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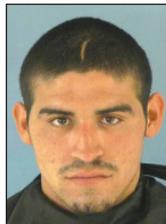
By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

A man who was injured in some sort of physical altercation outside a local nightspot has died in a Fort Pierce hospital.

Okeechobee City Police Department (OCPD) Detective Bill Saum said Gerardo Alvarez-Manzo, 45, died Jan. 27 at 7:44 p.m. at Lawnwood Regional Medical Center.

Mr. Manzo had apparently received an injury to the back of his head after he was allegedly hit by Ramiro Reyna.

Reyna, 23, N.W. 47th Terrace, Okeechobee,



Ramiro Reyna

was arrested Monday, Jan. 27, on a felony charge of aggravated battery. He is being held in the Okeechobee County Jail on \$200,000 bond.

It's not yet known if, after Mr. Manzo's death, that charge will be changed.

"Once I get all the information and the medical examiner's paperwork then it's possible the charges will be increased to manslaughter, if the cause of

death is in fact due to his injuries," stated Assistant State Attorney Ashley Albright on Tuesday, Jan. 28.

Detective Saum said an autopsy is being scheduled and the District 19 Medical Examiner's Office will later issue their findings as to the cause of death.

According to an arrest report by OCPD Officer Ryan Holroyd, the two men had been in the El Cielo Azul bar at 706 S.W. Second St. T

he officer's report then quoted a witness who said they saw Mr. Manzo walking through

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Family Health and Safety Expo

Marco Cuevas (right), with Okeechobee R.S.V.P., recruited new volunteers for local programs at the Seventh Annual Okeechobee Family Health and Safety Expo held Saturday, Jan. 25, at the Okeechobee County Agri-Civic Center. Community members stopped by the expo to take advantage of health screenings, demonstrations, free entertainment and lunch. Visitors could also apply for Florida KidCare, Medicaid and Food Stamps at the expo. For more photos online, go to florida.newszip.com.

City council debates agriculture ordinance

Some farm animals still allowed within city limits

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

The Okeechobee City Council approved an ordinance, 4-1, on Jan. 21 to transmit to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity an amendment to the city comprehensive plan which provides for a definition of limited agriculture.

Cattle, horses, hogs, sheep and goats would continue to be allowed in limited capacity. The amendment would impact the property in the old city holding zoning category. It would not impact bona fide agriculture operations that have agriculture exemptions from the property appraiser.

City Planner Bill Brisson said the new plan would make it clear what people can do with

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Martha's House presents comedy game show

By Jonathan Bean

Special to the Okeechobee News

Martha's House, Okeechobee's Domestic Violence Services agency, is putting on a Comedy Game Show and Dinner fundraiser again this year on Feb. 8, at the KOA at 6 p.m.

Domestic violence isn't a fun subject. In fact it's a social/criminal problem we're

glad someone else is taking care of. Martha's House is that someone else. Every year since 1985 Martha's House has been there for the hundreds of victims of this crime every year in Okeechobee. Last year the total crept close to 500 separate, unique, wonderful, human beings victimized right here in our county. The injury caused by this crime to women and children often lasts a lifetime.

This is a serious problem. So, why a comedy evening?

Life should be balanced with humor, something DV victims rarely experience. Our event highlights this to raise awareness and funds. Last year it was a great success and we hope to build on that this year. We'll play the price is right, sort of, with a great show host you won't believe isn't the real Drew. We'll be eating a delicious dinner created around Caribbean themes; there will be steel drum music; auctions of some really great items, including great hotel stays, theme park tickets, hunting equipment and more. There is something for everyone.

Martha's House hopes it will always be here to help out, but it needs your support to make that happen. As a local agency it relies on the support of local people.

For about the same price as a movie ticket and dinner you can join us for \$50 per couple! Tickets are available by advance purchase only at Centerstate Bank 863-763-5573 or at Martha's House office, 863-763-2893.

Agri-Civic Center Calender

- On Feb. 1 and 2 the Agri-Civic Center will host Okeechobee Youth Rodeo Association Youth Rodeo. The rodeo starts at 3 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. on Sunday. Come out and watch the kids from Okeechobee and all over the state of Florida compete in the youth rodeo. Admission is free to the public, and there is a concession stand. Watch for a few hours or stay and watch all day if you like. There are four age divisions, covering ages 4-18. Events include sheep riding, barrels, poles, calf riding (age 6-8), steer riding (age 9-13), junior saddle bronc riding, goat tying, team roping, and more. For more in-

formation, please contact Kristi Clemons at 863-697-1193.

- Feb. 4 is Recreational Riding night. Bring your horse and ride in the arena from 6 to 9 p.m. Fee is \$10. Riders under the age of 18 must have a consent form signed by a parent or guardian.

- On Feb. 7 a Turnin' N Burnin' Jackpot Barrel Race is planned. The Turnin' N Burnin' Barrel Club will hold the ninth and tenth races in its Winter Buckle series with exhibition at 5 p.m. and races starting at 7 p.m.



Special to the Okeechobee News/Rosen Photography
The Okeechobee Agri-Civic Center hosted a Turnin' N Burnin' Bulls & Barrels show on Dec. 28, a three-day barrel race with a bull riding exhibition featuring bull riders from the Southern States Bull Riders Association, and the Professional Bull Riders. The show had an attendance of about 650 people for the bull riding exhibition, with a total attendance for the weekend of about 950 people.



Special to the Okeechobee News

Battlefield Friends plan re-enactment

The Okeechobee Battlefield Friends are busy planning the upcoming Battle of Okeechobee Re-enactment. Members of the Friends pictured here are Greg Thorgersen, Dowling Watford, Steve Cates, Su George, Dan Culbert, Gary Ritter, Shawn Henderson and Willie Johns. This year the re-enactment will be held on Feb. 21 and 22, with festivities from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m., on the site of the fiercest Seminole War Battle, 3500 S.E. 38th Ave., in Okeechobee. There will be animal exhibits, vendors, settlers, pow wow dancers, music and a re-enactment of the battle occurring at 2 p.m. each day. Admission will be \$10 per car.

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Today: Cloudy with occasional rain showers. High 64F. Winds NNW at 10 to 20 mph. Chance of rain 60%.

Tonight: Cloudy with periods of rain. Low near 50F. Winds N at 10 to 15 mph. Chance of rain 80%. Rainfall around a half an inch.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: Cloudy with occasional rain showers. High 66F. Winds N at 10 to 15 mph. Chance of rain 50%.

Thursday Night: Cloudy during the evening. A few showers developing late. Low 54F. Winds N at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 30%.

Friday: Sunshine and clouds mixed. High 79F. Winds NE at 5 to 10 mph.

Friday Night: Mostly clear skies early, then becoming foggy and damp later at night. Low 62F. Winds light and variable.

Saturday: Areas of fog early, then partly cloudy in the afternoon. High 83F. Winds ESE at 10 to 15 mph.

Saturday Night: Clear skies early, then becoming foggy and damp later at night. Low near 65F. Winds SE at 5 to 10 mph.

Sunday: Foggy early, becoming mostly sunny in the afternoon. High 84F. Winds SSE at 5 to 10 mph.

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OHS ladies set to defend softball title

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

Optimism continues to abound for Okeechobee Lady Brahman softball this year as they expect to defend their district title and make a deep run in the state play-offs.

The team is led by seven talented seniors who are battle tested and experienced. They also have a solid group of younger players that are expected to push for playing time.

First-year coach Mary Huff got needed experience coaching the JV last year. She has been a part of the Brahman family for over 10 years and knows success is expected.

Seniors this year include Danyelle Sheffield, Carisa LiCata, Stormy Stokes, Khrysta Herndon, Briana Nunez, Bethany Stuart, and Kaylen Fulford. Other players in the mix include Cheyenne Nunez, Delaney Osceola, Kim Tinajero, Hannah Collier, Raylee Coleman, Kelli Chapman, Lexi Ward and Elisia Garcia.

Huff said no position has been earned and that each girl must come to practice and work hard to win a job, she said it doesn't matter what you did last year. She also wants a unit that is tight knit and pulls for one another. She compares it to a machine where all the parts work well together.

