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Vandals strike Sports Complex

Damage done to playground, lights, electrical box, vehicles and concession stand

By Eric Kopp

Okeechobee News

A detective is pouring over clues to try and identify those responsible for causing a large amount of property damage at the Okeechobee County Sports Complex.

According to a report by Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO) Deputy Cari Arnold the vandals struck sometime between 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 16, and 7:45 a.m. Monday, Nov. 18.

The case has been assigned to OCSO Detective Bryan Lowe.

Deputy Arnold's report indicated that besides damage to playground equipment, a

Dodge van and a Ford F-15 pickup were also damaged. Windows were broken out of both vehicles. It's not yet known if anything was removed from the vehicles, since the doors were locked.

The vandals also shot out a window in a trailer parked on the property.

A concession stand was also burglarized when the vandals pried open a metal slide-down door. Once inside they destroyed "... anything they could throw, open or break," stated the report. The walls of the building were also defaced with black paint.

Deputy Arnold went on to state that a door on a shed was pried open and several cases of Gatorade® were stolen.

The vandals also damaged the announcer's stand at the football field, and tore down a light fixture at the swimming pool. They also tried to pry open the door to a storage area, but were

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Courtesy photo/OCSO

Vandals damaged this concession stand, two county-owned vehicles and other buildings at the Okeechobee Sports Complex.



Okeechobee News/Tammi Kelly

Wildlife center hosts open house

Jim Adams from Lakeland Florida Fish and Wildlife, makes friends with one of the many animals at Arnold's Wildlife Rehabilitation Center at the open house Saturday, Nov. 16. The event featured animal shows, a petting zoo and Paul Bedard of Animal Planet's 'Gator Boys'. For more, see page 9. For photos from the event online go to florida.newszap.com.

County to discuss building plans

By Katrina Elsken
Okeechobee News

What best represents Okeechobee County?

When the Okeechobee County Commissioners meet Thursday for their regular meeting, they will be asked to choose a small item for the Viva Florida 500 Statewide Time Capsule.

The Florida Department of State is requesting one small item from each county to represent Life in Florida, 2013, to be included in a statewide time capsule that will be opened on March 3, 2095, to celebrate the 250th anniversary of Florida statehood. The time capsule will be sealed on Dec. 31, 2013, and

If you go ...

WHAT: Okeechobee County Commission meeting

WHEN: Thursday, Nov. 21, 9 a.m.

WHERE: Historic Okeechobee Courthouse, 304 N.W. Second St.

displayed at the R.A. Gray Building in Tallahassee.

In other business, the commission once again will discuss plans for a new building to house the Driver's License Tax

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Corps increases flows to Caloosahatchee River

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Jacksonville District has announced it has increased the amount of water flowing from Lake Okeechobee to the Caloosahatchee River.

On Monday, the corps adjusted the target flow from the lake to the Caloosahatchee Estuary upward to a 10-day average of 730 cubic feet per second (cfs) as measured at W.P. Franklin Lock (S-79) near Fort Myers. Local runoff outside the lake into the Caloosahatchee River could cause flows to exceed this target. No releases from the lake are planned to the St. Lucie Estuary, although runoff from the St. Lucie Canal will be allowed to pass through the St. Lucie Lock should conditions make it necessary.

The lake stage Monday is 14.85 feet. The

lake is currently in the Operational Low sub-band as defined by the corps' water control plan, the 2008 Lake Okeechobee Regulation Schedule (LORS). The corps is increasing flows based on a provision in LORS allowing for make-up releases. Make-up releases are authorized when maximum allowable discharges were prevented due to downstream conditions such as basin runoff or tidal cycles. This is the first time since LORS was adopted that the corps has used this particular feature of the plan.

"We made a conscious decision to hold back water when we reduced releases on Oct. 21 due to the impacts experienced this summer by the estuaries, even though the water management plan authorized much larger releases at the time," said Col. Alan

Dodd, Jacksonville District Commander. "With the onset of dry weather, it is appropriate to release some of the water we held back at a flow that is beneficial to the Caloosahatchee while balancing the multiple project purposes for Lake Okeechobee."

One benefit of the increased flows will be to help with salinity levels in the Caloosahatchee Estuary. During dry times, freshwater flows from the lake are required to maintain viable salinity conditions in the estuary. Scientists have reported that the amount of salt water in the estuary has been increasing with the onset of dry weather. The additional flows are expected to help keep the

saltwater-freshwater mix in an appropriate balance for plant and marine life in the estuary. The corps will closely monitor conditions and adjust flows as necessary to balance the competing needs and purposes of Lake Okeechobee.

"Water supply won't be threatened by this action," said Dodd. "The amount of water we're discussing represents less than an inch of the lake's water level."

For more information on water level and flows data for Lake Okeechobee, visit the corps' water management page at the Jacksonville District website:

<http://w3.saj.usace.army.mil/h2o/reports.htm>.

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 **Today:** Overcast. High of 79F. Winds from NE 10 to 15 mph. Chance of rain 40%.

Tonight: Mostly cloudy. Fog overnight. Low of 64F. Winds from the NNE at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 30%.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: Partly cloudy with a chance of rain. High of 81F. Winds from the NE at 10 to 15 mph. Chance of rain 20%.



Special to the Okeechobee News/Sandra Pearce Photography

CARE Award presented to bank

The Economic Council of Okeechobee presented Harbor Community Bank with the Third Quarter CARE Award, or Community Award Recognizing Enhancement, honoring the voluntary enhancement of the appearance of their business now located at 2550 Highway 441 South. The Economic Council of Okeechobee developed the quarterly award to acknowledge and promote the beautification business owners have implemented to improve our special community, realizing that first impressions and aesthetics are important factors to visitors and potential investors. Construction of the new facility located in front of The Home Depot Store, was managed by G.M. Worley, Inc. and took about six months to complete. Harbor Community Bank's Branch Manager Sharon Johnson said they have received very positive feedback from their customers who love the new location and new building with drive-thru. The Economic Council is proud to recognize Harbor Community Bank's ongoing commitment to Okeechobee. Pictured (left to right) are Tara Minton Rowley, Paula Younger, Christa Luna, branch manager Sharon Johnson, market president Joe Mullins and general contractor Hoot Worley.

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Historical Society hosts educator as guest speaker



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Phoebe Raulerson (left) is pictured with Okeechobee Historical Society president Betty Williamson and holding a copy of the 2014 Historical Society Calendar of Firsts which will be available for sale at the Top of the Lake Christmas Festival on Saturday, Dec. 7, in the Historical Society booth. Proceeds go towards scholarship and special projects.

Longtime educator Phoebe Raulerson was the guest speaker at the November Historical Society meeting.

Mrs. Raulerson started off her remarks by speaking about her beloved mother-in-law, Lottie Raulerson. Miss Lottie, as she was known, was a sixth grade teacher who taught many, many years in the Okeechobee County School System. Many remembrances of Miss Lottie were shared. Her name lives on in Okeechobee as the Senior Services Center is named in her honor.

Phoebe Raulerson is also an educator of great acclaim. She too, taught many years in Okeechobee, was an elementary, junior high and high school principal before moving to the county office as assistant superintendent and then spending six years as superintendent.

Following her retirement, she was appointed to the State Board of Education for a term and is now serving on the Board of Trustees for Indian River State College.

In her talk, she shared information about the Common Core Standards and how education is becoming a difficult endeavor due

to all of the unrealistic requirements now being placed on educators. She also mentioned that Okeechobee is unique in many ways and preserving that uniqueness is a challenge but well worth the effort.

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

Lake Okeechobee

• The coastal areas don't seem to want to deal with the issue that we have no idea how much of the problem this summer came from the runoff into the waterways and how much from the lake. If they stop the flow from the lake to the estuaries, it will help with the salt ratio. But it might not solve the nutrient overload. If they aren't working on reducing the nutrient load directly into the waterways, I think they will continue to have problems with the estuaries no matter what happens with the lake.

• Now they are releasing water to the Calooshattee because the estuaries need more freshwater as there was little rain in October. Guess that 'toxic' water wasn't so bad after all. They scream that they don't want it all summer and now they are begging for more to be released.

Traffic cops

• Ever since the 1970s when the feds started collecting data, it was noticed that certain jurisdictions with very low crime rates were often surrounded by jurisdictions (with the same demographics) with rather high crime rates. First "indicator" was the low crime jurisdiction strictly enforced traffic laws; second was "interviews" with criminals arrested in the surrounding jurisdictions. In a significant number of those interviews, the bad guys indicated that they avoided the jurisdictions that heavily enforced the traffic laws. The moral of the story was/is that most crimes seem to involve vehicles ... as in used to get to the crimes, used to get away, or used by criminals transiting these "traffic enforcement enclaves." Okeechobee is no different in these demographics. Serious traffic enforcement should also include stopping and citing vehicles with loud exhausts, dangerous body parts, loud music, etc. As long as there is a valid predicate reason eventually, the bad guys will either stay home and commit crimes (easier to solve since the neighbors get tired of it), or leave Okeechobee.

Problems

• A lot of the problems in the world would disappear if we talked to each other instead of about each other.

Football

• This administration doesn't care one red cent if any of the sports programs win. That's apparent isn't it? If they did they would hire coaches who knew how to coach and would pay the stipend they deserve to produce a winning program whether it's football, basketball, baseball, soccer, softball etc. For example, when softball had a great coach who worked hard to produce a winning team, they get rid of her. What we are really talking about here is the coaching of the three major sports in high school, baseball, basketball, and football. And until OHS decides that it really wants a state title in any of these, you got to pay the piper and that's something they could care 2 cents about.

• The big three can only have so many participants. I would want the maximum participation in high school sports as possible. Good thing we have cross country, soccer, wrestling, swimming, track & field, etc. The more the merrier. Other than basketball, the rest of the world at large, and the Olympics, places great emphasis on the diversity of sport endeavors.

• Each sport has its own measure of success or failure; both as a "team," and for the individual. But, in all cases, it's watching the athlete pit his or her skills to the game, and for better or worse, that taste of winning is as real and certain for the wrestler, swimmer, as it is for the quarterback or pitcher. To dismiss as inconsequential, or marginalize the efforts by the "other" athletes, is really unacceptable, if not a discriminatory elitism that.

• While coaching is important, I think the parents' support — including time and money — is also important to the success of any school program. Spending more tax money on coaches is always a topic of debate, especially when instructional teachers did not get a raise last year. Are the school sports helping students get into college? It would be interesting to go back over the past five years and see how many kids from OHS got scholarships for various sports — softball, baseball, volleyball, tennis, golf, wrestling, football, etc.

Letters to the editor

Great American Smoke Out

In time for the Great American Smoke Out taking place on Nov. 21, the Florida Department of Health's Tobacco Free Florida program and Quit Doc Research and Education Foundation are encouraging businesses across Okeechobee County to help their employees quit tobacco. The American Cancer Society marks the Great American Smoke Out on the third Thursday of November each year by encouraging smokers to use the date to make a plan to quit, or to plan in advance and quit smoking that day. By quitting — even for one day — smokers will be taking an important step towards a healthier life—one that can lead to reducing cancer risk.

Tobacco use remains the single largest preventable cause of disease and premature death in the U.S., yet about 43.8 million Americans still smoke cigarettes — nearly one in every five adults. And tobacco users aren't the only ones paying the cost of their addiction with their health and wallet. Okeechobee employers are paying the price as well. Employees who smoke can cost businesses more than \$6,000 per year when compared to non-smokers.

Quit Doc offers employers free assistance in developing tobacco cessation programs, whether it's through the company's health insurance provider or the state's free cessation services. Nearly 70 percent of smokers want to quit, and getting help through their employers can increase their chance of success while simultaneously benefiting the business. "Employers who provide tobacco cessation resources and a supportive work environment frequently motivate tobacco users to quit," said Dr. Barry Hummel, co-founder of Quit Doc. "Studies have also shown that this type of support during a quit attempt can double a person's chances of success."

