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Former Deputy Robert Campbell, who retired from the Highlands County Sheriff's Office after 36 years of service, played "Amazing Grace" on the bagpipes at the Law Enforcement Memorial.

Fallen officers honored

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

Flying at half staff, the flags waved gently in the soft breeze and their colors stood out against the backdrop of an azure sky. It was beautiful morning, but the reason for the event belied that beauty.

As the small crowd remained silent, Sheriff Paul May's voice broke the stillness as he spoke Monday, May 5, of the 111 law enforcement officers who lost their lives in 2013 and of those who died before and after them.

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Okeechobee News/**Eric Kopp**
Michael Muros, a member of the Okeechobee High School band, played "Taps" at Monday's Law Enforcement Memorial held at the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office.

Sundance Trails resort is proposed

A planned subdivision that was a victim of the housing market collapse could become South Florida's newest destination resort, Sundance Trails.

A request for a change in the county's land use map to allow a resort activity center on Northeast 120th Street is on the agenda for the Thursday meeting of the Okeechobee County

If you go ...
WHAT: Okeechobee County Commission meeting
WHEN: Thursday, May 8, 9 a.m.
WHERE: Historic County Courthouse, 304 N.W. Second St.
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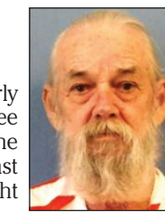
Accused pedophile facing life sentences

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News



Landon Weathersby

With jury selection nearly ready to start, an Okeechobee man decided to enter a plea to the court on the charges filed against him and is now facing up to eight life sentences.

Lanford Ladon Weathersby, 69, eschewed going to trial and Monday, May 5, entered an open plea to the court on four counts of sexual battery and four counts of lewd and lascivious molestation. In each case, the victims were under the age of 12.

Assistant State Attorney Don Richardson said both he and Public Defender Stanley Glenn were

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WM, 4-H and airboaters help clean lake shore

Okeechobee 4-H Sharp Shooters Club, Lake Okeechobee Airboat Association (LOAA) and Waste Management partnered to clean up the lake on Sunday, April 27, in honor of Earth Day. Okeechobee 4-H Sharp Shooters Club Advisors and Lake Okeechobee Airboat Association president Jeff Brockway helped coordinate the project.

LOAA provided airboats and transported club members, ages 8 to 18 out on the lake to collect garbage. Members set out at 8:30 a.m. and returned at noon. A contest was held to see which team collected the most garbage. The group led by Jeff Sumner won first place.

"Learning about earth day with our club members and helping our environment at the same time is a very rewarding experience for all," said Carrie Muldoon.

After the clean up the members enjoyed a lunch provided by the 4-H club and took home a Waste Management goody bag with information on "Recycle Often, Recycle Right" tips, a souvenir and treats for their efforts.

For more information on the Okeechobee Lake "O" North Shore Clean-up project or 4-H program, please contact the Okeechobee Extension Office at 863-763-6469.

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The team bringing in the most trash was made up of: Katie Muldoon, Cody Chandler, Seth Patterson, Lori Johnson, Emilee Yeates, Shelby Sumner, Jimmy Johnson, Jeff Sumner and Brecken Hoover.

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Extended Forecast

Thursday: Partly cloudy skies. High 91F. Winds ESE at 10 to 20 mph.

Thursday Night: A few clouds. Low 69F. Winds E at 10 to 15 mph.

Friday: Sunshine and clouds mixed. High near 90F. Winds ESE at 10 to 20 mph.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy. Low 69F. Winds ESE at 10 to 15 mph.

Saturday: Sun and clouds mixed with a slight chance of thunderstorms during the afternoon. High near 90F. Winds SE at 10 to 20 mph. Chance of rain 30%.

Martha's House honored by 211 Referral Network

Martha's House was named Okeechobee County's Organization of the Year at the 211 Referral Network of the Palm Beaches and the Treasure Coast "Jewels of the Treasure Coast" luncheon and awards ceremony on May 1. Martha's House was selected by a panel of nine judges from around the Treasure Coast. The other finalists from Okeechobee County were Hospice of Okeechobee and Big Lake Missions Outreach.

Martha's House executive director Jonathan Bean, stated, "I was surprised, pleasantly so, to receive the award, and am honored to receive it on behalf of the devoted staff and board of directors who make it possible to serve the survivors of domestic violence every day."

"It is a true honor to be selected for this award, particularly when in the company of other such highly esteemed and vital organizations of the likes of Hospice, and Big Lake Mission Outreach. It is great for Okeechobee to receive some of the recognition due for having service providers of the caliber of any along the treasure coast," Mr. Bean stated.

211 Services Referral Network

211 is the number you call when you need information or referral for just about any service offered in Okeechobee and neighboring communities, including everything from financial assistance, substance abuse, counseling, to suicide hotline, and is available to everyone, senior citizen, teenager, veteran, rich or poor—all you have to do is call. The call is free and confidential; is available 24 hours a day; is answered by professional trained resource specialists; and, is available in English and Spanish.

Martha's House provides services to victims of domestic violence, provides community education, prevention programs and emergency shelter. All services are provided in English and Spanish and are available 24 hours a day at 863-763-0202.

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Susan Buza, 211 executive director, presents the Okeechobee Organization of the Year award to Jonathan Bean, executive director of Martha's House.

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Food bank's mobile pantry helps families in need

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On April 22, Treasure Coast Food Bank's Mobile Pantry arrived at the Okeechobee County Health Department and served hundreds of families in need. Volunteers distributed meats, breads, fresh fruit and vegetables, and non-perishable foods to about 500 people who do not have access to fresh and healthy food due to financial difficulties, lack of transportation, or physical limitations.

This marked the third time that the Health Department has hosted the Mobile Pantry. Having nutritious food, including fresh fruit and vegetables is essential to overall good health, said Brian Sell, Preparedness Planner of the Okeechobee County Health Department and Okeechobee Medical Reserve Corp Unit Coordinator.

"We are very proud to support such a wonderful initiative that assists many of our residents, who otherwise, may not have the ability to provide nutritious meals to their families," Mr. Sell said. "The Florida Department of Health in Okeechobee County and our local partners look forward to continuing this alliance with the Treasure Coast Food Bank."

According to Map the Meal Gap, the recently released national study that measures food insecurity, 17.6 percent of the Okeechobee County population doesn't know where their next meal is coming from. When the child population alone is examined the picture is more stark, with 33 percent of children living with food insecurity.

"We're always looking for more ways to serve the population of Okeechobee County," Treasure Coast Food Bank CEO Judith Cruz said. "We appreciate the Health Department hosting our Mobile Pantry, and we're hopeful that it will bring more attention to the community about the great need and encourage people or local businesses to sponsor more Mobile Pantry visits."

For information about Treasure Coast Food Bank's Mobile Pantry program, contact Rhonda Blakey at rblakey@tcfoodbank.org or 772-489-3034, or visit www.stophunger.org.

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Treasure Coast Food Bank's Mobile Pantry came to the Okeechobee County Health Department and volunteers served hundreds of families in need. This is the third time the health department has hosted the Mobile Pantry.

Gilbert Chevrolet named one of GM's top performers

Gilbert Chevrolet announced May 1 that the dealership has been recognized by General Motors as one of its Mark of Excellence Dealers.

This is Gilbert Chevrolet's third time being recognized with this honor by GM. This unique distinction is reserved for dealerships who exhibit professionalism and superior customer service, while growing their business in Okeechobee.

"Through the dedication of our team at Gilbert Chevrolet, we had a very strong year in 2013 and are proud that our hard work has been recognized," said Christa Luna of Gilbert Chevrolet. "Our number one priority is providing a customer experience that is second to none, and look forward to building on this in 2014."

Out of GM's approximately 4,500 Chevrolet, Buick, GMC, and Cadillac dealerships across the United States, Gilbert Chevrolet was one of only 308 dealerships to receive the Mark of Excellence award.

About Gilbert Chevrolet

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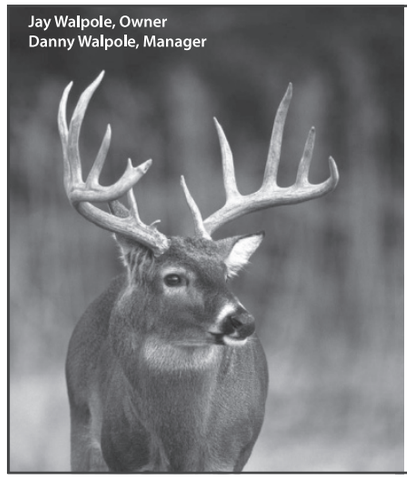
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Extension service: A centennial of service to the people

By Dan Culbert -

Extension Horticulture Agent

One hundred years ago, Friday, May 8, 1914, in Washington DC, the capitol city's newspapers were concerned with the following news stories:

• President Woodrow Wilson was relaxing in Washington after the previous evening's wedding of his youngest daughter Eleanor R. Wilson to William Gibbs McAdoo, U.S. Secretary of the Treasury.

• U.S. Vice Consul John Silliman was held hostage by the Mexican government. One American and two Englishman had been killed and eight others held prisoners near Guadalajara as a result of the ongoing revolution in Mexico. U.S. Secretary of State William Jennings Bryan hoped that Mexican rebels would soon capture Tampico, site of oil wells critical to U.S. and British petroleum supplies.

• Former President Theodore Roosevelt, on his way back from his adventure in Brazil, said he is not going to seek the Republican Nomination for President in 1916.

An item of interest to people today not mentioned in the daily newspapers of the time was the signing of a bill on May 8 by President Wilson. The bill was sponsored by Senator Hoke Smith of Georgia and Representative Francis Lever of South Carolina had been passed by the U.S. Senate on the previous Saturday. The law is now known as the Smith-Lever Act, and it established the educational program known today as the Cooperative Extension Service.

The term "extension" comes from the idea of taking research-based knowledge to the people of our country. At the time of the early 20th century, the population of the U.S. was still largely rural, and the ability to solve farm problems was one of the major issues holding back the American economy.

Fifty years previous to 1914, President Lincoln and Congress established Land-Grant colleges where instruction in agricultural and mechanical (and military) arts was taught to persons who previously had never been able to attend colleges. In 1887, Congress then realized that supporting agricultural research was important to improving the country's economy, and established the Agricultural Experiment Stations through the Hatch Act.

