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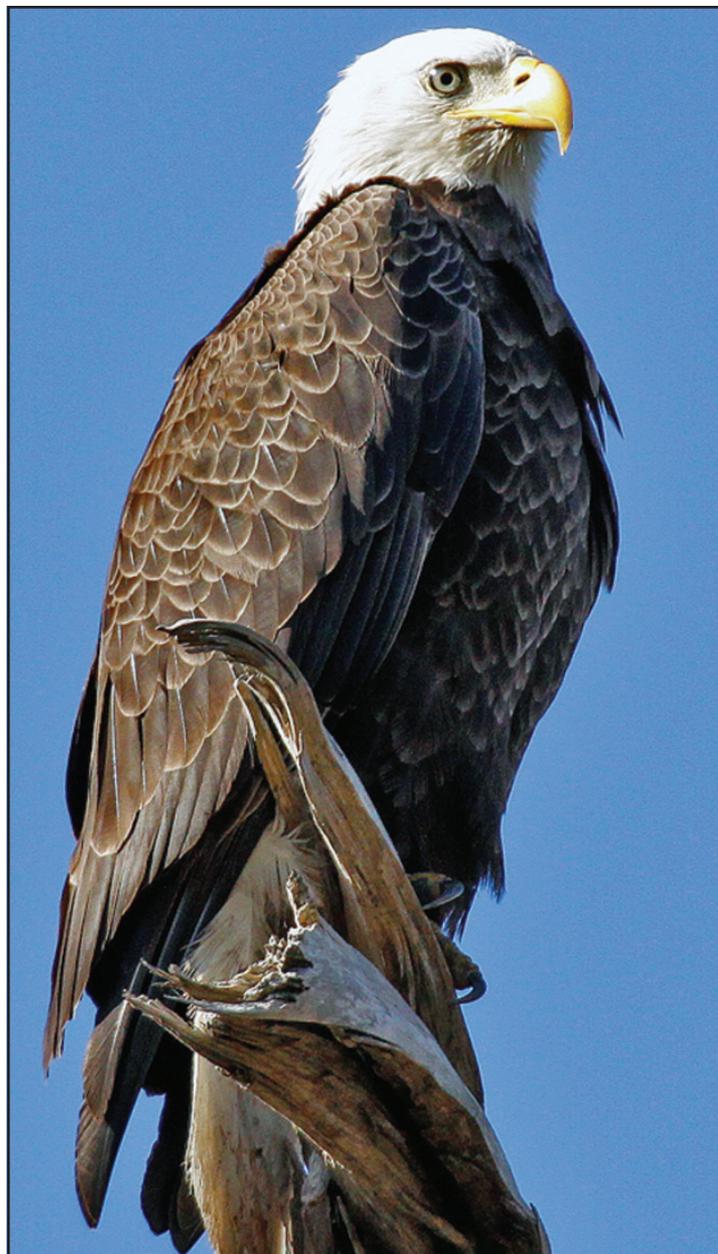
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Lakeside STA open

The South Florida Water Management District has opened the new Lakeside Stormwater Treatment Area, off State Road 710 in Martin County, to bird watching and photography tours. The STA is designed to take water from Taylor Creek/Nubbin Slough before it enters Lake Okeechobee. The STA is already home to a variety of birds, including eagles. For more on the story see page 12.

SFWMD budget tops \$619 million

The South Florida Water Management District will hold a public hearing to adopt the agency's tax millage rates and final budget for Fiscal Year 2014 on Tuesday, Sept. 24, at 5:15 p.m. at SFWMD Headquarters, 2201 Gun Club Road in West Palm Beach.

The district's annual budget is funded by a combination of property taxes and other sources.

The agency is a special taxing district with the authority to collect ad valorem (property) taxes from landowners within its 16-county jurisdiction. In Okeechobee County, the proposed millage is \$0.411. One mill equals \$1 in taxes for every \$1,000 of taxable value. For example, for a home

valued at \$100,000 which qualifies for \$50,000 in Homestead Exemptions, the tax would be \$20.55.

The Fiscal Year (FY) starts Oct. 1 and ends Sept. 30 of the following year.

With more than 80 percent of the tentative \$619.4 million budget dedicated to restoration and operations/maintenance of lands and works, highlights include:

- \$258.6 million to primarily operate and maintain South Florida's regional flood control system and stormwater treatment areas (STAs), including \$50 million to ward refurbishment of the primary network of canals, levees, struc-

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Store manager jailed for selling fake pot

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

The manager of a local convenience store has entered a plea of no contest to charges he sold synthetic cannabinoids (Spice) during an undercover drug operation staged last year.

As a result of that plea Tuesday, Sept. 17, Mohammed Mamus Salam was ordered to spend 180 days in the Okeechobee County Jail. Upon his release from the county jail, Salam will spend the next 24 months on probation.

He will receive credit for the 61 days he's already spent behind bars.

Court records indicate Salam was charged with four counts of sale or delivery of a synthetic cannabinoid.

A synthetic cannabinoid is a synthetic marijuana and is sold under a myriad of names that include Spice, K-2, Marley Boy, Blue Sky and many others.

In exchange for the plea, Assistant State Attorney Ashley Albright said Circuit Court Judge Sherwood

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Mohammed Mamus Salam

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OCSO to stage DUI checkpoint

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

The Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO) will conduct a DUI and driver's license checkpoint Friday, Sept. 27, on S.R. 78.

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Tonight: Mostly cloudy with thunderstorms and rain showers in the evening, then overcast. Low of 75F. Winds less than 5 mph.

Extended Forecast

Monday: Mostly cloudy in the morning, then overcast with a chance of a thunderstorm and rain. High of 88F. Winds less than 5 mph. Chance of rain 40% with rainfall amounts near 0.3 in. possible.

Monday Night: Overcast with a chance of a thunderstorm and rain. Fog overnight. Low of 73F. Winds less than 5 mph. Chance of rain 40%.

Tuesday: Overcast with a chance of a thunderstorm and rain. High of 86F with a heat index of 91F. Winds less than 5 mph. Chance of rain 60%.

Tuesday Night: Overcast with a chance of a thunderstorm. Fog overnight. Low 73F. Winds less than 5 mph. Chance of rain 50%.

by law enforcement to reduce the number of persons killed and injured in alcohol-involved crashes. Research shows crashes involving alcohol drop by an average of 20 percent when well-publicized checkpoints are conducted often enough.

Law enforcement members will be contacting drivers passing through the checkpoint and looking for signs of alcohol and/or drug impairment. They will also check drivers for proper licensing.

Drivers caught driving while impaired can expect jail, the suspension of their driver's license and increases in their insurance costs. These motorists can also expect fines, fees, DUI classes and other expenses that can exceed \$10,000.

Remember, if you're going to drink: designate a driver; call a cab; call a friend or family member; or, stay home.

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Happy Birthday to the U.S.A.F.

• In the beginning, the U.S. military airborne division consisted of mostly balloons. That was over 100 years ago, during the end of the Civil War. By 1912, still in the era of the U.S. Army Signal Corps, Congress approved its first defense allocation for aircraft: \$125,000, which was enough to acquire 11 planes. Through World War I, aviation fighting for the military remained an element of the U.S. Army, first as the Air Service and later as the Air Corps in 1926. Then, during World War II, there was the Army Air Forces, which consisted of the Air Corps and the Air Force Combat Command. Finally, the Air Force was established as an independent force via the National Security Act of 1947. Happy Birthday to the U.S. Air Force.

Distracted driving

• On TV this morning was a case in Tampa where a bus driver was caught texting while driving. I hope our school officials make it clear to our local bus drivers that texting or even talking on the cell phone while the bus is in motion is strictly forbidden. Bus drivers need to give 100 percent attention to what they are doing. I'm sure just being on that bus with all those kids makes it hard enough to concentrate on driving. The last thing a bus driver needs is another distraction.

