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Schools accused of FCAT violations

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

Two separate violations during FCAT testing at Osceola Middle School and Seminole Elementary School have prompted investigations by the school system and the Florida Department of Education.

School Superintendent Ken Kenworthy confirmed the allegations this week. At Osceola Middle School a teacher was alleged to have assisted one student with a math problem. At Seminole Elementary, the math FCAT test results of 18 fifth grade students were thrown out when an improper reference sheet that included the personal handwriting of the teacher was given to students as they took the test. This incident could lead to an impact on the overall school grade at Seminole this year.

Mr. Kenworthy said the 18 students will be held harmless by the incident and their promotion to the next grade will be determined by their overall grades during the year.

The penalties against the teachers involved could range from a letter of reprimand to more severe sanctions, he added.

Mr. Kenworthy said FCAT violations have been rare in the district since the tests were implemented.

"It is disappointing that we did have two incidents. We emphasize that no negative impacts will take place against the students. Regulations are spelled out and all of our employees are trained to follow them," he noted.

The investigation will try to determine whether these were accidental mistakes or intentional. If proven to be intentional, some discipline will be issued by both the district at the Florida Department of Education Professional Practices system.

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A brush fire burned 61 acres of a wooded area on the north side of S.W. 16th Street in Okeechobee on Saturday.

Wild fire burns 61 acres

By Katrina Elsken
Okeechobee News

A brush fire burned 61.3 acres in a wooded area on the north side of S.W. 16th Street, near S.W. 48th Avenue on Saturday.

It took firefighters about three hours to contain the blaze, which was first reported around 2 p.m.

The Florida Forest Service crews used two

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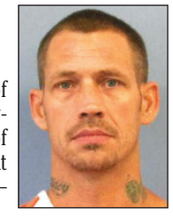
Mullin to get third trial

Man accused of causing fatal crash by jumping on hood of car



James P. Mullin

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

The 4th District Court of Appeals (DCA) has overturned the conviction of James P. Mullin and ruled that he should get a new trial — his third.

In their opinion handed down Wednesday, April 23, the appellate court found Assistant State Attorney Don Richardson made comments during his closing argument to the jury that served "... to shift the burden of proof."

When contacted Tuesday, April 28, Mr. Richardson said no date has been set for the new trial.

"I'm not sure yet. We have to bring him back for a scheduling hearing. It will be within the next few months," said the prosecutor.

Mullin, 41, is currently being held in the Franklin Correctional Institution in Carrabelle.

Mullin was arrested in August of 2009 for his

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Everglades Students of the Week

Everglades Elementary students achieving excellence in the classroom for the week of April 4 include: kindergarten students, Rosalinda Medrano, Hayden Sullivan, Karissa Woods; first graders, Br'shiya Williams, Hailey Hernandez, Diego Luviano Navarro, Alyssa Hunt-Garcia, Savannah Meeks; second grade students, Hailey Carter, Evan Gertze, Erick Reyes-Morales, Cammryn Hawes, Tucker Myers, Mariposa Gonzalez-Santibanez; third graders, Caysen Jarriel, Cody Rickard, Lynsey Ray, Jacob Perez, Rebecca Waddell, Cecilia Seca, Kayleigh Carter; fourth grade students, Hayley Syers; fifth grade students, Eliel Esquivel and Caleb Yarbrough. Congratulations to our many outstanding students.

May blood drives planned

The Big Red Bus bloodmobile will be in Okeechobee on the following dates in May:

- Friday, May 2: Samboree at KOA, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.;
- Friday, May 9: Publix, 1 to 6 p.m.;
- Saturday, May 10: Walmart, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.;
- Thursday, May 15: SFWMD Field Station, S.R. 70 E., 1 to 5 p.m.;
- Friday, May 16: Platelet and whole blood drive at Wemmer's Orthodontics, U.S. 441 N., 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.;
- Sunday, May 18: Golden Corral, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.;
- Monday, May 26: Memorial Day observance in the Park, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; and,
- Saturday, May 31: Walmart, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Fundraiser helps OHS band

Papa John's restaurant in Okeechobee is helping the Okeechobee High School Band Boosters. Every Thursday, if you order from Papa John's, they will donate 10 percent back to Band Boosters. This is valid for carry-out or delivery. Please be sure to mention you are a supporter of Okeechobee High School Band Boosters when placing your order with Papa John's. You can also order online using promo code: OCSD2014.

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Tonight: Scattered showers and thunderstorms. Low 72F. Winds SSE at 10 to 15 mph. Chance of rain 50%.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: Partly cloudy early with thunderstorms becoming likely during the afternoon. High around 90F. Winds S at 10 to 15 mph. Chance of rain 80%.

Thursday Night: Thunderstorms during the evening, then partly cloudy overnight. Low 71F. Winds SSE at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 80%.

Friday: Mostly cloudy early with thunderstorms developing later in the day. High around 90F. Winds S at 10 to 15 mph. Chance of rain 90%.

Friday Night: Thunderstorms in the evening will give way to mostly cloudy skies overnight. Low around 70F. Winds SE at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 90%.

Saturday: Thunderstorms. High 82F. Winds WSW at 10 to 15 mph.

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Hiler, Stevens winners in teen tourney

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The Big 'O' Teen Anglers March 29 tournament was held out of Okee-Tantie, and 18 anglers brought 61 fish to the scales with a total weight of 104.4 lbs.

Winners in the 11 - 15 age group were:

- First place, Josh Hiler, 9.38 lbs.;
- Second place, Ryan Barndollar, 7.76 lbs.;
- Third place, Luke Farmer, 7.51 lbs.;
- Big Fish, Jonah Segovia, 4.96 lbs.;

Winners in the 16 - 18 age group were:

- First place, Kail Stevens, 10.94 lbs. and Big Fish, 5.92 lbs.;
- Second place, Wesley Davis, 8.56 lbs.; and,
- Third place, Alex Pluskot, 8.5 lbs.

The Teen Anglers would like to thank the boat captains for all their support. Leroy Baurer, Mike Ingram, Robert Haff, Mike Jones, Jimbo Newell, Larry Wise, Mike Zubricky and Jim Pippin. Thank you Jamie Mellette for lunch following the tournament.

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Kail Stevens won first place in the 16-18 age group in the Big O Teen Anglers Tournament. He also won the prize for big fish.

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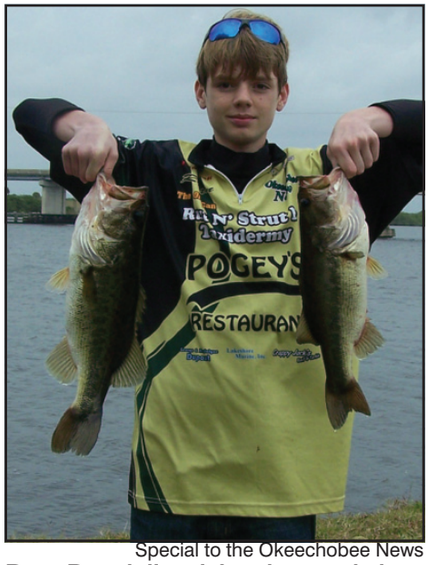
Josh Hiler won first place in the 11-15 age group.



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Ryan Barndollar claimed second place in the 11-15 age group.

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Wesley Davis placed second in the 16-18 age group.

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Alex Pluskot was the third-place finisher in the 16-18 age group.

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

Property taxes

• The heavily wooded area on SW 48th and SW 16th that caught fire Saturday is classified as agriculture by the property appraiser's office. I have driven by that property many times over the years and I have never seen any livestock on it. If there is no livestock on it, why does it have an ag exemption? I thought you had to show the property was actually being used for agriculture.

• If you want to do something fun, go to the property appraiser's web site, pull up your own property, then zoom out to where you see some of these larger, empty pieces of property/land and look at the value versus taxable value. Then look at the owners and/or how they are listed as tax exempt organizations and pay zero land tax. People can say the property appraisers office is short handed. If I can find 15 properties within 15 minutes that raise questions, why can't they? If they did 10 a week ... sooner or later they would come to that last piece of questionable property and the records would be up to date and those who have been avoiding paying their fair share over the years would be outed, caught, and made to pay what their property's true value and use are.

• It is long past time for someone to circulate a petition to our devout Christian supervisors and/or a ballot proposition that will: restore the EMT surcharge the churches simply refused to continue paying (pennies per pew occupant), thus doubling everyone else's; tax revenue-generating previously religion-exempt property as the commercial enterprise it is; tax non-active ag land as the real estate investment property it is; stop the giveaway of land and streets for church campus "integration/consolidation"; and, require ALL non-profits desiring exemptions to file certified accounting records and meet a threshold of 75 percent of total operating budgets being spent on local, non-member, genuine charity benefits.

• Every property that has ag status should be checked once a year to make sure it is actually being used for agriculture and still qualifies for that tax break.

• Tax the churches and you could appropriately pay the sheriffs's correctional officers and maintain our facility.

Vote change

• If you watch the county commission meeting, Commissioner Hoover makes the motion to offer a $500,000 compromise and Commissioner Helton votes with him in favor of it. The other three vote against it, so it fails. Then they take a 5-minute break. Then they come back and Commissioner Culpepper asks to vote again. Commissioner Hoover makes the motion again, and this time the vote is 4-1 in favor of the motion with only Commissioner Domer voting against it. So what happened in that 5 minutes? *Editor's note: Commissioner Bryant Culpepper told the Okeechobee News that during the break, Sheriff Paul May told him that he would accept the $500,000 compromise. Sheriff May confirmed to the Okeechobee News that he did speak to Mr. Culpepper during the break.*

School start times

• I heard the school board is going to discuss the school starting times at a workshop meeting. If you know any school board members, please encourage them to have the high school start later as 7 a.m. is too early for teenagers' brains to function. Just ask the teachers what it is like to teach those 7 a.m. classes. And it is dangerous for the kids to walk to the bus stops in the winter because it is pitch black. If they are going to consider changing school times, they should start with the high school and move it back to 8 a.m. or even 9 a.m. I think we would see improvement in their class work.

BLM

• Long before Cliven Bundy faced down federal agents in his dispute with the Bureau of Land Management over grazing rights, fellow Nevada rancher Raymond Yowell, an 84-year-old former Shoshone chief, watched as the BLM seized his herd — and since 2008, it's taken a piece of his Social Security checks. Yowell's 132 head of cattle had grazed for decades on the South Fork Western Shoshone Indian Reservation in northeastern Nevada until 2002, when the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) — the same agency at odds with Bundy — seized them.

