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Memorial Day

Okeechobee community members gathered in Flalger Park on Monday for Memorial Day services. At left, Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts were on hand to help. For more, see page 5.

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Purple & White game

Jack Radebaugh scrambles as Devon Wigfall (#50) and Daniel Nunez (#21) pursue during the annual Brahman Purple White game held Friday. For more on the story, see page 20.

Man accused of attempted murder

By Katrina Elsen
Okeechobee News

An Okeechobee man faces attempted murder charges after he allegedly punched his girlfriend, cut her neck with a knife and threatened to kill her.

According to Deputy B. Potter's report, a N.W. 12th Avenue resident called 9-1-1 around 10:52 p.m. May 24 to report the incident. The caller said she was a neighbor to the woman who was injured.

The neighbor said around 10:50 p.m., "Hermina" had come over to her house, "crying and screaming with blood all



Tomas Juarez 'Lalo' Hiligua

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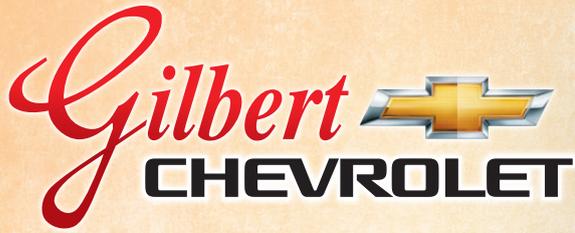


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County landowners consider wildlife refuge

By Pete Gawda
Okeechobee News

A large portion of northern Okeechobee County could one day be part of a huge wildlife refuge. On Jan. 18 of this year the Okeechobee Headwaters National Wildlife Refuge and Conservation Area became a reality with the donation of 10 acres of pine flatwoods near Haines City. That was the first acquisition for a refuge that could eventually include up to 150,000 acres in Polk, Osceola, Okeechobee and Highlands counties. Plans call for up to 50,000 acres being purchased outright by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) and 100,000 acres being protected by conservation easements.

Charlie Pelizza, manager of the wildlife refuge, said that currently 80 landowners have expressed interest in having their prop-

erties become part of the wildlife refuge. He said the number was equally divided among the four counties involved.

The property in Okeechobee County being considered, roughly 54 square miles in area, is in the northern part of the county immediately south of the Osceola County line between U.S. 441 and the Kissimmee Prairie Refuge State Park and south of the park between Viking and the Kissimmee River. The 25 square miles of Viking will not be part of the wildlife refuge.

Mr. Pelizza said that meetings had been arranged in the next few days with interested property owners to explain the FWS conservation easement and purchase policies. Then the landowners would be asked to furnish FWS with a letter of intent indicating their interest in the project.

The refuge manger said that this year the

wildlife refuge has gotten some seed money. He said that was a pretty good indication of the support for the project since it usually take two years for land acquisition projects to get funded. He added that some time this summer he was expecting a 400 acre donation of land in Highlands County.

The goal of the wildlife refuge is to preserve one of the last remaining grassland and longleaf pine savanna landscapes in eastern North America. The refuge will help with Everglades restoration and provide habitat for endangered species such as the Florida panther.

Post your opinions in the Public Issues Forum at www.newszap.com. Reporter Pete Gawda can be reached at pgawda@newszap.com

State law has adverse affect on county finances

By Pete Gawda
Okeechobee News

Just when it looked like the county's financial situation was improving, a new state law throws a monkey wrench in the budget planning process. Governor Rick Scott recently signed a bill into law that makes the county responsible for disputed medicare bills going back to 2001.

At the Thursday, May 24, meeting of the Okeechobee County Commission county administrator Robbie Chartier informed commissioners that she recently had a meeting with some of her staff and two state representatives concerning the new law. "My picture is pretty clear now," she said.

The state has sent the county a 700-line document charging the county approximately \$1,264,000 in disputed medicare bills from Nov. 1, 2001 to March 31, 2012.

Mrs. Chartier informed the commissioners that the state is now aware of a billing problem caused by zip codes. The responsible county had been determined by zip codes. In Okeechobee and other counties, some people living just outside the county have the zip code of a post office inside the county and thus are billed to that county.

Mrs. Chartier said the state is reviewing back claims and that by Aug. 1 the county will have the final bill with documentation for the period from 2001 to 2012. Then the county will have 30 days to appeal any of the bills. By that time she said commissioners will have more information on which to make their decision. County attorney John Cassels said it would be a business decision to determine if the amount of the disputed bills outweighed the cost of appealing.

The administrator said the county has the option of paying the entire amount billed less 15 percent or contesting individual bills. The 15 percent discount is derived from a sample of 100 of the county's medicare bills selected by the state. Of those 100 randomly selected bills, 47 were definitely owed by the county another 37 were disputed, however the state felt those 37 should be paid by he county. The remaining 15 bills were transferred to another county. Mrs. Chartier said she thought the 15 percent discount was reasonable.

Factoring in the 15 percent discount, Mrs. Chartier said the state would withhold \$357,000 from cigarette tax money due the county the first year. This amounts to one third of the total. For the following four years

after that the state would withhold \$269,000 a year.

That takes care of the retroactive bills. Beginning April 1 of this year Mrs. Chartier expects the county to be charged \$40,000 to \$60,000 a month. Each month the county will have 60 days to pay the entire amount or face a withholding of funds. If an appeal is successfully made, the revenue sharing funds withheld from the county will be paid to the county.

"In light of the loss of revenue," the county administrator said, "I have pulled the three percent salary adjustment. The administrator has done that and I'll take the hit for that and I am adamant about that." She was referring to the three percent raise for county employees that was in the preliminary proposed budget for the coming fiscal year.

Mrs. Chartier said the money saved from deleting the salary increase would be \$56,000. She said that savings would help offset the loss of revenue from the state. She said she did not want to raise ad valorem taxes.

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Roadblocks

- I saw the sheriff put the notice about the DUI checkpoint in the newspaper. That does not seem very smart to me. Why warn them? Won't they just avoid that area?
- I noticed Troopers and the K9 units with extra officers out over the weekend. They were also towing the portable construction lights. I know by law the sheriff's office is supposed to post in the local newspaper that the roadblocks are going to happen. I know they like to usually run them around the lake by the bars and they should to catch the DUI drivers. I've been hit by two DUIng punks and hope they catch all of them.

Scholarships

- I recently attended the Okeechobee High School scholarship night and was so proud of all the organizations that sup-

ported our local youth. I noticed one local organization did not give to our youth as they have in all the past years. My daughter had applied for a scholarship from them and was disappointed when it was all over, that no scholarships were awarded from this organization. I am extremely disappointed. Previously, I supported this group by attending their dinners, but no more.

Voting records purged

- It's about time they checked the voter registration books and remove those who are no longer alive and those who are not citizens.

The word 'lunatic' removed from federal law

- The Senate on Wednesday quickly approved legislation that would remove the word "lunatic" everywhere it appears in the federal code. But they don't have time to pass a budget.

Obama's birthplace

- What if Kenya's a little town in Hawaii?
- Or what if Hawaii is a little town in Kenya?
- I googled towns in Hawaii and towns in Kenya. So far no match.

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Wednesday: Scattered showers and thunderstorms after noon. Mostly sunny, with a high near 92. West southwest wind between 5 and 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent.

Wednesday night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before mid-

night. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 70. West wind around 5 mph.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: Scattered showers and thunderstorms after noon. Partly sunny, with a high near 93. West wind around 5 mph becoming south. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent.

Thursday night: Isolated showers and thunderstorms before midnight. Partly cloudy, with a low around 71. South southwest wind around 5 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Friday: Scattered showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 89. South southwest wind between 5 and 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 50 percent.

Friday night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 71. South wind around 5 mph.

25 years of service

At the Thursday, April 26, meeting of the Okeechobee County Commission, Chair Margaret Garrard Helton honored Ron Suit for twenty five years' service to the county. Mr. Suit was born in Fort Pierce. He came to Okeechobee in November, 1979, to work at the City Fire Department where he obtained his EMT Certification, In November, 1986, he came to Okeechobee County as a Firefighter/EMT. During his tenure with the county he has obtained: Fire Officer I Certification, Paramedic Certification and Public Safety Driver Certification. He was promoted to Lt. Firefighter/EMT in December, 1999, and advanced to Lt. Firefighter/Paramedic in November, 2003.



Okeechobee News/Pete Gawda

Letters to the Editor

Relay for Life Success

According to the Okeechobee Relay for Life web site, this years Okeechobee Relay for Life had around 235 participants, 19 teams and they raised \$14,461. The Walk for Life on Sat was a great success! With the loss of our beloved Sergeant Thomas Turner it only makes this success that much more special. There are other employees who are

battling cancer also. Our prayers and hopes are with them.

Thanks to city staff who assisted the OPD. A special thank you, my staff at the Police Department.

The attached are some photos from that Relay for Life night.

**Thanks for everything,
Police Chief Denny Davis**



Special to the Okeechobee News/OCPD

Okeechobee Relay for Life included members of the Okeechobee City Police Dept who along with other participants helped to raise over \$14,000 during the annual Walk for Life event.



Special to the Okeechobee News/SEM

Teacher's Week

Teacher Appreciation Week was May 7-11. Seacoast National Bank delivered cakes to all of the schools in the district. Pictured here is Seminole Elementary Vice Principal Brian Barrett with Seacoast Regional Manager Jon Geitner.

Community Events

FUMC to host charity golf tourney on June 2

On Saturday, **June 2**, the First United Methodist Church of Okeechobee will host a Four-Person Golf Scramble at the Okeechobee Golf and Country Club set to begin at 8 a.m. There will be team prizes for first, second and third place and also for next to last teams. There will also be a hole in one contest for a new car from Okeechobee Motors; a longest drive contest, a closest to the hole contest and a longest putt contest. There will be many free giveaways, door prizes and drawings and much, much more. Purchase a chance for a bullseye contest at Mulligan's. The tourney will end with a free Boston Butt lunch at the church. Proceeds from the tourney event will benefit the Youth Mission trip. The cost is \$200 per team and you can sign up by calling Pastor Jim Dawson at the church at. Hurry, time is running out. Register your team now. Check in begins at 7:15 a.m. on the day of the event.

Eagles North to host BBQ Cookoff

Eagles North, 9985 Hwy. 441 N. Okeechobee will host a BBQ COOKOFF **June 8 and 9**. To participate call Danny at 863-634-3958. Early registration will save you \$10 of the donation fee. Proceeds will go to the F.O.E. 4137 community benefit fund.

