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Special to the Okeechobee News/Pat Tyner
Okeechobee residents didn't lose their sense of humor while dealing with the flood waters from Tropical Storm Isaac. A sign near the intersection of U.S. Highway 98 and State Road 70 reads "No Wake. Manatees."

Tropical Storm Isaac floods Okeechobee County roads

By **Katrina Elsken**
Okeechobee News

Torrential rain from Tropical Storm Isaac left many Okeechobee County roads flooded on Monday. Okeechobee County schools closed Monday and Tuesday due to flooded roads, which made it unsafe for the school buses to run.

Students returned to school today (Wednesday).

Some Okeechobee County residents were forced from their homes by the rising flood waters. The Okeechobee Red Cross has opened an emergency shelter in the New Endeavor High School building, 575 S.W. 28th Street, for residents who were displaced from their homes by the flooding. The building is no longer used for students, so using it as a shelter will not disrupt school operations.

"We're urging people if possible to stay with family and friends," said Mitch Smeykal, Okeechobee Emergency Management Director. "Shelters are not very comfortable."

He said they are currently working on assessments to determine how many homes were damaged by flooding. He said several families who live in the north part of Okeechobee County were using the shelter on Tuesday.

While most areas of the county saw flood water drain off by Tuesday morning, some areas saw water level go up overnight, Mr. Smeykal said.

Waste Management resumed their collection schedules this morning (Wednesday) and will attempt to catch up on the collections they were unable to make on Monday

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Inmate is suspect in OCI murder

By **Eric Kopp**
Okeechobee News

Although details are sketchy, it has been released that an inmate at the Okeechobee Correctional Institute (OCI) is a suspect in the weekend death of another inmate.

Assistant State Attorney Don Richardson, who is handling the case, confirmed Tuesday, Aug. 28, the investigation does involve an alleged murder.

"I can confirm there was a homicide out there," he said.

However, because it is an ongoing investigation he could not comment further.

Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO)

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Labor Day celebration this weekend

Okeechobee Main Street is proud to announce the 2012 All-American Labor Day Celebration in Flagler Parks.

This exciting three-day event opens on Saturday, Sept. 1, at 10 a.m. and continues through Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 3, ending at 3 p.m.

OKMS welcomes you to join your friends and bring your family to enjoy over 80 vendors and non-profit organizations who will be on hand to entice you with amazing festival food items, specialty wares and important information about our town. Come hungry to enjoy BBQ pork, chicken

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SFWMD takes emergency action to move flows from Tropical Storm Isaac

Flood control system pumping at full capacity

The South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) has taken emergency action to help reduce flooding from Tropical Storm Isaac in western Palm Beach County, utilized an emergency detention basin in Miami-Dade County and dispatched divers to remove canal debris in Homestead.

Monday afternoon, an additional 6 inches

of rain from a trailing storm feeder band fell across the east coast, from Miami-Dade County to the Kissimmee River north of Lake Okeechobee. This is on top of 3.5 inches that fell during the height of the storm on Sunday night and the District-wide 7-day average rainfall totals of 5.57 inches. This average includes more than 10 inches of rain in Palm Beach County and significant rainfall on the lower east coast and areas surrounding the lake.

As a result, some communities experi-

enced localized flooding and high water in lakes, swales and on roadways. Based on radar rainfall estimates, there was 14.7 inches of maximum rainfall in C-51 Basin for the period Aug. 24 at 1 p.m. to Aug. 27 at 1 p.m. On Monday, the C-51 Canal was moving 9,600 cubic-feet of water per second, the highest rate ever recorded. Emergency orders have been issued to help maximize system operations in an effort to help alleviate local flooding.

"The District is taking every action possible to manage water associated with Tropical Storm Isaac's intense, historic rainfall," said SFWMD Executive Director Melissa Meeker. "Our field teams are assessing conditions throughout the region, and our Emergency Operations Center is fully activated to provide flooding relief as we move water through the regional system as quickly and safely as possible."

The District-wide rainfall average was 3.5 inches during a 24-hour period that ended at 6:30 a.m. Monday, with the heaviest rain concentrated in Palm Beach and Broward counties. An intense period of rain during a 3-hour span overnight Sunday and into early Monday morning left several areas with localized flooding.



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Under water

Flood waters made it difficult for drivers to see where the parking lot ended and the drainage ditch began, leading one driver to put his pickup truck in the ditch, submerged up the roof. He stood on the roof of the vehicle.

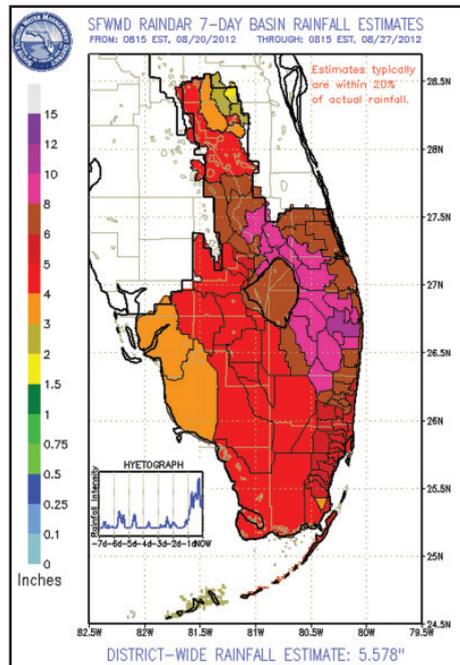


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Today: Mostly cloudy with thunderstorms and rain showers. High of 88F with a heat index of 95F. Winds from the SSE at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 60% with rainfall amounts near 0.2 in. possible.

Tonight: Partly cloudy with thunderstorms and rain showers. Low of 72F. Winds from the SE at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 30%.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: Partly cloudy with a chance of a thunderstorm and a chance of rain in the afternoon. High of 88F. Winds less than 5 mph. Chance of rain 30%.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy with a chance of a thunderstorm and a chance of rain in the evening, then overcast. Fog overnight. Low of 72F. Winds less than 5 mph.

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County may operate jail, courthouse security

By Pete Gawda
Okeechobee News

Okeechobee County may soon be one of the few counties in Florida whose jail is not operated by the sheriff. The budget workshop that had been scheduled for Monday was postponed until Tuesday because of Tropical Storm Isaac.

After a day-long budget workshop, commissioners decided to look into the possibility of contracting the operations of the jail and courthouse security to a private firm since Sheriff Paul May told them there was no way he could perform law enforcement activities, jail operations and courthouse security on the budget they were proposing. Commissioner Bryant Culpepper was against privatization. He expressed concern about lawsuits and a lower level of service.

The sheriff came to the meeting with an adjusted budget of \$15,204,000. This was almost a \$1.1 million reduction from his original proposed budget for the new year. He achieved that reduction by removing a 3 percent salary adjustment, removing 8 percent for insurance and basing his figures on a 3-year average.

However, those reductions were still not good enough. Using the sheriff's new figures, county administrator Robbie Chartier came back to the meeting after the noon

"We have cut everything we can. There is nothing left to cut but salaries."

— Sheriff Paul May

break with new apportionment figures. According to her recalculations the sheriff would still have to cut \$719,195 from his budget. Commissioners would have to cut an additional \$329,581. The clerk was apportioned a cut of \$50,614 while the property appraiser would have to come up with additional cuts of \$57,677. The supervisor of elections' apportioned part of the 1.17 million deficit was \$19,422.

Commissioners discussed, but decided against raising the tax rate and using capital funds to balance the budget.

"We have cut everything we can cut," said the sheriff. "There is nothing left to cut but salaries." He said he would have to start laying off employees and he could not adequately do all three tasks with the personnel he would have remaining. The sheriff is not required by law to operate the jail or be in charge of courthouse security. He offered to give those functions back to the commissioners. He said the cost of doing law enforcement duties alone might be lower than

the figure in his current budget because there are some overlapping responsibilities with jail operations and courthouse security that he would no longer be responsible for.

At this point commissioners do not know how much it would cost for a private firm to take over the jail and courthouse security or where the money would come from.

Supervisor of Elections Gwen Chandler said her apportion placed "an due burden" on her office especially during a very big

presidential election year.

Property appraiser Bill Sherman was equally defensive. "I don't play games with my budget," he asserted. "We've cut to the bare bone every year."

Commissioners will conduct another workshop beginning at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 4 in the Commission Chambers.

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

Gilbert Chevrolet teams with Wal-Mart Bass Fishing League

Gilbert Chevrolet will showcase new Chevy vehicles at the Walmart Bass Fishing League (BFL) weigh-ins on Saturday, Sept. 15, and Sunday, Sept. 16.

C. Scott Driver Park, located at 10100 S.R. 78 W. will host the first day weigh-in on Saturday at 3 p.m. Walmart, located at 2101 S. Parrott Ave., will host the final day weigh-in on Sunday at 3:30 p.m. Enthusiasts are encouraged to come out and join the festivities where Chevy is offering attendees the chance to register to win FLW hats and other prizes. In order to win, guests must both register and be present during the prize drawing.

BFL registration will be held at Gilbert Chevrolet, located at 3550 U.S. 441 S. on Friday, Sept. 14, from 4-6 p.m. All anglers interested in entering the Gator Division tournament on Lake Okeechobee are required to attend registration to determine eligibility. The tournament entry fee is \$200 for the boater and \$100 for the co-angler. First place could win a maximum payout of \$9,500 for the boater and \$3,000 for the co-angler with a full field and contingency.

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Local man killed in crash

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

An Okeechobee man was killed in a single-vehicle accident Sunday, Aug. 26, after he reportedly left the roadway and collided with a power pole and then a tree.

According to a Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) release Billy J. Foley, 62, was pronounced dead at the scene of the crash on S.R. 78 W.—about .03 miles west of U.S. 441 S.

A report by FHP Corporal Vernon D. Slater Jr. said the accident occurred around 6:03 p.m. Sunday in the westbound lane of the two-lane highway.

