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## Deputy saves choking toddler

### Saving child's life 'no big deal,' he says

By Eric Kopp  
Okeechobee News

Two-year-old Nathaniel Carney was choking and if not for the quick action of a local deputy, the pickle he was choking on could very well have been the last that he would ever eat.

"Everything we tried didn't work," said Nathaniel's aunt, Kari Carney.

When Deputy Steven Pollock was dis-

patched to the home on S.E. 40th Ave. it was to 'assist another agency.' However, that other agency—emergency medical personnel from Okeechobee Fire/Rescue—hadn't arrived yet. So, for the second time in less than a year, the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO) deputy simply did what he was trained to do and saved another life.

Deputy Pollock and fellow Deputy Arlene Durbin responded on a possible overdose victim earlier this year. When they arrived at the scene the female victim was non-responsive, her lips were blue and she had no pulse. Together, they performed CPR on the woman

and she responded.

Because of their action, Deputy Pollock and Deputy Durbin have been named the OCSO co-employees of the year.

On Sunday, Deputy Pollock saved the life of a toddler who simply took too big of a bite of pickle.

"My son (Anthony Austin, 4) had gotten a pickle and Nathaniel wanted a bite. He took a bite but it was too big and he started choking on it," said Ms. Carney. "We were patting his back and calling 9-1-1. My brother (George Carney) was freaking out real bad."

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Okeechobee News/Katrina Elsken

## BHR Catfish Festival

The 19th annual Buckhead Ridge Catfish Festival, held Saturday at the Buckhead Ridge Volunteer Fire Department on S.R. 78, was such a success that they sold out of catfish dinners by 1 p.m. The volunteers started serving meals at 10 a.m. Cooking up mouth-watering catfish were (left to right) Volunteer Fire Department Lt. Scott Obenstine and Chief John Wilkinson. For more, see page 18.

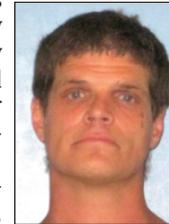
## Local man facing 27 felony charges

### Accused of stealing and using elderly man's debit card

By Eric Kopp  
Okeechobee News

A man is being held in the Okeechobee County Jail on 27 felony charges after he allegedly stole an elderly man's debit card and ran up over \$1,200 in charges.

Danny Arnold Belcher, 44, U.S. 441 S.E., Okeechobee, was arrested Thursday, Jan. 26, on charges of exploitation of the elderly, criminal use of personal identification



Danny Belcher

(17 counts), forgery (four counts), uttering a forged instrument (four counts) and grand theft.

He is being held in the Okeechobee County Jail under a bond of \$67,500.

Detective Susan Morrison, of the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO), stated in her arrest report that Belcher apparently took the debit card of a 77-year-old man and used it in at least 17 separate transactions. He allegedly used the card at local bars, convenience stores, grocery stores, restaurants and retail outlets.

Belcher reportedly told the detective that he used the card to buy food and other items.

"He also got cash back on several occasions and admitted to using the money for the purchase of pills off the street when his prescription

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### **Okeechobee**

# County Agri-Civic Center has bats

By Pete Gawda  
Okeechobee News

While some people may have bats in their belfry, it appears that we have bats in the Okeechobee County Agri-Civic Center. At last November's Halloween celebration at the ag center, in addition to all the costumed creatures, there were real bats according to ag center director Alta Mosley. It was about that time that Ms. Mosley first discovered the bats.

The bats make their homes in the crevices, some as small as half an inch, between the metal columns and cement blocks of the building.

Ms. Mosley said they can be seen in the very early morning returning to their homes for a day's rest. She said they would not be a problem at day events since they are sleeping then. For night events, she said the artificial lights would drive them away. She is not sure how many bats there are but fears that left alone they could increase in numbers and become a potential problem.

Bats can be quite a nuisance in Florida since there are 17 different species of bats in

the state and the state has the third largest population of bats of any U.S. state. However, since bats provide the useful service of eating mosquitoes and other insects they are a protected species and their removal should be done according to law.

Gary Barber of Okeechobee County Animal Control said he has received calls from area residents about bats. He suggests the people call a professional exterminator since animal control is not equipped to deal with bats. He said they are found in barns, gutters, soffits, abandoned houses and garages.

At their meeting on Thursday, Jan. 26, Okeechobee County Commissioners discussed a proposal from American Bat Removal to remove the bats from the ag center. About two years ago Okeechobee High School had a problem with bats in the crevices under the seats at the football stadium and they used the services of American Bat Removal.

David Diaz, president of American Bat Removal, said he visited the ag center about a month ago and at that time there were 300

to 400 bats living in the columns. He said that about one percent of bats carry rabies. However, he said there is a fungus that grows in bat excretions that produces a spore that can get into people's lungs.

Mr. Diaz said one bat can eat 2,000 to 3,000 insects a night. Therefore, he cannot trap or harm the bats. He places a net over the opening of the bat den. This net allows bats to get out but they cannot get back in. Since all the bats do not come out every night, he waits about a week before removing the net. Mr. Diaz said he can tell by the absence of smell and noise when the bats are all gone. Since bats are very territorial, moving them to another area would not work, Mr. Diaz said they would return to the area of their original home.

April 15 through Aug. 15 is bat maternity season and Mr. Diaz is not allowed, by law, to extract bats between those dates.

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Weather forecast for Okeechobee County from the National Weather Service

### Local Forecast

**Wednesday:** Patchy fog before 7 a.m. Otherwise, partly sunny, with a high near 81. East southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

**Wednesday night:** Mostly cloudy, with a low around 58. Southeast wind around 5 mph.

### Extended Forecast

**Thursday:** A 20 percent chance of showers. Partly sunny, with a high near 81. South wind around 5 mph.

**Thursday night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 59. Northeast wind around 5 mph becoming calm.

**Friday:** A 20 percent chance of showers. Partly sunny, with a high near 81. East wind around 5 mph.

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## YMCA has 'school's out' program

The YMCA will offer affordable care March 19-23 and other week days during the school year when school is not in session. The program will be at Okeechobee Achievement Academy (formerly New Endeavor), 575 S.W. 28th Street. Call to RSVP 863-484-0202. If space is available, students may also be registered at the site. Parents are encouraged to RSVP in advance as space is limited. Cost is \$19 per child per day, or \$14 per day if the child is on the free or reduced price lunch program. There is a \$5 discount for additional siblings.

The YMCA ran a summer camp program for the last two years and the parents

asked for this much needed service during the school year. The program is supported in part by the Children's Services Council of Okeechobee. Up to 100 children can come to the Y program on days out of school. The children will participate in arts and crafts, sports, nature exploration, innovative learning programs, swimming, outdoor games, field trips, and the Y's You Matter program. Children will be supervised by Okeechobee School District Teachers and Y Summer Camp Director Trish Jennings as well as other certified YMCA Staff. All Y staff are highly trained, background checked, and have passed drug testing.

## OCRA baseball/softball signups start

OCRA signups will be held the first three Saturdays in February, on Feb. 4, 11 and 18, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the score tower at the sports complex. Boys ages 4 thru 14 and girls ages 4 thru 15 are eligible to sign up. You will need to bring a **COPY** of the child's birth certificate and a \$60 registration fee. Sign up early. OCRA is expecting a larger number of children this year. Enrollment will be closed after the last sign up day. Questions, call 863-634-0515.

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

### OHS athletics & grades

• I was told last night that the softball team lost two players due to grades. In the past regime, the coaches monitored players' grades year round and required mandatory tutoring if they had less than a 3.0 GPA. That tutoring program might be something worth considering for all athletic programs. I like the idea of monitoring a child's academic progress by a coaching staff.

• Recently, the talk is all about the grade the school received and that is very important for our school to achieve an 'A,' but my concern now is about the athletic department. What can the staff do beyond coaching to encourage these young athletes to excel? The main solution and priority should be to assist these great students to acquire scholarships. OHS has lost good promising students/athletes due to the belief that there is a lack of interest in them beyond the 12th grade and these student athletes desire an education beyond the 12th grade. Please staff, do right by these struggling athletes and work towards securing a bright future for our OHS athletes.

• Athletes know exactly what is required to play—a 2.0 GPA which is barely a C. It is the parents' and player's responsibility to make sure they meet that requirement. Parents can monitor their child's progress in school 24 hours a day online through Skyward. You can check individual grades for all assignments, quizzes and tests. You can check to see if your child has been tardy or missed any classes or assignments. Everything pertaining to your child's academics is there for you to see. I check in on my child EVERY DAY even though she is a straight A student. This is called being involved in your child's education. Blaming the coach because your child is failing is ridiculous. Each class has a guidance counselor to recognize and get individual students the help they need. They WANT students to pass and achieve. But is still the parent's role to supervise and guide their children. Unfortunately, the common opinion in this day and age is it's always somebody else's fault.

• Grades are the responsibility of the student and parent! No teacher or coach is responsible to make sure a student athlete is at a 2.0 for goodness sakes...and by the time they are a senior if they don't know they need a 2.0 then they are not going to graduate either. The coach is there to enforce the requirement set by FHSAA. Sports are not a right, they are a reward for those students who choose to follow the rules. I have been watching all sports at the high school for many years and have watched a lot of crazy things happen. Just like football or any other sport: if you want a stake in the process get out there and get involved. Put your blood, sweat and time in! See it from their side of the fence.

