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Court ruling to end 'backpumping'

Earthjustice wins federal lawsuit; SFWMD told to abide by Clean Water Act

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

Earthjustice, a non-profit law group whose aim is to protect natural resources, has won a major battle against the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD).

On March 28 a federal court judge ruled that backpumping into Lake Okeechobee by South Florida sugar and vegetable growers has to stop. U.S. District Judge Kenneth M. Karas, in the Southern District of New York, said backpumping violates the Clean Water Act and ruled that the SFWMD must follow that act.

"They've (SFWMD) managed to not comply with the act for 15 years and have had it tied up in court," said Earthjustice's lead attorney David Guest. "We've been battling this for 12 years. In 2002 we knew this was contaminating the water in Lake Okeechobee.

"We had no idea what was going to happen, but the district was going to fight us to keep the water contaminated," he added, in a phone interview Monday, March 31, from his Tallahassee office.

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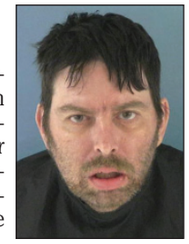
Ex-extension agent charged with DUI

Okeechobee News/**Eric Kopp**

This Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office patrol unit was damaged early Tuesday morning when another driver reportedly backed his vehicle into the side of the Crown Victoria. Neither the deputy nor his K-9 were injured. The driver of the other vehicle has been arrested and charged with driving under the influence.

Former Brighton Extension Agent runs into Okeechobee sheriff's office patrol car

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News



Michael Bond

A former extension service educator at Brighton Reservation is under investigation for driving under the influence after he allegedly ran into an Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO) patrol unit.

Michael D. Bond, 48, N.W. Fifth St., Okeechobee, was arrested early Tuesday, April 1, on misdemeanor charges of driving under the influence-alcohol or drugs and driving under the influence with property damage.

As of Tuesday afternoon Bond had not yet gone before a first-appearance judge so he was still being held in the Okeechobee County Jail.

Bond was apparently terminated from his position Friday, March 28.

"He was let go. There were some issues between him and IFAS and things weren't going as they should," said Nick Place, dean and director for the University of Florida - Institute of Food and Agricultural Services (IFAS). Mr. Place explained that Bond had been removed from his position at Brighton to the extension office

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County might opt for privatized EMS, MSTU

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

With neighboring Highlands County studying private EMS and ambulance service, could Okeechobee County be far behind?

In an interview last week, Okeechobee County Commissioner Joey Hoover said he would absolutely consider a proposal to privatize EMS services and said the county will also consider a new taxing district to fund law enforcement this year.

"It is always wise to look at what others might be doing and exploring these things that provide an acceptable level of service," he noted

Efficiency and cost effective are two buzz words he uses when he considers options to save the county money.

American Medical Response of Greenwood Village, Colo., is one private ambulance service that would be interested in serving Okeechobee County.

Spokesperson Tom Diaz said privatization is a growing trend and in his opinion can help smaller governments.

"We believe that privatization gives the county the best deal for the product that they really need for their county," he explained.

Commissioner Hoover owns commercial property in Highlands County and noted the have a volunteer fire company in most communities and also have about three times the population of Okeechobee.

"We're not reinventing the wheel when we look at what our neighboring counties are doing. It is not just Highlands, for example, Martin County has an MSTU, municipal service taxing unit, to fund their sheriff's department," he added.

Mr. Diaz said any request for proposal can include things that are important to the county like response times, a limit on the age of vehicles, facilities, and even improved patient outcomes.

"We've seen many RFPs that are very well written that have great accountability and are very cost effective. It also gives access to smaller governments to a larger think tank of experts in the ambulance service and proves many resources that wouldn't be available to smaller operations," he added.

Commissioner Hoover said now is the time for the county to get information that can be used at budget time and he would welcome a presentation on private ambulance service.

"That is not my profession so for me to sit here and say I know all there is to know about EMS, that would be foolish and presumptuous," he said.

Commissioner Hoover said he would weigh the pros and cons and would be open to hearing a proposal about private EMS and ambulance service.

"This is the time you want to look at those kinds of things so when you approach the budget you have options, I think the MSTU for sheriff and the private or contract service for ambulance should be on the table," he added.

Commissioner Hoover said the entire board of county commissioners has been open-minded when it comes to their options for their budgets each year.

Mr. Diaz said nationwide more governments are considering the private ambulance. In many cases they can reduce response times, improve equipment and software, and even upgrade and replace ambulances more frequently.

"Everybody's economy is hurt. There is less money from taxes for local governments so many have looked at this in a different way," he explained.

Mr. Diaz said his company often hires the existing work force that pass all of their background requirements. That way they have people that are familiar with Okeechobee, are part of the community, and have experience in the field. He noted they provide quality service, have well-qualified employees and have great references from local governments.

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Friday Night: A few clouds. Low 64F. Winds S at 5 to 10 mph.

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Guardian ad Litem volunteer training available

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April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. There are approximately 100 children in Okeechobee who are in the court system because they have been abused, abandoned, or neglected. You are needed to help fight for these children to ensure their essential needs and rights are not overlooked by the system.

The Guardian ad Litem program is offering interested community members the opportunity to make a difference in the life of a child in need by becoming a Guardian ad Litem (GAL) volunteer. The training program for accepted applicants to the GAL program of Florida's 19th Circuit Judicial Court will be held on Friday, April 11 and Saturday, April 12, from 9:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. each day, at the Okeechobee Public Library, 206 S.W. 16th St., Okeechobee.

The Guardian ad Litem Program advocates for the best interests of abused, abandoned, or neglected children. Certified GAL volunteers are appointed by the court to be the voice for a child. The unique perspectives of volunteers, and their often-creative solutions, are highly valued by dependency court judges. With a GAL volunteer a child is half as likely to languish in the foster care and child welfare system and much more likely to find a safe and permanent home.

Anyone at least nineteen years of age with common sense, compassion, and dedication to children can become a GAL volunteer. No prior experience is required. Training and support are provided.

To apply to become a GAL volunteer and participate in the April training, or to learn more about the program, interested persons should contact Gail Griffith, Volunteer Recruiter, at 772-871-722 or 1- 866-341-1425; gail.griffith@gal.fl.gov; www.guardianadlitem.org.

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Senior Singers perform

The Okeechobee Senior Singers perform at the Heritage Assisted Living Facility on St. Patrick's Day singing songs for the day. They also perform at Okeechobee Health and Rehab Center. The ladies have been singing together for almost 20 years!

Lake Placid to haul household trash to Okeechobee

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

Lake Placid expects to save 40 percent on their cost of disposing of solid waste by using the Waste Management owned landfill in Okeechobee.

The deal was reached in March and could be put into effect by mid-April, Lake Placid Town Manager Phil Williams said.

The town can send up to 5,000 tons per year and no more than 50 tons per day to the Okeechobee facility. Mr. Williams estimated they would save the town at least $45,000 on their current deal with the Highlands County landfill west of Lorida.

Mr. Williams said they entered into negotiations with Waste Management and were pleased with the outcome.

"We came out with a deal that is better than what we are getting in Highlands County. Obviously, it's more profitable for the town of Lake Placid," he explained.

The town had to weigh the lower tonnage rate offered and the added costs of hauling the trash to a landfill that is further away, about 100 miles round trip.

"It is a 40 percent reduction in price and we can't ignore that really. It seems to be good business," he added.

Mr. Williams said the contract involves acceptable household waste only. He said they would be diligent and make sure they only haul acceptable materials to Okeechobee.

Lake Placid has about 2,200 residents.

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Chamber of Commerce News

• The Chamber of Commerce will hold its monthly Chamber Power Networking Breakfast on Tuesday, April 8, at 7 a.m. and concluding at 9 a.m. at Brown Cow Sweetery. This is an excellent opportunity to get to know your local business people and build lasting relationships in a professional environment. So don't miss the opportunity, RSVP NOW via the chamber calendar.

On April 8, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. The Chamber of Commerce of Okeechobee County and Community Development Outreach (CDO) will host a seminar on "Taking care of your financial future." Some of the topics that will be covered are Credit Review, Debit Reduction Education. There will be a cost of $7 which includes lunch. You must RSVP to 863-467-6246 or go to www.okeechobeebusiness.com to register.

• Saturday, April 19, The Pregnancy Center of Okeechobee will hold the Color Craze 5K Run/Walk for Life It will be held at the Agri-Civic Center located at 4601 State Road 710. For more information, contact the Pregnancy Center of Okeechobee, 808 N.E. Park St. in Okeechobee.

• The Chamber of Commerce will hold its monthly Chamber Business After Hours on Tuesday, April 29, from 5 to 7 p.m. at OK Corral Gun Club located at 9449 N.E. 48th St. This is an excellent opportunity to get to know your local business people and build lasting relationships in a professional environment. Don't miss the opportunity, RSVP NOW via the chamber calendar.

• Have you been considering starting a business, but getting it started feels overwhelming? Where do you start? How can you get started on the right path? We've assembled a team of area professionals to provide necessary information for you to consider before starting a business. We'll provide information on permits, insurance, accounting, human resources, legal issues, web site and marketing. Join us on June 5 at 9 a.m. and determine if starting a business is right for you. Contact the Okeechobee Chamber of Commerce, 55 S. Parrott Ave, Okeechobee, FL 34974. Please call Antoinette Rodriguez or Mariah Parriott at 863-467-6246 to RSVP!

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 863-467-6246 or info@okeechobeebusiness.com.

I look forward to seeing you at our events!!

