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SUV goes off bridge

Don Madray (left), with BMJ Towing, uses a shovel to keep this 1995 Chevrolet Blazer from hitting the side of the concrete bridge over Lemkin Creek as Cody Yates (right) operates the boom on the BMJ truck. The driver of the SUV lost control of the vehicle and it reportedly rolled over and tumbled over the side of the bridge on S.R. 78 West around 8:50 a.m. Monday, June 30. Helping work the crash was Deputy Corporal Randy Thomas (back to camera) from the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office. For the story, see page 15.

Newspaper to celebrate centennial year

Editor's note: This account of the history of the Okeechobee News includes excerpts from a series of articles written in 1995 by longtime Okeechobee News reporter Twila Valentine.

The Okeechobee News is celebrating its 100th year in business.

"A Cracker History of Okeechobee," by Lawrence E. Will, states that the paper began on July 1, 1914.

Kyle VanLandingham's book, "History of Okeechobee County," states that the newspaper was founded on July 1, 1915.

The two dates are not really in conflict. As a business, the Okeechobee News – originally known as The Okeechobee Call – started in 1914, and made official application for the postal permit at that time. A postal permit was

necessary not only to deliver the papers out of town, but also to establish the paper as a newspaper of record, authorized to run legal advertisements such as government notices.

The Okeechobee community needed a newspaper of record, as community leaders had big plans for the area. In 1915, they would put the City of Okeechobee on the map as an incorporated city. Two years later, Okeechobee County would be established.

Actual publication of the newspaper did not begin until 1915, with the first edition hitting the streets on July 1, 1915.

An article in the June 14, 1915 edition of the Fort Pierce News stated: "Okeechobee is to have a newspaper soon. The Okeechobee Call will be published by Mr. Rice, a newspaper

man of several years of experience. The first issue should appear next week."

According to an article in the July 15, 1960, Okeechobee News, for the first two years, the Okeechobee Call was printed in Fort Pierce and delivered to Okeechobee each Thursday in a Model T Ford. By the third year of operation, the newspaper had acquired its own printing equipment. Around that time the name was changed to the Okeechobee News. Very likely, the name was changed when a new owner took over. Since a fire destroyed the newspaper office, along with all records, in 1961, the exact date is not known.

The newspaper changed hands many times.

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Funny money passed locally

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee New

Another phony \$10 bill surfaced late last week when a customer unknowingly used the bill to pay for some items at a local convenience store.

A report by Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO) Deputy Bart Potter stated the counterfeit note was passed Friday, June 27, at a U.S. 441 S.E. convenience store.

The report stated the store clerk

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Chamber of Commerce News

The Chamber of Commerce will be closed this Friday, July 4, in observance of the Fourth of July holiday. We will return on Monday, July 7, at 9 a.m. Have a fun and safe holiday!

The Chamber of Commerce will hold its monthly Chamber Power Networking Breakfast on Tuesday, July 8, starting at 7 a.m. and concluding at 9 a.m. at Dairy Queen (now serving breakfast). This is an excellent opportunity to get to know your local business people and build lasting relationships in a professional environment. So don't miss out RSVP NOW!!

Smokin' Pink BBQ Takeout will have their Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting on Monday, July 21, from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. with the Chamber of Commerce of Okeechobee County, they are located at 116 S.W. Fourth Ave. Please come out and support your local business! Owner Laurie Stephen would love to have you stop by!

The Chamber of Commerce will hold its monthly Chamber Business After Hours on Tuesday, July 29, at 5 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Location is Buxton Bass Funeral Home. This is an excellent opportunity to get to know your local business people and build lasting relationships in a professional environment. Don't miss the opportunity, RSVP NOW www.okeechobeebusiness.com.

Leadership Okeechobee Class of 2015 is now taking applications. The purpose of the Leadership Okeechobee Program is to cultivate leadership through education, exposure to the community, and interaction between class members. Our ultimate goal is to prepare students for a personal journey along the wonderful and rewarding path to community service. The following are our program objectives: to prepare future/potential leaders to meet the challenges ahead for Okeechobee; to explore critical issues via a series of seminars and related activities; to interact with key decision-makers, local leaders and representatives of local government to gain a better understanding of the forces which impact your community as a whole. The key to preserving and enhancing the quality of life is a well-informed citizen. If you are interested in being considered for the class, you may pick up an application from

the Chamber of Commerce or you may go to the chamber's website (www.okeechobeebusiness.com) and select Leadership Okeechobee under Chamber Programs on the home page to download the application.

Contact: Mariah Parriott, Administration, 863-467-6246; info@okeechobeebusiness.com.

The Chamber of Commerce of Okeechobee would like to announce the Inaugural Business of the Year Award! Make sure to check your email and mail, we will be sending out NOMINATION forms for the awards. SELF NOMINATION IS ENCOURAGED!!

The Chamber Ambassador Program consists of enthusiastic volunteers from the chamber membership who donate their time to help build member commitment and raise community awareness of chamber activities and benefits. In doing so, the ambassadors grow professionally and personally by building business relationships within the community. The program is ideal if you have a desire to:

- Become more active in the local business environment;

Okeechobee Agri-Civic Center Events

This month's events at the Okeechobee Agri-Civic Center will include the following:

- Tuesday, July 1, recreational riding night from 6 to 9:30 p.m., \$10 per rider; riders MUST show a current negative Coggins test for each horse.

- Saturday, July 5, Turnin' N Burnin' Barrel Club Independence Day Barrel Race & Exhibition runs start at 8:30 a.m.

- Sunday, July 6, barrel racing starts at 11 a.m. A concession stand will be open. There is no charge for the public to attend.

- Friday, July 11, Turnin' N Burnin' Summer Buckle Series Jackpot Barrel Race. Exhibition runs start at 5 p.m. Barrel races start at 7 p.m. A concession stand will be open. There is no charge for the public to attend.

- Saturday, July 12, Turnin' N Burnin' Jackpot Barrel Race and Speed Show. Exhibition runs start at 3 p.m. Barrel racing starts at 5 p.m. The speed show follows the barrel races. A concession stand will be open. There is no charge for the public to attend.

- Raise awareness of your business or organization; and,
- Give back to your community.

Each year, the program accepts up to 10 individuals to serve as ambassadors for the following calendar year. If you are accepted into the program, you will receive training on the skills and responsibilities necessary to succeed in the program. Getting involved with the Ambassador Program is one of the first steps you can take to become more involved with the chamber.

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

I look forward to seeing you at our events!!

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Tonight: Thunderstorms during the evening, then skies turning partly cloudy overnight. Low around 75F. Winds SW at 10 to 20 mph. Chance of rain 80%.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: Partly cloudy in the morning. Thunderstorms developing later in the day. High 92F. Winds SW at 10 to 20 mph. Chance of rain 90%.

Thursday Night: Scattered thunderstorms early. Skies will become mainly clear overnight. Low 73F. Winds SW at 10 to 15 mph. Chance of rain 50%.

Friday: Mostly sunny skies. High 93F. Winds SW at 5 to 10 mph.

Friday Night: Scattered thunderstorms in the evening, with mostly clear skies overnight. Low 73F. Winds SW at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 50%.

Saturday: Mostly sunny in the morning, then thunderstorms developing later in the day. High 92F. Winds SW at 5 to 10 mph.

Saturday Night: A few clouds from time to time. Low 73F. Winds SSE at 5 to 10 mph.

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Okeechobee food pantries need milk for families

'The Great American Milk Drive' makes it easy to give a gallon of milk

Special to the Okeechobee News

That gallon of milk you consider a staple in your refrigerator is missing in Okeechobee food banks. June was National Dairy Month, and the dairy industry partnered with Feeding America® to help get nutritious and much-needed milk to those in need with The Great American Milk Drive.

According to Feeding America, the nation's largest domestic hunger-relief organization, milk is one of the items most requested by food bank clients, yet there is a nationwide shortage because it is rarely donated. Feeding America clients receive the equivalent of less than one gallon of milk per person per year. That will soon change with the recent launch of The Great American Milk Drive, the first-ever national program to help deliver highly desired and nutrient-rich gallons of milk to hungry families who need it most.

With a simple click of a mouse at www.milklife.com/give or text message (text "Milk" to 27722), it is now possible to buy much-needed milk and donate it for as little as \$5 to a family who does not have regular access to milk. By entering your zip code, you can ensure that the milk is provided to a local Feeding America food bank in your very own community.

Hunger impacts 1 in 6 Americans, including

12.5 million families who do not have access to adequate nourishment to help them reach their full potential. Hunger has no boundaries and is a problem that exists in urban, suburban and rural communities. In fact, more than 6,000 people living in Okeechobee County are considered to be "food insecure" by Feeding America.

With its network of more than 200 food banks and 61,000 food pantries, soup kitchens and emergency shelters throughout the country, Feeding America helps provide food to families in need — including many in Okeechobee County.

"We've worked very hard to provide not only higher quantity but higher quality food for families in need, and helping them get access to milk goes a long way toward that goal," said Judith Cruz, chief executive officer of Treasure Coast Food Bank. "Milk provides key nutrients, and The Great American Milk Drive offers a chance to get this high-quality and nutritious food source to our clients."

It's been a challenge for Feeding America to meet the demand for milk due to the lack of donations — canned goods and other non-perishable items are more likely to be donated. Now, it's going to be easier for Okeechobee County residents to lend a hand and contribute nutritious milk to food-insecure families.

