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County's building plans may change

By Pete Gawda
Okeechobee News

Even though the county has taken preliminary steps to build a new building for the tax collector and property appraiser, that proposed building, as presently conceived, may not become a reality.

In 2010, in order to save money, the state legislature required county tax collectors to take over issuing drivers' licenses by 2015. However, that deadline will come a little earlier for Okeechobee. The current drivers' license office will close in June 2014. By that time, if commissioners decide to continue the current service, a suitable building must be available.

If commissioners decide to keep the drivers' license office, the county would be involved in more than just renewing licenses. The current drivers' license office is a full-service office. This means that in addition to renewals, they issue commercial drivers' licenses, take photographs, administer drivers tests, do fingerprints and drug testing and make determinations based on a person's medical condition. In the case of renewals for women who have had their names changed by marriage or divorce, the drivers' license office must verify documentation of all name changes for the e-verify system.

Until recently, county administrator Robbie Charter was operating under the assumption that the sheriff needed more space. Therefore she proceeded with plans for a new building for the property appraiser and tax collector in order to give the sheriff's office the Alderman Building.

The Alderman Building was built in 1962 to house the jail. Currently it houses the offices of the property appraiser and the tax collector. It

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Special to the Okeechobee News/**Maurisa Tremain**

Festival Princesses

Speckled Perch Princess First Runner-up Elizabeth Smith, Princess Anaya Gomez and Second Runner-up Tess D'Ariano were among those honored at the Speckled Perch Festival pageant. For more on the story, see pages 9 and 10.

48th Speckled Perch Festival is March 9 & 10

Cattlemen's Association to host Spring Rodeo

The Speckled Perch Festival is planned for this weekend, March 9 and 10 in downtown Okeechobee.

Festival booths will open Saturday morning in Flagler Park on State Road 70 with arts and crafts and a wide variety of food choices. A variety of entertainment will also be showcased at the event.

The Speckled Perch Festival Parade will start at 11 a.m. featuring the newly-crowned festival royalty. The parade route starts on Parrott Avenue (U.S. 441) at the Old U-Save Supermarket and heads north on Parrott Avenue to State Road 70 and then heads west on State Road 70 to the end of Flagler Park.

Anyone interested in setting up a booth or entering the parade, should contact the Main Street office at 863-357-6246 or e-mail okms@okeechobeemainstreet.com for an application.

The Okeechobee Cattlemen's Spring Rode, traditionally held in conjunction with the Speckled Perch Festival, will be held Saturday and Sun-

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has 6,504 square feet and has an assessed value of $415,550.

The county awarded a contract for design of the new building in the amount of $149,700. To date $53,862 has been spent on designing the building. County staff has also negotiated with the city concerning the number of on-street parking spaces that would be required for the proposed building.

"We were doing it for the sheriff's office," said the administrator. Mrs. Chartier said she just recently learned that the sheriff was not planning to move.

"I do not want the Alderman Building," said Sheriff Paul May. He said that remodelling the building would increase his budget, something he is not willing to do. With the completion of the emergency operations center the sheriff's office dispatch center has moved into that building.

According to Okeechobee County Tax Collector Celeste Watford, her present location would not accommodate the issuing of driver's licenses. "It won't be in this building," Mrs. Watford said of the Alderman Building. "The state has already been here and said my office isn't big enough." She said the county commissioners have several options. Because the county's population is less than 75,000, they can decide not to have a drivers' license office. That would mean drivers would have to drive to adjoining counties to do business with a drivers' license office.

If they decide to keep the services, there are two options. Mrs. Watford said that if her entire staff is kept under one roof, she would need two more employees for a total of 12 employees. However, the drivers' license office could be housed separately from the rest of the tax collector's staff. In that case she said she would need three, possibly four, additional employees. The size of the building needed would depend, in part, on the number of employees it would house.

At their next meeting on March 14 the Okeechobee County Commission will discuss their options.

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

Okeechobee News/**Pete Gawda**

According to Okeechobee County Tax Collector Celeste Watford, the Alderman Building, built in 1962, is not large enough to hold the increase in employees and customers that would occur if the building housed a drivers license office.

Okeechobee News/**Pete Gawda**

When this picture was taken, there were not too many people doing business in the Okeechobee County Tax Collector's Office. However, Tax Collector Celeste Watford said there are times when people are waiting out in the lobby. She said that more space is needed in order to accommodate a drivers' license office.

Okeechobee's Most Wanted

The following person is on Okeechobee's Most Wanted list. There are active warrants for these persons. The criteria for making Okeechobee's Most Wanted list is based on the severity of the crime in conjunction with the age of the warrant.

Nathan Daniel Hatfield, 27, is 6'2", weighs about 180 lbs, has brown hair and hazel eyes. He has tattoos on his right arm.

He is wanted on charges of Burglary, Grand Theft and Dealing In Stolen Property.

If you have any information on the whereabouts of any of Okeechobee's Most Wanted you can call the Treasure Coast Crime Stoppers at 1-800-273-TIPS (8477). If you call Treasure CoastCrimes Stoppers, you have the option of remaining anonymous. You can also receive a reward if the information results in an arrest. Crime Doesn't Pay, But We Do!

Nathan Daniel Hatfield

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day at the Okeechobee Agri-Civic Center. Gates open daily at noon. The rodeo starts at 2 p.m. Advance rodeo tickets are $10 for adults, $5 for children, ages 7 to 12. Children age 6 or younger will be admitted free. Tickets at the gate will be $12 for adults.

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County Fair slated for March 12-17

Special to the Okeechobee News

"Catch the Fair Fever" at the Seventh Annual Okeechobee County Fair, March 12-17, at the Agri-Civic Center and Fairgrounds on 710 East. Whether you go for the rides, livestock, food, exhibits, entertainment, or horse shows, there is so much to see and do at the fair.

Opening Day, Tuesday, will be "Dollar Night" with $1 entry, $1 rides, $1 food items and fireworks.

Wednesday is Student Night which is $2 entry for students.

Thursday night is Food Bank Night. Bring three cans of food for $2 entry.

Friday and Saturday are Equine Events and Dennis Lee Shows. Sunday is Family Day with free admission and Southern Qualifier Drill Team Competition in the outside horse arena.

Wade Shows will be back with thrilling rides, kiddie rides, armbands every day, and games of chance. The Competitive Events Tent will include baking, canning, horticulture, quilts, painting, photography, sewing, poster contest, wood carving, leather working, and a Lego Building Contest. All contests have separate categories for youth and adults. Wonderful presentations by each Okeechobee school will also be on display. New this year will be competitions for Duct Tape Creations, Trash to Treasures, Digitally Enhanced Photos, and Table Decorating Displays.

The Fun-Time Corn Box will be back in the big Exhibit Tent with commercial and non-profit exhibits. The ever popular Petting Zoo with a giraffe and other exotic animals will be back to delight people of all ages. Pig Races on land and water with the "Paddling Porkers," The Magic of Lance Gifford, and the Horses, Horses, Horses Show will be fun for everyone!

Okeechobee County 4-H and FFA students will show poultry, rabbits, lambs, goats, pigs, steers, beef breeding and dairy cattle. Horse shows and contests will be in the outside horse arena behind the horse barn on Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Teen Okeechobee County Fair and Little Miss will be crowned on Saturday, March 9, at the OHS Lecture Hall starting at 7 p.m. The pageant features a great show by the entrants coordinated by Leslie's Dance Studio. Miss Teen Okeechobee has the opportunity to participate in the Miss Florida USA Teen Contest.

There will be lots of yummy food at the fair: Steak tid-bits, corn dogs, candied apples, funnel cakes, giant donuts, cotton candy, and much more to tickle your taste buds! Okeechobee Idol, Barrel Racing, a Strongman Contest, and Heroes Competition are some of the other fun events at the Fair.

For a complete schedule visit www.okeechobeecountyfair.com.

See you at the fair!

Okeechobee News/**File photo**

Children enjoy playing the corn bin at the Okeechobee County Fair.

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The petting zoo includes a variety of exotic and domestic animals.

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Tonight: Clear. Low of 41F. Winds from the NW at 5 to 15 mph.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: Clear. High of 66F. Winds from the NNW at 10 to 15 mph.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy in the evening, then clear. Low of 46F. Winds from the North at 5 to 10 mph.

Friday: Clear. High of 73F. Winds from the North at 5 to 10 mph.

Friday Night: Clear. Low of 48F. Winds from the NNE at 5 to 10 mph.

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Sequestration

• Congressional Republicans are planning to give the administration more flexibility in instituting $85 billion in cuts, a proposal they say could protect the most vital programs. However, it appears that the administration vigorously opposes the plan, saying that it would do little to soften the blow to military and domestic programs. The Campaigner in Chief continues to talk to the citizens instead of actually sitting down with opposition and trying to make a deal. How's that Hopey Changey thing going for ya?

• Maybe they could save some money if President Obama didn't spend so much of it flying around on Air Force One taking vacations and holding public rallies instead of staying in D.C. and working with Congress to solve the problem. He is trying to blackmail Congress into raising taxes instead of making the cuts to the budget that he agreed to last year.

• Despite our Great Leader's recent use on the White House podium of the term "apocalyptic" to describe the sequester "cuts" (the sequester actually only Reduces the Growth of Spending, it does NOT cut spending), the history of previous budget cutting measures by Congress shows the current Sequester is literally, "no big deal"... and that our current situation should have merited much larger "cutting."

Graduation Party

• Since the graduation party is supposed to be for the whole graduating class, I think they should consider the fact that many families in Okeechobee do not approve of gambling. In the past this meant some parents did not want their children at the party.

• If the graduates are like the teenagers I know, they would rather play video games than cards. Try setting up video game tournaments. As for the prizes, give out trophies for the contests, as in bragging rights, and have the big door prize drawings at the end of the party.

• Here's a thought: Instead of the adults trying to decide what kind of party the kids want, how about asking the Class of 2013 and their parents? Just because the poker party was the thing to do 20 years ago does not mean they have to do it every year. Would this year's graduates prefer other activities? Would they prefer a door prize drawing instead of the bidding for prizes with gambling winnings? One way to find out. Go to a class meeting and ask them.

Driver's license office

• I went by another building that the commissioners decided the county needed. I think it cost the taxpayers $2 million and when they hold a meeting at it there is no parking so they have to park in the grass and all along the edge of the road which is very unsafe. The building is the emergency management building on Ninth Street. A lot of money for a building. If we don't complain to the commissioners, we are going to end up with another expensive building we don't need.

• I understand they need more space because the tax office has to take over the driver's license office duties in order to keep one open in Okeechobee County. But why such a big building and all of the other offices moving too? What's wrong with the Alderman Building that could not be fixed? Is it in such bad shape they need a whole new building?

• I wish someone would answer why they need a new office? I've asked some of the commissioners and haven't received a good answer. It's needed because there isn't enough room. I asked them what's wrong with the current system of two separate offices? Answer: no reply. Why don't we use an empty building/office? Answer: there aren't any that meet the needs. (Really? With so many sitting empty?) Why spend $2 million of taxpayer's money. Answer: it's not coming out of the operating budget it's a different pot of money. It's still taxpayer's money that could be used for other things besides another government building. Maybe put towards the ball fields so they could have held the big yearly games there that got turned down from no money. They closed Okee-Tantie because no money. I'm sure we can all name something that was not done because of no money but no answer from the commissioners as to why they need this big new building. Move the property appraiser to a different building. The current driver's license building is not that big.

Letters to the editor

2013 Kiwanis Radio Auction raises $5,500

The Kiwanis Club of Okeechobee would like to express sincere gratitude toward our generous community for making the annual radio auction fundraiser a huge success. The auction raised a record amount in three hours on Saturday, Feb. 23. We send a big THANK YOU to Ken Keller, Billy Dean, Wayne Cunningham and WOKC for their help with pre-event promotions and airtime for the auction. Also CenterState Bank graciously allowed the Kiwanis Club to use their facility to house our auction and for providing lunch for all the workers.

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A special thank you goes to our community for participating by calling in and bidding on these great items, to the Okeechobee High School Key Club for the great job you did 'running the bids' to everyone and to all the Kiwanis Club members!

The Kiwanis Club of Okeechobee is part of an international network of Kiwanis Clubs, all of which strive to serve the youth of their communities. Locally we will continue to do so, applying these funds to the following programs: Kiwanis Scholarship funds for OHS graduates, mathematics minigrants for local teachers, Reading is Fundamental, G4S Halfway House Christmas Party, Terrific Kids Awards program for 4th & 5th Graders, Key Club, Builder's Clubs, Non-Alcohol Graduation Night Party, Santa in the Park and more.

Heather Hancock
Kiwanis Radio Auction
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Letters to the Editor

Raulerson Hospital

I hear a lot of bad comments about Raulerson Hospital and our local doctors. I would like to share my experiences and views.

The most common comments I have heard is that the local hospital and doctors here are not competent. I am here to tell you that I have had some experiences with Raulerson Hospital and Dr. James Bradfield (Gynecologist), in particular. I have recently had two surgeries performed by Dr. Bradfield at Raulerson Hospital.

My experiences have been excellent. All of the nurses and staff at the hospital have been friendly, efficient and caring. The hospital is very well maintained and is very clean. Dr. Bradfield is "the best" as far as I'm concerned. He explains in full detail what the procedure is, what the outcome is, what the discomforts will be and the length of time for recuperation. He follows up to be sure the results are what he promised and that there are no problems.

In addition to myself, my sister spent two weeks at Raulerson and her treatment could not have been better.

So, my advice is, before you head to the coast or advise someone else to go to the coast for treatment, check it out! I believe you will be pleasantly surprised at what we have here in our little town of Okeechobee!

