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Pastor says he won't press charges

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

Two young boys who have admitted to vandalizing the United Pentecostal Church won't be prosecuted for their transgressions, but they will have to help clean up their mess.

The boys, ages 11 and 13, apparently admitted to the detective investigating last week's incident that they were the ones who poured toilet bowl cleaner containing bleach on the carpet and chairs and sprayed a fire extinguisher throughout much of the building.

"The younger boy gave me details only they

would know," said Detective Bill Saum, of the Okeechobee City Police Department (OCPD). "The older boy said 'we messed things up.'"

When asked about their connection to the church at 405 S.W. 10th Ave., the detective said

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County to finalize budget

By Katrina Elskén
Okeechobee News

The adoption of an ordinance to designate the Okeechobee County sheriff as the Chief Correctional Officer of Okeechobee County tops the public hearings list for the Thursday meeting of the Okeechobee County Board of County Commissioners.

But even if they adopt the ordinance, Sheriff Paul May may not run the jail for long.

The Okeechobee County sheriff has been the defacto chief correctional officer and has administered the Okeechobee County jail since the county was established. However,

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If you go ...
WHAT: Okeechobee County Commission meeting
WHEN: Thursday, Sept. 26
9 p.m.
WHERE: Historic Okeechobee County Courthouse,
304 N.W. Second St.



Special to the Okeechobee News
The inaugural Leadership Okeechobee class met for the first time last week: (front row) D.R. Willson, D.R. Willson Land Company; Diana Whitehall, Okeechobee News; Shari Turgeon, Okeechobee Main Street; Donna Gaiser, The Canvas Shop; Diane Davies, TD Bank; Tiffany Collins, Florida Department of Health; Heather Hancock, Centerstate Bank. (Back row) Noel Stephens, Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office; Daniel Velez, Treasure Coast Food Bank; Frank DeCarlo, American Well Drilling; Pat Shepherd, Primerica Financial Services; Katherine Sebris, Florida Department of Health; Russ Brown, Indian River State College. Not pictured are Justin Domer, Domers, Inc.; Sharon Johnson, Harbor Community Bank; and, Paul Rieck, Lake Okeechobee Insurance.

Inaugural Leadership Okeechobee class debuts

Chamber-sponsored program seeks to develop and engage new community leaders

By Tom Byrd
Special to the Okeechobee News

Leadership Okeechobee, a program sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce of Okeechobee County, kicked off for 15 community-minded individuals last Wednesday at a special all-day session at the Williamson Center, Indian River State College.

Chamber President Terry Burroughs, who served as facilitator for this inaugural session, challenged the class to take full advantage of the opportunity, including generating a meaningful class project that will benefit the community.

"Leadership Okeechobee," Mr. Burroughs said, "is a leadership development program aimed at providing our community with an ongoing source of diverse leaders who are prepared and committed to serve as catalysts and sustainers of positive change for the quality of life and economic vitality of our community."

Okeechobee had been one of two counties in Florida without a leadership program, Mr. Burroughs noted in his opening statement to the excited, but nervous participants. Mr. Burroughs credited the seeds of this idea to Okeechobee Magazine publisher Maureen Budjinski, who championed the program to the chamber, prior to stepping aside from the project to tend to family health concerns.

From there, Donna Gaiser, who

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4-H youth promote healthy living at statewide youth retreat

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As part of the United Health Care and Florida 4-H "Eat4-Health" partnership, more than seventy 4-H youth leaders from across the state gathered at Camp Cherry Lake in Madison on Sept. 14 to learn important skills about eating healthy and the importance of exercise as part of a program aimed at reducing obesity rates among young people and families in Florida. The youth utilized the training they receive to be "Teen Health Ambassadors" and to bring their knowledge and skills back to their communities to promote healthy living at schools and special events to help reach thousands of residents about these important health issues.

4-H youth leaders divided into teams and were challenged to successfully complete a series of fitness obstacles and nutritional challenges during a day full of health and fitness activities modeled after "Survivor" type competitions. 4-H youth leaders utilized

the "OptimizeMe" smartphone application technology during the competitions to "optimize" their health and learning activities.

United Health care's mascot Dr. Health E. Hound joined 4-H leaders as they worked together to complete a series of fitness challenges that included testing strength and endurance with fun exercises designed to burn calories as well as being able to "advance to the next level" of the competition by answering trivia questions on nutrition, diet and healthy living.

The United Health care 4-H Eat4-Health partnership is in its third year, already activating thousands of 4-H Teen Health Ambassadors to make healthy choices for themselves and in the communities where they live. The activities at the Camp Cherry Lake retreat are part of a series of trainings and events made possible by a \$30,000 grant provided this year by United Health care to the University of Florida Extension Service, which provides 4-H programs to all counties in the state.



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4-H Teen Health Ambassadors (left to right) Jake Menendez and Seth Patterson from Okeechobee and Shelby Ball from Highlands participated in a hula-hoop competition as part of Eat4-Health.

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.

Such operations are a proven tool utilized 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 check-

point 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.

Assisting OCSO deputies at the checkpoint will be officers from the Okeechobee City Police Department and troopers from the Florida Highway Patrol.

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of rain 60% with rainfall amounts near 0.3 in. possible.

Tonight: Overcast. Thunderstorms and rain showers in evening, then cloudy. Fog overnight. Low of 70F. Chance of rain 30%.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: Partly cloudy with a chance of rain. High of 86F. Winds from the WSW at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 40%.

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War Bird Fly-In to be salute to veterans

Special to the Okeechobee News

There is a little known historical activity occurring within the Okeechobee community which is gaining in popularity—Scale Radio Control Model Aircraft. There is also a secret project under way in town in this venue which is finally taking shape: The construction of a 140" wingspan Feisler Storch by two friends, Rich Chivari and Joe Papasso, members of the Okeechobee Model Airplane Club, Inc.

The Feisler Storch (which translates to Stork) is a very unique German observation plane put into service just before WWII. The "Storch" was as advanced as it was unique in its day in many ways. To begin with it is a STOL Aircraft which means Short Take Off and Landing. The STOL configuration on this aircraft was accomplished through many aerodynamic design features not seen at the time and still considered state-of-the-art technology today. Many of these original aircraft survived and still fly today. One magnificent example is actually hangered locally at the Fantasy of Flight in Auburndale and is flown often by its owner Kermit Weeks.

While many aviation enthusiasts would prefer to model or fly a U.S. or ally aircraft, they all recognize the historical significance and technological advances the German engineers made in aviation during the war years. The model aircraft is being built and is anticipated to be the cornerstone of a War Bird Fly-In to be held on Saturday, Nov. 9, hosted by the Okeechobee Model Airplane Club as a Salute to Veterans. The event will be open to the public and free to spectators. It will be held at the local flying field on Northeast 80th Avenue at Northeast 37th Street. Gates will open early, and the event will start sharply at 9 a.m. Model aircraft and pilots will attend from all around the area and lots of great scale model aircraft will be on display.

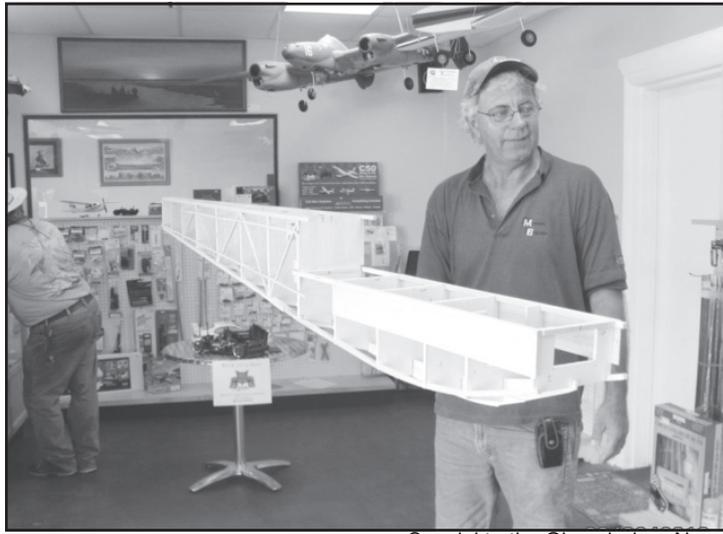
When Rich and Joe decided to partner up and build a joint project for this event, they were looking for something big and unique. That is when they came across the plans for the Feisler Storch by chance at a swap meet. The aircraft is being "scratch built," meaning all the parts are hand cut from raw balsa and assembled by hand, piece-by-piece. One of the biggest challenges of this project for Rich and Joe has been that the plans being used are in German and while neither of them

speak German, they both fluently speak and understand "airplane."