"Florida's dairy farmers are proud of the industry's efforts to help nourish those who, unfortunately, don't have adequate access to milk," said Matt Lussier, president of Florida Dairy Farmers. "This problem is large in scale, and helping food banks gain access to the protein and nutri-



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Okeechobee dairy farmer John Larson took part in the Miami kickoff of The Great American Milk Drive.

ents in milk will have a major impact on the families who utilize their services."

The Great American Milk Drive is made possible by the nation's dairy farmers and milk companies. The goal of the campaign is to deliver two million gallons of milk to food banks across the country, and Okeechobee County residents can help meet that goal.

Nourishing Our Nation – The Need Is Greater Than Ever

Many Americans are pressured financially due to a convergence of economic stresses — which means more people are turning to their local food bank for help. Compared to four years ago, one million more people are seeking emergency food assistance from the Feeding America network each week. Increasingly, food banks have introduced nutrition criteria for the meals served to clients. More than two-thirds of the groceries distributed by the Feeding America network meet Feeding America's "Foods To Encourage" guideline, based on the USDA's MyPlate guidelines, which include a serving of milk.

A recent network survey of Feeding America food banks revealed that 94 percent of respondents are actively working on improving the nutritional quality of meals provided to food bank clients. Yet, 95 percent of those surveyed say they do not receive enough milk to meet the demand. The number one reason cited is inadequate milk donations.

Foster grandparents need volunteers

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Join Foster Grandparents today! Volunteers needed to mentor and tutor at risk children in school for Okeechobee, Martin and St. Lucie counties.

As a Foster Grandparent volunteer, you'll help children in your community develop the academic and life skills that are critical to their development and future successes. Sharing your time and experience can help children learn to read, develop their math skills and prepare younger students for school readiness.

Experience the joy of being a Foster Grandparent by providing one-on-one mentoring at a local Head Start or elementary school. The program is open to volunteers age 55 and over who can serve an average of 20 hours a week throughout the school year. You don't need formal experience in mentoring or tutoring

as you'll receive pre-service training. The program offers a tax-free hourly stipend, a lunch allowance and reimbursement for transportation to help cover the costs of volunteering. In order to participate in the program, you must be low-income eligible.

The Area Agency on Aging supports its Foster Grandparent volunteers through paid staff known as volunteer coordinators. Volunteers receive local support from their volunteer coordinator through monthly training, ongoing communication and site visits.

To inquire about joining the Foster Grandparent Program contact Jennifer Vander May, Volunteer Coordinator, at 772-467-0008, ext. 59240. Call today! Orientation training for the 2014-2015 school year is July 22 and 23.

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Band uniforms

• Okeechobee should be proud of the high school band. They go to competitions and do very well, showing that kids from a small town can compete with those from the big cities. People say they want Okeechobee to be known for the positive things instead of the negative, and the band is a very positive thing. They need the community's help.

Sheriff's budget

• The county jail has the same problem the U.S. prison system has. There are too many people in jail. We need to stop incarcerating people just because they are drug addicts. If a person's only crime is possession of an illegal drug under a certain amount — not selling it — they don't belong in jail. They belong in a rehab program or community control. It is too expensive to keep them locked up. Someone who abuses drugs hurts themselves. But as long as they don't commit any other crimes, such as stealing to support their habit, they are not hurting anyone else.

Franchise fee

• I would support a franchise fee/tax versus raising property taxes; as was pointed out not everyone pays property taxes, yet they still have the use of the programs which are paid for with ad valorem. Everyone uses electricity, so therefore the burden would be spread out more fairly than only the property owners, whose property has not been zeroed from homestead exemption, having to shoulder the increase.

• The city does have the franchise fee already — it goes to the city government — so they would not pay the county electric franchise fee, but then, they also fund their own police department. If I recall correctly, it is based on usage, and several county commissioners were worried it would unfairly impact businesses that use a lot of electricity. But surely there would be a way to cap it at a

certain amount per account, just as they cap the 1 cent sales tax at a certain amount per purchase so it doesn't not hit people so hard on major purchases like cars. Maybe they could see what the city does on this, since they have had the franchise fee for a while.

• Just looking at the incredible amount of our tax dollars this BOCC spends compared to similar counties, coupled with the chunk of our money they have saved up, makes me wonder why we would even discuss giving them another dime. I think the franchise fee is a non-starter.

• Will this franchise fee affect every person that lives in our county? That, I think, is the biggest question I have. If it does, then I am all for it — if not what has to happen to get everyone on board paying in at least a little. I strongly believe this is what it is going to take. I do not know of anyone who could not afford the price of a 12 pack of soda a month for the emergency services we receive from all the emergency personnel in this county.

Skate park

• I was up at the skate park the other day with my family watching the kids skate, it was over 100 degrees. Are they ever going to put up some kind of shade sails, like I have seen at other parks?

Senior center

• In response to "Senior being disappointed," in our wonderful Senior Center. I feel sorry for you that you cannot look past your selfish self and see the good around you. How sad! Sometimes if we would take the time to look inside the box, we would see wonderful things. A game throwing a Teddy Bear can keep our old muscles a little active without throwing our back out of place. It also lets us socialize and have fun. It keeps our minds active therefore giving us a good attitude and frame of mind for the rest of the day. I have played our marshmallow snowball fight. Everyone seemed to enjoy it. If you try to find something bad in everything, you can and will. As far as accidents, they can happen anywhere. Even in your home. The center is a bright cheerful place. The new manager tries to add to the center and not take away. Anytime a new boss hits the site you will have an adjustment period. If the complainers would get up and take part — they find that they enjoy themselves.

Letter to the editor

Model aircraft

The Okeechobee Model Airplane Club, jointly with the Okeechobee RC Racing Club would like to thank the Board of County Commissioners for granting temporary use of the Agri-Civic Center for flying RC Model Aircraft and Racing RC Model Cars. We would also like to thank and recognize county staff and the Agri-Civic Center Committee for their time and valuable input is securing this facility for this use. The Model Airfield and Model Car Track are set up and maintained by the respective clubs but are open to the public. There are rules posted where they apply and both clubs look forward to sharing knowledge and passion in RC Sports with the community.

An RC (radio controlled) sports park is an incredible opportunity for the local RC Clubs as well as the entire community and is destined to become a fantastic facility for the entire county. On the surface, this first appears to be a limited-use facility for RC "Toys" in the form of model aircraft, cars, trucks and boats. However, with a better understanding of RC Sports, it is easy to see these are not just toys, but sophisticated miniature machines using cutting edge technology which offer incredible educational as well as competitive sports-type opportunities to the community.

As a full-size aircraft pilot flying RC Aircraft, I can own and pilot different types of RC Aircraft that I can only dream about in full-sized aviation. In RC I can also fly complex aerobatic sequences from the safety of both feet firmly planted on the ground. The same is true at the track; I can own several different vehicles and enjoy the thrill of the race without the danger or risk of injury in a crash. Also keep in mind the same science and physics principals apply to these miniature machines as it does to their full-sized counterparts. While it does not take an understanding of these scientific properties and mathematics to have fun flying or running these miniature aircraft and cars, RC Sports does offer the opportunity to become proficient with the knowledge and application of these principals just as on their full-sized counterparts.

Modeling and radio control itself first started out behind the scenes as a test bed for aeronautical designs and general technology. Historically, the Wright Brothers built and tested over 200 model airplane wings until they found a design that worked satisfactorily. NASA first tested the piggy-back transport system for the Space Shuttle in miniature on a model of a radio controlled 747. Even the Mars Mission and the Mars Rover can technically be considered radio controlled platforms. Remotely controlled machines have recently come into full view of the public with the advent of UAVs or Unmanned Aerial Vehicles.

Currently most UAVs or drones are associated with military uses. But look a little deeper into the news and science publications today and you will find many civilian applications already in use and new industries popping up everywhere developing and expanding around this technology. Radio or remote control is now main stream and without a doubt is the cutting-edge technology of tomorrow for robotics, aerial inspections and even Amazon and restaurants are considering this technology as a delivery service. Utility companies are already using UAVs for pipeline and powerline inspections in remote areas. There are also currently a number of companies developing agricultural uses such as cattle and crop surveillance. Imagine being a rancher and being able to check your cattle location on the ranch or irrigation quality quickly and efficiently from the comfort of your office. Industry is not alone in the development of this technology; companies are also developing specialty platforms for municipalities in everything from search and rescue to storm aftermath reconnaissance to SWAT and bomb squad applications.

Once you understand that the technology and machines in RC Sports and the application of that technology is the same as used in UAVs, it is easy to see how participation in RC Sports activities has a higher value as an education tool or can even lead to a career path. That being understood, RC Sports is on the forefront and can be simply summed up as hands on applications for STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) education applications. What better way to prepare our youth for tomorrow than giving them the opportunity to participate in these fields of technology today. This is the bottom line and the underlying value in RC Sports our county commissioners had the foresight to recognize and offer to Okeechobee County by approving the use of the Agri-Civic Center for RC Sports. This is the first step in a long process to develop a county RC Sports park which can not only be a fun place for families but also can be used for educational purposes as well as a tourism draw by holding regional and national events.

The members of the Okeechobee Model Airplane Club and the Okeechobee RC Racing Club are thankful and proud to be part of this process. Both clubs look forward for the opportunities to become another educational source for our youth. Please feel free to come out, see our new airfield and track and visit with us. We will also be hosting a number of public events over the next several months and we hope to see you attend them. For information on RC Sports or the clubs, please call Joe Pappas at 561-252-0916.