Fun Shoot fundraiser set

Okeechobee Christian Academy will host a Fun Shoot on **June 9** with registration at 8 a.m. at the OK Corral Gun Club, 6341 N.E. 96th Avenue. The last shooter must take the course at 10 a.m. All proceeds will benefit the Okeechobee Christian Academy Scholarship Fund to help make a quality Christian education available to more children. Give away drawings will include two one-year sporting clay memberships provided by the OK Corral Gun Club, Team sponsorship is \$350 for four shooters and includes lunch. Individual shooter registration is \$85 and includes lunch. Lunch for non-shooters is \$20. For more information, call 863-634-2276.

Coffee with the Commissioner

Coffee with the Commissioner will be hosted by Commissioner Joey Hoover on Tuesday, **June 12**, from 10 a.m.-noon, and will be held in Commissioner Hoover's office located at the Okeechobee County Courthouse, 304 NW 2nd Street, Room 244, Okeechobee. Citizens wishing to participate are encouraged to call 863-763-6441 to schedule an appointment.

Raulerson hosts prescription medication review event

Raulerson Hospital invites the public to a free prescription medications review with the Pharmacist. Just bring a list of your medications. The event will be held on Wednesday, **June 13** at 5:30 p.m. in the Raulerson Hospital Cafeteria. Please RSVP to: 863-763-9228.

B.R.A.T. Club hosts School's Out Dance

The end of another school is upon us and to celebrate B.R.A.T. Club style, a teen dance is planned for Saturday, **June 2**, from 7-10 p.m. at Okeechobee Freshman Campus, 610 SW Second Ave., for teens and 'tweens aged 12-16. Tickets are just \$7 and includes pizza, drink, chips and plenty of great entertainment. There will also be a special chance to win one week at H2O Camp in Okeechobee.

'12 Non-Alcohol Grad Party

All 2012 graduates and their pre-approved guest are invited attend the Non-Alcohol Grad-Night Party held on Graduation Night, **June 11**, 11 p.m.—6 a.m., at Lucky Lanes Bowling Alley for a safe entertaining last night together. No students admittance after 1 a.m. and no re-admittance. Parents, businesses and individuals are needed to volunteer and/or donate. Please contact Kristy Crawford at 863-763-5573. Okeechobee has been fortunate enough to avoid a fatal accident on graduation night in the more than 20 years since the Non-Alcohol Grad-Night party has been established.

OHS Rodeo to host fundraiser

The OHS Rodeo Team will be having several fundraisers to help fellow team members, Justin Mills and Nat Stratton, with the costs of traveling to Rock Springs, Wyoming to compete at the High School Nationals competition. They invite everyone to come out and/or participate in these fundraisers to show your support.

A drawing for a \$500 gas card will be held on **June 26**. Tickets are available from rodeo team members. They will be have a Celebrity Server at Golden Corral on Monday, June 18 from 5-8 p.m.

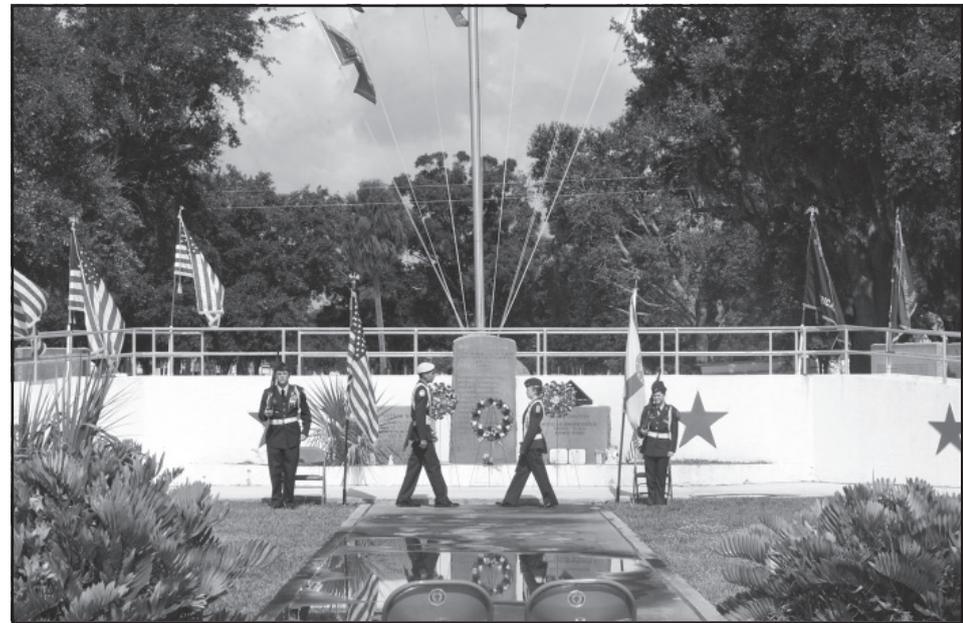
They also have a cake auction at the Okeechobee Livestock Market on June 26 at 1 p.m. The gas card drawing will be done following the cake auction. If you have any questions or would like to purchase tickets, contact me, Julie Rogers, at 863-634-4160.

ConKerr Cancer 'sit & sew

Conkerr Cancer will have its next meeting on Tuesday, **June 5**, from 10:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. It will be held at the Okeechobee Presbyterian Church, 312 N. Parrott Ave. Bring your sewing machine (or serger) and fabric and sew with other ladies in our community who want to help make a difference to a sick child. There will be pillowcase kits available for a donation of two dollars. This will be the last day to turn in Fourth of July pillowcases. For more information please call Joan at 863-467-0290.

SKYWARN training class

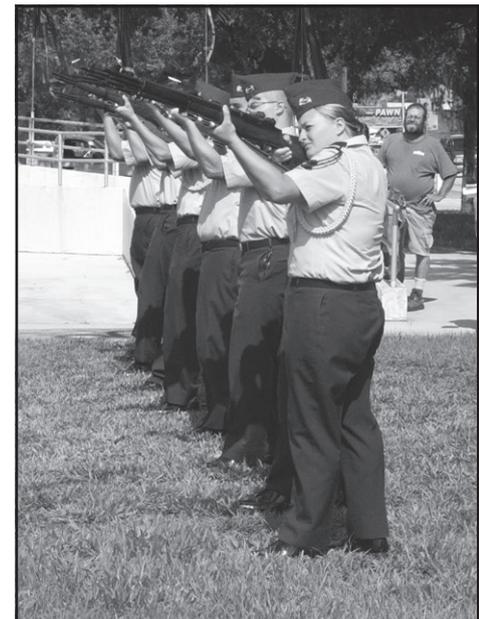
The National Weather Service and Okeechobee Emergency Operations Center with support from the Okeechobee Amateur Radio Club will conduct a Weather Watching/SKYWARN Basic Training, on **Saturday, July 14**, from 9:30 a.m. to noon at the EOC, 707 N.W. 6th Street. This is a FREE CLASS and is open to the public.



Okeechobee News/Katrina Elsen

Community honors Memorial Day

Okeechobee High School J.R.O.T.C. students provided the Color Guard (above) and the Honor Guard (below right) for the Memorial Day services held Monday in Flagler Park in downtown Okeechobee. Below left, hundreds of community members turned out for the Memorial Day services, gathering in the pockets of shade they could find along the sides of the park.



KNIFE

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over her face and hair." According to the report, the woman told the neighbor she had been cut by her boyfriend "Lalo." One of Hermina's three children was with her.

According to the witnesses statements, Lalo had overheard his girlfriend talking to her brother on the phone, and had reportedly accused her of being unfaithful.

The neighbor put a towel on the Hermina's wounds, called 9-1-1 and went to check on Hermina's other two children, concerned they might be in danger.

"As she (the neighbor) came to the corner of her trailer, she saw "Lalo coming towards her trailer with a large knife in his hand and the other young boy behind him," the report states. She grabbed a sword that

was near the door, and indicated that she would use it if Lalo came any closer, the report continues.

Another man grabbed the young boy and ran, the report continues.

Lalo ran back into the trailer, the report continues. He refused to give the neighbor Hermina's third child, an 11-month-old girl.

Deputies secured the area and found the baby safely in her crib, asleep, and the back door open.

"The inside of the trailer was bloody, with large patches of hair around the living room floor," stated the deputy's report. A bloody knife was discovered on the couch.

The suspect was found hiding in a field next to the trailer.

Tomas Juarez "Lalo" Hiligua, 31, was arrested and charged with attempted murder. According to the report, Hiligua is not the father of any of the children.

Obituaries

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

Ethel M. Mahoney, 71

OKEECHOBEE — Ethel M. Mahoney, went home to the Lord on May 25, 2012.

Mrs. Mahoney was born August 22, 1940, to the late John and Flossie Mahoney in Ripley, Tenn. She moved to Okeechobee with her family in 1950, and was the proprietor of Gotcha Bait and Tackle for many years. Mrs. Mahoney loved spending time with friends and most of all, her family.

Mrs. Mahoney is preceded in death by her husband, Melvin Cole Bricker; her parents; and a brother, George 'Snooks' Mahoney.

Surviving are her sons, Bruce Waldron (Andrea) of Okeechobee, and Cole Bricker (Melissa) of Dallas, Texas; grandchildren, Wade Allen Waldron, Allison and Trey Prewitt, Megan Bricker Thompson (Eric); a great grandchild, Gregory Cole Thompson; sisters, Ellen Belk, Etta Gray (Paul), and Jimmy Lou Mahoney.

Visitation and service was held at the Okeechobee Church of God Tuesday, May 29, 2012. Rev. Jerry Atkins and Brother John Rhoden officiated. Friends may sign the guest book and leave a message of condolence at www.Basso-keechobeeFuneralHome.com. In memory of Mrs. Mahoney, donations may be made to; Okeechobee Church of God, 301 NE 4th Ave, Okeechobee, FL 34972.

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

Paul Eugene March, 69

OKEECHOBEE — Paul Eugene March, passed away May 24, 2012, in Okeechobee.

He was born November 25, 1942, and came to Florida from Chicago, Ill., in 1960. He was self employed and a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

Mr. March was preceded in death by his parents, Edward Simon March Sr and Sylvia Delores Olack March; brother, Edmund Simon March, Jr.

He is survived by his beloved companion, Goldie Bonita; nephews, Jason March, Bradley March, Edmund March; nieces, Loretta Thery, Teresa Hatler; many great nieces and nephews; scores of friends in Okeechobee, cousins in Chicago.