Barbara Flemming, resident

Scholarship Golf Tournament

The City of Okeechobee Police Department held their first Sgt. Thomas Tarner Scholarship Golf Tournament on Feb. 9, at the Okeechobee Golf and Country Club. We couldn't ask for better golfing weather. The following local businesses stepped up for this great event and provided individual Tee and Green sponsorships; Gilbert Chevrolet, Beef O'Brady's, Hi-Tek Automotive, Syfrett Feed Company, Sims & Younger CPA, Morgan furniture, JMC Landscaping Services, Applebee's, Car Quest, Los Cocos Restaurant, Cowboys Restaurant, Advanced Auto parts, Raulerson Hospital, East Coast Signs, MDO Engineering, Aztec#3, Okeechobee Xplosion All Star, and Total Roadside Services. Additional businesses supported the event by participating in team play and they are as follows; Waste Management with two teams, the Sheriff Paul May team, Okeechobee Dodge team, Ricky White with two teams, the Total Roadside Service team, the City Police Team, the Division of Insurance Fraud team, JMC Landscaping services with two teams, and the Florida Highway Patrol team. And, additional thanks go out to the following businesses for their generous donations in support of the scholarship tournament; W&W Lumber, Home Depot, Walmart, and Pappa Johns Pizza. Finally, a special thanks to the City Police Department staff and their families for their support during the entire event.

The golf tournament was a great success and we would like to take this opportunity to thank all those mentioned above for their support, and we highly encourage everyone in Okeechobee to support the local businesses that supported the golf tournament. We are looking forward to continued success in the coming years and in providing financial support to children of Law Enforcement and Safety personnel in Okeechobee County.

Respectively,
Ofc. Bill Casian,
tournament chairman

Christian Academy collecting for Easter baskets

For the past three years my kids have been fortunate to have the privilege of attending private school. We have never known what it's like to go hungry or live without any of our basic needs due to finances or any reason at all for that matter. We are blessed to say the least.

I am saying all of this to say that some of us have been placed in a position that allows us the opportunity to help others that are not as fortunate. Right now, in this poor economic time you do not have to look far to see someone struggling.

I cannot imagine the heartache of not being able to provide for my kids or their disappointment when they don't receive a Christmas present or an Easter Basket. These are childhood joys that every kid should experience. With these thoughts burdening my heart, I decided to try to do something that would bring some Easter joy to these children in our community. Easter is my favorite holiday so I decided to request help from Okeechobee Christian Academy and some local businesses to collect items to make Easter baskets to give away in our community. The support over the past three years has been overwhelming!

The students at O.C.A. are able to use the donations to assemble handmade baskets that are donated to Communities in Schools. All of the baskets stay in Okeechobee. The more donations that we receive, the more baskets we can give away. Each year we have been able to make around 100 baskets.

I realize that this is a very small contribution but I had a woman tell me that this effort was very special to her because she grew up in a children's home and the only basket that she ever received was a donated one, so I believe that this is important. This is such a simple opportunity to bring a small amount of joy to a child that needs something to smile about and to relieve some of the stress of a parent who just simply can't do it right now.

If you would like to help with this, please drop your donation off at Okeechobee Christian Academy located at 701 S. Parrott Ave. or contact me 863-634-2276, to arrange for your donation to be picked up. We can accept donations until March 21. Thank you in advance for your help!

Sincerely,
Sarah Reno

Dark day

February 28, 2013, is a day that WILL go down as one of the darkest days in Okeechobee. We had a chance to put our town on the map for having a "world-class" RV and recreation area, attracting Rvers from all over the country and a place for the people of our town to go and enjoy the lake and all the amenities that were going to be afforded. But due to the wants of few, the wants of many were overlooked again.

While we needed the Agri-Civic Center, it is bleeding money everyday with only a few events booked every year to help compensate for that. Now we want to build a $2 million drivers license bureau when the county will have to borrow up to a half a million dollars from the landfill fund to just to make budget this year. Unlike the Federal Government that can just print more money, we can't and where is this money going to come from, more cuts that will hurt the people of this town?

Now comes the rest of the story. I have never been more embarrassed in my life watching the lack of attention Mr. Henderson was afforded by the entire board he was addressing except for Mr. Irby and Mr. Culpepper and one bobblehead. The rest would not even make eye contact with him and just looked down like they were doing a crossword puzzle.

I knew then that a decision was already made while he was speaking. There stood in front of them was a man who built 31 world-class RV developments and came back the second time, after talking to the State about issues the BOCC had previously and was offering to enter into an agreement and if all was worked out with the State and the county, then pay $1,600,000 up front to start the project.

All this man received from the Mr. Hoover, Mr. Cassells, Mrs. Helton, Mr. Domer and Mrs. Chartier were reasons not to do it because of their lack of knowledge or maybe some other agenda.

We had the BEST in front of us and could have put Okee-Tantie on the map but while for some reasons only known to the above mentioned.

We the people of Okeechobee will have to settle for second best if we get anything at all.

I openly apologize to Mr. Henderson for the rude treatment he received at the meeting. The people of this town are not like that and you should think of this next election. Get the people out of office that the puppet-masters control and leave the two commissioners in who have your interests at heart...

Larry Gabor

Federated Republican Women's Club forming

Okeechobee has a new ladies' club, the Okeechobee County Federated Republican Women's Club has been established and is inviting new members to join us. We meet at Cowboy's in the private dining room on the last Tuesday of every month. Membership paperwork can be picked up at a meeting or by sending an e-mail to OkeechobeeCFRW@gmail.com. Any other information can be obtained by contacting the club president, Josie Weeks-Elliott, at 863-634-8474.

Shrine Club collects can tabs

The local Shrine Club is collecting the "pull tabs" from aluminum cans. For more information on the activities of the Okeechobee Shrine Club, contact Kip Gardner at 863-357-0427, Mac Simpson at 863-484-0427 or the Shrine Club at 863-763-3378.

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Cypress Hut Eagles 4509 auxiliary will be serving baked Ziti dinner by Carla starting at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, **March 6**. All proceeds go to the auxiliary charity fund. For more information, please call 863-467-1154

Health Start Coalition to meet today

Okeechobee Healthy Start Coalition board of directors will meet Wednesday, **March 6** at 11 a.m. at their office, 1132 S. Parrott Ave. in the White House Plaza. This meeting is open to the public. The Okeechobee Healthy Start Coalition is part of a statewide network of coalitions responsible for planning and implementing services for pregnant women and infants. The Okeechobee Healthy Start Coalition is made up of citizens interested in promoting healthy families and healthy outcomes for babies in Okeechobee. For information, please contact executive director Kay Begin at the coalition office, 863-462-5877.

Want to join a new Red Hat group?

The Garnett Ladies, a new Red Hat group, is looking for new members. They welcome both part-time and full-time residents. The first meeting is Wednesday, **March 6**, at 11 a.m., location to be announced. If you are interested in having fun, call 863-824-2271. Please call ahead, so we can make lunch reservations.

Speckled Perch Festival and Parade applications open

Okeechobee Main Street is currently taking applications for the 48th Annual Speckled Perch Festival and Parade which will be held on March 9 and 10 in Flagler Park Festivities begin at 10 a.m. in the parks, with the parade following at 11 a.m. Okeechobee Main Street is looking for anyone interested in vending food, crafts, demonstrations, or entertainment. Participation in the parade is free, vendor rates vary. The deadline for the applications are **March 6**. For further information, please contact Cindy at the Main Street Office, 55 S. Parrott Ave. or call 863-357-6246.

Free Quit smoking classes

Okeechobee County Library at 206 S.W. 16th St. is offering Quit Smoking Now Classes on **March 6**, 13, 20, 27 at 5:30 p.m. and Raulerson Hospital located 1796 Hwy. 441 North in the "Inservice Classroom," will have Quit Smoking Now Classes on March 6, 13, 20, 27 at 3:30 p.m.

Rick Bender, A Living Testimony to tobacco danger

Rick Bender, A Living Testimony to the Dangers of Tobacco, **March 6**, from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. At the Okeechobee County Health Department Auditorium 1728 N.W. 9th Ave. This presentation will last an hour and is open to the public. Call Candace Pope for more information, at 863-447-9140.

Okeechobee Moose has upcoming events

Okeechobee Moose, at 159 N.W. 36th St., will host Bingo Thursday, at 1 p.m., on **March 7**. Lunch at 12:30 p.m. on Friday, March 8. Bingo starts with Bonanza at 6:30 p.m. Food is available. On Saturday, March 9, Okeechobee Lip Sync 2 to 4 p.m. Food available on Sunday, March 10. Breakfast served 8-11 a.m. All proceeds go to support Moose Charities programs.

Art Auction to benefit YMCA

The 2013 Art Auction will be held on Thursday, **March 7,** at 6 p.m. at the YMCA of the Treasure Coast's Louis Dreyfus Citrus branch in Indiantown. To be part of something greater like the YMCA's Indiantown Children's Art Auction, please contact Shawn Keil at 772-215-9780. Each tax deductible dollar contributed to the YMCA's children's auction goes directly to making Y programs available to those who need it the most.

Orthopedic surgeon to discuss advances

The Oakview Baptist Church Senior Adult Ministry Group will present an informational program by Dr. Benjamin Epstein, an Orthopaedic Surgeon at Orthopaedic Specialists at Raulerson, on Thursday, March, 14. Dr. Epstein will discuss the latest advancements and procedures in joint replacements, as well as informing the audience of the resources available in Okeechobee. The public is invited to attend. No admission fee or other fees will be charged. The program will be held at the church, 677 S.W. 32nd St., in Building A and will begin at approximately 12:45 p.m., following a covered dish luncheon at 12:00 noon. It is not necessary to attend the luncheon. Persons wishing to attend the luncheon MUST make reservations with the church office, 863-763-1699, no later than Thursday, **March 7**.

VFW Ladies Auxiliary Post to host dinner on Friday

VFW Ladies Auxiliary Post 10100 will have a Baked Ham & Baked Potato with all the fixin's dinner on Friday, **March 8**, starting at 5 p.m. $7 includes dessert. We are a smoke free dining room, located on So. Hwy. 29, by the Rodeo Grounds. Get there early before we run out. For information, call 863-675-8008. All proceeds will go to the Ladies Veteran Relief Fund.

Shared Services meeting planned for Friday

The Executive Roundtable of the Shared Services Network of Okeechobee County will conduct its bi-monthly meeting at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, **March 8**, in the board room of the Okeechobee County School Board office. This forum provides a mechanism for dialogue and problem solving in our community through the collaborative efforts of our local decision makers. The public is invited to attend. For more information, please call Sharon Vinson 863- 462-5000, Ext. 257.

Obituaries

Stephanie Drahos Rowley, 32

OKEECHOBEE — Stephanie was called home by the Lord on Friday, March 1, 2013. Her husband, her father, her sister and a roomful of loving family and friends were by her side, holding her hands when she left.

She was born Stephanie Laura Drahos in Plano, Texas on Jan. 13, 1981. Stephanie earned her RN degree at Indian River State College and was close to completing her BA so she could go on to become a Nurse Practitioner. Helping others is something Stephanie did often and found great joy in. She received her strength through her belief in God.

Stephanie married the love of her life, Robbie, on Aug. 1, 2009 after being "set up" by a special friend. She joined him in his passion for off shore and deep sea fishing. Being a wife, mother and nurse was not only her calling but her greatest happiness in life.

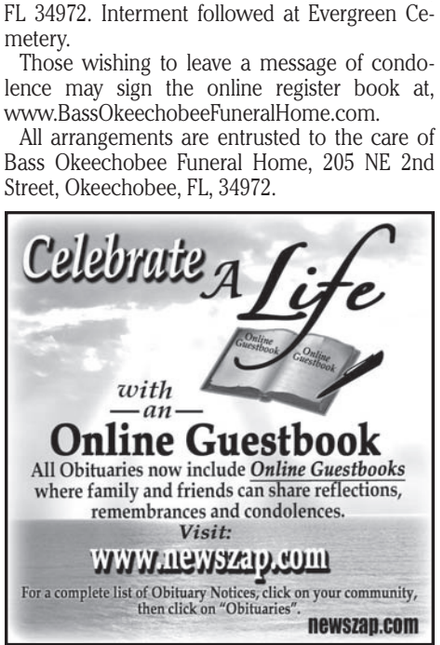
Stephanie believed in living life to the fullest. She loved having a house full of people and being with her loved ones and friends every chance she could. She was happiest with her toes in the sand, her feet in the water (especially that Bahamian water!) and her family by her side.

Stephanie was a unique and irreplaceable person that will be missed by her loving husband, Robbie Rowley; her precious daughters, Karen DeVoss and Tori Rowley; her father, Frank Drahos; and mother Karen Davis. She will also be missed by her stepmother, Katrina Drahos along with Mama Kaye and Papa Bill Arlington. She leaves a hole in the heart of her devoted sister, Courtney Jones; her brother-in-law, Matthew Jones; along with her brothers, Matt Drahos, his wife, Jenn Drahos, and Jeff Davis and Stuart Davis. Stephanie is also survived by her very special nieces, Miranda Jones and Harlow Robbins; as well as her nephews, Blane Davis and Alex Davis.

Services were at 1 p.m. Tuesday, March 5, 2013 at Buxton and Bass Okeechobee Funeral Home, 400 North Parrott Avenue, Okeechobee, FL 34972. Interment followed at Evergreen Cemetery.

Those wishing to leave a message of condolence may sign the online register book at, www.BassOkeechobeeFuneralHome.com.

All arrangements are entrusted to the care of Bass Okeechobee Funeral Home, 205 NE 2nd Street, Okeechobee, FL, 34972.



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.

Drena 'Dee' Glover, 64

OKEECHOBEE — Drena "Dee" Glover died at Lawnwood Medical Center in Ft. Pierce on Sat., Mar. 2, 2013.

