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Administrator nixes employee pay raise

State claims county owes more than $1 million in disputed Medicaid bills

By Pete Gawda
Okeechobee News

County employees might have to wait another year to receive a pay raise thanks to the effects of a new state law. The preliminary proposed budget for the coming fiscal year contained a 3 percent pay increase for county employees. However, at the Thursday, May 24, meeting of the county commission, county administrator announced that she was withdrawing the pay raise from the proposed budget. She was adamant that she was responsible for that action and not the commissioners.

Her announcement came after a lengthy discussion of how the new state Medicaid law would drastically affect state finances. Under the recently passed law, the state sends any disputed Medicaid bills back to the county of origin and that county is responsible for the bill. The burden of proof falls on the county to document they are not responsible for the bill. In the meantime the state will withhold that county's revenue sharing funds from cigarette and sales tax until the county can prove they don't owe the money.

For the period from Nov. 1, 2001 until March 31, 2012 the state claims the county owes approximately $1.3 million in disputed Medicaid bills. That amount must be paid within five years. Each year the state will withhold a portion of the total from the county's revenue sharing funds. Mrs. Chartier detailed how this would adversely affect the county's budget with a drastic loss of revenue. Therefore, she decided to pull the employee raise from the proposed budget.

However, this year the budget is in good shape. Mrs. Chartier said currently revenues exceed expenditures by 11.6 percent. She is

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Sheriff's office gets special deal on car

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

Sheriff Paul May wasn't looking to buy a new vehicle for his Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO) fleet but when he was offered a car for $1 a year, well, it was a deal he couldn't refuse.

Thanks to the National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB) a detective in the OCSO Criminal Investigations Division (CID) will have the use of a 2010 Nissan Altima for the unheard price of $1 a year for up to five years.

The sheriff's office will have to insure the car and maintain it but, like any other leased vehicle, when that five years is up, they can turn it in and walk away.

Sheriff May said when he heard about the program, there was no way he was going to turn it down.

"Absolutely not," he said. "To get a car, for a dollar a year? I'm definitely going to take advantage of that."

According to OCSO Detective Mark Shireman, who handles the majority of auto theft cases, he will be assigned the Nissan. He plans to use the unmarked vehicle for surveillance and investigative purposes.

"The car is a re-VIN—it had been stolen and the vehicle identification number (VIN)

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Sheriff Paul May, Detective Mark Shireman and Detective Captain John Rhoden (left to right) were all smiles earlier this week when they picked up this 2010 Nissan Altima to be used by Detective Shireman for surveillance and investigations dealing with auto thefts. The Nissan was leased to the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office by the National Insurance Crime Bureau for $1 a year.

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Extended Forecast

Saturday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after noon. Mostly sunny, with a high near 90. Northeast wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 71. Northeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Sunday: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 90. Northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

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District teachers approve new three-year pact

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

By an overwhelming majority, Okeechobee teachers approved a new three-year contract package that includes one step on the salary schedule and a new evaluation system this week.

The Okeechobee School Board voted (4-0) Tuesday to ratify the contract with the Okeechobee County Educators Association 1604.

Superintendent of School Ken Kenworthy said the negotiations went longer than both sides hoped, but in the end was a good package for both sides. "Both sides had to give a little bit and that is what negotiations are about. We hope to have smoother negotiations and move the district forward academically into the future."

Mr. Kenworthy said teachers should not be fearful of the new evaluations which will take into consideration the teachers score on instructional practices observed by their principal and the students learning growth; FCAT scores, or end of course exam scores.

"I believe we've always had good quality teachers here. Not every teacher will be highly effective because they're people. We can all benefit from using different instruction strategies and take advantage of new technologies," he said.

Sixty percent of the evaluation will depend on the observation in classroom instruction made by the principal and 40 percent will be student learning gains over the next three years.

Most teachers will receive a needs-improvement score on at least one part of the evaluation this year. Mr. Kenworthy said that will be hard for some to swallow because they've never gotten that score before. He said most of the teachers will receive an effective grade.

The teachers will receive one step on the salary schedule which is 2.55 percent more than last year's salary and is retroactive to July 1, 2011.

"This is a pretty lucrative salary package when you look at other districts," Kenworthy said, "Teachers in our district did pretty well."

Some districts gave no raises, and most teachers received a step increase of between 1 percent and 1.5 percent in other districts. The starting salary for Okeechobee teachers is $34,000 and the top step after 20 years of experience is $55,860.

Union President Candy Walker said a lot of teachers didn't cast a ballot Monday because this is a busy time of year. She said there will always be some teachers who won't be happy no matter what is negotiated. The vote in favor was 217-20 this year.

"Teachers understood this was the best package we could come up with. There is always room for improvement," she explained.

Walker said the union hopes to convince the district to make changes to the teacher evaluation next year but noted the state legislature enacted new laws that required more of an emphasis on student grades and learning gains.

"There are always positive things in a negotiation and both sides learn a lot. I hope this helps us to move on to more positive situations in the future," she added. "I didn't expect the school board to disregard everything the district was staying and see the light in our argument."

Chamber welcomes Congressman Rooney to quarterly meeting

By Pete Gawda
Okeechobee News

Congressman Tom Rooney spoke briefly at the Wednesday, May 23, quarterly luncheon of the Chamber of Commerce of Okeechobee County. After introducing the congressman, chamber vice president Terry Burroughs said, "We appreciate the time you took to wrestle the chamber building from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS)."

The chamber building on the corner of Parrott Avenue and Park Street had been seized by the IRS because of nonpayment of payroll deduction taxes by the former tenant, the Okeechobee County Chamber of Commerce. Congressman Rooney was instrumental in having the IRS release the building to its owner, the City of Okeechobee. The city has since leased the building to the Chamber of Commerce of Okeechobee County.

Mr. Rooney voiced his support of the chamber. "Nobody understands more what needs to happen than the chamber," he said.

The congressman blamed the current economic condition on the policies of the present administration. "The president is trying to make you think things will get better," he said. The president's stimulus program failed, according to Congressman Rooney, because spending government money to help private business has never worked. He said that private industry needs less government restrictions in order to create more jobs.

"Certainly we need to do something about the high cost of energy," he said.

"The new thing is taxing the rich," the congressman said. However, he went on to say that some of those facing higher taxes are farmers and small business owners. He said that if a business owner expected to be taxed at a higher rate, that business owner would not want to expand his business.

Mr. Burroughs reported that the chamber now has 118 members and has moved into the chamber building after an extensive clean up effort. He also said that there is now a community calendar on the chamber website and that the chamber is planning some sort of Fourth of July event.

William Bedwell, director of community relations for New Horizons, explained the substance abuse and mental health services offered by his organization. He said that last year 1,000 individuals were treated at the Okeechobee facility and that 25 percent of that number were children. Cedric Gibson, dean of business technology for Indian River State College and his coworkers Spike Schultheis and Bob O'Brian explained the services IRSC can provide to help new and existing businesses.

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Congressman Tom Rooney addresses the quarterly luncheon of the Chamber of Commerce of Okeechobee County held Wednesday, May 23, at the Dixon Hendry Campus of Indian River State College.

Area pool checks to begin

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

Okeechobee City Fire Chief Herb Smith admits there have not been many drowning deaths in Okeechobee while he's been chief and he'd like to keep it that way.

City Code Enforcement Officers began their annual checks of back yard pools this month to make sure they comply with all existing city codes and safety regulations.

Chief Smith said most residents are eager to help and insure that their property and the neighborhoods are safe for children.

"We get a lot of cooperation every year. Sometimes you'll have some difficulty, but that is rare," he explained.

The city requires at least a five foot-barrier for all above ground back yard pools. The pool wall can serve as the barrier as long as the ladder is removed when the pool is not in use or property attended.

The city also has Taylor Creek and a lot of canals which can pose a danger to children especially when the water levels are high.

In-ground pools in the city limits must have a fence and locking device. There are also requirements for alarms on doors that lead to these pools.

Chief Smith said the idea is to keep the city as safe as possible for children. "We have been lucky with few people drowning in recent years, but we must be vigilant and make sure we keep children safe this summer."

A two-year old child died last weekend in Clewiston when a vehicle entered into a canal and became submerged. Chief Smith said there are products for sale that can safely cut seat belts and he urges parents of small children in car seats to keep one in their car and learn how to use them safely and property.

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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!

Scrappers

You recently wrote an article on scrappers that are thieves. You described a thief instead of a scrapper. Most all occupations have thieves. Because if you take a pen from work, you are a thief. Not all scrappers are thieves. I spend 30 to 40 hours a week, driving and $100-$125 a week in gas. Not to mention the 1000-3500 lbs. a week I save from pollution of the landfill. I am one of the honest scrappers. All of our offices have a thief of some sort in them. That is what our taxpayer money is for, to patrol our communities. Just a reminder, not all scrappers are thieves.

Obama

• Who the heck was Obama getting to hawk his books back in the '90s? Whoever it was, it is now causing quite a bit of consternation because they put on his bio that he was born in Kenya. This publication, apparently, even confused Michelle about Barack's country of origin. Kenya? Now, what kind of publishing company gets the nation of origin wrong for a rising star and does not correct it until 16 years later when he begins his bid for the Oval Office? Now, for detractors who are saying, "Well, Barack should have spotted the typo [the only glaring typo, by the way, on the entire brochure] and demanded his agency correct it." All I've got to say is that you cannot expect a Harvard Law student to be busied with checking this type of minutiae. The fail-safe is that we have the mainstream media who will clear up this issue of Obama's birthplace and get us back to the big issues of gay marriage, free birth control for female law students and cars that run on algae.

• I hope those investigating this birther story press on. Even if Obama is out of office by the time they ever get proof positive of his birthplace, he needs to be exposed for hiding all pertinent facts about the legal requirements for one to be president of the United States. I like Martin Luther King's dream of a future where a man would be judged by the content of his character, rather than the color of his skin.

Money that was supposed to help homeowners diverted

• The banks were ordered to pay billions because they were caught falsifying foreclosure documents and taking people's homes away. But instead of the money going to the people who were wronged, and are now homeless, state officials divert the funds for other uses.

• Money which was awarded in behalf of "the people" is going into government programs and not being returned to those who were actually wronged/hurt? Once again, the government used the backs of its people to gain more money for "their" coffers and use. What good are these services to a family sleeping in a car "... permissible uses of settlement funds include housing counselors, state and local forclosure hotlines, forclosure mediation programs, housing remediation and blight projects (what is that?)", etc ....

Advice for graduates

• The best thing you can do for yourself when you find a job is to PAY YOURSELF FIRST. Now don't go off on a tangent and say, "Yeah, I'll get this and I'll get that for myself," NOT, you will go to the bank or credit union and open a lowly savings account and put in AT LEAST 10 percent of whatever you have in your hand as pay for whatever job you have. (I don't care if you have a retirement account!) This money is your lifeline for when your world falls completely apart. Notice I did not say a rainy day. You can survive a rainy day. Do not take money out of that savings unless you are putting it into another account that earns more interest for you. Remember though, you will get more reward for more RISK. Do not put your emergency fund into anything that causes you to stay up at night worrying. You may not have a pretty car or expensive clothes or a beautiful house now but you can have a clean car, clean, pressed clothing, and a tidy home by taking care of what you DO have. Save your money, take care of your belongings, and do the next right thing for your family and your world and you will be richer than 99% of the people on this Earth.

• The other advice I can offer is get out of this town. Its a black-hole where hopes and dreams go to die. The town is slowly dying and has no job opportunities for young people. Every "entry" level job in this area wants 3-5 years experience in something. Move away, go college/trade school, do what you want to do (not your parents), and then make a life out of it.

Letters to the editor

May I?

Do you remember the game of "Simon Says?" Before you could make a move or take a step you had to say, "May I?"

If you forgot to say it you had to go back to the beginning. Somewhere along the lines of life people have forgotten how to say "May I." May I is an expression of courtesy. You are asking another person if it is alright with them if you get in front of them in a store line or help themselves to something on your plate, or tell other people something you told them.

What's even worse is passing along stories you've heard or read about that are damaging to another person's reputation without asking that person "May I inquire from you about what I've heard about you as to whether there is any truth to it?"

It absolutely broke my heart to read about the hullabaloo in the newspaper about our great Sheriff, Paul May. The man has dedicated his life and career to the people of Okeechobee. He has done more for this community than anyone I can recall. He has taken pay cuts, downsizing, unrealistic demands from ungrateful people, and yet, he has held his composure and his temper and met the needs of this community to the best of his ability.

He has had to fire friends and even jail some, all with great remorse, but doing his job for the good of the county. Now someone who wants his job, who thinks he can fill Mr. May's shoes is spreading propaganda through the web media. Well, my opinion is that everyone who knows Paul May and his beautiful wife knows that he is a man of honor and integrity.

Mr. Rhodes, it would do you good to go to Sheriff May and say, "May I offer you my apologies?" You have to know that he is a man of strong character and that he will accept your apology because he is also a humble and forgiving man. God gave Okeechobee the best man for the job of Sheriff and I personally praise God and Thank Him for choosing Sheriff May.

And Sheriff May, as long as I live here you will always have my vote. You have proven trustworthy and capable of the job you do.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Jesus loves you and so do I.

