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FHP: Deputy at fault in crash

Two died in Dec. 1, 2013, auto accident; FHP investigation estimates patrol car's speed was 87 mph at time of impact

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

A Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) investigation into a 2013 crash that claimed the lives of

two Okeechobee women was released Tuesday and has determined a local deputy was at fault.

Even though former Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office Deputy Joseph Gracie was found at fault, he will not be charged criminally.

According to FHP Trooper Corporal Mark E. Zook, Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO) Deputy Joseph Gracie "... caused the crash, the deaths of the driver and front passenger as well as the injuries to the rear seat

passenger of vehicle 1 along with all property damage."

Killed in that Dec. 1 crash were Elizabeth Arellano Renteria, 21, and Hilda Marisol Medrano, 21. A back seat passenger in Ms. Renteria's 2000 Ford Focus was Isamar Sanchez Jaimes, who was 20 at the time. She was taken to Raulerson Hospital and her condition was listed as critical.

When contacted, Sheriff Paul May said his

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Okee-Tantie on county agenda

By Katrina Elsken
Okeechobee News

The Okeechobee County Commissioners will discuss the future of the Okee-Tantie Recreation Area when they meet Thursday at 9 a.m. in the Historic Okeechobee County Courthouse.

At the July 24 meeting,

the commissioners considered the options of repairing and reopening one or more sections of the campground. The campground's Area "B" is in the best configuration to accommodate the larger, modern recreational vehicles. It will require improvements

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Special to the Okeechobee News
This aerial photo from the Okeechobee County Commission Sept. 25 agenda packet shows Area A of the Okee-Tantie Campground.

Judge revokes Andrew Wheeler's bond



A beating left a 16-year-old stumbling along the roadway until he collapsed, where he was found by a passerby. She shone her headlights on the boy so he would be visible to other drivers and called 9-1-1. While waiting for police to arrive, she also took this photo which was shown in court on Monday.

19-year-old accused of beating 16-year-old, who was too drunk to fight back, at party

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

Editor's note: This article includes excerpts from a telephone call recording that was played in court. Parents may wish to restrict their children's viewing of this material.

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Chamber of Commerce of Okeechobee County

3 Bee's Layne will have their Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting on Thursday, Sept. 25, from 6 to 7 p.m. with the Chamber of Commerce of Okeechobee County; they are located at 104 S.W. Third Ave. Please come out and support your local business! Owner Whitney Christian would love to have you stop by!

The next Chamber of Commerce "Business after Hours" will be on Sept. 30, at

Beef O' Brady's. Fee: \$5 for members/\$10 for non-members.

Oct. 1, Cowboys Restaurant will host its Ribbon Cutting at 6:30 p.m.

Oct. 2, "Your Inner Space" will host their grand opening at 10 a.m. at 2827 S.W. Third Terrace.

Oct. 13, at 5 p.m. Allure Institute for Plastic Surgery will host its Grand Opening at 114 N. Parrott Ave.

Main Street Clipboard

New Main Street members

• Main Street would like to welcome Elks Lodge 2871, Jody Julien and Silver Palms.

Awards

• Okeechobee Main Street was awarded three recognitions by the Secretary of State for the Christmas Festival, our 10-year accreditation and the community project Operation Pink Fire Hydrant.

Updates

• New banners are coming soon for Park Street.

• Okeechobee residents are participating in the American Heart Association's 2014 Palm Beach Heart Walk on Sept. 27. By joining the team, you can help. If you can't join a team, please consider a donation. Register online at: <http://s.heartwalk.org/T5JNcW>. Together, we can make a difference.

• Matt Buxton of Buxton and Bass Funeral Home of Okeechobee will host an educational program on cremation and tra-

ditional burial at the Hide Out Cafe, 12044 E. State Road 78, Lake Port, FL 33471 inside North Lake Estates RV Park, on Thursday, Oct. 2, at 11 a.m. The program will give advice on affordable traditional funerals, military specials, options, benefits, cost, payment plans and veteran's benefits.

• The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) of Okeechobee Project Director position is available. If you are interested in this position or more information, please email a cover letter, resume and salary requirements to Carol Hodnett at jobs@unitedwaymartincounty.org.

• United Way Campaign Chairs, Jennifer and Steve Lafferty, invite you to the United Way Campaign Kick Off on Thursday, Oct. 2, from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Brown Cow Sweetery, 103 S.W. Park St. Coffee and muffins will be served. Please RSVP to Allison Chandler via email at allison@unitedwaylee.org or via telephone at 863-697-9096 or 863-484-3887.

Okeechobee Forecast

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Today: Scattered thunderstorms developing during the afternoon. High near 85F. Winds E at 10 to 15 mph. Chance of rain 60%.

Tonight: Mostly cloudy. Low 72F. Winds ENE at 5 to 10 mph.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: Partly cloudy in the morning. Thunderstorms developing later in the day. High around 85F. Winds E at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 90%.

Thursday Night: Mostly cloudy with scattered thunderstorms mainly before midnight. Low 73F. Winds E at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 50%.

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Oct. 14, "The Paint Bucket" will host the Chamber Power Networking Breakfast from 7-9 a.m.

Mark your calendars for The Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year Luncheon on Oct. 16, at 11:45 a.m. This will be the Inaugural Presentation of the Business of the Year Awards!

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, Raise awareness of your business or organization, 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.

Contact: Mariah Parriott, Administration
 863-467-6246

info@okeechobeebusiness.com

Time running out on Medicaid plan changes

If you or your child is currently on Medicaid and assigned to a certain insurance plan or physician, you have only a few weeks left to make a change. Otherwise, you may not be able to make a change to your plan for one year. The number to call is 877-711-3662 or by visiting www.flmedicaidmanagedcare.com. Please act before Oct. 31, 2014. For local assistance, please call the Dr. Fred Brown Children's Health Center at 863-763-1951 and ask to speak to a Health Benefits Counselor.

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RSVP recognizes volunteers, says goodbye to a leader

Special to the Okeechobee News

During his monthly interview with Billy Dean, Marco Cueva, Project Director for the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) of Okeechobee, presented the Presidential Volunteer Service Award to Wendy and Judy Watts for their service to the community. This Gold Level award is available to those individuals who accumulate more than 500 volunteer hours in

a given year. Between them, Mr. and Mrs. Watts amassed over 2100 hours of service to Okeechobee through My Aunt's House and the Okeechobee Achievement Academy. Their service is representative of the caliber and dedication of RSVP Volunteers and what the program is striving to accomplish in the community.

Mr. Cueva has accepted a position in his hometown in Ohio to be closer to his fi-

ancée. Over the last year, he helped to establish a food pantries in schools program, conducted a food drive, trained volunteers to respond in a disaster and assisted several other collaborative groups to help meet their goals.

RSVP of Okeechobee County is a federally funded program of The Corporation for National and Community Service with local community support to engage seniors 55+ in volunteering positions within the community. The program is now looking for a new director.

The RSVP Project Director has full responsibility of the day-to-day operations of the RSVP project in Okeechobee County. The Project Director works cooperatively with the sponsor staff, RSVP of Okeechobee Advisory Council, volunteer station staff, key community officials and officials of The Corporation for National and Community Service, to program, plan and implement the RSVP project in the community. The RSVP Project Director is also responsible for public relations, promotion,

and maintenance of records in accordance with federal grant guidelines. For more information about the RSVP program or to volunteer, email info@okeechobeevolunteers.org.

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Wendy and Judy Watts received the Presidential Volunteer Service Award for their work with RSVP.

Pet of the Week

Babe is a young, female Plott Hounds and Labrador Retriever mix. Babe has trust issues until she really gets to know you. She likes playing with all sized dogs. She is house trained and spayed. Her shots are current.

She is available for adoption at Okeechobee Humane Society/Pet Rescue on Highway 98, next door to the Livestock Market. For more information, contact Humane Society Pet Rescue Florida, at 863-357-1104.

To see more available animals go to petfinder.com. Homes are also needed to "foster" animals who are waiting for a permanent adoptive home.



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

Marijuana

- In regard to the elementary school kid who was caught with marijuana, I have to wonder how an 11-year-old got access to marijuana. If he bought it, where did he get that much money. Where did a kid that age get that stuff? I know they called the cops and I hope the Narcotics Task Force finds out where the kid got the marijuana and makes sure that this does not happen again.

- I guess it is a reflection of the times we live in that my first thought was it could have been worse. He could have been caught with meth.

- People are so quick to the blame the parents, but no parent can completely control their child. At some point the child is going to disobey. Of course now the parents have to deal with a very serious problem, as this is not something the schools take lightly. There will be consequences.

- I am pretty sure that Amendment 2 is going to pass. And it won't be long after that before there is a move to legalize the recreational use of marijuana for adults in Florida. It's no worse for people than alcohol. And while few people can make their own beer, just about anyone could grow their own personal-use marijuana plant in Florida, so it would take a lot of the crime away from marijuana use just as lifting prohibition got rid of most of the bootlegging. But just as parents should make sure their kids aren't drinking alcohol, it is also up to parents to make sure their kids aren't smoking marijuana, or even cigarettes for that matter.

Old school demolished

- If they aren't going to build anything on the site of the original south elementary building, the property should be sold and put back into private ownership so it can be put back on the tax toll and generate income for the county.

- I heard it had developed a bad mold problem. I think the school board is doing the right thing to hang onto that property for now. What's wrong with getting the ball field back until the property is needed for something

else? There are plenty of vacant buildings in town for commercial businesses.

- Real Estate prices are not great right now. If the school board decides to sell the land where the New Endeavor School building was torn down they should wait until the land prices go up again.

- It makes me sad to see the old school building torn down. My kids had so many great times there when it was South Elementary. I know the building had problems. It had problems when it was South Elementary. And I will be happy to see the green space there in place of the building. But so much is changing in Okeechobee that sometimes it's a little disconcerting.

Cruelty to animals

- A woman might get 10 years for killing a puppy? What will that cost the taxpayers? Seems excessive.

- Terrible for the poor little puppies. They probably had more sense than all humans involved in the case.

- The U.S. has a higher percentage of our population in jail or prison than any other developed country. The prison industry is big business. Those who profit from the prison industry are the ones promoting the mandatory sentences for some crimes. Keeping all of these people in prison is costing the American taxpayers billions. We need to stop locking up the non-violent offenders and find other ways to deal with the problem. There are other ways to punish these offenders such as house arrest, restitution and community service. Look at how much of our property taxes go to fund just the county jail. That is money that is not being spent on other services because we are spending nearly half of all of the ad valorem county taxes just to keep people locked up.

- Instead of sending the puppy killer to jail, I think they should make her work along the roadways picking up trash and cleaning up roadkills. Since she has no empathy for animals, let her have the job of picking up the dogs, cats, raccoons, hogs, and other critters that have been rotting in the sun for a few days.

Music festival

- Everyone I know is excited about the music festival. Relatives read about it online and are planning to visit. And they haven't even said who will be performing yet. The reputation that these music people have is that big. If they are involved in the music festivals in Bonnaroo and Coachella, then this is going to be a very big deal. We need to make sure that everyone in Okeechobee makes them feel welcome.

Letters to the editor

OUA thanked

The Taylor Creek Condo Association board member and its owners, would like to take this opportunity to extend our appreciation for the assistance provided by the Okeechobee Utility Authority during our crisis with our Lift Station.

We had brought in a commercial company to help us with our Lift Station and sewage problems. After several days of attempts and having no knowledge of the "layout" of the piping, they could not find the clogged drainage pipes, we felt hopeless!

On June 4 we requested your assistance. Without hesitation, your company offered outstanding and professional staff to respond. Within the hour, you were able to find the access point. This immediately allowed the commercial company, eliminate the obstruction successfully!

Once more, please extend our heartfelt gratitude for you and your "high-level of expertise" staff, for coming to our aide. Your company is a "true asset" to our community.

Respectfully,

Jimmie Joe Amick

president, of Taylor Creek Condo

Community appreciated

A word of thanks for my brother, Dwaine Sandlin

My brother passed away on Sept. 10, 2014. He was surrounded by his immediate family in Michigan. He went through three months of rigid tests and treatments but sadly, it was not successful.

Dwaine LOVED Okeechobee, having moved here in 1989. He had a lot of friends and his loving wife, "Bunny." My husband Dave and I moved here in 2001 because he was here and we were looking to get away from the big city environment of Ft. Lauderdale.

I have some thanks I would like to publish. First of all to his many friends over the years with whom he spent many happy times. Also, to his team of doctors who worked relentlessly to help him heal. Last but certainly not least, I would like to think Charlie and the staff at The Golden Corral. He and Bunny had a lot of meals there before she was admitted to a nursing home. After that time, Dwaine ate most of his noon meals there and was incorporated into the "Corral Family." They gave him special atten-

tion and kept his specific table for him and checked in on him if he didn't show up. He spoke of that often and of how much he appreciated this and how fond he was of all of the staff there. It was very special to him.

He was a warm, generous, hardworking and happy man and a great brother.

THANKS TO ALL OF YOU WHO TOUCHED HIS LIFE.

Barbara Flemming

Students say thanks

The Okeechobee High School Building Construction Technologies class would like to thank Mr. Corey Penrod of Penrod Construction for coming in and speaking to them. Mr. Penrod gave the students a first-hand view of what the construction industry is like in Florida. Not only did he talk about construction, but he told them to follow their dreams and not to let anyone hold them back from what they wanted to do in life. He told them about his life experiences and what he looks for in future employees. Mr. Penrod also offered the entire program a chance to come out and visit any of his jobsites to get a hands-on look and feel for the construction industry. Mr. Penrod even offered to come back on another day and teach the students how to do some basic construction jobs. The Building Construction program is very grateful for Mr. Penrod giving of his valuable time to help shape the future of Okeechobee students and better their tomorrows. Once again thank you Corey Penrod for all you did for the Building Construction Technologies program at Okeechobee High School.

Sincerely,

Steve Szentmartoni

Building Construction Technologies teacher



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Fernando Perez, David Torres, Brian Delapaz, Matt Starr, Ablerado Yanez, Omar Cardoso, Corey Penrod (in back center), Austin Walker, Lane Rhodes and Alex Hernandez.

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MEMBER



COUNTY

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that include the repair and replacement of some of the utilities.