• I have heard a rumor that the head-on accident that killed two women in Highlands County on State Road 70 this week was linked to texting and driving. People, turn the phones off before you start the car. For more than 100 years, people managed to drive cars without having quick access to a telephone. They survived. You will live longer if you don't try to use a phone while driving. Your full attention should be on your driving.

Mowing

• Isn't the county responsible for mowing the shoulders/ditches along county roads? Why is it okay for the county to let their grass grow so high, when residents

get notice and/or fines for noncompliance? I can't help but feel that if it were my yard or your yard, code enforcement would be on it "with the quickness"!

County budget

• The last budget hearing is next week. I don't think anything will change unless the county commissioners hear from the taxpayers, and I mean the taxpayers who are not employed by the sheriff's office. It is not enough for the sheriff's employees and their families to show up at the hearings. They need the support of the general public, in particular those who pay property taxes and would be asked to pay more in order to increase the sheriff's budget.

• The story in the paper said the higher ranking officers at the sheriff's office will have to cover some of the shifts on the road if they run out of staffers due to people calling in sick. That is what most businesses have to do. The supervisors have to roll up their sleeves and help.

• I know many of those at the sheriff's office now did not like Ed Miller, but at least he was out there riding with the deputies. And he was marching with the church leaders on the weekends to help drive out the drug dealers.

• A lot of law enforcement agencies do not let department vehicles be driven home or used for personal use. The officer comes in for work, checks out a vehicle and then checks it back in when his shift is done. If it works for other departments all over the country, why not at least try it here? I wonder how much of the fuel budget could be saved that way. Certainly is something to consider.

• If county-owned vehicles are being used for personal errands, and the fuel in those vehicles came from the county pumps rather than from a commercial gas station, isn't there a tax problem with that? Not just a problem with the county losing money on the gas that is not being used for county business, but a problem regarding the gas tax?

• Over the years, it was common knowledge in Okeechobee County that some people were hired for county jobs because of their relation to those in power or the friends and supporters of those in power. When someone is hired or promoted because they are the in-law or cousin of someone, it isn't right. It might not be illegal, but it isn't right and people remember these things. As long as elected officials consider these jobs the "spoils" of elected office, that is going to be an issue that affects the budget.

Letters to the editor

Raulerson Hospital Care

As a recent patient at the hospital for a total knee replacement, I want to thank all the hospital staff that gave me such good care: the surgical department, surgery floor, ICU, physical therapy, dietary, laboratory, and x-ray departments, my doctors, Dr. Slutsky, Dr. Shakoor, Dr. Riaz and Dr. Syed. I don't believe that you have to go out of town to get good care. I was in good hands at all times.

Also, I want to thank my church friends at Sacred Heart for their prayers and for Father Sean's visit. I want to thank Hospice for letting me use a wheel chair and, also, the American Legion for the potty chair, at no charge—what a nice service.

I am at home now and on the mend and just want to send my deepest appreciation to everyone. God bless you all.

Sincerely,
Julie Fetters

Reflections from the pulpit

Are you a window or a mirror?

By Nancy Vaughan, D.C.E.

First United Methodist Church

Light. It all begins with light. God spoke, and light, along with all the stars, moons, galaxies, planets and universes were hurled out of His mouth faster than the speed of light. He separated the light from the darkness and called the light – day, and the darkness – night. It is amazing how, with all that science now knows (and has yet to discover) and the magnificent images we get back from the Hubble Telescope, that anyone can conclude there is no God.

We, who are followers of the Christ, the Son of the living God, are called to be light. His light. The light of the world. We are to be set on a hill, not under a bushel.

I recently trained a new class of acolytes in our church. The acolytes carry a taper with a flame, representing Jesus, the light that broke through the darkness of our world, into our Sanctuary. Two candles on the altar are lit at the beginning of the service. The candles represent the mystery of Christ, how He is both fully God and fully man. In Jesus' day, and even to this day, two candles are lit in the synagogue by the "daughter of Jerusalem" and a shema for the light is chanted.

There are two kinds of light. There is either a light "source" such as a candle flame

or a light bulb, or it is "reflected" as our moon reflects the sun's rays. If we see ourselves in a mirror or dimly in a store window, it is because of reflected light. Sunlight streams through a window, lighting and warming the space within. We can even get a sunburn through a window's light. Light, when it is shattered, gives us a glorious rainbow of colors. We can tell how hot a flame is by its color. It is not just "brightness" but so much more.

We are to let the light of Jesus shine in and through us. Remember the children's hymn, "This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine..." It must be evident. We should look different. We cannot be conformed to the norm of this world and be His light. Every little decision we are faced with is an opportunity to "shine." Whether it is giving up your place in line when the person behind you has a fussy baby, to how you allocate your money.

So, why the question, "Are you a window or a mirror?" Actually, we can be both. We must be a mirror reflection of the gracious light we are given in Him. But we can also be a window. That is if we are transparent enough for people to see into the window of our heart.

Let us begin each day with the prayer that the LORD help us to be both a window and a mirror for the light of His love. -- Amen

Advocacy group for the disabled to meet locally

The Coalition of Independent Living Options is looking for people who are interested in being part of a Disability Advocacy Group in Okeechobee.

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Sponsors sought for annual tourney

Skip Bryant Memorial Fund Golf Tournament raises money for scholarships

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

Although the playing field is full, sponsors and donations are still being sought for the 21st annual Skip Bryant Memorial Fund Golf Tournament to be played Saturday, Oct. 19. The Okeechobee Golf & Country Club will once again be hosting the one-day tourney.

Skip Bryant was the first, and only, deputy with the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO) who died in the line of duty in No-

vember of 1991. He was a passenger in an airplane that went down in Lake Okeechobee during a search and rescue mission.

The Memorial Fund was established to aid the families of law enforcement officers and firefighters in the Okeechobee area in their time of need. The fund also provides college scholarships for the children of area law enforcement officers and firefighters.

During its 20 years the fund has awarded \$195,590 in scholarship money to 61 students. Some of the most recent graduates are Christopher Neal and Kristen Roberts, who have received their four-year degrees. It should also be pointed out that, with the fund's help, Danny Thomas has received his master's degree.

OCSO Major Noel Stephen said the fund

has helped 76 families in need by giving out a total of \$86,718.38.

The fund started in 1992 with a chicken barbecue dinner and golf tournament.

Maj. Stephen said hole sponsors are still needed for this year's event. This sponsorship consists of a sign at a tee box and a green for \$250.

Also, prize donations are also needed. The donations will be given away during a luncheon at the conclusion of the tournament.

The sponsors and donors will be recognized at that luncheon.

For information contact Maj. Stephen at the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office, 863-763-3117.

Pair arrested on felony 'Spice' charge

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

A man and woman were arrested earlier this week after lab results verified the substances reportedly found on them at a traffic stop were synthetic cannabinoids.

Mark Allen Lee, 28, S.E. 26th St., was arrested Thursday, Sept. 19, on a felony charge of possession of a synthetic cannabinoid 3 grams or more, and a misdemeanor charge of possession of drug paraphernalia. He is being held in the Okeechobee County Jail on \$1,500 bond.

Also arrested was Becky Lee Cook, 33, N.W. 38th Ave. She was arrested on a felony charge of possession of a synthetic cannabinoid 3 grams or more. She is being held in the county jail on \$500 bond.

Synthetic cannabinoids contain substances that mimic THC—the active ingre-



Mark Allen Lee

dient in marijuana—and can produce a marijuana-like high.

According to an arrest report by a detective with the Okeechobee Narcotics Task Force a 1991 Chevrolet pickup truck driven by Lee was stopped on July 19 because the passenger, Cook, was not wearing her seat belt.