"I want to continue the winning tradition and bring back the team concept and unit we had when we went to state in 2007. The girls have bought into what the coaches are preaching and they look good."

Huff said talent will only take you so far and the team unity and chemistry are what make the difference when they play tough opponents. She said she is excited about the competition for starting spots.

Huff predicts the team will rely heavily on defense this year as they have no dominant over powering pitchers. She expects speed to play a key role on the offensive side and wants her hitters to have no fear at the plate.

"I think our defense will be pretty stellar and we have a lot of speed. We have pitchers that understand the game and what I want from them. They have really responded and we hope to develop some of the younger arms," she added.

Garcia, Herndon and Chapman will vie for time behind the plate. B. Billie, Osceola,

Sheffield and Fulford are in the mix at first base. Lexi Ward returns at second base with Peyton Campbell providing competition. Stormy Stokes will be pushed by Jordan Lawlis at shortstop. Cheyenne Nunez, Herndon, and Chapman are working to start at third base.

Stokes accepted an offer last week to play college softball for two years for Indian River State College. She is impressed with the leadership skills of the senior class. She admits it has been a roller coaster in the past three years with three different head coaches. She comes off a productive soccer season which kept her in top physical condition.

"I'm so excited about the season. I will do whatever I can to help the team and work as hard as I can in practice. The younger girls are working hard and that makes me work harder," she added.

Outfielders include LiCata in center field, Briana Nunez, Coleman, Lawlis, Bethany Stuart and Collier. Stuart could also compete at first and third base when she returns from girls basketball.

LiCata insists the team should work well together and will be very good this year. She already sees a close bond developing and notes the lack of drama will help the team succeed.

"We'll be able to handle whatever is thrown at us. We have girls that put the ball in play and that is sometimes better than home runs," she said. "I'm not worried about the defense as we will have a lot of speed in the outfield."

LiCata has already accepted a scholarship to play Division I softball for Florida Gulf Coast University.

Pitchers in the mix include Breanna Billie, Lawlis, Sheffield, Fulford and Osceola.

Sheffield said she feels better than she ever had during her high school career which has been slowed by injury. She said she has no guarantee of being the starting pitcher and wants to work hard to earn her spot.

Sheffield plans to attend Florida Gulf Coast University in the fall and study pharmacy. The team will hold an inter-squad scrimmage on Jan. 31 starting at p.m. Huff will be assisted by Elia Suarez this year. Top district opponents figure to be Jensen Beach and South Fork. Okeechobee will play in two tough tournaments this year. The first tournament is the Doc for Life in Ocala and the second is the Lincoln Park Tournament to be held at Dodger Town in Vero Beach.



Okeechobee News/Charles Murphy
Mary Huff admits she was more nervous than her players at the first practice Jan. 7. But she feels the team has responded well to her and her assistant coach Elia Suarez.

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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!

Help for local cancer patients

- In regard to the article about Sharon Wallace and her experiences with fighting cancer and finding no help for local cancer patients who need financial assistance for medical care, once again Okeechobee County is left out of these programs. They collect donations here, but don't send any of that money back to help people here. I say donate locally to people who need help.

- All of the big national organizations that collect money pay a lot of that money for salaries for the employees. They say they are collecting money for research, but how much actually goes to research? With some organizations, they may spend 90 percent on salaries for their own employees.

- I am afraid to say the same problem is happening in Port St. Lucie at an alarming rate. Our groomer of many years has stage 4 breast cancer and needs help. She makes too much for public help programs, not enough for medical insurance and Komen flat out says they're tapped for resources.

- All of the money raised in Okeechobee should stay in Okeechobee. We should look out for our own.

- They don't have the money to help anyone in Okeechobee, but they sure do have the money to sue them.

- How much money that was donated to the Komen Foundation to help cancer patients is being used to pay attorneys?

- They will take our money but cannot help Okeechobee residents when they need it! Where I work we have donated to the Susan G. Kohem. I wondered why all the donation went to West Palm Beach for an auction there. I know why now!

- I have been saying this for many years. I have helped so many people get to Moffitt Cancer Center because they are the only ones who will help people from Okeechobee with cancer whether they have insurance or not. This is very sad and thankfully someone was able to bring it to light publicly!

- You'd be better off giving your money to someone directly that is suffering.

- The residents of Okeechobee are great about coming together to help people in our own community. I really think we need to do our own fundraisers that will help anyone with anything insurance or any foundations will not help with. Moffitt Cancer Center was the only people that helped my mom, who had a rare cancer, when no organizations, state of Florida, or anyone else would help her. She lost her fight but Moffitt was willing to do whatever it took to help her fight it and have a chance at a longer life. Because of Moffitt we enjoyed one more year with my Mama before the good Lord took her home.

- I hope the people who donate to these organizations from Okeechobee know that although they are doing a wonderful thing, their donations will not be used for residents of our own county. How sad and how wrong.

- People in Okeechobee are very good and generous when someone needs help. They raised thousands for the little boy who needed brain surgery. They have helped many other people too. But people here are mostly living from paycheck to paycheck and we don't have much money to donate. If you give to one, you may have to say 'no' to the next one who asks for help. So we have to do some research and try to put the available donation money where it will do the most good.

- I think these organizations owe all donors a complete account of just where the money goes. How much goes to salaries of paid staff? Do they have their own scientists doing research or do they give grants to researchers? What research projects have they funded. What is the total amount they collected and the total amount spent on research? What programs do they run and how much does each cost?

- Donate to paint all of Okeechobee County's fire hydrants Pink and keep the donations here.

Convicted murderer's appeal

- He did not give the victim a choice to live. He took a life. He is a monster. He deserves death. Why waste anymore time or money on a monster.

Chamber Column

- Okeechobee Main Street and the Chamber of Commerce of Okeechobee County invite everyone to the Mixer and Grand Opening at the Art Cottage, 111 N.E. Second St. This event will take place on Thursday, Jan. 30, from 5 to 7 p.m. Come for light refreshments, door prizes, ribbon cutting and fun. There will be no charge for this event.

- Big Congratulations to Tin Fish Restaurant from the chamber! A Grand Opening is planned for Feb. 5, from 4 to 6 p.m. Tin Fish Restaurant is located at 301 N. Parrott Ave.

- "Cupid's Corner Marketplace" Valentine's Day the second-busiest holiday buying season every year. Many of us go in search of the perfect, unique gift that says "I love you" to their special someone. Cosmetics, jewelry and gadgets are often given as Valentine's Day gifts. Join us for our RED HOT shopping event on Saturday, Feb. 8, from 10-2 p.m. at

the Silver Palms Banquet Hall. If you would like to be a vendor, please call Antoinette at 561-718-0536.

That will conclude the chamber events for this month; however we encourage you to check out our community calendar at www.okeechobeebusiness.com for more events as they become available in the community and in the chamber. Please remember to RSVP for each of the above events to reserve your spot. If you are interested in SPONSORING any of the chamber events, please contact Mariah at 863 467-6246 or info@okeechobeebusiness.com.

I look forward to seeing you at our events!!

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Road Watch

The Florida Department of Transportation advises motorists to use caution in areas where road work is under way. Work planned this week includes the following.

OKEECHOBEE COUNTY

- U.S. 441 at Taylor Creek Draw-bridge: Bridge maintenance:** Motorists should watch for flaggers directing traffic from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 29, while crews make repairs to the bridge deck, joints and rails. Use caution and be prepared to stop.

- U.S. 441 North from Northwest 179th Street to County Road 68 East:** Maintenance project: This two lane roadway will be reduced to one lane with flaggers directing traffic while crews repair shoulders on either side of the road. Use caution when traveling in the work area.

- U.S. 441 North from Southwest 9th Street to Southwest 16th Street:** Maintenance project: Crews are repairing the sidewalk on both sides of the roadway. No lane closures are scheduled, however, use caution and watch for workers close to the road.

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

- U.S. 98 (SR 700):** Maintenance project: Crews will be trimming low hanging tree branches as needed from the Okeechobee city limits to the Okeechobee County line. No lane closures are expected however, motorists should drive with caution.

