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3rd gas pipeline could bisect county

By Pete Gawda
Okeechobee News

Okeechobee County may soon have a third natural gas pipeline running across its borders. Richard Gibbs, a spokesperson for Florida Power & Light (FP&L), said there are preparations to build a third major natural gas pipeline to serve FP&L's Indiantown generating plant and other facilities. While the actual route has not been chosen at this time, there is a good possibility it could pass through the county as do the other two pipelines serving the Indiantown facility. Preliminary plans call for the pipeline to originate at an interconnection hub in southwest Alabama and proceed in a southeasterly direction before making a sharp southward turn to connect with the Indiantown plant.

Bids have not been awarded yet. However Mr. Gibbs expects the pipeline to be in operation by 2017. While the entire project will be a multi-billion dollar investment, Mr. Gibbs did not have any figures on the economic impact of construction to individual counties along the

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Special to the Okeechobee News/**Bob Bonde, USGS**

Manatees still at risk

Although their numbers have increased, Florida manatees are still at risk according to researchers from the University of Florida and the U.S. Geological Survey. For more on the story, see page 3.

Legislative delegation hearing set

Special to the Okeechobee News

Senator Denise Grimsley has announced that the Okeechobee County Legislative Delegation meeting will be held on Monday, Jan. 28, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. or upon completion of the agenda, in the boardroom of the Okeechobee County Commission, 304 N.W. Second Street, Okeechobee.

If you would like to be placed on the agenda to speak, please contact Senator Grimsley's staff at 863-386-6016 no later than noon on Friday, Jan. 18. Six copies of all handouts and other information for delegation members must be received by Senator Grimsley's District Office at 205 South Commerce Avenue, Suite A, Sebring, FL 33870 by Friday, Jan. 18, or may be hand delivered to the same address.

Discussion of issues regarding local legislation for the 2013 Legislative Session will be held at this time. All proposals for local bills are expected to be presented at the hearing and must be drafted in bill form, accompanied by a resolution from the local government supporting the proposed legislation. This information must be received by Senator Denise Grimsley's

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Grand Opening celebrated

On Friday, Dec. 14, Okeechobee Main Street and the Chamber of Commerce of Okeechobee County celebrated the Grand Opening of Affordable Art and Framing, at 110 S.W. 14th Street, with owner Kathie Papasso. Guests, visitors and local dignitaries had the opportunity to enjoy the fine art displayed in the studio. Kathie will be starting art classes in January and is taking new students at this time.

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OUA Employee Recognition

The Okeechobee Utility Authority recently recognized Terri Lynn Rucks for her 15 years of service. Aware presented by Steve Nelson.

Health Expo open to vendors

The Sixth Annual Okeechobee Family Health and Safety Expo will be held Saturday, Jan. 26, 2013 at the Agri-Civic Center. Vendors, please sign up now to secure booth space at this event. Vendors may set-up at no cost to share health or safety related information or to provide free screenings or demonstrations. The 2012 Expo hosted over 120 vendors and attendance was over 2,000. For more information call Sharon Vinson, Shared Services Network, 863-462-5000 ext. 257 or Donny Arnold, Okeechobee County Fire Rescue, 863-634-6464.

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Christmas Locks of Love

Christmas is about caring, recently a local professional donated her hair to "Locks of Love" in honor of a relative's breast cancer survival in hopes of encouraging others to do the same. "Locks of Love" provides free wigs to children with cancer going through chemo. Can you guess who she is ?

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Manatee population has grown but low diversity still a risk

By Mickie Anderson
University of Florida/IFAS

GAINESVILLE — A new research study gauging the outlook for the Florida manatee shows that it's a case of great news and not-so-great news.

The Florida's manatee population has grown so much in the last decade that the graceful creatures may soon find themselves reclassified by wildlife management officials from endangered to merely threatened.

But while a research team from the University of Florida and the U.S. Geological Survey found that the manatee's numbers have grown, they say the study's results suggest that their outlook remains risky.

Manatees are peculiar looking mammals, weighing as much as 3,500 pounds and with a lifespan of about 60 years. They are slow moving and breathe air but can stay submerged underwater several minutes at a time. They are important to the state's tourism industry and to the state's residents, who made the manatee the official state marine mammal.

The researchers studied genetic samples from 362 manatees obtained through necropsies or using a biopsy tool similar to a cattle ear-notcher on free-swimming wild manatees and found that the mammals' genetic diversity is not sufficient for them to quickly adapt to an ever-changing, often-threatening environment, said Kimberly Pause Tucker, the study's lead author.

Besides the environmental threats, low diversity could signal the potential for future inbreeding problems, such as those that have caused problems in the Florida panther population.

"I think it's bad news, but it's not the worst news," said Tucker, a former UF doctoral student and now assistant professor and director of STEM initiatives at Stevenson University in Stevenson, Md. "The bad news is the low diversity that we're seeing. But fortunately, we're not seeing any deleterious effects from it … yet."

Tucker was co-advised on her doctoral work by Madan Oli, a UF population ecology professor and Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences faculty member. A paper detailing the study's findings was published Monday by the Journal of Mammalogy.

In January 2000, a Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission two-day aerial survey counted 1,646 manatees gathered in their favored warm-water sites, including springs and near power plants. In 2011, a similar count tallied 4,834 manatees.

Based on such trends, wildlife management officials recommended changing the status from endangered to threatened in the most recent review, said Margaret Hunter, the study's co-lead author and a USGS manatee expert who studies the creatures from Florida to Puerto Rico and Belize.

Manatees can travel rather long distances and the researchers did find some evidence of mating between East Coast and West Coast manatees, Hunter said, just not enough to create the kind of diversity a population needs to be able to withstand challenges such as cold-stress related illnesses, red tide or an oil spill.

An example, she said, was the extremely cold winter of late 2009 to early 2010, which led to about 350 manatee deaths. Events such as that reduce population diversity even more, she said.

"The low diversity is a concern," she said. "The big picture here is incorporating the Florida data into a range-wide study, and using it to protect the species."

Main Street seeks artists for annual festival

Okeechobee Main Street invites all artists to apply for acceptance to the 2013 Top of the Lake Art Fest. The art fest will be held on Feb. 9 and 10, 2013.

The art fest is a juried outdoor Fine Art Show which will take place in Flagler Park. The purpose of the Top of the Lake Art Fest is to bring talented fine artists to our community to showcase and sell their work. Highlights of the art fest will be the Top of the Lake Chalk Walk (street painting) and the dedication of the 5th Okeechobee Main Street mural project. Entertainment, art demonstrations, children's art programs, a pet parade and food will also be featured on both days of the show.

There will be juried art categories:

• Booth Artists Division—For artists with a body of work and individual tent set-up; application deadline: Feb. 1, 2013.

• Chalk Walk Division—For artists who want to do street painting with chalk on site during the Top of the Lake Art Fest. Application deadline: Jan. 28, 2013.

• Adult Division - Gallery Tent—For artists who want to show up to 3 pieces of art. Application deadline: Feb. 6 and 7, 2013.

• Student Division - Gallery Tent—For young artists who want to show up to two pieces of art. Application deadline: Feb. 6 and 7.

ALL applications may be picked up at the Okeechobee Main Street Office, 55 S. Parrott Avenue, Chamber Building; Bridgette Waldau Studio of Graphic Design, 111 N.E. 2nd Street or Affordable Art & Framing, 110 S.W. 14th Street.

Artists can also go to Okeechobee Main Street's website at www.okeechobeemainstreet.com.

Applications include all the rules and regulations; entry fees; art requirements; deadlines and place to drop off art. Artists may also call Cindy at 863-357-6246 or Bridgette Waldau at 863-467-7300 for more information.

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New Rotary members

(top photo) The Rotary Club of Okeechobee recently inducted new members: Jay Fuld, Toni Wiersma, Gracie Morton and Dylan Tedders were "pinned" at the meeting on Dec. 18. Mrs. Wiersma and Mr. Tedders were representing Okeechobee High School, Rotary's newest corporate member. See any local Rotarian for information on how you can apply as a corporate member to Rotary!

Law enforcement guests

(bottom) The Rotary Club of Okeechobee had the benefit of a presentation from Jimmy Mills, Detective Sergeant with the Okeechobee Sheriff's Office and Noel Stephen, Under Sheriff. These two gentlemen were the invited guest of Tabitha Trent, local Rotarian and past president of the Rotary Club of Okeechobee on Dec. 18.

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Holiday horticulture games and puzzles can be fun

By Daniel F. Culbert
Extension Horticulture Agent

Looking for an activity that will get the old brain moving? Need to review some basics on the selection and care of plants suitable for decorating your Florida home and yard for the holidays?

It's time to dust off a few previous articles on holiday plants. I made some updates and corrections to 20 articles on our website, and then created a crossword puzzle using the names of these beautiful plants that are often associated with our end-of-year holidays. Educators that want to create similar word puzzles can use a free program available on the Discovery Education website.

If you need more information on the many different kinds of holiday plants or want to know more about the folklore and traditions associated with them, go to our County Extension website http://okeechobee.ifas.ufl.edu and take a look. And if you have any special holiday plants that I've not covered, please let me know and I will see what I can find.

Our Extension Office here in Okeechobee hopes you have a wonderful holiday. You can reach me via email at indianco@ufl.edu or by calling 863-763-6469 if you have other information needs that we can help you with. Go Gators!

A holiday plant puzzle

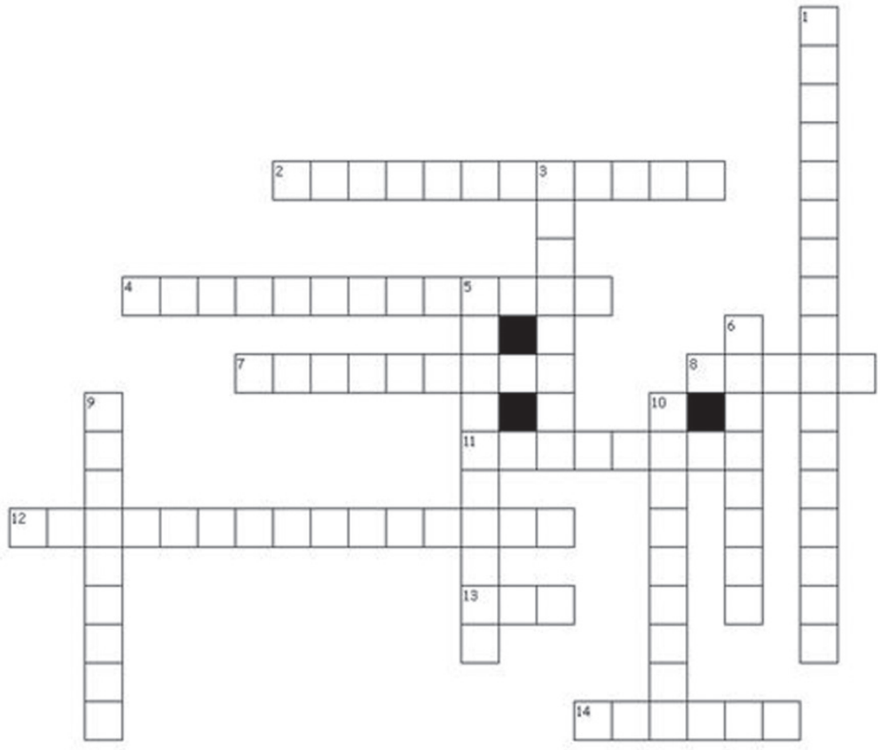
Clues: Note that some of the answers have two words - they will fit only if you omit the space between the words.