• Teachers and coaches bear no responsibility in a student's grades, it's all on the parent and student? Really? Coaches are there only to enforce rules and should not help monitor student/athletes grades to help them push forward to a higher education? PLEASE! Is this a corrections facility or a high school? How about this concept? School employees, families, and community in a team effort to help our children succeed, both on and off the field. How about having compassion for these kids and do not strike them down, as they do not all have equally structured environments at home?

• Seems the Athletics and Academics are related. Okeechobee is 54th in education and last in the football athletic conference.

### Video games and learning

• Our granddaughter who was going into the fifth grade will be in public school this year. She was tested and we just got back the results. She scored junior in college in reading and reading comprehension. She scored eighth grade or above in all other things with the exception of math and language expression. On those she scored sixth grade sixth month. Just letting all know that homeschooling does give the student a chance to excel instead of being held to the average of the class. Also I believe that playing some of the computer games she plays like World of Warcraft has helped her to be able to read and understand on the level of an adult because they are adult games and she has been playing them since she was in the third grade. To bad someone can't come up with a game like WOW that involves math and science.

• Have you ever looked to see how much math is actually involved in WoW? Those kids can deal with percentages and exchange rates like no one's business.

## Letters to the editor

### Poker tournament a success

The Dr. Fred Brown Memorial Scholarship Poker Tournament that took place on Jan. 18 at the Speckled Perch Steak House, was a great success. The purpose of the tournament was to raise money for the scholarship fund that will benefit high school students with goals of pursuing a career in the medical/health sciences field. The support from the community is immensely appreciated by the family of Dr. Fred Brown. It was truly special to see one of his favorite past times enjoyed so much by so many people in an effort to support education.



Dr. Fred Brown

An event as touching and supported as this one cannot go without recognizing the following people and businesses for their dedication and support: The Speckled Perch Steakhouse, Mark and Jenny Ward and family, Platt Chiropractic, Walpole Inc., Don's Appliances, Morgan's Furniture, 1 Stop Party Shop, Seth and Megan Louthan, Lorene Gopher and family, Lakeshore Marine, CVS Pharmacy, Cowboys BBQ and Steak Company, Mama Flegos Italian Restaurant, Okeechobee Dodge Chrysler Jeep, Flower Petals, Newman Air Conditioning, Tenniswood and Associates, Everglades Pediatric Dentistry, Executive Hair Design, Lunger's Sports Bar and Grill, Bill's Mini Mart, Highland Pest Control, David and Anita Nunez and family, Glades Gas Company, David and Pam Williams and family, Doug Vest and Rhonda Altman.

We all appreciate Dr. Brown for his 30+ years of dedicated, compassionate care to Okeechobee's families. He had a love for children, raising five of his own, caring for hundreds of others, and making each one feel loved as if they were his. The memories live on within us. If you have questions or would like to donate to the scholarship fund you may contact 772-285-9914.

Russ Brown

### Hospital appreciated

You probably already know this, but I was to reaffirm what a great community asset you have in Raulerson Memorial Hospital!

And what terrific physicians are the great pair of Garcia and Garcia!

Little did I know when I traveled from Orlando to Okeechobee the day before Thanksgiving that I would be in need of minor emergency surgery. Dr. Manny Garcia and Dr. Trinny Garcia were so gracious to see me right away on Thanksgiving Eve. Their diagnostic and procedural care was accompanied by great compassion -- always good medicine.

The men and women at the hospital, on the night of a major holiday, could not have been kinder to me. I never felt rushed or concerned in any way. I wish I could remember all their names.

I'm sending a BIG THANK YOU to all of you for your wonderful care and attention.

Warmest regards,

Barbara Larson

Stuart

### The 1,000 years plan

It seems a long time ago when on Jan. 20, 1942, the meeting was held at the Wannsee Vila in Germany to make the arrangements for the final solution or the plan to exterminate all Jews from Europe and Asia. The 1,000 years plan was discussed with the purpose to determine who was a Jew and how to exterminate them. Some of the methods discussed were shooting, gassing, or sterilization including their internment in slave labor camps where Jews were forced to work until death. By mandate all schools must teach about the Holocaust—the importance for us is to recall this meeting. It's because the NAZIs did kill 11,000,000 persons besides the 6,000,000 Jews. Although the topics have to be discussed with caution, it is important that new generations know what happened. Schools in Florida must recall that on Jan. 20, 2012, 70 years ago, the fate of the Jewish populations of Europe and East Asia was discussed.

Mrs. Ana Vazquez

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# Historic battle monument re-dedication is Saturday

State and local dignitaries have been invited to participate in the re-dedication of the Battle of Okeechobee Monument at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 4, at the Battle of Okeechobee Historic State Park. Former State Representative Richard Machek, who sponsored the legislation to purchase the 145 acres of the battlefield for the Park will speak. Senator Marco Rubio is sending his representative, Greg Langowski. Greetings are expected from former Gov. Jeb Bush and Congressman Tom Rooney. Willie Johns, Seminole Tribal Historian will introduce Chairman James Billie. Elizabeth Gentry Sayad, the great-great granddaughter of Col. Richard Gentry will be here from St. Louis, Mo. She was a little girl when she unveiled the "marker" when it was placed along the roadside of U.S. 441 in 1939. The Gentry family gave the 'marker' to honor those killed in the Christmas Day Battle of Okeechobee. DAR, Seminole and Cora Stickney Harper Chapters dedicated it when it was installed.

The re-dedication will celebrate the placing of the monument within the State Park as the first permanent installation there. It will signal future development so that the site plans can be activated and it can be open for public use more than the few days for the Battle of Okeechobee Re-enactment weekend. The Okeechobee High School JROTC Color Guard will present the colors. Devon Jones, Okeechobee High School Band Member will play Taps.

Three DAR Chapters have cooperated to make this day possible. Okeechobee Chapter (formed 1995), joined with Seminole of West Palm Beach and Cora Stickney Harper

of Ft. Pierce, working to obtain permissions and permits, to plan and invite the community to join in this happy event.



Okeechobee News/File photo  
**Re-enactors will dress in period costume and set up camps for the Battle of Okeechobee Re-Enactment this weekend. On Saturday, the re-dedication of the Battle of Okeechobee monument will be at 11 a.m. The battle re-enactment will be at 2 p.m.**

## Task force arrests RV park owner

By Eric Kopp  
Okeechobee News



**James H. Stephenson**

The owner of a local RV park, who was already on probation, has been arrested on a felony drug charge and is being held in the Okeechobee County Jail on a \$50,000 bond.

James Henry Stephenson, 63, U.S. 441 S.E., was arrested Tuesday, Jan. 31, on a felony charge of obtaining a prescription by fraud by a detective with the Okeechobee Narcotics Task Force.

The detective corroborated that Stephenson is the owner of Jim's Place Park on S.R. 78 W.

The reason why Stephenson's bond was set so high is that he was arrested in April of 2011 on a charge of obtaining a prescription by fraud. Then on Aug. 23, 2011, he went before Circuit Court Judge Robert Belanger who withheld adjudication and placed Stephenson on 18 months probation.

Stephenson was originally arrested on 12 counts, but the state only filed on one of those counts and Stephenson then entered a plea to that one count.

According to an arrest report by the task force detective Stephenson has been seeing two different local doctors and neither of them knew that he was seeing the other doctor, or that he was receiving similar medications.

On Oct. 1, 2011, Stephenson reportedly received 240 oxycodone tablets from one of the doctors. Then, 10 days later, the second doctor issued him a prescription for 15 hydrocodone (lortab) pills.

Stephenson then returned to the first doctor on Nov. 1, 2011, and was given a script for an additional 240 oxycodone pills, stated the report.

In a 30-day period, continued the report, Stephenson received 495 of the same or like controlled substances from the two doctors.

The detective went on to state that while Stephenson had signed a contract with the first doctor on Feb. 8, 2011, there were no notes on that contract that he was seeing a second doctor or that he was receiving similar medications.

Stephenson was arrested shortly after 1 p.m. Tuesday as he was walking out of a local pharmacy, stated the detective's report.

## PICKLE

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She said Mr. Carney tried to scoop out the pickle with his finger but it did no good.

Then, the white OCSO cruiser with the big gold star on the side arrived and Deputy Pollock stepped in to help.

Mr. Carney was holding his son in an upright position and tapping the child on the back. By the time the deputy arrived the child was gasping for breath and turning pale.

The deputy then told the father to give him the child.

Deputy Pollock, 43, laid the child face down in his arms with the toddler's chest in his hands. He tilted Nathaniel's head downward toward the ground and slapped him four times in a downward motion between the shoulder blades. On that last slap, or about 15 seconds after he took the child, Nathaniel spit out the pickle.

Almost immediately his color came back and he was breathing fine.

"He was a happy, go lucky little kid," said Deputy Pollock, who said what he did was no big deal. "I wouldn't have even typed a report because it was no big deal to me, but my corporal (Corporal Donald Ellis) made me."

EMS personnel arrived just minutes after the deputy. They checked Nathaniel then let him return to his family.

After everyone had calmed down, Deputy Pollock showed Nathaniel's parents—George and Caitlin Wolf—how to do what he had just done.

"I just did it the way my training told us to do on a small child," said the Indiantown native and soldier who served two tours in Afghanistan. "He was just too small to do the Heimlich maneuver—you could break the sternum."

"Steve is one of our seasoned officers. We never have had any negative things said about him," said OCSO Major Noel Stephen. "He makes the sheriff (Paul May) and I extremely proud—as we are of all of our officers."

Maj. Stephen went on to say if not for Deputy Pollock's quick action "without a doubt, I don't think that child would have survived."

Deputy Pollock joined the OCSO in January of 2008. He served in the military for over 24 years and was a member of the military police with the U.S. Army National Guard.