In Paul's memory contributions may be made to Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 701 SW 6th Street, Okeechobee, FL 34974. Friends may sign the guest book at

www.BassoOkeechobeeFH.com.



Richard E. Rackley, 64

OKEECHOBEE — Richard E. Rackley, went home to his Lord and Savior on May 26, 2012, at the Okeechobee Health Care Facility in Okeechobee, Fla.

Mr. Rackley was born February 23, 1948, in Portsmouth, Va., to the late William and Cyndia Rackley. He was an avid Bass fisherman, a Veteran of the Navy and a member of the Northside Baptist Church in Okeechobee.

Mr. Rackley is survived by his beloved wife of 41 years, Beulah Rackley; a daughter, Jennie Tyson (Curtis) of Okeechobee; a sister, Jean Arsement (John) of Chesapeake, Va.; and many loving nieces, nephews and friends.

A celebration of Richards's life will be held at 11 a.m., today, May 30, 2012, at the Northside Baptist Church with Pastor Arlen Cook officiating. Burial will follow at the Fort Drum Cemetery.

Friends may sign the guest book and leave a message of condolence at www.BassoOkeechobeeFuneralHome.com

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Richard 'Ricky' G. Ramsey, 21

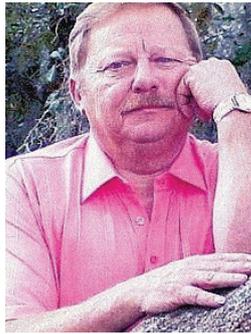
OKEECHOBEE — Richard 'Ricky' G. Ramsey, died Thursday, May 24, 2012, as a result of a boating accident.

Ricky was born in West Palm Beach and a resident of Okeechobee for the past 15 years. The loves of his life were his children and his fiancé Sarah. He enjoyed spending time with his brother Micky. He received a great deal of pleasure riding on an airboat or motorcycle.

Survivors include his son, Landen G. Ramsey; daughter, Kaylee M. Ramsey; father, Kurtis Ramsey (Dorothy); mother, Holly Ramsey (Wes); brother, Micky Ramsey; fiancé, Sarah M. Joiner-Ramsey; grandparents, Gene and Alice Ramsey, all of Okeechobee, and Thomas and Jerre Brookshire of Lantana, Fla.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 2, 2012, at Buxton-Seawinds Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made to an account for his children set up at MidFlorida Credit Union, 3261 Hwy. 441 S., Okeechobee, FL 34974. Friends may send online condolences to www.buxtonseawinds.com. Arrangements are under the care of Matthew and Paul Buxton of Buxton-Seawinds Funeral Home, 3833 SE 18th Terrace, Okeechobee, Fla.



Regena Long Pence, 54

OKEECHOBEE — Regena Long Pence, died peacefully at home on Monday, May 28, 2012.

Born in Belle Glade, Regena was a resident of Okeechobee for 27 years. She owned and operated 'Our House', an assisted living facility and derived much joy in caring for others and truly was a social butterfly. She also enjoyed working outside and gardening.

Regena is survived by her husband, Alan Pence of Okeechobee; two daughters, Michelle (Ines) Duran of Okeechobee and Elizabeth (Fred) Rose of Indiantown; four grandchildren, Warren, Brittany, Stormy, and Nicholas; one great-grandchild; and her very best friend, Jane Sills.

There will be no services at this time. If friends desire, the family suggests donations be made in Regena's memory to Hospice of Okeechobee, P.O. Box 1548, Okeechobee, FL 34973. Friends may send online condolences to www.buxtonseawinds.com

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

Donald 'Donnie' C. Hagan, 64

OKEECHOBEE — Donald 'Donnie' C. Hagan, died Saturday, May 26, 2012, at Raulerson Hospital.

Born Nov. 25, 1947, in Jackson County, Fla., Donald was a lifetime resident of Okeechobee. He was a member of the Okeechobee Masonic Lodge #237 and a garnet and gold blooded FSU Seminole fan.

He is survived by sons, Donald (Jeanie) Hagan II, Brian Hagan, both of Okeechobee; step-daughters, Angie (Randy) Ferrari of St. Cloud, Fla., Wendy (Kevin) Wilson of Vero Beach; eight grandchildren; and sister, Diane Hagan of Okeechobee.

A service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, June 1, 2012, at Buxton-Seawinds Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made in Donnie's memory to Hospice of Okeechobee, P.O. Box 1548, Okeechobee, FL 34973. Friends may send online condolences to www.buxtonseawinds.com. Arrangements are under the care of Matthew and Paul Buxton of Buxton-Seawinds Funeral Home, 3833 SE 18th Terrace, Okeechobee, Fla.

Community Events

Eagles to host BINGO

Eagles North, 9985 HWY. 441 N. Okeechobee, will have BINGO Wednesday, **May 30**, starting at 4:30 p.m. Proceeds go to the F.O.E. 4137 Community Benefit Fund.

Martha's House

holds monthly yard sale

Martha's House will hold its monthly yard sale on Thursday, **May 31** and Friday, **June 1**, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 4134 Hwy. 441 N. Call 863-763-2893, with questions.

Cypress Hut Eagles to host dinner night

Cypress Hut Eagles to host dinner night on **June 1**, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., Steak \$12, Shrimp \$12, Fish \$8, Friday. Music by Lisa. All Proceeds go to Community Charity Fund. Public is welcome.

Chester 'Mick' S. McDonald, 71

OKEECHOBEE — Chester 'Mick' S. McDonald, died peacefully at his home surrounded by family on Thursday, May 24, 2012.

Born in Mingo Junction, Ohio, Mick resided in Okeechobee the past ten years. An avid NASCAR fan, Dale Earnhardt was his favorite driver. He also had a love of Harley-Davidson motorcycles.

He is survived by his wife, Sandy McDonald, of Okeechobee; son, Mike McDonald of Sherman, Texas; daughters, Mona (Howard) Corbett of Orlando, Roberta White of Okeechobee, Becky (Keith) Watts of St. Mary's Fla.; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; brother, Kirk McDonald of Okeechobee; sisters, Ruth Kauffman of Okeechobee, Dorothy (Jim) Gluhm of Trenton, Fla., and Ginny (Ted) Thompson of Piney Fork, Ohio.

There will be no services at this time. The family suggests, if friends wish, to make donations in Chester's memory to Hospice of Okeechobee, P.O. Box 1548, Okeechobee, FL 34973.

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Only one more day to vote for Okeechobee to be the next Ultimate Fishing Town

By Pete Gawda

Okeechobee News
Hurry, there is still time to vote for Okeechobee to be named the Ultimate Fishing Town by World Fishing Network (WFN). Voting closes at 6 p.m. tomorrow. Each person can vote online up to four times each day of voting. Full instructions are found at www.wfnfishingtown.com. A last minute surge of votes could put Okeechobee in the top ten finishers.

As of early Tuesday afternoon Okeechobee was in eleventh place with 1,744 votes.

In fourth place as Crystal River with 24,873. The top spot yesterday afternoon was held by Alcott Beach, NY with 120, 485 votes. Fort Pierce was holding the number 20 spot with 601 votes.

The contest is sponsored by WFN, the only round the clock television network dedicated to all things fishing. The winning town will receive a \$25,000 community donation to be used toward fishing related causes and to be the star of a television program on WFN.

Voting began May 1. Separate contests are being run in this country and in Canada. Last year Chapleau, Ontario, was the Cana-

dian winner and the tiny hamlet of Roscoe, NY, located two hours north of New York City was the U. S. winner.

"If nothing else, it gives local businesses a chance to promote their business, said Kathy Scott, director of tourism for Okeechobee County, adding that it might open new markets for Okeechobee.

Post your opinions in the Public Issues Forum at www.newszap.com. Reporter Pete Gawda can be reached at pgawda@newszap.com

Corps resumes Lake Okeechobee water releases

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District has started releasing small amounts of water from Lake Okeechobee in a continued effort to reduce salt-water content in the Caloosahatchee Estuary.

The new water release began on Saturday, May 26. The Corps is making the release in a pulse-like manner to mimic a rainfall event, similar to releases that began in December, 2011, and ended in March, 2012. The target flow to the Caloosahatchee Estuary for this release is an average of 300 cubic feet per second (cfs) over a 10-day period,

as measured at W.P. Franklin Lock and Dam (S-79) east of Fort Myers.

"Additional rainfall has returned tributary hydrologic conditions to normal," said John Kilpatrick, Chief of the Jacksonville District's Multi-Project Branch, which has oversight of water management at the lake, "the rain, combined with other factors outlined in the 2010 Adaptive Protocols, allows the Corps to undertake this release in order to provide environmental benefits to the estuary."

Today, the lake stage is 11.71 feet. The lake is currently within the Beneficial Use

Sub band of the 2008 Lake Okeechobee Regulation Schedule (2008 LORS). The Corps and partner agencies will continue to closely monitor and assess system conditions, and may decrease releases if local basin runoff contributes to flows.

For more information on water level and flows data for Lake Okeechobee, visit the Corps' water management page at the following website:

<http://www.saj.usace.army.mil/Divisions/Operations/Branches/MultiProject/WaterMgt/index.htm>

Murals to be unveiled soon

By Pete Gawda

Okeechobee News

In a few weeks we will be able to look into the windows of the past and see pictures of a bygone era in downtown Okeechobee. The long anticipated unveiling ceremony for the murals on the doors and windows of that long boarded up bank building on the corner of Park Street and N.W. Fifth Avenue will be held Thursday, June 21 at 5:30 P.M. in Flagler Park No. 4.

Okeechobee native, Joseph Steiert, who now lives in West Palm Beach, has been doing residential and commercial murals for 20 years. He recreated the interior of the bank in door and window murals including people, tellers' cages and the bank vault. The upper level windows in the front will have reflections of the sky. The upper back windows will reveal a board meeting in session.

Other murals will depict a pharmacy belonging to life long Okeechobee resident Jimmy Minehan's father and a dress shop owned by Judge Bill Hendry's grandmother as well as the D and D grocery store owned by the Davis family.

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Okeechobee News/Pete Gawda

10 years of service

William Mulcahy, Jr. has been working for the county for 10 years. At the Thursday, April 26, meeting of the Okeechobee County Commission he was honored by Chair Margaret Garrard Helton for his longevity. Mr. Mulcahy was born in Chicago. He moved to Okeechobee in 1992. His work career encompassed boat captain, Swampland Tour Guide, and Assistant Manager at Okee Tantie Campground and Marina under Mitchell and Linda Bridges. He began employment with Okeechobee County in April, 2002, as an equipment operator II at the road maintenance department. He transferred to the agri-civic center in December, 2007 as a special facilities technician.