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Public Forum/Speak Out

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!

Sheriff's budget

• The sheriff says his proposed budget is justified due to the increase in calls. But does "justified" equal affordable by the county?

• The county is faced with the same problems most people in this county face. We can't always afford what we really need, or at least what we think we need. The sheriff says he needs more deputies. He probably does. But we can't afford higher taxes and there is nowhere besides taxes to get the money. When we can't afford what we need, we just have to make do. It's not easy. It's not fun. But that's how life is sometimes. So maybe we should be looking for other ways to reduce the crime problem.

• If the sheriff's office has more calls than they can handle, they should prioritize. They don't need to send a deputy because a dog is barking. They do need to send a deputy if shots are fired in a residential area.

• It seems we have a lot of crime in Okeechobee because bad guys from other areas are coming into our town. If we can't afford more deputies, then how about more volunteers? Every neighborhood should have a watch group with a trained member of the sheriff's auxiliary as the leader. If the neighbors got together and got to know each other a little better, they could look out for each other.

• The sheriff's office and the police used to have more training programs where they taught people how to protect their property and also taught some basic self defense. If you train people to take care of themselves, they won't have to call for a deputy so often.

Marijuana

• I think Florida should do what Colorado did and legalize marijuana. If people can get marijuana legally, they would be less likely to bother with illegal drugs. This would take away the incentive for people to sell illegal drugs. When prohibition ended and people could buy alcohol at the store, it ended most of the bootlegging and the violence involved with it.

Rude behavior

• To the rude and uncaring person who thought that it might be a great idea to run his airboat up my canal in Buckhead Ridge and wind it up next to my bedroom at 1:15 a.m. while I was sleeping. There are a lot of recovering combat vets in Buckhead Ridge, and this type of action could have resulted in a tragedy for both of us. Please have a little consideration for war veterans. All I could think of at the time, was the sound was a helicopter, and that I was back in combat.

Letters to the editor

Real Life Children's Ranch says thank you

Real Life Children's Ranch would like to say "Thank You" to the Okeechobee Cattlemen's Association for providing tickets for the entire ranch family to attend the rodeo and to the Seminole Tribe of Florida for providing tickets for the entire Ranch family to attend their field day.

Everyone had a wonderful time at both events! We could not do this without your help! May God bless you in the wonderful ways you have blessed us!

Darlene Mayers, LMFT
Community Relations Director
Real Life Children's Ranch

Art on display

Okeechobee Main Street Arts and Culture Committee was granted permission to display art work in the lobby of the Historic County Courthouse at 304 N.W. Second St. There was a challenge with finding an appropriate way to display the art work but the county purchased a professional tract system that would allow pieces to be hung without defacing or detracting from the restoration that was done. The first exhibit was an astounding success and the comments were nothing short of extraordinary. The workers at the courthouse were thrilled with the addition but felt the loss when the exhibit ended. With the cooperation of the Board of County Commissioners, Main Street will continue to be new curators for another exhibit. This exhibit is all local artists that display the Okeechobee heritage and traditions that we are all so proud of. The title of the exhibit is appropriately named "Country Life" and not only celebrates Okeechobee but speaks volumes about the talented individuals that are in our community.

To show our appreciation, we have invited the artists to an artist reception that will be announced. The exhibit will be on display for eight weeks, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday through Friday with plans for another exhibit shortly after that. Please take the time to come and meet the artists and support Main Street. If you are interested in sponsoring this event, please contact Main Street at 863-357-6246 or info@okeechobeemainstreet.org. Thank you.

Executive Director
Sharie Turgeon
Okeechobee Main Street

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WATER

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Sugar and vegetable growers around the south end of the lake have used water from the Big 'O' for years to irrigate their fields, where it then becomes contaminated with fertilizers and other pollutants. SFWMD, claims Earthjustice, then gets taxpayers to pay for pumping the contaminated water back into the lake where it pollutes public drinking water supplies.

The case ended up in New York because clean-water groups and several states have challenged the practice of transferring dirty water into public water supplies without Clean Water Act protections. Those cases — including that of Earthjustice's Florida case — were bundled together.

Even with the ruling, the battle is not over.

Mr. Guest said SFWMD will likely appeal the judge's decision and could conceivably tie it up in court for several years yet. SFWMD will not have to comply with the ruling until all appeals are exhausted.

He said those appeals could be exhausted immediately, or they could take up to three more years.

"It's not a done deal yet. If they lose in the Supreme Court, they could take it to the United Nations or wherever," he said, with more than a tinge of sarcasm in his voice.

Mr. Guest went on to explain that if the SFWMD is forced to comply with the act, three things will have to happen.

First, the water will have to be diverted. It could be diverted south to water storage treatment areas (STAs). Second, backpumping would have to be minimized and only done when there's no other alternative. This means, in the case of an emergency — such as hurricane — if Clewiston is threatened with flooding. And, third: the water would be treated and the pollution load reduced. Protocols would be put in place requiring farmers to use less fertilizer, or no more than they actually need.

"That can be done to reduce the loading," offered Mr. Guest. "We did the same thing in the Mayaca River with the tomato growers."

When asked what can be done to clean water to the north before it enters the lake, Mr. Guest said it's unlikely the solution would be putting in STAs.

"That's premature. STAs would be the most expensive solution, but that kind of treatment situation is not a good solution for this problem," he said.

He said farmers may be required to store more water on their lands, or let it rise to a higher level on their fields. But, he felt storage areas such as those purchased from U.S. Sugar to the south of the lake may make more sense.

"There are big areas where water is stored and cypress trees were planted. These areas hold and treat water. The trees grow like hell and you also have an aviary for birds," he explained.

But, for now, Mr. Guest indicated things will be put on hold until the SFWMD finishes its legal wrangling.

"You can't get the district to do anything without a court order," he said. "Trying to get the district to comply with the Clean Water Act is like trying to kill a snake — you cut off the head but it keeps on coming."

BOND

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in Okeechobee County "to finish up his contract." He went on to explain that most of the IFAS employees are "split employees" which means the state pays part of their salary while the county pays the remaining portion. In most cases, said Mr. Place, the state typically pays 60 percent while the county pays 40 percent.

"I think he was in a similar arrangement with the Seminole Tribe," added Mr. Place.

According to an arrest report by Florida Highway Patrol Trooper Justin J. Gitto, Bond had apparently run off the road and into a ditch along U.S. 98 N. around 12:17 a.m.

Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office Deputy Bart Potter came up on the scene, and parked his vehicle in such a manner as to block traffic.

The trooper's report stated Bond's vehicle was in a ditch at the intersection of U.S. 98 N. and N.W. Sixth Street and Deputy Potter had parked his Crown Victoria sedan on a private driveway on the west side of the highway.

As Bond tried to back his Mercedes Benz sedan out of the ditch, the back end of his vehicle struck the left side of the OCSO patrol car.

Trooper Gitto stated in his arrest report that Bond had "... slow and slurred speech..." and that he had to use his vehicle to maintain his balance when he walked.

"When Mr. Bond was retrieving his documentation, he fumbled the paperwork and at times would be in a blank stare until I regained his attention," stated Trooper Gitto.

It is believed Bond was under the influence of some type of drug, stated the trooper's report. The report also indicated alcohol was not a contributing factor.

The trooper took Bond to Raulerson Hospital where he received medical clearance to be taken to jail. Trooper Gitto also obtained a sample of Bond's urine while at the hospital.

Apparently there was a dog in Bond's vehicle, but since the man had no family to come get the dog it was turned over to Okeechobee County Animal Control.

Neither Deputy Potter nor his K-9, Kiki, were injured in the accident.

The trooper's report does not indicate the amount of damage for either vehicle.

Local churches host special programs

Places of Worship

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Church of Our Saviour Episcopal Church, 200 N.W. Third St., will host a Taizé style prayer service Friday, April 4, at noon. This prayer experience is a very quiet and contemplative prayer service with readings, music and silence. A light lunch will be provided after the service. Please call the church office 863-763-4843 for information.

Okeechobee Missionary Baptist Church, 4212 U.S. 441 will host a revival April 6 through April 11 with evangelist, Brother Charlie Thornton at 7 p.m. For more information, call 863-763-3681.

The Celebration Choir of **Oakview Baptist Church**, 677 S.W. 32 St., will present "Glorious Day" by Marty Hamby on Sunday evening, April 6, at 6 p.m. Everyone is invited to come and bring a friend. For more information, please call 863-763-1699.

Okeechobee Presbyterian Church will host a seven-week Theology 101 class on Sunday evenings, 6:15 p.m., April 6 - May 16. All with a desire to learn more of divine truth are welcome.

The Gathering Church, 1735 S.W. 24th Ave., invites you to attend "The Story of Noah," being presented in Wachula, Fla., on Saturday, April 26, at 7:30 p.m. Reserved seats and transportation is included in the fee of $34 per person, leaving The Gathering at 4 p.m. the day of the event. Sponsored by the Christian Singles of The Gathering. Not limited to singles or seniors—all of Okeechobee is invited. For information or to make a reservation, call Mollie Durbin at 863-610-1088, Sylvia Sievers at 863-801-0184, or Connie Phillips at 863-763-8929.

The Gathering Church, 1735 S.W. 24th Ave., invites you to attend "Living Free" a Christian recovery group for women on Tuesday nights at 6 p.m. For more information, contact Pastor Theresa Brown at 863-357-4418.

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.

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.

Gathering in Grace and Prayer meets every Wednesday at 7:45 a.m. in the park at the pavilion. All are welcome.