Across

2. Christmas incense, an ancient gift
4. tropical "tree" with large red berry clusters
7. red flowered tropical "peace lily"
8. a tree or shrub with red berries
11. Florida's native Christmas tree
12. succulent with brightly colored flowers
13. a vining foliage plant
14. holiday foliage that goes in a circle

Down

1. "pine" tree suitable for a pot, not the yard
3. red or pink flowering pot plant with white on leaves
5. Christmas flower from Mexico
6. smelly shrub for wreaths or small potted trees
9. red or pink colored true lily
10. plant parasite good for smooching



Letters to the Editor

Festival support appreciated

There is not a better way to kick-off of the Christmas Season in Okeechobee than the lighting of the Christmas Tree in the City park and the annual Top of the Lake Christmas Festival and Parade. These events give everyone a chance to mingle with friends, share the warm holiday spirit and enjoy our children as they wait anxiously for Santa. Okeechobee Main Street would like to say thanks to the City of Okeechobee for their wonderful event in City Park and express appreciation to everyone who made the Christmas Festival and Parade a huge success.

Okeechobee Main Street would like to extend a special holiday thank-you to our own Billy Dean and WOKC Radio, Okeechobee News, the Pennysaver and Okeechobee the Magazine who make sure that our events are promoted throughout the community. Thanks to the City of Okeechobee, the Okeechobee Police Department and the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office, for all of their support and particularly for their assistance with the parade.

Much love to our volunteers, who unfailingly work each event from set-up to clean-up including Frank DeCarlo, Matt Buxton, Maureen Burroughs, Terry Burroughs, Yvonne Rieckhoff, Bridgette Waldau, Courtney Moyett, Eric Avant, John Creasman, Keith Stripling, Michael Hazellief, Mari Walther, Marilyn Hadley, Maurisa Tremain, Toni Doyle, Heath Everhart, and Pat Shepherd.

A special thanks to Frank DeCarlo, American Drilling who sponsored and assembled our beautiful Main Street float and to Marc Sandlin, Style Studio who provided a float for Santa! A big thanks to our judges for our various events during this Christmas season- Bridgette Waldau, Rafael Pacheco, Bobbi Poole, Felicia Maxwell, Margaret Garrard Helton, Diane Hagan, and Ray Domer. Thanks to our vendors and non-profit agencies who participated in the festival and to all who took the time and effort to entertain the community by participating in the Christmas Parade.

Thanks so much to our biggest supporters- Waste Management who consistently assists with every event; American Drilling who provided our stages and float; DP Productions (Stevie and Joseph) who provided the sound system for the beautiful Christmas music, live entertainment and DJ services during the festival; Capital Pawn who allowed us to use their parking lot for our judges and Ron Dawson, "Simply Magic."

Finally- Okeechobee Main Street thanks the Okeechobee community and businesses who continue to support our efforts by participating in our events and helping us continue to improve our town while embracing our past. We have received wonderful support this year from the City of Okeechobee and the R.E. Hamrick Testamentary Trust, the City of Okeechobee Police Department, the Board of County Commissioners, and the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office as well as our fellow non-profit organizations. We continue to believe in a bright future for Okeechobee through the hard work of our local, caring businesses, friends and neighbors. Okeechobee Main Street would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas, Happy Holiday season and a warm and prosperous New Year.

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Nationally known speaker to come to Okeechobee

By Pete Gawda
Okeechobee News

An event with an unusual name will bring a nationally known speaker and author to Okeechobee.

"Younified" is being planned to bring unity to our community according to organizer Debi Large, of the Pregnancy Center of Okeechobee. "We want to be more unified. We need to come together," she said, adding that unity was especially important in the wake of the recent school shooting in Connecticut. She said that several churches and church youth groups will participate in the event.

Younified will take place Jan. 11 at Osceola Middle School from 5 to 9:30 p.m.

The featured speaker will be author and inspirational speaker Mark Cahill. Mr. Cahill graduated from Auburn University with a business degree. At Auburn he was an honorable mention Academic All-American in basketball and played on the same team with Charles Barkley who later became an NBA Hall of Fame member and Olympic basketball player. After spending a few years in the business world, Mr. Cahill became a teacher and then began a speaking career. Each year he speaks at churches, retreats, conferences and camps. He is the author of "One Thing You Cant Do in Heaven," which has been translated into Russian, Chinese, Spanish, and Romanian and "One Heartbeat Away." Mr. Cahill is no stranger to Okeechobee. Several years ago he appeared at an event at First Baptist Church.

In addition to Mr. Cahill, there will be several other speakers who will speak on bullying, abstinence, problem solving and drugs and alcohol. There will also be food, prizes, and music, including a Christian rap group.

Major Noel Stephen is representing the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office in planing for the event. In addition to the faith-based message the major said, "We hope to send a message to our youth that bullying is not an acceptable practice and together we can stop it." He said that bullying is directly related to school violence.

City Councilman Dowling Watford, who is also on the committee for the event said, "We hope to bring Jesus Christ to our youth." He, too, expressed a desire that the event would lead to a decrease in school bullying.

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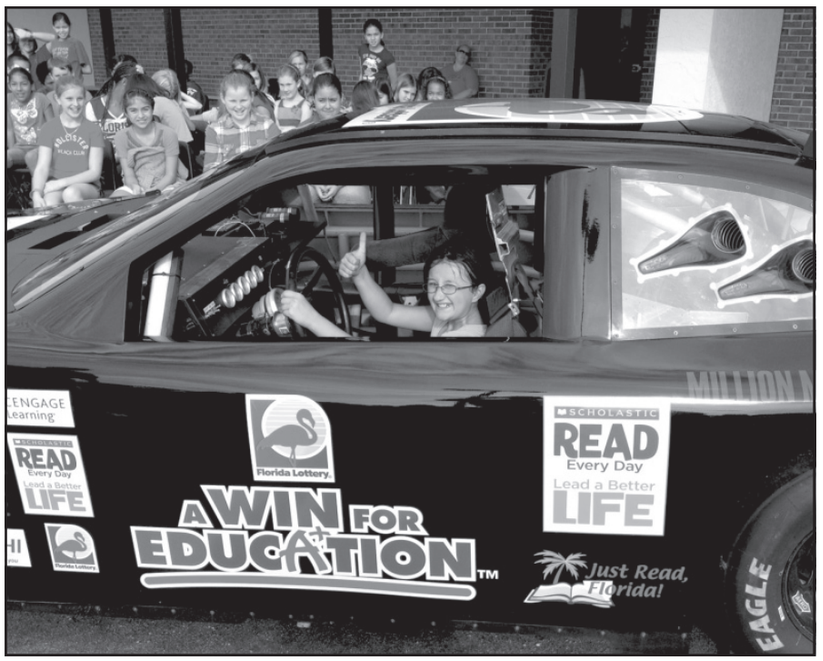

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Just, Read Florida

On Dec. 12, North Elementary School was visited by the team from "Just Read, Florida!" and their race car! The visit was to get students excited about reading, as part of the upcoming Literacy Week celebrations in January. Pictured above is Makalyn Jones, a 5th grade student in Mary McWaters' class, who was given the chance to sit in the race car. Makalyn was recognized for earning more than 300 AR points! Pictured below is First Grade Teacher Deanne Wilcox, who had an opportunity to start the race car! For more pictures from the event, visit the North Elementary School Facebook page.

Children's Services Council offers summer program grants

Children's Services Council will once again offer creative groups an opportunity to have a quality summer program for children and youth of Okeechobee.

Any agency or group who has always had an idea for a great summer activity, but never had the means to carry it out, can apply to the Children's Services Council for a Special Summer Project. This is our seventh year; last year over 1,000 children participated in at least one summer activity.

The major goal is to provide a summer program a maximum of nine (9) weeks for children and youth, ages 4 – 18. These funds are not for one-day events. The project must detail who is going to be served, where the program will be located and the activities the program will provide. Programs must be for Okeechobee County children and cannot discriminate due to race or religion. If an agency already receives a Children's Services Council grant, the summer project must be written to enhance or expand the existing program. It cannot be the current program.

The project application will be available for dissemination on Monday, Jan. 7, 2013. Call Cathleen Blair or Cheryl Sutton at the CSC office at 863-462-5000, ext. 255. The completed application must be returned to the Children's Services Council office at 700 S.W. 2nd Avenue, Room 304 by 3 p.m., Monday, Feb. 4, 2013. Decisions will be made for funding at the CSC meeting on Thursday, Feb.14, 2013.

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route. The proposed pipeline will also be a source of tax revenue for local governments and schools.

The proposed pipeline will provide about 400 million cubic feet of natural gas per day.

"Replacing foreign oil with natural gas makes good sense for Florida and the nation," FP&L President Eric Silagy said in a press release. "It has saved FP&L customers billions of dollars in fuel costs. It also provides significant environmental benefits by lowering emissions. However, as we continue to increase our use of U.S. produced natural gas and as the needs of the state's residents and businesses grow, we can't rely solely on the two major pipelines that currently serve the state. A new, third pipeline system that includes a hub to interconnect all three pipeline systems in Central Florida is essential for the continued reliability and security of the state's supply.:

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HEARING

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District Office at 205 South Commerce Avenue, Suite A, Sebring, FL 33870 by Friday, Jan. 18, or may be hand delivered to the same address.

Individuals wishing to address the delegation on local bills being considered should plan to attend the public hearing at the Okeechobee County Commission Chambers, 304 Northwest Second Street, Okeechobee. Following the consideration of local bills, the public will be invited to address the delegation on state issues that are of concern.