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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).

• Terence Tyrell Morris, 21, of N.E. 11th Street, was arrested May 25 and charged with introduction of contraband into a detention facility. He was also charged with a misdemeanor count of possession of marijuana. OCSO Deputy Michael Hazellief was the arresting officer.

• Howard Lee Clendenin, 51, of Okeechobee at large, was arrested May 25 on and Okeechobee County warrant and charged with two counts of violation of probation (attempted sexual battery). No bond was set.

• Tiesha Lashay Fluellen, 28, of S.W. 16th Street, was arrested May 25 by OCPD Officer C. Green and charged with retail theft. Bond was set at \$500.

• Kevin Chad Estes, 31, of S.E. 34th Avenue, was arrested May 24 and charged with grand theft, defrauding a pawnbroker and dealing in stolen property. OCSO Detective Augustin Saucedo was the arresting officer. Bond was set at \$20,000.

• Steven Jacob Powell, 38, of N. W. 35th

Avenue, was arrested May 25 on a Broward County warrant charging him with violation of probation (felony DUI). No bond was set.

• Terence Tyrell Morris, 21, of S.W. 11th Lane, was arrested May 25 on an Okeechobee County warrant and charged with introduction of contraband into a detention facility. Bond was set at \$2,500.

• Ronald William Feldpusch, 41, of N.E. 31st Avenue, was arrested May 26 and charged with burglary of a dwelling. He was also charged with a misdemeanor count of petit theft. Bond was set at \$20,500. OCSO Deputy P. Massung was the arresting officer.

• Bill John O'Grady, 45, of N.W. 74th Terrace, was arrested May 26 by Florida Highway Patrol and charged with DUI. Bond was set at \$500.

• David Adam Siler, 24, of N.W. Fourth Street, was arrested May 26, by OCSO Deputy Michael Hazellief on charges of grand theft and defrauding a secondary metal dealer. Bond was set at \$5,000.

• Igancio Ramirez Ortega, 36, of Center Street, was arrested May 26 on an Okeechobee County warrant on a charge of violation of probation-lesser felony battery. Bond was set at \$2,500.

• Christy Rendon Moody, 49, of S.E. Third Avenue, was arrested May 26 by OCSO Deputy Steven Pollock on a charge of DUI.

• Michael Lee Bennett, 38, of Osceola at large, was arrested May 27, on an Osceola

County warrant on a charge of violation of probation-possession of methamphetamine. No bond was set.

• Alfredo Urvina-Yanez, 44, of N.W. Fourth Street, was arrested May 26 by OCSO Deputy Brian Cross on a charge of lewd or lascivious act involving a person under the age of 16. He was also charged with a misdemeanor count of disorderly intoxication.

• Hugo Ponce Jemenes, 32, of Lake Placid, was arrested May 27 by OCSO Deputy M. Grumbling on a charge of possession of cocaine. Bond was set at \$5,000.

• Manuel Martinez, 26, of N.W. 46th Avenue, was arrested May 26 on a charge of possession of cocaine. He was also charged with a misdemeanor count of driving without a license. OCSO Deputy Matt Crawford was the arresting officer.

• Daniel Salazar, 30, of N.E. 102nd Street, was arrested May 26 and charged with burglary of an occupied dwelling with battery. OCSO Deputy Matthew Hurst was the arresting officer.

• Ramos Livan, 39, of N.E. 102nd Street, was arrested May 27 on a charge of burglary of an occupied dwelling with battery. OCSO Deputy Matthew Hurst was the arresting officer.

• David Lee Brown, 33, of S.W. Second Avenue, was arrested May 27, on a charge of burglary of an occupied dwelling with battery. OCSO Deputy Matthew Hurst was the arresting officer.

• Christopher Alan Roundtree, 37, of West Palm Beach, was arrested May 28 by OCPD Officer L. Parzygnat on a charge of posses-

sion of cocaine by a convicted felon. He was also charged with a misdemeanor count of retail theft. Bond was set at \$25,500.

• Calina Ann Kimla, 21, of S.E. 20th Court, was arrested May 28 on a charge of grand theft. OSCO Deputy D. Dixon was the arresting officer. Bond was set at \$1,000.

• James Michael Bonea, 33, of S.E. 43rd Street, was arrested May 28 on an Okeechobee County warrant on a charge of Failure to Appear (aggravated battery). He was also charged with felony counts of VOP (fleeing a law enforcement officer), VOP (leaving the scene of an accident involving injury) and a misdemeanor count of VOP (driving with a license suspended.) No bond was set. OCSO Deputy J. Gracie was the arresting officer.

• Jesse James Gonzalez, 23, of N.W. 27th Avenue, was arrested May 28 on a charge of fleeing and eluding a law enforcement officer. He was also charged with misdemeanor counts of reckless driving and no valid driver's license. OCSO Deputy B. Potter was the arresting officer.

• Teofila Jaimes Molina, 43, of N.W. 10th Terrace, was arrested May 25 on a charge of DUI. FHP Trooper Mark Steele was the arresting officer. Bond was set at \$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.

OSCO Investigations

The Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office investigated the following reports of crimes last week:

ASSAULTS

- 500 block of N.W. Fourth St.

BURGLARIES

- 400 block of N.W. 31st Way (vehicle)
- 20000 block of N.W. 294th St.
- 1200 block of S.R. 70 E. (vehicle)
- 3100 block of U.S. 441 S.
- 300 block of S.E. 15th Ave. (vehicle)
- 300 block of S.E. 15th Ave. (vehicle)
- 6700 block of N.E. Seventh Lane
- 2200 block of S.W. 28th St.
- 3500 block of S.E. 18th St.

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- 3800 block of N.W. 17th Ave.
- 1400 block of Linda Road
- 3900 block of N.W. First St.
- 5100 block of N.E. 304th St.
- 4000 block of S.E. 28th St.
- 3900 block of S.E. 28th St.
- 400 block of U.S. 441 S.E.

- 100 block of N.E. 18th Terrace

FRAUD

- 5300 block of U.S. 441 S.E.
- 2200 block of U.S. 98 N.
- 1600 block of S.W. 35th Circle
- 600 block of S.E. 26th Drive
- 5100 block of N.E. 122nd Drive

THEFT

- 1100 block of S.E. 16th Ave.
- 1500 block of S.R. 70 E. (money)
- 500 block of N.W. Fourth St. (license tag & decal)
- 800 block of U.S. 441 S.E.
- 5100 block of N.E. 304th St.
- 2500 block of S.W. 18th Court (bicycle)
- 500 block of N.E. 31st Way
- 4200 block of U.S. 441 S. (boat, motor & trailer)
- 1900 block of S.E. 35th Lane (boat, motor & trailer)
- 7000 block of N.E. 48th St. (firearm)
- 400 block of N.W. 102nd St. (tires)

Okeechobee Pet Rescue/Humane Society needs volunteers

Looking for a summer volunteer project? The Okeechobee Pet Rescue Humane Society is in dire need of volunteers. Students can commit volunteers hours as Community Service hours for school credit. Probationers can serve hours helping out the pups and any local animal lovers can help us to make a better place for the pets. Are you a cat lover? The Pet Rescue now has a special place just for cats. The cats and kittens need your help too! They need to be fed, watered and cared for. Can you donate an hour and a half to help them? This is a non-profit organization with no paid staff. Pet/Rescue cannot stay in business without support from the community. Any takers? Call 863-357-1104.

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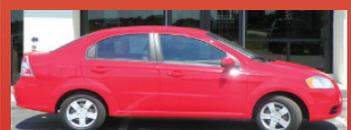
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Agri-Civic center bathroom issue still not resolved

By Pete Gawda
Okeechobee News

In spite of a possible grant, it appears the Okeechobee County Agri-Civic Center still will not meet current building codes.

Okeechobee County Commissioners recently applied for a \$600,000 grant that would be used to improve the ag center including increasing the number of bathrooms. While the facility was originally built with the right number of bathrooms for the seating capacity, an addition of seats left the arena without the required number of bathrooms.

At the May 24 county commission meeting county administrator Robbie Chartier said the total amount of the grant, if approved, would be only \$300,000. She said she has been working with building official Arnold Verwey, Albee Scoggins, head of the recreation department and Alma Mosley director of the Agri-Civic Center, to try to resolve the bathroom issue. The administrator said Mr. Verwey has come up with some useful suggestions. He suggested building bathrooms in the arena with an outside entrance as well as an entrance into the arena so they could be used for other events at the facility when the arena was not in use. He also advised against putting in a concrete floor in the horse barn. That would mean the building could be used for other purposes and would therefore require more bathrooms.

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By Dr. Ramesh Kumar
Big Lake Cancer Center

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Cyberknife Robotic Radio surgery system, created at Stanford University over 10 years ago is unique and better than other systems in the fact that it is the only Radio surgery system that can achieve what is called "real-time tracking and killing of tumor."

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Reset timers on sprinklers for wet season

With the start of South Florida's wet season, rainfall alone is beginning to quench the needs of most lawns and landscapes. This means irrigation system timers at homes and businesses in the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) can be dialed back to fewer days, shorter watering times or shut off altogether to conserve water for the future.

Irrigation system timers are often set for the dry winter months and forgotten, leading to sprinkling even during typical wet-season downpours. During an average wet season, from June through October, many lawns receive what they require and don't need supplemental irrigation at all, according to the University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS).

Adjusting timers can make a difference because outdoor irrigation accounts for up to 50 percent of water use in South Florida, and up to 50 percent of the water applied to lawns is lost to evapotranspiration. Installing rain sensors or soil moisture sensors to automatically shut off an irrigation system when enough rain has fallen and checking the pipes and sprinkler heads for leaks are also key conservation tools.

In addition, residents can conserve water and still enjoy a tropical landscape by following Florida-Friendly Landscaping principles. These include planting the right plant in the right place, utilizing mulch and reducing stormwater runoff. More information is available at www.floridayards.org.

Because water conservation offers significant benefits, the SFWMD Governing Board in September 2008 approved a Comprehensive Water Conservation Program to encourage more responsible use of water resources throughout South Florida. Numerous stakeholders worked with the District to define specific regulatory, voluntary and incentive-based programs and in-depth education and marketing efforts that help to foster a year-round conservation ethic.