Northside Baptist Church invites all to join the church for old-fashioned preaching based on the Bible, God-focused prayer, hymns we grew up on, Southern-Gospel favorites, with piano and bass duets on Sundays at 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m., with Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. and Prayer Meeting on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. Northside Baptist is located about 6 miles north on 441 at 51 NW 98th St.

Okeechobee Mission Baptist Church will host a discover youth program every Wednesday, from 7 to 8 p.m. For more information call 8637-763-3681.

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The Cypress Hut Eagles will host a taco salad dinner by Cheryl on Wednesday, **April 2**, and tacos will be served Thursday, April 3. The public is invited. Proceeds from these dinners go to local and community charities. For information, contact the Cypress Hut Eagles at 863-467-1154.

Church holds fish dinner

Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 701 S.W. Sixth St., will hold a fish dinner (baked or fried) on: Friday, **April 4** and April 11. The cost is $8 for adults and $4 for children. Meals will be served from 4 until 7 p.m. Dinner will include fish, potatoes, cole slaw, beverage and dessert.

Eagles announce events

The Fraternal Order Of Eagles/Aerie #4137, 9985 U.S. 441 N., on Wednesday, will have bingo on Wednesday, **April 2**, at 6 p.m. A steak dinner will be served Friday, April 4, from 5:30 until 9 p.m. The entertainment will be provided by Wayne Purvis from 7 until 11 p.m. Proceeds go to support charities of The Fraternal of Eagles #4137. The public is welcome. Also, Saturday card bingo is cancelled until further notice. For information, call 863-763-2552.

Hospice to host yard sale

Hospice will hold a yard sale Wednesday, April 2, and Thursday, April 3, from 8 a.m. until noon at 411 S.E. Fourth St. For information, call 863-467-2321.

Moose hosting bingo

Okeechobee Moose Lodge, #1753, invites you to join them for fun in the lodge. Bingo is will be held Thursday, **April 3,** at 1 p.m. and Friday, April 4, at 5:30 p.m. The kitchen is open Friday, April 4, from 5 until 7 p.m. and Sunday, April 6, from 8 until 11 a.m. for a $5 breakfast. There will be a monthly Moose Rally in the Tiki on Saturday, April 12. Proceeds benefit Moose charities.

Saber book signing is set

The Okeechobee County Library will host a book signing for local author Saber on Thursday, April 3, at 5:30 p.m. The signing will be for his recent release of "Darque Reflections."

Family fun day to be held

A Family Fun Day for David "Fish" Beck will be held Saturday, **April 5**, at 11 a.m. at the Lakeport Community Center. There will be bounce houses, dunk tanks, pie eating contests and much more. The Jake Hair Band will be providing the entertainment. For information, call 863-634-2120.

CAP will host fundraiser

The Okeechobee Civil Air Patrol will host a fundraiser at the Walmart shopping center this Saturday, **April 5**. Funds collected will be used to help cadets go to a week-long Summer Encampment at Camp Blanding along with other Cadet Programs. A 2014 calendar put together by the cadets will be available, while supplies last, for donations of $5 or more. They will also collect "Cell phones for Soldiers." If you have an old cell phone, reset it to factory defaults and drop it in their collection box.

100-target Fun Shoot slated

Okeechobee Christian Academy will host a 100-target Fun Shoot at OK Corral Gun Club on Saturday, **April 5**. Shooters can take the course from 8 until 10 a.m. Lunch will be sponsored by Tin Fish Restaurant. Various levels of sponsorship are available. There will be food, fun and fellowship. All proceeds will benefit the Okeechobee Christian Academy. Call Sarah at 863-634-2276 or e-mail 3krboys@gmail.com for information.

Obituaries

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Herbert Demarious Littleton, 34

OKEECHOBEE — Herbert Demarious Littleton died March 23, 2014. A lifetime resident of Okeechobee, he was born May 2, 1979 to Herbert and Annette Hall Littleton. He was a cook and enjoyed following Okeechobee football and spending time on Facebook. He was a member of Bethel Missionary Baptist Church.

Mr. Littleton was preceded in death by his brother, Eric Littleton and sister, Rhoda Hall.

He is survived by his father, Herbert Littleton of Georgia; mother, Annette Littleton; niece, Quannaisa Hall both of Okeechobee; three God sisters of Ft. Pierce.

Visitation will be 1 p.m. until services at 2 p.m. Friday, April 4, 2014 at Buxton & Bass Okeechobee Funeral Home.

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

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

Earl Edward Harmon, 54

OKEECHOBEE — Earl Edward Harmon died March 27, 2014. He was born July 28, 1959 in Reading, Pennsylvania. A resident of Okeechobee for 29 years, he owned and operated Harmon's Tire. He enjoyed fishing, shooting pool and was a member of the Eagles.

Mr. Harmon was preceded in death by his daughter, Shelly; brother, Arthur; and sister, Kim.

He is survived by his son, Earl Harmon, Jr. of Summerfield; three daughters, Keri Childers of Belleview, Laiten Varner and Casey Varner both of Ft. Pierce; five grandchildren, Trey Harmon, Lillie Harmon, Rachel Childers, Natalie Childers, Kamryn Varner; four brothers, Nelson Harmon of High Springs, Eddie Harmon (Jody) of Fellsmere, Troy Harmon (Shaina) of Okeechobee and Ronald Harmon of Seymour, Indiana; three sisters, Jean Harmon of Winnifield, Louisiana, Julia Stearns of West Palm Beach and Lori McClure (Minh) of West Palm Beach.

The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. until services at 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 2, 2014 at Buxton & Bass Okeechobee Funeral Home.

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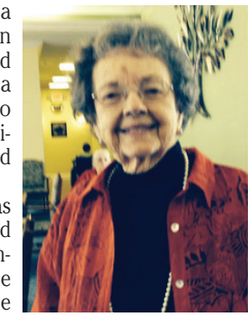
Mildred Pearce, 96

BUCKHEAD RIDGE — Mildred Pearce died March 30, 2014. She was born Oct. 6, 1917 in Lake Wales, Florida to Johnnie Tyson Hulsey and Edward Wood. She was a native Floridian who was a founding resident of Buckhead Ridge.



Mil, as she was known by her loved ones, was a southern lady and true steel magnolia. She enjoyed gardening and golf, and remained an avid bridge player most of her life. Mil was also a member of First United Methodist Church of Okeechobee and the Okeechobee Fine Arts Society.

Mrs. Pearce was preceded in death by her husband of over 50 years, Leland Clifton, and her younger son, Clifford Craig. She is survived by her daughter, Linda Gail Martin and husband, Charles Martin of Shalimar, Fla.; son, Leland Sidney Pearce and wife, Marie Gambill Pearce of Jacksonville, Fla.; and Vivian H. Pearce of Okeechobee. She has six grandchildren, Lisa Ann Lindsey Panos, Leland James Lindsey, Abigail Edna Pearce, Amber Pearce Manning, Jordan Pearce Miller, and Leland Clifford Pearce; and five great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be 10 a.m. until services at 11 a.m. on Friday, April 4, 2014 at First United Methodist Church Okeechobee. Burial will follow at Evergreen Cemetery.

Flowers will be accepted. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent in memory of Mildred Pearce to Emerald Coast Hospice, 340 Beal Parkway Suite B, Ft. Walton Beach, Florida 32548.

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Roberta 'Bert' Brower, 74

OKEECHOBEE — Roberta "Bert" Brower passed away on Thursday, March 27, 2014.

She came from a loving family and she created many memories with her children, grandchildren and great grandkids. She was full of life and tried to make everyone feel loved she never met a stranger. She loved playing bingo and her Facebook.

She is preceded in death by her loving husband, Keith Brower they are reunited again.

Survivors include five children, Mary (Steve) Buzan, Matt (Sue) Brower, Jeff (Terri) Brower, Kenny (Tina) Brower, Debbie (Dennis) Bell; 16 grandchildren, Krystal Byars, Sarah Schiel, David Schiel, Matthew and Chris Mignault, James, Jeremy, Zoya, Julia, Desiree, Channon Nunn, Billy Brower, Kassandra Brower, Brian Brower, Mikey Brower, Steven Brower, as well as many great grandchildren and friends.

An Okeechobee service will be held April 5, 2014 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the home of her oldest grandchild. For more information please contact Krystal @ 863-261-5988.

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Pilots scout for lightning fires

By Melissa Yunas
Florida Forest Services

Along with the much needed rain came lightning. Lightning ignitions can smolder for days before they start to show visible signs, especially in remote locations. Scouting lightning ignitions is the responsibility of the fixed-wing firefighter pilot from the Florida Forest Service. "Using a lightning map, I will make a flight plan to concentrate on positive lightning strikes. It's commonly believed that the positive strikes, which are 5-10 times stronger than the negative strikes, are responsible for most forest fires." said Sanne Esque, Airplane Pilot, Florida Forest Service (FFS).

"As I fly I have up to 25 miles of visibility in our Forestry aircraft. It's a very efficient way to spot the beginnings of a smoldering wildfire," the pilot continued. She covers six counties along her route and radios to FFS dispatch the location of the wildfires. FFS dispatch relays the information to state firefighters in dozers and brush trucks and local fire departments to extinguish the fire.