During a search of that vehicle task force detectives allegedly found: eight unopened bags of the synthetic cannabinoid Express Barely Legal; one partial package of Express Barely Legal synthetic cannabinoid; one partial package of Cloud Nine Platinum synthetic cannabinoid; and, a plastic straw that had been cut and contained a white residue.

Because manufacturers are continually altering the substances in the fake pot, law enforcement must seize the substance then send it to a crime lab where it is analyzed to determine if actually contains an illegal sub-



Becky Lee Cook

stance. If it does, law enforcement is then notified and they then make the arrest.

This is what reportedly happened in this case.

Detectives seized the packages of synthetic marijuana then sent them to the Indian River Crime Lab in Fort Pierce. The detectives then received the lab results on Sept. 17, and arrested Lee and Cook on Thursday.

In the detective's arrest report, it is noted that Cook apparently said she purchased the bags of fake pot in Palm Beach County "... because you cannot purchase it in Okeechobee County."

The report went on to state when Lee was arrested Thursday a partial bag of WTF Herb potpourri, also a synthetic cannabinoid, was found in a pocket of his pants but he was not charged. Detectives seized the 5-gram bag and it will be sent to the Indian River Crime Lab for testing.

The arrest report goes on to indicate that Lee was issued a criminal citation for driving while license suspended with knowledge at that initial traffic stop in July.

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Bauer agreed to withhold adjudication. This means Salam, 36, will not have a felony conviction on his record. However, if he should violate the terms of his probation in any way that can all change.

Salam, of West Palm Beach, was arrested June 7, 2012, by detectives from the Okeechobee Narcotics Task Force at the Marathon Convenience Store, 118 S. Parrott Ave.

Arrest documents stated that confidential sources twice bought the fake pot from Salam.

Because the substances used to make Spice can be readily changed by its manufacturers, before an arrest can be made the suspected Spice is first sent to a criminal laboratory to see if it actually contains an illegal substance.

In Salam's case, the suspected substance was sent to the Indian River Crime Lab in Fort Pierce.

The task force arrest report indicated Salam's first arrest stemmed from him selling a confidential source four packages of Marley Boy brand Spice at a total cost of \$40. In the second case filed against him, Salam was accused of selling a different confiden-

tial source one package of Blue Sky brand Spice.

When detectives executed a search warrant on the store where Salam worked they seized 548 bags of suspected fake pot that had an estimated value of \$6,000.

Synthetic cannabinoids contain chemicals that mimic THC—the active ingredient in marijuana—and can produce a marijuana-like high. Smoking Spice can cause seizures, vomiting, paranoia and delusions. It damages the lungs and cardiovascular system, and can cause brain damage or even death.

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For the third year in a row, SFWMD millage rates have been reduced. The rolled-back combined tentative millage rates are 0.411 mills in 15 of the district's 16 counties in the Okeechobee basin. For Collier County and mainland Monroe County (the Big Cy-

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American Legion Post 64 will host Sunday night bingo, **Sept. 22**, at 6:30 p.m. Doors open at 5 p.m. in the bingo area. The kitchen will offer a limited menu. Payoffs will be determined by player attendance. All proceeds to benefit the American Legion veterans' programs. The event is open to the public. The American Legion now has free WIFI for its lounge and dining room patrons.

March of Desserts planned

Join the March of Dimes at the Freshman Campus Auditorium at 2 p.m. on Sunday, **Sept. 22**, for its March of Desserts. The event will feature a sampling of desserts from local businesses and individuals. Tickets are \$15 in advance, or \$20 after Sept. 15. A live dessert auction will be held at 3 p.m. All proceeds will benefit the March of Dimes and its mission to prevent birth defects, premature birth and infant mortality. For tickets or information, contact the March of Dimes at 772-562-0115; or, e-mail chernandez2@marchofdimes.com.

Shrine hosting dinner

The Okeechobee Shrine Club will begin serving their weekly spaghetti dinners on Tuesday, **Sept. 24**. You are invited to join your friends and neighbors for delicious homemade food and great fellowship. Serving is from 4-7 p.m. and reservations are not required. The Shrine Club, located at 1740 S.W. 53rd St. (Hwy. 78W), is pleased to offer SMOKE FREE DINING. For your listening and dancing pleasure, music is provided 5-8 p.m. Proceeds benefit Shrine Charities. For information on the activities of the Okeechobee Shrine Club, contact Kip Gardner at 863-357-0427, Randall Mims at 863-763-9200 or the Shrine Club at 863-763-3378.

CCC to meet

The Community Collaborative Council of the Okeechobee County Shared Services Network will conduct their monthly meeting on Tuesday, **Sept. 24**, at 10 a.m. in the board room of the Okeechobee County School Board office. September special guest speakers are Jacki Jackson, Early Learning Coalition and Noelle Balsgmo, FAU Center for Autism & Related Disabilities. The purpose of the meeting is to allow the community to identify issues, collaborate, and share information regarding services for children and their families. The CCC will collect back-to-school supplies for needy and foster children. Please bring supplies to the meeting or call for pick up. The meeting is open to the public and everyone is welcome to attend. For information, call Sharon Vinson at 863-462-5000, ext. 257.

Support group will meet

The Heritage Assisted Living Facility, 608 N.E. Second Ave., will host a Parkinson's support group meeting Wednesday, **Sept. 25**, at 6 p.m. The speaker will be Muhammad Nooruddin, physical therapist, from New American Physical Therapy. Free adult care will be provided during the meeting, and there will be discussions on how to make a difference with family and caregiver support while exchanging experiences of Parkinson's. The event is free and open to the public, family and patients. For information, call 863-763-1700.

Hospice to host yard sales

Hospice of Okeechobee's September yard sales will be Wednesday, **Sept. 25**, and Thursday, Sept. 26, from 8 a.m. until noon. The sale is located at the corner of Southeast Fourth Street and Southeast Third Avenue. For information, call 863-467-2321; or, visit our web page www.hospiceofokeechobee.org and click on the Events tab.

Moose offers Italian dinner

Buckhead Ridge Moose will have a dinner consisting of link Italian sausage, baked ziti, salad and dessert on Thursday, **Sept. 26**. On Friday, Sept. 27 the dinner will be catfish, shrimp or steak. Music will be Johnny B. On Saturday, Sept. 28, dinner will be homemade pizza and subs. Music will be provided by Private Practice.

Prayer walk to be held

The Fifth-Sunday community-wide service, sponsored by the Okeechobee Ministerial Association (OMA) will be Sunday, **Sept. 29**, at 6 p.m. at the Okeechobee Presbyterian Church, 312 N Parrott Ave. Rev. Allen Patterson will be preaching, the Okeechobee Community Choir will be singing and many members of the Ministerial Association will be participating in the service.

FFA alumni to meet

The Okeechobee FFA alumni will have their first meeting of the year **Sept. 30** at 7 p.m. at the County Extension Office on U.S. 98 N. For information, call 863-467-8696.

Candlelight vigil planned

The Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office and the Okeechobee Substance Abuse Coalition will sponsor the seventh annual NOPE Candlelight Vigil on Oct. 24 at the Okeechobee County Civic Center on U.S. 98 N. The doors will open at 6 p.m. for fellowship and light refreshments. The program will start at 7 p.m. The deadline to submit your information for the memorial video is **Oct. 1**. To create a memorial for the NOPE Task Force Candlelight Vigil memorial wall and video, log onto nopenetaskforce.org; or, contact Connie Curry at 863-763-3117.

