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Megan Williamson won the Teacher of the Year Award for 2013. She is flanked by Okeechobee County School Board members David Williams (left) and Gay Carlton (right).

Williamson named Teacher of the Year

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

Megan Williamson of North Elementary School was named Teacher of the Year for Okeechobee Schools at the 41st annual Teacher of the Year Banquet held on Saturday night at Osceola Middle School.

Vianka Padgett was named School Related Employee of the Year and Jennifer Ellis was named

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Vianka Padgett (center) won the School Related Employee of the Year Award at the banquet on Saturday night. She is flanked by school board members Joe Arnold (left) and India Riedel (right).

Seminoles plan 75th Field Day

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

The Seminole Tribe celebrated the Diamond Jubilee of the Brighton Field Day with a special banquet, ceremony, and concert on Monday night at the Fred Smith Rodeo Arena in Brighton.

Brighton Council member Andy Bowers said he was glad to have Highlands, Glades and Okeechobee County officials on hand to celebrate the moment with them.

Okeechobee City Councilman

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ountry Music Hall of Famer Merle Haggard played for over 90 minutes at the Brighton Reservation celebration.

Local trucker killed in 7-vehicle crash

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

An Okeechobee truck driver died Tuesday at the scene of a seven-vehicle, chain-reaction crash on S.R. 710 just east of the entrance ramp onto the Florida Turnpike in Palm Beach County.

According to a Florida High-

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Okeechobee County Fair adds new contests

It's time to prepare for the thrill of competition at the 2013 Okeechobee County Fair. From afghans to art, canned goods to cake decorating, sewing to scrapbooking – there's something for everyone.

This year's fair will host the largest number of competitive events. With almost two dozen different competitions the tent should be full of blue ribbon displays. Details of all of the categories can be found in the 2013 Premium Book. The premium book and entry form are available online at the Okeechobee County Fair's web site at www.okeechobeecountyfair.com. Premium books may also be picked up at the Okeechobee County Extension Office at 458 Highway 98 N. and the Chamber of Commerce.

New to the fair this year will be a "trash to treasure" category. Crafty contestants are invited to submit their best ideas for new and unique entries made from recycled objects. Design and create your own duct tape entry for the new Duct Tape Category. Tablescaping, the art of arranging tables to create a mood from ordinary to extraordinary, makes its debut appearance as another new competition at the Okeechobee County Fair this year! Design the perfect table to match any of the designated themes.

In the photography division this year, in addition to the popular People's Choice Award, there will be a Best of Show in both the Youth and Adult divisions. Last year over 900 fair visitors voted for their favorite in the People's Choice. New for the photography area is the Digitally Manipulated Photos. Photo manipulation is a form of digital art that involves photography, illustration, and graphic design all at the same time.

One of the most popular categories at the fair, with both the judges and contestants, is the Baked Goods. There is truly a smorgasbord of delectable delights. The baking category is an opportunity for local cooks to share their great recipes that have often been handed down in their families. Once again there will be a judge's Best of Show winner. Returning this year is the cake decorating division. All of you budding "Cake Bosses" need to check out the competition!

All of the categories at the fair feature both youth and adult divisions. In addition to ribbons and prize money there will be plagues for the Best of Show winners and the People's Choice Winner.

Special to the Okeechobee News/**Kaylie Corby**

The Okeechobee County Fair is planned for March 12-17 at the Okeechobee Agri-Civic Center. The entrance is off S.R. 710.

Tickets on sale for OCT's "Odd Couple"

The Okeechobee Community Theatre (OCT) wraps up its 34th season with the most enduring – and endearing – play by the most successful playwright in Broadway history, "The Odd Couple" by Neil Simon.

The comedy will have a four-performance run, March 8, 9, 15 and 16 at 8 p.m. each evening, at the Freshman Campus Auditorium on Southwest Second Avenue at Seventh Street, one block west of Golden Corral Restaurant. Advance reserved seat tickets are $12, and may be purchased at the Okeechobee Pennysaver office at 111 N.E. Second St. "The Odd Couple" could arguably be called America's favorite play. It ran for nearly 1,000 performances in its first New York production, and has been revived on Broadway numerous times since. It became a major hit motion picture, and even enjoyed a six-year run as a spin-off television series. Neil Simon later reworked the play into a female version (performed by the OCT in 1987), and finally it achieved new success with an updated script re-titled "Oscar and Felix." The simple premise can be explained in a single sentence: "Two men—one divorced and one estranged, and neither quite sure why their marriages fell apart—move in together for reasons of economy in order to meet their alimony payments, and suddenly discover that they're having the same conflicts and fights that they had in their marriages." A stellar Okeechobee Community Theatre cast assures that all of Simon's original laugh-lines are there in all of their glory. Brothers, James and John Garner, will appear as Felix Ungar and Oscar Madison, the two mis-matched roommates. John's wife, Laurie, along with Genna Lute, play the Pigeon sisters—two British girls who are invited to dinner to give the men some female company.

Rounding out the cast are Felix and Oscar's Friday night poker-playing buddies. They are portrayed by Michael White, another OCT veteran, along with newcomers Al Cole, Don Renfranz and Pete Gawda.

The Okeechobee Community Theatre, founded in 1979, is an all-volunteer organization of local adults and young people who present high-quality Broadway-style comedies, dramas and musicals suitable for all ages. OCT is a member of the American Association of Community Theatre, and the Florida Theatre Conference.

To volunteer, or to obtain more information on the theatre and its programs, call Ron or Jacque Hayes at 863-763-1307.

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Betts family celebrate honor

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

The late Okeechobee County Commissioner Clif Betts Jr. was honored Saturday as the county installed road signs on the east side of Dark Hammock Road and renamed that section of road, the Clif Betts Memorial Highway.

His son Mickey Betts said he was honored and very glad that the county did this for his father, "I want to thank the Commissioners. I know dad would be proud today."

Betts and his family lived on Dark Hammock Road and played a role in the improvements the county has made to the road over the years. Betts served on the commission and also as a city councilman and Clerk of the Courts during his political career that spanned over 25 years.

Commissioner Bryant Culpepper suggested the idea and said he was pleased his colleagues agreed to rename the road.

"It was a good way to honor him and I'm very excited about this," he said. "Clif gave over 25 years of his life to public service and this is just a small token of appreciation from the people for his service to this community."

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This road sign was installed to mark the part of the road now designated in Clif Betts memory.

His daughter Latoya Betts said the sign touches her heart because she knows her father is beloved by Okeechobee. She remembered going to commission meetings with her dad when she was just a small child because he wanted her to learn and know something about government.

"I really appreciate this. Dad would probably slap us for doing it but I know he would be honored," she added.

Daughter Shalina Betts said it was a wonderful gesture and she felt the commissioners did a great thing for her father.

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(L-R) Okeechobee County Commissioner Bryant Culpepper, Shalina, LaToya and Mickey Betts.

Shared Services Network to issue summer programs guide

The Shared Services Network is once again planning to print Active 'n Okeechobee, the summer activity guide for children's programs. The goal of this project is to keep Okeechobee children safe, supervised and active during the summer months. It is free to submit articles about summer programs. A few kind individuals and agencies step forward each year to fund the guide. Deadline to submit an article March 28. In previous years, the summer guide has included cheer camps, Vacation Bible School, summer camps, swim lessons, 4-H camps, back-to-school physical and immunization appointments, babysitting classes, etc. For more information, contact Sharon Vinson at 863-462-5000 ext. 257.

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Today: Partly cloudy with a chance of rain in the afternoon. Fog early. High of 86F. Breezy. Winds from the SSW at 15 to 25 mph with gusts to 30 mph. Chance of rain 20%.

Tonight: Overcast with a chance of rain. Fog overnight. Low of 59F. Winds from the WSW at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 30%.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: Overcast with a chance of rain. High of 75F. Winds from the NNW at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 50% with rainfall amounts near 0.3 in. possible.

Thursday Night: Overcast with a chance of rain. Fog overnight. Low of 55F. Winds from the NE at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 70% with rainfall amounts near 0.6 in. possible.

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

City upholds ban on mixed drink sales on Sunday

• These ministers that are against letting restaurants sell mixed drinks on Sunday, I wonder if they go out to eat on Sundays? Shouldn't they stay home rather than make others—the restaurant employees—work on Sunday? I don't want a mixed drink any day, but it bothers me that a few people want to pass laws to force their own views on others. I really don't think mixed drinks are any worse than beer or wine, which is allowed on Sundays. And people complain that we have so few restaurants here. Well they make their money on the drinks, not the food. If you limit their income from drinks, that is incentive to go somewhere else to invest their money.

• Banning mixed drinks is silly since they allow beer and wine. Someone sipping a piña colada is not going to get as intoxicated as someone else who is chugging beers.

• I think it is foolish to think anyone would move here because the city doesn't allow mixed drinks on Sunday. Who even takes that into consideration when choosing a place to live? It might cause people to not move here because it makes the city look backward and silly, but I don't think it brings any people in.

• If folks want the restaurants to be allowed to serve mixed drinks on Sundays, they need to show up at the city council meetings and make their views heard. Do the ministers who object even live in the city limits? Only those who live in the city limits should be considered when the council makes such decisions.

• They shouldn't be serving any alcohol on Sundays.

• It's about freedom, not alcohol. Why should any government entity or church care what people do with their own time? Just because you're Southern Baptist and you don't drink liquor on Sunday, doesn't mean you can control others' actions.

• In response to a question submitted to the city council, I received the following response: "According to a search of the records, in 1957 the city adopted an ordinance prohibiting the sale of alcohol on Sundays after a joint City/County roundtable on the matter. In 1977, the City Council adopted an ordinance providing for the sale of beer and wine on Sundays. Each of these ordinances did not differentiate the method of sales (i.e. restaurant, package, etc.)."

• There is no difference between the alcohol in beer and wine and the alcohol in a mixed drink. The use of the term "hard liquor" seems to imply it is somehow worse, but alcohol is alcohol and there is as much alcohol in a glass of wine or beer as in a mixed drink.

Taylor Creek locks

• As most of us who live or stay in Treasure Island and Taylor creek might have noticed the locks have been closed since last summer to be rebuilt. At that time it was reported that they would be reopened on Oct. 1 (but in their defense they did not say what year.) Today is Feb. 11. In the past four months it was reported that they would open some time in November and then some time in December and some time in January and finally the last time was Feb. 1. Well gee, they're still not open. If a contractor contracts a job for a private company they usually have a deadline to finish and when they don't they are charged a penalty for every day they are late. Now why is it different when you work for the government. I know that the Corps of Engineers and other government organizations have proven in the past that they could care less about our economy and our northern tourists that come here to fish and spend their money in our area. For the first time in years the lake is at a perfect level for fishing and the fishing has been pretty good and now I read in Sunday's paper that the Corps of Engineers in Jacksonville has started doing pulse releases at 1000 feet per second under the Lake Okeechobee Regulation Schedule the level is supposed to be between 12.5 and 15.5 feet above sea level. Sunday's paper said it was 14.47 (duh) and the rainy season is not here yet. They do this all the time and the lake ends up so low that they close the locks and keep everyone from enjoying this beautiful lake.

Letters to the editor

Advisory group cares about Agri-Civic Center

During the Jan. 24 BOCC meeting, the County Administrator provided information regarding the activities associated with the Agri-Civic Center Advisory Group. The information provided to the County Administrator was a misrepresentation of the work efforts generated by the group.

It was stated the Advisory Group has been providing direction to the director at the center and was not following the guidelines which were originally outlined in the resolution which created the group. It was also stated that the group was critical of the decision to purchase the portable signs at the center. Our group has given input to the following issues that were brought to us by the director versus that of giving direction to the director:

1. Made recommendations on digital signage at the center to promote events being held at the center

2. Made recommendations to staff to modify the hours the center was open to allow the citizens to utilize the walkways for walking, running and riding bicycles.

3. Made recommendations to modify the master plan to include six (6) 10,000 square foot buildings for exhibition space.

4. Made recommendations regarding the rate card to bring the pricing up to date.

5. Developed a business case along with a recommendation to purchase fans for the center using a USDA grant.

6. Made recommendations on what should be included in other USDA grants along with value statements to assist with generating additional revenues from events.

7. Some of our members have promoted equine shows at the center.

8. Members have volunteered at events to assist the director.

9. Given suggestions on various types of events that could be brought into the center.

10. Members have spent their own money purchasing equipment to assist in the evaluation of the fan project.

11. Members have spent time traveling in the evaluation of the fan project ensuring we were selecting the correct product.

In our opinion at no time, has the group as a whole been critical of the director regarding the signage nor have we been in a position of directing any of the directors in any way. On the contrary, some of our group has received feedback that the citizens are just now feeling a part of the development of the center. We serve as liaisons for citizens of Okeechobee as well as consultants for the BOCC.

Additionally, minutes are taken at each meeting and you should have been receiving copies of those meetings. After speaking with the County Administrator regarding this, she found you have not received minutes of our meetings since 2009. The director in charge was responsible for ensuring the minutes were distributed. If we are allowed to continue in our role, the County Administrator and I will ensure you receive the minutes. At the very least this will provide some indication of the work we strive to address. Additionally, we would cordially invite each of you to periodically attend our meetings. If we are going to address an issue which may come to you for review, we will inform you of that so it does not compromise your position as a commissioner.

The purpose of this letter was to provide the facts to the BOCC so an informed decision could be made regarding the Agri-Civic Center Advisory Group. Regardless of what direction the BOCC takes, you now have facts and not conjecture to make your decision upon. The Agri-Civic Advisory Group thanks you for your time this morning.