Fixed-wing pilots are an essential element on wildfire scenes. These airplanes are used to scout out wildfires and then serve as "eyes in the sky" for firefighters on the ground. Smoke impedes the visibility of the ground crews so the pilot will communicate to the firefighters information such as, the location of houses, sheds and vehicles in relation to the direction of the fire. The pilot can also locate roads and trails for access to the fire and also fences, and the gates to get through them. They can make the firefighters aware of ditches, flag ponds, power lines, and many other obstacles. The pilot can see the fuel types that the fire is moving into and thus assist the Incident Commander in determining the initial attack priorities and the necessity for possibly ordering more resources.

Lightning strikes have been blamed for two recent area fires. On March 30, a lighting strike near Kanner Highway in Martin County burned half an acre. That same day, a lightning strike in the Sebastian River Preserve State Park in Indian River County burned 180 acres.

Students compete in writing contest

Special to the Okeechobee News

Excellence in writing earned high school seniors scholarships to Indian River State College and top honors in the college's annual Creative Writing Contest. Lincoln Park Academy senior, Abbey-Gray Bilicic, is the first-place winner for her short story, "Names." Donovan Kryak, a senior at Lincoln Park Academy, earned second place for his story, "Epiphanic." Vinutha Kumar, a senior at St. Edward's Upper School received third place in the contest for her short story.

Junior winners were Karina Sotolongo, St.Lucie West Centennial High School, first place for "The Mountains Fear the Morrow;" second place, Nicholas Magal, St. Edward's Upper School, for his short story; and third place, Alissia McLane, Okeechobee High School, for her short story.

Sophomore winners were Rebecca Snyder, Okeechobee High school, first place for "Ordinary;" second place, Christina Graben, Lincoln Park Academy, for "The Written Word;" and third place, Michael Muros, Okeechobee High School for "That Day."

Freshman winners were Taylor Sauer, Lincoln Park Academy, first place for "Orange;" second place, Anabelle Greene, St. Edward's Upper School, for "7 a.m. Oblivion;" and third place, Maya Donnell, Lincoln Park Academy, for "Faith."

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Grant to help grasshopper sparrow

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service approved a $496,000 grant designed to ensure that the Florida Grasshopper Sparrow does not go extinct.

Two Okeechobee County ranches located near the Kissimmee Prairie State Preserve and others in Highlands County near the Avon Park Bombing Range and in Osceola County near the Three Lakes Wildlife Management Area will participate in a study to find ways to save the bird and its habitat.

Erin Myers, a biologist for private lands in Florida with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service said the grant gives them some funding to help with management on private ranch lands that are adjacent to state-owned land that have grasshopper sparrows currently on site.

"It's a two-fold project," she said. "We will do presence absent surveys of the sparrows and it they are present, we will learn from that rancher what they have historically and are currently doing for management."

Ms. Myers said the population of the sparrow has basically remained the same in the past year with the population holding steady at a very low level.

"We did find some sparrows on one of the ranches and we know about sparrows on another ranch. We will work with one of the ranches because they had a breeding population," she added.

The grant will also fund surveys on other ranch lands and the hope is more birds will be found during this research.

"I'm very optimistic that we will find birds and do habitat management that will benefit them. Whether we can save the species is uncertain," she noted.

Ms. Myers said she would love to hear from other ranches in the region that have historically had contact with the sparrow. She can be reached at 239-353-8442.

Ms. Myers noted captive breeding of the bird is still being considered.

The ranches involved have applied to become part of the new Northern Everglades National Wildlife Refuge that will stretch from Orlando to Lake Okeechobee. The ranching operations will be allowed to continue under this program.

Special to the Okeechobee News

Rotary hosts speaker Nick Blount

Donna Gaiser, Okeechobee Rotary Club president, stands with Nick Blount, guest speaker at the Rotary meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 25. Mr. Blount is area manager for the Treasure Coast for Florida Power & Light Company, the principal subsidiary of NextEra Energy, Inc. Mr. Blount shared facts relating to a proposed natural gas pipeline coming to Okeechobee County in the future.

Special to the Okeechobee News

Pink Chair up for a good cause

This chair, created for the "Chairity" fundraiser for Hospice rotated around many local businesses for months with the business owners selling the raffle tickets. When the winning ticket was drawn announcing Cindy Domer was the winner, there were several ticket buyers deeply disappointed. Cindy has generously offered to keep the project going by offering to sell it to the highest bidder, again with the money going to Hospice. This chair is currently at Toni's Chic Boutique and a silent auction is in place. Good luck again on getting the PINK Chair!

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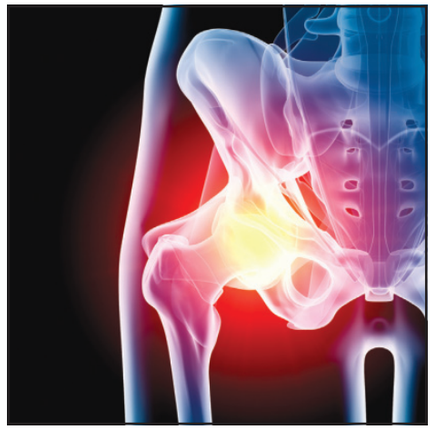

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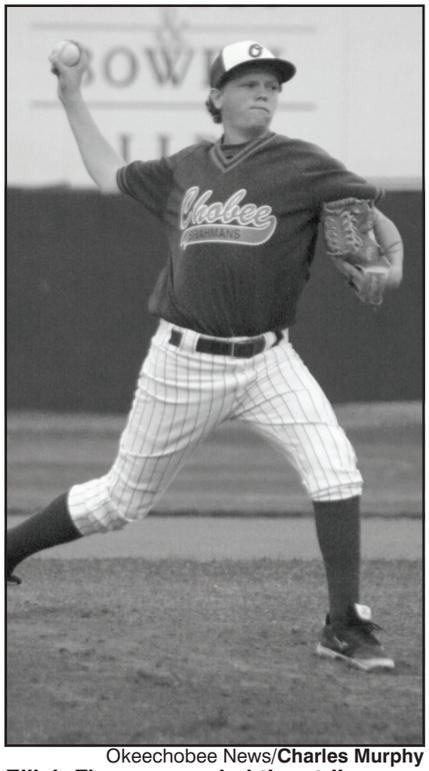

Okeechobee News/**Charles Murphy**

Elijah Finney pounded the strike zone as he struck out seven Red Devils in a Brahman victory on Friday.

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

Elijah Finney scattered four hits and struck out seven to lead Okeechobee to a 4-2 win over Avon Park Friday night in high school baseball action at historic Charles Head Field.

Finney out dueled Kenny McGrath as Okeechobee (6-9) avenged an early season extra inning loss to the Red Devils (12-3).

Kutter Crawford drove in a run and scored a run while Trenton Hickman had two hits and two runs batted in for OHS. Christian Crews and Kevin Coleman added RBI singles for the Brahmans.

Tyrone Perry hit a long solo home run for Avon Park. The second run scored when Mykel Gordon was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded in the seventh inning.

Brahman coach Eric Kindell said while the team made a few fielding mistakes, they were on aggressive plays and he thought the team did a good job.

"We could have held the ball several times but we tried to make the great play," he said. " Sometimes you have to learn to relax. I'm not disappointed tonight."

Finney said he tried to hit his spots on both corners of the plate. He made the one mistake but otherwise had a good night as he earned his second victory of the season. He admitted he was a little anxious in the dugout as the bullpen put the game away for him.

"It was nice to see some runs scored and in the seventh inning I was just waiting for it to get over. I feel like we'll be good to finish the year," he added.

Both starters held the other team scoreless until the fourth inning. Okeechobee took a 1-0 lead when Crawford hit a single, stole a base, went to third on a balk and scored on a ground out by Hickman.

Crawford said he felt good about the win,

"We stayed in the game for the entire time. We started off slow in the first few innings but made adjustments and hit the ball," he said.

Crawford said he enjoyed playing in the historic park which was once the spring training home of the St. Louis Cardinals in 1927-1929. Several minor league teams also had spring training in Avon Park in the 1930s and 1940s.

"It is a great atmosphere with the classic brick walls. You feel like you're part of history when you play here," he added.

Crawford performed his captain role when he visited the mound a few times to encourage his younger teammate Finney. He said he has tried to help him out as much as possible.

"The kid's good and has good stuff. I just try to calm him down and guide him through and keep him calm on the mound. He has a tremendous amount of potential," he added.

Avon Park responded when Perry led off the bottom of the frame with a long home run to right field.

Okeechobee went back on top in the fifth as Kevin Coleman walked, Jarred Morgan doubled and Hickman added an RBI single.

Okeechobee made it 3-1 in the sixth as Crews walked and stole second and came around to score on a single to left by Coleman.

Okeechobee's final run came in the seventh as Paul Jackson reached on an infield hit, moved to second on a walk to Layton Thomas and scored on a single to right field by Crews.

Avon Park made it tough in the seventh as they loaded the bases with two outs thanks to walks to Luis Martinez and Perry and a fielding error. Reliever Zeke Matthews plunked Gordon with a pitch but then got Mason Jahna to ground into a game ending double play to finish the game and pick up the save.

Kindell said all of the guys are starting to do what they are capable of doing at the plate.

"I expect this out of them. For us to win these guys have to get on base. They are buying in and we love it right now," he said.

Okeechobee visited Fort Pierce Westwood on Tuesday afternoon and will play St. Lucie West Centennial on Thursday, April 3, at 3 p.m. at Tradition Field in Port St. Lucie.

Chobee Athletic Academy ready for travel softball season

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

The softball season is just around the corner for the Chobee Athletic Academy.

Teams will start their workouts and practice in mid-April.