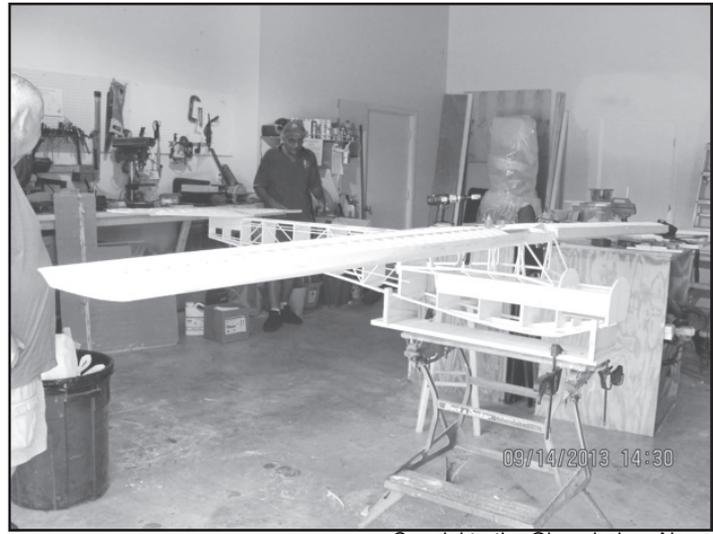
Scale radio controlled (RC) model aviation is truly an art form and also preserves history. This project, which for the most part is a weekend activity for Rich and Joe, is being sponsored by Big Lake Hobbies and

Dog Pound Model Aviation. When not being worked on, the aircraft, which is still "in the bones" meaning it is not yet covered, is on display at Big Lake Hobbies located at 110 S.W. 14th Street in Okeechobee. Feel free to stop in and see this magnificent aircraft as it is being built.

Also, please plan on attending the Salute to Veterans War Bird Fly-In on Saturday, Nov. 9, being hosted by the Okeechobee Model Airplane Club at their field on Northeast 80th Avenue at Northeast 37th Street. For more information, call Joe Papasso at 561-252-0916 or 863-357-3592.



Special to the Okeechobee News
Rich Chivari holds the beginning of the fuselage of the model aircraft the Feisler Storch which is being built for the War Bird Fly-In to be held Saturday, Nov. 9.



Special to the Okeechobee News
The construction of a 140" wingspan Feisler Storch by two friends, Rich Chivari and Joe Papasso, members of the Okeechobee Model Airplane Club, Inc. is under way.

Okeechobee Main Street has new executive director

By Tammi Kelly
Okeechobee News

Sharie Turgeon is the new executive director for Okeechobee Main Street.

Mrs. Turgeon has been in Okeechobee for 12 years.

She was formerly employed at a Humane Society on the Treasure Coast. She said she loves animals and has worked more with animals than people in her lifetime.

Mrs. Turgeon is originally from San Bernardino, Calif. When she was 10 years old, the family moved to Colorado. She graduated high school from North Glenn High School there.

She said her mother told her how beautiful Okeechobee County was and she had to come and see it for herself.

While visiting Okeechobee, she met her

future husband, Rock, an avid fisherman who was also visiting the area. By chance, he was also from Colorado.

After they married, the couple started their family in Colorado. Twelve years ago, Mr. and Mrs. Turgeon decided to bring their two beautiful daughters to live in Florida and they chose Okeechobee as their new home.

"We love the small town feel," said Mrs. Turgeon.

Mrs. Turgeon said she wants to spread the word about the Okeechobee Main Street organization and to increase membership, both in Okeechobee County and in the surrounding areas.

Main Street is an organization that focuses on revitalizing the old and bring it into the new but without it losing that historical charm, she explained.

"I am not a person looking for fame or glory," she said. "I am a person who stands behind an organization that I believe in and I believe in Main Street and Okeechobee."

If you would like to reach Mrs. Turgeon or Main Street, you may contact them at 863-357-6246, www.okeechobeemainstreet.com or just stop by at their office at 55 S. Parrott Ave.



Sharie Turgeon

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.

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Lake Okeechobee

• It amazes me how many people who live here do not understand that the lake needs highs and lows to be a healthy ecosystem. The current schedule of 12.5 to 15.5 feet is the best schedule we have had for the lake in 30 years. The fishing is great this year. When the lake gets too high and is allowed to stay over 15 or 16 feet for a long time, it destroys the vegetation around the edges and the fish have no where to spawn. When it is low, it is good for the fisheries but it makes it hard on the boaters. The drought actually helped the health of the lake because the fish had plenty of areas to spawn.

Sentencing

• I think the judges—who are elected officials—need to be more conscious of the expense of keeping nonviolent people in jail awaiting trial. If those accused of a crime are not considered a danger to the community, they should just put them on house arrest pending trial. Put that monitor thing on their ankles and only allow them to be at home or work, if they have a job. That way the county wouldn't be paying to feed and house them. Also, if they sentence someone for a crime, either give them community service or else give them enough time so they go to state prison. The county taxpayers cannot afford the expense of all these people sitting in the county jail. If they are bad enough to be locked up, send them to state prison.

Spice

• After all that has been in the news about how dangerous this Spice stuff is, I am surprised there are still people who are stupid enough to use it. You can die from this toxic garbage and they are putting it in their lungs.

Vandalism

• What is wrong with these young people that they destroy the property of others? Where are their parents? Did anyone ever teach these kids right and wrong?

• To vandalize a church is such disrespect.

• Why don't people respect others' property any more? I would rather have my things stolen than maliciously destroyed.

• The Okeechobee Nazarene church was robbed a few years ago. Broke the back door into the church, stole the sound equipment, electronic pianos and tried to get to the safe. This sounds more like gang related.

• This is just so sad.

• They should hold the parents accountable for the damages and make the juveniles do community service.

• In regard to the church that was vandalized, I saw the pastor on the TV news and he said he is willing to forgive them and they should come to his church and maybe they can turn their lives around. I was glad to see that he is wanting to help them get back on the right path instead of writing them off as losers.

Budget

• You know it is funny how many people have an opinion about the deputies driving their vehicles home. Look around and you will see Martin, St. Lucie, Palm Beach, Glades, Highlands, Okeechobee City and even the Reservation cars in town with their deputies driving them home. It is my understanding that the deputies that live out of town can drive the cars but they have to pay to do that. Now for the deputies that live in Okeechobee. They are on duty when they get in their car. They do not drive to the office and clock in. They go on duty as soon as they get in that car. So ask yourself would you rather these deputies be in their car while reporting for duty, or be in their personal car and have to go to the office to get their work car before they respond to an emergency? It's a no brainer for me.

• What about Okeechobee County employees (who do not work for the sheriff's office) driving county-owned vehicles home? If I was an employee and wasn't one of the ones driving a county owned vehicle home I would be upset. I was told by a ranking sheriff employee that the deputies are not on duty until they get to the office and are not on duty after they leave the office at the end of the shift so they are not going to preform their duties when they are traveling to and from work. They may not punch a clock but they have a definite start and stop work shift time. If you want to increase my taxes when this is being permitted then I want them to travel to the sheriff office in their own cars then get in the county owned vehicle during working hours.

Churches host special events

Believers Fellowship Church, at 300 S.W. Sixth Ave. (behind the ROC), cordially invites the community to attend the first gospel sing of the fall on Friday night Sept. 27 at 7 p.m. If you love singing gospel music or just enjoy listening, then you will have a great time. Hot coffee and desserts will be served after the sing.

The **Church of God of Prophecy** will have a bake sale and a car wash on Saturday, Sept. 28, starting at 9 a.m. at Pat's Floral Design located at 210 N. Parrot Ave.

Life Community Church, 701 S. Parrott Ave., will have their FREE family movie night on Friday, Oct. 4, at 7 p.m. The movie, "Music of the Heart" is based on the true story of how Roberta Guaspari's musical gift affected her students in a tough inner city neighborhood to show them their dreams were not too far out of their reach. Free popcorn and drinks. The public is invited.

Haven of Rest Church, 912 N.W. Second St. would like to invite everyone to their weekly bible study and or youth service every Thursday at 7 p.m.