Letter to the editor

Drainage ditches and culverts are cleared

I would like to share with my neighbors in Connors Gables and the administrators at Everglades Elementary School, who they should direct their thanks and appreciation to for the neighborhood and school perimeters drainage ditches being dug out and culverts cleared well in advance of the coming rainy season.

County Commissioner Bryant Culpepper is responsible for these timely actions. I met Commissioner Culpepper a few months ago at the Agri-Civic Center during the County Health Fair & Expo. We had a very nice conversation — as he is quite personable. I ran into him again a week or so later having lunch at the Tin Fish Restaurant. He invited my wife and I to join him at his table. I accepted, and I took that opportunity to discuss with him my concerns with the poor drainage in my neighborhood. After explaining what we experienced last rainy season, he insisted on following me to my house to investigate. After a great lunch at the Tin Fish, we toured Connors Gables and Everglades Elementary perimeter. Commissioner Culpepper took pictures of all the crushed-in culverts and non-existent ditches. He also had the opportunity to speak to Everglades Elementary School Assistant Principal, Mr. Ball, who was opening the bus circle gates. Mr. Ball confirmed that the school yard floods when it rains due to the poor drainage.

Commissioner Culpepper stood there on Southeast Sixth Street, pulled out his cell phone and made a call. I don't know who he spoke to, but he explained the condition of the culverts and ditches and said that the situation needed to be fixed. It wasn't too long before utilities personnel were in the neighborhood marking buried cables and water pipes with ground flags and spray paint. soon after that — ditch digging and culvert replacements took place.

We have already had a few heavy rainstorms since then, and I have not had any standing water in my yard! I am very appreciative of Commissioner Culpepper's sincere desire to help all citizens of Okeechobee — even if they do not live in his district! County Commissioner Bryant Culpepper gets things done! Thank you.

Respectfully,
Bobby Keefe

Chamber of Commerce News

• Join us on Tuesday, May 6, from 7:30 to 9 a.m. at the "Roper's Paradise Cafe" for our monthly **Power Networking Breakfast**. Get to know your local businesses and build lasting relationships in a professional environment. Do not miss this opportunity!

• 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 you necessary information for you to consider before starting a business. We'll provide you 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. Okeechobee Chamber of Commerce, 55 S. Parrott Ave. 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 at 863-467-6246 or info@okeechobeebusiness.com.

I look forward to seeing you at our events!!

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Benefit set for Eddie Cason

Okeechobee Quarters for a Cause is hosting its monthly quarter auction Tuesday, **May 20,** at the American Legion, 501 S.E. Second St., benefitting Eddie Cason who has stage-4 colon cancer. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. Come out and help support and bring lots of quarters. We're looking for new vendors. For information, call Christy at 863-697-1247.

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Fire damages Fort Drum home

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

An estimated $55,000 in damage was reported after a fire that engulfed a vehicle spread to the garage, a pump house and other areas on Saturday evening, Okeechobee County Fire/Rescue Lieutenant Robert Banfield reported.

Crews responded to 30004 N.E. 69th Terrace just before 6 p.m. and found a 1994 Honda Acura fully involved and that flames had spread to the garage area. The three-bay garage, vehicle and a four-wheel-drive Kubota tractor and other contents were all destroyed in the blaze.

Lt. Banfield's report stated the fire also spread to a nearby pump house with a water pump and storage tank and threatened a nearby doublewide trailer.

"The doublewide was 50 feet away and sustained damage to the entire north end of the trailer with all the siding melted off the trailer," the report stated.

The blaze also spread to some nearby trees, oaks and a grassy area.

Fire crews pulled two lines and extinguished the flames that were burning the north end of the trailer and then the pump house, garage and vehicles.

The Okeechobee City Fire Department provided mutual aid in the fire. Approximately 4,000 gallons of water and 10 gallons of foam were used to put out the flames.

The Okeechobee office of the American Red Cross came to the assistance of the family. The family was without water due to the damage to the water pump and pump house. The State Fire Marshal was called in to investigate the cause of the blaze.

Five fire units and nine firemen were on the scene for over three hours putting out the blaze and cleaning up the scene.

Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

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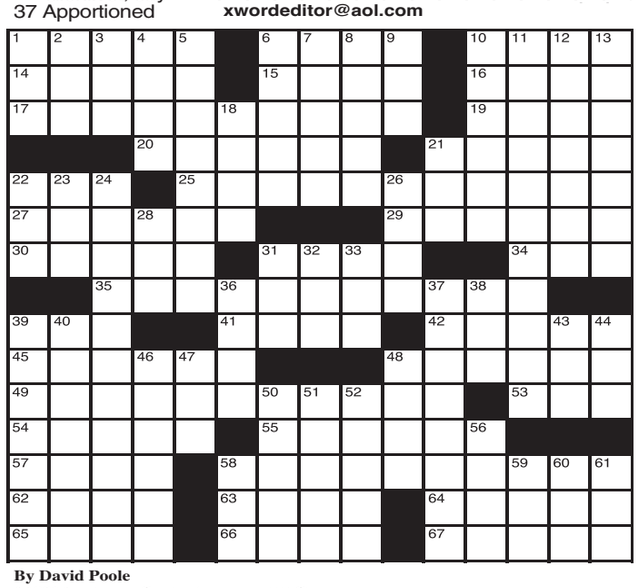

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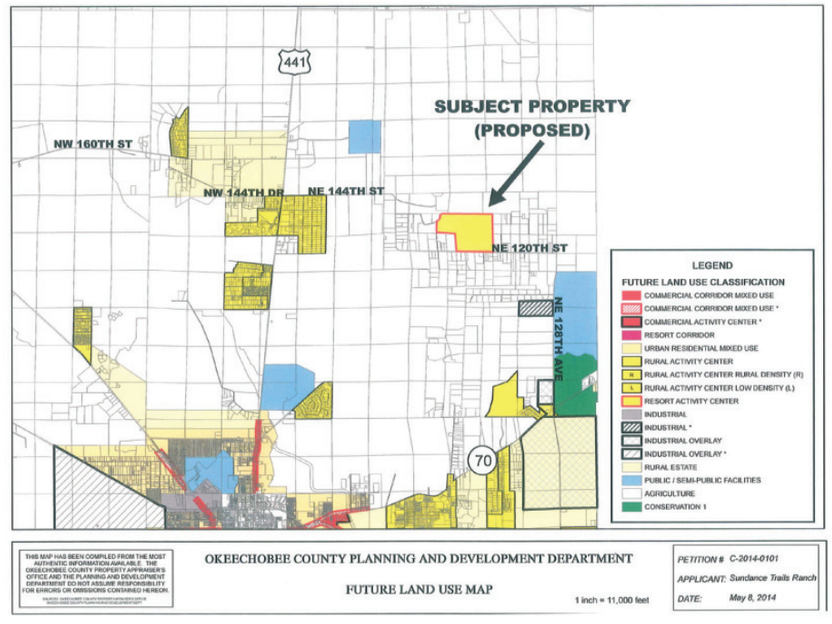
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER AN AMENDMENT TO THE OKEECHOBEE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

OKEECHOBEE COUNTY gives notice that it shall hold a public hearing before the Okeechobee County Board of County Commissioners on Thursday, May 8, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commission Meeting Room, Room 270, Historic Courthouse, 304 NW 2nd Street, Okeechobee, Florida. The purpose of the public hearing is to consider an amendment to the Comprehensive Plan of Okeechobee County, Florida and to consider authorizing transmittal of the amendment to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity.

The proposed comprehensive plan amendment is described as follows:

Rosen and Associates is the applicant. The amendment is a request to reclassify approximately 848 acres from the Agriculture future land use classification to the Resort Activity Center future land use classification. The change would increase the density for residential development from 1 unit per 10 acres to up to 1 unit per 2 acres and allow for recreational and commercial uses including recreational vehicle spaces. The affected property is described as follows:

All of the Plat of SUNDANCE TRAILS RANCH, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 7, Pages 69 through 82 inclusive, together with all of the Plat of SUNDANCE TRAILS RANCH REPLAT NO. 1, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 8, Pages 1 through 7 inclusive, together with all of the Plat of SUNDANCE TRAILS RANCH NO. 2, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 8, Pages 67 through 72 inclusive, all being of the Public Records of Okeechobee County, Florida, and All that land lying in the South one-half of Section 4, Township 36 South, Range 36 East, Okeechobee County, Florida, that is not within the boundary of the Plat of SUNDANCE TRAILS RANCH, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 7, Pages 69 through 82 inclusive, and the Plat of SUNDANCE TRAILS RANCH REPLAT NO. 1, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 8, Pages 1 through 7 inclusive, and the Plat of SUNDANCE TRAILS RANCH NO. 2, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 8, Pages 67 through 72 inclusive, all being of the Public Records of Okeechobee County, Florida.



A copy of the proposed amendment shall be available for inspection by the public during normal business hours at the Okeechobee County Planning and Development Department, 1700 NW 9th Avenue, Suite A, Okeechobee, Florida, 34972. Interested parties may appear at the meeting and be heard with respect to the proposed amendment, and may submit written comments to the Planning and Development Department prior to the hearing.

If a person decides to appeal any decisions made by the Board of County Commissioners with respect to any matter considered at the hearing, that person will need a record of the proceedings, and he may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

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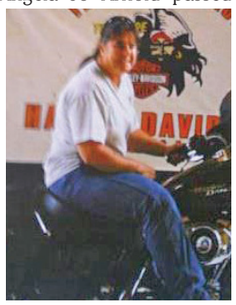
Obituaries

Angela Jo Arnold, 44



OKEECHOBEE — Angela Jo Arnold passed April 14, 2014. She was born Feb. 23, 1970.

A lifelong resident of Okeechobee, she enjoyed spending time with her family and dog and riding her Harley. She owned and operated Arnold's land clearing where she was a heavy equipment operator. She was a member of Dunklin Memorial.

Miss Arnold was preceded in death by her father, Clarence Arnold; her biological mother, Louise Arnold; brother, Mark Arnold; sister, Chrissie Williams.

She is survived by her mother, Sue Ann Arnold; son/dogs, Radar and Callie; two brothers, Mike Arnold (Joy) and Kevin Arnold; three sisters, Irene Rowell, Bonnie Arnold (Eddie) all of Okeechobee and Stacey Chapman (Jason) of Port St. Lucie; a host of nieces and nephews; and special brother-in-law, Danny Williams.