Sites in Area "A," arranged in wagon-wheel formation, are not configured to accommodate modern RVs. However, since this section is adjacent to the river, these spots could be considered some of the prime RV sites within the facility.

Reconfiguring Area "A" would probably require a complete demolish and rebuild. Area "B" could be upgraded and reopened more easily.

The commissioners will also consider reopening the bait and tackle store and restoration of the fuel system.

The commissioners will be asked to direct staff in regard to their vision of the future of the park:

- What do we want the facility to be?
- What do we want to build or rebuild on the facility?
- Who do we want to build or rebuild the facility?
- Who do we want to manage the facility?

The deed from the State of Florida states that the county shall never sell the park to any private person, firm or corporation for any private use.

In other business at their Thursday meeting:

- The board will consider amending the employee pay and classification system to provide for a 3 percent increase for the 2014-2015 fiscal year. The pay and classification system was last amended in 2010.

- The county will hold a public hearing on a proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendment to reclassify approximately 848 acres from the Agriculture future land use classification to the Resort Activity Center future land use classification. The change would increase the density for residential development from 1 unit per 10 acres to 1 unit per 2 acres and allow for up to 150 acres of accessory commercial uses including camping and recreational vehicles and up to 8,000 square feet of general commercial/retail uses. The property is on the north side of Northeast 120th Street, about 2 miles west of Northeast 128th Avenue.

- The commissioners proclaim October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

- The county will proclaim October as Domestic Violence Month.

- The board will receive comments from Jessica Chason, Everglades Area Health Education Centers, about the free tobacco cessation program in Okeechobee.

Checkpoint leads to DUI arrest & drug citations

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

Area law enforcement personnel stayed busy last Friday evening as 190 vehicles passed through a DUI checkpoint staged in the 500 block of S.R. 70 East from 9 until 11 p.m.

The purpose of the initiative is to meet with drivers passing through the checkpoint and look for alcohol or drug impairment. Law enforcement personnel also made sure everyone operating a vehicle had the proper licensing.

According to Michele Bell, public information officer for the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO): one driver was arrested for DUI; one was arrested for a separate criminal offense; 12 citations were issued for non-moving/moving offenses; 10 warnings were issued; one driver

was cited for driving on a suspended license; two criminal citations were issued for no valid driver's license; three criminal citations were issued for possession of marijuana under 20 grams, possession of drug paraphernalia and expired tags for more than a year; three warnings were issued for various offenses; and, two citations were issued for moving-related offenses.

These checkpoints are held periodically in different areas of the county. Such checkpoints are proven enforcement tools that are effective in reducing the number of persons killed and/or injured in alcohol-involved automobile accidents.

Besides the sheriff's office, the Okeechobee City Police Department and the Florida Highway Patrol participated in the Sept. 19 checkpoint.

BEATING

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"You need to come pick up your (sic) son. He just got his ass whupped by me."

Those words resonated in the stunned courtroom Monday as a prosecutor played a phone call from Andrew Wheeler to the mother of an intoxicated 16-year-old boy he had just beaten.

Wheeler, 19, and his attorney Michael Berg were in circuit court Sept. 22 to ask that Wheeler's bond be reduced. He is being held in the Okeechobee County Jail on \$220,000 bond.

After listening to arguments presented by Mr. Berg and Assistant State Attorney Ashley Albright, Circuit Court Judge Sherwood Bauer ordered Wheeler's bond to be revoked. This means Wheeler is now being held without bond on felony charges of aggravated child abuse and child abuse - intentional act.

In a second bond hearing, Judge Bauer denied Evadean Dailey's request to have her \$110,000 bond reduced and ordered her bond to remain the same.

The August arrests of Wheeler and Dailey, 40, stemmed from a party in Dailey's home where underaged teens were drinking beer and alcohol. Then, as the party progressed, Wheeler was called to the home on Southwest Ninth Street where he pummeled a 16-year-old boy who was so drunk he couldn't fight back.

In a video of that beating, Dailey can be heard saying in a loud voice: "If you wake my grand baby, I will be pissed!"

So, the teen was dragged outside where Wheeler continued to pound the helpless boy.

At some point the beating stopped and the teen staggered away from Dailey's

home until he collapsed on the side of road in the 500 block of S.W. Sixth Street.

There, a woman shone her headlights on the unconscious boy as she called police. While she waited, she took a photo of the teen, whose name is being withheld because he is a juvenile and the victim of physical abuse.

As the teen lie motionless, Wheeler called his mother. Following is that phone call.

"Uh, yeah. This, us, I guess this is Leslie. Um, I am over here with everybody now. You need to come pick up you son. He just got his ass whupped by me. Uh, he wouldn't get out of my home girl's house so I beat his _ _ _ _ _ ass for him. That should have teach him something - that you should have, have beat him ass a little while back maybe that would have saved some of this. But, uh, you need to come and get your _ _ _ _ _ son."

For her part in what transpired that Aug. 8 night, Dailey is charged with the felonies of aggravated child abuse, child abuse - intentional act and child neglect. She is also charged with the misdemeanors of allowing an open house party and contributing to the delinquency or dependency of a child.

During Monday's proceedings, Mr. Albright spared no punches and showed a Facebook photo in which two of Dailey's daughters can be seen proudly holding up a bottle of Lord Calvert whiskey and a bottle of beer. The 16-year-old girl is holding the beer. Her 17-year-old sister is holding the whiskey.

Dailey told Judge Bauer she has six children — all girls.

Brandie was arrested Sept. 18 on one felony count of child abuse - intentional act. She was booked into the Okeechobee Coun-

ty Jail then taken to the St. Lucie Regional Detention Center in Fort Pierce.

In the video, the 16-year-old can be seen holding a beer in her hands.

When queried, Dailey also admitted to the judge that she has been arrested a total of 11 times. Those include a 2011 arrest in which she taken into custody for giving alcohol and marijuana to two of her minor children.

But her arrests and time in the county jail did little to change the way she lives, said the prosecutor.

"As far as her behavior, she didn't learn anything," Mr. Albright told the judge.

If convicted, Mr. Albright said Dailey is facing a minimum sentence of 85.6 months.

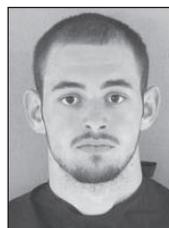
"The facts are pretty egregious. It's pretty compelling at this point, from the state's perspective," said Judge Bauer. "I think the bond is where it should be. I'm not going to lessen it."

As for Wheeler, his checkered past also came into play and was a big reason why Judge Bauer revoked his bond.

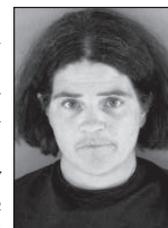
Wheeler has a number of felony arrests including burglary while armed, grand theft-motor vehicle and petit theft. He has also been arrested in Polk County on charges of grand theft-motor vehicle and burglary while armed, and in Fort Pierce where he was charged with grand theft-motor vehicle and burglary.

He spent time in the Department of Juvenile Justice as well as state prison. Records show he was in the Department of Corrections (COD) for approximately six months in 2013. He was sent back to prison May 1, 2014, and was then released 26 days later.

Then, in August, he was again arrested — this time for beating the teen.



Andrew Wheeler



Evadean Dailey

"He was out of prison 74 days before his arrest for these (new) offenses," Mr. Albright told the judge. "The longest he's ever lasted on any kind of probation is 74 days."

Because of his history, Mr. Albright said he will be asking that Wheeler be designated a Prison Releasee Re-offender (PRR). If he is designated as such, he will automatically receive a prison sentence of 30 years upon his conviction. That sentence is day for day, meaning he will have to serve the entire term.

The prosecutor then asked the judge to revoke Wheeler's bond.

But, Mr. Berg then tried to minimize the severity of his client's new charges.

"This was a fight between two young men. I don't believe Mr. Wheeler is a threat to the community," said Mr. Berg to the judge.

He then asked that his client's bond be reduced to \$20,000 per charge.

Judge Bauer didn't agree.

"There is no condition of release that can reasonably protect the community from him," said the judge. "There is certainly substantial proof the defendant committed the offense."

After the hearing, Mr. Albright said he has asked the court for a speedy trial for both Wheeler and Dailey. Realistically, he continued, he expects them to go to trial in three to four months.

"I intend to have them tried together," he said, adding that would be the most expedient thing to do. "I'll have the same evidence and it will allow the jury to hear both defendants. I'll present all the evidence relative to each defendant.

"Each defense attorney can question witnesses for their own purposes," he added.

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Raulerson plans open house

Raulerson Hospital, 1796 U.S. 441 N., will host an open house to view the renovations made to the Outpatient Department on Wednesday, **Sept. 24**, from 4:30 until 6 p.m. For information, call 863-763-2151.

Elks to host a potluck dinner

The Elks Lodge 2871, will have a \$5 potluck dinner at its social meeting at the American Legion, 501 S.E. Second St., on Thursday, **Sept. 25**, starting at 6 p.m. Please bring a dish. Members and guests are welcome. For information, call 863-623-5161.

Big Lake Growers will meet

The newly-formed Big Lake Growers Association would like all interested parties to join them for a general meeting Thursday, **Sept. 25**, at 7 p.m. in the University of Florida Extension Office. For information, call Alan at 772-708-6764.

Photo workshop is Sept. 25

A photo editing workshop will be held at the Okeechobee County Library, 206 S.W. 16th St., Thursday, **Sept. 25**, at 5:30 p.m. Bring your laptop or paper and pencil. For information, call 772-07-6764.

Eagles to host a dinner

The Fraternal Order Of Eagles, 9985 U.S. 441 N., will host a steak dinner Friday, **Sept. 26**, from 6 until 9 p.m. with a 16-oz. ribeye steak served with garlic bread, baked potato, salad and dessert. Entertainment will be provided by Gerry Harmon from 7 until 11 p.m. For information, call 863-763-2552.

Benefit set for Reece Lopez

A benefit will be held for Reece Lopez on Friday, **Sept. 26**, from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. There will be pulled pork sandwich dinners for a donation of \$10. There will be drawings and more. For information or for pick up or delivery, call: Kat at 863-697-2426; or, Jen at 863-633-8557.

BHR seniors are invited to Hope Connections

There is a wonderful service offered in Buckhead Ridge for seniors 60 and over.

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The center is located in the same building as the Glades County Tax Collector, where you pay your taxes or purchase your auto tag, next to the fire department.

Gather together some of your Buckhead Ridge friends and meet at the center. Hope Connections provides a place to socialize

Craft Fair fundraiser slated

There will be another fundraiser at Okeechobee Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall, 312 N. Parrott Ave. Friday and Saturday, **Sept. 26 and 27**, from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. More craft items and lots of fabric — bolts of fabric.

Softball sign ups end Sept. 26

The fall adult softball sign-up deadline is **Sept. 26**. Registrations are being taken at the Parks and Rec Office, 1718 N.W. Ninth Ave. The first game has been scheduled for Oct. 6. For information, check out their Facebook page or give them a call at 863-763-6950.

Eastern Star hosting dinner

Okeechobee Chapter #128 Order of the Eastern Star will host a country fried steak dinner Friday, **Sept. 26**, at the Okeechobee Masonic Lodge, 107 N.W. Fifth Ave. Dinner will be served from 4 until 7 p.m. For tickets, contact Karen Saucier at 863-467-6721 or Kip Gardner at 863-357-0427.

R.C. swap meet planned

The Okeechobee Model Airplane Club and the Okeechobee RC Racing Club are jointly sponsoring a parking lot swap meet Saturday, **Sept. 27**, at Big Lake Hobbies, 110 S.W. 14th St., for anything radio controlled. Sellers are expected to arrive by 8 a.m. and stay most of the morning. This is a free event, so if you have anything R.C. to sell, bring it out. Members of both clubs will be on hand to answer your questions and introduce you to the hobby, so stop by and meet our members. For information, call 863-357-3592.

Tourney benefits soccer team

A cornhole tournament to benefit the Okeechobee High School soccer team will be held Saturday, **Sept. 27**, starting at 9 a.m. in the Yearling Middle School gymnasium, 925 N.W. 23rd Lane. The tournament will be for two-man teams. The cost is \$25 per player. For details, contact Lonnie Sears at 863-634-1334.

with other seniors, do puzzles, or play cards or games. Only Glades County residents are eligible to receive a no-cost meal. Come by in the morning or after lunch and take advantage of the center. You do not need to stay all day or to come every day. Drop in when you need a little social time.

Hope Connections can help if you care for a loved one, by allowing you time to run errands and rejuvenate yourself.

Need help with household chores like stripping or making the bed, dusting, vacuuming or doing dishes? Hope Connections can help. They can help you maintain your independence.

Legion has Sunday bingo

American Legion 64, 501 S.E. Second St., will host Sunday night bingo on **Sept. 28** 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. The event is open to the public. The American Legion now has free WIFI for its lounge and dining room patrons.

Family workshop scheduled

The Florida Department of Education will host a family engagement workshop Monday, **Sept. 29**, starting at 6:30 p.m. at Yearling Middle School, 925 N.W. 23rd Lane, entitled "The Perfect Brainstorm in 3-D." This interactive workshop will inspire students, parents and community members to get excited about and involved with The Florida Standards. The 3-D workshop will explain why the standards are beneficial to all Floridians, and teach families specific age-appropriate activities to support learning at home. For information, call 863-462-5056.

Hospital hosting lecture

The Dine with the Doctor's topic this month is Sepsis is Serious! This lecture will be held in the Raulerson Hospital cafeteria, 1796 U.S. 441 N., Tuesday, **Sept. 30**, with dinner being served at 4:30 p.m. for \$5. The lecture is free and will start at 5 p.m. RSVP by calling 863-763-9228.

Healthy Start Coalition to meet

Okeechobee Healthy Start Coalition board of directors will meet Wednesday, **Oct. 1**, at 11 a.m. at their office located in the White House Plaza, 1132 S. Parrott Ave. The meeting is open to the public. The coalition is part of a statewide network responsible for planning and implementing services for pregnant women and infants. 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.

Five wishes workshop slated

A five wishes workshop will be held Thursday, **Oct. 2**, and Dec. 4 at 2 p.m. at the Fountain of Life Church, 1302 S.W. 32nd St. The five wishes is a brochure/check list which explains what an individual should do with regard to the five wishes in case of serious illness. For information, call Carolyn Thomas at 863-467-8644.