Maj. Stephen went on to say that the department strives to keep their deputies updated on their medical training because "... 98 percent of the time we're the first public responder on the scene."

And although Nathaniel is too young to realize what happened Sunday afternoon, his family isn't.

"I'm very thankful for that cop," said Ms. Carney. "He saved my nephew's life."

## American Red Cross offers health and safety classes

The Okeechobee County Branch office of the American Red Cross, 323 N. Parrott Avenue, will offer the following health and safety courses in February:

- Adult First Aid/CRR/AED, Feb. 8, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Adult and Pediatric CPR/AED, Feb. 21, from 6 to 9 p.m.
- Adult CPR/AED, Feb. 21, 6 to 9 p.m.
- Adult First Aid/CPR/AED, Feb. 21 and 23, 6 to 9 p.m.
- Pediatric CPR/AED, Feb. 22 and 23, 6 to 9 p.m.
- First Aid, Feb. 23, 6 to 9 p.m.

To register for a class or find another class in your area, call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit [redcross.org/takeaclass](http://redcross.org/takeaclass). Advance Registration Required. Courses, times and locations subject to change.

## BELCHER

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ran out," stated Detective Morrison.

She said Belcher apparently is addicted to pain medications brought about by prior injuries.

Belcher, continued the detective, was arrested Oct. 12, 2011, in Alachua County for resisting a law enforcement officer and the disposition of that case is pending. She said he also has multiple felony arrests in Ohio and that a warrant has been issued for Belcher's arrest, but they will not extradite.

The detective stated that OCSO Deputy Troy Garrison took the initial complaint in this case on Jan. 24. The victim reportedly told him that his card was misplaced or stolen in December of 2011 so he got a replacement card. He went on to tell the deputy that his bank contacted him a couple of days later and told him that his card had been captured in an ATM machine.

The card was captured by the machine when someone apparently tried to use it without knowing the personal identification number (PIN) to the card. The victim took

possession of that card until he had received his new card.

On or about Jan. 24 the victim's new card went missing and when he went to cancel the card he learned that it had been used in several transactions.

Detective Morrison stated in her report that she went to each business where the card had been used and each time she received the same description: a white male with dark brown hair; two teardrop tattoos by his left eye; many other tattoos; and, scars on his face.

She added that she saw surveillance video from a local convenience store showing a man matching that description using the stolen debit card.

"His face could be seen with the tattoos—along with multiple tattoos on the arm, back of the neck and shoulders," stated the investigator.

The OCSO detective went on to state that Belcher made several other attempts to use the card but those were denied.

"There could be more that have not processed through the bank yet," she added.

Detective Morrison indicated that her investigation is continuing.

## Community News in Brief

### Library presents

#### Broadway programs

Ian R. B. Nairnsey is presenting a series of talks in February on "Broadway Musicals Decade by Decade." The programs are held on Wednesdays at noon at the Okeechobee County Library, 206 S.W. 16th St. Admission is free. The Feb. 1 program covers the 1980s and 1990s. Those attending are encouraged to bring a brown bag lunch. The programs last about 75 minutes and are illustrated with slides and musical selections.

### Cypress Eagles

#### to host dinner night

Thursday, Feb. 2, at 5 p.m. the Cypress Hut Eagles will be having a Lasagna Dinner. \$6 per dinner. Public Welcome. All proceeds go to Community Charity Fund.

### Cypress Eagles

#### to host dinner night

Friday, Feb. 3 from 5:30-8:30 p.m., the Cypress Hut Eagles, will be serving Steak \$12, Fish \$8 or Shrimp \$12 dinners. Music By: Lisa Riley All proceed go to Community Charity Fund. Public is welcome.

### Eagles North to

#### host Friday Steak Night

Come hungry to the Friday Steak Night on Friday, Feb. 3, starting at 5:30 p.m., 9985 Hwy 441 North. Bring your dancing shoes and enjoy music by the Awesome Al Jones. Proceeds go to the FOE 4137 community benefit fund.

### Church has movie night

Life Community Church, 701 S. Parrott Ave., will have their free family movie night, Friday, Feb. 3, at 7 p.m. The movie "Courageous" by the creators of "Fireproof" is a heartfelt, story of four men with the calling to serve and protect. As law enforcement officers they will face the challenges of fatherhood with hope and courage in a God-honoring way. The public is invited.

### Vaudeville Bunch

#### show planned

The Okeechobee Vaudeville Bunch will hold a music and comedy show at the Okeechobee Moose Lodge NW 36th Street Saturday Feb. 4 from 1 to 3 p.m. Admission and parking are free. The kitchen will be open for those who wish to purchase food.

### Cypress Eagles

#### to host dinner night

Saturday, Feb. 4 at 5 p.m. the Cypress Hut Eagles will be having their Feb. Birthday Bash! Gator & Shrimp Baskets \$6. Music by Cowboy Karaoke. Public Welcome. All proceeds go to Community Charity Fund.

### Eagles North

#### to host card BINGO

Join Eagles North and bring your friends for Card Bingo on Saturday, Feb. 4 beginning at 4 p.m., 9985 Hwy 441 North, Okeechobee. Proceeds to benefit community benefit fund for FOE 4137.

### Chevy pro night

#### at Gilbert Chevrolet

Meet the Chevy Pro Anglers at Gilbert's Chevy Pro Night on Feb. 4. Come out and experience the Chevy Boat Simulator, FLW Casting Game, and FLW giveaways. Cow-boys BBQ and Steak Co. will be catering this event. Event begins at 3 until 5 p.m.

### OHS Int'l Club to

#### host benefit yard sale

The OHS International Club will be hosting a yard sale on Saturday, Feb. 4 from 7-11:30 a.m., in the Mid Florida Hardware parking lot on 441 S. Please come out and help the students raise funds for their upcoming trip to England.

### Knights of Columbus

#### hold dinners in BHR

The Knights of Columbus of St. Theresa Catholic Church, at Hwy. 78 W. and Chobee Loop in Buckhead Ridge, are holding a chicken dinner on Saturday, Feb. 4. All meals include a dessert and choice of beverage. Dinner served from 4:30-6:30 p.m. (takeout is available). Donation of \$8, adults, and \$3 children. Proceeds will go to church projects.

### Rock-O author appearance

#### at the Library

Jerry Ferrara, author of the "Rock-O File" book will be at the local library for a book signing event on Saturday, Feb. 4, at 2 p.m. A guest appearance by Rock-O himself is also possible.

## Obituaries

### Donald Andrew Hoecherl Sr., 93

OKEECHOBEE — Donald Andrew Hoecherl, Sr., age 93, beloved husband of Catherine (Fitzpatrick) Hoecherl for over 70 years, passed away Monday, Jan. 30, 2012, at the Hamrick Home.

Born in Lisbon, N.D., on Dec. 31, 1918, to the late Frank X. and Catherine (Augustine) Haecherl, he had been a resident of Okeechobee for 28 years. Prior to that time, he resided in Miami for 45 years.

Donald served during WW II in the United States Navy. He served in both the Atlantic and Pacific Theater and participated in the Invasion of Salerno and Invasion of Algiers. His ship, SS Catamount, LSD, was in the Bay of Japan the day the Japanese surrendered.

Following his military service, he was self-employed as a painting contractor for 42 years. He was a member of the Elks, where he was Past Exalted Ruler. He was also a member of the Knights of Columbus and the American Legion. His interests included fishing, golf and family. He was a life long learner and a mentor to all.

He was a devoted son, husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather who will be remembered by all his friends and family for his generosity of time and spirit. He was truly the anchor of his family's ship. He will be greatly missed by all, especially by his daughter, Carolyn (Nick) Reising of West Palm Beach; sons, Dr. Donald A. Hoecherl Jr. and Karen of Miami, Major Dennis M. (Deborah) Hoecherl of Bartow; grandchildren, Karen (Chris) Bottiglieri, Nicholas J. (Lisa) Reising Jr., Matthew Reising, David Hoecherl and Denise Hoecherl, Kimberly Cohn; great-grandchildren, Kaylyn and Christian (C.J) Bottiglieri, Derek Hoecherl, and Nicholas and Loren Reising. He is also survived by his brother, Joseph Haecherl; and sisters, Virginia Nohr and Frances Hall.

A memorial service will be held Thursday, Feb. 2, 2012, at 10:30 a.m. at Saint Theresa Catholic Church, 1027 Chobee Loop, BHR, Okeechobee. Burial will be at a future date in Lisbon, N.D.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Hospice of Okeechobee, P. O. Box 1548, Okeechobee, FL 34973 or St Theresa of the Child Jesus Mission.

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

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

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

### George Daniel Siehl, II, 95

OKEECHOBEE — George D. Siehl II, passed away Jan. 27, 2012 in Okeechobee.

He was born Dec. 22, 1917 in Meyersdale, Pa., to Lawrence H. and Ida G. Leighty Siehl. He earned a Bachelor's degree from the West Virginia University and Potomac State and Master's degree from West Virginia University. Mr. Siehl proudly served our country in the U.S. Army during WWII and the Korean War. He earned many awards including a Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Presidential Citation and several Korean Service Medals. He was a member of the Moose Lodge, American Legion, United Methodist Men, West Virginia Fireman's Association and West Virginia Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Phi. He was an author, 4-H leader, had radio talk shows, public speaker, photographer, ecologist and performed vaudeville and clown shows. He was retired after 32 years from the Fayette County Cooperative Extension Agent in West Virginia.

Mr. Siehl was preceded in death by his wife, Katherine Elizabeth Lewis Siehl.