Dee resided in North Carolina and had been a seasonal resident of Okeechobee for the past 10 years. She was the craft director at Zachary Taylor Resort, President of the Garden Club in Lilington, N.C., played the guitar and mandolin and authored a book on pine needle baskets. Dee was a member of the BHR craft group and an avid fund raiser for Relay for Life and a member of the Turtle Walk in Emerald Isle, N.C.

Dee was preceded in death by a brother, Ricky Akers.

Survivors include her loving husband of over 30 years, Danny Glover of Okeechobee and N.C.; five children, Terry (Juli) Mork of Mo., Tonya Lynn (Julie) Mork of Wis., Nancy (Lee) Powell, Teresa (Jeff) Galley, Michael (Joanne) Glover; brothers, Reggie (Stella) Akers and Ronnie Akers; and her mother, Stella Marie Akers, all of N.C.

The family will receive friends on Thurs., Mar. 7, 2013, beginning at 1 p.m. at Buxton-Seawinds Funeral Home. A memorial service will follow at 2 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Dee's memory to Hospice of Okeechobee, P.O. Box 1548, Okeechobee, FL 34973.

Friends may send online condolences to www.buxtonseawinds.com

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

Robert 'Bob' F. Lowry, 82

GAINESVILLE — Robert "Bob" F. Lowry, formerly of Okeechobee, passed away at his home on Thursday morning, Feb. 28, 2013.

Mr. Lowry was born in Fort Pierce, Fla. on Oct. 29, 1930 and graduated from St. Lucie High School. He served in the United States Air Force, and then worked the next six generations on several of the local ranches, including for Judge Alto Adams in St. Lucie County. He also worked for several feed companies and retired from the United Feed Company in Okeechobee.

Bob enjoyed travelling and was known to be frugal and exacting in the things that he did, and always with integrity.

He is survived by his loving wife of 28 years, Osann Raulerson Lowry; two sisters, Dorothy Lee and Connie Watkins; and several nieces and nephews.

Graveside Services were held at 2 p.m. Monday, March 4, 2013 at the Evergreen Cemetery in Okeechobee.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of the Nature Coast 201 NE 1st Avenue High Springs, FL 32643. Arrangements are under the care of Milam Funeral and Cremation Services 311 South Main Street Gainesville, FL 32601 (352) 376-5361

March For Babies event this weekend, March 9

Special to the Okeechobee News

This Saturday, March 9, Okeechobee residents will walk to support the March of Dimes' mission to improve the health of babies by preventing birth defects, premature birth, and infant mortality. The March of Dimes carries out this mission through programs of research, community services, education and advocacy to save babies lives. With community support, the March of Dimes can continue to fund research and programs to help all babies have a healthy start in life. March for Babies is the organization's oldest and largest fundraising event, and is co-chaired this year by Paul and Delores May

March for Babies 2013 will begin and end in Flagler Park #5. The schedule is as follows:

7:30 - 8:30 a.m. Muffins and juice will be available before the walk.

7:30 - 8:30 a.m. Late registration and late money turn in.

7:30 - 8:30 a.m. Team pictures - by Sandra Pearce Photography.

8:15 - 8:30 a.m. Warm-up exercises.

8:30 March for Babies 2013 begins.

9:30 a.m. Awards ceremony and a light breakfast for all walkers.

The event will be concluded in time for participants to enjoy the Speckled Perch parade, and then attend the Speckled Perch Festival, that same morning.

There will be five "Spirit Stations" along the approximately 3-mile walk, at which walkers can get refreshments, such as water, juice, and fruit. Spirit Station Sponsors are Center State Bank, Healthy Start Coalition, Quit Doc Research, Publix Super Markets, and Wemmer Family Orthodontics.

Other event Sponsors are: Premier Sponsor: Seacoast National Bank; Top Corporate Partner: Publix Super Markets; Gold Sponsor: Seminole Tribe of Florida; Corporate Partners: Children's Services Council, FPL, Okeechobee Healthcare Facility, Quit Doc Research, State Farm Insurance, and Women's Health Specialists; Mile Marker Sponsor: Law Office of Cassels & McCall; and Mission Sign Sponsors: Everglades Farm Equipment, Golden Corral, and Syfrett Feed Company.

To date, the following teams have registered: BRAT Club, Central Elementary School, Difference Makers, Dragonfly Photography, Everglades Elementary School, Faith Academy Preschool, Gilbert Chevrolet, Harbor Community Bank, Law Office of Cassels & McCall, Marching for Ticket, North Elementary School, Northside Head Start, Novedades San Miguel, Okeechobee Achievement Academy, Okeechobee School District Office, Okeechobee Sheriff's Department, Okeechobee Freshman Campus, Okeechobee High School BETA Club, PNC Bank, Publix Super Markets, Regions Bank, Seacoast National Bank, Seminole Elementary School, South Elementary School, State Farm Insurance, Stepping Stones Academy, Seminole Tribe of Florida, Wheel Times and Winn-Dixie Supermarket.

Awards to be given out include the following: Top Fundraising Individual, Favorite Team T-shirts, Favorite Spirit Station, Outstanding New Team, and Top Ten (10) Fundraising Teams.

So, come out on Saturday to walk, to cheer on a favorite team, to congratulate award winners, or to just join in the fun. What better gift is there to give than that of a healthy, full-term birth? YOU can make it happen by participating in March for Babies 2013. If you haven't already registered, it's not too late to participate – just go to the registration table in Flagler Park #5 on Saturday. Each participant is asked to raise a minimum of $25. For more information about joining March for Babies 2013, call Laura McCall at 863-763-3131.

Local area churches plan concerts and programs

Places of Worship

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The **North Okeechobee Church of God**, at 15949 N.W. 30th Terr., will host a nationally and internationally know singer-songwriter Ronnie Hinson on Sunday, March 10, at 11 a.m. Ronnie and his family sang together for many years as the Hinson family who had several #1 Gospel songs. They were recipients of many gospel song awards over those years. For information, you may call 863-634-0344. There will be no charge, but a love offering will be received.

Fountain of Life Church, on Sunday, March 10, at 11 a.m. will present Pontus J. Back, a man and his guitar, with a past as a touring rock musician. Today, he is still touring but with a different message on salvation and his meeting with Jesus! The church is at 1302 S.W. 32nd St. A nursery is provided for children three and under. Call 863-763-8945 or 863-801-1297.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church will present the music ministry of Santos. Two words can sum up Santos—gratitude and joy. Santos spent many years in the music industry performing and touring with such notables as the Charlie Daniels Band, the Outlaws, George Benson, Dion, Weather Report, POD and many others. As a studio percussionist, he has recorded on dozens of albums and movie scores. His musical style swings from the 50s Doo-Wop to timeless hymns and everything in between. His testimony is one of a life set free from many years of drug addiction through the power of Jesus Christ. Grab your friends and come on out Saturday, March 16, at 7 p.m. to Sacred Heart Church. The concert is free. All are invited. Call the church at 863-763-3727 for more information.

The **Okeechobee Community Choir**, in its 15th year under the direction of Sandy Perry, is rehearsing for its Easter Cantata Concert, to be presented Palm Sunday weekend, March 22, 23 and 24. For more information, call Sandy at 863-634-7714.

The **Oakview Baptist Church** Senior Adult Ministry Group will present an informational program by Dr. Benjamin Epstein, an Orthopaedic Surgeon at Orthopaedic Specialists at Raulerson, on Thursday, March, 14. Dr. Epstein will discuss the latest advancements and procedures in joint replacements, as well as informing the audience of the resources available in Okeechobee. The public is invited to attend. No admission fee or other fees will be charged. The program will be held at the church (677 SW 32nd Street) in Building A and will begin at approximately 12:45 p.m. following a covered dish luncheon at noon. It is not necessary to attend the luncheon in order to attend the program. Persons wishing to attend the luncheon MUST make reservations with the church office 863-763-1699 no later than Thursday, March 7. Reservations can be made by calling the church office and asking for details.

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 and Christian romance, social sciences, geography and history. We also have materials for home schooling, which had home teachers already taking advantage of. 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. For further information, call Doris Entry at 863-467-1548.

Community theatre's "Odd Couple" opens Friday

Very few stage plays in modern theatre contain characters so well crafted that their names and personalities are recognized immediately by much of the general public. Such is the case, however, with Oscar and Felix in "The Odd Couple" by Neil Simon. Aided, of course, by the subsequent movie version, and the long-running spin-off TV series, the sloppy and disorganized Oscar, and his friend, the neurotic neat-freak, Felix, have found their way into American pop culture.

The Okeechobee Community Theatre (OCT) brings these men to life once again as it presents the celebrated comedy at the Freshman Campus Auditorium, one block west of Golden Corral restaurant, on Friday and Saturday nights, March 8, 9, 15 and 16 at 8 pm. Reserved seat tickets are $12 each, and are on sale at the office of the Pennysaver, 111 N. E. Second Street, as well as at the theatre box office, if available, one hour before curtain time.

"This is one of the funniest plays ever," says OCT director, Ron Hayes. "We've rehearsed the same lines over and over each night, and we still laugh at them every time." Local pastors James and John Garner portray the two polar-opposite men who move in together to save money for their alimony payments, and then proceed to drive each other crazy. Also on hand are their Friday night poker-playing buddies played by Language Arts teacher, Al Cole; State Parole Officer Michael White; realtor, Don Renfranz; and Pete Gawda of the Okeechobee News. Laurie Garner and Genna Lute appear as two British sisters who provide Oscar and Felix with some female company.

"The Odd Couple" is arguably America's favorite play. It ran for nearly 1,000 performances in its first New York production in the 1960s, and has been successfully revived on Broadway numerous times since. It broke box office records when it was brought to the motion picture screen, then moved to TV where it ran for five hit seasons.

The playwright, Neil Simon, infused new life into the story by reworking it for a female cast in the 1980s, and then gave it a little edgier spin a few years later in an updated script entitled "Oscar and Felix." It is the original 1960s version that is being presented by the OCT.

The Okeechobee Community Theatre, now in its 34th year, is an all-volunteer nonprofit organization of local people who produce Broadway-style entertainment for area audiences. It is a member of the American Association of Community Theatre, and the Florida Theatre Conference.

For more information, call Ron or Jacque Hayes at 863-763-1307.

James and John Garner (left to right) star in the OCT production

Special to the Okeechobee News/**OCT**

Friday night poker-playing buddies attempt to calm Felix Unger down to keep him from killing himself after the break-up of his marriage. The scene is from the Okeechobee Community Theatre production of The Odd Couple, to be performed on Friday and Saturday nights, March 8, 9, 15 and 16. Cast members (left to right) are Al Cole, Pete Gawda, James Garner, Michael White, Don Renfranz and John Garner.

High school students earn college credits

Concerned about the cost of college? Dual Enrollment provides an opportunity for high school and home school students to begin working on their college degree with free tuition while still in high school. This saves students and their parents thousands of dollars. Because of the many questions about Dual Enrollment, Indian River State College is holding information on March 13, at the IRSC Dixon Hendry Campus, Williamson Conference Center Auditorium, Room C-112, Okeechobee. at 6 p.m. regarding this highly respected scholarship program on:

Dual Enrollment students earn college credits while completing requirements toward high school graduation. The courses are free. This is possible because the program is supported by the State of Florida to help high school students accelerate their progress toward a college degree. Many local Dual Enrollment students choose to continue their education on the Research Coast and earn their Bachelor's Degree at IRSC. Credits earned through Dual Enrollment readily transfer to all Florida public universities and most universities nationally. Dual Enrollment courses are weighted the same as Honors, Advanced Placement, Advanced International Certificate of Education and International Baccalaureate courses when high school grade-point averages are calculated. For more information, contact the IRSC Call Center at 1-866-792-4772 or visit www.irsc.edu.

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Parade to feature Speckled Perch Festival royalty

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The 2013 Miss Speckled Perch and her court will be featured in the Speckled Perch Festival Parade on Saturday, March 9, at 11 a.m.

On Saturday, Feb. 16, the Okeechobee High School Auditorium was transformed into the setting for the 2013 Speckled Perch Pageant. As the curtains were lifted, the gorgeous backdrop of peacock blue and green balloons and baubles shone from the stage. Trophies, crowns, flowers, banners and gifts awaited the chosen few in each individual category. Thirty-six adorable children and beautiful young women waited anxiously as emcee Shelly Sickels, the 1974 Speckled Perch Queen, took the stage. Shelly shared a brief history of the pageant, noting that 2015 will be the 50-year anniversary for the pageant and festival. She also recognized past Speckled Perch Queens Melisa Jahner and Dina Campbell, 2012 Okeechobee County Fair Queen Taylor Fulford and 2011 Queen Christina Close. Pastor Loy Mershimer from the Okeechobee Presbyterian Church inspired the crowd with his beautiful acapella interpretation of the Star Spangled Banner followed by prayer.

Seven categories were announced: Tiny Miss and Mister (age 3); Little Miss and Mister (ages 4-5); Princess (ages 6-9); Junior Miss (ages 10-13) and Miss (ages 14-18). This year in addition to their gown, the Junior Miss and Miss contestants were also judged on sportswear and an interview. Each category was announced and presented as a group, then each contestant took the stage individually. Proud parents, family members and friends listened and watched as the contestants modeled and Shelly presented their many accomplishments.