But at the beginning of the 1900s despite having the places to learn about scientific agriculture, farm families were still stuck in place. Professors of the Land-Grant colleges had begun to establish Farmer's Institutes to reach farm families wherever the railroads could take these "Better Farming Specials." But still the problem was one of getting farmers to apply the practical knowledge at their local level.

In 1903, USDA arranged for private funds from the Rockefeller General Education Board to hire a "special agent" to address the growing issue of controlling the boll weevil. This new pest was spreading fast across the south and threatening the farm economy. Professor Seaman Knapp, previously the President of Iowa State Agricultural College, was asked to go to Terrell, Texas and demonstrate to cotton farmers how this pest could be controlled. In the words of this our first Extension Demonstration Agent, "What a man hears, he may doubt; what he sees, he may possibly doubt; but what he does himself, he cannot doubt."

Knapp's farm demonstration successes caught on, and by 1906 private funds were soon supplemented by limited funding from the Congress through USDA. In 1908, President Theodore Roosevelt established a group to study rural issues, and the report from the County Life Commission suggested that a partnership of federal, state, and local funding to hire demonstration agents for the farm and home was a critical and innovative way to combat rural poverty.

The first federal bill to establish federal funding for demonstrators was introduced in 1909, but it would take several years to work its way through Congress. Our Florida Legislature (and many other states) began to implement demonstration work on their own by approving $7500 for two years of agricultural extension work. Mr. A.S. Meharg was appointed by the USDA as Florida's first demonstration agent and was sent to Live Oak, Florida in 1909. Among other work, he helped set up the first Florida Corn Clubs, forerunner to 4-H clubs, during that fall.

While Smith and Lever worked in Congress from 1911-14 to pass federal funding for Extension work, the Florida Legislature continued to fund Farmer's Institutes, Boy's Corn Club work, and "Better Farming Special Trains" through presentations by University of Florida professors. In 1912, Frank C. Robinson was appointed the first Farm Demonstrator & Extension Agent for Florida A&M University. Florida demonstration agents were soon involved in fighting a Hog Cholera epidemic, which threatened farm income.

Federal legislation for Extension work continued to be debated in Washington. One of the stumbling blocks was who would control how the funds would be distributed between black and white audiences. In the segregated South, the fear was that if the USDA made this decision, state extension funding would be sent to support black demonstrators and dilute funding for whites. The compromise was that state legislatures would decide which Land Grant College would manage the Extension funds.

This compromise worked, and Wilson signed the bill in May 8, 1914. Recurring federal funding now became available to employ agents whose job it is "to aid in diffusing among the people of the United States useful and practical information on subjects relating to agriculture and home economics, and to encourage application of the same."

In less than two weeks, Florida Governor Park Trammell agreed to the provisions of Smith Lever Act, becoming one of the first two states to do so, and by mid-June the University of Florida agreed to provide Cooperative Extension Work. The Florida Legislature formally accepted the provisions of the act on May 25, 1915.

In 1918, Okeechobee County Commissioners approved the appointment of Leroy Davis as our county's first Farm Demonstration Agent. County Extension Agent Pat Hogue follows in his tradition, and is the tenth Extension Director of Okeechobee County. The citizens of Okeechobee have also enjoyed the assistance of four Family & Consumer Agents since 1972, and have also specific specialized crop agents assigned here since 1977.

At the April 24 meeting of the Okeechobee Board of County Commissioners, our office was honored with a proclamation noting the Centennial of the Extension Service. We appreciate the support of the county, from even before it was incorporated in 1917.

Our office archives are rich in the accomplishments over the past 20-30 years, but we have little in the way of records or photos of what Okeechobee Extension has done in our community in the early years. We would love to hear from anyone that has older historical material that can document the people we have served.

We stand ready to provide research-based answers and help local residents find innovative and sustainable solutions. Please feel free to call on us in any way so we can continue to fulfill our mission of diffusing useful and practical information to people.

Happy Centennial!

Public Forum/Speak Out

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

County jail

• Sheriff Paul May has stepped above money and put the safety of his employees before financial gain. And this is what this sheriff is about, he will not jeopardize any of his officers' safety for the sake of the bottom line. Let the accountants and the commissioners who value money over all else put this county in that position.

Students 'sexting'

• Middle school students should not be allowed to have phones. I was in OMS not that long ago myself. What's wrong with these kids?

• There is an option on the phones to not allow sending photos. Parents need to limit the phone use.

• Kids do not need phones in school.

• Kids these days are out of control. My kid goes to OMS but she doesn't have a phone yet. Do you know why? Because she is a middle schooler. What 12, 13 or 14-year-old needs a cell phone? Get a house phone and pay attention to your kids and their conversations. Lazy parenting is to blame,

• In most places, "sexting" comes with jail time and sex offender registration. Not giving cell phones to middle schools students is not the answer. Being able to discuss taboo subjects with no fear is what is really needed. Resource officers in schools should make it clear that if they are caught "sexting" they will have a criminal record.

• Teenagers don't need cell phones at all. That's why they get away with all the stuff they do or say because they can easily go and delete photos and text messages. When my siblings and I were growing up, we didn't have cell phones.

• I didn't have a cell phone as a kid, but it's not 1970 anymore. It's 2014 and I am glad I can reach my kids when they are away from the house. There are no pay phones anymore. If they get into a situation, or if I just need to check on them, I can call them at anytime.

• A bigger problem is all the accidents from texting while driving.

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Commission.

The 838 acre property is on the north side of Northeast 120th Street, about 2 miles west of Northeast 128th Avenue.

In 2006, the applicant developed the Sundance Trails Ranch subdivision on Northeast 120th Street (formerly known as the Berman Road Extension). The original subdivision consists of 103 lots on 768 acres. Lots are mostly in the range of 5 to 10 acres. The original ranch home, built in the 1990s with about 14,000 square feet, is used as a club house. No homes have been constructed in the subdivision. There are about six miles of paved roads in the subdivision, along with equestrian and nature trails.

Since developing the subdivision, the applicant has acquired an additional 80 acres of land that is surrounded by the subdivision on three sides and squares off the total land holdings along the north side. The combined 848 acres are the subject of this request for a comprehensive plan amendment.

The subject property is zoned Agriculture as are surrounding properties. Surrounding uses are primarily pasture land and some low-density residential along the south side of Northeast 120th Street, with parcel sizes in the general vicinity ranging from 5 to 80 acres in area.

The applicant is requesting a comprehensive plan amendment to create a new Resort Activity Center.

The Sundance Trails Resort Activity Center would be a tourist resort with residences for primarily short-term accommodations, recreational vehicle sites, camping sites, and a range of on-site recreational opportunities showcasing the natural environment.

The classification requested provides for a density of one residential unit per two gross acres, 150 acres of accessory commercial uses including camping, RVs and recreational uses, and 8,000 square feet of general retail commercial development.

Since the majority of the residential units are intended for transient use rather than permanent occupancy, the impact on the county school system is expected to be minimal.

Also on the Thursday agenda, the county commission will discuss options for the operation of the Okeechobee County Jail and courthouse security. At their last meeting, Okeechobee County Sheriff Paul May told the commissioners his department will no longer run the jail or courthouse security effective Sept. 30, 2014.

Other items on the Thursday agenda include:

- A presentation on the audited financial statements for the fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 2013;
- Modification of the county's NSP3 Housing Assistance Plan;
- Purchase of a hydraulic detachable gooseneck trailer for the road department, using money generated from the gas tax;
- Discussion of the Okeechobee Outdoor Sport Expo for Nov. 15 and 16, 2014;
- Approval of New Horizon's Summer Camp agreement for Okeechobee County's 2014 Summer Play Camp; and,
- A request for Chaka's Stars Foundation to use the Douglas Brown Community Center at a reduced rate for a summer camp.

PEDOPHILE

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taken by surprise because Weathersby's trial was set to begin Tuesday, May 6.

Mr. Richardson said the prospective jurors were literally walking down the hall way of the Judicial Complex to Courtroom A when Weathersby decided to forego his right to trial.

"We were ready to start picking the jury when he turned to Stanley and told him he wanted to enter a plea," said Mr. Richardson.

Weathersby will be sentenced Friday, June 20.

Mr. Richardson explained Weathersby is automatically facing a life sentence on each sexual battery count.

"The judge has no discretion (on those charges)," he added. "The judge went over the fact he was going to get a mandatory life sentence."

But, added the prosecutor, Weathersby elected to go ahead and enter a plea.

As for the lewd and lascivious counts, Circuit Court Judge Sherwood Bauer does have a couple of sentencing options, explained the prosecutor. One option is to give Weathersby life on each count. The second option is a prison term of 25 years on each count, to be followed by probation for the rest of his life on each of the four counts.

Weathersby was arrested May 31, 2012, by Detective Ted Van Deman of the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO).

In his arrest report, the detective said Weathersby "... is a serial pedophile in that, on multiple occasions, from 2010 to May 27, 2012, he engaged in sexually molesting four or more girls under the age of 12 ... ."

According to that same report, the victims ranged in age from 3 to 11.

MEMORIAL

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Sheriff May told everyone at the annual Law Enforcement Memorial held on the steps of the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO) that the number of officers who died last year was an 8 percent decrease from the year before.

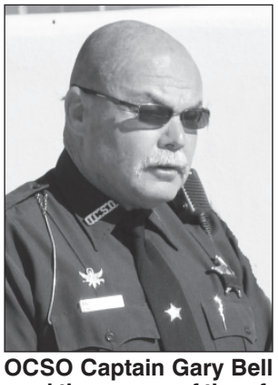
"This was the lowest number of fatalities for the law enforcement profession since 1959, when 110 officers died," he said.

He went on to explain that the leading cause of death for those officers were traffic related. Thirty-one officers were killed in automobile crashes, 11 were struck and killed by another vehicle while outside of their own vehicles and another four were killed in motorcycle crashes.

Firearms-related incidents were the second leading cause of death with 33. Fifth-eight percent of those officers were killed with a handgun, said Sheriff May.

"The year, 2013, saw 107 males and four female law enforcement officers die. The average length of service was 13 years," he said. "There were three police K-9s killed in the line of duty in 2013 in Florida. As with human officers, these K-9 officers gave their all."