Thank you
Joe Pappas

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NEWS

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The ownership of the paper over the years is a subject for debate. Mr. VanLandingham's history lists some of the names as only serving as an editorial manager, not owners. The newspaper records also tell a story. One account tells us that A.K. Wilson, who was evidentially involved in the publishing field in Ft. Pierce, supposedly hired the Rice Brothers to manage the Okeechobee operation. The early stories relate that the brothers decided that banditry was more profitable than journalism and so they organized the Rice Gang, and they robbed a bank in Homestead on Sept. 16, 1916.

Mr. Will's book disputes this claim and he says the original owners of the Okeechobee Call were E.J. White and George Rice. Mr. White left to start a paper in Alaska and the duties of the paper were left to Mr. Rice. George Rice was not on the wrong side of the law, claims Mr. Will. He wrote that the fishermen turned bank robbers were brothers by the names of Frank and Leland Rice. Mr. Will said he doubted if either one of them could even read a newspaper, let alone edit one.

George T. Rice probably moved to Okeechobee sometime early in 1915, according to Mr. VanLandingham. The Okeechobee Board of Trade organized on April 8, 1915 and one of the officers was George T. Rice.

During the first year or so, the paper was printed in Fort Pierce, a trip that was not an easy trek in those days.

A.K. Wilson sold the newspaper in 1916 to Ben Davis. According to an anniversary story in the July 15, 1960 issue of the Okeechobee News: "It was established by A.K. Wilson of whom it is said departed the newspaper field to take up a bootlegging vocation in the Florida Keys." According to Kyle VanLandingham's "History of Okeechobee County," the correct titles of the owners were Benjamin F. and Lily M. Davis. They are the ones credited with bringing the first press, and a linotype machine to Okeechobee and opening the printing operation here.

Mr. Davis then sold the paper to Stonewall Jackson Triplett, described as a "gentlemen of the old school," according to the 1960 newspaper article.

Mr. VanLandingham's book does not credit Mr. Triplett with ownership and says he served only as editor.

"In March 1919, the Davises sold the paper to W.P. Underhill, L.A. Hough, R.L. Pearce, J.H. Walker, and W.R. Gary for \$4,500. During the year 1919, S.J. Triplett served as editor," Mr. VanLandingham wrote. He also states in his book that The Okeechobee Publishing Co., Inc. was set up in November 1919, and in February 1923, H.A. Neal, manager, sold the company and the newspaper. In February 1923, the ownership of the paper passed into the hands of one Lou or Lon Burton. (His first name appears in documentation spelled both ways.) His claim to fame seems to be that he was a former vaudeville star. In a 1964 story about the history of the paper, they claimed Mr. Burton used this filler: "Old newspapers for sale: Can be used for lining the pantry shelf or for shooting spit wads at the teacher." He didn't stay in journalism for he sold out in the same year to Robert and Roderick Arkell.

Mr. VanLandingham states that the paper

was bought by Judge Gardiner Nottingham in 1925, and ownership passed from him to William Griffis in 1926. A Bob Halley is also credited by other sources with ownership during this period, and a 1960 story stated that he later established the Sanford Herald. From 1926 to 1936, Mr. Griffis remained at the helm of the paper. His name appears as editor on the masthead through 1934. Bryant and Keathling Bowden purchased the newspaper in 1936 and remained in charge until they sold in 1949.

Once again, details seem to vary as to this ownership. While the newspaper article states they were joint owners, Mr. VanLandingham said that Keathley Bowden and associates owned the paper and Bryant Bowden was the editor. In the two issues of 1938 and 1939, Mr. Bowden is listed as editor in one and as publisher in the other.

The paper in the late 1930s cost 5 cents an issue, a price that had been established with the paper, and the subscription rates were \$2 for a year and \$1 for six months. By 1946, the single copy remained the same, but the subscription rates for a year and six months had increased to \$3 and \$1.50 respectively. According to Mr. VanLandingham, "The Okeechobee Herald," a rival paper, was established in 1943 and lasted all of two months.

Another "Herald" was founded in 1949 but merged with the Okeechobee News in 1951. Following World War II, Okeechobee began to grow and in the late 1940s and early 1950s, tomatoes were grown in the area bringing new residents to the area. In 1949, the ownership of the paper changed hands once again when the Bowden's turned over the reins to Ammon and Adnette McClellan. The paper remained in their control for the next seven years as the community began to attract new residents, as well as seasonal visitors, attracted to the fishing on Lake Okeechobee.

In 1950, the McClellans hired LaMonte Moore to work in the back shop. In 1956, Moore and his wife, Emmalene, acquired the paper. In July, 1960, Moore reported that during his four years of stewardship, the paper had grown from an 8-page, 6-column publication with 900 subscribers to a 12-page, 7-column paper with 2500 plus circulation. Just a few weeks prior to his article, Moore and his staff had put out the largest paper in the News history, a 56-page salute to the beef and dairy industry. The paper consisted of seven 8-page sections.

Mr. Moore also reported that the staff in 1960 consisted of five printers, a secretary, two office girls, a managing director, business manager, two salesmen, an apprentice printer, a circulation manager, and "the boss who has no official title." Only a few short months later, on Jan. 24, 1961, the dreams of Mr. Moore and decades of historical records perished when the Okeechobee News office burned to the ground.

The next edition of the paper reported "One man's life work and most of his savings along with 51 years of hard work literally 'went up in smoke.'" A month later, Moore sold out what was left of The Okeechobee News to Indian River Enterprises, Inc., which was also referred to in later articles as Cole's Enterprises. Moore remained and managed the paper until May, 1962. Publishers came and went during the next few years with regularity, A.A. Hennon, accepted the position in April 1962, as publisher but left after nine weeks to take a job as a car salesman.

"The story goes that one publisher, a free-wheeling drinker, employed a printer who, if possible, drank more than his boss. If both men stayed sober, the paper came out on Thursday evening. If the printer got drunk, it was always Friday. If both men became intoxicated, the readers were fortunate to get their papers on Saturday."

Okeechobee News, 1960

Emerson E. Moore was the next to fill the seat in June 1962, but he left in the spring of 1963 and he was succeeded by Harkness Enns. In September 1963, a rival newspaper, "The Okeechobee Mirror," was founded by a group of area businessmen. By November, 1964, the two papers were merged with 4 ft., 8 in., W.L. (Shorty) Hullinger as publisher. At first the newspaper carried both the News and Mirror names. By March 1965, Hullinger had dropped the "Mirror" from the masthead and the paper once more hit the streets as The Okeechobee News.

In May 1970, a new corporation acquired the The Okeechobee News, and assuming the head of the company was Bill Hackney of Arcadia as publisher and editor. By September, Mr. Hackney, suffering from cancer, stepped down, and J. David Fleming assumed the title of publisher under the corporate name of Sunshine Newspapers, Inc.

Independent News Media Inc. (then called Independent Newspapers Inc.) acquired Sunshine Newspapers in 1978.

Over the years, several stories emerged to add humor to the history of the paper. The following is an excerpt from the July 15, 1960 issue of the paper: "The story goes that one publisher, a free-wheeling whiskey drinker, employed a printer who, if possible, drank more than his boss. If both men stayed sober, the paper came out on Thursday evening. If the printer got drunk, it was always Friday. But, if both became intoxicated, the readers were fortunate to get their paper on Saturday. In those days, The News printed only four pages and about 400 copies."

In November 1981, the newspaper reached another milestone in her history when it began to publish twice a week. Seven years later, the paper added a Sunday edition.

From Sept. 14, 1992 until 2008, the Okeechobee News was a daily newspaper with seven editions a week. The paper survived the hurricanes of 2004 and 2005 without missing a single edition. When the newspaper offices were left without electricity, staffers hauled computer equipment to an employee's home in order to meet the deadlines. But the paper could not maintain daily publication in the face of an economic storm. After the housing boom went bust in 2008, there was no longer enough advertising to support a daily newspaper and the Okeechobee News returned to three days a week publication.

Over the years, the newspaper has had a number of slogans including, "The only newspaper in Okeechobee County," "Home of the Speckled Perch Festival," and "It's News. Read It."

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Edith Joiner, 87

OKEECHOBEE — Edith Joiner passed away peacefully, Thursday, June 26, 2014 at the Hamrick Home.

She was born November 14, 1926 in Avon Park to George Franklin and Lessie Tomlinson Thomas.

A resident of Okeechobee for over 80 years, she and her husband, co-owned and operated Mister Gentleman Men's Clothing Store in Okeechobee where she became an accomplished seamstress.



Before anything else in her life, Edith loved the Lord and was a loyal and active member of the Okeechobee Church of God from an early age where she worked in the Ladies Ministry, sang in the Choir, taught Sunday School and participated in the church visitation ministry. Her Christianity was her testimony, she prayed and avidly read her bible daily. She dearly loved all of her family who fondly called her "Mema" and while she still could, enjoyed crocheting, embroidery, gardening, painting, playing card games and working jigsaw puzzles.

Along with her parents, Mrs. Joiner was preceded in death by her husband, Mose Joiner, Jr.; son, Kirby D. Joiner; brothers, Frank Randall Thomas and Marvin Thomas; and sisters, Helen Faircloth Fry and Edna Stokes.