He is survived by his sons, Larry Lee (Eileen Mayer) of Lake Worth, Florida and Charles R. of Denver, Colorado; grandson, Aubrey Lee of Indianapolis, Indiana; great-grandchildren, Justin, Jessica and Emalee; extended family and a host of friends from around the world.

Visitation will be 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2012 at Bass Okeechobee Funeral Home. Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2012 at Bass Okeechobee Funeral Home with Pastor Bruce Simpson and Pastor Jim Dawson of First United Methodist Church of Okeechobee officiating. Interment will follow with military honors at Evergreen Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Okeechobee, PO Box 1548, Okeechobee, FL 34973.

Friends may sign the guest book at [www.BassOkeechobeeFH.com](http://www.BassOkeechobeeFH.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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# PSL man injured in Saturday motorcycle crash

**By Eric Kopp**  
Okeechobee News

A Port St. Lucie man was airlifted to a Fort Pierce Hospital after he reportedly crashed his motorcycle while trying to do a wheelie on an Okeechobee County road.

serious condition at Lawnwood Regional Medical Center after he crashed his 2006 Suzuki GSX 1000 R motorcycle Saturday, Jan. 28, stated a report by Florida Highway Patrol Trooper T.D. Burk.

The accident occurred at 4:13 p.m. on N.W. 240th St, just west of U.S. 441 N.

Also injured was a passenger on the motorcycle Frances L. Seadon, 31, of Port St. Lucie. The trooper's report said Ms. Seadon suffered only minor injuries and was not transported to a hospital.

Mr. Towsand's head struck the pavement and, according to the report, he was not wearing a helmet. Ms. Seadon was found lying on her back on the shoulder of the road.

Damage to the motorcycle was estimated to be \$4,000.

Trooper Burk's report indicated that the accident was not alcohol related.

According to the trooper's report Mr. Towsand was westbound in the eastbound lane of N.W. 240th when he stood his motorcycle up on the rear wheel then lost control and landed on the right side of the bike. Mr. Towsand and Ms. Seadon were both thrown from the motorcycle.

## Okeechobee 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).

- Samantha Nichole Jewell, 20, N.E. 128th Ave., Okeechobee, was arrested Jan. 27 by Deputy Corporal Aric Majere on an Okeechobee County warrant charging her with giving false information to a pawnbroker. Her bond was set at \$2,500.

- Mitchell Ray Hatfield, 22, U.S. 441 N., Okeechobee, was arrested Jan. 27 by Deputy Cpl. Aric Majere on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with giving false information to a pawnbroker and dealing in stolen property. His bond was set at \$12,500.

- Samuel Hendricks, 22, Elm Street, Buckhead Ridge, was arrested Jan. 27 by Deputy Justin Akins on a felony charge of possession of a controlled substance without a prescription and a misdemeanor charge of possession of drug paraphernalia. His bond was set at \$5,500.

- Gerardo Ramirez, 42, N.E. 207th St., Okeechobee, was arrested Jan. 27 by Deputy Joe Gracie on charges of driving under the influence and no valid driver's license. His bond was set at \$1,000.

- Bryan Leejean Walburn, 18, Okeechobee, was arrested Jan. 28 by Deputy Cpl. Aric Majere on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with violation of probation - driving under the influence. He is being held without bond.

- Kyle Patrick Johnson, 26, was arrested Jan. 28 by Deputy Cpl. Aric Majere on a DOC warrant charging him with amended violation of probation - battery on detention or commitment facility staff. He is being held without bond.

- Henry L. Story, 32, N.W. 20th St., Okeechobee, was arrested Jan. 28 by Deputy Justin Akins on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with violation of probation - resisting a law enforcement officer with violence. He is being held without bond.

- Glenda Faye Brittelli, 49, S.E. 18th Way, Okeechobee, was arrested Jan. 29 by Deputy Stephen Pollock on an Okeechobee County warrant charging her with failure to appear - driving under the influence. She is being held without bond.

- Victor Manuel Pineda, 17, S.W. Eighth St., Okeechobee, was arrested Jan. 29 by Deputy Heath Hughes on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with violation of probation - driving under the influence. He is being held without bond.

- Jose Rolgelo Gonzales, 43, N.W. Fourth St., Okeechobee, was arrested Jan. 29 by Deputy Howard Pickering on a charge of battery on a law enforcement officer. His bond was set at \$5,000.

- Luis Diaz, 24, Lakeview St., Lake Placid, was arrested Jan. 29 by Officer Chad Troutman on a charge of aggravated battery with a deadly weapon. His bond was set at \$2,500.

- Augustin Diaz, 32, N.W. 240th St., Okeechobee, was arrested Jan. 30 by Deputy Corporal Randy Thomas on a charge of driving under the influence and driving while license suspended with knowledge. His bond was set at \$1,000.

- Tiffany Adams, 25, U.S. 441 S.E., Okeechobee, was arrested Jan. 30 by Deputy Greg Popovich on a Hillsborough County warrant charging her with violation of probation - grand theft (six counts). She is being held without bond.

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

## Area man charged in AC theft

**By Eric Kopp**  
Okeechobee News

An inmate at the Okeechobee County Jail was arrested on a felony theft charge when he was accused of stealing a 3-ton air conditioning unit prior to his being jailed on unrelated charges.

Miguel Alan Rodrigues, 26, S.E. 36th Ave., Okeechobee, was arrested Saturday, Jan. 28, on a felony charge of grand theft. His bond was set at \$5,000.

Jail records indicate that Rodrigues was arrested Jan. 26 for violation of probation - driving under the influence and violation of probation - battery. He is being held without bond on those charges.

An arrest report by Deputy Yamil Astacio, of the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO), stated that Rodrigues and another man reportedly took the AC unit from a mobile home that was being remodeled.

The unit was valued at \$1,500 by the owner of the mobile home.

According to the deputy's report two men, using a borrowed pickup truck, drove up to the mobile home around 11 a.m. on Jan. 20 and removed the air conditioner.

Deputy Astacio's report indicated that the air conditioner had been taken apart and was going to be sold for scrap to a recycling center.

The other suspect in the theft has not yet been identified, stated the deputy's report.



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# Okeechobee Churches plan gospel concerts

**Life Community Church**, 701 S. Parrott Ave., will have their FREE family movie night, Friday, Feb. 3, at 7 p.m. The movie "COURAGEOUS" by the creators of "Fireproof" is a heartfelt, story of four men with the calling to serve and protect. As law enforcement officers they will face the challenges of fatherhood with hope and courage in a God-honoring way. The public is invited.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, Feb. 4, at 6 p.m. at the **Okeechobee Church of God**, 301 NE 4th Ave., Okeechobee (Behind McDonalds on Hwy. 70). Trust Promotions presents the annual Anniversary concert for Okeechobee's **Trust Quartet**. Everyone is invited to join Trust Quartet in celebrating their 18th anniversary in concert with special guests, Simple Faith Trio from St. Petersburg and Gulf State Quartet from Wauchula, for a full evening of fun and enjoyment as three groups perform their first ever "pop-corn" style concert in Okeechobee. All groups on stage popping up in a one-song rotation, along with other surprises continuing for 2-1/2 hours, followed by fellowship and refreshments provided by Trust Quartet. A \$6 donation is requested at the door and a love offering will be received. For more information, please call 863-634-8793 or 863-610-1581.

**Church of the Nazarene**, 425 SW 28th St., Okeechobee will host Christian singer/songwriter Stephen Hill in concert on Sunday, Feb. 5, at 6 p.m. Stephen Hill is best known for his appearances on the Gaither Homecoming TV series and sings from the heart about issues that confront us all. For more information, please call 863-763-7113.

**Living Word of Faith**, 1902 S. Parrott Avenue, will host gospel singers Ron and

Sharon Frazier on Sunday, Feb. 5 at 11 a.m. There is no charge. Everyone is welcome.

**Northside Baptist Church**, 51 NW 98th St, will host Forgiveness, a Southern-Gospel trio from Lawrenceburg, Ind., Sunday, Feb. 5, at 10:45 a.m. Cloid Baker, formerly with the Bill Gaither Trio, and his wife, Debbie, formerly with the Weatherford's, have been singing together for over 40 years. Brian Worley, from Florence, KY, joins them singing tenor. A love offering will be taken. Come and fellowship with us at an old-fashioned Southern Baptist church!

The Perrys will appear in concert on Sunday, Feb. 12, at 2 p.m. at the **Church of the Nazarene**, at 425 S.W. 28th Street. A love offering will be taken. For more information, call 863-763-7113.

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

**The Gathering Church**, 1735 S.W. 24 Ave., is hosting weekly "growth groups" on Wednesday night. Each group will focus on a different area of need as well as interactive Bible studies; such as, Financial Freedom, Fit for a King (weight loss group), Men's Bible Study, Single Women's Group. Meet in the main sanctuary at 7 p.m. and be dismissed to the group of their choice. For information, call the church office at 863-357-4418. Everyone welcome.

**Church of God of Prophecy** has an Open Arms Ministry, at 102 N.W. 10TH Street.



## Places of Worship

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The Hurting Women's Ministry meets on the second and fourth Friday of each month at 7 p.m. This is a ministry for women of all ages who are going through or have been through crisis in their lives. For more information, please call 863-254-8304.

There is a **Community Gospel Sing at the Seventh Day Christian Church**, at 912 N.W. Park St. (S.R. 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!