If you have any questions or would like to be placed on the agenda for the Okeechobee County Legislation Delegation Hearing, please email Larry Ford at ford.larry@flsenate.gov or by phone at 863-386-6016.

Commissioners discuss mission and vision statements

By Pete Gawda
Okeechobee News

Okeechobee County Commissioners spent the afternoon at their Dec. 13 meeting discussing a vision statement and mission statement for the county as well as discussing the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and challenges they face as commissioners.

The five-member group broke up into two panels to discuss the issues they were facing. Bullet statements were recorded to capture their thoughts. Then the entire five-member panel came together to try to come to consensus and form statements stating each objective. The afternoon session was facilitated by Jack Burns and Duke Evans, professors at Indian River State College.

For the vision statement all participants agreed that a small town environment that creates a place to live, work, raise a family and be in business should be encouraged. They came up with an idea for a mission statement that dealt with a well-managed, cost-effective policy driven organization with a well-structured strategy. However, they decided to have another such afternoon meeting in the near future before deciding on the definite working for these statements.

A wide variety of ideas were discussed and even though no definite action was taken, it seemed to have been a productive afternoon. "We made more progress than I thought we would have made," stated Commission Chairman Frank Irby.

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

Community Events

BHR VFW Men host dinner

Buckhead Ridge VFW Post 9528 Men's Auxiliary to host Wednesday night dinner on **Dec. 26** from 5-7 p.m. Serving Country Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, roll and dessert for a $7 donation. Music by John Gallagher. Proceeds to benefit Veteran Programs. For information call Gary 467-2882 Buckhead Ridge VFW Post 9528 to host dinner on Friday Dec. 28 . Dinner will begin at 5:30 p.m.-7 p.m. Music by Don Parker until 11 p.m. The public is invited to enjoy either steak, pork chops or fish and shrimp dinners for a donation of $11 and $7 with all proceeds to benefit Veterans & Family Needs. For more information, please call Gordie at 467-2882. Buckhead Ridge VFW Post 9528, Highway 78 West is having a New Years Eve Dinner and Party. Dinner of Prime Rib will be served from 6-9 p.m. for a donation of $15 in advance $16 at the door. Music by Mike and Naomi. Breakfast will be served after midnight.

Okeechobee Ministerial Association

Party In the Park! Sunday, **Dec. 30**, 3 p.m. Under the tent in Flagler Park #4. Live Music, complimentary meal and fellowship. Sponsored by the Okeechobee Ministerial Association. For more information contact Nancy Vaughan, 863-763-4021 or Jim Benton of Faith Farm Ministries 863-763-4224.

American Legion Post 64 opens Sunday night bingo

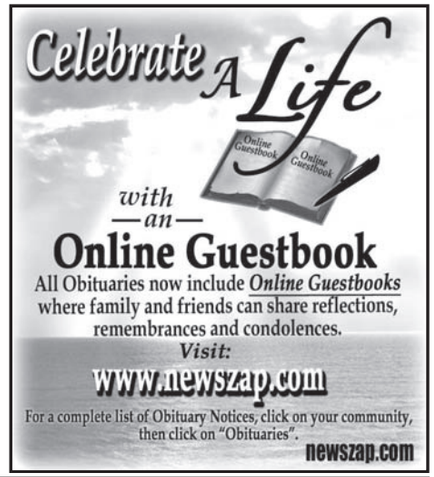
American Legion 64 will once again host Sunday night Bingo beginning on **Dec. 3**0 at 6:30 p.m. Doors open at 5 p.m. in the bingo area. The kitchen will offer a limited menu. Payoffs will be determined by player attendance. All proceeds to benefit the American Legion veterans' programs. The event is open to the public.

VFW Post 4423 New Year's Eve party to be held

On **Dec. 31** the Ladies & Men's Auxiliary to VFW Post 4423 will be hosting two New Year's Eve parties again this year. The 1st party is from 2 p.m. - 5 p.m. The 2nd party is from 8 p.m. We are having an Old Fashion 50's Sock Hop so dress appropriately and come prepared to have fun. D&K Entertainment will be hosting the music. Hamburgers & Hot dogs provided, finger food would be appreciated. Come "Rock in the New Year" with us….public welcome! 300 N.W. 34th St – 763-0818

COPD Support Group meets

The COPD Support Group will meet at Raulerson Hospital in the Inservice Classroom on Wednesday, **Jan. 2,** at 5 p.m. To RSVP or for more information, call 863-824-2702.



County commission asked to provide tax exemptions

By Pete Gawda
Okeechobee News

At what could probably be a very brief meeting tomorrow, Okeechobee County Commissioners will be asked to take tax abatement action to promote local business.

Commissioners will consider a resolution which would give a local business identified as Project GPO a break on state taxes. A county ordinance provides for ad valorum tax exemptions for new and expanding businesses in the county. In a separate action the board will consider providing an ad valorum tax exemption for Charles Composites, LLC, which is located in the City Commerce Park.

If you go ...

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

Argument over gun leads to man being shot

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

Ruben Hernandez

An apparent argument over a gun led to one man being hospitalized after being shot and a second man being arrested and booked into the Okeechobee County Jail.

Ruben Hernandez, 30, S.W. 11th Ave., Okeechobee, was arrested Sunday, Dec. 23, on a felony charge of attempted murder. As of newspaper deadline, his bond had not been set.

The victim was airlifted to Lawnwood Regional Medical Center in Fort Pierce. His condition was unknown at newspaper deadline.

An arrest report by Detective Bettye Taylor, of the Okeechobee City Police Department (OCPD), stated the men were joined by a couple of other men in back of the residence on Southwest 11th Avenue. The men were drinking and sitting around a fire pit, added the report.

Although witness statements as to what happened are sketchy, Detective Taylor's report stated Hernandez, who is also known as "El Ratoncito" (Little Rat), and the victim began to argue about a gun and the victim was shot in the chest.

When questioned, Hernandez reportedly told the detective he found a 9mm shell on the road and when he threw it into the fire it exploded and the round struck the victim. The victim was apparently sitting on a crate by the fire.

According to the detective's report the victim then walked across the street to his neighbor's home and asked them to call an ambulance because he had been shot. The victim was taken to the Raulerson Hospital emergency room where he was stabilized and prepped before being flown by Trauma Hawk to Lawnwood.

When Detective Taylor asked Hernandez what happened, the man replied that he wanted an attorney present before he spoke with the investigator.

The bullet, continued the report, struck the victim on the left side of his chest and just below the neckline. The round then traveled in a downward angle and exited about midway down the left side of his body. The bullet's path, stated Detective Taylor, was not consistent with the victim sitting by the fire and the bullet exploding from the fire pit.

Even though it was dark, Detective Taylor said blood splatter was found in an alley on the north side of the residence. OCPD Sergeant Dawn Wendt located a firearm behind a fence, while Officer Ryan Holroyd located a spent shell casing on the ground near the fire pit.

Detective Taylor said she found what appeared to be a new handgun holster in a garbage can.

The detective swabbed the hands of Hernandez, as well as another man present at the home, for gunshot residue. Those swabs will be sent to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement crime lab, she added.

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).

• Melanie Dawn Bailey, 29, S.E. 34th Lane, Okeechobee, was arrested Dec. 22 by Deputy Max Waldron on an Okeechobee County warrant charging her with the felony of criminal use of personal identification information (eight counts). Her bond was set at $40,000.

• Kimberly Christine Peterman, 26, U.S. 441 S., Okeechobee, was arrested Dec. 22 by Deputy Max Waldron on an Okeechobee County warrant charging her with the felony of grand theft. Her bond was set at $5,000.

• Gregory Panikowski, 53, Walker Road, Apopka, was arrested Dec. 22 by Deputy William Jolly on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with the felony of violation of probation - possession of methamphetamine. He is being held without bond.

• John Vukovich Jr., 29, S.E. 39th Ave., Okeechobee, was arrested Dec. 23 by Deputy Matthew Grumbling on a Martin County warrant charging him with the felony of dealing in stolen property. His bond was set at $15,000.

• Jesus Leonides-Ramirez, 32, Joe Hilton St., Avon Park, was arrested Dec. 23 by the OCSO Street Crimes Unit on misdemeanor charges of driving under the influence and no driver's license. His bond was to be set.

• Eugenio Hernandez Lopez, 39, S.W. 11th Ave., Okeechobee, was arrested Dec. 23 by Officer Ryan Holroyd on a felony charge of possession of a short-barreled gun/rifle. His bond was set at $10,000.

• Johnathan Keith Peppers, 21, U.S. 441 S.E., Okeechobee, was arrested Dec. 23 by Deputy Corporal Randy Thomas on a felony charge of violation of probation - attempted sexual battery on a person under 12 years of age. He was also arrested on misdemeanor charges of contributing to the delinquency of a minor (three counts). His bond was to be set.

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.

Citizens invited to Coffee with the Commissioner

Coffee with the Commissioner will be hosted by Commissioner Frank Irby on Tuesday, **Jan. 8**, from 10 a.m. – noon, and will be held at the Brown Cow Sweetery, 103 S.W. Park Street. Call 863-763-6441 to schedule an appointment.

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Tonight: Partly cloudy with a chance of rain. Low of 55F. Winds from the WNW at 5 to 10 mph.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: Clear. High of 70F. Winds from the NNW at 5 to 10 mph.

Thursday Night: Clear. Low of 48F. Winds less than 5 mph.

Friday: Mostly cloudy in the morning, then clear. High of 77F. Winds less than 5 mph.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy. Low of 57F. Winds from the ESE at 5 to 10 mph.

Saturday: Overcast. High of 79F. Winds from the South at 5 to 10 mph.

First day hike planned

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Kissimmee Prairie Preserve State Park in northwestern Okeechobee County is planning a guided hike on **Jan. 1**.

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Okeechobee area churches plan special programs

Places of Worship

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On Sunday, Dec. 30, at 3 p.m., there will be a Party in the Park, under the tent in Flagler Park #4. The party will include live music, a complimentary meal and fellowship, sponsored by the **Okeechobee Ministerial Association**. For more information contact Nancy Vaughan, 863-763-4021 or Jim Benton of Faith Farm Ministries 863-763-4224.

Life Community Church, 701 S. Parrott Ave. invites you to visit the Next 2 New Clothes Kloset open every Wednesday from 10 a.m. until noon located in the building behind the church.