She is survived by two sons, Johnny E. Johnson of California and Mose B. Joiner (Nancy) of Orlando; two daughters, Phyllis Walker and Marie Veasey (Walter) all of Okeechobee; grandchildren, Randy Johnson (April), Brian Johnson, Jeremy Johnson (Amy), Gary Joiner, Ari Sheridan (Mike), Derek Walker (Charity), Deidra Walker, Sarah Kearn (Gary), Todd Joiner (Jacqueline), Becky Joiner (Eric), Kristy Lawrence (Wade), Heather Edwards (David), Jon Dyer, Andy Dyer (Alyson); twenty-five great grandchildren; five great great grandchildren; daughters-in-law, Janice Johnson and Darlyne Joiner; four sisters-in-law, Anna Smith, Lorene Watford, Velma Thomas, Martha Joiner; aunt, Grace Morris Van Winkle; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and extended family members.

The family will receive friends Wednesday, July 2, 2014 at Buxton & Bass Okeechobee Funeral Home from 10 a.m. until services at 11 a.m. with Pastor Mark Smith officiating. Evergreen Cemetery will be her final resting place.

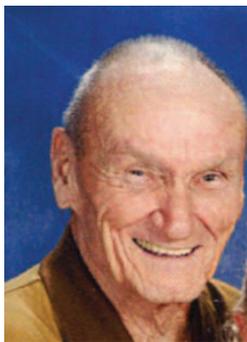
The family requests that in lieu of flowers, memorials be made to Hospice of Okeechobee, P.O. Box 1548, Okeechobee, FL 34973.

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.

Francis J. Delaney, Sr., 82

OKEECHOBEE — Francis J. Delaney, Sr. died June 28, 2014. He was born September 1, 1931 in Waterbury, Connecticut to James and Katherine Walsh Delaney. A resident of Okeechobee for 25 years, he was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church and enjoyed golfing.



Mr. Delaney is survived by his wife of 56 years, Daisy Delaney;

two sons, Brian Delaney of Gainesville, Georgia and Francis "Jay" Delaney, Jr. of Meriden, Connecticut; daughter, Candie Kerr (Mitchell) of Okeechobee; five grandchildren, Nathan Delaney, Cheyenne Kerr, Brandon Kerr, Iris Delaney and Cassidy Delaney; one great grandchild.

No services will be held at this time.

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

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Helen June Sisson 'Honey', 88

WEST PALM BEACH — Helen June Sisson (Honey) passed away peacefully on June 26, 2014.

She was born to the late Harvey & Emma Upthegrove in Okeechobee, Florida and was married to the late Ray Sisson. She is survived by her nieces, nephews and a long extended loving family.

Helen enjoyed her family foremost and loved the holidays, especially Christmas. She will be remembered for her great sense of humor, wisdom and strength.

A memorial service will be held on Thursday, July 3, 2014 at 1pm at All County Funeral Home Del Lago Chapel 131 South Lakeside Drive Lake Worth FL 33460.

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Coalition will meet July 2

Okeechobee Healthy Start Coalition board of directors will meet Wednesday, **July 2**, at 11 a.m. at its office in the White House Plaza, 1132 S. Parrott Ave. The meeting is open to the public. The coalition is made up of citizens interested in promoting healthy families and healthy outcomes for babies in Okeechobee. For information, contact executive director Kay Begin at 863-462-5877.

Moose will host July 4 meal

Buckhead Ridge Moose Lodge #2417, 1016 Linda Road, will host regular bingo at 6 p.m. with food on Wednesday, **July 2**, from 5 until 7 p.m. Thursday, July 3, five-card bingo runs from 6:30 until 9 p.m. The dinner special on Friday, July 4, is fried pork chops from 5 until 7 p.m., with entertainment starting at 7 p.m. Saturday, July 5, features meat bingo from 4 until 7 p.m. with food from 5 until 7 p.m. For information, call 863-763-2250.

Moose will host bingo

Okeechobee Moose Lodge #1753, 159 N.W. 36th St., invites you to join them for fun in the lodge on Thursday, **July 3**, for bingo at 1 p.m. Lunch will be available for a small fee. The Friday, July 4, celebration starts at 1 p.m. Please bring a covered dish. Monday, July 7, features tacos starting at noon. Thursday, July 10, has bingo at 1 p.m. Lunch will be available for small fee. Friday, July 11, bingo starts at 6:30 p.m. with a mystery meal at noon. All proceeds benefit Moose charities.

July 4 celebration set

The Okeechobee Fraternal Order of Police will host an Independence Day Celebration Friday, **July 4**, starting at 4 p.m., at Okee-Tantie park on S.R. 78 West at the Kissimmee River. This will be a family-oriented, non-alcoholic event. Festivities will include: music; watermelon, hot dog and ice cream eating contests; a frozen T-shirt contest; and, a baking contest. The grand finale will be a Zambelli fireworks show synchronized to music at 9 p.m. The fireworks show can be viewed from Okee-Tantie Park, Lock 7, Nubbins Slough or any area on the waterways near the Kissimmee River and Lake Okeechobee. Boaters coming out for the fireworks only are asked to use the C. Scott Driver Park boat ramps. See: florida.newszap.com/entertainment/133053-121/ fourth-of-july-festival-planned-in-okeechobee, for schedule of events.

VFW planning July 5 BBQ

Big Lake VFW Post 10539 will offer chicken or ribs barbecue dinner Saturday, **July 5**, starting at 2 p.m. An \$8 donation for each or \$10 for both, per plate, is asked. All proceeds benefit the unmet needs of veterans. The public is welcome. For information, call 863-763-2308.

Legion offers Sunday bingo

American Legion 64 will host Sunday night bingo **July 6** at 6:30 p.m. Doors open at 5 p.m. in the bingo area. The kitchen will offer a limited menu. Payoffs will be determined by player attendance. All proceeds will benefit the American Legion veterans' programs. The event is open to the public.

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It only takes one storm; consider flood insurance

Special to the Okeechobee News

We're only a month into the 2014 Hurricane Season, and while the number of storm predictions are lower than normal the Property Casualty Insurers Association of America (PCI) is reminding those living along the coast that it only takes one storm to cause damage and massive amounts of flooding. It's also important to remember it doesn't have to be a hurricane for your home to be damaged by rushing water, in the past five years all 50 states have experienced floods or flash floods.

"PCI is urging homeowners, business owners, and renters to strongly consider purchasing flood insurance if they haven't done so already," said PCI's director of personal lines, Chris Hackett. "The standard homeowners insurance does not cover flood damage, so one must purchase the additional coverage by contacting the National Flood

Insurance Program, or contact your insurer, as some companies are selling flood insurance depending on where you live."

"It takes 30 days from the time you purchase your flood insurance policy for it to become effective, so purchasing flood insurance now before a storm develops is key."

According to the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), since 1978, the NFIP has paid more than \$48.1 billion for flood insurance claims and related costs. Only a few inches of water can cost thousands of dollars in damage. That's why PCI is urging residents to protect your property by purchasing flood insurance. Flood insurance is available through the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) or call 800-427-4661.

For tips and information, visit PCI's online Flood Headquarters and follow us on twitter @PCIAA for latest tips use #floodsafety or #itonlytakesone.

IRSC earns re-accreditation

Special to the Okeechobee News

Indian River State College was recently reaccredited for the next ten years by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC). The reaffirmation was earned by IRSC following a flawless review and site visit of the college's campuses, programs, and services by representatives of the prestigious accrediting body. This review attests to the quality education provided by IRSC and the seamless transferability of IRSC credits to other colleges and universities.

"This reaffirmation is a seal of approval for the exceptional educational experiences that IRSC provides to its students," said Dr.

Tina Hart, Vice President of Institutional Effectiveness.

As part of the reaffirmation process, IRSC developed a Quality Enhancement Plan, entitled "Math at the Root of Success (MARS)," an institution-wide initiative committed to improving student learning and success. Through the course redesign of Intermediate Algebra, this project is designed to help students improve their math skills, recognizing that achievement in math is often a barrier to success. The program uses active learning strategies, focused time in the MARS lab, and increased communication with faculty and tutors.

Firecracker pageant planned

The Okeechobee County Fire/Rescue volunteers will host their annual Firecracker beauty pageant on Saturday, July 12, at 6 p.m. in the Okeechobee High School Lecture Hall.

Money raised by the pageant will be used to purchase volunteer firefighting equipment and fire prevention materials for the children of Okeechobee.

Age divisions for girls will include Baby Miss (0-11 months); Toddler Miss (12-23 months); Tiny Miss (2-3 years); Little Miss (4-6 years); Petite Miss (7-8 years); Junior Miss (12-15 years) and Miss (14-18 years).

Age divisions for boys will include Baby Master (0-11 months); Tiny Master (12-23 months); Little Master (2-3 years) and Junior Master (4-6 years).

The beauty competition is mandatory to be in the pageant. Optional competitions include photogenic, most beautiful/handsome and best dressed.

For information, call Donny Arnold at 863-634-6464 or Lynn at Okeechobee County Fire/Rescue at 863-763-5544 during regular business hours or e-mail firecrackerpageant@email.com.

Church hosting guest speaker

Fountain of Life Church, 1302 S.W. 32nd St., is having a special guest speaker -- Rev. Per-Johan Stenstrand -- on Sunday, July 6, at 11 a.m. Rev. Per-Johan Stenstrand and his wife Ulrica have served as pastors of LIFECENTER Church in Västerås, Sweden, since it was started in 2000. For information, call 863-763-8945.