IRSC offers Lifelong Learning

The Fielden Institute at IRSC is now accepting registration for the 2014-15 session offerings. Among the new offerings, members can look forward to discussion groups and class offerings on topics such as computers, photography, writing, gardening, creativity, and local history to name a few. The institute is a program of the IRSC Foundation and is designed to serve men and women age 50 and better who are interested in returning to the college classroom to learn, simply for the joy of learning. The open house will be from 9:30 to 11 a.m. on Friday, **Oct. 3**, in the Williamson Conference Center Auditorium at the Okeechobee IRSC Dixon Hendry Campus located at 2229 N.W. Ninth Ave. To RSVP for the upcoming open house call IRSC 772-462-7880; email Katherine Hazellief at khazelli@irsc.edu; or, visit www.irscfoundation.org.

Shrine offers dinner, dancing

The Okeechobee Shrine Club, 1740 S.W. 53rd St., will host a spaghetti dinner Tuesday, **Oct. 7**, from 4 until 7 p.m. Reservations are not required. The Shrine Club also offers smoke-free dining. For your listening and dancing pleasure, music will be provided from 5 until 8 p.m. All proceeds benefit Shrine charities. For information on the activities of the Okeechobee Shrine Club, contact: Kip Gardner at 863-357-0427; Dr. Randall Mims at 863-763-9200; or, the Shrine Club at 863-763-3378.

Women's health luncheon set

Raulerson Hospital will host a Women's Health luncheon Wednesday, **Oct. 8**, at IRSC Williamson Center, 2229 N.W. Ninth Ave. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. and presentations will be from noon until 1 p.m. Space is limited, so RSVP to 863-763-9228.

Quilt & Craft Bazaar to be held

The Quilters of Peace Lutheran Church are planning their Quilt and Craft Bazaar for Saturday, **Nov. 15**, in the Fellowship Hall, 750 N.W. 23rd St. A limited number of tables are available for \$10 for craft vendors from the community. There will be all kinds of crafts, quilts, lunch, a huge bake sale and white elephant sale. Prize giveaway tickets are on sale for three different handmade quilts. To reserve a table or for information, call Dottie Allen at 863-801-8100.

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Alleged rapist returned to jail

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News



Conrad Thitchener

A man who fled the area reportedly to avoid prosecution for the alleged rape of a West Palm Beach woman has been returned to the Okeechobee County Jail.

Conrad Anthony Thitchener, 46, was booked into the county jail Monday, Sept. 22. He is charged with four counts of sexual battery, kidnapping, battery and one felony count of criminal mischief.

Although his bond on the criminal mischief charge was set at \$4,000, he is being held without bond on the other six charges.

Thitchener fled Okeechobee shortly after the Dec. 23, 2013, incident and was apprehended May 13, 2014, by the Poughkeepsie, N.Y., Police Department. Also involved in that apprehension was the Dutchess County, N.Y., Sheriff's Office and the U.S. Marshal's Service Fugitive Task Force.

An arrest report by Detective Howard Pickering, of the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO), indicated Thitchener and the victim did not know each other prior to the night of the alleged incident. The alleged rape took place in Thitchener's small travel trailer that was parked in an RV park on U.S. 441 S.E.

According to the detective's report Thitchener and the victim met then went to his trailer. Once inside, the victim went to the bathroom to "fix her makeup."

When she came out of the bathroom Thitchener reportedly came up behind her and put his arm around her throat in a choke

hold. He told her this was no joke and that he was serious, pointed out the report.

The victim apparently told the detective she felt something hard against the back of her head and thought it was a gun.

The two began to fight and during their melee they broke the glass out of the oven door so shards of glass were now scattered across the kitchen floor, stated the investigator.

Detective Pickering went on to state the woman began to scream, but Thitchener threw her to the floor "like a rag doll" and ordered her to "shut up, or I swear to God I'm going to kill you!"

The woman kept trying to get to the front door of the small trailer, but her alleged attacker would reportedly grab her around the neck and pull her away from the door.

Thitchener then took the woman to his bedroom and raped her, indicated the report. He raped her a second time in the bathroom and again in the bedroom, the report stated.

Thitchener then sold the trailer a few days later and fled to New York where he has family.

Detective Pickering stated blood was found on the kitchen floor during a search of the trailer. The blood apparently came from the victim when she was cut by the broken glass on the floor as she was reportedly fighting with Thitchener.

OCSO detectives interviewed Thitchener a few days after the alleged rape and then released him. He fled the area a short time after that interview.

A court date of Oct. 8 has been set for Thitchener's arraignment before Circuit Court Judge Sherwood Bauer. It's not known if he has retained an attorney.

Obesity is a problem for older Americans

Special to the Okeechobee News

The "obesity epidemic" has become one of the foremost issues of the 21st Century but the focus has been on overweight children. In fact, obesity is growing more prevalent among older Americans, according to the Centers for Disease Control. The CDC reports that more than 35% of the 60-plus population is obese.

But, says the Association of Mature American Citizens, the older we get the harder it is to stick to a diet. There are a few

simple measures we can take to avoid gaining weight and to start losing pounds. It's a slow process, warns AMAC, but with a little patience and some determination, it can be done.

Eat more fruits and vegetables. Drink more water. Limit alcohol intake. Minimize snacking. Forget the habit of three square meals a day and adopt the routine of eating four or five smaller meals. But don't skip breakfast; it'll only increase your sense of hunger as the day goes on.

Agri-Civic Center open to public for exercising

Unless an event is taking place, the Okeechobee County Agri-Civic Center grounds are open to area residents for exercise activities such as walking, running and bike riding on a daily basis. The gate on S.R. 70 is open from 7 a.m. until dusk for residents to access the roads and parking lots within the facility.

RC club running cars, trucks on Sunday

The Okeechobee RC Racing Club is a local group focused on running radio controlled cars and trucks also with subcategories in boats and airboats. We have a lot of experienced members who can get you on the track or in the lake. We have a dirt track at the Agri-Civic Center located on S.R. 70 East, just east of Okeechobee which is open to the public. We typically run at this track as a club on Sunday afternoons starting at 3:30 p.m. We also run street cars in the parking lot of Big Lake Hobbies on Saturday afternoons starting at 2 p.m. Meetings are the first Friday of the month at Big Lake Hobbies starting at 7:30 p.m. Come on out and meet us or join us, everyone is welcome. For information, call Joe Papasso at 561-252-0916.

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

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WEDDINGS
JOSEPH W. EXAMPLE & JANE A. ILLUSTRATION
Joseph and Jane were married on Jan. 1, 2013, in Local Church, New Town. The bride was Jane's friend, and the groom was Jane's brother. The couple was married in the presence of their families and friends. The ceremony was officiated by Pastor John Doe. The bride wore a white gown and the groom wore a tuxedo. The reception was held at the Grand Ballroom. The couple is expecting a baby in the fall.

BIRTH
SUSAN A. EXAMPLE
Susan Ann Example was born at 8:00 p.m. on Oct. 1, 2014, in Florida Hospital. She weighed 8 lbs. 10 oz. and was 20 1/2 inches long. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Example of New Town. Her maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Example of New Town. Her paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Frank Example of New Town. Her great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Henry Example of New Town and Mr. and Mrs. Wendy Example of New Town.

ANNIVERSARY
JOSEPH W. EXAMPLE & JANE A. EXAMPLE
Joseph W. Example and Jane A. Example celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary with family and friends on October 1, 2014, at Local Church in New Town. The bride was the former Jane A. Smith. The groom was the former Joseph W. Smith. The couple was married on Oct. 1, 2004. The ceremony was officiated by Pastor John Doe. The bride wore a white gown and the groom wore a tuxedo. The reception was held at the Grand Ballroom. The couple is expecting a baby in the fall.

ENGAGEMENT
JOSEPH W. EXAMPLE & JANE A. EXAMPLE
Joseph and Jane have announced their engagement. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Example of New Town. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Example of New Town. The couple is expecting a baby in the fall.

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What is Cyberknife Radiation Therapy?

By Dr. Ramesh Kumar
Big Lake Cancer Center

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Researchers warn against overuse of cardiac stress tests

Special to the Okeechobee News

Physicians sometimes order cardiac stress tests for symptomless patients out of an abundance of caution, but a University of Florida study found this practice rarely reveals hidden heart issues.

The researchers found few patients, if any, who do not display symptoms of cardiac distress benefited from undergoing stress tests that look for cardiac problems. Their observational study, published online in the Journal of Nuclear Cardiology, relates to a campaign called "Choosing Wisely," organized by the American Board of Internal Medicine Foundation (a credentialing agency for doctors) and Consumer Reports. The campaign aims to reduce the overuse of tests and procedures.

"Some physicians are more aggressive about and more likely to give these tests in people they are concerned for, or in patients who have risk factors for heart disease," said David Winchester, M.D., a professor of medicine in the UF College of Medicine and the study's lead author. "Our study was to show to the medical community that these tests not only have been thought to be unnecessary based on what the professional society is saying, but also in that we don't see any value in them for the patient."

This kind of stress test, called myocardial perfusion imaging, is ordered for patients who do not have the appropriate cardiac symptoms about 10 to 15 percent of the time at the Veterans Affairs hospital they studied, Winchester said. Nationally,

the rate is 7 to 44 percent, Dr. Winchester said.

Dr. Winchester found that out of a group of 521 men and women aged approximately 63, 53 who did not display symptoms of cardiac problems were given stress tests. Of these men, only one had heart disease issues, Winchester said.

"In our study, almost nobody had medical interventions such as cardiac catheterization testing done as a result of the inappropriate test," said Winchester, who is also a staff cardiologist at the Malcom Randall Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Gainesville.

Rebecca Beyth, M.D., M.Sc., an associate professor of medicine within the UF division of general internal medicine who also has a VA appointment, is a co-author of the paper.

"As a general internist, I am hoping that people really think about why it is they are ordering a particular test," Dr. Beyth said.

The test uses small amounts of radiation to trace how the heart is working. The patient receives a radioactive tracer intravenously, then sits in a camera that can detect the photons given off by the tracer.

The heart takes up the tracer, and, using the camera, physicians can examine which parts of the heart the tracer did not pass through, which could indicate blockages. The patient performs the test both at rest and after walking on a treadmill or being given a medication that simulates physical activity.

"It's a very small amount of radiation, but enough that I would not want to perform the test indiscriminately," Dr. Winchester said. "If it's something the patient needs and can benefit from, it's a reasonable amount of radiation to expose them to."

Beyth noted the cost of unnecessary testing. The myocardial perfusion imaging test is a half-day procedure that costs patients between \$500 and \$1,000 out of pocket.

"If we're using resources on people who don't need these resources, maybe we can spend those resources better elsewhere, such as in preventing heart disease," Dr. Beyth said.

The researchers next hope to reduce overuse of testing through the education of both doctors and patients.

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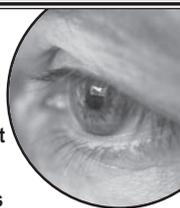
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War Situation Is Affecting Florida School Attendance

Colin English, state superintendent of public instruction and Boyce A. Williams, chairman of the Florida Industrial Commission are making a state-wide drive to stop the wholesale migration of school-age children to jobs in conflict with Florida's schools and child labor laws.

In joint statements the two agency heads said that their departments are exerting every effort to put an end to the illegal employment of children in Florida "which is one of the causes of the estimated drop this year from an anticipated 402,009 students to only 396,100."

He explained that the State Laws among other provisions, require employers hiring minors to have a certificate for each child

employed. The certificates may be obtained from county school superintendents by the minor who must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

"The County Superintendent determines that the employment is not contrary to law in issuing a certificate," they said. "Children under 14 may not leave school to work under any conditions, and children 14 to 16 may obtain employment certificates only in cases of urgent need.

"For work during out-of-school hours or vacation periods — except for agricultural or domestic work — children under 16 must have a special employment certificate. Their combined school and working time cannot exceed eight hours a day.

"Minors over 16 are not compelled to attend school by law but those between 16 and 18 must have an age certificate before being employed, except in agricultural or domestic work."

Williams stated that six inspectors of the Workman's Compensation Division of his agency recently completed training in the enforcement of the Child Labor Day and now were stationed throughout the state.

The chairman added that the Industrial Commission, which was given the task of administering the law by the past session of the legislature, would administer it vigorously and intelligently.

"However," he stated, "the law is broad enough to permit children to work when it is necessary and when no harm will result."

Superintendent English urged parents to make every effort to see that their children attend.

"If children quit school to work, they are losing a priceless chance to help in the war effort," he said. "The nation's greatest need today is for persons who are at least high school graduates." English stressed the seriousness of the problem by pointing out that approximately 12,000 Florida students have dropped out of school since the war began.

"School schedules are rearranged when necessary," he said, "so that students may do their part in the war program when emergencies develop, such as when perishable crops must be harvested."

From the Okeechobee News, Oct. 2, 1942

Rattlesnake Milker Compelled To Open Branch By Nazis

Silver Springs, Oct. 1, (FNS) — Even the not-so-ancient but highly interesting and honorable profession of "milking rattlesnakes" and other deadly snakes for the venom is feeling the effects of the war.

Ross Allen, Florida's nationally known herpetologist is opening a branch of his Florida Reptile Institute and Venom Laboratory at the Springs in Hialeah within the next few days.

The move was made necessary because

of inability to secure gasoline and tires for his usual weekly trips from Silver Springs to the Miami-Everglades area where he picked up reptiles and animals secured by nearly 50 trappers, commercial fishermen and others on his payroll.

Allen will spend his week days at Hialeah, but will appear at his Reptile Institute here every Sunday for his usual on the hour "milking" and accompanying lectures.

With hundreds of soldiers and sailors

crowding into Silver Springs every week-end, Allen finds an attentive audience at each performance, for all of the venom he extracts is rushed to leading laboratories where it is converted into serums that eventually find their way into army, navy

and marine corps and air force hospital kits throughout the world.

He is prepared to pay from 25 cents to \$100 for poisonous Florida reptiles, top price being offered for snakes over six feet in length, dead or alive.