OCSO Captain Gary Bell then read off the names of the four law enforcement officers who died in the line of duty in Florida last year — Broward County Sheriff's Office Deputy Daniel Rivera, 32; Charlotte County Sheriff's Office Deputy Sergeant Michael L. Wilson, 42; Polk County Sheriff's Office Master Deputy Joseph 'Shane' Robbins, 40; and, St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office Deputy Sergeant Gary Morales, 32.



OCSO Captain Gary Bell read the names of the officers who died last year in Florida.

Deputy Rivera and Master Deputy Robbins died in automobile accidents, while Sgt. Wilson and Sgt. Morales were both killed by gunfire.

The killing of Sgt. Morales on Feb. 28, 2013, hit close to home since he was a member of the SLCSO SWAT unit and frequently trained with the OCSO Special Response Team which is headed up by Capt. Bell.

"Two weeks before he died, Sgt. Morales and the St. Lucie SWAT team were in Okeechobee to help my office serve two search warrants on two drug houses at the same time. What a professional this young man was," said Sheriff May.

He went on to say Sgt. Morales was needlessly killed by a "cowardly" man who simply did not want to go to jail.

The sheriff added that three officers have died so far this year, including a female Florida Highway Patrol trooper who was struck and killed while working an accident on I-75 in Marion County last weekend.

He also reminded everyone that OCSO Deputy Glover Emerson 'Skip' Bryant is the only local officer to be killed in the line of duty. Deputy Bryant died Nov. 8, 1991, in an airplane crash on Lake Okeechobee while searching for some missing boaters.

The OCSO also lost two retired deputies this year — both to natural causes. Deputy Captain Dexel 'Buster' Brock spent over 30 years in law enforcement in Okeechobee County and retired four years ago.

Deputy Marvin 'Mickey' Mann spent 53 years in law enforcement. He served as undersheriff at the Martin County Sheriff's Office for many years before coming to the local sheriff's office.

"We will miss these two men greatly. They both served this county well," said Sheriff May.

Of all the officers who have died, the sheriff simply asked "... for your prayers for all of these families."

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Laura L. Durrance, 90

OKEECHOBEE — Laura L. Durrance passed away on May 4, 2014 in Lake Placid, Fla.. Laura was born in Frost proof and has lived in Okeechobee most of her life.

Mrs. Durrance was a member of the Ambassadors for Jesus Pine Church of Okeechobee.

Laura was preceded in death by her husband, Zeb Durrance; and daughter, Martha Louise Tharp.

She is survived by daughters, Ruby Kaspar, Zelda E. Sturtz and Chris Raulerson all of Okeechobee; sisters, Martha Joyner, Doris Adkins, and Elizabeth Hare; brother, Robert Ray Lanier; 14 grandchildren; and numerous great and great- great-grandchildren.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society.

No services are scheduled at this time.

Arrangements are under the care of Seawinds Funeral Home and Crematory, 3833 SE 18th Terrace, Okeechobee, Fl. 34974

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Mary Ann Murray, 68

OKEECHOBEE — Mary Ann Murray died May 6, 2014. She was born April 10, 1946 in Decatur, Indiana to Robert and Doris Kirk Holthouse.

A resident of Okeechobee since 1985, she was a teacher for 34 years, 26 of which were in Okeechobee. She was a member of the Church of Our Saviour, Delta Kappa Gamma and Retired Teachers Association. She was an avid reader and enjoyed puzzles.

Mrs. Murray is survived by her husband of 46 years, Tom Murray; son, Michael Murray (Dina); daughter, Laura Murray; grandchildren, Isabelle, Ian, Aryn and Adelyn all of Okeechobee; two sisters, Nancy Lichtle (Ken) of Decatur, Ind. and Janet Wise (Larry) of Gainesville; five nieces; four nephews; brother-in-law, Gene Murray of Phoenix, Ariz.; sister-in-law, Dee Hemmelgarn (Alan) of Richmond, Ind.

The family will receive friends 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, May 9, 2014 at Buxton & Bass Okeechobee Funeral Home. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Saturday, May 10, 2014 at Church of Our Saviour with Rev. Dr. Edward A. Weiss, OSB officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hospice of Okeechobee, PO Box 1548, Okeechobee FL 34973 or American Cancer Society, PO Box 22718, Oklahoma City, OK 73123.

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

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

Mary Catherine Pollari, 73

OKEECHOBEE — Mary Catherine Pollari died May 4, 2014. She was born April 17, 1941 in Boston, Mass. to Robert and Evelyn Macnamara Denault.

She was a Pink Lady at Raulerson Hospital and Administrative Assistant to ex-US Secretary of State, Dean Rusk. She enjoyed walking on the beach.

Ms. Pollari is survived by her companion, Donald McBurney of Okeechobee; son, Robert Beck, M.D. (Amy Pettle) of Lawrence, Kansas; grandson, Miles Beck.

A gathering will be held 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, May 8, 2014 at Buxton & Bass Okeechobee Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Humane Society, PO Box 233, Okeechobee, FL 34973.

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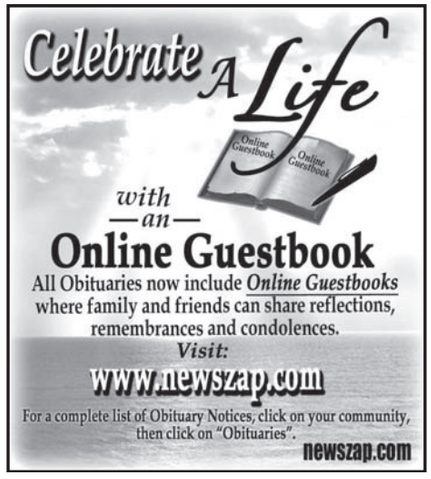

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Eagles hosting dinner

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SSN offers activity guide

The Shared Services Network (SSN) will release the 2014 Summer Activity Guide on Thursday, **May 8**. A copy of the guide will be sent home with every student in the Okeechobee County School System. Our hope is that this guide will assist you in finding activities to keep your children safe, supervised and active this summer. If you would like a copy or information about this guide, call Sharon Vinson at 863-462-5000, ext. 257.

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, 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.

Youth grid sign-ups slated

Okeechobee Youth Football and Cheerleading sign-ups will be held at: the Brown Cow Sweetery, 103 S.W. Park St., Friday, **May 9**, from 5:30 until 7:30 p.m. and on Saturday, May 10, from 9 a.m. until noon; and at the Golden Corral Restaurant, 700 S. Parrott Ave., on Saturday, May 24, from 9 a.m. until noon. Children ages 4 to 14 may sign up. The registration fee is $75 per athlete. For information, call 863-801-9229.

SSN board will meet May 9

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. This forum provides a mechanism for dialogue and problem solving in our community through the collaborative efforts of our local decision makers. The public is invited. For information, call Sharon Vinson 863-462-5000, ext. 257.

Benefit planned for teen

The Buckhead Ridge VFW 9528, 29012 East S.R. 78, will hold a benefit Saturday, May 10, from 3 until 6 p.m. for Jonathan Bailey Hedrick, 15, the son of Trish Yount, post quartermaster, and Jonathan Hedrick, and the stepson of Rodney Yount, commander, and Tammy Hedrick. Jonathan was recently diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma. He is seeing doctors at Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital in Hollywood. The benefit will raise money to help offset the expenses the insurance does not cover. The event will include food, an auction, a prize giveaway, 50/50 drawing and music by John G. Donations and auction items are greatly appreciated. For information, call 863-467-2882.

Veterans to be honored

Veterans Appreciation Day will be held Saturday, **May 10**, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the Freedom Ranch, 11655 U.S. 441 S.E. There will be swamp buggy rides, military equipment display, free food and more. There will be no admittance charge. For information, call 863-763-9800.

VFW staging Mother's Show

Big Lake VFW Post 10539 is hosting a Mother's Show on Sunday, **May 11**. VFW members with the Post 10539 card get three wings free from 2 until 5 p.m. Music will be provided by Sandoone. On Wednesday, May 14, bingo is at 12:45 p.m. Saturday, May 17, is Armed Forces Day with burgers and dogs for sale from noon until 4 p.m. Memorial Day, May 26, is barbecue chicken and ribs with all the fixings at 2 p.m. for $8 per plate, or $10 for a combined plate. Music will be provided by Jay from 3 until 6 p.m. in the pavilion. On this day all U.S. flags should be displayed half staff during the morning hours. At noon, the flag should be raised to full staff. For information, call 863-763-2308.

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Local cattle producers get quality certification

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The Okeechobee Campus of Faith Farm Ministries, a long-time producer of quality beef cattle in Okeechobee, recently achieved the Beef Quality Assurance Certification, provided through a promotional offer from Boehringer Ingelheim and the national Beef Check Off Program. All full-time employees and program graduates involved in the daily cattle operation at Faith Farm passed multiple BQA Certification tests, making this the first drug and alcohol rehab center in the nation to achieve this certification.

The Beef Quality Assurance is a national program that provides guidelines for beef cattle production. The program raises consumer confidence through offering proper management techniques and a commitment to safety and quality within every segment of the beef industry. "The BQA program is a great training program to ensure the security of U.S. beef and we jumped at the opportunity to be a part of it," said Allen Patterson, Assistant Director of Okeechobee Faith Farm. "Having BQA certified employees and students verifies that all cattle we produce and send to market are handled under consistent guidelines with sound and safe practices. Through a partnership with the folks at BQA, Faith Farm will be incorporating this certification process into our Comprehensive Work Training, in which our program students are involved."

Faith Farm Ministries is a free, minimum nine-month, faith-based, addiction recovery program with residential services for more than 445 men and women who have lost control of their lives due to alcohol and/or illegal and pharmaceutical drug addictions. We prepare the student for a competitive job market through Comprehensive Work Therapy training that teaches resume worthy vocational skills, work ethics, team work and conflict resolution. They are assisted with resumes, job searches, trade school scholarships, applications and interviewing skills. The Okeechobee campus of Faith Farm is located on over 1500 acres, and includes a working beef cattle ranch, as well as a citrus operation, a dairy calf operation, a salvage recycling program, and a local thrift store. Although we are geographically located in south Florida, students have come to Faith Farm from all over the country and beyond. Since 2008, we have had students from 41 of the 50 United States.

