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County, sheriff running out of options

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

It's all about options. And as the time draws near when the county has to adopt their final budget, the county commissioners and the sheriff are both running out of options.

As they near the 11th hour, Sheriff Paul May and the Okeechobee County Board of County Commissioners have few options when it comes to the sheriff's budget.

After some additional trimming, Sheriff Paul May on July 19 submitted a proposed budget of \$15.3 million. But, replied the Okeechobee County Board of County Commissioners, that's not good enough. The board said he needs to be at \$12.8 million.

The two sides squared off at a Tuesday, Aug. 13, budget meeting and after both had presented their cases one thing was clear -- there are few options left.

"The jail averages 245 inmates per day at a cost of \$68 per day, per inmate. The costs are never going to go down over there."

— Okeechobee County Sheriff Paul May



Option I

So, with that in mind, Sheriff May has vowed to take his budget request to Tallahassee and ask the Governor's Cabinet to decide on how much he'll get to run his office, the Okeechobee County Jail and security at the Okeechobee County Judicial Complex.

That cabinet consists of Governor Rick Scott, Attorney General Pam Bondi, Chief Financial Officer Jeff Atwater and Commissioner of Agriculture Adam Putnam.

According to county administrator Robbie

Chartier the commissioners will adopt their final budget in September. The sheriff will have 30 days to file his appeal, and the county will have then have 5 days to respond. After the sheriff meets with the Cabinet in Tallahassee, that board will have 30 days to announce their decision.

Mrs. Chartier expects, at the latest, to know that decision by Dec. 1.

During the time of the appeal the sheriff will have to operate on one-twelfth (one month)

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Elementary schools have new principals

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

A shift in school administration was approved by the Okeechobee School Board that means new principals at two elementary schools and a new Director of Students Services on Tuesday.

Leslie Lundy was named principal at struggling Everglades Elementary School. Matthew Koff was named the new principal at Seminole Elementary School. Tracy Downing was named director of student services. Sherry Wise was named assistant principal at Okeechobee High School.

Superintendent of Schools Ken Kenworthy said he had the highest recommendation for these individuals and their new appointments. There was no discussion on these appointments by school board members.

Mr. Kenworthy said Mrs. Downing did an outstanding job as principal at Seminole Elementary and he is glad to have her at the district office.

Mrs. Downing said it actually was bitter-sweet to get this promotion. Although her goal has been to be a district wide administrator,

she had close ties to Seminole Elementary.

"I'm very sad to leave Seminole because I love that school and its faculty and because my children will still attend the school. It is sweet because I'm excited about this new position and the opportunity to impact many more children," she said.

Mrs. Downing has seven years of administrative experience, six of them at Seminole. The new position oversees nine different areas and she will be busy learning those new responsibilities.

"Education is more challenging today but we embrace that challenge and we are well prepared to face them," she added.

Mr. Kenworthy said Mr. Koff did an outstanding job as assistant principal at the Okeechobee Freshman Campus and is well prepared to take over Seminole. He noted Seminole has its challenges as the school with the highest free and reduced lunch student population and different demographics.

"Seminole has had a lot of success and we have closed the achievement gap in large part due to the faculty and staff. I know Mr. Koff will

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Okeechobee News/Charles Murphy
Brad Lundy (left), of Everglades Farm Equipment, was honored by the Okeechobee County School Board on Tuesday for his contribution to local education. At right is Superintendent of Schools Ken Kenworthy.



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From Sept. 7 through 15, boxes will be placed around the community to help collect supplies for the animals at Creature Safe Place, a non-profit, wildlife rehabilitation sanctuary and exotic animal refuge located in St. Lucie County for 20 years. Once a year, Creature Safe Places asks for donations of cleaning supplies, bleach, vinegar, laundry and dish soap, paper towels, cloth towels, garden and building tools, all types of ani-

mal food (especially canned dog and cat food), toys and habitat/cage enrichment), Pedialyte (regular flavor), Baby Wipes, money (all shapes and sizes), and gift cards from local merchants. Creature Safe Place believes in giving a miracle a second chance. If you feel the same way, please help care for the animals through your donation of any of the items listed above. Collection boxes can be found at several convenient locations, including Kelly's Animal Hospital, Ox-Bow Eco Center, Thomas Feed and Hay, Big Apple Pizza Fort Pierce, Morning side Veterinary Hospital, Tri-County Animal Hos-

pital, Tranquility Spa, and Hometown News in Lakewood Park.

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Today: Partly cloudy with thunderstorms and rain showers. High of 90F with a heat index of 95F. Winds from the SE at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 60%.

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Extended Forecast

Saturday: Partly cloudy with a chance of a thunderstorm and a chance of rain. High of 93F with a heat index of 102F. Winds from the SE at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 30%.

Saturday Night: Mostly cloudy with a chance of a thunderstorm and a chance of rain. Low of 75F. Winds from the ESE at 5 to 10 mph.

FDEP and SFWMD working on water quality projects

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection and South Florida Water Management District have worked for decades with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on managing the release of water from Lake Okeechobee in order to balance public safety, flood control, navigation, water supply and ecological health.

The department continues to invest money and study the science to improve water quality throughout the state. The department has set 17 basin management action plans, or restoration plans, to restore rivers, lakes and springs. This work is being done throughout South Florida as well.