The report indicates that Mr. Foley's 2002 Dodge Ram pickup truck left the roadway and struck two metal fences before hitting the power pole and tree on the vehicles' right side. The report went on to indicate that Mr. Foley, who was the sole occupant of the vehicle, was wearing his seat belt at the time of the accident.

FHP Trooper Lieutenant Tim Frith said the rain and wind from Tropical Storm Isaac played a part in the accident, as well as the fact that Mr. Foley was apparently driving "too fast under such poor conditions."

Cpl. Slater's report stated that the accident is still under investigation.

Tobacco Free Partnership to hold September meeting

The Tobacco-Free Partnership of Okeechobee will meet Wednesday, **Sept. 5**, at noon. Lunch will be provided; please RSVP by calling 863-447-9140. The meeting will be in the Thompson Hall, next to the Pentecostals of Okeechobee Church, 405 S.W. 10th Avenue. The mission of the Tobacco-Free Partnership Okeechobee is to mobilize community partners to establish long-lasting system and policy changes that promote tobacco-free social norms in order to prevent usage of tobacco products by youth/young adults, encourage and support tobacco cessation, eliminate health hazards of second-hand smoke and decrease the number of deaths due to tobacco products.

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My dog

• It just hit me! My dog sleeps about 20 hours a day. He has his food prepared for him. His meals are provided at no cost to him. He visits the doctor once a year for his checkup, and again during the year, if any medical needs arise. For this he pays nothing, and nothing is required of him. He lives in a nice neighborhood in a house that is much larger than he needs, but he is not required to do any upkeep. If he makes a mess, someone else cleans it up. He has his choice of luxurious places to sleep. He receives these accommodations absolutely free. He is living like a king, and has absolutely no expenses whatsoever. All of his costs are picked up by others who earn a living. I was just thinking about all this, and suddenly it hit me like a brick ... My dog is a CONGRESSMAN!

Drug rehab at The Heritage?

• How can anyone think it is a good idea to put recovering drug and alcohol addicts down the hall from elderly women? The story in the Friday Okeechobee News about the request for a zoning change for The Heritage left me wondering. Surely the owners know if they go ahead with their plan to put drug detox patients there, the families of the senior citizens who live at the assisted living facility will move them elsewhere.

• Does anyone personally know someone where a drug rehab has actually worked for an extended amount of time and kept them clean? I personally have seen everyone that goes in to these rehabs get right back on the stuff within a year!

• Not a good idea. There is no reason to put the two in the same building.

• This is just wrong on so many levels. I wouldn't want my elderly family member in a facility with the drug/alcohol rehab patients.

Politics

• I am more interested in the Fast and Furious documents than in Romney's tax returns. I'll bet Romney's taxes didn't kill 300 people.

School closings

• I went to bed Sunday night thinking schools would be open. At 5 a.m. on Monday, I woke up to call that schools were closed. That was not much notice for parents who had to find some kind of childcare or else lose a day of work.

Shelters

• Sunday when they were discussing whether or not to open emergency shelters, it was mentioned on Facebook that they use the schools for shelters. The problem is that if they use the schools for shelters then that means they can't have school there even if the storm was over in time for the buses to run. I think they should put the primary shelters somewhere else such as the old civic center, clubs and churches and only use the schools if the other shelters are full. It's something to talk about before the next storm approaches.

Storm water

• On the news I was surprised to see children playing in the flood waters and the parents were watching and laughing. It is really not a good idea to get into that water. It is very dirty with animal feces and fertilizer from yards and pastures and gas and oil from the streets. There is probably a lot of bacteria in that water. Health officials always warn you to stay out of it, and if you must wade through it, to wash with soap and water afterwards. So letting children swim and play in it is just not smart.

Main Street plans Halloween

So the youth in Okeechobee can have a safe and healthy Halloween experience, Okeechobee Main Street, along with the Children's Services Council of Okeechobee, the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office, the Okeechobee County Commissioners and the City of Okeechobee Police Department are planning a special evening on Wednesday, Oct. 31, at the Agri-Civic Center. Okeechobee Main Street is seeking businesses, clubs, churches and organizations to sponsor booths, donate candy and help with the event. If you would like to help, contact Cindy Birdshaw, at Okeechobee Main Street, 111 Northeast 2nd Street, call 863-357-MAIN (6246) or email okms2009@embarqmail.com. Information is also available online at www.okeechobee-mainstreet.net.

USDA food safety tips for storm season

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) urges Floridians to make food safety a part of their hurricane season plan. Power outages and flooding that often result from weather emergencies compromise the safety of stored food, and planning ahead can minimize the risk of foodborne illness.

"Storing perishable food at proper temperatures is crucial to food safety but can become difficult if you lose electricity for your refrigerator and freezer," USDA Under Secretary for Food Safety Dr. Elisabeth Hagen said. "We recommend stocking up on canned food, bottled water, batteries, and dry ice."

Steps to follow to prepare for a possible weather emergency:

• Keep an appliance thermometer in the refrigerator and freezer to help determine if food is safe during power outages. The refrigerator temperature should be 40° F or lower and the freezer should be 0° F or lower.

• Store food on shelves that will be safely out of the way of contaminated water in case of flooding.

• Group food together in the freezer — this helps the food stay cold longer.

• Freeze refrigerated items such as leftovers, milk and fresh meat and poultry that you may not need immediately — this helps keep them at a safe temperature longer.

• Have coolers on hand to keep refrigerator food cold if the power will be out for more than 4 hours.

• Purchase or make ice and store in the freezer for use in the refrigerator or in a cooler. Freeze gel packs ahead of time for use in coolers.

• Plan ahead and know where dry ice and block ice can be purchased.

Steps to follow if the power goes out:

• Keep refrigerator and freezer doors closed as much as possible.

• A refrigerator will keep food cold for about 4 hours if you keep the door closed.

• A full freezer will keep its temperature for about 48 hours (24 hours if half-full).

• If the power is out for an extended period of time, buy dry or block ice to keep the refrigerator as cold as possible. Fifty pounds of dry ice should keep a fully-stocked 18-cubic-foot freezer cold for two days.

Steps to follow after a weather emergency:

• Check the temperature in the refrigerator and freezer. If the thermometer reads 40° F or below, the food is safe.

• If no thermometer was used in the freezer, check each package. If food still contains ice crystals or is at 40° F or below when checked with a food thermometer, it may be safely refrozen.

• Discard any perishable food (such as meat, poultry, fish, soft cheeses, milk, eggs, leftovers and deli items) that have been kept in a refrigerator or freezer above 40° F for two hours or more.

• Discard any food that is not in a waterproof container if there is any chance that it has come into contact with flood water. Containers that are not waterproof include those with screw-caps, snap lids, pull tops, and crimped caps. Discard wooden cutting boards, plastic utensils, baby bottle nipples and pacifiers.

• Thoroughly wash all metal pans, ceramic dishes and utensils that came in contact with flood water with hot soapy water and sanitize by boiling them in clean water or by immersing them for 15 minutes in a solution of 1 tablespoon of unscented, liquid chlorine bleach per gallon of drinking water.

• Undamaged, commercially prepared foods in all-metal cans and retort pouches (for example, flexible, shelf-stable juice or seafood pouches) can be saved.

Follow these rules:

• Use bottled water that has not been exposed to flood waters. If bottled water is not available, tap water can be boiled for safety.

• Never taste food to determine its safety!

• When in doubt, throw it out!

Consumers with food safety questions can "Ask Karen," the FSIS virtual representative available 24 hours a day at www.AskKaren.gov or m.AskKaren.gov on your smartphone. Mobile Ask Karen can also be downloaded from the Android app store. Consumers can email, chat with a live representative, or call the USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline directly from the app. The live chat option and the toll-free USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline, 1-888-MPHotline (1-888-674-6854), are available in English and Spanish from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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Flood waters bring health risks to well owners and others

The Florida Department of Health advises private well owners affected by flood waters to take precautions against disease-causing organisms that may make their water unsafe to drink.

Private Well Owners:

- Boil water before use, holding it at rolling boil for at least one minute before using it for drinking, washing, cooking, etc.; or
- Disinfect water by adding 8 drops (about 1/8 tsp – this would form a puddle about the size of a dime) of plain unscented household bleach (4 to 6%) per gallon of water, and then let it stand for 30 minutes. If the water is cloudy after 30 minutes, repeat the procedure. Use a container that has a cap or cover for disinfecting and storing water to be used for drinking. This will prevent contamination; or
- Use bottled water, especially for mixing baby formula.
- Conserve water as much as possible. Do not run a dishwasher or washing machine, limit excessive bathing and flushing of commodes.

After the flooding subsides:

- Disinfect your well using the procedures available from your local health department or provided on the Department of Health at <http://www.doh.state.fl.us/environment/water/manual/floodinf.htm>; and

Food safety: Preventing food-borne diseases

- Individuals should not eat any food that may have come into contact with contaminated water from floods or tidal surges.
- Commercially prepared cans of food should not be eaten if there is a bulging or opening on the can or the screw caps, soda pop bottle tops or twist-caps.
- Undamaged, commercially canned foods can be saved if you remove the labels and then disinfect the cans in a bleach solution. Use 1/4 cup of bleach in one gallon of water; re-label the cans including expiration date and type of food. Assume that home-canned food is unsafe.

- Infants should be fed only pre-mixed canned baby formula. Do not use powdered formulas prepared with treated water. Use boiled water when preparing formula.

- Frozen and refrigerated foods can be unsafe after a flood. When the power is out, refrigerators will keep foods cool for only about four hours. Thawed and refrigerated foods should be thrown out after four hours.