Cheryl Gawda

Special to the Okeechobee News/**Teresa Chandler**

B.R.A.T. Teen Dance

Limbo is a favorite at the teen dance. Students came out on Saturday, May 19, to try their skills. Dances are made possible with the continued support of local businesses including: Ding-A-Ling Deli, Dominos, Eastcoast Signs, Okeechobee Freshman Campus, Beef 'O' Brady's, Okeechobee News, Okeechobee City Police, Okeechobee County School Board and WOKC. A special thank you to the many volunteers who also donate their time to the students! The next dance will be June 2, at the Okeechobee Freshman Campus. For more information on B.R.A.T. Club please call Teresa Chandler at 863-801-4996.

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Ten years of service

At the Tuesday, May 1, meeting of the Okeechobee City Council Mayor James Kirk, right, presented Clint Gould, left, with a certificate and a jacket for 10 years of service to the city. Mr. Gould, a resident of the community for many years and an OHS graduate, class of 1981, began his career at the City of Okeechobee in the public works department on April 15, 2002. He serves in the position of maintenance operator. During his time he has successfully obtained his State Certification in Pesticide Application, completed FEMA certification courses, National Incident Management System and Incident Command Systems, as well as Advanced Maintenance of Traffic from Florida International University, He has been selected as a representative of his department to serve on the City Grievance Committee for many years and was presented with his Five-Year Longevity Service Award in 2007. The mayor said that Mr. Gould exemplifies the dedication made each day by city employees and is well deserving of this commendation.

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Master Electrician

At the Thursday, April 26, meeting of the Okeechobee County Commission, Chair Margaret Garrard Helton recognized Theodore Adriance for five years of service to the county. Mr. Adriance was born in Union, N.Y. His family moved to Fort Lauderdale in 1957 and later relocated to Okeechobee where Mr. Adriance attended Okeechobee High School and Indian River State College. He obtained his Associate Degree in Electronics and holds a Master Electrician Certification. His work career encompassed working for his father's electric company for ten years and various electronics companies including Robinson Electric before coming to Okeechobee County in February, 2007, as an electrician.

Planning board approves shell pit

By Pete Gawda
Okeechobee News

Despite the concerns of nearby residents, the Okeechobee County Planning Board, meeting Tuesday, May 22, granted a special exception for a shell pit.

According to information furnished to the board by the planning department staff, the property in question is located along the west side of S.W. 87th Terrace, west of Northlake Country Estates and Edgewater Acres subdivisions and south of S.R. 70. The property owner is 266 Trees, LLC and the applicant is Steve Griffin. A similar special exception was issued for this property in 2006. However, mining was not begun and the special exception expired.

Planning department staff member Ty Hancock, who was present at the meeting, stated that even though nearby residents expressed concern about traffic, noise and the effect on the water table, the board unanimously approved the request. He said that ingress and egress to the property will be from S.R. 70. However, he added that the proposed time restrictions on the hours of operation were removed.

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Eagles North to host Steak Night

Eagles North, 9985 Hwy. 441 North, Okeechobee, will have Friday Steak Night **May 25**, at 5:30 p.m. with Music by Lisa. Come sing your heart out. Proceeds go to the F.O.E. 4137 community benefit fund.

Dive In Movie Night at Sports Complex Pool

Okeechobee County Sports Complex Pool will Host a Dive In Movie on Friday, **May 25**. Please bring your favorite chair, blanket, small raft, or noodle and enjoy the movie pool side. Admission is $5 per person or $15 for a family of 4 – admission includes movie and a free popcorn. Gates will open at 7 p.m. and movie will start at dusk. (No late entrance will be permitted.)

Cypress Hut Eagles to host dinner

Cypress Hut Eagles will host dinner on Friday, May 25, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., with steak, shrimp or fish. Music will be by the Harpers. All proceeds go to Community Charity Fund.

Eagles North to host Card Bingo

On Saturday, **May 26**, Eagles North, 9985 Hwy.441 North Okeechobee will have Card Bingo starting at 5 p.m. Proceeds go to the F.O.E. 4137 community benefit fund.

Cypress Hut Eagles to host Memorial Day Service

The Cypress Hut Eagles will host a Memorial Day service on Sunday, **May 27**, at 1 p.m. Finger food will be served. Following wll be the installation of new officers. All proceeds go to Community Charity Fund.

Memorial Day services announced

Memorial Day Honors will be held on **May 28**, at the Okeechobee Veterans Park beginning at 10 a.m. All local veteran units are asked to post their colors by 9:45 a.m. and to introduce themselves at that time for honor recognition. Members who have passed during the 2011/2012 will be announced during ceremonies. Okeechobee High JROTC will render honors to all Veterans. Citizens of Okeechobee are invited to attend and bring the kids. Please bring lawn chairs as seating is very limited. Ceremonies are sponsored by Okeechobee Memorial Post 64 of the American Legion.

Martha's House holds monthly yard sale

Martha's House will hold its monthly yard sale on Thursday, **May 31** and Friday, **June 1**, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 4134 Hwy. 441 N. Call 863-763-2893, with questions.

Putt-Putt Tourney to benefit Care Camps

Good Habits and Old Spirits 9th Annual Putt-Putt Tournament at the KOA for KOA Care Camps. Memorial Day Monday, **May 28.** Sign up at Good Spirits 245 Hwy 441 S.E. from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tee-off time is 2 p.m. at KOA. Must be 21 to play. $8 entry-2-man scramble-blind draw. BBQ beef and pork sandwiches available at KOA Putt-Putt from noon til ??? for $5. Prizes*Fun*Giggles*. Reaching out to kids with cancer because laughter really is the best medicine for children.

Buckhead Ridge VFW plans Memorial Day service

Buckhead Ridge VFW Post 9528, on Highway 78 West in Buckhead Ridge, will host Memorial Day services on **May 28** at 1 p.m., with a dinner to follow. Dinner will be served through 4 p.m. The menu will include one-quarter of a barbecued or plain chicken, baked potato, succatash, dinner roll and dessert for a donation of $7 per person. Proceeds will benefit homeless veterans. The services and dinner are open to the public. For more information, call 863-467-2882.

Youth Livestock Show meeting announced

The Annual Meeting for Okeechobee Youth Livestock Show will be held at 7 p.m. on **May 29**, at Osceola Middle School gym. Exhibitors who sold an animal must bring their buyer's plaque to this meeting.

Eagles North to host BINGO night

On Tuesday, **May 29**, Eagles North, 9985 Hwy. 441 North, Okeechobee, will have BINGO beginning at 1 p.m. Proceeds go to the F.O.E. 4137 community benefit fund.

Cypress Hut Eagles to Host dinner night

On Tuesday, **May 29**, Cypress Hut Eagles will host a dinner beef tips with noodles and salad by Noni $6, from 5 to 7 p.m. All proceeds go to Community Charity Fund. The public is welcome.

Eagles to host BINGO

Eagles North, 9985 HWY. 441 N. Okeechobee, will have BINGO Wednesday, **May 30**, starting at 4:30 p.m. Proceeds go to the F.O.E. 4137 Community Benefit Fund.

Eagles North host BBQ Cookoff

Eagles North, 9985 Hwy. 441 N. Okeechobee will host a BBQ COOKOFF **June 8** and 9. To participate call Danny at 863-634-3958. Earley registration will save you $10 of the donation fee. Proceeds will go to the F.O.E. 4137 community benefit fund.

FUMC to host charity golf tourney

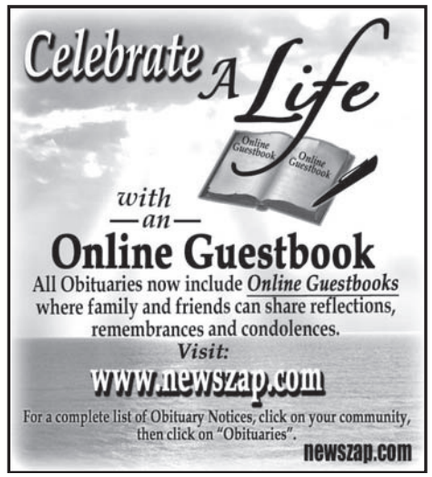
On Saturday, **June 2**, the First United Methodist Church of Okeechobee will host a Four-Person Golf Scramble at the Okeechobee Golf and Country Club set to begin at 8 a.m. There will be team prizes for first, second and third place and also for next to last teams. There will also be a hole in one contest for a new car from Okeechobee Motors; a longest drive contest, a closest to the hold contest and a longest putt contest. There will be many free giveaways, door prizes and drawings and much, much more. Purchase a chance for a bullseye contest at Mulligan's. The tourney will end with a free Boston Butt lunch at the church. Proceeds from the tourney event will benefit the Youth Mission trip. The cost is $200 per team and you can sign up by calling Pastor Jim Dawson at the church at. Hurry, time is running out. Register your team now. Check in begins at 7:15 a.m. on the day of the event.

Golf Scramble to benefit OHS Basketball

A Golf Scramble will be held to benefit the OHS Basketball program for transportation and equipment on Saturday, **June 9**, at the Blue Heron Golf Course. Tournament begins at 8 a.m. - participants should be early to register in order to start promptly at 8 a.m. The cost per person is $35 or $140 per team. Breakfast will be provided. There will be prizes for first second and last place. For more information, please contact the school at 863-462-5025.

OCA sponsors Fun Shoot

Okeechobee Christian Academy will host a Fun Shoot on **June 9** with registration at 8 a.m. at the OK Corral Gun Club, 6341 N.E. 96th Avenue. The last shooter must take the course at 10 a.m. All proceeds will benefit the Okeechobee Christian Academy Scholarship Fund to help make a quality Christian education available to more children. Give away drawings will include two one-year sporting clay memberships provided by the OK Corral Gun Club, Team sponsorship is $350 for four shooters and includes lunch. Individial shooter registration is $85 and includes lunch. Lunch for non-shooters is $20. For more information, call 863-634-2276.



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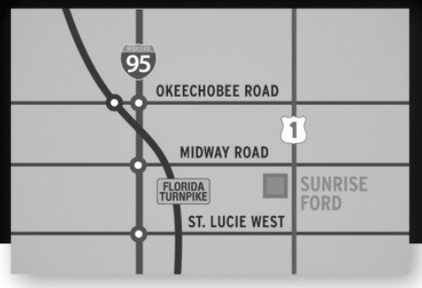

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Commissioners favor plan for rural activity center

By Pete Gawda
Okeechobee News

Okeechobee County Commissioners are becoming proactive in their effort to combat urban sprawl. At their meeting on Thursday, May 24, commissioners took the first step in the long process of approving a rural activity center (RAC).

A RAC activity center provides for agricultural, residential, neighborhood commercial and certain light industrial areas, subject to compatibility and buffering criteria provided in local land development regulations.

There are currently 13 RACS scattered throughout the county. However, what is different about this rural activity is that the commission will control the entire development process. The other RACS were approved as an effort to control urban sprawl after certain areas began to develop. Commissioner Joey Hoover used the term "retrofit" to describe the county's other rural activity centers.

The RAC was requested by Amistad Holdings, LLC., the owners of approximately 620 acres on the east side of S.E. 128th Avenue, north of Quail Woods and Bridlewood Ranch subdivisions and south of E. Center Street. The proposed change to the county's land development regulations would increase the density for residential development from one unit per five acres to one unit per acre and allow for up to 15 acres of commercial development.

Planning official Bill Royce said the proposed RAC is about midway between S.R. 70 and C.R. 710 on a collector road between two arterial highways. He said the proposed project does not justify sewer and water. Mr. Royce said the planning board recommended approval by a 4 to 3 vote with some members expressing concern about urban sprawl and the effect on agricultural activities. He said the planning board wanted a unified plan for developing the entire 620 acres and not the development of isolated sections. He added that recreation areas must be provided.

Realtor Brandon Tucker represented the applicant. He said that Amistad means friendship in Spanish and his client wanted to establish friendship with Okeechobee. He said that under current zoning his client could put in 124 dwelling units and no commercial components. Mr. Tucker said that would increase ad valorum taxes on the property slightly. However, he said the proposed RAC would net the county $3 million in impact fees and an increase in ad valorum taxes which would amount to about 5 percent of the existing budget. "That would be a great thing, a tax generator and an employment opportunity," Mr. Tucker said.

Mr. Tucker went on to explain that the area in question is the only place for such a development. He said it fronts on two paved roads, Berman Road and Center Street, allowing for multiple ingress and egress. He said the property is high and dry, sitting on a ridge. Mr. Tucker said the creation of a new shopping area would serve the residents of the eastern part of the county, thus alleviating some of the congestion at U.S. 441 and S.R. 70.

"There is a subdivision pattern already formed here," said Michael Houston, who is involved in planning the RAC. "Berman is a unique road. It's connection with S.R. 70 and S.R. 710 makes it unique." He went on to say that this would be the first planned RAC.

"I think this will end up being a groundbreaking transition in the way we develop," said Commissioner Ray Domer.

"This is unique because we are developing a rural activity center before we develop any lots," said Commissioner Joey Hoover.

The commission anonymously voted to send the proposal to the appropriate state agencies for approval. Then it will come back to the commission for final approval of the RAC. The next step will be the process of approving a planning unit development.

Commissioner Hoover noted that there will be many steps before final approval of the project. He said it would come before the county again at least three more times.

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projecting that the county's reserves will increase a little.

Turning to other items, commissioners approved a memorandum of understanding between the county and the Florida Department of Children and Families which would give the county access to information necessary on medicaid patients.