The department this month announced the adoption of a restoration plan for the St. Lucie River and Estuary, with local governments already investing \$230 million to address stormwater runoff, which sends nutrients into area waterways. Within the first phase of the restoration plan, 537,000 pounds per year of nitrogen and 151,000 pounds per year of phosphorus loadings will be eliminated from the St. Lucie River and Estuary Basin. Another \$13 million is expected to be spent in the first phase of the restoration plan.

The department adopted three restoration plans for the Indian River Lagoon in February, after determining pollutant load reduction targets based on sound science. Together, the adopted plans account for more than \$300 million invested—or to be invested—in wastewater and stormwater infrastructure along with urban and agricultural best management practices. As the plans are implemented, additional projects will be developed.

Stakeholders in these areas already have completed or will complete hundreds of restoration projects over the next five years. The department has directed more than \$25 million towards the restoration of the Indian River Lagoon, more than \$10 million since 2009. The St. Johns River and South Florida water management districts have made major investments in the health of the Indian River Lagoon, through research, monitoring and project investments.

The department in February began development of a restoration plan for Lake Okeechobee, bringing to the table key regional stakeholders and committing \$4 million toward restoring the lake via the Istokpoga Marsh Water Quality Improvement Project. The department is engaged in partnerships, planning and construction of projects to develop long-term solutions to

the health of Lake Okeechobee, as it relates to the Everglades, as well as its tributaries. Completing the department's restoration plan will be another step toward achieving the Northern Everglades and Estuaries Protection Program's goals, set by the Florida Legislature in 2007.

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection and both the South Florida and St. Johns River Water Management Districts are invested in improving the health of Lake Okeechobee, the St. Lucie River and the Indian River Lagoon and nearby tributaries and are working in unison to address the complex environmental issues of the area.

Labor Day Parade applications available

The B.R.A.T. Club will host the 2013 Labor Day Parade on Sept. 2, beginning at 10 a.m. The parade will travel the regular parade route starting at the former U-Save supermarket on U.S. 441 S. (Parrott Avenue) and traveling north to State Road 70 and then west on State Road 70 W. to the end of Flagler Park.

The Labor Day Parade is one of Okeechobee's largest annual events providing residents a great show. Businesses, clubs and individuals are welcome to participate. For information about the parade or to obtain an application call Teresa Chandler at 863-801-4996 or e-mail at tchandler@wm.com. Applications are available for pick up at WOKC Radio, 210 N.W. Park St. and at the Okeechobee News office, 107 S.W. 17th St. (in the plaza next door to Brahman Theater).

B.R.A.T. Club, Inc. is a local non-profit in Okeechobee serving children and teens. The club holds dances once a month giving tweens and teens a place to visit with their friends, enjoy music, games, food and fun.

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Public Forum/Speak Out

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

Water, water ...

• That water needs to be cleaned up before it goes into the lake and the only way to clean it is to run more of that water through storm water treatment areas. The SFWMD bought thousands of acres north of the lake for water storage and storm water treatment. When are they going to use that land for the purpose it was bought? Why are they leasing it out for cows when it should be used to store and cleanse water?

Brain-eating amoeba

• All over Facebook and on TV on Monday night is the story of a little boy from Glades County who contracted the same kind of brain-eating amoeba as the little girl in Arkansas who has been all over the news recently. This amoeba is actually pretty common in shallow, warm freshwater. It can be dormant in the soil and when that area gets wet, if it is warm and conditions are right, it can become active. It can get into your brain if you get that water up your nose. Keep the kids out of the ditches, canals and ponds. When it rains and there is water in the ditches, there is all kinds of bacteria in that water. Use nose plugs if you swim in freshwater lakes or rivers.

Donations

• When I donate anything I donate to the store of my choice. Lately I have been seeing stuff I donated to a certain thrift store and found them later in a completely different thrift store and wonder how did they get there? I also saw a different thrift store truck loading up from this thrift store. They should tell me in advance if they are going to send my donations somewhere else so I can make the choice who it benefits.

County budget

• I live in an area that it takes the deputies over 30 minutes to respond so I don't rely on a deputy showing up in an emergency.

• I did some research this morning to compare what the sheriff is budgeting per resident. Okeechobee wants \$394 per resident, Martin County \$372 per resident, St. Lucie county \$227 per resident, Indian River county \$280 per resident, and Highlands county \$241 per resident. If you are going to come to me, a county taxpayer, and want to increase my taxes than you better show me that you really are doing everything that you can to reduce cost and waste.

• If I lived in the city I would push for the city and the county to combine and only have one law enforcement department and one fire department.

• Did I hear correctly when someone suggested raising the sales tax by 1 percent? We already pay 7 percent sales tax. There are a few counties that pay 7.5 percent. No counties pay 8 percent. I will do ALL of my shopping in Martin County 6 percent or St. Lucie, 6.5 percent before I will spend another dime in this county, if such a knuckle headed move is done. Raising taxes is not the answer people. Stop suggesting it.

• The sheriff is doing the board of county commissioners a favor by running the jail and the courthouse. These are burdens he has taken from them, and he has shown that he is competent in running both. The commissioners are cutting his budget, to the point that he may not be able to help them anymore. They once again cut off their nose to spite their face. He also said that he would like to see some bids regarding the privatization of both, I agree, I do not believe that the county will be able to efficiently run that jail as the sheriff has. The privatization will cost more and end up cutting local jobs.

• Several of the surrounding counties are also rolled back to 2004 budgets because that is what they are collecting. Some are doing better because they have had growth in the industrial side. I know the next few years are going to be tough. Hopefully, we can attract some new industrial type businesses here so the county can get out of this situation.