From the Okeechobee News, Oct. 2, 1942

STATE TUBERCULOSIS X-RAY UNIT TO BE HERE OCTOBER 16

Arrangements have been completed to bring the mobile x-ray unit of the Division of Tuberculosis, State Board of Health, to Okeechobee County on October 16 and 17. Groups eligible for x-ray by the unit will be announced in the near future.

The F.F.A. Welfare Board Civic Club and P.T.A. have been in charge of arrangements for the services of the mobile x-ray equipment. An x-ray of the lungs will show pulmonary tuberculosis in the early stages as well as in the more advanced stages.

The health department director reports that tuberculosis is on the increase in the United States, according to indications from several of the larger cities.

When people step up their tempo of life, when they work harder, worry more, do not eat properly or obtain enough rest, inevitably more people develop tuberculosis. It is still a dangerous disease in spite of the great

strides made in this country to eradicate it. Nationally, it stands seventh among the causes of death, but in Florida in 1941, tuberculosis ranked fifth.

Among women between 18 and 35 years of age, it is still the first cause of death. Among men between 25 and 45, it is the second cause of death, exceeded only by accidents.

Tuberculosis can be cured if detected early. When the disease first starts in the lungs, no symptoms are noticeable. An x-ray of the lungs, however, will reveal the presence of tuberculosis in this stage.

Approximately 400 persons can be x-rayed each day with the mobile unit. Citizens of Okeechobee County are advised to watch The News for announcement of those eligible for x-ray. Everyone eligible is urged to take advantage of this service.



Special to the Okeechobee News/Sam Frady

Looking Back ...

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Chobee Play offers fun for the whole family

By **Tammi Kelly**
Okeechobee News

When one family decided to follow their

lifelong dream of owning their own business, they came across an opportunity that would make a huge impact in the community. Chobee Play Skate N' Bowl, 1465 U.S. 441

S.E., opened July 23 with owners Lynn and Tom Levins and Leslie Maynor, their daughter, as manager.

Chobee Play offers updated bowling lanes that give a new meaning to cosmic bowling, where black lights are lit and neon paint lights up the bowling alley.

Chobee Play also has a laser tag room that is truly a "must see."

Plans are under way to add a skating rink and bumper cars.

Mrs. Levins said they originally planned to put in the bumper car facility first, but due to feedback from the community they decided to delay the bumper cars in order to prioritize installation of the skating rink.

They hope to have the skating rink ready to open in summer of 2015.

The mother and daughter team of Mrs. Levins and Mrs. Maynor want to provide more for children in Okeechobee. Both have degrees as elementary education teachers. Mrs. Levins teaches at North Elementary School.

"We have so much fun when the schools come in and bring the kids. They really enjoy themselves," said Mrs. Maynor.

Chobee Play is kid friendly for all ages in a family environment.

"It was a lifelong dream to own our own family business and to provide a safe environment for family entrainment," said Mr. Levins.

"We knew as our kids grew up and became the age where they wanted to go out and have fun with their friends that there were only certain things here in Okeechobee for them to do. As a parent, having them go out of town 30 to 45 minutes away just to have fun was hard," said Mrs. Levin

Chobee Play is a family-friendly business. When renovating the building, they removed the bar. An ice cream bar and candy shop to take its place.

Mrs. Mayor said that with families in mind, they are proud to keep the prices affordable.

"You cannot go anywhere and get the quality of laser tag or game play you can get here," said Mrs. Maynor.

Chobee Play is the perfect destination for family night, date night or any night for that matter. Bring your birthday parties and special events here too.

For more information, visit their website at chobeeplay.com or email them at info@chobeeplay.com and be sure to like them on Facebook. They can be reached by phone at 863-467-1800.



Okeechobee News/Tammi Kelly

Pictured left to right are Leslie Maynor, Lynn Levins, Tom Levins, Ben Levins, Jace Maynor and Jaxson Maynor. They are having fun in the lazer tag room at Chobee Play.



Okeechobee News/Tammi Kelly
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Special to the Okeechobee News/EES

Everglades Students of the Week
 Everglades Elementary students achieving excellence in the classroom for the week of Sept. 26 include: kindergarten, Valeria Martinez, Wileecia Hendrieth, Gabriella Villarreal, Jonathan Morales, Dominic Rosa; first grade, Yelana Torres, Cirsten Suarez, Hayden Sullivan, Aryan Karki, Jill Baumhardt; second grade, Brooklin Quinlin, Carli McPeak; third grade, Angelina Rosa, Star Phillips, James Pendarvis, Jaedon Gilbert, Iris Ramirez; fourth grade, Jasell Rueda, Rafael Garza, Rhyleigh Tingle, Yasmin Abonza; fifth grade, Gavin Murphy and Princessa Ortega. Congratulations to our many outstanding students.

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA Case No.: 47-2012-CA-000464

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. Plaintiff, v. VIANEY CARDENAS; PERFECTO BALTAZAR; YASMIN CARDENAS; SERGIO PENA; 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 on Motion to Cancel and Reschedule Foreclosure Sale dated August 6, 2014, entered in Civil Case No. 47-2012-CA-000464 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 15th day of October, 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:

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SHARON ROBERTSON CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA BY: SANDRA L. CREECH DEPUTY CLERK 466740 ON 9/17,24/2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO.: 13 000396 CA AXMX

TD BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff, VS. OLIE H. HEDRICK; DONNA LEA HEDRICK a/k/a DONNA HEDRICK; TENANT # 1 and TENANT # 2, unknown tenants in possession, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the Consent Final Judgment of Foreclosure Dated August 27,2014 (the "Judgment"), entered in Civil Case No. 13 000396 CA of the Circuit Court of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Okeechobee County, Florida, in which TD BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, is Plaintiff and OLIE H. HEDRICK and DONNA LEA HEDRICK a/k/a DONNA HEDRICK are Defendants.

The Clerk of Court will sell the Property as defined in the Judgment and as set forth below at a public sale on October 22, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. to the "highest bidder", for cash in the Jury Assembly Room at the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 2nd Floor, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida 34972, in accordance with Section 45.031, Florida Statutes. The "highest bidder" for purposes of this Notice of Sale, is defined as the party who bids the largest amount of money to purchase the Property (as defined below) and who completes the sale in a timely fashion, as hereinafter set out. The one who bids the largest amount of money to purchase the Property (as defined below) shall be permitted to complete the sale by delivering to the Clerk, the balance of such bid, over and above the deposit, by 3:00 p.m. on the day of the sale. The following property located in Okeechobee, Florida, is the subject of this Notice of Sale:

Lot 7, Block 1, Second Revised Plat of Wilcox Shores, according to the map or plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 3, Page(s) 16, of the Public Records of Okeechobee County, Florida.

Together with the following: A parcel of land lying in Section 22, Township 37 South, Range 35 East, Okeechobee County, and being a portion of Lot 6, Block 1, Second Revised Plat of Parts of Wilcox Shores, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 16, Public Records of Okeechobee County, Florida, and being more particularly described as follows: Begin at the Northeast corner of said Lot 6; thence South 73°51'22" West, along the North line of said Lot 6, a distance of 147.33 feet; thence South 16°08'38" East, perpendicular to said North line of Lot 6, a distance of 20.00 feet, to the Northwest corner of Lot 7, Block 1; thence North 73°51'22" East, along the North line of said Lot 7, Block 1, a distance of 95.84 feet, to the Northeast corner of said Lot 7, Block 1; thence North 00°07'11" West, along the West line of the 40.00 foot wide canal right-of-way lying East of said Lots 6 & 7, Block 1, a distance of 10.40 feet; thence North 73°51'22" East, along the North line of said canal right-of-way, a distance of 45.75 feet; thence North 00°07'11" West, along the Northeast line of said Lot 6, a distance of 10.40 feet to the Point of Beginning together with all existing or subsequently erected or affixed buildings, improvements, and fixtures (the "Property").

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens, must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. DATED on August 29, 2014.

SHARON ROBERTSON Clerk of Circuit Court BY: SANDRA L. CREECH Deputy Clerk 467045 ON 9/24,10/1/2014

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA Case No.: 47-2014-CA-000116

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. Plaintiff, v. ROBERT W. WALTERS A/K/A ROBERT WALTERS; ANN M. WALTERS A/K/A ANN WALTERS; 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; CLERK OF THE COURT, OKEECHOBEE COUNTY; OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA; STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order of Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated September 3, 2014, entered in Civil Case No. 47-2014-CA-000116 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 22nd day of October, 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 1, NORTH LAKE COUNTRY ESTATES UNIT II, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGE 86, 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 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 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.

SHARON ROBERTSON CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA BY: SANDRA L. CREECH DEPUTY CLERK 467299 ON 9/24,10/1/2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO.: 2012 CA 000104

TD BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff, VS. MARILYN A. CHANDLER; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MARILYN A. CHANDLER; and JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, unknown parties in possession, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated August 21, 2014 (the "Judgment"), entered in Civil Case No. 2012-CA-000104 of the Circuit Court of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Okeechobee County, Florida, in which TD BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, is Plaintiff and MARILYN A. CHANDLER, JOHN DOE, n/k/a JEB CHANDLER and JANE DOE n/k/a MIRANDA TRENT are Defendants.

The Clerk of Court will sell the Property as defined in the Judgment and as set forth below at a public sale on October 15, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. to the "highest bidder", for cash in the Jury Assembly Room at the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 2nd Floor, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida 34972, in accordance with Section 45.031, Florida Statutes. The "highest bidder" for purposes of this Notice of Sale, is defined as the party who bids the largest amount of money to purchase the Property (as defined below) and who completes the sale in a timely fashion, as hereinafter set out. The one who bids the largest amount of money to purchase the Property (as defined below) shall be permitted to complete the sale by delivering to the Clerk, the balance of such bid, over and above the deposit, by 3:00 p.m. on the day of the sale. The following property located in Okeechobee, Florida, is the subject of this Notice of Sale:

Lot 17, Block 56, Basswood Unit 5, according to the plat recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 51, of the Public records of Okeechobee County, Florida

together with all existing or subsequently erected or affixed buildings, improvements, and fixtures (the "Property"). Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens, must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. DATED on August 22nd, 2014.

SHARON ROBERTSON Clerk of Circuit Court BY: SANDRA L. CREECH Deputy Clerk 467009 ON 9/17,24/2014

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Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 14000311CAAXMX

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. Plaintiff, VS. APRIL CLARK, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF ACTION TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST JAMES F. CLARK, JR. DECEASED

LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: UNKNOWN CURRENT ADDRESS: UNKNOWN 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 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 17, BLOCK 4, LAR-KEE LAKES 2ND ADDITION FOR MOBILE HOMES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 6, PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA. TOGETHER WITH A CERTAIN RETIRED 2005 GENERAL MOBILE HOME LOCATED THEREON AS A FIXTURE AND APPURTENANCE THERETO: VIN# GMHGA404322122A AND GMHGA40432212B 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 Ronald R Wolfe & Associates, P.L., Plaintiffs attorney, whose address is 4919 Memorial Highway, Suite 200, Tampa, Florida 33634, and file the original with this Court either before service on Plaintiffs 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 each week for two consecutive weeks in the Okeechobee News (Independent Newspapers).

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court on this 11th day of Sept. 2014.

SHARON ROBERTSON Clerk of the Court BY: Arlene Nealis As Deputy Clerk

Ronald R. Wolfe & Associates, P.L. P.O. Box 2018, Tampa, Florida 33622-5018 WELLSFARGO Bank Team 1 - F14007673-F14007673 If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Corrie Johnson, ADA Coordinator, 250 NW Country Club Drive, Suite 217, Port St. Lucie, FL 34986, (772) 807-4370 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. SPANISH: Si usted es una persona discapacitada que necesita alguna adaptacion para poder participar de este procedimiento o evento; usted tiene derecho, sin costo alguno a que se le provea cierta ayuda. Favor de comunicarse con Corrie Johnson, Coordinadora de A.D.A., 250 NW Country Club Drive, Suite 217, Port St. Lucie, FL 34986, (772) 807-4370 por lo menos 7 dias antes de que tenga que comparecer en corte o inmediatamente despues de haber recibido esta notificacion si es que falta menos de 7 dias para su comparecencia. Si tiene una discapacidad auditiva o de habla, llame al 711. KREYOL: Si u se yon moun ki kokobe ki bezwen asistans ou aparey pou ou ka patispe nan prosedu sa-a, ou gen dwa san ou pa bezwen peye anyen pou ou jwen on seri de ed. Tanpri kontakte Corrie Johnson, Co-ordinator ADA, 250 NW Country Club Drive, Suite 217, Port St. Lucie, FL 34986, (772) 807-4370 o mwenn 7 jou avan ke ou gen pou-ou pare nan tribinal, ou imediatman ke ou resewva avis sa-a ou si le ke ou gen pou-ou ale nan tribinal-la mwens ke 7 jou; Si u pa ka tande ou pale byen, rele 711. 467248 ON 9/17,24/2014

IN THE CIRCUIT CIVIL COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO. 2012 CA 000055

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL OR BANKING CAPACITY, BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE FOR THE RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE TRUST 2008-1 Plaintiff, VS.

POORNAWATIE TIWARI A/K/A POORNAWATIE TIWARI UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF POORNAWATI TIWARI A/K/A POORNAWATIE TIWARI; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CHARLES E. HIGHT AS OF 9/3/2002; PRINCIPAL RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE LENDER; JOSEPH TAYLOR ROGER TAYLOR; UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2; UNKNOWN TENANT #3; UNKNOWN TENANT #4; UNKNOWN TENANT #5; UNKNOWN TENANT #6; UNKNOWN TENANT #7; UNKNOWN TENANT #8, AND UNKNOWN TENANTS/OWNERS, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure for Plaintiff entered in this cause on August 25, 2014, in the Circuit Court of Okeechobee County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Okeechobee County, Florida described as:

A PARCELF OF LAND IN SECTION 6, TOWNSHIP 38 SOUTH, RANGE 36 EAST, LYING SOUTHWESTERLY OF S.R. #15 (CONENERS HIGHWAY) AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: FROM A 5' X 5' CONCRETE MONUMENT MARKING THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 6, BEAR SOUTH 89 DEGREES 42' 42" WEST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 6, A DISTANCE OF 4686.16 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF S.R.#15; THENCE SOUTH 51 DEGREES 30' 19" EAST ALONG SAID LINE OF DISTANCE OF 10.02 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE ON A BEARING OF SOUTH 51 DEGREES 30' 19" EAST A DISTANCE OF 29.41 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 55 DEGREES 37' 15" EAST ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE A DISTANCE OF 20.50 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 34 DEGREES 22' 45" WEST TO THE CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN FLORIDA FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT LEVEE LD-4 RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE; THENCE NORTH 54 DEGREES 55' 02" WEST ALONG SAID LINE A DISTANCE OF 66.32 FEET; THENCE NORTH 38 DEGREES 29' 41" EAST A DISTANCE OF 228.40 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN 1964 TITAN MOTOR HOME MOBILE HOME, VIN(S) 5141391. and commonly known as: 5390 US HWY 441 SE, OKEECHOBEE, FL 34974; including the building, appurtenances, and fixtures located therein, at public sale, 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, on October 15, 2014 at 11 a.m.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. Dated this 29th day of August, 2014.