Terry Burroughs – Chairman
Frank Cunningham – Vice Chairman

Support appreciated

On Behalf of Jesus Holy Ghost Crusade Soup Kitchen/Mission would like to say we thank you all so very much for your support to help us feed the ones that are in need. We would like for you to know that we will be closing temporarily to do some work on the building. It is in need of a roof. So we want you to know to please hand out no more donations from door to door. If you would like to give a donation, please send it to P.O. Box 2355, Okeechobee, FL 34973. If you would like to help us with any repairs of the building please call me at 863-634-9194.

Dorothy Adams

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Area churches plan concerts & programs

Buckhead Ridge Christian Church, 1167 Linda Road behind the Moose Lodge on Highway 78, will have a yard sale on Saturday, Feb. 16, from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Peace Lutheran School presents a night in New Orleans on Saturday, Feb. 16, located at the KOA. The dinner, dance and auction is for the improvement and benefit of Peace Lutheran School. For more information, please call Karen Smith at 863-763-7566

Dr. Rich Freeman from Chosen People Ministries will come to **Cornerstone Baptist Church**, 18387 Hwy. 441 N. Okeechobee on Sunday, Feb. 17, to share from the Word of God and how we can reach God's chosen people with the Gospel of Christ.

St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus, will host fish fry dinners on Fridays through March 22. Dinners are served 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Take out is available. Meals are a donation of $8 and $3 for children.

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.

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.

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, do-bro, 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.

Places of Worship

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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. Crave meets now only on Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m.- 6:30 p.m. and all youth are invited to come. There are all kinds of great activities for CRAVE youth groups, including trips and family camp-outs. All youth are welcome! If you would like to know more about Peace Lutheran Church, our faith and fellowship, you are invited to join the Discover Peace Class. For more information, call 863-763-5042.

Buckhead Ridge Baptist Church, 1731 Hunter Rd., Buckhead Ridge would like to invite everyone to services. If you do not have a church, come visit. Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning worship 11 a.m. evening worship 6 p.m. Wednesday services 7 p.m. and supper at 6 p.m. Our Pastor is Arlen Cook. The church has Missions for Women on the third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Brotherhood for men meet on the same night, at same time. Dessert and coffee. Come join us.

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

'Big James' Henderson to visit Okeechobee

Special to the Okeechobee News

"Big James" Henderson will speak to more than 2,000 Okeechobee residents who are incarcerated in our local prisons, halfway houses and treatment centers such as Okeechobee Youth Development Center, Okeechobee Juvenile Correction Center, Okeechobee Girls Academy, and organizations and churches in the Okeechobee area during a visit to the area, Feb. 18-23. He will also have opportunities to reach out to the thousands of other adults and juveniles in the area.

Big James Henderson, a 380 pound Christian motivational speaker, is a five-time National Powerlifter, the World Champion Power Lifter, and has the title of being the Strongest Man of the last Millennium. He is in the Guinness Book of Records as a World Record Holder. He bench pressed 711 lbs. without special clothing, belts, or drugs.

Mr. Henderson attended Albany State University where he played football as an offensive lineman until he severely injured his knee. In 1989 he was convicted of drug trafficking and obstruction of justice, and was sentenced to 50 years in prison. He served 3 years at Rivers State Prison before being paroled and later pardoned in 1992. After being held in solitary confinement, alone with a Bible, for a prolonged period of time, he emerged a devoted Christian. He is credited with helping to put down two prison riots in a South Georgia prison cell block.

He now holds two bachelor's degrees, one in theology and the other in sociology, from Mercer University. He is a strong motivational speaker who uses stories from the past events of his life and a great sense of humor to captivate his audience. He speaks in prisons, in various ministries, churches, school and athletic events, all over North and Central America. He is a past member of the Christian Power Team.

A public gathering will be held on Saturday, Feb. 23, at 1 p.m. on the grounds of Abiding Hope Worship Center, 4550 North Hwy 441, Okeechobee. Before the event, there will be a barbecue at 11:30 a.m. with freewill donations for the meal. Faith Farm is assisting by providing a tent and lodging, and Matthew 25 Ministries is providing music. Freedom Ranch has helped behind the scenes with scheduling and graphics.

The events surrounding Big James Henderson's visit are being organized by local businessmen for the purpose of reaching out to the incarcerated and "at risk" individuals in the Okeechobee area, and are not associated directly with any particular church or organization. Any support that is received from the local churches, organizations, businesses, and individuals, will be sincerely appreciated.

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Community Events

Ladies Auxiliary to host Ash Wednesday dinner

Ladies Auxiliary will host Wednesday night dinner at Buckhead Ridge VFW Post 9528 on Wednesday, **Feb. 13,** from 5-7 p.m. They are serving an Ash Wednesday menu of Tomato & Basil Bisque, Grilled Cheese Sandwich and dessert for a $6 donation. Proceeds to benefit veterans and family needs. For information, call Timmie at 863-467-2882.

Healthy Start Coalition to meet today!

Okeechobee Healthy Start Coalition board of directors will meet Wednesday, **Feb. 13**, at 11:30 a.m. at their office, 1132 S. Parrott Ave., in the White House Plaza. This meeting is open to the public. For information please contact executive director Kay Begin at the coalition office, 863-462-5877.

The Heritage hosts a 'Stroke Support Group'

The Heritage Assisted Living Facility will host a "Stroke Support Group" on **Feb. 13**, at 5:30 p.m. at The Heritage Assisted Living Facility, 608 N.E. Second Avenue. The speaker will be Muhammad Nooruddin, Physical Therapist, from New American Physical Therapy. Refreshments will be served and day care services will be provided during session at no cost. There is no charge to attend and it is open to the public, family and patients. For more information feel free to call 863-763-1700.

Speckled Perch Pageant applications open

Okeechobee Main Street is now taking applications for the Annual Speckled Perch Pageant, to be held at Okeechobee High School on Saturday, **Feb. 16**, beginning at 5 p.m. Competition will be held as follows: Tiny Miss and Mister Speckled Perch (Age 3); Little Miss and Mister Speckled Perch (Ages 4, 5); Speckled Perch Princess (Ages 6-9); Junior Miss Speckled Perch (Ages 10-13) and Miss Speckled Perch (Ages 14-18). Contestants must be currently in school (age-appropriate). All contestants should wear evening/dress attire and will be presented on stage where they will be interviewed. Applications and rules for the pageant are available at the Main Street Office, 55 S. Parrott Ave., in the Chamber Building across the street from CVS. Rehearsal will be at Okeechobee High School on Wednesday, Feb. 13. For further information or questions, please contact Cindy Birdashaw at 863-357-6246.

VFW POST #4423 Valentine's Dinner

VFW Post #4423 located at 300 NW 34th Street will host a Steak Dinner on at 5 p.m. on Thursday, **Feb. 14**, for a donation of $12.50. There will also be a "Fashion Show" after dinner. Call the post at 863-763-0818 with your reservations. Proceeds go towards Veterans Assistance programs.

Eagles North plans weekend

Eagles North, at 9985 Hwy. 441 N., will have steaks or catfish on Friday, Feb. 15, followed by music with The Harpers. Come out and sing. Saturday, Feb. 16, is the Mizz Eagles Contest at 7 p.m. Spaghetti dinner from 5 p.m. till 7 p.m. Grab your best dress men. All proceeds go to the FOE 4137 community benefit fund.

Free memory screenings offered on Feb. 15

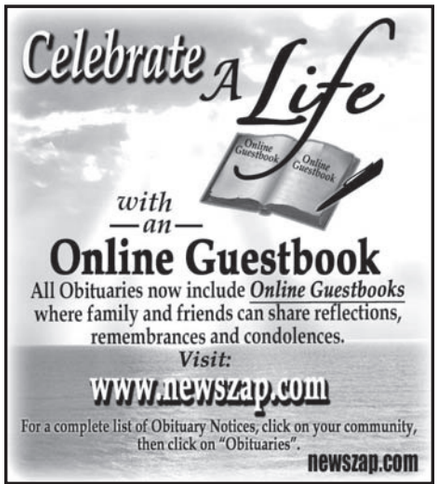
Concerned about your memory? Alzheimer's Association and Memory Disorder Center at St. Mary's are offering free confidential memory screenings on Friday, **Feb. 15,** at Visiting Nurse Association located at 208 S.E. Park Street, Okeechobee FL 34972. Appointments are required. Please call Donna at 800-861-7826 EXT. 501 to schedule or for more information, you can also visit http://www.alz.org/seflorida.

Purple Passion Pub Crawl planned

Okeechobee's Second Annual Purple Passion Pub Crawl will be held Saturday, Feb. 16, with registration at Barricuda's Sports Grillery, 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. (10017 U.S. Hwy. 441 N); Lunker's Sports Grille, 8:45 p.m. - 10 p.m. (4825 U.S. Hwy. 441 S); Shenanigans, 7:15 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. (2232 N.W. 32nd Dr.), and; Brahma Bull Restaurant & Lounge, 10:15 p.m. - 11 p.m. (245 U.S. Hwy. 441 SE). $10 registration fee. All proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society, Okeechobee Relay For Life. Gift certificates, drink specials, snacks and other prizes will be given away to registered participants at each venue.

North Lake Estates hosts arts and crafts fair

On, Saturday, Feb. 16, the North Lake Estates Clubhouse, 12044 East S.R. 78, will have a arts and crafts fair. There will be hand crafts such as fabric creations, wood carvings, knitted and crocheted items and many more! The NLE Woodworkers will offer lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Leigh Crumpler at 804-895-2698 or Kay Cronk at 863-946-0699.



BHR Moose Lodge hosts Las Vegas fund raiser

BHR Moose Lodge #2417 will host their annual Las Vegas games fundraiser Saturday, **Feb. 16** from 3 to 6 p.m. A donation will get you play money to play games. Play money winnings can be used to bid on auction items at 6 p.m. Call Joanne at 863-467-4551 for information.

Fancy ME - Machine Embroidery Group

Do you have an embroidery machine, or want to learn about them? Then join our monthly embroidery group where we all learn and share ideas while working on beautiful embroidery projects. The next meeting is Saturday, **Feb. 16**, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the local Red Cross office at 323 N. Parrott Ave. Please call Linda at 863-697-2450 or Mary at 863-697-1920 for more information.

Lake Okeechobee Elks Lodge #2871 to meet

Lake Okeechobee Elks Lodge #2871 to meet Feb. 14 at VFW So .7 p.m. come early for our social hour and 6 p.m.

Pajama Party will benefit Hospice of Okeechobee

There will be a pajama party to benefit Hospice of Okeechobee on Saturday, **Feb. 16**. Wear your best PJs. The party will be at the Cypress Hut Eagles. Dinner will start at 5 p.m., music by Jimmy and Debbie Harper. Stuffed cabbage dinner will cost $8.

Peace Lutheran presents Jeans, Jewels and Jazz!

Peace Lutheran School Presents a night in New Orleans on Saturday, **Feb. 16**, located at the KOA. The dinner, dance and auction is for the improvement and benefit of Peace Lutheran School. For more information, please call Karen Smith at 863-763-7566

American Legion Post 64 opens Sunday night bingo

American Legion 64 will once again host Sunday night Bingo beginning on **Feb. 17** 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.

Obituaries

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

Thomas L. Bishop, 70

OKEECHOBEE — Thomas L. Bishop died at home on Friday, Feb. 8, 2013. Although Thomas was born in Pulaski, Tenn., he spent most of his life in Okeechobee.

He was a hard-working man that could repair anything. He was willing to help anyone and to teach them repair skills. Thomas was a member of Okeechobee Masonic Lodge 234 and the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 675.

He is survived by three sons, David (Sonya) Bishop of Tallahassee, Fla., Darrell (Pamela) Bishop of Dothan, Ala., Derick (Dena) Bishop of Marianna, Fla.; grandchildren, Gabrielle, Hannah, Makenna, Emma, Sophia and Blake; brothers, Wayne (Carolyn) Bishop, Joe (Belinda) Bishop; and a sister, Mary Sue (Billy) Blade, all of Okeechobee.

Visitation and services were held on Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2013, at Buxton-Seawinds Funeral Home with burial following at Evergreen Cemetery.

If friends desire, donations may be made in Thomas' memory to Hospice of Okeechobee, P.O. Box 1548, Okeechobee, FL 34973.

Friends may send online condolences to www.buxtonseawinds.com

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

Vane Atsavinh, 73

OKEECHOBEE —Vane Atsavinh died at the Hamrick Home on Saturday, Feb. 9, 2013.

Vane was born in Laos. In 1979, she ventured with her late-husband to the United States seeking a better future for their family. She resided in Connecticut until 1991 and then relocated to St. Petersburg before moving to Okeechobee five years ago. Vane attended services at the Laotian Temple in Indiantown. She enjoyed gathering with family and spending time with friends and watching Thai and Laotian soap operas.

Vane was preceded in death by her husband, Bounloth Atsavinh; and two brothers, Paul and Thonghan Atsavinh.

Survivors include her sons, Dane (Sherri) Atsavinh, Sam Atsavinh, both of St. Petersburg, Peter (Melinda) Atsavinh of Okeechobee; daughter, Nancy (Duane) Phelps of Okeechobee; 15 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and her daughter-in-law, Michelle Kim-Atsavinh.

Services will be held at the Buxton-Seawinds Chapel on Saturday, Feb. 16, 2013, at 1 p.m.

Friends may send online condolences to www.buxtonseawinds.com

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

Okeechobee Arrest Report

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

• Jason Collier Smith, 33, S.E. 34th Ave., Okeechobee, was arrested Feb. 7 by Detective James Pickering on felony charges of uttering a forged instrument (two counts), and misdemeanor charges of petit theft and retail theft (two counts). His bond was set at $13,500.