Simple water conservation practices include:

- Washing only full loads of clothes and dishes;
- Replacing aerators in kitchen and bathroom sinks with models rated for 1.5 gallons per minute or less;
- Installing low-flow appliances, such as a dishwasher or energy-efficient washing machine; and,
- Installing low-flow water fixtures, such as showerheads with the WaterSense logo.

While reducing irrigation time during the wet season is encouraged, residents and businesses remain under the District's Year-Round Landscape Irrigation Rule that limits residential and business landscape irrigation to two or three days per week based on location. To determine watering days and times in your area, contact your local government or visit www.sfwmd.gov/2days.

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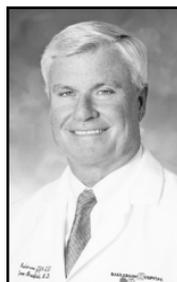


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Life Community Church, 701 S. Parrott Ave., will have their free family movie night, Friday, June 1, at 7 p.m. The movie, "7 DAYS IN UTOPIA" with Robert Duvall, Lucas Black and Melissa Leo is the story of a young man's first attempt at the pro golf tour that ends in humiliating disaster. When he tries to escape it all he finds himself stranded in Utopia, Texas with an eccentric rancher who teaches him to reconcile with himself, his dad and his Heavenly Father. It features music by "Third Day" The public is invited.

Oakview Baptist Church will host Vacation Bible School, "Free Camp" from June 18-22, at 6-9 p.m. for ages 3 years thru Adult. Those interested may print a registration form from their website, oakviewbaptist.com, under "Forms" or you may register at the door. For more information, please call 863-763-1699.

Sky Vacation Bible School is scheduled for June 18 through June 22 at **Peace Lutheran Church** and School, 750 N.W. 23rd Lane, Okeechobee. It will be from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Children three years of age through fifth grade will have fun imagining what it would be like to bounce among the clouds, soar with eagles, and reach the stars. The Bible comes to life as children explore why nothing is impossible with God. Join the fun activities, crafts, music and more! Register by calling 863-763-5042 or register on-line at www.tinyurl.com/PeaceVBS2012.

Church of God of Prophecy has an Open Arms Ministry, at 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 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!

A "Faith Community Nurse" basic preparation course and retreat will be offered by the **Interfaith Health and Wellness Association** this summer. Developed within an interfaith model, this educational course and personal growth retreat prepares Registered Nurses to deliver holistic care in faith communities. The program provides 33.5 contact hours and includes materials, lodging, meals, snacks, International Parish Nurse Resource Center (IPNRC) pin and certificate of attendance. Participants develop the knowledge necessary for practice & have an experience of a



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The **Peace Lutheran School** is now accepting enrollment for 2012-13 school year, ages 2 through Kindergarten. There are limited scholarships for Preschool available, as well as Step Up for students and McKay Scholarships for Kindergarten. Call 763-7566 for more information.

Peace Lutheran Summer Camp is now accepting summer campers ages 2 through 5th grade. There are limited scholarships available and Summer VPK is offered.

The **Peace Lutheran Church** Quilters meet every Tuesday in the Fellowship Hall. Anyone who loves to quilt or wishes to learn is welcome to join the group at 11 a.m. Bring a snack for lunch break. Dessert and coffee is furnished.

The **Peace Lutheran Church** Frontline Warriors, a group of men dedicated to loving Jesus and serving others, meet weekly on Tuesday morning at 6:30 a.m. For additional information, call 863-763-5042. Seasoned Seniors, anyone 50+, meet the fourth Thursday of each month at 4 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for dinner and interesting

programs.

The **Peace Lutheran Church** has a wonderful ministry to youth called CRAVE Youth Ministry. Senior CRAVE is for high school students in 9-12th grades and meets on Mondays from 6-8 p.m. Junior CRAVE is for junior high students in 5-8th grades and meets on Tuesdays from 4-6 p.m. There are all kinds of great activities for CRAVE youth groups, including trips and family camp-outs. All youth are welcome! If you would like to know more about Peace Lutheran Church, our faith and fellowship, you are invited to join the Discover Peace Class. For more information, call 863-763-5042.

Okeechobee Stitchin' meets

Okeechobee Stitchin' meets every Thursday at the Presbyterian Church, 312 N. Parrott Avenue, from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Bring a bag lunch and come join us for socialization and crafting fun. All crafts are welcome: knitting, crocheting, sewing, quilting, beading or embroidery. Have a question about something or want to learn a new craft or technique, this is the place to be. Work on your project, our current project, try something new, or teach us something new, we love to work and learn together. The last Thursday of each month is our pot luck luncheon. For more information call Sandy Brown, 863-697-3099, or Correy Geissinger, 863-467-2231.

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Information session in Okeechobee June 5

Enrolling in Building Trades and Apprenticeship programs with Indian River State College can provide the quick job training and the skills needed to build a great career.

Those interested in learning more about how to become a journeyman electrician, air conditioning technician, journeyman plumber or mason can attend a special Building Trades Apprenticeship Information Session at the IRSC Dixon Hendry Campus in the Williamson Conference Center on Tuesday, June 5, at 5:30 p.m. The campus is located at 2229 N.W. 9th Ave. in Okeechobee.

IRSC apprenticeship programs combine classroom instruction with on-the-job training in the following fields: electrical, HVAC, masonry, plumbing and welding. IRSC has convenient classes offered day and evenings with highly qualified master instructors who want to share their passion for the trades with students. State-of-the-art facilities en-

hance the learning experience. Over \$11 million in financial aid is awarded to IRSC students each year; there are many scholarships, grants and loans available.

For more information on the Building Trades Apprenticeship program or this information session, call the Information Call Center at 866-792-4772 or email graig@irsc.edu.

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e. Classes are held 2 evenings a week (Tues and Thurs) during Fall and Spring semesters.

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e. Classes are held 1 night a week in a blended learning environment of classroom and a hands on lab.

f. Apprentices participate in state competitions (ex. Fastest Trowel).

g. Class room instructor is an engineer at an international concrete company. Lab instructors are retired masonry contractors.

Okeechobee Church of God opens cafe

By Pete Gawda
Okeechobee News

The Okeechobee Church of God is embarking upon what the pastor, Rev. Mark Smith, calls a "new adventure." The church recently opened the Sunrise Cafe "where the Son is always shining."

After visiting a Starbucks in another community, Rev. Smith said, "We could do that at our church as a ministry."

While he hopes the cafe will be profitable to the church, the pastor said the main purpose is ministry. He feels it is a way for his church to reach out to the community. Rev. Smith does not know of another church in his denomination that has such a business venture.

The menu features a variety of coffee, smoothies, something called a Frozen Sunrise, iced tea, soda, bottled water, doughnuts, muffins, cookies, bagels, pancakes, fruit cups, yogurt cups, a variety of sandwiches, a chef salad, and a turkey, roast beef or grilled chicken salad.

The cozy cafe, which plays Christian music in the background, seats 20. There is free Wi-Fi and they accept MasterCard and Visa. Orders can be called in for pick up at a drive-through window. They also plan to offer delivery service within a three-mile radius.

The hours are from 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. The cafe is located at the church, 301 N.E. Fourth Ave. The telephone number is 863-763-4127.

Post your opinions in the Public Issues Forum at www.newszap.com. Reporter Pete Gawda can be reached at pgawda@newszap.com.



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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2011 CA07
JUDGE: METZGER

TD BANK, N.A., as Successor in Interest to RIVERSIDE NATIONAL BANK OF FLORIDA by and through FDIC as Receiver
Plaintiff,
VS.

JOHN K. DAVIES, JR., DEBORAH E. DAVIES and UNKNOWN TENANTS IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY n/k/a Mary Chesley
Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE

The Clerk of the Circuit Court hereby gives notice of the following foreclosure sale in the above referenced matter:

A. The following property in Okeechobee County, Florida:
LOT 76 TREASURE ISLAND UNIT NO. 7 ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3 PAGE 60 PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY FLORIDA TOGETHER WITH A: 1987 CAST 60 x 14 MOBILE HOME VIN #ZF1509A & ZZF1509B 2913 SE 25TH STREET, OKEECHOBEE, FL 34974. PROPERTY TAX ID # 1253735008000700760

B. The Clerk's Sale will take place on June 27, 2012, at 11:00 AM, in the Jury Assembly Room, 2nd Floor, Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida 34972.

C. The sale will be made pursuant to the Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated April 17, 2012.

D. TD BANK, N.A., as Successor in Interest to Riverside National Bank of Florida by and through FDIC as Receiver v. JOHN K. DAVIES, JR., DEBORAH E. DAVIES and UNKNOWN TENANTS IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY n/k/a Mary Chesley; CASE: 2011 CA07

E. This sale is being made by Sharon Robertson, Clerk of the Circuit Court, Okeechobee County, of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit, by and through a deputy Clerk of Court.

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

SHARON ROBERTSON
CLERK OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY COURT
By: Sandra L. Creech, Deputy Clerk
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Plaintiff,
VS.

JOHN K. DAVIES, JR., DEBORAH E. DAVIES and UNKNOWN TENANTS IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY n/k/a Beverly Cooper
Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE

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LOT(S) 242, TREASURE ISLAND, UNIT EIGHT, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 91, SAID LANDS SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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F. Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from 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 18th day of April, 2012.

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Plaintiff,
VS.

JOHN K. DAVIES, DEBORAH DAVIES, UNKNOWN TENANTS IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY and TAYLOR CREEK ISLES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.
Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE

The Clerk of the Circuit Court hereby gives notice of the following foreclosure sale in the above referenced matter:

A. The following property in Okeechobee County, Florida:
2009 SE 24th Blvd., Okeechobee, FL 34974
Real property Tax Identification Number: 1-26-37-35-0020-00000-1490
LOT 149, TAYLOR CREEK ISLES, UNIT II ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5, AT PAGE 84 AND 85, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.
Including Mobile Home Vehicle ID Number: TW1FLHS1995, Year: 1983, Make: Pine, Body: H.S., Title Number: 22637073.

B. The Clerk's Sale will take place on June 27, 2012, at 11:00 AM, in the Jury Assembly Room, 2nd Floor, Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida 34972.