- SR 78 from Okeechobee County line to Lemkin Creek Bridge:** Construction project: Expect lane closures Monday through Friday as crews finish removing and replacing the asphalt throughout the project, begin work on the shoulders and install guardrail. Flaggers will be directing traffic. Motorists should use caution, be prepared to stop and add additional time in their schedule to reach their destination.

- SR 70 E from the Okeechobee city limits to NE 30th Avenue:** Maintenance project: Crews are repairing the sidewalk on both sides of the roadway. No lane closures are scheduled, however, Use caution and watch for workers close to the road.

GLADES COUNTY

- SR 78 from Buckhead Ridge to Indian Prairie Canal: Maintenance Project: Crews will be trimming and chipping trees in the right of way. Motorists can expect the west-bound lane to be closed from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Thursday. Flaggers will direct traffic. Motorists are asked to Use caution as crews work in the roadway.

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Local churches host special programs

A Gospel sing will be held at **7th Day Christian Church**, 912 N.W. Park St., featuring The Willing Vessels, on Friday, Jan. 31 at 7:30 p.m.

The **Okeechobee Church of the Nazarene**, 425 S.W. 28th St., will present a Southern Gospel Concert on Saturday, Feb. 1, at 6 p.m., featuring the The Whisnants from Morgantown, N.C. For more information, call 863-763-3519 or 863-763-7113.

A revival with Bennie and Tammy Jones is planned at **Point of Light Fellowship Church**, 15399 Hwy 78, in Lakeport. Tammy will minister

to the ladies of the area on Saturday, Feb. 1, at 11 a.m. with a lunch to follow. Bishop Bennie will minister to all starting Sunday, Feb. 2 at 10:30 a.m. with a potluck lunch after. Then again Monday, Feb. 3 to Wednesday, Feb. 5 at 6:30 p.m. each night.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church will present the Music Ministry of Santos on Thursday, Feb. 6, at 7 p.m. For more information, call 863-763-3727.

Treasure Island Baptist Church will host the Trust Quartet on Sunday, Feb. 9, at 10:30 a.m.

Fountain of Life Church welcomes two new associate ministers to their church family and to the city of Okeechobee: Pastor David Evans and Pastor Emory Polley. Pastor David Evans is our Creative Arts and Music Pastor and has moved here with his lovely wife Rachel. Pastor David has helped grow



Places of Worship

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the music ministries of Hillsong Australia, Youth Alive, and Planetshakers. Pastor Emory Polley and wife Donna and son Emory Jr. are from Vero Beach, Florida. Pastor Emory will oversee our Men's Ministries. Our services are at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. every Sunday and 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays.

The weather is cooler, but it is still time to do Spring cleaning. The **First United Methodist Youth Summer Camp Scholarship Fund** needs your unwanted/unused items. Does it still work but you don't need it anymore? Have you worn it in the past six months? Do you

really need to watch that DVD again? Are those toys too young for your kids now? And be sure to come shop for new bargains on Saturday, Feb. 1, from 8 a.m. to noon, at 200 N.W. Second St. Contact Nancy Vaughan at 863-763-4021.

Peace Lutheran Church will host critically acclaimed musician and singer, Paul Todd in concert on Saturday, Feb. 1, at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary of the church. The public is invited to hear Paul Todd's unique concert which is totally different from anything anyone has ever seen before! Everyone is welcome to this free concert.

Love Jesus? Every Monday morning, 8 a.m. at Hampton Inn, there is a **Bible study** held and you are invited. It is free if you don't eat, or you can have a great breakfast for only \$5. Brandon Tucker and Pastor Jim Benton are the speakers. More questions?

Call 863-532-2482.

The Gathering hosts "Joy in the Mourning" a grief support group and bible study for anyone who has lost a loved one, through death or divorce. All are welcome to attend. The support group will meet every Monday at 6 p.m. and Tuesday at 2 p.m. at 1735 S.W. 24th Ave. For more information, call Gale at 863-623-8504.

There are many opportunities at **Peace Lutheran Church**, including the newly founded Peace Outreach, whose goals include getting everyone to discover their gifts and use them for the Glory of God. Another new opportunity is the Peace Garden Club, focusing on church grounds beautification and growing vegetables in raised garden beds. All are welcome to attend the Peace Garden Club meetings on the last Monday of each month at 7 p.m.

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.

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.

DEATH

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the parking lot shortly after midnight. He was walking behind Reyna, added the report.

The witness then reportedly told the officer that, for no apparent reason, Reyna turned around and hit the victim in the face. The older man then fell backwards and hit the back of his head on the asphalt-covered

parking lot.

Reyna apparently had a beer bottle in one hand, but the witness was not sure if he struck the victim with the bottle, added the report.

The officer's report went on to point out that when he arrived on the scene Mr. Manzo was bleeding from his nose and mouth and his breathing "... was very heavy and labored." At one point the victim went into cardiac arrest and emergency medical personnel had to perform cardio pulmonary

resuscitation (CPR).

The report stated Mr. Manza had to be taken to Lawnwood by ambulance because he was too unstable to be airlifted.

"He was later diagnosed with a life-threatening subdural bleed (brain bleed) near the rear of the brain," stated the officer. "Additionally, he was without oxygen for an extended period of time — approximately 40 minutes." The report went pointed out no gun or any other type of weapon was found on, or around, Mr. Manzo.

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their land.

The City Planning Board recommended one goat, sheep or hog per acre and the plan would allow horses and cattle, small vegetable gardens, the cultivation of hay and 4-H and FFA projects.

"We want it fairly limited. No more than what people have been doing in the city already," Mr. Brisson said. "Were not looking at elephants, we look at domesticated animals and farm animals, and giving somebody some guidance," he told the council.

There are limited agriculture operations in various locations in the city. Most of them were zoned holding. That was eliminated by the city and could be replaced by a new district, perhaps named rural heritage. He emphasized properties with agriculture exemptions, as commercial operations, would not be impacted.

Councilman Clayton Williams voiced concern about having too many farm animals, especially hogs.

"Have you ever lived down wind with a hog with it wet and muddy? You may not be able to handle that," he added.

Mr. Brisson admitted some of these properties are too small to handle multiple animals.

Councilman Dowling Watford said the goal is to allow 4-H and FFA students to continue to have projects.

Councilman Devin Maxwell voted against the ordinance, and raised a number of questions. He said he was very confused by the ordinance, and likened it to gibberish.

Mayor Jim Kirk said the city would not allow something that is not permitted. He said no matter how many words are put to paper, human error can take place.

Councilman Watford said he questioned whether the city should allow five horses and only three sheep. He said he doesn't want a hog farm in the city limits.

"What we're trying to allow is the 4-H member to raise a hog," he said.

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VFW ladies host dinner

Buckhead Ridge VFW Ladies Auxiliary will host a dinner on Wednesday, **Jan. 29**, at 5 p.m. with Stick Meat Shish Kebabs by Paulette -- one chicken and one beef kebab over a bed of rice with vegetables plus dessert for a \$7 donation. All proceeds go to the Veterans and Family Needs Program. For information, call 863-467-2882.

Eagles offering dinner

The Cypress Hut Eagles 4509 will serve a stuffed pepper dinner Wednesday, **Jan. 29**, by Carla. Thursday, Jan. 30, will be cook's choice steak dinner. The public is invited both days. Dinner is served starting at 5 p.m. Proceeds from these events will go to community and national charity funds. For information, call the Cypress Hut Eagles at 863-467-1154.

Obituaries

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George W. Carpenter Jr., 81

OKEECHOBEE — George W. Carpenter Jr., of Taylor Creek and Pascoag, R.I., passed away at his residence in Pascoag, RI, surrounded by his loving family on Jan. 21, 2014.

He was the loving husband of Jean H. (Thomas) Carpenter. They were married on May 19, 1956.

He was born in Riverside, R.I., a son of the late George Sr., and Pauline (Frank) Carpenter.

