COUNSELOR**  
~ Full Time ~  
Minimum bachelors  
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## Employment Full Time

## Job Fair

### G4S Youth Services LLC JOB FAIR

**WHEN:** Thursday, November 17, 2011  
**TIME:** 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. & 1:00  
p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** Okeechobee Youth Develop-  
ment Center, 7200 Highway 441 North.

Variety of positions including Clinical Coor-  
dinator, Clinical Therapists (Master's Lev-  
el), Case Managers (Bachelor Level),  
Youth Care Workers (24-hour, residential  
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minimum of 21 years old (working with  
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## Job Fair



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**2 BD/1BA** Duplex in  
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**2/1 duplex,** w/d, NW  
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Apartments available on  
quiet street. Pets wel-  
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Apartments**  
Apts. are furnished and  
all utilities paid. Adult  
complex, no pets or  
children. Required sec.  
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background check will  
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**Beautiful Samantha's  
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2BR/2BA, in town, W&D,  
\$800 mo. + \$500 sec.  
Call (863)634-5780 or  
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**FURN EFFICENCY** -  
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month. (863)697-3351

**GOVERNMENT  
SUBSIDIZED  
APARTMENTS**  
for rent in Okeechobee.  
Must meet eligibility  
requirements. Please  
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TTY 1-800-233-6694.



**LG. CLEAN APT** in town.  
2/2, w/d, lawn maint  
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**OKEECHOBEE-** 2 Cot-  
tages, 1 on Rim Canal.  
Starting \$150 week.  
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\$850.00 per month  
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**3/2/2 HOUSE** for rent  
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2br/1ba \$700.00 mo.  
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**FT. Drum** 33692 NE 9th  
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barn, Pet Fee. \$500 de-  
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**IN CITY:** 2 BR, 1 BA @  
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**Houses - Rent**

**OKEE - 2/1, \$459 mo.**  
Beautiful ranch setting located 12 miles N.E. of town. Water, Lawn, pest, and trash incl. Pasture avail. Recently remodeled. Mon-Fri. 863-467-9800. No Pets.

**OKEECHOBEE- 2br,**  
2ba, one car garage, Den, screen room, FP, fenced yard, close to town. \$825/mo, 1st, last and sec.  
HOME REALTY SERVICES, LLC  
Diane Dangremond,  
Lic Real Estate Broker  
863-801-4498

**OKEECHOBEE 4br,** 2ba, tile throughout, \$1000 mo. & up. 1st & sec. moves you in. (561)248-3888 or (863)599-0156

**Office Space Rent**

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

**Rooms To Rent**

**ROOM FOR RENT \$400-**  
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**Houses - Sale**

**Owner Financing- 3**  
bdm 2 bath house on 1 acre \$3,500.00 down \$931.42 a month. 2bdrm/1bath house \$2,500.00 down \$731.83 a month. Call Beverly 863-634-2820

**Land - Sale**

**OKEECHOBEE 5 Acres**  
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**LAKEPORT: 3 BR, 2 BA,**  
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**Mobile Home Rent**

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2/2 w/ detached man cave, storage shed. \$750/month, move in now \$800. Call 863-634-0663.

**TREASURE ISLAND - 4**  
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**OKEECHOBEE- Lg. 3br/**  
2ba DW, w/14x40 addition, metal roof, FP, 11x20 shop, on Canal. Covered dock & slip. Sprinklers, \$75K O.B.O. 772-321-1835 or 772-664-6799.

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**2005 FORD TARURS SE - Air bags, air conditioning, alarm system, anti-lock brakes, automatic transmission, CD, cruise control, power locks, power wheels, rear defrost, tinted windows, V-6 \$3,500 /or best offer (863)634-3500 or (863)634-3138**

**Pickup Trucks**

**For Sale - 2000 Ford**  
150 XLT Mark III, 110K miles, Loaded w/Fiber Glass Lid 863-610-1362

**Sport Utility**

**2004 CHEVROLET 1500**  
SUBURBAN Z71 - Silver with all available options. Towing, 3 rows seats, air bags, air conditioning, alarm system, alloy wheels, bucket seats, cruise control, heated seats, one owner, rear defrost, anti-lock brakes, CD, leather, power locks, V-8, automatic transmission, four wheel drive, loaded, tinted windows \$11,000 /neg (863)824-0835 or (863)634-5023