Commissioners approved three contracts for heating, air conditioning and ventilation to be paid from an Emergency Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant; including $74,356 to Okeechobee Air Conditioning and Refrigeration for fire stations 1 and 2, the group home, the sports complex, the pool building; $7,000 to Cooling Refrigeration Services, Inc. for the judicial center IT room and $201,540 to Air Conditioning Corporation for the library and the Okeechobee County Civic Center. They also awarded a contract of $1,428,131.65 to Drawdy Construction Co. for repair of bridges on S.W. 87th Terrace, N.E. 39th Boulevard, and N.W. 240th Street and approved a change order reducing the price by $530,210.95.

Commissioner Bryant Culpepper had been on the agenda to discuss an alternative to building a new building for the property appraiser, the tax collector and the drivers's license bureau. However he said that after talking with Donnie Oden, the county's capital projects manager, and looking at alternatives, he concurred with the idea of building a new building. The commissioner said the sheriff could utilize the old building and the proximity of the tax collector and the drivers license bureau would allow for cross training.

Mitch Smeykal, the county's emergency operations director, gave an update on hurricane preparedness and training exercise just competed. He showed a video made for elected officials that explains the role of elected officials during emergency situations. In addition to the emergency operations website, he suggested people keep up with the latest information from emergency operations on Facebook and Twitter.

CAR

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had been changed," explained Detective Shireman. "The car was later seized by law enforcement and it now has the original VIN."

He said the car currently has a retail value of $18,500. Under the hood the car has a 2.5, four-cylinder motor that delivers an estimated 23 miles to the gallon in the city and 32 mpg on the highway.

James Price, a special agent with the NICB, said this lease program has been going on for the last 20 to 30 years and is a "long-standing practice" with insurance companies.

"It wouldn't be possible without the insurance industry helping," said Agent Price from his office in Stuart. "I have about 13 vehicles on lease with different agencies in the southeast region of Florida that I cover."

He said some of the cars are used for bait, while others are used for surveillance because they don't look like a cop car.

"Even an unmarked police vehicle looks like an unmarked police vehicle," he said. "This program allows a detective to be in areas where he can observe and document crimes and build cases on groups instead of individuals. This helps them to get in there and see what's going on without being noticed."

Agent Price, who was with the Florida Highway Patrol for 30 years and knows Sheriff May quite well, said agencies that are having a rash of car thefts on a particular model can request that model then use it as bait.

But, what happens if the bait car is stolen and can't be found?

"Then, that's a bad day," said the agent with a chuckle. "It falls back on the NICB and we'll take care of it. But that hasn't happened in a long time."

Motorcycles and boats are also available to law enforcement under the lease program.

Law enforcement agencies can also request, and receive, more than one vehicle.

"Some request more vehicles due to more crimes or they may have several different squads and each squad may need something," the agent explained.

Agencies can also return the vehicle sooner if they feel it's become too well known and ask for another.

Detective Shireman said since the car is being used on a lease program, very little equipment will be put on the car that can't be removed without damaging it.

Once an agency is finished with the vehicle, Agent Price said it is returned to the insurance carrier that leased it out.

"Sometimes," he said, "they may donate them to law enforcement."

He went on to say that there is always a waiting list and that trucks and late model imports are really popular.

Even though the Altima is a lease vehicle, Detective Shireman said there are no mileage restrictions.

Convicted felon is accused of stealing rifle

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

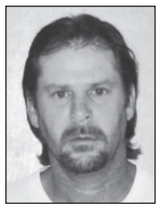
A convicted felon currently on probation has been arrested in connection with the theft of a firearm from an area home.

John Wesley Reel, 43, U.S. 441 S.E., Okeechobee, was arrested Wednesday, May 23, on felony charges of armed burglary of an occupied dwelling and grand theft.

Reel is being held in the Okeechobee County Jail in lieu of $30,000 bond.

Reel and another man apparently went to the home and, while there, Reel asked to use the bathroom, stated an arrest report by Detective M.D. Faulkner of the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO). Reel and the man soon left the home, the detective added.

According to witness statements Reel then had the man take him to a home in Whispering Pines. When they arrived at the home, Reel was reportedly seen with a black and chrome .22 caliber rifle.



John Wesley Reel

The report stated that Reel went to the home and apparently sold the rifle to someone for $50.

According to Detective Faulkner Reel reportedly had taken the Remington model 66 nylon rifle by putting it in his pants leg.

The detective went on to state that he spoke with the person who bought the rifle, and was told by that person that he asked Reel several times if the gun was stolen. But, added the investigator, Reel said the gun was not stolen and that the people he was with needed the money.

Detective Faulkner said his investigation into the alleged theft is continuing, and that he is also searching for a silver .22 caliber handgun with pearl grips that was apparently also taken from the home.

A check of Department of Corrections (DOC) records indicates that Reel was convicted of felony battery in 2009. He was then sentenced to a little more than 23 months in prison, to be followed by felony probation.

Those DOC records indicate that Reel's probation does not end until Jan. 31, 2014.

ARC Thrift Store requests donations

The ARC of Okeechobee Thrift Store is currently requesting donations of household items, dishes, kitchen appliances, furniture and clothing. Your tax deductible donation will be used to help further the mission of the agency to provide social, educational and vocational opportunities to the developmentally disabled. The store is open Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. All items can be dropped off at the thrift store location, 403 N.W. 2nd Ave. in Okeechobee. For further information, call 863-763-2419.

Foster parents needed - Free training program

Hibiscus Children's Center Foster Care Program recruits, trains and licenses all the traditional Foster Parents in St. Lucie, Martin and Indian River and Okeechobee Counties. The required 30 hour (MAPP) classes are free. For additional information about becoming a Foster Parent or to register for a class please call: 1-800-403-9311 ext. 415.

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).

• Curtis Ardley, 49, N.W. Fourth St., Okeechobee, was arrested May 13 by Deputy Joseph Hall on a charge of battery on a detention deputy. His bond was set at $10,000.

• Teresa Medecke Watson, 53, S.E. 91st Trail, Okeechobee, was arrested May 22 by Deputy John Ashby on a charge of driving under the influence. She was released on her own recognizance.

• Ronald William Feldpusch, 41, N.E. 31st Ave., Okeechobee, was arrested May 23 by Deputy Robbie Lamb on a charge of burglary of an occupied structure. His bond was set at $25,000.

• Edgar Vazquez Delgado, 29, S.E. Fifth St., Okeechobee, was arrested May 23 by Deputy Corporal Aric Majere on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with the felonies of failure to appear - refusal to submit to breath/blood/urine test, failure to appear - driving while license suspended - habitual offender and failure to appear - possession of marijuana under 20 grams. He is being held without bond.

• Dwayne A. McGee, 43, N.E. 168th St., Okeechobee, was arrested May 23 by Deputy Joe Gracie on felony charges of battery on a law enforcement officer and resisting a law enforcement officer with violence. He was released on his own recognizance.

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

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High school diplomas were presented at IRSC ceremony

Taking a big step toward a brighter future, 442 Treasure Coast residents have earned their high school diploma through Indian River State College this year. Throughout the 2011/2012 school year, the graduates earned high school credits in IRSC's Adult High School or completed preparation and passed the General Educational Development (GED) exam at IRSC Adult Education sites throughout St. Lucie, Martin, Indian River, and Okeechobee counties.

IRSC Adult Education graduates participated in the IRSC High School Diploma Ceremony on May 15, 2012.

"IRSC Adult Education Career Pathways students are encouraged to select a career pathway and take college courses either while enrolled in Adult Education classes or upon graduation to enhance their earning potential. In today's economy, post-secondary education is integral to our citizen's earning a sustainable wage" said Libby Livings-Eassa, Assistant Dean of Adult Education. IRSC's Adult Education Career Pathways program has seven career academies to help students enter the College's health science, technology, public safety, business, industrial, education, and STEM disciplines. Many graduates will continue their education in one of IRSC's certificate or degree programs.

The IRSC Adult Education program awards thousands of dollars per year in scholarships through the IRSC Foundation. Along with forty-one graduates receiving over $50,000 in scholarships, several graduates were inducted into the National Adult Education Honor Society. These students were selected by faculty for outstanding cooperation, attendance, and self-reliance in the IRSC Adult Education Program.

During the 2011-2012 school year to-date, 367 students passed the GED exam and 75 successfully completed the Adult High School program at IRSC. Students in GED classes progress at their own pace to review high school subjects prior to taking the GED equivalency exam. Students in the Adult High School program earn high school credits in traditional high school subjects. In addition to GED preparation, Adult High School and Adult Basic Education, IRSC's Adult Education program also includes English as a Second Language (ESL) classes. IRSC Adult Education students can participate in dual or co-enrollment in several postsecondary programs. For more information, call the IRSC Call Center at 1-866-792-4772 or visit www.irscAECP.edu.

OKeechobee News/**Pete Gawda**

Certificate of Appreciation

At the Tuesday, May 1, meeting of the Okeechobee City Council, Mayor James Kirk, right, presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Osiel Luviano, left, in recognition of his service on the planning board, board of adjustments and the design review board from Aug. 5, 2008 to April 30, 2012.

Special to the Okeechobee News/**Workforce Solutions**

Special Recognition

Okeechobee County received Special Recognition for its website at the inaugural Research and Technology Awards held Tuesday, May 8, at the Indian River State College Kight Center for Emerging Technologies. The event, sponsored by Indian River State College and Workforce Solutions honored government, industry and organizational leaders and their contributions to the research and information technology community throughout the four-county region. In 2011 the Okeechobee County Commissioners began utilizing a new software program, IQM2 Intelligent Meeting Management Solutions that streams county meetings live on the internet, allows for paperless agendas and elevates the standards of professionalism in Okeechobee County. County administrator Robbie Chartier, center, accepted the award for the county. To her right is Jeff Hoffman, founder of Priceline.com and to her left is Andy Fazata of Indian River State College. The award winner in the government category was Martin County for the Martin County Community Broadband Network.

HOLIDAY DEADLINES

The Okeechobee News will be closed *Monday, May 28th* for Memorial Day

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A 'watchdog' with manners?

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Community Service Through Journalism

NES kids learn to build bridges with grant funding

Thanks to a generous grant from Glades Electric, fourth grade students at North Elementary were able to learn about engineering through an online program, Engineering Go for IT magazine, and hands-on materials. The students especially enjoyed creating bridges with K'NEX!

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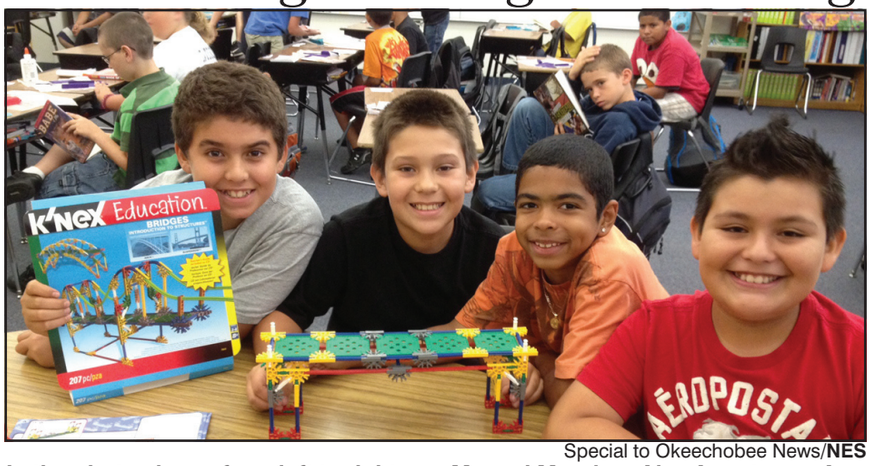
From left to right are: Josh Canevari and Jay McCoy, fourth grade students at North Elementary School. The students learned about Civil Engineering and building bridges using K'NEX building pieces purchased with funds provided through a grant from Glades Electric.



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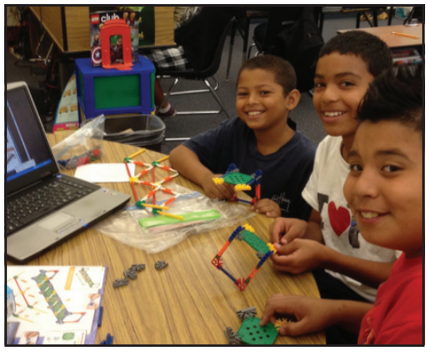
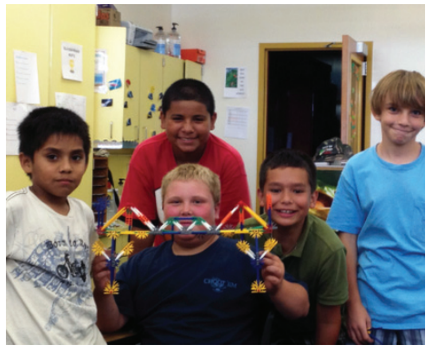
In the photo above, from left to right are: Manuel Morejon, Alex Armstrong, Aramis Ramos, Raymundo Carrasco. Lower left are: Josh May, Henry Fajardo and Raul Calvo. Lower right are: Francisco Solis, Cody Harrell, Gavin Driggers and Colten Haas.





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Non-Alcohol Grad-Night Party planned

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New Horizons logo gets a new look

New Horizons of the Treasure Coast and Okeechobee has a new look, but its mission has not changed. In conjunction with Mental Health Month in May, New Horizons launched a new brand identity, social network and website (www.nhtcinc.org).

The new identity reflects the non-profit organization's mission, which is to provide accessible, recovery-oriented behavioral health care services to improve the quality of life for individuals and families in our community.