Sanitation and Hygiene:

Preventing waterborne illness

- Basic hygiene is very important during this emergency period. Always wash your hands with soap and water that has been boiled or disinfected before eating, after toilet use, after participating in cleanup activities and after handling articles contaminated by floodwater or sewage.
- Flood water may contain fecal matter from sewage systems, agricultural and industrial waste and septic tanks. If you have open cuts or sores exposed to the floodwater, keep them as clean as possible by washing them with soap and disinfected or boiled water. Apply antibiotic ointment to reduce the risk of infection. If a wound or sore develops redness, swelling or drainage, see a physician.
- Do not allow children to play in floodwater. They can be exposed to water contaminated with fecal matter. Do not allow children to play with toys that have been in floodwater until the toys have been disinfected. Use 1/4 cup of bleach in one gallon of water to disinfect toys and other items.

Power Outages: Preventing fire hazards

- Using battery-powered lanterns and flashlights is preferable to using candles.
- If you must use candles, make sure you put them in safe holders away from curtains, paper, wood, or other flammable items.
- Post Flood Clean-up:
 - Clean up debris to avoid injury and contamination.
 - Chainsaws should only be operated in safe conditions (not in water soaked ar-

and by people that are experienced in proper use.

- Lift heavy debris by bending knees and using legs to help lift.
- Wear shoes to avoid injury to the feet from glass, nails or other sharp objects.
- Avoid contact with downed power lines.
- Be alert to wildlife (snakes, alligators, etc.) that may have been displaced as a result of the situation.

Clear Standing Water: Prevent mosquito-borne illness

Heavy rains and flooding can lead to an increase in mosquitoes. Mosquitoes are most active at sunrise and sunset. Public health authorities will be working actively to control the spread of any diseases transmitted by mosquitoes.

To protect against mosquitoes, DOH urges the public to remain diligent in their personal mosquito protection efforts. These should include the "5 Ds" for prevention:

- Dusk and Dawn – Avoid being outdoors when mosquitoes are seeking blood. For many species, this is during the dusk and dawn hours.
- Dress – Wear clothing that covers most of your skin.
- DEET – When the potential exists for exposure to mosquitoes, repellents containing DEET (N,N-diethyl-meta-toluamide, or N,N-diethyl-3-methylbenzamide) are recommended. Picaridin and oil of lemon eucalyptus are other repellent options.
- Drainage – Check around your home to rid the area of standing water, which is where mosquitoes can lay their eggs.

Tips on Repellent Use

- Always read label directions carefully for the approved usage before applying a repellent to skin. Some repellents are not suitable for children.
- Products with concentrations of up to 30 percent DEET are generally recommended. Other potential mosquito repellents, as reported by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in June 2007, contain picaridin or oil of lemon eucalyptus. These products are generally available at local pharmacies. Look for active ingredients to be listed on the product label.
- Apply insect repellent to exposed skin, or onto clothing, but not under clothing. In

protecting children, read label instructions to be sure the repellent is age-appropriate.

- According to the CDC, mosquito repellents containing oil of lemon eucalyptus should not be used on children under the age of 3 years. DEET is not recommended on children younger than 2 months old.
- Infants should be kept indoors or mosquito netting should be used over carriers when mosquitoes are present.
- Avoid applying repellents to the hands of children. Adults should apply repellent first to their own hands and then transfer it to the child's skin and clothing.
- If additional protection is necessary, apply a permethrin repellent directly to your clothing. Again, always follow the manufacturer's directions.

Tips on Eliminating Breeding Sites for Mosquitoes

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

- Clean out eaves, troughs and gutters.
- Remove old tires or drill holes in those used in playgrounds to drain.
- Turn over or remove empty plastic pots.
- Pick up all beverage containers and cups.
- Check tarps on boats or other equipment that may collect water.
- Pump out bilges on boats.
- Replace water in birdbaths and pet or other animal feeding dishes at least once a week.
- Change water in plant trays, including hanging plants, at least once a week.
- Remove vegetation or obstructions in drainage ditches that prevent the flow of water.

For further information, please contact your local county health department or visit www.doh.state.fl.us or www.FloridaDisaster.org.

For more state and federal information on emergency and disaster planning, visit the following Web sites: www.FloridaDisaster.org, www.RedCross.org, www.ready.gov or www.fema.gov.

The Florida Emergency Information Line: 1-800-342-3557.

B.R.A.T. Club to coordinate Labor Day Parade

The 2012 Labor Day Parade will be held on Sept. 3, beginning at 10 a.m. The parade will travel the regular parade route starting at Second street on Parrott Avenue (U.S. 441) and traveling through downtown. Last year the club picked up the parade and organized over 75 entries. Businesses, clubs and individuals are welcome to participate.

For more information about the parade or to obtain an application, please call Teresa Chandler at 863-801-4996 or e-mail at tchandler@wm.com.

September Blood Drives

September is a special month for donating blood in Okeechobee. If you donate at one of the September drives on or before Saturday, Sept. 22, you will still be eligible to donate at the November Okeechobee Blood Roundup. Check which drive suits you best and get out and donate to save the life of your neighbor, your friend, and your family.

Blood drives are planned for:

- Thursday, Aug. 30, Okeechobee High School;
- Saturday, Sunday and Monday, Sept. 1, 2, 3 -- Labor Day Festival in the Park, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.;
- Sunday, Sept. 16 - Golden Corral, 11 a.m.- 4 p.m.;
- Saturday, Sept. 22 - Publix, 1-6 p.m.; and,
- Saturday, Sept. 29 - Wal Mart, 11 a.m.- 4 p.m.

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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.

Fredrick B. Schultz, 74

LAKEPORT — Fredrick B. Schultz passed away August 26, 2012, in Ft. Pierce, Fla.

He was born March 30, 1938, in Hayward, Wis. Mr. Schultz proudly served our country in the US Army during the Korean War. He worked across the country as a line-man. He moved to Lakeport, Fla. 25 years ago. He was an avid hunter, fisherman and he loved his family. He was a Deacon at Lakeport Christian Church.

Mr. Schultz was preceded in death by his daughter, Danis Wilson; brother, Buster Schultz; and sister, Marvel Mago.

He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Norma G. Schultz; two sons, Clinton Helland (Jean) of Black River Falls, Wis. and Kevin Helland (Julia) of Mondovi, Wis.; daughter, Lynnae Helland of Moss Landing, Calif.; son-in-law, Thomas Wilson of Brooke, Ind.; 17 grandchildren; 41 great grandchildren; five great-great grandchildren; three sisters, Sally, Betty and Thamer; and many loving nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be held 10 a.m. Wednesday, September 5, 2012, at Lakeport Christian Church.

Friends may sign the guest book at www.BassOkeechobeeFH.com

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

Alice Williams

OKEECHOBEE — Alice Williams, 80 a long time resident died the 17th day of Aug. 2012 at her home in Sharpsburg, Ga.

Born in 1932 in Kentucky, she was a beautiful person, great-grandmother, grandma, mother, wife, and sister. Anyone that came in contact with her was affected by her smile, enormous laugh and love for life, family and friends.

She is survived by her husband, Harold; her brother; four daughters; eight grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren all of who brought great joy to her later years. She will be greatly missed.

You are invited to sign the guest book and send a message to the family by visiting the website for Carmichael Hemperley Funeral Home in Peachtree City, GA.

Charles 'Chuck' McGuire, 87

OKEECHOBEE — After a courageous battle with cancer, Charles "Chuck" McGuire passed away and joined our Lord Saturday, Aug. 25, 2012.

Charles was born July 29, 1925, in Hillsboro, Ohio. He joined the service in 1943 and retired in 1974 after serving in WWII, the Korean War, and three tours of duty in Viet Nam. He earned many awards and medals. Charles invented the "McGuire Rig", a life-saving device utilized during combat missions.

He was preceded in death by his sisters, Jon Elsie Ellis, Peggy Abbott, and Viola Todd.

Survivors include his wife of 66 years, Martha, "Marty" McGuire of Okeechobee; son, Danny (Janet) McGuire of Miami; daughter, Sheila McGuire of Okeechobee; grandchildren, Brian (Terra), Kevin (Tarra), and Kyla McGuire; and four great-grandchildren, Meghan, Madison, Aidan and Emma McGuire.

A memorial service will be held 11 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 1, 2012, at New Testament Baptist Church with Pastor Jim Gilbert officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made in Charles' memory to the New Testament Baptist Church Building Fund, 535 N.E. 28th Avenue, Okeechobee, FL 34972.

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.



Jimmie Rutherford Durrance, 67

OKEECHOBEE — Jimmie Rutherford Durrance passed away August 27, 2012 at the Hamrick Home.

She was born December 12, 1944 in Orlando, Fla. to James Calous Rutherford and Lutishi Wright Rutherford.

She came to Okeechobee from Leesburg, Fla. in 1979. She was an LPN and member of the North Okeechobee Church of God.

Mrs. Durrance was preceded in death by her husband of 33 years, Benjamin Lucius Durrance; her parents; five sisters; one brother; one grandson; and one son.

She is survived by two daughters, Alicia Rothrock (Raymond) and Charlotte Bailey (Daryl); two sons, Mark Durrance (Kebra) and WJ Durrance (Terisa); daughter-in-law, Carol Durrance; ten grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; brother, Buck Rutherford (Marylin); and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be 1 p.m. Thursday, August 30, 2012, at Bass Okeechobee Funeral Home. Funeral service will follow at 2 p.m. with Pastor Don Leon officiating. Interment will follow at Evergreen Cemetery.

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

Friends may sign the guest book at www.BassOkeechobeeFH.com

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James D. Dorris, 65

OKEECHOBEE — James D. Dorris passed away at home Friday morning, August 24, 2012, after a courageous battle with lung cancer and COPD.