Contact me for more information about making your business tobacco free or if you are interested in planning for activities for the GASO. Best of health,

Candace Pope
Tobacco Prevention specialist

Friends of Peggy Frish

Mary Margaret (Peggy) Frish will be 100 years old just before Christmas. She has been living near my sister in Clermont for the past 8 years. Though her body has some conditions which slow her down (quit driving just 2 years ago), her mind is sharp, and she keeps up with everyone and every thing near and far.

To honor her special century mark, I would like to present to her an album of about 100 notes from individuals who have been touched by her life. Some of you have school day remembrances as a student or co-worker. Some of you were neighbors, church members, or friends. If you could submit a note, a card, or even include a picture and mail to 3616 S.W. 20th St., 34974 by Dec. 1st, I will include it in the album to be presented to her at the celebration. Thank you

Don Frish

Support appreciated

The family of Harold E. Price would like to express our appreciation to everyone who offered prayers, words of support and other kindnesses during his illness and passing. Special thanks to the Okeechobee County School bus drivers, Benjie Sellers and Angie, Matt Buxton and family and the staff of Buxton and Bass Funeral Home and Crematory, Pastor Monroe Arnold, Bill and Carol Bartlett, Oakview Baptist Church, the Jesters and other "brothers," as well as all who sent food, flowers or donations in his memory. It is a good thing to live in a town where friends are supportive and caring in times like these.

Sharon Price, Daniel Roberson and family, Candy and Scott Cross and Jr., Belinda Roberson and family, Kent Price and Kenna, Terry and Ben Noonan.

Toy drop off at Chamber

Okeechobee Main Street and the Chamber of Commerce have joined together with Toys for Tots in sharing the message of hope. Main Street and the Chamber of Commerce share in the Toys for Tots objective to unite all members of our community in a toy collection and distribution campaign; and to contribute to a better community in the future. Let's share the joy of Christmas throughout our community and others. Okeechobee Main Street and the Okeechobee County Chamber of Commerce will host a drop site for new, unwrapped toys at the Chamber office, 55 S. Parrott Ave. from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. The collection boxes will arrive on Monday, Nov. 25. The U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots program, Okeechobee Main Street and Okeechobee County Chamber of Commerce thank you for sharing the joy of the season.

Sharie Turgeon, executive director
Okeechobee Main Street

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Holiday Happenings

Parade applications offered

Okeechobee Main Street's Top of the Lake Christmas Festival and Lighted Parade is on Saturday, **Dec. 7**, in downtown Okeechobee. The parade will be at 6 p.m. The parade theme is "Island of Misfit Toys." Parade entry fee is \$10. To ensure a more safe and manageable event, Main Street will limit the number of entries to 100. Applications may be found online at www.okeechobeemainstreet.org or at the chamber building at 55 S. Parrott Ave. The Christmas Festival will open at 10 a.m. in the park. Contact Sharie Turgeon at 863-357-2624 for information.

Christmas Cantata planned

The Okeechobee Community Choir, in its 15th year under the direction of Sandy Perry, has begun rehearsing for the annual Christmas Cantata and other seasonal selections. Rehearsals are held on Sundays from 2:30 until 4:30 p.m. at Okeechobee Presbyterian, 312 N. Parrott Ave., and on Monday evenings from 6 until 8 p.m. All interested singers, both locals and our Northern friends, are invited to participate. Singers should be able to match pitch and read music a little. Music and rehearsal CDs will be provided for a nominal fee. Rehearsal attendance is suggested, but not mandatory. The cantata dates will be Friday and Saturday, **Dec. 20** and **21**, and Sunday, Dec. 22. The cantata will be presented at the First United Methodist Church at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday and at 3 p.m. on Sunday. For information, call Sandy at 863-634-7714.

Multi-county toy drive set

Florida Department of Health agencies in Martin, St. Lucie, Okeechobee and Indian River counties are partnering with the United States Marine Corps Reserve in their goal to "deliver, through a new toy at Christmas." Saturday, **Nov. 23**, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. New, unwrapped toys will be accepted at the St. Lucie County Emergency Operations Center, 15305 Midway Road, which is next to the St. Lucie County Fairgrounds.

Toys for Tots drop off planned

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Mission will have Toy Run

Big Lake Missions Outreach will host a Toy Run on Saturday, **Dec. 7**, at the Brahman Theatre, 1500 S. Parrott Ave., starting at 8:30 a.m. All money will go to Big Lake Missions Outreach. For information, call Gene at 863-643-1723 or Bruce at 863-697-6433.

Church plans music program

Oakview Baptist Church's Celebration Choir will present a Christmas music program entitled "Our King Has Come" on Sunday evening, **Dec. 8**, at 6 p.m. Everyone is invited. For information, call 863-763-1699. The church is located at 677 S.W. 32 St.

VFW Ladies hosting bazaar

The Ladies Auxiliary of VFW Big Lake Post 10539 will hold their annual Christmas Bazaar at the post Saturday, **Dec. 7**, from 8 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. The event is a craft/flea market. The purpose of the event is to improve community awareness of our post while at the same time raising money to aid in cancer research through VFW national projects. The event is open to everyone. Sausage gravy and biscuits will be offered for \$3 per plate. Coffee, juice and milk will also be available for purchase. Craft vendors are needed for this event. For a table, contact Sherri Fields at 863-801-5180.

Boat parade set for Dec. 14

Okeechobee Yachette Club will host their third annual Christmas Boat Parade on Saturday, **Dec. 14**. Decorate your boat and meet us on Taylor Creek by the Burger King and S.R. 70 E. bridge between 5 and 5:30 p.m. The parade starts at 6 p.m. For information, call Arnie at 863-634-4777.

Cookie sale planned

Okeechobee Presbyterian Church will hold their annual Christmas Cookie Sale on Saturday, **Dec. 14**, from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. The sale will be held in the parish hall at 312 N. Parrott Ave. For information, call 863-824-0013.

Martha's House needs toys

It's the time of year when Martha's House Shelter and director Crystal Royal call on you to work a miracle. This may very well be the only time a child in our shelter will experience the true meaning of Christmas. So, if you have a toy to donate call Crystal at 863-763-0596.

IRSC plans craft, gift bazaar

FORT PIERCE—The Indian River State College Chapter of Delta Epsilon Chi (DECA), a student business organization, will present the 33rd Annual DECA Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, **Nov. 23**, from 8 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. at the IRSC Main Campus, 3209 Virginia Ave., in Fort Pierce. Hundreds of craft and gift items will be on sale. Food, drinks and baked goods will also be available.

Snow planned in Flagler Park

The annual Main Street Christmas Festival will celebrate a little early this year. The 1 Stop Party Shop and Main Street will host a "Holiday Evening in the Park" on Friday, **Dec. 6**. The snow will begin at 6 p.m. Snow enthusiasts are asked to bring a new, unwrapped toy to be donated to Toys for Tots. At 7 p.m. a holiday animated classic movie will remind some of Christmases past while making new memories for others. Santa will be on hand to join in the celebration with photos helping out Kiwanis. On Saturday, Dec. 7, the festivities continue at 10 a.m. with the traditional vendors, activities and announcement of the winner of the 2013 Holiday Window Decorating Contest. The lighted Christmas parade begins at 6 p.m.

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VFW Auxiliary plans dinner

The VFW Ladies Auxiliary will host Wednesday night dinner at Buckhead Ridge VFW Post 9528 on Wednesday, **Nov. 20**, from 5 until 7 p.m. We will serve smothered pork chops, buttered egg noodles, vegetable and dessert for a \$7 donation. Proceeds will benefit veterans and family needs. For information, call Timmie at 863-467-2882.

Eagles serving beef stew

The Cypress Hut Eagles 4509 will serve a beef stew dinner Wednesday, **Nov. 20**, by Carla and Debbie and will serve Dennis' famous baked Chicken on Thursday, Nov. 21. In addition, the auxiliary will host a bake sale for the Snowball Queen and King charities. The public is invited both days. Dinner is served starting at 5 p.m. Proceeds from these events go to community and national charity funds. For information, call the Cypress Hut Eagles at 863-467-1154.

Hospice to host yard sale

Hospice of Okeechobee will have a yard sale with a bake sale Wednesday and Thursday, **Nov. 20 and 21**, from 8 a.m. until noon. There will be many new items, clothing and furniture. Donations are being accepted daily.

Flu shots will be available

Be prepared before flu season begins. Flu shots will be available at the Buckhead Ridge Community Center, next to the fire station on S.R. 78 W., on Wednesday, **Nov. 20**, from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. For information or directions, call Bonnie Shop, area director of Hope Connection, at 863-763-2404.

Library book sale slated

Friends of the Okeechobee Library will hold their semi-annual book sale fundraiser on: Wednesday, **Nov. 20**, from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m.; Thursday, Nov. 21, from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m.; Friday, Nov. 22, from 10 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.; and Saturday, Nov. 23, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Books, videos and DVDs are \$1 a pound. On Saturday, a bag of books is \$2, and a box is \$5. Money raised will be used to help the library. For information, call 863-763-3536.

Farm-City Luncheon is Nov. 21

The Kiwanis Club of Okeechobee and the Okeechobee Area Agri-Council will co-host the 20th Annual Kiwanis/Ag Council Farm-City Week Luncheon at the Okeechobee KOA. The luncheon is scheduled to begin at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, **Nov. 21**. Tickets can be purchased in advance at Farm Credit, 863-763-6466, or Farm Bureau, 863-763-3101. They can also be purchased at the door on the day of the luncheon. Tickets are \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door.

Republican women host social

The Okeechobee Federated Republican Women would like to invite the community and our northern residents for a meet and greet social with our club members. Membership applications will be available. Join them at Cowboy's, at 202 N.E. Seventh Ave., Thursday, **Nov. 21**, at 7 p.m. in the private dining room. For information, contact Josie Elliott at 863-634-8474.

Family forum set for Nov. 21

Parents, students and family are invited to attend A Family Forum Guiding Good Choices on Thursday, **Nov. 21**, at Okeechobee Achievement Academy at 6 p.m. The guest speaker will be Dr. Ellisa C. Scott from Changing Tree Wellness Center. For information, call Pat Murry at 863-462-5125, ext. 105.

Johns to speak at IRSC event

The public is invited to attend a free National American Indian Heritage Month event at Indian River State College, Dixon Hendry Campus, Williamson Conference and Education Center, 2229 N.W. Ninth Ave., Friday, **Nov. 22**, at noon. The keynote speaker will be Willie Johns, outreach specialist from the Smithsonian-affiliated Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Seminole Indian Museum in the Everglades' Big Cypress Seminole Indian Reservation. Mr. Johns will focus on the Seminole culture and rich history of Florida's first people. Mr. Johns holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in History and an Associate in Arts Degree in Agriculture and is a member of the Cattleman's Association. For information, contact Reginald Floyd at 772-462-7612.

Humane Society has car wash

The Okeechobee Humane Society will host a car wash on **Nov. 23** from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. at Tractor Supply for a suggested donation of \$5 per car and \$10 per truck or SUV. For information, call 863-357-1104.

Sale aids typhoon victims

A big white elephant sale will be held Saturday, **Nov. 23**, from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. on the Sacred Heart Church grounds, 901 S.W. Sixth St. All proceeds are for the victims of Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines. Donations are accepted at Sacred Heart Church. For information, call Trinidad Garcia's office at 863-763-6427.

CAP selling 2014 calendars

The Civil Air Patrol is collecting cell phones for soldiers and selling 2014 calendars with aerial photos of Okeechobee landmarks. The photos were taken by Civil Air Patrol cadets. The event will be Saturday, **Nov. 23**, at the Publix Supermarket from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m.

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.

Andrew Joseph Herceg, 80

OKEECHOBEE — Andrew Joseph Herceg passed away on Thursday, Nov. 14, 2013.

Andy and his wife, Beverly were married for 61 years and residents of Okeechobee since 1987. Their three children gave him eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren who were the light of his life.