Mini Regatta set for Oct. 5

The Third Annual Adam Bryant Mini Regatta will be held Saturday, **Oct. 5**, at the Scott Driver boat ramps on S.R. 78. Races start at 9 a.m. The ending time will depend on the number of competitors. Last year the races ended around 2 p.m. The regatta features homemade boats constructed from a single sheet of plywood, 24 feet if 2"x4" lumber, one pound of fasteners and one roll of duct tape. The race dinner will be Friday, Oct. 4, at 7 p.m. Tickets for the dinner are \$10 in advance or \$12 at the event. Proceeds from the regatta go to a scholarship fund for high school graduates who wish to become firefighters and for Kiwanis Club charitable activities such as a plan to construct a special needs playground.

Obituaries

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

Nancy Bass Bobbitt, 73

OKEECHOBEE — Nancy Bass Bobbitt of Okeechobee passed away Thursday, Sept. 19, 2013. She was born February 18, 1940 in Belle Glade, FL. She was a graduate of Belle Glade High School and retired from Attorney's Title Service. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Okeechobee. She was a loving mother, faithful wife, loyal friend and committed Christian.



Mrs. Bobbitt was preceded in death by her parents, Maude and Avery Bass; sister, Anne Cumpston; and brothers, Jowell Bass and Kenneth Bass.

She is survived by her husband of 53 years, Ed Bobbitt; brother, T. Lavon Bass (Gail); children, James (Jennifer) of Cote De Caza, California, Linda Tewksbury (Harry) and Thomas (Shannon) all of Okeechobee; grandchildren, Erin Hales, Cameron and Adam Tewksbury, Olivia, Elizabeth and Ava Gray Bobbitt and Mitchell Mulholland; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Visitation will be 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., Sunday, September 22, 2013 at First United Methodist Church. Funeral services will be 11 a.m., Monday, September 23, 2013 at First United Methodist Church with Reverend Bruce Simpson officiating. Interment will follow at Evergreen Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society.

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

All arrangements are entrusted to the care of Buxton & Bass Okeechobee Funeral Home, 400 North Parrott Avenue, Okeechobee Florida 34972.

Fire safety event planned

The Okeechobee Home Depot will host a Free Fire Safety Event for the community on Saturday, **Oct. 5**, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. at The Home Depot, 2700 U.S. 441 S.

The event will include a Free Kids Workshop, Bounce House, 4-H Club, Division of Forestry, Smokey the Bear, Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office, McGruff the Crime Dog, the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office K-9 Unit, Okeechobee County Fire/Rescue, Gary Champion and his #23 Race Car, Okeechobee Blood Round-Up Booth, Seminole Fire and Tobacco Free Florida.

There will be free hot dogs and popcorn while supplies last.

Benito Aguilar Suarez 'Sunshine', 77

OKEECHOBEE — Benito Aguilar Suarez "Sunshine", age 77, died at home with family on Thursday, Sept. 19, 2013. Benito was born in Edcouch, Texas, and had been a resident of Okeechobee since 1956. He was a lifetime farmer and crew leader.



Benito acquired the name of "Sunshine" as he was always seen with a smile on his face. He enjoyed dancing to country music, shooting pool, and spending time with family; especially his grandchildren watching wrestling.

He was preceded in death by four brothers, Jose, Johnny and Esteban Suarez, Ernesto Urbina and his wife Julia; a sister, Carmen Solis; grandson, Anthony Fadley; and brother-in-law, Victor Madrigal.

Benito is survived by his sons, David Suarez and Stevie Suarez; daughters, Maggie Fadley and Susie Suarez; son-in-law, Jeff Fadley; daughter-in-law, Blanca Suarez; 14 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; sisters, Aurora Juarez (Amado), Lupe Madrigal, Rosa (Adrian) Rogers, all of Okeechobee and a host of nieces and nephews.

A visitation will be 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., Monday, September 23, 2012 at Buxton-Seawinds Funeral Home. Funeral services will follow at 11 a.m., Tuesday, September 24, 2013 at the funeral home. Burial will follow at Evergreen Cemetery.

Arrangements are by Buxton-Seawinds Funeral Home and Crematory- 3833 SE 18th Terr., Okeechobee, FL. Friends may leave condolences at www.buxtonseawinds.com

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Okeechobee Livestock Market Report

SEPTEMBER 16 & 17, 2013

MONDAY SALE AT 12:00PM...TUESDAY SALE AT 11:00AM

	LOW:	HIGH:	AVG:	LAST WEEK:
COWS:				
800-1000	70.00	- 90.00	77.75	77.87
1000-1200	70.00	- 88.00	77.21	78.66
1200-1400	70.00	- 90.00	79.69	78.78
1400-1600	70.00	- 87.00	77.07	79.31
BULLS:				
1200-1400	84.00	- 85.00	84.50	94.00
1400-1600	87.00	- 113.00	98.73	101.78
1600-1800	88.00	- 111.00	98.86	107.60
1800-2000	89.00	- 104.00	96.50	102.50
STEERS:				
150-250	220.00	- 300.00	249.05	246.84
250-300	200.00	- 260.00	219.31	215.19
300-350	177.50	- 235.00	204.67	200.79
350-400	145.00	- 220.00	185.29	179.85
400-450	138.00	- 197.50	160.09	167.91
450-500	130.00	- 180.00	145.71	156.52
500-550	125.00	- 165.00	138.30	143.20
550-600	125.00	- 155.00	139.02	138.86
600-650	123.00	- 152.50	140.73	136.66
650-700	126.00	- 151.00	137.44	136.39
HEIFERS:				
150-250	160.00	- 265.00	197.00	194.00
250-300	160.00	- 195.00	176.44	170.48
300-350	135.00	- 205.00	162.42	159.30
350-400	130.00	- 167.50	145.48	140.98
400-450	120.00	- 155.00	137.80	135.81
450-500	120.00	- 175.00	136.39	134.00
500-550	120.00	- 167.50	130.66	130.47
550-600	120.00	- 158.00	128.18	128.97
600-650	115.00	- 150.00	126.67	126.10

	MONDAY	TUESDAY
CLFS	805	796
COWS	122	324
STRS	18	1
HFRS	8	7
BULLS	17	23
YRLINGS	75	61
MIX	23	7
TOTAL	1068	1219

Cows & Bulls were a little cheaper this week, \$1-\$2. Lightweight calves were a bit higher and heavier calves were a little softer. A weird time of year where grazing cattle are more in demand and feeder calves are not. September is transition time for weather, a good time for calves to get sick in the feedlot. Happens every year, nothing new. Market fundamentals are still good.

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- Oct. 4 - Bred Heifers
- Oct. 11 - Angus Bulls
- Oct. 18 - Brangus Bulls

M & H Cattle, topped the calf market with a high of \$3 bought by B & M Cattle and Foy Reynolds.

Steven Dunn Ranch, topped the cow market with a high of 90.00 bought by Central Beef.

See ya next week,
Todd

Prices reported are higher end #1 Quality. For #2's and Brahma type calves adjust down by \$10-\$30.

RoadWatch

The Florida Department of Transportation advises motorists to be cautious in areas where road work is underway. Road work planned for this week includes:

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• U.S. 441 North from Northwest 179th Street, to County Road 68 East:

Maintenance project: Expect intermittent lane closures with flaggers directing traffic while crews repair shoulders on either side of the roadway. Use caution when traveling in the work area.

• U.S. 441 North from Northwest 9th Street, to Northwest 36th Street: Maintenance project:

Crews are repairing the sidewalk. No lane closures are expected however, motorists should drive with caution.

• U.S. 441 Southeast from SR 78 to the Martin County Line: Maintenance project: Crews will be trimming low hanging tree branches as needed. No lane closures are expected, however, motorists should drive with caution.

O.G. & C.C. Golf Results

Gold Tee Winners

Okeechobee Golf and Country Club Gold Tee Golf Scores for Sept. 13 are: first place tie; Bob Meyers and Dan Birdshaw, second place; Chet Hendren.