Jim was born May 20, 1947, in Nanticoke, Pa. He was the son of the late Ruth Blackwell. Jim was married to his high school sweetheart, Sharon Slusser, and they celebrated their 45th

wedding anniversary on August 5th. Jim graduated from Nanticoke High School in 1966. Upon graduation, he entered the US Marine Corp. and was on active duty until 1975. He joined the PA National Guard and retired as a Sergeant. After retiring from Roadway Express, Jim & Sharon moved to Okeechobee, Fla. where he enjoyed fishing and bowling. Jim had an infectious laugh and a wonderful smile that would fill a room. He treasured setting up his trains at Christmas bringing great joy to everyone especially his children and grandchildren. He also enjoyed captaining his pontoon boat, singing karaoke, telling jokes, getting out of his "Honey Do List", and most of all loving his family and friends.

Jim is preceded in death by his grandchildren, Courtney Engle and John Kennedy.

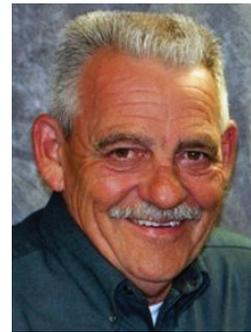
He is survived by his wife, Sharon Slusser Dorris; his five children, Michelle Engle and her husband John of Nanticoke, Pa., James Dorris Jr. and his wife Dawn, of Seneca, Mo., Stacey Crisswell and her husband Jon of Berwick, Pa., Steven Dorris and his wife Tara of Nanticoke, Pa., and Jeffrey Dorris and his wife Elizabeth of Hanover Twp., Pa.; his grandchildren Briana Engle, Shane Engle, Justin Coledo, Kerinne Dorris, Derrick Dorris, Ashley Kennedy, Jacob Dorris, Makayla Dorris, and Savannah Dorris; his great-granddaughter Couriana Engle.

Though an only child, Jim was a son to his late parents-in-law, Jim and Helen Slusser, and also a brother to his in-laws and their "Outlaws" (of which he was proud to be the leader of the pack) Cindy and Vance Jenkins, Jim and Molly Slusser, Bob and Meg Slusser, all of Hanover Twp., Pa., and Elaine and Lenny Draus, Port St. Lucie, Fla.. He is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Jim was a lifelong member of Calvary United Methodist Church, West Nanticoke, Pa. He was also a member of the American Legion, a proud supporter of the Busch Brewing Co., and his favorite hangout Alexis'.

A Memorial Service celebrating his life will be held at 4 p.m., Saturday, September 1, 2012, at Zachary Taylor RV Resort, Okeechobee, Fla., at their Recreation Hall.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, Wounded Warriors Project, or Lancaster Cleft Palate Clinic.



Community Events

Church to host kids Bible Night

Join the fun at AWANA Bible Club at First Baptist Church of Okeechobee, Wednesday nights 6-8 p.m. through the school year. Clubs for 3 year olds through 12th grade. First night of Club/Registration will be **Aug. 29**, from 6-8 p.m. For details or questions, please call the church office at 863-763-2171.

Firestix softball tryouts rescheduled

Try-out dates for the Okeechobee Firestix softball program have been rescheduled to **Aug. 29** and 30 from 6-8 pm at the Okeechobee High School softball field. The softball program is a travel-based league and involves several age groups. For more information call Kim Hargraves at 863-634-6322 or 467-4900. There are four teams this fall, an 8 and under, 10 and under, 12 and under and 14 and under squad. Try-outs for high school age girls will be held in September.

County Fair directors to meet

The Okeechobee Fair board of directors will meet **Aug. 30**, at 5:30 p.m. at the Chamber of Commerce.

OCEA to hold general membership meeting

The Okeechobee County Education Association (OCEA) will have its first general membership meeting of the 2012-2013 school year on Thursday, **Aug. 30**, at 4:30 p.m. in the cafeteria of Central Elementary School, 510 S.W. 5th Ave.

Contact OCEA at 863-467-1564 for more information.

Healthy Start Coalition plans annual meeting for Aug. 31

The Okeechobee Healthy Start Coalition will have their Annual Meeting on Friday, **Aug. 31**, from 2-4 p.m. at First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. This meeting is open to the public.

The Okeechobee Healthy Start Coalition is part of a statewide network of coalitions responsible for planning and implementing services to pregnant women and children under 3 years of age.

The Coalition is made up of citizens interested in promoting healthy families and babies in Okeechobee. For more information about the Coalition, please contact Kay Begin, Executive Director, at 863-462-5877.



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Teen accused of hitting teacher with bottle

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

An Okeechobee Achievement Academy student was arrested and booked into the Okeechobee County Jail after he allegedly hit a male teacher in the groin with a bottle contain-

ing a sports drink.

Julio Cesar Suarez, 16, S.E. Sixth Lane, Okeechobee, was arrested Aug. 24 on a felony charge of battery on a school board employee. After being booked into the county jail, Suarez was taken to the St. Lucie County Regional De-

tention Center in Fort Pierce.

An arrest report by Deputy John Fisher, of the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO), stated that surveillance video in the school's cafeteria showed Suarez becoming agitated at a male teacher and then hitting a table. The teen then sits down at the table and the teacher walks away.

A short time later the teacher is seen walking past the other end of the table and the video shows an object flying off the end of the table and striking him in the groin, stated the deputy.

The table is about 10-feet in length, added the deputy.



Julio Cesar Suarez

According to Deputy Fisher, a witness told him that Suarez became upset when the teacher told him he was not going to receive a behavior reward. The student punched the table in anger and told the teacher to shut up, stated the witness.

When the teacher returned and walked by the table the witness reportedly said they saw Suarez "deliberately and forcefully slide ..." the sports drink bottle at the teacher.

In the deputy's report, Suarez said he was playing around and sliding the bottle back and forth and it slipped. The teen admitted to still being angry at the teacher but said he did not hit the man intentionally, Deputy Fisher stated.

Monkey attacks owner's husband

A Macaque Monkey escaped from its enclosure and attacked its owner's husband, sending the man to the hospital, according to a report filed by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Division of Law Enforcement on Aug. 23. The monkey was later shot and killed by the owner's neighbor according to the report.

FWC Officer Jon Garzaniti's report states: "On Aug. 15, 2012, approximately 11:30 a.m., a Macaque Monkey escaped from its enclosure at 3301 S.W. Dunklin Avenue, (off Martin Grade). The monkey is properly permitted. The owner of the monkey is Mona

Schwall. Mrs. Schwall's husband, James Schwall, noticed the monkey was out of its enclosure and in the tree above the cage.

"Mr. Schwall called the monkey down from the tree. He threw a cast net over the monkey in an attempt to capture it. The monkey flipped the cast net off and began attacking Mr. Schwall. A neighbor, Michael W. Cooper, 17, was present during the incident. Mr. Schwall was able to separate himself from the monkey. At this time, he told Michael to shoot the monkey. Michael shot and killed the monkey with a 12 gauge shotgun."

Okeechobee Arrest Report

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

- Ricky Antwan Bynum, 26, N.W. 30th Way, Oakland Park, was arrested Aug. 24 by Deputy Corporal Aric Majere on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with the felony of lewd or lascivious exhibition in the presence of a correctional facility employee. His bond was set at \$10,000.

- Shane Allen Thomas, 24, S.E. 27th St., Okeechobee, was arrested Aug. 24 by Officer Kelley Margerum on a felony charge of dealing in stolen property. His bond was set at \$10,000.

- Patricia Lynn Raulerson, 21, N.W. Fourth St., Okeechobee, was arrested Aug. 25 by Deputy Joe Gracie on a warrant charging her with the felony of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. Her bond was set at \$5,000.

- Charles Curtis McNeely, 43, S.E. 34th Ave., Okeechobee, was arrested Aug. 26 by Deputy Corporal Michael Hazellief on a felony charge of driving while license suspended

with knowledge - habitual offender, and the misdemeanors of willful/wanton reckless driving and no motor vehicle registration. His bond was set at \$2,500.

- Jessie James Wright, 21, N.W. 12th St., Okeechobee, was arrested Aug. 26 by Officer Belen Reyna on a felony charge of burglary of an occupied dwelling. His bond was set at \$10,000.

- Filiberto Villatoro-Solarzano, 28, Okeechobee, was arrested Aug. 26 by Deputy Bart Potter on a felony charge of resisting a law enforcement officer with violence, and a misdemeanor charge of battery. His bond was set at \$3,500.

- River R. Maupin, 21, U.S. 441 S.E., Okeechobee, was arrested Aug. 26 by Deputy DeMarcus Dixon on a felony charge of grand theft. His bond was set at \$2,500.

- Kenith Edwin Mowery, 55, S.E. 26th St., Okeechobee, was arrested Aug. 28 by Deputy Sergeant Paul Ferrell on a felony charge of driving under the influence with priors. His bond was set at \$2,500.

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.

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Area churches plan special programs

Join the fun at AWA-NA Bible Club at **First Baptist Church** of Okeechobee! Wednesday nights 6-8 p.m. through the school year. Clubs are available for children age 3 through 12th grade. First night of Club/Registration is Aug. 29, from 6-8 p.m. For details or questions, please call the church office at 863-763-2171.

Life Community Church, 701 S. Parrott Ave., will have a FREE family movie night, Friday, Sept. 7, at 7 p.m. The movie, "Escape,"

will be shown. It is an adventure story of captivity and redemption set in the islands of Southeast Asia. The public is invited.

Jesus Holy Ghost Crusade Church will have a yard sale/clothing sale every second Saturday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 1401 N.E. 14th Avenue, Okeechobee. All funds go to support our soup kitchen. Call Crystal Harris for more information at 863-612-6395.

Cancer group plans 'sit & sew' event

ConKerr Cancer's mission is to provide children with cancer or other life-changing illnesses a feeling of warmth and love through the simple gift of a pillowcase. The next "sit & sew" will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 4, from 10:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. at the Okeechobee Presbyterian Church on Parrott Avenue. 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. All of the pillowcases will be donated to St. Mary's Hospital, Palms West and/or Lakeside Hospital in Belle Glade.

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, dobro, and harmonica—come and enjoy!