There will be a memorial service on Saturday, Nov. 23, 2013 at 1 p.m. at Buxton-Seawinds Funeral Home and Crematory.

In lieu of flowers, please send a donation to Saint Judes Children's Hospital stjude.org or 1-800-785-5071.

Arrangements are under the direction of Buxton-Seawinds Funeral Home and Crematory.

Online condolences may be expressed at buxtonseawinds.com

Edward F. 'Bud' Dolphin, Jr., 86

OKEECHOBEE — Edward F. "Bud" Dolphin Jr., passed away on Nov. 13, 2013.

He was a veteran of WW II and the Vietnam War, he was a lifetime member of the VFW, and a recipient of the French Legion of Honor medal. He was also an active member of the Okeechobee Civil Air Patrol.

He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Joyce; sister, Ruth Uhlig of Indian Mills, N.J.; son, Edward F. Dolphin, III and wife, Judith of Forest Hill, W.Va.; daughter, Margaret A. Linn and husband, Richard E. Linn of West Palm Beach, Fla.; four grandsons; and six great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Hospice of Palm Beach County.

Robert E. Richey, 85

OKEECHOBEE — Robert E. Richey, of Albion and Okeechobee, passed away Sunday, Nov. 17, 2013 at his home in Okeechobee.

He was born in Ft. Wayne Oct. 13, 1928 to Forrest and Vivian (Crance) Richey, who preceded him in death. He graduated from Huntertown High School in 1946. He worked as a Dairy Farmer for almost 40 years, retiring in 1986. He was a member of Scottish Rite and Mizpah Shrine. Great loves of his life were his beloved wife, Melody (Roebuck) Richey and family, I.U. Basketball, fishing, and coffee with the guys.

Survivors include three sons, Neal (Joyce) Richey of New Haven, Gregory (Becky) Richey of Leo, James Richey of Goshen, Ind.; grandchildren, Stephanie Kline, Scott Richey, Jill Richey, Jana Cvelkoski, Jeff Richey, Mellissa Boyd; 14 great-grandchildren; his wonderful caregiver, Gina; brother, Harry (Sylvia) Richey, Ft. Myers, Fla. Robert was preceded in death by his wife, Melody Richey on May 19, 2007.

Funeral Service is 11 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 23, 2013, with calling 2 hours prior to the service at D.O. McComb and Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Avenue with Rev. David Mitchell officiating. Burial in Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne, Indiana. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Cancer Services of Allen County 6316 Mutual Drive Ft. Wayne, IN 46825.

Jerry Dempsey, 71

OKEECHOBEE — Jerry Dempsey died Nov. 16, 2013.

No services will be held.

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

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Linda 'Yenta' Whitewater, 60

OKEECHOBEE — Linda "Yenta" Whitewater died Nov. 16, 2013 in Yeehaw Junction. She was born Feb. 29, 1953 in Maryland.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Robert and Dorothy Fewster; sister, Patricia Lewis; and husband, Chancellor Whitewater.

She is survived by her two daughters, Silvermoon Taggart (Brian) and Morningstar Whitewater (Jason); eight grandchildren, Brian, Devon, Elijah, Heaven, Tyler, Kendall, Noah and Laree; two brothers, Ed Fewster (Ann) and Bob Fewster; many loving nieces and nephews; and her loving best friend, Susan Starnbaugh.

No services will be held.

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Henry Joseph Vreeland, Jr., 87

OKEECHOBEE — Henry Joseph Vreeland, Jr. died Nov. 15, 2013. He was born June 17, 1926 in Jersey City, N.J.

He proudly served our country in the U.S. Navy during WWII. He enjoyed his Harley, fishing, planes, boating and hunting. He was a hardworking man with the ability to fix anything. He was a resident of Okeechobee for ten years.

Mr. Vreeland was preceded in death by his grandson, Jonathan Sisto.

He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Marie Vreeland of Okeechobee; daughter, Jacalyn V. Sisto of Lafayette, California; three grandsons, James, Matthew and Brett; and son-in-law, Leonard Russo of Upper Mont Clair, New Jersey.

A gathering of family and friends was held on Tuesday, Nov. 19, 2013 at Buxton & Bass Okeechobee Funeral Home.

Memorial donations may be made to Hospice of Okeechobee, PO Box 1548, Okeechobee FL 34973.

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HOLIDAY DEADLINES

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DEADLINE**

Noon on Tuesday, Nov. 26

**SUNDAY, DEC. 1
DEADLINE**

3pm on Wednesday, Nov. 27

Tina Shockley Crabtree, 46

OKEECHOBEE — Tina Shockley Crabtree died Nov. 15, 2013 in Melbourne.

She was born Sept. 25, 1967 in Pahokee to Danny Adams and Judy Curtis. She loved her work as a cosmetologist. She was of the Baptist faith and loved to read, do crafts, puzzles, games, music, cake decorating and cooking. She loved her children and grandchildren.

Ms. Crabtree was preceded in death by her grandmother, Audrey Dodd.

She is survived by her life partner, Penny Scott; three sons, Gerald Shockley (Tiffany), Devin Crabtree (Nicholas Liberatore) and Dyllon Crabtree; daughter, Tabetha Crabtree; parents, Danny Adams (Linda) and Judy Curtis; two sisters, Tammy Adams and Teresa Adams (Kim Cattey); two brothers, Daniel Adams and Andrew Adams; two grandchildren, Gerald Shockley, III; two loving nieces; and three nephews.

Visitation will be 11 a.m. until services at 1 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 21, 2013 at Buxton & Bass Okeechobee Funeral Home with Brother Curington officiating. Interment will follow at Evergreen Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the family to defray funeral costs.

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William Joseph Doucette, Sr., 76

OKEECHOBEE — William Joseph Doucette, Sr. died Nov. 15, 2013.

He was a resident of Okeechobee for nine years. He was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church and the Eagles.

Mr. Doucette is survived by his wife of 42 years, Carol Ann Doucette of Okeechobee; son, William Doucette, Jr. of Savannah, Ga.; four daughters, Linda Wilson (Stephen) of Locust Grove, Va., Lisa Flanagan (Scott) of Summerville, Mass., Leeann Telton (Michael) of Baltimore, Md. and Deborah Mathieu (Eric); thirteen grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; three brothers, Mark Doucette of Billerica, Massachusetts, Robert Doucette and Michael Doucette both of Wilmington, Mass.; two sisters, Judith Deleano of Venice, Fla., and Jane Wilson of Wilmington, Mass.

Funeral Mass will be 10 a.m. Monday, Nov. 18, 2013 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

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Adults lack knowledge of caloric intake, study shows

By Brad Buck

University of Florida/IFAS

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Adults generally don't know how many calories they should consume daily to maintain their current weight, according to a new University of Florida survey, but that may not be a bad thing.

That's because knowing one's calorie needs can be a double-edged sword, said Cassie Rowe, who worked on the survey as a graduate student and is now a study coordinator at UF's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences.

"On one hand, it may allow people to balance energy intake with physical activity to manage their weight," Rowe said. "On the other hand, I think most Americans get bogged down by the numbers. In this respect, knowing your calorie needs may lead to unnecessary stress surrounding counting calories."

Ms. Rowe said calorie postings on restaurant menu boards were an impetus for the study.

"Do people even know what they mean? Are they going to have any context?" Ms. Rowe said.

Researchers surveyed 978 people of varying heights and weights from a cross-section of demographic groups, mostly on the UF campus. The survey found that people of all body mass indexes underestimate their daily energy requirements. Graduate students in the master's dietetic internship program in UF's Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition conducted the survey as a class project for their professor, Bobbi Langkamp-Henken.

The survey, conducted in early 2011, is published in the current issue of the Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior.

In the survey, respondents answered 10 questions, including their height, weight and level of exercise. Based on those answers, researchers calculated how many calories the respondents needed daily, said Lauren Headrick, who worked on the research and was the paper's lead author. She's now state coordinator for Florida's Farm to School

Partnership.

"What was so interesting in our study is, people underestimated their needs across the board, showing a clear lack of knowledge surrounding calories," Ms. Langkamp-Henken said.

Here's an example of the survey's results: Most people who need, for example, 2,000 calories a day, think they should only consume 1,500.

This finding gives dietitians pause, Ms.

Langkamp-Henken said, because if people learn their actual caloric needs are higher than they thought, they might be tempted to eat more than they normally would.

On the nutrition facts panel of all food labels, the standard is 2,000 calories a day, although an individual's needs may be different, depending on their age, size and exercise habits. To their surprise, researchers noted that people who are obese underestimated their caloric needs the most.

Obituaries

Joyce Raulerson, 74

OKEECHOBEE — Joyce Raulerson, formerly of Okeechobee died Nov. 16, 2013.

She was born Feb. 16, 1939. She was a life-long resident of Okeechobee until she moved to Longwood, Fla. in 2003 after retiring to be closer to her children and grandchildren. While residing in Okeechobee, she was a member of First Baptist Church of Okeechobee and a 28 year employee of the Okeechobee School Board. During her retirement, she enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and often attended their activities. She was also a member of several Bridge playing groups.

Mrs. Raulerson was preceded in death by her husband, James L. Raulerson; and her parents, Emerson and Tressie Meyers.

She is survived by two sons, James L. Raulerson, Jr. (Celeste) of Zellwood, Fla. and Emerson C. "Bubby" Raulerson (Stephanie) of Jacksonville; two daughters, Pamela Raulerson Catron (David) of Apopka and Lynn Raulerson Garrison (Larry) of Orlando; son not by blood but by love, Joe Oyong of Haleyville, Alabama; and nine grandchildren who were the light of her life.

Services were held Tuesday, Nov. 19, 2013 at Buxton & Bass Okeechobee Funeral Home

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Marcia Bass McGowan, 53

OKEECHOBEE — Marcia Bass McGowan died Nov. 15, 2013.

She was born Dec. 21, 1959 in Ft. Pierce. She was a lifetime resident of Okeechobee. She was a member of the D.A.R. and Okeechobee Cattleman's Association. She enjoyed ranching, gardening and spending time outdoors.

Mrs. McGowan is survived by her husband, Thomas McGowan III; two sons, Carey Daniel (Amy) and Zachary McGowan (Chelsie Houston); parents, J.C. and JoAnne Bass; brother, Marc Bass (Theda); two sisters, Denise Colgan (Jim) and Kim Thomas (Dan); aunt, Elda Mae Bass all of Okeechobee; mother-in-law, Susan McGowan of Lyndhurst, Ohio; sisters-in-law, Deb McGowan of Glendale, Arizona, Joan Szabo of Richmond Heights, Ohio, Michele Toomey of Lyndhurst, Ohio and Mary Winters of South Euclid, Ohio; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Visitation was held on Tuesday, Nov. 19, 2013 at Buxton & Bass Okeechobee Funeral Home. Funeral services will be 10 a.m. today, Wednesday, Nov. 20, 2013 at Buxton & Bass Okeechobee Funeral Home with Pastor Monroe Arnold officiating. Interment will follow at Basinger Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Okeechobee County 4-H or Master Gardener's Program, 458 HWY 98 North, Okeechobee, FL 34972.

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Special to the Okeechobee News

South Elementary visits museum

The first graders from South Elementary School recently visited the Okeechobee Historical Society Museum to learn about "Past and Present." Members of the Historical Society and Tantie Quilters took them on a tour of the museum and shared history and artifacts from the past. Historical Society members Magi Cable, Kay McCool, Marie Kirchhoff, Margaret Smith, Su George and Sonny and Betty Williamson made their presentations to the students.