• Juan Montejo, 23, N.W. 24th Ave., Okeechobee, was arrested Feb. 8 by Deputy Matthew Grumbling on a misdemeanor charge of driving under the influence and operating a motor vehicle without a valid driver's license. His bond was set at $1,500.

• Charles Allen Fox, 23, S.E. 27th St., Okeechobee, was arrested Feb. 8 by Deputy Nathaniel Mitchell on an amended DOC warrant charging him with the felonies of violation of probation - burglary and violation of probation - grand theft. He is being held without bond.

• Antonio Ellis, 26, N.E. 168th St., Okeechobee, was arrested Feb. 8 by Deputy Nathaniel Mitchell on a warrant charging him with the felony of lewd and lascivious exhibition in the presence of a correctional facility employee. He is being held without bond.

• Makensie Rose DeRusso, 18, Bloomfield Drive, Orlando, was arrested Feb. 8 by Trooper C.C. Lee on misdemeanor charges of driving under the influence and possession of alcohol by a person under 21 years of age. Her bond was set at $1,500.

• Jose Morales, 26, N.W. 46th Ave., Okeechobee, was arrested Feb. 9 by Deputy Leland Schoonmaker on a St. Lucie County warrant charging him with the misdemeanor of violation of probation - driving under the influence. He is being held without bond.

• Dennis Lloyd Chamberlain, 43, N. Park Drive, Woodstock, Ga., was arrested Feb. 9 by Deputy Matthew Grumbling on a misdemeanor charge of driving under the influence. He is being held without bond.

• Cedric Lamarr Thomas, 35, S.W. Hambrick St., Port St. Lucie, was arrested Feb. 9 by Trooper M. T. Steele on a misdemeanor charge of driving under the influence. His bond was set at $500.

• Jesus DeLapaz, 18, S.W. 21st St., Okeechobee, was arrested Feb. 9 by Deputy Bart Potter on a misdemeanor charge of driving under the influence. His bond was set at $2,000.

• Kaitlin Elise Lee, 21, U.S. 441 S.E., Okeechobee, was arrested Feb. 9 by Deputy Joe Gracie on Okeechobee County warrant charging her with the felonies of child abuse without great bodily harm and child neglect without great bodily harm. Her bond was set at $15,000.

• Javier Herbert Schmidt, 19, Commodore Court, West Palm Beach, was arrested Feb. 10 by Trooper B.K. Timmons on a misdemeanor charge of driving under the influence. His bond was set at $1,000.

• John W. Haugh, 24, Cherry Quay Road, Brick, N.J., was arrested Feb. 10 by Trooper Corporal T.R. Kingery on a misdemeanor charge of driving under the influence. His bond was set at $1,000.

• Michael Ford Stires, 33, N.W. 33rd Ave., Okeechobee, was arrested Feb. 10 by Trooper M.T. Steele on misdemeanor charges of driving under the influence, possession of marijuana under 20 grams and possession of drug paraphernalia. His bond was set at $1,500.

• Henry A Chouinard III, 38, N.W. 30th St., Okeechobee, was arrested Feb. 11 by Deputy Matthew Grumbling on a DOC warrant charging him with the felonies of violation of probation - possession of alprazolam and violation of probation - possession of methadone. He is being held without bond on those charges. Chouinard was then arrested Oct. 12 by Deputy Matt Crawford on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with the felonies of violation of probation - dealing in stolen property and violation of probation - giving false information to a secondhand metals recycler. He is being held without bond.

• Archie D. Simmons, 70, N.W. 32nd Drive, Okeechobee, was arrested Feb. 12 by Deputy Matt Crawford on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with felony battery. His bond was set at $5,000.

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.

Medical Reserve Corp meeting planned

MRC's monthly meeting has been changed to the third Tuesday of February at 6 p.m. this month it's **Feb. 19** at IRSC Okeechobee Campus. Our local Red Cross director will be our guest speaker. Please RSVP. The next training event will be FEMA IS-100b & IS-700b on Feb. 23 also at IRSC Okeechobee Campus from 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Anyone interested in attending these classes please contact Brian Sell @ (863) 462-5865 or e-mail Brian_Sell@doh.state.fl.us.

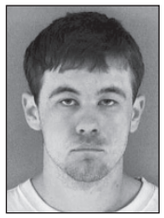
Quit Smoking Now classes offered free

Okeechobee County Library, 206 SW 16th Street, will host Quit Smoking Now Classes Feb. 20, 27 and March 6, 13, 20 and 27, at 3:30 p.m.

Raulerson Hospital, 1796 Hwy. 441 N., will hold Quit Smoking Now Classes on Feb. 20, 27 and March 6, 13, 20, 27 at 5:30 p.m. The classes will be in the hospital inservice classroom. For more information, call 877-819-2357.

Police clear two burglaries with one local arrest

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News



Kyle Folsom

Investigators with the Okeechobee City Police Department were able to clear up two recent burglaries with the arrest of one local man.

As they were working one theft OCPD investigators reportedly found items that were taken in a second theft that apparently occurred across the street on the same night.

Evidence found in the two burglaries led investigators to Kyle Dale Folsom, 20, N.W. 366th Trail, who was arrested and charged with one felony count of grand theft and two felony counts of burglary of an unoccupied conveyance.

Folsom is being held in the Okeechobee County Jail on a total bond of $20,000.

While OCPD Officer Jack Boon was working a Feb. 8 theft in which a battery was taken from a boat around 3 a.m., he was reportedly contacted by a neighbor who told the officer he had seen a man trying to syphon gas out of the boat. That man was reportedly described as wearing a yellow T-shirt, blue jeans and a ball cap.

Officer Boon's report goes on to state that he also found a piece of yellow garden hose under the boat that was about 6 feet long and both ends had been cut.

The officer went on to state that he later found Folsom looking in some car windows behind a downtown business. Folsom was taken into custody and then identified by the witness as the man seen around the boat, pointed out the officer.

In a second arrest report, OCPD Detective James Pickering stated that two silver side battery post bolts were found in Folsom's pocket. The detective said shortly after 7 a.m. on Feb. 8 he was sent to a burglary scene that just happened to be directly across the street from the burglary worked by Officer Boon.

Detective Pickering stated that someone had broken into the driver's side door of a Chevrolet sports utility vehicle. The interloper then opened the hood and removed the two side battery post bolts as well as the engine computer. While the posts are only thought to have a value of around $10, the engine computer is valued at approximately $415, stated the detective's report.

During a search of Folsom's 1996 GMC Yukon SUV the detective reportedly found a piece of yellow garden hose as well as an engine computer. Detective Pickering took that engine computer to a local automobile dealer who was able to retrieve a vehicle identification number (VIN). That VIN, continued the detective, belonged to the burglarized Chevy SUV.

Detective Pickering arrested Folsom at 4:25 p.m.

Students represent YMS at Regional Science Fair

Special to the Okeechobee News

Yearling Middle School was well-represented at the Regional Science Fair held in Avon Park on Feb. 5. The students attending placed first at the district level competition. Winners at the regional level will then proceed to the state level of competition. These students have demonstrated a high level of understanding for the scientific process. Students began their projects by selecting a topic. A hypothesis was developed and a plan was formed for testing the hypothesis. Students recorded the data and displayed it in graph form. Judges scored each project on several different aspects. The projects were then placed in one of many categories and judged against other similar projects. Only those placing first went on to the regional level. The students who attended the Regional Science Fair are: Kylee Field "Orange Grapes and Blue Strawberries," Bobby Arnold "Dissolving Ibuprofen," Alarra Boswell "Lung Capacity," Jacey Mullis "BMI Runner," Maliah Wright "Tooth Decay," Zachary Jackson "What's in Your Mouth?" Mary McGehee "Temperature Matters," Erin Grace "Buggie Night Life," Zachary Kielbasa "Motivation to Regeneration," Martha Morse "Rad-Beans," Tyra Smith "Effects of Automotive Pollutants on Plant Growth," Delaenam Akahoho "Paramagnetism of Oxygen," Nolan Carpenter "Suga Baby," Artha Jonassaint "Very Berry Jelly," Kelly Lacarvis "Pigment Detector," Guadalupe, Mojica "Cleaned or Destroyed," Anayeli Montoya "Make-Up Remover," Robert Jones "Eggtastic," Savannah Goggans "Making a Splash," Mariah Casanova "Conduction of Heat," Jennifer Ehrlich "HO Flow, and Mason Heater "Lamination Creation."

Special to the Okeechobee News/**YMS**

Pictured above are the students who attended the Regional Science Fair.

Okeechobee News/**Pete Gawda**

Five Year Service Award

At the Tuesday, Feb. 5, meeting of the Okeechobee City Council, Mayor James Kirk, right, presented Hilario Rodriguez with a Five-Year Service Award. Mr. Rodriguez was born and raised in Okeechobee. He attended Fire Academy at Indian River State College to obtain his State of Florida Firefighter Certification prior to employment with the city. He began his career with the city on Nov. 27, 2007, as a firefighter. On July 15, 2008, he obtained his Emergency Medical Technician certification. During his tenure he has successfully completed many educational courses in the fire science field, and assisted in organizing many fire prevention activities such as expos, puppet shows for elementary schools and career days. In 2011 Mr. Rodriguez represented the city in the Florida Police and Fire Games, winning medals in several events. He holds the honor within the City Fire Department as the first firefighter to compete in the Annual Adam Bryant Minimal Regatta and was a key employee in the construction of the first fire safety float for the Annual Lighted Christmas Parade.

Okeechobee News/**Pete Gawda**

Thirty Years' Service

At the Tuesday, Feb. 5, meeting of the Okeechobee City Council, Mayor James Kirk, right, recognized Councilman Dowling Watford, left for serving as councilman for thirty years. "It's been an honor to serve the city," the councilman responded. He thanked all the councilmen and the three mayors he has served with during those 30 years.

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Okeechobee News/**Charles Murphy**

Jennifer Ellis (left) of Seminole Elementary School won the First Year Teacher Award. She was presented the award by School Board member Malissa Morgan (right).

FESTIVAL

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Dowling Watford presented a proclamation on behalf of the city of Okeechobee on the Brighton Field Day anniversary. Council member Mike O'Connor and Clayton Williams joined him for that presentation.

Mr. Watford said the event is an economic and tourism attraction for the community.

Mr. Bowers said the Tribe continues to enjoy a great relationship with Okeechobee. He said the proclamation was another example of their partnership. Bowers said Brighton students attend Okeechobee Schools and over the year get the supplies they needed from Okeechobee.

He thanked the Seminole Tribal Council and Chairman James Billie for helping to put on the event.

"This is an historical moment for us. A lot of hard work was put into this event and it is still alive today," he explained.

From humble beginnings the field day was at first a chance for all of the tribe's members to get together for fellowship, a barbecue and games. It has turned into a weeklong celebration which goes on throughout this week which includes a 4-H show and sale, traditional Seminole Food, a professional rodeo, alligator wrestling, field trips for area schools, arts and crafts and the explanation of Seminole Tribe cultures and traditions.

The highlight of Monday's event was a new 20-minute documentary that was produced by Rachel Buxton entitled "Brighton Field Day, A Celebration of our Heritage."

Ms. Buxton said the stories she heard were amazing. She said her hope is the documentary covers and captures the rich Seminole heritage and rich Brighton heritage, the tribe enjoys.

"I hope that you all enjoy this film. It was a blast to make, and I hope when you watch it, it will bring back memories that will live on," she added.

In the educational film, Ms. Buxton interviewed many prominent tribe officials, citizens and historians, to learn more about Field Day and what it means to the tribe.

Mr. Bowers saluted the Culbreth family from Okeechobee. Gilbert Culbreth Senior was instrumental in the early days of the Field Days and gave away a vehicle from his dealership at the first event back in the 1930s.

Former President of the Seminole Tribe Joe Dan Osceola said the event was great. He was President from 1967-1971. In 1957 he was the First Native American graduate of the public high school. He said it was a privilege to be able to attend Okeechobee Schools.

"Okeechobee has always been great joy for the Brighton people. My cousins and I transferred to Okeechobee and I went there in fifth grade. I was the first one to start playing ball there," he added.

Before this, Seminole children travelled to Cherokee, North Carolina if they wanted to attend high school. In his second year, over 30 Seminole students were bused to Okeechobee schools.

Mr. Osceola recalled that Okeechobee High was smaller than the other schools around the lake at that time and were routinely defeated in football. He remembered in 1955 Okeechobee defeated Pahokee 7-6, in one of his proud moments as an athlete. He also recalled he was the captain on the first OHS boys basketball team to reach the state tournament and also was named All-Conference for sports. He was the quarterback for the Brahmans from 1955 until he graduated in 1957.

Osceola said the Seminole Tribe has made tremendous strides over the years.

Country music legend Merle Haggard put on a concert at the conclusion of the event. Mr. Haggard and his band, the Strangers, played 20 songs which included such Haggard hits as Ramblin Fever, Twinkle Twinkle Lucky Star, Okee from Muskogee, Working Man Blues, Momma Tried and Big City.

TEACHER

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the First Year Teacher of the Year. She works at Seminole Elementary School.

Ms. Williamson was praised as a teacher who provides an environment of support, encourages students to form educated opinions, and who focuses on literacy, technology and with her work in the community.

"I'm completely humbled and honored," she noted. The Okeechobee County school system is a wonderful place to work. I am blessed to have the best administrators and the best team I could possibly have."

Ms. Williamson said this was not an individual award but a 'team award' for her other fourth grade teachers at North and their administration.

2012 Teacher of the Year Samantha Hord introduced the winner. In her remarks she stated Williamson has a magical classroom, and was a teacher who worked diligently to meet the needs of her students.

"When you enter her classroom you are struck by the student participation. All of the students are encouraged to play an active role in education," she noted.