New **St. Stephen AME (African Methodist Episcopal) Church** is in the process of building a new sanctuary at 1050 N.E. 16th Avenue. The church is seeking both monetary donations and donations of equipment and supplies. Items sought include a sound system, landscaping, folding tables, office chairs, a fax machine, a refrigerator, computers, file cabinets, industrial cleaning supplies, tents and a copying machine. The mailing address is P.O. Box 836, Okeechobee, FL. 34973. For more information, contact Rev. Pauline Livatt at 305-389-1280, Tony Delagat of the Building Committee at 863-801-1716 or treasurer Willie Welch at 863-697-697-8924.

On Feb. 11, the dining hall of **Church of Our Saviour** at 200 N.W. 3rd St. will be transformed into a tropical paradise. The theme of this event is "Island Thyme." The

menu has been developed by none other than Kaye Mueller and Pam Rogers of "Nibbles and Bits" catering of Nashville, Tenn. (Perhaps you have read articles extolling their talents in Southern Living and Southern Accent?) Entertainment will be provided by the Chobee Steelers. Tickets are available for \$10 per person with door prizes. Tickets may be purchased at the Church office. For additional information please call the church office at 863-763-4843 or Francee Malone at 863-357-1713.

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

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## Hospice to host yard sale

Hospice of Okeechobee's yard sales in February will be Wednesday, Feb. 8 and Thursday, Feb. 9 and Wednesday, Feb. 22 and Thursday, Feb. 23 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 thru Friday 8am to noon. For information call 863-467-2321 or see our web page www.hospiceofokeechobee.org and click on Events tab.

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# OHCF announces 2011 Employees-of-the-Year



Kyle Allen (left) and Jeremy Hoglo (right) receive co-employees of the Year Awards for 2011.

Special to the Okeechobee News/Anton Silva III

The Okeechobee Health Care Facility recently honored the 2011 Employees of the Year.

“Congratulations to you two young fellows on being voted as Co-Employees of the Year for 2011 of Okeechobee Health Care Facility,” Administrator Andrew R. McKillop said as he presented them with their awards.

The Employee of the year is voted on from the 12 Employees-of-the-Month winners and this year there was a tie.

Kyle Allen, has worked as a CNA for over a year and is attending Indian River State College where he is an honor student pursuing a degree in Occupational Therapy. Like his father who is the Director of Nurses, Kyle’s quiet, compassionate and thorough style and demeanor have been complimented regularly by his residents.

Jeremy Hoglo has worked as a Dietary Shift Leader for several years, performing a variety of duties including supervisory, resident meal ticket data entry, line supervision and delivering of special orders where his smile and happy demeanor have endeared him to fellow staff members and residents alike. He is attending Florida Atlantic University where he is pursuing a degree in Electrical Engineering, and he and his wife, Kim, a fifth-grade teacher at Osceola Middle School, are expecting their first child in August.

Mr. McKillop congratulated each of the winners and stated, “It is because of employees like you that Okeechobee Health Care Facility enjoys a reputation of excellence of care and high ratings by state surveyors and federal agencies. Thank-you for a job well done and proving We Love to Care!”



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## Cotton candy for all

Waste Management participated in the 2012 Health & Safety Expo on Saturday at the Okeechobee Agri-Civic Center, educating attendees on the disposal of hazardous materials and recycling benefits. Cotton candy cones were provided for all. Pictured are Drina Aguilar-3rd grade, Jannier Lafuente/OHS Senior, Devin Harden-4th grade and Allison Chandler.

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## Central Students of the Week

Central Elementary School is pleased to announce the names of Students of the Week for the week of Jan. 23-27 including: kindergarten, Symode Williams, Karter Ramirez, Alanah Tinajera, Penelope Van Eman, Christian Mederos, Tyrone Hayes; first grade, Andres Gomez, Miguel Medrano, Zoyee Ramirez, Jessie Jones, Alexis Brandes, Zackary Rosemann, Janessa Whidden; second grade, Dalton Gilstrap, Emily Martinez, John Gaona, Isabela Calvillo, Sara Beth Haygood, Maddie Williams; third grade, Robby Rennie, Ke'vin Floyd, Aracely Cisneros, Cristopher Gutierro, Christopher Tedder; fourth grade, Michael Betts, Joshua Rivera, Faviola Santibanes, David Adams, Ricky Vega and Kaleb Hyslope.



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## Seminole Students of the Week

Seminole Elementary would like to congratulate their Students of the Week for the week of Jan. 27: Jackie Pelayo, Jackeline Garza, Grace Lippman, James Thompson, Shaliyah Johnson Santos, Rosy Seca, Nathan Petit, Zackery Thompson, Fili Gomez, Shalondra Santos, Aaron Baltazar, Marselino Olivera-Olguin, Janelly Gomez, Clemente Baltazar, Sandy Leon, Lynden Mingo, Wilton Williams, Seth Barrett, Maria Sanchez-Virto, A'nyiah Baker, Stephanie Mondragon, Naila Roman, Florivella Gonzales, Theresa Ernest, Julie Garcia, Carol Marker and Francisco Valdez.



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## South Students of the Month

These high soaring Eagles earned Student of the Month at South Elementary School for the Month of January. Congratulations goes to: Estrella Robles, Ally Popovich, Raphael Dumadag, Alison Denton, Marvin Roberts, Brice Anuez, Silvia Gomez, Marisol Denova, Alexis Childs, Kayla Vasquez, Ashley Phares, Roger Waugh, Faith Vest, Kendrick Forlifer, Irene Urvina, Alex Miller, Case Durrance, Veronica Windel, Juliett Navarro Nieto and Amy Trent.

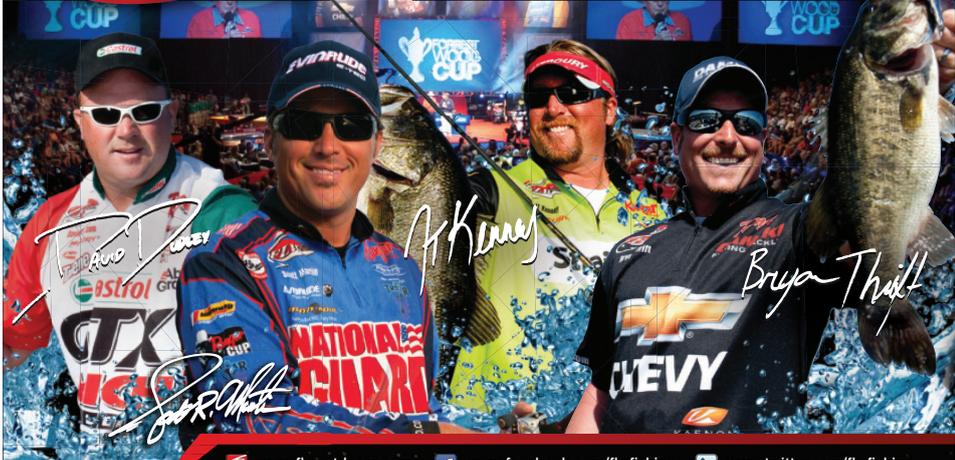


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Programs include air conditioning/refrigeration, automotive technology, early childhood education, and security officer training. The Commercial Vehicle Driving program combines classroom instruction with experience behind the wheel of a "big rig," preparing students for employment in a month.

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In addition to programs that develop in-demand job skills, IRSC helps students prepare for job interviews. Free assistance with resume writing and interviewing skills is offered through the Career and Transition Center. A series of courses at the St. Lucie West Campus and Blackburn Educational Building in Fort Pierce help students stand out as job candidates. Topics include resume writing, interviewing skills, business writing and customer service.

A list of the Quick Job Training courses may be found on the IRSC Home Page at [www.irsc.edu](http://www.irsc.edu), by clicking on the photo at the top labeled Quick Job Training.

Additional short-term training programs are available throughout the next few months. Topics include Orientation

to Quickbooks, Introduction to AutoCAD, Introduction to Early Childhood Education, A+ Certification, Digital Photography, Golf Operations, Life and Health Insurance, and Community Association Management. These courses are part of a "mini-mester" enabling students to earn more credits in less time. The shortened semester will be held at all five Treasure Coast campuses. Students who wish to accelerate progress toward their degree or complete courses quickly should take advantage of the mini-mester. Subjects include Introduction to Accounting, Architectural Design, Life Science, AC Circuits, Electronic Devices, 3D Digital Animation, Medical Terminology, American History, Intermediate Algebra, and more. A new schedule of courses in Chinese will be offered at IRSC campuses in Fort Pierce, Vero Beach, Stuart and St. Lucie West. Go to the IRSC Home Page and click on the Spotlight box for the entire list of courses.

Treasure Coast residents who need to get their high school diploma can do so at IRSC locations throughout the area. The GED Program prepares students for the General Education Development High School Diploma exam. Students in Adult High School earn credits toward a standard high school diploma. IRSC also offers instruction in English as a Second Language.

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## First 2012 Teen Dance

The B.R.A.T. teen dance on Jan. 21, hosted over 80 students. The students enjoyed music by DP Productions with "Mr. S," hula hoop, limbo, smoothies, pizza and chips. The next dance will be Saturday, Feb. 11. Thank you to the following businesses who continue to support the program; Ding-A-Ling Deli, Dominos, Gordon & Donor, Beef 'O' Brady's, Okeechobee City Police Dept., Okeechobee County School Board, WOKC and Okeechobee News.

## International Coin Collectors Association to host local event

Okeechobee is the next stop on the list for the International Coin Collectors Association's world tour. During this event at the Holiday Inn Express, the ICCA will be purchasing coins, paper currency, gold and silver on behalf of their global network of collectors, dealers and refineries. This special event is free and open to the public.