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**Public Notice**

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
CASE NO. 2010-CA-292  
Judge: Larry Schack

TD BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION f/k/a RIVERSIDE NATIONAL BANK OF FLORIDA, Plaintiff,

VS. DAVID STRAIGHT, CHRISTINE STRAIGHT, RHS INDUSTRIES, INC., a for-profit corporation organized under the law of Florida a/k/a RHS INDUSTRIES, INC. RETIREMENT FUND, THE STATE OF FLORIDA, JUANITA JACKSON, Defendants

**NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45**

**NOTICE IS GIVEN** that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated August 25, 2011, Case No. 2010-CA-292, in the Circuit Court of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit, in and for Okeechobee County, Florida, in which TD BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, is Plaintiff, and DAVID STRAIGHT, CHRISTINE STRAIGHT, RHS INDUSTRIES, INC. a/k/a RHS INDUSTRIES, INC. RETIREMENT FUND, THE STATE OF FLORIDA, JUANITA JACKSON, et al., are the Defendants, the Clerk will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Okeechobee County Judicial Center Jury Assembly Room, 2nd Floor, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida 34972, at 11:00 a.m., on December 7, 2011, the following described property set forth in the Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure, to-wit:

**Public Notice**

**LOT 20, BLOCK 2, OAK PARK SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 3, PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.**  
Street Address: 1652 SW 34th Terrace, Okeechobee, Florida 34974

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

COLLINS, BROWN, CALDWELL, BARKETT & GARAVAGLIA, Chtd. Attorneys for Plaintiff  
756 Beachland Boulevard Vero Beach, Florida 32963  
Phone: 772-231-4343  
Fax: 772-234-5213  
Email: [dvtunac@verolaw.com](mailto:dvtunac@verolaw.com)

**SHARON ROBERTSON, CLERK**  
By: Sandra L. Creech  
Deputy Clerk  
395624 ON 11/9,16/2011

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
CASE NO. 2009-CA-834

TD BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,

**NOTICE OF SALE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated September 30, 2011 (the "Judgment"), entered in Civil Case No. 2009-CA-834 of the Circuit Court of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Okeechobee County, Florida, in which TD BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, is Plaintiff, and RODRIGO BARRETO, a/k/a RODRIGO MOREIRA-BARRETO, is the Defendant.

The Clerk of Court will sell the Property as defined in the Judgment and as set forth below at a public sale on December 7, 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:

**Lot 21, LAKE MONTAZA ESTATES SECTION THREE, According to Plat Thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 5, Pages 40 and 41, Public Records of Okeechobee County, Florida**  
a/k/a 35750 NE 7th Drive, Okeechobee, Florida together with all existing or subsequently erected or affixed buildings, improvements, and fixtures (the "Property").

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

**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.**

DATED on October 5, 2011.  
SHARON ROBERTSON  
Clerk of Circuit Court  
By: Sandra L. Creech  
Deputy Clerk  
Lawrence P. Rochefort, Esquire  
Erin M. Maddocks, Esquire  
AKERMAN SENTERFITT  
222 Lakeview Avenue, Suite 400  
West Palm Beach, FL 33401  
Telephone: 561-653-5000  
Facsimile: 561-659-6313  
Counsel for Plaintiff  
999763 ON 11/9,16/2011