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Students of the week

Congratulations to the Students of the Week at South Elementary School for Sept. 6. They are: Lindy Harwas, Victoria Aguilar, Lyric Bishop, Ariya Billie, Ricardo Rosales, Charlene Conejo, Emma Raulerson, Isabella Puga, Isabella Wildey, Payton Collins, Brice Anuez, Mya Billie, Jasmine Jackson and Albert McClain.



Special to the Okeechobee News/EES

Students of the week

Everglades Elementary students achieving excellence in the classroom for the week of Sept. 9-13 include: kindergarten students, Tyre Rush, Mari Jayne Woods, Carissa Woods, Jacob Davis; first graders, Juan Aguilar, Hannah Harris, Amber Laster, Patryk Jaskot, Diana Benitez; second grade students, Yasmin Serrano, Bray Smith, James Santos Tehuitzil, Alyna Kane, Tanner St. Pierce, Reagan Tucker, Evangelina Rodriguez; third graders, Guadalupe Morales-Lopez, Riley Russell, R.J. Isales, Tori Sharp, Nancy Peters, Isis Guerrero, Sundance Burford, Austin Derry; fourth grade students, Colton McPeak, Ivy Lawson, Enrique Gomez, Payton Besaw; fifth grade students, Daisy Lujano, Christian Flores, Maddox Quinlin and Kevin Valdez. Congratulations to our many outstanding students.



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Central celebrates Football Friday!

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Central Elementary Teachers Judy Laflam, Phil Spearow, Karen VanBeeck, Jenny Myers and Ronda Watt (and--not pictured--Dan El-dred), provided an "elementary" style Football Friday Celebration Day. Kicking off the regular NFL season on Friday, Sept. 6, the Specials Staff created different stations the

students could participate in. The student's practiced throwing the football, running through tires, tackling the purple player and kicking an over-sized football through the upright goal posts. Students also enjoyed wearing their favorite team's football jerseys or their "red" Central shirt in honor of the day.



Students featured with the Specials Teachers include: Jose Valdez, Jaelyn Lindberry, Isabella Miller, Jose Garcia, Alana McDonald, Edith Ramirez, Ziry Flores, Xavier Kinty, Tucker Rogers, Rafaela Jimenez, Eduardo Cruz, Brianna Serrano, Caleb Cruz, Cameron Gibson, ALyssa Bottari, Ella Bostwick, Angel Antonio and Marisa Willcuts.



First grade students featured from the Gator Nation include: John Benji, Juan Landaverde, Christian McCall, Clayton Thompson, Rafael Bustos, Luis Carrila, Damian Garcia, Jahmal Duhaney, Jose Garcia, Marissa Willcuts, Avary Manson, Hanah Williams, Abigail Martz, Hailey Harden, Mia Schneidd, Jesus Delgado, Lane Davis, Dylan Jennings, Hailey Rogers and Aiden Bigford.



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Homeowners may qualify for mortgage help

Florida homeowners who have remained current on their mortgages may apply for federal assistance from the Florida Hardest-Hit Fund Principal Reduction (HHF-PR) Program. The online application, www.PrincipalReductionFL-HHF.org, which opened Friday, and will be available in all 67 counties.

"This morning, Florida Housing's Board of Directors approved \$350 million in federal Hardest-Hit funds allocated to our state to be used specifically for a principal reduction program," said Steve Auger, executive director of Florida Housing at a Sept. 20 press conference. "While our state's housing market continues to recover, many Florida homeowners have remained current on their mortgage payments in spite of their homes being substantially underwater. For those who qualify, this new program can help to reduce their principal balance, which can result in a lower monthly payment and put more money in their pockets."

Initially, only 25,000 completed and submitted applications will be accepted for eligibility determination, via the website only. When that number has been reached, the ability to start a new application will be disabled so that staff can begin processing the completed applications. However, if additional funding is available for the program after this initial launch, Florida Housing will notify the public prior to re-opening the application process.

The Florida HHF-PR program is designed to provide up to \$50,000 to eligible homeowners who owe at least 125% more on their home than its current market value—commonly known as having a home that is "underwater." Funds will be applied to reduce the principal balance of the first mortgage to reduce the loan-to-value (LTV) of the first mortgage to no less than 100%. The mortgage can then be recast (re-amortized) or refinanced to produce a lower monthly mortgage payment.

The minimum qualifications a homeowner must meet to be considered for participation in the Florida HHF-PR program are as follows:

- Must be a Florida resident and a legal U.S. resident/legal alien, and occupy the property as the primary residence;
- Must be current on the monthly mortgage payment—first mortgage payment cannot have been 60 or more days late within the past 24 months;
- The first mortgage must have originated prior to January 1, 2010;
- The unpaid principal balance for the first mortgage cannot exceed \$350,000;
- The loan-to-value for the first mortgage must be greater than 125 percent—in other words, home must be more than 125 percent "underwater"; and,
- The total household income, including all persons age 18 years and older who live in the home, must be less than 140 percent of the area median income.

If the borrower has a FHA, VA or USDA-RD mortgage, the mortgage will need to be refinanced within 120 days after closing on HHF principal reduction funds in order to receive the pro rata forgiveness.

Homeowners in every Florida county may apply for the Florida HHF-PR program by using the official website: www.PrincipalReductionFLHHF.org. The site contains all the information users will need to begin the application process, including a program fact sheet and answers to frequently asked questions. Additionally, the Florida HHF Toll-free Information Line 1-877-863-5244 will be open on Sunday, Sept. 22, from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. to answer any questions callers may have about the program.

The official Florida HHF-PR website is the only way a homeowner can apply for assistance. Therefore, homeowners should verify that they are using www.PrincipalReductionFLHHF.org before providing personal information via the web. If applicants are suspicious about a website, they can submit a report on the official HHF-PR website by clicking the "Report Fraud" link on the homepage. Also, they may call the Florida HHF Toll-free Information Line to ensure they are using the correct website address. Application for the Florida HHF-PR program is FREE.



Special to the Okeechobee News

Kiwanis hosts SES principal

Principal Mike Radebaugh (left) from South Elementary spoke at a recent Kiwanis Club of Okeechobee meeting. Mr. Radebaugh's presentation was about the new Common Core curriculum being taught by Okeechobee School District teachers. The Common Core State Standards Initiative is a state-led effort coordinated by the National Governors Association Center for Best Practices (NGA Center) and the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO). The standards were developed in collaboration with teachers, school administrators, and experts, to provide a clear and consistent framework to prepare our children for college and the workforce. At right is J.D. Mixon.

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WEDDINGS
JOSEPH W. EXAMPLE & JANE A. ILLUSTRATION
Joseph W. Example and Jane A. Illustration were married on Jan. 1, 2008, in Local Church. The bride, Jane Illustration, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Illustration. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Illustration. The couple will reside in Okeechobee, Florida. The bride is a graduate of Okeechobee High School. The groom is a graduate of Okeechobee High School. The couple has one child, a son, born in 2009. The bride is a member of the Okeechobee Kiwanis Club. The groom is a member of the Okeechobee Kiwanis Club. The couple is planning a honeymoon in Europe.

BIRTH
SUSAN A. EXAMPLE
Susan A. Example was born at 1:30 p. m. on Sept. 15, 2013, in Okeechobee, Florida. She weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces, and was 20 1/2 inches long. She is the daughter of Joseph W. Example and Jane A. Illustration. Her maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Illustration of Okeechobee, Florida. Her paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Illustration of Okeechobee, Florida. The baby is the first child of the couple. The baby is a member of the Okeechobee Kiwanis Club.