The AWANA Club at **Oakview Baptist Church** invites all children from pre-Kindergarten, ages 3 to fifth graders. The club is from 5:45 to 7:30 p.m. every Wednesday. Come join in the fun as with the Cubbies, Sparks and T & T classes for Bible memory and game time fun! Call the church office for more details at 863-763-1699.

"Bible at Lunch Time" at **First United Methodist Church** has resumed for the fall, same time, same place, but the day of the week has changed. Everyone is invited to bring a sack lunch (drinks are provided) on Thursdays at 11:30 a.m., Room #21, 200 N.W. Second St. The fall study is "Adventures in Prayer." Participants will look at the prayers of Daniel, David, Paul and, of course, Jesus, in a study from Moody by Stuart Briscoe; prayers and hymns from some of the masters: Augustine, the Welseys and the Reformers; the contemporary prayers of Catherine Marshall, Joyce Meyers, Henry Blackaby and Ravi Zacharias. For more infor-

mation, call Nancy Vaughan at the church, 863-763-4021.

Jesus Holy Ghost Crusade Ministry Soup Kitchen and Thrift Store, 1401 N.E. Park St., is in need of donations of any type. All donations are tax deductible. Help is needed in putting a roof on the church and painting the building. The thrift store is open Monday-Friday from noon to 4 p.m. and the building fund yard sale will be the first and second Saturday of every month from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The soup kitchen is under construction. For more information, call 863-634-9194.

Okeechobee Missionary Baptist Church, at 4212 Hwy. 441 N., and Pastor Clinton Currington, would like to invite all to participate in church services. The King James Bible is used. Sunday School is at 9:45 a.m., with worship at 10:45 a.m. Sunday Night BTC is at 5:30 p.m. followed by worship service at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday is Bible Study at 7 p.m.

Oakview Baptist Church, at 677 S.W. 32 Street, would like to invite everyone to the Sunday Worship Service at 10:30 a.m. and to our Wednesday Worship Service at 6 p.m. We also have Sunday School (for all ages) at 9:15 a.m. on Sunday mornings and we have classes at 6 p.m. on Sunday evenings. Come and worship with us! For more information, call 863-763-1699. Our website is oakviewbaptist.com.

Victory Baptist Church, 500 S.W. 9th St, would like to invite the public to attend any or all of their 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 fashion singing and praising God. The youth "band," consists 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 everyone to visit their Lending Library, Room 20, at 200 N.E. Second St., in Okeechobee.

For information, call Doris Entry at 863-467-1548.



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Task force charges man with pill trafficking

By Eric Kopp

Okeechobee News

A man already out of jail on bond, has been arrested on felony drug charges and again finds himself behind bars at the Okeechobee County Jail.

Gerald Steven Price, 49, N.E. Sixth St., Okeechobee, was arrested Monday, Sept. 23, on felony charges of trafficking in a controlled substance (morphine) and sale of a controlled substance (oxycontin) within 1,000 feet of a church.

Price is being held on \$500,000 bond.



Gerald S. Price

detective.

This was not Price's first arrest for selling prescription medication.

Price was arrested after he reportedly sold as many as 30 morphine tablets to an undercover law enforcement officer during a local drug operation. He also handed the officer an 80 mg oxycontin tablet during the sale, stated an arrest report by a Okeechobee Narcotics Task Force

Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO) records show task force detectives arrested Price on Oct. 9, 2012, on charges of sale of oxycodone (two counts), sale of a controlled substance within 1,000 feet of a church (two counts) possession of a controlled substance with intent to sell within 1,000 feet of a church, trafficking in oxycodone, conspiracy to traffic a controlled substance, possession with intent to sell a controlled substance within 1,000 feet of a church (two counts) and a misdemeanor charge of possession of marijuana less than 20 grams.

Arrest records indicate he was booked into the county jail on \$327,000 bond.

Price was later released on bond, but was arrested again a few weeks later. On Nov. 10, 2012, he was charged with conspiracy to traffic a controlled substance. This time he was released on his own recognizance.

On Jan. 9, 2013, Price was arrested yet again by task force detectives. This time he was charged with the felony of witness tampering.

Records indicate the trafficking a controlled substance and witness tampering cases are still pending.

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the boys live nearby and played basketball in the church parking lot.

The investigator said 295 square yards of carpet will have to be replaced. The boys also destroyed a \$500 computer as well as some wooden flooring. Detective Saum estimated the total damages to be around \$20,000 to \$25,000.

They apparently pushed over a church

organ too, but the detective thought it could be repaired.

"We got lucky on the musical instruments," added the detective.

Despite all the damage, Reverend Raymond Warren has chosen not to prosecute the boys.

"The juvenile justice system, I don't think is a good place to rehabilitate a boy. A lot of times they learn to be a better criminal," said Rev. Warren in an interview Tuesday, Sept. 24. "I don't feel I want to press charges."

He added that he is currently looking at

carpet and replacing the seating, and that the help and support from the community has been beyond belief.

"I am overwhelmed by the support of the Okeechobee community—the calls and the emails—and the people who have reached out to help us," he said.

He said the church has received all types of donations, including cash and goods. Rev. Warren said he also received a call from a fellow minister in Plant City whose church will be sending the local church an offering.

Rev. Warren went on to say he hopes to

have the church fully restored in the next couple of months.

And those two boys will be a big part of that restoration.

If they had been arrested, Detective Saum said they were looking at being charged with the felonies of criminal mischief and burglary.

"In my opinion they were bored, found a door open and went to town," offered the detective. "But, both of these kids are nice kids. As with all children, they have potential. The decision, now, is up to them."

LEADER

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is also attending as a class member, helped carry the ball for the chamber, along with Maureen Burroughs and others.

Following this month's introductory program, the class will participate in seven, monthly all-day educational sessions at different locations. The leadership group will receive in-depth exposure to the critical issues facing the Okeechobee area through lectures, discussion groups, on-site visits, simulations and other leadership development activities. Issues to be addressed during the year include human services, government and politics, economic development including agribusiness, water quality issues, health care, criminal justice, education and arts and culture.

After some introductory "team building" exercises designed to get the attendees better acquainted with each other, the class heard a series of orientation presentations.

Magi Cable entertained members with a detailed look at Okeechobee's early history focusing on the life of Peter Raulerson.

The session on local media featured presentations by WOKC's GM Wayne Cunningham, Okeechobee News Publisher Tom Byrd, and Okeechobee The Magazine publisher Maureen Budjinski. This was followed by an update on cultural arts in Okeechobee. Bridget Waldau outlined the mural program and its potential importance for the area, and Okeechobee Community Theatre organizer Ron Hayes offered a multi-media look at Okeechobee's popular community theatre.

In the afternoon, the focus turned to an overview of Okeechobee's service organizations with presentations to the chamber by Terry Burroughs, Main Street and Kiwanis by JD Mixon, Rotary by Donna Gaiser, as well as a listing of the area's many other service clubs. The attendees also heard presentations on the activities of the Economic Council by Jon Geitner and a look at Arnold's Wildlife Rehabilitation Center delivered by

effect a short time.

At 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, the county commissioners will hold their final budget hearing. At their last budget hearing, Sheriff May warned the commissioners if they do not provide the funding he deems necessary for safe operation of the jail, he will not run it.

"The decision to have someone go in that jail at night and work—and them not be safe—that I will not do," said the sheriff at the Sept. 12 hearing.

The county commission's proposed budget will cut the sheriff's budget about \$2 million from the 2012-13 funding. Because of this, 38 sheriff's office and jail employees were given notice they will be laid off when the 2012-13 fiscal year ends on Sept. 30.

Sue Arnold.

Donna Gaiser, who is also Rotary president, had the unique vantage point of being an event organizer, a presenter, and class member.

"Watching the program finally come to fruition after months of planning was overwhelming," Ms. Gaiser said afterward. "I was worried that we wouldn't have anticipated a significant aspect and it would be too late. As the day unfolded, I began to relax and enjoy the tremendous effort put forth by all the presenters. The overarching theme seemed that each person did their very best to ensure Leadership Okeechobee succeeded."

Maureen Budjinski was also elated at the result. "Early on when the Chamber of Commerce of Okeechobee County started, I asked for a meeting with Terry Burroughs," Ms. Budjinski said. "I was so hopeful that the

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).

- Jalayna Jesann Etheredge, 30, S.E. 28th St., Okeechobee, was arrested Sept. 20 by the Okeechobee Narcotics Task Force on a felony charge of possession of a controlled substance (morphine sulphate) without a prescription. She was released on her own recognizance.