The **First United Methodist Church** Library would like to invite you to visit their Lending Library, Room 20, at 200 N.E. 2nd St., in Okeechobee. All are welcome to complete an application, no charge, to take advantage of wholesome reading, viewing and educational material for adults, children and youth. They have fiction and nonfiction in literature, philosophy, religion, social sciences, geography and history and Christian romance. Also over 200 DVDs, VCRs, cassettes, national magazines, etc. Hours are Sunday, 9:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Wednesday, 6–8 p.m.

Victory Baptist Church, 500 S.W. Ninth St, would like to invite the public to attend any or all services each Sunday. Sunday School is at 10 a.m. for all ages. Morning worship service is at 10:45 a.m. and includes old fashioned singing and praising God. Enjoy our youth "band," consisting of the piano, violin, mandolin and guitar, as well as, various singing groups. Be blessed with the preaching of God's Word (KJV) and a church family with a heart of love. Wednesday evening prayer and Bible study is at 7 p.m. For more information, please call: 863-763-0669.

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

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.

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 campouts. 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.

Special to the Okeechobee News

Students learn about aeroponics

Robert Simmons of Indiantown assists Mrs. Mitchum's students at Yearling Middle School put together an aeroponics system. This system was designed and created by Mr. Simmons in order to grow plants suspended in air and to receive nutrients through a watering system built within this unit. Mrs. Mitchum received a $1,000 grant from Florida Ag in the Classroom with a grant proposal title, "Hydroponics versus Aeroponics versus Traditional Farming." Students will compare data from plants growing using hydroponics, aeroponics and traditional farming.

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IRSC offers nursing assistant training

Anyone Looking for Quick Job Training to get started in the healthcare field should consider registering for the Nursing Assistant course (HCPV410C) at Indian River State College. IRSC is accepting applications for Nursing Assistant classes. Most Nursing Assistants help with patient care activities such as bathing and feeding. Nursing Assistants work under the supervision of nursing or medical staff to provide basic care in hospitals, nursing homes, physicians' offices, clinics and in-home care. This Nursing Assistant course is the first step to becoming a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN).

The next Nursing Assistant course starts Jan. 14 and takes about seven weeks to complete. In the program, students attend class approximately 20 hours per week. Day and night classes are available at IRSC campuses and locations in Indian River, Martin, Okeechobee and St. Lucie counties. In addition to Associate Degrees and Bachelor's Degrees, IRSC offers many Quick Job Training programs that enable students to gain job skills in less than a year. Scholarships are available for those who qualify. For more information on the Nursing Assistant Program, contact the IRSC Nursing Department at 772-462-7570, or visit www.irsc.edu.

Special to the Okeechobee News

Holiday tea party

The Quilters and The Lutheran Women's Missionary League of Peace Lutheran Church, and Pastor John Hirst, enjoyed a special Christmas tea party and cookie exchange at the home of Egretta Wells-Brakke.

Okeechobee Shrine Club

The Okeechobee Shrine Club will not hold their Spaghetti Dinner on **Jan. 1**. Should you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Kip at 863-357-0427.

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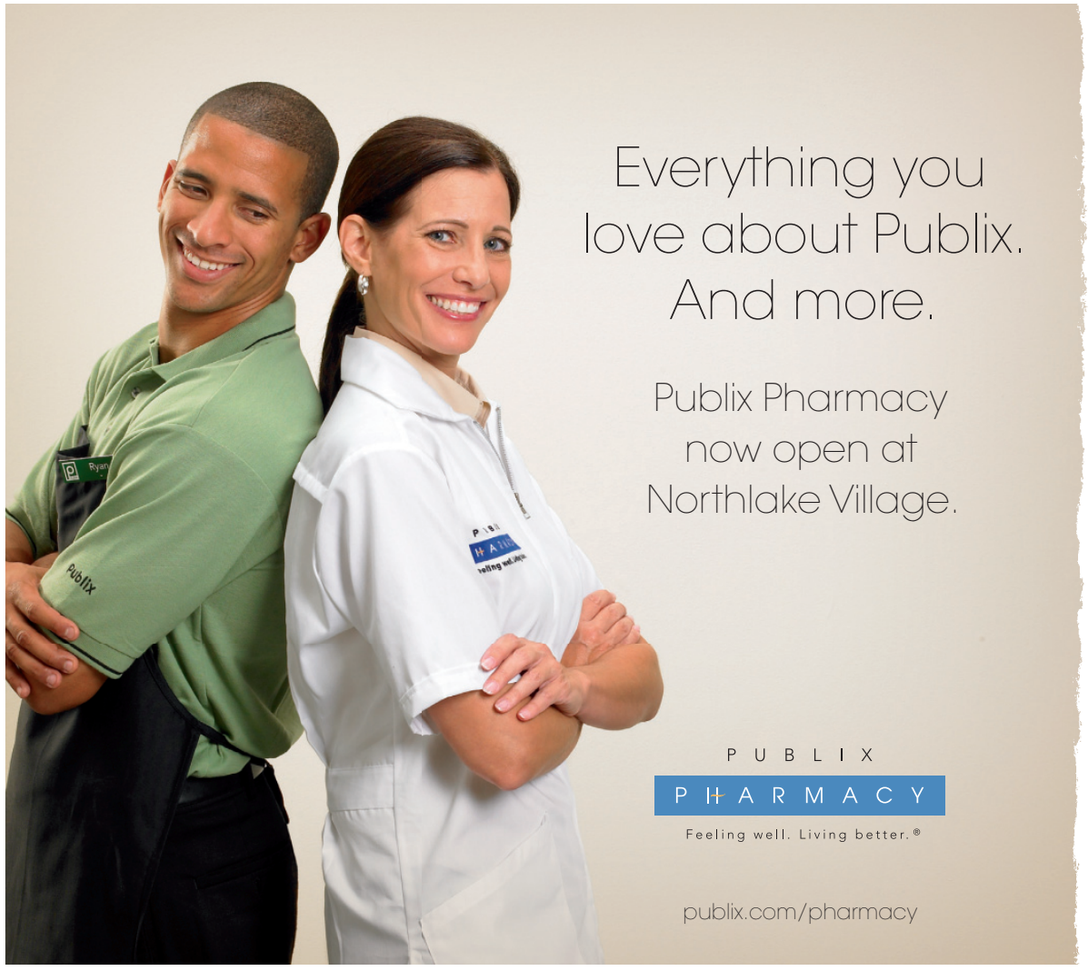

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December brings Florida holiday hunting traditions

By Tony Young
FWC

There's finally a chill and certain festiveness in the air as most of us try to take time off from work to enjoy spending quality time with family and friends and reflect on the passing year. Children are out of school on winter break, and while the holiday season is upon us, so are several traditional hunting opportunities. The second phase of waterfowl and coot season runs through Jan. 27.

In addition to the usual hunting license and permit requirements, duck hunters also must have a Florida waterfowl permit ($5) and a federal duck stamp ($15).

The daily bag limit on ducks is six, but you need to know your ducks before you pull the trigger, because there are different daily limits for each species. For instance, within the six-bird limit there may be only one black duck, one mottled duck, one fulvous whistling-duck and one canvasback. Only two of your six-bird limit may be pintails or redheads, and three may be wood ducks. And you may have no more than four scaup, four scoters or four mallards (of which only two may be female) in your bag. All other species of ducks can be taken up to the six-bird limit, except harlequin ducks. The daily limit on coots is 15, and there's a five-bird limit on mergansers, only two of which may be hooded. When hunting waterfowl, hunters may use only nontoxic shotgun shells. Only iron (steel), bismuth-tin and various tungsten-alloys are permissible. For something different, try woodcock hunting. Woodcock season runs Dec. 18 – Jan. 31.

Woodcocks are excellent game birds because they hold well for pointing bird dogs and provide a challenging shot when flushed. The daily bag limit is three. The third phase of mourning and white-winged dove season opened runs through Jan. 6. The daily bag limit is 15 birds. Shooting hours for all migratory birds are one-half hour before sunrise to sunset. However, you must get a no-cost migratory bird permit where you purchase your hunting license before you hunt any of these birds. The only firearm you can use to hunt migratory game birds is a shotgun, no larger than 10-gauge. Shotguns must be plugged to a three-shell capacity (magazine and chamber combined).

Bows also are legal. Retrievers and bird dogs can be useful. Artificial decoys and manual or mouth-operated bird calls also are legal and essential gear for duck hunters. You may hunt migratory game birds over an agricultural field if the crop was planted by regular agricultural methods. However, don't even think about "sweetening" the field by scattering agricultural products over it – or anywhere near it – or you could wind up in serious trouble.

Your Medical and Health Care Directory

Okeechobee Cancer Center Offers State of the Art, Loca Treatments

By Dr. Ron Woody
Okeechobee Cancer Center

Hello! I am Doctor Ron Woody, physician at Okeechobee Regional Cancer Center. I am a native Floridian, born in Jacksonville Naval hospital and a graduate of both FSU University and University of Florida Medical School. (So no rivalry since I'm a hybrid.)

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Researchers pinpoint culprits in grapefruit/drug interactions

By Tom Nordlie
University of Florida

The quest to develop a grapefruit hybrid that will not interact with medication has taken a step forward, as researchers pinpoint compounds most responsible for the problem, a University of Florida citrus breeder says.

The data were published in the December 2012 issue of the journal Xenobiotica.

Scientists have been aware of the so-called "grapefruit juice effect" since 1989. Compounds in the fruit called furanocoumarins inhibit the action of an enzyme that breaks down certain medications in the human digestive system.

The phenomenon poses a health risk because it can produce unexpectedly high levels of these medications in a patient's bloodstream. Doctors, pharmacists and prescription drug labels warn patients to avoid grapefruit and related products under these circumstances.

The phenomenon is a disappointment for fans of the tart treat, but Fred Gmitter, a faculty member at UF's Citrus Research and Education Center in Lake Alfred, is part of a team working to address the problem by developing a hybrid between grapefruit and selected varieties of pummelo that have been shown to have low furanocoumarin content and can transmit the trait to their offspring.

In the current study, researchers investigated the effects of furanocoumarin compounds, testing each one to determine the amount required to slow the enzyme reaction by 50 percent. The results showed that a handful of furanocoumarins had the strongest effect.

More importantly, juice samples from 40 different hybrids and their parents were tested directly for their overall effect on enzyme activity, and one of the selected hybrids approved for impending release, known as UF 914, was among the samples with the lowest effect.

Gmitter said further study is needed to learn how low furanocoumarin levels must be to reduce the interaction risk.