Peace Lutheran Church, 750 N.W. 23rd Lane, has two worship services each Sunday, one at 8 a.m. and one at 10:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome to come hear God's message of love and forgiveness for all people through Jesus Christ. Web site is www.peace-okee.org.

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.

September is our Third Annual Miles of Pillowcase Smiles (MOPS) Campaign in recognition of Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. The goal is 44,000 (over 20 miles) of pillowcases, each one representing a child currently in treatment. Last year Okeechobee donated 434 pillowcases and the goal this year is to meet or beat that number. If you have child-friendly cotton fabric you would like to donate please call Joan at 863-467-0290. Additionally, if you would like to help but do not sew, they are also accepting cash donations to purchase fabric.



Places of Worship

Share your news and photos for this column by email to okeenews@newszap.com

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.

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

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Three to run for two seats on Okeechobee City Council

In the November General Election city voters will have a choice of three candidates for the two at-large nonpartisan seats on the Okeechobee City Council that will be up for grabs. The seats currently held by James Kirk and Mike O'Connor will be up for election. Those two incumbents are running plus a newcomer to the city council, Ray Whorley. Of those three candidates, the two getting the most votes will win those seats.

HOLIDAY DEADLINES

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FLOOD

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and Tuesday due to the flooding.

Mr. Smeykal said weather stations indicated the county received about 8.75 inches of rainfall between 4:48 a.m. on Aug. 26 and 2:27 p.m. on Aug. 27. He said some residents who have their own rain gauges or home weather stations reported in excess of 12 inches of rain in that period.

According to the South Florida Water Management District, inflows for Lake Okeechobee are close to 25,000 cubic feet of water

per second — more than 10 times greater than inflows a week ago. Lake Okeechobee rose nearly a foot due to the storm. On Friday, the lake level was 12.37 feet. On Tuesday morning, the lake level was 13.12 feet. The lake level is expected to continue to rise as the water in the basin drains into the Kissimmee River, Taylor Creek and other tributaries that feed into the big lake.

To report flooding or damaged or blocked water control structures, call the SFWMD Citizen Information Line toll-free at 877-429-1294.

For more information online go to www.okeechobeeoc.com or see the Okeechobee News page on Facebook.



Okeechobee News/Katrina Elskan

Heavy rainfall from Tropical Storm Isaac left many Okeechobee County roads flooded, including parts of U.S. Highway 441 (above).



Okeechobee News/Eric Kopp

If it hadn't been filled with water, this boat in front of Lunker's Sports Grille on U.S. 441 S. may well have floated away Monday, Aug. 27, due to the heavy rains from Tropical Storm Isaac over the weekend.

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GAMBLE WITH CARE

August Mixer event hosted by Seacoast National Bank

Seacoast National Bank, 500 North Parrott Avenue, hosted the monthly Main Street Mixer on Thursday, Aug. 16. Over 65 participants had a great time mingling with one another, discussing the business of the day and enjoying the "streets of Rome." Delicious Italian fare was catered by Dee Stefano of Indiantown including delicious stuffed mushrooms and meatballs. Vice President

and Branch Manager Melody Hodges welcomed Main Street members, visitors and guests and discussed Seacoast's role in the community. Seacoast National Bank is not only a Corporate Member of Okeechobee Main Street, but is also consistently an active participant in the community in many other areas including the sponsorships of the National Day of the American Cowboy, Top of

the Lake Art and Music Festival and Halloween Festival.

Main Street Executive Director Cindy Birdashaw tipped the Main Street hat to Seacoast for all of their assistance, including this mixer, and introduced new members and guests. Thanks was given to all who assisted with the National Day of the American Cowboy and a reminder was given about the upcoming Labor Day Celebration on Sept. 1, 2, and 3.

Several excited guests won door prizes provided by Main Street business members.

The September Main Street Mixer will be hosted by UBS Financial Services at the Chamber of Commerce, 55 S. Parrott Avenue, on Tuesday, Sept. 4 from 5 to 7 p.m. The public is invited to all mixers so come and meet your local business owners and neighbors! For more information contact the Okeechobee Main Street Executive Director Cindy Birdashaw at 863-357-6246 or stop in the Main Street office at 111 Northeast 2nd Street (directly north of CVS).



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Kathy Pappaso accepting a door prize provided by Seacoast National Bank.



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At the mixer event were, Seacoast National Bank staff Lavada Huff, Briseida Ayala, Melody Hodges, Christina Reynolds, Teresa Hernandez, Amber Conlin, and Cali Miller with OKMS Board of Directors Bridgette Waldau, Shelly Doyle, Frank DeCarlo, Maureen Burroughs, Courtney Moyett, John Creasman, and Executive Director, Cindy Birdashaw.

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OHS Brahmans dominate preseason kickoff classic

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

Okeechobee High School's defense dominated and the offense put up 35 unanswered points as they defeated John Carroll and Moore Haven at the preseason kickoff classic Friday night at Moore Haven High School.

Okeechobee outgained John Carroll 149-55 as they shut out the Golden Rams 14-0. After Moore Haven whipped John Carroll 32-7 in the middle game, Okeechobee held the Terriers to only 50 yards as they defeated their neighbors 21-0 in the night cap. Each game lasted for two quarters.

"I'm extremely proud of the intensity and the level of play they maintained tonight," coach Chris Branham said. "We didn't step up our game against John Carroll then sat in the end zone and watched a Moore Haven track meet, and got a little worried about their speed, but we stepped up to their level in the night cap."

Fabian Howard had a strong night with 113 yards and two touchdowns in the games. Jack Radebaugh threw for 100 yards and a touchdown on the night. Eddie Neal caught four passes and Al Morris had 38 yards in receptions and a touchdown. Elijowan Williams rushed for 35 yards on five carries. DJ Washington had 48 yards rushing and 25 yards in receptions.

Branham said his goal is to make the kids believe in their skills and realize they have a gift. He said the team also fed off the energy and the noise of the Okeechobee fans.

Branham said the defense looks as good as advertised, were very physical, and played old school Okeechobee football. "They played smash mouth, flew to the ball, attacked the ball and forced turnovers and made plays."

Howard said he felt the team played well together and if he had to grade them, would have given them a B+ or an A grade. He said the team still has a lot of things to work on in practice.

Offensive center Greg Hernandez helped the Okeechobee offensive line dominate the line of scrimmage against Moore Haven. He said the team was well prepared for this game.

"We felt real strong coming into this

game. We finally united and won as a team," he added.

Defense end Cade Stokes helped lead a strong Brahman pass rush which helped hold opposing quarterbacks to just six completions in 26 attempts and just 51 yards through the air. He and Eddie Neal had multiple sacks. Elijowan Williams tackled the Moore Haven quarterback, Bronson Bass, causing a fumble that led to a touchdown. Stokes said he plans to attack opposition quarterbacks all season and make life tough on them.

"The defense is a good group this year. The defense came out with intensity and we just wore them down and played as a unit," he added.

Barrion Cohens had 58 yards rushing for Moore Haven which included a 46-yard run in the fourth quarter. Okeechobee had 10 tackles behind the line of scrimmage on the night.

The Brahmans open the regular season on Friday night against Port St. Lucie, a 28-7 loser to Palm Beach Gardens in their kick off classic on Friday.



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Cade Stokes and the Brahman defense stood tall in a big win over Moore Haven and a solid win over John Carroll on Friday.

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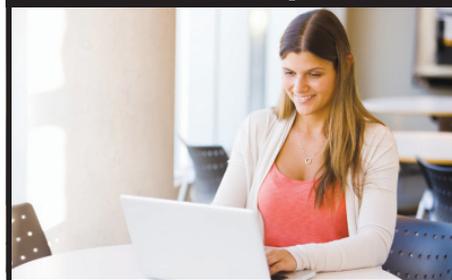


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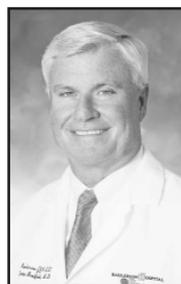
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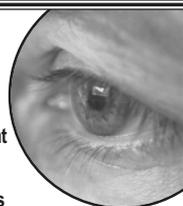
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Ann Howard, Department of Corrections (DOC) communications director in Tallahassee, would only confirm that an investigation is under way.

"We do have an internal investigation going on and it does involve an inmate," she said in a phone interview Tuesday morning. "There has been no arrest."

Neither the name of the apparent victim nor the alleged suspect have been released

at this point.

It was also confirmed Tuesday that OCSO crime scene technicians and a detective are involved in that probe.

OCSO Detective Lieutenant Brad Stark said because the incident at OCI took place in Okeechobee County it will be prosecuted in the 19th Judicial Circuit.

"Our crime scene unit and investigative unit was sent out to assist the prison in a criminal investigation," he said.

Other than that, Lt. Stark said he had no further information.

Ms. Howard said the investigation was stalled somewhat due to Tropical Storm Isaac and measures that were taken to ensure inmate safety.

"I do not know how long the investigation will take," she added.

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On Saturday at 10 a.m., Lunkers Sports Grill will sponsor our Second Annual Corn Hole Competition in the Parks. Meet on Second Avenue for registration and a chance to grab the championship. Trophies and prizes will be awarded to top teams, along with bragging rights for the year. Participation in this double elimination tournament will cost \$20 per team. Come and show us what you got or support your favorite team! Thanks to Seacoast National Bank for their support of this event.

On Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 3, come to the parks for some friendly competition sponsored by MidFlorida Credit Union. At noon, come to Park 3 to participate in the Second Annual Soda Chug. For \$5 per person take this opportunity to see how much soda you can put away in five minutes. First prize is a beautiful Dasani Mountain Bike donated by Coca-Cola. Take advantage of this chance to win this great prize and claim the title! Or, if you prefer, come to Park 3 at 1 p.m., following the Soda Chug, to participate in our Second Annual Top Dog Hot Dog Eating Contest. For \$5 you will get 5 minutes to stuff yourself with all of the hot dogs that you can eat. Rules and applications for all of the competitions are available in the Okeechobee Main Street Office, 111 NE 2nd Street (North of CVS). Corn Hole applications are also available at Lunker's Sports Grill; Soda Chug and Top Dog Applications are also available at MidFlorida. You may also apply for any of the competitions at the Main Street booth at the festival.