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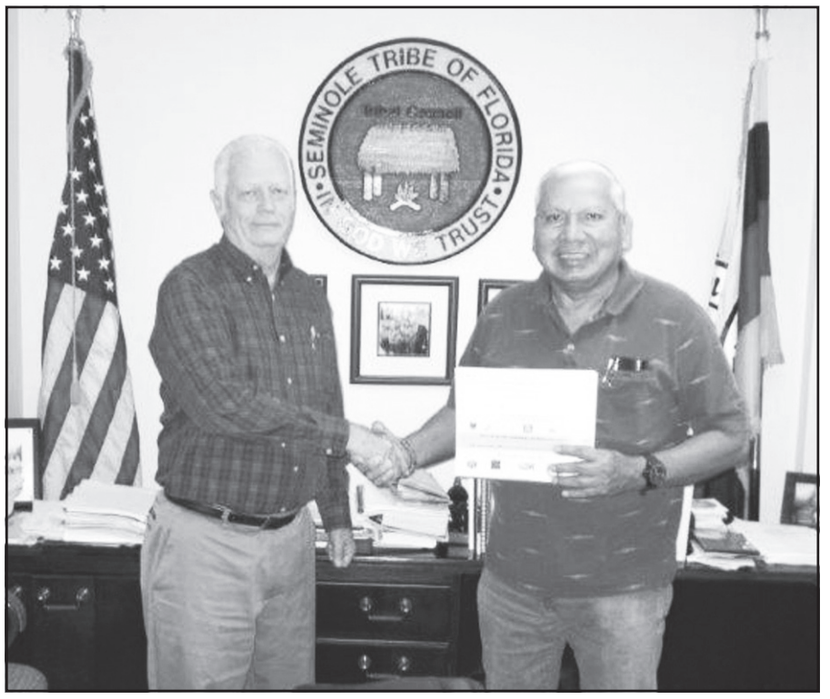
Faith Farm Ministries in Okeechobee is proud that their beef cattle program recently achieved the Beef Quality Assurance Certification. Pictured left to right are Allen Patterson, assistant director; Judy Benton, farm ops; Kenny Waddle, farm ops; and Bill Bader, farm ops.



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Seminoles sponsor Grad Night prize

The Seminole Tribe of Florida will sponsor a grand prize of $1,500 at the end of the Grad Night party for the senior class of Okeechobee High School on June 7. This is in addition to their $1,000 donation for a total contribution of $2,500.

Andrew Bowers, Brighton Council Representative, (right) presented the donation to Grad Night Committee member Dowling Watford (left).

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Detective: Watch out for driveway paving scam!

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

A local detective is warning area homeowners to be extremely wary of men approaching them and offering to do work on their driveway.

"If they give you an unbelievable offer, it probably is. There's no free lunch," said Detective Mark Shireman, of the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO) in a Monday, May 5, interview.

The detective went on to explain that twice last week two Hispanic-looking men approached two older female homeowners in the southwestern section of the county about repairing their driveways. One of those ladies ended up paying $5,500 more than the original agreed-upon price, while the other lady out-foxed the con men.

Detective Shireman said a young man approached the first lady Thursday, May 1, and offered to fix her driveway and apply a seal coat for $1,500. He was driving a gray pickup truck that was in really good condition, and was pulling a yellow trailer that contained a yellow metal tank.

Just as the job was completed, an older man pulled up to the lady's home in a small white pickup with Texas license plates. He told the woman, who lives alone, the job was now going to cost $13,000.

The lady told him there was no way she could afford to pay them $13,000. The man then threatened to put a lien on her home if she did not pay. When all was said and done, she ended up paying $7,000 for a job that was supposed to cost $1,500.

"They kind of bullied her into it," said the detective.

When he looked at the lady's driveway, Detective Shireman said the job was poorly done and the cracks and holes are still visible.

"Basically, it looks like it did before — it's just a shinier black," he added.

The next day, continued the OCSO investigator, the same two men approached another older female homeowner in the southwest section of the county and offered to fix her driveway. Since there was merely a small spot that needed repair, they agreed upon a price of $45.

She went into her home and when she came back out to see how the men were doing they had done work to nearly half of her driveway. She began to argue with the men and told them the agreed-upon price was $45 and she wasn't about to pay any more than that.

Detective Shireman said the men began to argue with her and tried to bully her into paying them. Instead, she told the men she was going to call her son who just happened to be a deputy sheriff.

The men left.

"It was a ruse, but it worked," said the detective with a smile.

He went on to caution homeowners to be wary of people coming to your home and soliciting work. It's unlikely a reputable firm will be going door-to-door soliciting business, he added.

"If they do come to your door, tell them to leave a business card and then check them out," offered the detective. "Then, if you have any concerns, contact the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office."

To reach the sheriff's office, call 863-763-3117.

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).

• Daniel Bartholomew Wacker, 21, Reservation Road, Okeechobee, was arrested May 2 by Deputy Elbert Kline on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with the felony of child neglect causing great harm. His bond was set at $5,000.

• Jose German-Guijosa Ramirez, 31, N.W. 39th Circle, Okeechobee, was arrested May 3 by Deputy John Hazy on a felony charge of possession of a controlled substance (cocaine) and a misdemeanor charge of no valid driver's license. His bond was set at $3,000.

• Virginia Ortiz-Arias, 43, Fleetwood St., Clewiston, was arrested May 4 by Deputy Steven Pollock on a misdemeanor charge of driving under the influence. She was released on her own recognizance.

• Harold L. Thompson, 26, S.W. 169th Drive, Indiantown, was arrested May 4 by Deputy Elbert Kline on Martin County warrants charging him with the felonies of possession of a controlled substance (cocaine) and sale of cocaine. His bond was set at $6,500.

• Joseph Clinton Vanmeter, 54, Circle Drive, Sheapardsville, Ky., was arrested May 4 by Deputy Steven Pollock on a misdemeanor charge of driving under the influence. His bond was set at $500.

• Jeremy Eugene Beecham, 31, Hammock Lane, Okeechobee, was arrested May 4 by Deputy Leland Schoonmaker on a Glades County warrant charging him with the felonies of failure to appear - possession of a controlled substance without a prescription and failure to appear - driving while license suspended-habitual offender. He is being held without bond.

• Eugene Jermale Dennis, 26, N.W. 10th St., Okeechobee, was arrested May 4 by Officer Ryan Holroyd on a felony charge of aggravated domestic battery. He was released on his own recognizance.

• Justin Albritton, 32, Lake Marion Road, Kenansville, was arrested May 5 by Deputy Ron Brown on an Osceola County warrant charging him with the felonies of fleeing and eluding a law enforcement officer and possession of a controlled substance without a prescription, and the misdemeanor of resisting a law enforcement officer without violence. His bond was set at $12,500.

• Valentine Martinez, 33, N.W. First St., Okeechobee, was arrested May 5 by Deputy Fred Bradley on a DOC warrant charging him with the felony of violation of probation - driving while license suspended-habitual offender. He is being held without bond.

• Kimberly Ann Rantz, 43, U.S. 441 S.E., Okeechobee, was arrested May 6 by Deputy Steven Pollock on misdemeanor charges of driving under the influence and driving while license suspended. Her bond was set at $1,000.

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

DEP issues permit for dike repair

TALLAHASSEE — On May 2, the Department of Environmental Protection's Office of Ecosystem Projects issued a consolidated Environmental Resource Permit, or ERP, to the United States Army Corps of Engineers for the Herbert Hoover Dike (HHD) Repair and Rehabilitation Project (R&R Project). The permit authorizes construction and replacement of Culverts 2, 12A and HP-2 with new water control structures S-278 (C-2), S-274 (C-12A) and S-287 (C-HP-2).

In an effort to streamline the regulatory process for the rehabilitation and repair project, the department developed a comprehensive approach that will reduce the timeframe necessary to process future culvert replacement activities associated with the dike. The department estimates this proactive comprehensive approach will save over 1,000 work hours, more than $40,000 in tax payers money and will result in a significant reduction in time needed for future permit authorizations.

"The residents of South Florida are dependant upon a stable dike around Lake Okeechobee," said DEP Secretary Herschel T. Vinyard Jr. "DEP was able to streamline its permitting process for critical dike rehabilitation projects to alleviate flooding and environmental concerns for residents in the communities impacted by Lake Okeechobee."

The HHD R&R Project is intended to reduce the risk of flooding, piping and seepage as a result of higher lake levels. The dike, which was constructed in the early to mid-1900s, is comprised of gravel, rock, limestone, sand and shell and does not currently meet the rigorous standards for dams and levees that exist today; limiting the flexibility of water managers with regard to lake operations. Enhancements to the HHD are critical to the restoration of the Everglades, and last year, the state urged the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (Corps) to expedite work on this dike system.

The culvert repair project is one component of the Corps comprehensive HHD R&R Project to enhance the stability of the 143 mile earthen dike around Lake Okeechobee.

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Mother's Day dining out tips

Mother's Day is right around the corner, and this special holiday serves to honor all those women who devote so much time and effort to their families. While gifts and other trinkets are certainly part of the celebration, a vast majority of children opt to treat Mom to a night out on the town come Mother's Day. Not only does this give mom a night off from cooking, but also it presents an opportunity to get dressed up and spend time together as a family.

A vast number of families travel to their favorite restaurants for Mother's Day meals. Mother's Day is one of the busiest holidays of the year for restaurants. The National Retail Federation says 54.8 percent of Americans treat their mothers to a special meal out on Mother's Day. Billions of dollars are generated by people eating out with their mothers. With large crowds to be expected, diners can follow a few tips when treating Mom to a meal.