The ICCA will be in Okeechobee Feb. 7-11, at the Holiday Inn Express, 3101 U.S. Highway 441 S. Tuesday-Friday they will be open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. On Saturday, they will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

ICCA spokesperson Dennis Coutts said, "We hope to spend at least \$200,000 while we are in town by purchasing people's old coin collections, vintage bank notes and scrap gold, silver and diamonds. We buy a lot of class rings, mismatched earrings and broken necklaces. Just a small handful of gold can add up to hundreds of dollars very quickly. I encourage everyone to clean out their drawers, lock boxes and jewelry boxes, and bring their items to our show for a free evaluation and perhaps walk out a little richer!"

Traveling from small towns to large cities, the ICCA hosts hundreds of events each year where local residents bring in their pre-

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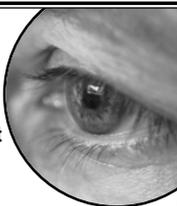
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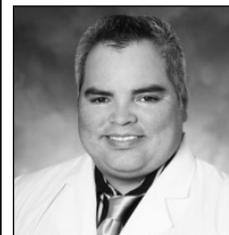
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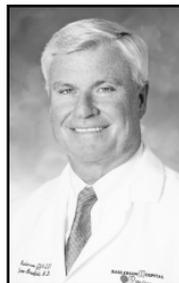
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## Houses - Sale

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

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**FOR SALE - RESIDENTIAL BUILDING LOT** CLOSE TO BLUE HERON IN BRENT WOOD ESTATES. LOT SIZE IS 0.65 ACRES HAS HOUSE PAD IN PLACE TO ACCOMMODATE A 3500 SQ. FT. HOME WATER DEPOSIT PAID READY TO BUILD ON. \$45,000 OR O.B.O. CALL CARL @ 863-634-8617

**NICE 1/2 ACRE LOTS FOR SALE** IN NEW AREA GREAT FOR INVESTMENT WILL CONSIDER OFFERS. CALL 863-634-7781



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## Mobile Home Rent

**2Bedroom/ 1Bath** Clean, includes lawn care & sewer. 25th St. in T.I. \$550 monthly, \$500 Dep. Call 863-467-1308

**3/2 Furnished,** Mint, Built in 05, Great Neighborhood, City Water. \$695 a month. 1st and Last No Dogs Call 863-801-1739

**BUCKHEAD RIDGE** - Dbl. Wide 2 BR, 2 BA, C/Air. \$495 mo. Large 3 BR, 2 BA, C/Air. \$600 mo. No pets. Yearly lease plus sec. (863)763-4031

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## Mobile Home Sale

**1568 SQ. FT.** Dble/wide on 4 lots. Kissimmee River Estates, 2BR/2BA, Fully Furnished. \$69,500 Call 765-978-0220

**2005 44'x12'** Park Model 55+ park, all residential appliances with W/D., new skirting, non-smoker, water filter system. \$6,750 obo Call Steve @ (863)-634-6705

**Back on the Market** \$25,000 2/2 Remodeled Double wide, City Water, Sewer and Great Neighborhood Call 863-801-1739

**BANK REPO'S Starting at \$15,000** Mobile Home Angels 561-721-2230

**OKEECHOBEE** - Lg. 3br/2ba DW, w/14x40 addition, metal roof, FP, 11x20 shop, on Canal. Covered dock & slip. Sprinklers, \$70K O.B.O. 772-321-1835 or 772-664-6799.

**Palm Harbor Homes** 4/2 From 499 mo Loaded 3/2 From 399 mo Loaded Homes on Your Lot 0 Down 800-622-2832 ext 210



**PARK MODEL FOR SALE** BIG O RV RESORT Over 55 Community Unit has attached screened lanai, total length 52 feet, 20 feet wide. Excellent Condition with a lot of extras. Site 119 on the canal Call 610-442-0223

**SEMINOLE COVE** - 2BR, 2BA, 2 Car Carport & Florida Room. (863)467-0284



## Recreation

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## Campers/RVs

**36.6' Coachmen** Santara, 49K miles, 1 slide, Dual Air, Tag Axle. Will Consider Trade for Buildable Lot. \$18,500 Call 863-467-2550

## Fifth Wheels

**2001 33 ft Sandpiper** 1 slide out, queen size bed, laydown dinette, 2 chairs, laydown couch, plenty of closets, excellent condition like new. Can be seen at BHR Marina \$9,000 Call 863-623-4171

## Travel Trailers

**For Sale By Owner** 2005 32FT. WildWood Travel Trailer. Fully Self Contained, Super Slide Out, Bunk Beds, Sleeps 8 People. Will Deliver New Condition, Fully Loaded. \$10,500 OBO Call 302-218-1818



## Public Notices

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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-234 GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION

**BIG O RV PARK ASSOCIATION, INC.,** a Florida not for profit corporation Plaintiff v. **WALTER ROMANOWSKI, ET AL.,** Defendants.

### NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated January 17, 2012, and entered in Case No. 2010-CA-234 of the CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT in and for Okeechobee County, Florida, wherein BIG O RV PARK ASSOCIATION, INC. is Plaintiff, and WALTER ROMANOWSKI and UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF WALTER ROMANOWSKI are Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in the Jury Assembly Room, 2nd Floor, Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida 34972 beginning at 11:00am on the 29th day of February, 2012 the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit: **Lot 270, BIG O RV PARK, a Condominium according to the Declaration of Condominium dated July 25, 1986, and recorded in Official Record Book 279, Page 1844, as amended by Amendments to Condominium dated September 22, 1986 and recorded in Official Record Book 281, Page 1207, dated October 6, 1988 and recorded in Official Record Book 289, Page 223, dated January 12, 1989 and recorded in Official Record Book 301, Page 575, dated April 6, 1994 and recorded in Official Record Book 359, Page 271, all of Okeechobee County, Florida public records, and as filed in Condominium Plat book 1, Pages 20 through 33, of the Okeechobee County, Florida public records, together with all of the appurtenances to the units (lots), including, but not limited to, all of the undivided shares in the common elements.**

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN SIXTY (60) DAYS AFTER THE SALE. DATED this 19th day of January, 2012. Sharon Robertson, Clerk Circuit Court, Okeechobee County, Florida BY: Lynn Shain DEPUTY CLERK

BECKER & POLIAKOFF, P.A. Attorneys for Plaintiff K. Joy Mattingly, Esq. Okeechobee, Florida 34972 2901 SW 149 Avenue, Suite 140 Miramar, FL 33027 (954) 985-4102 (954) 987-5940 FAX 408109 ON 1/25;2/1/2012

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION** CASE NO.: 11-CP-34

**IN RE: ESTATE OF MELVIN A. TEETERS**, Deceased

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS** The ancillary administration of the estate of Ezra L. Miller, Sr., deceased, whose date of death was April 25, 2010, 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

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION** File No. 2012CP01

**IN RE: ESTATE OF MELVIN A. TEETERS** Deceased.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS** The administration of the estate of Melvin A. Teeters, deceased, whose date of death was December 26, 2011, and the last four digits of whose social security number are 1873, is pending in the Circuit Court for Okeechobee County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, FL 34972. The names and addresses of

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Under consideration is Special Exception Petition No. 12-002-SE, submitted by Mr. William Berman, Registered Agent & President of United Feed Coop, Inc., property owner, to allow permitted uses in excess of 45 feet in height within an Industrial (IND) Zoning District (Ref. Code Book Section 90-343(8)). Property is located at 708 NW 2nd Avenue, Legal: All of Blocks 59 and 60, including the vacated alley in Blocks 59 and 60, and that part of NW 3rd Avenue bounded on the South by NW 7th Street and that part of NW 8th Street between NW 2nd Avenue and NW 4th Avenue, City of Okeechobee, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 5 Page 5, Public Records of Okeechobee County, Florida.

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by: Brian Whitehall, Zoning Administrator  
Petition No. 12-002-SE  
408645 ON 2/1,10/2012

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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 DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

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The date of first publication of this notice is January 25, 2012.

Personal Representative: Joseph L. Miller 8196-B Old Route 12 Marion, IL 62959 Attorney for Personal Giving Notice ELIZABETH A. MAXWELL Attorney for Joseph L. Miller Florida Bar No. 0720895 Maxwell & Maxwell, P.A. 405 NW Third Street Okeechobee, Florida 34972 Telephone: (863) 763-1119 Fax: (863) 763-1179 408388 ON 1/25;2/1/2012

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Personal Representative: Alice Rodberg 28706 Ealum Mill Road Red Level, Alabama 36474 Attorney for Personal Representative: William R. H. Broome Attorney for Alice Rodberg Florida Bar Number: 224022 Suite 207, Airport Professional Centre 2465 Mercer Avenue West Palm Beach, FL 33401 Telephone: (561) 689-5011 Fax: (561) 689-6820 E-Mail: [bill@williambroome.net](mailto:bill@williambroome.net) 408263 ON 1/25;2/1/2012

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 19TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**CIVIL DIVISION: CASE NO.: 47-2009-CA-000548**

**BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING LP, Plaintiff,**

**VS. WESLEY ROSS; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INCORPORATED, AS NOMINEE FOR AFS FINANCIAL INC.; VANNESS ROSS; UNKNOWN TENANT(S); IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, Defendants.**

## Public Notice

### STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION NOTICE OF DRAFT PERMIT

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) is giving notice of its preparation of a draft permit for Milking R Dairy, to be issued to Milking R, Inc. The proposed permit authorizes the operation of the waste management system in accordance with the approved Nutrient Management Plan, which also limits the herd size and management practices. The permit will also provide coverage under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES), as delegated to the state by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The dairy is located at 6300 Highway 98 North, Okeechobee, Florida 34972. The Department has assigned permit application file number FLA139076-04-1W4A to the project.