ANNIVERSARY
JOSEPH W. EXAMPLE & JANE A. EXAMPLE
Joseph W. Example and Jane A. Example celebrated their 5th wedding anniversary with family and friends on Oct. 18, 2008. The celebration was held at the Okeechobee Country Club. The couple has one child, a son, born in 2009. The bride is a member of the Okeechobee Kiwanis Club. The groom is a member of the Okeechobee Kiwanis Club. The couple is planning a honeymoon in Europe.

ENGAGEMENT
JOSEPH W. EXAMPLE & JANE A. EXAMPLE
Joseph W. Example and Jane A. Example announced their engagement on Sept. 15, 2013. The couple is planning a wedding in Okeechobee, Florida. The bride is a graduate of Okeechobee High School. The groom is a graduate of Okeechobee High School. The couple has one child, a son, born in 2009. The bride is a member of the Okeechobee Kiwanis Club. The groom is a member of the Okeechobee Kiwanis Club. The couple is planning a honeymoon in Europe.

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An Osprey was among the birds recently photographed at the Lakeside STA in Martin County.

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The South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) is partnering with Audubon of Martin County to host birders and photographers on tours at a wetland that cleans water before it enters Lake Okeechobee.

Lakeside STA is a new, exciting wetland area, located in Western Martin County. This 2,600-acre project involved constructing a wetland that will use aquatic vegetation to remove phosphorus from stormwater runoff in the Taylor Creek/Nubbin Slough basin before it enters Lake Okeechobee. The cleansing of the waters is critical for the survival of bird species and their food supply sources, and all the critters that live on or near the STAs.

Audubon of Martin County (AoMC) is fortunate to be working with South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) in a cooperative agreement to conduct tours at Lakeside STA in a five-year project.

The object of these tours is to provide opportunities for the public to enjoy bird watching at the STA.

During the winter migration, thousands of birds of all species will be traveling through

the STAs. This is a driving tour around water impound areas, with stops along the way for better viewing with scopes and to hear information from our tour leaders about the birds and their behaviors. Many unusual bird sightings have been noted—beautiful white pelicans, short-tailed hawks, burrowing owls and snail kites to mention a few. We have two established eagle nests in good viewing sight along the pathway.

Four of the tours are designed just for photographers. These tours will be led by noted wildlife videographer John Nelson. Birding and photography tour dates for the season are:

- Sept. 28 photography tour;
- Jan. 25 photography;
- Oct. 19 birding;
- Feb. 15 birding;
- Nov. 16 birding;
- March 15 birding;
- Nov. 30 photography;
- March 29 photography;
- Dec. 21 birding; and,
- April 19 birding.

For more information, visit the website audubonmartincounty.org or contact Bev Poppke at 772-288-2637. You may also email audubonmartincounty@gmail.com.

The partnership expands on similar programs in Hendry and Palm Beach counties to offer bird watchers access to district wetlands where more than 200 different avian species have been spotted. These wetlands are the water-cleaning workhorses of Everglades restoration, using aquatic plants to remove excess nutrients from water flowing into the natural system. Each year, a vast array of bird species travel through South Florida and the district's network of STAs during the winter migration.

• STA-5 (Hendry County) — The district's first organized bird-watching program began in 2005 with a partnership with the Hendry-Glades Audubon Society. To date, Audubon volunteers, in coordination with the district, have served more than 5,100 bird watchers and photographers from across the globe on 135 individual tours at the site.

• STA-1 East (Palm Beach County) — In January 2012, the district partnered with the Audubon Society of the Everglades to host tours at STA-1 East in western Palm Beach County. To date, Audubon volunteers have hosted approximately 400 visitors on 20 tours.

For more information on these tours, to go www.sfwmd.gov.



Okeechobee High School Class of 1984 reunion planned

The Okeechobee High School Class of 1984 is planning a reunion. For the Class of 1984 Reunion information see Facebook CLASS OF "84" REUNION or if you do not have a Facebook call 863-801-4589. The reunion will be held Nov. 1 and 2.

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This donation was raised solely on Tuesday night hamburger sales during the dart tournaments.



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OCSO Investigations

OSCO investigations

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

ASSAULT

- 2600 block of N.W. 53rd Terrace
- 3600 block of S.W. 20th St.
- 4500 block of S.E. 23rd Court
- 600 block of S.W. Second Ave.

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- 2200 block of N.W. Fifth St.
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Crafters wanted for Bazaar

Peace Lutheran Church will have a Quilt and Craft Bazaar on Saturday, **Nov. 16**, from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Breakfast and lunch will be sold and there will be a White Elephant Sale as well as crafts, plants, art, jewelry and beautiful quilts. A limited number of tables will be for rent to crafters at \$10 each. Call Dottie at 863-532-8100.

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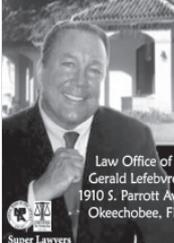
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1995 LEXUS S2 DOOR TEAL JTB8J231C250028825
2003 HYUNDA ACCENT 4 DOOR WHITE KMHC645CX3U456261
2000 PLYMOUTH NEON SILVER 1P3E546CXVD613336
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Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 19th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 2013CA223 JUDGE: METZGER

IN RE: Forfeiture of: One (1) 2005 Dodge Magnum VIN: 2D4FV48T85H513696

NOTICE OF FORFEITURE PROCEEDINGS ALL PERSONS who claim an interest in the following property, 2005 Dodge Magnum, VIN: 2D4FV48T85H513696, which was seized because said property is alleged to be contraband as defined by Sections 932.701 (2)(a)(1-6), Florida Statutes (2013), by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, Division of Florida Highway Patrol, on or about April 8, 2013, in Okeechobee County, Florida: Any owner, entity, bona fide lienholder, or person in possession of the property when seized has the right within fifteen (15) days of initial receipt of notice, to contact Jason Helfant, Assistant General Counsel, Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, P.O. Box 540609, Lake Worth, FL 33454-0609, by certified mail return receipt requested to obtain a copy of the Complaint and Order Finding Probable Cause filed in the above styled court. 452585 ON 9/15,22/2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA. CASE NO. 2013-CA-320

BRITTON DWAYNE HARRIS and MARLENE CURLEY Plaintiffs, v. WILLIAM MAGGIACOMO, a/k/a WILLIAM P. MAGGIACOMO, a/k/a WILLIAM ORLANDO MAGGIACOMO, DECEASED, CHERYL E. MAGGIACOMO, HIS SPOUSE, TONYA HARRIS, HIS DAUGHTER AND HEIR, AND ALL OTHER UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, AND TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE NAMED DECEASED DEFENDANT AND SUCH OF THE UNKNOWN DEFENDANTS AS MAY BE INFANTS, INCOMPETENTS OR OTHERWISE NOT SUJ JURIS, ET AL. Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION TO: CHERYL E. MAGGIACOMO, P.O. Box 409, Cruz Bay, St. John USVI 00831 ALL OTHER UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, AND TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST DEFENDANT WILLIAM MAGGIACOMO, a/k/a WILLIAM P. MAGGIACOMO, DECEASED, AND SUCH OF THE UNKNOWN DEFENDANTS AS MAY BE INFANTS, INCOMPETENTS OR OTHERWISE NOT SUJ JURIS, ET AL.