North Elementary Principal Pat McCoy said Ms. Williamson was a representative of all of the fine teachers here in Okeechobee and that she was thankful that God brought her to Okeechobee to be with our children.

"The important thing that wasn't said tonight about Megan is you will never meet a person of finer character or integrity," she told the crowd.

Ms. Williamson predicted her class would be thrilled by the news. She praised her mentors along the way in her career. She also gave God all of the glory because he gives her the energy to keep going and the ideas to improve her skills and the strength to be able to complete those tasks.

Ms. Williamson is an excellent grant writer and was instrumental in the creation of garden at North Elementary School. She actually studied in another field but started to substitute teach and earned her teacher certification. She said she fell in love with the job and the career.

"I just love little children and love watching kids when the light bulb comes on in their head. I'm very proud of some of my student's success but this would be my highlight of my personal success," she added.

Other teachers nominated this year include Concepcion Medrano of Central Elementary, Robin Laskey of Everglades, Patricia Leach of Exceptional Student Education, Sharon Whitaker of the Okeechobee Achievement Academy, Jennifer Leleszi of the Okeechobee Freshman Campus, Michael Talas of Okeechobee High School, Amanda Baker of Osceola Middle School, Suzann Coldiron of Seminole, Theresa Eure of South, and Marcie Farrell of Yearling Middle School.

The walls of the gymnasium were adorned with testimonials of former Okeechobee high school students who wrote down in letters some of their memories of their education and how well they learned in the school system.

Mrs. Padgett said she was very happy to win the School Related Employee Award. She is in the ESOL program. She admitted she loves helping kids. She has worked 20 years for the school district.

"I was nervous because I'm very shy. It was a surprise but I'm so glad. The point is to help kids," she admitted.

Other employees nominated included Hilda Castillo of Everglades, Rosemarie Wharin of North, Jennifer Harden of the Okeechobee Achievement Academy, Ladonna Faircloth of the Freshman Campus, Elizabeth Ruiz of OHS, Patty Jo Wagoner of Osceola Middle, Celica Mungaray of Seminole, Cynthia Stratton of South, Benjamin Sellers of the Transportation Department, and Peyton Pearce of Yearling Middle.

Ms. Ellis said it was an honor and privilege to work for Okeechobee County Schools. Many of her family members are teachers.

"I love Seminole. It has a great administration. They are so supportive in all we do," she added.

She started in social work and switched to education, her mother Debbie Ronko, husband Robert and sister, Ashley Davis are teachers in Okeechobee.

She admitted she has fallen in love with the career.

"I have such a great group of kids. They'll be so excited and they'll be thrilled to know I won this award," she added.

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Okeechobee Main Street hosts Top of the Lake Art Festival

The 2013 Top of the Lake Art and Chalk Walk Festival was heldfor Feb. 9 and 10 in the Flagler Park in downtown Okeechobee. The main event was a juried fine art show with a competition for student artists.

This year the newest feature was a "Chalk Walk" which included street painters using a chalk medium.

Okeechobee News/**Katrina Elsken**
The Okeechobee News mascot, Newshound, stopped by the festival for Main Street's first "Puppy Pageant."

Okeechobee News/**Katrina Elsken**
Leland Williams of Crescent City Florida won the Best of Show prize in the juried art competition.

Okeechobee News/**Katrina Elsken**
This year the Top of the Lake Art Festival included chalk art.

BIRTHS

AVA MICHELLE CAULEY

Michael and LeAnne Cauley of Okeechobee are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Ava Michelle.

She was born on February 7, 2013 at Lawnwood Hospital.

Ava weighed 6lbs 6oz and was 19" long. She was welcomed home by her big sister, Payton.

Maternal grandparents are Mike and Kelly Barcia of Okeechobee. Paternal grandparents are Calvin and Ronnie Cauley of Okeechobee.

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What is Cyberknife Radiation Therapy?

By Dr. Ramesh Kumar
Big Lake Cancer Center

How many cancer patients would jump up and consider a treatment option that is proven to be highly effective, does not need surgery, painless, completed in 5 days or less, without significant side effects, while continuing to maintain their full level of activity and function?

Submitted Photo/**Big Lake Cancer Center**
Cyberknife: Cutting edge technology at work for our patients in Okeechobee.

Radio surgery is a technique that utilizes specialized machines that allow large amounts of radiation to be delivered with sub millimeter accuracy thereby killing the cancers without damaging surrounding normal tissues. It is as simple as going out to get a chest x-ray!

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What kind of patients can be helped by Cyberknife? There are several situations too numerous to mention here where Cyberknife would be extremely useful and safe. The following are just a few of them:

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An article that was published in the Journal of the American Medical Association in 2010 showed that patients with patients with lung cancer who received Radiosurgery had a survival rate of 55.8% at 3 years versus 20 to 35% for those patients treated with traditional radiation over several weeks.

As one of our patients commented, if it is good for patients at Stanford University, it is good for patients from the Okeechobee area!

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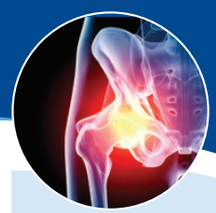

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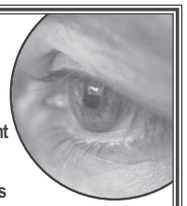

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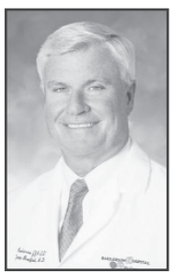

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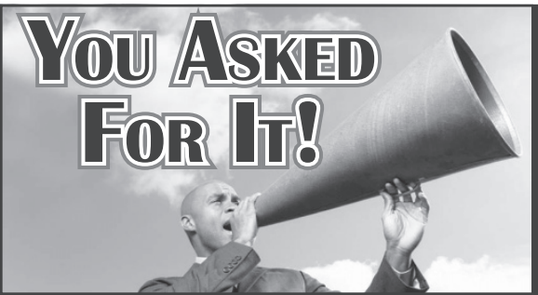

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF INDIAN RIVER STATE COLLEGE WILL HOLD A REGULAR BOARD MEETING TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2013, AT 3:30 P.M. IN ROOM 108 IN THE WILLIAM AND HELEN THOMAS STEM CENTER AT THE INDIAN RIVER STATE COLLEGE ST. LUCIE WEST CAMPUS AT 500 N.W. CALIFORNIA BLVD., PORT ST. LUCIE, FLORIDA 34986. NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN THAT AT 9:00 A.M., TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2013, AN AGENDA MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE BOARD ROOM OF THE BEN L. BRYAN ADMINISTRATION BUILDING ON THE MAIN CAMPUS, 3209 VIRGINIA AVENUE, FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA 34981-5596. ANY PERSONS WISHING TO PLACE BEFORE THAT BOARD FOR CONSIDERATION ARGUMENTS CONCERNING ISSUES OF LAW OR POLICY OR PRESENT EVIDENCE OF ANY PERTINENT FACT THAT MAY BE IN DISPUTE MUST NOTIFY THE PRESIDENT OF THE COLLEGE AT LEAST SEVEN DAYS BEFORE THE SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES. ANY PERSONS WISHING TO APPEAL THE DECISIONS OF THIS BOARD WITH RESPECT TO ANY MATTER CONSIDERED AT SUCH MEETING WILL NEED A RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS, AND FOR SUCH PURPOSE MAY NEED TO ENSURE THAT A VERBATIM RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS IS MADE.
436306 ON 2/13/2013

OKEECHOBEE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD POLICY

In accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act, Chapter 120, Florida Statutes, notice is hereby given that the Okeechobee County School Board will consider amendment of the School Board policy listed below at their meeting on Tuesday, March 12, 2013, at 6:00 p.m., in Room 303 of the School Board Administrative Office at 700 S.W. Second Avenue, Okeechobee. A copy of the proposed amendment is available in the Superintendent's Office, Room 307, 700 S.W. 2nd Avenue, Okeechobee.

Amendment of School Board Policy 2.11 Organization and Officers of the Board

I. School Board Policy 2.11 provides guidelines for organization of the School Board, its officers, and their duties.

II. The proposed amendment clarifies that in election years, the November organizational meeting will be held on the 2nd Tuesday following the general election.

III. Legal authority for this policy is FS 1001.41, 1001.42. Laws implemented are FS 100.41, 1001.371, 1001.41, 1001.43, 1001.48, 1001.51.

IV. This policy amendment will not affect individuals from an economic standpoint.

Ken Kenworthy
Superintendent of Schools
436278 ON 2/13/2013

NOTICE OF VACANCIES
Agri-Civic Center Advisory Committee
CSBG Advisory Board

The Board of County Commissioners of Okeechobee County, Florida is seeking residents of Okeechobee County interested in serving on the following Citizen Boards and Committees:

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2 terms expire March 1, 2013. The new appointments will be for 4-year terms. New applicants and members requesting reappointment are welcome to apply. For more information, contact Matt Dorriety at (863) 763-1666.

CSBG Advisory Board
(Treasure Coast Community Action Advisory Board)
2 terms expire March 1, 2013. The new appointments will be for 3-year terms. New applicants and members requesting reappointment are welcome to apply. For more information, contact Sheila Savage at (863) 462-5180.

Applications for appointment to a Citizen Board or Committee may be obtained from the County Administrator's Office at 304 NW 2rd Street, Room 123, Okeechobee, Florida, phone (863) 763-6441, or downloaded from www.co.okeechobee.fl.us/committees.

Completed applications along with proof of residency in Okeechobee County must be submitted to the County Administrator's Office no later than 12:00 noon on Monday, February 18, 2013.

The Board of County Commissioners appreciates the time and assistance members of the Citizen Boards and Committees volunteer to the Board of County Commissioners and to the citizens of Okeechobee County.
Frank Irby, Chair
Board of County Commissioners
436537 ON 2/13/2013

PUBLIC NOTICE
CONSIDERATION OF A PROPOSED SPECIAL EXCEPTION

A **PUBLIC HEARING** will be held before the City of Okeechobee Board of Adjustment and Appeals on **Thursday, February 21, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.** or as soon thereafter as possible, at City Hall, 55 SE 3rd Ave, Council Chambers, Rm 200, Okeechobee, Florida. The agenda is available on the City website www.cityofokeechobee.com, or contact the General Services Department, pburnette@cityofokeechobee.com, 863-763-3372 x 218.

Under consideration is Special Exception Petition No. 13-001-SE, submitted by Muhammad Nooruddin, on behalf of property owners A.M.S.A. Holdings, LLC and E.A.A.A.S. Holdings, LLC, to allow a Group Home in the form of a short-term residential rehabilitation center providing in-patient physical and occupational rehabilitation and therapy within a Light Commercial Zoning District, Ref. Code Book Section 90-253(16), and operating in the same facility as the existing Assisted Living Facility previously approved by Special Exception, Ref. Code Book Section 90-253(17). The applicant is also requesting the Board rescind a previously approved Special Exception for a Group Home in the form of a residential drug/alcohol rehabilitation facility. Property is located at 608 NE 2nd Avenue, Legal: Lots 3-6, Block 78, City of Okeechobee, Plat Book 5, Page 5 Okeechobee County public records.

All members of the public are encouraged to attend and participate in said Hearing. The entire petition may be inspected during regular business hours, Mon-Fri, 8am-4:30pm, except for holidays.

The Board of Adjustment and Appeals serves as the decision making body (quasi-judicial), on behalf of the City, to approve or deny Special Exceptions.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE AND BE ADVISED that if any person desires to appeal any decision made by the Board of Adjustment and Appeals with respect to any matter considered at this meeting, or hearing will need to ensure a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. General Services media are used for the sole purpose of back-up for the department. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 persons needing special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the General Services Office at 863-763-3372 for assistance.
by: Brian Whitehall, Zoning Administrator
Petition No. 13-001-SE
436046 ON 2/3,13/2013

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 47-2010-CA-000193

CITIMORTGAGE, INC.,
Plaintiff,
VS.
DAVID A. RACITI; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DAVID A. RACITI; IF LIVING, INCLUDING ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SAID DEFENDANT(S), IF REMARRIED, AND IF DECEASED, THE RESPECTIVE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, AND TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE NAMED DEFENDANT(S); ALFRED R. RACITI; SHIRLEY A. RACITI; JOHN DOE; JANE DOE;
Defendant(s)

NOTICE OF SALE

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

LOT 62, TAYLOR CREEK ISLES, UNIT III, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGES 95 AND 96, PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA. TOGETHER WITH PH091831A AND PH091831B.
To include a:
1988 PALM VIN PH091831A 45718206 1988 PALM VIN PH091831B 45718214 A/K/A
2570 SE 18th Terrace Okeechobee, FL 34974

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, in the Jury Assembly Room of the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 312 NW 3rd Street, 2nd Floor, Okeechobee, FL 34972 at 11:00 o'clock, A.M., on March 6, 2013.

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

Witness, my hand and seal of this court on the 30th day of November, 2012.

NOTICE

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Corrie Johnson, ADA Coordinator, 250 NW Country Club Drive, Suite 217, Port St. Lucie, FL 34986, (772) 807-4370 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.
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KREYOL: Si ou se yon moun ki 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 id. 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 park nan tribunal, ou imediatman ke ou resevwa avis sa-a ou si lê ke ou gen pou-ou ale nan tribunal-la mwens ke 7 jou; Si ou pa ka tande ou pale byen, rele 711.
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Public Notice

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Under consideration is Special Exception Petition No. 13-002-SE, submitted by property owner, Kenneth R. Splete, to allow an outdoor sales and storage, building trades contractor within a Heavy Commercial (CHV) Zoning District, ref. Code Book Section 90-283(5). The proposed use is for a general contractor's office, with tool and equipment storage.