Any interested person may submit written comments on the draft permit to the Department or may submit a written request for a public meeting to Bradley Akers, FDEP Southeast District, 400 North Congress Avenue, Suite 200, West Palm Beach, FL 33401, in accordance with rule 62-620.555 of the Florida Administrative Code. The comments or request for a public meeting must contain the information set forth below and must be received in the Office within 30 days of publication of this notice. Failure to submit comments or request a public meeting within this time period shall constitute a waiver of any right such person may have to submit comments or request a public meeting under Rule 62-620.555, Florida Administrative Code.

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The permit application file and supporting data are available for public inspection during normal business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays, at the DEP Southeast District office, 400 North Congress Avenue, Suite 200, West Palm Beach, FL 33401, Tel. (561) 681-6600. 408855 ON 2/1/2012

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408955 ON 2/1,10/2012

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CIVIL DIVISION Case #: 2009 CA 000830**

The Bank of New York Mellon f/k/a The Bank of New York, as Trustee, for the Certificateholders CWABS, Inc., Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-21, Plaintiff

-VS-  
Jeffrey A. Butzin and Jillian M. Butzin, Husband and Wife; Unknown Parties in Possession #1; Unknown Parties in Possession #2; If living, and all Unknown Parties claiming by, through, under and against the above named Defendant(s) who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said Unknown Parties may claim an interest as Spouse, Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, or Other Claimants.

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order of Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated January 13, 2012, entered in Civil Case No. 2009 CA 000830 of the Circuit Court of the 19th Judicial Circuit in and for Okeechobee County, Florida, wherein The Bank of New York Mellon f/k/a The Bank of New York, as Trustee, for the Certificateholders CWABS, Inc., Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-21, Plaintiff and Jeffrey A. Butzin and Jillian M. Butzin, Husband and Wife are defendant(s), I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at a Jury Assembly Room, on the Second Floor of the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 312 N.W. Third Street, Okeechobee, FL 34972 beginning at 11:00 A.M. on February 22, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:  
THE WEST 1/2 OF THE EAST 1/2 OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF TRACT 21, SECTION 25, TOWNSHIP 34 SOUTH, RANGE 33 EAST, OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGES 3A THROUGH D, INCLUSIVE, OF THE OKEECHOBEE COUNTY PUBLIC RECORDS.

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Florida Rules of Judicial Administration Rule 2.540 Notices to Persons With Disabilities  
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.  
**SPANISH:** Si usted es una persona discapacitada que necesita alguna adaptación para poder participar de este procedimiento o evento, usted tiene derecho, sin costo alguno a que se le provea cierta ayuda. Favor de comunicarse con Corrie Johnson, Coordinadora de A.D.A., 250 NW Country Club Drive, Suite 217, Port St. Lucie, FL 34986, (772) 807-4370 por lo menos 7 días antes de que tenga que comparecer en corte o inmediatamente después de haber recibido esta notificación si es que falta menos de 7 días para su comparecencia. Si tiene una discapacidad auditiva o de habla, llame al 711.  
**KREYOL:** Si ou se yon moun ki bezwen asistans ou aparey pou ou ka patisipe nan prosedu sa-a, ou gen dwa san ou pa bezwen peye anyen pou ou jwen on sen de ed. Tanpri kontakte Corrie Johnson, Co-ordinator ADA, 250 NW Country Club Drive, Suite 217, Port St. Lucie, FL 34986, (772) 807-4370 O'twenn 7 jou avan ke ou gen pou ou paret nan tribinal, ou imediatman ke ou resewava avè sa-a ou si le ke ou gen pou ou ale nan tribinal-la mwens ke 7 jou; Si ou pa ka tande ou pale byen, rle 711.

SHARON ROBERTSON  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
Okeechobee County, Florida  
Lynn Shain  
DEPUTY CLERK OF COURT

ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF:  
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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY  
GENERAL CIVIL DIVISION  
Case No. 2010-CA-000172**

HOUSEHOLD FINANCE CORPORATION III, Plaintiff

vs

SHAWN L. LEWIS; NICOLE L. LEWIS; and UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS, TENANTS, OWNERS, AND OTHER UNKNOWN PARTIES; including, if a named defendant(s) deceased, the personal representatives; the surviving spouse, heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, and all other parties claiming by, through, under or against that defendant, and all claimants, persons or parties, natural or corporate, or whose exact legal status is

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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.  
CASE NO.: 2011-CA-304  
JUDGE: LARRY SCHACK**

GULFSTREAM BUSINESS BANK, a Florida Banking Corporation, Plaintiff,  
v.  
OKEECHOBEE SURGICAL ASSOCIATES, INC., a Florida corporation, SURGERY CENTER OF OKEECHOBEE, INC., a Florida corporation, LESSIE BERGHASH, M.D., JOHN CHANG, M.D., MIGUEL ESPIRITU, M.D., MANUEL GARCIA, M.D., TRINIDAD GARCIA, M.D., RICHARD JAMES, M.D., ZAFAR KURESHI, M.D., JOHN LANZA, M.D., MARC LEVINE, M.D., DAVID SIGALOW, M.D., BRADFORD SLUTSKY, M.D., ROBERT STEFFEL, M.D., and BARBARA L. BROWN, Defendants.

**NOTICE OF SALE**

NOTICE IS hereby given that pursuant to the Consent Final Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on January 15, 2012, in the cause pending in the Circuit Court of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit, in and for Okeechobee County, Florida, Civil Action Number: 2011-CA-304, the Clerk, Sharon Robertson, will sell the property situated in said County, more particularly described on Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference: Lots 1 through 26, inclusive, Block 74, Conners Highlands, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 21, Including all alleys, of the Public Records of Okeechobee County, Florida.  
Less and Except:  
Those portions of Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, Block 74, Conner's Highlands, according to the map or plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 21, including all alleys, of the Public Records of Okeechobee County, Florida. Being described as follows: Begin at the Southeast corner of said Lot 6; thence along the South line of said Lot 6, South 89 degrees 44' 57" West, 3276 meters (10,75 feet); thence North 00 degrees, 08' 04" West, 91,462 meters (300.07 feet) to the North line of said Lot 1; thence along said North line North 89 degrees 44' 35" East, 3,252 meters (10,67 feet) to the Northeast corner of said Lot 1; thence along the East line of said Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, South 00 degrees 08' 58" East, 91,462 meters (300.07 feet) to the Point of Beginning.

Also less and except:  
A portion of land lying in Lots 10 through 23 and an abandoned alley, Block 74, CONNORS HIGHLANDS, an addition to OKEECHOBEE, as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 21, public records of Okeechobee County, Florida and being more particularly described as follows: Begin at the Northwest Corner of Lot 16, Block 74, CONNORS HIGHLANDS, an addition to OKEECHOBEE as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 21, public records of Okeechobee County, Florida; thence North 88° 23' 17" East along the North Line of said Block 74 for a distance of 308.00 feet thence South 01° 32' 30" East for a distance of 256.73 feet; thence South 88° 24' 46" West for a distance of 131.00 feet; thence North 70° 42' 24" West for a distance of 189.38 feet to a point on the West Line of said Block 74; thence North 01° 32' 30" West along said West Line for a distance of 189.10 feet to the Point of Beginning.

TOGETHER WITH:  
b. Appurtenances. The benefit of all easements and other rights of any nature whatsoever, if any, appurtenant to the Land or the improvements, or both, the benefit of all rights-of-way, strips and gores of land, streets, alleys, passages, drainage rights, sewer rights, rights of ingress and egress to the Land and all adjoining property, and any improvements now or hereafter located thereon, water rights and powers, oil, gas, mineral and riparian rights, whether now existing or hereafter arising, together with the reversion or reversions, remainder or remainders, rents, issues, incomes and profits of any of the foregoing (the "Appurtenances").  
c. Improvements. All buildings, structures, betterments and other improvements of any nature now or hereafter situated in whole or in part upon the Land or the Appurtenances, regardless of whether physically affixed thereto or severed or capable of severance therefrom (the "Improvements").  
d. Tangible Property. All of Mortgagor's right, title and interest, if any, in and to all fixtures, equipment and tangible personal property of any nature whatsoever, that is now or hereafter (i) attached or affixed to the Land or the improvements, or both, or (ii) situated upon or about the Land or the improvements, or both, regardless of whether physically affixed thereto or severed or capable of severance therefrom, or (iii) regardless of where situated, if used, usable or intended to be used in connection with any present or future use or operation of or upon the Land, the foregoing includes: all heating, air conditioning, lighting, incinerating and power equipment; all engines, compressors, pipes, pumps, tanks, motors, conduits, wiring, and switchboards; all plumbing, lifting, cleaning, fire prevention, fire extinguishing, refrigerating, ventilating, and communications apparatus; all boilers, furnaces, oil burners, vacuum cleaning systems, elevators and escalators; all stoves, ovens, ranges, disposal units, dishwashers, water heaters, exhaust systems, refrigerators, cabinets, and partitions; all rugs, draperies and carpets; all laundry equipment; all building materials; all furniture, furnishings, office equipment and office supplies; and all additions, accessions, renewals, replacements and substitutions of any or all of the foregoing. The terms of property enumerated by this paragraph are jointly and severally called the "Tangible Property" in this Mortgage.