- Hanna Lyn Schagrin, 18, Lake Underhill Road, Orlando, was arrested Sept. 21 by Trooper D. Maliszewski on a felony charge of possession of a controlled substance (xanax) without a prescription and a misde-

chamber would start a leadership program. We discussed this in length and later realized that Okeechobee was only one of two counties in the state that did not have a leadership program. And the rest is history. We started last summer and, with the help of a very dedicated committee, we have come to fruition. I had asked Board Member Donna Gaiser to take over as chair, as I needed to leave the area for personal reasons. I attended the first class and was so proud of them all. We are helping to create new leaders of Okeechobee."

The next session on Oct. 16 will be themed on public safety and will include programs at the sheriff's office, emergency operations, fire and city police.

Tom Byrd is Publisher of the Okeechobee News and Regional President of Independent Newsmedia Inc USA

misdemeanor charge of possession of marijuana under 20 grams. Her bond was set at \$500.

- Emelie Madeline Fayle-Chong, 32, N.Flagler Drive, West Palm Beach, was arrested Sept. 22 by Trooper D. Maliszewski on a felony charge of cruelty toward a child, and misdemeanor charges of driving under the influence and driving under the influence with property damage. She was released on her own recognizance.

- Teresa Monique Howard-Mason, 32, S.W. 19th Lane, Okeechobee, was arrested Sept. 22 by Deputy Steven Pollock on a U.S. Marshal's Service warrant charging her with violation of probation - fraud. She is being held without bond.

This column lists arrests and not convictions, unless otherwise stated. Anyone listed here who is later found innocent or has had the charges against them dropped is welcome to inform this newspaper. The information will be confirmed and printed.

BUDGET

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during budget discussions with the sheriff's staff, it was pointed out that the county had never formally designated the sheriff as the chief corrections officer as permitted by Florida statutes.

The commission asked the county attorney to draft an ordinance to resolve that oversight.

"The sheriff is hereby designated as the chief correctional officer of the Okeechobee County correctional system pursuant to Section 951.061, Florida statutes," the proposed ordinance states.

If passed, that ordinance may only be in

Obituaries

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Thomas M. Hutson, Jr., 90

OKEECHOBEE — Thomas M. Hutson, Jr. passed away peacefully on Sunday, Sept. 15, 2013 at Raulerson Hospital in Okeechobee, Fla. He had been a resident of Okeechobee for the past four years.

Mr. Hutson was born May 7, 1923 in Savannah Ga. to Thomas Martin and Lollie Nathine Kicklighter Hutson. He graduated from Savannah High School in 1942 and enlisted in the U.S.

Merchant Marine where he experienced many tense moments on ships supplying the war effort. After the surrender of Japan, he was drafted into the Army and served in Alaska providing supplies to occupation troops in Japan. At the conclusion of his service he began a 40 year career with the Seaboard Air Line Railroad which eventually became CSX Transportation. He began his railroad career in Savannah, Ga., then worked several years in Tallahassee, Fla. and finished his career in Jacksonville, Fla. His final years of work were spent as a passenger conductor for Amtrak between Jacksonville, Fla. and either Savannah, Ga. or Columbia, S.C. After retirement, he enjoyed several years as a Master Gardener, as a volunteer with a local AARP chapter, as a volunteer income tax preparer and as "Hurry Along" the clown with a clown troupe that entertained children and seniors. He was a Mason for over 50 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his sister, Margaret; and his wife of 64 years, Rebecca Pauline Davis, whom he married in 1946.

He is survived by his daughter, Pamela Newcomer of Okeechobee; his sons and daughters-in-law, Michael and Amy Hutson of Tallahassee, Fla., and Kenneth and Pok Sun Hutson of Niceville, Fla.; his grandchildren, Rebecca (Clint) Ledferd, Gerald Newcomer, Jr., Angela Hutson, Daniel Hutson, John Lakin and Jim Lakin; his great-granddaughter, Kinley Ledferd; and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service is being planned for a future date where his ashes will be buried with his wife at Providence Baptist Church Cemetery outside Reidsville, GA. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorial contributions be made to Providence Baptist Church Cemetery Fund, 982 Providence Church Rd, Lyons, GA. 30436.

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

All local arrangements are entrusted to the care of Buxton & Bass Okeechobee Funeral Home, 400 North Parrott Avenue, Okeechobee Florida 34972. Bradley Anderson Funeral Home in Reidsville, GA. is handling out of state arrangements for the Hutson Family.



Shanda RaNae Altman, 40

OKEECHOBEE — Shanda RaNae Altman passed away Sept. 21, 2013.

She was born July 28, 1973 in Okeechobee, Fla. She was a teacher with Pemayetv Emahakv Our Way Charter School on the Seminole Reservation. She loved teaching and all her kids.

Shanda was preceded in death by her mother, Sheryl Abney; and her uncle, Mike Altman.

She is survived by her father, Red Altman (Rhonda); brother, Shane Altman (Laura); nieces Lacy and Sherry Altman all of Okeechobee; stepbrothers, Kyle Abney (Harmony) of Stuart and Wes Abney (Tracy Cook) of Okeechobee; step-sister, Lisa Cook of Panama City; step-nephew, Blake Hollister; grandmother, Ruby Altman; uncles, David Altman (Sandi) all of Okeechobee, Roger Vaught (Karen) of Valdosta, Don Deloney (Lana) of Okeechobee; aunts, Susan Rucks (Charlie) of Okeechobee, Judy Ann Bowen (Bob) of Boca Grand, Sandy Rowland (Larry) of Stienhatchee, Fla., and Gwen Altman; and a host of cousins.

Visitation will be 5 to 8 p.m. today, Wednesday, Sept. 25, 2013 at Buxton & Bass Okeechobee Funeral Home. Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 26, 2013 at Buxton & Bass Okeechobee Funeral Home. Interment will follow at Evergreen Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, American Cancer Society, PO Box 22718, Oklahoma City, OK 73123-1718.

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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. Light refreshments will be served and free day care services will be provided during the session. 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.

Elks will meet Sept. 26

Lake Okeechobee Elks, #2871, will meet on Thursday, **Sept. 26**, at 7 p.m. at the VFW South in Treasurer Island. Remember, we are selling tickets for our 26-Week Club and setting up fun times for this coming season.

BHR Moose planning dinner

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

Miss Rodeo pageant is Friday

The Miss Rodeo Florida Pageant will be held Friday, **Sept. 27**, at the Okeechobee County Agri-Civic Center. Categories include: Miss Rodeo Florida (ages 19-25); Miss Teen Rodeo Florida (15-18); Miss Rodeo Florida Princess (11-14); and, Miss Rodeo Florida Sweetheart (7-10). The contest will start at 9 a.m. with a horsemanship competition. Horsemanship interviews are 1 to 2 p.m. There is no admission fee.

Aerie 4137 serves steak

The Aerie 4137 (North Eagles) will offer steak dinners from 5:30 to 9 p.m. on Friday, **Sept. 27**. Music will be provided by Michael. Saturday, Sept. 28, five-card bingo is at 5:30. Tuesday, Oct. 1, bingo starts at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 2, bingo starts at 5:30 p.m. The public is welcome. Proceeds go to support the community.

Legion has Sunday bingo

American Legion post 64 will host Sunday night bingo on **Sept. 29** at 6:30 p.m. Doors open at 5 p.m. in the bingo area. The kitchen will offer a limited menu. Payoffs will be determined by player attendance. All proceeds to benefit the American Legion veterans programs. The event is open to the public.

VFW hosts pancake breakfast

VFW Post 9528 Buckhead Ridge will host a pancake breakfast Sunday, **Sept. 29**, from 9 to 11 a.m. Meals will be available for \$4 to \$6 donation. Proceeds will go to Veterans Village a Veterans Retirement Village in Fort McCoy, Fla. For information, call Timmie at 467-2882.

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 preach and the Okeechobee Community Choir will be singing.

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Unemployment rate declines in Okeechobee

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

Jobless claims dipped slightly in August from 9.4 to 9.3 percent in Okeechobee County according to the monthly report from the U.S. Department of Labor and Florida Department of Economic Opportunity

released Friday.

The report said 1,721 residents collected benefits in August compared to 1,732 residents in July. In August, 2012, there were 2,117 residents who collected benefits, a rate of 11.4 percent.

Glades County reported 9.3 percent unemployment in August, the same as July lev-

els. The report said 439 residents collected benefits in August and 465 during July. In August 2012, 500 Glades County residents collected benefits, a rate of 10.3 percent.