• There was only one commissioner who even suggested a way to bring revenue into the county. The reason we are not digging out as quickly as other counties is because our board will not allow any new growth in this town.

• There is a committee of people that meet in this county to try and get new businesses here. I know for a fact some large businesses that did not locate to this county because the tax rate was lower elsewhere.

Letters to the Editor

Ghost Town?

Well, here we go again. County cutting the Sheriff's budget. How sad that we as a community cannot uphold our Sheriff and deputies to the degree they deserve. Their jobs are not easy. They put their lives on the line all the time and all you do is say "thanks"?

Does the county have another option for keeping crime down? Does it have another kind of 'super-hero' like superman who will swoop down and save the day when crime runs rampant?

If the Sheriff has to let go 45 employees, that means 45 people will be out of a job. Since Okeechobee is lacking in job opportunities, that more than likely means they will look for work outside the town and probably will have to move to be nearer to that job.

I for one am for raising our county taxes at least to help keep this county running, since there seems to be a shortage of ways to raise the funding needed. Bryant Culpepper had the best idea for bringing money into the county with Okee-Tantie land development. The county should have listened to him. We have a land developer building a new trailer park/campground right down the street from us. With people not being able to live here securely, I can almost guarantee it won't last long. Most of our Northern friends are selling out and moving to other areas.

Pretty soon Okeechobee will be a ghost town. Then we can sell tickets for people to visit it.

Okeechobee is a great town! Who wants to see it run by criminals which is what will happen if we lose some of our Sheriff's department. When someone breaks into your home and holds you or your family hostage, who you gonna call? Your car breaks down on a lonely back road some night, who you gonna call?

One of the biggest things lacking in this community is 'Faith.' I believe this county is worth saving and so does God. He is our strongest ally. Don't be afraid to trust Him to make all things work if we raise the taxes. The LORD has promised good to us and He keeps His promises. He promises to see us through difficult times and He will do that. God does not make empty promises. If He says it, He will do it. If He brings you to it, He will bring you through it. Have Faith!

Don't let Okeechobee become a "Ghost Town."

Jesus loves you~and so do I,
Cheryl Gawda

Polluting the estuaries

As an environmental professional, I am com-

pelled to set the record straight on the pollution of the St. Lucie and Caloosahatchee estuaries. Several key points are being omitted from the media's present discussion.

First, the pollutants to the estuaries are fresh water, phosphorous, and nitrogen. The source of the phosphorous and nitrogen is agricultural runoff originating in central Florida and the Kissimmee valley. This runoff enters the Kissimmee River, and the polluted water flows from the river to Lake Okeechobee. Lake Okeechobee is surrounded by a 30 foot tall dike, making the lake like a large bowl. Once in the lake, the phosphorous and nitrogen settle to the bottom and remain in the sediment with no natural way to escape. This accumulated sediment and muck is then mixed with the incoming water from the Kissimmee River and discharged out to the St. Lucie and Caloosahatchee Rivers by the US Army Corps of Engineers when the lake rises to regulated levels as it is doing now. This phosphorous-laden fresh water then enters the estuaries, lowering salinity and providing fertilizer for algae to bloom. These blooms stress the fish and aquatic organisms in the estuaries, ultimately killing many of them.

Second, there are presently no alternate routes for this fresh water to be discharged in order to lower the lake. The sugar industry and other agricultural interests south of Lake Okeechobee do not want their fields or crops flooded and destroyed. The polluted water is by federal law not allowed into the Everglades system until it is cleaned up to much lower phosphorous levels. Federal and state funded Everglades restoration plans are necessary to clean this water and allow it back into the Everglades natural system where it is desperately needed. Funding by both the federal and state governments has been slow and sporadic, and restoration efforts have been slowed or stalled altogether due to this lack of funding.

Third, Lake Okeechobee is managed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for flood control, agriculture, navigation and recreation, in that order. The Corps serves at the request of the U.S. Congress and receives its orders to lower the lake when certain U.S. Congress-approved conditions are met. The Corps doesn't decide when or where the water should go; our Congressmen do.

If we want the pollution stopped and the route of the water changed, the U.S. Congress and the State of Florida, who match funding with the federal government, must provide funding to Everglades restoration. The State of Florida must also aggressively address the sources of the phosphorous and nitrogen north of Lake Okeechobee to provide the long-term solution of not needing to deal with pollution in our waters to begin with.

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OHS students honored at Scholarship Night



Special to the Okeechobee News
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Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