SHARON ROBERTSON CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT BY: SANDRA L. CREECH DEPUTY CLERK 467040 ON 9/17,24/2014

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 BARTOE A/K/A AARON K. BARTOE A/K/A AARON KEITH BARTOE; et al; Defendants.

RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated September 8, 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 22nd day of October, 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 AFORESAID 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. FLFLV70A25093GH31 AND FLFLV70B25093GH31. 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 9th day of September, 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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SHARON ROBERTSON As Clerk of said Court BY: Sandra L. Creech As Deputy Clerk 467298 ON 9/24,10/1/2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 13000074CAAXMX

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO CHASE HOME FINANCE LLC, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO CHASE MANHATTAN MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Plaintiff, VS. JOHNNY J. HERNANDEZ A/K/A JOHNNY HERNANDEZ, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated August 25, 2014, and entered in Case No. 13000074CAAXMX of the Circuit Court of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Okeechobee County, Florida in which JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, successor by merger to Chase Home Finance LLC, successor by merger to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, is the Plaintiff and Johnny J. Hernandez a/k/a Johnny Hernandez, Marsha L. Hernandez, UNKNOWN TENANT, 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 15th day of October, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

LOTS 1 AND 2, BLOCK 9, OKEECHOBEE HAMMOCK, SECTION 2, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 43, PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA. A/K/A 9160 SE 63RD RD, OKEECHOBEE, FL 34974

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. Dated in Okeechobee County, Florida this 29th day of August, 2014.

SHARON ROBERTSON Clerk of the Circuit Court Okeechobee County, Florida BY: SANDRA L. CREECH DEPUTY CLERK

Albertelli Law, Attorney for Plaintiff P.O. Box 23028, Tampa, FL 33623 (813) 221-4743 (813) 221-9171 facsimile eService: serveaw@albertellilaw.com JR - 14-130574 In Accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Corrie Johnson, ADA Coordinator, 250 NW Country Club Drive, Suite 217, Port St. Lucie, FL 34986, (772) 807-4370 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. 467041 ON 9/17,24/2014

SHARON ROBERTSON CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT BY: SANDRA L. CREECH DEPUTY CLERK 467040 ON 9/17,24/2014

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 47-2013-CA-000009

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

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated August 25, 2014, and entered in Case No. 47-2013-CA-000009 of the Circuit Court of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Okeechobee County, Florida in which PNC Bank, National Association, successor by merger to National City Bank, successor by merger to Harbor Federal Savings Bank, is the Plaintiff and Emilie Luxe, Nysola Grant, Tenant # 1, Tenant # 2, The Unknown Spouse of Emilie Luxe, 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 15th day of October, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

LOT 5: BEING A PARCEL OF LAND LYING IN SECTION 23, TOWNSHIP 36 SOUTH, RANGE 33 EAST, OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 23; THENCE BEAR NORTH 87 DEGREES 27 MINUTES 19 SECONDS WEST, ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 23, BEING ALSO THE SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF NORTHWEST 96TH STREET FOR A DISTANCE OF 2236.25 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE BEAR SOUTH 00 DEGREES 37 MINUTES 55 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 5109.24 FEET TO THE POINT-OF-BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 37 MINUTES 55 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 817.21 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE BEAR SOUTH 87 DEGREES 27 MINUTES 19 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 2236.25 FEET TO THE INTERSECTION WITH THE EAST BOUNDARY LINE OF SAID SECTION 23; THENCE BEAR NORTH 00 DEGREES 37 MINUTES 55 SECONDS EAST, ALONG SAID EAST BOUNDARY LINE, FOR A DISTANCE OF 817.21 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE BEAR NORTH 87 DEGREES 27 MINUTES 19 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 2236.25 FEET TO THE POINT-OF-BEGINNING. BEING SUBJECT TO ANY AND ALL EASEMENTS, RESTRICTIONS, RESERVATIONS AND/OR RIGHTS-OF-WAY OF RECORD TOGETHER WITH AND SUBJECT TO A 70.00 FEET EASEMENT FOR THE PURPOSES OF INGRESS AND EGRESS, LYING IN SECTION 23, TOWNSHIP 36 SOUTH, RANGE 33 EAST, OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, LYING 35.00 FEET ON EITHER SIDE OF AND PARALLEL WITH THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED CENTERLINE: COMMENCE AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 23; THENCE BEAR NORTH 87 DEGREES 27 MINUTES 19 SECONDS WEST, ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 23, BEING ALSO THE SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF NORTHWEST 96TH STREET, FOR A DISTANCE OF 2236.25 FEET TO THE POINT-OF-BEGINNING OF SAID CENTERLINE OF EASEMENT; THENCE BEAR SOUTH 00 DEGREES 37 MINUTES 55 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 5109.24 FEET TO THE POINT-OF-TERMINUS OF SAID CENTERLINE OF EASEMENT.

A/K/A NW 96TH ST., OKEECHOBEE FL 34972 ANY person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

Dated in Okeechobee County, Florida this 29th day of August, 2014. SHARON ROBERTSON Clerk of the Circuit Court Okeechobee County, Florida By: Sandra L. Creech Deputy Clerk

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 2014-CA-000121

GREEN TREE SERVICING, LLC, A FOREIGN LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA Plaintiff(s), vs. SHERRI A. HATCHER A/K/A SHERRI HATCHER; ET AL Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, PURSUANT TO THE JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE ENTERED IN THE ABOVE CAUSE, THE CLERK SHALL OFFER FOR SALE THE PROPERTY SITUATED IN OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, DESCRIBED AS: THE EAST 1/2 OF THE EAST 1/2 OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF TRACT 5, SECTION 21, TOWNSHIP 34 SOUTH, RANGE 33 EAST, OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGES 3A-D, INCLUSIVE OF THE OKEECHOBEE COUNTY PUBLIC RECORDS.

AT PUBLIC SALE, TO THE HIGHEST AND BEST BIDDER, FOR CASH, ON OCTOBER 8, 2014, AT 11:00AM, AT THE OKEECHOBEE COUNTY JUDICIAL CENTER, 312 NORTH WEST 3RD STREET, 2ND FLOOR, JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM, OKEECHOBEE, 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. If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Corrie Johnson, ADA Coordinator, 250 NW Country Club Drive, Suite 217, Port St. Lucie, FL 34986, (772) 807-4370 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. DATED: August 25, 2014 SHARON ROBERTSON CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT By: Sandra L. Creech DEPUTY CLERK 467004 ON 9/17,24/2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO. 2013 CA 000198 PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff, vs. THOMAS G. RATHBUN, et al., Defendants. NOTICE OF SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated July 10, 2014, entered in Case No. 2013 CA 198 in the Circuit Court of the 19th Judicial Circuit in and for Okeechobee County, Florida, wherein PNC Bank, National Association, successor in interest to Harbor Federal Savings Bank is the plaintiff, and Thomas G. Rathbun, et al. are the defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 312 Northwest 3rd Street,

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 19TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION: CASE NO.: 2013CA000075

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff, vs. WALTER F LAWLER; CACH,LLC; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF WALTER F LAWLER; UNKNOWN TENANT; HARMON J TOMKINS; ALYCE J TOMKINS; IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated the 25th day of August, 2014, and entered in Case No. 2013CA000075, of the Circuit Court of the 19th Judicial Circuit in and for Okeechobee County, Florida, wherein GREEN TREE SERVICING, LLC is the Plaintiff and WALTER F LAWLER CACH,LLC UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF WALTER F LAWLER N/K/A LAURA LAURA FAWLER HARMON J TOMKINS; and ALYCE J TOMKINS UNKNOWN TENANT 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 15th day of October, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 162, FIRST ADDITION TO OKEECHOBEE ESTATES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 23, PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND THE SOUTH ONE-HALF (S 1/2) OF LOT 163, FIRST ADDITION TO OKEECHOBEE ESTATES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 23, PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGIN AT THE EASTERLY CORNER OF SAID LOT 163, SAID CORNER BEING ON THE WESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF S.E. 8TH DRIVE (FORMERLY ALABAMA AVENUE) AND ALSO BEING THE NORTHERLY CORNER OF LOT 162; THENCE S 63°02'54" W, ALONG THE COMMON LOT LINE BETWEEN SAID LOTS 162 AND 163, A DISTANCE OF 110.00 FEET, TO THE SOUTHERLY CORNER OF SAID LOT 163; THENCE N 26°57'06" W, ALONG THE SOUTHWESTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 163 AND THE CANAL RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE, A DISTANCE OF 37.50 FEET, TO THE INTERSECTION WITH THE SOUTH LINE OF THE NORTH ONE-HALF (N 1/2) OF SAID LOT 163 AS DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 345, PAGE 1636, PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE N 63°02'54" E, ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE OF THE NORTH ONE-HALF OF LOT 163, A DISTANCE OF 110.00 FEET, TO THE INTERSECTION WITH SAID WESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF S.E.8TH DRIVE AND THE NORTHEASTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 163; THENCE S 26°57'06" E, ALONG SAID WESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF S.E. 8TH DRIVE AND THE NORTHEASTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 163, A DISTANCE OF 37.50 FEET, TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING

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Okeechobee, Florida 34972 (2nd floor Jury Assembly Room) at 11:00 a.m. on October 15, 2014, the following described property situated in Okeechobee County, as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure, to wit: Lot 1, LAKESIDE COUNTRY ESTATES, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 6, Page 96, Public Records of Okeechobee County, Florida Property address: 9357 Southeast 126th Boulevard, Okeechobee, FL 34974 ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS, MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE. If you are a person with a disability who needs any accom-

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**PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS TO BE VOTED ON NOVEMBER 4, 2014
NOTICE OF ELECTION**

I, Ken Detzner, Secretary of State of the State of Florida, do hereby give notice that an election will be held in each county in Florida, on November 4, 2014, for the ratification or rejection of a proposed revision to the constitution of the State of Florida.

**No. 1 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE X, SECTION 28
(Initiative)**

Ballot Title: Water and Land Conservation - Dedicates funds to acquire and restore Florida conservation and recreation lands
Ballot Summary: Funds the Land Acquisition Trust Fund to acquire, restore, improve, and manage conservation lands including wetlands and forests; fish and wildlife habitat; lands protecting water resources and drinking water sources, including the Everglades, and the water quality of rivers, lakes, and streams; outdoor recreational lands; working farms and ranches; and historic or geologic sites, by dedicating 33 percent of net revenues from the existing excise tax on documents for 20 years.
Financial Impact Statement: This amendment does not increase or decrease state revenues. The state revenue restricted to the purposes specified in the amendment is estimated to be \$648 million in Fiscal Year 2015-16 and grows to \$1.268 billion by the twentieth year. Whether this results in any additional state expenditures depends upon future legislative actions and cannot be determined. Similarly, the impact on local government revenues, if any, cannot be determined. No additional local government costs are expected.

ARTICLE X MISCELLANEOUS

SECTION 28. Land Acquisition Trust Fund.-
a) Effective on July 1 of the year following passage of this amendment by the voters, and for a period of 20 years after that effective date, the Land Acquisition Trust Fund shall receive no less than 33 percent of net revenues derived from the existing excise tax on documents, as defined in the statutes in effect on January 1, 2012, as amended from time to time, or any successor or replacement tax, after the Department of Revenue first deducts a service charge to pay the costs of the collection and enforcement of the excise tax on documents.
b) Funds in the Land Acquisition Trust Fund shall be expended only for the following purposes:
1) As provided by law, to finance or refinance: the acquisition and improvement of land, water areas, and related property interests, including conservation easements, and resources for conservation lands including wetlands, forests, and fish and wildlife habitat; wildlife management areas; lands that protect water resources and drinking water sources, including lands protecting the water quality and quantity of rivers, lakes, streams, springsheds, and lands providing recharge for groundwater and aquifer systems; lands in the Everglades Agricultural Area and the Everglades Protection Area, as defined in Article II, Section 7(b); beaches and shores; outdoor recreation lands, including recreational trails, parks, and urban open space; rural landscapes; working farms and ranches; historic or geologic sites; together with management, restoration of natural systems, and the enhancement of public access or recreational enjoyment of conservation lands.
2) To pay the debt service on bonds issued pursuant to Article VII, Section 11(e).
c) The moneys deposited into the Land Acquisition Trust Fund, as defined by the statutes in effect on January 1, 2012, shall not be or become commingled with the General Revenue Fund of the state.

No. 2 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE X, SECTION 29 (Initiative)

Ballot Title: Use of Marijuana for Certain Medical Conditions
Ballot Summary: Allows the medical use of marijuana for individuals with debilitating diseases as determined by a licensed Florida physician. Allows caregivers to assist patients' medical use of marijuana. The Department of Health shall register and regulate centers that produce and distribute marijuana for medical purposes and shall issue identification cards to patients and caregivers. Applies only to Florida law. Does not authorize violations of federal law or any non-medical use, possession or production of marijuana.
Financial Impact Statement: Increased costs from this amendment to state and local governments cannot be determined. There will be additional regulatory and enforcement activities associated with the production and sale of medical marijuana. Fees will offset at least a portion of the regulatory costs. While sales tax may apply to purchases, changes in revenue cannot reasonably be determined since the extent to which medical marijuana will be exempt from taxation is unclear without legislative or state administrative action.