Okeechobee was ranked sixth highest among Florida counties. Glades County stood as seventh highest. Hendry County had the highest rate in the state at 15.4 per-

cent. St. Lucie was third at 10.1 percent. Highlands was ranked 12th at 8.8 percent. Martin County had 7.5 percent and Osceola 7.3 percent.

The state level dipped from 7.4 to 7.1 percent. The lowest rate was found in Monroe County at 4 percent. The national level decreased from 7.7 to 7.3 percent in August



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Big Lake Post 10539 honor first responders

Members of Okeechobee Fire/Rescue Station 2 enjoyed the lunch provided by Big Lake Post 10539 for first responders on Sept. 11. Pictured left to right are: Post Commander Charlie Norris, First Responder David Kinchen, Ladies Auxiliary President Marian Merrill, Harry Cosner Post Trustee, Saul Tijernia, Josh Borgstrom, Lt. Zack Smith, Mike Schulleman and Bill Schullerman. Approximately 40 officers attended.



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Industry Support Program

On Thursday, Sept. 12, Steve Walker from W & W Supply Co. of Fla., Inc. presented a check to the Okeechobee High School FFA Chapter. W & W Supply, together with Zoetis (Pfizer), participate in the "Industry Support Program." A portion of product purchases made go to the local chapter. Left to right are Katie Brummett, Rabon Carrier, Jessica Turgeon, Steve Walker, Shayla Pendry and Roger McWaters.

Barrel racing clinic is this weekend

The Martha Josey Barrel Racing & Horsemanship Clinic will be held on Friday, Sept. 27, through Sunday, Sept. 29, at the Okeechobee Agri-Civic Center.

The two-and-a-half day barrel racing clinic is perfect for beginners or experienced riders. Learn how to start your new prospect or put more confidence and snappy turns on your finished horse.

For more information or to register, go online, www.barrelracers.com.

O.G. & C.C. Golf Results OGCC Gold Tee Winners

Okeechobee Golf and Country Club Gold Tee Golf Scores for Sept. 20 are: first place, Chet Hendren; second place, George Gurdosh; third place, Howard Shelkie.

Up coming Blood Drives

The annual 'blood roundup' community drive this year be called the NASCAR Okeechobee 600 in November. Giving at any of the following drives, still lets you donate at the Okeechobee 600.

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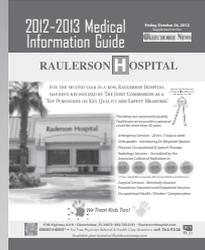
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What is Cyberknife Radiation Therapy?

By Dr. Ramesh Kumar
Big Lake Cancer Center

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Girl Scouts attend Badgeapalooza

Girl Scouts from Troop 60938 attended Badgeapalooza on Saturday, Sept. 21. They earned badges in animal care, jewelry making, painting or home scientist.

Semi-truck damaged by fire

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

Over \$16,000 in property damage was reported after a Peterbilt truck caught fire near a garage and other trucks at 12575 State Road 70 East on Sept. 19, Okeechobee County Fire Rescue reports.

Three units and six firemen were dispatched just after midnight and found the cab of the truck 100-percent involved when they arrived at 12:17 am. The fire report said workers at the ranch had started to extinguish the blaze. County firemen used 250 gallons of water to fully put out the fire.

The cab of the truck was fully destroyed. A garage and other trucks near the fire were not damaged at the Goodbread Ranch. The State Fire Marshall will determine the cause. There were no injuries reported.

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Corps to increase flow from Lake Okeechobee

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Jacksonville District has increased the water releases from Lake Okeechobee as part of efforts to manage the rising lake level.

The new target flow to the Caloosahatchee River is 4,000 cubic feet per second (cfs) as measured from Moore Haven Lock & Dam (S-77). The new target flow for the St. Lucie Estuary is 1,800 cfs as measured at the St. Lucie Lock & Dam (S-80) near Stuart. The new target flows became effective at 7 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 21.

"The above-average rainfall so far this month is a sharp contrast to the drier conditions experienced last month," said Lt. Col. Tom Greco, Jacksonville District Deputy Commander for South Florida. "Keeping with trends so far this wet season, we anticipate local basin runoff will continue to be a significant source of flows through the Franklin and St. Lucie Locks."

The lake level Tuesday was 15.78 feet. Under the corps' water control plan, the 2008 Lake Okeechobee Regulation Schedule (LORS), water management operations are structured to keep the lake at a seasonally-adjusted level between 12.5 and 15.5 feet. The corps will closely monitor conditions and adjust flows as necessary. For more information online go to <http://www.saj.usace.army.mil/Missions/CivilWorks/WaterManagement.aspx>.

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Retired Educators attend regional conference

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Seven members of the Okeechobee Retired Educators Association traveled to Vero Beach on Thursday, Sept. 19, to attend the District 9 Regional Conference. The retired educators participated in breakout sessions and received recognition for their hard work.

One of the highlights of the meeting is when the state organization shares the "Big Check" which represents the number of volunteer hours their district has given back to the community. The District 9 Region, which includes Okeechobee, Indian River, St. Lucie, Martin and Highlands County gave over 300,000 hours of volunteer time. Okeechobee's group received special recognition due to the fact we were the district's top group with 93% of our members doing some form of volunteer work. We also received awards

for achieving goals set by the state as well as membership recruitment.

Locally about 50 members participate in activities which include "Hooked on Books" where the club donates books to each of the public school media centers; and, "End the Hunger" where the club donates money to the National Honor Society to provide food to children in need for the weekends, when they do not receive school meals. Club members also sell Historic Christmas Ornaments which provide for two OHS scholarships. They serve as mentors, readers in schools, and volunteers throughout the community.

If anyone wishes to purchase the ornament which this year depicts the First Baptist Church, contact any member of the OREA or contact president, Gay Carlton.



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Okeechobee retired educators at the conference included (left to right) Magi Cable, Doris Entry, Gay Carlton, Hazel Parnis, Pam Trent and Kay McCool. Not pictured, but attending, was Marion Davis.

Conservation Land Assessment meetings planned

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection has scheduled meetings throughout the state in order to continue presenting the public with information about the department's state conservation land assessment and to take public comment.

The meetings are scheduled for Sept. 30 in Pensacola, Oct. 3 in Fort Myers, Oct. 8 in Viera and Oct. 9 in Orlando. They are designed for the department to inform the public about the scientific process that has been used to evaluate the 3 million acres of state conservation land with a goal of selling lower value conservation land, enabling the department to buy more valuable conservation land.

To date, the preliminary list of sites for potential sale has been reduced from 169

sites and roughly 5,300 acres to roughly 95 sites and 4,200 acres, which represents 0.14 percent of the 3 million acres of state-owned conservation land. The meetings will also provide an opportunity for the public to provide comment about the process or specific sites.

"These regional meetings are another way for the department to be transparent and proactive during this evaluation process," said Susan Grandin, Director of the Division of State Lands. "Our process is working—many sites have been removed for legal or title issues, endangered species issues or others. The input we have received from the public has been a valuable part of this process and we hope for that to continue."

The public is encouraged to visit a webpage designed to provide updated information on the process, as well as a list of sites with maps and assessments, background on the process and related documents. Comments can also be submitted via email to ARC_mailinglist@dep.state.fl.us.

The meetings will take place on:
• Sept. 30, 6 to 8 p.m., Ernie Lee Magaha Building, 221 Palafox Place Pensacola

• Oct. 3, 6 to 8 p.m., Joseph P. D'Alessandro Building, 2295 Victoria Ave. Suite 364, Fort Myers

• Oct. 8, 6 to 8 p.m., Brevard County Board of County Commissioners, Florida Room C-313, 2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Viera

• Oct. 9, 6 to 8 p.m., Florida DEP Central District Office, 3319 Maguire Blvd., Suite 232, Orlando.



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Kiwanis host guest speaker

Bill Jordan, a facility administrator for G4S Youth Services, spoke to the Kiwanis Club of Okeechobee at a recent meeting. G4S is a private provider that contracts facilities and services for court adjudicated youth sent to them. Mr. Jordan's presentation focused on the services they provide for the youth such as mental health treatment, transitional services and case management. Mr. Jordan also spoke on the services the youth give back to the community through their work with Home Builder's Institute. Members of the G4S facilities build projects and donate them to area organizations such as area churches and Martha's House. They are also building several boats that will be raced in the upcoming Kiwanis Club of Okeechobee Minimal Regatta. Left to right are Kiwanis president J.D. Mixon, Bill Jordan and Heather Hancock.