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Volunteer honored

At the June 26 Okeechobee County Board of County Commissioners meeting Marco Cuevas (left), project director with RSVP of Okeechobee, presented Becky Flerger, RSVP volunteer, with the Champion Award for Community Impact in recognition of her management of the Okeechobee Presbyterian Church Food Pantry. At right is commission chairman Frank Irby.



Special to the Okeechobee News

Hurricane history

Okeechobee historian Judge William Hendry (left) spoke to the Kiwanis Club recently and entertained the club with stories about the hurricane history in Okeechobee, specifically from the years of 1928-1949. Where today we get hurricane updates with the click of a mouse, citizens had to be updated by watching for certain flags being raised in the middle of town. Judge Hendry says that Okeechobee is much better equipped to recover from a hurricane today because of the drainage system. Pictured with Judge Hendry is Kiwanis Club president J.D. Mixon (right).

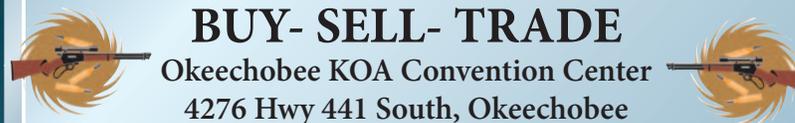
Free family movie for July 4

A free family movie will be shown on a huge outdoor screen Friday night, July 4, at 8 p.m. at **Peace Lutheran Church**. Everyone is invited to enjoy a popular family movie along with free hot dogs, popcorn and drinks. You should bring folding chairs and blankets. We'll furnish bug spray. Don't miss some great fun under the stars. Peace Lutheran Church is located across from Yearling Middle School at 750 N.W. 23rd Lane.

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Okeechobee News: Celebrating our Centennial

From the pages of the Okeechobee News, 1961

FIRE DESTROYS NEWS BUILDING

A raging fire of undetermined origin completely destroyed The Okeechobee News building Tuesday evening and along with it the big Lake Press, Ferguson Plumbing Co. and the belongings of Mrs. Janie Pilcher who lived in an apartment in the rear of the building. The apartment also was destroyed.

The fire was discovered shortly before 6 p.m. and Lamonte H. Moore, owner of the Okeechobee News and building, was notified at five minutes of six by Ralph Damon, News foreman, that the building was afire. Rushing to the scene the pair found flames coming through the roof and fire spread so quickly that by 6:15 the roof had fallen in. The fire was believed to be the biggest conflagration on record in Okeechobee County.

Moore said his estimated loss was around \$150,000 and that he was only partially insured.

The frame building, which was formerly a skating rink, built by C.H. Parkerson and operated as a rink for several years, was purchased by Moore about four years ago and since that time has undergone extensive remodeling.

Fire Chief Olen Godwin and the Okeechobee Volunteer Department of 17 men, along with many other citizens, worked feverishly to control the flames to keep them from spreading to Pure gasoline storage tanks on the south and Southern Oil Co. tanks on the north of the building. Because of their outstanding work, the firemen were able to confine the fire to the The News building, Godwin said.

An ironical point in the whole experience is the fact that the state fire marshal is in Okeechobee conducting a five day school for the firemen, who gained first-hand experience in fighting fire Tuesday night. The fire marshal is conducting an investigation.

Although all the Okeechobee News equipment, stock, office supplies, furniture and records were lost, the firm will continue, occupying space in the rear of the McClelland building until a new building can be erected. Moore probably will go to Atlanta this week-end to acquire new equipment. "Everything possible will be bought locally," he said. "And a new contractor will be employed to construct a new building."



State Archives of Florida, Florida Memory Project

Looking back ...

This photo from 1924 shows the center of town. Do you have an old photo to share? E-mail it to okeenews@newszap.com.

From the pages of the Okeechobee News, 1958



MRS ANNIE RAULERSON

By R. O. ACKERMAN

Okeechobee may be proud of Mrs. Annie McKinnon Raulerson for her many fine civic activities as well as for her very gracious social ones. To meet her is to like her.

Mrs. Raulerson was born in Marianna, Florida and went to grade and high school there. She then attended Florida State College for Women (which is now Florida State University.) She married Hiram Raulerson in 1926 while in her junior year at college.

Mrs. Raulerson is descended from two very well-known pioneer families of the Marianna area. Her paternal grandfather, of Southern ancestry, was a circuit judge—covering seven or eight counties in his horse-drawn buggy. Her mother's grandfather was a Florida supreme court judge, and both he and her father's uncle were signers of the original state constitution.



Her mother's father was tax assessor for Jackson County for 30 years.

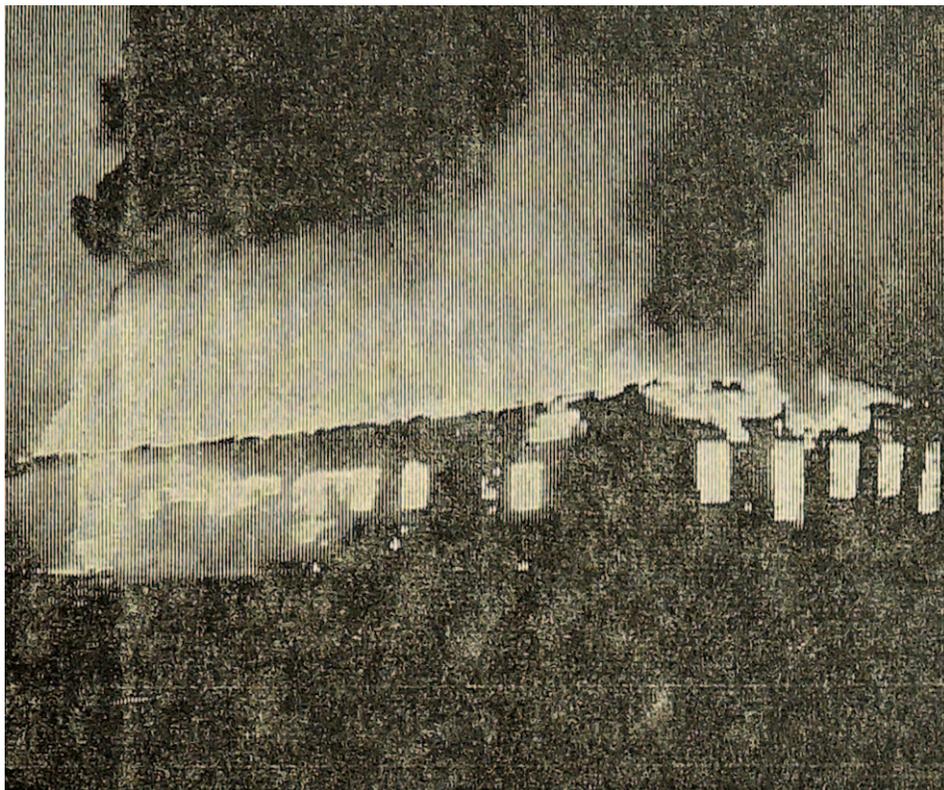
Both of Mrs. Raulerson's parents were natives of Marianna also. Her father, Attaway McKinnon, was a leading cotton broker—then the top product of that area.

The Raulersons have three sons: Lewis Albert is with the mental health program of the state board of health. He has his master's degree and is studying to be a psychologist. Hiram Jr. is a medical student at the University of Miami. Peter, who is convalescing from a serious illness, is a senior at Okeechobee High School.

Mrs. Raulerson, is a former president of the Parent-Teacher Association, the Women's Club, the Fine Arts club and the Garden Club. She has always been active in the Red Cross and March of Dimes activities.

She is now on the district welfare board and on the advisory committee for the Dunklin rest home. The Raulersons are both charter members of the Episcopal church where Mrs. Raulerson teaches a Sunday school class.

It would be hard to imagine anyone more unselfish with her time when the community's welfare is at stake.



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Help your pet have a happy and safe Fourth of July

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

While you and your family will enjoy firing up the grill and some fireworks this Independence Day just remember your pets, and those of your neighbors, may not be so enthusiastic with your booming and festive aerial displays.

Although you and your friends may enjoy a grilled hamburger or hot dog, keep in mind those foods are not safe table fare for your pet.

It's equally important to remember that more pets go missing on the Fourth of July than on any other day of the year because they become frightened by fireworks and run away.

Following are some tips to help keep your pet safe and happy this Fourth of July.

- Keep your pets in the house rather than in your yard.
- When fireworks light the skies and rattle the windows, keep your pet in a safe

room where they can feel comfortable.

- Block outside lights and sounds by lowering the blinds and turning on the TV. Soothing music can also help counteract the "rocket's red glare."

- Spend time with your pet to help them relax.

- Avoid scraps from the grill — any sudden change in your pet's diet can upset their stomach. Also, certain foods — such as onions, avocados, grapes and raisins — can be lethal.

- Never leave alcoholic drinks unattended where pets can get to them.

- If you're going to a fireworks display, leave your pet at home. The noise and crowds can frighten your Rover and Tabby and cause them to desperately seek shelter by running away. Also, leaving them locked up in a hot vehicle is not the answer.

- Don't put insect repellent or sunscreen on your pet. The ASPCA says ingestion of sunscreen products can result in drooling, vomiting, diarrhea, excessive thirst and leth-

argy. The misuse of insect repellent that contains DEET can lead to neurological problems.

- Don't use citronella insect control around your pet. According to the ASPCA ingestion can produce stomach irritation or even nervous system depression. If inhaled, the oils could cause aspiration pneumonia in pets.