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Following the parade, come back to the parks to meet the festival royalty and see the outstanding performance of award-winning cheer and dance group, Xplosion, under the direction of Victoria Osteen.

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Community Events

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JOHN FOSSATI; NEW CENTURY MORTGAGE CORPORATION, A DISSOLVED CORPORATION DAWN FOSSATI; UNKNOWN TENANT (S); IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated the 28th day of June, 2012, and entered in Case No. 472009CA000821CAXXXX, of the Circuit Court of the 19th Judicial Circuit in and for Okeechobee County, Florida, wherein U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDERS OF THE ASSET BACKED SECURITIES CORPORATION HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST, SERIES NC 2005-HEB, ASSET BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES NC 2005-HEB is the Plaintiff and JOHN FOSSATI, AEGIS MORTGAGE CORP., A DISSOLVED CORPORATION DBA AMERICA LIFE LTD. NEW CENTURY MORTGAGE CORPORATION, A DISSOLVED CORPORATION, DAWN FOSSATI, AMY MARIE POWER, LANCE R. POWER, UNKNOWN TENANT (S) N/K/A DAVID SPARKS and UNKNOWN TENANT (S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY are defendants. The Clerk of this Court shall sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the OKEECHOBEE COUNTY JUDICIAL CENTER, 312 NW 3RD STREET, JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM, SECOND FLOOR, OKEECHOBEE, FLORIDA 34972, 11:00 AM on the 26th day of September, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 90, TAYLOR CREEK ISLES UNIT IV, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 10, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN 1.982 NOBI SINGLEWIDE MOBILE HOME IDENTIFIED BY VIN NUMBER: N81457.

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.

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 6 de habla, llame al 711.

KREYOL: Si ou se yon moun ki kòkòb ki bezwen asistans ou aparye pou ou ka patipise nan prosedu sa-a, ou gen dwa san ou bezwen peye anyen you ou jwen on seri de ed. Tanpri kontakta Corrie Johnson, Co-ordinador ADA, 250 NW Country Club Drive, suite 217, Port St. Lucie, FL 34986, (772) 807-4370 ou mwen 7 jou avan ke ou resevwa avis sa-a ou si le ke ou gen pou-ou ale nan tribunal-la mwens ke 7 jou; Si ou pa ka tande ou pale byen, 711.

Dated this 1st day of July, 2012.

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

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 2011-CP-186
IN RE: ESTATE OF
ELLEN J. BRANSTETTER
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Ellen J. Branstetter, deceased, is pending in the Circuit Court for Okeechobee County, Florida, 312 NW 3rd Street, Suite 101, Okeechobee, Florida 34972. The name and address of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate, including unmatured, contingent or unliquidated claims, on whom a copy of this notice is served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LAST MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

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

ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

The date of first publication is August 22nd, 2012.

Personal Representative:
Robert L. Branstetter, Jr.
2631 SE 24th Boulevard
Okeechobee, FL 34974

Attorney for Personal Representative:
Benjamin H. Greenberg, Esquire
Attorney for Personal Representative
Florida Bar No. 627542
Greenberg Elder Law Services, LLC
205 NE 5th Terrace
Delray Beach, FL 33444
Tel: (561) 274-9109
424451 ON 8/22,29/2012

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2012CA-000255

Bank of America, N.A.
Plaintiff
Vs.

ESTATE OF MARTHA HAWTHORNE A/K/A MARTHA ANN HAWTHORNE, C/O DESTIE L. HAWTHORNE, DESTIE L. HAWTHORNE, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF MARTHA HAWTHORNE A/K/A MARTHA ANN HAWTHORNE, RONALD LEE HAWTHORNE, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS KNOWN HEIR OF MARTHA HAWTHORNE A/K/A MARTHA ANN HAWTHORNE AND CHARLES E. HAWTHORNE, et al
Defendants

NOTICE OF ACTION

To the following Defendant: **UNKNOWN HEIRS, SUCCESSORS, ASSIGNS AND ALL PERSONS, FIRMS OR ASSOCIATIONS CLAIMING RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST FROM OR UNDER MARTHA HAWTHORNE A/K/A MARTHA ANN HAWTHORNE, DECEASED** 16615 NORTHWEST 32ND AVENUE OKEECHOBEE, FL 34972

UNKNOWN HEIRS, SUCCESSORS, ASSIGNS AND ALL PERSONS, FIRMS OR ASSOCIATIONS CLAIMING RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST FROM OR UNDER CHARLES HAWTHORNE, DECEASED 16615 NORTHWEST 32ND AVENUE OKEECHOBEE, FL 34972

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

Part Of The SE 1/4 Of Section 30, And Part Of The SW 1/4 Of Section 29, Township 35 South, Range 35 East, More Particularly Described As Follows: From The SE Corner Of Said Section 30, Run North Along The East Line Of Said 30 A Distance Of 192.27 Feet To The North Right-Of-Way Line Of State Road S-68; Thence Run South 81 Degrees 51'41" East Along Said North-Right-Of-Way Line A Distance Of 1.01 Feet; Thence Run North 0 Degrees 50'49" West A Distance Of 1950.13 Feet To The Point Of Beginning; Thence Run South 89 Degrees 09'11" West A Distance Of 330.00 Feet; Thence Run North 0 Degrees 50'49" West A Distance Of 205.00 Feet; Thence Run North 89 Degrees 09'11" East A Distance Of 330.00 Feet; Thence Run South 0 50'49" East A Distance Of 205.00 Feet To The Point Of Beginning. Also Described As The South 205.00 Feet Of Lot 3 Of An Unrecorded Plat Of Robert B. Edwards Subdivision, According To A Survey By Leon Willis, Registered Surveyor, Of The Public Records Of Okeechobee County, Florida

A/K/A 16615 Northwest 32nd Avenue, Okeechobee, FL 34972 has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, if, on, Udon Law Offices, P.C., Attorney for Plaintiff whose address is 4511 Sheridan Street Suite 460, Hollywood, FL 33021 within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Notice in **The Okeechobee News** and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiffs alrgeyrd or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

You have 30 calendar days after the first publication of this Notice to file a written response to the attached complaint with the clerk of this court. A phone call will not protect you. Your written response, including the case number given above and the names of the parties, must be filed if you want the court to hear your side of the case. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case, and your wages, money, and property may thereafter be taken without further warning from the court. There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may call an attorney referral service or a legal aid office (listed in the phone book).

This notice is provided pursuant to Administrative Order No. 2.065. 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.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this 22nd day of Aug. 2012.
SHARON ROBERTSON, CLERK
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
As Clerk of the Court by:
By: Linda F. Young
As Deputy Clerk

424833 ON 8/29;9/5/2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROBATE DIVISION
CASE NO. 2012-CP-120

In Re: Estate of
WILLIAM G. EARL, a/k/a
WILLIAM GEORGE EARL,
Deceased

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of WILLIAM EARL, a/k/a WILLIAM GEORGE EARL, deceased, whose date of death was August 1, 2012, and whose social security number is XXX-XX-7919, is pending in the Circuit Court for Okeechobee County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 312 N.W. 3rd Street, Suite 101, Okeechobee, Florida 34972. The personal representative and the personal representative's attorney names are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIOD SET FORTH IN THE FLORIDA STATUTES WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

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

The first publication of this notice is August 22, 2012.

Personal Representative:
Phillip A. Roman
11932-1 Old Plank Road

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 19TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 2011 CA 000244

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 19TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 2011 CA 000244

HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR MERRILL LYNCH MORTGAGE INVESTORS, INC., MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2002-HE1 TRUST
Plaintiff,
vs.

LAURA SULLIVAN; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF LAURA SULLIVAN; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY;
Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated May 17, 2012, and entered in Case No. 2011 CA 000244, of the Circuit Court of the 19th Judicial Circuit in and for OKEECHOBEE County, Florida. HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR MERRILL LYNCH MORTGAGE INVESTORS, INC., MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2002-HE1 TRUST is Plaintiff and LAURA SULLIVAN; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF LAURA SULLIVAN; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY; are defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in THE JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM, 2ND FLOOR, OF THE OKEECHOBEE COUNTY JUDICIAL CENTER, 312 NW 3RD STREET, OKEECHOBEE, FLORIDA 34972 in OKEECHOBEE County, FLORIDA, at 11:00 a.m., on the 26th day of September, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

A PARCEL OF LAND LYING IN SECTION 1, TOWNSHIP 35 SOUTH, RANGE 34 EAST, OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCE AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 1, THENCE SOUTH 01 DEGREES 07 MINUTES 05 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION 1, A DISTANCE OF 50.01 FEET TO THE SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF S.R. #724 (100 FEET IN WIDTH); THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 47 MINUTES 04 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE A DISTANCE OF 400.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE NORTH 89 DEGREES 47 MINUTES 04 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE A DISTANCE OF 400.00 FEET; THENCE S 01 DEGREES 07 MINUTES 05 SECONDS WEST. PARALLEL WITH THE AFORESAID WEST LINE OF SECTION 1, A DISTANCE OF 1089.295 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 47 MINUTES 04 SECONDS WEST PARALLEL WITH THE SAID SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF S.R. #724, A DISTANCE OF 400.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 01 DEGREES 07 MINUTES 05 SECONDS EAST PARALLEL WITH SAID WEST LINE OF SECTION 1, A DISTANCE OF 1089.295 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

TOGETHER WITH:
1) 1997 HOMES OF MERITT DOUBLEWIDE MOBILE HOME TITLE NUMBER 72663306 AND VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER FLHMLCP39715001A
2) 1997 HOMES OF MERITT DOUBLEWIDE MOBILE HOME TITLE NUMBER 72663305 AND VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER FLHMLCP39715001B

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

SHARON ROBERTSON
As Clerk of said Court
By: Sandra L. Crech
As Deputy Clerk

Florida Rules of Judicial Administration Rule 2.540

Notices to Persons With Disabilities

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Corrie Johnson, ADA Coordinator, 250 NW Country Club Drive, Suite 217, Port St. Lucie, FL 34986, (772) 807-4370 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

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KREYOL: Si ou se yon moun ki kòkòb ki bezwen asistans ou aparye pou ou ka patipise nan prosedu sa-a, ou gen dwa san ou bezwen l'ayen anyen pou ou jwen on seri de ed. Tanpri kontakta Corrie Johnson, Co-ordinador ADA, 250 NW Country Club Drive, suite 217, Port St. Lucie, FL 34986, (772) 807-4370 ou mwen 7 jou avan ke ou resevwa avis sa-a ou si le ke ou gen pou-ou ale nan tribunal-la mwens ke 7 jou; Si ou pa ka tan& ou pale byen, 711.