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Irate dad accused of shoving son's grid foe at OCRA game

Father to be trespassed from sports complex

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

A man was arrested and trespassed from the Okeechobee Sports Complex after he allegedly charged across the field and shoved a 12-year-old boy to the ground. Apparently the father thought the other player was guilty of a late hit on his son.

Eric Shawn Brown, 39, S.E. 25th St., Okeechobee, was arrested Saturday, Sept. 21, on a felony charge of child abuse and misdemeanor charges of battery and disorderly conduct.

Brown was booked into the Okeechobee County Jail then released on his own recognizance at his first-appearance hearing.

An arrest report by Deputy Steven Pollock, of the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO), indicated the incident happened shortly after 6 p.m. Saturday at an Okeechobee Citizens Recreation Association (OCRA) youth football game at the Sports Complex on N.W. 27th Lane.

According to the arrest report at least

three witnesses, two of whom were off-duty law enforcement officers, saw Brown race across the field.

Officer Belen Reyna, from the Okeechobee City Police Department (OCPD), and OCSO Deputy John Ashby both told Deputy Pollock they were watching the game when they saw a man run across the field and push the boy to the ground.

The boy reportedly told Deputy Pollock after he heard an official's whistle blow he saw a man running at him.

"The next thing he knew he was flying through the air and landing on the ground," stated the deputy's report. The boy was not injured added the report.

When queried by Deputy Pollock, Brown reportedly said the referees were making bad calls and that there were a lot of late hits and unnecessary roughness. Brown apparently told the deputy he watched his son get hit late on a play and he lost control.

"He became aggravated and ran across the field and pushed the player, who had made the late hit," stated the deputy's report.

Brown reportedly told the deputy he did not intend to push the player that hard but he "... was caught up in the moment ..." and his adrenaline was rushing.

OCRA officials asked that Brown be trespassed from the complex.



Eric Brown

Lewis sentenced to 36 years in prison

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

MOORE HAVEN—A Glades County man was sentenced to 36 years in prison following his conviction for killing an Okeechobee bail bondsman.

Koty Cheyenne Lewis, 32, was found guilty Sept. 4 of second-degree murder with a firearm and aggravated assault with a firearm in the shooting death of Gordon Suleiman. Then Monday, Sept. 23, Judge Jack Lundy ordered Lewis to be sent to prison for 31 years on the murder conviction and for five years on the aggravated assault conviction.

Judge Lundy ruled that those sentences are to run consecutively.

Under Florida law the second-degree murder conviction carries a minimum/mandatory penalty of 25 years in prison, while the minimum/mandatory term on the assault charge is three years.

With that in mind, Assistant State Attorney Chris Klink said Lewis will have to serve the first 28 years of his sentence in full. He will then serve 85 percent of the remaining eight years.

"We asked for life," said Mr. Klink. "But, having said that, it was a just sentence and the judge followed the law."

Upon his release from prison, Lewis will be placed on probation for a term of 20 years.

Lewis was arrested Dec. 26, 2010, after

he shot Mr. Suleiman who was helping a fellow Okeechobee bail bondsman, Gregory James, locate Lewis.

Mr. Suleiman was shot one time in the left side of the chest with a .243 caliber rifle. He died at the scene.

Mr. James, Mr. Suleiman and his wife Cynthia, went to a mobile home on Red Barn Road to arrest Lewis. At some point Lewis, who was armed with a rifle, stepped out from behind the trailer and pointed the gun at the three bondsmen and ordered them off the property.

Lewis then fled and Mr. Suleiman and his wife gave chase.

A few minutes later Mr. James heard a gunshot and Mrs. Suleiman scream, stated an arrest report by Detective Sergeant Ronnie Baker, of the Glades County Sheriff's Office (GCSO).

Lewis was apprehended a short time later by Glades County Sheriff Stuart Whiddon and GCSO Deputy David Springman.

The rifle was later found near some cow pens that were about 150 yards from where Mr. Suleiman was shot.

When Lewis was taken into custody, a glass smoking pipe was reportedly found in his pocket. When the residue in the pipe was field tested, that test indicated a positive result for the presence of methamphetamine.

Mr. Klink said Mrs. Suleiman and other family members gave impact statements Monday and asked the judge to sentence Lewis to life in prison.

Under sentencing guidelines, said the prosecutor, Lewis scored a prison term of 28 years.



Koty Lewis





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Okeechobee Sports News in Brief

By Charles M. Murphy

Okeechobee News

Yearling Middle School **soccer** coach Erick Rios didn't expect his young team to jell this fast this season but it appears that the Bulls are at it again this year. They have won two consecutive matches by mercy rule. Wednesday at home they walloped Storm Grove 8-0. Johnny Tijerina had three goals, Brian Pinon had two goals and Lazaro Nunez, Adrian Guerrero and Brian Leal had one goal apiece. Sebastian Chavez provided two assists and Hernan Rayo had one assist.

Brighton upended Yearling Middle School 25-16 and 27-25 in girls **volleyball** action Thursday at the Pemayetv Emahakv Charter School on the Seminole Indian Reservation. Rachel Bryan had 12 kills and one ace. Tori Garcia had 18 assists and Megan Hargraves had four service aces and six kills in the match. YMS fell to (4-1). The YMS 'B' team won against Brighton. Alexi Morgan had two aces and two kills, Mallorie Thomas had two kills and two aces and Kendall Harrison had three aces for the Lady Bulls. YMS plays at Sebastian Middle on Monday.

The Lady Brahman **golf** team has had trouble with the weather this fall. Their home match on Sept. 19 with Martin County was cancelled by rain.

The Brahman boys **golf** team lost to Martin County on Sept. 19. Coach Danny Mullins said the boys did not play well with the low score at 48, 12 over par. "The golf course was a little long and the greens were very fast. The boys had not played a difficult course like that and they need a lot of practice on their short game," he added. The boys team hopes to turn it around with two matches on the Treasure Coast this week.

The Lady Brahman **bowling** team continued their roll with a shutout win over

Lake Placid last Thursday. Jessica Olney had a 356 series over two games. Ashley Byrd and Kirsten Doney both knocked over 310 pins in two games. Melanie Watson had a high game of 157. Coach Carole Olney said the girls have improved on their spares and are gaining confidence. She predicted the girls can be competitive in the district tournament this year and she expressed satisfaction with their improvement.

The Brahman boys **bowling** team won 5-2 over the Green Dragons. Brian Chapman had a game high 268. Samuel Rogers bowled a 202, Michael Tiger 174, and Austin Walker 234. Coach Olney said the Green Dragons were competitive and did a good job of cheering on their teammates. "It was a test for our kids and they did well. If you can concentrate with the loud noises you can compete at districts. The new kids were a little taken aback but came through," she noted.

The Lady Brahman **volleyball** team lost in four games at Sebring last Thursday night, 13-25, 17-25, 25-13, and 20-25.

Coach Taylor Pritchard reported that Sebring appeared to be in the right place at the right time in the first set as they got several easy tips at the net. The Lady Brahms played a strong third game. The fourth game was a battle back and forth and was tied at 20-20 until Sebring won the final five points. Sebring did have taller girls at the net. The Lady Blue Streaks at (6-4) this year. OHS fell to (4-6). Cheyenne Nunez had a strong service match for OHS. Makayla Root did a fine job at the net.

The Avon Park Red Devils swept the Okeechobee Brahms in **youth football** action Saturday at Brahman Stadium. The flag team won 26-0. The Mighty Mites overcame Okeechobee 12-0. The Pee Wee defeated Okeechobee 46-12 and the junior team won a competitive game 12-7. Martise

Spears had two touchdowns and Jatavis Fuse and Eric Williams added touchdown runs for Avon Park. Ziryn Flores had a strong defense game for Okeechobee. Jordan Johnson had 31 yards on 10 carries for the Brahms.

The Mighty Mite contest was a defensive struggle from start to finish. Zarian Sutton broke loose for a 75-yard touchdown run in the second quarter for Avon Park. Keveon Mason intercepted a Brahman pass late in the game and returned it 65 yards for the other touchdown. Emerson Billie had a tackle for loss, a 13-yard kick return and a 10-yard run for Okeechobee. Javaris Johnson had a 25-yard run for Okeechobee. Khamari Jones had several strong runs up the middle for Okeechobee. Two goal line stands by Avon Park in the second half proved to be the difference. Emory Coleman caught a 15-yard pass for Okeechobee. Dre'shaun Williams had a quarterback sack.