He was a self-employed truck driver; he proudly served in the Army during Korea, he was a member of the following, VFW 10539 Okeechobee, Fla., BPOE Elk's Lodge #850 in Woonsocket, RI; Okeechobee County Sheriffs Office, Search & Rescue, C.O.P.S., Boating Safety Life FL.

Besides his wife, he is survived by two sons, George "Woody" Carpenter of Pascoag, and Jeffrey Carpenter of Pascoag; a daughter, Judith "Judy" Jenness of Harrisville; grandchildren, Joshua, Amanda, Keith, Kevin, Craig, Stephanie, and Billy; great-grandchildren, Dillon, Hailey, Noah, Trentyn, Camdyn and Jayda.

He was preceded in death by a grandson, Jeffrey Carpenter Jr.; and two sisters, Pauline Patterson and Emma Dunn.

Funeral services at RI Veteran's Cemetery in Exeter, RI will be held privately. Arrangements were handled under the directions of the Brown Funeral Home 1496 Victory Hwy Oakland RI. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the VFW Foundation.



Book signing is Jan. 30

Former USA Today reporter Deborah Sharp will be the guest of honor Thursday, **Jan. 30**, at 5:30 p.m. at the Okeechobee Public Library. Trash-themed attire is optional at the event, which is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served. Ms. Sharp will discuss "Mama Gets Trashed" (Midnight Ink, 2013, \$14.99), followed by a book signing. For information, call the library at 863-783-3536.

Legion hosting pageant

The annual Miss American Legion Post 64 beauty pageant will be held Thursday, **Jan. 30**, at 7:30 p.m. at the American Legion Hall. All contestants must be female; unmarried; have no children; and attending ninth through 12th grades at Okeechobee High School, the Freshman Campus, a private school, home school or College Early Admissions Program.

Cheryl Ann Leitner, age 55

LABELLE — Cheryl Ann Leitner, age 55, of LaBelle, passed away January 24, 2014 in LaBelle.

She was born Mar. 26, 1958 in Martin County, Fla..

Survivors include daughters, Becky Hunt, Barbara Largen, Paula Ferrer, Cheri Durance and Donna Brooks; father, Curt Leitner; brothers, Larry Jackson, Ken Leitner and Chris Leitner; and seventeen grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her mother, Winifred Leitner.

A memorial service will be 1 p.m., Friday, Jan. 31, 2014, at Akin-Davis Funeral Home in LaBelle. Visitation will be held from 12:30 p.m. until start of the service at the funeral home.

You may view the online obituary or leave condolences to the family at akin-davis.com. Cremation arrangements by Akin-Davis Funeral Home - LaBelle.

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Church hosts potluck dinner

A Christian singles potluck dinner will be held Friday, **Jan. 31**, at 6 p.m. at The Gathering, 1735 S.W. 24th Ave. Please use the south door. For information, call Mollie at 863-763-9626.

Kiwanis has radio auction

Kiwanis Club of Okeechobee annual Radio Auction to be held Saturday, Feb. 1, from noon until 3 p.m. on WOKC at CenterState Bank. The Kiwanis Club of Okeechobee will auction off items donated by area businesses live on 100.9FM/1570AM WOKC with the proceeds benefiting Kiwanis area scholarships and youth projects. The number to call to place a bid will be 863-763-5573.

Benefit links tourney slated

Okeechobee Yatchette Club will hold their second annual golf tournament at the Blue Heron Golf Club on Saturday, **Feb. 1**, to benefit the OHS scholarship fund and the senior citizen's fund. Entry is \$40 per golfer and includes lunch and prizes to follow at the Good Spirits Lounge. You can sign up at Good Spirits, Blue Heron Golf Club or the Big "O" RV Resort (Lot #86). A calcutta will be held Thursday, Jan. 30, at 7 p.m. at Good Spirits. For information call Garry at 863-532-9033, or Suzzie at 352-209-9582.

OCRA registration dates set

OCRA will hold baseball/softball sign-ups on Saturday, **Feb. 1**, 8 and 15 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the score tower at the sports complex. Boys ages 4-14 are eligible, and girls ages 4-18 can sign up. Girls softball is adding a Debs division this year for 16-18 year olds. Coaches are also needed for all leagues. For information, contact Micki at 863-634-0515. If your child is a first-time player, a copy of the birth certificate will be needed.

OEF presents production

The Okeechobee Educational Foundation will present "Mandate for Murder," featuring the OHS Drama Club in the Freshman Campus Auditorium on Saturday, **Feb. 1**, at 7 p.m. Tickets are available for \$20 and include a Death by Chocolate intermission courtesy of Waste Management, Inc. For information or to purchase a ticket, call 863-462-5000 ext. 257.

Single seniors host dance

A new single senior club will host a dance Saturday, **Feb. 1**, at Cowboys, 202 N.E. Seventh Ave. The dance will start at 7 p.m. For information, call Marie at 863-357-0676.

Super Bowl celebration set

The Okeechobee Moose Lodge will host a Super Bowl Sunday celebration Sunday, **Feb. 2**, at 159 N.W. 36th St. Breakfast will be served from 8 until 11 a.m. Social quarters open at 1 p.m. Free munchies will be available. The kitchen will be open all day.



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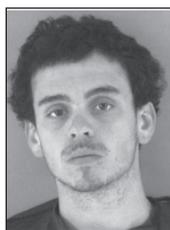
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Report: Man caught with pills at county jail

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

When an Okeechobee man reported for his weekend work detail at the Okeechobee County Jail he apparently forgot to check his pants pockets for prescription pills.

Charles Eugene Sadler III, 22, N.E. 70th Ave., was arrested Saturday, Jan. 25, on felony charges of possession of a controlled substance without a prescription



Charles Eugene Sadler

and introduction of contraband into a detention facility.

Sadler was booked into the county jail on \$5,000 bond. He has since been released on bond.

Deputy Corporal Mike Hazellief, of the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office, stated in his arrest report that OCSO Detention Deputy Justin White had concerns about Sadler when he reported for his work detail Saturday morning.

Cpl. Hazellief explained that Deputy White's concern was due to Sadler smell-

ing like marijuana. The detention deputy apparently asked Sadler twice if he had any marijuana on him. And both times, Sadler answered no.

The OCSO corporal then asked Sadler if he could search him and during that search Cpl. Hazellief reportedly found two small blue pills wrapped in aluminum foil. The pills were identified as 30mg oxycodone.

According to the report the corporal asked Sadler if he had any other illegal substances on his person, and the man replied he did not.

However, when Sadler was taken to the jail he was turned over to Detention Deputy Fred Bulanda who did a more thorough search of Sadler's person. During that search Deputy Bulanda reportedly found half of a pill that was identified as 20mg adderall.

A records check indicated Sadler was sentenced Dec. 3, 2013, to serve 10 days on the work detail, which amounts to five weekends. According to those records he entered a plea to a misdemeanor charge of driving while license suspended and was found guilty by Judge Jerald Bryant.

Sexagenarian allegedly caught with meth

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

After being stopped because the rear window of his pickup truck was covered with a piece of plywood, a 63-year-old man was later jailed on a felony drug charge.

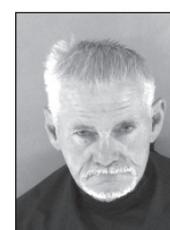
Franklin Lee Whidden, Eighth Ave., LaBelle, was arrested Sunday, Jan. 26, on a felony charge of possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) and a misdemeanor charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

Whidden is being held in the Okeechobee County Jail on an \$8,000 bond.

An arrest report by Deputy Leland Schoonmaker, of the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO), stated he stopped Whidden around 2:18 a.m. in the 600 block of S.R. 70 E. The man was stopped because the rear window of his 2000 Chevrolet pickup was reportedly a piece of plywood instead of glass.

After stopping the man Deputy Schoonmaker asked for, and received, permission to search the truck.

According to the report the deputy then found a glass pipe that appeared to be burnt on one end. The deputy also found two



Franklin Lee Whidden

flashlight end caps that each contained a suspicious substance, continued the report.

That substance, as well as the glass pipe, was field tested and those tests allegedly indicated a positive result for the presence of meth.

The deputy's report does not indicate the weight of the purported methamphetamine.