Other members of the research team included David Greenblatt, Yanli Zhao, Michael Hanley and Jerold Harmatz of Tufts University School of Medicine and Tufts Medical Center in Boston; Chunxian Chen of the Lake Alfred center and Paul Cancalon of the Florida Department of Citrus in Lake Alfred.

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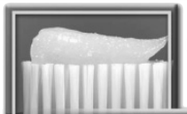

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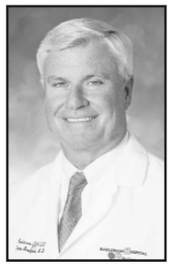

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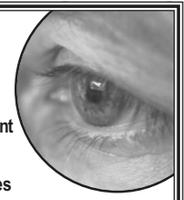

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Panther effort likely saved big cats from extinction

By Mickie Anderson
University of Florida/IFAS

GAINESVILLE — When wildlife managers imported eight female Texas pumas in hopes they would mate with native Florida panthers, they knew they were taking a bit of a risk.

But a new University of Florida research study, published today in the Journal of Animal Ecology, suggests their gamble paid off.

Without those pumas, UF researchers Madan Oli and recent UF doctoral graduate Jeff Hostetler found that the probability of the Florida panther population falling below 10 panthers by 2010 was nearly 71 percent.

"We found that the Florida population would've declined, on average, by about 5 percent per year," said Oli, a UF population ecology professor and Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences faculty member. "And that's essentially telling us there was a high chance that the population would've eventually gone extinct."

There were an estimated 20 to 25 panthers left in the state when the Texas female cats were brought to Florida in 1995. Officials believe the population has since grown about 4 percent per year, and their estimate now ranges from 100 to 160, said Dave Onorato, a panther expert with the state Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's Florida Panther Project.

Having a scientific study in hand that validates what conservation officials had believed would happen is helpful, Onorato said.

"It shows that the genetic restoration effort was effective at averting the loss of the Florida panther," he said.

The Florida panther had been listed as an endangered species since 1967, and although it was named the official state animal by 1982, it was in peril by the 1990s. The cats suffered from numerous inbreeding-related problems, including poor sperm quality and other reproductive abnormalities, kinked tails, heart defects and heavy parasite loads.

When the Texas cats were brought to Florida, officials weren't sure how they would fare or that the breeding effort would work, but with the success of the genetic restoration, Onorato said a similar effort could be initiated again in the future.

For now, however, there is no specific timetable for such an effort. He said the cats continue to face threats from loss of habitat, cars and inbreeding.

Although they sometimes roam far and wide, Florida panthers—the only puma population east of the Mississippi River—are primarily found in the Big Cypress National Preserve and Everglades ecosystem areas that include parts of Collier, Lee, Hendry, Monroe and Miami-Dade counties.

The recent UF study, which examined several decades' worth of field data and genetic information about the panther, found that the robust survival of the Florida-Texas hybrid kittens played a large role in the panther population being reeled back from the brink of extinction.

"I would say that at least in the short term, the outlook is good for the Florida panther," said Hostetler, who worked on the project for more than four years as part of his doctoral studies. "But there are still a lot of threats to their survival that could be important in the long run."

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An adult Florida panther perches in a tree, in this file photo supplied by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. A study published in the Journal of Animal Ecology shows that Florida's population of the big cats was probably saved from extinction by the importation and release of eight female pumas from Texas, in 1995. Madan Oli, a population ecologist with the University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, has a long-term research interest in the Florida panther, which has been federally classified as endangered since 1967.

The paper's other author is Deborah Jansen of Big Cypress National Park.

The research study was funded by the Florida Panther Research and Management Trust Fund (via sales of the Florida "Protect the Panther" license plate), National Park Service, the University of Florida and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

FWC seeks public's help to control pythons in the Everglades

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The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) has announced the 2013 Python Challenge™ with its goal of increasing public awareness about Burmese pythons and how this invasive species is a threat to the Everglades ecosystem, including native wildlife. As part of the Python Challenge, both the public and Florida's python permit holders are invited to compete to see who can harvest the longest and the most Burmese pythons. On Jan. 12, the Python Challenge™ Kickoff will initiate a month-long program of harvesting Burmese pythons from public lands, and the public can see and learn more about these large constrictors.

The kickoff is from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the University of Florida's Fort Lauderdale Research & Education Center, which will hold its invasive species open house that day. "The FWC is encouraging the public to get involved in helping us remove Burmese pythons from public lands in south Florida," said Kristen Sommers, head of the FWC's Exotic Species Coordination Section.

"By enlisting both the public and Florida's python permit holders in a month-long competitive harvesting of Burmese pythons, we hope to motivate more people to find and harvest these large, invasive snakes. The Python Challenge gives people a chance to sign up for a competition to see who can catch the longest or the most pythons. "Part of the goal of the Python Challenge is to educate the public to understand why nonnative species like Burmese pythons should never be released into the wild and encourage people to report sightings of exotic species," Sommers said. "We also expect the competitive harvesting of Burmese pythons to result in additional information on the python population in south Florida and enhance our research and management efforts."

Grand prizes of $1,500 for harvesting the most Burmese pythons will be awarded to winners of both the General Competition and the Python Permit Holders Competition, with additional $1,000 prizes for the longest Burmese python harvested in both competitions. Funding for the prizes is provided by Python Challenge™ sponsors.

The largest Burmese python documented in Florida was more than 17 feet in length.

Complete information on the Python Challenge™, including how to train and register for the competitions and more about upcoming south Florida events, is available at PythonChallenge.org. Many partners, including the University of Florida, The Nature Conservancy, The Future of Hunting in Florida, the Wildlife Foundation of Florida and Zoo Miami, are involved in the Python Challenge™. Florida currently prohibits possession or sale of Burmese pythons for use as pets, and federal law bans the importation and interstate sale of this species. The Python Challenge™ will conclude with a free Awareness and Awards Event on Feb. 16 at Zoo Miami. Educational talks and exhibits will be available for all ages, with chances to encounter live Burmese pythons, meet the experts who research and capture them, and learn about protecting the precious resources of the Everglades ecosystem, including its native birds, mammals and reptiles. The winners of the General Competition and Python Permit Holders Competition will be presented with their awards.

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CASE NO. 47-2011-CA-000426

CENLAR FSB
Plaintiff,
VS.
CHARLES E. PARKER, JR., KAREN L. PARKER TD BANK, N.A., UNITED STATES OF AMERICA SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION, AND UNKNOWN TENANTS/OWNERS,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure for Plaintiff entered in this cause on October 31, 2012, in the Circuit Court of Okeechobee County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Okeechobee County, Florida described as:

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and commonly known as: 703 NE 24TH AVE, OKEECHOBEE, FL 34972; including the building, appurtenances, and fixtures located therein, at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, the sale will be held in the Jury Assembly Room, 2nd Floor, Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida, on January 16, 2013 at 11am.

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Dated this 1st day of November, 2012.

SHARON ROBERTSON
Clerk of the Circuit Court
BY: Sandra L. Creech
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Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT CIVIL COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 47-2009-CA-000222

HSBC MORTGAGE SERVICES, INC.
Plaintiff,
VS.
MARION E. MEEKS III AND ALICE MEEKS MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INC. Y.R.P. REAL ESTATE INC, AND UNKNOWN TENANTS/OWNERS,
Defendants.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 19TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 47-2010-CA-000216

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE OF INDYMAC RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE-BACKED TRUST, SERIES 2006-L1, RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-L1
Plaintiff,
VS.
DONALD ATTERIDGE A/K/A DONALD ATTRIDGE; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DONALD ATTERIDGE A/K/A DONALD ATTRIDGE; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY;
Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated November 13, 2012, and entered in Case No. 47-2010-CA-000216, of the Circuit Court of the 19TH Judicial Circuit in and for OKEECHOBEE County, Florida. DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE OF INDYMAC RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE-BACKED TRUST, SERIES 2006-L1, RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-L1 is Plaintiff and DONALD ATTERIDGE A/K/A DONALD ATTRIDGE; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DONALD ATTERIDGE A/K/A DONALD ATTRIDGE; 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, N.W. 3RD STREET, OKEECHOBEE, FLORIDA 34972, in OKEECHOBEE County, FLORIDA 34972, at 11:00 a.m., on the 23rd day of January, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION
CASE NO. 2012 CA 288

HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR FREMONT HOME LOAN TRUST 2006-D, MORTGAGE- BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-D,
Plaintiff,
VS.
GARY PARKS AND TRACI T. PARKS A/K/A TRACI THOMAS PARKS A/K/A TRACI PARKS A/K/A TRACI MICHELLE THOMAS A/K/A TRACI M. THOMAS A/K/A TRACI THOMAS, et.al.
Defendant.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated October 31, 2012, and entered in 2012 CA 288 of the Circuit Court of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Okeechobee County, Florida, wherein HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR FREMONT HOME LOAN TRUST 2006-D, MORTGAGE- BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-D, is the Plaintiff and GARY PARKS; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF GARY PARKS; TRACI T. PARKS A/K/A TRACI THOMAS PARKS A/K/A TRACI PARKS A/K/A TRACI MICHELLE THOMAS A/K/A TRACI M. THOMAS A/K/A TRACI THOMAS; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR FREMONT INVESTMENT & LOAN; SURETY CORPORATION OF AMERICA-FLORIDA INC. A/K/A SURETY CORPORATION OF AMERICA, INC., FLORIDA F/K/A NATIONAL SURETY SERVICES, INC. OF FLORIDA A/K/A NATIONAL SURETY SERVICES OF FLORIDA, INC.; AMERICAN BANKERS INSURANCE COMPANY OF FLORIDA; FORD MOTOR CREDIT COMPANY LLC; UNKNOWN TENANT(S) are the Defendant(s). Sharon Robertson as the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in the Jury Assembly Room, 2nd Floor, Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 312 NW 3rd St., Okeechobee, FL 34972, at 11:00 AM on January 23, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 10K, FOUR SEASONS ESTATES, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE 1/4 SECTION CORNER OF THE EAST BOUNDARY LINE OF SECTION 18, TOWNSHIP 37 SOUTH, RANGE 36 EAST, OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RUN THENCE SOUTH 0° 05' 07" WEST ALONG THE EAST BOUNDARY LINE OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF SAID SECTION 18 FOR A DISTANCE OF 487.00 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 89° 54' 53" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 861.97 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 0° 04' 22" EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 610.32 FEET FOR A POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE NORTH 0° 04' 22" EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 203.44 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 89° 54' 53" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 214.12 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 0° 04' 22" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 203.44 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 89° 54' 53" EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 214.12 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. LYING IN AND COMPRISING A PART OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF SECTION 18, TOWNSHIP 37 SOUTH, RANGE 36 EAST, OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

Dated this 1st day of November, 2012.