The PeeWee game was all Avon Park. They are the defending state champions. Jabari Knighten scored on touchdown runs of 16 and 17 yards in the first six minutes. He added a 20-yard punt return. Derrick Cobb scored on a 52-yard touchdown run 17 sec-

onds into the game. Quarterback Shamar Hawthorne hit Kevin Young for a 17-yard touchdown pass. Okeechobee played well in the second half. Wilton Williams had a 20-yard kick return. Daniel Mingo had a quarterback sack. Justin Gopher had a tackle in the backfield. Chad Williams scored on touchdown runs of 56 and 60 yards for Okeechobee. Jakhious Cooper recovered a fumble for the Brahms.

The Junior Division game was another defensive battle. Terrance Butler scored on a 4-yard run on the opening drive for Avon Park. Bradley Shaw recovered a fumble for the Brahms to spoil another Red Devil drive in the red zone. Bracen Harvey had several strong runs which included a 17-yard dash. Devonte Luellman had a 14-yard run to set up Okeechobee for a short touchdown run by QB Larry Boswell and a 7-6 halftime lead.

Evan Neal recovered a Red Devil fumble at the Okeechobee 5-yard line to stop another scoring threat in the fourth quarter. The Red Devils went ahead in the final minutes when Logan Page found Keyshawn Hicks for a 13-yard touchdown pass. Xavier Pette-son recovered a fumble for Okeechobee.



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Ramon Baker #12 had several nice runs for the Okeechobee Pee Wee team in their loss Saturday. Otis Ford III, #20, prepares to make a tackle on this play.



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Bracen Harvey had several strong runs for Okeechobee in the Pee Wee game. Evan Neal, #99, paves the way for a 17-yard run in the second quarter.



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BRANCH BANKING AND TRUST COMPANY, Plaintiff, vs. BERTA L. BONNEKSEN A/K/A BERTA LEE BONNEKSEN DEBRA E. WELKER AND UNKNOWN TENANTS/OWNERS, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure for Plaintiff entered in this cause on September 3, 2013, in the Circuit Court of Okeechobee County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Okeechobee County, Florida described as: LOTS 17, 18, 19 AND 20, BLOCK Q, OKEECHOBEE DEVELOPMENT COMPANY ADDITION TO OKEECHOBEE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 15, PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, and commonly known as: 1313 SE 8TH ST, OKEECHOBEE, FL 34974; including the building, appurtenances, and fixtures located therein, at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash. Sales are held in the Jury Assembly Room, 2nd Floor, Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida, on October 23, 2013 at 11am.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION Case No. 2012-CA-000554

CitiMortgage, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Tony V. Bowers, Jr.; et al. Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order to reset foreclosure sale dated August 16, 2013, entered in Case No. 2012-CA-000554 of the Circuit Court of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit, in and for Okeechobee County, Florida, wherein CitiMortgage, Inc. is the Plaintiff and Tony V. Bowers, Jr.; Unknown Spouse of Tony V. Bowers, Jr.; Ruth I. Mckenna; Unknown Spouse of Ruth I. Mckenna; Wells Fargo Bank, National Association as Trustee under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of February 28, 2001; State of Florida Department of Revenue; F.A. Management Solutions, Inc.; Unifund CCR Partners assignee of provision; Unknown Tenant #1; Unknown Tenant #2 are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in the Jury Assembly Room, 2nd floor, Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, FL 34972, beginning at 11:00 AM on the 23rd day of October, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit: LOT 28, WINTA PARK, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 1, PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA. Dated this 20th day of August, 2013.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA Case No. 47-2010-CA-000256

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. Plaintiff(s), vs. ANSELMO MADRIGAL; et al., Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Sale will be made pursuant to an Order or Final Summary Judgment. Final Judgment was awarded on December 13, 2012 in Civil Case No.: 472010CA000256, of the Circuit Court of the NINETEENTH Judicial Circuit in and for OKEECHOBEE County, Florida, wherein, BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. is the Plaintiff, and, ANSELMO MADRIGAL; MARYANNE MADRIGAL; AND UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION are Defendants.

The clerk of the court will sell to the highest bidder for cash at 11:00 AM on 16th day of October, 2013 in the Jury Assembly Room on the 2nd floor at the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, located at 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida 34972, the following described real property as set forth in said Final Summary Judgment, to-wit: LOTS 11 AND 12, BLOCK 1, PETIT PARK, A SUBDIVISION OF THE EAST 1/2 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/2 OF SECTION 20 TOWNSHIP 37 SOUTH, RANGE 35 EAST, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 19, IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA Property Address: 1788 SOUTHWEST 8TH STREET, OKEECHOBEE, FLORIDA 34974

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Sharon Robertson CLERK OF THE COURT BY: Sandra L. Crech Deputy Clerk Aldridge / Connors, LLP, Attorney for Plaintiff(s) 7000 West Palmetto Park Rd., Suite 307 Boca Raton, FL 33443 Phone: 561.392.6391 Fax: 561.392.6965

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 19TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA Case No. 47-2012-CA-000290

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff, vs. MARTINEZ, OLIMPIA, et al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Final Judgment entered in Case No. 47-2012-CA-000290 of the Circuit Court of the 19th Judicial Circuit in and for OKEECHOBEE County, Florida, wherein, JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff, and,

MARTINEZ, OLIMPIA, et al., are Defendants, I will sell to the highest bidder for cash at, THE OKEECHOBEE COUNTY JUDICIAL CENTER, 312 NW 3RD STREET, 2ND FLOOR, JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM, OKEECHOBEE, FLORIDA, at the hour of 11:00am, on the 23rd day of October, 2013, the following described property: LOT 40, BLOCK 52 BASSWOOD, INC. UNIT NO 5, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 51, 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. DATED this 28th day of August, 2013.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION Case No.: 2009-CA-732

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff, vs. ARMANDO RODRIGUEZ, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated FEBRUARY 1, 2013 and entered in Case No. 2009-CA-732 of the Circuit Court of the NINETEENTH Judicial Circuit in and for OKEECHOBEE County, Florida wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, is the Plaintiff and ARMANDO RODRIGUEZ; LUZ RODRIGUEZ; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INCORPORATED, AS NOMINEE FOR CITIMORTGAGE, INC.; are the Defendants, The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in THE JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM, 2ND FLOOR, OKEECHOBEE COUNTY JUDICIAL CENTER, 312 NW 3RD STREET, OKEECHOBEE, FLORIDA 34972 at 11:00AM, on the 23RD day of OCTOBER, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

A PARCEL OF LAND LYING IN THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 37 SOUTH, RANGE 35 EAST, OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA. BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE SAID NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 22; THENCE BEAR NORTH 89 DEGREES 06 MINUTES 31 SECONDS WEST, FOR A DISTANCE OF 128.00 FEET; THENCE BEAR SOUTH 00 DEGREES 10 MINUTES 40 SECONDS WEST, ALONG A LINE PARALLEL WITH THE EAST LINE OF SAID SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 22, FOR A DISTANCE OF 108.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 10 MINUTES 40 SECONDS WEST, ALONG A LINE PARALLEL WITH THE EAST LINE OF SAID SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 22, FOR A DISTANCE OF 62.00 FEET; THENCE BEAR SOUTH 89 DEGREES 06 MINUTES 31 SECONDS EAST, ALONG A LINE PARALLEL WITH THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 22, FOR A DISTANCE OF 128.00 FEET TO THE INTERSECTION WITH THE EAST LINE OF SAID SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 22; THENCE BEAR SOUTH 00 DEGREES 10 MINUTES 40 SECONDS WEST, ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 22, FOR A DISTANCE OF 45.00 FEET; THENCE BEAR NORTH 89 DEGREES 06 MINUTES 31 SECONDS WEST, ALONG A LINE PARALLEL WITH THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 22, FOR A DISTANCE OF 25.16 FEET TO THE INTERSECTION WITH THE EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF SOUTHEAST 9TH AVENUE; THENCE BEAR NORTH 00 DEGREES 11 MINUTES 14 SECONDS EAST, ALONG SAID EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF SOUTHEAST 9TH AVENUE, FOR A DISTANCE OF 107.00 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE BEAR SOUTH 89 DEGREES 06 MINUTES 31 SECONDS EAST, ALONG A LINE PARALLEL WITH THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 22, FOR A DISTANCE OF 162.14 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. A/K/A 1117 SE 9TH AVENUE, OKEECHOBEE, FL 34974

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale. WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on July 26, 2013.