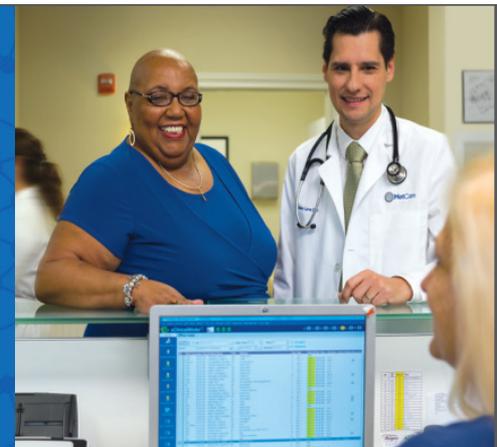
Special to the Okeechobee News

Lowe's Heroes help Hospice

Lowe's Heroes recently presented Hospice of Okeechobee with four covered swings and ground covering for patients and families to enjoy at the Hamrick Home. Pictured are Frank Irby, board president, Lowe's staff Joseph Blackburn, Teresa Allen, Maria Ballesteros, Lisbeth Pulcini and Gail Gertrup, CEO, Hospice of Okeechobee.

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COUNTY

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Collector and Property Appraiser Offices.

Background

At the Oct. 10 meeting, after learning all of the bids for the new building came in above the budgeted amount, the county commission requested staff and the architect to review possible construction alternatives to determine if it was feasible to bring the construction cost within the budgeted amount of \$1,850,000.

During the initial design of the facility the architect and staff worked with the Property Appraiser and Tax Collector to determine

their required space needs and then incorporated the required space for the Driver's License Agency into the Tax Collectors area. The final layout provides not only the immediate and future required space needs, but also affords maximum efficiencies of the work spaces.

Based on the information obtained in the space needs assessment, the architect designed a single-story building. The main lobby and public restrooms are common areas and a waiting room is positioned on each side of the main lobby for each agency. Although an attempt was made at the preliminary design phase to share as much common area as possible, it was later determined that a division was required between agencies to maintain security.

After further discussions with the archi-

tect and re-evaluating the space needs assessment, design requirements, proposed construction systems and products, the architect and staff would not recommend an attempt to value engineer the current design. An effort to reduce the project by the amount desired to match the current budget would effectively sacrifice the quality of the facility. Should the board decide to move forward with the current project, the architect and staff's recommendation would be to construct the facility as designed.

If the commissioners choose to not move forward with the construction of the project, the following options would be available:

- Construct a Driver's License Building only;
- Relocate the Driver's License Agency to the HRS Facility Auditorium which will

require renovations for the construction of offices, cameras and security.

- Leave the Driver's License Agency at 441 Southeast location, adding the cameras and security to the state's specifications

- Lease and renovate an existing building closer to the Tax Collector;

- Purchase and renovate an existing building close to the Tax Collector; or,

- Do not provide a Driver's License Facility in Okeechobee County.

According to the Tax Collector, the last response received from the state they indicated they would support the Driver's License Agency at its current location until January of 2015. However, the state could re-evaluate the 2015 date when they realize we may not move forward with the PATCDL Building Construction.



Okeechobee News/Tammi Kelly

Meeting a Gator Boy

Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office Deputy Sergeant Mark Roberts, Paul Bedard and OCSO Deputy Keith Murrish (left to right) took time to take a photo during their busy day at Arnold's Wildlife Rehabilitation Center's Open House on Saturday, Nov. 16.

VANDALS

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unsuccessful.

Also damaged was the wooden jungle, where 12 feet of wooden fencing "... had pieces of rebar snapped in half and several pieces laid over in the direction of the fallen fence," stated Deputy Arnold.

The vandals also pried open and dam-

aged an electrical service box at the basketball courts.

As of Tuesday, Nov. 19, Detective Lowe estimated the damages and clean up will cost around \$5,000.

If you have any information on this case, you are asked to contact Detective Lowe at 863-763-3117.

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Local churches host special programs and events

Northside Baptist, 51 N.W. 98th St., will host Royal City, a Southern-Gospel group from Monterey, Tenn., on Sunday, Nov. 24, at 10:45 a.m. In addition to the seven children who sing in the group with Dad, Mike Watkins sings bass. Come and enjoy the fellowship at an old-fashioned church where the music is Southern Gospel, the hymns are the ones you grew up on and Pastor Rick Giles preaches the Word!

Cowboys for Christ of Basinger will meet Thursday, Nov. 21, at the Basinger Community center. A covered dish supper will begin at 6 p.m. followed by services at 7 p.m. Tommy Sheppard will be the guest speaker. For more information, call Doyle McDuffie at 863-763-2285.

Okeechobee Mission Baptist Church will host a discover youth program every

Wednesday, from 7 to 8 p.m. For more information call 863-763-3681.

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



Places of Worship

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." For more information, 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.

Church of God of Prophecy has an Open Arms Ministry, at 102 N.W. 10th St. The Hurting Women's Ministry meets on the second and fourth Friday of each month at 7 p.m. For more information, please call 863-254-8304.

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. All are welcome to complete an application, no charge., to take advantage of wholesome reading, viewing and educational material.

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

Your Medical and Health Care Directory

What is Cyberknife Radiation Therapy?

By Dr. Ramesh Kumar
Big Lake Cancer Center

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

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to 35% for those patients treated with traditional radiation over several weeks.

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Man sentenced for kidnapping local girl

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

A man has entered into a plea deal with the state and has been sentenced to 10 years in prison for kidnapping an Okeechobee girl and taking her to Texas.

Ramiro Valenzuela Delacruz, 21, entered a plea of no contest Monday, Nov. 18, to the charge and was adjudicated guilty by Circuit Court Judge Sherwood Bauer.

Assistant State Attorney Ashley Albright added that U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) has placed a hold on Delacruz, which means he will likely be deported upon his release from prison.

Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO) reports show the 11-year-old Okeechobee girl was reported missing on March 22. It was later learned she had been kidnapped by Delacruz.

Delacruz was arrested March 23 when officers from the Terrell Police Department



Ramiro
Delacruz

in Terrell, Texas, recognized Delacruz's orange 2000 Dodge Neon automobile with the Florida tag. The officers stopped the car and both Delacruz and the child were in the car at the time.

Delacruz was then arrested and held in the Kaufman County Jail on a misdemeanor charge of no valid driver's license.

OCSO Detective Rosemary Farless then applied for, and received, an arrest warrant for the man. Delacruz was officially arrested on that felony warrant on March 26.

Mr. Albright said Delacruz was initially charged with the felony of lewd and lascivious conduct, but that charge was later dropped.

"We dismissed the lewd and lascivious count based on the victim saying he did not touch her," explained the prosecutor.

He went on to say Delacruz eschewed his original plea offer and, instead, wanted to take his case to trial.

"He had rejected the original offer, which was the same offer," said Mr. Albright. "I thought he was going to trial the week of

Dec. 9. I had arranged to fly the officers in from Texas."

But, for whatever reason, Delacruz had a change of heart and told the prosecutor he wanted to enter the plea.

"I'm happy with the outcome," said Mr.

Albright. "The victim and her mother did not want to go to trial if it could be avoided."

Although there may be a chance Delacruz will be allowed to remain in the U.S., "with that conviction, deportation is pretty certain," added the prosecutor.

Couple charged with selling coke

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

A local man and woman have been arrested for reportedly selling cocaine to a confidential source during an undercover drug operation.

Arrested Monday, Nov. 18, were Edwin Aponte, 33, N.W. First St., and Mashara Yvonne Summers, 27, of the same address.

Aponte and Summers were each arrested on felony charges of sale of cocaine and possession of cocaine with intent to sell. They

were booked into the Okeechobee County Jail on bonds of \$60,000 each. Jail records indicate they have been released on bond.

According to an arrest report by a detective with the Okeechobee Narcotics Task Force the suspected cocaine was field tested, and that test indicated a positive result for the presence of cocaine.

The detective stated in the report that the suspected cocaine weighed .1 grams.

The confidential source allegedly identified Aponte and Summers as the couple from whom the cocaine was purchased.

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Raulerson Hospital receives multi-state recognition

Special to the Okeechobee News

Raulerson Hospital's Environmental Services Department recently received an award for their quality and service. The department, led by Director Sandy Sheffield, earned the highest scores among all other HCA facilities contracted with Sodexo for Environmental Services throughout the Florida, Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina region in

2013. The scores were measurements of the hospital's cleanliness, patient satisfaction—related to housekeeping and other metrics. "I am very proud of our team," said Raulerson Hospital's CEO Robert Lee. "This award is indicative of the extra effort put forth by the staff at Raulerson Hospital every day to care for our patients," Mr. Lee explained.

"Our patients have the latest technology to communicate their needs, but nothing

compares to the friendly smile of a member of your care team checking on you in person and that is exactly what our staff members do — from physicians and nurses to dietary and housekeeping," Mr. Lee said.

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For the past three years Raulerson Hospital has been named a "Top Performing" Hospital by The Joint Commission for Key Quality Measures including: heart attack, heart failure, pneumonia and surgical care.

To learn more about Raulerson Hospital visit their website at RaulersonHospital.com or check them out on social media, like Facebook and Twitter.



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Sodexo District Manager C.J. Jeck and Raulerson Hospital CEO Robert Lee congratulate Raulerson Hospital's Environmental Services Department for earning a Top Quality award. Members of the Environmental Services Team include: (left to right, back) Leon Booker, R.J. Wingate, Andy Eulenfeld, Ray Curry, Amanda Norris, Rylee Martin and Niki Powers; (front) Noemi Nunez, Shirley Tate, Kristi Butts, Christina Infante, director Sandy Sheffield, Sarah Chapman, Maryann Ye and Kayla Register.

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Report: Local man caught with codeine, pot

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News



Phillip Jones

An Okeechobee man was arrested on felony drug charges after he was reportedly found to be in possession of more than 140 grams of liquid codeine.

According to an arrest report Phillip Eric Jones, 19, was also found to be in possession of more than 40 grams of suspected marijuana and over 40 grams of suspected marijuana paste.

Jones was arrested Saturday, Nov. 16, on felony charges of possession of a controlled substance (codeine), possession of marijuana

with intent to sell and possession of marijuana over 20 grams. He was also arrested on a misdemeanor charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

He was booked into the Okeechobee County Jail on \$26,000 bond. Jail records show he has been released on bond.

The arrest report indicates Officer Larry Parzygnat, of the Okeechobee City Police Department (OCPD), at 11:08 p.m. saw a vehicle parked at the medical center on U.S. 441 N. The officer got out of his patrol car and spoke to Jones, who was identified as the driver of the white, four-door Audi.

As the officer was speaking to Jones he not only smelled marijuana but also saw a partially-smoked marijuana cigarette, continued the report.

When the officer asked Jones if he had

any illegal items in his car, the young man allegedly handed over a canister that contained two plastic baggies of suspected pot. The bags and their contents weighed 48.3 grams, pointed out the report.

Jones also gave the officer a baby bottle filled with a purple liquid, which was identified as codeine. That bottle and its contents weighed 146 grams, according to the report.

The task force detective went on to state that Jones was also in possession of two round plastic containers that held a paste-like substance known on the street as 'dabs.' According to the detective, dabs is extracted from the marijuana plant and has a very high THC content. THC is the active chemical in marijuana.

A field test was conducted on all of the

suspected marijuana and those tests all indicated a positive result for the presence of marijuana, added the report. The liquid was also field tested, and that test allegedly indicated a positive result for the presence of codeine.

Also found in the Audi was: a digital scale; rolling papers; a marijuana grinder; and two metallic rods that are apparently used in the consumption of the marijuana extract. A residue was found on those rods that, when field tested, reportedly indicated a positive result for the presence of marijuana.

Because the incident took place in the county, the task force detective took control of the case and seized the man's vehicle.

The detective also stated an 18-year-old female was in the vehicle with Jones, but she was released at the scene.

Okeechobee Arrest Report

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

- James Lee Weimann, 28, J.T. Road, Okeechobee, was arrested Nov. 15 by Deputy Steven Pollock on a felony charge of possession of ammunition by a convicted felon. His bond was set at \$5,000.

- Nathaniel Brown, 30, E. Fifth Terrace, Pahokee, was arrested Nov. 15 by Deputy Ben Lisle on DOC warrants charging him with the felonies of violation of probation - dealing in stolen property (two counts) and violation of probation - giving false information to a secondary metals recycler (two counts). He is being held without bond.