- Be sure all pets, including indoor cats and dogs, wear up-to-date ID tags. Even bet-

ter, make sure you have permanent identification with a microchip. While collars and tags can fall off, a microchip will stay with your pet permanently.

Finally, never use fireworks around your pet. If the noise doesn't scare them and spook them into running away, they could accidentally get burned.

The absolute best way for you to help your pet enjoy this Fourth of July is to exclude them from the festivities.

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).

- Anthony R. Robinson, 45, N.W. Ninth St., Okeechobee, was arrested June 28 by Officer Aurelio Almazan on a felony charge of driving while license suspended - habitual offender, and a misdemeanor charge of giving a false name while arrested. His bond was set at \$2,000.

- Patricia Marie Hunter, 43, U.S. 441 N., Okeechobee, was arrested June 28 by Deputy Tammy Serafini on a felony charge of violation of probation - battery. She is being held without bond.

- Ronald Lamberson, 39, N.E. Ninth Way, Okeechobee, was arrested June 29 by Deputy Steven Pollock on felony charges of grand theft (two counts). His bond was set at \$5,000.

- Jeremy George Arnold, 33, S.W. 28th Ave., Okeechobee, was arrested June 29 by Deputy Brant Harden on a Highlands County warrant charging him with the felonies of violation of probation - worker's compensation fraud and violation of probation - criminal use of personal identification. He is being held without bond.

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

Comfort faces second molestation charge

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

A man was arrested for the second time in just 11 days in connection with an investigation into the alleged molestation of children as young as 4.

Tommy Gene Comfort, 35, is being held in the Okeechobee County Jail on a bond of \$500,000. He was arrested Friday, June 27, on a second charge of sexual battery on a child under 12 years of age.

He was initially arrested June 16 on a similar charge and was booked into the county jail on a \$100,000 bond. The Port St. Lucie man was later released on bond.

Also arrested on June 16 was Tommy's older brother, Carlton Daune Comfort Jr., 53, of a U.S. 441 S.E. address in Okeechobee.

Carlton was charged at that time with one count of sexual battery on a child under 12 years of age. He is currently being held in the county jail on a bond of \$100,000.

Detective John Fisher, of the Okeechobee

County Sheriff's Office (OCSO), indicated in his probable cause affidavits that the alleged incidents took place between Jan. 1, 1990, and Dec. 31, 1997.

The investigator went on to state that an alleged victim came forward and filed an initial report with OCSO Deputy William Jolly. The case was later assigned to Detective Fisher.

So far, all indications are that the victims were females between the ages of 4 and 12, pointed out the detective.

According to the detective he is still working this case, and because it's an open investigation no further information can be released at this time.

Detective Fisher used the aforementioned probable cause affidavits to get arrest warrants for the brothers.

Clerk of Court records indicate Carlton is being represented by the District 19 Public Defender's Office, while Tommy is represented by Stuart defense attorney Jeff T. Gorman.

Arrestment for both men has been set for later this month in front of Circuit Court Judge Sherwood Bauer.



Tommy Comfort

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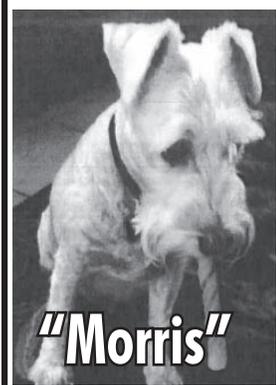
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Public Notice

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Ken Kenworthy
Superintendent of Schools
463914 ON 7/2/2014

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 472012CA00023CAAXMX

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. 472012CA00023CAAXMX, 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 July 23, 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 June 4, 2014.

Sharon Robertson
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: Sandra L. Creech
Deputy Clerk

Aldridge I 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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465771 ON 6/25;7/2/2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.: 2013CA000040

PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
Plaintiff,
vs.
MARIA JOYCE LEGEREIT, et al.,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated May 28, 2014, and entered in Case No. 2013CA000040 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 Maria Joyce Legerreit, PNC Bank, National Association, successor in interest to Harbor Federal Savings Bank, Plaintiff # 1, also known as Eliane Pickering, 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 in Spouses, Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, Or Other Claimants; 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 16th day of July, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

LOT 238, TREASURE ISLAND, UNIT 6, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3 PAGE 57, PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA TOGETHER WITH A MOBILE HOME AS A PERMANENT FIXTURE AND APPURTENANCE THERETO, DESCRIBED AS: 2004 SINGLEWIDE MOBILE HOME BEARING IDENTIFICATION NUMBER FLHMBCS162449833 AND TITLE NUMBER 0089013041

A/K/A 3501 SE 28th ST OKEECHOBEE FL 34974-6679
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 2nd day of June, 2014.

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

Albortelli Law, Attorney for Plaintiff
P.O. Box 23028, Tampa, FL 33623
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Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.: 47-2014-CA-000120

WILMINGTON TRUST, NA, SUCCESSOR TO CITIBANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE F/B/O HOLDERS OF STRUCTURED ASSET MORTGAGE INVESTMENTS II INC., BEAR STEARNS ALTA TRUST 2006-6, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-6,
Plaintiff,
vs.
CYNTHIA DAVIS A/K/A CYNDI DAVIS, et al.,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF ACTION

To: **CYNTHIA DAVIS A/K/A CYNDI DAVIS WILLIAM DAVIS THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CYNTHIA DAVIS A/K/A CYNDI DAVIS THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF WILLIAM DAVIS**
Last Known Address: 32801 Highway #441 N #155 Okeechobee, FL 34972

Current Address: Unknown
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Last Known Address: Unknown
Current Address: Unknown

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

LOT 155, INDIAN HAMMOCK HUNT AND RIDING CLUB, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGES 25 AND 26, PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

A/K/A 32801 HIGHWAY #441 N #155, OKEECHOBEE, FL 34972 has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses within 30 days after the first publication, if any, on Albertelli Law, Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is P.O. Box 23028, Tampa, FL 33623, and file the original with this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney, or immediately thereafter; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint or petition.

This notice shall be published once a week for two consecutive weeks in the Okeechobee News.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this court on this 19th day of June, 2014.

SHARON ROBERTSON
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: Linda F. Young
Deputy Clerk

****See the Americans with Disabilities Act**
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465967 ON 6/25;7/2/2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 13000491CAAXMX

CITIMORTGAGE, INC,
Plaintiff,
vs.
SONYA RENAE MAGGARD AKA SONYA RENAE WHIDDEN; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SONYA RENAE MAGGARD AKA SONYA RENAE WHIDDEN; IF LIVING, INCLUDING ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SAID DEFENDANT(S), IF REMARRIED, AND IF DECEASED, THE RESPECTIVE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, AND TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE NAMED DEFENDANT(S); UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2;
Defendant(s)

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:

The South 1/2 of Lot 8 and all of Lot 9, Block 1, OKEECHOBEE HEIGHTS, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 5, Page 8, of the Public Records of Okeechobee County, Florida and the West 1/2 of adjacent alley,

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 July 16, 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 4th day of June, 2014.

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

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Case No.: 472010CA000086CAXXXX

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP
Plaintiff,
v.

RAYMUNDO MEDRANO; 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; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF RAYMUNDO MEDRANO, N/A/LUCIA MEDRANO
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order of Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated October 24, 2013, entered in Civil Case No. 472010CA000086CAXXXX 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 23rd day of July, 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 Judgment, to wit:

LOT 4, BLOCK 51, BASSWOOD, INC. UNIT NO. 5, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 51, 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.

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, llame al 711.

Si ou se you moun ki kokobe ki bezwen asistans ou aparye pou ou ka patisipe nan prosedu sa-a, 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 pare nan tribinal, ou imediatman ke ou resevwa avis sa-a ou si le ke ou gen pou-ou ale nan tribinal-la mwens ke 7 jou; Si ou pa ka tande ou pale byen, rele 711.
Dated at OKEECHOBEE, Florida this 3rd day of June, 2014.

SHARON ROBERTSON
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
By: SANDRA L. CREECH
DEPUTY CLERK

465762 ON 6/25;7/2/2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
Case No.: 47-2012-CA-000549

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.
Plaintiff,
v.
WILLIAM JOE RAWLS; CRYSTAL L. RAWLS; 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,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order of Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated March 31, 2014, entered in Civil Case No. 47-2012-CA-000549 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 30th day of July, 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 Judgment, to wit:

THE WEST 1/2 OF LOT 31, PIONEER ESTATES UNIT NO. 2, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGES 15 TO 17 INCLUSIVE, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

TOGETHER WITH A MULTIFAMILY MANUFACTURED HOME, WHICH IS PERMANENTLY AFFIXED AND ATTACHED TO THE LAND AND IT PART OF THE REAL PROPERTY AND WHICH, BY INTENTION OF THE PARTIES SHALL CONSTITUTE A PART OF THE REALTY AND SHALL PASS WITH IT:
YEAR/MAKE: 1988/MERITT
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VIN: 5 TW2562525A & TW2562525B

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Dated at OKEECHOBEE, Florida this 3rd day of April, 2014.

SHARON ROBERTSON
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
By: Sandra L. Creech
Deputy Clerk

465214 ON 7/2,9/2014

Public Notice

DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT TWELVE DIVISION OF FARMINGTON
DOCKET NO. RE-13-64

STATE OF MAINE
FRANKLIN, ss.

ORDER ON PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
Plaintiff
v.