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

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SHARON ROBERTSON Clerk Circuit Court BY: Sandra L. Crech Deputy Clerk

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, CIVIL DIVISION Case No. 472012CA000338XXXXXX

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff, vs. BARBARA J. JOLLY, 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 September 3, 2013, and entered in Case No. 472012CA000338XXXXXX of the Circuit Court in and for Okeechobee County, Florida, wherein BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., is Plaintiff and BARBARA J. JOLLY; WALTER C. JOLLY; BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.; SUNTRUST BANK; INDIAN HAMMOCK HUNT AND RIDING CLUB, 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 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida 34972, beginning at 11:00 a.m. on the 23rd day of October, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Order or Final Judgment, to-wit: LOT 299, INDIAN HAMMOCK HUNT AND RIDING CLUB, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGES 25 THROUGH 69, 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. SHARON ROBERTSON As Clerk, Circuit Court BY: Sandra L. Crech As Deputy Clerk 452775 ON 9/25/10/2/2013

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA Case No. 2011 CA 378 (Judge Metzger)

TD BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff, vs. ESTATE OF ROGER ESTEP a/k/a ROGER L. ESTEP, if any; MERCY ESTEP a/k/a MERCY ANCERO PRIEST a/k/a JULIE E. PRICE, as an heir/beneficiary of the Estate of Roger Estep; JILL CHRISTINE ESTEP a/k/a JILL C. SHAFTELIN, as an heir/beneficiary of the Estate of Roger Estep; GINA RENEE ESTEP a/k/a GINA LAMET WAGNER a/k/a GINA R. LAMET, as an heir/beneficiary of the Estate of Roger Estep; TENANT # 1, TENANT # 2, unknown tenants in possession, Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: MERCY ESTEP, J/K/A MERCY ANCERO PRIEST A/K/A MERCY ANCERO 1469 LAKE DRIVE WEST OKEECHOBEE, FL 34974-0286

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action has been filed against you in the Circuit Court of Okeechobee County, Florida, to foreclose a Mortgage recorded on September 9, 2005 in Official Records Book 575, Page 1942 of the Public Records of Okeechobee County, Florida (the "Mortgage"), on the following real property situated, lying, and being in Okeechobee County, Florida, and more particularly described as:

Lot 220, Treasure Island - Unit No. 8, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 91. Public Records of Okeechobee County, Florida

together with all existing or subsequently erected or affixed buildings, improvements, and fixtures (the "Property").

You are required to file your written defenses, if any, to it with the Clerk of the above-styled Court and to serve a copy thereof on Jeffrey B. Pertnoy, Esquire, Plaintiffs attorney, whose address is Akerman Senterfitt, 222 Lakeview Drive, Suite 400, West Palm Beach, Florida 33401, within thirty (30) days from the first date of publication of this Notice of Action.

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If you fail to do so, Judgment by default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

This notice shall be published once a week for two consecutive weeks in Okeechobee News on 9/18/13 & 9/25/2013.

WITNESS my hand and seal this 11th day of September, 2013. SHARON ROBERTSON Clerk of the Circuit Court BY: Jennifer Rediker Deputy Clerk 452492 ON 9/18,25/2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA Case No.: 47-2011-CA-000216

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff, vs. LALDHARRIE SAMAROO, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated August 12, 2013, and entered in Case No. 47-2011-CA-000216 of the Circuit Court of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Okeechobee County, Florida in which Wells Fargo Bank, NA, is the Plaintiff and Laldharrie Samaroo, Sumintra A. Samaroo, are defendants, the Okeechobee County 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 Street, Okeechobee, Florida 34972, Okeechobee County, Florida at 11:00AM on the 16th day of October 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

LOT 6, BLOCK 3, LAKE MONTAZA ESTATES, SECTION ONE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGE 15-19, PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA. TOGETHER WITH MANUFACTURED HOME DESCRIBED AS: USED REDMAN HOMES SERIAL N U M B E R 13007180A/13007180B. A/K/A 35239 NE 4TH DRIVE, OKEECHOBEE, FL 34972

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er than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

Dated in Okeechobee County, Florida this 14TH day of August, 2013. SHARON ROBERTSON Clerk of the Circuit Court Okeechobee County, Florida BY: Sandra L. Crech Deputy Clerk

In Accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Corrie Johnson, ADA Coordinator, 250 NW Country Club Drive, Suite 217, Port St. Lucie, FL 34986, (772) 807-4370 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. 450896 ON 9/18,25/2013

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ANSWER:

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der or against the said JOSE E. SANTIAGO; and TAYLOR CREEK CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC., A FLORIDA NON-PROFIT CORPORATION; Defendants.

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CHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA. at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, in the Second Floor Jury Assembly Room, Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 312 North West 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida, at 11:00 a.m. on October 16, 2013.

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Sharon Robertson As Clerk of the Court By: Sandra L. Crech As Deputy Clerk

NOTICE OF SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order of Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated August 27, 2013, entered in Civil Case No. 47-2012-CA-000348 of the Circuit Court of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Okeechobee County, Florida...



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NOTICE OF SALE Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above-styled cause, in the Circuit Court of Okeechobee County, Florida, I will sell the property situate in Okeechobee County, Florida, described as: UNIT NO. 3, BUILDING B, TAYLOR CREEK CONDOMINIUM, A CONDOMINIUM ACCORDING TO THE DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM THEREOF RECORDED IN O.R. BOOK 221, PAGE 379, AND RECORDED IN O.R. BOOK 225, PAGE 1640, PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA...

DATED This 16th day of August, 2013. SHARON ROBERTSON CLERK OF COURT By: Sandra L. Crech DEPUTY CLERK

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Crossword Puzzle

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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

Grid of crossword puzzle answers: STOP, MOSS, CSPAN, HAIR, ANNE, ALIVE, ABLE, ITAL, TONED, FLIP, FLOP, FLAP, TEE, IMPS, OLEARY, STRAFE, RIO, CEO, PINGPONGPANG, AFRO, OUT, IDEA, CLIP, CLOP, CLAP, MAC, AID, OPENER, EXHALE, CLUE, ELI, DINGDONGDANG, AZTEC, ARUG, URIS, TEMPO, LOPE, MENU, EDITS, AMES, PROP

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YMS bests Sebastian in volleyball and soccer

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

Yearling overcame a sluggish start and went on a 20-0 run as they walloped Sebastian Middle School 25-5 and 25-12 in middle school volleyball action Monday in Okeechobee.

Artha Jonassaint had 20 straight service points in the first game as YMS broke open a close game (5-5).

Yearling dominated the second game as they held leads of 9-3, 12-8 and 22-11 before closing out the match.

Yearling (5-1) was able to rebound from a defeat at Pemayetv Emahakv last Thursday on the Brighton Seminole Indian Reservation.

Coach Kellyann Campbell said it was a good match for Yearling as they were able to play a scrimmage afterward and get some experience for the younger players.

"We didn't play too well last Thursday so we want to make sure that doesn't happen again," she added.

Jonassaint said they work a lot on serves in practice and that paid off in this match. "It feels great. It was refreshing and fun. It is always great to rebound with a win after a loss."

Jonassaint said the loss last Thursday gave the girls motivation to win this match. She

said the team wants to come back with a vengeance and finish the season off strong.

She also came away impressed with Sebastian as they turned several points into long volleys and made the Lady Bulls work for their points, especially in the second game.

Outside, the Yearling Bulls soccer team improved to (4-1) with a 1-0 victory over Sebastian in a match shortened by lightning. The lightning detector went off in the first five minutes of the second half. Brian Pinon scored the only goal of the match for YMS.

Coach Erick Rios said the match was tough because Sebastian had a very good team.

"Most of my team is new guys and they are learning the system. It is always tough in the first few matches but as the season progresses we get better," he added.

Rios said he is pleased that the team hasn't allowed a goal in the last three matches. He said traditionally defense has been the strong point of his teams.

"These kids have a lot more to give. I think they will be better by the end of the year and we'll have better results next year," he added.

Osceola Middle School cancelled their home matches with Oslo due to inclement weather. No makeup date was immediately scheduled.



Okeechobee News/Charles Murphy
Javier Hernandez competes for possession of the ball during Monday's soccer match at YMS.



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Artha Jonassaint had 20 service points in the first game as YMS won another volleyball match at home Monday.

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