Coaches this year are Pam Matthews for girls 8 and under, Joy Prescott girls 8 and under, Robert Garcia 10 and under, Heath Whipple 10 and under, Randy Fulford age 14 and under, Lauren Throop and Kyrstin Hargraves 16 and under, and Mark Ward 18 and under.

Information for 8 and under can be obtained at 863-634-9677 or 863-634-8441.

For the 10 and under team call 863-634-3232 or 863-801-3713.

The 14 and under team can be reached at 863-634-4144.

Questions for the 16 and under team can be answered at 863-801-4487 or 863-634-2627.

Coach Mark Ward can be reached at 863-634-1722 for details on the 18 and under team. The 18 and under season will begin once the Okeechobee High School softball season is completed.

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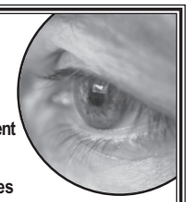

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Garage/ Yard Sales

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Buying a car? Look in the classifieds. Selling a car? Look in the classifieds.

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481 W. Hickpochee Ave.
SR 80W
LaBelle, FL
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Sun, April 6, 9-4
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Tel: 239-223-3370
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THREE MALE RAZOR EDGE BLUE PIT PUPPIES, REGISTERED, 12 WEEKS OLD $400.00 CALL 863-634-4407

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COMPOST for Organic Gardening and Farming - Okeechobee Recycling Facility, enter at Waste Management, 10800 NE. 128th Avenue. Pickup or Delivered *Public Welcomed* Please call. (216)956-0949

Rentals

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1 Bedroom Efficiency apartment all utilities furnished $375.00 monthly Call 812-989-3022

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Houses - Rent

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Mobile Home Rent

2/2 MOBILE HOME ON BEAUTIFUL SETTING, 8 MILES EAST OF TOWN. $550.00 MOVES YOU IN. CALL 863-801-4829

Mobile Home Rent

2BD/1BA Nice Park, nice unit, Fully furnished $400 monthly, part of utilities paid Call 812-989-3022

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Public Notices

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO: 2012-CA-000379

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC
Plaintiff,
vs.
MAYA ROGEL; MIRA JACOBY; OAK TREE PLACE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., and any unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, and other unknown persons or unknown spouses claiming by, through and under any of the above-named Defendants,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned Clerk of the Circuit Court of Okeechobee County, Florida, will on the 23rd day of April, 2014, at 11:00 am in the Jury Assembly Room, 2nd Floor, Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida, offer for sale and sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following-described property situate in Okeechobee County, Florida:

UNIT A OF DWELLING STRUCTURE 20, OAK TREE PLACE, TOGETHER WITH THE LAND IMMEDIATELY UNDERLYING SAID UNIT, AS DESCRIBED AND DEPICTED IN DECLARATION OF PARTY FACILITIES AND PROTECTIVE COVENANTS OF OAK TREE PLACE, AS RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 260, PAGE 999 AND AMENDMENT THERETO AS RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 261, PAGE 1405, AND IN OFFICIAL RECORD BOOK 303, PAGE 1083, AND ANY AND ALL AMENDMENTS THERETO, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

pursuant to the Final Judgment entered in a case pending in said Court, the style of which is indicated above.

Any person or entity claiming an interest in the surplus, if any, resulting from the foreclosure sale, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens, must file a claim on same with the Clerk of Court within 60 days after the foreclosure sale.

WITNESS my hand and official seal of said Court this 21st day of March 2014.

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. Creech
Deputy Clerk

464423 ON 4/2,9/2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.: 472012CA000559CAAXMX

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
Plaintiff,
vs.
MARY ANN THARP, et al,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated March 19, 2014, and entered in Case No. 472012CA000559CAAXMX of the Circuit Court of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Okeechobee County, Florida in which JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, is the Plaintiff and Mary Ann Tharp, Michael Len Tharp, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, are defendants, the Okeechobee County Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in the Jury Assembly Room, 2nd Floor, Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida 34972, Okeechobee County, Florida at 11:00AM on the 23rd day of April 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

LOT 128, TREASURE ISLAND UNIT NO. 12, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGE 65, PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY,FLORIDA. TOGETHER WITH A MOBILE HOME AS A PERMANENT FIXTURE AND APPURTENANCE THERETO, DESCRIBED AS: A 1982 DOUBLEWIDE MOBILE HOME BEARING IDENTIFICATION NUMBER(S) 01650229AR AND 01650229BR AND TITLE NUMBER(S) 0021309628 AND 0021309629

A/K/A 4255 SE 22ND CT OKEECHOBEE FL 34974-6559

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 in Okeechobee County, Florida this 20TH day of March 2014.

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

Albertelli Law, Attorney for Plaintiff
P.O. Box 23028, Tampa, FL 33623
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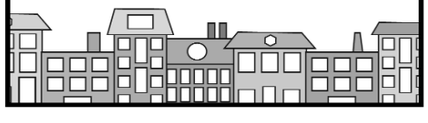

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO.: 2013-000195-CA

TD BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, a national banking association,
Plaintiff,
VS.
BRIAN WHITE; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF BRIAN WHITE; BETH ANN WHITE; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF BETH ANN WHITE; DENNIS L. SHIRES; JOANN E. SHIRES; and 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 March 13, 2014 (the "Judgment"), entered in Civil Case No. 2013-000195-CA of the Circuit Court of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Okeechobee County, Florida, in which TD BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, is Plaintiff, and BRIAN WHITE; BETH ANN WHITE; DENNIS L. SHIRES; JOANN E. SHIRES; and JOHN DOE n/k/a ROBERT GUTIERREZ and JANE DOE n/k/a TRACY PENNEY 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 April 30, 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 46 of a Spot in the Sun, an unrecorded subdivision lying in Sections 3 and 10, Township 37 South, Range 36 East, Okeechobee County, Florida being more particularly described as follows: Commence at the southwest corner of said section 10, bear East along the South line of said section 10, a distance of 1648.03 feet; thence bear N 00 degrees, 7' 00" W a distance of 2432.20 feet to the south right-of-way line of 5th street; thence bear N 89 degrees, 53' 00" East, along the South right-of-way line of said 5th street a distance of 198.00 feet to the point of beginning; thence continue N 89 degrees 53' 00" E along the aforedescribed line a distance of 198.00 feet; thence bear S 00 07' 00" E a distance of 220 feet; thence bear S 89 degrees 53' 00" W a distance of 198.00 feet; thence bear N 00 degrees 07' 00" W a distance of 220.00 feet to the point of beginning

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 March 17, 2014.

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

464009 ON 4/2,9/2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.: 472013CA000084CAAXMX

PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO NATIONAL CITY BANK, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO HARBOR FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK,
Plaintiff,
vs.
ISABELLA ANGELINA ROCCANOVA, et al,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated March 3, 2014, and entered in Case No. 472013CA000084CAAXMX of the Circuit Court of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Okeechobee County, Florida in which PNC Bank, National Association, successor by merger to National City Bank, successor by merger to Harbor Federal Savings Bank, is the Plaintiff and Isabella Angelina Roccanova, Jettie Pearl Bean, Marlene Curley Wild, are defendants, the Okeechobee County Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in the Jury Assembly Room, 2nd Floor, Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida 34972, Okeechobee County, Florida at 11:00AM on the 23rd day of April 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

LOT 37, PLATTS BLUFF RANCHES, AN UNRECORDED SUBDIVISION IN SECTIONS 25 AND 36, TOWNSHIP 36 SOUTH, RANGE 33 EAST, OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:COMMENCE AT THE SOUTH QUARTER CORNER OF SAID SECTION 25, BEAR NORTH 00 DEGREES 24 MINUTES 59 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF CARLA ROAD, A DISTANCE OF 453.77 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE NORTH 00 DEGREES 24 MINUTES 59 SECONDS EAST, ALONG THE SAID EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF CARLA ROAD, A DISTANCE OF 348.5 FEET; THENCE BEAR SOUTH 88 DEGREES 16 MINUTES 23 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 625.00 FEET; THENCE BEAR SOUTH 00 DEGREES 24 MINUTES 59 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 348.5 FEET; THENCE BEAR NORTH 88 DEGREES 16 MINUTES 23 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 625.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. TOGETHER WITH A MOBILE HOME LOCATED THEREON AS A PERMANENT FIXTURE AND APPURTENANCE THERETO, DESCRIBED AS: A 1989 SPEC SINGLEWIDE MOBILE HOME BEARING IDENTIFICATION NUMBER FLFLK70A17205SE AND TITLE NUMBER 47691052.

A/K/A 6612 NW 151ST TER OKEECHOBEE FL 34972-9501

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 in Okeechobee County, Florida this 20TH day of March 2014.

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

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Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 47-2013-CA-000077-CAAX-MX

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
Plaintiff,
VS.
JOYCE WILLIS; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JOYCE WILLIS; IF LIVING, INCLUDING ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SAID DEFENDANT(S), IF REMARRIED, AND IF DECEASED, THE RESPECTIVE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, AND TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE NAMED DEFENDANT(S); HARBOR COMMUNITY BANK, FSB F/K/A FIRST BANK AND TRUST COMPANY OF INDIANTOWN; LOG HARBOR CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC.; WHETHER DISSOLVED OR PRESENTLY EXISTING, TOGETHER WITH ANY GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, OR TRUSTEES OF SAID DEFENDANT(S) AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST DEFENDANT(S); UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2;
Defendant(s)

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above-styled cause, in the Circuit Court of Okeechobee County, Florida, I will sell the property situate in Okeechobee County, Florida, described as:

CONDOMINIUM UNIT NUMBER 23, LOG HARBOR CONDOMINIUM, ACCORDING TO THE DECLARATION THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORD BOOK 307, PAGE 668, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, in the Jury Assembly Room of the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 312 NW 3rd Street, 2nd Floor, Okeechobee, FL 34972 at 11:00 A.M., on April 23, 2014.