**Public Notice**

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO USE UNIFORM METHOD OF COLLECTING NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS.**  
Okeechobee County, Florida (the "County") hereby provides notice, pursuant to Section 197.3632(3)(a), Florida Statutes, of its intent to use the uniform method of collecting non-ad valorem special assessments to be levied within the unincorporated area of the County, for the cost of providing any or all of the following services: drainage, road improvements, including, but not limited to roadside ditches, swales, and sidewalks, street lighting, street resurfacing, canal cleaning and canal maintenance, enhanced or substitute solid waste collection and disposal, stormwater treatment and mosquito control, commencing for the fiscal year beginning on October 01, 2012. The County will consider the adoption of a resolution to effect the uniform method of collecting such assessments authorized by Section 197.3632, Florida Statutes, at a public hearing to be held on **Thursday, December 8, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.**, in the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Room (the Judge William L. Hendry Courtroom), at the Okeechobee County Courthouse, 304 N.W. 2nd Street, Okeechobee, Florida. Such resolution will state the need for the levy and will contain a legal description of the boundaries of the real property subject to the levy. Copies of the proposed form of resolution, which contains the legal description of the real property subject to the levy, are on file at the Office of the County Clerk of Okeechobee County, Florida. All interested persons are invited to attend.  
In the event any person decides to appeal any decision by the Board with respect to any matter relating to the consideration of the resolution at the above-referenced public hearing, a record of the proceeding may be needed and in such an event, such person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the public hearing is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence on which the appeal is to be based. In accordance with the Americans with Disability Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact Court Administration no later than seven days prior to proceeding or call 1-772-807-4370:IF YOU ARE HEARING IMPAIRED CALL 1-800-955-8771; IF YOU ARE VOICE IMPAIRED CALL 1-800-955-8770.  
Dated this 27th day of October, 2011.

MARGARET GARRARD HELTON, CHAIR  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

SHARON ROBERTSON, CLERK  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
401697 ON 11/2,9,16,23/2011

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
CASE NUMBER: 2011-CA-114  
JUDGE LARRY SCHACK

TD BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,

VS. DAVID M. HIGGINS; TAMRA J. HIGGINS A/K/A TAMRA HIGGINS; AND ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANTS, WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR LIVING, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEE, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; JOHN DOE, AS UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION AND JANE DOE, AS UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION, THE NAMES BEING FICTITIOUS TO ACCOUNT FOR PARTIES IN POSSESSION, Defendants.

**NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45**

**NOTICE IS GIVEN** that pursuant to the Amended Final Judgment dated October 31, 2011 in Case Number 2011-CA-114, in the Circuit Court of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Okeechobee County, Florida, in which TD BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION is the Plaintiff and DAVID M. HIGGINS, TAMRA J. HIGGINS A/K/A TAMRA HIGGINS, MATTHEW TADEN, AS TENANT IN POSSESSION F/K/A JOHN DOE, and JACKIE SMITH, AS TENANT IN POSSESSION F/K/A JANE DOE, are the Defendants, the Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 2nd Floor, Jury Assembly Room, 312 Northwest 3rd Street - Okeechobee, Florida 34972 at 11:00 a.m., on November 30, 2011, the following described property as set forth in the Amended Final Judgment of Foreclosure, to-wit:

COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 36 SOUTH, RANGE 33 EAST, OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, THENCE RUN N89 DEGREES 32' 57" W ALONG THE SOUTH BOUNDARY OF SAID SECTION 26 FOR A DISTANCE OF 70.00 FEET; THENCE RUN N00 DEGREES 06' 17" W PARALLEL WITH THE EAST BOUNDARY LINE OF SAID SECTION 26, FOR A DISTANCE OF 1324.79 FEET TO A POINT ON THE NORTH LINE OF THE S 2 OF SECTION 26; THENCE RUN N89 DEGREES 26' 54" W ALONG THE SAID NORTH LINE OF THE S 2 OF THE S 2 OF SECTION 26, FOR A DISTANCE OF 429.37 FEET FOR A POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE N89 DEGREES 26' 54" W FOR A DISTANCE OF 300.00 FEET; THENCE RUN S00 DEGREES 19' 19" W FOR A DISTANCE OF 363.00 FEET; THENCE RUN S 89 DEGREES 26' 54" E FOR A DISTANCE OF 300.00 FEET; THENCE RUN N00 DEGREES 19' 19" E FOR A DISTANCE OF 363.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING  
The Real Property Address is: 16280 NW 68th Street, Okeechobee, Florida 34972  
The Real Property Parcel Identification Number is: 1-26-23-0A00-0010-000

Anyone claiming interest in the surplus from the sale, other than the person who was the record property owner when the Lis Pendens was filed, must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.  
Dated this 31st day of October, 2011.

Sharon Robertson  
Clerk of the Circuit Court  
By: Sandra L. Creech  
As Deputy Clerk  
402467 ON 11/9,16/2011

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Okeechobee County Board of County Commissioners will hold its Regular Session on **Tuesday, November 22, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.** in the Judge William L. Hendry Courtroom" at the **Historic Courthouse**, 304 N.W. 2nd Street, Okeechobee, Florida.