SHARON ROBERTSON
As Clerk of the Court
BY: Sandra L. Creech
As Deputy Clerk

IMPORTANT

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.

430361 ON 12/26/2012;1/2/2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
Case No.: 2012-DR-406

Ehrica Alonso,
Petitioner
and
Josue Gomez,
Respondent

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR PETITION TO ESTABLISH PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY AND PARENTING PLAN WITH TIME-SHARING SCHEDULE

TO: Josue Gomez
540 NE 62nd Avenue
Okeechobee, FL 34974

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your answer to it on Ehrica Alonso, whose address is 540 NE 62nd Avenue, Okeechobee, FL 34974 on or before January 8, 2013, and file the original with the clerk of this Court at 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, FL 34972 before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

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

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

Dated: 12/7/2012

SHARON ROBERTSON
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
BY: /S/ Heather Thomas
Deputy Clerk

432414 ON 12/12,19,26 1/2

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 09000344CA

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR SOUNDVIEW HOME LOAN TRUST 2006-1, ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-1
Plaintiff,
v.
JUAN M MOLINA, ERANDI Y AGUIRRE, et al,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order of Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure dated October 25, 2012, entered in Civil Case No. 09000344CA of the Circuit Court of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Okeechobee County, Florida, wherein the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest bidder for cash on the 16TH day of January, 2013, at 11:00 a.m. in the Jury Assembly Room, 2nd Floor, Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida 34972, relative to the following described property as set forth in the Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 13 AND 14, BLOCK 7, OKEECHOBEE HEIGHTS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGE 8, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

ATTENTION: 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
Phone: (772) 807-4370

DATED AT OKEECHOBEE, FLORIDA THIS 29th DAY OF October, 2012.

SHARON ROBERTSON
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY: Sandra L. Creech
DEPUTY CLERK

430126 ON 12/19,26/2012

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
CASE NO. 2012-CP-159

IN RE: ESTATE OF
EDWARD SOBIECKI
Deceased

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of EDWARD SOBIECKI, deceased, whose date of death was July 5, 2011, is pending in the Circuit Court for Okeechobee County, Florida, Probabe Division, the address of which is 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida 34972. The names and addresses 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 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 must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA 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 date of this notice is 12-26-12.

Personal Representative:
JAMES T. SMITH
3501 SE 25th Street
Okeechobee, FL 34974

Attorney for Personal Representative:
COLIN M. CAMERON
200 N.E. 4th Avenue
Okeechobee, FL 34972
(863) 763-8600
Fla. Bar No. 270441
colin@ccameronlaw.com
429224 ON 10/21,28/2012

NOTICE

On January 05, 2013 @ **10:00 AM,** there will be sold to the highest bidder At the premises of SABAL PALM SELF STORAGE, 14040 Hwy 441 N, Okeechobee, Florida 34972 (Landlord) the contents of storage spaces rented by Tenants, for failure to pay rent due on the spaces. Sealed bids will be accepted until the day of the sale. The contents of the spaces consist of personal property including household goods, furnishings, clothing, boxes, bags, and totes, and other miscellaneous property. The names of the tenants whose property will be sold are:

1. Donald Lundy - Unit A-12 - 10x20 minimum bid $400
2. Elizabeth Wilson - Unit C-20 - 10x20 minimum bid $400

Sabal Palm Self Storage
863-357-1110
432960 ON 12/19,26/2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 472008CA000209CA

CITIMORTGAGE, INC.,
Plaintiff,
v.
JOHN S. VEST; SHANA M VEST; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order of Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure dated October 25, 2012 , entered in Civil Case No. 472008CA000209CAXXXX of the Circuit Court of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Okeechobee County, Florida, wherein the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest bidder for cash on 9th day of January, 2013, at 11:00 a.m. in the Jury Assembly Room, 2nd Floor, Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida 34972, relative to the following described property as set forth in the Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 7, BLOCK 5, OKEECHOBEE HAMMOCK SECTION 1, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 31, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

ATTENTION: PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

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

DATED AT OKEECHOBEE, FLORIDA THIS 9th DAY OF November, 2012

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

431269 ON 12/19,26/2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
CASE NO. 2012-CP-109

IN RE: ESTATE OF
CHARLES R. ROUP,
Deceased

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE: You are hereby notified that an Order of Summary Administration has been entered in the estate of CHARLES R. ROUP, deceased, File Number 2012-CP-109 by the Circuit Court for Okeechobee County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee County, Okeechobee, Florida, 34972; that the decedent's date of death was June 15, 2012; that the total value of the estate is $0.00 and that the names and address of those to whom it has been assigned by such order are:

Charles J. Roup
6675 NE 4th Street
Okeechobee, FL 34972

Bobbie Jean Selig
505 Wright Circle
Vero Beach, FL 32968

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT: All creditors of the estate of the decedent and persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent other than those for whom provision for full payment was made in the Order of Summary Administration must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE.

ALL CLAIMS AND DEMANDS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER APPLICABLE TIME PERIOD, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this Notice is October 21, 2012.

Persons Giving Notice:
CHARLES J. ROUP
6675 NE 4th Street
Okeechobee, FL 34972

Attorney for Persons Giving Norice:
COLIN M. CAMERON, ESQ.
200 N.E. 4th Avenue
Okeechobee, FL 34972
(863) 763-8600
Fla. Bar No. 270441
429224 ON 10/21,28/2012

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Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE #: 2009 CA 000308

U.S. Bank National Association, as Successor Trustee, to Bank of America, National Association as successor by merger to LaSalle Bank National Association, as Trustee, for Ownit Mortgage Loan Trust, Ownit Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-3
Plaintiff,
-VS.-
Richard C. Doss, Sr. a/k/a Richard Doss and Denise Doss, Husband and Wife; Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Nominee for Ownit Mortgage Solutions, Inc.; Asset Acceptance LLC.; Unknown Parties in Possession #1; Unknown Parties in Possession #2; If living, and all Unknown Parties claiming by, through, under and against the above named Defendant(s) who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said Unknown Parties may claim an interest as Spouse, Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, or Other Claimants
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order of Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated October 25, 2012, entered in Civil Case No. 2009 CA 000308 of the Circuit Court of the 19th Judicial Circuit in and for Okeechobee County, Florida, wherein U.S. Bank National Association, as Successor Trustee, to Bank of America, National Association as successor by merger to LaSalle Bank National Association, as Trustee, for Ownit Mortgage Loan Trust, Ownit Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-3, Plaintiff and Richard C. Doss, Sr. a/k/a Richard Doss and Denise Doss, Husband and Wife are defendant(s), I, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at Jury Assembly Room, on the Second Floor, of the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 312 N.W. Third Street, Okeechobee, FL 34972 beginning at 11:00 A.M. on January 16, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOT 7, BLOCK 19, UNIT NUMBER 2, BASSWOOD INCORPORATED, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 28, PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY FLORIDA.

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.
Florida Rules of Judicial Administration Rule 2.540 Notices to Persons With Disabilities
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 kokobe ki bezwen asistans ou aparey pou ou ka patisipe nan prosedu sa-a, ou gen dwa san ou pa bezwen peye anyen pou ou jwen on seri de ed. Tanpri kontakte Corrie Johnson, Coordinator ADA, 250 NW Country Club Drive, suite 217, Port St. Lucie, FL 34986, (772) 807-4370 O'mwen 7 jou avan ke ou gen pou-ou paret nan tribunal, ou imediatman ke ou resevwa avis sa-a ou si le ke ou gen pouou ale nan tribunal-la mwens ke 7 jou; Si ou pa ka tande ou pale byen, rele 711.

SHARON ROBERTSON
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
Okeechobee County, Florida
BY: Sandra L. Creech
DEPUTY CLERK OF COURT

430125 ON 12/19,26/2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO.: 2012 CA 000124 CA

TD BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
Plaintiff,
VS.
PATSY H. MAUPIN, an individual; PATSY H. MAUPIN, as personal representative of the estate of Norman G. Maupin; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF PATSY H. MAUPIN; and JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, unknown parties in possession,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated November 6, 2012 (the "Judgment"), entered in Civil Case No. 2012-CA-000124 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 PATSY H. MAUPIN, an individual, and PATSY H. MAUPIN, as personal representative of the estate of Norman G. Maupin, are Defendants.

The Clerk of Court will sell the Property as defined in the Judgment and as set forth below at a public sale on January 23, 2013 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 16, Block "D", Playland Park, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 27, Public Records of Okeechobee County, Florida

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

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

DATED on November 6, 2012.

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

431273 ON 12/26/2012 1/2/2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 47-2009-CA-000520

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE FOR THE RMAC TRUST, SERIES 2010-7T,
Plaintiff,
v.
LESLIE R. REMBERT A/K/A LESLIE REMBERT; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA; STATE & COUNTY CONSTRUCTION & FLORIDA, INC.; BARBARA REHM; KEN REHM; OKEECHOBEE HOSPITAL, INC., D/B/A RAULERSON HOSPITAL; AND JOHN DOE N/K/A SHAKEDRAL REMBERT, JANE DOE N/K/A SHAKIA REMBERT.
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order of Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure dated November 13, 2012, entered in Civil Case No. 47-2009-CA-000520 of the Circuit Court of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Okeechobee County, Florida, wherein the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest bidder for cash on the 23rd day of January, 2013, at 11:00 a.m. in the Jury Assembly Room, 2nd Floor, Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida 34972 , relative to the following described property as set forth in the Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 19 AND THE EAST ONE-HALF OF LOT 18, BLOCK 64, EL MIRASOL, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 1, PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

ATTENTION: 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
Phone: (772) 807-4370
at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

DATED AT OKEECHOBEE, FLORIDA THIS 15th day of November, 2012.

SHARON ROBERTSON
CLERK OF COURTS
BY: Sandra L. Creech
Deputy Clerk

431281 ON 12/26/2012 1/2/2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2011 CA 256

TD BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
Plaintiff,
vs.
BILLY HESCH; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF BILLY HESCH; RICHARD H. WELLMAN; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF RICHARD H. WELLMAN; JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, unknown parties in possession,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated November 6, 2012 (the "Judgment"), entered in Civil Case No. 2011-CA-256 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 BILLY HESCH and RICHARD H. WELLMAN, are Defendants.