KEITH A. BREWER AND FLORENCE L. MURPHY-BREWER
Defendants

This is an action for the foreclosure of a mortgage on real property and may affect real property of the Defendants located at, 44 Howard Road, Salem Township, ME 04983, and described in such Mortgage Deed as recorded in Book 3081 at Page 134 in the Franklin Registry of Deeds, Franklin, Maine.

This Court has reviewed the motion of the Plaintiff for service by publication pursuant to Rule 4(g) of the Maine Rules of Civil Procedure Rule 6(b) and finds that Plaintiff is in compliance with Rule 4(g)(1)(A)-(C). It is ORDERED that service be made upon the Defendant Florence L. Murphy-Brewer by publishing a copy of this Order once a week for three (3) successive weeks in the Lewiston News which is a newspaper of general circulation in the County of Glades, Florida, and in the Okeechobee News which is a newspaper of general circulation in the County of Okeechobee, where Defendant Florence L. Murphy-Brewer is believed to be currently residing.

It is FURTHER ORDERED that the Defendant Florence L. Murphy-Brewer being served by publication appear and serve an answer to the motion or complaint on counsel for Plaintiff, Stephanie Cummings, Bennett & McHugh, PC, 270 Farmington Avenue, Suite 151, Farmington, CT 06032. The answer must be filed with the Court within forty-one (41) days after the first publication of this Order.

It is FURTHER ORDERED that the Plaintiff's counsel mail a copy of the Order as published to the Defendant at 44 Howard Road, Salem Township, ME 04983 and 300 NW 34th Street, Okeechobee, Florida, the last known addresses of Defendant Florence L. Murphy-Brewer. Failing to serve an answer will be entered judgment by default to be entered, granting relief sought in the motion or complaint.

The clerk may incorporate this order by reference on the docket.
DATE: 5/14/2014

JUDGE/ Nancy D. Carlson
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ON 6/25;7/2,9

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION Case #: 2014-CA-000132 Green Tree Servicing LLC Plaintiff VS. Diana Otersen-Kafton a/k/a Diana L. Otersen a/k/a Diana L. Kafton; et al. Defendants

NOTICE OF ACTION FORECLOSURE PROCEEDINGS-PROPERTY Ernest E. Kafton a/k/a Ernest Kafton; CURRENT ADDRESS UNKNOWN: LAST KNOWN ADDRESS, 1801 Southwest 34th Terrace, Okeechobee, FL 34974. Residence unknown, if living, including any unknown spouse of the said Defendants, if either has remarried and if either or both of said Defendants are dead, their respective unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, creditors, lienors, and trustees, and all other persons claiming by, through, under or against the named Defendant(s); and the aforementioned named Defendant(s) and such of the aforementioned unknown Defendants and such of the aforementioned unknown Defendants as may be infants, incompetents or otherwise not sui juris.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action has been commenced to foreclose a mortgage on the following real property, lying and being situated in Okeechobee County, Florida, more particularly described as follows: LOTS 9 AND 10, BLOCK 5, OKPARK SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 3, PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, more commonly known as 1801 Southwest 34th Terrace, Okeechobee, FL 34974.

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

Witness my hand and seal of this Court on the 12th day of June, 2014. Sharon Robertson Clerk and County Courts By: /s/ Linda F. Young Deputy Clerk Florida Rules of Judicial Administration Rule 2.540 Notices to Persons With Disabilities If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Corrie Johnson, ADA Coordinator, 250 NW Country Club Drive, Suite 217, Port St. Lucie, FL 34986, (772) 807-4370 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

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JESSICA LYNN RAULERSON Petitioner/Mother, and THOMAS CIAMPA, Respondent/Father NOTICE OF ACTION CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE TO: THOMAS CIAMPA Addresses Unknown

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that a paternity action has been filed and commenced in this court. You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any to it, on the Petitioner/Mother's attorney, whose name and address is SNEIDER LAW, 200 S.W. 9th Street, Okeechobee, Florida 34974, and file the original with the clerk of the above-styled Court on or before 8/1/2014; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief prayed for in the complaint or petition.

This notice shall be published once each week for four consecutive weeks in The Okeechobee News. Witness my hand and the seal of said Court at Okeechobee, Florida on this 27th day of March, 2014. SHARON ROBERTSON As Clerk of Said Court By: Linda F. Young As Deputy Clerk 466104 ON 7/2,9,16,23/2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION CASE NO.: 2014-CP-62

IN RE: The Estate of: KUSTUS, ALBERT E. Deceased,

NOTICE TO CREDITORS The administration of the estate of ALBERT E. KUSTUS, deceased, whose date of death was January 9, 2014, and whose last four digits of his social security number are 9680, is pending in the Circuit Court for Okeechobee County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 312 N. W. 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida, 34972. The names and addresses

of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below. All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate 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 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.

NOT WITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIOD 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 July 2, 2014. Personal Representative: LARRY C. EATON 27543 Evelyn Avenue Brownstown, MI 48183 Attorney for Personal Representative: COLIN M. CAMERON, ESQUIRE 200 N. E. 4th Avenue Okeechobee, FL 34972 (863) 763-8600 Fla. Bar No. 270441 Email: colin@ccameronlaw.com 466113 ON 7/2,9/2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION CASE NO. 2014-CP-55

In re: Estate of LESLEY J. VAN HASSEL, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS The administration of the estate of LESLEY J. VAN HASSEL, deceased, whose date of death was September 14, 2013, and whose social security number is xxx-xx-6812, 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

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 19TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION Case No. 47-2013-CA-000158

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff, VS. AARON KEITH BARTOE; et al; Defendants.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated April 30, 2014, and entered in Case No. 47-2013-CA-000158, of the Circuit Court of the 19th Judicial Circuit in and for Okeechobee County, Florida, wherein JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION is Plaintiff and AARON BARTOE A/K/A AARON K. BARTOE A/K/A AARON KEITH BARTOE; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF AARON BARTOE A/K/A AARON K. BARTOE A/K/A AARON KEITH BARTOE; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY; TOWN & COUNTRY TITLE GUARANTY & ESCROW; are defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash IN THE JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM ON THE 2ND FLOOR OF THE OKEECHOBEE COUNTY JUDICIAL CENTER, at 312 N.W. THIRD STREET, OKEECHOBEE IN OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA 34972, at 11:00 a.m., on the 23rd day of July, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 21, DEER PARK ACRES, AN UNRECORDED SUBDIVISION LYING IN SECTIONS 31, 32 & 33, TOWNSHIP 33 SOUTH, RANGE 35 EAST, OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 32, MARKED BY A HEWED LIGHTERWOOD POST, BEAR SOUTH 89°33'31" W, ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 32, A DISTANCE OF 2,317.56 FEET; THENCE NORTH A DISTANCE OF 672.86 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE ALONG AFOREDESCRIBED LINE A DISTANCE OF 330.00 FEET; THENCE BEAR NORTH 89° 19' 08" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 660.00 FEET; THENCE BEAR SOUTH A DISTANCE OF 330.00 FEET; THENCE BEAR SOUTH 89°19' 08" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 660.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SUBJECT TO THE EAST 25 FEET THEREOF FOR ROAD PURPOSES. TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN DOUBLEWIDE MANUFACTURED HOME DESCRIBED AS A 1997 FLEET WITH VIN NOS. FFLV70A25093GH31 AND FFLV70B25093GH31.

A person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. Dated this 1st day of May 2014.

SHARON ROBERTSON As Clerk of said Court By: Sandra L. Creech As Deputy Clerk

Florida Rules of Judicial Administration Rule 2.540 Notices to Persons With Disabilities - If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Corrie Johnson, ADA Coordinator, 250 NW Country Club Drive, Suite 217, Port St. Lucie, FL 34986, (772) 807-4370 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA. CASE NO. 2009CA000572

BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P. F/K/A COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P., PLAINTIFF, VS. KEITH MCLAUGHLIN, ET AL. DEFENDANT(S).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated November 29, 2012, in the above action, I will sell to the highest bidder for cash at Okeechobee, Florida, on July 16, 2014 at 11:00 AM, at the Okeechobee County Judicial Center - 2nd Floor, Jury Assembly Room - 312 NW 3rd St., Okeechobee, FL 34972 for the following described property: LOT 90, PIONEER ESTATES UNIT 3, A SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 31, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA. TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN 1998 FLEETWOOD MODEL WAVERLY CREST MANUFACTURED HOME, #FLV70AB25754-WC314663 B, LOCATED ON SAID PROPERTY.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale. The Court, in its discretion, may enlarge the time of the sale. Notice of the changed time of sale shall be published as provided herein. DATED: March 20, 2014. SHARON ROBERTSON CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT By: Sandra L. Creech Deputy Clerk of the Court Gladstone Law Group, P.A. 1499 W. Palmetto Park Road, Suite 300 Boca Raton, FL 33486 If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate

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Public Notice

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

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF MERRILL LYNCH MORTGAGE INVESTORS TRUST, MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-MLN1 Plaintiff, VS. 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, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS. Defendant(s).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Resetting Foreclosure Sale dated June 18, 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 23rd day of July, 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 Judgment, to wit:

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 PARALLEL 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.