Visitation will be 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, April 18, 2014 at Buxton & Bass Okeechobee Funeral Home. Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Saturday, April 19, 2014 at Buxton & Bass Okeechobee Funeral Home. Burial will follow at Basinger Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Heroes 4 Hope.

Those wishing to leave a message of condolence may sign the register book at,

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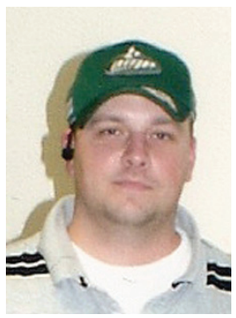
George William Reichert, Jr., 31



OKEECHOBEE — George William Reichert, Jr. died April 26, 2014.

He was born June 12, 1982 in Baltimore, Maryland to George W. Sr. and Judy Whitley Reichert. A resident of Okeechobee since 1987, he was a member of Oakview Baptist Church. He enjoyed baseball, fishing and computers.

Mr. Reichert is survived by his parents, William and Judy Reichert; daughter, Kali Marie Reichert; sister, Michelle Derry all of Okeechobee.

Memorial services will be 2 p.m. Thursday, May 1, 2014 at Oakview Baptist Church.

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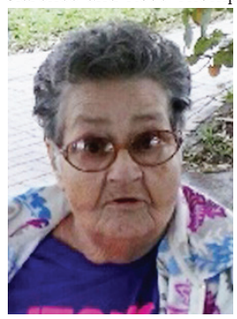
Helen Lucille Newman, 86



OKEECHOBEE — Helen Lucille Newman died April 26, 2014. She was born August 15, 1927 in Springfield, Ohio to Clarence and Rose Thompson DePriest. A resident of Okeechobee for 40 years, she was a homemaker and member of the North Okeechobee Church of God.

Mrs. Newman was preceded in death by her daughter, Barbara Gibson and her husband, Harvey Newman.

She is survived by three sons, James Rowe, Sr. (Joanne) of Okeechobee, Steve Cartwright of Adelle, Georgia and Harvey Lee Newman (Robin) of Okeechobee; three daughters, Diane Morris (Ben) of Jackson, Ohio, Ruth Brown of St. Louis, Missouri and Debbie Newman of Okeechobee; 18 grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; brother, Paul of Springfield, Ohio; and sister, Joanne of Melbourne.

Memorial services will be 11 a.m. Saturday, May 3, 2014 at North Okeechobee Church of God with Pastor Don Leon officiating.

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Robert J. 'Bob' Lee, 95

LIVE OAK — Robert J. 'Bob' Lee from Live Oak, Fla., was born on April 22, 1919.

The Shiloh, Tenn. native lived in Live Oak for 25 years and was a Veteran of WWII while serving in the Army. He raised chickens, owned a coin store, worked at Mac's Sports Shop and was an avid coin collector.

Mr. Lee is survived by his wife of 65 years, Clara Mae Lee, Live Oak; five daughters, Peggy Cashmore, Live Oak, Sally (Ralph) Beach, Okeechobee, Fla., Ann Lee, Live Oak, Marie Croft, Gainesville, Fla., Yolanda Lee, Elko, Nev.; three sons, Robert E. (Cheryl) Lee, Memphis, Tenn., Randy (Patty) Lee, Dallas, Texas, Jason (Julia) Lee, Hilton Head, S.C.; grandchildren, Kevin, Shannon, Ashley, Amanda, David, Elissya, Paul and numerous great-grandchildren.

He was proceeded in death by George Cashmore, Richard Lee, Alan Gowan and Audrey Gowan.

The family wants to send a special thanks out to the wonderful care givers, nurses and Hospice staff. Please sign the guest book at www.danielsfuneralhome.com

Daniels Funeral Homes & Crematory, Inc. Live Oak & Branford, Fla. in charge of arrangements.

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

Philip Anthony 'Tony' Mathis, 71

OKEECHOBEE — Tony Mathis died April 27, 2014. He was born January 14, 1943 in Pahokee to Philip and Jonnie Mae Mathis.

A resident of Okeechobee since 1984, he coached baseball for over 30 years - from youth leagues through High School. He treated all his players like they were his own children.

Mr. Mathis is survived by his wife of 49 years, Kay Mathis of Okeechobee; son, Tiger Mathis (Lisa) of Port St. Lucie; three daughters, Tonya Coppock (Darryl) of Lebo, Kansas, Kathy LeConey (David) of Gainesville and Jackie Morales (Luis) of Okeechobee; 8 grandchildren; 1 great grandchild; two brothers, Dennis Mathis of Hobe Sound and Jeff Mathis (Tonie) of South Carolina; and sister, Peggy Windsor (JD) of West Palm Beach.

Visitation will be 2 p.m. until services at 4 p.m. Thursday, May 1, 2014 at Buxton & Bass Okeechobee Funeral Home with Pastor Cary McKee officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Okeechobee High School Baseball Team.

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Churches plan events

Peace Lutheran Church will host a free family movie Friday, May 2, at 7:30 p.m., outdoors on the church grounds. It will be a big screen event with free popcorn and drinks. Everyone is welcome. Bring a chair and blanket and enjoy a family movie.

Okeechobee Presbyterian Church will host a Theology 101 class Sunday evenings, at 6:15 p.m., through May 16. All who want to learn more of divine truth are welcome.

Big Lake Church of God by Faith, 1002 N.W. Ninth Ave., will present a new program, Courageous Women, Saturday, May 10, at 3 p.m. The public is welcome. For information, call 863-484-2961.

The Okeechobee Church of God, 301 N.E. Fourth Ave., will host a yard sale Saturday, May 17, from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. Spaces are available for a $10 donation and come with a table. All donations go to the church. To reserve your space or to donate items, call Norma Kemp at 863-634-2930.

There are many opportunities at **Peace Lutheran Church**, including Peace Outreach, whose goals include getting everyone to discover their gifts and use them for the Glory of God. Another new event is the Peace Garden Club which focuses on church grounds. Club meetings are the last Monday of each month at 7 p.m.

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

Jesus Holy Ghost Crusade Ministry Soup Kitchen and Thrift Store, 1401 N.E. Park St., is in need of donations of any type. The thrift store is open Monday-Friday from noon to 4 p.m. and the building fund yard sale will be the first and second Saturday of every month from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call 863-634-9194.

Note: An Okeechobee Church Directory is now available at Florida.Newszap.com with addresses and service times for local churches, or go to www.newszap.com/okeechobeechurches. Send additions or corrections for the online directory to okeenews@newszap.com, or fill out the form provided on the website. ***The Okeechobee News welcomes news from area churches for this weekly column. E-mail okeenews@newszap.com.***

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Food pantry needs freezer

The Okeechobee Presbyterian Church food pantry is in need of a large (25 cubic foot capacity) chest-type freezer. It must be in excellent running condition and a newer energy-efficient model. For information or to make a donation, call Kip Gardner at 863-357-0427 or 863-610-6659.

Eagles hosting dinner

On Wednesday, **April 30**, the Cypress Hut Eagles will host a ham or meat loaf dinner prepared by the auxiliary. On Thursday, May 1, tacos will be served at the bar. The public is invited. Proceeds will go to various charities. For information, call the Cypress Hut Eagles at 863 467 1154.

Moose offers bingo, dinner

Okeechobee Moose Lodge #1753, 159 N.W. 36th St., invites you to join them for bingo at the lodge on Thursday, **May 1**, at 1 p.m. and on Friday, May 2, at 6:30 p.m. Lunch will be available for a small charge on Thursday. Sunday, May 4, is a pot luck dinner at 2 p.m. Please bring a covered dish. Sunday breakfast will resume in the fall.

Run aids Special Olympics

The Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Florida will be held Friday, **May 2**. The run will start at the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office, 504 N.W. Fourth St., at 9 a.m. and will conclude at the Publix Supermarket parking lot, 3551 U.S. 441 S. Following the run, a barbecue will be held in the Publix parking lot. If you would like to run, be at the sheriff's office at 8:30 am. Friday and buy a T-shirt. For information, call Michele Bell at 863-763-3117.

Trail Club planning benefit

The Big Lake Trail Riders Club is a non-profit organization that puts on an equestrian 5-speed show event every third Saturday of the month at the Okeechobee Cattlemen's Arena on U.S. 441 N. We have been a part of history at that arena since 1986. Our club is having a quarter auction to help pay for our expenses on Friday, **May 2**, at the Okeechobee Civic Center on U.S. 98 N. Doors will open at 6 p.m. There will also be a spaghetti dinner for $6. For information, call Donna Munn at 863-447-9595.

Youth grid sign-ups slated

Okeechobee Wolverines youth football and cheer travel league sign-ups are at W&W Lumber on S.R. 70 E. on Saturday, **May 3**, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. The price is $40. You must be 4-6 years old for flag football and cheer, and 7-15 years old for tackle football and cheer. All players most have a physical and present a birth certificate before July 7. There will be five teams in the age range. There will be five away games and five home games. Games are on Saturdays only. They are asking for parent volunteers and coaching help. Call Alan Hayes at 863-697-0398 or Leann Wester at 863-801-6157 for information.

Martha's House hosting sale

Martha's House, 4134 U.S. 441 N., will host a yard sale Saturday, **May 3,** from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. All clothing is $1.

Pitch, hit and run scheduled

Pitch, hit and run will be held Saturday, **May 3**, at the sports complex baseball field #4 from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. For information, call 863-763-6950.

OCSO hosting memorial

The annual Law Enforcement Memorial will be held Monday, **May 5**, on the steps of the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office starting at 9 a.m. The memorial will honor those members of law enforcement who lost their lives in the line of duty.

Moose to host Taco Day

Okeechobee Moose Lodge #1753, 159 N.W. 36th St., will host Taco Day on Monday, **May 5**, from noon until 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 7, is Wing Night from 5 until 7 p.m. Bingo is Thursday, May 8, at 1 p.m. Lunch will be available for a small charge on Thursday.

Volunteer to help seniors

If you are 55 or older, join us on Thursday, **May 8**, from 9 until 10:30 a.m. for a free cup of coffee and light breakfast at the Brown Cow Sweetery, 103 S.W. Park St. Learn how you can volunteer to help other seniors in your community. For information, contact: Darlene Forage by calling 772-349-5073 or by e-mail at dforage@youradrc.org; or, contact Marco Cuevas by calling 863-484-2907 or by e-mail at mcuevas@okeechobeevolunteers.org. RSVP to Darlene Forage or Marco Cuevas as space is limited.