The Clerk of Court will sell the Property as defined in the Judgment and as set forth below at a public sale on January 23, 2013 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 70, Treasure Island, Unit 6, according to the map or plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 3, Page(s) 57, Public Records of Okeechobee County, Florida
Together with that certain 1964 CENT SINGLE WIDE MOBILE HOME (Serial No. 50X5053), VIN # 50X5053, Title # 1669782, RP # R245211

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

DATED on November 6, 2012.

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

431270 ON 12/26;12 1/2/13

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION
CASE #: 2011-CA-000306

JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, as Successor by Merger to Chase Home Finance, LLC
Plaintiff,
-VS.-
Cynthia Deuse Hand a/k/a Cynthia D. Hand; David Eugene Rogers, Jr. a/k/a David Eugene Rogers a/k/a David E. Rogers, Jr. a/k/a David Rogers, Jr.; Unknown Parties in Possession #1, If living, and all Unknown Parties claiming by, through, under and against the above named Defendant(s) who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said Unknown Parties may claim an interest as Spouse, Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, or Other Claimants; Unknown Parties in Possession #2, If living, and all Unknown Parties claiming by, through, under and against the above named Defendant(s) who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said Unknown Parties may claim an interest as Spouse, Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, or Other Claimants
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order of Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated October 31, 2012, entered in Civil Case No. 2011-CA-000306 of the Circuit Court of the 19th Judicial Circuit in and for Okeechobee County, Florida, wherein JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, as Successor by Merger to Chase Home Finance, LLC, Plaintiff and Cynthia Deuse Hand a/k/a Cynthia D. Hand are defendant(s), I, Clerk of Court SHARON ROBERTSON, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in the Jury Assembly Room, on the Second Floor, of the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 312 N.W. Third Street, Okeechobee, FL 34972 beginning at 11:00 A.M. on January 16, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOTS 6 AND 7, BLOCK 3, DIXIE RANCH ESTATES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 33, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.
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SHARON ROBERTSON
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
Okeechobee County, Florida
BY: Sandra L. Creech
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ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF: SHAPIRO, FISHMAN & GACHE, LLP
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430329 ON 12/19,26/2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 19TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.
CASE No.: 2011CA431

HSBC BANK USA, N.A., AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE FOR THE REGISTERED NOTEHOLDERS OF RENAISSANCE HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST 2006-2,
Plaintiff,
vs.
Eleden C. Fonseca and Jose Luis Fonseca;
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated October 18th, 2012, and entered in Case No. 2011CA431 of the Circuit Court of the 19th Judicial Circuit in and for Okeechobee County, Florida, wherein HSBC BANK USA, N.A., AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE FOR THE REGISTERED NOTEHOLDERS OF RENAISSANCE HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST 2006-2, is the Plaintiff, and Eleden C. Fonseca and Jose Luis Fonseca are Defendants, the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in the Jury Assembly Room, 3rd Floor, of the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, located at 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, FL 34972, at 11:00 o'clock A.M. on the 9th day of January, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment, to wit:

PARCEL 1:
COMMENCE AT THE 1/4 SECTION CORNER ON THE WEST BOUNDARY LINE OF SECTION 17, TOWNSHIP 37 SOUTH, RANGE 36 EAST, RUN THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 24'08" EAST ALONG THE 1/4 SECTION LINE FOR A DISTANCE OF 1905.30 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO A POINT ON THE EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF FOUR SEASONS DRIVE, THENCE RUN NORTH 0 DEGREES 04'22" EAST PARALLEL WITH THE WEST BOUNDARY LINE OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF SAID SECTION ALONG THE EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF FOUR SEASONS DRIVE FOR A DISTANCE OF 1122.00 FEET, THENCE RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREE 24'08" EAST PARALLEL WITH THE SOUTH BOUNDARY LINE OF SAID NORTH 1/2 SECTION 17, FOR A DISTANCE OF 600.00 FEET, FOR THE POINT OF BEGINNING THENCE CONTINUE SOUTH 89° 24'08" EAST FOR THE A DISTANCE OF 100.00 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 0°04'22" EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 100.00 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 89°24'08" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 100.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 0°04'22" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 100.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. LYING IN AND COMPRISING A PART OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF SECTION 17, TOWNSHIP 37 SOUTH, RANGE 36 EAST, OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.
AND
PARCEL 2:
COMMENCE AT THE 1/4 SECTION CORNER ON THE WEST BOUNDARY LINE OF SECTION 17, TOWNSHIP 37 SOUTH, RANGE 36 EAST, RUN THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 24'08" EAST ALONG THE 1/4 SECTION LINE FOR A DISTANCE OF 1905.30 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO A POINT ON THE EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF FOUR SEASONS DRIVE, THENCE RUN NORTH 0 DEGREES 04'22" EAST PARALLEL WITH THE WEST BOUNDARY LINE OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF SAID SECTION LONG THE EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF FOUR SEASONS DRIVE FOR A DISTANCE OF 1122.00 FEET, THENCE RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREE 24'08" EAST PARALLEL WITH THE SOUTH BOUNDARY LINE OF SAID NORTH 1/2 SECTION 17, FOR A DISTANCE OF 600.00 FEET, THENCE RUN NORTH 0 DEGREES 04'22" EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 100 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 24'08" EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 100 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 0 DEGREES 04'22" EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 100 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 24'08" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 100 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 04'22" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 100 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, LYING IN AND COMPRISING A PART OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF SECTION 17, TOWNSHIP 37 SOUTH, RANGE 36 EAST, OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.
AND
PARCEL 3:
COMMENCE AT THE 1/4 SECTION CORNER ON THE WEST BOUNDARY LINE OF SECTION 17, TOWNSHIP 37 SOUTH, RANGE 36 EAST, RUN THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 24'08" EAST ALONG THE 1/4 SECTION LINE FOR A DISTANCE OF 1905.30 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO A POINT ON THE EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF FOUR SEASONS DRIVE, THENCE RUN NORTH 0 DEGREES 04'22" EAST PARALLEL WITH THE WEST BOUNDARY LINE OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF SAID SECTION LONG THE EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF FOUR SEASONS DRIVE FOR A DISTANCE OF 1122.00 FEET, THENCE RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREE 24'08" EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 500.00 FEET FOR A POINT OF BEGINNING THENCE CONTINUE SOUTH 89°24'08"EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 100.00 FEET THENCE RUN NORTH 0°04'22" EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 100.00 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 89°24'08" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 100.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 0°04'22" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 100.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. LYING IN AND COMPRISING A NORTH 1/2 OF SECTION 17, TOWNSHIP 37 SOUTH, RANGE 36 EAST, OKEECHOBEE COUNTY FLORIDA.
Street Address: 7220 NE 11th Lane, Okeechobee, FL 34974
and all fixtures and personal property located therein or thereon, which are included as security in Plaintiff's mortgage.

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

Dated at Okeechobee, Okeechobee County, Florida, this 18th day of October, 2012.

Sharon Robertson
Clerk of said Circuit Court
BY: Sandra L. Creech
As Deputy Clerk

429518 ON 12/19,26/2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO. 12000286CA

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER, TO WACHOVIA BANK, N.A.,
Plaintiff,
VS.
MCCAROL PARTNERS, INC., GAIL A. MCGREGOR, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF GAIL A. MCGREGOR, CAROL A. BELLMORE, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CAROL A. BELLMORE, UNKNOWN TENANT #1, UNKNOWN TENANT #2, the names being fictitious to account for parties in possession,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Final Judgment entered on October 31, 2012 in Case No. 12000286CA of the Circuit Court of the 19th Judicial Circuit in and for Okeechobee County, Florida, wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff, and MCCAROL PARTNERS, INC., et. al, Defendants, will sell to the highest bidder for cash in the Jury Assembly Room, 2nd Floor, Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 312 NW 3rd St., Okeechobee, FL 34972, at the hour of 11:00 a.m. on the 16th day of January, 2013, the following property:

Lots 13, 14 and 15, Block D, of LAWRENCE INDUSTRIAL SUBDIVISION, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 37, of the Public Records of Okeechobee County, Florida.
PROPERTY ADDRESS:
1669 NW 8th Street,
Okeechobee, FL

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

DATED this 1st day of November, 2012.

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

IMPORTANT

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430360 ON 12/19,26/2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 19TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.
CASE No.: 2012CA201

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE FOR NOVASTAR MORTGAGE FUNDING TRUST, SERIES 2006-5 NOVASTAR HOME EQUITY LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-5,
Plaintiff,
vs.
Kyle D. Ottiwell and
Angela D. Ottiwell;
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated October 18th, 2012, and entered in Case No. 2012CA201 of the Circuit Court of the 19th Judicial Circuit in and for Okeechobee County, Florida, wherein DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE FOR NOVASTAR MORTGAGE FUNDING TRUST, SERIES 2006-5 NOVASTAR HOME EQUITY LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-5, is the Plaintiff, and Kyle D. Ottiwell and Angela D. Ottiwell are Defendants, the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in the Jury Assembly Room, 2nd Floor, of the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, located at 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, FL 34972, at 11:00 o'clock A.M. on the 9th day of January, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment, to wit:

Lots 23 and 24, Block 43, Okeechobee Park, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 28, of the Public Records of Okeechobee County, Florida.
Street Address: 2611 NW 5th St, Okeechobee, FL 34972
and all fixtures and personal property located therein or thereon, which are included as security in Plaintiff s mortgage.

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

Dated at Okeechobee, Okeechobee County, Florida, this 18th day of October, 2012.

Sharon Robertson
Clerk of said Circuit Court
BY: Sandra L. Creech
As Deputy Clerk

429520 ON 12/19,26/2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 19 JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 47-2008-CA-000634

PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO NATIONAL CITY BANK SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO FIDELITY BANK & TRUST
Plaintiff,
vs.
ANDREA BADARACCO, et al.
Defendant(s)

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY given pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated October 25, 2012, and entered in Case No. 47-2008-CA-000634 of the Circuit Court of the 19 Judicial Circuit in and for Okeechobee County, Florida, wherein PNC Bank, National Association successor by merger to National City Bank Successor by Merger to Fidelity Bank & Trust, is the Plaintiff and Andrea Badaracco; George G. King, Jr., A/K/A George G. King; Unknown Spouse of George, G. King, Jr. A/K/A George G. King Jr. A/K/A Alexandria King; Current Tenant(s); and Stuart A. Young, Esq., are the Defendants, the Clerk of Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in the Jury Assembly Room, 2nd Floor, Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 312 North West 3rd Street, Okeechobee, FL 34972, at 11:00 AM, on January 16, 2013, the following described property set forth in said Order or Final Judgment, to wit:

The North 1/2 of the North 1/2 of Tract 12; LESS the East 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the North 1/2 of the North 1/2 of Tract 12, Section 10, Township 34 South, Range 33 East, according to the Plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 4, Pages 3A-D, inclusive, of the Public Records of Okeechobee County, Florida. Together with a 1981 mobile home: Title No.: 0019222803 VIN#C0SGART0011327

IF YOU ARE A PERSON CLAIMING A RIGHT TO FUNDS REMAINING AFTER THE SALE, YOU MUST FILE A CLAIM WITH THE CLERK OF COURT 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.