As the three honored judges made their final decisions, 2012 Speckled Perch Queen Ashli Clemons and Junior Miss Hope Wisener made their final walk across the stage and thanked the residents of Okeechobee for their support. Ashli, Hope and 2012 Little Miss Speckled Perch Olivia Campbell assisted with the crowning of the 2013 court and presentation of banners. Congratulations to the following:

• Miss Speckled Perch is Taylor Pearce, 15, daughter of Matt and Alisha Pearce. Taylor is in 10th grade at Okeechobee High School and is a member of the FFA, Secretary of the Okeechobee Junior Cattlemen's club, a competitive cheerleader at Okeechobee Xplosion Allstars and an OHS Varsity Cheerleader. She plays guitar, banjo and piano, sings and competes in local talent contests as well as taking care of her livestock animals and helping with the family ranch. She was the chosen representative on her Freshman and Sophomore Homecoming Court and maintains a 3.5 grade average. Taylor also won a Spirit Award for her votes on Facebook and was chosen Miss Congeniality by her peers.

• First Runner-Up Hannah Whiting, 17, daughter of Frank and Jeannine Whiting.

• Second Runner-Up Hannah White, 18, daughter of Zachary and Nicki White.

• Most Photogenic Jessica Wisener, 16, daughter of Terryl and Missy Wisener.

• Junior Miss Speckled Perch Francesca Alfano, 12, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Oyer. Francesca is in the seventh grade at Florida Virtual School. She competes in dancing, singing, and gymnastics; plays piano and enjoys running, archery and triathalons. She attended the summer dance program at Teatro Della Scala in Milan, Italy; sang at the State of the City address in West Palm Beach and performed for Scott Carpenter. Francesca also won Most Photogenic for her age category.

• First Runner-Up is Kayleigh Crum, 10, daughter of Adam and Wendy Crum.

• Second Runner-Up is Autumn Rodriguez, 13, daughter of Steve Rodriguez and Tracie Cordell.

• Speckled Perch Princess is Anaya Gomez, 6, daughter of Rey and Brandi Gomez. Anaya was sponsored by Total Roadside Services and the Okeechobee Police Department. Anaya is in the first grade at North Elementary. She loves to ride her 4-wheeler and complete on the Okeechobee Xplosion cheer and dance team.

Anaya also won Most Photogenic for her age category and was presented a Spirit Award for her Facebook votes.

• First Runner-Up is Elizabeth Smith, 8, daughter of Dwaine Smith and Summer Goodbread. Elizabeth was sponsored by Affordable Insurance of the Glades.

• Second Runner-Up is Tess D'Ariano, 7, daughter of Angelo and Brigitte D'Ariano. Tess was sponsored by Country Feed and Jones Supply.

• Little Miss Speckled Perch is Jayda Burkett, 4, daughter of Nick and Rosa Burkett. Jayda participates in dance at Leslie's Dance Studio and tumbles at Okeechobee Xplosion. She loves to ride her 4-wheeler and pony and play with her puppies. Jayda also won Most Photogenic for her age category.

• First Runner-Up is Katelynn Bonea, 5, daughter of Cristi Bonea.

• Little Mister Speckled Perch is A.J. D'Ariano, 5, son of Brigitte and Angelo D'Ariano. A.J. enjoys riding his horse and mutton bustin'. A.J. also won Most Photogenic for his age category.

• Tiny Miss Speckled Perch is Andie-Reese Elliott, 3, daughter of Robert and Josie Elliott. Andie-Reese likes to sing, dress up, work outside with dad and campaign with her mom.

Andie-Reese also won Most Photogenic for her age category. Tiny Mister Speckled Perch Logan Kemp, 3, son of Krystal and Jimmy Kemp II. Logan is part of the "OCI Family and Friends" Relay for Life team and loves to fish, ride his bike and wrestle.

The 2013 Speckled Perch Pageant was organized by Okeechobee Main Street and the Pageant Committee, consisting of Julie Turner, Shelly Sickels, Bobbi Poole and Cindy Birdashaw. Flower Petals provided flowers and decorations and did an amazing job transforming the stage into a gorgeous backdrop for the pageant. American Drilling, Inc. sponsored the winner's prize bags and Okeechobee High School provided the use of the Lecture Hall. We are all extremely proud of the beautiful and talented young people in Okeechobee.

All of Okeechobee will be able to see the 2013 Speckled Perch Queen and her court at the 2013 Speckled Perch Festival, sponsored by Okeechobee Main Street, on March 9 and 10. The annual Speckled Perch Parade on Saturday, March 9, at 11 a.m., will feature these young people and also honor the traditions of Okeechobee. For further information, contact the Okeechobee Main Street office at 863-357-6246.

OFFICIAL NOTICE

Glades Electric Cooperative Inc.
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Saturday, March 16, 2013

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Miss Speckled Perch Taylor Pearce (center) was crowned Feb. 16. Hannah White (left) was second runner-up and Hannah Whiting (right) was first runner-up.

Special to the Okeechobee News/ **Maurisa Tremain**

Junior Miss Speckled Perch Francesca Alfano (center) is pictured with First Runner-Up Kayleigh Crum (left) and Second Runner-up Autumn Rodriguez (right).

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Tiny Mister Speckled Perch is Logan Kemp.

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Tiny Miss Speckled Perch is Andi Reese Elliott.

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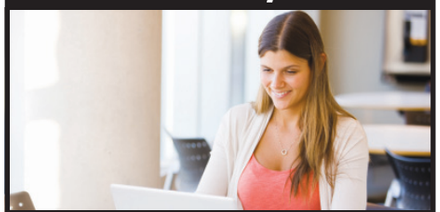
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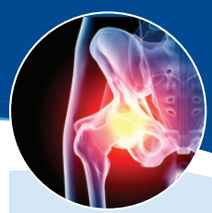
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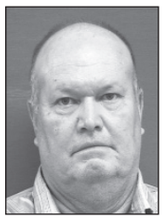
FDLE: Men stole over $200,000 from GEC

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

MOORE HAVEN—Three men have been arrested by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) for allegedly bilking an area utilities company out of more than $200,000.


William Lewis Romine

James Robert Kelley

Jeffrey Rand Friedman

An FDLE arrest report stated the men falsified invoices and bought truck and car parts, airboat parts, a barbecue grill and other items that were then paid for by the Glades Electric Cooperative (GEC), Inc.

Those arrested on felony charges were:

• William Lewis Romine, 57, Donna Drive, Moore Haven. He was charged Feb. 21 with one count of grand theft, one count of dealing in stolen property, one count of organized scheme to defraud and two counts of criminal conspiracy. He was booked into the Glades County Jail on $100,000 bond. He has been released on bond.

• James Robert Kelley, 44, S.E. 11th Place, Cape Coral. He was charged Feb. 22 with one count of grand theft, one count of organized scheme to defraud and two counts of criminal conspiracy. He, too, was booked into the Glades County Jail. His bond was set at $50,000, and he has been released on bond.

• Jeffrey Rand Friedman, 53, Sand Pebble Way, Sanibel. He was charged Feb. 22 with one count of grand theft, one count of organized scheme to defraud and two counts of criminal conspiracy. His bond was set at $100,000, and he has been released from the Glades County Jail on bond.

According to the report Romine was the supervisor of fleet services for GEC and, as such, he had the authority to order automotive and mechanical parts from suppliers. Kelley, continued the report, was a salesman for Jack Lyons Truck Parts in Fort Myers from August 2005 through February 2009, and Wallace International Trucks in Fort Myers from February 2009 through May 2012.

The report stated that Romine would buy items through Kelley for his personal use, and Kelley would then receive a commission for the sale. Kelley would reportedly generate a company invoice and bill GEC for the item or items and the company would then pay the invoice.

Rand, the owner of a Fort Myers auto parts business named Performance Plus, allegedly became involved when Kelley introduced him to Romine. Romine allegedly bought a barbecue grill designed like an automobile engine, a go cart, lawn mower, hundreds of airboat parts and a motor vehicle engine. Romine also got his personal vehicles repaired and painted through Rand's business, added the report.

Kelley would again create bogus invoices that were submitted by Romine to GEC, who would then pay the bill, stated the report.

Friedman allegedly told the agent he "... made approximately $50,000 to $100,000 from the transactions with Romine and Kelley." In all, the report indicated that Friedman created 71 fake invoices and received payments totaling $154,028.74 from May 2010 through August 2011.

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FDLE apparently arrested the men on warrants at the Glades County Sheriff's Office.

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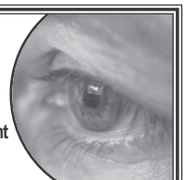

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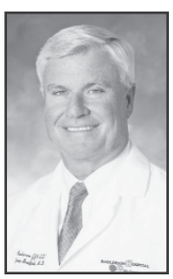

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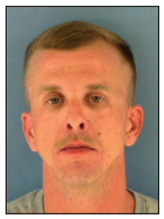
Deputy: Man caught with meth, pills

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News



Stephen I. Bohannon

As Stephen Ivory Bohannon walked out of the Raulerson Hospital emergency room Sunday night he had no idea that he would soon find himself in the Okeechobee County Jail.

Bohannon, 31, U.S. 441 Southeast, Okeechobee, was arrested March 3 on felony charges of desertion of wife and/or children, possession of a controlled substance and possession of methamphetamine. He was also arrested on misdemeanor charges of possession of marijuana under 20 grams and possession of drug paraphernalia.

He was booked into the county jail on a bond of $6,000 on the drug charges. His bond on the desertion charge is a cash purge of $1,000.

Deputy Joseph Hall, of the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO), indicated in his arrest report he was helping OCSO Deputy Cari Arnold in the hospital parking lot when he saw Bohannon walk out of the emergency room.

Recalling that Bohannon was wanted on the desertion warrant, Deputy Hall stated that he approached the man and placed him under arrest.

According to Deputy Hall when he searched Bohannon he found: a suspected marijuana cigarette; a clear plastic baggie with a crystal-like substance; six white oval pills; one white round pill; a clear plastic bag containing suspected marijuana; two white pills; and, a glass pipe with a crystal substance inside.

The deputy's report went on to state that a field test was done on the suspected marijuana and it indicated a positive result for the presence of marijuana. A field test was also done on the crystal-like substance in the baggie, as well as the substance inside the glass pipe. Both of those tests indicated a positive result for the presence of methamphetamine, added Deputy Hall.

The report also stated that the round white pills were identified as acetaminophen with codeine, a schedule II narcotic. The deputy went on to state that the white pills were found to be buspirone, which is a non-narcotic anti-anxiety medication.

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).

• Antijuan Jemale Holmes, 33, N.E. 15th Ave., Okeechobee, was arrested March 1 by Officer Jeremy Larue on a felony charge of driving while license suspended. His bond was set at $500.

• Lauren Kristin Autrey, 26, N.E. 101st Ave., Okeechobee, was arrested March 1 by Deputy Corporal Chris Hans on a Highlands County warrant charging her with the felony of violation of probation - possession of oxycodone. She was released on her own recognizance.

• Jordan Ollie Jones, 23, N.W. First St., Okeechobee, was arrested March 2 by Deputy Heath Hughes on a misdemeanor charge of driving under the influence. His bond was set at $500.

• Melinda Kay Aguirre, 43, N.W. 45th Terrace, Okeechobee, was arrested March 2 by Deputy Steven Pollock on a misdemeanor charge of driving under the influence. Her bond was set at $500.

• Donald Benjamin Dunnam, 52, S.E. 29th Lane, Okeechobee, was arrested March 2 by Deputy Steven Pollock on a Michigan fugitive warrant charging him with the felony of non-payment of child support. He is being held without bond.

• Daniel Jordan Estey, 18, S.E. 18th Terrace, Okeechobee, was arrested March 2 by Deputy William Jolly on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with the felonies of possession of marijuana over 20 grams, possession of marijuana with intent to sell and possession of cocaine with intent to sell, and a misdemeanor charge of possession of drug paraphernalia. His bond was set at $15,500.

• Jackie Ray Foster, 57, N.W. 39th Circle, Okeechobee, was arrested March 3 by Deputy Matthew Grumbling on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with grand theft. His bond was set at $7,500.

• Liam Michael Flanagan, 21, N.W. 110th St., Okeechobee, was arrested March 3 by Deputy Steven Pollock on a misdemeanor charge of driving under the influence. His bond was set at $750.

• Da'Tron Olajuwon Smith, 18, N.E. 17th Ave., Okeechobee, was arrested March 3 by Officer Ryan Holroyd on a felony charge of tampering with evidence and a misdemeanor charge of possession of marijuana under 20 grams. His bond was set at $3,000.

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FOR SALE BY OWNER.
On deep canal,
15 minutes to locks!
3 Bd/1.5 Ba. 1,344 sq. ft. Modular Home enclosed back porch, fenced yard, shed, pontoon and trailer,fully furnished w/everything.
Reduced $10,000 to
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3104 SE 35th Ave.

Lots - Sale

BHR - Waterfront double lot for sale on Trout St. 100'x135' w/135' of solid seawall. Ready for your mobile home w/utilities. $48,000. Call 561-908-1959.

Get a quick response to any item you may be selling with a classified ad.