Property is located at 108 SE 5th Avenue, Legal: A portion of Lots 1 and 7 of Block 253, together with a portion of the abandoned Florida East Coast Railroad rights-of-way, all located in the Replat of Blocks 252, 253 and 254 of the First Addition to Okeechobee Subdivision, Plat Bk 2, PG 4, Okeechobee County public records. Being more particularly described as: commence at the SE corner of Lot 8 of said Block 253, run North 100 feet along the West boundary of SE 5th Avenue (70' wide) to the SE corner of that certain parcel of land recorded in OR BK 445, PG 1931, Okeechobee County public records, and as the Point-of-Beginning, then continue North 200.32 feet along said West ROW line to the South boundary line of abandoned East South Park Street (70' wide); then run West 99.98 feet along said South ROW line; then run South 200.37 feet to the NW corner of said OR BK 445, PG 1931; then run East 99.99 feet along the North boundary line said OR BK 445, PG 1931 to the POB, containing approximately 0.46 acres.

All members of the public are encouraged to attend and participate in said Hearing. The entire petition may be inspected during regular business hours, Mon-Fri, 8am-4:30pm, except for holidays.

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by: Brian Whitehall, Zoning Administrator
Petition No. 13-002-SE
436047 ON 2/3,13/2013

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE BY CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

Pursuant to the final decree of foreclosure entered in a case pending in said Court, docket number: 2012-CA-254, the style of which is:

OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
a political subdivision of the State of Florida,
Plaintiff,
vs.
SNYDER FAMILY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, WOOLEY SHEDS, INC., a dissolved Florida corporation, RICHARD H. SNYDER, NANCY E. SNYDER, ROBERT S. WOOLEY, GREG A. WOOLEY, REGINA L. JONES, and REGIONS BANK,
Defendants.

Notice is hereby given pursuant to the Summary Final Judgment dated December 5, 2012 that the undersigned, SHARON ROBERTSON, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Okeechobee County, Florida, will on the 13th day of March, 2013, at 11:00 A.M., at the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 312 Northwest 3rd Street, Jury Assembly Room, Second Floor, Okeechobee, Florida 34972, in the City of Okeechobee, offer for sale and sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described personal property situated in Okeechobee County, Florida, to-wit:

All equipment and machinery, including power-driven machinery and equipment, furniture and fixtures, together with all replacements thereof, all attachments, accessories, parts and tools belonging thereto for use in connection therewith, together with the foundation, building and improvements on Lots 15, 16, and 17, Okeechobee County Industrial Park, according to the Plat thereof, recorded in Industrial Park Record Book 1, Page 1, Public Records of Okeechobee County, Florida

THIS PERSONAL PROPERTY IS LOCATED UPON A RENTED LOT WITH NO RIGHT OF OCCUPANCY AND ABSENT WRITTEN CONSENT OF THE LANDLORD, THE SUCCESSFUL PURCHASER MUST REMOVE THE PROPERTY WITHIN 30 DAYS FOLLOWING ISSUANCE OF THE CERTIFICATE OF TITLE, SUBJECT TO ALL APPLICABLE OKEECHOBEE COUNTY ORDINANCES FOR DEMOLITION AND REMOVAL OF BUILDINGS.

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

WITNESS my hand and the official seal of said Court, this 02 day of January 2013.

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

Law Office of Cassels & McCall
Laura Ann McCall, Esquire
Post Office Box 968, Okeechobee, Florida 34973
434396 ON 2/13,20/2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION CASE NO. 472009CA000150CAXXXX

SUNTRUST BANK,
Plaintiff,
vs.

MORDECHAI BOAZIZ, et al.,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure filed December 13, 2012 entered in Civil Case No. 472009CA000150CAXXXX of the Circuit Court of the NINETEENTH Judicial Circuit in and for Okeechobee County, Okeechobee, Florida, the Clerk of Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in the Jury Assembly Room, 2nd Floor of the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 312 Northwest 3rd Street, Okeechobee, FL. 34972 in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes on the 13th day of March, 2013 at 11:00 AM on the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment, to-wit:

PARCEL 10, BRIDLEWOOD RANCHES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 34, 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.

Dated this 14th day of December, 2012.

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
As Clerk of the Court
BY: Sandra L. Creech
Deputy Clerk

MCCALLA RAYMER,
LLC, ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF
225 E. ROBINSON ST. SUITE 660
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION
Case No. 472010CA000228CAXXXX

CitiMortgage, Inc., successor by merger to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc.,
Plaintiff,
vs.
Jennifer L. Marquis a/k/a Jennifer Marquis, et al.,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated November 29, 2012, entered in Case No. 472010CA000228CAXXXX of the Circuit Court of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit, in and for Okeechobee County, Florida, wherein CitiMortgage, Inc., successor by merger to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc. is the Plaintiff and Jennifer L. Marquis a/k/a Jennifer Marquis; Unknown Spouse of Jennifer L. Marquis a/k/a Jennifer Marquis if any; 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; John Doe and Jane Doe as Unknown Tenants in Possession; Jennifer L. Marquis a/k/a Jennifer Marquis; Unknown Spouse of Jennifer L. Marquis a/k/a Jennifer Marquis if any are the Defendants, that I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at, the Jury Assembly Room, 2nd floor, Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, FL 34972, beginning at 11:00 AM on the 6th day of March, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 7, BLOCK 4, A REVISED PLAT OF FIRST ADDITION TO PINE RIDGE PARK, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 90, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Dated this 3rd day of December, 2012.

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

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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.

432655 ON 2/6,13/2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION
CASE #: 2010 CA 000291

American General Home Equity, Inc.
Plaintiff,
-VS.-
Gary F. Skinner and Maxine Skinner, His Wife; Sand Canyon Corporation f/k/a Option One Mortgage Corporation; Ousley Estates Homeowners Association, Inc.;
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order of Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated November 29, 2012, entered in Civil Case No. 2010 CA 000291 of the Circuit Court of the 19th Judicial Circuit in and for Okeechobee County, Florida, wherein American General Home Equity, Inc., Plaintiff and Gary F. Skinner and Maxine Skinner, His Wife are defendant(s), I, 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 March 6, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOT 8, OUSLEY ESTATES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGES 36 AND 37, THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.
TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN YEAR: 1988, MAKE: MERITT, VIN#: TW256MB25955A AND VIN#: TW256MB25955B, MANUFACTURED HOME, WHICH IS PERMANENTLY AFFIXED TO THE ABOVE DESCRIBED LANDS. AS SUCH IT IS DEEMED TO BE A FIXTURE AND A PART OF THE REAL ESTATE.

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

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

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

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 19TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 47-2009-CA-000343

FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION ("FNMA")
Plaintiff,

VS.

DONALD C. SPATH; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DONALD C. SPATH; et al;
Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated December 13, 2012, and entered in Case No. 47-2009-CA-000343, of the Circuit Court of the 19th Judicial Circuit in and for OKEECHOBEE County, Florida. FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION ("FNMA") is Plaintiff and DONALD C. SPATH; JOHN DOE AND; JANE DOE AS UNKNOWN TENANTS IN POSSESSION; 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, at 11:00 a.m., on the 13th day of March , 2013 , the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOTS 18 AND 19, BLOCK 4, ORANGE BLOSSOM RANCHES, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 9, PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

Dated this 18th day of December , 2012 .

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

Florida Rules of Judicial Administration Rule 2.540
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File No.: 10-18813 LBPS
433375 ON 2/13,20/2013

IN THE CIRCUIT CIVIL COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION
Case No. 08000386CA

SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, INC.
Plaintiff,

VS.

THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE, HEIRS, DEVISEES GRANTEES ASSIGNEES, LEINORS CREDITORS TRUSTEES AND ALE OTHER PARTIES CLAIING AN INtEREST BY THR, UNDER OR AGAINST THME ESTATE OF MARY ELLEOUGHN SULLIVAN, DECEASED CARMEN ALEXANDRA JEVIER-SULLIVAN JOHN DOE N/KJA PHILLIP MANISCALCO, JANE DOE N/K/A TO PHILLIPS, 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 December 13, 2012, in the Circuit Court of Okeechobee County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Okeechobee County, Florida described as:

LOTS 1, 2, AND 3 OF BLOCK 239, FIRST ADDITION TO OKEECHOBEE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 11, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA. TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 1, BLOCK 239, FIRST ADDITION TO OKEECHOBEE AND PROCEED SOUTH ALONG THE EAST BOUNDARY OF SAID LOT 1, A DISTANCE OF 97.77 FEET ITS INTERSECTION WITH THE HOPKINS MEANDER LINE FORA POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE SOUTH ALONG AN EXTENSION OF THE EAST BOUNDARY OF LOT 1, A DISTANCE OF 44.73 FEET; THENCE PROCEED IN A WESTERLY DIRECTION ALONG A LINE PARALLEL TO THE NORTH BOUNDARY LINE OF LINE LOTS 1 AND 2 OF BLOCK 239 TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH THE HOPKINS MEANDER LINE; THENCE PROCEED NORTH 56 DEGREES 13 MINUTES 0 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 80.44 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

and commonly known as: 802 SW 3RD AVE, OKEECHOBEE, FL 34974; including the building, appurtenances, and fixtures located therein, at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, Sales are held in the Jury Assembly Room, 2nd Floor, Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida, on March 13, 2013 at 11 a.m.

Any persons 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 14th day of December, 2012

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

Tony A. Perez
(813) 229-0900 x1269
Kass Shuler, P.A.
P.O. Box 800
Tampa, FL 33601-0800
433388 ON 2/13,20/2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 2013-CP-011

IN RE: ESTATE OF
ERIK C. OTERSEN
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of ERIK C. OTERSEN, deceased, whose date of death was July 15, 2012, and the last four digits of whose social security number are 5121, is pending in the Circuit Court for OKEECHOBEE County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, FL 34972. The names and addresses of 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 PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

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

The date of first publication of this notice is Feb. 13th, 2013.

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436545 ON 2/13,20/2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 19TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 47-2009-CA-000616

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE FOR INDYMAC RESIDENTIAL ASSET-BACKED TRUST, SERIES 2004-LH1 UNDER THE SALE AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED DECEMBER 1, 2004
Plaintiff,
VS.
BRADLEY P. DIETZ; MEERA DIETZ; JOSE I. RODRIGUEZ; 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 December 13, 2012, and entered in Case No. 47-2009-CA-000616, of the Circuit Court of the 19th Judicial Circuit in and for OKEECHOBEE County, Florida. DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE FOR INDYMAC RESIDENTIAL ASSET-BACKED TRUST, SERIES 2004-LH1 UNDER THE SALE AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED DECEMBER 1, 2004 is Plaintiff and BRADLEY P. DIETZ; MEERA DIETZ; JOSE I. RODRIGUEZ; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSIOATHE 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, at 11:00 a.m. on the 13th day of March, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

TRACT 3, BLOCK 3, SUN & COUNTRY RANCHES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGES 98 TO 102 INCLUSIVE OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA. ALSO DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
THAT PORTION OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 33 SOUTH, RANGE 35 EAST, OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 22; THENCE RUN N. 89°41'35" E., ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 22, FOR A DISTANCE OF 1368.51 FEET, TO A POINT; THENCE RUN N. 33°39'09" W., FOR A DISTANCE OF 617.30 FEET, TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE PARCEL OF LAND HEREINAFTER TO BE DESCRIBED: THENCE CONTINUE N 33°39'09" W., FOR A DISTANCE OF 375.0 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE RUN N 56°20'51" E., 693 FEET SOUTHEASTERLY OF AND PARALLEL, AS MEASURED AT RIGHT ANGLES, WITH THE CENTERLINE OF OSOWOW ROAD AS LAID DOWN AND USED, FOR A DISTANCE OF 695 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE RUN S. 33°39'09" E., FOR A DISTANCE OF 375 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE RUN S 56°20'51" W., FOR A DISTANCE OF 695 FEET, TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. THE SOUTHWESTERLY 35 FEET THEREOF BEING SUBJECT TO ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY.

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

Dated this 14th day of December, 2012

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

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

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

SPANISH: Si usted es una persona discapacitada que necesita alguna adaptacion para poder participar de este procedimiento o evento; usted tiene derecho, sin costo alguno a que se le provea cierta ayuda. Favor de comunicarse con Corrie Johnson, Coordinadora de A.D.A., 250 NW Country Club Drive, Suite 217, Port St. Lucie, Fl. 34986, (772) 807-4370 por lo menos 7 dias antes de que tenga que comparecer en corte o inmediatamente despues de haber recibido esta notificacion si es que falta menos de 7 dias para su comparecencia. Si tiene una discapacidad auditiva o de habla, llame al 711.

KREYOL: Si ou se yon moun ki kokobe ki bezwen asistans ou aparey pou ou ka patisipe nan prosedu sa-a, ou gen dwa san ou pa bezwen peye anyen pou ou jwen on seri de ed. Tanpri 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.

Kahane & Associates, P.A.
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433319 ON 2/13,20/2013

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Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 19 JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 47-2008-CA-000381

PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO NATIONAL CITY BANK SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO HARBOR FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK Plaintiff,

vs.