Any person deciding to appeal any decision made by the Board of County Commissioners with respect to any matter considered at this meeting will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purposes, he or she will need to ensure that a verbatim record of such proceedings is made, which record shall include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons with disabilities needing special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the County Administrator's Office no later than 4 (four) working days prior to the proceeding at 304 N.W. 2nd Street, Room 123 Okeechobee, Florida 34972, or call 863.763.6441. If you are hearing or voice impaired, call TDD 1-800-222-3448 (voice) or 1-888-447-5620 (TTY).

Margaret Garrard Helton, Chair  
Board of County Commissioners  
Okeechobee County, Florida

Sharon Robertson, Clerk  
Board of County Commissioners  
Okeechobee County, Florida  
/s/ Paula Poskony /Deputy Clerk  
403009 ON 11/16/2011

Your new car could be in today's paper. Have you looked for it?  
When you want something sold, advertise in the classifieds.

**Public Notice**

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
Public Auction will be held at Johns Towing Service storage lot located at 704 Northeast 2nd Avenue, Okeechobee, Florida 34972 on December 2, 2011 at 9:00 A.M. Pursuant to Florida Statute 713.78 for unpaid towing and storage charges. Year, make, model and VIN are as follows.

**2004 Dodge Stratus**  
VIN #1B3EL36X74N285292  
**1993 Chevy Metro**  
VIN #2C1MR2464P6742482

Terms of sale are cash, and no checks will be accepted. Seller reserves the right of final bid. ALL SALES ARE FINAL NO REFUNDS WILL BE MADE. "As Is" condition with no guarantee.  
403055 ON 11/16/2011

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
Galaxy Warehouses, 3050 S.W. 3rd Terrace, Okeechobee, FL, will be conducting a public sale or otherwise dispose of contents of the following units to satisfy the delinquent storage lien. This ad placed in accordance with Florida Statutes 1985, Section 83.806.

NAME	UNIT #
ELECTERIO REQUENA	45
HEATHER ZIPPERER	64
GREGORY ALLEN	67
PAMELA ALEXANDER	80
AMBER CAMPBELL	100
JOAN OSCOLA	117
ROBERT BUHLMAIER	119
JANICE PETERS	132

Disposition will take place at Galaxy Warehouse at the above address on Saturday, Dec. 2nd, 2011 @ 8:00 A.M. Items for sale include miscellaneous household, office, toys & tools. Open door sale, cash or credit card only. For additional information you may call (863) 763-0444  
402299 ON 11/9,16/2011

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

**PROBATE DIVISION**  
CASE NO.: 2011-CP-148

**IN RE: ESTATE OF WILLIAM HAROLD HOLBROOK**  
Deceased

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

The administration of the estate of William Harold Holbrook, deceased, whose date of death was July 25, 2011, is pending in the Circuit Court for Okeechobee County, Probate Division, the address of which is 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida 34972. The names and addresses of the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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 a provision for full payment was made in the Order of Administration must file their claims with the court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

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

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

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

The date of first publication of this notice is November 9, 2011.

Person Representative:  
Jeanine Gran  
19710 NW 80th Drive  
Okeechobee, FL 34972  
Attorney for Person Giving Notice  
ELIZABETH A. MAXWELL  
Attorney for Jeanine Gran  
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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 19TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
CASE NO.: 47-2009-CA-000327

BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P. F/K/A COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P., Plaintiff,  
VS. SHERI HELL; BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.; JAY HEIL; UNKNOWN TENANT (S); IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, Defendants.

**RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** pursuant to an Order Resetting Foreclosure Sale dated the 3rd day of November, 2011 and entered in Case No. 47-2009-CA-000327, of the Circuit Court of the 19th Judicial Circuit in and for Okeechobee County, Florida, wherein BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P. F/K/A COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P. is the Plaintiff and SHERI HELL, BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., JAY HEIL and UNKNOWN TENANT (S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY are defendants. The Clerk of this Court shall 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, 11:00 AM on the 7th day of December 2011 the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

**THE WEST 1/2 OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF TRACT 13, SECTION 24, TOWNSHIP 34 SOUTH, RANGE 33 EAST, OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 3A-D, INCLUSIVE OF THE OKEECHOBEE COUNTY PUBLIC RECORDS.**

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.  
Dated this 4th day of November 2011.