Deputy Schoonmaker stated he also issued Whidden a warning citation for the covered up back window.

Boy accused of sexual battery

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

A 12-year-old Okeechobee boy is being held in a juvenile detention facility following his arrest for allegedly forcing a younger child to have sex.

Detective Bryan Lowe, of the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO), arrested the youngster Monday, Jan. 27, on one felony count of sexual battery on a child less than 12 years of age.

The 12 year old was booked into the Okeechobee County Jail then taken to the St. Lucie Regional Detention Center in Fort Pierce.

According to the detective's arrest report the suspect allegedly threatened the victim in order to keep the victim silent.

The alleged molestation began about a year ago, added the report.

Editor's note: Some details of this arrest are withheld from publication to protect the identity of the victim.

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).

• Joseph Nelson Rickey, 27, Brinkerhoff Lane, Okeechobee, was arrested Jan. 24 by Deputy Megan Holroyd on a DOC warrant charging him with the felonies of violation of probation - giving false information to a pawnbroker (four counts) and violation of probation - trafficking in stolen property (two counts). He is being held without bond.

• Jordyn Brice Miller, 22, N.W. 40th Drive, Okeechobee, was arrested Jan. 24 by Deputy Nathaniel Mitchell on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with the felonies of burglary of an occupied dwelling (two counts) and misdemeanor charges of criminal mischief (two counts). He was released on his own recognition.

• Dylan Colby Garcia, 21, N.W. Sixth St., Okeechobee, was arrested Jan. 24 by Deputy Megan Holroyd on a DOC warrant charging

him with the felonies of violation of probation - burglary of an unoccupied structure and violation of probation - grand theft. He is being held without bond.

• Bryan Eric Fabian Adams, 31, N.W. Eighth St., Okeechobee, was arrested Jan. 24 by Deputy Megan Holroyd on a DOC warrant charging him with the felony of violation of probation - criminal mischief. He is being held without bond.

• Jerkota Hyrell McNeil, 21, N.E. Seventh St., Okeechobee, was arrested Jan. 25 by Deputy Leland Schoonmaker on a felony charge of failure to obey a law enforcement officer's order to stop, and misdemeanor charges of leaving the scene of an accident involving property damage and driving while license suspended with knowledge. His bond was set at \$5,000. He was also arrested on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with the felony of child abuse by intentionally inflicting mental/physical injury. His bond on that charge was set at \$5,000.

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

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Students of the Week

Congratulations to the Students of the Week at South Elementary School for the week of Jan. 17. They are: Cameron Miley, David Avila Recendiz, Alex Deskin, Casee Nelson, Brayden Harrison, Emma Jimmerson, Madison Acree, Kaylen Torres Cruz, Emily Wilson, Gabriel Garcia, Lexus Adams, Miranda Whaley, Emma Hickox, Reece Baker, Anna Robinson, Austin Wright and Mariah Smith.

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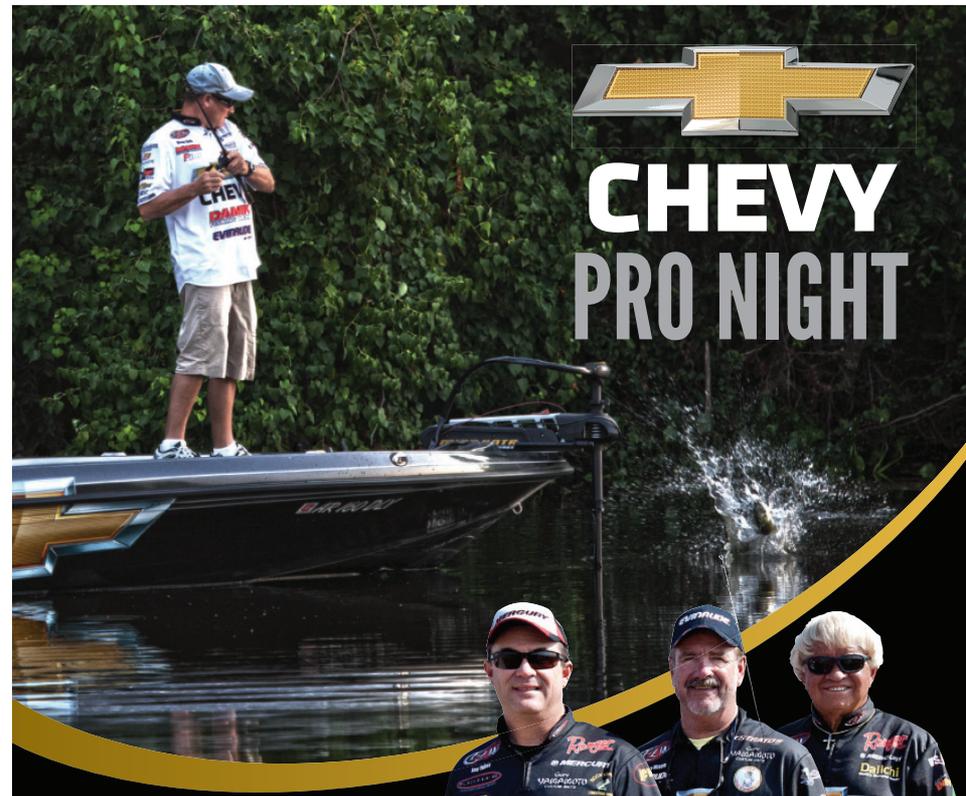
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OHS band director honored

OHS band director Clint LaFlam (left) was honored for his band's continued excellence at the Jan. 21 meeting of the Okeechobee County School Board by Ken Kenworthy (right). The band received superior ratings at the Music Performance Assessment. Nineteen senior members of the band were honored at the meeting. They include Selena Bowman, Joey Bunker, Bryan Claypool, Rafe Fisher, Denise Holmes, Lea Hunter, Devin Jimenez, Casey Lewis, Tristan Mavroides, Julianna Meives, Queara Moore, Luis Perdomo, Sarah Piroli, Ryan Reister, Jaislyn Santiago, Kyle Sarros, Nicolas Suarez, Cody Walker and Kaitlyn Wilson.



Okeechobee News/Charles Murphy

Teacher awarded

Rachel Jones, teacher at Central Elementary School, won the quarterly Golden Mouse Award for the use of technology in her classroom. Superintendent of Schools Ken Kenworthy (right) presented the award at the Jan. 21 meeting of the Okeechobee County School Board.

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By Tammi Kelly
Okeechobee News

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Terrific Kids honored

Teresa Chandler and Antoinette Rodriguez presented the Kiwanis Club of Okeechobee's "Terrific Kids" award at Osceola Middle School on Friday, Jan. 17. "Terrific" is a Kiwanis acronym for Thoughtful, Enthusiastic, Respectful, Responsible, Inclusive, Friendly, Inquisitive and Capable. These fifth grade students set a goal based on these character traits to achieve within a nine-week grading period. Congratulations to our newest Terrific Kids!