- Teresa Luann Harper, 43, S.E. 34th Ave., Okeechobee, was arrested Nov. 15 by Deputy Mark Margerum on a felony charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon without intent to kill. Her bond was set at \$1,500.

- Casey Bernard Bonneau, 41, N.W. Fifth St., Okeechobee, was arrested Nov. 16 by Officer Larry Parzygnat on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with felony battery. His bond was set at \$2,500.

- Roy John Devore, 42, S.E. 10th St., Okeechobee, was arrested Nov. 16 by Deputy Megan Holroyd on a misdemeanor charge of driving under the influence with property damage. His bond was set at \$500.

- Patrick Michael Abel, 24, N.E. 325th Trail, Okeechobee, was arrested Nov. 18

by Deputy Heath Hughes on DOC warrants charging him with the felonies of violation of probation - possession of a controlled substance (oxycodone), violation of probation - burglary of a dwelling (two counts) and violation of probation - grand theft (two counts). He is being held without bond.

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Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
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 IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE
 COUNTY, FLORIDA,
 CIVIL ACTION
 CASE NO.: 13000230CAAXMX

SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, INC.,
 Plaintiff
 VS.
 ANTHONY R. CHAPMAN, et al
 Defendant(s)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, PURSUANT TO A FINAL JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE DATED OCTOBER 2, 2013, ENTERED IN CIVIL CASE NUMBER 13000230CAAXMX, IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, WHEREIN SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, INC. IS THE PLAINTIFF, AND ANTHONY R. CHAPMAN, ET AL., ARE THE DEFENDANTS, OKEECHOBEE COUNTY CLERK OF COURT WILL SELL THE PROPERTY SITUATED IN OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, DESCRIBED AS:

Lot 8 of Block 4, OAK PARK, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 3, public records of Okeechobee County, Florida.

at public sale, to the highest bidder, for cash, in the Jury Assembly Room, Second Floor, Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 212 N.W. Third Street, Okeechobee, FL 34972, at 11:00 AM, on the 11th day of December, 2013. Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

Dated: October 3, 2013.
 SHARON ROBERTSON
 Clerk of the Circuit Court
 BY: Sandra L. Creech
 Deputy Clerk

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Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
 IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CIVIL DIVISION
 CASE NO.: 47 2012 CA 515

TD BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
 Plaintiff,
 VS.
 DANA E. SALSER; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DANA E. SALSER; ANCIENT OAKS R.V. RESORT CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC.; LINDA L. SALSER; JOHN DOE AND JANE DOE, unknown parties in possession,
 Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated October 10, 2013 (the "Judgment"), entered in Civil Case No. 47 2012 CA 515 of the Circuit Court of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Okeechobee County, Florida, in which TD BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, is Plaintiff and DANA E. SALSER, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DANA E. SALSER n/k/a LINDA L. SALSER and ANCIENT OAKS R.V. RESORT CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC., are Defendants.

The Clerk of Court will sell the Property as defined in the Judgment and as set forth below at a public sale on December 11, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. to the "highest bidder," for cash in the Jury Assembly Room at the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 2nd Floor, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida 34972, in accordance with Section 45.01, Florida Statutes.

The "highest bidder" for purposes of this Notice of Sale, is defined as the party who bids the largest amount of money to purchase the Property (as defined below) and who completes the sale in a timely fashion, as herein-after set out. The one who bids the largest amount of money to purchase the Property (as defined below) shall be permitted to complete the sale by delivering to the Clerk, the balance of such bid, over and above the deposit, by 3:00 p.m. on the day of the sale.

The following property located in Okeechobee, Florida, is the subject of this Notice of Sale:
 Lot 18, Block 3 of Ancient Oaks R.V. Resort No. 1, a Condominium, including a 1/146th per each lot undivided interest in and to the common elements thereof, all in accordance with and subject to all the terms, provisions, conditions, rights, privileges, obligations, easements, and liens of and as set forth in that certain Declaration of Condominium of Ancient Oaks R.V. Resort No. 1, a condominium, and all its exhibits and attachments, as recorded in Official Records Book 255, Page 916-1045, et seq., including the first amendment to the Declaration of Condominium as recorded in Official Record Book 348, Page 1548, et seq, and all exhibits and amendments thereof, of the Public Records of Okeechobee County, Florida

TOGETHER WITH a 1986 Park Model Single Wide Mobile Home Vin # 48610613V, together with all existing or subsequently erected or affixed buildings, improvements, and fixtures (the "Property").

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens, must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.
 DATED on October 14, 2013.

SHARON ROBERTSON
 Clerk of Circuit Court
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455345 ON 11/13,20/2013

Club Drive, Suite 217, Port St. Lucie, FL 34986, (772) 807-4370 por lo menos 7 dias antes de que tenga que comparecer en corte o inmediatamente despues de haber recibido esta notificacion si es que falta menos de 7 dias para su comparecencia. Si tiene una discapacidad auditiva o de habla, llame al 711.

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NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, MACON COUNTY

IN THE DISTRICT COURT, CASE NO. 13-CVD-462 KEITH ALAN BATES VS. LESLEE MARIE BATES

TO: LESLEE MARIE BATES

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This the 31st day of October, 2013.
 Bradley S. Tisdale
 Attorney for the Plaintiff
 26 Iott Street Franklin, NC 28734
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
 IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION
 Case #: 2010 CA 000364

Greenwich Investors XLIII Trust 2013-1
 Plaintiff,
 -vs.
 Tony G. Huet a/k/a Tony G. Huet, III; Okeechobee County, Florida
 Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order dated OCTOBER 1, 2013, entered in Civil Case No. 2010 CA 000364 of the Circuit Court of the 19th Judicial Circuit in and for Okeechobee County, Florida, wherein Greenwich Investors XLIII Trust 2013-1, Plaintiff and Tony G. Huet a/k/a Tony G. Huet, III are defendant(s). I, Clerk of Court, Sharon Robertson, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in the Jury Assembly Room, on the Second Floor, of the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 312 N.W. Third Street, Okeechobee, FL 34972 beginning at 11:00 A.M. on DECEMBER 11, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

BEING A PARCEL OF LAND LYING IN SECTION 21, TOWNSHIP 37 SOUTH, RANGE 36 EAST, OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
 COMMENCE AT THE WEST ONE-QUARTER CORNER OF SAID SECTION 21, THENCE BEAR SOUTH 89 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 31 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE SOUTH BOUNDARY LINE OF THE NORTHEAST ONE-QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 21, FOR A DISTANCE OF 60.00 FEET TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF A PARCEL OF LAND, AS RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 226, PAGE 1623, PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE CONTINUE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 31 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE NORTH BOUNDARY LINE OF SAID OFFICIAL RECORDS 226, PAGE 1623, FOR A DISTANCE OF 6.00 FEET TO A POINT LYING ON THE EAST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF S.E. 80TH AVENUE (A/K/A B & W MCARTHUR ROAD); THENCE BEAR NORTH 00 DEGREES 04 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID EAST RIGHT OF WAY LINE, FOR A DISTANCE OF 562.81 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE NORTH 00 DEGREES 04 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID EAST RIGHT OF WAY LINE, FOR A DISTANCE OF 400.00 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE BEAR SOUTH 89 DEGREES 55 MINUTES 45 SECONDS EAST, FOR A DISTANCE OF 1089.00 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE BEAR SOUTH 00 DEGREES 04 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST, PARALLEL WITH THE SAID EAST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF S.E. 80TH AVENUE, FOR A DISTANCE OF 400.00 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE BEAR NORTH 89 DEGREES 55 MINUTES 45 SECONDS WEST, FOR A DISTANCE OF 1089.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA Case No: 2012-CA-417

BRANCH BANKING AND TRUST COMPANY, successor in interest to Colonial Bank by acquisition of assets from the FDIC as Receiver for Colonial Bank, successor in Interest to Palm Beach National Bank & Trust Company, Plaintiff, v. SUPER STOP PETROLEUM INC.; the CITY OF OKEECHOBEE; and FARM STORES, INC., Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to the Final Judgment entered on April 10, 2013, in the above-captioned action, and the Order Resetting Property for Sale entered on September 11, 2013, the Okeechobee County, Florida Clerk of Courts will sell the property situated in Okeechobee County, Florida:

EXHIBIT "A"

BEGIN AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF BLOCK "K" OF OKEECHOBEE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGE 5, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND RUN THENCE SOUTH 18°49'45" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 179.50 FEET TO A POINT ON THE NORTH BOUNDARY OF LOT "R", BLOCK 252, CITY OF OKEECHOBEE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, AT PAGE 4, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE RUN WEST ALONG THE NORTH BOUNDARY OF SAID LOT "R", A DISTANCE OF 106.98 FEET TO A POINT LYING EAST, A DISTANCE OF 135 FEET FROM THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT "R"; THENCE RUN NORTH A DISTANCE OF 312.03 FEET TO A POINT OF INTERSECTION ON THE SOUTH RIGHT OF WAY OF STATE ROAD 70 (NORTH PARK STREET) AS NOW MAINTAINED AND LOCATED; THENCE RUN SOUTH 87°50'47" EAST ALONG THE SOUTH RIGHT OF WAY OF STATE ROAD 70 (NORTH PARK STREET) AS NOW MAINTAINED AND LOCATED A DISTANCE OF 165.61 FEET TO A POINT ON THE EAST BOUNDARY OF BLOCK "K", CITY OF OKEECHOBEE, AS AFORESAID; THENCE RUN SOUTH ALONG THE EAST BOUNDARY OF SAID BLOCK "K", A DISTANCE OF 133.73 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

All of Super Stop Petroleum Inc.'s ("Debtor") property rights of any kind whatsoever, whether now existing or hereafter acquired, together with increases, substitutions thereto and all replacements thereof, additions and accretions thereto and the proceeds and products thereof, whether real, personal, mixed or otherwise, and whether tangible or intangible, secured by that certain real property or any part thereof located in Okeechobee County, Florida described above (the "Property").

All buildings and improvements of every kind and description now or hereafter located upon the Property. All and singular, the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining, and the reversion or reversions, remainder and remainders, rents, issues and profits thereof, and also all the estate, title, interest, property, claim and demand whatsoever of Debtor, of, in and to the same and of, in and every part of parcel thereof.

All right, title and interest of Debtor, if any, in and to the land lying in the bed of any street, road or avenue, opened or proposed, in front of or adjoining the Property to the extent thereof. All easements, rights-of-way, cores of land, ways, alleys, passages, sewer rights, waters, water courses, water rights and powers, riparian and littoral rights, mineral, soil, crops, trees, timber, docks and dockage rights, and all estates, rights, titles, interests privileges and liberties of any nature whatsoever, in any way belonging, relating or pertaining to the Property.

All fixtures, equipment, inventory, and articles of personal property now or at any time hereafter attached to or used in any way in connection with the use, operation and occupation of the building erected on the Property or any part thereof as residences, apartments, furnished apartments, offices, warehouses, or otherwise (hereinafter called "equipment") such equipment including but not limited to all equipment, wall-to-wall carpet, stoves, ranges, refrigerators, and other electric equipment, heating, lighting and plumbing fixtures and used at any time in the operation, use and occupation of any of the buildings on the Property and dynamos, motors, furnaces, vacuum cleaning systems, fire prevention and extinguishing apparatus, cooling systems, at any time used in or about or upon the Property, except personal property, if any, belonging to others than Debtor, located on the Property, any and all nursery, landscaping or shrubbing inventory and equipment located on the Property, it being understood and agreed, however, that any renewal, replacement or substitution of any and all such equipment shall be purchased by Debtor and when paid for be owned by it; and all of the right, title and interest of Debtor in and to the equipment which may be subject to any retention or security agreement superior in lien to the lien of the mortgage or other security instrument, except in all instances, any furniture, fixtures and equipment as described above which is the personal property of and owned by any of the tenants of the Property.