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

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## Public Notice

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 47-2009-CA-000844**

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR RASC 2005KS12, Plaintiff,

vs. CHARLES E. HARVEY, et al, Defendant(s)

**NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated November 1, 2011 and entered in Case No. 47-2009-CA-000844 of the Circuit Court of the NINETEENTH Judicial Circuit in and for OKEECHOBEE County, Florida wherein U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSO-

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CIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR RASC 2005KS12, is the Plaintiff and CHARLES E. HARVEY, JENNIFER C. HARVEY, RIVERSIDE NATIONAL BANK OF FLORIDA; TENANT #1 N/K/A MELISSA BURNS; TENANT #2 N/K/A DAVID BURNS; are the Defendants, The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM, 2ND FLOOR, OKEECHOBEE COUNTY JUDICIAL CENTER, 312 N.W. 3RD STREET, OKEECHOBEE, FLORIDA 34972 at 11:00AM, on the 14th day of December, 2011, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

**LOT 18, BLOCK 6, BASSWOOD UNIT 1, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 28, PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA A/K/A 3572 NORTHWEST 18TH AVENUE, OKEECHOBEE, FL 34972**

## Public Notice

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

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on November 3, 2011.

Sharon Robertson  
Clerk of the Circuit Court  
By: Sandra L. Creech  
Deputy Clerk

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tact 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. 402225 ON 11/16,23/2011

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 47-2009-CA-000436**

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff,  
vs. TAMMY L. REIDENBACH A/K/A

## Public Notice

**TAMMY REIDENBACH, et al, Defendant(s).**

**NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated November 3, 2011, and entered in Case No. 47-2009-CA-000436 of the Circuit Court of the NINETEENTH Judicial Circuit in and for OKEECHOBEE County, Florida wherein BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., is the Plaintiff and TAMMY L. REIDENBACH A/K/A TAMMY REIDENBACH; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF TAMMY L. REIDENBACH A/K/A TAMMY REIDENBACH N/K/A JEFF BARBERI; are the Defendants, The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM, 2ND FLOOR, OKEECHOBEE COUNTY JUDICIAL CENTER, 312 N.W. 3RD STREET, OKEECHOBEE, FLORIDA 34972 at 11:00AM, on the 7th day of December, 2011, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

**WEST 1/2 OF EAST 1/2 OF SOUTH 1/2 OF SOUTH 1/2 OF TRACT 8, SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 34 SOUTH, RANGE 33 EAST 1.50 ACRES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA. A/K/A 22291 NW 284TH STREET,**

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**OKEECHOBEE, FL 34972**

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Sharon Robertson  
Clerk of the Circuit Court  
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## Public Notice

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF LOWNDEN COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA**

IN THE INTEREST OF BABY BOY THOMAS, a male MINOR CHILD  
DOB: October 10, 2011  
POB: Valdosta, GA

LEGAL MOTHER:  
VERONICA ANNIS THOMAS  
CIVIL ACTION FILE NO.: 2011A29

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

FLORIDA, OKEECHOBEE COUNTY

**TO: DUSTIN LEE ORVIS, NAMED BIRTH FATHER OF BABY BOY THOMAS, whose whereabouts are unknown.**

You are hereby advised that a petition for adoption has been filed and commenced in this Court. Said petition seeks to terminate your rights and obligations in respect to the child, and of the child arising to him from the potential parental relationship, including the right to inheritance, and that the child be placed for purposes of adoption with petitioners.

You will lose all rights to the child and will neither receive notice or be entitled to object to the adoption of the child, unless, within thirty (30) days of receipt of this notice, you file: (1) a petition to legitimize the child pursuant to Code Section 19-7-22 in the Superior Court of

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Lowndes County; (2) notice of the filing of the petition to legitimize with the Superior Court of Lowndes County, Georgia, at 327 North Ashley Street, Valdosta, Georgia 31601; and (3) provide notice of the filing to Patricia McConvey Karras, Attorney at Law, 701 North Patterson Street, Valdosta, Georgia 31601.