- ACROSS**
- 1 "Close!"
 - 7 Cartoon monkey
 - 10 __ bonding
 - 14 Create trouble
 - 16 Mount near Olympus
 - 17 See 64-Across
 - 19 Marx's "__ Kapital"
 - 20 Smallish quarrel
 - 21 With attitude
 - 22 It may be painted
 - 23 NASA moon lander
 - 24 See 64-Across
 - 33 "Alfred" composer, 1740
 - 34 Study fields
 - 35 Something golfers often break
 - 36 Martial arts facility
 - 37 Molasses-like
 - 38 LaBeouf of "Transformers" films
 - 39 Latin 101 word
 - 40 Drummer in Goodman's band
 - 41 Crammer's concern
 - 42 See 64-Across
 - 46 Quite a while
 - 47 Unsafe?
 - 48 It's sometimes shaved
 - 51 Smith's item
 - 53 Contend
 - 56 See 64-Across
 - 60 "__ Cop": 1987 film
 - 61 Plant-based weight loss regimen
 - 62 Former cygnet
 - 63 Scale notes
 - 64 Clue for this puzzle's four longest answers
- DOWN**
- 1 Riding sch., e.g.
 - 2 Dharma teacher
 - 3 Rose Parade flowers
 - 4 Home of the Woody Hayes Athletic Ctr.
 - 5 Electric eye, e.g.
 - 6 Capital SSW of Seoul
 - 7 Going head to head
 - 8 Vita
 - 9 Spigoted vessel
 - 10 Parisian words of friendship
 - 11 Sale caveat
 - 12 WWII transports
 - 13 Lenient
 - 15 Short stop?
 - 18 Windows opener
 - 22 Palm in one's palm?
 - 23 Reporter's source
 - 24 Co-Nobelist with Begin in 1978
 - 25 Teaser
 - 26 One variety of it remains green when ripe
 - 27 Book after Micah
 - 28 Kvetch
 - 29 Hard nut to crack
 - 30 Questionnaire catchall
 - 31 Certain believer
 - 32 Election prizes
 - 37 Air __: Southwest subsidiary
 - 38 BA or HR
 - 40 Titan of publishing
 - 43 Put trust in
 - 44 Where distasteful humor often goes
 - 45 Hopi home
 - 48 Violas, cellos, etc.: Abbr.
 - 49 Bad thing to eat
 - 50 "Rubáiyát" rhyme scheme
 - 51 Georgia and Latvia, once: Abbr.
 - 52 Fireplace shelf
 - 53 Gold source
 - 54 Really ticked
 - 55 Some attendance figs.
 - 57 TV dial letters
 - 58 Herd dining area
 - 59 Prof's address letters

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Youth Soccer League sign-ups planned

Youth soccer league sign-ups will be held Aug. 12 - 30 at the Sports Complex, 640 N.W. 27th Lane, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. The fee is \$35 per boy or girl player, 5 to 14 years of age. A copy of the participant's birth certificate is needed to register. For information, call 863-763-6950.

Flag Football tryouts to be held

First and Goal Flag Football will be held by a ministry of First Baptist Church Okeechobee for grades K-12. Registration fee is \$35 and the deadline along with mandatory tryouts is **Sept. 7**, from 9 - 11 a.m. You can pick up and return registration form and fee at the Recreation Center (ROC) at 310 S.W. Fifth Ave., or FBC Office at 401 S.W. Fourth St. For information, call 863-763-2171 or 863-467-7625.

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Business women to meet

Get ideas on publicizing your business when you attend the Okeechobee Business Women's Referral Network when they meet for their monthly get-together at the Lodge at the Lake Restaurant at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, **Aug. 16**. This is a group committed "to enhancing the overall success of women in business, promoting networking and business referrals and offering a system for sharing information and support." There are no dues and no enrollment, but lots of encouragement and ideas. A small gift exchange concludes the meeting.

Eagles North to host dinner

Eagles North, 9985 U.S. 441 N., will host a steak or fish dinner Friday, **Aug. 16**, from 5:30 p.m. until 9 p.m. Music with Bryan will be provided. Come out and dance. Saturday, Aug. 17, is card bingo starting at 5:30 p.m. On Tuesday, Aug. 20, bingo is at 1 p.m. On Wednesday, Aug. 21, bingo is at 5:30 p.m. Proceeds go to the FOE 4137 community benefit fund.

Eastern Star to host auction

Okeechobee Chapter No. 128, Order of the Eastern Star will host a quarter auction on Friday, **Aug. 16**, at the Okeechobee Masonic Lodge, 107 N.W. Fifth Ave. Doors will open at 6 p.m. and the auction will begin at 7 p.m. Approximately 15 vendors are expected for this evening of fun and great prizes. Bidding paddles are only \$2 and our kitchen will be open serving hot dogs, chili dogs, chips and drinks. A dessert table will showcase many homemade items from our great cooks. Bring your quarters - we'll have plenty of change for paper money, too - and join us while supporting the charities of the Eastern Star. For information, contact Mary Ann Holt at 863-763-5210.

Archery contest planned

GLADES COUNTY—The Glades County 4-H 3D Archery Contest will be Aug. 24 at Fisheating Creek Outpost. Registration, due **Aug. 16**, is \$18 per archer. Participants must be a member of a 4-H Club, 4-H Archery Club, 4-H Shooting Sports Club or a County 4-H Shooting Sports Program where they have received archery instruction from a certified Florida 4-H Archery Instructor. There will also be an open shoot category with a registration fee of \$20. For information, contact the Glades County Extension Office at 863-946-0244.

Embroidery group to meet

Do you have an embroidery machine, or want to learn about them? Then join our monthly embroidery group where we all learn and share ideas while working on beautiful embroidery projects. The next meeting is Saturday, **Aug. 17**, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the local Red Cross office at 323 N. Parrott Ave. For information, call Linda at 863-697-2450 or Mary at 863-697-1920.

Moose Lodge hosting events

On Saturday, **Aug. 17**, the Okeechobee Moose Lodge 1753, at 159 N.W. 36th St., will host an academy of friendship dinner featuring country fried steak with music by Chuck Darling. On Monday, **Aug. 19**, five-card bingo starts at 6 p.m. in social quarters. The Wednesday, Aug. 21, comedy night starts at 5 p.m. Come tell your favorite jokes and enjoy 50 cent hotdogs. Thursday, Aug. 22, bingo starts 1 p.m. Friday, Aug. 23, bingo starts with a bonanza at 6:30 p.m. Daily lunch specials are \$2.50, serving from 11:30 a.m. Proceeds go to support Moose charities programs

Pet appreciation event slated

The third annual pet appreciation event will be held at Tractor Supply Company, 3371 U.S. 441 S., on Saturday, **Aug. 17**, from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. There will be dogs on sight available for adoption, affordable spay/neuter vouchers for purchase and much more.