- Book early. To guarantee a reservation at any restaurant, namely your favorite restaurant, you will need to make a reservation well in advance of Mother's Day. It's never too early to put your name on the reservation list. Don't forget Mother's Day is Sunday, May 11, 2014.
- Expect to wait. Even with a reservation, you're bound to spend some time waiting at the restaurant. Other families may be lingering at their tables, as no one wants to rush Mom out of the door. Plan accordingly for a potentially long wait time. This means having a snack before you leave. Don't arrive famished, as no one wants the dining party to be hungry and cranky, which is not a good way to celebrate Mom. Have plenty of snacks and drinks on hand for young children, as well as activities to keep them entertained.
- Consider dining out a day before or after. Restaurants are generally packed on Mother's Day, and as a result kitchen and wait staffs might be overtaxed. What's more, diners might be relegated to a special or abbreviated menu. If you want a more relaxed setting and the ability to order whatever you desire, it may be a better idea to celebrate Mother's Day in advance. Then have Mom enjoy a relaxing day at home on her special day.
- Take-out is an option. Families can treat Mom to a dinner out, without really having to go out. Many restaurants offer takeout service, so you will not be limited to pizza or Chinese. Even chain restaurants have curbside service, so if Mom is in the mood for a burger or something more elaborate, she'll have that option.
- Expect an included gratuity. Restaurants often include a gratuity in the bill when servicing larger parties, such as those that might be celebrating Mother's Day. The standard gratuity rate is 18 percent, but you may want to go above and beyond if you feel the service is exemplary.
- Hire a sitter for young kids. Although Mother's Day is a chance for the entire family to spend time together, the main goal is to ensure Mom's comfort and happiness. If very young children are in tow, she may not be able to relax and enjoy her meal. Infants will need to be fed, and toddlers may be easily distracted. Have a sitter watch little ones when adults are dining out, and then Mom can enjoy time with the kids when she returns home for more celebrating.

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Give the gift of green for Mother's Day

Mom may appreciate chocolate or flowers. But for children who want to offer her something a little more special -- especially for their eco-conscious moms -- there are a number of different gift options to make Mom's big day as eco-friendly as it is enjoyable.

An eco-friendly gift for Mom is a gift that keeps on giving. When you jot down your gift idea list, think about adding these "green" gifts.

- Make a basket of gardening gear. Garden plants and supplies are perhaps the greenest gifts to give Mom. Plants are so plentiful and varied that there are bound to be ideal flowers or greenery for every mother's tastes. Compile different gardening essentials, such as seeds or seedlings, organic soil mix, mulch, all-natural compost, and a few different planting containers. You can also include gardening gloves and ergonomic tools made of recycled materials. Finish the gift with the inclusion of a book that describes different garden designs and gives tips for beginners.

- Dine at a local restaurant. Many families take Mom out for a meal on her special day. To make the experience eco-friendly, select among restaurants that are close to home in the area. Explore the possibilities of restaurants that may serve foods made with local, organic ingredients. If you cannot find such a restaurant, do not worry, just choose a local establishment to conserve fuel.
- Pay for a car tune-up. Improving the gas mileage on Mom's car is one gift that can be environmentally friendly. According to the United States Department of Energy, keeping a car in shape can help save money and improve fuel economy. Fixing a serious maintenance problem, such as a faulty oxygen sensor, can improve Mom's gas mileage by as much as 40 percent. Also, be sure to have her car tires properly inflated. She can be losing gas mileage by 0.3 percent for every 1 psi drop in all four tires. Getting an oil change with the recommended grade of motor oil is another gas mileage improvement measure.
- Purchase eco-friendly kitchen items. It may be a major faux pas to give Mom an appliance or a new vacuum for Mother's Day. However, if your mother is an avid cook or baker, she may appreciate some new mixing bowls or utensils made from recycled materials. If Mom is the consummate entertainer, get her new glass tumblers and sipping straws made from recycled glass. They are perfect for serving cocktails and outdoor entertaining.
- Pamper mom with organic products. What mom doesn't enjoy a little pampering from time to time? You can treat your mother to a spa experience at home by assembling a basket full of organic shampoo, conditioner, massage oils, bath salts, and any other organic spa items you can find.
- Select organic fruits and flowers. Companies like www.organicbouquet.com can assemble a bouquet made from responsibly grown flowers or even a wreath for a wall or door. They also have food gifts, from organic fruits to nuts.
- Spend the day outdoors. Most moms cherish any gift from their children, whether lavish or simple. A nice, eco-friendly gift is to spend time together. Research local parks or hiking trails and plan a day where you both commune with nature. Or even head to the seaside for a relaxing day. Explore the landscape and be on the lookout for birds and washed up treasure from the sea. Plan to finish the day with a homemade, picnic lunch.

Breakfast in bed for special occasions

Few gestures of affection create such a stir as presenting a loved one with breakfast in bed. On special occasions, treating a loved one to breakfast in bed can get their big day off on the right foot. The success of such an endeavor often boils down to following a few tips.

The surprise of breakfast in bed is almost as important as the presentation. Make sure everyone keeps the secret and rises early enough to prepare the meal. Time the meal so that it is ready when the person of honor typically awakes.

Banging and clanking in the kitchen does not a relaxing morning make, so select an easily prepared dish to cut back on the noise. Store- or restaurant-bought foods can still make a nice impression if they are dressed up.

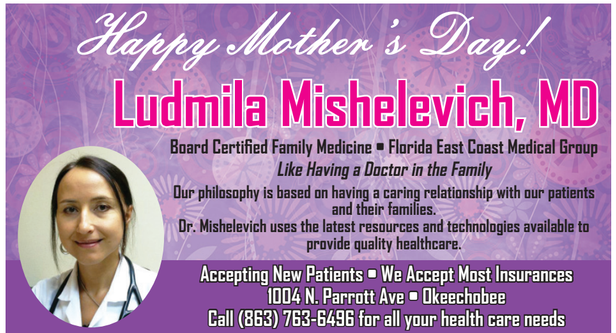
Adult supervision is a must when young kids are cooking. This ensures everything goes safely and smoothly while still giving kids the chance to pitch in.

Delegate some tasks to kids. A young child may be able to arrange flowers in a vase, while a slightly older child may be more adept at slicing toast or helping to flip pancakes. The breakfast should be a joint effort so that the person treated to breakfast knows everyone involved cared enough to pitch in.

Choose easy-to-eat foods. Crumbly and messy foods are not the ideal fit for breakfast in bed. No one wants to spill food onto pillows or go to bed the next evening to find a pile of crumbs beneath the sheets. Finger foods or bite-sized items that can be popped into the mouth will not make much of a mess. Crepes may be a nice alternative to messier muffins. Serve coffee or tea in a cup with a lid to help prevent spills.

Invest in a food tray to make serving breakfast in bed that much easier. A bedside table or nightstand also work.

Add small details to make the breakfast even more special. Use heart- or flower-shaped cookie cutters to add whimsy to everything from pancakes to fruit. A hand-written card or poem is another nice touch.



Unique gifts ideas for Mothers

Whether she's still hard at work raising children or her kids have grown up and now have children of their own, Mom deserves our best efforts come Mother's Day. And while traditional gifts like flowers and chocolate might make for thoughtful Mother's Day gifts, those who want to go the extra mile for Mom this year can consider the following unique gift ideas.

- **Concert tickets:** Many adults recall the days of their youth when Mom would relax while listening to some of her favorite music on a lazy summer afternoon. Why not take a stroll down Memory Lane and take Mom to see one of her favorite acts in concert? Even if you have outgrown Mom's musical tastes, she will still appreciate the chance to spend an evening out on the town with her kids and some good music.
- **Theater tickets:** If Mom is a fan of live theater then nothing will elicit a bigger smile than tickets to a Broadway show she has had her eyes on. If Broadway is a bit too far for you to travel, do your homework and find a traveling production of a former Broadway show. Such productions often feature many of the same actors who made the play famous on Broadway so you're still bound to see an unforgettable show Mom will love.
- **Parts unknown:** Moms who love to travel and experience other cultures would certainly appreciate a trip abroad or a domestic getaway to a region of the country they have yet to explore.Before booking any such trips, speak to your Mom and ask if there's anywhere in particular she'd like to go. Such trips can be expensive, so adults might want to speak to their siblings and finance such an excursion together.
- **Spa treatment:** If Mom is still as active as ever, then a day of pampering at a nearby spa is sure to please. Many luxury spas offer packages, especially around Mother's Day, that make a full-on spa treatment a more affordable gift. Men and women can even accompany Mom on her trip and reap the rewards of being such a thoughtful son or daughter.

A baby asked God, "They tell me you are sending me to earth tomorrow, but how am I going to live there being so small and helpless?"

"Your angel will be waiting for you and will take care of you."

The child further inquired, "But tell me, here in heaven I don't have to do anything but sing and smile to be happy."

God said, "Your angel will sing for you and will also smile for you. And you will feel your angel's love and be very happy."

Again the child asked, "And how am I going to be able to understand when people talk to me if I don't know the language?"

God said, "Your angel will tell you the most beautiful and sweet words you will ever hear, and with much patience and care, your angel will teach you how to speak."

"And what am I going to do when I want to talk to you?"

God said, "Your angel will place your hands together and will teach you how to pray."

"Who will protect me?"

God said, "Your angel will defend you even if it means risking it's life."

"But I will always be sad because I will not see you anymore."

God said, "Your angel will always talk to you about Me and will teach you the way to come back to Me, even though I will always be next to you."

At that moment there was much peace in Heaven, but voices from Earth could be heard and the child hurriedly asked, "God, if I am to leave now, please tell me my angel's name."

"You will simply call her, 'Mom.'"

Happy Mother's Day to all Moms, but especially to our Moms at Domer's

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Area churches plan special events

Places of Worship

Share your news and photos for this column by email to **okeenews@newszap.com**

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

Dr. Jack Sharpe, retired minister and Professor of Pastoral Ministry and Counseling at Southeastern University, will speak at **Fountain Of Life Church,** 1302 SW 32nd St., on Sunday, May 11, at both the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. services. For more information, contact the church at 863-753-8945.

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

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

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

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

Love Jesus? Every Monday morning, 8 a.m. at Hampton Inn, there is a **Bible study** held and you are invited. It is free if you don't eat, or you can have a great breakfast for only $5. Brandon Tucker and Pastor Jim Benton are the speakers. More questions? Call 863-532-2482.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Church of God of Prophecy has an Open Arms Ministry, at 102 N.W. 10th St. The Hurting Women's Ministry meets on the second and fourth Friday of each month at 7 p.m. This is a ministry for women of all ages who are going through or have been through crisis in their lives. For more information, please call 863-254-8304.