RIGAUD SAINTFORT, et al. Defendant(s)

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY given pursuant to an Order or Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated December 11, 2012, and entered in Case No. 47-2008-CA-000381 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 Rigaud Saintfort; Yolaine Louis Jeune Saintfort; and Simone Properties, Inc., are the Defendants, the Clerk of Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in the Jury Assembly Room, 2nd Floor, at Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 312 North West 3rd Street, Okeechobee, FL 34972, at 11:00 A.M. on March 13, 2013 the following described property set forth in said Order or Final Judgment, to wit:

Tract 5 of Simone Estates:

A parcel of land lying in Section 23, Township 34 South, Range 34 East, Okeechobee County, Florida, and being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at the Southeast corner of the West one-half (W 1/2) of said Section 23;

Thence South 88°17'54" West, along the South line of said W 1/2 of Section 23, a distance of 1020.82 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING;

Thence continue South 88° 17'54" West, along said South line, a distance of 1032.01 feet;

Thence North 00°06'16" West, a distance of 1632.69 feet to Point B on the centerline of the 70.00 foot wide ingress, egress and utility easement as shown on Map of Simone Estates, dated June 21, 2004;

Thence North 79°04'16" East, along said centerline, a distance of 493.17 feet to a concrete monument with cap stamped Almond PSM 5081;

Thence North 88°17'54" East, along said centerline, a distance of 547.43 feet to Point A on said centerline;

Thence South 00°06'16" East, A Distance Of 1711.80 Feet To The Point of Beginning;

Subject to and Together With the right of ingress, egress and public utilities under that certain Grant of Easement recorded August 5, 2004 in O.R. Book 539 at page 192, 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.

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 County, Florida, this 13th day of December, 2012.

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

WWR #10055467
Wellman, Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A.
Attorney for Plaintiff
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433355 ON 2/13,20/2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA. PROBATE DIVISION CASE NO. 2013-CP-04

In Re: Estate of
JAMES EDWARD PETRICK, a/k/a JAMES E. PETRICK
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of JAMES EDWARD PETRICK a/k/a JAMES E. PETRICK, deceased, whose date of death was December 18, 2012, and whose social security number is ***-**-7057, is pending in the Circuit Court for Okeechobee County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 312 N.W. 3rd Street, Suite 101, Okeechobee, Florida 34972. The 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 the decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with 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 PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

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

The date of the first publication of this notice is February 6, 2013.

Personal Representative:
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435827 ON 2/6,13/2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA FILE NO. 2012CA446

SHARON A. MING
Plaintiff
VS.
LERA A. JORDAN, AND THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS AND TRUSTEES OF LERA A. JORDAN, DECEASED, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY AND THROUGH, UNDER AGAINST THE NAMED DEFENDANT(S); et al.
Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION

To: **LERA A. JORDAN, AND THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS AND TRUSTEES OF LERA A. JORDAN, DECEASED, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY AND THROUGH, UNDER AGAINST THE NAMED DEFENDANT(S); et al.**

YOU ARE NOTIFIED than a Adverse Possession Complaint with regard to:

The South 100 feet of Lots 3 and 4, Block 234, FIRST ADDITION TO OKEECHOBEE, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 5, page 6, public records of Okeechobee County, Florida

has been filed against you. You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, on Plaintiff's attorney, JAMES P. COVEY, ESQ., whose address is P.O. Box 657, Vero Beach, Florida 32961 within 20 days following the final date of publication. You must file your original written defense with the clerk of this Court within the time frame stated; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

Dated on February 7, 2013.
SHARON ROBERTSON
As Clerk of the Court
BY: Arlene Nealis
As Deputy Clerk
436516 ON 2/13,20,27;3/6/2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO. 2012 CA 000491

J&J LAND INVESTMENTS, L.L.C., a Florida limited liability company
Plaintiff(s),
vs.
J.W. CHARLES HESTER, a single person; PAIGE CARL CLOUD, a single person; MONEY CONSULTANTS, INC., a Florida corporation, TENANT #1, and TENANT #2, the names being fictitious to account for parties in possession
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: **J.W. CHARLES HESTER**
and all unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, legatees, grantees and creditors of any of the foregoing and all other parties claiming interests by, through, under or against them; and all unknown natural persons, if alive, and if dead or not known to be dead or alive, their several and respective unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, and creditors, or other parties claiming by, through, or under those unknown natural persons; and the several and respective unknown assigns, successors in interest, trustees, or any other person claiming by, through, under or against any corporation or other legal entity named as a defendant; and all claimants, persons or parties, natural or corporate, or whose exact legal status is unknown, claiming under any of the above named or described defendants or parties or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property hereafter described.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action for Foreclosure on or concerning the following described real property in Okeechobee County, Florida:

Lot 17, CROOKED CREEK PLANTATION, UNIT I, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 5, Pages 77 and 78, Public Records of Okeechobee County, Florida

has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on MICHAEL M. WALLACK, Esq., Plaintiffs attorney, whose address is Wallack Law Firm, 3260 Fruitville Road, Suite A, Sarasota, FL 34237, within 30 days from Date of First Publication of this Notice) and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded on the complaint or petition filed herein.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the Court at County, Florida, this 7 day of February, 2013.
SHARON ROBERTSON
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
BY: Arlene Nealis
As Deputy Clerk
436525 ON 2/13,20/2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO. 472010CA000413CAXXXX

BENEFICIAL FLORIDA, INC.,
Plaintiff,
VS.
KARESSA M. FOLSOM; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF KARESSA M. FOLSOM; IF LIVING, INCLUDING ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SAID DEFENDANT(S), IF REMARRIED, AND IF DECEASED, THE RESPECTIVE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, AND TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE NAMED DEFENDANT(S); UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2;
Defendant(s)

NOTICE OF SALE

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

LOT 5, BLOCK 2, SECOND REVISED PLAT OF WILCOX SHORES ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORD IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 16, PUBLIC RECORDS OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, in the Jury Assembly Room of the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 312 NW 3rd Street, 2nd Floor, Okeechobee, FL 34972 at 11:00 o'clock, A.M., on March 6, 2013.

DATED THIS 3rd day of December, 2012.

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

Witness, my hand and seal of this court on the 3rd day of December, 2012.

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

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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 tandè ou pale byen, rele 711.

432648 ON 2/6,13/2013

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 19th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION: CASE NO.: 472008CA000400CAXXXX

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR AMERIQUEST MORTGAGE SECURITIES, INC. ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-R9,
Plaintiff,
VS.
JOANNE A. STEWART; RUSSELL P. STEWART; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF HOWARD PINDER A/K/A HOWARD G. PINDER III; JOHN DOE; JANE DOE AS UNKNOWN TENANT (S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated the 29th day of November, 2012, and entered in Case No. 472008CA000400CAXXXX, of the Circuit Court of the 19th Judicial Circuit in and for Okeechobee County, Florida, wherein DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR AMERIQUEST MORTGAGE SECURITIES, INC. ASSET-BACKED- PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-R9 is the Plaintiff and JOANNE A. STEWART; RUSSELL P. STEWART; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF HOWARD PINDER A/K/A HOWARD G. PINDER III N/K/A KATHY PINDER; 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 27th day of February, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LEGAL DESCRIPTION
Pinder & Whittaker & Puterbaugh

A PARCEL OF LAND LYING IN THE NORTH 1/2 OF SECTION 17, TOWNSHIP 37, RANGE 36 EAST, OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 17;
THENCE N 00°41'06" E, ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION 17, A DISTANCE OF 3433.40 FEET, TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE LANDS DESCRIBED IN O.R. BOOK 347, PAGE 635, PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA;
THENCE N 89°18'54" W, ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LANDS, A DISTANCE OF 495.00 FEET;
THENCE S 00°41'06" W, ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID LANDS, A DISTANCE OF 1.23 FEET, TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE LANDS DESCRIBED IN O.R. BOOK 285, PAGE 631, PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA;
THENCE N 89°18'54" W, ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LANDS, A DISTANCE OF 495.00 FEET, TO THE EAST LINE OF THE LANDS DESCRIBED IN O.R. BOOK 285, PAGE 779, PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING;
THENCE S 00°41'06" W, ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID LANDS, A DISTANCE OF 658.77 FEET, TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LANDS DESCRIBED IN O.R. BOOK 285, PAGE 779;
THENCE N 89°18'54" W, A DISTANCE OF 364.75, TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE PLAT OF CEDAR II, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 30, PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA;
THENCE S 00°41'06" W, ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID PLAT, A DISTANCE OF 499.26 FEET
THENCE N 89°18'54" W A DISTANCE OF 257.00 FEET; THENCE N 01°04'46" E A DISTANCE OF 88.00 FEET; THENCE S 89°18'54" E, A DISTANCE OF 186.40 FEET;
THENCE N 00°41'06" E, A DISTANCE OF 436.86 FEET, TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE LANDS DESCRIBED IN O.R. BOOK 366, PAGE 1138, PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA;
THENCE N 88°23'51" W, ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LANDS AND THE NORTH LINE OF LOTS 18A AND 19A, FOUR SEASONS ESTATES, AN UNRECORDED SUBDIVISION, A DISTANCE OF 755.90 FEET, TO THE INTERSECTION WITH THE EAST LINE OF THE LANDS DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORD BOOK 440, PAGE 1549;
THENCE N 01°04'26" E, ALONG SAID EAST LINE, A DISTANCE OF 946.02 FEET, TO THE INTERSECTION WITH THE EASTERLY EXTENSION OF THE SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF NE 11TH STREET;
THENCE S 88°24'13" E, ALONG SAID EASTERLY EXTENSION OF SE 11TH STREET, A DISTANCE OF 1073.94 FEET, TO THE INTERSECTION WITH THE EASTERLY LINE OF THE LANDS DESCRIBED IN O.R. BOOK 415, PAGE 1211, PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA;
THENCE S 40°21'53" E, ALONG SAID EASTERLY LINE, A DISTANCE OF 168.00 FEET, TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.
CONTAINING 27.032 ACRES, MORE OR LESS
TOGETHER WITH THE FOLLOWING:
A PARCEL OF LAND 66.00 FEET IN WIDTH AND BEING DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 17;
THENCE N 00°41'06" E, ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION 17, A DISTANCE OF 3433.40 FEET, TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE LANDS DESCRIBED IN O.R. BOOK 347, PAGE 635, PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA;
THENCE N 89°18'54" W, ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LANDS, A DISTANCE OF 495.00 FEET;
THENCE S 00°41'06" W, ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID LANDS, A DISTANCE OF 1.23 FEET, TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE LANDS DESCRIBED IN O.R. BOOK 285, PAGE 631, PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA;
THENCE N 89°18'54" W, ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LANDS, A DISTANCE OF 495.00 FEET, TO THE EAST LINE OF THE LANDS DESCRIBED IN O.R. BOOK 285, PAGE 779, PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA;
THENCE N 00°41'06" E, ALONG SAID EAST LINE A DISTANCE OF 181.16 FEET, TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LANDS DESCRIBED IN O.R. BOOK 285, PAGE 779;
THENCE N 40°21'53" W, ALONG THE EASTERLY LINE OF THE LANDS DESCRIBED IN O.R. BOOK 415, PAGE 1211, PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, A DISTANCE OF 168.00 FEET TO THE INTERSECTION WITH THE EASTERLY EXTENSION OF THE SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF NE 11TH STREET AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING;
THENCE N 88°24'13" W, ALONG SAID EASTERLY EXTENSION, A DISTANCE OF 1484.42 FEET, TO THE INTERSECTION WITH THE SOUTHERLY EXTENSION OF THE EAST LINE OF LOT 20B. FOUR SEASONS ESTATES, AN UNRECORDED SUBDIVISION
THENCE N 01°20'06" E, ALONG SAID SOUTHERLY EXTENSION, A DISTANCE OF 66.00 FEET, TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 20B;
THENCE S 88°24'13" E, A DISTANCE OF 1425.42 FEET, TO THE INTERSECTION WITH SAID EASTERLY LINE OF O.R. BOOK 415, PAGE 1211;
THENCE S 40°21'53" E, ALONG SAID EASTERLY LINE, A DISTANCE OF 88.76 FEET, TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING
SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT OVER AND ACROSS THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PROPERTY RECORDED IN O.R. BOOK 0478, PAGE 1778, PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.
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SPANISH: Si usted es una persona discapacitada que necesita alguna adaptacion para poder participar de este procedimiento o evento; usted tiene derecho, sin costo alguno a que se le provea cierta ayuda. Favor de comunicarse con Corrie Johnson, Coordinadora de A.D.A., 250 NW Country Club Drive, Suite 217, Port St. Lucie, Fl. 34986, (772) 807-4370 por lo menos 7 dias antes de que tenga que comparecer en corte o inmediatamente despues de haber recibido esta notificacion si es que falta menos de 7 dias para su comparecencia. Si tiene una discapacidad auditiva o de habla, llame al 711.
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Dated this 11th day of December, 2012.

SHARON ROBERTSON
Clerk of the Circuit Court
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Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 19TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION CASE NO.: 08-000585-CA

FLAGSTAR BANK, FSB,
Plaintiff,
VS.
NICHOLAS P. ALBRITTON, CHARLOTTE ALBRITTON, et al.,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Agreed Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated December 4, 2012, and entered in Case No. 08-000585-CA of the Circuit Court of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Okeechobee County, Florida wherein Flagstar Bank, FSB Plaintiff and Nicholas P. Albritton and Charlotte Albritton, are Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 2nd Floor Jury Assembly Room, 312 Northwest 3rd Street, Okeechobee County, Okeechobee, Florida 34972, beginning at **11:00 o'clock A.M. on the 6th day of March 2013,** the following described property as set forth in said Agreed Final Judgment of Foreclosure, to wit:

THE EAST 165.00 FEET OF LOT 12, BLOCK 4, OKEECHOBEE LITTLE FARMS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 100, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

Dated in Okeechobee County, Florida this 27th day of December, 2012.