Horse club plans fundraiser

The Chobee Mini Horse Club will hold a fundraiser on Saturday, **Aug. 17**, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at Tractor Supply on U.S. 441 S. There will be a bake sale, 50/50 drawing, hot dogs and a Chinese auction. There also will be a car driving demonstration by one of our little horses.

Legion offers Sunday bingo

American Legion Post 64 will host Sunday night bingo on **Aug. 18** at 6:30 p.m. Doors open at 5 p.m. in the bingo area. The kitchen will offer a limited menu. Payoffs will be determined by player attendance. All proceeds to benefit the American Legion veterans' programs. The event is open to the public. The American Legion now has free WIFI for its lounge and dining room patrons.

Garden, Orchid clubs to meet

On Monday, **Aug. 19**, the Garden Club will meet at 6 p.m. and the Orchid Club at 7 p.m. at the Extension Center, 451 U.S. 98 N. Bring an orchid to discuss or show. For information, call 863-763-6469.

Bowling tryouts to be held

On Tuesday, **Aug. 20**, and Wednesday, Aug. 21, there will be boys and girls high school bowling tryouts at 3:30 p.m. at Lucky Lanes Bowling Alley. On Tuesday, Aug. 20, at 7 p.m. there is a bowling meeting for the Tuesday night mixed adult league. For information, call Carole at 863-261-1081.

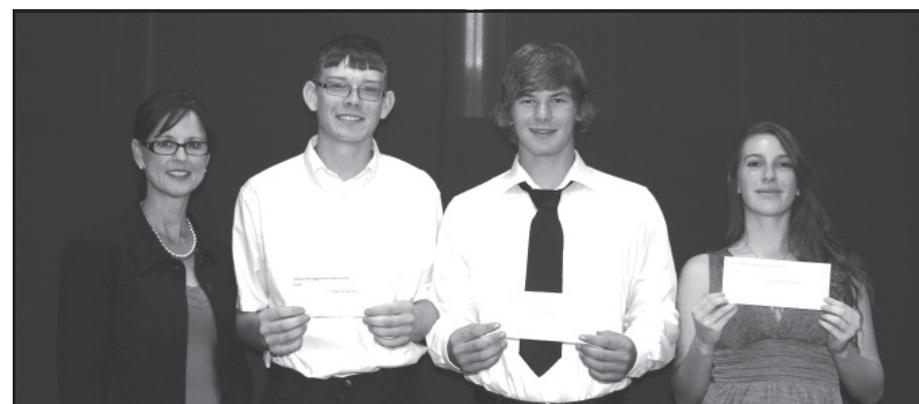
Quarters for a Cause slated

Quarters for a Cause will be held at the American Legion on Tuesday, Aug. 20. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. There will be a special prize giveaway for wearing an animal print; a 50/50 drawing; food auctions; and, door prizes. For information, call Christy at 863-697-1247.

AARP driver program set

The Okeechobee Chamber of Commerce will host an AARP Driver Safety Program on Thursday, **Aug. 22**, from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Complete the class in one day, with no driving and no tests. You could receive a discount on you auto insurance for three years. To register, call the Chamber of Commerce at 863-467-6246. Bring a bag lunch.

Students honored at OHS Scholarship Night



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The Waste Management Scholarship was awarded by Teresa Chandler to Cody Casperson, Allen Lenitner and Jacqueline O'Connor.



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The Jim Enrico Memorial Scholarship was awarded by Jon Enrico to Jacke Radebaugh, Cade Stokes, Jessica Humphrey and Monica Hernandez.

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Home Depot Scholar named

Thomas Roberts, store manager of the Home Depot of Okeechobee, gives recipient Lauren Halliday, 2012 graduate of Okeechobee High School, a check for \$2,500 for being the Home Depot Scholar. The Orange Scholarship Program is one benefit offered through the Home Depot. Lauren will be attending Indian River State College and will major in education.



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Senior Center hosts line dancing

Line dancing is back at the Senior Center every Monday! We invite all seniors to come and check out the new Senior Center. In the photo from left to right are Becky Leonard, Pat Grant, Carol Yates, Marilyn Hadley and Arlene Huff.

Donate blood at these locations

While you are planning your vacation, many are facing a long time in a hospital or recovery center. Help them with a donation of blood to speed their recovery. Be a life saver during this month's blood drives.

- Friday, Aug. 16 – Walgreen's, 1–6 p.m.
- Friday, Aug. 16 – Wal Mart, 11 a.m.–7 p.m.
- Saturday, Aug. 17 – Wal Mart, 11 a.m.–7 p.m.
- Sunday, Aug. 18 – Golden Corral, 11 a.m.–4 p.m.
- Sunday, Aug. 18 – Wal Mart, 11 a.m.–7 p.m.
- Thursday, Aug. 22 – Wal Mart, 1–6 p.m.
- Saturday, Aug. 31 – Labor Day Festival in Park, 10 a.m.–3 p.m.
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All county owned surplus items, equipment and vehicles will be auctioned "As Is" to the highest bidder. All county owned surplus items, equipment and vehicles will be paid in full prior to successful bidder(s) removing any items, equipment or vehicles from auction site.