The redesigned website is an informational resource for addiction and behavioral health solutions for adults and children in Martin, St. Lucie, Indian River and Okeechobee counties. The website will continuously be updated to include online content about mental health education along with new and existing services offered at New Horizons.

"We are excited about our new branding," said John Romano, President and CEO. "While the core vision and mission of New Horizons remains the same, we believe that this new look will help us present a forward-looking image. The logo was created to be 'bold and colorful' and, at the same time, signify the journey of moving forward with boundless possibilities for positive change."

New Horizons of the Treasure Coast and Okeechobee is the non-profit community provider of comprehensive mental health and substance abuse services for adults and children in Martin, St. Lucie, Indian River and Okeechobee counties, offering accessible, recovery-oriented behavioral health care services to improve the quality of life for individuals and families.

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By Dr. Ron Woody
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It is a rare week when our office does not get a call from someone about how to obtain a pesticide applicator license. Pesticide applicator laws and rules can be confusing at best, and frustrating to persons who want to get a new license or renew an existing one.

An upcoming event is planned for our office to help train persons that wish to obtain a license to apply pesticides inside buildings. The license is called Limited Certification - Governmental or Private Applicator Certification – Structural Pest Control. It is required for all persons who need to use pesticides as part of their jobs as either public or employees of private businesses. This license does not allow persons to operate a pest control business.

The Okeechobee County Extension office will hold a training class on Wednesday, May 30, from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. It is designed for those that wish to prepare for the "Limited – Structural" exam. The class will also be open to those that already have that license who need to earn CEUs to renew their licenses.

There is no cost for this training session, but pre-registration is required. Persons can register by sending an email to indianco@ufl.edu, or by calling Dan Culbert at the Okeechobee County Extension office at 863-763-6469. Those with special accommodations needs must contact this office 48 hours prior to the program.

Presentations will be made by St. Lucie Extension Agent Ed Skvarch and Okeechobee Horticulture Agent Dan Culbert.

For others questions on how obtain or renew pesticide applicator licenses, please consult the Okeechobee Extension webpage, http://okeechobee.ifas.ufl.edu/Pesticide.Information.htm or call 863-763-6469.

Okeechobee Blood Drives planned for May

There are fewer people in town, but the need for blood continues. If you are at least 17 years old and in good health, you can help save lives by donating blood. Blood drives planned in Okeechobee this month include:

- Saturday, May 26 -- Wal-Mart, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- Sunday, May 27 -- St. Theresa Catholic Church BHR (KofC drive), 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- Monday, May 28 -- Honor our troops, veterans and those who gave all, for you at the Memorial Day observance in Military Park, 8:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.

Real Life Children's Ranch needs sale items

Real Life Children's Ranch is in need of good, saleable donations. Please come out and find great bargains. They are open Tuesday - Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. through the month of June.

OACS hosts 5K fundraiser 'Fun Run'

The Okeechobee Adventist Christian School, located at 412 N.W. Sixth St., conducted a 5K Fun Run on the morning of May 11. Students, faculty and parents participated in this event to raise funds for new playground equipment and other beautification efforts they are making towards the school over the next few months and through the summer.

Everyone enjoyed walking and jogging as it was a cool and breezy Friday morning. Parents and faculty supervised and walked the distance with the students as well, offering water along the way and encouragement. It was a fun and productive day for all!

All of the students were determined to complete their goal of walking the entire 5K and they are happy to announce that each and every one accomplished this goal! Also, their class had a goal of reaching $500, but as these over-achieving students would have it, they raised a total of $1,022! Way to go students! The success of this 5K fundraiser goes to the school's vision, the students' determination and the generosity of their sponsors.

Okeechobee Adventist Christian School would like to thank their students for all of their hard work and determination and to their sponsors for believing in them and supporting the beautification of their school and community.

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Fun run participants included, from left to right: Eric Cheshire, Denise Cheshire, Derek Hines, Jimmy Walls, Mark Lanning, Laney Cheshire, Deric Cheshire, Andrew Hines, David Gardner and principal John Sufficool. Participants not shown are Sherry Lanning and Heather Lanning.

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Students of the Week

Central Elementary Students of the Week for the week of May 7-11, includes: Kenya Perez, Jacob Moats, Alanah Tinajero, Jose Ordones, Isaiah Pippin, Christian Mederos, Jasmin Flores-Velasquez, Diana Rodriguez, Analai Calvillo, Jaidyn Deck, Matix Bishop, Bradlee Corrales, Samia Yamin, Autumn Hortman, Sofia Zapata, Jerett Butts, Ariana Merchant, Zoyee Ramirez, Lynndsy Johnson, Jasmine Lewis, Saint Barbosa, Justice Boswell, Katelyn Shaw, Josef Steiert, Makaya Whitehead, Halle McDuffie Brianna Kukulka and Brianna Perry.

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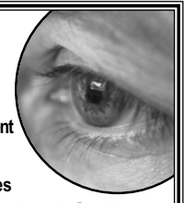

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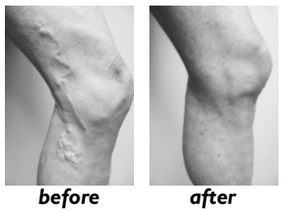

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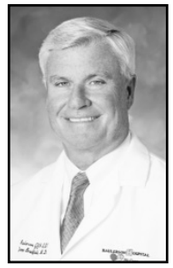

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Sharon A Ming is the local Edward Jones financial advisor with an office located at 107 Southwest 17th Street in Okeechobee.

The study measures overall investor satisfaction with full service investment firms based on seven factors: investment advisor, investment performance, account information, account offerings, commissions and fees, website and problem resolution.

Edward Jones places its branch offices in the communities where its clients long-term individual investors live and work. This practice, which enables its branch teams to provide personalized service to all clients, has helped the firm attain the highest score in the "Investment Advisor" category of the study.

"We are gratified that our clients find it convenient to work with us on their long-term financial goals," Sharon A Ming of Edward Jones of Okeechobee said. "We enjoy working one-on-one with our clients and believe that builds collaborative relationships."

Edward Jones also received high marks in the "Account Information" category, an important factor in the study. "Hearing that we did particularly well in the account information factor is especially meaningful as we strive to help our clients make sense of investing," Ming said.

Edward Jones' overall score climbed 15 points over last year, highest among the 14 largest firms rated as well as 28 points above the industry average.

Edward Jones ranked highest in investor satisfaction by J.D. Power and Associates in 2010 and 2009, from 2005 through 2007, and in a tie in 2002, when the study began. Edward Jones in Canada ranked highest in the J.D.

Power and Associates Canadian Full Service Investor Satisfaction Study in 2006 through 2008.

The 2012 Full Service Investor Satisfaction Study is based on responses from 4,378 investors who primarily invest with one of the 14 firms included in the study. The study was fielded in February 2012.

Okeechobee News/**Pete Gawda**

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McDonald's on Park Street to have new look

By Pete Gawda
Okeechobee News

The McDonald's at 401 N.E. Park Street (State Road 70) will soon undergo a face lift. The contractor hopes to start work the end of this month on remodeling the building to include adding to the front and installing dual drive through lanes.

With a few changes, the site plan for the project received the approval of the city's technical review committee on Thursday, May 17. Mark Puales of Code Checkers, Inc., represented McDonald's. He has been working with city planner Bill Brisson to make sure the site plan conforms to city codes.

With the dual drive through lanes, there was some concern about the increased desire for customers to park on N.E. Fourth Avenue. Therefore the contractor was required to construct a sidewalk along that side of the property and paint a yellow fire zone area on the adjoining street. McDonald's will also be required to screen the dumpster from view. The size of the signage must conform to the city's sign ordinance.

Fire Chief Herb Smith expressed concern that the N.E. Fifth Avenue entrance bear up to the weight of his fire trucks. Therefore, that entrance will have to be paved. There will be an upgrade on all the on-site safety signs and existing hedges will have to be brought up to code.

In addition, Mr. Paules said the lighting in the parking lot would be enhanced.

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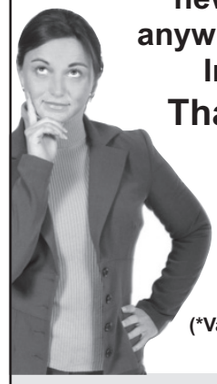

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OKEECHOBEE NEWS

Mark Weir signs with Northern Oklahoma

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

Mark Weir signed a scholarship to play baseball for Northern Oklahoma College this week and enjoyed his accomplishment with a large crowd of family and friends at Okeechobee's Backyard Barbecue Restaurant on Monday.

Weir was a four-year lettermen for the Brahmans and a solid player at third base through his career. He played in the Treasure Coast All Star game as a senior and was a key player for the Brahman District Championship Team under Coach Dylan Tedders three years ago.

Weir intends to study engineering and ultimately get into medical engineering. He had the opportunity to attend Indian River State College and play baseball last summer but elected to take some time off and work for his parents at Don's Appliances. During the layoff he decided that he missed the game of baseball and wanted to give college baseball a shot.

"I'm really excited about going out there. It's an opportunity that others don't get every day. I feel my time off has brought back my desire and love for the game," he said.

Weir also put on 30 pounds in the off season and is much stronger than when he played in high school. He played a little softball but also worked out on his own to get ready for college.

The campus in Tonkawa, Okla., has only 1,500 students which is similar to Okeechobee. Weir's travel ball coach Andy Wells of Fort Pierce got in touch with the college a few months ago and his family took a trip out there to check the place out.

His dad, Don Weir said he was immediately impressed with the campus and the people there and felt it was a good situation for his son.

"I'm very proud of him because he's done a very good job. We had a very nice time out there and the people were all very nice," he explained.

Mark Weir (left) and his youth baseball coach Brian Morgan.

Don said when Mark was 12 years old he knew his son was good enough to play baseball at the next level. He said they dedicated a lot of time to the game and are glad that they did. He thanked the coaches who had helped his son along the way.

"He had some good friends that taught him very well. He was always a leader and was very knowledgeable about the game. He knew what he was doing and helped his teammates along the way," he added.

Mark said he loved having the opportunity to share this moment with his family, friends, and former teammates Monday.

"This is just an awesome moment. You can't replace a moment like this because it's a once-in-a-lifetime deal. I know I'm very fortunate to have this opportunity," he added.

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Mark Weir signed a scholarship to play baseball for Northern Oklahoma College this week. In photo, (L-R) Don Weir, Linda Weir, Mark Weir and Brian Morgan.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
2012TD030

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Certificate No: **2983** Year of Issuance: **June-01-2009**

Description of Property: **ROSE ACRES LOT 5**

1-20-37-36-0010-00000-0050
Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida

Name in which assessed:
ALINE NORMAN

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, Jury Assembly Room, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida **10:00 A.M.**, on the **14th day of June, 2012.**
SUBJECT TO CURRENT TAXES

SHARON ROBERTSON, CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT
Okeechobee County, Florida
/s/ Robin R. Parrish
Deputy Clerk

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416390 ON 5/4,11,18,25/2012

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
2012TD031

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that **JOSEPH FREDERICK GAZZA** the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificates for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No: **2984** Year of Issuance: **June-01-2009**

Description of Property: **ROSE ACRES LOT 6**

1-20-37-36-0010-00000-0060
Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida

Name in which assessed:
ALINE NORMAN

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2012TD032

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Certificate No: **2989** Year of Issuance: **June-01-2009**

Description of Property: **ROSE ACRES W 82 FT OF LOTS 14 15 16**

1-20-37-36-0010-00000-014A
Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida

Name in which assessed:
ALINE NORMAN

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416395 ON 5/4,11,18,25/2012

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
2012TD033

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Certificate No: **2993** Year of Issuance: **June-01-2009**

Description of Property: **ROSE ACRES W 82 FT OF LOT 18**

1-20-37-36-0010-00000-018A
Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida

Name in which assessed:
ALINE NORMAN

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416396 ON 5/4,11,18,25/2012

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
2012TD038

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that **BAKERSTREET INVESTMENTS INC** the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificates for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No: **3672** Year of Issuance: **June-01-2010**

Description of Property: **PIONEER ESTATES UNIT 1 LOT 28**

1-04-38-36-0010-00000-0280
Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida

Name in which assessed:
RUSSELL SCOTT

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, Jury Assembly Room, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida **10:00 A.M.**, on the **14th day of June, 2012**.
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416402 ON 5/4,11,18,25/2012

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO REGISTER FICTITIOUS NAME

The undersigned does hereby certify that James R. Baughman, conducting a beauty salon business at 1505-A South Parrott Avenue, Florida, under the fictitious name of Ver-Style Studio and that said firm is composed of the following persons whose names and places of residence are as follows:

James R. Baughman
1320 S.E. 23nd Street
Okeechobee, FL 34974

Ownership of Ver-Style Studio is as follows: **James R. Baughman**
It is my intentions to apply to the Florida Department of State, Division of Corporations to register the said name of Ver-Style Studio under the provisions of Chapter 90-267, laws of Florida, Acts of 1991.