Mobile Homes

Mobile Home Rent

For Rent
1 Bedroom Trailer
$125 A Week and pay for Electric.
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Mobile Home Rent

FOR RENT 2 BEDROOM 1.5 BATH MOBILE HOME, WASHER & DRYER, CENTRAL AIR, FURNISHED, NICE PARK .
$450.00 MONTHLY
CALL 812-989-3022

Treasure Island
For Rent Waterfront 1/1 furnished trailer, Direct Tv and electric included $125.00 weekly plus security
Call 863-517-5111

Mobile Home Sale

ANCIENT OAKS 55+ BEST BUY!
$29,000. NEW A/C, TILE FLOORS, KING MURPHY BED, WASH HOUSE, BEAUTIFUL BACK YARD ON CANAL.
CALL 863-697-3954, 863-357-6530

CASABLANCA PARK
For Sale or Rent w/option to buy. 9441 Hwy 78 West,Adult Park, 3BR/1.5BA, Fully furnished,W/D, Big Florida room,Lots of updates. $15,000 OBO (219)384-3407

New Palm Harbor Homes Mobile Condo $39,900 Delivered to your site $0 down financing John Lyons 800-622-2832 ext 210

PRICE REDUCED
Mobile Home for Sale 2bd,1 updated bath, 12' by 24' Florida room w/tile floor, windows. Metal roof over, very safe, Lots of light. Brand new A/C w/heat strip, new thermostat. Fully furnished, new washing machine, new refrigerator, new microwave, dishwasher, etc. Lots of extras. Brand new kitchen cabinets. Wall hugger recliner/massage couch,loveseat rocker/recliner. Queen size bedroom set in master. 2 yard sheds, 1 w/electric, window and workbench. Long carport, quiet street, nice neighbors. Asking $22,000.00 negotiable. Owner financing for half. Call 863-467-7996

Recreation

Boats

2011 Lowe St. 195,90hp, trolling motor 8ft Minn Kota Talon,(2)23 gallon live wells,fish finder,4 tanks of fuel since new. Warranty good thru Aug. 2015. Located in Buckhead Ridge. $16,500 724-388-4075

Campers/RVs

04 Coachman Pop-up w/screen room $4,000 o.b.o. Like new condition, set up for viewing on 78 West
Call 863-763-1079

It's never too late to find the perfect gift. Look for it in the classifieds.

36ft 99 Damon Intruder 2 slides, Triton V-10, 41,000 miles, new tires and battery, ex. condition. $19,500
Call 813-447-1234

Wanted all Travel Trailers, Motor Homes and Fifth Wheels. Any Condition, Cash paid on the spot
Call 941-347-7171

Fifth Wheels

2000 Travel Supreme 5th Wheel 36 ft w/2 slides, washer/dryer, very clean a must see $12,500 Call 863-763-7395

Earn some extra cash. Sell your used items in the classifieds

Automotive

Autos Wanted

CASH FOR CARS
No Title Needed,
Any Condition.
268junk.com
Located in Okeechobee
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Pickup Trucks

1994 Chevy 1/2 ton p/up automatic trans., air, V-6 78,000 miles excellent condition $2,900 Call 812-989-3022

For Sale 2000 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 V-8 45,000 miles, single cab manual doors and window, ac and stereo $7,500
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Sport Utility

2003 Chevy Tahoe Model Z-71, 4x4, Black, Bose sound system, Fully loaded w/leather interior and moon roof. $5,500 Call and ask for Jim 863-467-8559

Earn some extra cash. Sell your used items in the classifieds

Public Notices

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The County Coalition for Responsible Management of Lake Okeechobee and the St. Lucie and Caloosahatchee Estuaries and Lake Worth Lagoon will hold its **County Coalition Meeting on Friday, March 08, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.** in the "Judge William L. Hendry Courtroom" at the Historic Courthouse, 304 N.W. 2nd Street, Okeechobee, Florida.

Please take notice and be advised that if any person desires to appeal any decision made by the Coalition with respect to any matter considered at this meeting, such interested person will need a record of the proceedings, and for such purpose may 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.

Russell Echols as Chairman
County Coalition for Responsible Management of
Lake Okeechobee and St. Lucie and Caloosahatchee Estuaries

Sharon Robertson, Clerk
Board of County Commissioners
Okeechobee County, Florida
/s/ Paula Poskon/ Deputy Clerk
438148 ON 3/6/2013

STATE OF FLORIDA,
CRIMINAL JUSTICE STANDARDS & TRAINING COMMISSION,
Petitioner
vs.
KASIE L. HARRISON, Case # 33245
Respondent

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: KASIE L. HARRISON,
Residence Unknown

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an Administrative Complaint has been filed against you seeking to revoke your CORRECTIONAL Certificate in accordance with Section 943.1395, F.S., and any rules promulgated thereunder.

You are required to serve a written copy of your intent to request a hearing pursuant to Section 120.57, F.S. upon Jennifer C. Pritt, Program Director, Criminal Justice Professionalism Program, Florida Department of Law Enforcement, P. O. Box 1489, Tallahassee, Florida 32302-1489, on or before April 11, 2013. Failure to do so will result in a default being entered against you to Revoke said certification pursuant to Section 120.60, F.S., and Rule 11B-27, F.A.C.

Dated: February 11, 2013
Ernest W. George
CHAIRMAN - CRIMINAL JUSTICE STANDARDS
AND TRAINING COMMISSION
By: -s- Jill Simpson, Division Representative
436974 ON 2/20,27;3/6,13/2013

OKEECHOBEE COUNTY
INVITATION TO BID

Okeechobee County requests bids from qualified vendors for the purchase of fuel and motor oils on an annual contact basis. Bids should be submitted on the "Invitation to Bid" summary sheet. This bid sheet may be obtained by calling (863)763-3514 or via www.co.okeechobee.fl.us. Please include all of the information requested in the Request for Proposal submitted to the County. The bidder does not have to provide a bid on all groups listed in the Request for Proposal. The bidder may submit bids on portions of the fuel/oil types requested but must respond to the sections requesting information on emergency delivery, taxes and discounts for prompt payment sections for any bid.

Bids will be due no later than March 20, 2013 at 2:30 p.m., and should be submitted in a sealed envelope and clearly marked **"Sealed Bid Okeechobee County Motor Fuel and Motor Oil RFP 2013-05."** Any questions or inquires should be directed to: Frank Byars, Road Maintenance Director at (863)763-3514. Proposals should be sent to: Okeechobee County, 304 NW 3rd Street, Room 222, Okeechobee, FL 34972. All bids received after the deadline for submission will not be opened or considered.

Okeechobee County reserves the right to waive formalities or informalities, to reject or award any and all bids or part(s) thereof, or to negotiate further with any or all bidders and accepts no responsibility for the expense of preparation or delivery of bids to the County. Responses to the "Requests for Proposals" will be submitted to the Board of County Commissioners on or after March 28, 2013 with recommendation(s) for bid award(s).

Sharon Robertson, Clerk
Board of County Commissioners
438141 ON 3/6/2013

Frank Irby, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE: ESTATE OF
BOBBIE L. FULLER,
a/k/a BOBBIE FULLER,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS (ancillary)

The administration of the Florida estate of BOBBIE FULLER, deceased, whose date of death was April 2, 2012, and whose social security number is XXX-XX-8831, is pending in the Circuit Court for Okeechobee County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 312 Northwest 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida 34972. The name and address of the Personal Representative and the Personal Representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent, and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is served, must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY 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 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 Feb. 27, 2013.

JACK A. BAXTER, JR.,
Attorney for personal Representative
4530 North Federal Highway
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33308
Telephone: (954) 772-4460
Florida Bar No. 352993

STEVE FULLER
Personal Representative
1253 7th Street
Okeechobee, FL 34974
437635 ON 2/27;3/6/2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
File Number 2013-CP-013

IN RE: ESTATE OF
JAMES EDWARD SHIRLEY,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of JAMES EDWARD SHIRLEY, deceased, File Number 2013-CP-013, is pending in the Circuit Court for Okeechobee County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 304 NW 2nd Street, Okeechobee, FL 34972. The

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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, including unmatured, contingent or unliquidated claims, on whom a copy of this notice is served must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

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

ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

The date of first publication of this Notice is March 3, 2013.

Personal Representative:
Cora Nell Shirley
307 SW 10th Street
Okeechobee, FL 33497

Attorney for Personal Representative:
ROBERT R. MORRIS, P.A.
685 Royal Palm Beach Boulevard
Suite 205
Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411
Phone: 561-793-1200
Fax: 561-793-1020
BY: Les C. Shields, Esq.
Florida Bar No.: 988596
437841 ON 3/6,13/2013

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

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Public Notice

CAJUN CONSTRUCTORS, INC.
A SUBSIDIARY OF CAJUN INDUSTRIES, LLC

Cajun Constructors is soliciting bids and quotations from small disadvantaged, women owned, veteran owned and service disabled veteran owned small businesses for construction services and goods.
These solicitations are for contracts to construct the Kissimmee River Restoration Project S-65EX1 in Okeechobee, Florida.

For information on required bids and quotations contact Cajun Constructors by email to : pricequotes @ cajunusa.com or fax 225 753 9622.

Cajun is an EEO employer.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2010-CA-146

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.,
Plaintiff,
vs.
JOHN E. SACRA, BARBARA SACRA UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION #1 and #2, and ALL OTHER UNKNOWN PARTIES, et. al.,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated November 29, 2012, entered in Civil Case No.: 2010-CA-146 of the Circuit Court of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Okeechobee County, Florida, wherein BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff, and JOHN E. SACRA, BARBARA SACRA, are Defendants.
I will sell to the highest bidder for cash in the Jury Assembly Room, Second Floor of the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 312 Northwest 3rd Street, Okeechobee, FL 34972, at 11:00 AM, on the 27th day of March, 2013, the following described real property as set forth in said Final Summary Judgment, to wit:

EXHIBIT "A"

SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE COUNTY OF OKEECHOBEE, STATE OF FLORIDA TO WIT: LOT 3, BLOCK 1, OKEECHOBEE HAMMOCK, SECTION ONE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 31, PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA. AND A PARCEL OF LAND LYING WITHIN SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 38 SOUTH, RANGE 36 EAST, OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 3, BLOCK 1, BEAR NORTH 52 DEG. 09' 40" WEST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF LOT 2, BLOCK 1, OKEECHOBEE HAMMOCK, SECTION ONE, A DISTANCE OF 28.63 FEET; THENCE BEAR SOUTH 35 DEG. 20' 53" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 156.13 FEET; THENCE BEAR SOUTH 56 DEG. 09' 07" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 132.29 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE BEAR NORTH 35 DEG. 20' 53" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 3.74 FEET TO A POINT ON THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID LOT 3; THENCE BEAR NORTH 52 DEG. 09' 40" WEST, ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID LOT 3, A DISTANCE OF 100.0 FEET; THENCE BEAR NORTH 33 DEG. 51'11" EAST ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT 3, A DISTANCE OF 143.88 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.
A/K/A: 6749 SE 87th Trail, Okeechobee, FL 34974

If you are a person claiming a right to funds remaining after the sale, you must file a claim with the clerk no later than 60 days after the sale. If you fail to file a claim you will not be entitled to any remaining funds. After 60 days, only the owner of record as of the date of the lis pendens may claim the surplus.
WITNESS my hand and the seal of the court on January 7, 2013.

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

Attorney for Plaintiff:
Brian L. Rosaler, Esquire Popkin & Rosaler, P.A.
1701 West Hillsboro Boulevard Suite 400
Deerfield Beach, FL 33442
Telephone: (954) 360-9030 Facsimile: (954) 420-5187
437644 ON 2/27;3/6/2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA. CIVIL DIVISIÓN
CASE NO.
472010CA000200XXXXXX

BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING LP,
Plaintiff,
VS.
TIMOTHY J. MALDONADO; et al
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE
PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Summary Final Judgment of foreclosure dated December 13, 2012, and entered in Case No. 472010CA000200XXXXXX of the Circuit Court in and for Okeechobee County, Florida, wherein BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING LP is Plaintiff and TIMOTHY J. MALDONADO; TRACY MALDONADO; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 1; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 2; and ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST A NAMED DEFENDANT TO THIS ACTION, OR HAVING OR CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED, 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 N. W. 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida 34972, beginning at, 11:00 a.m. on the 27th day of March, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Order or Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOT 11, BLOCK 63, A PLAT OF BASSWOOD, INC. UNIT NO 6 ACCORDING TO MAP OR PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 50 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Corrie Johnson, ADA Coordinator, 250 NW Country Club Drive, Suite 217, Port St. Lucie, FL 34986, (772) 807-4370 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.
DATED at Okeechobee, Florida, on December 17, 2012.

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

433521 ON 2/27;3/6/2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 47200900454

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. AS TRUSTEE ON BEHALF OF THE HARBORVIEW 2006-12 TRUST FUND,
Plaintiff,
VS.
STEPHEN L. SHAW, et al.,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE
PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Summary Final Judgment of foreclosure dated December 14, 2012, and entered in Case No. 47200900454XXXXXX of the Circuit Court in and for Okeechobee County, Florida, wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. AS TRUSTEE ON BEHALF OF THE HARBORVIEW 2006-12 TRUST FUND is Plaintiff and STEPHEN L. SHAW; DOROTHY A. SHAW; COTTAGES AT THE LAKE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC.; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 1; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 2; and ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST A NAMED DEFENDANT TO THIS ACTION, OR HAVING OR CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED, 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 N.W. 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida 34972 at 11:00 a.m. on the 27th day of March, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Order or Final Judgment, to-wit:

THAT CERTAIN CONDOMINIUM PARCEL COMPOSED OF UNIT 19, COTTAGES AT THE LAKE, A CONDOMINIUM, AND AN UNDIVIDED INTEREST OR SHARE IN THE COMMON ELEMENTS APPURTENANT THERETO IN ACCORDANCE WITH AND SUBJECT TO THE COVENANTS, RESTRICTIONS, LIMITATIONS, CONDITIONS AND USES, TERMS AND OTHER PROVISIONS OF THE DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM FOR COTTAGES AT THE LAKE, A CONDOMINIUM, RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 605, PAGE 228, OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA PUBLIC RECORDS, TOGETHER WITH ALL THE APPURTENANCES TO THAT UNIT, SUBJECT, HOWEVER, TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM.

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Corrie Johnson, ADA Coordinator, 250 NW Country Club Drive, Suite 217, Port St. Lucie, FL 34986, (772) 807-4370 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.
DATED at Okeechobee, Florida, on December 17, 2012.