C. The sale will be made pursuant to the Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated April 17, 2012.

D. TD BANK, N.A., as Successor in Interest to Riverside National Bank of Florida by and through FDIC as Receiver v. JOHN K. DAVIES, DEBORAH DAVIES, UNKNOWN TENANTS IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY and TAYLOR CREEK ISLES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; CASE: 2011 CA149

E. This sale is being made by Sharon Robertson, Clerk of the Circuit Court, Okeechobee County, of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit, by and through a deputy Clerk of Court.

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

SHARON ROBERTSON
CLERK OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY COURT
By: Sandra L. Creech, Deputy Clerk
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. 415747 ON 5/23/2012

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
Case No.: 2012-DR-29
Division: Family

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF: L.C.

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR PETITION OF ADOPTION BY STEPPARENT

TO: **Carlos Chavero-Hernandez**
LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: Unknown, Okeechobee County, Florida

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Petition for Adoption by Stepparent has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on:

Thomas L. Colter, Esquire
520 SW Federal Highway
Stuart, Florida 34994

on or before May 28, 2012 and file the original with the clerk of this Court at: Okeechobee County Court-house, 312 NW 3rd St., Okeechobee, Florida 34972, before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request.

You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. You may file Notice of Current Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed to the address on record at the clerk's office.

WARNING: Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings.
Dated: April 20, 2012

SHARON ROBERTSON
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: Linda Young
Deputy Clerk
415839 ON 5/9,16,23,30/2012

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.
CASE NO. 2011-CA-419

LARRY W. BOND, and HELEN L. BOND, his wife,
Plaintiffs,
VS.
BOREE INDUSTRIES, INC., a Florida corporation, DELCO, LLC, a Florida limited liability company, and FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment dated April 17, 2012, and entered in Case No. 2011-CA-419 of the Circuit Court of the 19th Judicial Circuit in and for Okeechobee County, Florida, wherein LARRY W. BOND, and HELEN L. BOND, his wife, are the Plaintiffs, and BOREE INDUSTRIES, INC., a Florida corporation, DELCO, LLC, a Florida limited liability company, and FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, Defendants, I will sell to the highest bidder for cash at the OKEECHOBEE COUNTY JUDICIAL CENTER, 312 N. W. 3RD STREET, JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM, SECOND FLOOR, OKEECHOBEE, FLORIDA 34972, at 11:00 A.M. on the 27th day of June, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment, to-wit:

A parcel of land lying in Section 3, Township 38 South, Range 35 East, Okeechobee County, Florida, and being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at the Northwest corner of said Section 3; Thence N 89°48'48" East, along the North line of said Section 3, a distance of 651.20 Feet;

Thence S 00°07'12" West, a distance of 239.03 feet to the intersection with the southerly Right-of-way line of State Road No. 15 (Connors Highway) and the Point of Beginning;

Thence continue S 00°07'12" West a distance of 112.31 feet to the intersection with the Levee LD-4 Right-of-way line;

Thence South 62°56'48" West, along said Levee LD-4 Right-of-way line, a distance of 136.21 Feet;

Thence South 25°19'14" West, along said Levee LD-4 Right-of-way line, a distance of 56.75 feet;

Thence South 64°39'40" West, along said Levee LD-4 Right-of-way line, a distance of 146.73 feet;

Thence North 26°27'24" West, a distance of 157.95 feet to the intersection with said Southerly Right-of-way line of State Road No. 15 (Connors Highway);

Thence North 63°55'22" E, along said southerly Right-of-way line, a distance of 334.28 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Parcel ID No. 1-03-38-35-0A00-00002-0000

Property Address: 80 Hwy 441 SE, Okeechobee, FL 34974

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.

Notice 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.
Dated April 18, 2012.

SHARON ROBERTSON
CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT
By: Sandra L. Creech, Deputy Clerk

415749 ON 5/23,30/2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, STATE OF FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO. 11-000327-CA

WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
Plaintiff,
VS.

ANTON REALTY LLC; IZZY TIRE SERVICE AND SALES INC.; ANTONIO GONZALEZ; LINDA GONZALEZ; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 1; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 2; AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, OR UNDER SAID DEFENDANTS,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered in this cause on April 12, 2012, the Clerk will sell the real and personal property situated in Okeechobee County, Florida, described as:

A parcel of land being a portion of Lot 7, Block 8, OKEECHOBEE LITTLE FARMS, according to the Plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 100, of the Public Records of Okeechobee County, Florida, said parcel being more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the Northwest corner of said Lot 7, thence bear North 89 degrees 41'37" East along the North line of said Lot 7, a distance of 160.00 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence continue North 89 degrees 41'37" East along said North line of Lot 7, a distance of 164.53 feet to the Northeast corner of said Lot 7, thence bear South 05 degrees 22'42" West along the East line of said Lot 7, a distance of 105.42 feet to the Southeast corner of said Lot 7; thence bear South 89 degrees 41'37" West along the South line of said Lot 7, a distance of 157.54 feet; thence bear North 01 degrees 34'36" East, a distance of 104.96 feet to the Point of Beginning.

All the machinery, equipment, furniture, general intangibles, and fixtures, wherever located, now owned, or to be acquired, together with all increases to and replacements thereof. This security interest extends to any and all proceeds of the property described herein, including but not limited to, chattel paper, documents, insurance proceeds, contract rights and general intangibles now in force or hereafter acquired, relating to the above described collateral. The personal property also includes a 2002 Dodge Truck, Vehicle Identification No. 3B8M136C02M296354, a 2001 Dodge Truck, Vehicle Identification No. 1B7KF23691J612910, and a 2006 Chevrolet Truck, Vehicle Identification No. 1G6E4C3206F420683.
Street Address: 10173 Highway 441 North, Okeechobee, Florida 34972

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, at 11:00 a.m., on June 27, 2012, in the Jury Assembly Room, Second Floor, Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 312 North West 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida 34972, in accordance with Section 45.031, Florida Statutes.
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: April 13, 2012.

SHARON ROBERTSON,
CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT
OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
By: Sandra L. Creech
Deputy Clerk

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. 415376 ON 5/23,30/2012

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2011 CA 06
JUDGE: METZGER

TD BANK, N.A., as Successor in Interest to RIVERSIDE NATIONAL BANK OF FLORIDA by and through FDIC as Receiver
Plaintiff,
VS.

JOHN K. DAVIES, JR., DEBORAH E. DAVIES and UNKNOWN TENANTS IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY n/k/a Becky Yerkes
Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE

The Clerk of the Circuit Court hereby gives notice of the following foreclosure sale in the above referenced matter:

A. The following property in Okeechobee County, Florida:
BEGINNING AT THE NORTHWEST BOUNDARY OF SECTION 3, TOWNSHIP 38 SOUTH, RANGE 35 EAST, RUN NORTH 89 48'48" EAST ALONG THE SECTION LINE, A DISTANCE OF 676.33 FEET TO A POINT, THEN RUN SOUTH 0 07'12" WEST A DISTANCE OF 227.20 FEET TO THE SOUTH BOUNDARY OF STATE ROAD 15, THEN RUN NORTH 60 17'42" EAST ALONG THE SOUTH BOUNDARY OF STATE ROAD 15 FOR A DISTANCE OF 750.10 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, THEN CONTINUE NORTH 60 17'42" EAST ALONG THE SOUTH BOUNDARY OF STATE ROAD 15 FOR A DISTANCE OF 100 FEET TO A POINT, THEN RUN SOUTH 29 42'18" EAST A DISTANCE OF 125 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE 17 FOOT CONTOUR LINE OF LAKE OKEECHOBEE, THEN RUN SOUTH 63 11'42" WEST ALONG THE 17 FOOT CONTOUR LINE FOR A DISTANCE OF 100.12 FEET TO A POINT, THEN RUN NORTH 29 42'18" WEST A DISTANCE OF 122.33 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SAID TRACT BEING LOTS 15 AND 16 ACCORDING TO AN UNRECORDED SURVEY OF A PART OF SECTIONS 3 AND 34, TOWNSHIPS 37 AND 38 SOUTH, RANGE 35 EAST, OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, AS SURVEYED BY LEON H. WILLIS, COUNTY SURVEYOR, DATED JUNE 28, 1967. 330 Hwy 441 SE, Okeechobee, FL 34995

PROPERTY TAX ID # 1343735000000007

B. The Clerk's Sale will take place on June 27, 2012, at 11:00 AM, in the Jury Assembly Room, 2nd Floor, Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida 34972.

C. The sale will be made pursuant to the Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated April 17, 2012.

D. TD BANK, N.A., as Successor in Interest to Riverside National Bank of Florida by and through FDIC as Receiver v. JOHN K. DAVIES, JR., DEBORAH E. DAVIES and UNKNOWN TENANTS IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY n/k/a Becky Yerkes; CASE: 2011 CA06

E. This sale is being made by Sharon Robertson, Clerk of the Circuit Court, Okeechobee County, of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit, by and through a deputy Clerk of Court.

F. Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from 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 18th day of April, 2012.

SHARON ROBERTSON
CLERK OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY COURT
By: Sandra L. Creech
Deputy Clerk

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. 415739 ON 5/23,30/2012

SHARON ROBERTSON
CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT
By: Sandra L. Creech, Deputy Clerk

415749 ON 5/23,30/2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 19TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO.: 472010CA000143CAXXXX

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.,
Plaintiff,
VS.

SHIRLEY E. BROOKS; UNKNOWN TENANT (S); UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SHIRLEY E. BROOKS; IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated the 3rd day of April, 2012 and entered in Case No. 472010CA000143CAXXXX, of the Circuit Court of the 19th Judicial Circuit in and for Okeechobee County, Florida, wherein BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. is the Plaintiff and SHIRLEY E. BROOKS, UNKNOWN TENANT (S) and UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SHIRLEY E. BROOKS 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 27th day of June, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 82, TAYLOR CREEK ISLES, UNIT IV, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 10, 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.
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 or to the menos 7 dias antes de que tenga que comparecer inmediatamente despues de haber recibido esta notificacion si es que falta menos de 7 dias para su comparecencia. Si usted es una persona discapacitada que necesita alguna adaptacion 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 AAA., 250 NW Country Club Drive, Suite 217, Port St. Lucie, FL 34986, (772) 807-4370 por lo menos 7 dias antes de que tenga que comparecer inmediatamente despues de haber recibido esta notificacion si es que falta menos de 7 dias para su comparecencia. Si usted es una

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
Case No.: 2012-DR-036
Division: Family

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF: J.C.