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 seal of this court on the 20th day of December, 2013.

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

Law Offices of Daniel C. Consuegra
9204 King Palm Drive Tampa, FL 33619-1328
Attorneys for Plaintiff

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459201 ON 3/26;4/2/2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
File No.: 2014-CP-24

IN RE: ESTATE OF
Guillermo Acosta
Deceased

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Guillermo Acosta, deceased, whose date of death was January 22nd, 2014, whose social security number is XXX-XX-5011, is pending in the Circuit Court for Okeechobee County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 312 Northwest Third Street, 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 with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

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

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

The date of first publication of this notice is March 26, 2014.

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464306 ON 3/26;4/2/2014

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
File Number: 14000019CPAXMX

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
JACQUELYN LEE OLLIFF,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of JACQUELYN OLLIFF, deceased, File Number 14000019CPAXMX, is pending in the Circuit Court for Okeechobee County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 312 NW 3rd Street, 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 decedent's estate, including unmatured, contingent or unliquidated claims, on whom a copy of this notice is served must file their claims with this court **WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.**

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

ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

The date of first publication of this Notice is March 26, 2014.

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464330 ON 3/26;4/2/204

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE #: 2012-CA-000289

PHH Mortgage Corporation
Plaintiff
-vs-
Wallace H. Griggs, Jr. and Creighton Griggs and Sterling F. Griggs; et al,
Defendant(s)

NOTICE OF ACTION FORECLOSURE PROCEEDINGS-PROPERTY

TO: Creighton Griggs; CURRENT ADDRESS UNKNOWN: LAST KNOWN ADDRESS; 14050 NW 246th Street, Okeechobee, FL 34972, Unknown Spouse of Creighton Griggs; CURRENT ADDRESS UNKNOWN: LAST KNOWN ADDRESS, 12809 Wild Acres Road, Largo, FL 33773, Sterling F. Griggs; CURRENT ADDRESS UNKNOWN: LAST KNOWN ADDRESS, 14462 Northwest 246th Street, Okeechobee, FL 34972 and Unknown Spouse of Sterling F. Griggs; CURRENT ADDRESS UNKNOWN: LAST KNOWN ADDRESS, 14462 Northwest 246th Street, Okeechobee, FL 34972

Residence unknown, if living, including any unknown spouse of the said Defendants, if either has remarried and if either or both of said Defendants are dead, their respective unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, creditors, lienors, and trustees, and all other persons claiming by, through, under or against the named Defendant(s); and the aforementioned named Defendant(s) and such of the aforementioned unknown Defendants and such of the aforementioned unknown Defendants as may be infants, incompetents or otherwise not sui juris.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action has been commenced to foreclose a mortgage on the following real property, lying and being and situated in Okeechobee County, Florida, more particularly described as follows:

THE WEST 1/2 OF THE EAST 1/2 OF THE NORTH 1 /2 OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF TRACT 17, SECTION 36, TOWNSHIP 34 SOUTH, RANGE 33 EAST, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT OF SOUTHERN COLONIZATION COMPANY RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGES 3A-E INCLUSIVE OF TIIE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.
more commonly known as 14462 Northwest 246th Street, Okeechobee, FL 34972.

This action has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defense, if any, upon SHAPIRO, FISHMAN & GACHE, LLP, Attorneys for Plaintiff, whose address is 2424 North Federal Highway, Suite 360, Boca Raton, FL 33431, within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this notice and file the original with the clerk of this Court after; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

WITNESS my hand and seal of this Court on the 3rd day of March, 2014.
Sharon Robertson
Circuit of County Courts
BY: /S/ ARLENE NEALIS
Deputy Clerk

Florida Rules of Judicial Administration Rule 2.540 Notices to Persons With Disabilities
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464397 ON 3/26;4/2/2014

LEGAL NOTICE

Public Auction will be held at Johns Towing Service storage lot located at 704 Northeast 2nd Avenue, Okeechobee, Florida 34972 on APRIL 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.

1992 SATURN SL2
VIN #1G8ZK5472NZ152977
2010 4WHEELER PEACE 110CC
VIN #L6ASCHL14AA000883
1998 FORD RANGER
VIN #1FTYR14U3WPA48202

Terms of sale are cash, and no checks will be accepted. Seller reserves the right of final bid. ALL SALES ARE FINAL! NO REFUNDS WILL BE MADE! Said automobiles will be sold in "As Is" condition with no guarantee's.
464713 ON 4/2/2014

School Board Visit to Schools

Members of the Okeechobee County School Board will visit Seminole Elementary, North Elementary, and Yearling Middle School, during the morning of Tuesday, April 8, 2014, beginning at 8:30 a.m. These are informational visits only, and no official business or decisions will take place.

Ken Kenworthy
Superintendent of Schools
464001 ON 4/2/2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.: 472013CA000036CAAXMX

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC,
Plaintiff,
vs.
ROBERT WILLIAM SMITH, JR., et al,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated March 19, 2014, and entered in Case No. 472013CA000036CAAXMX of the Circuit Court of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Okeechobee County, Florida in which Nationstar Mortgage LLC, is the Plaintiff and Robert William Smith, Jr. also known as Robert W. Smith, Jr., Shannon Lea Smith also known as Shannon L. Smith, are defendants, the Okeechobee County Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in the Jury Assembly Room, 2nd Floor, Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida 34972, Okeechobee County, Florida at 11:00AM on the 23rd day of April 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

LOT 1 AND EAST ONE-HALF (EAST1/2) OF LOT 2 BLOCK 76, CONNORS HIGHLANDS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 21, PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
A/K/A 500 NW 15TH ST
OKEECHOBEE FL 34972-4301

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 in Okeechobee County, Florida this 20TH day of March 2014.
SHARON ROBERTSON
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Okeechobee County, Florida
By: Sandra L. Creech
Deputy Clerk

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In Accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Corrie Johnson, ADA Coordinator, 250 NW Country Club Drive, Suite 217, Port St. Lucie, FL 34986, (772) 807-4370 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.
464369 ON 4/2,9/2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO.
472012CA000100XXXXXX

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP,
Plaintiff,
VS.
AUBRY T. HAND, JR. A/K/A AUBREY T. HAND, JR.; BECKE F. HAND; BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. I; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 2; and ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST A NAMED DEFENDANT TO THIS ACTION, OR HAVING OR CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Summary Final Judgment of foreclosure dated December 17, 2013, and entered in Case No. 472012CA000100XXXXXX of the Circuit Court in and for Okeechobee County, Florida, wherein BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP is Plaintiff and AUBRY T. HAND, JR. A/K/A AUBREY T. HAND, JR.; BECKE F. HAND; BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 1; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 2; and ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST A NAMED DEFENDANT TO THIS ACTION, OR HAVING OR CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED, are Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in the Jury Assembly Room, 2nd Floor, Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 312 N.W. 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida 34972, beginning at 11:00 a.m. on the 23rd day of April, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Order or Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOT 23, BLOCK E, PLAYLAND PARK, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 27, 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 at Okeechobee, Florida, on December 18, 2013.
SHARON ROBERTSON
As Clerk, Circuit Court
BY: Sandra L. Creech
As Deputy Clerk

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Corrie Johnson, ADA Coordinator, 250 NW Country Club Drive, Suite 217, Port St. Lucie, FL 34986, (772) 807-4370 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.
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459215 ON 3/26;4/2/2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO.: 472012CA000114CAAXMX

PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
Plaintiff,
VS.
LARRY GLENN SHRADER A/K/A LARRY GLENN SCHRADER, et al
Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of foreclosure dated March 3, 2014, and entered in Case No. 472012CA000114CAAXMX of the Circuit Court of the NINETEENTH Judicial Circuit in and for OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, Florida, wherein PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, is Plaintiff, and LARRY GLENN SHRADER A/K/A LARRY GLENN SCHRADER, et al are Defendants, the clerk will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, beginning at 11:00 AM at the OKEECHOBEE County Judicial Center, Second Floor, Jury Assembly Room, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, FL 34972, in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes, on the 23rd day of April, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment, to wit:

Being a parcel of land lying in Section 23, Township 37 South, Range 34 East, Okeechobee County, Florida, also known as the South 1/2 of Lot 12, LAZY SEVEN RANCH ACRES, as recorded in Plat Book 5, Pages 10 & 11, public records of Okeechobee County, Florida and being more particularly described as follows: Begin at the Southeast corner of said Lot 12, LAZY SEVEN RANCH ACRES, said corner being also the Northeast corner of Lot 11, of said LAZY SEVEN RANCH ACRES, THENCE South 89 DEGREES 59 Minutes 22 Seconds West along the common boundary of said lots 11 & 12 a distance of 781.00 feet to the common corner of Lots 11, 12, 25 and 26 of said LAZY SEVEN RANCH ACRES thence North 23 degrees 2 minutes 1 seconds West along the common boundary of said Lots 25 and 12 a distance of 151.58 feet to a point; thence North 89 degrees 59 minutes 22 seconds East a distance of 781.00 feet to a point on the westerly right-of-way of Granda Avenue, thence South 23 degrees 2 minutes 1 seconds East along the westerly right-of-way of Granda Avenue a distance of 151.58 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