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

433484 ON 2/27;3/6/2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 47-2012-CA-000125

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.;
Plaintiff,
VS.
JACKEY BAILEY; ET AL,
Defendants,

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS GIVEN that, in accordance with the Default Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated December 11, 2012, in the above-styled cause, The Clerk of Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at The Okeechobee County Judicial Center at 11:00 am, on The Second Floor, Jury Assembly Room, 312 North West 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida, 34972, on March 27, 2013, the following described property:

BEING A PARCEL OF LAND LYING IN SECTION 18, TOWNSHIP 37 SOUTH, RANGE 36 EAST, OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ALSO KNOWN AS LOT 6P ON THE UNRECORDED PLAT OF FOUR SEASONS ESTATES AND BEING FURTHER DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 18, THENCE NORTH 00°5'07" EAST ALONG THE EAST BOUNDARY OF SAID SECTION 18 A DISTANCE 2160.35 FEET TO A POINT OF INTERSECTION WITH THE SOUTH BOUNDARY OF AUTUMN DRIVE EXTENDED; THENCE NORTH 89°54'53" WEST ALONG THE SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY OF AUTUMN DRIVE A DISTANCE OF 390.91 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE SOUTH 00°04'22" WEST A DISTANCE OF 220.00 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE NORTH 89°54'53" WEST A DISTANCE OF 198.00 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE NORTH 00°04'22" EAST A DISTANCE OF 220.00 FEET TO A POINT LYING ON THE SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY OF AUTUMN DRIVE; THENCE SOUTH 89°54'53" EAST ALONG THE SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY OF AUTUMN DRIVE A DISTANCE OF 198.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. TOGETHER WITH 1992 WESTON MOBILE HOME BEARING ID# GAFLN75A14987WE AND FLORIDA TITLE # 63595610
Property address: 6278 NE 7TH 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.
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 on December 13, 2012.

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

Attorneys for Plaintiff
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100 West Cypress Creek Road, Suite 1045 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309
Phone: (954)-644-8704; Fax (954) 772-9601
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433519 ON 2/27;3/6/2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 19TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION:
CASE NO.: 472009CA000430CAXXXX

BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P. FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P.,
Plaintiff,
VS.
GARY L. BATES; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF GARY L. BATES; IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated the 23rd day of January, 2013, and entered in Case No. 472009CA000430CAXXXX, of the Circuit Court of the 19TH Judicial Circuit in and for Okeechobee County, Florida, wherein BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P. FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P. is the Plaintiff and GARY L. BATES 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 3rd day of April, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 17 OF BRINDABAN FOREST UNIT FOUR, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGES 2 AND 3, PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Corrie Johnson, ADA Coordinator, 250 NW Country Club Drive, Suite 217, Port St. Lucie, FL 34986, (772) 807-4370 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.
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, Coordinator ADA, 250 NW Country Club Drive, suite 217, Port St. Lucie, FL 34986, (772) 807-4370 O'mwen 7 jou avan ke ou gen pou-ou paret nan tribunal, ou imediatman ke ou resevwa avis sa-a ou si le ke ou gen pou-ou ale nan tribunal-la mwens ke 7 jou; Si ou pa ka tande ou pale byen, rele 711.
Dated this 24th day of January, 2013.

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. 09000210CA

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.
Plaintiff,
v.
JESUS GOMEZ; JOSE E. VELEZ; REYNA ISAQUIRRE; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JESUS GOMEZ; UNKNOWN TENANT 1; UNKNOWN TENANT 2; AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT(S), WHO (IS/ARE) NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIM AS HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, SPOUSES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; NATIONWIDE MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY A/S/O SHIRLEY PALMER
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated October 25, 2012 in this cause, I will sell the property situated in OKEECHOBEE County, Florida, described as:

COMMENCING AT THE SE CORNER OF LOT 10, BLOCK 42, BASSWOOD, INC. UNIT 3, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT OF SAID SUBDIVISION AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 37, PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, THENCE RUN NORTH 88 DEGREES 31' 45" WEST ALONG THE SOUTH BOUNDARY LINE OF SAID BLOCK 42 FOR A DISTANCE OF 125.00 FEET, THENCE RUN SOUTH 0 DEGREES 08' 25" WEST, ALONG THE WEST BOUNDARY LINE OF BLOCK 60, UNIT 5, OF THE AFORESAID BASSWOOD, INC. SUBDIVISION FOR A DISTANCE OF 151.00 FEET FOR P.O.B., THENCE RUN NORTH 88 DEGREES 31' 45" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 125.00 FEET, THENCE RUN NORTH 0 DEGREES 08' 25" EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 75.00 FEET, THENCE RUN SOUTH 88 DEGREES 31' 45" EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 125.00 FEET, THENCE RUN SOUTH 0 DEGREES 08' 25" WEST, FOR A DISTANCE OF 75.00 FEET TO P.O.B., LYING IN AND COMPRISING A PART OF SECTION 6, TOWNSHIP 37 SOUTH, RANGE 35 EAST, OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA. AND LOT 1, UNIT 7, COMMENCING AT THE SE CORNER OF LOT 10, BLOCK 42, BASSWOOD, UNIT 3, RUN THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES 31' 45" WEST ALONG THE SOUTH BOUNDARY LINE OF BLOCK 42, A DISTANCE OF 125 FEET FOR POB; THENCE RUN SOUTH 00 DEGREES 08' 25" WEST ALONG THE WEST BOUNDARY LINE OF BLOCK 60, UNIT 5, FOR A DISTANCE OF 76 FEET; THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES 31' 45" WEST 125 FEET; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 08' 25" EAST 76 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES 31' 45" EAST 125 FEET TO POB; BEING A PART OF SECTION 6, TOWNSHIP 37 SOUTH, RANGE 35 EAST, OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.
a/k/a 3578 N.W. 39TH AVENUE, OKEECHOBEE, FL 34974

at public sale on March 27, 2013 at eleven o'clock a.m., in the Jury Assembly Room on the Second Floor of the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, located at 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida, to the highest bidder for cash, except as prescribed in paragraph 4, in accordance with Section 45.031, Florida Statutes.
Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. Dated at Okeechobee, Florida, this 30th day of October, 2012.

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

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Corrie Johnson, ADA Coordinator, 250 NW Country Club Drive, Suite 217, Port St. Lucie, FL 34986, (772) 807-4370 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NUMBER: 2011 CA-129

UNITED MIDWEST SAVINGS BANK,
Plaintiff,
VS.
VENKAT AKKINA, GAYATHRI AKKINA, RAM SAMMETA and PALLAVI YERRAPOTHU,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE
Pursuant to Chapter 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated December 19, 2012, and entered in Case No. 2011 CA-129 of the Circuit Court of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Okeechobee County, Florida, wherein United Midwest Savings Bank is Plaintiff and Venkat Akkina, Gayathri Akkina, Ram Sammeta, and Pallavi Yerrapothu are defendants, the Clerk of this Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash on the second floor, Jury Assembly Room, Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 312 North West 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida beginning at 11:00 a.m. on March 27, 2013, the following described property, together with all improvements, appurtenances and fixtures, having a street address of Tract 13, NW 72nd Avenue, Okeechobee, Florida 34972 and as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure, to-wit:

Tract 13, SIMONE ESTATES:
A parcel of land lying in Section 22, Township 34 South, Range 34 East, Okeechobee County, Florida, and being more particularly described as follows:
COMMENCE at the Southwest corner of said Section 22; Thence North 88°08'58" East, along the South line of said Section 22, a distance of 110.06 feet to the intersection with the East line of the West 110.00 feet of said Section 22; Thence North 00°00'21" West, along said East line, a distance of 4275.15 feet to the intersection with the South line of the North 1107.47 feet of said Section 22; Thence North 88°04'55" East, along said South line, a distance of 871.44 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING; Thence continue North 88°04'55" East, along said South line, a distance of 2524.82 feet; Thence South 01 °54'42" East, a distance of 675.39 feet to POINT M 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 South 88°05'18" West, along said centerline, a distance of 814.47 feet to the point of curvature of a curve concave to the Southeast and having a radius distance of 300.00 feet; Thence Southwesterly along said centerline and the arc of said curve, through a delta angle of 41°54'05" and a chord of 214.54 feet bearing South 67°08'16" West, an arc distance of 219.39 feet to a point of tangency; Thence South 46° 11'13" West along said centerline, a distance of 621.78 feet to POINT L on said centerline; Thence North 43°48'47" West, a distance of 1568.02 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.

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN SIXTY (60) DAYS AFTER THE SALE.
Dated at Okeechobee County, Florida on January 3, 2013.

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

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Corrie Johnson, ADA Coordinator, 250 NW Country Club Drive, Suite 217, Port St. Lucie, FL 34986, (772) 807-4370 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.
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chobee County, Florida. (1.25 acres)(aka Lot M)
And
The East 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the South 1/2 of the South 1/2 of Tract 19, Section 36, Township 34 South, Range 33 East, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 4, pages 3A through D, inclusive, Public Records of Okeechobee County, Florida. (1.25 acres)(aka Lot N).

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 January 3, 2013.

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

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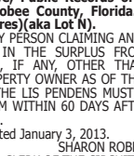
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 19th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION
CASE NO. 2009-CA-00633

KONDAUR CAPITAL CORPORATION,
Plaintiff,
vs.
MARTIN J. FRENCH, ET AL.,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the Final Summary Judgment Of Foreclosure dated and entered on MAY 1, 2012 and Court Order dated and entered on December 19, 2012, under Civil Action No. 2009 CA 00633 of the Circuit Court of the 19th Judicial Circuit in and for Okeechobee County, Florida, wherein the above captioned Plaintiff and the above named Defendants were parties thereto, I will sell to the highest bidder for cash which will be conducted on March 27, 2013, in the Jury Assembly Room, 2nd Floor, Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 312 N.W. 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida, 34972, beginning at 11:00 a.m., the following described real estate property:

PARCEL NUMBER 41 OF QUAIL WOODS UNIT IV, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGE(S) 63 AND 64, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.
Property Address:
13855 S.E. 38 STREET,
OKEECHOBEE. FLORIDA 34974

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner, as of the date of the Lis Pendens, must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the foreclosure sale.
DATED: DECEMBER 19, 2012.

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

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Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NUMBER: 2012-CA-51

UNITED MIDWEST SAVINGS BANK,
Plaintiff,
VS.
JEANETTE PINDER, IVY GRAY, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JEANETTE PINDER and UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF IVY GRAY,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE Pursuant to Chapter 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated December 19, 2012 and entered in Case No. 2012-CA-51 of the Circuit Court of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Okeechobee County, Florida, wherein United Midwest Savings Bank is Plaintiff and Jeanette Pinder and Ivy Gray, are defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash on the second floor, Jury Assembly Room, Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 312 North West 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida beginning at 11:00 a.m. on the 27th day of March, 2013, the following described property, together with all improvements, appurtenances and fixtures, having a street address of 27844 NE 59th Way, Okeechobee, Florida 34972 and as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure, to-wit:

TRACT 1-D, SOUTHERN HOMESTEAD:

A parcel of land lying in Section 19, Township 34 South, Range 36 East, Okeechobee County, Florida, and being a portion of Tract 1 as shown on the MAP OF SOUTHERN HOMESTEAD RANCHES UNIT 1, dated November 15, 2004, as prepared by James R. Almond, PSM, Florida license No. LS 5081 and being more particularly described as follows:
Commence at the North one-quarter corner of said Section 19;
Thence South 00°48'47" West a distance of 33.00 feet to the intersection with the South right-of-way line of N.E. 304th Street;
Thence South 89°34'13" East, along said South right-of-way line, a distance of 2666.60 feet, to the intersection with the East line of the Northeast one-quarter of said Section 19;
Thence South 00°34'59" East, along said East line, a distance of 2583.73 feet, to the Northeast corner of the Southeast one-quarter of said Section 19;
Thence South 00°32'42" East, along the East line of said Southeast one-quarter, a distance of 151.72 feet, to the POINT OF BEGINNING;
Thence continue South 00°32'42" East, along said East line a distance of 844.19 feet;
Thence North 89°34'13" West, a distance of 2100.73 feet, to Point E on the centerline of 70.00 foot wide ingress, egress and utility easement as shown on said MAP OF SOUTHERN HOMESTEAD RANCHES UNIT 1;
Thence North 04°19'31" East, along said centerline of the 70.00 foot wide ingress, egress and utility easement, a distance of 846.02 feet, to Point C on said centerline;
Thence South 89°34'13" East, a distance of 2028.89 feet, to the POINT OF BEGINNING.
SUBJECT TO and TOGETHER WITH the right of ingress, egress and public utilities under that certain Easement and Road Agreement recorded March 8, 2005 in O.R. Book 555, Page 1935, 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 SIXTY (60) DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

Dated at Okeechobee County, Florida this 19th day of December, 2012.

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

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

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.
PROBATE DIVISION
CASE NO. 2013-CP-024

In Re: Estate of
ANNABELLA K. PETERSON,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of ANNABELLA K. PETERSON,deceased, whose date of death was November 15, 2012, and whose social security number is ***-**-0373, 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 27, 2013.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO.: 2010-CA-588

GMAC MORTGAGE, LLC
Plaintiff,
VS.
YELENA ROBINSON, et al
Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of foreclosure dated November 29, 2012, and entered in Case No. 2010-CA-588 of the Circuit Court of the NINETEENTH Judicial Circuit in and for OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, Florida, wherein GMAC MORTGAGE, LLC, is Plaintiff, and YELENA ROBINSON, et al are Defendants, the clerk will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, beginning at 11:00 a.m. at OKEECHOBEE County Judicial Center, Second Floor, Jury Assembly Room, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, FL 34972, in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes, on the 27th day of March, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 5, BLOCK 3, OAK PARK, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 3, PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

and all fixtures and personal property located therein or thereon, which are included as security in Plaintiffs mortgage.

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

Dated at Okeechobee, OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, Florida, this 3rd day of December, 2012.