Moose Rally set for May 10

Okeechobee Moose Lodge #1753, 159 N.W. 36th St., will host its Moose Rally with food at the Tiki Hut on Friday, **May 9**, at 6:30 p.m. and Saturday, May 10, at noon with food from 2 until 6 p.m.

Shared Services meeting set

The Executive Roundtable of the Shared Services Network of Okeechobee County will meet at 1:30 p.m. Friday, **May 9**, in the board room of the Okeechobee County School Board office. For information, call Sharon Vinson 863-462-5000, ext. 257.

IRSC spring commencement set for May 2

Over 3,000 graduates is largest number of bachelor's degrees ever awarded by IRSC

PORT ST. LUCIE—On Friday, May 2, Indian River State College will hold its 2014 Spring Commencement Ceremony at 7 p.m. at Tradition Field/Mets Stadium in Port St. Lucie, topping the 3,000 mark in the number of graduates for the second straight year and awarding the largest number of bachelor's degrees ever.

During this academic year, 3,110 students have earned an associate or bachelor's degrees from IRSC. The growth of the college's bachelor's degree programs is reflected in a 17 percent increase in graduates, with 514 baccalaureate graduates.

Almost 2,600 students earned associate degrees in 2013-14, with 1,857 students earning an Associate in Arts (AA) degree and 736 students earning an Associate in Science (AS) or Associate in Applied Science (AAS) degree. Associate in Arts graduates are typically focused on gaining the academic foundation to progress toward a bachelor's degree at IRSC or other college to a university. Associate in Science graduates have gained skills for in-demand technical careers after two years of college and may opt to enter the workforce or continue toward a bachelor's degree at IRSC.

This year's commencement speaker will be Dr. William E. Trueheart, president of Achieving the Dream, the nation's most comprehensive movement for student success in higher education. IRSC was recently selected to join the prestigious national Achieving the Dream network of colleges to enhance student outcomes and increase achievement for first generation in college and minority students.

For the first time, IRSC will also feature a student commencement speaker. Olivia Sims, an outstanding IRSC graduate, will provide reflections on her experiences as an IRSC student. Sims, 20, has been named a national 2014 Coca-Cola Community College Academic Team Gold Scholar and is a member of the 2014 All-Florida Academic Team. She completed her AA degree with a "straight A" 4.0 grade point average, served as Vice President of IRSC's Campus Coalition Government, and is a member of the College's National Championship Swimming and Diving Team. Extremely involved in community service, Olivia is preparing for a career in nursing.

Dr. Trueheart serves as a member of the 21st Century Commission on the Future of Community Colleges, the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching Statistics Pathways Steering Committee, the Gulf Coast Partners Achieving Student Success National Advisory Board, and as co-chair of the Data/Metrics Advisory Panel for the Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence. He serves on the Board of the Association of Governing Boards, as Vice Chair of the Board of the Commonfund, Inc., and as Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee of Johnson and Wales University.

During the commencement ceremony 151 outstanding graduates will receive transfer scholarships from the IRSC Foundation, totaling over $566,885 to continue their education to upper division universities and IRSC. These graduates will be awarded scholarships based on academic achievement, community service and leadership thanks to the generous contributions of local businesses, individuals and community organizations to the IRSC Foundation.

In celebration of commencement, IRSC students and employees are invited to IRSC Night at Tradition Field/Mets Stadium in Port St. Lucie when the St. Lucie Mets play the Palm Beach Cardinals at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 8.

The rain date for commencement is Saturday, May 4, at 9:30 a.m. in Tradition Field/Mets Stadium. Students and families are advised to monitor www.irsc.edu, IRSC Facebook, WQCS 88.9 FM or call 1-866-792-4772 in case of rain. A commencement ceremony will also be held in December.

IRSC spring graduates from Okeechobee County

Special to the Okeechobee News

Indian River State College congratulates the following Okeechobee residents who will graduate this spring. (The commencement lists include students who applied for graduation by April 11.)

The IRSC Spring Commencement will be held on Friday, May 2, at 7 p.m. at Tradition Field (St. Lucie Mets Stadium), St. Lucie West.

Associate in Arts Degree

Jochen Anglin
Monica Marie Anuez
Jennifer Arellano
Kristen Ann Barnes
Emily Ann Berggren
Richard Leon Blackwood Jr.
Katrina Ruth Bosworth
Thomas Burford
Michael William Carter
Morgan M. Carter
Taylor Nicole Davis
Cain Carlitos Elliott
Andrea Lizette Estrada
Taylor Renee' Fulford
Logan Glenn Furiato
Amanda Lynn Goggans
Kyla Danielle Hargraves
Angela Marie Hazellief
Kim Faye Hopkins
Jessica Jaimes
Renee L. Juarez
Erin Jill Kersey
Mary B. Kimbrough
Logan Maxwell Kindell
Teresa Marie Leppert
Yujun Han Lincoln
Diareny Medina
Wesley Taylor Mims
Stanly Tran Ngo
Kayla Leann Orr
Shelby Dawn Pollock
Garrett S. Rucks
Oscar Ruiz
Amanda Rumbaugh
Vannesa Marie Sanchez
Carlos Santibanez
Andrew A. Selvey
Laura Elizabeth Shaheen
Tabitha Rae Smith
Ruth Sarai Solorzano
Sara Joelle Sparks
Andrea Guadalupe Stark
Ryan M. Starnes
Gregory Scott Straight
Krista Marie Ward
Ashley Lynn Watson
Chelsea Michele Wharin

Associate in Applied Science Degree

Javier Garcia-Gomez
Erin Jill Kersey
Frederick Williams
Lester Yeates Jr.

Associate in Science Degree

Casandra Helble Almazan
Kelly Marie Anderson
Brett Bridges
Summer Savannah Callaway
Audelia R. Chapa
Bonnie Chappell
Philip James-Knoetgen Dejean
Sherry Watson Douglas
Victor Gabriel Gandarilla Jr.
Reina Roble Garcia
Stephanie Chouinard Garrison
Lora Nicole Gomez
David Michael Harris
Ruben Hernandez Jr.
Krystal Sue Kemp
Rachael Renee Laskey
Hayley Caroline Orr
Tiffany Lyn Peters
Vianey Pineda
Erica Victoria Rodriguez
Robert Michael Rodriguez
Vicenta Torres Ruiz
Roshni Sabuji
Heather Shadix
Whitney Collins Smith
Stephanie Tamara Summers
Raquel Torres
Hailey M. Venables
Tabitha Lousie Vonderau
Taylor Mckenzie Waldron
Ann Walters
Nathan John Willbarger
Erika Williams

Bachelor of Applied Science Degree

Phillip Roland Arnold
Amanda Lynn Rodriguez
Juliet Adeltha Skinner
Jeffery Whitlock

Bachelor of Science Degree

Maria Soledad Hernandez
Robert Duane Staton
Alicia Torres

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).

• Aysia Simone Browdy, 29, N.W. 12th St., Okeechobee, was arrested April 25 by Officer J.P. Zeigler on a felony charge of grand theft. Her bond on that charge was set at $2,500. Browdy was later arrested by Deputy Yero Todman on Okeechobee County warrants charging her with the felonies of criminal use of personal identification information (two counts), forgery (two counts) and uttering a forged instrument (two counts). Her bond on those charges was set at $11,000.

• Pittman Jason Sampson, 39, N.E. 49th Ave., Okeechobee, was arrested April 25 by Deputy Yero Todman on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with the felony of violation of probation - driving under the influence. He is being held without bond.

• Eric Caballero, 39, N.W. 160th Drive, Okeechobee, was arrested April 25 by Detective Ted Van Deman on felony charges of lewd and lascivious conduct and sexual battery - victim 12 years of age or under. His bond was set at $200,000.

• Jose Luis Carrasco, 40, N.E. 224th St., Okeechobee, was arrested April 25 by Detective Ted Van Deman on a felony charge of lewd and lascivious battery - victim 12-15 years of age. His bond was set at $100,000.

• Penny Marie Nowlin, 57, S.W. 23rd St., Okeechobee, was arrested April 26 by Deputy Leland Schoonmaker on a misdemeanor charge of driving under the influence. Her bond was set at $500.

• Christopher Jacob Willet, 20, S.E. 33rd St., Okeechobee, was arrested April 27 by Deputy Nathaniel Mitchell on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with the felony of failure to appear - possession of a legend drug without a prescription and the misdemeanor charge of failure to appear - contempt of court. He is being held without bond.

• Steven Mitchell Alderete, 26, N.W. 12th St., Okeechobee, was arrested April 27 by Officer J.P. Zeigler on a felony charge of domestic battery by strangulation. His bond was set at $2,500.

• Bobby Wade Walker, 33, S.E. 43rd St., Okeechobee, was arrested April 27 by Deputy Timothy Porter on a misdemeanor charge of driving under the influence. His bond was set at $500.

• David Thomas Stagani, 43, S.W. 23rd St., Okeechobee, was arrested April 27 by Deputy Steven Pollock on a misdemeanor charge of driving under the influence. His bond was set at $500.

• Donald Leo Gordon, 52, N.W. 28th Ave., Okeechobee, was arrested April 28 by Deputy Steven Pollock on a misdemeanor charge of driving under the influence. He was released on his own recognizance.

• Gustavo Anthony Escobedo, 57, N.W. 18th St., Okeechobee, was arrested April 29 by Deputy Steven Pollock on a misdemeanor charge of driving under the influence. He was released on his own recognizance.

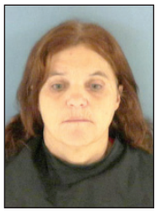
This column lists arrests and not convictions, unless otherwise stated. Anyone listed here who is later found innocent or has had the charges against them dropped is welcome to inform this newspaper. The information will be confirmed and printed.

Agri-Civic Center open to public for exercising

Unless an event is taking place, the Okeechobee County Agri-Civic Center grounds are open to area residents for exercise activities such as walking, running, and bike riding on a daily basis. The gate on S.R. 70 is open from 7 a.m. until dusk for residents to access the roads and parking lots within the facility. While the county encourages area residents to take advantage of the opportunity to use the facility grounds for exercise, the staff asked everyone to help keep the facility clean by not littering.

Okeechobee woman charged with killing puppy

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News


Mary V. Raulerson

An Okeechobee woman is being held on bond after she was allegedly involved in a fight with another woman and then reportedly killed a 2-week-old puppy that belonged to the victim.

An arrest report by Deputy Steven Pollock, of the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO), stated Mary Virginia Raulerson grabbed up two, 2-week-old Chihuahua puppies that belonged to the victim. She then threw them onto the floor of the home and screamed "die, die die!" added the report.