Special to the Okeechobee News

Rotary hosts guest speakers

The Tuesday speakers at the April 22 Rotary meeting included Vern Melvin and Gail Griffith. They shared the local need for Guardian ad Litem volunteers. If you have 10 extra hours a month, please consider that when there is legal action or decisions about children's future. They often have no one representing his/her interests. There will be training for the GAL program at the Okeechobee Library on May 8-9, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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Cooks, prep-cooks, aides and dishwashers with good references may apply at 406 NW 4th Street, Okeechobee

These are full-time positions with benefits for the right people. All perspective employees must be able to pass a drug test, physical and Level II background screening as a prerequisite to hiring. EOE/DFWP

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Retired Professional

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Public Notices

Public Notice

OKEECHOBEE COUNTY #2014-09
NOTICE TO RECEIVE SEALED BIDS and BID OPENING

The Okeechobee County Board of County Commissioners announces will receive sealed bids for the rehabilitation of two County-owned houses. The project is funded by a federal NSP3 grant.

Electronic bid packages for printing by the contractor, and information on the project, may be obtained from Roumelis Planning and Development Services, Inc. by calling 863-467-6600, or e-mailing debroumelis@earthlink.net. The bids must conform to Section 287.133(3) Florida Statutes on public entity crimes, and federal debarment.

A mandatory pre-bid walk-through will be held, beginning at the historic courthouse, 304 NW 2nd Street, Room 201, on May 13, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. Printed bid packages will be available at the pre-bid meeting.

Bids will be received until 3:00 p.m. on May 29, 2014, at the Clerk to the Board of Commissioners Office, 304 NW 2nd Street, Room 222, Okeechobee, Florida 34972. Bids will be publicly opened after 3:00 p.m. in Room 201. EEO
465273 ON 5/7/2014

PUBLIC NOTICE
CONSIDERATION OF A PROPOSED SPECIAL EXCEPTION

A **PUBLIC HEARING** will be held before the City of Okeechobee Board of Adjustment and Appeals on **Thursday, May 15, 2014 at 6:00 p.m**. or as soon thereafter as possible, at City Hall, 55 SE 3rd Ave, Council Chambers, Rm 200, Okeechobee, Florida. The agenda is available on the City website www.cityofokeechobee.com, or contact the General Services Department, pburnette@cityofokeechobee.com, 863-763-3372 x 218.

Under consideration is Special Exception Petition No. 14-001-SE, submitted by Mr. Albert Zakhary, Representative, on behalf of property owner, First Bank of Indiantown/Harbor Community Bank, to allow a Drive-through service within a Commercial Business District (CBD) Zoning District, ref. Code Book Section 90-313(1). The proposed use is for a Drive-Thru Dunkin Doughnuts.

Property is located at 205 NE Park Street, Legal: Lots 7 to 9 of Block 153, City of Okeechobee, Plat Book 5, Page 5 Okeechobee County public records, and is approximately 0.488 acres.

All members of the public are encouraged to attend and participate in said Hearing. The entire petition may be inspected during regular business hours, Mon-Fri, 8am-4:30pm, except for holidays.

The Board of Adjustment and Appeals serves as the decision making body (quasi-judicial), on behalf of the City, to approve or deny Special Exceptions.

ANY PERSON DECIDING TO APPEAL any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at this meeting will need to ensure a verbatim record of the proceeding is made and the record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal will be based. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), any person with a disability as defined by the ADA, that needs special accommodation to participate in this proceeding, contact the General Services Office no later than two business days prior to proceeding, 863-763-3372.

BE ADVISED that should you intend to show any document, picture, video or items to the Board in support or opposition to any item on the agenda; a copy of the document, picture, video, or item must be provided to the Board Secretary for the City's records
by: Brian Whitehall, Zoning Administrator
Petition No. 14-001-SE
465107 ON 4/27;5/7/2014

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
464901 ON 4/30;5/7/2014

Collective Bargaining

The Okeechobee County School Board and the Okeechobee County Education Association #1604 will meet for a negotiating session regarding revisions to the teacher evaluation system. The session will take place at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 15, 2014, in Room 303 of the School Board Administration Building at 700 SW 2nd Avenue, Okeechobee. Bargaining sessions are open to the public.

Ken Kenworthy
Superintendent of Schools
465260 ON 5/7/2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
Case No. 2014-CP-85

IN RE: ESTATE OF
MARCIA ANN FRYMAN
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Marcia Ann Fryman, deceased, whose date of death was April 21, 2014, is pending in the Circuit Court for Okeechobee County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, FL 34972. The names and addresses of the personal representatives and the personal representatives' 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 May 7, 2014.

Personal Representative:
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Okeechobee, Florida 34974

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Okeechobee, Florida 34972
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E-Mail: titleandlegal@ymail.com
465264 ON 5/7,14/2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
CASE NO. 2014-CP-67

In Re: Estate of:
KATHLEEN ANNE SANTAMARINA, a/k/a KATHLEEN SANTAMARINA,
Deceased

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of KATHLEEN ANNE SANTAMARINA, a/k/a KATHLEEN SANTAMARINA, deceased, whose date of death was February 19, 2014, and whose social security number is xxx-xx-8572, is pending in the Circuit Court for Okeechobee County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 312 N.W. 3rd Street, Suite 101, Okeechobee, Florida 34972. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against the decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF 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.

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The date of the first publication of this notice is May 7, 2014 .

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Okeechobee, Florida 34974

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465219 ON 5/7,14/2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 47-2013-CA-000133-CAAX-MX

FIFTH THIRD MORTGAGE COMPANY,
Plaintiff,
VS.
UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, TRUSTEES OF JEFFREY R. PAULSON, DECEASED; MICHELLE THORNTON, HEIR; KELLY THORNTON, HEIR; 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 16, BLOCK 4, ORANGE BLOSSOM RANCHES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 9, 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 June 4, 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.
465200 ON 5/7,14/2014

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
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Attorneys for Plaintiff

NOTICE

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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

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

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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.
465172 ON 4/30;5/7/2014

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.: 472013CA000163

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. 472013CA000163 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, 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

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.
PROBATE DIVISION
CASE NO. 2014-CP-60

In Re: Estate of
DORIS THERESA LeCLAIR, a/k/a DORIS T. LeCLAIR,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of DORIS THERESA LeCLAIR, a/k/a DORIS T. LeCLAIR, deceased, whose date of death was March 15, 2014, and whose social security number is xxx-xx-8177, is pending in the Circuit Court for Okeechobee County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 312 N.W. 3rd Street, Suite 101, Okeechobee, Florida 34972. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against the decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF 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 the first publication of this notice is May 7, 2014.

Personal Representative:
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BY: Tom W. Conely, III
Florida Bar No. 096482
ON 5/7,14/2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION
Case No: 47-2011-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

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.
PROBATE DIVISION
CASE NO. 2014-CP- 66

In re: Estate of
SAMUEL JAMES TRIFIRO,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of SAMUEL JAMES TRIFIRO, deceased, whose date of death was March 16, 2014, and whose social security number is xxx-xx-9183, is pending in the Circuit Court for Okeechobee County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 312 N.W. 3rd Street, Suite 101, Okeechobee, Florida 34972. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against the decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF 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 the first publication of this notice is May 7, 2014,

Personal Representative:
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465199 ON 5/7,14/2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 19TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.
CASE No.: 2010-CA-000575

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, TRUSTEE SAXON ASSET SECURITIES TRUST 2007-2 MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-2,
Plaintiff,
VS.
DAVID TYSON; VIOLA TYSON; DISCOVERY MARKETING DISTRIBUTING, INC.; OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA; DAVID TYSON, JR., and SHANNON TYSON,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated December 16, 2013, and entered in Case No. 2010-CA-000575 of the Circuit Court of the 19th Judicial Circuit in and for Okeechobee County, Florida, wherein DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, TRUSTEE SAXON ASSET SECURITIES TRUST 2007-2 MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-2, is the Plaintiff, and DAVID TYSON; VIOLA TYSON; DISCOVERY MARKETING & DISTRIBUTING, INC.; OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA; DAVID TYSON, JR., and SHANNON TYSON, are Defendants, the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in the Jury Assembly room, 2nd Floor, of the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, located at 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, FL 34972, at 11:00 A.M. on the 4th day of June, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment, to wit:

Beginning at the Northeast corner of Lot 12, Block 3, Okeechobee Little Farms, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 100 of the Public Records of Okeechobee County/City, Florida: run thence South on the East lot line of said Lot 12, a distance of 157.5 feet to a Point of Beginning, thence run West parallel to the North lot line a distance of 330 feet, thence run South parallel to the East lot line a distance of 157.5 feet, thence run East parallel to the North lot line 330 feet to the East lot line, thence run North 157.5 feet on the East lot line to the Point of Beginning, less and except the East 35 feet thereof and less and except the West 35 feet thereof.

Street Address: 10691 NW 4th Avenue, Okeechobee, FL 34972

and all fixtures and personal property located therein or thereon, which are included as security in Plaintiffs mortgage.

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

Dated at Okeechobee, Okeechobee County, Florida, this 20th day of December 2013.