You are further advised that, if the child is legitimated and in the subsequent adoption proceeding, the petition for adoption is either withdrawn with prejudice or denied by the court, then a surrender of parental rights final release for adoption executed by the mother pursuant to the provision of subsection (a) of Code Section 19-8-4, 19-8-5, or 19-8-7 shall be dissolved by operation of law, and her parental rights shall be restored to her. The fact that the legal mother executed a surrender of parental rights final release for adoption, now dissolved, shall not be admissible evidence in any proceeding against the legal mother.

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### Scouts celebrate 100 years

Girl Scouts of Okeechobee County will display Girl Scout history at the Okeechobee County Library until **Nov. 30**. There will be special activities for area Girl Scouts each Saturday afternoon in November from 1-4 p.m. Register with the Girl Scouts of SE Florida at [www.gssef.org](http://www.gssef.org) for these activities. For more information contact Claudet at 863-467-6110.

### 4-H to hold fundraiser dinner

Okeechobee County 4-H will hold their annual BBQ Fundraiser Dinner on **Nov. 18**, at the Okeechobee Freshman Campus Cafeteria. Dinners will be sold from 11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Dinners are \$8 and include sliced pork and all the fixings. Lunch delivery will be available for inside the city limits (and for orders of five dinners or more outside the city limits). For advance orders call the Extension Office at 863-763-6469 and on the 25th call 863-634-3327 or 863-801-1606. 4-H would like to thank everyone for their support!

### Eagles to host Turkey Shoot

The Cypress Hut Eagles, 4509, will host a Turkey Shoot at 4701 Hwy. 441 S.E. on **Nov. 19**, Dec. 10-11, Dec. 17-18. All shoot begins at 9 a.m. for \$2 per shot. Proceeds go to Christmas for Kids. Gun to be raffled at Dec. 18 shoot: Winner gets choice of Winchester Mod 1400 12 ga Auto and Marlin Model 90 12 ga Over/Under.

### ConKerr Cancer plans Christmas yard sale

ConKerr Cancer is having a Christmas yard sale on Thursday and Friday, **Nov. 18** and 19. It will be held at 2704 S.E. 34th Lane in Taylor Creek Isles from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. on both days. There will be lots of Christmas decorations and gifts, scrapbooking and miscellaneous household items. We also received a huge donation of stuffed animals, many which still have the original tags attached. If you have any clean, usable items you would like to donate for this sale, please contact Joan at 863-467-0290.

### Okeechobee Cattlewomen to host special lunch

The Okeechobee Cattlewomen will host a special lunch with Carlton Ward, Jr., environmental photojournalist of "Florida Cowboys: Keepers of the Last Frontier" on Friday, **Nov. 18**. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. at IRSC Williamson Center - Raulerson Auditorium. Seating is limited. Pre-registration is requested by Nov. 15 with Amy Storey of Seacoast Nat'l Bank at 863-467-4663 or email Amy.Storey@SeacoastNational.com.

### VFW to host benefit for Indiantown Post

In support of Indiantown VFW Post #6023 who's post home was destroyed by a tornado last month, a benefit will be hosted by VFW Post #4423 located at 300 NW 34th St, Okeechobee on Saturday, Nov. 19, from noon-5 p.m. The public is encouraged to attend. They will have something for young and old alike. Music/karaoke will be provided by D & K Karaoke (Danny & Kathy). There will be a bake sale, raffles, special drawings and games for the kids and much more. Food & drinks will be available for a donation. Proceeds will be donated to the Indiantown VFW. If you have questions or would like to make a donation, call the post at 863-763-0818.

# Veterans Day celebrated by NES kids

North Elementary School celebrated Veterans Day in a big way on Friday, Nov. 11. Students invited family and friends, who were veterans, to come and eat lunch with them and attend a very special program. The program began with first grade students singing "You're a Grand Old Flag," there was a welcome by Mrs. McCoy, principal, and then everyone participated in the Pledge of Allegiance. First graders then sang the "Veteran's Day Song."

Dannye Strickland, Jo Ann Crews and Janet Engwiller from the VFW presented a readers theater about the meaning of Veterans Day. The ladies also talked about the symbol of the poppy and the Holiday Mail for Heroes project for the military.



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Mr. Ty Smith, first grade teacher, presented a portion of the Gettysburg Address. All veterans attending the program were honored with a salute to the military where

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