One of them died in front of the deputy.

Raulerson, 49, S.W. 18th Ave., was arrested Monday, April 28, on two felony charges of animal cruelty - causing cruel death, pain and suffering and one misdemeanor count of battery.

She is being held in the Okeechobee County Jail on $6,000 bond.

According to Deputy Pollock's report Raulerson and the victim were arguing about some past issue when she twice grabbed the victim by the shoulders and shoved her. The victim apparently was not injured.

At some point Raulerson went into a bedroom in the home where the puppies were being kept with their mother. One of the puppies was brown and white, and the other was all brown.

The deputy stated Raulerson walked out of the bedroom with the puppies and threw them onto the floor. The woman then walked outside the home to wait for law enforcement to arrive, continued the report.

"The white and brown puppy was lying in the hallway of the residence. I observed the puppy's forehead to be swollen (the skull was deformed) and a small amount of blood coming from its mouth," stated the deputy in his report. "The puppy was lightly breathing and while I was taking digital photographs of the puppy, it expired."

Deputy Pollock said the other puppy had a small amount of blood coming from its nose but it did not seem to be harmed in any other manner.

The deputy went on to state he contacted Okeechobee Animal Control and Officer Jeff Parramore responded. After checking the second puppy, he apparently told Deputy Pollock it appeared to be OK.

That puppy was returned to its mother.

Another witness to the events verified the victim's account of what had happened, stated Deputy Pollock.

Hershey Track/Field games planned

The Hershey's Track and Field games will be held Friday, May 16, at 9 a.m. at the Okeechobee High School, 2800 N. U.S. 441. For more than 35 years, the games have inspired youth ages 9-14 to be their best while having fun with every run, jump and throw. For information, call 863-763-6950.

Healthy Start group to meet

Okeechobee Healthy Start Coalition will meet Friday, May 16, from 2 until 4 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Okeechobee's Fellowship Hall, 401 S.W. Fourth St. The meeting is open to the public. The coalition is made up of citizens interested in promoting healthy families and healthy outcomes for babies in Okeechobee. For information, contact executive director Kay Begin at 863-462-5877.

MULLIN

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connection in the death of Anthony 'Tony' Richard Gehle.

On May 14, 2010, he was found guilty of manslaughter and two counts of culpable negligence. Then, because of his 10 prior felony convictions, Circuit Court Judge Robert Belanger declared Mullin to be a habitual felony offender and sentenced him to a maximum of 30 years in prison.

Mullin was found guilty of jumping onto the hood of Mr. Gehle's car and trying to punch him through the open window of the driver's door. In the car with Mr. Gehle were his then 5-year-old daughter, Catelyn, and Amber Anthony — the sister of his estranged wife, Angela.

Mr. Gehle was taking his daughter to her mother's Oak Park home, which Mrs. Gehle was sharing with Mullin at the time. Mullin became enraged and tried to goad Mr. Gehle into a fight. When Mr. Gehle got into his car to leave, Mullin chased after him and jumped onto the hood.

Because Mr. Gehle's vision was apparently blocked by Mullin, he ran a stop sign at the intersection of S.W. 32nd Ave. and S.W. 21st St. His red Toyota Corolla was then hit in the driver's door by an oncoming F-350 Ford pickup truck. Mr. Gehle died shortly after the crash.

Catelyn, who was in the back seat of the car, survived the crash but has had to undergo a number of surgical procedures to her face. Ms. Anthony, who was in the front passenger seat, suffered a back injury.

Because of the injuries to Catelyn and Ms. Anthony, Mullin was charged with two counts of culpable negligence.

In 2012, Mullin filed his first appeal and was granted a new trial because the jury did not hear all of Mrs. Gehle's taped testimony.

As the jury was deliberating at the 2010 trial, they asked that the testimony of Angela regarding Mullin jumping on the hood of Mr. Gehle's car be replayed.

The 4th DCA ruled that even though the trial court replayed the relevant portions of Mrs. Gehle's testimony under direct examination by Mr. Richardson, her cross examination by Public Defender Stanley Glenn was not replayed for the jury.

"The defendant insists the failure to include the cross examination, as requested by the defense, was reversible error. We agree," penned the appellate justices.

On June 29, 2012, Mullin was again found guilty by a six-member Okeechobee County jury at his second trial.

During the rebuttal portion of Mr. Richardson's closing argument at that trial, he told the jury in order to find Mullin not guilty they had to believe that three witnesses lied about Mullin jumping onto the hood of Mr. Gehle's car.

According to the appellate court's opinion, Mr. Richardson told the jury: "... if you want to find him not guilty here are the things that you would have to find to make that not — to check that not guilty box off (on the verdict form). Angela Gehle, K.G. sp (Catelyn) and Amber Anthony all fabricated their testimony. They all got up on the stand. They raised their right hand, they looked you square in the eye and they lied. Are you prepared to believe that?"

The appellate justices ruled that statement served "... to shift the burden of proof."

The justices went on to point out that after the prosecutor made that statement, Mr. Glenn objected. Then, as the two attorneys discussed the objection during a sidebar with Judge Belanger, Mr. Richardson did not take down a power point presentation that pointed out what the jury would have to believe to find Mullin not guilty.

In their most recent opinion, the justices stated: "The standard for a criminal conviction is not which side is more believable, but whether, taking all the evidence into consideration, the state has proven every essential element of the crime beyond a reasonable doubt. For that reason, it is error for a prosecutor to make statements that shift the burden of proof and invite the jury to convict the defendant for some reason other than that the state has proved its case beyond a reasonable doubt."

Even though Judge Belanger presided over the two previous trials, Mr. Richardson said this time current Circuit Court Judge Sherwood Bauer would hear the case.

Mullin will again be represented by Mr. Glenn, added the prosecutor.

FCAT

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"I'm very proud of the fact that most of our teachers are doing what they need to be doing. Sometimes accidents happen and sometimes a poor choice is made. Regardless, we'll wait until the investigation is over to determine how to proceed," he added.

Because the 18 student test scores won't be counted, Seminole could lose as many as 36 points used to calculate their school grade this year, Kenworthy stated, he noted the formula takes into account the number of students in the school that reach a certain level of proficiency and also considers learning gains.

"Every student is worth two points to the school so the school grade will be decreased more than likely by 36 points. It depends on how they fare in other tests like reading, science and writing on whether this will lower the school grade," he added.

The state would consider it an unfair advantage for the students to have the wrong reference sheet with the teacher's handwriting on it. Impossible to determine is whether or how much each student used the reference sheet. Another issue will be the difficulty in proving intent on the part of the teacher.

"A reference sheet is pretty common. Any student that has to take the FCAT math should be able to produce a reference sheet, it just so happens there was the additional writing, the question is how did that sheet get distributed rather than the real reference sheet that should have been used. There are a lot of unknowns but the investigation will determine that," he added.

Mr. Kenworthy also put to bed a community-wide rumor that stated a substitute janitor interrupted two teachers after school hours in a sexually compromising position last week. He said an investigation was undertaken at that school and officials could not confirm the incident occurred.

"We interviewed 15 people. At this point we've exhausted all of the names we've had and nobody was able to report or confirm anything. We are calling it unfounded at this point."

In other school board-related news, Cheryl Kirton has filed to run for School Board in District 1, Dixie Ball in District 3 and Jill Clericuzio Holcomb in District 5.

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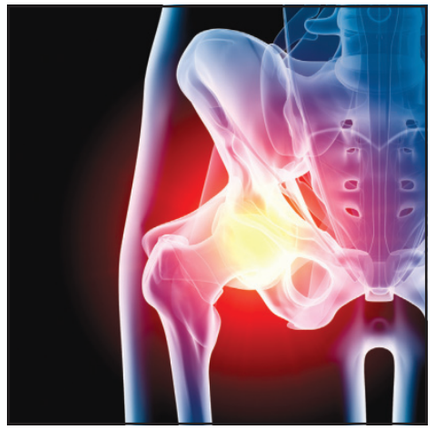

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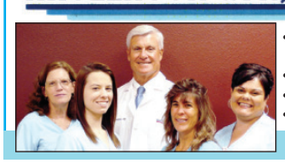

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Branham excited about OHS spring grid practice

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

Okeechobee football coach Chris Branham is thrilled with the results of his off-season work out plan and predicts his team will do a good job installing a new offense once spring football practice begins next Friday.

There were 116 players who showed up for off-season conditioning that includes sessions of weight lifting, a lot of running, and various conditioning drills.

The program also played in numerous passing leagues known as 7-on-7 through the United States Sports Association.

Okeechobee is installing the Pistol Wing T offense that comes from a coach in California. It is based out of a shotgun set and allows the team to have more skill players on the field at one time. The offensive line will be asked to do zone blocks and kick out blocks rather than down field blocks like in the I formations run in the past. It will also emphasize a short passing game.

The depth chart entering preseason includes Antawyn Fludd and Cory Surls battling it out to become the starting quarterback. Fludd is looked at as a dual threat and has impressed in the passing leagues. Surls is the classic pocket passer who showed improvement throughout last season.

Top returners include Dee Shockley who will shift to strong side linebacker and tailback, Devion Wigfall, a starter at defensive tackle who broke his leg last year, Mitchell Madrigal at middle linebacker, G.W. Jarriel at cornerback, Zeke Matthews at safety, Tristen Anderson at corner back, Andrew Wine at linebacker Arthur Woodruff at defensive end, Greg Hernandez at offensive tackle, Edrick Neal at offensive center, Mikel Sadler on the offensive line, Drayton Billie at running back and wing back, Marquez McLemore at wide receiver, Chris Epps at defensive back, and Tyrone Peterson, defensive linemen.

JV players to get a long look in the preseason include, Juan Yae Ford, Alex Garcia, Jacob Emmick and Wyatt Bessenbacher at wide receiver, plus linemen Darion Kessler, Joe Benjamin, and Fred Bradley.

Branham is very optimistic that May will be a productive month for his program.

"We are very optimistic, we've had a great off season, it's a young team with quite a bit of talent, we hope we can learn, jell together and grow during spring ball," he said.

The biggest area of concern will be the offensive line which lost four starters to graduation. Players like Hernandez, Sadler and Neal will be counted on. Neal appears healthier after a sophomore year battling knee issues.

Branham said the new offensive philosophy will fit in with the talent his players have. The backs will be asked to make quick cuts and he expects some growing pains but also some big plays.