Sharon Robertson
Clerk of said Circuit Court
By: Sandra L. Creech
As Deputy Clerk

Clarfield, Okon, Salomone, & Pincus, P.L.
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IN THE NINETEENTH CIRCUIT COURT FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA. CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 472013CA000083CAAXMX

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE, ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDERS OF THE CASTLE PEAK 2011-1 LOAN TRUST, MORTGAGE-BACKED NOTES, SERIES 2011-1,
Plaintiff,
vs.
CONSTANCE M. CARLTON ALSO KNOWN AS CONSTANCE M. WESSON; ET AL.
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE
PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Summary Final Judgment of foreclosure dated 03/06/2014 and an Order Resetting Sale dated April 7, 2014 and entered in Case No. 472013CA000083CAAXMX of the Circuit Court of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Okeechobee County, Florida, wherein U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE, ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDERS OF THE CASTLE PEAK 2011-1 LOAN TRUST, M. NOTES, SERIES 2011-1 is Plaintiff and CONSTANCE M. CARLTON ALSO KNOWN AS CONSTANCE M. WESSON; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CONSTANCE M. CARLTON ALSO KNOWN AS CONSTANCE M. WESSON. BRETT W. WESSON. THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF BRETT W. WESSON" UNKNOWN' TENANT NO. 1; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 2; and ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTERESTS BY THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST A NAMED DEFENDANT TO THIS ACTION, OR HAVING OR CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED, are Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at in the Jury Assembly Room, 2nd Floor, Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 312 N.W. 3rd Street,_ Okeechobee, Florida 34972, beginning at 11:00 a.m. on **May 28, 2014,** the following described property as set forth in said Order or Final Judgment, to-wit:

A PARCEL OF LAND LYING IN SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 37 SOUTH, RANGE 36 EAST, OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ALSO KNOWN AS LOT 134 OF THE UNRECORDED SUBDIVISION OF A SPOT IN THE SUN UNIT II AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
COMMENCE AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 15; THENCE S 89 DEGREES 59 MINUTES 32 SECONDS E, ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 15, A DISTANCE OF 2204.81 FEET; THENCE S 00 DEGREES 32 MINUTES 18 SECONDS E, ALONG THE WEST OF SAID UNRECORDED SUBDIVISION OF A SPOT IN THE SUN UNIT II, A DISTANCE OF 3060.00 FEET; THENCE S 89 DEGREES 59 MINUTES 32 SECONDS E, ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID UNRECORDED SUBDIVISION OF A SPOT IN THE SUN UNIT II, A DISTANCE OF 1258.00 FEET; THENCE N 00 DEGREES 32 MINUTES 15 SECONDS W, ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID UNRECORDED SUBDIVISION OF A SPOT IN THE SUN UNIT II, A DISTANCE OF 1497.36 FEET, TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 122 OF SAID UNRECORDED SUBDIVISION; THENCE S 89 DEGREES 27 MINUTES 45 SECONDS W, ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF LOTS 122 AND 123 OF SAID UNRECORDED SUBDIVISION, A DISTANCE OF 425.88 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 134 AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUES 89 DEGREES 27 MINUTES 45 SECONDS W, ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID LOT 134, A DISTANCE OF 104.12 FEET; THENCE N 13 DEGREES 04 MINUTES 24 SECONDS W, ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT 134, A DISTANCE OF 318.99 FEET, TO THE INTERSECTION WITH THE SOUTH RIGHT OF-WA Y LINE OF NE 12TH LANE; THENCE S 89 DEGREES 49 MINUTES 24 SECONDS E, ALONG SAID SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WA Y LINE, A DISTANCE OF 177.22 FEET; THENCE S 00 DEGREES 10 MINUTES 36 SECONDS W, ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID LOT 134, A DISTANCE OF 309.20 FEET, OF THE POINT OF BEGINNING. TOGETHER WITH A MOBILE HOME AS A PERMANENT FIXTURE AND APPURTENANCE THERETO, DESCRIBED AS: A 2001 DOUBLEWIDE MOBILE HOME BEARING IDENTIFICATION NUMBER(S) FLFL170A29099WC21 AND FLFL170B29099WC21 TITLE NUMBER(S) 0085525689 AND 0085525888

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 Come Johnson, ADA Coordinator, 250 NW Country Club Drive, Suite 217, Port St. Lucie, FL 34986, (772) 801-4370 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; it you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

DATED at Okeechobee, Florida, on April 28, 2014

SHARON ROBERTSON
As Clerk Circuit Court
BY: Sandra L. Creech
As Deputy Clerk
465194 ON 5/7,14/2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
Case No.: 10000290CAXXXX

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF MERRILL LYNCH MORTGAGE INVESTORS TRUST, MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-MLNI
Plaintiff,
V.
CLAUDETTE NORMAN F/K/A CLAUDETTE Y. ARNOLD, MATTHEW SHAWN NORMAN; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS.
Defendant(s)

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order on Plaintiff's Motion to Reset Foreclosure Sale dated April 2, 2014, entered in Civil Case No. 10000290CA of the Circuit Court of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Okeechobee County, Florida, wherein the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest bidder for cash on the 4th day of June, 2014, at 11:00 a.m. in the Jury Assembly Room, 2nd Floor, Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida 34972, in accordance with Chapter 45 Florida Statutes, relative to the following described property as set forth in the Final Judgement.

COMMENCING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 12, TOWNSHIP 37 SOUTH, RANGE 34 EAST, RUN THENCE N 89 DEGREES 40 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE NORTH BOUNDARY LINE OF SECTION 12 FOR A DISTANCE OF 3,630.00 FEET FOR A P.O.B., THENCE CONTINUE NORTH 89 DEGREES 37 MINUTES 36 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID SECTION LINE FOR A DISTANCE OF 122.50 FEET TO A POINT IN THE CENTER OF EXISTING ROAD, THENCE RUN SOUTH 0 DEGREES 08 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID CENTER OF ROAD BEING PARCEL WITH THE EAST BOUNDARY LINE OF SAID SECTION 12 FOR A DISTANCE OF 660.00 FEET TO A POINT ON THE NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF MITCHELL ROAD, THENCE RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 37 MINUTES 36 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF SAID MITCHELL ROAD A DISTANCE OF 122.50 FEET, THENCE RUN NORTH 00 DEGREES 08 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 660.00 FEET TO P.O.B.

EXCEPTING AND RESERVING FOR ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY A STRIP OF LAND 27.50 FEET IN WIDTH OFF THE WEST SIDE OF SAID PROPERTY. LYING IN AND COMPRISING A PART OF SECTION 12, TOWNSHIP 37 SOUTH, RANGE 34 EAST.

Any persons 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.

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.
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, Ilame al 711.
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 Omwen 7 jou avan ke ou gen pou-ou paret nan tribunal, ou imediatman ke ou resevwa avis saa ou si le ke ou gen pou-ou paret nan tribunal-la mwens ke 7 jou; Si ou pa ka tande ou pale byen, rele 711.
Dated at OKEECHOBEE, Florida this 4th day of April, 2014.

SHARON ROBERTSON
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY: Sandra L. Creech
Deputy Clerk
465213 ON 5/7,14/2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.: 47-2010-CA-04

CHASE HOME FINANCE LLC,
Plaintiff,
VS.
ARLENE G. LESTER-BAKER , et al,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated April 29, 2014 and entered in Case NO. 47-2010-CA-04 of the Circuit Court of the NINETEENTH Judicial Circuit in and for OKEECHOBEE County, Florida wherein JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION', is the Plaintiff and ARLENE G LESTER-BAKER; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ARLENE G. LESTER-BAKER N/K/A PAUL BAKER; MICHAEL J LESTER; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MICHAEL J. LESTER N/K/A MARIA LESTER; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; are the Defendants, The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in the JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM, 2ND FLOOR, OKEECHOBEE COUNTY JUDICIAL CENTER, 312 N.W. 3RD STREET, OKEECHOBEE, FLORIDA 34972 at 11:00AM, on the 28th day of May, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

[1]Plaintiff name has changed pursuant to order previously entered.

PARCEL A: A PARCEL OF LAND LYING IN SECTION 16, TOWNSHIP 37 EAST, RANGE 36 EAST, OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 16, BEAR SOUTH 00 DEGREES 16 MINUTES 45 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION 16, A DISTANCE OF 877.27 FEET TO THE RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF B & B MCARTHUR ROAD; THENCE CONTINUE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 16 MINUTES 45 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE SAID LINE OF SAID SECTION 16, A DISTANCE OF 1020.92 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 16 MINUTES 45 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION 16, A DISTANCE OF 255.26 FEET TO THE NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF SAID B & B MCARTHUR ROAD; THENCE BEAR NORTH 89 DEGREES 43 MINUTES 15 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF SAID B & B MCARTHUR ROAD, A DISTANCE OF 163.97 FEET; THENCE BEAR NORTH 00 DEGREES 16 MINUTES 45 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 255.26 FEET; THENCE BEAR SOUTH 89 DEGREES 43 MINUTES 15 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 163.97 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. AND

PARCEL B: A PARCEL OF LAND LYING IN SECTION 17, TOWNSHIP 37 SOUTH, RANGE 36 EAST, OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 17, THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 41 MINUTES 06 SECONDS EAST, ALONG THE EASTERLY SECTION LINE OF SAID SECTION 17; SAID LINE BEING ALSO THE WESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF NORTHEAST 80TH AVENUE (NORMAN ROAD), A DISTANCE OF 2993.40 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 18 MINUTES 54 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 495.00 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 41 MINUTES 06 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 440.00 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 18 MINUTES 54 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 495.00 FEET TO A POINT LYING ON THE AFORESAID EASTERLY SECTION LINE AND WESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 41 MINUTES 06 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID SECTION LINE/ RIGHT-OF -WAY LINE, A DISTANCE OF 440.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.
A/K/A 8025 NE 12TH STREET, OKEECHOBEE, FL 34974

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale.

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on May 5, 2014.

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

Ronald R Wolfe & Associates,
P.L. P.O. Box 25018, Tampa, Florida 33622-5018
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****See Americans with Disabilities Act**

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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 saa 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.
465299 ON 5/7,14/2014

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ANSWER:

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.: 472012CA000223CAAXMX

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

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

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

The clerk of the court will sell to the highest bidder for cash at 11:00 AM on June 4, 2014 in the Jury Assembly Room on the 2nd floor at the Okeechobee County Judicial Center located at 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida 34972, the following described real property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 8, BLOCK 30, UNIT NUMBER 2, BASSWOOD INCORPORATED, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 28, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the court on April 11, 2014.

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

Aldridge/Connors, LLP
Attorney for Plaintiff(s)
1615 S. Congress Ave, Suite 200
Delray Beach, FL 33445
Phone: 561.392.6391
Fax: 561.392.6965
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465009 ON 5/7,14/2014

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

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY
GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION
CASE NO. 2011CA000302

OCWEN LOAN SERVICING LLC,
Plaintiff,
VS.
SCOTT P JONES, BASSWOOD HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION #1, UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION #2, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SCOTT P. JONES,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure filed March 3, 2014, entered in Civil Case No. 2011CA000302 of the Circuit Court of the NINETEENTH Judicial Circuit in and for Okeechobee County, Okeechobee, Florida, the Clerk of Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in the Jury Assembly Room, 2nd Floor of the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 312 Northwest 3rd Street, Okeechobee, FL. 34972 in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes on the 4th day of June, 2014 at 11:00 AM on the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment, to-wit:

Lot 5 of Block 61, BASSWOOD, Unit 5, according to the Plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 51, 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 4TH day of March 2014.