ARTICLE X MISCELLANEOUS

SECTION 29. Medical marijuana production, possession and use.- (a) PUBLIC POLICY.
(1) The medical use of marijuana by a qualifying patient or personal caregiver is not subject to criminal or civil liability or sanctions under Florida law except as provided in this section.
(2) A physician licensed in Florida shall not be subject to criminal or civil liability or sanctions under Florida law for issuing a physician certification to a person diagnosed with a debilitating medical condition in a manner consistent with this section.
(3) Actions and conduct by a medical marijuana treatment center registered with the Department, or its employees, as permitted by this section and in compliance with Department regulations, shall not be subject to criminal or civil liability or sanctions under Florida law except as provided in this section.
(b) DEFINITIONS. For purposes of this section, the following words and terms shall have the following meanings:
(1) "Debilitating Medical Condition" means cancer, glaucoma, positive status for human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS), hepatitis C, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), Crohn's disease, Parkinson's disease, multiple sclerosis or other conditions for which a physician believes that the medical use of marijuana would likely outweigh the potential health risks for a patient.
(2) "Department" means the Department of Health or its successor agency.
(3) "Identification card" means a document issued by the Department that identifies a person who has a physician certification or a personal caregiver who is at least twenty-one (21) years old and has agreed to assist with a qualifying patient's medical use of marijuana.
(4) "Marijuana" has the meaning given cannabis in Section 893.02(3), Florida Statutes (2013).
(5) "Medical Marijuana Treatment Center" means an entity that acquires, cultivates, possesses, processes (including development of related products such as food, tinctures, aerosols, oils, or ointments), transfers, transports, sells, distributes, dispenses, or administers marijuana, products containing marijuana, related supplies, or educational materials to qualifying patients or their personal caregivers and is registered by the Department.
(6) "Medical use" means the acquisition, possession, use, delivery, transfer, or administration of marijuana or related supplies by a qualifying patient or personal caregiver for use by a qualifying patient for the treatment of a debilitating medical condition.
(7) "Personal caregiver" means a person who is at least twenty-one (21) years old who has agreed to assist with a qualifying patient's medical use of marijuana and has a caregiver identification card issued by the Department. A personal caregiver may assist no more than five (5) qualifying patients at one time. An employee of a hospice provider, nursing, or medical facility may serve as a personal caregiver to more than five (5) qualifying patients as permitted by the Department. Personal caregivers are prohibited from consuming marijuana obtained for the personal, medical use by the qualifying patient.
(8) "Physician" means a physician who is licensed in Florida.
(9) "Physician certification" means a written document signed by a physician, stating that in the physician's professional opinion, the patient suffers from a debilitating medical condition, that the potential benefits of the medical use of marijuana would likely outweigh the health risks for the patient, and for how long the physician recommends the medical use of marijuana for the patient. A physician certification may only be provided after the physician has conducted a physical examination of the patient and a full assessment of the patient's medical history.
(10) "Qualifying patient" means a person who has been diagnosed to have a debilitating medical condition, who has a physician certification and a valid qualifying patient identification card. If the Department does not begin issuing identification cards within nine (9) months after the effective date of this section, then a valid physician certification will serve as a patient identification card in order to allow a person to become a "qualifying patient" until the Department begins issuing identification cards.

(c) LIMITATIONS.
(1) Nothing in this section shall affect laws relating to non-medical use, possession, production or sale of marijuana.
(2) Nothing in this section authorizes the use of medical marijuana by anyone other than a qualifying patient.
(3) Nothing in this section allows the operation of a motor vehicle, boat, or aircraft while under the influence of marijuana.
(4) Nothing in this law section requires the violation of federal law or purports to give immunity under federal law.
(5) Nothing in this section shall require any accommodation of any on-site medical use of marijuana in any place of education or employment, or of smoking medical marijuana in any public place.
(6) Nothing in this section shall require any health insurance provider or any government agency or authority to reimburse any person for expenses related to the medical use of marijuana.
(d) DUTIES OF THE DEPARTMENT. The Department shall issue reasonable regulations necessary for the implementation and enforcement of this section. The purpose of the regulations is to ensure the availability and safe use of medical marijuana by qualifying patients. It is the duty of the Department to promulgate regulations in a timely fashion.
(4) Implementing Regulations. In order to allow the Department sufficient time after passage of this section, the following regulations shall be promulgated no later than six (6) months after the effective date of this section:
a. Procedures for the issuance of qualifying patient identification cards to people with physician certifications, and standards for the renewal of such identification cards.
b. Procedures for the issuance of personal caregiver identification cards to persons qualified to assist with a qualifying patient's medical use of marijuana, and standards for the renewal of such identification cards.
c. Procedures for the registration of Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers that include procedures for the issuance, renewal, suspension, and revocation of registration, and standards to ensure security, record keeping, testing, labeling, inspection, and safety.
d. A regulation that defines the amount of marijuana that could reasonably be presumed to be an adequate supply for qualifying patients' medical use, based on the best available evidence. This presumption as to quantity may be overcome with evidence of a particular qualifying patient's appropriate medical use.
(2) Issuance of identification cards and registrations. The Department shall begin issuing qualifying patient and personal caregiver identification cards, as well as begin registering Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers no later than nine months (9) after the effective date of this section.
(3) If the Department does not issue regulations, or if the Department does not begin issuing identification cards and registering Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers within the time limits set in this section, any Florida citizen shall have standing to seek judicial relief to compel compliance with the Department's constitutional duties.
(4) The Department shall protect the confidentiality of all qualifying patients. All records containing the identity of qualifying patients shall be confidential and kept from public disclosure other than for valid medical or law enforcement purposes.
(e) LEGISLATION. Nothing in this section shall limit the legislature from enacting laws consistent with this provision.
(f) SEVERABILITY. The provisions of this section are severable and if any clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this measure, or an application thereof, is adjudged invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction other provisions shall continue to be in effect to the fullest extent possible.

No. 3 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE V, SECTIONS 10, 11 (Legislature)

Ballot Title: Prospective Appointment of Certain Judicial Vacancies
Ballot Summary: Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution requiring the Governor to prospectively fill vacancies in a judicial office to which election for retention applies resulting from the justice's or judge's reaching the mandatory retirement age or failure to qualify for a retention election; and allowing prospective appointments if a justice or judge is not retained at an election. Currently, the Governor may not fill an expected vacancy until the current justice's or judge's term expires.

Full Text: ARTICLE V JUDICIARY

SECTION 10. Retention; election and terms.-(a) Any justice or judge may qualify for retention by a vote of the electors in the general election next preceding the expiration of the justice's or judge's term in the manner prescribed by law. When a justice or judge is ineligible for retention or fails to qualify for retention, a prospective vacancy is deemed to occur at the conclusion of the qualifying period for retention for the purpose of appointing a successor justice or judge, and a vacancy shall exist in that office upon the expiration of the term being served by the justice or judge. When a justice or judge so qualifies, the ballot shall read substantially as follows: "Shall Justice (or Judge) ... (name of justice or judge)... of the ... (name of the court)... be retained in office?" If a majority of the qualified electors voting within the territorial jurisdiction of the court vote to retain, the justice or judge shall be retained for a term of six years. The term of the justice or judge retained shall commence on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in January following the general election. If a majority of the qualified electors voting within the territorial jurisdiction of the court vote to not retain, a prospective vacancy is deemed to occur immediately following the general election for the purpose of appointing a successor justice or judge, and a vacancy shall exist in that office upon the expiration of the term being served by the justice or judge.
(b)(1) The election of circuit judges shall be preserved notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) unless a majority of those voting in the jurisdiction of that circuit approves a local option to select circuit judges by merit selection and retention rather than by election. The election of circuit judges shall be by a vote of the qualified electors within the territorial jurisdiction of the court.
(2) The election of county court judges shall be preserved notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) unless a majority of those voting in the jurisdiction of that county approves a local option to select county judges by merit selection and retention rather than by election. The election of county court judges shall be by a vote of the qualified electors within the territorial jurisdiction of the court.
(3)a. A vote to exercise a local option to select circuit court judges and county court judges by merit selection and retention rather than by election shall be held in each circuit and county at the general election in the year 2000. If a vote to exercise this local option fails in a vote of the electors, such option shall not again be put to a vote of the electors of that jurisdiction until the expiration of at least two years.
b. After the year 2000, a circuit may initiate the local option for merit selection and retention or the election of circuit judges, whichever is applicable, by filing with the custodian of state records a petition signed by the number of electors equal to at least ten percent of the votes cast in the circuit in the last preceding election in which presidential electors were chosen.
c. After the year 2000, a county may initiate the local option for merit selection and retention or the election of county court judges, whichever is applicable, by filing with the supervisor of elections a petition signed by the number of electors equal to at least ten percent of the votes cast in the county in the last preceding election in which presidential electors were chosen. The terms of circuit judges and judges of county courts shall be for six years.
SECTION 11. Vacancies.- (a)(1) Whenever a vacancy occurs in a judicial office to which election for retention applies, the governor shall fill the vacancy by appointing for a term ending on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in January of the year following the next general election occurring at least one year after the date of appointment, one of not fewer than three persons nor more than six persons nominated by the appropriate judicial nominating commission.
(2) Whenever a prospective vacancy occurs in a judicial office for which election for retention applies, the governor shall fill the prospective vacancy by appointing a justice or judge from among at least three persons but not more than six persons nominated by the appropriate judicial nominating commission. The term of the appointment commences upon the expiration of the term of the office being vacated and ends on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in January of the year following the next general election.
(b) The governor shall fill each vacancy on a circuit court or on a county court, where the judge or justice is elected by a majority vote of the electors, by appointing for a term ending on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in January of the year following the next primary and general election occurring at least one year after the date of appointment, one of not fewer than three persons nor more than six persons nominated by the appropriate judicial nominating commission. An election shall be held to fill that judicial office for the term of the office beginning at the end of the appointed term.
(c) The nominations shall be made within thirty days from the occurrence of a vacancy or prospective vacancy unless the period is extended by the governor for a time not to exceed thirty days. The governor shall make the appointment within sixty days after the nominations have been certified to the governor.
(d) There shall be a separate judicial nominating commission as provided by general law for the supreme court, each district court of appeal, and each judicial circuit for all trial courts within the circuit. Uniform rules of procedure shall be established by the judicial nominating commissions at each level of the court system. Such rules, or any part thereof, may be repealed by general law enacted by a majority vote of the membership of each house of the legislature, or by the supreme court, five justices concurring. Except for deliberations of the judicial nominating commissions, the proceedings of the commissions and their records shall be open to the public.
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ENMIENDAS CONSTITUCIONALES PROPUESTAS SOBRE LAS QUE SE VOTARÁ EL 4 DE NOVIEMBRE DEL 2014. AVISO DE ELECCIÓN

Yo, Ken Detzner, Secretario de Estado del Estado de la Florida, por el presente notifico que se llevarán a cabo elecciones en cada condado de la Florida, el 4 de noviembre del 2014, para la aprobación o el rechazo de una propuesta de modificación de la constitución del Estado de la Florida. No. 1 ENMIENDA CONSTITUCIONAL ARTÍCULO X, SECCIÓN 28 (Iniciativa)

Título de la boleta: Conservación de aguas y tierras: dedicar fondos para adquirir y restaurar tierras objeto de conservación y recreación en el Estado de Florida. Resumen de la boleta: Provee fondos para el Fondo Fiduciario de Adquisición de Tierras con el fin de adquirir, restaurar, mejorar y administrar tierras objeto de conservación, entre ellas pantanos y bosques; el hábitat de peces y vida silvestre; tierras que protegen los recursos hídricos y las fuentes de agua potable, incluidos los Everglades, y la calidad del agua en ríos, lagos y arroyos; playas y costas; tierras de recreación al aire libre; establecimientos agrícolas y ganaderos en actividad, y emplazamientos históricos o geológicos. Para ello se dedicará el 33% de los ingresos netos obtenidos del impuesto especial existente sobre documentos durante 20 años. Declaración sobre impacto financiero: Esta enmienda no incrementa ni reduce los ingresos estatales. El ingreso estatal limitado para los propósitos especificados en la enmienda se estima en \$648 millones para el año fiscal 2015-16 y aumenta a \$1.268 mil millones hacia el vigésimo año. Si eso traerá como consecuencia gastos estatales adicionales depende de futuras acciones legislativas y no puede determinarse. De la misma manera, tampoco puede determinarse el impacto sobre los ingresos de gobiernos locales, si los hubiera. No se prevén costos de gobiernos locales. Texto completo: SECCIÓN 28. Fondo Fiduciario de Adquisición de Tierras.-

ARTÍCULO X VARIOS No. 2 ENMIENDA CONSTITUCIONAL ARTÍCULO X, SECCIÓN 29 (Iniciativa) Título de la boleta: Uso de marihuana para algunas enfermedades Resumen de la boleta: Permite el uso médico de la marihuana a las personas con enfermedades debilitantes, según lo determine un médico autorizado por el Estado de Florida. Permite a los cuidadores asistir a los pacientes en el uso médico de marihuana. El Departamento de Salud deberá inscribir y regular los centros que producen y distribuyen marihuana con fines médicos y deberán extender tarjetas de identificación a pacientes y cuidadores. Se aplica únicamente a las leyes del Estado de Florida. No autoriza infracciones de la ley federal ni ningún uso, posesión o producción de marihuana con fines que no sean médicos. Declaración sobre impacto financiero: El aumento de costos generado por esta enmienda para el gobierno estatal y los gobiernos locales no puede determinarse. Habrá actividades adicionales de regulación y aplicación asociadas a la producción y venta de marihuana con fines médicos. Las tarifas compensarán al menos en parte los costos de regulación. Si bien el impuesto sobre la venta se aplica a las compras, los cambios fiscales no pueden determinarse de manera razonable, dado que, si no existe una acción legislativa o administrativa estatal, no está claro en qué medida la marihuana con fines médicos estará exenta de impuestos. Texto completo:

ARTÍCULO X VARIOS SECCIÓN 29. Producción, posesión y uso de marihuana con fines médicos.- (a) POLÍTICA PÚBLICA. (1) El uso médico de marihuana por parte de un paciente calificado o un cuidador personal no está sujeto a responsabilidad ni a sanciones penales o civiles conforme a las leyes del Estado de Florida, excepto según se indica en esta sección. (2) Un médico autorizado por el Estado de Florida no estará sujeto a responsabilidad penal o civil ni a sanciones, conforme a las leyes del Estado de Florida, por extender un certificado médico a una persona diagnosticada con una enfermedad debilitante de conformidad con esta sección. (3) Las acciones y el comportamiento de un centro de tratamiento de marihuana con fines médicos inscrito ante el Departamento, o sus empleados, según se contempla en esta sección y en cumplimiento de las reglamentaciones del Departamento, no estarán sujetos a responsabilidad ni a sanciones penales o civiles conforme a las leyes del Estado de Florida, excepto según se indica en esta sección. (b) DEFINICIONES. A los fines de esta sección, las siguientes palabras y términos tendrán los siguientes significados: (1) "Enfermedad debilitante" significa cáncer, glaucoma, estado positivo del virus de inmunodeficiencia humana (VIH), síndrome de inmunodeficiencia adquirida (SIDA), hepatitis C, esclerosis lateral amiotrófica (ELA), enfermedad de Crohn, enfermedad de Parkinson, esclerosis múltiple u otras enfermedades para las cuales, a criterio del médico, los beneficios del uso médico de la marihuana probablemente serían superiores a los riesgos potenciales para la salud de un paciente. (2) "Departamento" significa el Departamento de Salud o su agencia sucesora. (3) "Tarjeta de identificación" significa un documento emitido por el Departamento que identifica a una persona que tiene un certificado médico o a un cuidador personal de por lo menos veintinueve (29) años de edad que ha aceptado asistir a un paciente calificado en el uso médico de marihuana. (4) "Marihuana" tiene el significado otorgado al cannabis en la Sección 893.02(3) de los Estatutos de Florida (2013). (5) "Centro de tratamiento de marihuana con fines médicos" significa una entidad que adquiere, cultiva, posee, procesa (incluido el desarrollo de productos relacionados tales como alimentos, tinturas, aerosoles, aceites o ungüentos), transfiere, transporta, vende, distribuye, despacha o administra marihuana, productos que contienen marihuana, suministros relacionados o material educativo a pacientes calificados o a sus cuidadores personales y que está inscrito ante el Departamento. (6) "Uso médico" significa la adquisición, posesión, uso, entrega, transferencia o administración de marihuana o suministros relacionados por parte de un paciente calificado o un cuidador personal para ser usados por un paciente calificado para el tratamiento de una enfermedad debilitante. (7) "Cuidador personal" significa una persona de por lo menos veintinueve (29) años de edad que ha aceptado asistir a un paciente calificado en el uso médico de marihuana y tiene una tarjeta de identificación de cuidador emitida por el Departamento. Un cuidador personal no puede asistir a más de cinco (5) pacientes por vez. Un empleado de un proveedor de cuidados paliativos o de un centro médico o de un hogar de ancianos puede actuar como cuidador personal para más de cinco (5) pacientes calificados, según lo permite el Departamento. Está prohibido para los cuidadores personales consumir marihuana obtenida para el uso personal y médico del paciente calificado. (8) "Médico" significa un médico autorizado por el Estado de Florida. (9) "Certificado médico" significa un documento por escrito firmado por un médico, en el que se indica que, en la opinión profesional del médico, el paciente sufre de una enfermedad debilitante, que los beneficios potenciales del uso médico de la marihuana probablemente sean superiores a los riesgos para la salud del paciente, y se indica durante cuánto tiempo el médico recomienda el uso médico de marihuana para el paciente. Un certificado médico solo puede extenderse después de que el médico haya realizado un examen físico del paciente y una evaluación completa del historial médico del paciente. (10) "Paciente calificado" significa una persona a la que se le ha diagnosticado una enfermedad debilitante, que tiene un certificado médico y una tarjeta de identificación válida de paciente calificado. Si el Departamento no comienza a emitir tarjetas de identificación dentro de los nueve (9) meses posteriores a la fecha de entrada en vigor de esta sección, un certificado médico válido servirá como tarjeta de identificación de paciente para permitir que una persona se convierta en paciente calificado hasta tanto el Departamento comience a emitir tarjetas de identificación. (c) LIMITACIONES. (1) Nada de lo contenido en esta sección afectará a las leyes referidas al uso no médico, posesión, producción o venta de marihuana. (2) Nada de lo contenido en esta sección autoriza el uso de marihuana con fines médicos a cualquier persona que no sea un paciente calificado. (3) Nada de lo contenido en esta sección permite la operación de un vehículo de motor, embarcación o aeronave mientras se está bajo la influencia de la marihuana. (4) Nada de lo contenido en esta sección requiere que se infrinjan las leyes federales o pretenda otorgar inmunidad conforme a las leyes federales. (5) Nada de lo contenido en esta sección requerirá adaptación alguna para el uso médico de marihuana en ningún lugar de educación o trabajo, ni para fumar marihuana con fines médicos en ningún sitio público. (6) Nada de lo contenido en esta sección requerirá que ningún proveedor de seguros de salud u organismo o autoridad del gobierno reembolse a ninguna persona por los gastos relacionados con el uso médico de marihuana. (d) OBLIGACIONES DEL DEPARTAMENTO. El Departamento deberá emitir reglamentaciones razonables y necesarias para la implementación y aplicación de esta sección. El propósito de las reglamentaciones es garantizar la disponibilidad y el uso seguro de marihuana con fines médicos por parte de los pacientes calificados. Es obligación del Departamento promulgar reglamentaciones de manera oportuna. (1) Implementación de reglamentaciones. Con el objeto de otorgarle al Departamento tiempo suficiente después de la aprobación de esta sección, las siguientes reglamentaciones deberán promulgarse a más tardar seis (6) meses después de la fecha de entrada en vigor de esta sección. a. Procedimientos para la emisión de tarjetas de identificación de paciente calificado a las personas portadoras de certificados médicos, y estándares para la renovación de dichas tarjetas de identificación. b. Procedimientos para la emisión de tarjetas de identificación de cuidador personal a personas calificadas para asistir a un paciente calificado en el uso médico de marihuana, y estándares para la renovación de dichas tarjetas de identificación. c. Procedimientos para la inscripción de Centros de Tratamiento de Marihuana Con Fines Médicos, que incluyan procedimientos para la emisión, renovación, suspensión y revocación de inscripciones, y estándares para garantizar la seguridad informática, el mantenimiento de registros, análisis, etiquetado, inspección y seguridad. d. Una reglamentación que defina la cantidad de marihuana que podría considerarse un suministro adecuado y razonable para el uso médico de los pacientes calificados, sobre la base de las mejores pruebas disponibles. Esta presunción referida a la cantidad puede contrarrestarse con pruebas del uso médico apropiado por parte de un paciente calificado en particular. (2) Emisión de tarjetas de identificación e inscripciones. El Departamento comenzará a emitir tarjetas de identificación de paciente calificado y cuidador personal, y también iniciará la inscripción de Centros de Tratamiento de Marihuana Con Fines Médicos a más tardar nueve (9) meses después de la fecha de entrada en vigor de esta sección. (3) Si el Departamento no emite las reglamentaciones, o si el Departamento no comienza a emitir tarjetas de identificación y a inscribir a Centros de Tratamiento de Marihuana Con Fines Médicos dentro de los plazos establecidos en esta sección, cualquier ciudadano del Estado de Florida tendrá derecho a valerse de recursos judiciales para obligar al cumplimiento de las obligaciones constitucionales del Departamento. (4) El Departamento deberá proteger la confidencialidad de todos los pacientes calificados. Todos los registros que contengan la identidad de los pacientes calificados deberán ser confidenciales y estar exentos de divulgación pública excepto con fines médicos o referidos al cumplimiento de la ley válidos. (e) LEGISLACIÓN. Nada de lo contenido en esta sección limitará a la legislación para promulgar leyes coherentes con esta disposición. (f) DIVISIBILIDAD. Las disposiciones contenidas en esta sección son divisibles, y si cualquier tribunal competente declara la invalidez de cualquier cláusula, oración, párrafo o sección de esta medida, o su aplicación, las demás disposiciones continuarán vigentes en la mayor medida posible.

No. 3 ENMIENDA CONSTITUCIONAL ARTÍCULO V, SECCIONES 10, 11 (Asamblea Legislativa) Título de la boleta: Nomenclatura Eventual para Ciertos Cargos Judiciales Vacantes Resumen de la boleta: Proponer una enmienda a la Constitución del Estado en la que se establezca que el Gobernador debe cubrir las vacantes eventuales en los cargos judiciales que estén sujetos a elecciones de retención cuando los jueces o magistrados se encuentren por cumplir la edad legal para jubilarse o en el supuesto de que no califique para la elección de retención; y permitir los nombramientos eventuales si un juez o magistrado no se retiene en su cargo en una elección de retención. En la actualidad, el Gobernador no puede cubrir una vacante prevista hasta que termine el mandato del juez o magistrado actual. Texto completo: ARTÍCULO V. PODER JUDICIAL

SECCIÓN 10. Retención; elección y mandatos.- (a) Cualquier juez o magistrado puede calificar para la retención, la cual se produce mediante el voto de los electores en la próxima elección general que sea anterior a la conclusión del mandato del juez o magistrado por los causas establecidos por ley. Cuando un juez o magistrado no está habilitado para ser retenido o no cumple con los requisitos para la retención, se producirá una vacante eventual al finalizar el período de calificación de retención o fin de nombrar un juez o magistrado sucesor, y se producirá una vacante eventual al finalizar el mandato cumplido por el juez o magistrado. Cuando un juez o magistrado califique como tal para la retención, en la boleta se deberá leer claramente lo siguiente: "¿Deberá el Magistrado (o Juez)...(nombre del juez o magistrado)... de la...(nombre de la corte)... ser retenido en el cargo judicial?" Si la mayoría de los electores calificados que votan dentro de la jurisdicción territorial de la corte eligen retenerlo, entonces, el juez o magistrado continuará ejerciendo sus funciones durante un período de seis años. Este mandato del juez o magistrado que ha sido retenido comenzará el primer martes luego del primer lunes de enero siguiente a la elección general. Si la mayoría de los electores calificados que votan dentro de la jurisdicción territorial de la corte eligen no retenerlo, una vacante eventual se producirá inmediatamente luego de la elección general con la finalidad de nombrar a un juez o magistrado sucesor, y se producirá una vacante en ese cargo judicial a la finalización del mandato cumplido por el juez o magistrado. (b)(1) Se deberá mantener el método de elección de jueces de circuito sin perjuicio de las disposiciones de la sub-sección (a), excepto que la mayoría de los votantes en la jurisdicción de dicho circuito aprueben la opción local de elegir a los jueces de circuito mediante el sistema de selección por mérito y elecciones de retención en lugar de mediante una elección. La elección de los jueces de circuito deberá realizarse mediante el voto de electores calificados dentro de la jurisdicción territorial de la corte. (2) Se deberá mantener el método de elección de los jueces de la corte del condado, sin perjuicio de las disposiciones de la sub-sección (a), excepto que la mayoría de los votantes en la jurisdicción de dicho condado aprueben la opción local de elegir a los jueces del condado mediante el sistema de selección por mérito y elecciones de retención en lugar de mediante una elección. La elección de los jueces del Condado deberá realizarse mediante el voto de electores calificados dentro de la jurisdicción territorial de la corte. (3) a. En la elección general del año 2000 se deberá votar en cada jurisdicción territorial de circuito y de condado para decidir si el modo de elegir a los jueces de circuito y a los jueces del condado será mediante el sistema de selección por mérito y elecciones de retención en lugar de mediante una elección. Si los electores votan por no ejercer esta opción local, esta opción no podrá someterse a votación de los electores en esa jurisdicción hasta que hayan transcurrido al menos dos años. b. A partir del año 2000, cada circuito puede presentar la opción local de elección por mérito y elecciones de retención o de la elección de jueces de circuito, según corresponda, al presentar una solicitud ante el encargado de los registros estatales. Dicha solicitud deberá estar firmada por un número de electores igual a por lo menos el diez por ciento de los votos emitidos en la jurisdicción de ese circuito en la última elección presidencial efectuada. c. A partir del año 2000, cada condado puede presentar la opción local de elección por mérito y elecciones de retención o la elección de los jueces del condado, según corresponda, al presentar una solicitud ante el supervisor de las elecciones. Dicha solicitud deberá estar firmada por un número de electores igual a por lo menos el diez por ciento de los votos emitidos en el condado en la última elección presidencial efectuada. Los mandatos de los jueces de circuito y los jueces de condado serán de seis años.

SECCIÓN 11. Vacantes.- (a)(1) Siempre que se produzca una vacante en un cargo judicial sujeto a la elección de retención, el gobernador deberá cubrir la vacante mediante el nombramiento de una persona entre al menos tres y no más de seis personas nominadas por la comisión judicial de nombramientos correspondiente, por un período que finalizará el primer martes luego del primer lunes de enero del año siguiente a las próximas elecciones generales que se efectúen al menos un año después de la fecha del nombramiento. (2) Siempre que se produzca una vacante eventual en un cargo judicial sujeto a la elección de retención, el gobernador deberá cubrir esa vacante eventual mediante el nombramiento de un juez o un magistrado de entre al menos tres personas y no más de seis personas nominadas por la comisión judicial de nombramientos correspondiente. El plazo del nombramiento comienza cuando finaliza el plazo del cargo que quedó vacante y concluye el primer martes luego del primer lunes de enero del año siguiente a la próxima elección general. (b) El gobernador deberá cubrir cada vacante de una corte de circuito o de una corte de condado, en donde los jueces sean elegidos por mayoría de votos de los electores, al nombrar a una persona entre no menos de tres y no más de seis personas nominadas por la comisión judicial de nombramientos correspondiente, por un período que concluye el primer martes luego del primer lunes de enero del año que sigue a elección primaria y general que se efectúe por lo menos un año después de la fecha del nombramiento. Se deberá realizar una elección para cubrir ese cargo judicial por el período del cargo que comienza al finalizar el período del cargo por nombramiento. (c) Los nombramientos se deberán realizar dentro de los treinta días desde que se ha producido la vacante o vacante eventual, excepto que el gobernador extienda el período por un lapso que no podrá exceder los treinta días. El gobernador deberá realizar el nombramiento dentro de los sesenta días desde que los nombramientos hayan sido certificados ante el gobernador. (d) Tal como lo establece la legislación general, deberán existir diferentes comisiones judiciales de nombramientos para el Tribunal Supremo, para cada tribunal de apelación de distrito, y para cada circuito judicial en todos los juzgados de primera instancia del circuito. Las comisiones judiciales de nombramientos deberán establecer reglamentos de procedimiento uniformes en cada nivel del sistema judicial. Tales reglamentos, o cualquier parte de ellos, podrán ser derogados por las leyes generales promulgadas con la mayoría de votos de cada cámara de la Asamblea Legislativa, o por el Tribunal Supremo de Justicia con el voto concurrente de cinco magistrados. A excepción de las deliberaciones realizadas por las comisiones judiciales de nombramientos, los procedimientos de las comisiones y sus registros deberán estar abiertos al público. 464451 CN 8/28;9/25/2014 ON 8/29;9/24/2014

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Morgan, Hatway pace OMS in volleyball win

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

Alexi Morgan had six aces and two kills and Aubrie Hatway added four kills, one assist and one block as Osceola Middle School defeated Yearling Middle School 25-23 and 25-7 Monday.