"I feel the system will really benefit the young kids. We want to get better now and we're already a little stronger than last year. In the next few years I think the system will pay off as the kids get older, more familiar with it, and more comfortable in the system," he added.

Branham expects the offense to really kick into gear after the first month of the season in 2014.

The eighth grade group has had about 50 players at workouts after school. Key players to watch include Ja Juan Cherry, Lamar Williams, Robert Futch, Janavise Futch, Kysell Richardson, George Marshall, Jarrett Mills and several others.

New coaches in the program include Nate Pollard, Steve Smith and Rex Irwin Jr. Chaka Smith, Tyrone Smith, Joe Smith and Jeff Whitlock also return to the sidelines.

The annual purple white scrimmage is scheduled for Friday, May 30. The eighth graders will play first with a team from Yearling to oppose a team from Osceola Middle School. The varsity team, will play after the younger kids play.

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>
> **OHS coach Chris Branham**

Off-season camps planned include a Wellington camp on June 13, a skills camp on June 20-22, a linemen camp at the University of South Florida from June 27-29, and a camp known as grind it out from July 21-23.

The program will also hold a brickyard fundraiser and sell bricks to fans and supporters that will be placed near the restroom complex on the home side of Brahman Stadium. Each brick costs $100. Proceeds will also benefit the OHS wrestling program.

The program also intends to have three teams next fall. A freshman team will play six games, a junior varsity an eight-game schedule and the varsity a 10-game regular season and a kickoff classic at home versus Lake Placid. Okeechobee plays Glades Day School as their regular season opener at home this year.

FIRE

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dozers and two fire engines to fight the fire. Okeechobee County Fire/Rescue firefighters also battled the brush fire.

According to the Florida Forest Service report, the cause of the fire is unknown.

Florida's dry season, which runs through June, brings increased danger of wild fires.

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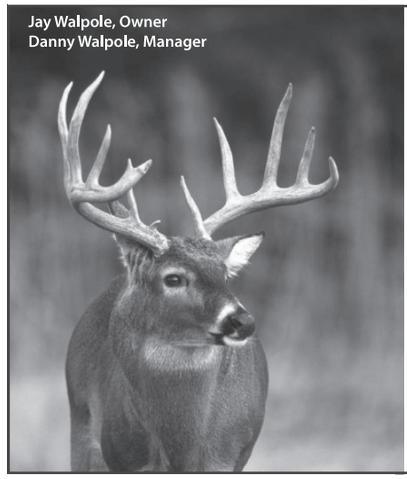

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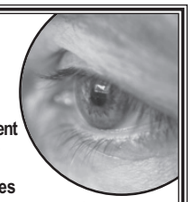

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Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 14000119

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA,
Plaintiff,
VS.
UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS,; et al.,
Defendant(s)

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: Unknown Heirs, Beneficiaries, Devisees, Grantees, Assignees, Lienors, Creditors, Trustees, and all other parties claiming an Interest By, Through, Under or Against the Estate of Carlos Alvarado, Deceased Last Known Residence: Unknown

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property in Okeechobee County, Florida:

LOT 117, PIONEER ESTATES UNIT NO. 3, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGES 31 AND 32, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA. 1994 MERI DOUBLE-WIDE MOBILE HOME WITH ID# FLHML2F38411375A AND FLHML2F38411375B AND TITLE #71102405 AND 71102404.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on ALDRIDGE CONNORS, LLP, Plaintiffs attorney, at 1615 South Congress Avenue, Suite 200, Delray Beach, FL 33445 (Phone Number: (561) 392-6391), within 30 days of the first date of publication of this notice, and file the original with the clerk of this court; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.

Dated on April 17, 2014.

SHARON ROBERTSON
As Clerk of the Court
By: Arlene Nealis

465016 ON 4/30;5/7/2014

LEGAL NOTICE

Public Auction will be held at Johns Towing Service storage lot located at 704 Northeast 2nd Avenue, Okeechobee, Florida 34972 on MAY 16, 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.

2004 CHEVY SILVERADO
VIN #1GCEC19X34Z210760
1996 FORD MUSTANG
VIN #1FALP404XTF112265
2006 CHEVY TRAILBLAZER
VIN #1GNDS13S462172535

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.

465169 ON 4/30/2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 2012-CA-555

TD BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
Plaintiff,
VS.
JAMES C. HESTER; TIFFANY D. HESTER; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JAMES C. HESTER; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF TIFFANY D. HESTER; CONNERS GABLES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; 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 April 10, 2014 (the "Judgment"), entered in Civil Case No. 2012-CA-555 of the Circuit Court of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Okeechobee County, Florida, in which TD BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, is Plaintiff, and JAMES C. HESTER, TIFFANY D. HESTER, CONNERS GABLES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., JOHN DOE n/k/a JAMES HESTER SR. and JANE DOE n/k/a REBECCA HESTER 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 May 21, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. to the "highest bidder," for cash in the Jury Assembly Room at the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 2nd Floor, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida 34972, in accordance with Section 45.031, Florida Statutes.

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

The following property located in Okeechobee, Florida, is the subject of this Notice of Sale:

Lot 6, less the North 63 feet thereof and the North 66 feet of Lot 7, Block 18, of a revised and addition to plat of Conners Gables, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 3, Page(s) 15, Public Records of Okeechobee County, Florida

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 April 10, 2014.

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

465039 ON 4/23,30/2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
File No.: 2014000052CP

IN RE: ESTATE OF
PATRICIA D. DURRANCE
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of PATRICIA D. DURRANCE, deceased, whose date of death was March 13, 2014, is pending in the Circuit Court for Okeechobee County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 312 NW 3rd St., Okeechobee, FL 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 on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their 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.

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

The date of first publication of this notice is April 18, 2014.

Personal Representative:
Michael Dodd Bulger
23095 Tarpon Ln.
Cudjoe Key, FL 33042

Attorney for Personal Representative:
John J. Managan, Jr., Esq.
Attorney for Petitioner
Florida Bar No. 0010020
LAW OFFICES OF
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901 SW Martin Downs Blvd., Ste. 201
Palm City, FL 34990
Telephone: (772) 324-9050
Email: jmangan@jmanganlaw.com

464960 ON 4/23,30/2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO: 13000200CAAXMX

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
Plaintiff,
VS.
COURTNEY N. GAST A/K/A COURTNEY NICOLE GAST A/K/A COURTNEY GAST, ET AL.,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: **TIMOTHY L. GEORGE**
7705 SE 57TH DRIVE
OKEECHOBEE, FL 34974 OR
1360 LAKE JOSEPHINE DR.
SEBRING, FL 33875

UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF TIMOTHY L. GEORGE
7705 SE 57TH DRIVE
OKEECHOBEE, FL 34974
OR
1360 LAKE JOSEPHINE DR.
SEBRING, FL 33875

LAST KNOWN ADDRESS STATED, CURRENT RESIDENCE UNKNOWN

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose Mortgage covering the following real and personal property described as follows, to-wit:

LOT 143, PIONEER ESTATES, UNIT 4, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 81, PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA. TOGETHER WITH A 2001, DOUBLEWIDE MOBILE HOME, VIN #'S: FLHML2B34624111A AND FLHML2B34624111B.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Antonio Andres Caula, Butler & Hosch, P.A., 3185 South Conway Road, Suite E, Orlando, Florida 32812 and file the original with the Clerk of the above-styled Court on or before 30 days from the first publication, otherwise a Judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

WITNESS my hand and seal of said Court on the 17th day of April, 2014.

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 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.

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
BY: Arlene Nealis
Deputy Clerk

465019 ON 4/23,30/2014

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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: 47-2011-CA-000293-CAAX-MX

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC
Plaintiff
VS.
EUGENE E. MCINTYRE A/K/A
EUGENE MCINTYRE, et al.
Defendant(s),

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above-styled case, I will sell the property located in OKEECHOBEE County, Florida, described as:

The West 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the South 1/2 of the North 1/2 of Tract 5 and the East 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the South 1/2 of the North 1/2 of Tract 5, Section 25, in THE SOUTHERN COLONIZATION COMPANY PLAT of Township 34 South, Range 33 East, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 4, Pages 3 through 3E, of the Public Records of Okeechobee County, Florida, a/k/a Lots E and F.

To include a:
2005 CLAY VIN WHC014475GAA
Title #0093419653
2005 CLAY VIN WHC014475GAB
Title #0093420058
Property address:
15373 Nw 270th St
Okeechobee, FL 34972

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, at THE JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM OF THE OKEECHOBEE COUNTY JUDICIAL CENTER, 312 NW 3RD STREET, 2ND FLOOR, OKEECHOBEE, FL 34972, beginning at 11:00 A.M. the 28th day of May, 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 7th day of February, 2014.

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

462509 ON 4/30;5/7/2013

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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-000366-CAAX-MX

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
Plaintiff,
VS.
ROBERT L. WALKER, JR. A/K/A ROBERT LARRY WALKER, JR. A/K/A ROBERT WALKER, JR A/K/A ROBERT L. WALKER A/K/A ROBERT WALKER; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ROBERT L. WALKER, JR. A/K/A ROBERT LARRY WALKER, JR. A/K/A ROBERT WALKER, JR A/K/A ROBERT L. WALKER A/K/A ROBERT WALKER; WENDY L. WALKER A/K/A WENDY LINDA WALKER A/K/A WENDY WALKER; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF WENDY L. WALKER A/K/A WENDY LINDA WALKER A/K/A WENDY WALKER; 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:

LOT 599, TAYLOR CREEK ISLES, SECTION SIX, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGE 30, PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA; TOGETHER WITH A 1988 DOUBLE WIDE MOBILE HOME, TITLE NUMBERS 45653097 AND 45679591.
To include a:
1988 GLEN VIN FLFLJ791A07791GL 0045653097
1988 GLENN VIN FLFLJ791B07791GL 0045679591

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 May 28, 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 24th day of April, 2014.