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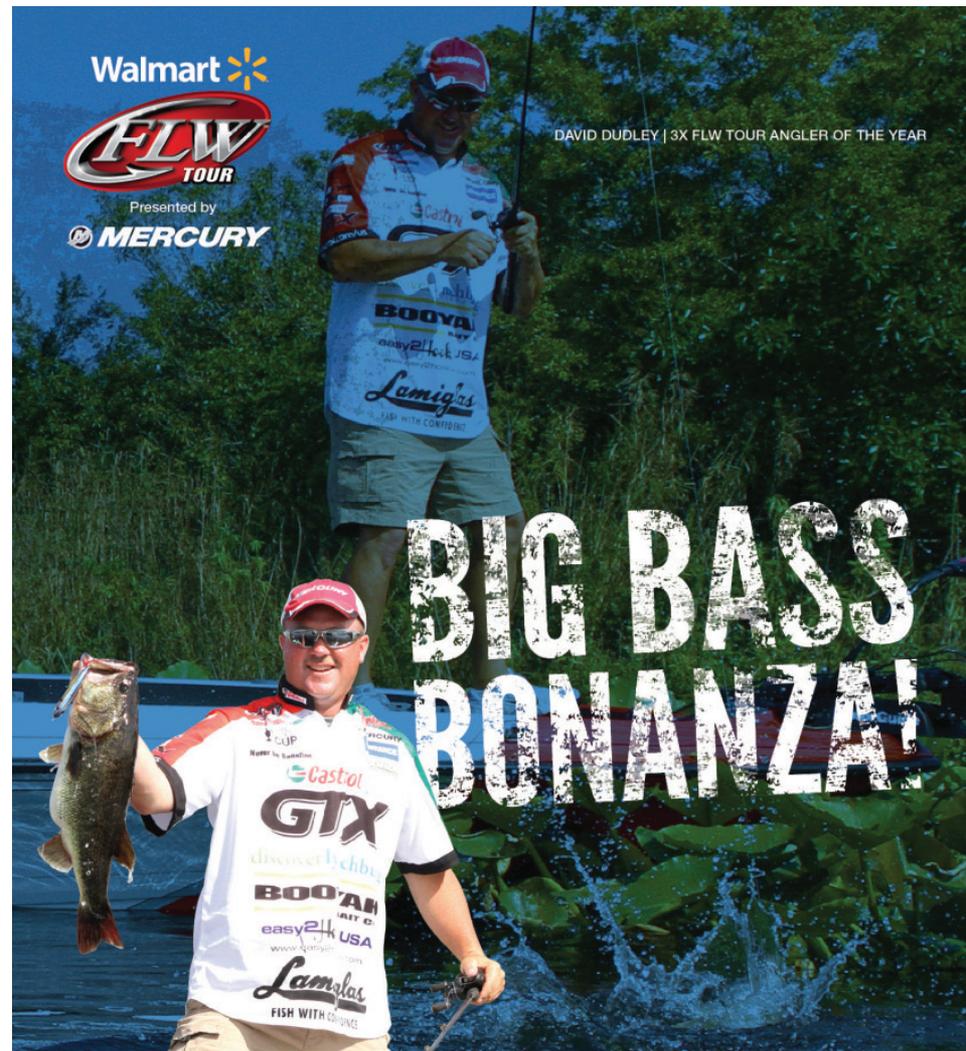
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MULTI FAMILY YARD SALE, LAKE VIEW RV PARK, NEXT TO OKEE TANTIE HWY 78 WEST FRIDAY JAN. 31st AND SATURDAY FEB. 1st 8AM TILL 3PM.

Garage/Yard Sales

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YARD SALE LAKEPORT CHRISTIAN CHURCH HWY 78 JAN 31ST & FEB. 1ST 8AM-4PM, HALF DAY ON SAT. FEB. 1ST. LOTS OF GOODIES COME JOIN US.

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Apply in person at **Badcock Home Furniture & More.** 512 NW Park Street Monday-Saturday 9 AM - 5 PM **NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE**

Employment Full Time

Southeast Milk is seeking a Full Time Lab Tech/PPD Clerk

JOB SUMMARY:
Lab-Run tests on milk samples; PPD-Perform data entry of milk pick up manifest data. Wed-Sun, \$11-\$13 hr., full benefits options. Associates degree in science preferred. Contact Eric at 863-634-0379 for details. Access www.southeastmilk.org for an Employment Application DFWP & EEO

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Services

Excavation

LESLIE SUMMERFORD EXCAVATING LLC. Call us for your excavation needs; land clearing ponds, hauling of fill dirt, shell, millings (when available) transportation of heavy equipment. Call Leslie for excavation needs. (863)763-9330 or (863)634-7659.

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Pain Management Office - now accepting new patients. South Florida Pain Management, LLC is the office of Andrea Zotovas MD, located in Stuart, and serving patients in Stuart, Port St. Lucie, Ft. Pierce and Okeechobee. We provide safe, appropriate and responsible medical pain management services to patients with chronic, non-malignant pain conditions. If you would like more information, or to schedule an appointment for an evaluation, please call us at (772)221-9113

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Pets/Supplies

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Apartments

GOVERNMENT SUBSIDIZED APARTMENTS FOR RENT IN OKEECHOBEE AT THE TANGLEWOOD APARTMENTS MUST MEET ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS. PLEASE CALL 863-467-2079. TTY 1-800-233-6694.



NW OKEE: 2 BR Apts available on quiet street. Pets welcome. \$550mo, and \$650mo. 1st, last & \$500 sec. 561-346-1642.

Condos/Townhouses Rent

TAYLOR CREEK CONDO Ground floor, 1/1 fully furnished with utilities. Seasonal & long term rates. 863-634-0663.

Houses - Rent

KINGS BAY - 3br./2ba. Includes lawn service, pool and all appliances. \$900 month plus sec., Move in special \$1250 Call 863-634-0663.

Newly remodeled & painted 3bdrm/1b house in Dixie Ranch Estates on a large lot. First, Last & Security No Pets. \$800.00 a month 863-634-2820

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OKEE- 2/1 - \$490.00 and 3/2 - \$ 599.00 - Newly updated 12 miles N.E. of town center. Lawn, pest, trash and water included Call for details. Mon -Fri. No Pets 863-467-9800.

OKEE Little Farms - 3 BR, 2 BA, doublewide, fenced, 2 acres plus. \$1,095. per month. References & deposits required. Call (863)226-3436 or (423)237-8948

Office Space Rent

"Next to Court House" Commercial Space 500 SF and up First month rent free 863-467-0651

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Houses - Sale

2002 Doublewide, Okeechobee Little Farms 3 BR, 2 BA, fenced, 2 acres plus. Pond. \$139,000. Call (863)226-3436 or (423)237-8948

Lots - Sale

1/2 Acre Lot, fenced, oak trees, house or mobile home ok, off of 15A & 710 Hwy. One mile to Lake. \$21,000 Call 863-610-1600

OAKS OF BLUE HERON BUILD YOUR DREAM HOME. PRICED TO SELL BY OWNER. RESIDENTIAL LOT ADJOINING THE GOLF COURSE. \$22,500.00 CALL 863-634-2820

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Mobile Homes

Mobile Home Rent

2/2 WATERFRONT, FURNISHED, COMPLETELY REMODELED, MATURE ADULTS, NO PETS. \$600/MO. & \$500 DEPOSIT CALL 863-467-1308

2BR, 1.5BA, BHR, Quiet on lake access canal. Fenced yard. W/D. Large screen porch. 10x10 shed. \$750 mo. Call (863) 357-3830

M.H. FOR RENT, COVERED BOAT PARKING, STORAGE SHED, GOOD AREA, 50+, REF. 1ST & LAST \$400.00 PER MO. CALL 502-803-1876 OR 502-682-2403

Mobile Home Sale

FOR SALE MOBILE HOME WITH ADD ON, FURNISHED, GOLF CART, PONTOON BOAT W/TRAILER. \$20,000 CALL HEIDI 561-762-3387

MOBILE HOME FOR SALE 2/1, 1995 14FT WIDE, NEW SETUP, A/C, HEAT, PUMP AND CARPETING. 1YR OLD, ON 70 EAST BY BILL'S MINI MARKET \$20,000 O.B.O.#815-298-0666

Recreation

Campers/RVs

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Automotive

Automobiles

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Autos Wanted

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Public Notices

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 472012CA000223CAAXMX

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, FORMERLY KNOWN AS BANKERS TRUST COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR AMERICAN HOME MORTGAGE ASSETS TRUST 2006-1, Plaintiff, VS. GARY A LEE; et al., Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sale will be made pursuant to an Order or Final Judgment. Final Judgment was awarded on October 28, 2013, in Civil Case No. 472012CA000223CAAXMX, of the Circuit Court of the NINETEENTH Judicial Circuit in and for OKEECHOBEE County, Florida, wherein, DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, FORMERLY KNOWN AS BANKERS TRUST COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA, N.A. AS TRUSTEE FOR AMERICAN HOME MORTGAGE ASSETS TRUST 2006-1 is the Plaintiff, and GARY A LEE; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UN-

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 472011CA000438

TD BANK, NA, Plaintiff, VS. ANTONIO RAYA AND MARIA CORTEZ RAYA, HUSBAND AND WIFE, OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, a political subdivision of the State of Florida by its Board of County Commissioners, STATE OF FLORIDA, ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER AND AGAINST THE HEIRS IN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S), WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEE, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated January 15, 2014 (the "Judgment"), entered in Civil Case No. 47-2011-CA-000438 of the Circuit Court of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Okeechobee County, Florida, in which TD BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, is Plaintiff, and ANTONIO RAYA, MARIA CORTEZ RAYA, OKEECHOBEE COUNTY and CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, 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 February 26, 2014 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 45.031, 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 hereinafter 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 6, Block 5, Basswood Incorporated, Unit 1, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 22, of the Public Records of Okeechobee County, Florida together with all existing or subsequently erected or affixed buildings, improvements, and fixtures (the "Property"), which Property has a street address of 3783 NW 17th Avenue, Okeechobee County, Florida 34972. Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens, must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. DATED on January 17, 2014.