Any and all awards or payments, including interest thereon, and the right to receive the same, which may be made with respect to the Property as a result of (a) the exercise of the right of eminent domain, (b) the alteration of the grade of any street, or (c) any other injury to or decrease in the value of the Property, to the extent of all amounts which may be secured at the date of receipt of any such award or payment by bank, and of the reasonable attorneys' fees, costs and disbursements, incurred by bank in connection with the collection of such award or payment.

All building materials that may be placed on the Property and all bonuses and royalties on the Property and further, all rents, royalties, profits, revenues, incomes and other benefits arising from the use or enjoyment of the Property or from any contract pertaining to such use or enjoyment.

All leases and contracts for sale now and hereafter entered into involving the Property or any part thereof, and all right, title and interest or Debtor thereunder, including, without limitation, cash or securities deposited thereunder to secure obligations.

All of Debtor's right, title and interest in all leases of equipment permitted hereunder if any, and in said leased equipment.

All right, title and interest of Debtor to plans and specifications, designs, drawings and other matters prepared for any construction on the Property.

All good will, trademarks, trade names, option rights, purchase contracts, books and records and general intangibles of Debtor relating to the Property, all licenses or permits in connection with the construction on or operation of the Property, all accounts, instruments, chattel paper and other rights of Debtor for payment of money for property sold or loaned, for services rendered, for money loaned, or for advances or deposits made and any other intangible property of Debtor related to the Property; all accounts notes and contract rights of the Debtor, whether now existing or hereafter acquired, all chattel paper and instruments, whether now existing or hereafter acquired, evidencing any obligations to Debtor for payment of goods sold or leased or services rendered; all interest of the Debtor in any goods, the sale or lease of which shall have given or shall give rise to any of the foregoing; all as may be more particularly defined in Florida Statutes Chapter 673 or at common law; and all proceeds of any of the foregoing.

All rights of Debtor under all contracts now or hereafter made with any provider of goods or services for or in connection with construction undertaken on, or services performed or to be performed in connection with the Property, including any architect's agreement and the construction contract which have been entered into by Debtor for the design and construction of the Property.

All rights of Debtor as seller or borrower under any agreement, contract, understanding or arrangement pursuant to which Debtor has, with the consent of the bank, obtained the agreement of any person to pay or disburse any money for Debtor's sale (or borrowing on the security of) the Property or any part thereof, (including any sale contracts) together with all deposits paid by purchasers under such sales contracts which are being held in escrow pending closing of such sales.

All insurance policies now or hereafter in effect with respect to the Property, or any portion thereof, any unearned premiums thereon, and all proceeds therefrom.

All of the water, sanitary and storm sewer systems now or hereafter owned by the Debtor which are now or hereafter located by, over, and/or upon the Property or any part and parcel thereof, and which water system includes all water mains, service laterals, hydrants, valves and appurtenances, and which sewer system includes all sanitary sewer lines, including mains, laterals, manholes and appurtenances.

All paving for streets, roads, walkways or entrance ways now or hereafter owned by Debtor and which are now or hereafter located on the Property or any part of parcel thereof; provided that such matters shall be released upon a public dedication of such roads to any governmental municipal authority having jurisdiction.

All of Debtor's right, title and interest as in and to all agreements for the sale of the Property, or any part thereof, heretofore made and entered into, and in and to all sale agreements heretofore made entered into, by or on behalf of Debtor, together with all deposits and payments in connection therewith, together with any and all receivables now or hereafter due Debtor with respect to such agreements.

All of the right, title and interest of the Debtor in and to all unearned premiums accrued, accruing or to accrue under any, and all insurance policies now or hereafter provided pursuant to the terms of security agreements and all proceeds or sums payable for the loss of or damage to (a) the Property or collateral described herein or (b) rents, revenues, income, profits or proceeds from service agreements or contracts, leases, franchises, concessions or licenses of or any part of the Property.

All of Debtor's interests in all utility security deposits or bonds on the Property or any part or parcel thereof and all residential units of density and water and sewer reservations and equivalent residential connections affecting or allocated to the Property.

All other property or rights of Debtor of any kind or character related to the Property and all proceeds and products of any of the foregoing, all of the foregoing including such property whether now or hereafter existing or acquired.

All permits, licenses, certificates of use and occupancy (or their equivalent), zoning and governmental applications and approvals relating to the above-described real property and the improvements now or hereafter thereon.

All agreements and contract rights, including the proceeds thereunder, now or hereafter entered into or obtained in connection with the acquisition, development, construction, renovation, management, maintenance, sales, leasing or operation of the Property, and the improvements now or hereafter thereon; any and all development and construction contracts, engineering, architectural and surveying agreements, purchase and sales contracts, utilities agreements and rights, maintenance and service contracts, fictitious names and tradenames, warranties and guarantees, personal property and leases therefore, which pertain or relate in any manner to the Property or any portion thereof, and the improvements now or hereafter thereon, or to the ownership or operation thereof; all material, payment and performance bonds and letters of credit obtained in connection with the Property and the improvements now or hereafter thereon.

All bank accounts (excluding trust and agency accounts), including interest thereon, Letters(s) of Credit, deposits, cash, money and all additions thereto and substitutions therefor and all cash proceeds thereof, delivered by Debtor to the bank. at public sale, to the highest bidder, for cash, in the Jury Assembly Room, Second Floor of the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, located at 312 North West 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida at 11:00 a.m., on December 11, 2013.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from any of the sales, 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 October 8, 2013.

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE BY CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT.

Pursuant to the final decree of foreclosure entered in a case pending in said Court, docket number: 2013-CA-216, the style of which is: PRAIRIE ESTATES, LLC., Plaintiffs, vs. DREAMBUILDERS INVESTMENTS CLUB, INC., a dissolved Florida Corporation and RUTH THOMPSON, Defendants.

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

Parcel 7

DESCRIPTION Being a parcel of land lying in Section 9, Township 34 South, Range 34 East, Okeechobee County, Florida, said parcel being more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCING at the Northeast corner of section 9, Thence South 01° 21' 43" West a distance of 1563.30 feet along the East line of said section 9 to the intersection with the centerline of existing dirt grade; thence departing the East line of said Section 9; North 77° 31' 34" West, a distance of 36.08 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING; Thence South 32° 04' 42" West, a distance of 63.19 feet; Thence South 58° 08' 45" West, a distance of 106.59 feet; Thence South 90° 00' 00" West, a distance of 156.60 feet; Thence South 63° 09' 35" West, a distance of 438.77 feet; Thence South 35° 36' 11" West, a distance of 613.65 feet; Thence South 58° 22' 11" West, a distance of 247.15 feet; Thence South 30° 07' 14" West, a distance of 92.46 feet; Thence South 47° 01' 49" West, a distance of 78.83 feet; Thence departing the said centerline, South 14° 05' 40" West, a distance of 640.96 feet; Thence South 90° 00' 00" West, a distance of 318.82 feet; Thence North 04° 11' 48" West, a distance of 483.51 feet to the intersection with the said centerline, Thence along the following courses and distances: Thence North 87° 47' 59" East, a distance of 45.74 feet; Thence departing the said centerline, North 00° 00' 00" West, a distance of 1726.20 feet; Thence South 69° 35' 41" East, a distance of 836.78 feet; Thence South 77° 31' 34" East, a distance of 1049.02 feet; To the POINT OF BEGINNING.

CONTAINING: 40.28 acres of land, more or less. SUBJECT TO: An easement over the East 200' of the above described same in Official Record Book 257, Page 356, Public Records, Okeechobee County, Florida.

ALSO SUBJECT TO: An easement for ingress and egress being more particularly described as follows: An easement over a strip of land, 30 feet in width lying in Section 9, Township 34 South, Range 34 East, Okeechobee County, Florida, being more particularly described as lying 15 feet on each side of the following described centerline:

COMMENCE at the Northwest corner of said Section 9; Thence along the North line of said Section 9, North 89° 49' 34" East, a distance of 357.31 feet to the intersection with the centerline of an existing dirt grade, and the POINT OF BEGINNING; Thence, departing said North line of said section 9, and along said centerline the following courses and distances:

South 53° 31' 20" East, a distance of 1112.13 feet; Thence South 87°31' 08" East, a distance of 1692.16 feet; Thence South 69° 35' 41" East, a distance of 1409.81 feet; Thence South 77° 31' 34" East, a distance of 1085.10 feet to the POINT OF TERMINATION.

ALSO SUBJECT TO: An easement for ingress and egress being more particularly described as follows: An easement over a strip of land, 30 feet in width lying in Sections 9 and 16, Township 34 South, Range 34 East, Okeechobee County, Florida being more particularly described as lying 15 feet on each side of the following described centerline:

Commence at the Southeast corner of the Northeast one-quarter (1/4) of said section 16; Thence along the East-West one-quarter (1/4) line of said Section 16, South 89° 12' 25" West, a distance of 79.79 feet to the intersection with the centerline of an existing dirt grade, and along said centerline the following courses and distances:

Thence North 19° 28' 27" West, a distance of 41.30 feet; Thence North 66° 37' 01" West, a distance of 144.18 feet; Thence North 31° 45' 39" West, a distance of 98.75 feet; Thence North 17° 00' 38" West, a distance of 253.36 feet; Thence North 21° 22' 22" West, a distance of 368.37 feet; Thence North 08° 21' 24" West, a distance of 281.77 feet; Thence North 02° 02' 56" West, a distance of 323.78 feet; Thence North 75° 43' 12" West, a distance of 213.51 feet; Thence North 52° 45' 57" West, a distance of 402.79 feet; Thence North 69° 04' 21" West, a distance of 493.07 feet; Thence North 69° 30' 12" West, a distance of 129.34 feet; Thence North 62° 47' 56" West, a distance of 139.53 feet; Thence North 69° 42' 03" West, a distance of 327.81 feet; Thence South 53° 45' 44" West, a distance of 167.70 feet; Thence South 73° 47' 04" West, a distance of 170.18 feet; Thence South 47° 21' 39" West, a distance of 164.70 feet; Thence South 61° 33' 04" West, a distance of 234.67 feet; Thence South 37° 33' 19" West, a distance of 108.51 feet; Thence South 17° 30' 31" West, a distance of 366.97 feet; Thence South 56° 32' 52" West, a distance of 154.91 feet; Thence North 07° 08' 24" West, a distance of 86.65 feet; Thence North 30° 30' 37" West, a distance of 160.51 feet; Thence North 02° 36' 36" East, a distance of 99.05 feet; Thence North 29° 13' 15" West, a distance of 147.84 feet; Thence North 25° 46' 57" West, a distance of 135.37 feet; Thence North 86° 13' 52" West, a distance of 226.71 feet; Thence North 66° 25' 11" West, a distance of 112.80 feet to a point hereinafter referred to as Point "A"; Thence continuing along said centerline North 53°32'26" West, a distance of 55.08 feet; Thence North 69° 37' 55" West, a distance of 145.82 feet; Thence North 28°18' 42" West, a distance of 142.14 feet; Thence North 29°30' 59" West, a distance of 285.40 feet; Thence North 25°56' 29" West, a distance of 386.35 feet; Thence North 26° 55' 36" East, a distance of 199.83 feet; Thence North 08° 14' 22" East, a distance of 356.14 feet; Thence North 23° 12' 22" West, a distance of 386.86 feet; Thence North 08° 14' 22" West, a distance of 147.84 feet; Thence North 15° 21' 23" East, a distance of 686.58 feet; Thence North 66° 12' 18" East, a distance of 272.78 feet; Thence North 73° 23' 55" East, a distance of 172.78 feet; Thence South 81° 05' 20" East, a distance of 126.32 feet; Thence North 65° 06' 57" East, a distance of 97.45 feet; Thence North 76° 58' 38" East, a distance of 132.78 feet; Thence North 47° 48' 20" East, a distance of 142.02 feet; Thence North 78° 39' 27" East, a distance of 360.61 feet to a point hereinafter referred to as Point "B"; Thence continuing along said centerline North 59° 46'44" East, a distance of 213.81 feet;

Thence North 82° 54' 24" East, a distance of 129.82 feet; Thence North 70° 54' 01" East, a distance of 403.21 feet; Thence North 68° 13' 18" East, a distance of 149.00 feet; Thence North 86° 16' 01" East, a distance of 140.65 feet; Thence North 75° 54' 20" East, a distance of 254.85 feet; Thence North 83° 38' 30" East, a distance of 216.17 feet; Thence North 86° 27' 48" East, a distance of 181.00 feet; Thence North 87° 47' 59" East, a distance of 228.05 feet; Thence North 65° 30' 53" East, a distance of 315.81 feet; Thence North 47° 01' 49" East, a distance of 78.83 feet; Thence North 30° 07' 14" East, a distance of 92.46 feet; Thence North 58° 22' 01" East, a distance of 247.15 feet; Thence North 35° 36' 11" East, a distance of 613.65 feet; Thence North 63° 09' 35" East, a distance of 438.77 feet; Thence North 90° 00' 00" East, a distance of 156.60 feet; Thence North 58° 08' 45" East, a distance of 106.59 feet; Thence North 32° 04' 42" East, a distance of 63.19 feet to the POINT OF TERMINATION.