LEGAL NOTICE that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following described property in Okeechobee County, Florida, to-wit:

LOT 37, PIONEER ESTATES, UNIT 2, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGES 15 THROUGH 17, PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, TOGETHER WITH A 1984 SINGLE WIDE MOBILE HOME; ID NO. SSMFLAB70664; MAKE BEAC; 66' IN LENGTH; TITLE NO. 18053532 LOCATED ON THE ABOVE CAPTIONED PROPERTY.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on TOM W. CONELY, III, of CONELY & CONELY, P.A., whose address is Post Office Drawer 1367, Okeechobee, Florida 34973-1367, and file the original with the Clerk of the above styled Court within 30 days of the date of first publication; otherwise a judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of said Court on September 6, 2013. SHARON ROBERTSON Clerk of Said Court BY: Jennifer Rediker Deputy Clerk 452386 ON 9/15,22/2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION CASE NO. 13000326CAAXMX

JAMES B. NUTTER & COMPANY, Plaintiff, vs. THE UNKNOWN, HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF MARY ALICE SMALL A/K/A MARY SMALL, DECEASED, et. al. Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF ACTION - CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE

TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING AN INTEREST BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE ESTATE OF MARY ALICE SMALL A/K/A MARY SMALL, DECEASED whose residence is unknown if he/she is living; and if he/she/they be dead, the unknown defendants who may be spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, and all parties claiming an interest by, through, under or against the Defendants, who are not known to be dead or alive, and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property described in the mortgage being foreclosed herein.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property: LOTS 29 AND THE WEST 1/2 OF LOT 30 OF RIVER RUN RESORT ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 18, PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA AND THAT CERTAIN 2005 MOBILE HOME WITH VIN NUMBERS GMHGA10460265A & GMHGA10460265B, a/k/a a 112 NE 8TH AVE, OKEECHOBEE, FL 34972-4505 has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on counsel for Plaintiff, whose address is 6409 Congress Avenue, Suite 100, Boca Raton, Florida 33487 within 30 days from Date of First Publication of this Notice and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition filed herein.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court at County, Florida this 13th day of September, 2013. SHARON ROBERTSON, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT BY: Jennifer Rediker DEPUTY CLERK 452809 on 9/22,29/2013

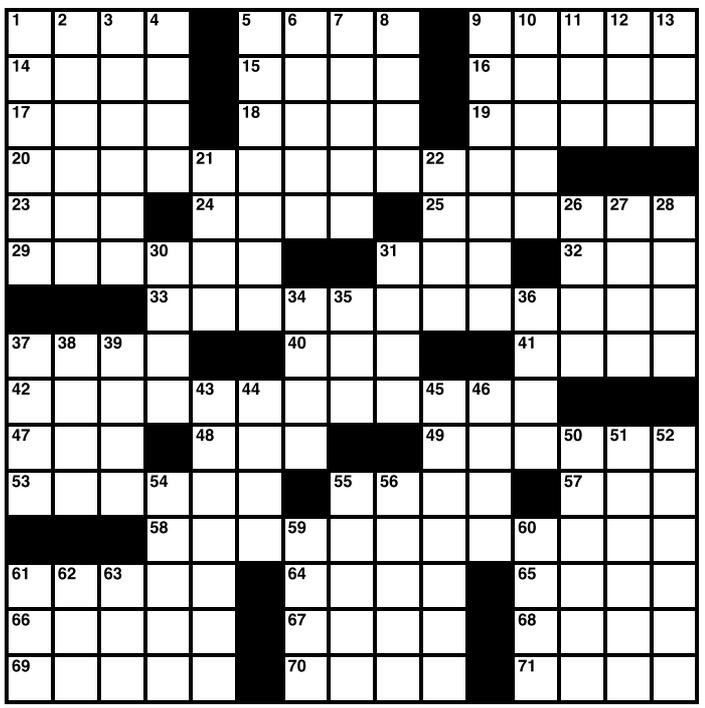
Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

- ACROSS 1 Word on a red octagon 5 Tree-trunk greenery 9 Channel covering Capitol Hill 14 Coif makeup 15 Queen Boleyn 16 Partner of well 17 Partner of willing 18 Like tilted ltrs. 19 Moderated, with "down" 20 Hullabaloo over a sudden policy reversal? 23 Ball supporter 24 Little mischief-makers 25 Legendary Chicago cow owner 29 Attack from above 31 Grande 32 Co. bigwig 33 Sign of table tennis tendonitis? 37 Bushy coif 40 Half of a double play 41 Inventor's germ 42 Bit of applause for an equestrian event? 47 Big thing at McDonalds? 48 Samaritan's offer 49 Game one 53 Meditation instruction 55 Crossword hint 57 Inventor Whitney 58 Cry of frustration about a Hostess cake? 61 Montezuma, e.g. 64 Snug ... bug in 65 "Exodus" author 66 Musical pace 67 Easy pace 68 Waiter's handout 69 Cuts and pastes, say 70 Iowa State's city 71 Stage accessory

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	<p>1008-H: In town Beautiful landscaped 2 bd, 2 1/2 ba CBS home on large fenced lot, extra room could be third bdrm, large living rm, family room, screen porch and large shed. \$190,000 MLS # 207126</p>		<p>2000-C: Taylor Creek Condominium upstairs 1 bd, 1 ba apartment, 680 total sq ft, screen pool area, boat ramp, boat dock, rim canal. \$47,500 MLS #207066</p>
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OHS Brahmans rout Fort Pierce Panthers

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

Khalil Smith ran for four rushing touchdowns in the first half and Okeechobee held Fort Pierce Westwood to just 140 total yards as the Brahmans won their District 14-6A opener, 44-0, Friday night at Brahman Stadium.

Smith scored on runs of nine, 20, 48 and six yards in the first half. Adrian Minondo added 98 yards and a touchdown before the half and defensive linemen Cody Walker caused a fumble and ran it back 28 yards for another score as OHS (1-3), opened up a 41-0 halftime lead.

The Panthers, (0-3), were hurt by two fumbles deep in their own territory that led to 14 quick, Okeechobee points in the first quarter.

Smith said he felt unbelievable as he rolled through the Panther defense and refused to go down in the first half. He had only been thrust into the starting lineup at the last minute but was ready to respond.

"I feel great, I ran crisp. It was just hit it and get it," he said.

Minondo said he feels he and Smith is an excellent 1-2 combo and they want to do what they do in practice in the games. "I give thanks to the offensive line. We had a full week of practice and we come out here and want to win this district."

Brahman Coach Chris Branham applauded both for their unselfish play. He noted they genuinely like each other, pull for one

another and were excited for one another in this game.

"There is no question that those runs and blocks set the tone for the night. It put us in control early and we got to idle down and get some more guys the repetitions they need," he added.

The entire team played with a heavy heart as defensive linemen Tyrell Taylor learned just before the game that his mother had passed away. Taylor insisted on playing the game and Branham said that showed a lot of heart.

"The football field is your sanctuary. It's where all your practice and training come to fruition. You can forget about the outside world. I think it might be therapeutic to be out here rather than sit around and be hurting. He's a strong young man and he played a tremendous game tonight," he added.

Okeechobee had 14 first downs as a team—11 in the first half. They constantly had great field position as they started the first scoring drive at their 43. They drove 11 plays to score on a one-yard run by Minondo. After a short punt the Brahmans missed a field goal. A fumble by Panther quarterback Ezekiel Smith gave Okeechobee a first and 10 at the Panther 23 on their third drive. Three plays later Smith ran in untouched for a 12-yard touchdown. Westwood turned the ball over on downs at their 41-yard line on the next series and Okeechobee scored six plays later when Smith busted loose for a 20-yard run. Smith scored again on a 48-

yard run late in the second. A 22-yard run by Minondo and a 30-yard run by Smith set up Khalil's final touchdown on a six-yard run with 20 seconds left in the half.

Walker scored the Brahman second touchdown when he stripped the ball from Rodney Jones and ran untouched into the end zone. He said he didn't think and just reacted.

"As a lineman you don't get to touch the ball very much so once I got it I knew I wouldn't be stopped. I broke through the line and hit the running back, stripped the ball, and I just played football. It didn't really hit me until I got to the end zone," he added.

Walker said his senior year didn't start out that great but that he thinks the team has turned the corner.