SHARON ROBERTSON Clerk of Circuit Court By: Sandra L. Crech Deputy Clerk

460545 ON 1/29;2/5/2014

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) No. 6000000595 Monitoring Services for Dispersed Water Management Program Contracts

The Procurement Bureau of the South Florida Water Management District, B-1 Building, 3301 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach, Florida 33406, will receive sealed proposals up to the 2:30 p.m. opening time on February 26, 2014 for monitoring services for Dispersed Water Management Program contracts.

All proposals must conform to the instructions in the RFP. Interested respondents may obtain a copy of the complete RFP (1) at the above address; (2) by downloading the solicitation from our website at www.sfwmd.gov/procurement; (3) by calling (561) 682-2715, or (4) by calling the 24-hour BID HOTLINE (800) 472-5290. The public is invited to attend the proposal opening. Further information on the status of this solicitation can be obtained on our web site - www.sfwmd.gov.

Any meetings with District staff regarding this solicitation are subject to the provisions of Section 286.0113, Florida Statutes, which provides, in part, that any portion of a meeting at which a negotiation with a vendor is conducted pursuant to a competitive solicitation, at which a vendor makes an oral presentation as part of a competitive solicitation, or at which a vendor answers questions as part of a competitive solicitation is exempt from s. 286.011 and s. 24(b), Art. I of the State Constitution. 460706 ON 1/29/2014

KNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEE, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS are Defendants. The clerk of the court will sell to the highest bidder for cash at 11:00 AM on February 26, 2014 in the Jury Assembly Room on the 2nd floor at the Okeechobee County Judicial Center located at 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida 34972, the following described real property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit: LOT 8, BLOCK 30, UNIT NUMBER 2, BASSWOOD INCORPORATED ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 28, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA. ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the court on November 13, 2013. SHARON ROBERTSON CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT BY: Sandra L. Crech Deputy Clerk

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

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 2012-CA-224 JONNY ALPERN AND Q. MORTGAGE

NOTICE OF SAL PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated March 19, 2013 and entered in CASE NO.: 2012-CA-224 of the Circuit Court of the 19th Judicial Circuit in and for Okeechobee County, Florida, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, except as otherwise described in the Final Judgment, at the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 312 North West 3rd Street, Second Floor, Jury Assembly Room, Okeechobee, FL 34972, at Okeechobee County, Florida at 11:00am on the 26th day of February, 2014 the following described property as set forth in and pursuant to said Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

Legal Description: LOTS 1 AND 2, BLOCK 49, EL MIRA SOL, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 12, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA. Property address: 3404 NW 2nd Street, Okeechobee, FL 34972. Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. The Court, in its discretion, may enlarge the time of the sale. Notice of the changed time of sale shall be published as provided herein. 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

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION CASE NO. 09000391CAAXMX

HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE HOLDERS OF DEUTSCHE ALTA SECURITIES MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST, SERIES 2006-ARS MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, Plaintiff, VS. DAVID COMBS, et al. Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated October 28, 2013 and entered in 09000391CAAXMX of the Circuit Court of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Okeechobee County, Florida, wherein HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE HOLDERS OF DEUTSCHE ALTA SECURITIES MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST, SERIES 2006-ARS MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, is the Plaintiff and DAVID COMBS; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DAVID COMBS are the Defendant(s). Sharon Robertson as the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in the Jury Assembly Room, 2nd Fl., Okeechobee County Judicial Center 312 NW 3rd St., Okeechobee, FL 34972, at 11:00 AM on February 26, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

A PORTION OF LOTS 7-16 OF BLOCK 16, OF THE SUBDIVISION ENTITLED "A REVISED AND ADDITION TO PLAT OF CONNERS GABLES", AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 15, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, SAID PORTION BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 1, OF SAID BLOCK 16, THENCE NORTH 53 DEGREES 54 MINUTES 53 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE NORTHERLY LINE OF SAID BLOCK 16, A DISTANCE OF 753.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE HEREIN DESCRIBED PARCEL; THENCE CONTINUE NORTH 53 DEGREES 54 MINUTES 53 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE NORTHERLY LINE OF SAID BLOCK 16, A DISTANCE OF 77.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 36 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 07 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 200.00 FEET OF THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF SAID BLOCK 16; THENCE SOUTH 53 DEGREES 54 MINUTES 53 SECONDS EAST, ALONG SAID SOUTHERLY LINE, A DISTANCE OF 77.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 36 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 07 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 200.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. 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 1st day of November 2013.

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

460545 ON 1/29;2/5/2014

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LEGAL NOTICE

Public Auction will be held at Johns Towing Service storage lot located at 704 Northeast 2nd Avenue, Okeechobee, Florida 34972 on FEBRUARY 14, 2014 at 9:00 A.M. Pursuant to Florida Statute 713.78 for unpaid towing and storage charges. Year, make, model and VIN are as follows. 2003 SOUH STOCK TRAILER VIN #5B3S812283C000056 1991 CHEVY S10 VIN #1GCGS1924M8119644

Terms of sale are cash, and no checks will be accepted. Seller reserves the right of first bid. ALL SALES ARE FINAL! NO REFUNDS WILL BE MADE! Said automobiles will be sold in "As Is" condition with no guarantee. 460868 ON 1/29/2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION CASE NO. 10000426CAAXMX HSBC MORTGAGE SERVICES INC, Plaintiff, VS. MARLEN FARINAS AND LUIS FARINAS, et al. Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated September 9, 2013, and entered in 10000426CAAXMX of the Circuit Court of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Okeechobee County, Florida, wherein HSBC MORTGAGE SERVICES INC, is the Plaintiff and MARLEN FARINAS; LUIS FARINAS; LEXINGTON NATIONAL INSURANCE CORPORATION; JEEBS, INC.; D/YBA ALL STAR BUILDERS; ALL STAR BUILDERS, INC. are the Defendant(s). Sharon Robertson as the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in the Jury Assembly Room, 2nd Fl., Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 312 NW 3rd St., Okeechobee, FL 34972, at 11:00 AM on February 19, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

THE WEST ONE-HALF OF THE NORTHWEST ONE-QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST ONE-QUARTER OF SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 34 SOUTH, RANGE 36 EAST, OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, LESS THE NORTH 33.00 FEET ROAD RIGHT OF WAY. 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 19TH day of NOVEMBER, 2013. Sharon Robertson As Clerk of the Court By: Sandra L. Crech As Deputy Clerk

IMPORTANT If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Corrie Johnson, ADA Coordinator, 250 NW Country Club Drive, Suite 217, Port St. Lucie, FL 34986, (772) 807-4370 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. 457712 ON 1/22,29/2014

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Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 47-2008-CA-000710

CHASE HOME FINANCE LLC, Plaintiff, VS. PEDRO DIAZ , et al., Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated December 5, 2013 and entered in Case No. 47-2008-CA-000710 of the Circuit Court of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit in and for OKEECHOBEE County, Florida, wherein CHASE HOME FINANCE LLC, is the Plaintiff and PEDRO DIAZ; ODALYS SOCA; are the Defendants. The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in the JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM, 2ND FLOOR, OKEECHOBEE COUNTY JUDICIAL CENTER, 312 N.W. 3RD STREET, OKEECHOBEE, FLORIDA 34972 at 11:00am, on the 26th day of February, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 21, BLOCK 57, BASSWOOD 5, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 51, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA A/K/A 3354 NW 38TH AVENUE, OKEECHOBEE, FL 349720000