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DATED at Okeechobee County, Florida, this 30th day of October 2012.

Sharon Robertson, Clerk
Okeechobee County, Florida
BY: Sandra L. Creech
Deputy Clerk

430373 ON 12/19,26/2012

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.: 47-2009-CA-000337

CHASE HOME FINANCE LLC,
Plaintiff,
VS.
DANIEL TREMBLAY , et al,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated October 26, 2012 and entered in Case No. 47-2009-CA-000337 of the Circuit Court of the NINETEENTH Judicial Circuit in and for OKEECHOBEE County, Florida wherein JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO CHASE HOME FINANCE LLC[1], is the Plaintiff and DANIEL TREMBLAY; are the Defendants, The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in the JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM, 2ND FLOOR, OKEECHOBEE COUNTY JUDICIAL CENTER, 312 N.W. 3RD STREET, OKEECHOBEE, FLORIDA 34972 at 11:00AM, on the 23rd day of January, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

EAST 1/2 OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF TRACT 14, SECTION 22, AS TO THE SOUTHERN COLONIZATION COMPANY PLAT OF TOWNSHIP 34 SOUTH, RANGE 33 EAST, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 3-3E, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.
TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN MOBILE HOME LOCATED THEREON AS A FIXTURE AND APPURTENANCE THERETO: VIN# GAFL675A78318AV21 & GAFL675B78318AV21
A/K/A 18134 NW 282 ND STREET, OKEECHOBEE, FL 34972

[1]Plaintiff name has changed pursuant to order previously entered.

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

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on October 30, 2012.

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

Ronald R Wolfe & Associates, P.L.
P.O. Box 25018
Tampa, Florida 33622-5018
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 19 JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 47-2009-CA-000426

PNC BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO NATIONAL CITY BANK SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO HARBOR FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK
Plaintiff,
vs.
FABIAN J. MURGIO, et al.
Defendant(s)

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY given pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated October 26, 2012, and entered in Case No. 47-2009-CA-000426 of the Circuit Court of the 19 Judicial Circuit in and for Okeechobee County, Florida, wherein PNC Bank, National Association successor by merger to National City Bank Successor by Merger to Harbor Federal Savings Bank, is the Plaintiff and Fabian J. Murgio; Lana F. Murgio; are the Defendants, the Clerk of Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in the Jury Assembly Room, 2nd Floor, Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 312 North West 3rd Street, Okeechobee, FL 34972, 11:00am on January 23, 2013, the following described property set forth in said Order or Final Judgment, to wit:

Lot 32, Block 2, Sun & Country Ranches, according to the Plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 4, Pages 98 to 102 inclusive, of the Public Records of Okeechobee County, Florida.

IF YOU ARE A PERSON CLAIMING A RIGHT TO FUNDS REMAINING AFTER THE SALE, YOU MUST FILE A CLAIM WITH THE CLERK OF COURT 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.

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DATED at Okeechobee County, Florida, this 30th day of October 2012.

SHARON ROBERTSON, CLERK
Okeechobee County, Florida
BY: Sandra L. Creech
Deputy Clerk
430364 ON 12/26/2012;1/2/2013

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 19TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION:
CASE NO.: 472008CA000265CAXXXX

TAYLOR, BEAN & WHITAKER MORTGAGE CORP.,
Plaintiff,
VS.
YANET Y. RODRIGUEZ; PABLO RODRIGUEZ; JOHN DOE; JANE DOE AS UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY,
Defendants.

RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Resetting Foreclosure Sale dated the 6th day of November, 2012, and entered in Case No. 472008CA000265CAXXXX, of the Circuit Court of the 19TH Judicial Circuit in and for Okeechobee County, Florida, wherein TAYLOR, BEAN & WHITAKER MORTGAGE CORP. is the Plaintiff and YANET Y. RODRIGUEZ, JANE DOE, JOHN DOE A/K/A RONNIE RODRIGUEZ, PABLO RODRIGUEZ 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 23rd day of January, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 72, BLUE HERON GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB PHASE 2, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 59, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

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KREYOL: Si ou se yon moun ki kokobe ki bezwen asistans ou aparey pou ou ka patisipe nan prosedu sa-a, ou gen dwa san ou pa bezwen peye anyen pou ou jwen on seri de ed. Tanpri kontakte Corrie Johnson, Co-ordinator ADA, 250 NW Country Club Drive, suite 217, Port St. Lucie, FL 34986, (772) 807-4370 O'mwen 7 jou avan ke ou gen pou-ou paret nan tribunal, ou imediatman 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, rele 711.

Dated this 15th day of November, 2012.

SHARON ROBERTSON
Clerk of the Circuit Court
BY: Sandra L. Creech
Deputy Clerk
431282 ON 12/26/2012 1/2/2013

Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

ACROSS

1 "American Pie" actress
9 Leading, usually
15 Refinement
16 Goes without saying?
17 Subtle differences
18 "Where ignorant __ clash by night": Matthew Arnold
19 Was left out, facetiously
21 Round-topped topper
22 Ticked
23 Duchamp contemporary
26 Nursery employee
28 Milky way?
32 Rye server
34 Trifle
35 It's good to be in one
36 Something taken by a shooter
38 Some incentives
39 Non-acidic vitamin brand
40 Labor gp. that initially supported FDR
41 Jack's wife in Season 1 of "24"
42 Therapy goal
43 Bridge units
45 Case, for instance: Abbr.
46 Last straw
48 Video end?
50 Man, to Aristotle
57 Throws
58 "Sure, why not?"
59 Meet people?
60 Pedigree
61 Black-tie
62 Diamond gem

DOWN

1 Keep an eye on
2 Et __
3 Like most mailed pkgs.
4 Deal maker
5 Palm prevalent in Indonesia
6 Hard to figure out
7 Frozen pop brand
8 Fortune
9 It's across the Missouri from Council Bluffs, Iowa
10 Point from which one must proceed?
11 Disappointed, slangily
12 End in __
13 Noah's eldest
14 Sinclair Oil rival
20 Subject to strain
23 Puff __
24 Eponymous candy company founder
25 "Lady Lazarus" poet
27 Henri, e.g.
29 Doctor's orders
30 All possible
31 Mastic, for one
33 Puts on a pedestal
35 Matrimonial prize
37 Judges
38 Storage unit
40 Pablo Casals, e.g.
43 Sound heard after a lot of shots?
44 Third-generation Japanese-American
47 Rapper Elliott
49 Core
50 Frontier friend
51 Shortstop Vizquel
52 Oxford fastener
53 Star seen around midnight
54 Suffragist Lucretia
55 Leeds's river
56 Astron. distance

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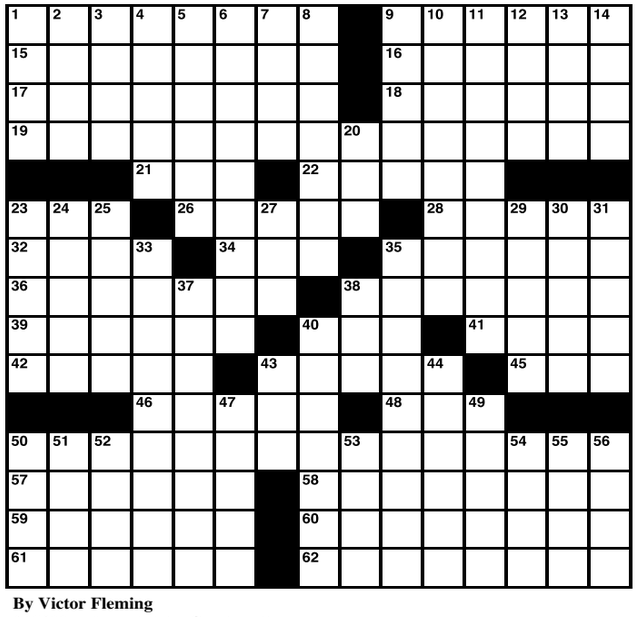

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Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

ANSWER:

9	1	4	5	8	6	2	7	3
7	8	2	9	1	3	5	4	6
6	5	3	7	2	4	9	1	8
5	9	6	4	3	1	8	2	7
3	2	1	8	7	5	4	6	9
8	4	7	2	6	9	3	5	1
4	7	8	1	9	2	6	3	5
1	3	5	6	4	8	7	9	2
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Okeechobee Recreation Department Fall Softball Champion for the women's league was the team from ECO Mowing Services: (back row, left to right) Nichole Cyr, Jamie Purdue, Kim McMahon, Josephine O'Mallan, Mona Baker, Samantha Shaw and Amanda Blewette. (front left to right) Chrissy Lanier, Amber Thornton, Erica Lipfert, Elia Suarez and Janet Estremera. Not shown: Tammy Serafini.

Okeechobee Recreation Department Fall Softball Champion for the Co-Ed League was the Heinz – 57 Team: (back row, left to right) Richard Osceola, Brandon Gabbard, Lalo Rodriguez, James Bush, Alisha Geech Claxton, Megan Nelson and Jason Lamb. (front, left to right) Mary Huff, Elia Suarez and Judy Jones. Not Shown: Kim McMahon, Saul Tijerina, Elton Shore, Amanda Smith, Erena Billie and Johnny Jones Jr.

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Okeechobee High School Athletes of the month

Okeechobee High School Athletes of the Month for September were (left to right) Jesse Pelham, Lady Brahman volleyball player Sarah Davis, Brahman football standout DJ Washington and Jaime McCoin.
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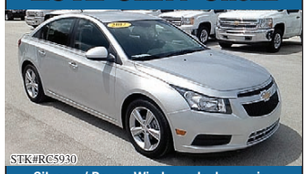

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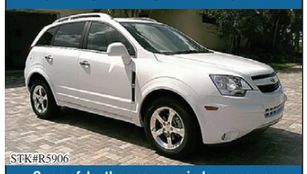

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