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

Dated at Okeechobee, OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, Florida, this 4th day of March, 2014.
Sharon Robertson
Clerk of said Circuit Court
BY: Sandra L. Creech
As Deputy Clerk

PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
c/o Phelan Hallinan, PLC, Attorneys for Plaintiff
2727 West Cypress Creek Road, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33309 954-462-7000
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463952 ON 3/26;4/2/2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.: 472012CA000370CAAXMX

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO CHASE HOME FINANCE LLC, SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO CHASE MANHATTAN MORTGAGE CORPORATION,
Plaintiff,
vs.
REYNALDO ESQUIVEL, et al,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated March 19, 2014, and entered in Case No. 472012CA000370CAAXMX of the Circuit Court of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Okeechobee County, Florida in which JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, successor by merger to Chase Home Finance LLC, successor in interest to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, is the Plaintiff and Reynaldo Esquivel, Maria Esquivel, are defendants, the Okeechobee County Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in the Jury Assembly Room, 2nd Floor, Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida 34972, Okeechobee County, Florida at 11:00AM on the 23rd day of April 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

A PARCEL OF LAND COMPRISED OF LOTS 10 AND 11, PLUS THE WEST 33 1/3 FEET OF LOTS 9 AND 12, BLOCK 14, NORTHWEST ADDITION TO OKEECHOBEE, A SUBDIVISION IN SECTION 16, TOWNSHIP 37 SOUTH, RANGE 35 EAST, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 25, PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID BLOCK 14, THENCE RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 57 MINUTES 53 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID BLOCK 14 AND THE NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY OF SEABOARD AVENUE A DISTANCE OF 49.96 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 12; THENCE CONTINUE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 57 MINUTES 53 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID BLOCK 14 AND THE NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY OF SEABOARD AVENUE A DISTANCE OF 33.33 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 00 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 32 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 210.11 FEET TO THE NORTH LINE OF SAID BLOCK 14 AND THE SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY OF FOURTEENTH STREET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 57 MINUTES 46 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE SAID NORTH LINE OF BLOCK 14, AND THE SAID SOUTH RIGHT-OF- WAY OF FOURTEENTH STREET A DISTANCE OF 33.33 FEET TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 9; THENCE CONTINUE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 57 MINUTES 46 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE SAID NORTH LINE OF BLOCK 14, AND THE SAID SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY OF FOURTEENTH STREET A DISTANCE OF 49.96 FEET TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID BLOCK 14; THENCE RUN SOUTH 00 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 32 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID BLOCK 14 AND THE EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY OF CANAL STREET A DISTANCE OF 210.00 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF BLOCK 14 AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING.
A/K/A 1108 NW 7TH CT OKEECHOBEE FL 34972-2430

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 in Okeechobee County, Florida this 20th day of March 2014.
SHARON ROBERTSON
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Okeechobee County, Florida
BY: Sandra L. Creech
Deputy Clerk

Albertelli Law, Attorney for Plaintiff
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464381 ON 4/2,9/2014

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-220, the style of which is:

PRAIRIE ESTATES, LLC.,
Plaintiff,
VS.
Estate of EWART L. ANDERSON, deceased, The Successor Trustee of the EWART L. ANDERSON REVOCABLE TRUST AGREEMENT u/a/d February 5, 2009 and LINDEEN, LLC.,
Defendants.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, SHARON ROBERTSON, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Okeechobee County, Florida, will on the 30th day of April, 2014, 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 8

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 Northwest corner of said Section 9, Thence South 01° 29' 58" West, a distance of 1927.33 feet along the West line of the said Section 9 to the Point of Beginning;

Thence North 90° 00' 00"East, a distance of 1132.92 feet; Thence South 00° 00' 00" East, a distance of 1384.00 feet; to the intersection with centerline of existing dirt grade; thence along the said centerline, the following courses and distances; Thence South 76° 58' 38" West, a distance of 107.43 feet; Thence South 65° 06' 57" West, a distance of 97.45 feet; Thence North 81° 05' 20" West, a distance of 126.32 feet;Thence South 73° 23' 55" West, a distance of 172.78 feet;Thence South 66° 12' 18" West, a distance of 272.28 feet; Thence departing the said centerline, South 90° 00' 00" West, a distance of 441.48 feet;Thence North 01° 29' 58" East, a distance of 1589.61 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

CONTAINING: 40.04 acres of land, more or less.

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; Thence, departing said East-West one-quarter line, 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 63° 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 86.55 feet;Thence North 30° 30' 37" West, a distance of 160.61 feet; Thence North 02° 06' 36" East, a distance of 99.05 feet;Thence North 03° 11' 56" West, a distance of 181.76 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 414.41 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° 47' 05" East, a distance of 249.81 feet;Thence North 82° 18' 28" East, a distance of 332.07 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

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WITNESS my hand and the official seal of said Court, this 17th day of March, 2014.

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Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
Case No.: 2012 CA 000439

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.,
Plaintiff,
VS.
PATRICIA L. LOPEZ;
CELSO D. LOPEZ, et al.
Defendants

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated December 2, 2013 and entered in Case No. 2012 CA 000439, of the Circuit Court of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit in and for OKEECHOBEE County, Florida. BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. (hereafter "Plaintiff"), is Plaintiff and PATRICIA L. LOPEZ; CELSO D. LOPEZ, are defendants. The Clerk of Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in the Jury Assembly Room, 2nd Floor, of the Okeechobee County Judicial Center; 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, at 11:00 a.m., on the 23rd day of April, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 4, BLOCK 5, OKEECHOBEE LITTLE FARMS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 100, PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.
TOGETHER WITH 1983 GREEN MOBILE HOME, VIN NO. FLFL2ABC463204015, TITLE #22159898, AND 22159900

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Dated this 3rd day of December, 2013.

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

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.
458535 ON 3/26;4/2/2014

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

JAMES B. NUTTER & COMPANY,
Plaintiff,
vs.
THE UNKNOWN, HEIRS, BENEFICIARES, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF MARY ALICE SMALL A/K/A MARY SMALL, DECEASED; JAMES J. MCSHEFFLEY; ANN MCCABE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; UNKNOWN TENANTS, et.al.
Defendant(s).

AMENDED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated March 5. 2014, and entered in 13000326CAAXMX of the Circuit Court of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Okeechobee County, Florida, wherein JAMES B. NUTTER & COMPANY, is the Plaintiff and THE UNKNOWN, HEIRS, BENEFICIARES, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF MARY ALICE SMALL A/K/A MARY SMALL, DECEASED; JAMES J. MCSHEFFLEY; ANN MCCABE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; UNKNOWN TENANTS 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 April 30, 2014 , the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOTS 29 AND THE WEST 1/2 OF 30 OF RIVER RUN RESORT ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 18, PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND THAT CERTAIN 2005 MOBILE HOME WITH VIN NUMBERS GMHGA10460265A & GMHGA10460265B.

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 24th day of March 2014.

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

IMPORTANT

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463996 ON 4/2,9/2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY
GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION CASE NO. 13000303CAAXMX

JAMES B. NUTTER & COMPANY,
Plaintiff,
VS.
JANICE JUANITA WIDNER AKA JANICE J. YATES, MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR 123LOAN, LLC, UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION 1, UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION 2, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JANICE JUANITA WIDNER AKA JANICE J. YATES,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure filed March 11, 2014 entered in Civil Case No. 13000303CAAXMX of the Circuit Court of the NINETEENTH Judicial Circuit in and for Okeechobee County, Okeechobee, Florida, the Clerk of Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in the Jury Assembly Room, 2nd Floor of the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 312 Northwest 3rd Street, Okeechobee, FL. 34972 in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes on the 23rd day of April, 2014 at 11:00 AM on the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment, to-wit:

THE NORTH 75 FEET OF LOTS 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 AND 12, OF BLOCK "J", OKEECHOBEE DEVELOPMENT COMPANY'S SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 15, 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 11th day of March, 2014.

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

MCCALLA RAYMER, LLC, ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF
110 SE 6TH STREET
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Detective seeking woman for taking purse

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

A local detective is asking the public's help in identifying a woman who allegedly stole another woman's wallet from a cart at a local store.

Apparently the 55-year-old victim was using an electric cart Sunday afternoon, March 31, while shopping at Walmart. A report by Officer Russell Cale, of the Okeechobee City Police Department (OCPD), indicated the cart's battery went dead, so someone pushed her to the front of the store so she could get another cart.

As she got into the other cart and entered the store, she forgot her purse and left it in the first cart. When she went back to retrieve her round, blue purse, it was gone.

OCPD Detective James Pickering said the woman's purse contained her wallet and a small amount of cash. The wallet contained the woman's driver's license, Social Security card, VA medical card and her checkbook.

The detective said her wallet also contained a signed bank check that belonged to a male friend.

Officer Cale said he was able to obtain a store video that showed a black woman take the purse from the cart. She, along with another black woman, walked out of the store and walked to a gray sports utility vehicle located in the parking lot, said the detective. The woman who took the purse got into the passenger-side of the vehicle and it left the parking lot, he added.

If anyone has information about this case or either of the women, they are asked to contact OCPD Detective Pickering at 863-763-5521.

Submitted photo/**OCPD**

A detective with the Okeechobee City Police Department (OCPD) is seeking help from the public in identifying the two women in this picture, who are wanted for questioning in connection with the theft of a purse at Walmart.