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale. WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on December 10, 2013. Sharon Robertson Clerk of the Circuit Court By: Sandra L. Crech Deputy Clerk

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 19TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA. CASE NO. 12CA000435 BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. Plaintiff, VS. CLOCHER, ERNEST, et al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Final Judgment entered in Case No. 12CA000435 of the Circuit Court of the 19TH Judicial Circuit in and for OKEECHOBEE County, Florida, wherein Plaintiff, and CLOCHER, ERNEST, et al. are Defendants, the Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest bidder for cash at the OKEECHOBEE COUNTY JUDICIAL CENTER, 312 NW 3RD STREET, 2ND FLOOR, JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM, OKEECHOBEE, FLORIDA, at the hour of 11:00 am, on the 26th day of February, 2014, the following described property:

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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 1st day of November, 2013. SHARON ROBERTSON Clerk of Circuit Court By: Sandra L. Crech Deputy Clerk 456818 ON 1/29;2/5/2014

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U.S. BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE HOLDERS OF MASTR ADJUSTABLE RATE MORTGAGES TRUST 2007-1, Plaintiff, vs. DONALD CHRISTOPHER SPATH, et.al. Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated July 31, 2012, and entered in 2009 CA 000155 of the Circuit Court of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Okeechobee County, Florida, wherein U.S. BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE HOLDERS OF MASTR ADJUSTABLE RATE MORTGAGES TRUST 2007-1, is the Plaintiff and DONALD CHRISTOPHER SPATH; UNKNOWN TENANTS are the Defendant(s).

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Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

ACROSS

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- 1 Torah holders 2 Dwindle 3 Traveler to an environmentally protected area 4 Morning glistener 5 "No more!" 6 Discipline 7 Vicinity 8 MDs' co-workers 9 Most minuscule 10 Surrounded by 11 Vientiane's land 12 "___ expert, but ..." 13 The "A" in many org. names 18 Cheeky 19 Dense 24 Ever so slightly 25 Avian Aussies 26 Hershey's drink 27 Worm's milieu 28 Diplomatic official

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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Panthers' 3-point barrage dooms Brahmans

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

Davonte Richardson had 25 points and Fort Pierce Westwood hit eight, 3-point baskets in the first half as they demolished Okeechobee High School, 83-45 in boys basketball action Friday in Ft. Pierce.

The Panthers went on a 33-13 run in the game to take over after leading only 14-12 late in the first quarter.

Panther coach Lorenzo Lockett said when his team shoots a high percentage from the field it is almost impossible to beat them.

"When we shoot that well it's a good night for us. We won last night and the more

you win, the more you want to win," he said.

Westwood drained 3-pointer after 3-pointer in the first half and knocked down almost every open shot opportunity they had in the first half.

Brahman coach Shawn Hays admitted it was a helpless feeling to watch the Panthers build a big lead.

"They ran off 14 straight points in the minute. We turned the ball over, we did everything you can't do and expect to win a basketball game," said the OHS mentor. "Give them credit; they were quick and athletic and they shot the ball well."

Tavaris Riley had 20 points for Westwood.

Patrick Riggins added two, three-point baskets for the Panthers (7-12).

Okeechobee was led by Jacob Stewart who had 14 points. Eddie Neal had six points and Roshell Thomas five points and five steals. Tyrell Taylor had six points and four rebounds. Fred Bradley pulled down seven rebounds for the Brahmans (8-12).

Richardson said his coach told him to come out and win the game for his team and he stepped up to the plate.

"In one game I had a lot of points but the team didn't win. I try to get my team involved and do what I can to help us win," he said.

Westwood clearly out-hustled the Brahmans in the first half as they got to almost every loose ball.

They also played tight man-to-man defense and kept the Brahmans from getting high percentage shots.

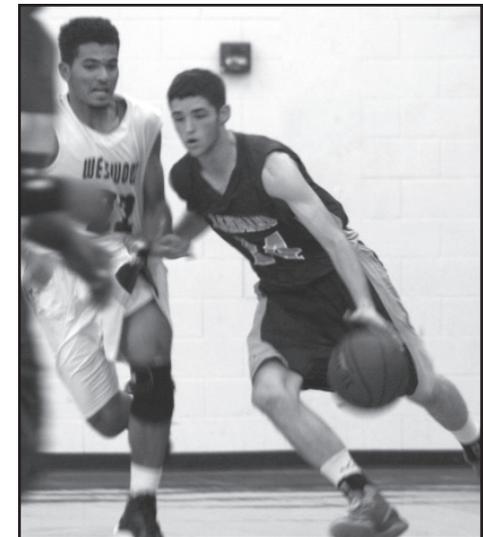
"I was impressed with the intensity we had," Lockett said. "We missed some rotations but we hustled to get back. I'm proud of the intensity and hustle we showed."

Hays said his team was flat for the third consecutive road game. He admits it is easy to get motivated and inspired at home with the crowd and your fans encouraging you. When the team goes on the road, there are few fans, and the players have to find a way to motivate themselves.

"I told them we need a better effort or Westwood will come out on top. It is tough to win on the road. I still believe we can win districts, but if we play like this we'll be an easy win for somebody," he added.

Hays said he will continue to work the team hard this week. They have three road games: Tuesday they played St. Lucie West; Thursday they visit Martin County; and, Friday they visit Glades Day School in Belle Glade.

"I told them come ready to work and I'll stick with them. The season is not over yet and we will keep fighting," said Hays.



Okeechobee News/Charles Murphy
Jacob Stewart and the Brahmans were hounded all night by the aggressive Panthers, including Tavaris Riley (in white).

PSL knocks OHS ladies out of district hoops play

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

Valerie Munley scored 25 points and grabbed nine rebounds and led Port St. Lucie High School on a 23-9 run in the second quarter, as they defeated Okeechobee High School 53-48 in the first round of the district tournament Monday at Jensen Beach High School, ending the Lady Brahmans' season.

Okeechobee was led by Taylor Trent, who had 21 points, which included five three-point baskets in the first half. Cheyenne Nunez scored 11 points and had three steals. Sha'Dajia Williams had five points, seven steals, and grabbed five rebounds.

It was a tough and physical game throughout as both teams played aggressive basketball, especially after halftime.

Shakema Polk grabbed 13 rebounds for Port St. Lucie and Shana DeWitt had 14 points and four assists for the Lady Jaguars, (6-13).

Port St. Lucie coach Demetrius Lane said Okeechobee was a great ball club and their coach made excellent adjustments.

"We knew both teams were equally matched and it would be a great ball game," said Lane.

Okeechobee got off to a good start in the first quarter as Trent had the hot hand. Okeechobee led, 14-10, after the first quarter. Port St. Lucie picked up their intensity in the second quarter, and was more patient

on offense, getting better shots for Munley and other players. Okeechobee used a variety of zone defenses to try and prevent Munley from getting the ball in good position on the floor. Munley made several scoop and unorthodox shots near the basket.

Munley is only 5'6" and routinely gives up inches to taller centers. She said the key is position and drawing fouls inside. She attempted 13 free throws in the game while Okeechobee as a team only shot four free throws. Lane said Munley uses her body well and adjusts to the game and somehow always gets her hand on the ball.

Okeechobee trailed, 33-23, at the half but was able to come out strongly in the third quarter and several times cut the Jaguar lead to one point. Okeechobee forced a number of turnovers and had numerous shots at the basket. Okeechobee though struggled shooting, 9-24 in the first half, and 7-30 in the second half.

Port St. Lucie held on to a 41-36 lead after the third quarter and then got big buckets from Polk and Munley down the stretch to hold off the Lady Brahmans.

Bethany Stuart had six points, four blocks and six rebounds in her final high school game. Thaddricka Sanders had four steals for OHS.

Okeechobee ended the season at 7-15.

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