418667 ON 8/22,29/2012

ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The first publication of this notice is August 22, 2012.

Personal Representative:
Tom W. Conely, III
Post Office Drawer 1367
Okeechobee, Florida 34973
By: Tom Conely III
Florida Bar #096482
Telephone: (863) 763-3825
423694 ON 8/15,22/2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROBATE DIVISION
CASE NO. 2012-CP-119

In Re: Estate of
JAMES R. MINEHAN, JR., a/k/a
JAMES RICHARD MINEHAN,
Deceased

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of JAMES R. MINEHAN, JR., a/k/a JAMES RICHARD MINEHAN, deceased, whose date of death was July 22, 2012, and whose social security number is XXX-XX-2658, is pending in the Circuit Court for Okeechobee County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 312 N.W. 3rd Street, Suite 101, Okeechobee, Florida 34972. The personal representative's and the personal representative's attorney names are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

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NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE,

ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The first publication of this notice is August 22, 2012.

Personal Representative:
Phillip A. Roman
11932-1 Old Plank Road

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 19TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 2011 CA 000244

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 19TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 2011 CA 000244

SHARON ROBERTSON
As Clerk of said Court
By: Sandra L. Crech
As Deputy Clerk

Florida Rules of Judicial Administration Rule 2.540

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KREYOL: Si ou se yon moun ki kòkòb ki bezwen asistans ou aparye pou ou ka patipise nan prosedu sa-a, ou gen dwa san ou bezwen peye anyen pou ou jwen on seri de ed. Tanpri kontakta Corrie Johnson, Co-ordinador ADA, 250 NW Country Club Drive, suite 217, Port St. Lucie, FL 34986, (772) 807-4370 ou mwen 7 jou avan ke ou resevwa avis sa-a ou si le ke ou gen pou-ou ale nan tribunal-la mwens ke 7 jou; Si ou pa ka tande ou pale byen, 711.

424541 ON 8/29;9/5/2012

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE BY CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT.

Pursuant to the final decree of foreclosure entered in a case pending in said Court, docket number: 2012-CA-149, the style of which is:

DAVID NUNEZ and ANITA NUNEZ, his wife,
Plaintiffs,
vs.

SENSATIONS GROUP, LLC, a Florida limited liability company; BRENT K. DELANCY, individually, a/k/a BRENT K. DELANCEY, BRENT K. LANCEY, Defendants.

Notice is hereby given pursuant to the Final Judgment After Default Against Defendant, Sensations Group, dated August 16, 2012 that the undersigned, SHARON ROBERTSON, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Okeechobee County, Florida, will on the 19th day of September, 2012, at 11:00 A.M., at the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 312 Northwest 3rd Street, Jury Assembly Room, Second Floor, Okeechobee, Florida 34972, in the City of Okeechobee, offer for sale and sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described personal property situated in Okeechobee County, Florida, to-wit:

License Details:
Licensee: Sensations Group, LLC
d/b/a Sensations Night Club, or its assignees. License Type: Retail Beverage
Rank: 7COP
License Number: BEV5700012

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

WITNESS my hand and the official seal of said Court, this 21st day of August, 2012.

SHARON ROBERTSON
Clerk of the Circuit Court of Okeechobee County, Florida
By: Sandra L. Crech
DEPUTY CLERK

Law Office of Cassels & McCall
John D. Cassels, Jr., Esquire
Post Office Box 968
Okeechobee, Florida 34973
425039 ON 8/29 & 9/5

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO. 2011-CA-160

IBERIA BANK, as successor in interest to STERLING BANK, FSB, Plaintiff,

VS. KEVIN C. HEMBREE and LOIS B. HEMBREE, husband and wife, H.L. BENNETT, OAKS AT OKEECHOBEE OWNERS ASSOCIATION CORP., a Florida non-profit corporation and UNKNOWN TENANTS IN POSSESSION, Defendants.

AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS GIVEN that pursuant to the Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure filed on the 8th day of March, 2012, in Civil Action No. 2011-CA-160, of the Circuit Court of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Okeechobee County, Florida, in KEVIN C. HEMBREE, LOIS B. HEMBREE, H.L. BENNETT, OAKS AT OKEECHOBEE OWNERS ASSOCIATION CORP., and UNKNOWN TENANTS IN POSSESSION are the Defendants, IBERIA BANK, is the Plaintiff, Sharon Robertson, Clerk of Court, Okeechobee County will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash on the 19th day of September, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. at Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 2nd Floor, Jury Assembly Room, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, FL 34972, the following described real property set forth in the Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure in Okeechobee County, Florida:

Lot 4 of Block A, OAKS AT OKEECHOBEE, Unit 2, according to the Plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 7, Page 92, Public Records of Okeechobee County, Florida.

Dated this 1st day of August, 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 SIXTY (60) DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

SHARON ROBERTSON, CLERK OF COURT By: Sandra L. Crech DEPUTY CLERK

M. Brian Cheffer, Attorney for Plaintiff, DeBoest, Stockman, Decker, Hagan, Cheffer & Webb-Martin, PA., P.O. Box 1470, Fort Myers, FL 33902 239-334-1381

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.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION Case No.: 47-2011-CA-000243

GMAC MORTGAGE, LLC Plaintiff,

VS. RUSSELL D WAYTOVICH; DEBORAH D WAYTOVICH; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR GMAC MORTGAGE CORPORATION DBA DI-TECH.COM; BLUE HERON GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; 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 5/17/2012, entered in Civil Case No.: 47-2011-CA-000243, of the Circuit Court of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Okeechobee County, Florida, wherein GMAC MORTGAGE, LLC, is Plaintiff, and RUSSELL D WAYTOVICH; DEBORAH D WAYTOVICH; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR GMAC MORTGAGE CORPORATION DBA DI-TECH.COM; BLUE HERON GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2; ALL OTHER UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST A NAMED DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE

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NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAME UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS, are Defendants.

I will sell to the highest bidder for cash at 11:00 a.m., in the Jury Assembly Room, 2nd Floor, at the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 312 North West 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida, 34972 on the 26th day of September, 2012, the following described real property as set forth in said Final Summary Judgment, to wit:

LOT 55, BLUE HERON GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB, PHASE I, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 50 AND 51, PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

This property is located at the Street address of: 1285 SE 23RD CT, OKEECHOBEE, FL 34974. 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 May 23, 2012.

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

Attorney for Plaintiff: Lauren Barabati, Esquire Elizabeth R. Wellborn, P.A. 250 Jim Moran Blvd., Suite 100 Deerfield Beach, FL 33442 Telephone: (954) 354-3544 Facsimile: (954) 354-3545

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION Case No.: 47-2012-CA-000029

FLAGSTAR BANK, FSB Plaintiff,

VS. GEORGIA L. RUSINKO; JEFFREY RUSINKO; 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 August 13, 2012, entered in Civil Case No.: 47-2012-CA-000029, DIVISION: 47, of the Circuit Court of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Okeechobee County, Florida, wherein FLAGSTAR BANK, FSB is Plaintiff, and GEORGIA L. RUSINKO; JEFFREY RUSINKO; 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.

I will sell to the highest bidder for cash at 11:00 a.m., in the Jury Assembly Room, 2nd Floor, Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 312 North West 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida, 34972 on the 26th day of September, 2012 the following described real property as set forth in said Final Summary Judgment, to wit:

LOTS 7, 8, 9, 10, AND 11, BLOCK B, OKEECHOBEE DEVELOPMENT COMPANY'S ADDITION TO OKEECHOBEE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 6, PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA. ALSO ALLEYWAY 20 FEET IN WIDTH LYING ADJACENT TO SAID LOTS 7, 8, 9, 10 AND 11, IN BLOCK B, OKEECHOBEE DEVELOPMENT COMPANY'S ADDITION TO OKEECHOBEE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 6, PUBLIC

Public Notice

RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA. This property is located at the Street address of: 375 SE 13th AVENUE, 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 SIXTY (60) DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the court on August 17, 2012.

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

Attorney For Plaintiff: Elizabeth R. Wellborn, P.A. 350 Jim Moran Blvd., Suite 100, Deerfield Beach, Florida 33442 (954) 354-3544

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION Case No. 47-2010-CA-000296

U.S. BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,

VS. BRIAN J. HOFFMAN; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF BRIAN J. HOFFMAN; MICHELE L. HOFFMAN; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MICHELE L. HOFFMAN; IF LIVING, INCLUDING ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SAID DEFENDANT(S), IF REMARRIED, AND IF DECEASED, THE RESPECTIVE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, EES, 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 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:

LOT 11, BLOCK 6, LAKE MONTAZA ESTATES SECTION 4-A, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGE 51, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

To include a: 2004 NOBI VIN N19295A 0089967194 2004 NOBI VIN N19295B 0089967378

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, in the Jury Assembly Room at the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 312 NW 3rd Street, 2nd Floor, Okeechobee, FL 34972 at 11:00 o'clock, A.M., on September 19, 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 3rd day of August, 2012.