Disease transferable to humans by dogs

Special to the Okeechobee News

Veterinarians from BluePearl Veterinary Partners are urging dog parents to make sure their pets are vaccinated and precautions are taken after a report issued by veterinarians at the University of Florida's College of Veterinary Medicine identified a significant increase in the amount of leptospirosis cases they have seen.

Leptospirosis is a dangerous bacterial infection that can cause kidney and liver failure, as well as death. It is also zoonotic, which means it can be transferred from animals to other animals and also from animals to humans.

Leptopsirosis usually spreads by contact with another animal's urine or body fluids.

Dogs can get the bacterial infection by sniffing an infected animal's urine or drinking water out of an unclean source that has been exposed to the infected animal's urine or body fluids. "This disease is a nationwide problem," said Dr. Jennifer Welser, chief medical officer of BluePearl Veterinary Partners.

While rats are one of the most common carriers, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, animals capable of carrying and passing along the disease also include buffaloes, cattle, dogs, goats, horses, opossums, raccoons, sheep and swine.

"In several of our locations, we have seen more cases than usual, especially for this time of year." said Dr. Welser. "This is just another reason why it is so important for people to make sure they are seeing their family veterinarian for regular checkups and making sure they're following the prescribed vaccination plan provided by their veterinarian."

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).

• Juan Antonio Colin-Lopez, 32, S.R. 710 S.E., Okeechobee, was arrested March 27 by the Okeechobee Narcotics Task Force on a felony charge of driving while license suspended-habitual offender. His bond was set at $5,000.

• Erica Faye Zinski, 24, N.E. Third Circle, Okeechobee, was arrested March 28 by Officer Michael Jordan on a felony charge of possession of a controlled substance (cocaine). Her bond was set at $5,000.

• Darryl Jerome Faniel, 28, N. Ninth St., Tampa, was arrested March 29 by Deputy Corporal Aric Majere on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with the felony of burglary with an assault/battery. His bond was set at $200,000.

• Mary King Dolce, 68, N.W. Ninth St., Okeechobee, was arrested March 29 by Deputy Steven Pollock on a misdemeanor charge of driving under the influence. She was released on her own recognizance.

• Dewey Payne Sebring, 22, Redwater Drive, Avon Park, was arrested March 29 by Deputy Steven Pollock on misdemeanor charges of driving under the influence and violation of driver's license restrictions. His bond was set at $500.

• Alberto Hernandez Jr., 29, N.W. 35th St., Okeechobee, was arrested March 29 by Deputy Leland Schoonmaker on a misdemeanor charge of driving under the influence. He was released on his own recognizance.

• Yvonne Arellano, 40, N.W. Fifth St., Okeechobee, was arrested March 30 by Officer Jeremy Larue on a misdemeanor charge of driving under the influence. Her bond was set at $500.

• Ismael Tijerina, 38, N.W. 35th Ave., Okeechobee, was arrested March 30 by Deputy Steven Pollock on a misdemeanor charge of driving under the influence. He was released on his own recognizance.

• Christina Leigh Stokes, 28, N.W. 184th Drive, Okeechobee, was arrested March 30 by the Okeechobee Narcotics Task Force on a felony charge of grand theft-auto. Her bond was set at $5,000.

• Julio Olguin Olvera, 18, N.W. 42nd Ave., Okeechobee, was arrested March 30 by Deputy Paul Jackson on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with the felony of child abuse. He is being held without bond.

• John William Mendell, 30, U.S. 441 S.E., Okeechobee, was arrested March 30 by Deputy Yero Todman on a Glades County warrant charging him with the felony of failure to appear - criminal mischief. He is being held without bond.

• Latrisha Lee Hunt, 35, Mirabella Circle S., Boca Raton, was arrested March 31 by Deputy Ben Lisle on a U.S. Marshal's warrant charging her with the felony of violation of probation - possession of cocaine. She is being held without bond.

• James Doheny, 31, W. 60th Place, Los Angeles, Calif., was arrested March 31 by Deputy Timothy Porter on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with the felony of failure to appear - grand theft and the misdemeanor of failure to appear - contributing to the delinquency of a minor. He is being held without bond.

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

Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

ACROSS

1 Dominion
6 Food on a stick
11 Olympus OM-2, briefly
14 Templo Mayor builder
15 Home to some mollusks
16 Plus
17 Guys with plenty of time for child care?
20 Stirling topper
21 One in Marseille
22 Is gaga over
23 Astern
24 They're established
26 Lament following an Elizabethan wardrobe malfunction?
31 Hei-tiki wearers
32 Passes between peaks
33 "Stat!"
34 Pop star John
35 Sched. producer
36 Tie together
38 Island R&B derivative
39 "Dragonwyck" author Seton
40 Resolution targets
41 Like Barney with his pal?
45 "Twisted" actress Richards
46 Short life story?
47 Small power source
49 The lot
50 Banff Upper Hot Springs, e.g.
53 Got locked out of a Finnish sauna during winter?
57 Feel rotten
58 End of __
59 Remove
60 Gnarly relative
61 Greek salad features
62 Lets

DOWN

1 Slew
2 University founder Cornell
3 "Up and __!"
4 Sheltered side
5 Nationwide sandwich debut of 1972
6 Citizen of Little Salem, Colorado
7 Flight stat
8 It's good for Michel
9 NFL owner who moved the Oakland Raiders to L.A. and back
10 11-Down supporters
11 Show founded as a vehicle for Scott Hamilton
12 Ear piece
13 Acuff and Orbison
18 __'acte
19 Big Ben sound
23 Prefix with ballistic
24 "Hallelujah!"
25 "That's for sure!"
26 __ blue streak
27 Inconsistent way to run
28 Baker's creations
29 Pointed out
30 Milk sources for Pecorino cheese
31 Fit together well
36 Outdoor camera user's accessory
37 Actor Robert De __
39 Dye compound
42 "Holy moly!"
43 Greening up
44 Willing cohort?
47 Way out there
48 Musical highlight
49 Cries of discovery
50 Sibelius' "The __ of Tuonela"
51 Unwanted visitor
52 Some pints
54 Fishing aid
55 Musical syllable
56 Profitable rock

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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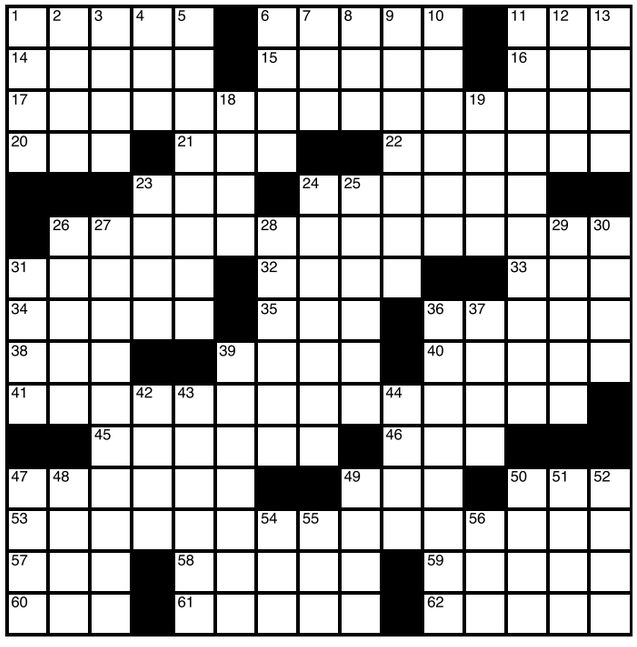

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‘Glock the Lake’ shooting competition held locally

By Katrina Elsken
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Okeechobee Shooting Sports hosted the “GLOCK the Lake” competition over the weekend.

The Glock Sport Shooting Foundation (GSSF) match consisted of three courses of fire: “Five-to-GLOCK”, “GLOCK ‘M”, “GLOCK the Plates.” Participants could shoot in any of seven divisions depending on the Glock model gun or guns they have.

Ladies also had the option to participate in an additional division, the GLOCK Girls Side Match, which ran concurrently with the GSSF match.

Jason Flesch, who coordinated the match at Okeechobee Shooting Sports, said the GSSF events appeal to new shooters because Glock gives a lot of random prizes. You don’t have to win the match to go home with a nice prize, he said.

“You don’t have to be the best shooter out there to have fun,” he added.

Over the two days of shooting, about 200 participants competed, he said, but since many entered more than one division, they had about 600 entries.

He said shooters came from all over Florida for the event. GSSF holds four to five events a year in Florida, taking advantage of the temperate weather and the popularity of shooting sports in the Sunshine State.

For information online, see okeshooting.com.

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Jennifer Venezia came from Stuart to compete in the “GLOCK the Lake” competition on Saturday. She said she shoots at Okeechobee Shooting Sports most weekends.

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Central Students of the Week

Central Elementary School would like to congratulate the students of the week for the week of March 3: Camila Berumen, Kendranique Wiggins, Anacely Alvarez, Evan McClanahan, Jose Baltazar, Wyatt Lowe, Viviana Montoya-Nava, Johana Hernandez, Tucker Rogers, James Hazen, Hailey Harden, Kaylie Perry, Lily Goulette, Addison Hayden, Yeraldin Osorio-Bello, Jeremiah Johnson, Michalyn Salas, Julia Angelos, Lily Duncan, Clinton Jenkins, Cariah Rodriguez, Logan Bottari, Syleena Lawson, Khamari Jones, Lynndsy Johnson, Sofia Zapata, Damaris Olivera, Juan Serrano and Chase Ford.

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