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

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Crossword Puzzle

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ACROSS
1 Wire insulator
5 Australian gemstone
9 Dressed
13 They're found in veins
14 Zany escapade
16 Saintly ring
17 Yellow sticky brand
19 Eric of "Spamalot"
20 Color
21 Manicurist's concern
22 "Breaking Bad" award
24 Out of bed
26 Caffeination station
30 Vessel for the Mad Hatter
32 Fast-running bird
33 Kibbutz country
36 18th-century composer Thomas
37 Kenya neighbor: Abbr.
40 Crisis phone service
43 "Breaking Bad" law org.
44 Journey
46 Shed, with "off"
48 Solar or lunar phenomenon
51 Hiss and hum
55 Café serving group
58 Flawless
59 British "bye-bye"
60 Tees off
62 Electronic eavesdropping org.
63 Jalopy
65 Composer's output, and where to find the last words of 17-, 26-, 40- and 55-Across
68 Sicilian volcano
69 Golf targets
70 Quick gander
71 Light bulb unit
72 Circular current
73 Respectful titles

DOWN
1 Part of Uncle Sam's outfit
2 Turn on
3 Pre-euro Spanish coin
4 Repair shop fig.
5 Penta- plus three
6 Lose one's cool
7 2014 Olympics skating analyst Ohno
8 Replayed tennis serve
9 Fire-breathing Greek monster
10 1960s White House nickname
11 Every one
12 Anonymous Jane
15 Snorkeling areas
18 Arrival en masse
23 Bumped into
25 Here, to Henri
27 Folded manuscript sheet
28 Clearasil target
29 Actress Perlman
31 Expert
34 On a cruise, say
35 Angled pipe fitting
37 Meat-and-potatoes dish
38 Ocean predator
39 Combatively supportive
41 Religious sister
42 Self-absorption
45 Rain-on-the-roof rhythm
47 Kept secret
49 Hollywood hrs.
50 Money in the mattress, e.g.
52 Karate instructor
53 More like child's play
54 Men's Wearhouse items
56 Chase flies or grounders
57 Let loose
61 Online crafts marketplace
63 Chop with an ax
64 SFO posting
66 Gardening tool
67 Portfolio-increasing market moves

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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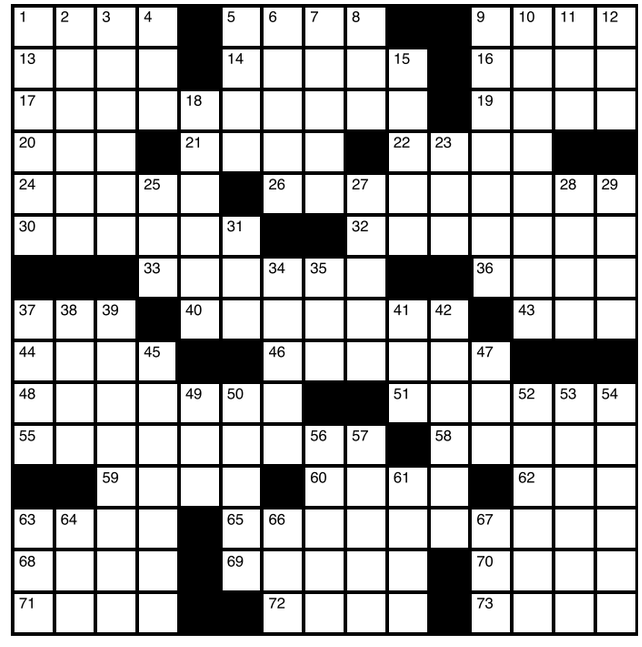

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Civil Air Patrol takes two field trips in one day

By Gregory Gernat, Capt., CAP
Special to the Okeechobee News

The Okeechobee Civil Air Patrol Squadron recently had a field trip which ended up being a "Double Header."

Our first stop was at the Fort Pierce Air Traffic Control Tower. We were granted permission to tour the tower while it was in operation. Located eighty feet in the air, one commanded a view of the entire airfield completely unobstructed. We were able to ask questions and watch the three traffic controllers direct aircraft from their statrup point where they were parked to taxi to their takeoff position to taking off down the runway. We also observed the reverse as aircraft were directed in to land from as far as five miles from the airport. When asked, all the controllers stated they loved their job. About the only down side was when the wind blew, you could feel the tower sway. At around 45 miles per hour, they are required to evacuate the tower until the wind subsides. Our down side is for security reasons we could not take pictures.

On the way home we stopped at the open house being put on by the Okeechobee Model Airplane Club. There was a good crowd there and the food was great. Several aerial demonstrations included the flying of vintage, aerobatic and 3D type aircraft which as far as I'm concerned, are aircraft that can do aerobatic things that a full-size aircraft cannot do. They even had Jeff Ragonese and Matt Hurst up pulling long streamers with each trying to cut the others' streamer off. Some pretty tense moments were experienced but both planes made it down safely, with their streamers intact!

There were several club members set up to give flying lessons. They had trainer type R/C planes set up with the Buddy Box system which lets the pilot take control of the plane if the "student" should by some remote chance lose control. I am happy to report all of the cadets took at least one Buddy Box flight and made it back to Earth safely. All in all it was a good day, plenty of fun and plenty of education.

The Civil Air Patrol participates in about ninety-five percent of the land-based search and rescue missions in the United States. We are also affiliated with FEMA, DEA, Homeland Security, state and local governments and help them with their missions when called upon. We are the official Auxiliary of the United States Air Force, yet operate as a not-for-profit 501 (C) 3 corporation. For more information, contact Capt. Greg Gernat at 863-357-2888 or 1LT Angel Garcia at 863-532-0525.

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Cadet Josh Allen flying Buddy Box with instructor Rich Chivari.

SUDOKU

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Level: Advanced

Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

See answers on page 16

Here's How It Works:
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By Dr. Ramesh Kumar
Big Lake Cancer Center

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Submitted Photo/**Big Lake Cancer Center Cyberknife: Cutting edge technology at work for our patients in Okeechobee.**

Cyberknife Robotic Radio surgery system, created at Stanford University over 10 years ago is unique and better than other systems in the fact that it is the only Radio surgery system that can achieve what is called "real-time tracking and killing of tumor."

What kind of patients can be helped by Cyberknife? There are several situations too numerous to mention here where Cyberknife would be extremely useful and safe. The following are just a few of them:

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Patients with cancers of the brain, spine, lung and prostate are but a few of the cancers that can be helped with one to five sessions of Radio Surgery.

An article that was published in the Journal of the American Medical Association in 2010 showed that patients with patients with lung cancer who received Radiosurgery had a survival rate of 55.8% at 3 years versus 20 to 35% for those patients treated with traditional radiation over several weeks.

As one of our patients commented, if it is good for patients at Stanford University, it is good for patients from the Okeechobee area!

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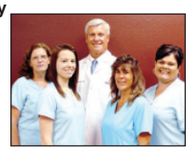

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Okeechobee SWCD promotes Soil and Water Stewardship Week

As a part of Okeechobee County since 1951, the Okeechobee Soil and Water Conservation District wants to remind you that each of us has a connection to natural resources. The National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) celebrated the 59th year of Stewardship week April 27 – May 4. The 2014 Stewardship Week is themed, "DIG DEEPER: Mysteries in the soil."

Mariano Corona acts as the Chairman for Okeechobee SWCD. The district was formed to assist people in Okeechobee with cooperating landowners and land managers of private working lands to help them plan and apply effective conservation practices. On April 27, Okeechobee SWCD focused on the urban community and commenced their rain barrel demonstration on a property they manage on Northwest Fifth Street. The goal is to establish Florida friendly landscaping and serve as a demonstration site for soil and water conservation. Completion of the project is set for the end of May.

Lake Okeechobee and the Kissimmee River are the county's number one main attractions for new residents and visitors. To help protect these waterways, monofilament recovery and recycling bins have been installed at many of our area's boat ramps and bait shops.

With the help of Chase Marsocci, a new outdoor monofilament recycling bin was installed at Fast Break Marathon. The bin is now located as a convenient drive up site or walk up while you are grabbing a snack, fueling your boat or stocking up on new tackle. Remember to recycle any of your monofilament line you may have laying around.

Okeechobee SWCD held their 9th Annual Speech Contest April 8 and sent the local winner, Andrew Smiley, to the Area IV Association of Florida Conservation District Contest, May 2 in Lorida. Andrew, a 12th grade homeschool student astounded the judges with his passion and delivery on the topic, "What are the mysteries in soil?" and was selected for first place.

He will represent Okeechobee and all of Area IV (9 South FL Counties) at the state AFCD speech Contest on Aug. 2. Education and outreach are vital for future generations to become engaged about understanding and appreciating our natural resources.

The speech contest is just one of many avenues to accomplish this.

"Soil is an essential natural resource that all of us depend on each and every day," said NACD President Earl Garber. "The Dust Bowl of the 1930s showed our nation the importance of conservation practices. Farmers and ranchers who have experienced recent droughts know that conservation practices are critical in helping their soil endure, even in the most challenging weather events. Your local conservation district is working with local landowners to assist in a variety of projects and outreach to improve soil health both now and in the long-term.

Okeechobee SWCD is a member of NACD which oversees the Stewardship Week program. Stewardship Week is one of the largest national annual programs to promote conservation. NACD represents the nation's 3,000 conservation districts, which were established to encourage resource conservation across the country.

For more information about the Okeechobee Soil and Water Conservation District, visit www.okeechobeeswcd.com or like us on Facebook.

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The Area IV Association of Florida Conservation Districts Speech Contest was held in Lorida. Pictured (back row, left to right) are: judges Carlos Torres, NRCS-Sebring, Audra Corson, Okeechobee SWCD, and Pat Hogue, Okeechobee County Extension director; front row, Andrew Smiley, representing Okeechobee SWCD, and first alternate, Aliyah McLean, representing Highlands SWCD.

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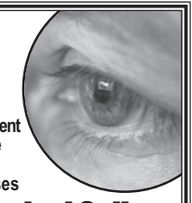

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