For information concerning viewing surplus equipment or vehicles, bidder requirements, terms and condition of auction/bidding process and payment requirements, please contact Terry DeMott at 229-891-1832 or 800-985-5699. For information concerning county owned surplus items, equipment or vehicles, please contact Russell Rowland at 863-763-1811.

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Community initiative focuses on organic recycling

Garick LLC, operator of Waste Management's compost facility in Okeechobee, will produce, package and sell the Organic Valley® Brand Compost and Potting Mixes via a unique new collaboration involving Faith Farm Ministries.

Garick LLC operates two Waste Management compost facilities in Florida, including the Okeechobee Organics Recycling Facility, an eight-acre facility located adjacent to Waste Management's Okeechobee Landfill. The facility, along with Waste Management's Vista Organics Recycling Facility in Apopka, makes organic compost using local food, yard and wood residuals. The compost is used to make high-quality soil mixes for the landscape and garden markets.

Together, Garick and Faith Farm Ministries have invested into and built the new packaging facility on the Faith Farm Okeechobee campus to bring the compost product to market. The Organic Valley® Brand will be available for sale in all Faith Farm thrift stores, as well as other retail stores focusing on organic products.

"This collaboration allows us to grow our organics recycling and composting business with Waste Management while supporting the local community by giving men within Faith Farm Ministries' program an opportunity to develop new skills they can take with them into the job market," said Ray Stamper, general manager of Garick's Florida operations. "I am very excited about this opportunity to mutually grow our business, further our commitment to green initiatives and support this mission."

The new collaboration provides a "closed-loop" solution—from raw materials taken out of the waste stream to a high-end organic packaged material—all locally procured and manufactured. The Organic Valley® Compost will be available in one cubic foot bags and the Potting Mix will be sold in a 1.5-cubic foot bag.

"We are excited about being part of the organic recycling story here, including using and reusing what society throws away to help others," said Allen Patterson, assistant campus director of Faith Farm Ministries in

Okeechobee. "Faith Farm is all about helping men and women get a new start in life; men and women who have often been discarded by society, yet have intrinsic and eternal value. We look forward to offering our programs to others who need them in the days and months ahead."

The Okeechobee Organics Recycling Facility is permitted to accept up to 30,000 tons of organic material per year. It is part of Waste Management's strategy to expand organics recycling. To date, the company operates 36 organics processing facilities throughout North America.

"As the nation's largest environmental solutions provider, our customers are asking us to help them meet their sustainability and recycling goals," said Karen Hawkins, manager of organics recycling for Waste Management. "We're very pleased to have invested in and built the Okeechobee facility which provides the most advanced aerated composting technology available to make this project possible."

North America generates over 80 million tons of organic waste each year. In the United

States, approximately one third of municipal solid waste is organic, including food scraps, yard trimmings and wood residue. Approximately 65 percent of American yard waste and 2.5 percent of food scraps are currently diverted from disposal. The market for composting services is growing. Consumers are increasingly demanding non-chemical solutions to lawn and garden care. Municipalities and companies are seeking to reduce the amount of organic material they send for disposal. Organic compost is considered a part of the green retail market, which has been growing at 20 percent annually.



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The material is put into windrows and monitored to complete its transformation to organic compost.



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Economic Council, school officials meet

Economic Council members met with school officials during their meeting on Aug. 7 at the Indian River State College (IRSC) Williamson Conference & Education Center. Pictured, left to right, are: Superintendent of Schools Ken Kenworthy, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services Joni Ard, Economic Council Chairman Jon Geitner, Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services Renee Geeting, and IRSC Provost Russ Brown. Updates were also provided by other local officials during the meeting. For information about the Economic Council of Okeechobee, contact Tara Rowley at 863-467-0200.



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Garick, Faith Farm Ministries and Waste Management are bringing organic compost to market. Top row: Ray Stamper, general manager, Garick Florida operations; Allen Patterson, assistant campus director, Faith Farm Ministries Okeechobee; Pastor Jim Benton, Faith Farm Ministries; and Karen Hawkins, Waste Management manager of organics recycling. Bottom row: Faith Farm representatives Justin Lugo, Chance Smith, Mark Hinton, Monty Corbett and William Dickinson.

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IRSC offering licensing classes in Fort Pierce

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"Real Estate Principles, Practices & Law 1" (FREC 1 class), REE1040, will teach the theoretical, practical and legal aspects of real estate to prepare students for successful completion of the licensing examination to become a Florida Real Estate Sales Associate. The course will meet on Tuesday evenings from 6:00 to 10:15 p.m. beginning Sept. 3 through Dec. 10 in Building J, Room J-104 at the Main Campus. Cost is \$415.32

for Florida residents.

"Property and Casualty Insurance," RMI2600, is the state required "2-20" pre-licensing class. Topics include auto, fire and property insurance, liability, workman's compensation and security bonds. The course will be held on Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings from 5:30 to 10:00 p.m. from Sept. 6 through Dec. 12 in Building J, Room J-205 at the IRSC Main Campus. Cost is \$1,245.96 for Florida residents.

Registration is now under way. The IRSC Main Campus is located at 3209 Virginia Ave., in Fort Pierce. For information, call toll-free 1-866-792-4772 or visit www.irsc.edu.

Florida sheriffs support Stand Your Ground Law

Florida Sheriffs Association President Sheriff Grady Judd Friday announced, "The right to self-defense is well-established in law. The Florida Sheriffs confirmed this position by voting unanimously, at the 2013 Florida Sheriffs Association Summer Conference, to support the Stand Your Ground law as it is currently written. Our current judicial system is comprised of multiple checks and balances to ensure fair and equitable application of all laws, including Stand Your Ground."