James R. Baughman
DATE: May 22, 2012
418140 ON 5/25/2012

Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
2012TD037

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that **JOSEPH FREDERICK GAZZA** the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificates for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No: **3382** Year of Issuance: **June-01-2009**

Description of Property: **1ST ADDITION TO CITY OF OKEECHOBEE LOT 1 BLOCK 247**

3-21-37-35-0020-02470-0010
Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida

Name in which assessed:
GERALDINE BERTRAM

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, Jury Assembly Room, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida **10:00 A.M.**, on the **14th day of June, 2012.**
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416401 ON 5/4,11,18,25/2012

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
2012TD034

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that **JOSEPH FREDERICK GAZZA** the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificates for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No: **2996** Year of Issuance: **June-01-2009**

Description of Property:
MOSQUITO CREEK LOT 6

1-21-37-36-0010-00000-0060
Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida

Name in which assessed:
GLOBAL AMERICAN GROUP LLC

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, Jury Assembly Room, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida **10:00 A.M.**, on the **14th day of June, 2012**.
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416397 ON 5/4,11,18,25/2012

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
2012TD060

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that **JG JFG LLC** the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificates for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No: **1840** Year of Issuance: **June-01-2009**

Description of Property: **ORANGE BLOSSOM RANCHES LOT 12 BLOCK 6**

1-15-36-35-0040-00060-0120
Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida

Name in which assessed:
MAUREEN M WEBER

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416541 ON 5/18,25;6/1,8/2012

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2012TD068

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that **JG JFG LLC** the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificates for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No: **2828** Year of Issuance: **June-01-2010**

Description of Property: **EL MIRA SOL LOT 5 BLOCK 15**

1-18-37-35-0020-00150-0050
Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida

Name in which assessed:
VIRGINIA M EPPEHIMER

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, Jury Assembly Room, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida **10:00 A.M.**, on the **28th day of June, 2012.**
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2012TD061

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Certificate No: **1841** Year of Issuance: **June-01-2009**

Description of Property: **ORANGE BLOSSOM RANCHES LOT 13 BLOCK 6**

1-15-36-35-0040-00060-0130
Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida

Name in which assessed:
MAUREEN M WEBER

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416543 ON 5/18,25;6/1,8/2012

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
2012TD062

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that **JG JFG LLC** the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificates for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No: **1842** Year of Issuance: **June-01-2009**

Description of Property: **ORANGE BLOSSOM RANCHES LOT 14 BLOCK 6**

1-15-36-35-0040-00060-0140
Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida

Name in which assessed:
MAUREEN M WEBER

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416544 ON 5/18,25;6/1,8/2012

Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
2012TD067

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Certificate No: **2827** Year of Issuance: **June-01-2010**

Description of Property: **EL MIRA SOL LOTS 21 & 22 BLOCK 14**

1-18-37-35-0020-00140-0210
Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida

Name in which assessed:
DELISME MAC ARTHUR

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, Jury Assembly Room, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida **10:00 A.M.,** on the **28th day of June, 2012**.
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Deputy Clerk

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
2012TD066

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Certificate No: **2826** Year of Issuance: **June-01-2010**

Description of Property: **EL MIRA SOL LOT 20 BLOCK 14**

1-18-37-35-0020-00140-0200
Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida

Name in which assessed:
MARY E EPPEHIMER

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, Jury Assembly Room, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida **10:00 A.M.,** on the **28th day of June, 2012.**
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416790 ON 5/18,25;6/1,8/2012

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
2012TD065

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that **JG JFG LLC** the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificates for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No: **2823** Year of Issuance: **June-01-2010**

Description of Property: **EL MIRA SOL LOT 11 BLOCK 14**

1-18-37-35-0020-00140-0110
Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida

Name in which assessed:
ACREAGE PROPERTIES INC

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, Jury Assembly Room, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida **10:00 A.M.**, on the **28th day of June, 2012.**
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Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

2012TD059

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that **JG JFG LLC** the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificates for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No: **1839** Year of Issuance: **June-01-2009**

Description of Property: **ORANGE BLOSSOM RANCHES LOT 11 BLOCK 6**

1-15-36-35-0040-00060-0110
Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida

Name in which assessed:
MAUREEN M WEBER

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, Jury Assembly Room, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida **10:00 A.M.,** on the **28th day of June, 2012.**
SUBJECT TO CURRENT TAXES

SHARON ROBERTSON, CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT
Okeechobee County, Florida
/s/ Robin R. Parrish
Deputy Clerk

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416540 ON 5/18,25;6/1,8/2012

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

2012TD058

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that **JG JFG LLC** the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificates for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No: **514** Year of Issuance: **June-01-2009**

Description of Property: **LOTS A B G H OF TRACT 30 E1/2 OF N1/2 OF TRACT 30 17 34S 33E**

1-17-34-33-0A00-00030-A000
Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida

Name in which assessed:
NADIRA RAM

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, Jury Assembly Room, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida **10:00 A.M.,** on the **28th day of June, 2012.**
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Okeechobee County, Florida
/s/ Robin R. Parrish
Deputy Clerk

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416539 ON 5/18,25;6/1,8/2012

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
2012TD027

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that **JOSEPH FREDERICK GAZZA** the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificates for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No: **1812** Year of Issuance: **June-01-2009**

Description of Property: **OKEECHOBEE LITTLE FARMS BEGINNING AT THE CORNER OF TRACT 9, BLOCK 10, OF OKEECHOBEE LITTLE FARMS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 100, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, WHERE TRACT 7, 8, 9 AND 10 MEET; RUN THENCE ALONG THE COMMON BORDER OF TRACTS 8 & 9 TO 3RD AVENUE TO A POINT; RUN THENCE 305 FEET ALONG THE COMMON BORDER OF TRACT 9 & 3RD AVENUE TO A POINT; THENCE 300.19 FEET TO THE COMMON BORDER OF TRACT 9 AND 10 TO A POINT; THENCE ALONG THE COMMON BORDER OF TRACT 9 AND 10 TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN SINGLE-WIDE MANUFACTURED HOME DESCRIBED AS A 1981 SEVI WITH VIN NO. FDGAU1813 AND THAT CERTAIN DOUBLEWIDE MANUFACTURED HOME DESCRIBED AS A 1981 HERI WITH VIN NO. 2191A AND 2191B.**

1-15-36-35-0010-00100-009A
Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida

Name in which assessed:
BARBARA L MCKANE

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, Jury Assembly Room, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida **10:00 A.M.**, on the **14th day of June, 2012**.
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/s/ Robin R. Parrish
Deputy Clerk

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2012TD051

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that **JG JFG LLC** the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificates for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No: **332** Year of Issuance: **June-01-2009**

Description of Property: **LOT E OF TRACT 1 W1/2 OF W1/2 OF S1/2 OF N1/2 OF TRACT 1 14 34S 33E**

1-14-34-33-0A00-00001-E000
Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida

Name in which assessed:
WILLET ADOLPHE

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, Jury Assembly Room, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida **10:00 A.M.**, on the **28th day of June, 2012.**
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Deputy Clerk

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416532 ON 5/18,25;6/1,8/2012

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

2012TD053

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that **JG JFG LLC** the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificates for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No: **372** Year of Issuance: **June-01-2009**

Description of Property: **LOT B OF TRACT 27 W1/2 OF E1/2 OF N1/2 OF N1/2 OF TRACT 27 14 34S 33E**

1-14-34-33-0A00-00027-B000
Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida

Name in which assessed:
MELTINI LOUKAS

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, Jury Assembly Room, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida **10:00 A.M.**, on the **28th day of June, 2012.**
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SHARON ROBERTSON, CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT
Okeechobee County, Florida
/s/ Robin R. Parrish
Deputy Clerk

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416534 ON 5/18,25;6/1,8/2012

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
2012TD028

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that **JOSEPH FREDERICK GAZZA** the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificates for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No: **2899** Year of Issuance: **June-01-2009**

Description of Property: **BEING A PARCEL OF LAND LYING IN SECTION 17, TOWNSHIP 37 SOUTH, RANGE 36 EAST, ALSO KNOWN AS LOT 35-F, FOUR SEASONS ESTATES, AN UNRECORDED SUBDIVISION IN OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA AND BEING FURTHER BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 17 THENCE RUN SOUTH 89 DEG 57 MIN 33 SEC EAST ALONG THE SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID SECTION 17, A DISTANCE OF 180.00 FEET TO A POINT LYING ON THE EASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF SOUTHWEST SECOND AVENUE; THENCE ALONG SAID EASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE NORTH 0 DEG 05 MIN 07 SEC EAST, A DISTANCE OF 288.32 FEET TO A POINT LYING ON THE NORTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF SOUTHWEST 4TH STREET; THENCE ALONG SAID NORTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE SOUTH 89 DEG 24 MIN 08 SEC EAST, A DISTANCE OF 792.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE ALONG THE NORTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF SOUTHWEST 4TH STREET SOUTH 89 DEG 24 MIN 08 SEC EAST, A DISTANCE OF 198.00 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE NORTH 0 DEG 05 MIN 07 SEC EAST, A DISTANCE OF 220.00 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE NORTH 89 DEG 24 MIN 08 SEC WEST, A DISTANCE OF 198.00 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE SOUTH 0 DEG 05 MIN 07 SEC WEST, A DISTANCE OF 220.00 FEET TO A POINT LYING ON THE NORTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF SOUTHWEST 4TH STREET, SAID POINT ALSO BEING THE POINT OF BEGINNING**

1-17-37-36-0A00-00003-035E
Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida

Name in which assessed:
ALINE NORMAN

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, Jury Assembly Room, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida **10:00 A.M.**, on the **14th** day of **June, 2012**.
SUBJECT TO CURRENT TAXES

SHARON ROBERTSON, CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT
Okeechobee County, Florida
/s/ Robin R. Parrish
Deputy Clerk

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416179 ON 5/4,11,18,25/2012

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

2012TD042

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that **JG JFG LLC** the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificates for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No: **167** Year of Issuance: **June-01-2009**

Description of Property: **LOT F OF TRACT 6 E1/2 OF W1/2 OF S1/2 OF N1/2 OF TRACT 6 11 34S 33E**

1-11-34-33-0A00-00006-F000
Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida

Name in which assessed:
MONICA PARKS

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, Jury Assembly Room, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida **10:00 A.M.,** on the **28th day of June, 2012.**
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Okeechobee County, Florida
/s/ Robin R. Parrish
Deputy Clerk

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416518 ON 5/18,25;6/1,8/2012

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

2012TD048

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that **JG JFG LLC** the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificates for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No: **236** Year of Issuance: **June-01-2009**

Description of Property: **LOT C OF TRACT 19 E1/2 OF W1/2 OF N1/2 OF N1/2 OF TRACT 19 12 34S 33E**

1-12-34-33-0A00-00019-C000
Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida

Name in which assessed:
SONIA ANN LAYNE

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, Jury Assembly Room, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida **10:00 A.M.**, on the **28th day of June, 2012.**
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416524 ON 5/18,25;6/1,8/2012

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
2012TD026

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that **JOSEPH FREDERICK GAZZA** the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificates for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No: **1404** Year of Issuance: **June-01-2009**

Description of Property: **PLATTS BLUFF RANCHES LOT 26 PLATTS BLUFF RANCHES AN UNRECORDED SUBDIVISION IN SECTIONS 25 AND 36, TOWNSHIP 36 SOUTH, RANGE 33 EAST, OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA. BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE NORTH ONE-QUARTER CORNER OF SAID SECTION 36, BEAR SOUTH 00 DEG 24 MIN 59 SEC WEST A DISTANCE OF 278.23 FEET TO THE SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF CARLA ROAD AND THE P.O.B.; THENCE CONTINUE SOUTH 00 DEG 24 MIN 59 SEC WEST, A DISTANCE OF 295.00 FEET; THENCE BEAR NORTH 88 DEG 16 MIN 23 SEC WEST, A DISTANCE OF 625.00 FEET TO THE EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF LISA LANE; THENCE BEAR NORTH 00 DEG 24 MIN 59 SEC EAST, ALONG THE EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF SAID LISA LANE, A DISTANCE OF 330.00 FEET; THENCE BEAR SOUTH 88 DEG 16 MIN 23 SEC EAST, A DISTANCE OF 555.00 FEET TO THE WEST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF SAID CARLA ROAD; THENCE BEAR SOUTH 00 DEG 24 MIN 59 SEC WEST, ALONG THE WEST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF SAID CARLA ROAD, A DISTANCE OF 35.00 FEET; THENCE BEAR SOUTH 88 DEG 16 MIN 23 SEC EAST ALONG THE SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF SAID CARLA ROAD, A DISTANCE OF 70.00 FEET TO THE P.O.B.**

1-25-36-33-0010-00026-0000
Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida

Name in which assessed:
KATHREINE A BAUM

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, Jury Assembly Room, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida **10:00 A.M.**, on the **14th day of June, 2012.**
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/s/ Robin R. Parrish
Deputy Clerk

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416177 ON 5/4,11,18,25/2012

Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
2012TD035

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that **BAKERSTREET INVESTMENTS INC** the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificates for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No: **3156** Year of Issuance: **June-01-2010**

Description of Property: **OAK TREE PLACE UNIT F DWELLING STRUCTURE 100**

1-29-37-35-0050-00100-F000
Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida

Name in which assessed:
ATUL PATEL
RAJEN V PATEL

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, Jury Assembly Room, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida **10:00 A.M.**, on the **14th day of June, 2012**.
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Okeechobee County, Florida
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Deputy Clerk

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416398 ON 5/4,11,18,25/2012

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

2012TD055

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that **JG JFG LLC** the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificates for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No: **429** Year of Issuance: **June-01-2009**

Description of Property: **LOT B OF TRACT 6 W1/2 OF E1/2 OF N1/2 OF N1/2 OF TRACT 06 16 34S 33E**