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR PETITION OF ADOPTION BY STEPPARENT

TO: **Jaime Brito**
 LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: Unknown, Okeechobee County, Florida

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Petition for Adoption by Stepparent has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on:

Thomas L. Colter, Esquire
 520 SW Federal Highway
 Stuart, Florida 34994

on or before May 28, 2012 and file the original with the clerk of this Court at: Okeechobee County Courthouse, 312 NW 3rd St., Okeechobee, Florida 34972, before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request.

You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Notice of Current Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed to the address on record at the clerk's office.

WARNING: Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings. Dated: April 20, 2012

SHARON ROBERTSON
 CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
 BY: Linda Young
 Deputy Clerk
 415837 ON 5/9,16,23,30/2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 19TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 472012CA000066

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BAC HOME LOANS SERVING, LP FKA COUNTY-WIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP

Plaintiff,
 VS.
 DANIEL JASON HARRELL; KELLY M. HARRELL; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY AND THROUGH THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; RHS INDUSTRIES, INC. A/K/A RHS INDUSTRIES, INC. RETIREMENT; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY;
 Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION

To the following Defendant(s):
 DANIEL JASON HARRELL
 4557 NORTHEAST 9TH LANE
 OKEECHOBEE, FLORIDA 34972
 (LAST KNOWN ADDRESS)

KELLY M. HARRELL
 4557 NORTHEAST 9TH LANE
 OKEECHOBEE, FLORIDA 34972
 (LAST KNOWN ADDRESS)

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

LOTS 20 AND 21, BLOCK 55, OKEECHOBEE GARDENS, A SUBDIVISION IN THE EAST ONE-HALF OF SECTION 13, TOWNSHIP 37 SOUTH, RANGE 35 EAST, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 30, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.
 a/k/a
 4557 NORTHEAST 9TH LANE,
 OKEECHOBEE, FLORIDA 34972-

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it, on Ka-

hane & Associates, P.A., Attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is 8201 Peters Road, Ste. 3000, Plantation, Florida 33324 within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Notice in the THE OKEECHOBEE NEWS and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered, against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

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 ap-

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pearance, 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 adaptaciOn 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 dias antes de que tenga que comparecer en corte o inmediatamente despues de haber recibido esta notificaciOn si es que falta menos de 7 dias para su comparecencia. Si tiene una discapacidad auditiva o de habla, llame al 711.

KREYOL: Si ou se yon moun ki kokobe 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 seri de ed. Tanpri kontaké Corrie Johnson, Coordinador ADA, 250 NW Country Club Drive, Suite 217, Port St. Lucie, FL 34986, (772) 807-4370 O'mwen 7 jou avan ke ou gen pou-où parè nan tribinal, ou imediatman ke ou resewa avis sa-a ou si le ke ou gen pou-où ale nan tribinal-la mwens ke 7 jou; Si ou pa ka tandè ou pale byen, rele 711.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this 25 day of May, 2012.

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

Kahane & Associates, P.A.
 8201 Peters Road, Ste. 3000
 Plantation, FL 33324
 Telephone: (954) 382-3486
 Telefacsimile: (954) 382-5380
 418634 ON 5/30;6/6/2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 19TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.:472009CA000749
CIVIL DIVISION

SEACOAST NATIONAL BANK,
 Plaintiff,
 v.
BEN C. SIMS, et al,
 Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure dated April 12, 2012, entered in Civil Case No. 472012CA000749 of the Circuit Court of the 19th Judicial Circuit in and for Okeechobee County, Florida, wherein SEACOAST NATIONAL BANK is the Plaintiff and BEN C. SIMS, et al are the Defendants.

I will sell to the highest bidder for cash, via sale at The Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 2nd Floor, Jury Assembly Room, 312 North West 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida 34972 at 11:00a.m. on the 27th day of June, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

Lot 6, SHERMAN WOOD RANCHES, according to the Plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 7, Page 61, of the Public Records of Okeechobee County, Florida
 ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

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 this 13th day of April, 2012.

SHARON ROBERTSON
 Clerk of Court
 BY: Sandra L. Crech
 Deputy Clerk

Michael J. Posner, Esq.
 Ward, Damon, Posner,
 Pheterson & Bleau, P.I.
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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO REGISTER FICTITIOUS NAME

The undersigned does hereby certify that Jack A. Yager conducting a woodworking business at 3632 N.W. 34th Avenue, Okeechobee, Florida, under the fictitious name of JDYager Woodworking and that said firm is composed of the following persons whose names and places of residence are as follows:

Jack Alan Yager
3632 N.W. 34th Avenue
Okeechobee, Florida 34972
 Ownership of JDYager Woodworking is as follows: **Jack A. Yager**

It is my intentions to apply to the Florida Department of State, Division of Corporations to register the said name of JDYager Woodworking under the provisions of Chapter 90-267, laws of Florida, Acts of 1991.

Jack A. Yager
 DATE: 5/28/2012
 3632 N.W. 34th Ave.
 Okeechobee, FL 34972
 418695 ON 5/30/2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 2008 CA 408

CITIMORTGAGE, INC.
 Plaintiff,

VS.
 CABE L. STEELE; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CABE L. STEELE; DANA R. STEELE; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DANA R. STEELE; LIVING, INCLUDING ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SAID DEFENDANT(S), IF REMARRIED, AND IF DECEASED, THE RESPECTIVE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, AND TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE NAMED DEFENDANT(S); UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2;
 Defendant(s)

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure, dated June 2, 2009, entered in the above-styled cause in the Circuit Court of Okeechobee County, Florida, I will sell the property situate in Okeechobee County, Florida, described as follows:

LOT 8, BLOCK 3, DIXIE RANCH ACRES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 35, PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, in the Jury Assembly Room of the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 312 NW 3rd Street, 2nd Floor, Okeechobee, FL 34972 at 11:00 A.M., on June 27th, 2012.

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.

Witness, my hand and seal of this court on the 24th day of April, 2012.

SHARON ROBERTSON
 CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
 BY: Sandra L. Crech
 Deputy Clerk

Law Offices of Daniel C. Consuegra
 9204 King Palm Drive
 Tampa, FL 33619-1328
 Phone: 813-915-8660
 Attorneys for Plaintiff

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 416190 ON 5/23,30/2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION
Case No.: 2011-CA-000242

GMAC MORTGAGE, LLC
 Plaintiff,

TIMOTHY M. CASTON; KATHERINE S. CASTON; FORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC AS NOMINEE FOR GMAC MORTGAGE CORPORATION; UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2; ALL OTHER UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST A NAMED DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAME UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS, Defendants,

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment dated April 19, 2012, entered in Civil Case No.: 2011-CA-000242, of the Circuit Court of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Okeechobee County, Florida, wherein GMAC MORTGAGE, LLC is Plaintiff, and TIMOTHY M. CASTON, KATHERINE S. CASTON AND SITTONGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR GMAC MORTGAGE CORPORATION, are Defendants. Pursuant to said judgment, the Plaintiff has cash at 11:00 a.m. at Jury Assembly Room, 2nd Floor, at The Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 312 North West 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida, 34972 on the 27th day of June, 2012 the following described real property as set forth in said Final Summary Judgment, to wit:

LOTS 11, 12 AND 13, BLOCK 55, OKEECHOBEE GARDENS ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT PAGE 2, BOOK 30, PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

This property is located at the Street address of: **4462 NE 10th Lane, Okeechobee, Florida 34972**

If you are a person claiming a right to funds remaining after the sale, you must file a claim with the clerk no later than 60 days after the sale. If you fail to file a claim you will not be entitled to any remaining funds. After 60 days, only the owner of record as of the date of the lis pendens may claim the surplus.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the court on April 19, 2012.

SHARON ROBERTSON
 CLERK OF THE COURT
 BY: Sandra L. Crech
 Deputy Clerk

Attorney for Plaintiff:
 Lauren E. Barbati, Esquire
 Elizabeth R. Wellborn, P.A.
 350 Jim Moran Blvd., Suite 100
 Deerfield Beach, FL 33442
 Telephone: (954) 354-3544
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NOTICE OF ACTION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 2011CA430

OKEECHOBEE ESTATES LLC,
 a Florida limited liability company,
 Plaintiff,

vs.
RICHARD J. SCHISLER, JR.,
 individually and all parties claiming interest by, through, under or against defendant named herein,
 Defendant.

To the following Defendant:
 RICHARD J. SCHISLER, JR.
 Last known address:
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YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Foreclosure of Mortgage on the following described property:

Lot 10, of THOROUGHbred ESTATES, according to the Plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 8, Page 8, of the Public

Public Notice

Records of Okeechobee County, Florida.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it, on Joel T. Strawn, PA., Attorney for the Plaintiff, whose address is 54 North-east Fourth Avenue, Delray Beach, FL 33483 within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Notice in the OKEECHOBEE NEWS and file the original with the Clerk of the Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter, otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

Florida Rules of Judicial Administration Rule 2.540 Notices to Persons With Disabilities

Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

- ACROSS**
- 1 Raise, as produce
 - 5 Go badly together
 - 10 Stylish
 - 14 Instant, in product names
 - 15 Madre's milk
 - 16 Bride's ride
 - 17 Busy, busy, busy
 - 18 Time __ time: repeatedly
 - 19 "The Wizard __": comic strip
 - 20 Arborist's handiwork
 - 22 All there
 - 23 Development developments
 - 24 Jazz guitarist
 - Montgomery
 - 25 Shocking swimmer
 - 26 Windshield nuisance
 - 31 Average guys
 - 34 H.S. elite
 - 35 Older woman's young lover, facetiously
 - 36 Place to make deposits, briefly
 - 37 Bouquet delivery letters
 - 38 Dream letters
 - 39 Novelist Fleming
 - 40 Alabama's only seaport
 - 42 Monopoly token
 - 43 Chip in a pot, maybe
 - 44 Result of an errant brushback pitch
 - 47 HDTV brand
 - 48 Out of use, as words: Abbr.
 - 49 Chip in a bowl
 - 53 World dodo population
 - 55 Deli sandwich filler
 - 57 Blue book filler
 - 58 Dust Bowl refugees
 - 59 Pier gp.
 - 60 Religious recess
 - 61 Center
 - 62 Amber brews
 - 63 Dieter's goal

- 64 Care for
- DOWN**
- 1 Boardroom diagram
 - 2 Fashionably dated
 - 3 Intense dislike
 - 4 One sitting on the stand
 - 5 Attired
 - 6 How liberals lean
 - 7 Helen Hunt or Holly Hunter, e.g.
 - 8 "Jeez, Louise!"
 - 9 Not there
 - 10 Quite near
 - 11 Pretentious, informally
 - 12 Chip-tossing declaration
 - 13 Programmers' writing
 - 21 ABA member's title
 - 25 Ancient kingdom near the Dead Sea
 - 27 You, in Yucatán
 - 28 Longtime "At the Movies" co-host Roger

- 29 Capricorn's animal
- 30 Holiday song closer
- 31 Doorway side
- 32 Siouan tribe
- 33 Humiliate
- 37 Pet pest
- 38 Disorderly place
- 41 Salaries, wages, etc.
- 42 Hack's service

- 43 Graceful steed
- 45 One taking bets
- 46 Conclusion
- 50 Yo-Yo Ma's instrument
- 51 Hacked
- 52 Worth having
- 53 Zest
- 54 Trade show
- 55 Dot-__: e-businesses
- 56 This, to Pablo

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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FWC - Free fishing fun coming next week

The first week of June is National Fishing and Boating Week. This year, start and end the week's festivities by taking advantage of one of Florida's license-free fishing days. Saltwater recreational anglers can fish without a license on June 2 and freshwater recreational fishers on June 9. There couldn't be a better time to get out on the water and try your hand at some of Florida's fine fishing on these two Saturdays.