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

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Corrie Johnson, ADA Coordinator, 250 NW Country Club Drive, Suite 217, Port St. Lucie, FL 34986, (772) 807-4370 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than seven (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 aparay 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.
432759 ON 2/27;3/6/2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 19 JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 47-2009-CA-000115

PNC BANK, NA SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO NATIONAL CITY BANK SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO HARBOR FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK
Plaintiff,
vs.
NORWOOD B. KNOEBEL, 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 January 25, 2013 and entered in Case No. 47-2009-CA-000115 of the Circuit Court of the 19 Judicial Circuit in and for Okeechobee County, Florida, wherein PNC BANK, NA SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO NATIONAL CITY BANK SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO HARBOR FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK, is the Plaintiff and Norwood B. Knoebel; Shirby K Knoebel; John Doe and Jane Doe, 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 the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 312 North West 3rd Street, Okeechobee, FL 34972, at 11:00 AM on April 3, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Order or Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 32, TREASURE ISLAND UNIT NO. 2, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 39, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.
TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN MOBILE HOME DESIGNATED AS FOLLOWS: MAKE: CYPR YEAR: 1988
TITLE NUMBERS: 45725757 & 45725755
ID NUMBERS:
HMLCY28020862865A & HMLCY28020862865B
WHICH MOBILE HOME IS PERMANENTLY AFFIXED TO SAID LAND.

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 31st day of January, 2013.

SHARON ROBERTSON, CLERK
Okeechobee County, Florida
By: Sandra L. Creech
Deputy Clerk

436215 ON 3/6,13/2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 19TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.
CASE NO. 47-2012-CA-000287

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
Plaintiff,
vs.
SLATER, HERBERT E., et. al.,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Final Judgment entered in Case No. 47-2012-CA000287 of the Circuit Court of the 19TH Judicial Circuit in and for OKEECHOBEE County, Florida, wherein, JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff, and, SLATER, HERBERT E., et. al., are Defendants, I will sell to the highest bidder for cash at the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 312 NW 3RD STREET, OKEECHOBEE, 2nd Floor, JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM, at the hour of 11:00am, on the 3rd day of April, 2013, the following described property:

LOTS 27 AND 28, BLOCK 10, LAR-KEE LAKES THIRD ADDITION FOR MOBILE HOMES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 87, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA; TOGETHER WITH A 1990 EAGLE DOUBLE WIDE MOBILE HOME, SERIAL NUMBERS: GAFLL35A03155ET & GAFLL35B03155ET, WIDTH AND LENGTH: 24.00 X 52.00, TITLE NUMBERS: 60204763 & 49441352, WHICH, BY INTENTION OF PARTIES AND UPON RETIREMENT OF THE CERTIFICATE OF TITLE AS PROVIDED IN FLORIDA STATUTE 319.261 SHALL CONSTITUTE A PART OF THE REALTY AND SHALL PASS WITH IT.

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 28th day of December, 2012.

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

IMPORTANT

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Corrie Johnson, ADA Coordinator, 250 NW Country Club Drive, Suite 217, Port St. Lucie, FL 34986, (772) 807-4370 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.
434405 ON 3/6,13/2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 12-CA-000148

VANDERBILT MORTGAGE AND FINANCE, INC., a Tennessee corporation authorized to transact business in Florida,
Plaintiff(s),
v.
ESTATE OF BRENDA G. PHILLIPS, Deceased, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF BRENDA PHILLIPS; MICHELLE PHILLIPS-REICHERT; AND LEVE ARNOLD,
Defendant(s).

CLERK'S NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS GIVEN that, in accordance with the Plaintiff's Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on December 20, 2012 in the above-styled cause, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash on March 27, 2013 at 11:00 A.M. (EST), at the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 2nd Floor, Jury Assembly Room, 312 NW Third Street, Okeechobee FL 34972, the following described property:

Lots 3 and 4, Taylor Cove, according to the map or plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 5, Page(s) 60, of the Public Records of Okeechobee County, Florida.
Property Address: 205 S. E. 8th 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 January 3, 2013.

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

434402 ON 2/27;3/6/2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 19th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
Case No. 47-2010-CA-000065

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.,
Plaintiff,
VS.
ANTONIO G. HUET, LUZ M. HUET, OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, JOHN TENANT n/k/a BRIAN SELL and JANE TENANT n/k/a MARLEY SELL,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of foreclosure dated September 4, 2012, and entered in Case No. 47-2010-CA-000065 of the Circuit Court of the 19th Judicial Circuit in and for Okeechobee County, Florida, wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. is Plaintiff, and ANTONIO G. HUET, LUZ M. HUET, OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, JOHN TENANT n/k/a BRIAN SELL and JANE TENANT n/k/a MARLEY SELL are Defendants, the Clerk of the 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 North West 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida at 11:00 o'clock A.M. on March 27, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment, to wit:

EXHIBIT"A"
LEGAL DESCRIPTION

ALL THAT CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF OKEECHOBEE STATE OF FLORIDA, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS

EXHIBIT "A"

Commencing at the Southwest corner of Section 10, Township 37 South, Range 36 East, run thence East along the South boundary line of said Section 10, for a distance of 198.00 feet to the Point of Beginning Thence continue East along said South boundary line of Section 10, for a distance of 132.00 feet; thence run North 00° 07' 00" West parallel with the West boundary line of the aforesaid Section 10, for a distance of 330.00 feet; thence run West parallel, with the South boundary line of said Section 10, for a distance of 132.00 feet; thence run South 00° 07' 00" East for a distance of 330 00 feet to the Point of Beginning. Lying in and comprising a part of Section 10, Township 37 South, Range 36 East, Okeechobee County, Florida.
and all fixtures and personal property located therein or thereon, which are included as security in Plaintiffs mortgage.

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

Dated at Okeechobee, Okeechobee County, Florida on December 12, 2012.

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

Robert L. Wunker, Esquire
Rutherford Mulhall, P.A.
Attorneys for Plaintiff
2600 North Military Trail, 4th Floor
Boca Raton, FL 33431-6348
(561) 241-1600

437668 ON 3/6,13/2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.: 12000355CA

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.,
Plaintiff
vs.
MICHAEL A. MCKUHEN, et al.,
Defendant

NOTICE OF ACTION FORECLOSURE PROCEEDINGS-PROPERTY

TO: **MICHAEL A. MCKUHEN**
ADDRESS UNKNOWN BUT WHOSE LAST KNOWN ADDRESS IS:
3534 NW 28TH AVENUE
OKEECHOBEE, FL 34972

Residence unknown and if living, including any unknown spouse of the Defendant, if remarried and if said Defendant is dead, his/her respective unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, creditors, lienors, and trustees, and all other persons claiming by, through, under or against the named Defendant; and the aforementioned named Defendant and such of the aforementioned unknown Defendant and such of the unknown name Defendant as may be infants, incompetents or otherwise not sui juris.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following described property to-wit:

LOT 19, BLOCK 26, BASSWOOD UNIT 2, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 28, PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.
more commonly known as:
3534 NW 28TH AVENUE, OKEECHOBEE, FL 34972

This action has been filed against you, and you are required to serve a copy of your written defense, if any, to it on the Plaintiff's attorney, FLORIDA FORECLOSURE ATTORNEYS, PLLC, whose address is 601 Cleveland Street, Suite 690, Clearwater, FL 33755, on or before 30 days after date of first publication, and file the original with the Clerk of the Circuit Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

WITNESS my hand and seal of this Court on the 31st day of Oct. 2012.

Clerk of the Court
OKEECHOBEE County, Florida
BY: Arlene Nealis
Deputy Clerk

437177 ON 2/27;3/6/2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION
CASE NO. 2011CA245

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, AS TRUSTEE FOR TBW MORTGAGE-BACKED TRUST 2007-1, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-1,
Plaintiff,
VS.
CARL MAXWELL A/K/A
CARL S. MAXWELL, et. al.
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated May 1, 2012, and entered in 2011CA245 of the Circuit Court of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Okeechobee County, Florida, wherein THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, AS TRUSTEE FOR TBW MORTGAGE-BACKED TRUST 2007-1, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-1, is the Plaintiff and CARL MAXWELL A/K/A CARL S. MAXWELL; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CARL MAXWELL A/K/A CARL S. MAXWELL N/K/A REBECCA MAXWELL; TD BANK, N.A.; CITY ELECTRIC SUPPLY COMPANY; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA are the Defendant(s). Sharon Robertson as the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in the Jury Assembly Room, 2nd Floor, Okeechobee County Judicial Center 312 NW 3rd St., Okeechobee, FL 34972, at 11:00 AM on March 27, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 11, BLOCK 38, BASSWOOD, INC., UNIT NO. 3, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN THE PLAT BOOK 3, PAGES 37, 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 January, 2013.

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

IMPORTANT

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Corrie Johnson, ADA Coordinator, 250 NW Country Club Drive, Suite 217, Port St. Lucie, FL 34986, (772) 807-4370 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.
434954 ON 2/27;3/6/2013

NOTICE OF REMOVAL OF NAMES OF POTENTIALLY INELIGIBLE VOTERS

Pursuant to Section 98.075(7) of the Florida Statutes, the following persons are hereby notified that they are potentially ineligible to be registered to vote. Failure to respond within thirty (30) days of this notice may result in determination of ineligibility by the Supervisor of Elections and removal of the registered voter's name from the statewide voter registration system.

Glen W. Davis
Last known address:
800 SE 9th St
Okeechobee, FL

If further assistance is needed, please contact the Okeechobee County Supervisor of Elections.

Diane Hagan,
Okeechobee County
Supervisor of Elections
304 NW 2nd St, Room 144
Okeechobee, FL 34972
(863)763-4014
438216 ON 3/6/2013

NOTICE
UNDER FICTITIOUS NAME LAW

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, pursuant to the "Fictitious Name Statute," will register with Florida Department of State, Division of Corporations the fictitious name, to wit:

Okeechobee Automotive Machine Shop

Under which we expect to engage in business at:

3681 SE 38th Ave.

In the City of Okeechobee/County of Okeechobee, Florida.
That the parties interested in said Business enterprise are:

Ralph W. Graves

Dated at Okeechobee, Okeechobee County, Florida this the 5th day of March, 2013.
438210 ON 3/6/2013

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SUDOKU

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4	9							6
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ANSWER:

9	8	1	6	5	4	2	3	7
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7	3	4	8	9	2	6	1	5
8	1	5	4	2	6	3	7	9
4	6	7	9	3	8	5	2	1
3	2	9	5	7	1	4	6	8
5	4	3	2	6	9	7	8	1
1	7	6	3	8	5	9	4	2
2	9	8	1	4	7	3	5	6

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 19TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION: CASE NO.: 472009CA000455CAXXXX

STATE FARM BANK, FSB,
Plaintiff,
Vs.
WANDA I. ODEN; SUNSET ACRES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., A DISSOLVED CORPORATION (PUB L/K/A); DARYL R. ODEN; 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 1st day of August, 2012, and entered in Case No. 472009CA000455CAXXXX, of the Circuit Court of the 19TH Judicial Circuit in and for Okeechobee County, Florida, wherein STATE FARM BANK, FSB is the Plaintiff and WANDA I. ODEN, SUNSET ACRES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., A DISSOLVED CORPORATION (PUB L/K/A), DARYL R. ODEN and UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY are defendants. The Clerk of this Court shall sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the, OKEECHOBEE COUNTY JUDICIAL CENTER, 312 NW 3RD STREET, JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM, SECOND FLOOR, OKEECHOBEE, FLORIDA 34972, 11:00 AM on the 27th day of March, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 19, SUNSET ACRES, UNIT 1, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGES 80 AND 81, PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

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

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 ó 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.

Dated this 6th day of November, 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 CIVIL DIVISION Case #: 2010 CA 000054

American General Home Equity, Inc.
Plaintiff,
-VS.-
Denise Thurman a/k/a Denise M. Thurman; Unknown Parties in Possession #1; If living, and all Unknown Parties claiming by, through, under and against the above named Defendant(s) who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said Unknown Parties may claim an interest as Spouse, Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, or Other Claimants
Defendant(s).

AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order rescheduling foreclosure sale dated December 12, 2012 entered in Civil Case No. 2010 CA 000054 of the Circuit Court of the 19th Judicial Circuit in and for Okeechobee County, Florida, wherein American General Home Equity, Inc., Plaintiff and Denise Thurman a/k/a Denise M. Thurman are defendant(s), I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, at Jury Assembly Room, on the Second Floor, of the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 312 N.W. Third Street, Okeechobee, FL 34972 beginning at 11:00 A.M., March 27, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOT 20, OTTER CREEK ESTATES, UNIT ONE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 29, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.
TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN YEAR: 1989, MAKE: MERITT, VIN#: SW36828738A AND VIN#: SW36828738B, 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.
DATED at OKEECHOBEE, Florida, this 14th day of December, 2012.

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

433488 ON 2/27;3/6/2013

IN THE COUNTY COURT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 2012 CC 129

CATHERINE P. CHESTER,
Plaintiff,
v.
CENESCAR MOISE,
Defendant.

CLERK'S NOTICE OF SALE UNDER F.S. CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS GIVEN that, in accordance with the Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated January 14, 2013 in the above-styled cause, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 2nd Floor, Jury Assembly Room, 312 NW Third Street, Okeechobee, Florida, at 11:00AM on April 3, 2013, the following property:

The West 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the North 1/2 of the North 1/2 of Tract 2, Section 11 Township 34 South, Range 33 East, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 4, pages 3A through D, inclusive, Public Records of Okeechobee County, Florida (1.25 acres) (aka Lot D)
and
The West 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the South 1/2 of Tract 2, Section 24 Township 34 South, Range 33 East, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 4, pages 3A through D, inclusive, Public Records of Okeechobee County, Florida (1.25 acres) (aka Lot L).