Mattie Garcia hit a service ace to win the first game for Osceola in a game that went back and forth. Neither team was able to build more than a three-point advantage in the first game.

OMS coach Lauren Throop couldn't recall the last time Osceola defeated Yearling but noted this was a big accomplishment for her young squad.

"It is actually really amazing because we didn't start the season so well. I've never

seen them play like this. It was phenomenal and I am like on cloud nine right now," she said.

Osceola had been competitive but had dropped their first two home matches of the year. Throop said the team needed to find some confidence and they did in the first game.

"If we don't come out and play strong in the first game the kids would get down on themselves and start to clash on the court. That first game played a big part for us," she added.

Osceola held small leads of 4-2 and 8-7 in the first game, but Yearling also held leads of 14-11 and 15-13.

Two service points from Lyn'd Lewis gave Yearling a 22-20 lead. A kill by Mallorie

Thomas gave YMS a 23-22 lead but Osceola was able to win the final three points of the game.

Hatway said the victory meant a lot to her and to her team and that the squad worked really hard for this accomplishment.

"We've gone through a lot to be here and we are really excited that we finally got to accomplish this for our school and our team," she said.

Hatway said students in class were very encouraging and there was a good turnout of fans for this game. She expected to get a lot of congratulations and praise for the entire school this week.

"I think they will tell us we did a really good job and they really supported us during the match," she added.

The second game went quickly as Osceola jumped out to leads of 6-1 and 10-2 after an ace by Emily Rhodes, an ace by Abigail Myers made it 21-6 and Osceola pushed on from there.

Hatway said Yearling seemed to lose momentum in the second game and her team was excited and energized and that helped them cruise to victory.

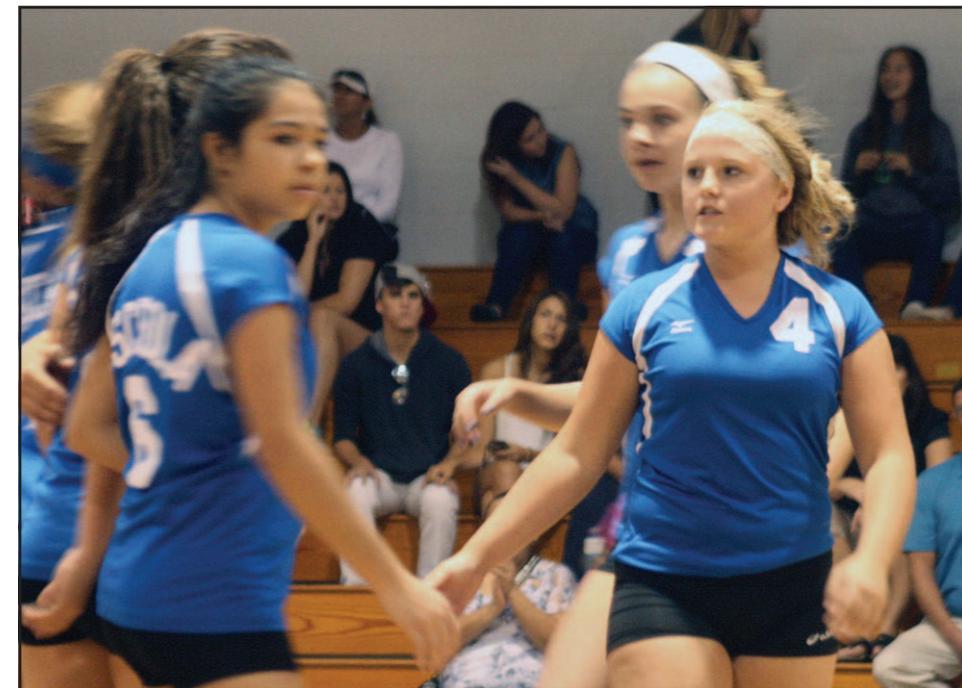
Throop said the second game was kind of nice after the nail biter and she said her girl fought really hard and wanted the win badly.

"Improvement is there we had struggled in the first few match but we are definitely improving. I like to see that and that is why we're coaching," she said.

The soccer match was postponed by rain and thunder storms and was rescheduled for October.



Okeechobee News/Charles Murphy
Lyn'd Lewis had several strong plays as Yearling fell at Osceola on Monday afternoon.



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Macy Collier (right, facing), congratulates Perla Contreras (left) after a point during Monday's match against Yearling.

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heart goes out to the families.

"As it did when this crash occurred, my thoughts and prayers go out to the families of the deceased. Not a day goes by that I don't think about this crash," he said. "I have been advised that our department will be facing civil litigation and have been advised by our attorneys not to make any statements."

The trooper's report states Gracie, who was on his way to back-up another deputy, was traveling at an estimated speed of 87 mph at impact. He did not have his emergency lights illuminated and the siren on his 2000 Ford Crown Victoria patrol unit was not sounding.

Gracie will be issued three civil citations - two citations for careless driving causing death and one citation for failing to utilize the emergency equipment on his marked emergency vehicle to warn other traffic.

According to Florida state statute 316.126 any authorized vehicle en route to an emergency "... shall warn all other vehicular traffic along the emergency route by an audible signal, siren, exhaust whistle, or other adequate device or by a visible signal by the use of displayed blue or red lights."

Gracie was forced to retire because his injuries were such that he could no longer work as a law enforcement officer. He and his family have since moved out of state.

Once Cpl. Zook finalized his report, it was submitted to Assistant State Attorney Bruce Harrison for review. Mr. Harrison signed off on the FHP report on Sept. 23, 2014.

In the report Cpl. Zook states Gracie, along with fellow OCSO deputies William Jolly and Matt Crawford were at the Race

Trac convenience store/gas station, 1596 S.R. 70 E., when a sheriff's office dispatcher issued a call at 2:06 a.m. of a domestic violence situation in which there was an armed subject.

OCSO Deputy Megan Holroyd was the initial responder.

Gracie, followed by deputies Jolly and Crawford, got into their patrol units and began driving west on State Road 70 in order to back up Deputy Holroyd.

When they neared the McDonald's restaurant, at 401 Park St., around 2:08 a.m. they saw Ms. Renteria, who was eastbound on S.R. 70 East and in the inside lane. As the OCSO units neared the restaurant Ms. Renteria attempted a left-hand turn into the McDonald's parking lot.

Cpl. Zook stated Ms. Renteria's car turned directly into the path of Gracie who, by this point was hitting his brakes. But, it was too late.

The FHP report stated the Race Trac store is about .8 miles, or 4,224 feet, from the crash scene. It took Grace about :43 seconds to travel that distance. He drove at an average speed of 67 mph. About :1 second before impact Gracie was traveling at a speed of 94 mph, stated Cpl. Zook. According to the report, at one point Gracie reached a maximum speed of 96 mph. The posted speed limit in this area is 35 mph.

Cpl. Zook went on to state in his report that a blood alcohol test done on blood drawn from Ms. Renteria came back negative for alcohol or drugs.

"Based on my investigation and the physical evidence, it was determined that the cause of the crash was due to D-2's (Gracie) speed even though V01 (Ms. Renteria) turned in front of V02 (Gracie)," stated Cpl. Zook.

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).

• Jose Guzman Ortega, 27, N.W. 36th St., Lauderdale Lake, was arrested Sept. 19 by Deputy Brant Harden on a DOC warrant charging him with violation of probation - grand theft. He is being held without bond.

• Robert Frederick Nicholson, 35, Trailwood Circle, Jupiter, was arrested Sept. 19 by Trooper K.D. O'Keefe on misdemeanor charges of driving under the influence, possession of marijuana under 20 grams and possession of drug paraphernalia. His bond was set at \$2,500.

• Javon Travis Sholtz, 25, Hoover Avenue N.E., Lake Placid, was arrested Sept. 20 by Deputy Leland Schoonmaker on a felony charge of possession of a controlled substance (cocaine) and a misdemeanor charge of driving while license suspended. His bond was set at \$5,500.

• Brian Anthony Guzowski, 51, N. Federal Highway, Lake Worth, was arrested Sept. 20 by Deputy Matt Crawford on a felony charge of possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine), and misdemeanor charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and driving without a valid driver's license. His bond was set at \$6,500.

• Thomas Edward Overby, 42, S.W. 13th Terrace, Okeechobee, was arrested Sept. 20 by Deputy Steven Pollock on misdemeanor charg-

es of driving under the influence and driving without a valid driver's license. His bond was set at \$2,000.

• Dewey Alton Lightsey, 38, S.E. 59th Circle, Okeechobee, was arrested Sept. 20 by Officer Charles Green on a charge of felony battery. His bond was set at \$5,000.

• Glenn Cameron, 50, S.E. Edgewood Drive, Stuart, was arrested Sept. 20 by Deputy Matt Grumblin on a misdemeanor charge of driving under the influence. His bond was set at \$750.

• Lenorth Carl King, 20, N.W. 11th St., Okeechobee, was arrested Sept. 21 by Deputy DeMarcus Dixon on a felony charge of aggravated assault by an inmate on an inmate. His bond was set at \$40,000.

• Carl Gene Suarez, 25, S.W. 28th St., Okeechobee, was arrested Sept. 21 by Deputy Matt Crawford on a felony charge of possession of a controlled substance (cocaine). His bond was set at \$2,500.

• Gregory Allen Lovell, 21, S.E. 42nd St., Okeechobee, was arrested Sept. 22 by Deputy Corporal Aric Majere on a DOC warrant charging him with the felonies of violation of probation - burglary of an unoccupied structure, violation of probation - petit theft (two counts) and violation of probation - criminal mischief. 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.

Churches host special programs



Places of Worship

Okeechobee Missionary Baptist Church, 4212 U.S. 441 N., will host a youth program for the 2014-2015 school year every Wednesday at 7 p.m. There are youth classes for pre-school through 12th grade. For more information, call 8637-763-3681.

Jesus Holy Ghost Crusade Ministry Soup Kitchen and Thrift Store, 1401 N.E. Park St., is in need of donations. The soup kitchen is under construction. For more information, call 863-634-9194.

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

The **First United Methodist Church** Library would like to invite everyone to visit their Lending Library, Room 20, at 200 N.W. Second St., in Okeechobee. All are welcome to complete an application, no charge, to take advantage of wholesome reading, viewing and educational material for adults, children and

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Haven of Rest Church, 912 N.W. Second St., would like to invite all to a weekly Bible study and or youth service every Thursday at 7 p.m. For more information call Pastor Tom Velie at 863-357-3053.

Oakview Baptist Church, 677 S.W. 32nd St., welcomes everyone to join them on Sunday mornings for Sunday School at 9:15 a.m. and Worship Service at 10:30 a.m. On Sunday evenings at 6 p.m. they have a Bible Study in the sanctuary. They also have a Wednesday evening Worship Service at 6 p.m. For more information, please call 863-763-1699.

The Okeechobee News welcomes news from area churches for this weekly column. E-mail okeeneews@newszap.com.

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Brahmans hold on for 28-21 win over Panthers

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

A Panther pass with :2 seconds left fell incomplete in the Brahman endzone as Okeechobee held off Fort Pierce Westwood, 28-21, in high school grid Friday.

It was a game of runs as Okeechobee led 14-0 in the second quarter only to see Westwood score 21 unanswered points. Okeechobee rallied behind touchdown runs by Jajuan Cherry and Bubba Fludd to win for the first time in 2014.

Westwood had made a bid to tie the game with a near five-minute drive from the Panther's own 25-yard line behind backup quarterback

Raheem Lewis. His fresh legs kept moving the ball down field and set up the Panthers at the Okeechobee 10-yard line with 44 seconds to go. Okeechobee's defense stiffened and held for short yardage on two inside run plays. On the final play Lewis faked the run and threw toward two receivers but couldn't connect in the end zone.

Zeke Matthews had a key interception in the third quarter at the OHS 7-yard line. Okeechobee then drove 93 yards to tie the score.

Matthews also recovered a fumble for OHS. Lamar Williams rushed for 105 yards in the first half and 169 yards in the game. His 55-yard run set up Fludd's 7-yard touchdown run in the first half. Fludd added a 9-yard touch-

down run in the second half. Fludd ran for 110 yards and two touchdowns.

Brahman coach Chris Branham said his offensive line promised the team that they would put the slow start behind them and get the job done in this game.

"We had a long drive where we could have fallen apart on multiple plays but we didn't and punched it in for a score," he said.

Branham said he was also pleased that his injury-ravaged defense held up strong especially on the final drive.

"We are down eight players on the defensive end. They gutted it out. I'm extremely proud of my boys. There was a lot of growing

up in this game because it could have gone either way," he added.

Branham said his team didn't make mistakes in the second half. Two mistakes, a fumbled snap on a pump and another fumble near the red zone had given the Panthers a short field in the second quarter. Westwood scored on a 7-yard run by Nicholas Jenkins after a 26-yard drive, and on a 1-yard burst by Bennie O'Neal after a 32-yard drive in the second quarter.

Matthews said the team was surprised when Westwood threw the pass on the final play but said everybody on the team did their jobs.

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