Thirty-four states, including Florida and Georgia, will have license-free fishing days during the June 2 through June 10 National

Fishing and Boating Week, a celebration of fishing and boating.

"Florida's license-free fishing days are an excellent opportunity to share the fun, excitement and togetherness of a fishing trip with the entire family. This also is a great time for experienced anglers to introduce friends to the sport, even if they don't have a fishing license," said Nick Wiley, FWC executive director. "By having these events on weekends, we hope Florida residents and visitors will experience the joy of saltwater and freshwater fishing. We expect many will

discover a healthy sport they can enjoy for a lifetime."

Saltwater anglers can try their hand at catching a red snapper, which will be open for harvest in Gulf and Atlantic state waters and Gulf federal waters on the June 2, saltwater license-free fishing day. Want to stick a little closer to shore? Try your hand at near-shore species such as spotted seatrout or red drum.

Now that school is out or almost out and people are in vacation mode, anglers will find June a great time to introduce a child to fishing or encourage a friend who hasn't been fishing for a while to get on the water.

Almost everyone in Florida is within 45 minutes of a freshwater fishing hole. Dawn or dusk may be your best fishing times, but if you go midday, seek out the shadows around piers or fallen trees, or look for bass and bream under floating vegetation mats and in other shaded areas to enhance your success.

Fishing is a low-cost, wholesome form of

entertainment, which is why the FWC offers four days when a recreational fishing license is not needed. Can't make the June 2 or June 9 license-free fishing days? The FWC also made Sept. 1 a license-free saltwater fishing day, which not only falls on a holiday weekend, but is during the popular bay scallop and spiny lobster seasons.

Each year, the first Saturday in April and second Saturday in June will be license-free freshwater fishing days.

The state's abundant resources, coupled with responsible freshwater and saltwater fish management, are why Florida is known as the "Fishing Capital of the World."

All other bag limit, season and size restrictions apply on these dates.

To make your fishing day successful, check out MyFWC.com/Fishing for fishing tips, locations and rules.

Visit MyFWC.com and click on "Calendar" to learn more about boating-safety events during National Fishing and Boating Week and year-round.

Apply now for special opportunity fall hunts

By Tony Young
FWC

If you haven't been seeing the quantity or quality of game you'd like, you may want to consider applying for a special-opportunity hunt. For the past 15 years, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) has offered these unique fall-season hunts for deer, wild hog and released quail on the state's arguably best public hunting lands. Maybe it's time you look into getting in on the action and experience the hunt of a lifetime.

These extraordinary hunts offer large tracts of land with an abundance of game and low hunting pressure. All deer hunts enable you to take only mature bucks with at least one antler having four or more points, one inch or longer. Hunters can take does during archery hunts and, if they draw an antlerless deer permit, also during general gun hunts. This practice of deer management offers hunters excellent chances of taking quality bucks and the opportunity to take a doe on public land. Wild hogs also are legal to take, and there is no size or bag limit on them.

These special-opportunity deer and wild hog hunts take place on Fort Drum (Indian River County), Lake Panasoffkee (Sumter County), Triple N Ranch (Osceola County) and Green Swamp West Unit (Pasco County) wildlife management areas.

Fort Drum has 20 permits available for its seven-day general-gun deer and hog hunt on 20,858 acres; they cost \$50, should you get drawn. Lake Panasoffkee offers eight four-day archery hunts on the 8,676-acre tract, which cost \$100 each. Triple N Ranch has two seven-day general-gun deer and hog hunts on its 15,391 acres, and each permit costs \$175.

Green Swamp West Unit is where James Stovall took the state's highest-scoring deer on record—a 25-point, nontypical that netted a 206 Boone-and-Crockett score. He took the trophy buck in 1999 after getting drawn for the special-opportunity archery hunt.

The area offers archery and gun hunts on 34,335 acres, and permits cost \$100 each.

The FWC also has week-long released-quail hunts on the Blackwater Carr Unit in Santa Rosa County. With these hunts, you must bring and release your own pen-raised quail. There's just one \$100 permit available for each of the 16 weeks, and if you're lucky enough to draw one, you and up to three of your friends will have the entire 590 acres to yourselves.

If you'd like to apply for any of these great hunts, the first thing you'll need to do is get a 2012-2013 Special-Opportunity Fall Hunt Worksheet—available at MyFWC.com/License.

You can submit your completed application at MyFWC.com/License or at any county tax collector's office or license agent. The application period runs through June 5.

These coveted permits are issued by random drawing, and you may apply for as many hunts and dates as you like to increase your chances of being selected. You must include a \$5 nonrefundable fee for each hunt you apply for, though hunters are limited to drawing only one permit per hunt.

If you're selected in the random drawing, you have until the deadline specified to pay the cost of the selected hunt. You can do this online at MyFWC.com/License or at any license agent or tax collector's office. If not, you forfeit it, and it'll go to the next applicant selected in the random drawing.

Whether still hunting by yourself or hunting with family and friends for deer, hogs or released quail, the FWC's special-opportunity fall hunts are just what the doctor ordered for a premium hunting experience.

Tony Young is the media relations coordinator for the FWC's Division of Hunting and Game Management. You can reach him with questions about special-opportunity hunts or how to apply at Tony.Young@MyFWC.com.

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Grand Oaks residents visit Okeechobee Airport

Residents from Grand Oaks enjoyed a tour of the Okeechobee County Airport. Kathy Scott spoke to the residents about the types of planes that use the airport, showed planes that were parked on the runway and even showed how to make paper airplanes. The residents enjoyed seeing the planes and talking to Kathy.



Special to the Okeechobee News/Grand Oaks
Evelyn Staedlin, Joe Staedlin, David Vick and Activities Director Jennifer Dodd enjoyed a trip to the Okeechobee Airport.



Special to the Okeechobee News/Grand Oaks (Top L to R) Joe Staedlin and David Vick enjoyed a seeing the planes at the Okeechobee Airport and resident Gretchen Deaton (bottom photo) enjoyed learning how to make an aerodynamic paper airplane while on the tour of Okeechobee Airport



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Deadline: June 5, 2012

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Brahmans Purple & White game challenges new players

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

Adel Elhindi accounted for all nine points as the Purple squad defeated the White squad 6-3 in a defensive battle Friday at the annual Okeechobee High School Brahman scrimmage game held at the Brighton Seminole Indian Reservation.

Elhindi connected on field goals of 44, 47, and 42 yards in the game. He also missed a 41 yard field goal try wide left in the third quarter.

Coach Chris Branham wanted to evaluate the talent on his roster this spring and get to know them as individuals. He also wanted to make his defense more aggressive and physical. After Friday, he said those goals have been met.

"I'm not disappointed in this game. There was nothing that I could say was horrible. I'm very excited and happy about the progress. We have a long summer ahead to get ourselves ready," he explained.

Fabian Howard and Cory Vickers were players of the game for the White squad while Jefferson Davis and LaVante Spivey won the award for the Purple squad. Howard rushed for 50 yards and caught a 10 yard pass. Vickers had 11 tackles, and a fumble recovery.

Davis led the way blocking on the offensive line and had several tackles on defense. Spivey had a key interception and also

caught a 38 yard pass from DJ Washington that set up a field goal.

Howard said he felt it was a good game all around for the Brahmans and that both teams played well. He said he has returned to the football team and wants to make a contribution next year.

"I like how I played but I think I can do a little better. I'm trying to get more weight and speed and learn from my coaches," he explained.

Vickers showed a youthful excitement for the game as he flew around the field and made big hits. He said although he's short, he plays with all he has and the cards he was dealt.

"All through the spring I got better, quicker and stronger. Everybody came together and worked together. I feel both sides played well."

Spivey returned to OHS this semester after one season at John Carroll high school. He adds a confidence and swagger that the team sometimes has lacked in the past. He said confidence can rub off on other players when you play well.

"Sometimes it only takes only player to get all the players playing well. I'm proud to be back with my family and friends to play for OHS and support our team," he added.

Spivey said he was very impressed with the depth on the team and said he is willing to move to any position so he can help the team.

Davis said he felt good when the coaches selected him as player of the game. He said he intends to work out in the summer and improve his strength, speed, and endurance.

"I think we came together a lot. Our team stayed focused when they lost a couple of players. We kept our heads and in the game and came out stronger in the end," he said.

QB Jack Radebaugh was 5-15 for 28 yards for the white team but saw his teammates drop nine passes. Brandon Shockley completed 4-8 passes and DJ Washington rushed for 31 yards for the purple team. Eddie Neal caught two passes for 17 yards for the purple.

Elijowan Williams rushed for 21 yards for the white squad before he left the game due to a head injury. Connor Clements had 11 yards in offense for the white squad.

Coach Branham said his team will send 47 players to summer camps and will also compete in 7 on 7 passing leagues over the summer. He will be looking for fund raisers and donations to help the squad attend camps this summer.

"We're not where we want to be but after 19 days of practice no team it. We are headed in the right direction. We have a lot more unit and a lot of new players. I'm very happy with the guys. There is nothing like growing and competition will get your team together fast," he explained.



Okeechobee News/Charles Murphy
Elijowan Williams #34 bulls forward for a nine yard gain as #1 LaVante Spivey attempts a tackle during Friday's game at Brighton.

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