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Dated at OKEECHOBEE, Florida this 24th day of June, 2014. SHARON ROBERTSON CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA BY: SANDRA L. CREECH DEPUTY CLERK

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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. 466063 ON 6/18;25;7/2/2014

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 19TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION: CASE NO.: 2013 CA 0386

WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL SYSTEM FLORIDA, INC., Plaintiff, VS. KAREN D. PINDER; WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL BANK; BRIAN PINDER; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF KAREN D. PINDER; UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, Defendants.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated the 5th day of June, 2014, and entered in Case No. 2013 CA 0386, of the Circuit Court of the 19th Judicial Circuit in and for Okeechobee County, Florida, wherein WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL SYSTEM FLORIDA, INC. is the Plaintiff and KAREN D. PINDER, WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL BANK, BRIAN PINDER, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF KAREN D. PINDER, UNKNOWN TENANT; and IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY are defendants. The Clerk of this Court shall sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the OKEECHOBEE COUNTY JUDICIAL CENTER, 312 NW 3RD STREET, JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM, SECOND FLOOR, OKEECHOBEE, FLORIDA 34972, 11:00 AM on the 23rd day of July, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

ADDENDUM A TO MORTGAGE Description of Property THE LAND REFERRED TO IN THIS EXHIBIT IS LOCATED IN DEED BOOK 640 AT PAGE 1047 AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: THE SOUTH 1/2 OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY: BEING A PARCEL OF LAND LYING IN SECTION 18, TOWNSHIP 37 SOUTH, RANGE 36 EAST, OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ALSO KNOWN AS LOT 31K ON THE UNRECORDED PLAT OF FOUR SEASONS ESTATES AND BEING FURTHER BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 18; THENCE N 00 DEGREES 05'07" EAST ALONG THE EAST BOUNDARY LINE OF SAID SECTION 18, A DISTANCE OF 300.10 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE S. 88 DEGREES 34'16" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 1075.72 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE S. 88 DEGREES 34'16" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 214.00 FEET TO A POINT LYING ON THE EAST RIGHT OF WAY OF NE 60TH AVENUE (B&K MCARTHUR ROAD); THENCE N. 00 DEGREES 03'07" EAST ALONG SAID EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY, A DISTANCE OF 364.30 FEET TO A POINT LYING IN THE SOUTH RIGHT OF WAY OF NE 2ND STREET (SW 3RD PLAT); THENCE S. 89 DEGREES 54'53" EAST ALONG SAID SOUTH RIGHT OF WAY, A DISTANCE OF 214.01 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE S. 00 DEGREES 05'07" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 358.62 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

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Dated this 5th day of June, 2014. SHARON ROBERTSON Clerk of the Circuit Court By: Sandra L. Creech Deputy Clerk

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Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

ACROSS

- 1 Carve in stone
- 5 "Nana" novelist Émile
- 9 Diagnostic aids
- 14 Scott of "Happy Days"
- 15 Red-wrapped cheese
- 16 One of the archangels
- 17 State secrets?
- 18 Disreputable guy
- 19 Capone cohort Frank
- 20 Agreement in a Massachusetts city?
- 23 "That's awesome!"
- 24 Charlemagne's realm: Abbr.
- 25 Highland refusal
- 26 Adobe dwelling in a Colorado city?
- 32 Wanted poster abbr.
- 33 Go right or left
- 34 Do figure-eights, say
- 38 Likely to mouth off
- 40 Slap a sale price on
- 43 Go bonkers
- 44 Gelatin garnish
- 46 Attention-calling type: Abbr.
- 48 See 60-Down
- 49 Hanging sculpture in an Alabama city?
- 53 1977 Steely Dan album
- 56 "Scream" director Craven
- 57 Noise detector
- 58 Bovine in a New York city?
- 64 Take up a hem, say
- 65 ___ fide
- 66 NATO alphabet ender
- 68 Pasture
- 69 Baldwin or Guinness
- 70 Earns with difficulty, with "out"
- 71 Bakery pastries
- 72 Thorny bloom
- 73 Light-tube gas

DOWN

- 1 Recede
- 2 Bath powder mineral
- 3 Italian "Toodle-oo!"
- 4 Rub elbows (with)
- 5 Moment of attack
- 6 Sign to take out the trash
- 7 Praise highly
- 8 Don of "Cocoon"
- 9 Roads under rivers
- 10 Songwriter Clapton
- 11 Use, as a chair
- 12 Tri- plus one
- 13 Lose traction
- 21 Stable youngster
- 22 Sun or moon, to a poet
- 26 Dada
- 27 They're played at luaus
- 28 Wyatt of the Wild West
- 29 Post- opposite
- 30 Up to
- 31 Signs off on
- 35 Not a supporter
- 36 Cow's fly swatter
- 37 Swordplay sword

- 39 Boy in "A Christmas Carol"
- 41 Devoured
- 42 Competitive look
- 45 Fraidy-cats
- 47 Rye buy
- 50 Ger. neighbor
- 51 Atmospheric pressure line
- 52 Impudent
- 53 Sternward
- 54 Roberts of "Pretty Woman"
- 55 On the trail of
- 59 Traditional Stetson material
- 60 With 48-Across, Western neckwear
- 61 Quelques-___: a few, in French
- 62 Gospel writer
- 63 Butter look-alike
- 67 Org. with SEALs

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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ANSWER:



Okeechobee News/Eric Kopp

A diver entered the black water of Lemkin Creek to attach tow cables to a 1995 Chevrolet Blazer that had left the roadway Monday morning, June 30. The driver of the vehicle was taken to Raulerson Hospital with non-life threatening injuries, stated an accident report.

SUV plunges into creek; driver slightly injured

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

A local woman was taken to the hospital with non-life threatening injuries after the sports utility vehicle she was driving left the roadway Monday morning and plunged into Lemkin Creek.

Christina A. Hannon, 27, S.W. 13th Terrace, was westbound on S.R. 78 W. when she reportedly lost control of her Chevrolet Blazer around 8:50 a.m.

An accident report by Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office Deputy Jonathan Kemp stated Ms. Hannon veered off the right-hand side of the two-lane highway. She then oversteered her 1995 SUV and it began to overturn as she approached the concrete bridge over Lemkin Creek.

The vehicle continued to tumble until it landed on top of the bridge, slid down the rail and then fell into the water, continued

the deputy's report.

Ms. Hannon was taken to Raulerson Hospital by Okeechobee County Fire/Rescue with "non-incapacitating" injuries, stated Deputy Kemp.

BMJ Towing was called and pulled the vehicle from the creek

Deputy Kemp estimated the vehicle was traveling at a speed of 60 mph at the time of the June 30 accident.

BILL

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swiped the bill with a marking pen and the mark indicated the note was bogus. The clerk then told the customer the bill was no good, and the customer paid for her purchase with valid currency.

Deputy Potter said the customer left their contact information with the store clerk, who also kept the phony money.

According to the report the customer is a server at a local restaurant and got the \$10 note from the cash drawer at her workplace when she cashed in her tips at the end of her work day.

The server also called and warned her boss about the counterfeit money.

When interviewed by the deputy, the server said there was really no way to know who paid their tab with the bogus bill.

Because the customer paid for her purchase and the counterfeit money was passed by her unintentionally, Deputy Potter said there is no victim and no one will be charged.

Keep holiday safe for boaters and manatees

Special to the Okeechobee News

Boaters can help reduce the risk of collisions with manatees and other wildlife by being extra vigilant when out on county waterways during the 4th of July long weekend. Slowing down in manatee habitat and observing all posted boat speed regulations can save manatee lives. Also, statistics on human/watercraft injuries and fatalities continue to concern Floridians and visitors who use and enjoy the state's rivers and waterways.

A recent press release from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) states that 62 people lost their lives in Florida in 2013 due to boating accidents, and there have been 11 deaths so far in 2014. Read more at MyFWC.com/Boating; click on "Boating Accidents." Since boat traffic often doubles or triples on holiday weekends, dangerous conditions for the boating community as well as the slow-moving manatees can increase dramatically.

Save the Manatee Club produces bright yellow, waterproof boating banners and provides them free to Florida boaters to help warn other boaters when manatees are sighted in the area. By carrying the "Please Slow Manatees Below" banner in motor boats, kayaks, and canoes, it's much

easier and more efficient to alert other boaters when manatees are present. Remember, manatees must surface to breathe and prefer shallow waters. If you see a manatee when operating a powerboat, remain a safe distance away — about 300 feet. If you want to observe the manatee, cut the motor, but don't drift over the manatee.

Lori Dement from South Pasadena, Fla., takes the club's boating banner along whenever she and her husband, Cyrus, are out on local waterways in their dinghy. "I requested the banner so that I can do what I can to protect the manatees — they are just so very precious," said Lori.

The club also produces and distributes free shoreline property signs and boating decals with the message to "Slow Please," and both feature the FWC's hotline number for reporting manatees in distress. If you see an injured, dead, tagged or orphaned manatee, or a manatee who is being harassed, call the FWC at 1-888-404-FWCC (3922) or #FWC or *FWC on your cellular phone, use VHF Channel 16 on your marine radio, or send a text message to Tip@MyFWC.com. For more information on manatees, the Adopt-A-Manatee® program, or to sign up for the Club's free e-newsletter, visit the Club's website at www.savethemanatee.org.

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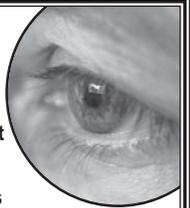
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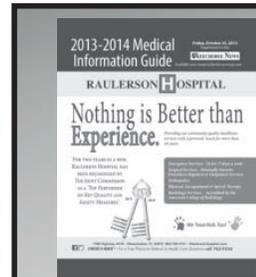


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By Dr. Ramesh Kumar
Big Lake Cancer Center

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