1-16-34-33-0A00-00006-B000
Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida

Name in which assessed:
KERLIE DESVARIEUX A/K/A
YVES DESVARIEUX A/K/A

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, Jury Assembly Room, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida **10:00 A.M.**, on the **28th day of June, 2012.**
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Okeechobee County, Florida
/s/ Robin R. Parrish
Deputy Clerk

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416536 ON 5/18,25;6/1,8/2012

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
2012TD036

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that **BAKERSTREET INVESTMENTS INC** the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificates for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No: **3252** Year of Issuance: **June-01-2010**

Description of Property: **BEG AT NW COR OF GOVT LOT 1 RUN S ON W BDRY OF GOVT LOT 1 DIST OF 1428.52 FT FOR A POB CONT SRLY ON W BDRY OF GOVT LOT 1 DIST OF 137.35 FT TO NW COR OF LAND DESC IN OR 317- 912 THENCE RUN S 89 DEG 36 MIN E DIST OF 177.95 FT TO A PT BEING NE COR OF LAND IN OR 317-912 THENCE S 00 DEG 24 MIN E P/L WITH W LINE OF GOVT LOT 1 DIST OF 263.41 FT TO PT ON NRLY R/W LINE OF US 441 THENCE RUN S 77 DEG 43 MIN 07 SEC E ON NRLY R/W OF US 441 DIST OF 153.36 FT TO A PT THENCE RUN N 00 DEG 28 MIN 34 SEC E DIST OF 432.50 FT THENCE RUN N 89 DEG 36 MIN W DIST OF 328.64 FT TO POB 36 37S 35E 2 ACRES**

1-36-37-35-0A00-00002-D000
Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida

Name in which assessed:
LIGHTSEY ENTERPRISES LLC

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, Jury Assembly Room, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida **10:00 A.M.**, on the **14th day of June, 2012.**
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Okeechobee County, Florida
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Deputy Clerk

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2012TD063

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that **JG JFG LLC** the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificates for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No: **1856** Year of Issuance: **June-01-2009**

Description of Property: **ORANGE BLOSSOM RANCHES LOTS 20 21 22 BLOCK 9**

1-15-36-35-0040-00090-0200
Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida

Name in which assessed:
CECILIA ANTOO ESTATE
HECTOR C MELENDEZ

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, Jury Assembly Room, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida **10:00 A.M.,** on the **28th day of June, 2012**.
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Okeechobee County, Florida
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Deputy Clerk

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416785 ON 5/18,25;6/1,8/2012

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

2012TD056

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that **JG JFG LLC** the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificates for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No: **440** Year of Issuance: **June-01-2009**

Description of Property: **LOT C OF TRACT 13 E1/2 OF W1/2 OF N1/2 OF N1/2 OF TRACT 13 16 34S 33E**

1-16-34-33-0A00-00013-C000
Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida

Name in which assessed:
BARRY C LITTLE
PHILLIP W LITTLE

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, Jury Assembly Room, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida **10:00 A.M.,** on the **28th day of June, 2012**.
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Okeechobee County, Florida
/s/ Robin R. Parrish
Deputy Clerk

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416537 ON 5/18,25;6/1,8/2012

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

2012TD054

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that **JG JFG LLC** the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificates for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No: **415** Year of Issuance: **June-01-2010**

Description of Property: **LOT B OF TRACT 16 W1/2 OF E1/2 OF N1/2 OF N1/2 OF TRACT 16 14 34S 33E**

1-14-34-33-0A00-00016-B000
Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida

Name in which assessed:
RAZIA M AHMED
ZAFAR N AHMED

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, Jury Assembly Room, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida **10:00 A.M.,** on the **28th day of June, 2012**.
SUBJECT TO CURRENT TAXES

SHARON ROBERTSON, CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT
Okeechobee County, Florida
/s/ Robin R. Parrish
Deputy Clerk

NOTICE REGARDING THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990; In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact Court Administration no later that seven days prior to the proceeding at 250 NW Country Club Drive, Port St. Lucie, Florida 34986, 1.772.807.4370 within two working days of your receipt of this notice. IF YOU ARE HEARING IMPAIRED CALL 1.800.955.8771; IF YOU ARE VOICE IMPAIRED CALL 1.800.955.8770.
416535 ON 5/18,25;6/1,8/2012

Public Notice Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

2012TD047

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that **JG JFG LLC** the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificates for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No: **212** Year of Issuance: **June-01-2010**

Description of Property: **LOT F OF TRACT 24 E1/2 OF W1/2 OF S1/2 OF N1/2 OF TRACT 24 11 34S 33E**

1-11-34-33-0A00-00024-F000
Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida

Name in which assessed:
JOSE M MARTINEZ
MIRIAM D MARTINEZ

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, Jury Assembly Room, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida **10:00 A.M.**, on the **28th day of June, 2012.**
SUBJECT TO CURRENT TAXES

SHARON ROBERTSON, CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT
Okeechobee County, Florida
/s/ Robin R. Parrish
Deputy Clerk

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416523 ON 5/18,25;6/1,8/2012

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

2012TD045

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that **JG JFG LLC** the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificates for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No: **193** Year of Issuance: **June-01-2009**

Description of Property: **LOT B OF TRACT 22 W1/2 OF E1/2 OF N1/2 OF N1/2 OF TRACT 22 11 34S 33E**

1-11-34-33-0A00-00022-B000
Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida

Name in which assessed:
ANTHONY E DELACONO
MARYANN DELACONO

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, Jury Assembly Room, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida **10:00 A.M.**, on the **28th day of June, 2012**.
SUBJECT TO CURRENT TAXES

SHARON ROBERTSON, CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT
Okeechobee County, Florida
/s/ Robin R. Parrish
Deputy Clerk

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416521 ON 5/18,25;6/1,8/2012

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

2012TD043

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that **JG JFG LLC** the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificates for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No: **173** Year of Issuance: **June-01-2009**

Description of Property: **LOT F OF TRACT 9 E1/2 OF W1/2 OF S1/2 OF N1/2 OF TRACT 9 11 34S 33E**

1-11-34-33-0A00-00009-F000
Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida

Name in which assessed:
DAPHNE EDWARDS
GILLIAN EDWARDS

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, Jury Assembly Room, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida **10:00 A.M.**, on the **28th day of June, 2012.**
SUBJECT TO CURRENT TAXES

SHARON ROBERTSON, CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT
Okeechobee County, Florida
/s/ Robin R. Parrish
Deputy Clerk

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416519 ON 5/18,25;6/1,8/2012

Public Notice Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

2012TD050

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that **JG JFG LLC** the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificates for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No: **246** Year of Issuance: **June-01-2009**

Description of Property: **LOT D OF TRACT 26 W1/2 OF W1/2 OF N1/2 OF N1/2 OF TRACT 26 12 34S 33E**

1-12-34-33-0A00-00026-D000
Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida

Name in which assessed:
ANTHONY J DOUGAL
CLARE D DOUGAL

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, Jury Assembly Room, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida **10:00 A.M.**, on the **28th day of June, 2012.**
SUBJECT TO CURRENT TAXES

SHARON ROBERTSON, CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT
Okeechobee County, Florida
/s/ Robin R. Parrish
Deputy Clerk

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416526 ON 5/18,25;6/1,8/2012

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

2012TD052

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that **JG JFG LLC** the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificates for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No: **342** Year of Issuance: **June-01-2009**

Description of Property: **LOT H OF TRACT 6 E1/2 OF E1/2 OF S1/2 OF N1/2 OF TRACT 6 14 34S 33E**

1-14-34-33-0A00-00006-H000
Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida

Name in which assessed:
ETHEL F STALLER
KENNETH R STALLER

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, Jury Assembly Room, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida **10:00 A.M.**, on the **28th day of June, 2012.**
SUBJECT TO CURRENT TAXES

SHARON ROBERTSON, CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT
Okeechobee County, Florida
/s/ Robin R. Parrish
Deputy Clerk

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416533 ON 5/18,25;6/1,8/2012

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

2012TD049

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that **JG JFG LLC** the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificates for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No: **245** Year of Issuance: **June-01-2009**

Description of Property: **LOT C OF TRACT 26 E1/2 OF W1/2 OF N1/2 OF N1/2 OF TRACT 26 12 34S 33E**

1-12-34-33-0A00-00026-C000
Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida

Name in which assessed:
LEO OCONNOR
PAULINE G OCONNOR

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, Jury Assembly Room, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida **10:00 A.M.**, on the **28th day of June, 2012.**
SUBJECT TO CURRENT TAXES

SHARON ROBERTSON, CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT
Okeechobee County, Florida
/s/ Robin R. Parrish
Deputy Clerk

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416525 ON 5/18,25;6/1,8/2012

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a **WRIT OF EXECUTION** issued by the County Court of Miami-Dade County, Florida, on the 1st day of August, 2011, in the cause wherein ARVON FUNDING LLC, Plaintiff and LAMB OF GOD MININSTRIES INC DBA LAMB OF GOD RECOVERY CENTERS Defendant(s), being Case No. 11-8850-CC-23 in the said Court, I Paul C. May, as Sheriff of Okeechobee County, Florida, have this day levied upon all of the right, title and interest of the Defendant LAMB OF GOD MININSTRIES INC DBA LAMB OF GOD RECOVERY CENTERS in and to the following described real property lying and situate in Okeechobee County, Florida to wit:

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY
Lots 4,5,6,10, 11 & 12 of Block 7, SOUTH OKEECHOBEE, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 5, Page 7 of the Public Records of Okeechobee County, Florida, Less the West 15 feet of Lots 10,11 & 12, ALSO, that certain alleyway lying in Block 7, being 15 feet wide and bordered on the East side Lots 4,5, & 6 and bordered on the West by Lots 10,11 & 12, in Block 7, SOUTH OKEECHOBEE, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 5, Page 7 of the Public Records of Okeechobee County, Florida.
Site Address: 1012 S Parrott Ave, Okeechobee, Florida.
Parcel ID No: 3-21-37-35-0040-00070-0040.

I shall offer the above described real property for sale subject to all prior liens and encumbrances if any, on the 27th day of June, 2012 at 10:00 AM, or as soon as possible thereafter at the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office, 504 N.W. 4th Street, Okeechobee, Florida and will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, all right, title, and interest of said Defendant LAMB OF GOD MININSTRIES INC DBA LAMB OF GOD RECOVERY CENTERS in said property.

Dated at Okeechobee, Florida this 23rd day of May 2012.

Paul C. May, Sheriff
Okeechobee County
In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons with disabilities needing a special accommodation to participate in the proceeding should contact Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office not later than seven days prior to the proceeding at 863-763-3117, ext. 2295.
418327 ON 5/25;6/1,8,15/2012

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

2012TD041

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that **JG JFG LLC** the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificates for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No: **92** Year of Issuance: **June-01-2010**

Description of Property: **LOT B OF TRACT 27 W1/2 OF E1/2 OF N1/2 OF N1/2 OF TRACT 27 IN SECTION 09 TOWNSHIP 34 SOUTH RANGE 33 EAST**

1-09-34-33-0A00-00027-B000
Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida

Name in which assessed:
BRUCE JOHNSON
PAULETTE SMITH-JOHNSON

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, Jury Assembly Room, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida **10:00 A.M.**, on the **28th day of June, 2012.**
SUBJECT TO CURRENT TAXES

SHARON ROBERTSON, CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT
Okeechobee County, Florida
/s/ Robin R. Parrish
Deputy Clerk

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416517 ON 5/18,25;6/1,8/2012

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

2012TD057

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that **JG JFG LLC** the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificates for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No: **451** Year of Issuance: **June-01-2009**

Description of Property: **LOT H OF TRACT 22 E1/2 OF E1/2 OF S1/2 OF N1/2 OF TRACT 22 16 34S 33E**

1-16-34-33-0A00-00022-H000
Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida

Name in which assessed:
DAVIS FAMILY TRUST

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, Jury Assembly Room, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida **10:00 A.M.**, on the **28th day of June, 2012**.
SUBJECT TO CURRENT TAXES

SHARON ROBERTSON, CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT
Okeechobee County, Florida
/s/ Robin R. Parrish
Deputy Clerk

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416538 ON 5/18,25;6/1,8/2012

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
2012TD039

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that **BAKERSTREET INVESTMENTS INC** the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificates for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No: **3788** Year of Issuance: **June-01-2010**

Description of Property: **UNPLATTED LANDS OF THE CITY BEG 567 FT S & 150 FT W OF NE COR OF SEC 28 RUN S 192.7 FT THENCE W 211 FT N 192.7 FT E 211 FT TO POB 28 37S 35E .93 ACRES**

2-28-37-35-0A00-00028-A000
Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida

Name in which assessed:
MDC 1 LLC

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, Jury Assembly Room, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida **10:00 A.M.**, on the **14th day of June, 2012.**
SUBJECT TO CURRENT TAXES

SHARON ROBERTSON, CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT
Okeechobee County, Florida
/s/ Robin R. Parrish
Deputy Clerk

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416403 ON 5/4,11,18,25/2012

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

2012TD044

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that **JG JFG LLC** the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificates for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No: **188** Year of Issuance: **June-01-2009**

Description of Property: **LOT J OF TRACT 19 W1/2 OF E1/2 OF N1/2 OF S1/2 OF TRACT 19 11 34S 33E**

1-11-34-33-0A00-00019-J000
Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida

Name in which assessed:
DAVID FEARON

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, Jury Assembly Room, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida **10:00 A.M.,** on the **28th day of June, 2012.**
SUBJECT TO CURRENT TAXES

SHARON ROBERTSON, CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT
Okeechobee County, Florida
/s/ Robin R. Parrish
Deputy Clerk

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416520 ON 5/18,25;6/1,8/2012

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

2012TD064

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that **JG JFG LLC** the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificates for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No: **2607** Year of Issuance: **June-01-2010**

Description of Property: **W 35 FT OF SE 1/4 OF SE 1/4 OF SW 1/4 OF SEC 14 LYING S OF STATE RD 70 & N OF OLD SHERMAN ROAD LESS RD R/W IN OR 359 PG 664 14 37S 35E .29**

1-14-37-35-0A00-00005-C000
Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida

Name in which assessed:
EDGAR L RASNICK JR

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, Jury Assembly Room, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida **10:00 A.M.**, on the **28th day of June, 2012**.
SUBJECT TO CURRENT TAXES

SHARON ROBERTSON, CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT
Okeechobee County, Florida
/s/ Robin R. Parrish
Deputy Clerk

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416787 ON 5/18,25;6/1,8/2012

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
2012TD029

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that **JOSEPH FREDERICK GAZZA** the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificates for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No: **2979** Year of Issuance: **June-01-2009**

Description of Property: **LOTS 14 AND 15 OF CORBETT NORMAN SUBDIVISION AN UNRECORDED SUBDIVISION, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS: COMMENCING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 37 SOUTH, RANGE 36 EAST, RUN THENCE NORTH 89 DEG 49 MIN 55 SEC EAST ALONG THE NORTH BOUNDARY LINE OF SAID SECTION 20, FOR A DISTANCE OF 999.57 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 0 DEG 04 MIN 40 SEC EAST PARALLEL WITH THE EAST BOUNDARY LINE OF SAID SECTION 20, FOR A DISTANCE OF 50.00 FEET FOR P.O.B.; THENCE CONTINUE SOUTH 0 DEG 04 MIN 40 SEC EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 334.00 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 89 DEG 49 MIN 55 SEC EAST PARALLEL WITH THE NORTH BOUNDARY LINE OF SAID SECTION 20 FOR A DISTANCE OF 315.00 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 0 DEG 04 MIN 40 SEC WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 70.00 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 89 DEG 49 MIN 55 SEC WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 125.00 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 0 DEG 04 MIN 40 SEC WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 264.00 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 89 DEG 49 MIN 55 SEC WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 190 FEET TO THE P.O.B. LYING IN AND COMPRISING A PART OF SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 37 SOUTH, RANGE 36 EAST. AND LOT 13 OF CORBETT NORMAN SUBDIVISION, UNRECORDED SUBDIVISION, DESCRIBED AS: COMMENCING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 37 SOUTH, RANGE 36 EAST, RUN THENCE NORTH 89 DEG 49 MIN 55 SEC EAST ALONG THE NORTH BOUNDARY LINE OF SAID SECTION 20, FOR A DISTANCE OF 999.57 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 0 DEG 04 MIN 40 SEC EAST PARALLEL WITH THE EAST BOUNDARY LINE OF SAID SECTION 20 FOR A DISTANCE OF 314.00 FEET FOR A P.O.B.; THENCE CONTINUE SOUTH 0 DEG 04 MIN 40 SEC EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 208.29 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 89 DEG 49 MIN 55 SEC EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 315.00 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 0 DEG 04 MIN 40 SEC WEST A DISTANCE OF 208.29 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 89 DEG 49 MIN 55 SEC WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 315.00 FEET TO THE P.O.B. LYING IN AND COMPRISING A PART OF SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 37 SOUTH, RANGE 36 EAST. LESS & EXCEPT THE FOLLOWING: COMMENCING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 37 SOUTH, RANGE 36 EAST, RUN THENCE NORTH 89 DEG 49 MIN 55 SEC EAST ALONG THE NORTH BOUNDARY LINE OF SAID SECTION 20, FOR A DISTANCE OF 999.57 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 0 DEG 04 MIN 40 SEC EAST PARALLEL WITH THE EAST BOUNDARY LINE OF SAID SECTION 20, FOR A DISTANCE OF 384.00 FEET FOR P.O.B.; THENCE CONTINUE SOUTH 0 DEG 04 MIN 40 SEC EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 138.29 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 89 DEG 49 MIN 55 SEC EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 315.00 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 0 DEG 04 MIN 40 SEC WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 208.29 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 89 DEG 49 MIN 55 SEC WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 125.00 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 0 DEG 04 MIN 40 SEC EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 70.00 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 89 DEG 49 MIN 55 SEC WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 190.00 FEET TO THE P.O.B. LYING IN AND COMPRISING A PART OF THE N 1/2 OF SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 37 SOUTH, RANGE 36 EAST.**

1-20-37-36-0A00-00001-0014
Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida

Name in which assessed:
ALINE NORMAN

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, Jury Assembly Room, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida **10:00 A.M.**, on the **14th day of June, 2012**.
SUBJECT TO CURRENT TAXES

SHARON ROBERTSON, CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT
Okeechobee County, Florida
/s/ Robin R. Parrish
Deputy Clerk

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416377 ON 5/4,11,18,25/2012

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

2012TD040

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that **JG JFG LLC** the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificates for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No: **84** Year of Issuance: **June-01-2010**

Description of Property: **LOTS E & F OF TRACT 18 WEST 1/2 OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF TRACT 18 AND THE EAST 1/2 OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF TRACT 18, BOTH BEING IN SECTION 9 AS TO THE SOUTHERN COLONIZATION COMPANY PLAT OF TWN 34 S, RNG 33 E ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4 PAGES 3-3E INCLUSIVE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY FLORIDA**

1-09-34-33-0A00-00018-E000
Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida

Name in which assessed:
ELLA III LLC

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the Okeechobee County Judicial Center,Jury Assembly Room, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida **10:00 A.M.**, on the **28th day of June, 2012.**
SUBJECT TO CURRENT TAXES

SHARON ROBERTSON, CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT
Okeechobee County, Florida
/s/ Robin R. Parrish
Deputy Clerk

NOTICE REGARDING THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990; In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact Court Administration no later than seven days prior to the proceeding at 250 NW Country Club Drive, Port St. Lucie, Florida 34986, 1.772.807.4370 within two working days of your receipt of this notice. IF YOU ARE HEARING IMPAIRED CALL 1.800.955.8771; IF YOU ARE VOICE IMPAIRED CALL 1.800.955.8770.
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Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 19TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OKECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2010-CA-542

ANCHOR COMMERCIAL BANK, a Florida banking corporation,
Plaintiff,
VS.
DAVID L. KLEIN, individually and THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DAVID L. KLEIN,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: **DAVID L. KLEIN**
LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: 9244 N.W. 142nd Terrace Okeechobee, Florida 34972

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on real property located at Lot #5, 8545 NW 120th Avenue, Okeechobee, Florida 34974; Lot #6, 8715 NW 128th Avenue, Okeechobee, Florida 34974; Lot #7, 13619 NW 135th, Okeechobee, Florida 34974; and Lot #12, 9244 NW 142nd Terrace, Okeechobee, Florida 34974, Okeechobee County, Florida, to wit:

SEE ATTACHED SCHEDULE "A"
LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Lot 5. Kracker Kountry Subdivision
A parcel of land lying in the South one-half (S1/2) of Section 19, Township 36 South, Range 34 East, Okeechobee County, Florida, and being more particularly described as follows:
Commence at the Southeast corner of said S1/2 of Section 19;
Thence N 01°23'10" E, along the East line of said S1/2 of Section 19, a distance of 1077.56 feet, to the intersection with the South line of the North 1605.96 feet of said S1/2 of Section 19 and the POINT OF BEGINNING;
Thence S 89°52'13" W, along said South line, a distance of 2148.67 feet;
Thence N 00°07'47" W, perpendicular to the North line of said S 1/2 of Section 19, a distance of 806.91 feet, to the intersection with the South line of the North 799.05 feet of said South V2 of Section 19;
Thence N 89°52'13" E, along said South line, a distance of 2170.02 feet, to the intersection with said East line of the S1/2 of Section 19;
Thence S 01.23'10" W, along said East line, a distance of 807.19 feet, to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

Lot 6. Kracker Kountry Subdivision
A parcel of land lying in the South one-half (S1/2) of Section 19, Township 36 South, Range 34 East, Okeechobee County, Florida, and being more particularly described as follows:
Commence at the Southeast corner of said S 1/2 of Section 19;
Thence N 01°23'10" E, along the East line of said S1/2 of Section 19, a distance of 1884.75 feet, to the intersection with the South line of the North 799.05 feet of said S 1/2 of Section 19 and the POINT OF BEGINNING;
Thence S 89°52'13" W, along said South line, a distance of 2170.02 feet;
Thence N 00°07'47" W, perpendicular to the North line of said S1/2 of Section 19, a distance of 799.05 feet, to the intersection with said North line;
Thence N 89°52'13" E, along said North line, a distance of 2191.16 feet, to the Northeast corner of said S1/2 of Section 19;
Thence S 01°23'10" W, along said East line of the S1/2 of Section 19, a distance of 799.33 feet, to the POINT OF BEGINNING;

Lot 7. Kracker Kountry Subdivision
A parcel of land lying in the South one-half (S1/2) of Section 19, Township 36 South, Range 34 East, Okeechobee County, Florida, and being more particularly described as follows:
Commence at the Southeast corner of said S 1/2 of Section 19;

Lot 12. kracker Kountry Subdivision
A Parcel of land lying in the South one-half (S 1/2) of Section 19, Township 36 South, Range 34 East, Okeechobee County, Florida, and being more particularly described as follows:
Commence at the Southeast corner of said S1/2 of Section 19;
Thence N 01°23'10" E, along the East line of said S1/2 of Section 19, a distance of 1077.56 feet, to the intersection with the South line of the North 1605.96 feet of said S1/2 of Section 19;
Thence S 89°52'13" W, along said South line, a distance of 3233.63 feet, to the POINT OF BEGINNING;
Thence continue S 89°52'13" W, along said South line, a distance of 1084.96 feet, more or less, to a point that measures 1106.80 feet from the West line of said S1/2 of Section 19 as measured along said South line;
Thence N 00°07'47" W, perpendicular to the North line of said S 1/2 of Section 19, a distance of 1605.96 feet, to the intersection with said North line and a point that measures 1063.11 feet from said West line of the S1/2 of Section 19 as measured along said North line;
Thence N 89°52'13" E, along said North line, a distance of 1084.96 feet, more or less, to a point that measures 3276.12 feet from said East line of the South V3 of Section 19 as measured along said North line;
Thence S 00°07'47" E, perpendicular to said North line, a distance of 1605.96 feet, to the POINT OF BEGINNING.
TOGETHER WITH and granting a non-exclusive easement for ingress, egress and public utilities over and across a 70 foot wide strip of land lying in Sections 19 and 30, Township 36 South, Range 34 East, Okeechobee County, Florida, and being more particularly described as follows:
Commence at the Southeast corner of said Section 19, thence South 89°49'50" West, along the South line of said Section 19, a distance of 35.01 feet, to the intersection with the West line of the East 35.00 feet of said Section 19 and the West right-of-way line of N.W. 128th Avenue; thence North 01'21'39" East, along said West right-of-way line, a distance of 1042.57 feet, to the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence meandering the following courses: South 89°52'13" West a distance of 2078.85 feet; thence South 01'43'45" West a distance of 1611.34 feet; thence North 89'42'44" West a distance of 2249.55 feet; thence North 02'04'58" East a distance of 1580.28 feet; thence South 89'52' 13" West a distance of 15.01 feet; thence North 00'59' 54" East a distance of 100.02 feet; thence North 89'52' 13" East, a distance of 100.00 feet; thence South 00'57' 20" West a distance of 100.02 feet; thence South 89'52'13" West a distance of 15.01 feet; thence South 02'04'58" West a distance of 1510.76 feet; thence South 89'42'44" East a distance of 2109.07 feet; thence North 01'43'45" East a distance of 1610.84 feet; thence North 89'52'13" East a distance of 2148.46 feet, to the intersection with said West line of the East 35.00 feet of said Section 19 and the West right-of-way line of N.W. 128th Avenue; thence South 01'23'10" West, along said West line, a distance of 70.02 feet, to the POINT OF BEGINNING.
Thence N 01°23'10" E, along the East line of said S1/2 of Section 19, distance of 1077.56 feet, to the intersection with the South line of the North 1605.96 feet of said S1/2 of Section 19;
Thence S 89°52'13" W, along said South line, a distance of 2148.67 feet, to the POINT OF BEGINNING;
Thence N 00°07'47" W, perpendicular to the North line of said S1/2 of Section 19, a distance of 1605.96 feet, to the intersection with said North line;
Thence S 89°52'13" W, along said North line, a distance of 1084. 96 feet;
Thence S 00°07'47" E, perpendicular to said North line , a distance of 1605.96 feet, to the intersection with said South line of the North 1605.96 feet to the S 1/2 of Section 19;
Thence N 89°52'13" E, along said South line, a distance of 1084.96 feet, to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

Lot 13, Kracker Kountry Subdivision
A parcel of land lying in the South one-half (S1/2) of Section 19, Township 36 South, Range 34 East, Okeechobee County, Florida, and being more particularly described as follows:
BEGIN at the Northwest corner of said S 1/2 of Section 19;
Thence N 89°52'13" E, along the North line of said S1/2 of Section 19, a distance of 1063.11 feet;
Thence S 00°07'47" E, perpendicular to said North line, a distance of 1605.96 feet, to the intersection with the South line of the North 1605.96 feet of said S1/2 of Section 19;
Thence S 89°52'13" W, along said South line, a distance of 1106.80 feet, to the intersection with the West line of said S1/2 of Section 19;
Thence N 01°25'43" E, along said West line, a distance of 1606.56 feet, to the POINT OF BEGINNING.
TOGETHER WITH and granting a non-exclusive easement for ingress, egress and public utilities over and across a 70 foot wide strip of land lying in Sections 19 and 30, Township 36 South Range 34 East, Okeechobee County, Florida, and being more particularly described as follows:
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has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, on or before , June 18, 2012, on Kenneth J. Scherer, Esquire, Greenspoon Marder, PA., Plaintiff's attorney whose address is 250 S. Australian Avenue, Suite 700, West Palm Beach, Florida 33401, 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.
WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court on this 14th day of May, 2012.