SHARON ROBERTSON
As Clerk, Circuit Court
Okeechobee County, Florida
BY: Sandra L. Creech
As Deputy Clerk

IMPORTANT

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Attorney for Plaintiff
Kelly E. McGuire, Esq.
Robertson, Anschutz & Schneid, P.L.
3010 North Military Trail, Suite 300
Boca Raton, Florida 33431
434389 ON 2/6,13/2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 47-2010-CA-000218

HOUSEHOLD FINANCE CORPORATION III,
Plaintiff,
VS.
LARK GILFUS, et al,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated on or about November 29, 2012, and entered in Case No. 47-2010-CA-000218 of the Circuit Court of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Okeechobee County, Florida in which Household Finance Corporation III, is the Plaintiff and Lark Gilfus, Leslie J. Gilfus, Tenant #1 N/K/A Blair Gilfus, are defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in the Jury Assembly Room, 2nd Floor, Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida 34972, Okeechobee County, Florida at 11:00AM on the 6th day of March, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

THE WEST 1/2 OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF TRACT 18, SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 34 SOUTH, RANGE 33 EAST, OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGES 3A-D, INCLUSIVE OF THE OKEECHOBEE COUNTY PUBLIC RECORDS. TOGETHER WITH A MOBILE HOME AS A PERMANENT FIXTURE AND APPURTENANCE THERETO, DESCRIBED AS: A 2003 DOUBLEWIDE MOBILE HOME BEARING IDENTIFICATION NUMBER(S) FLHMBA165648285A AND FLHMBA165648285B AND TITLE NUMBER(S) 0086732937 AND 0086733012. A/K/A 17976 NORTHWEST 280TH STREET, OKEECHOBEE, FL 34972

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

Dated in Okeechobee County, Florida this 4th day of December, 2012.

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

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

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 472008CA000605CAAXMX

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO WACHOVIA BANK, N.A.,
Plaintiff(s),
VS.
WILLIAM RICHARD ULLMANN; et al.,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Sale will be made pursuant to an Order or Final Summary Judgment. Final Judgment was awarded on December 13, 2012 in Civil Case No.: 472008CA000605CAAXMX, of the Circuit Court of the NINETEENTH Judicial Circuit in and for OKEECHOBEE County, Florida, wherein, WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO WACHOVIA BANK, N.A. is the Plaintiff, and, WILLIAM RICHARD ULLMANN; CLAUDETTE J. ULLMANN; BENEFICIAL FLORIDA INC.; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CLAUDETTE J.ULLMANN; AND UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION are Defendants.

The clerk of the court will sell to the highest bidder for cash at 11:00 AM on MARCH 13, 2013, in the Jury Assembly Room on the 2nd floor at the Okeechobee County Judicial Center located at 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida 34972, the following described real property as set forth in said Final Summary Judgment, to wit:

THE WEST 1/2 OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF TRACT 8, SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 34 SOUTH, RANGE 33 EAST, SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT OF THE WEST 60 FEET AND SOUTH 30 FEET THEREOF FOR ROAD AND DRAINAGE PURPOSES. AS RECORDED IN PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGES 3A-D, INCLUSIVE, 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.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the court on December 18, 2012.

CLERK OF THE COURT
Sharon Robertson
Sandra L. Creech
Deputy Clerk

Aldridge Connors, LLP
Attorney for Plaintiff(s)
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Fax: 561.392.6965

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 47-2011-CA-000387

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR RASC 2005KS12,
Plaintiff,
vs.
MELISSA A. SMILEY, et al,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated on or about November 29, 2012, and entered in Case No. 47-2011-CA-000387 of the Circuit Court of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Okeechobee County, Florida in which U.S. Bank National Association as Trustee for RASC 2005KS 12, is the Plaintiff and Robert T. Smiley a/k/a Robert T. Smiley, Jr, Melissa A. Smiley, are defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in the Jury Assembly Room, 2nd Floor, Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida 34972, at 11:00AM on the 6th day of March, 2013 the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

LOT 18, TAYLOR CREEK ISLES, SECTION 1, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 59, PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, TOGETHER WITH A MOBILE HOME LOCATED THEREON AS A PERMANENT FIXTURE AND APPURTENANCE THERETO BEARING SERIAL NUMBER FLHMLCF163725147A AND FLHMLCF163725147B A/K/A 3534 SE 24TH TER, OKEECHOBEE, FL 34974-7026

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 in Okeechobee County, Florida this 4th day of December, 2012.

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

Albertelli Law
Attorney for Plaintiff
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 47-2011-CA-000077

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK TRUST COMPANY, N.A. AS SUCCESSOR TO JPMORGAN CHASE BANK N.A. AS TRUST,
Plaintiff,
vs.
ANGELA WIREMAN, et al,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated on or about November 29, 2012, and entered in Case No. 47-2011-CA-000077 of the Circuit Court of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Okeechobee County, Florida in which The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, National Association fka The Bank of New York Trust Company, N.A. as successor to JPMorgan Chase Bank N.A. as Trust, is the Plaintiff and Angela Wireman, RHS Industries, Inc., Hobert G. Wireman, Tenant #1 n/k/a Tim Buchanan, are defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in the Jury Assembly Room, 2nd Floor, Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida 34972, at 11:00AM on the 6th day of March, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

LOT 3, BLOCK 48, BASSWOOD INC. UNIT NO. 4, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 49, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA. A/K/A 3101 NW 33RD AVENUE, OKEECHOBEE, FL 34972-1269

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 in Okeechobee County, Florida this 4th day of December, 2012.

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

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 472008CA000376

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE OF INDYMAC RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE-BACKED TRUST, SERIES 2006-L1, RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-L1,
Plaintiff,
v.
SILVIA V. ACEVEDO; LUIS CARLOS PEREIRA; 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; SHERMAN WOOD RANCHES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order of Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure dated November 29th 2012, entered in Civil Case No. 472008CA000376 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 13th day of March, 2013, at 11:00 a.m. in the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 2nd Floor, Jury Assembly Room, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida 34972, relative to the following described property as set forth in the Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 23 IN SHERMAN WOOD RANCHES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 00007, PAGE 0061, 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 3rd day of December, 2012.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO: 2012-CP- 190 JUDGE: ELIZABETH METZGER

IN RE: Estate of
JESSE LEE HAYES,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Formal Administration

The administration of the Estate of **JESSE LEE HAYES**, Deceased, whose date of death was October 9, 2012, and whose social security number is xxx-xx-8188, Case Number 2012-CP-190 is pending in the Circuit Court for Okeechobee County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 312 NW 3rd Street, Suite 125 Okeechobee, FL 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 THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.**

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

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

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

The date of the first publication of this Notice is: Feb. 13, 2013.

Personal Representative:
DARREL WAYNE SMITH
1309 Alexander Street
Eldorado, IL 62930

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Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

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1 Relay, say
5 Parasol purpose
10 Nile biters
14 University with a law school in Greensboro
15 Swiss Alps refrain
16 Like a blue moon
17 *Persistently pester journalist Blitzer?
19 Branch branch
20 Business opening?
21 Ballerina's pivot point
22 Dodo
23 *Evade actor Harrison?
25 Carte start
26 Goof up
27 Office assortment
30 NCR product
33 Moronic
37 Fictional pirate
38 Crumbly soil
40 Word with mouth or pool
41 Flu fighters
42 Taj Mahal site
43 Large departure
45 Pirate's potent potable
46 Like some cows
48 Take in
50 "Let me think ..."
51 *"Look out, Ichabod!"?
57 Green-skinned pear
59 Blood system letters
60 Tease
61 Chef lead-in
62 Biblical cargo, or what makes up the answers to starred clues
64 "Green Gables" girl
65 Plumber's tool
66 Zeno of __
67 Amanda of "Gulliver's Travels" (2010)
68 Fall flower
69 Paving stone

DOWN

1 Auction action
2 Avis rival
3 Like some wartime messages
4 Captivate
5 Turk. neighbor
6 Instruction book
7 "Every wall is __": Emerson
8 Edited out
9 North Pole resident, presumably
10 Place for a nude
11 *Spotted rapper MC?
12 Proper partner?
13 Showy lily
18 Cool time in Madrid
22 Made a lap
24 Set up
27 Diminished
28 Lima or llama land
29 Mine line
30 "Woe is me!"
31 Frat party wrap
32 *"Step on it, Mrs. Cleaver!"?
34 Deceive
35 "What was __ do?"
36 Instant lawn
39 Small monkey
44 Pelvic bones
47 Down Under runner
49 Traffic stoppers?
51 Suddenly occurs to, with "on"
52 WWII German sub
53 "Another Saturday Night" singer Sam
54 Nimble
55 The Muses, e.g.
56 Conclude by
57 PDQ relative
58 Not a lick
62 Frisk-y govt. group?
63 Not agin

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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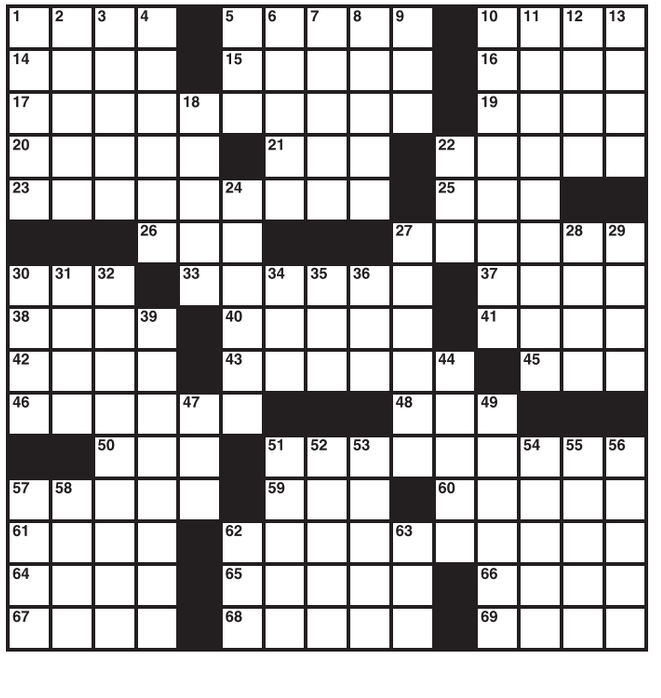

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO. 2012CA258

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, acting through the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, f/k/a Farmers Home Administration, a/k/a Rural Housing Service,
Plaintiff,
vs.
AMANDA SCRUGGS, et al.,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on December 4, 2012, by the above entitled Court in the above styled cause, the undersigned Clerk of Court or any of his duly authorized deputies, will sell the property situated in Okeechobee County, Florida, described as:

Lot 2, Block 34, UNIT NUMBER 2 BASSWOOD INCORPORATED, according to the Plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 28, of the Public Records of Okeechobee County, Florida.

at public outcry to the highestand best bidder for cash on March 13, 2013, in the Jury Assembly Room, 2nd floor of the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 312 NW Third Street, Okeechobee, FL 34972, beginning at 11:00 A.M., subject to all ad valorem taxes and assessments for the real property described above.

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

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES NEEDING A SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING SHOULD CONTACT THE OFFICE OF THE COURT ADA COORDINATOR, CORRIE JOHNSON, TELEPHONE (772)807-4370, WITHIN SEVEN (7) WORKING DAYS OF THE COURT APPEARANCE. IF HEARING IMPAIRED CALL 711.

DATED on December 5, 2012.

SHARON ROBERTSON
Clerk of Circuit Court
312 NW Third Street
Okeechobee, FL 34972
BY: Sandra L. Creech
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OUA extends developer's agreement

By Pete Gawda
Okeechobee News

For a change the Okeechobee Utility Authority (OUA) Board of Directors, at their meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 12, dealt with a developer who has been making payments on his developer's agreement. They also declined to reverse their action concerning installation of a master meter.

After a lengthy discussion with John Rock, the manager of 46th Avenue Villas, the board took no action on his request to remove the recently installed master meter and again use the 76 individual meters that had been located on the property. It seems that there was a problem with the original easement with OUA. It did not cover the piping in the ground. For many years this did not matter since there was a master meter and OUA did not have to service individual meters. For some reason, that no one at the meeting could ascertain, individual meters were installed at 46th Avenue Villas in 2004. This required access by OUA personnel for meter reading and maintenance.

When the discrepancy in the easement was discovered OUA filed a quit claim deed on the easement and began working on a new easement. The utility began mapping and surveying the property and wrote a new easement with detailed legal descriptions.

According to John Hayford, OUA's executive director, Mr. Rock had ample time to respond to the new easement but did not sign it. Therefore a master meter was installed to serve the property.

Mr. Rock stated that the original easement was one page long while the new easement was five pages. He said he hesitated because of the length of the new document. An e-mail from Mark Warda, trustee of the property, to Mr. Rock urged a careful look at the easement to make sure it did not cover more area than necessary. Mr. Warda advised that if the easement covered too large an area, it would make the property less valuable in the future.

During the course of the discussion it was brought out that it would cost OUA a considerable amount to revert back to the individual meters. Despite the fact that Mr. Rock said he now has an easement signed by Mr. Warda, the board took no action on the request and the master meter remains in place.

In the past some developers defaulted on their developers' agreements, causing OUA a lot of grief. However, this time the board dealt with a developer that has been up to date on payments. Dennis Corrick, an attorney representing Awesome Ranch, LLC, requested that the developer's remaining payments be restructured from three annual payments to six annual payments with interest paid on the extension. Mr. Hayford said this is one of the few developers that has been forthright with payments. Board attorney Tom Conley called Awesome Ranch's payment record "outstanding."

"There is no backing off here," said Mr. Corrick, "there is just an acknowledgement of existing realities."

The board voted unanimously to temporarily change its policy on adjustment of sewage bills for water line breaks on a customer's property. Sewer bills are based on water use. However, with water line breaks on a customer's property the water goes through the water meter but does not enter the sewer system. The previous policy calculated the customer's refund to be anything paid in excess of the average of the customer's three previous high bills during the last 12 months. For 90 days the policy will be to use an average of the last 12 month's water bills to calculate the refund. Mr. Hayford said that by that time staff will have revised the entire resolution dealing with adjustment of bills. The revised resolution will then be presented to the board for their consideration.