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

NOTICE

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.
SPANISH: Si usted es una persona discapacitada que necesita alguna adaptacion para poder participar de este procedimiento o evento; usted tiene derecho, sin costo alguno a que se le provea cierta ayuda. Favor de comunicarse con Corrie Johnson, Coordinadora de A.D.A., 250 NW Country Club Drive, Suite 217, Port St. Lucie, Fl. 34986, (772) 807-4370 por lo menos 7 dias antes de que tenga que comparecer en corte o inmediatamente despues de haber recibido esta notificacion si es que falta menos de 7 dias para su comparecencia. Si tiene una discapacidad auditiva o de habla, llame al 711.
KREYOL: Si ou se yon moun ki kokobe ki bezwen asistans ou aparey pou ou ka patisipe nan prosedu sa-a, ou gen dwa san ou pa bezwen peye anyen pou ou jwen on seri de ed. Tanpri kontakte Corrie Johnson, Co-ordinator ADA, 250 NW Country Club Drive, suite 217, Port St. Lucie, FL 34986, (772) 807-4370 O'mwen 7 jou avan ke ou gen pou-ou paret nan tribunal, ou imediatman ke ou resevwa avis sa-a ou si le ke ou gen pou-ou ale nan tribunal-la mwens ke 7 jou; Si ou pa ka tande ou pale byen, rele 711.

465172 ON 4/30;5/7/2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.: 472013CA000163CAAXMX

PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO NATIONAL CITY BANK, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO HARBOR FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK,
Plaintiff,
VS.
JOAQUIN D. DOMINGUEZ, et al,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated March 20, 2014, and entered in Case No. 472013CA000163CAAXMX 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 Joaquin D. Dominguez also known as Joaquin Dominguez, Ana Dominguez also known as Ana G. Dominguez, Tenant # 1 also known as JESSIE FUTCH, Tenant # 2 also known as VIRGINIA WINDOM, The Unknown Spouse of Joaquin D. Dominguez also known as Joaquin Dominguez, 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 28th day of May, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

COMMENCING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE SW 1/4 OF SECTION 7,TOWNSHIP 37 SOUTH, RANGE 35 EAST, RUN THENCE EAST ALONG THE 1/2 SECTION LINE FOR A DISTANCE OF 690.00 FEET, THENCE RUN SOUTH 02 DEGREES 36 MINUTES 33 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 947.50 THENCE RUN SOUTH 85 DEGREES 41 MINUTES 35 SECONDS EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 996.00 FEET FOR POINT OF BEGINNING THENCE CONTINUE SOUTH 85 DEGREES 41 MINUTES 35 SECONDS EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 264.00 FEET TO A POINT ON THE WEST R/W LINE OF ALTMAN ROAD, THENCE RUN SOUTH 02 DEGREES 36 MINUTES 33 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE WEST R/W LINE OF SAID ALTMAN ROAD FOR A DISTANCE OF 135.00 FEET THENCE RUN NORTH 85 DEGREES 41 MINUTES 35 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 264.00 FEET, THENCE RUN NORTH 02 DEGREES 36 MINUTES 33 SECONDS EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 135.00 FEET TO POINT OF BEGINNING LYING IN AND COMPRISING A PART OF THE S 1/2 OF SECTION 7, TOWNSHIP 37 SOUTH, RANGE 35 EAST, OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA. TOGETHER WITH A MOBILE HOME AS A PERMANENT FIXTURE AND APPURTENANCE THERETO, DESCRIBED AS: A 2006 DOUBLEWIDE MOBILE HOME BEARING IDENTIFICATION NUMBER(S) GMHGA40533666A AND GMHGA40533666B AND TITLE NUMBER(S) 95772093 AND 95772414 A/K/A 2093 NW 42ND AVE OKEECHOBEE FL 34972-8891

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
(813) 221-4743
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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.

464383 ON 4/30;5/7/2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 47-2012-CA-000381-CAAX-MX

GREEN TREE SERVICING LLC,
Plaintiff,
VS.
FREDDIE PHIPPS; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF FREDDIE PHIPPS; LISA M. PHIPPS; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF LISA M. PHIPPS; UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2; UNKNOWN TENANT #3; UNKNOWN TENANT #4;
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:

Lot 7, Block 5, REVISED PLAT OF WILCOX SHORES, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 5, 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 **May 28, 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 7th day of April , 2014.

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

NOTICE

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SPANISH: Si usted es una persona discapacitada que necesita alguna adaptacion para poder participar de este procedimiento o evento; usted tiene derecho, sin costo alguno a que se le provea cierta ayuda. Favor de comunicarse con Corrie Johnson, Coordinadora de A.D.A., 250 NW Country Club Drive, Suite 217, Port St. Lucie, Fl. 34986, (772) 807-4370 por lo menos 7 dias antes de que tenga que comparecer en corte o inmediatamente despues de haber recibido esta notificacion si es que falta menos de 7 dias para su comparecencia. Si tiene una discapacidad auditiva o de habla, llame al 711.
KREYOL: Si ou se yon moun ki kokobe ki bezwen asistans ou aparey pou ou ka patisipe nan prosedu sa-a, ou gen dwa san ou pa bezwen peye anyen pou ou jwen on seri de ed. Tanpri kontakte Corrie Johnson, Co-ordinator ADA, 250 NW Country Club Drive, suite 217, Port St. Lucie, FL 34986, (772) 807-4370 O'mwen 7 jou avan ke ou gen pou-ou paret nan tribunal, ou imediatman ke ou resevwa avis sa-a ou si le ke ou gen pou-ou ale nan tribunal-la mwens ke 7 jou; Si ou pa ka tande ou pale byen, rele 711.

465006 ON 4/30;5/7/2014

Public Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE: Cellco Partnership and its controlled affiliates doing business as Verizon Wireless (Verizon Wireless) proposes to build a 250-foot Self-Support Communications Tower. Anticipated lighting application is medium intensity dual red/white strobes. The Site location is 16974 NW 284th Street, Okeechobee, Okeechobee County, FL, 34972, N 27-30-15/ W 80-59-55. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Antenna Structure Registration (ASR, Form 854) filing number is A0891737.

ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS - Interested persons may review the application (www.fcc.gov/asr/applications) by entering the filing number. Environmental concerns may be raised by filing a Request for Environmental Review (www.fcc.gov/asr/environmentalrequest) and online filings are strongly encouraged. The mailing address to file a paper copy is: FCC Requests for Environmental Review, Attn: Ramon Williams, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554.
465083 ON 4/30/2014

**IN CIRCUIT COURT, NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 2012CA401**

HARBOR COMMUNITY BANK, a Florida banking corporation, as successor by corporate reorganization of First Bank and Trust Company of Indiantown,
Plaintiff,
v.
JERRY E. OBERLEY and MARY V. OBERLEY, etc., et al.,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated April 2, 2014, entered by the Circuit Court of Okeechobee County, Florida, in that certain case, the docket number of which is 2012CA401, wherein **HARBOR COMMUNITY BANK, a Florida banking corporation,** is Plaintiff, and **JERRY E. OBERLEY and MARY V. OBERLEY,** etc., et al., are Defendants, **SHARON ROBERTSON**, Clerk of Circuit Court, will, on the 21st day of May, 2014, at 11:00 o'clock A.M., or as soon thereafter as the sale may be held, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 312 North West 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida (Second Floor, Jury Assembly Room) the following described real estate, situate, lying, and being in Okeechobee County, Florida:

**A PARCEL OF LAND IN SECTION 6, TOWNSHIP 38 SOUTH, RANGE 36 EAST AND IN SECTION 31, TOWNSHIP 37 SOUTH, RANGE 36 EAST, LYING SOUTHWESTERLY OF S.R. #15 (CONNER'S HIGHWAY), OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
FROM A 5"X 5" CONCRETE MONUMENT MARKING THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 6, BEAR SOUTH 89 DEGREES 42'42" WEST, ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION A DISTANCE OF 4686.16 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST RIGHT- OF- WAY LINE OF S.R. #15; THENCE SOUTH 51 DEGREES 30'19" EAST ALONG SAID LINE A DISTANCE OF 10.02 FEET TO A POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE PROCEED SOUTH 38 DEGREES 29'41" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 228.40 FEET TO THE CENTRAL & SOUTHERN FLORIDA FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT LEVEL LD-4 RIGHT- OF- WAY LINE; THENCE PROCEED NORTH 54 DEGREES 55'02" WEST A DISTANCE OF 200.18 FEET; THENCE PROCEED NORTH 38 DEGREES 29'41" EAST A DISTANCE OF 240.32 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST RIGHT- OF- WAY LINE OF S.R. #15; THENCE PROCEED SOUTHEASTERLY ALONG SAID RIGHT- OF- WAY LINE A DISTANCE OF 200 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.
THIS PROPERTY IS ALSO DESCRIBED AS: LOTS 3 AND 4 OF AN UNRECORDED SURVEY, PROPERTY LOCATED IN SECTION 6, TOWNSHIP 38 SOUTH, RANGE 36 EAST AND IN SECTION 31, TOWNSHIP 37 SOUTH, RANGE 36 EAST, OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA AND PREPARED BY W. L. WILLIAMS DATED JANUARY 1971.
TOGETHER WITH:
1977 FERN DOUBLE MOBILE HOME IDENTIFICATION NUMBER #TMGA5312FA & #TMGA5312FB
1973 CNCR SINGLE WIDE MOBILE HOME IDENTIFICATION NUMBER #3334226261
1970 CRAN SINGLE WIDE MOBILE HOME IDENTIFICATION NUMBER #4JC4512C1N6440**

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 3RD DAY OF April, 2014

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

FRANK H. FEE, IV, ESQ. of FEE, DeROSS & FEE
426 Avenue A, Fort Pierce, Florida 34950 (772) 461-5020
Fla. Bar No. 0576921 Attorneys for Plaintiff
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464940 ON 4/23,30/2014

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 19th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.
CASE No. 47-2012-CA-000545**

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING LP
Plaintiff,
vs.
MYRA ELLEN GOPHER, et al.,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Final Judgment entered in Case No. 47-2012-CA-000545 of the Circuit Court of the 19TH Judicial Circuit in and for OKEECHOBEE County, Florida, wherein, GREEN TREE SERVICING LLC Plaintiff, and, MYRA ELLEN GOPHER, et. al., are Defendants, the Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest bidder for cash at, THE OKEECHOBEE COUNTY JUDICIAL CENTER, 312 NW 3RD STREET, 2ND FLOOR, JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM, OKEECHOBEE, FLORIDA, at the hour of 11:00am, on the 28th day of May, 2014, the following described property:

**The West 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the North 1/2 of the North 1/2 of Tract 10, lying and being in Section 25, Township 34 South, Range 33 East, according to the Plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 4, Pages 3A-D inclusive, of the Public Records of Okeechobee County, Florida.
AND
The East 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the North 1/2 of the North 1/2 of Tract 10, lying and being in Section 25, Township 34 South, Range 33 East, according to the Plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 4, Pages 3A-D inclusive, of the Public Records of Okeechobee County, Florida.
AND
The West 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the North 1/2 of the North 1/2 of Tract 10, lying and being in Section 25, Township 34 South, Range 33 East, according to the Plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 4, Pages 3A-D inclusive, of the Public Records of Okeechobee County, Florida.**

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.
DATED this 3rd day of April, 2014.