BEGINNING at the aforesaid Point "A" thence North 43° 05' 32" East, a distance of 149.73 feet; Thence North 86° 42' 24" East, a distance of 200.76 feet; Thence North 51° 11' 30" East, a distance of 62.14 feet; Thence North 00° 00' 00" East, a distance of 50.78 feet to the POINT OF TERMINATION.

BEGINNING at the aforesaid Point "B" thence South 08° 27' 50" East, a distance of 147.26 feet; Thence South 38°45' 12" East, a distance of 350.29 feet; Thence South 47°32' 02" East, a distance of 387.84 feet; Thence South 57°05' 02" East, a distance of 215.57 feet; Thence North 82°17' 05" East, a distance of 249.81 feet; Thence North 82°18' 28" East, a distance of 322.07 feet; Thence North 87°16' 30" East, a distance of 326.11 feet; Thence South 67°36' 25" East, a distance of 244.19 feet; Thence South 78°14' 13" East, a distance of 211.26 feet; Thence South 69°23' 06" East, a distance of 117.48 feet to the POINT OF TERMINATION.

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

WITNESS my hand and the official seal of said Court, this 31st day of October, 2013.

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

456402 ON 11/13/2013

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA. PROBATE DIVISION CASE NO. 2013-CP-145

In Re: Estate of DOROTHY JANE PONGRATZ a/k/a DOROTHY PONGRATZ Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of DOROTHY JANE PONGRATZ, a/k/a DOROTHY PONGRATZ, deceased, whose date of death was December 18, 2012, and whose social security number is ***-**-2946, is pending in the Circuit Court for Okeechobee County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 312 N.W. 3rd Street, Suite 101, Okeechobee, Florida 34972. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against the decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

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

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

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

The date of the first publication of this notice is November 20, 2013.

Personal Representative: H. Frank Jordan 6876 N.W. 147th Terrace Okeechobee, Florida 34072

Attorney for Personal Representative: CONELY & CONELY, P.A. P.O. Drawer 1367 Okeechobee, Florida 34973 Telephone: (863) 763-3825 Facsimile: (863) 763-6856 Primary E-mail Address: toconely@conelyandconely.com Secondary 1 E-Mail Address: blancie@conelyandconely.com Secondary 2 E-Mail Address: service@conelyandconely.com BY: Tom W. Conely, III Florida Bar No. 096482 456904 ON 11/20/2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 472013CA000382

SEACOAST NATIONAL BANK, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BIG LAKE NATIONAL BANK, Plaintiff,

vs. CAROL L. BROWN, et al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated November 7, 2013, entered in Case No. 13-CA-382 in the Circuit Court of the 19th Judicial Circuit in and for Okeechobee County, Florida wherein Seacoast National Bank is Plaintiff, and Carol L. Brown, Sunset Strip Airpark Property Owner's Association, Inc., John Doe, unknown tenant, and Jane Doe, unknown tenant, the names being fictitious to account for parties in possession, 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 at 11:00 am on the 18th day of December, 2013, the following described property Okeechobee County, Florida:

Lot 34 of Sunset Strip Airpark, according to the plat thereof, recorded in plat book 5, pages 23 & 24, public records of Okeechobee County, Florida, and all that part of Tract B adjacent to the South boundary of Lot 34, Sunset Strip Airpark, according to the plat thereof, recorded in pb 5, pages 23 & 24, public records of Okeechobee County, Florida.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. Dated this 14th day of November, 2013.

SHARON ROBERTSON, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT BY: Sandra L. Creech, DEPUTY CLERK 456976 ON 11/20/2013

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 472013CA000332

SEACOAST NATIONAL BANK, Plaintiff, vs. TELEHAR CORP., et al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated November 7, 2013, entered in Case No. 13-CA-332 in the Circuit Court of the 19th Judicial Circuit in and for Okeechobee County, Florida wherein Seacoast National Bank is Plaintiff, and Telehar Corp., Harrison W. O'Connor, Jr. a/k/a Harrison W. O'Connor, Teresa H. O'Connor, Okeechobee Clerk of Court, Kelly Tractor Co., United States of America, W and W Lumber of Okeechobee, Inc., Robert J. Blaha Jr, Okeechobee County Tax Collector, and Commercial Billing Service, a division of BVA Compass, 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 at 11:00 am on the 18th day of December, 2013, the following described property Okeechobee County, Florida:

Lots 1, 2, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, and 14, Block 2, OKEECHOBEE LITTLE FARMS, according to the Plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 100, Public Records of Okeechobee County, Florida. TOGETHER WITH that alley in Block 2 set out in Official Record 306, Page 54 and Official Record Book 307, Page 529, 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 15th day of November, 2013.

SHARON ROBERTSON CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT BY: Sandra L. Crech DEPUTY CLERK 456977 ON 11/20/2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 472013CA000310

SEACOAST NATIONAL BANK, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BIG LAKE NATIONAL BANK, Plaintiff, vs. KAREN A. DAVIS, et al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated October 10, 2013, entered in Case No. 13-CA-310 in the Circuit Court of the 19th Judicial Circuit in and for Okeechobee County, Florida wherein Seacoast National Bank is Plaintiff, and Karen A. Davis, Beneficial Florida, Inc., John Doe, unknown tenant, and Jane Doe, unknown tenant, the names being fictitious to account for parties in possession, 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 at 11:00 am on the 11th day of December, 2013, the following described property Okeechobee County, Florida:

LOT 7, BRINDABAN FOREST, Unit 4, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 6, Pages 2 and 3, Public Records of Okeechobee County, Florida. ONE DOUBLE WIDE MOBILE HOME DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: YEAR: 1990 MAKE: MERL ID NO: SW68287742A & B

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. Dated this 14th day of October, 2013.

SHARON ROBERTSON CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT BY: Sandra L. Crech DEPUTY CLERK 455343 ON 11/13/20/2013

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NUMBER: 2012-CA-300

SEACOAST NATIONAL BANK, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BIG LAKE NATIONAL BANK, Plaintiff, vs. DEBORAH D. WAYTOVICH A/K/A DEBORAH D. EASTRIDGE; FORD MOTOR CREDIT COMPANY, LLC; UNKNOWN TENANT #1 n/k/a WALLY CLAY; UNKNOWN TENANT #2 n/k/a BECKY WAGONEER; RUSSELL PAUL WAYTOVICH, PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF RUSSELL D. WAYTOVICH, DECEASED; RUSSELL PAUL WAYTOVICH, INDIVIDUALLY AS HEIR OF RUSSELL D. WAYTOVICH, DECEASED; and JOSHUA ROBERT WAYTOVICH, INDIVIDUALLY AS HEIR OF RUSSELL D. WAYTOVICH, DECEASED, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated September 27, 2013, entered in Case No. 2012-CA-300, of the Circuit Court of the 19th Judicial Circuit in and for Okeechobee County, Florida, wherein SEACOAST NATIONAL BANK, is the Plaintiff and DEBORAH D. WAYTOVICH A/K/A DEBORAH D. EASTRIDGE; FORD MOTOR CREDIT COMPANY, LLC; UNKNOWN TENANT #1 n/k/a WALLY CLAY; UNKNOWN TENANT #2 n/k/a BECKY WAGONEER; RUSSELL PAUL WAYTOVICH, PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF RUSSELL D. WAYTOVICH, DECEASED; RUSSELL PAUL WAYTOVICH, INDIVIDUALLY AS HEIR OF RUSSELL D. WAYTOVICH, DECEASED; and JOSHUA ROBERT WAYTOVICH, INDIVIDUALLY AS HEIR OF RUSSELL D. WAYTOVICH, DECEASED are Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 312 NW 3rd Street, JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM, SECOND FLOOR, OKEECHOBEE, FLORIDA 34972, at 11:00 a.m. on the 11th day of December, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 78, OUSLEY ESTATES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGES 36 AND 37, PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA. TOGETHER WITH 1990 GLEN HS VIN#FLFLK79A08794GL & #FLFLK79B08794GL. Property address: 4100 SW 16th 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 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 within 2 working days of your receipt of this Notice if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. Dated the 15 day of October 2013. SHARON ROBERTSON Clerk of Circuit Court BY: Sandra L. Crech DEPUTY CLERK

Attorney for Plaintiff: Devin R. Maxwell, Esq. MAXWELL & MAXWELL, P.A. Florida Bar No.: 172693 405 NW 3rd Street Okeechobee, Florida 34972 (863) 763-1119 - Telephone 454536 ON 11/13,20/2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 2013 CA 000066

VANDERBILT MORTGAGE AND FINANCE, INC., a Tennessee Corporation, P.O. Box 9800 Maryville, TN 37802, Plaintiff, v. CHARLES E. KENNEY, JUDITH G. MILLER, THE UNKNOWN PARTY IN POSSESSION OF 2303 S.E. 30TH STREET, OKEECHOBEE, FL 34974, n/k/a STEVE GALLAGER, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, pursuant to Plaintiffs Final Summary Judgment to Foreclose Mortgage entered in the above-captioned action, I will sell the property situated in Okeechobee County, Florida, described as follows, to wit:

LOTS 513 AND 514, TAYLOR CREEK ISLES SECTION FOUR-A, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 7, PUBLIC

Public Notice

RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA; TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN 1990 SUNR MOBILE HOME, SERIAL NUMBER 320280V1396AB. Commonly known as: 2303 S.E. 30TH STREET, OKEECHOBEE, FL 34974.

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash at the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 312 North West 3rd Street, 2nd Floor, Jury Assembly room, beginning at 11:00 a.m. ET, on December 11, 2013.

If you are a subordinate lien holder claiming a right to funds remaining after the sale, you must file a claim with the Clerk of Court no later than 60 days after the sale. If you fail to file a claim, you will not be entitled to any remaining funds.

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.

SHARON ROBERTSON Clerk of the Circuit Court BY: Sandra L. Crech Deputy Clerk 454443 ON 11/13,20/2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 472013CA000309

SEACOAST NATIONAL BANK, Plaintiff, vs. JAMES T. BROWN, JR., et al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated October 10, 2013, entered in Case No. 13-CA-309 in the Circuit Court of the 19th Judicial Circuit in and for Okeechobee County, Florida wherein Seacoast National Bank is Plaintiff, and James T. Brown, Jr., TD Bank, N.A., successor by merger to Riverside National Bank and Okeechobee County Board of County Commissioners 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 at 11:00 am on the 11th day of December, 2013, the following described property Okeechobee County, Florida: Lots 13, 14 and 15, Block B, WITBASS SUBDIVISION, according to the Plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 7, Public Records of Okeechobee County, Florida.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. Dated this 14th day of October, 2013.