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

THIS INSTRUMENT PREPARED BY: Law Offices of Daniel C. Consuegra 9204 King Palm Drive Tampa, FL 33619-1328 Attorneys for Plaintiff

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO.: 2011CA153

TD BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,

VS. ROSEMARY PYE; ROSEMARY PYE; SEMINOLE COVE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC., A FLORIDA NON-PROFIT CORPORATION; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER AND AGAINST THE HEIRS IN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR LIVING WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; JOHN AND/OR JANE DOE AS UNKNOWN TENANTS IN POSSESSION THE NAMES BEING FICTITIOUS TO ACCOUNT FOR PARTIES IN POSSESSION, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated April 3, 2012 (the "Judgment"), entered in Civil Case No. 2011-CA-000153 of the Circuit Court of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Okeechobee County, Florida, in which TD BANK, a National Association, is Plaintiff, and ROSEMARY PYE, is Defendant.

The Clerk of Court will sell the Property as defined in the Judgment and as set forth below at a public sale on September 19, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. to the "highest bidder," for cash in the Jury Assembly Room at the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 2nd Floor, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida 34972, in accordance with Section 45.031, Florida Statutes.

The "highest bidder" for purposes of this Notice of Sale, is defined as the party who bids the largest amount of money to purchase the Property (as defined below) and who completes the sale in a timely fashion, as hereinafter set out. The one who bids the largest amount of money to purchase the Property (as defined below) shall be permitted to complete the sale by delivering to the Clerk, the balance of such bid, over and above the deposit, by 3:00 p.m. on the day of the sale.

The following property located in Okeechobee, Florida, is the subject of this Notice of Sale:

Lot 4, SEMINOLE COVE CONDOMINIUM, a Condominium according to the Declaration of Condominium thereof, as recorded in O.R. Book 289, Page 1580, together with all amendments thereto, Public Records Okeechobee County, Florida.

Together with a 1986 Sandpiper Double Wide Mobile Home (Serial number FLFL2AF407906420) and 1986 Sandpiper Double Wide Mobile Home (Serial Number FLFL2BF407906420. Property address: 1753 SW 35th Circle, Okeechobee, FL 34974.

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DATED ON August 14, 2012. SHARON ROBERTSON Clerk of Circuit Court By: Sandra L. Crech Deputy Clerk 424255 ON 8/22,29/2012

Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

ACROSS

- 1 Work on a batter
5 Grandly appointed
9 Stand for
14 Strong-spined volume
15 Forte
16 "I __ Piano": Irving Berlin hit
17 61-Across Asian appetizer?
19 Class figs.
20 Bleak
21 61-Across cheer?
23 Spine movement
25 Code-cracking gp.
26 Chatspeak qualifier
27 Batter's supply
29 Select, in a way
32 "Then again ..."
33 Doglike carnivore
36 Ballet __
37 61-Across musical?
39 Ashes, e.g.
42 Geometry basic
43 Animal's gullet
46 Personally give
48 Meadow bloomer in the buttercup family
50 Hamburger's article
51 A.L. rival of N.Y.
54 Flashes
55 61-Across gag?
59 Seed coating
60 Inspire profoundly
61 Not well thought out
64 Great Lakes explorer La __
65 Convenient abbr.
66 "Pretty Woman" actor
67 Fishhook connector
68 Disallow
69 Highland tongue

- 4 Be haunted by, perhaps
5 Square on the table?
6 Sports MD's specialty
7 Greet warmly
8 Dwells incessantly (on)
9 Chow chow
10 Town name ending
11 They don't laugh when they're tickled
12 Discredits
13 Hardly a head-scratcher
18 Purple hue
22 Eats
23 Code user
24 Comedic actress
28 1988 self-titled C&W album
30 FBI facility since 1932
31 Nice street
34 Disallow
35 Diva's moment
37 Daffodils' digs
38 Bell sound

- 39 1889 work of art deemed unsuitable for general display at the 1893 Chicago World's Fair
40 Title savant in a 1988 Oscar-winning film
41 Dignify
43 Handle

- 44 Pair in a rack
45 Horror filmmaker Craven
47 Gram. case
49 Illusion
52 Gaspd in delight
53 Ray in the sea
56 Select
57 Sailing stabilizer
58 Vigorous style
62 Annoying buzzer
63 Danish capital?

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

Grid of crossword puzzle answers: BATHS, ASSAD, CAW, INUIT, DHABI, UMA, DINNER, DATES, TAX, DEISM, CINE, SOURDOUGH, BREAD, PUB, SEN, IERE, HEAR, AGREED, TO, IMMIGRATION, LAWS, LEAD, ROLE, SRIS, GATE, RAW, EGO, JUKEBOX, RECORDS, ALES, EDEMA, INN, MAKEOR, BREAK, LAY, AMERICA, AETNA, SEA, DEREK, TRACY

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- 1 Letters at Indy
2 Head-scratcher
3 Fossil indentation

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Through Trees for America, everyone is encouraged to plant trees for the benefit of the environment and quality-of-life. With one million members, the Arbor Day Foundation is the nation's largest nonprofit organization dedicated to planting trees.

"Those who plant live oak trees will enjoy shade and splendor for years and years to come," said John Rosenow, founder and chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. "These trees will also add to the proud heritage of Florida's 160 Tree City USA communities. For the last 36 years, Tree City USA has supported effective urban forest management across Florida,

and planting these trees will enhance the state's tree-planting tradition."

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between Oct. 15 and Dec. 10. The 6- to 12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge. Planting instructions are enclosed with each shipment of trees.

New members of the Arbor Day Foundation will also receive The Tree Book, which includes information about tree planting and care.

To receive 10 free live oak trees, send a \$10 membership contribution to Ten Live Oaks, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE, 68410, by Sept. 29, 2012, or join online at arborday.org/september.

Sports News in Brief

OCRA delays signups due to weather

Due to Tropical Storm Isaac, OCRA signups were delayed. OCRA will sign up for football and cheerleading during the Labor Day festivities in the park on Saturday, Sunday and Monday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Just look for the OCRA booth in the park. Also, the tryouts have been moved. The following is the new schedule for tryouts: Tuesday, Sept. 4 — Pee Wee at 6 p.m., Midget at 7 p.m.; Wednesday, Sept. 5 — Mitey Mites at 6 p.m., Junior Pee Wee at 7 p.m. Boys flag football has no tryouts. A coach will contact your child after the teams have been selected. If you have any questions, call 863-634-0515.

Soccer coaches & sponsors are needed for youth league

The Okeechobee Parks & Recreation Department is seeking coaches, sponsors and

officials for the Youth Soccer League beginning play in September. Sign-ups for youth ages 5-14 are under way. Anyone interested in getting involved with the program is asked to call the office at 863-763-6950. The office is also accepting extra cleats or shin guards that are in good condition to give to those without equipment. Please recycle any unused items by taking it to the Recreation Department in the Sports Complex, Monday-Friday between 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

First Baptist Church to host flag football

Boys and girls, K-12 are welcome sign up for First and Goal Flag Football. Registration is just \$35 with signup deadline on Sept. 8. Games will be held from Sept. 22-Nov. 17. Games are sponsored by First Baptist Church, 401 S.W. Fourth St., Recreation Outreach Center, 310 S.W. Fifth Ave., Okeechobee. For more information, please call 863-467-7625.

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7	6	8	3	4	9	1	5	2
1	3	2	8	5	7	9	6	4
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Okeechobee youth football teams sweep Lake Placid

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

Okeechobee swept five games from the Lake Placid Dragons as the Okeechobee Youth Football League Brahmans debuted Saturday at Okeechobee High School.

The flag team started the sweep with a 28-13 victory. Blane Boyer, Jahniyus Smith, Symode Williams and Emory Coleman scored touchdowns for the Brahmans. Amari Allen had two touchdown runs for Lake

Placid. The flag team is (1-1) on the season.

The Mighty Mites defeated Lake Placid 19-6 after a strong first half effort. Ramone Baker scored on touchdown runs of 40 yards, six yards, and 72 yards in the first half. Braeion Pelt ran in a conversion. Jay Quavious Thomas added several strong runs for Okeechobee which included dashes of 14 and 21 yards. Thomas had a 42-yard touchdown run called back by a penalty. Baker had a 57-yard touchdown run called back

by a penalty. Anthony Allen had a 43-yard touchdown run for Lake Placid.

The senior squad (1-1) was impressive as they walloped the Dragons 44-0. Lamar Williams started the scoring with a safety on defense and a rushing touchdown in the first quarter. Okeechobee completely dominated the line of scrimmage and had several tackles in the backfield. Dwan Marshall was a force on defense for the Brahmans. Okeechobee added touchdown runs of 48 yards, a 60-

yard kick return for a touchdown, and two rushing touchdowns in the fourth quarter in the dominant performance.

The junior team improved to (2-0) with a 14-0 victory over Lake Placid. The Pee Wee team (1-1) defeated Lake Placid 26-20.

The Brahmans travel to Winter Haven this Saturday to tangle with the Wolverines. The next Brahman home game is Saturday, Sept. 8, against the DeSoto Bulldogs at Brahman stadium.



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Kysell Richardson breaks a 17-yard run as Okeechobee walloped Lake Placid 44-0 in the senior division game Saturday.



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Coaches for the Flag team this year include Scott Boyer, Donnie Coleman and Edmundo Cruz. The flag team defeated Lake Placid in a competitive game 28-13 Saturday.



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Okeechobee Youth Football debuted at their home field Saturday and played extremely well against Lake Placid. The senior team blanked the Dragons 44-0 as players like Antawyn Fludd, Dwan Marshall and Lamar Williams, had strong games.

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