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

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Public Notice

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.: 472012CA000133CAAXMX**

PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
Plaintiff,
VS.
LAURA S. JONES, et al,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated on or about April 7, 2014, and entered in Case No. 472012CA000133CAAXMX of the Circuit Court of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Okeechobee County, Florida in which PNC Bank, National Association, is the Plaintiff and Laura S. Jones, Victor A. Jones, 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 **28th day of May, 2014**, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

**PARCEL I
A NEW PARCEL OF LAND, CREATED FROM A 100 ACRE PARCEL DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 124, PAGE 463, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
COMMENCING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 37 SOUTH, RANGE 36 EAST, THENCE BEAR SOUTH 00 DEGREES 04 MINUTES 40 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION 20 FOR A DISTANCE OF 612.63 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 04 MINUTES 40 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID EAST LINE OF SECTION 20 FOR A DISTANCE OF 690.00 FEET TO THE SOUTH LINE OF THE EAST 100 ACRES OF THE NORTH 1302.63 FEET OF THE NORTH ONE-HALF OF SAID SECTION 20, AS DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 124, PAGE 463, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE BEAR NORTH 89 DEGREES 20 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE A DISTANCE OF 594.38 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE BEAR NORTH 00 DEGREES 04 MINUTES 40 SECONDS WEST, PARALLEL WITH THE SAID EAST LINE OF SECTION 20, FOR A DISTANCE OF 690.00 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE BEAR SOUTH 89 DEGREES 20 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST, PARALLEL WITH SAID SOUTH LINE OF THE EAST 100 ACRES OF THE NORTH 1302.63 FEET OF THE NORTH ONE-HALF OF SAID SECTION 20, FOR A DISTANCE OF 594.38 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. TOGETHER WITH AND SUBJECT TO A 110 FEET WIDE EASEMENT FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS ALONG AN EXISTING 110 FEET WIDE EASEMENT FOR ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION LINE, (RUNNING ALONG AND PARALLEL TO THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 124, PAGE 463), AS RECORDED AND DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 250, PAGE 393, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.
AND PARCEL II A NEW PARCEL OF LAND, CREATED FROM A 100 ACRE PARCEL DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 124, PAGE 463, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
COMMENCING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 37 SOUTH, RANGE 36 EAST, THENCE BEAR SOUTH 00 DEGREES 04 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION 20 FOR A DISTANCE OF 1302.63 FEET TO THE SOUTH LINE OF THE EAST 100 ACRES OF THE NORTH 1302.63 FEET OF THE NORTH ONE-HALF OF SAID SECTION 20, AS DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 124, PAGE 463, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE BEAR NORTH 89 DEGREES 20 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE SAID SOUTH LINE A DISTANCE OF 594.38 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE NORTH 89 DEGREES 20 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE A DISTANCE OF 316.00 FEET; THENCE BEAR NORTH 00 DEGREES 04 MINUTES 40 SECONDS WEST, PARALLEL WITH THE SAID EAST LINE OF SECTION 20, A DISTANCE OF 690.00 FEET; THENCE BEAR SOUTH 89 DEGREES 20 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST, PARALLEL WITH THE SAID SOUTH LINE A DISTANCE OF 316.00 FEET; THENCE BEAR SOUTH 00 DEGREES 04 MINUTES 40 SECONDS EAST PARALLEL WITH THE SAID EAST LINE OF SECTION 20, A DISTANCE OF 690.00 FEET TO THE SAID SOUTH LINE OF OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 124, PAGE 463 AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING.
TOGETHER WITH AND SUBJECT TO A 110 FEET WIDE EASEMENT FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS ALONG AN EXISTING 110 FEET WIDE EASEMENT FOR ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION LINE, (RUNNING ALONG AND PARALLEL TO THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 124, PAGE 463) AS RECORDED AND DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 250, PAGE 393, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.
A/K/A 181 S.E. 80TH AVENUE, OKEECHOBEE, FL 34974**

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.
Dated in Okeechobee County, Florida this 10th day of April, 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 (813) 221-4743
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.
465007 ON 4/30;5/7/2014

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2012-CA-000275**

SRMOF II 2012-1 TRUST, U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE,
Plaintiff,
vs.
PHILLIP G. METCALF; et al.,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS GIVEN that, in accordance with the Plaintiff's Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on March 31, 2014, in the above-styled cause, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash on May 28, 2014 at 11:00 A.M. EST at the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, FL 34972 in the Jury Assembly Room, 2nd floor, the following property in Okeechobee County, Florida:

Lot 14, Block 10, TROPICAL GARDENS, according to the Plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 6, of the Public Records of Okeechobee County, Florida.

Property address: 651 NW 30th Lane, Okeechobee, FL 34972
ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.
Dated: April 10, 2014.

SHARON ROBERTSON, CLERK
BY: Sandra L. Creech
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.
465008 ON 4/30;5/7/2014

Public Notice

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO: 2013-CA-000449
UCN: 472013CA000449XXCICI**

U.S. BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE ON BEHALF OF MID-STATE TRUST VII BY GREEN TREE SERVICING LLC, AS SERVICER WITH DELEGATED AUTHORITY
Plaintiff,
VS.
SERAFIN LEYVA; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SERAFIN LEYVA;
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, PURSUANT TO THE JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE ENTERED IN THE ABOVE CAUSE, I WILL SELL THE PROPERTY SITUATED IN OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, DESCRIBED AS:

**EXHIBIT "B"
880696**

Commencing at the Southeast corner of Section 7, Township 37 South, Range 35 East, run thence North 85°41'35" West along the South boundary line of said Section 7 for a distance of 70.02 feet Thence run North 02°53'55" East parallel with the East boundary line of said Section 7 for a distance of 831.72 feet; Thence run North 36°23'35" West for a distance of 759.28 feet to the Point of Beginning. Thence continue North 36°23'35" West for a distance of 75.00 feet; Thence run North 85°41'35" West parallel with the South boundary line of said Section 7 for a distance of 140.57 feet; Thence run South 36°23'35" East for a distance of 75.00 feet; Thence run South 85°41'35" East for a distance of 140.67 feet to the Point of Beginning. Lying In and, comprising a part of the South One-half (1/2) of Section 7, Township 37 South, Range 35 East, Okeechobee County, Florida

AT PUBLIC SALE, TO THE HIGHEST AND BEST BIDDER, FOR CASH, ON May 21, 2014, AT 11:00 AM AT THE OKEECHOBEE COUNTY JUDICIAL CENTER. 312 NW 3RD STREET, OKEECHOBEE, FLORIDA, SECOND FLOOR, JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM.

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Corrie Johnson, ADA Coordinator, 250 NW Country Club Drive, Suite 217, Port St. Lucie, FL 34986, (772) 807-4370 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.
DATED: April 7, 2014.

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

465005 ON 4/23,30/2014

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Vickers signs grid pact with Luther College

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

Cory Vickers announced this week that he will play football for the Luther College Vikings, a Division III school in Decorah, Iowa, next fall.

Vickers was the most valuable player for the Brahman football team and also for the wrestling team this past season.

Vickers visited the campus recently and said he felt comfortable there and was really excited about this opportunity.

Okeechobee News/**Charles Murphy**
Cory Vickers has two MVP trophies this year and now has an opportunity continue his athletic career.

"Obviously, this feels really great knowing I'll continue my football career. I scouted out the campus, learned it was a good program for what I want to do and I'm excited," he said.

Luther coaches met with Cory and gave him a tour of the campus. They like his footwork and speed and feel he can help them in multiple positions on defense this coming season.

Vickers also expects to play right away and contribute.

"I was greeted by a bunch of friendly people and the coaches were very informative. I think the college environment is great and it's a small town much like Okeechobee," he added.

Vickers wants to study nursing like his grandmother, Diane Barker. He noted he'll get to study some at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., during his junior and senior years and is really excited because Mayo Clinic is among the finest medical facilities in the country.

He also visited with the college wrestling coach and might even give a second sport a try in college.

The Vikings were 2-8 last season, 0-10 in 2012 and 3-7 during 2011. Vickers said the records don't look great but he still thinks there is a solid corps of players who are committed to what they are doing.

"They played a lot of close games. I like a challenge and that is why I'm going to college. I like putting in the work," he added.

Vickers admits he's a late bloomer as he had a very strong senior year on both sides of the ball for the Brahmans. He is now 5-foot-9 and weighs 238 pounds. He was always known for having a high motor.

"I feel my best days are ahead. I know my potential and I believe I can improve my abilities in college ball. I think it'll be great to have competition and to compete with better players," he added.

Local club soccer hosting matches

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

Okeechobee Club Soccer hosted a tournament on Saturday, April 19, and will host another tournament on Saturday, May 3, at the soccer complex across from North Elementary School.

Seven teams compete in the tournaments from LaBelle, Clewiston, Lehigh Acres, Bonita Springs, Naples, Fort Myers and Cape Coral.

This league has an under-6 team, that is currently in first place. Vicente Jaimes leads the team with six goals. There is also an under-10 team, and an under-14 team. The under-16 team is currently in second place. Jose Jaimes leads the team with nine goals. Gustavo Mireles has five goals for the team.

The other boys team is an under-18 team which is currently in third place. There is also a woman's open team which is currently in third place.

Board member Celia Fox said Okeechobee County Parks and Recreation did a wonderful job as they worked to prepare the complex for the tournament. Director Albie Scroggins, Debbie Vega and Tiffany Gould were among the employees who helped make the tournament a success.

Okeechobee Club Soccer also wanted to thank John Williamson, the Williamson Cattle Company, and JMC Landscaping for all of their support this year. There were several students from Osceola and Yearling middle school and the freshman campus that helped clean up the fields. Andy Kassela's soccer team also helped with the work.

Parents Nancy Mijares, Eva Chavez, Sulena Chavez and Ofelia Cruz and concession stand volunteers Salvador Gonzales, Braydon and Carter Kassela, A.J. Serrano, Viviana and Lindsey Mijares, and many more.

The Okeechobee Police Department also provided some patrols to keep the fields safe.

Ms. Fox also thanked Aida and Jocelyn Cardenas for preparing meals. The president of the league is Lupe Serrano and vice president is Andy Kassela.

More information can be found on Facebook about the next tournament on May 3.