"It's not how you start, it's how you finish, and we're going to finish well," he added.

Coach Branham also praised his defense which held Westwood off the scoreboard even when the Panthers reached the Brahman one-yard line in the fourth quarter.

"The defense has played well all season. We take away the team's best two plays. We weren't perfect, but we did an awful lot right tonight," he added.

Game notes

Drayton Billie rushed for 80 yards in the second half thanks to two runs of 30 yards or more. Zachary Brown had an interception and 18-yard return for Westwood. OHS had

a season-low 30 yards in penalties. Smith had a pass deflection for OHS.



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Brahman varsity players do the field walk to unity before Friday's game

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Corps waives fees on National Public Lands Day, Sept. 28

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) will waive day use fees at its more than 2,400 USACE-operated recreation areas nationwide in recognition of National Public Lands Day on Sept. 28. On this day, fees normally charged at boat launch ramps and swimming beaches will be waived.

The waiver does not apply to camping and camping-related services, or fees for specialized facilities such as group picnic shelters. Other agencies and partners that manage recreation areas located on USACE lands are encouraged, but not required, to comply with this waiver of day use fees in the areas they manage.

In addition, volunteers who participate in one of USACE's National Public Lands Day activities will be issued a fee-free coupon if the volunteer site is participating in the coupon program. Volunteers should check with their local USACE project for more information. The fee-free coupon is valid for one year from date of issue and may be used for one day of entrance or day use fees at any participating federal agency's park, forest or recreation area that charges either of these types of fees. For more information on the fee-free day and coupons visit <http://www.publiclandsday.org/highlights/fee-free-day-and-coupons>.

USACE has been involved with National Public Lands Day since its inception in 1994 and has consistently been one of the event's largest providers of sites and volunteers. As the nation's leading federal provider of outdoor and water-based recreation, USACE

manages 422 lake and river projects in 43 states. With 90 percent of these projects located within 50 miles of metropolitan areas, USACE sites provide a wide range of safe, affordable, outdoor recreation opportunities close to home.

Visitors in Florida can take advantage of the day-use fee waivers at several locations within the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District. For those who enjoy boating, there are three corps boat ramps along the Caloosahatchee River, including the Ortona Lock and Dam North Recreation Area and the W.P. Franklin Lock and Dam North and South Recreation Areas. The W.P. Franklin Lock and Dam South Recreation Area also features a visitor center with interactive exhibits and a swimming beach with a manatee sculpture where children can climb and play. Those who live on the east side of Lake Okeechobee can use the boat ramp and visitor center at the St. Lucie Lock & Dam Recreation Area.

The day-use fee waiver on National Public Lands Day will include:

- W.P. Franklin North boat ramp \$3 boat ramp fee
- W.P. Franklin South Recreation Area \$3 boat ramp fee; \$1 swimming beach fee
- Ortona North Recreation Area \$3 boat ramp fee
- St. Lucie South Recreation Area \$3 boat ramp fee

"Wherever you choose to recreate on National Public Lands Day, please remember to check your safety equipment be-

fore water activities and always wear a life jacket," said Adam Tarplee, natural resource program manager.

"If you visit us at St Lucie, Ortona or W.P. Franklin please don't hesitate to speak with one of our park rangers if you have any questions," said Phillip Hart, the volunteer coordinator for south Florida and a park ranger at the St. Lucie Lock and Dam. "Remember that we have free loaner life jackets available at our recreation areas to ensure you have a safe visit while boating or just swimming."

For information on the W.P. Franklin Lock and Dam Recreation Area in Alva, call 239-694-2582. To find out more about the St. Lucie Recreation Area in Stuart, call

772-219-4575. Additional information can be found online at <http://www.saj.usace.army.mil> and then clicking "Recreation" or visiting <http://www.owwwisitorcenters.com>. For more information on USACE recreation opportunities nationwide, visit <http://www.CorpsLakes.us>.

Please share photos of your family and friends enjoying any of our recreation areas on National Public Lands Day by sending them to PublicMail.CESAJ-CC@usace.army.mil. You might just see them on our Lake Okeechobee and the Okeechobee Waterway Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/LakeOkeechobeeOWW>.

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The Okeechobee County Board of County Commissioners has tentatively adopted a budget for fiscal year 2013-2014. A public hearing to make a FINAL DECISION on the budget AND TAXES will be held on:

Thursday, September 26, 2013
5:30 P.M.
at
304 NW 2nd Street
Okeechobee, Florida 34972

BUDGET SUMMARY										
County of Okeechobee, Florida - Fiscal Year 2013-2014										
General Fund	8.5470									
Jail Loan Repayment Fund	0.3491									
ESTIMATED REVENUES		GENERAL FUND	TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND	SPECIAL REVENUE	DEBT SERVICE	CAPITAL PROJECTS	ENTERPRISE FUND	TRUST & AGENCY	TOTAL BUDGET	
Taxes:	Millage per \$1000									
Ad Valorem Taxes	8.5470	12,530,829								12,530,829
Ad Valorem Taxes	0.3491 (voted debt)				521,982					521,982
Sales & Use Taxes		2,431,576	2,500	7,173,580	5,700	905,000	0	0	10,518,356	
Charges for Services		1,189,329	212,146	1,760,500	0	0	102,393	0	3,264,368	
Intergovernmental Revenue		5,497,757	3,314,200	5,001,702	0	1,002,717	0	0	14,816,376	
Licenses & Permits		50,000	0	420,942	0	0	0	0	470,942	
Fines & Forfeitures		67,000	0	74,098	0	0	0	0	141,098	
Franchise Fees		456,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	456,000	
Miscellaneous Revenue		973,558	43,800	1,135,425	1,200	17,500	50	502	2,172,035	
TOTAL SOURCES		\$23,196,049	\$ 3,572,646	\$ 15,566,247	\$ 528,882	\$ 1,925,217	\$ 102,443	\$ 502	\$ 44,891,987	
Transfers In		1,061,287	-	202,084	-	-	-	-	1,263,371	
Fund Balances/Reserves/Net Assets		3,373,634	5,268,165	17,158,718	288,730	10,230,187	62,141	196,742	36,578,318	
TOTAL REVENUES, TRANSFERS & BALANCES		\$27,630,970	\$8,840,811	\$32,927,049	\$817,613	\$12,155,404	\$164,584	\$197,244	\$ 82,733,677	
EXPENDITURES										
General Government		6,384,208	0	564,479	0	2,925,875	29,610	0	9,904,172	
Public Safety		13,162,993	0	6,075,175	0	500,000	0	0	19,738,169	
Physical Environment		271,087	0	2,934,870	0	266,036	0	0	3,471,993	
Transportation		0	4,863,943	2,202,662	0	407,972	0	0	7,474,577	
Economic Environment		72,107	0	2,012,496	0	0	0	0	2,084,604	
Human Services		2,060,742	0	284,928	0	31,500	0	0	2,377,170	
Culture & Recreation		1,298,447	0	5,000	0	538,762	90,535	33,000	1,965,744	
Debt Service		0	0	236,003	503,036	0	0	0	739,039	
Court Related		0	0	338,752	0	0	0	0	338,752	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		\$23,249,585	\$4,863,943	\$14,654,366	\$503,036	\$4,670,145	\$120,145	\$33,000	\$48,094,221	
Transfers Out				177,225	284,625					461,850
Fund Balances/Reserves/Net Assets		4,381,386	3,799,643	17,988,058	314,577	7,485,259	44,439	164,244	34,177,606	
TOTAL APPROPRIATED EXPENDITURES										
TRANSFERS, RESERVES & BALANCES		\$27,630,970	\$8,840,811	\$32,927,050	\$817,613	\$12,155,404	\$164,584	\$197,244	\$82,733,677	

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