Property address: 1655 Highway 441 North, Okeechobee, FL 34972 at public sale, to the highest and best bidder for cash at 11:00 o'clock A.M., on the 29th day of February, 2012, in The Jury Assembly Room, 2nd Floor, located at the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida 34972.  
**ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.**  
Dated this 20th day of January, 2012.

Sharon Robertson  
Clerk of Court  
Okeechobee County, Florida

By: Lynn Shain  
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unknown, claiming under any of the above named or described defendants  
Defendants

**WITH THE CLERK OF COURT WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.**

DATED this 25th day of January, 2012.  
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Clerk of Circuit Court,  
Okeechobee County, Florida  
By: Lynn Shain  
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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION  
Case #: 2009 CA 000751**

BAC Home Loans Servicing, L.P. f/k/a Countrywide Home Loans Servicing L.P. Plaintiff

-VS-  
Andrew James Galletto and Sandra Elaine Galletto, Husband and Wife; Unknown Parties in Possession #1; Unknown Parties in Possession #2; If living, and all Unknown Parties claiming by, through, under and against the above named Defendant(s) who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said Unknown Parties may claim an interest as Spouse, Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, or Other Claimants Defendant(s).

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order of Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated January 13, 2012, entered in Civil Case No. 2009 CA 000751 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., Plaintiff and Andrew James Galletto and Sandra Elaine Galletto, Husband and Wife are defendant(s), I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at a Jury Assembly Room, on the Second Floor, of the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 312 N.W. Third Street, Okeechobee, FL 34972 beginning at 11:00 A.M. on February 22, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:  
LOT 8 OF BLOCK 2, DIXIE RANCH ESTATES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 33, PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.  
**ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.**

**Florida Rules of Judicial Administration Rule 2.540 Notices to Persons With Disabilities**  
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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CASE NUMBER: 2011-CA-290**

TD BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,

vs.  
EDUARDO J. CRUZ and MARY ELLEN CRUZ; Husband and Wife; 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, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; AND JOHN DOE, AND/OR JANE DOE; AS UNKNOWN TENANTS 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 Final Judgment dated January 13, 2012, in Case Number 2011-CA-290, 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 EDUARDO CRUZ and MARY ELLEN CRUZ, are the Defendants, the Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 312 Northwest 3rd Street, S e c -

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ond Floor, Okeechobee, Florida 34972 at 11:00 a.m., on February 22, 2012, the following described property as set forth in the Final Judgment of Foreclosure, to wit:

**Commence at the Northeast corner of Section 11, run South 00°32' West a distance of 726 feet; thence North 89°40' West a distance of 330 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence South 00°32' West a distance of 660 feet; thence North 89°40' West a distance of 330 feet; thence North 00°32' East a distance of 660 feet; thence South 89°40' East a distance of 330 feet to the Point of Beginning. Lying in and comprising a part of Section 11, Township 37 South, Range 34 East, Okeechobee County, Florida, also known as Tract 66 of unrecorded Plat of TROPICAL ACRES.  
Less the East 198 feet of the above-described property.  
Property address:  
**6552 NW 30th Street, Okeechobee, FL 34972**  
Any person claiming interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the person who was the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens, must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.  
Dated this 19th day of January, 2012.**

SHARON ROBERTSON  
Clerk of the Circuit Court  
Okeechobee County, Florida

Lynn Shain  
As Deputy Clerk  
408253 ON 1/25;2/1/2012

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CASE: 2009-CA-745  
JUDGE LARRY SCHACK**

RIVERSIDE NATIONAL BANK OF FLORIDA, Plaintiff,

vs.  
JAY T. HUFFMAN, AND ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S), WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR LIVING, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; AND JOHN DOE n/k/a PATRICK SAVOR and/or JANE DOE n/k/a LINDA

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9	8	1	7	8	2	6	9	7
8	1	8	6	9	7	9	2	7
7	9	9	2	7	1	8	8	6
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**ANSWER:**

## BHR Catfish Festival was a lot of fun



### In the swing

(above) Young visitors to the Jan. 28 Buckhead Ridge Catfish Festival on Saturday took advantage of the playground equipment near the festival grounds.

### The Pickle Lady relishes festivals

(above right) Okeechobee's own Pickle Lady, Anna Jane O'Steen, was among the vendors at the Buckhead Ridge Catfish Festival on Jan. 28 at the Buckhead Ridge Volunteer Fire Department on State Road 78. Mrs. O'Steen tempted festival visitors with homemade relishes, jams, jellies and of course, pickles. For more photos online, see the Okeechobee News page on Facebook.



### Bring your own lawn chair

(above) Visitors to the Buckhead Ridge Catfish Festival on Saturday, Jan. 28, at the Buckhead Ridge Volunteer Fire Department, brought their own lawn chairs to enjoy a live bluegrass band, "Sounds of Country," (below).



Okeechobee News/Katrina Elsen

### CIS to hold benefit yard sale

Communities in Schools will hold a benefit yard sale on, Saturday, **Feb. 4**, from 8 a.m. until noon at the Brahman Theater Parking lot, 1610 South Parrot Avenue. Donation drop off locations at Okeechobee Achievement Academy, 1000 N.W. 34th Street or call for pick up please contact Jill Rogers, Amanda Blewett or Cortney Crews at 863-462-5125 or 863-634-0870.

### Cypress Eagles to host Super Bowl Party

Sunday, Feb. 5 from 1-5 p.m., the Cypress Hut Eagles will be having a Fried Chicken Dinner. \$6. per dinner. Also a Super Bowl Party, Finger foods. All proceeds go to Community Charity Fund. Public welcome.

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# OHS boys basketball team defeats St. Lucie West

By Charles M. Murphy  
Okeechobee News

Tim Hirst scored 21 points, including 11 straight late in the fourth quarter as Okeechobee High School defeated St. Lucie West Centennial 73-62 in boys basketball action Friday night.

Eddie Neal added 17 points for the Brahman who won their 10th game of the sea-

son with a solid defensive and offensive effort.

Okeechobee erased a seven-point first half deficit in the victory. Centennial led 18-11 midway through the second quarter but Okeechobee went on an 18-6 run to end the half and take a 29-24 lead at the break.

Phil Jones scored five points with a nice drive to the hoop and a three-point basket to keep Okeechobee ahead by as many as 11

points in the third quarter. Okeechobee led 46-38 at the end of the third quarter.

Centennial cut the lead to four points early in the fourth quarter but Hirst came up with a big three-point play inside and the Brahman routinely broke the Eagles pressure defense for easy hoops down the stretch. A three pointer by Jones put the game out of reach at 66-55 with two minutes to play.

Brahman Coach Shawn Hays said he still has work to do on defense but liked the effort of his players especially sophomore Sylvester Butler, who worked hard against the Eagles top guard.

"He got hurt but said he wanted to get back in there and he played his butt off. That shows Sylvester is really trying," he said.

Hays said his team executed well against the full-court press because everyone was where they were supposed to be and the team did a good job of looking for the open man.

"Tim shot layups all night. That is a testament to the other four guys looking to pass," he added.

Hays said he feels the team is playing better and despite a loss to Port St. Lucie on Thursday, felt the team has improved, and should have a chance at the district tournament next week.

"I feel when we get after it on defense and move the ball on offense we are hard to beat," he noted.

Butler said the team played well on defense in the second half and also did a nice job of rebounding underneath.

"We have made progress. We only have seven players. I thank God I have the ability to play basketball and I try to showcase it on the court," he said.

Hirst said he has always dreamed of scoring a lot of points inside and Friday night showed what can happen when the team executes well. "We motivate each other and push each other hard. We want to finish the season strong and get the outcome we want."



Okeechobee News/Charles Murphy  
Eddie Neal had 17 points and some key free throws down the stretch as Okeechobee won their tenth game of the season Friday.



Okeechobee News/Charles Murphy  
Tim Hirst (right) scored a game high 21 points in Okeechobee's win over St. Lucie West Centennial on Friday.

## FWC promotes boating access with new database

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) introduced a new feature on its website this week. Users can now view and search a database of Florida boat ramps.

"Providing safe, convenient access to Florida's waterways is one of our goals," said Pat Harrell, the FWC's Boating Access Coordinator. "This database is designed to help keep boaters informed about facilities that are currently available."

Boaters can visit the Public Boat Ramp Finder site to locate and obtain details for more than 1,600 publicly accessible boat ramps.

"People can look for boat ramps within a certain county, on a lake they'd like to visit or even search for boat ramps near a specific street address or GPS coordinates," Harrell said. "The database provides a map, details

and often photos of the ramps."

The database was created from an inventory conducted for the Statewide Boating Access Inventory and Economic Assessment. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service provided funding through the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration's Boating Access Program. Working with boating access management partners, including Florida's counties and the Department of Environmental Protection, the FWC identified and indexed approximately 3,440 boat ramps around the state.

To access the database, visit MyFWC.com/Boating. To help the FWC improve and update this database, the public is asked to email BoatRamps@MyFWC.com to report errors or new information.

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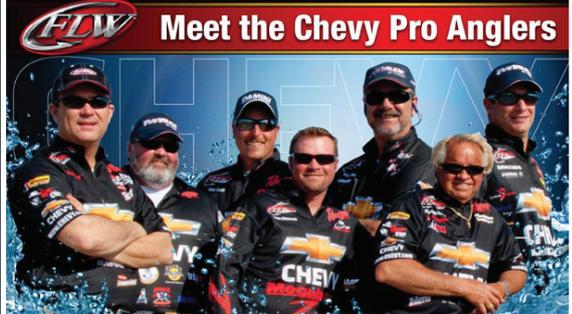
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