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: January 14, 2013.

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

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NOTICE OF SALE
Rainbow Title & Lien, Inc. will sell at Public Sale at Auction the following vehicles to satisfy lien pursuant to Chapter 713.78 of the Florida Statutes on March 21, 2013 at 10 A.M.
AUCTION WILL OCCUR WHERE EACH VEHICLE IS LOCATED
2002 DODGE, VIN#2B4GP44322R720802
Located at:
1254 N.W. 106 Street,
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Any person(s) claiming any interest(s) in the above vehicles contact: Rainbow Title & Lien, Inc. (954) 920-6020
ALL AUCTIONS ARE HELD WITH RESERVE
Some of the vehicles may have been released prior to auction
LIC # AB-0001256
437638 ON 3/6/2013

Students compete in Law Day essay contest

Attorney Glenn Sneider is proud to announce the firm's sponsorship of the 2013 Law Day essay competition. Students from the Okeechobee High School Court Procedures class (second year law students) under the supervision of instructor, Ms. Catherine Hyde, will participate.

Attorney Sneider will discuss in the classroom, the essence of the Law Day theme, "Realizing The Dream: Equality For All." All students in the class will compose an essay of 700 words in which they provide their thoughts and opinions that reflect this year's theme. Students will have until April 5 to complete their research and finalize their essays.

The theme will provide an opportunity to explore the movement for civil and human rights in America and the impact it has had in promoting the ideal of equality under the law. It will also provide the opportunity for a discussion of the extent to which law can provide the total framework for achieving equality. In addition, 2013 marks the 150th anniversary of the issuance of the Emancipation Proclamation.

"I look forward to the opportunity to engage our legal, civic, and academic communities in this most thoughtful discussion," commented Mr. Sneider.

Cash prizes will go to the top three essayists and awarded at the Okeechobee High School on May 1. All student entries will be judged by Attorney Sneider, sitting Okeechobee Judge(s) and/or other dignitaries.

On April 11, the Okeechobee County Commission will present to Attorney Glenn Sneider a proclamation proclaiming May 1, 2013, as Law Day.

Law Day, May 1, is a national day set aside to celebrate the rule of law. Established by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1958, Law Day celebrates the American heritage of liberty, justice, and equality under the law. This annual day was created to strengthen our great heritage of liberty, justice, and equality under law.

Sneider Law is a firm dedicated to providing, Professional, Principled & Passionate, legal services in Family Law, Criminal Law, and Civil Litigation to the residents of Okeechobee and the surrounding areas. With over 30 years of legal experience, Sneider Law is committed to providing clients with a thorough communications plan to keep them updated on their case.

Special to the Okeechobee News

Students of the week

Central Elementary School would like to congratulate the Students of the Week for the week of Feb. 4-8. Brianna Serrano, Leo Edouard, Xavier Kinty, Lane Davis, Damian Garcia, Karter Ramirez, Landon Arrants, Zoyee Ramirez, Santos Garcia, Jolee Hill, Cassandra Moore, Rye Dioquino, Diana Rodriguez, Vicente Flores-Torres, Chris Tedder, Lauren Sills, Abdallah Yamin, Mariah Jenkins, Diana Ayala and Sofia Zapata.

Special to the Okeechobee News/**SEMES**

Students of the Week

Seminole Elementary would like to congratulate their Students of the Week for the week of March 1: Veronica Trejo, Cameron Elliott, Jesus Olvera, Angel Delgado, Kaylee Cook, Omar Marquez-Perez, Gordon Trimble, Gabriela Garcia, Tyrell Holland, Heidi Reyes, Matthew Yates, Yariza Hernandez, Karlee Horn, Reyna Reynoso, Herasto Jimenez, Milagros Medrano, Augi Tijerina, Darrell Harden, Sabin Griffis, Maylin Campos, Alyssa Hudson, Jesse Cooper, Cheyenne Tyson, Lezlie Detzer, Rayne Rallis, Karlie Hazlitt, Maricela Ruiz and Jordan Sperry.

Community Events

Eagles to host Friday dinner and bingo nights

The Eagles North Aerie, 9985 U.S. 441 N., will host a steak night from 5:30 to 9 p.m. on **Friday, March 8**. On **Saturday, Feb. 9**, the Eagles will have card bingo at 5:30 p.m. On **Tuesday, March 12**, the Eagles will have bingo at 1 p.m. on **Wednesday, March 13**, they will have bingo at 5:30 p.m. Proceeds benfit the FOE 4137 Community Benefit Fund.

VFW hosts golf tournament

VFW Post 10539 will host a golf tournament on Saturday, **March 9**, at Blue Heron Golf course for $40 per person. Public is welcome to participate. Bring your own foursome. Shotgun start at 9 a.m. Proceeds to Unmet Needs Program to help veterans. Call post at 863-763-2308 for information.

Ringer Appreciation Dinner planned for Saturday

Local Kettle Chairman and Coordinator, Kip Gardner, reports that through the efforts of the 2012 Bell Ringer volunteers the campaign was a great success. In honor of those Red Kettle Campaign volunteers, the Okeechobee Masonic Lodge No. 237, F&AM will host a dinner on Saturday, **March 9**, for the 2012 Bell Ringers. Through the efforts of these volunteers, the 2012 total collections exceeded the 2011 totals by 15% . Bell Ringers are invited to attend the event which will be held 4 – 7 p.m. at the Okeechobee Masonic Lodge, 107 N.W. 5th Ave. Dinner will be served at 5 p.m. and an RSVP is requested by calling Kip Gardner at 863-357-0427. Please leave a message.

Wanna dunk a Bus Driver?

Come join us on **March 9 & 10** at the Speckled Perch Festival in Flagler Park to get your chance. All proceeds to Benefit March of Dimes.

HMC Ladies Sewial host luncheon

Hope Ministry Center's Ladies Sewial will host a luncheon on Saturday, **March 9**, 10:30 a.m. - 2 :30 p.m. at HMC Fellowship hall, 1109 S.E. 7th St. For more information, call 863-357-1319 or email to Hopeministryc@aol.com.

Seniors hold free seminar

Okeechobee Senior Services will have a free seminar on Medicare changes on Monday, **March 11,** at 10 a.m. at 1019 W.S. Park St. Age 65 and older are invited.

Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

ACROSS

1 Needle-nosed fish
4 Work unit: Abbr.
8 __ Island, Florida city near Naples
13 Put away
14 Dickens's Heep
16 Some fitness ctrs.
17 Schubert's eighth, aptly
20 Butcher's offering
21 Besides
22 Garden veggie
23 Try to be elected
25 Sue Grafton's "__ for Lawless"
27 Reference book, aptly
36 It goes with boo, woo or yoo
37 Puppet dragon of early TV
38 Dix follower
39 Off-white shade
41 Banana oil, e.g.
43 Pickup attachment
44 John Isner, a record 113 times, in a 2010 Wimbledon match
45 Lot units
47 Chemical suffix
48 Burnout symptom, aptly
52 California's __ Gabriel Mountains
53 PC brain
54 Govt. mortgage agency
57 Brute
61 Engels collaborator
65 Logical principle that applies to 17-, 27- and 48-Across, aptly
68 Mezzo role in Barber's "Vanessa"
69 Big cats
70 "So that's it!"
71 Cartridge contents
72 Protective cover
73 Meddle

DOWN

1 Caesarean conquest
2 Elemental ID
3 Homeowner's way to raise money, briefly
4 Pleasure
5 Bermuda shape?
6 Supermarket need, maybe
7 Thai money
8 Arcane
9 "Rehab" singer Winehouse
10 Dudley Do-Right's gp.
11 New England attraction, with "the"
12 Org. concerned with asbestos stds.
15 Sneaky laugh
18 Cross letters
19 Picasso contemporary
24 Japanese veggie
26 Station
27 In first
28 Game for bowlers
29 Composer Ned
30 "__ Dream": "Lohengrin" aria
31 Lose on purpose
32 43-Across maker
33 Fjord
34 Depleted layer
35 Like a 2011 model, say
40 "QB VII" author
42 Aromatic evergreen
46 Try a little of
49 Its Hall of Fame is in Charlotte, N.C.
50 "For those listening __ home ..."
51 Insensitive
54 Neck piece
55 Super Bowl party order
56 Game point
58 Big cheese
59 Juillet's follower
60 Vasco da __
62 Rush job notation
63 German industrial region
64 Like a certain superpower
66 Luau strings
67 Nile biter

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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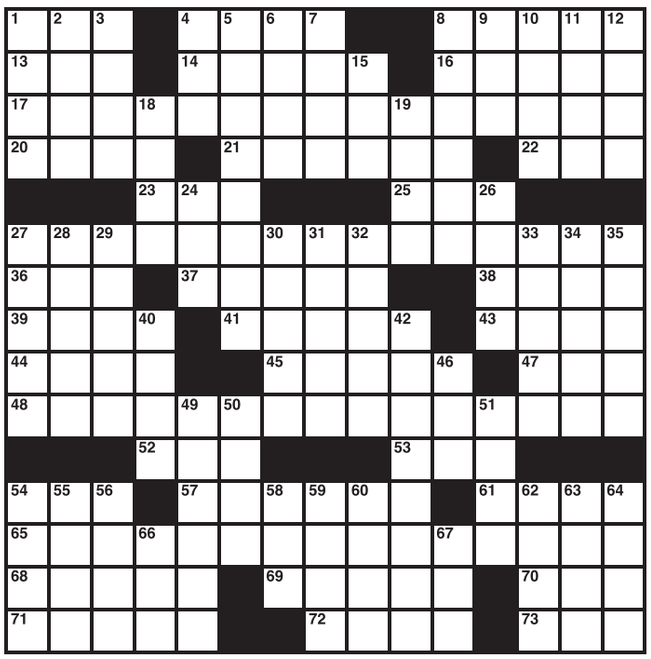

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Okeechobee Sports News in Brief

• The Brahman **track teams** both finished in 15th place at the Holy Trinity Invitational held Friday in Melbourne. Still several local athletes stood out in their individual performances.

For the Brahman boys team, Mike Thomas finished second in the 100 meters. Frank Adamo took 10th place overall in the 400 meters. The 4x400 meter relay team finished in eighth place led by Adamo, Khalil Smith, Kain Sarros and Sergio Vargas. They recorded a time of 3:46.42.

Satellite won the boy's title at the Invitational.

Highlights for the Lady Brahmans included a fourth place finish by Sha'Dajia Williams in the 400 meters. She recorded a time of 1:03.19. Tabatha Henry finished in seventh place in the 3200 meters with a time of 12:29.27. The 4x100 meter relay team of Keirstin Bostwick, Sha'Dajia Williams, Mercedes Washington, and Dayla Ferneau with a time of 1:01.17. Ami Edwards took ninth place overall in the shot put competition. The 4x400 meter relay team of Charleigh Heater, Hannah Raulerson, Shania Bays and Williams finished in eighth position with a time of 4:37.06.

In a correction from last week's sports briefs, it was Jacqueline Phares who pitched a complete game last week for the Lady Brahmans at Vero Beach and not senior Jaryaca Baker. The left-hander Phares held Vero Beach to only two runs in the contest and struck out seven. Phares allowed just two hits in the game. She is only a freshman this year.

• The Okeechobee **Wrestling Club** will begin its spring season shortly. Signups were held last week at the OHS Gym. Practice begins on March 12 at 6 p.m. for elementary age kids and at 7 p.m. for middle and high school age students. Cost is $40. For information about the OHS Wrestling Club, call Bruce Jahner at 863-534-8411.

Open houses to gather input on FWC bass regulations

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) freshwater fisheries biologists are looking for angler input during a series of open houses around the state. Two of these open houses will be in south Florida the week of March 11.

Both south Florida open houses are from 5 to 8 p.m. Here are the locations:

• March 11 – C. Scott DriverP ark Park Pavilion, 3950 SW 99th Drive, Okeechobee;

• March 12 – Bass Pro Shops Seminar area near the aquarium, 200 Gulf Stream Way, Dania Beach.

"This is an opportunity for anglers to provide input on how the FWC should regulate largemouth bass fishing throughout the state," said Barron Moody, regional freshwater fisheries biologist for the FWC. "We are really hoping that anglers will take advantage of this chance to come out and voice their opinions."

Open houses are for the public to come in, talk to biologists and let FWC staff know what they think. There is no set schedule, and the format is casual.

"Anglers can come to these open houses any time between 5 and 8 p.m.," said Moody. "During this time, they can stay and talk to FWC biologists about largemouth bass regulations for as long as they like."

For more information, go to the Largemouth Bass Regulations Review page at MyFWC.com/Fishing.

O.G. & C.C. Golf Results

Gold Tee Winners

Okeechobee Golf and Country Club Gold Tee winners for March 1 were: First place, tie, Vern Johnson and Bill Ford; second place, Gary Lee; third place tie, Dan Birdashaw and Parker Fenton; fourth place tie, Chet Hendren, Ron Smet and Bob Shaw.

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Read Across America Day

On Friday, March 1, Seminole Elementary celebrated "Read Across America Day" by having members of schools and the community come to school and read to students. The school would like to thank Mary Hurley, Robbie Chartier, Gay Carlton, Marion Davis, Doris Entry, Renee Geeting, Leslie Lundy, Ken Kenworthy, Barbara James, Frank Irby, Roberta Lindstrand, Joey Hoover, Dr. Pat Cooper, Devin Maxwell, Tuuli Robinson, Sheriff Paul May, Phoebe Raulerson, Deputy Fisher, Joni Ard and Deputy Cross for taking time from their day to give the students wonderful experiences. Pictured are Mrs. Colleen O'Bannon's class. Remember, as Dr. Seuss once said, "You're never too old, too wacky, too wild, to pick up a book and read with a child."