SHARON ROBERTSON CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT BY: Sandra L. Crech DEPUTY CLERK 455348 ON 11/13,20/2013

NOTICE UNDER FICTITIOUS NAME LAW

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

PQJ Transport Under which we expect to engage in business at: 19783 NW 282nd Street Okeechobee, FL 34972 City of Okeechobee/County of Okeechobee, Florida.

That the parties interested in said Business enterprises are: PQJ Transport Dated of Okeechobee, Okeechobee County, Florida this the 15th day of November, 2013. 456967 ON 11/20/2013

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO. 2009-CA-000673

ONEWEST BANK, FSb Plaintiff(s), vs. RONALD J. GUNCHEON, et al., Defendant(s)

NOTICE OF SALE

PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated JULY 23, 2013, and entered in Case No. 2009-CA-000673 of the Circuit Court of the 19th Judicial Circuit in and for OKEECHOBEE County, Florida, wherein ONEWEST BANK, FSb is the Plaintiff and RONALD J. GUNCHEON the Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in the Jury Assembly Room on the 2nd floor, of the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida, at 11:00 a.m. on the 11th day of DECEMBER 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Order of Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 199, OF TREASURE ISLAND UNIT NO. 6, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 57, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

IF YOU ARE A PERSON CLAIMING A RIGHT TO FUNDS REMAINING AFTER THE SALE, YOU MUST FILE A CLAIM WITH THE CLERK OF COURT NO LATER THAN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE. IF YOU FAIL TO FILE A CLAIM, YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO ANY REMAINING FUNDS. AFTER 60 DAYS, ONLY THE OWNER OF RECORD AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MAY CLAIM THE SURPLUS. DATED AT OKEECHOBEE County, Florida, this 6th day of SEPTEMBER, 2013.

SHARON ROBERTSON, Clerk OKEECHOBEE County, Florida BY: Sandra L. Crech Deputy Clerk

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3 With a leg on each side of
6 Sprightly dances
10 What race winners break
14 Flip chart stand
15 "Typee" continuation
16 Fancy molding
17 First name in British sports cars
18 Freshness
19 River to the Caspian
20 Add-on for a large party's tab
23 Deposed Amin
24 Siesta
25 In the lead
28 Even thieves have one, it's said
33 No-win situation
34 Banjo's place
35 Age-old stories
36 Sphere
37 Largest city in California's wine country
42 Classic Capek play
45 In fighting trim
46 Chachi's mother-in-law, to Fonzie
50 Outback runner
51 Nickname seen on a Northeast license plate
55 Fruity soda brand
57 King at Versailles
58 Down-for-the-count count
59 Long-running game show, and a hint to the starts of 20-, 28-, 37- and 51-Across
64 Cures
66 Rugged vehicles
67 Writer Zora Hurston
68 Sweeten the pot a little?
69 One and only
70 More pleasant
71 Axe
72 Hang in the balance
73 Jays and O's

- 2 Entered carefully, as a highway
4 Pope of 903
5 Periodic weather disruption
7 Crèche figure
7 Apple for the teacher?
8 Mild oath
9 Wrigley slugger
10 "Not my problem"
11 Go along with
12 Whistle bead
13 Fish lacking pelvic fins
21 Half- : coffee order
22 Some steak orders
26 Go public with
27 New girl in gown?
29 Some Caltech grads
30 " of Our Birth": Isle of Man
31 Negative conjunction
32 Some Spanish escudos were made of it
38 Pond accumulation

- 39 PBS benefactor
40 Blacktop material
41 Tbsp. or tsp.
42 Yellow-flag carrier
43 Emma's portrayer in "The Avengers"
44 Chance upon
47 Wearying grind
48 Joe Greene or Lynn Swann, notably
49 Focal points

- 52 Wiped clean
53 Calculator figs.
54 Crayola's "burnt" color
56 Soap box?
60 Chug-a-lug
61 Platte River tribe
62 Grand Ole Opry st.
63 Put a roof on
64 Key below the tildle
65 Diciembre ends it

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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Brahmans top Eagles 2-0; improve to 3-0

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

Logan Laskey and Wilson Barahona scored goals while Brian Guerrero added an assist in the first half as Okeechobee boys soccer went on to defeat St. Lucie West Centennial 2-0.

Friday's home win boosted Okeechobee's season mark to 3-0.

Tyler Selph played solid in goal with four saves for the Brahmans.

After the early burst of offense, neither team had many opportunities to score goals. Both teams did a good job getting back on defense and preventing easy shots on their net. OHS had two free kicks within 25 yards while the Eagles had two corner kicks in the second half without high percentage shots.

Brahman coach Lonnie Sears said the team put two quick shots in the net but appeared tired as they played Thursday night against arch rival Martin County. He said the team appeared to relax after the early lead.

"I was not satisfied with the second half

because we did a lot of stuff that we don't coach," he explained.

Sears said the team reverted to individual soccer and not team play to show the home crowd their individual talent. He said that style has never been successful for OHS because soccer is a team sport and one player can't win the match.

"It was not good soccer and it was extremely boring to watch," he added.

Sears said the team must play team soccer if they are to go further into the post season this year.

Mid-fielder Ponce Deleon said the team definitely did not play fundamental soccer and didn't play as hard as they could have. Still he was pleased that the team was victorious.

"A win is a win but I know we could have buried this team," he added.

Deleon said the team is off to a good start and has set the tone with three victories in the first week. He said there is a different feeling when you win a match at home.

"When you win at another school you take away the other teams pride. At home you prove to your house that you're here to win and you mean business," he added.

Deleon said he'd like to see more communication on the field in the next match. He would also like to see more support between teammates.

He did praise the backups who hit the field when a few Brahman players left due to injury.

"We shut them out and we did pretty good overall on defense. The second string went in and showed us what they can do," he added.

Sears said he knew the team was tired but he said his players are winners and ironmen and must continue to grind and put the pressure on lesser opponents even when they're ahead.

"Defensively, we were not too bad. We had a couple of breakdowns but we turned the ball over 40 yards from the net a few times and had nobody back there. That puts

us on our heels and it is not smart soccer," he added.



Okeechobee News/Charles Murphy
Alberto Diaz, #18, competes for the ball near midfield during Friday's match.

SUDOKU

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

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Lady Brahmans pick up 3-1 home soccer win

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

Okeechobee won their first match of the season and their home opener Monday, 3-1, over the Avon Park Lady Red Devils in high school girls soccer action at Brahman Stadium.

Keirstin Bostwick, Brianna Nunez and Rosa Borja scored goals to lead the Lady Brahmans. Borja hit a 20-yard free kick from the right of the goal to open the scoring. It was a beautifully placed kick that sailed high in the air over the goal keepers head and settled into the Red Devils net. Nunez broke loose from a double team and scored just three minutes later on a breakaway in the 22nd minute of the first half to make it 2-0. Bostwick scored on another one-on-one opportunity with the goal keeper midway through the second half.

OHS coach Sonya Smith said she was excited for the team's first victory. She said the girls played tremendous and worked well together. She praised their passes and following through with attacks on the net.

"I'm really hoping that this was a confidence boost for them. They needed a win under their belt. You can only handle so many losses until it starts to get to you. I hope this will boost their morale," she added.

Smith noted the team had only one goal on the season coming into Monday night's match and really had to improve their offensive team work. She said the girls pulled it all together and played well together.

Nunez said it felt great to get a win on her first home match of her senior year. She said it was tough at the beginning of practice with a lot of new players but she has been impressed with the improvement.

"The younger girls are learning and they try very hard. I'm grateful for the team we have," she said. "We are not amazing but we are hard working and we have the heart to play."

Nunez recently ended her volleyball season and missed a few of the matches. She was all over the field Monday with a tremendous amount of energy. She said she ran a lot in the off season to keep in shape.

Nunez controlled the ball a lot in the match and kept the pressure on the Red Devils. Other than a few rushes, Okeechobee kept the ball in the Avon Park side of the field for most of the match.

Nunez scored as she broke away from two defenders for a one-on-one opportunity. She said she played the situation over in her mind and was ready when the opportunity came.

"I normally shoot the ball high, but I

thought about it, took my time, and laid it on the ground and it went in," she said.

Okeechobee had several other serious scoring threats. Cristina Tinajero got a breakaway chance in the second half but Avon Park got a nice stop from their keeper. Okeechobee also had several corner kicks in the second half. Coaches said the team hustled the entire game, took advantage of their speed, and played smart.

Borja said her team communicated well,

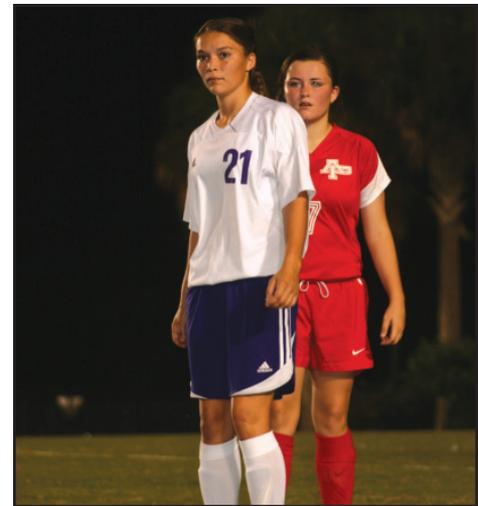
worked hard and really wanted to win their first home match. She said she was going to give the free-kick opportunity to a teammate but was talked into taking the shot.

"I just went with my gut to where I thought would be good and it went in. I was excited and happy. I couldn't believe it because it was pretty far away," she added.

Okeechobee lost to Lake Placid 3-0 and to Clewiston 4-0 in matches played last week.



Okeechobee News/Charles Murphy
Goal keeper Stormy Stokes didn't have a lot of tough chances as the Lady Brahman offense controlled the soccer ball for most of Monday's match with Avon Park.



Okeechobee News/Charles Murphy
Cristina Tinajero and the rest of the Lady Brahmans were aggressive as they defeated Avon Park on Monday night.

OHS wrestling team wins Battle of Fort Pierce event

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

Okeechobee High School wrestlers took the team championship Saturday at the Battle of Fort Pierce 2013.

OHS scored 183 points followed by Treasure Coast with 145 and Jensen Beach with 130 points in the seven-team field.

Okeechobee got a number of strong individual performances. Joe Turbush won the 160-pound division, William Zapata the 145-pound division and Jacob Dupree the 220-pound division. Tiffany Bowers was runner

up at 106 pounds, Alexander Hernandez second at 145 pounds and Bryan Alexander was second at 152 pounds.

Matthew Lanning took third place at 113 pounds, and Chris Lutjen was third at 126 pounds. Also in third place in their respective weight classes were Daniel Robles at 152 pounds, Logan Lipson at 182 pounds, Disan Hernandez at 195 pounds and Cody Walker at heavyweight.

Fourth place finishes were turned in by Kimberley Hernandez at 120 pounds and Adoniel Martinez at 138 pounds.

Brahmans cruise to 7-0 soccer win

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

Okeechobee coaches told their players at halftime Monday that to be an elite team they must put the ball in the net and 'finish' goal scoring opportunities. The team appeared to take the message to heart as they put five goals in the net in the second half in route to a 7-0 victory over Avon Park.

Okeechobee improved to (4-0) as they totally dominated the Red Devils from start to finish. OHS scored in the first two minutes and then went up 2-0 in the first 10 minutes as Brian Guerrero deflected a shot off a defender into the net.

A third goal narrowly missed the net

as a header struck the post a few minutes later. Guerrero misfired wide right on another good opportunity in the first half.

Okeechobee did a fine job with passes for the most part. They showed patience and team work. Several of the players appeared to be high energy all the time.

OHS coach Lonnie Sears said the build up was good but he urged his team to relax and finishing at the net.

Avon Park had few possessions in the Brahman side of the field. They also didn't match up well with the Brahmans foot speed.

The Brahmans have a busy week this week but won't play again at home until Dec. 9.

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