Florida's Stand Your Ground Law states: A person who is not engaged in an unlawful activity, and who is attacked in any other place where he or she has a right to be has no duty to retreat and has the right to stand his or her ground and meet force with force, including deadly force if he or she reasonably believes it is necessary to do so to prevent death or great bodily harm to himself or herself or another or to prevent the commission of a forcible felony.

Okeechobee Arrest Report

The following individuals were arrested on felony or driving under the influence (DUI) charges by the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO), the Okeechobee City Police Department (OCPD), the Florida Highway Patrol (FHP), the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) or the Department of Corrections (DOC).

- Shawn Ashley Van Epps, 31, Lake Drive W., Okeechobee, was arrested Aug. 13 by Deputy Cari Arnold on St. Lucie County warrants charging her with the felonies of burglary of an occupied dwelling and grand theft. Her bond on those charges was set at \$30,000. She was arrested on another St. Lucie County warrant that charged her with felony battery. She is being held without bond on that charge.

- Leon Edison Chambers Jr., 14, S.E. 61st Drive, Okeechobee, was arrested Aug. 13 by Deputy Matthew Grumbling on felony charges of grand theft and burglary of a structure. He was booked into the Okeechobee County Jail, then released into the custody of his parents.

- Shelby Ramon Willis, 30, N.E. 15th St., Okeechobee, was arrested Aug. 13 by Deputy Cody Hurst on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with felony battery. His bond was set at \$4,000.

- Danny Anthony Bonilla, 24, N.E. 42nd Terrace, Okeechobee, was arrested Aug. 13

by Trooper T.D. Burk on a felony charge of driving while license suspended - habitual offender. His bond was set at \$2,500.

- Timothy Edward Velez, 45, N.W. 93rd Court, Okeechobee, was arrested Aug. 13 by Deputy Cody Hurst on a Marion County warrant charging him with the felony of failure to register as a career offender. His bond was set at \$5,000.

- Alfred J. King III, 56, N.W. 46th Ave., Okeechobee, was arrested Aug. 14 by Deputy Elbert Kline on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with the felony of aggravated stalking. His bond was set at \$2,500.

- Jimmy Lee Lundquist II, 34, S.W. 15th St., Ocala, was arrested Aug. 14 by Deputy Elbert Kline on a Marion County warrant charging him with the felonies of trafficking in a controlled substance and manufacturing a controlled substance. His bond was set at \$100,000.

- Claudia Jumper Olivarez, 45, N.W. 30th Ave., Okeechobee, was arrested Aug. 15 by Deputy Megan Holroyd on misdemeanor charges of driving under the influence and driving while license suspended. Her bond was set at \$1,500.

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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**By Dr. Ramesh Kumar
Big Lake Cancer Center**
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BUDGET

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of whatever spending plan is approved by the commissioners per month -- not his proposed budget. If the total time is two months, then the sheriff would receive two-twelfths of the board's approved plan.

"During the time of the appeal the sheriff's budget would be based on what the board approved," said Mrs. Chartier.

In his opening remarks to commissioners Tuesday, Sheriff May told commissioners this is the fifth consecutive year he has cut his budget.

"During the five years that we were cutting our budget we cut it over 19 percent, reduced the budget by \$3.5 million and returned (to the county) over \$6 million in unspent dollars," he told commissioners.

To meet the board's demand, the sheriff has few options.

To get to that \$12.8 mark, Sheriff May said as many as 41 of his employees will lose their jobs. That total means 15 people will be laid off in the county jail; 23 will be laid off in the law enforcement, administration and dispatch divisions; and, three members of the courthouse security staff will be let go.

Commissioners want the sheriff's budget to be more in line with what it was in fiscal year 2003/04, because due to lower property values, revenue from ad valorem taxes will be at that level. At that time the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office had 186 employees in the 24-hour, seven-day-a-week operation. While the sheriff ran the jail, he did not have

to provide security for the courthouse in 2003/2004.

The sheriff's total budget was \$11,794,776.

So, you ask, if the sheriff has to operate on a 2003/04 spending plan will the county?

They are, said Mrs. Chartier. She pointed out the county has cut 44 positions and are operating on a budget of \$6,996,816 -- which is \$464,867 less than the 03/04 budget of \$7,461,683.

Even at that, the county could actually be losing money in the next couple of years if something doesn't change quickly and dramatically.

What happened? How did the county fall into this financial sink hole? "We continued to spend more than we were bringing in," said the administrator.

Option II

When she was asked how the county will fund the sheriff's budget if the Cabinet upholds Sheriff May's appeal, Mrs. Chartier simply replied "borrow it."

But as to what the board will actually do, she said: "I'm not sure, when the rubber meets the road, which way they'll go. The board will do what it is ordered to do, or show it isn't possible."

Sheriff May points to county reserves that total approximately \$35 million.

But Mrs. Chartier nixes the idea of dipping into those reserves. She explained that most of those funds are restricted, meaning they are covered by state statute and can't legally be used for anything other than what is designated by the state.

That leaves the landfill trust fund in which

there is currently a little more than \$8 million. Some of that money can be transferred to help fund the sheriff's budget. However, cautioned the administrator, that fund is not supposed to drop below \$8 million.

"That is our rainy day fund," she said. "It can be used for other things, but that may not be financially prudent."

To drop below the \$8 million mark would take a super majority of four votes by the five-member county board.

That leaves...