Turning to other items, the board:

- voted to request a scope of work and fee schedule from rate consultant PRMG concerning some proposed changes in the rate policy;
- received the finance report for the period ending Jan. 31;
- received the receivership activity report for Pine Ridge Park through Jan. 31;
- approved payment of a monthly invoice to Alcalde And Fay, government and public affairs consultants, in the amount of $3,258.71; and
- approved payment of $5,051.92 to Eckler Engineering for work in connection with the vacuum station number one rehabilitation project.

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CRASH

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way Patrol (FHP) report 45-year-old Danny F. Major of Okeechobee was pronounced dead at the scene around 10:05 a.m. on Feb. 12.

FHP Trooper Ron Logan stated that all seven of the vehicles were westbound on S.R. 710 and approaching the entrance ramp. Vehicles two through seven were either stopped or slowing for the red traffic light, indicated the trooper's report.

According to the trooper Mr. Major, who was driving a 2013 Peterbilt tractor-trailer, "... failed to slow down and started a chain reaction crash."

Another Okeechobee truck driver—Joseph E. Bacher, 45,—was listed as the driver of vehicle number six in the crash. He was also driving a 2013 Peterbilt tractor-trailer. While Mr. Bacher was uninjured his truck and trailer sustained damages estimated at $3,000.

Damages to Mr. Major's truck were estimated to be $40,000, stated Trooper Logan.

None of the other drivers or passengers involved in the crash were injured.

S.R. 710 was closed for more than five hours and did not re-open until about 3:30 p.m.

"The events leading up to the crash are still under investigation," the trooper's report added.

The Garden Club and Orchid Club to meet

The Garden Club will meet at 6 p.m. and the Orchid Club at 7 p.m. on Monday, **Feb. 18**, at the Extension Center, 451 U.S.. 98 N. Bring a plant to show or a problem to discuss. For more information, call 863-763-6469.

Okeechobee County Fair Board to meet

The Okeechobee County Fair Board will hold their next meeting on Monday, **Feb. 18**, at 6 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Chamber of Commerce office.

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‘Gypsy’ scammers facing over 70 felony charges

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

Jim Stevens

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Chad Lee, Jr.

Four men who were allegedly scamming Polk County homeowners by offering to do paving work have been arrested on over 70 felony counts each.

The four men are accused of being traveling scam artists, or gypsies, and were initially arrested Feb. 7 by detectives with the Polk County Sheriff’s Office (PCSO). Each man was charged with the felonies of burglary, grand theft, obtaining property by fraud, exploitation of the elderly, worker’s compensation fraud, home solicitation without a permit and theft.

They were being held in the Polk County Jail in Bartow on bonds ranging from $35,000 to $40,000.

But because of media attention and the information being put out on a social networking site, PCSO Public Information Officer Carrie Eleazar said 10 more victims have come forward. Now, each man is looking at an additional 70 felony charges each.

They were expected to go before a Polk County judge Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 12, for their first appearance hearing. Whether or not they will receive a bond will be determined at that hearing.

On Feb. 3 the Okeechobee News published a warning to be wary of these travelling scam artists who offer to do inexpensive paving, roofing work or other types of jobs around your home.

“It’s that time of year. They always seem to hit when the Northerners are here,” said Major Noel Stephen of the Okeechobee County Sheriff’s Office (OCSO).

And like the aforementioned cases in the Auburndale area of Polk County, Maj. Stephen said these scammers prefer to operate in the smaller inland counties.

“It’s my personal opinion they take advantage of our Southern hospitality and kindness. Rural communities are more receptive to strangers knocking on the door,” he explained.

Maj. Stephen went on to explain that these people are usually well dressed, sound very legitimate and are very professional in their approach and the equipment they use.

“They’ll walk the person through everything, and go through a good song and dance about what they can do. It’s very believable to the resident,” added the major.

According to Ms. Eleazar, those arrested were: Jim Stevens, 35, Hillsborough, N.C.; Richard Pierce, 44, Hendersonville, Tenn.; Chad Lee, Sr., 40, Plainfield, Ill.; and Chad Lee, Jr., 19, Madison, Tenn.

Ms. Eleazar went on to say that PCSO investigators also seized approximately $140,000 in equipment that included: a 2006 International dump truck pulling a 1995 trailer that was carrying a Stone DD3100 roller; a GEHL paver; a Case SR 175 Bobcat; and, a 2008 GMC dump truck.

“Both dump trucks and all the commercial equipment involved were found to be lien free and were seized under the Florida Forfeiture Act,” said Ms. Eleazar. “We have already determined the stuff was paid for and have begun forfeiture procedures on it. (It’s) likely we will auction them off, because at this time we really don’t see a need for any of it.”

And even though the scammers look and act professional and use fairly new equipment, there are some telltale signs that give them away.

According to PCSO arrest reports the trucks and trailers had different license plates that included North Carolina, Tennessee and Illinois; the Department of Transportation numbers on the sides of the vehicles were different; and, the suspects use multiple fictitious company names. Those bogus company names included Orange Paving, Ace Paving, Power Blacktop Paving and Richard’s Paving.

None of those arrested had valid Florida driver’s licenses, added the arrest reports.

Maj. Stephen also said that even though these scammers like to target smaller inland communities, they normally don’t stay in the town they’re ‘working.’

“I’ve found they’re staying in Fort Pierce when they’re doing their scamming in Okeechobee. They normally won’t stay in a jurisdiction where they’re scamming,” he said.

To protect yourself from these gypsy scammers, always be cautious of those coming to your door and offering to do work around your home “on the cheap.”

“(And) A lot of times people don’t ask if they’re licensed in Okeechobee County or insured. You can always check with the building department to see if they’re licensed,” offered Maj. Stephen.

Citizens and homeowners should also be very wary of:

- Strangers knocking on your front door and striking up a long conversation. While you’re talking to the stranger their partner is either looking over your home or breaking into your home from the back.
- Hiring strangers to work on your house. One worker will keep you talking, while another is stealing from you.
- Hiring a caregiver without carefully checking their credentials. Run a criminal background check or ask agencies to provide you with a copy of the actual report.
- A caregiver who enters into an inappropriate relationship with an elderly loved one.
- A caregiver who tries to isolate your loved one and makes it difficult or impossible to speak to your loved one on the telephone.
- Fortune-telling scams where you or a loved one are told that evil is close but it can be warded off with help from the gypsy.
- Strangers either knocking on your door at home or approaching you in a parking lot about needing help because they are having car trouble.

The major also said homeowners should simply beware and ask questions. He said if there are any concerns, a legitimate contractor will appreciate you checking their license.

To reach the Okeechobee County Building Department call 863-763-5548. To contact the Okeechobee County Sheriff’s Office, call 863-763-3117.

Baby to be released from hospital, says detective

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

A 10-month-old baby allegedly abused by another child while his babysitter went to the store is expected to be released from a West Palm Beach hospital in the next couple of days.

Josephine S. McDuffie, 42, N.W. Ninth Ave.—was arrested Jan. 31 on one felony count of child neglect with great bodily harm. She has been released from the Okeechobee County Jail on $10,000 bond.

Detective Rosemary Farless, of the Okeechobee County Sheriff’s Office (OCSO), said the baby has regained movement in his right leg. She added that he is undergoing physical therapy to try and regain movement in his right arm.

The detective went on to say that the baby’s mother told her that the infant “... is back to his old self, personality-wise.”

According to the detective’s arrest report the baby was severely injured when a 10-year-old girl spun him around by his hands then turned him loose. Other children in the home reportedly told the detective that the baby’s head “... hit the wood floor hard.”

The report said the baby’s mother left him, along with her 2-year-old twins, with McDuffie on Saturday, Jan. 26. At that time, the mother said her baby was “... crawling, sitting up unassisted and laughing,” stated that report.

At some point McDuffie left those children, along with five others, in the care of a 10-year-old while she walked to a store approximately six blocks away, the detective stated.

When the baby’s mother picked up her children Sunday evening the baby was reportedly vomiting and would not stay awake. She took the baby to Raulerson Hospital on Monday where the baby was treated for the flu and sent home.

By Tuesday, pointed out the report, the baby was still vomiting and was unable to sit up, roll over or crawl. He was also starting to have muscle spasms in his right arm, pointed out Detective Farless in her report.

By the next day the baby was having muscle spasms along his right side and his head was pulled to the right, continued the report.

He was taken to the Raulerson emergency room where he was diagnosed with a bleeding brain, indicated the report. The detective went on to state that the baby’s brain was swollen and there was blood all around the lining of his brain.

The baby was then airlifted to St. Mary’s Hospital in West Palm Beach.

Detective Farless said Monday, Feb. 11, that this case remains under investigation.

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Looking back

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OHS football team honored at banquet

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

LaVante Spivey

LaVante Spivey won the Most Valuable Player Award, D.J. Washington won Offensive Player of the Year, and Elijowan Williams took home the Defensive Player of the Year Award at the Okeechobee Brahman Football Awards Banquet held Tuesday night at Okeechobee High School.

The Brahmans returned to respectability this year thanks to a strong senior class as they finished the second (5-5). Highlights of the year included victories over arch rivals like Clewiston and Martin County. OHS also played tough against top district opponents South Fork, Sebastian River and Olympic Heights.

There were six Brahman players who were honored for being all-area players this year in a vote of local coaches. They included Washington, Cody Walker, Spivey, Williams, Al Fludd and Cory Vickers. Six Brahmans participated in the South Central Florida All-Star Classic in Sebring in December, Washington, Williams, Fabian Howard, Jack Radebaugh, Cade Stokes, and Fludd.

Elijowan Williams

Spivey and Washington performed well at the former Outback All-Star Classic in January that pits top seniors from the Treasure Coast and Palm Beach County.

The team also boasted 12 scholar athletes this year. Thirty-one players received varsity letters. The team also had a combined grade point average of 3.09. The team averaged over 24 points per game, and had over 3,500 total yards on offense.

"Everybody contributed so much this year," Coach Chris Branham said. "The offense, defense and special teams worked well together. We had team work, self-sacrifice and a bunch of unselfish kids. My only wish is I had more time with them."

Ten players who graduate in June include Fludd, a three-year lettermen, Adel El Hindi, three-year letter, Jose Garcia, three-year letter, Howard, Nick Flood, Radebaugh a four-year lettermen, Joey Santibanez, Spivey, a two-year lettermen, Stokes a three-year lettermen, Washington, a four-year lettermen, and Williams, a three-year lettermen.

Edrick Neal

Scholar athletes include Fludd, El Hindi, Flood, Santibanez, Spivey, Stokes, Khalil Smith, and Daniel Nunez. Walker and Bobby Jo Garza earned three-year lettermen honors. Edrick Neal won the Junior Varsity Defensive Player of the Year Award. Angel Garcia was named Offensive Player of the Year. Arthur Woodruff earn the team MVP Award. Stokes took home the Brahman Award. The Most Improved Varsity Player Award went to GW Jarriel.

Stokes said he felt all his hard work was worth it. He said he learned a lot of good lessons from football.

"I gave up a lot but I got a lot back. I learned to enjoy the game and give what you have and have fun with it," he said.

Jarriel said he felt everyone worked very hard to get the team to a competitive level. He also praised the older players who gave him tips and advice on how to become a better defensive back. He said he is excited to be a big part of the team for the next two years.

Cade Stokes

"I worked my way back to being a starter and the older guys helped me a lot. I'm real excited about the future because there are big things coming for me and the rest of the sophomore class," he added.

Woodruff said he was really surprised by the MVP award for the junior varsity. He said the JV really stuck together this year and kept going despite some tough losses. He said he would like to be a fullback on the varsity but is willing to work at any position.

"I hope there are good things for me up on varsity because there is an opportunity there. I think a lot of the junior varsity players did well this year and we picked each other up, never thought about the past, and kept going and going," he added.

Spivey was praised for getting the most out of his size on the gridiron. He weighs about 125 pounds. He said he always enjoyed his teammates and they were the reason he was able to achieve great things on the field.

"They helped me play up to my potential. We started from scratch this year and found a groove and stuck with it," he explained.

Arthur Woodruff

Spivey also might get offers from small colleges and would like to get a college education and earn a business degree.

Washington withstood the loss of his father, the popular coach Daron Washington, and overcame a broken leg during his high school career. He thanked his teammates and coaches for letting him have the opportunity to be offensive player of the year. He said the team bonded well this year and trusted each other. His top memory will be his long touchdown run against Martin County. He would like to play college football and become a physical therapist.

"I have a couple of college options and I just want to wait and be patient and I hope that God will show me the way to go. My dad was a great person and father and he was always involved in my life. I got a lot of my drive from him because I know he wouldn't want me to be down. I think I played to the best of my ability this year," he added.

Coach Branham encouraged the returning players to work hard in the off season, to take part in team conditioning work, and get ready for 2013. Already scheduled are a spring game with Glades Day School on May 24th, and a Purple White game on May 31st. The team will start the 2013 season with a game at Walt Disney World on August 30 against Bear Creek High School from Colorado.

D.J. Washington

Branham said several seniors will participate in recruitment fairs with colleges this month in Lake Wales and at John I Leonard High School. This week Williams committed to Concord University in West Virginia. D.J. Washington was weighing offers from colleges but was not ready to commit.

G.W. Jarriel

"It is hard to say goodbye to the seniors. Most of these young men I've known for several years. I've seen them grow up and it was a blessing to spend time with them this year. They made my job effortless. I can't say enough about the dedication and commitment they showed."

Branham said he still thinks OHS can remain competitive and should have an exciting 2013.