SHARON ROBETSON, CLERK
CLERK OF THE COURT
Linda F. Young
DEPUTY CLERK

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NUMBER: 2012-CP-74
JUDGE: ELIZABETH METZGER

IN RE: Estate of
SAMUEL HUBBARD,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
(Testate, Summary Administration)

TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE:

You are hereby notified that an Order of Summary Administration is sought to be entered in the Estate of **SAMUEL HUBBARD,** deceased, Case Number 2012-CP-74, by the Circuit Court for Okeechobee County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 312 NW 3rd Street, Suite 125, Okeechobee, FL 34972, that the decedent's date of death was March 7, 2012; that the total value of the estate subject to probate is approximately $40,000.00; and that the names and addresses of those to whom it is sought to be assigned by such order are:

Name **Address**
Carolyn Rose Hubbard
1515 NE 342nd Trail
Okeechobee, FL 34972

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:
All creditors of the estate of the decedent and persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent must file their claims with this Court **WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE.**
ALL CLAIMS AND DEMANDS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.
NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER APPLICABLE TIME PERIOD, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.
The date of the first publication of this Notice is: May 25, 2012.

Law Office of
CASSELS & McCALL
JOHN D. CASSELS, JR.
Attorney for Person Giving Notice
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Okeechobee, FL 34973
(863)-763-3131
Florida Bar No: 0261521
CAROLYN ROSE HUBBARD
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417765 on 5/25;6/1/2012

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

The Workforce Development Board of the Treasure Coast/DBA, Workforce Solutions - Region 20 and the Treasure Coast Workforce Consortium announces a meeting of the Executive Committee to which all persons are invited:

Date & Time:
Friday, June 1, 2012 - 8:00 a.m.

Place: Workforce Development Board of the Treasure Coast DBA, Workforce Solutions
584 NW University Blvd.,
Suite 100
Port St. Lucie, Florida 34986

PURPOSE: To discuss matters concerning the Workforce Investment Act, Workforce Employment Opportunities, the Welfare Transition Program, One-Stop Career Centers, and the Workforce Development Board - DBA, Workforce Solutions. A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting:

Workforce Solutions
584 NW University Blvd.,
Suite 100
Port St. Lucie, Florida 34986

Should any person wish to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the above referenced meeting, they will need to ensure a verbatim recording of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is based, in order to provide a record for judicial review.
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

2012TD046

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that **JG JFG LLC** the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificates for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No: **210** Year of Issuance: **June-01-2009**

Description of Property: **LOT C OF TRACT 29 E1/2 OF W1/2 OF N1/2 OF N1/2 OF TRACT 29 11 34S 33E**

1-11-34-33-0A00-00029-C000
Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida

Name in which assessed:
ARTHUR L BALLARD
LOUIS BALLARD
MICHAEL KOEDAM

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, Jury Assembly Room, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida **10:00 A.M.,** on the **28th day of June, 2012**.
SUBJECT TO CURRENT TAXES

SHARON ROBERTSON, CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT
Okeechobee County, Florida
/s/ Robin R. Parrish
Deputy Clerk

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416522 ON 5/18,25;6/1,8/2012

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

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP.,
Plaintiff,
VS.
AUBRY T. HAND, JR. A/K/A AUBREY T. HAND, JR, et al.,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: BECKE F. HAND
Last Known Address
1648 NW 46TH TER
OKEECHOBEE, FL 34972
Current Residence is Unknown

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

LOT 23, BLOCK E, PLAYLAND PARK, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 27, PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on SMITH, HIATT & DIAZ, P.A., Plaintiffs attorneys, whose address is PO BOX 11438 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33339-1438, (954) 564-0071, within 30 days from first date of publication, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiffs attorneys or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.

DATED on May 22, 2012.

SHARON ROBERTSON, CLERK
As Clerk of the Court

By: Linda F. Young
As Deputy Clerk

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

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

Wilson Barahona followed up the Male Athlete of the Year Award at Yearling Middle School with the Most Valuable Player Award for the soccer team in separate ceremonies last Friday.

Other award winners for soccer included Tyler Selph who won the Yearling Award, Logan Laskey who was named Offensive Most Valuable Player, Edgar Ayala who won Defense Most Valuable Player and Jhovanni Hernandez who won the Most Improved Award.

Coach Erick Rios said the Bulls undefeated season was a nice accomplishment but he expects the success to continue and the team to be strong again in the fall.

In addition to soccer, Rios emphasized academics and the importance of getting good grades, and staying out of trouble. He said he has been able to build the confidence, character and abilities of his players over the past few years. "It is a good feeling. Before this streak of wins the school never had this before so it is good for both the school and the kids. We'll try to do the same thing next year," he added.

Rios said he fell in love with soccer at a young age and tries to instill that love in his players. He said every time the Bulls play a match he feels like he is on the field with his players.

Barahona broke a school record with 33 goals this past year and is expected to make an impact for the high school team next season. Rios predicts that Barahona has the ability to play college soccer one day.

Barahona said he enjoys the sport and thanked his teammate Logan Laskey for helping him score goals. He said he built up a rapport and chemistry with Laskey and his teammates and worked well with them.

"I'm really happy to win this award. I hope the team does really well next year. I thank Coach Rios for his good coaching," he explained.

Barahona said he will try out for the high school team and he feels his skills are sharp enough to compete against older players. He plays club soccer in the off season to hone his skills.

Selph said he was honored to win the Yearling Award for character, teamwork and attitude. He admits he didn't get as much action as the other players as the Bulls normally dominated matches and kept the ball out of their end of the field.

"I think we've done really well to go undefeated for four years. I feel teamwork is the key because we know each other and work together well," he added.

Selph kept sharp by training and doing drills at home. He admitted there was less pressure on him during matches with the soccer ball on the other side of the field.

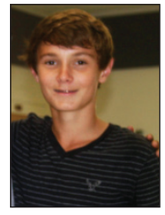
"I was happy to play middle school ball and I had fun here. I hope to do the same thing at Okeechobee High School," he added.

Coach Rios said despite the loss of many eighth graders the program will reload and continue to excel on the field and in the classroom next year.

"We hope to keep winning. I know it's going to be hard because we have really strong players go to high school. We will continue to fight our opponents," he said.

Okeechobee News/**Charles Murphy**
Tyler Selph poses with Coach Erick Rios and his Yearling Award at the soccer awards banquet.

Edgar Ayala



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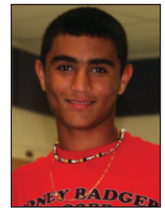

Wilson Barahona

Yearling boys basketball honored at banquet

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

The Yearling Bulls basketball team battled through a .500 season last year at (7-7). Most of the players figure the team will continue to improve and should leave mediocrity in the rear view mirror in seasons to come.

Coach Efrain Ochoa honored Antawyn Fludd as the team's Most Valuable Player, named Laquavius Williams Offensive MVP, Francisco Compton Defensive MVP, and handed out the Yearling Award to Jarred Morgan at the Bulls awards banquet last Friday.

Ochoa said he wants basketball to be as good as the volleyball and soccer programs at Yearling which have rarely lost in recent seasons.

"It's nice to win in Okeechobee but we want to expand and win everywhere else," he explained.

Ochoa said he will only be satisfied when his teams are able to beat and be competitive year after year with teams from Vero Beach. The team defeated Brighton and Osceola this year and has had bragging rights over the local rivals for many years but Ochoa said that isn't enough.

"Everybody returns next year and we have a lot of talent. I hope to compete for a conference title and at least put a banner up on our gym wall next year," he added.

Fludd said he thinks the team can be a lot better next year. He led the team at the point guard position as a seventh grader. He said he will have a better attitude and that might rub off on the better players. "I feel like it was my fault that we were only .500 this year. We have the talent but we have to come together and play together."

Fludd and others will play travel ball this summer with Coach Myron Refoure and play several tournaments on the Treasure Coast and other parts of the state.

Fludd is also an accomplished football player and is excited about playing in the new Mid Florida Football League next fall.

Another football player who excelled on the basketball court was Laquavius Williams. The six-footer is only in sixth grade. He missed most of the football season last fall with a fractured hip but didn't let it slow him down on the basketball court. He held his own against older and taller players this year.

"I have some height and weight and I have worked out hard. The strong guys inside made it tough but I hope to continue to improve and grow to about 6'2" so I can start dunking the basketball," he added.

Williams will also play in the new football league and is expected to excel as a linebacker and running back for Okeechobee's 14 and under team next fall.

Okeechobee News/**Charles Murphy**
Laquavius Williams won the Offensive Most Valuable Player award for Yearling boys basketball this year.

Francisco Compton won the Defensive Most Valuable Player award for Yearling boys basketball this year.

Antawyn Fludd (left) accepts the Most Valuable Player award for Yearling boys basketball from head coach Efrain Ochoa.

Stokes ready for new position

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

Okeechobee High School's Cade Stokes has moved around the gridiron over the past few years. Cade was first a promising quarterback, then a starter at wide receiver, and then a starter at linebacker. This year Stokes is being counted on to be a quick pass rusher from defensive end.

The 2011 Brahman Award winner for football hopes to continue to contribute and add his experience to what appears to be an improved defensive unit.

"It is going fast and the tempo of practice is really great and enjoyable. I think practice is a lot of fun this year," he stated.

Many of the starters will return to the defense which should help with continuity and communication. The biggest battles appear to be in the defensive secondary with several quality candidates. The base defense of four down linemen, three linebackers and four defensive backs has been easier for the high school kids to learn.

Stokes stands at over 6 feet, 2 inches but will weigh less than the average defensive end. What he lacks in bulk he hopes to make up for with speed and quickness.

"I believe I'll have fun with it. It's a lot of responsibility and it's a big job but I think I can handle it. I've worked on my quickness and my job is to contain and put pressure on the QB," he added.

While nothing has been promised to any of the returning players, Stokes expects to win the starting job and be a force on the defense this year.

Okeechobee News/**Charles Murphy**
Cade Stokes lines up at OHS spring football practice.

"They are working us hard out there. The purple white game should be a good practice game for us," he explained.

Stokes took to linebacker well last year with several big games including a strong night when Okeechobee defeated Palm Beach Lakes in a thunderstorm last fall. He said he hopes to make his senior year his best year in football.

"I can let loose and have a little fun on defense. I think the team is coming together as a family and that should help us a lot," he added.

Two OHS Rodeo Team members head for Wyoming nationals

Special to the Okeechobee News

The OHS Rodeo Team had 11 members that competed in the Florida High School Rodeo Association's State Finals competition held at the Okeechobee Agri-Civic Center on May 3-5.

In order to be able to qualify for State, a competitor had to be in the top 15 in their event from the points they earned throughout the 22 rodeo season.

After the three days of competition, the OHS Rodeo Team members had officially ended the year as the following: Justin Mills ended up first in the State in Bareback riding, second in the State in Saddle Bronc riding, and second in the State for Bull riding.

Nat Stratton ended up first in the State in Saddle Bronc riding and fifth in the State in Team roping-heeler.

Austen Holmes ended up 5th in the State in Bareback riding and eighth in the State in Bull riding.

Allyson Trimble ended up tied for 15th place in the State in Goat tying and 15th in the State in Team roping-heeler.

Raylee Holmes ended up tied for 15th place in the State in Goat tying.

Dalton Boney ended up seventh in the State in Tie Down roping and 13th in the State in Team roping-header.

Josie Stratton ended up 14th in the State in Barrel racing.

Jarrod Sparks ended up fifth in the State in Team roping-header.

Josh Lea ended up 13th in the State in Team roping-heeler.

Photo by Felicia Maxwell
Nat Stratton

Photo by Felicia Maxwell
Justin Mills

Makenzie Tomlinson ended up 15th in the State in Team roping-header.

Josh Keese ended up 12th in the State in Tie Down roping and 8th in the State in Steer wrestling.

At the State Finals they were competing to be in the top four in their event to be able to represent the State of Florida in the national competition held in Rock Springs, Wyoming held July 15-21. Nat Stratton and Justin Mills both qualified to go to Nationals this year. The team will be having fundraisers in the coming month to help these two young men with expenses to get to Wyoming.

The OHS Rodeo Team worked very hard this year and represented the State of Florida and Okeechobee very well. Not only did they compete in their events, they volunteered many hours in helping other FHSRA members and directors to help make sure every rodeo ran smoothly. Congratulations to all the members!