Option III

If backed into a corner, Sheriff May does have the option of giving the commissioners the keys to the county jail. He can also let them provide security at the judicial complex. But, indicates the county's top cop, giving up the jail is probably the last thing he wants to do.

The proposed corrections budget sits at \$5,750,313. If the sheriff was to relinquish the jail to the county it would leave his budget at \$9,594,284.

For courthouse security, the sheriff has budgeted \$782,812. When that is subtracted, the sheriff's proposed budget totals \$8,811,472. That is still a little more than \$1 million above where the county wants the law enforcement portion of the budget. So, more negotiations would be needed to try and reach a final compromise.

When asked if he was going to give commissioners the keys to the jail, Sheriff May said no.

"Not at this time. I'm hopeful we can reach a figure where we can operate the sheriff's office, jail and courthouse secu-

ity," he said. "I, personally, think the sheriff should run the jail. I would like to continue to run it, but I will not run it in a manner that's unsafe."

Translated: he is against laying off jail employees and making an already dangerous job even more dangerous for those employees who remain.

Today, it costs \$68 per day to house an inmate in the county facility. There are currently 245 inmates in a jail that was built to house 232.

Though the sheriff is hesitant to give up the jail and courthouse security, it's still an option. And, most likely his last.

SCHOOLS

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be eager to move forward the programs Mrs. Downing started," he added.

Mrs. Lundy was previously the director of grants and special programs for the system. She requested to be considered as a school principal. Mr. Kenworthy said the change is not an indictment of the previous administration or the job they did at Everglades.

In other business, Brady Lundy of Everglades Farm Equipment Company received a certificate of appreciation for his support of Okeechobee schools. His company provides a John Deere tractor to mow the school ball fields. He also hosted a group of STEM students for a tour and luncheon recently to showcase their agriculture operation in the Glades.

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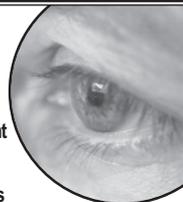
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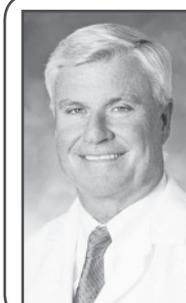
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PUBLIC NOTICE
The Okeechobee County Board of County Commissioners will hold its Regular Session on Thursday, August 22, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. in the Judge William L. Hendry Courtroom at the Historic Courthouse, 304 N.W. 2nd Street, Okeechobee, Florida.

Sharon Robertson, Clerk
Board of County Commissioners
Okeechobee County, Florida
/ s/ Paula Poskon/ Deputy Clerk
449270 ON 8/16/2013

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that V L UNDERHILL 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:

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Name in which assessed: IRENE PRICE
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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.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 2013-DR-452

IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF: MICHAEL V. EVERETT, Petitioner/Husband, and ROBIN LYNN EVERETT, Respondent/Wife

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR PUBLICATION
TO: Robin Lynn Everett
Unknown address

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Dissolution of Marriage, including claims for dissolution of marriage, payment of debts, division of real and personal property, and for payments of support, has been filed against you. You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to this action on Rebecca H. Bolt, Petitioner's attorney, whose address is 107 N.E. 4th Street, Okeechobee, FL 34972, on or before 9/15/2013, and file the original with the clerk of this court at Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida 34972, either before service on Petitioner's attorney or immediately thereafter;

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1-35-34-33-0A00-00004-M000
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Name in which assessed: ALUMNI PARTNERS II 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 12th day of September, 2013.

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Name in which assessed: ANTHONY A SWABY
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their claims with the Court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. EVEN IF A CLAIM IS NOT BARRED BY THE LIMITATIONS DESCRIBED ABOVE, ALL CLAIMS WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN FILED WILL BE BARRED TWO YEARS AFTER DECEDENT'S DEATH.

The date of the first publication of this Notice is: August 9, 2013.
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Sudoku

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Public Notice

Notice of Public Hearing and Regular Board Meeting of the Grove Community District

The Board of Supervisors of the Grove Community District will hold a Public Hearing and Regular Board Meeting on September 3, 2013, at 2:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as can be heard, at the South Florida Water Management District - Okeechobee Service Center located at 3800 NW 16th Boulevard, Okeechobee, Florida 34972.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive public comment on the Fiscal Year 2013/2014 Proposed Final Budget of the Grove Community District. The purpose of the Regular Board Meeting is for the Board to consider any other business which may properly come before it.

There may be occasions when one or more Supervisors will participate by telephone; therefore, a speaker telephone will be present at the meeting location so that Supervisors may be fully informed of the discussions taking place.

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Grove Community District
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida

Name in which assessed: ALUMNI PARTNERS II LLC
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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 12th day of September, 2013.

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Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

2013TD260
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that V L UNDERHILL 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: 1583 Year of Issuance: June-01-2011
Description of Property: LOT G OF TRACT 28 W1/2 OF E1/2 OF S1/2 OF N1/2 OF TRACT 28 34 34S 33E

1-34-34-33-0A00-00028-G000
Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida

Name in which assessed: JEAN MAX FRANCOIS
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 12th day of September, 2013.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

2013TD264
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that V L UNDERHILL 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: 1673 Year of Issuance: June-01-2011
Description of Property: LOT I OF TRACT 28 E1/2 OF E1/2 OF N1/2 OF S1/2 OF TRACT 28 36 34S 33E

1-36-34-33-0A00-00028-I000
Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida

Name in which assessed: CANTAVE COLEUS
MARIE COLEUS

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 12th day of September, 2013.

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