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Fun at the fair

The Okeechobee County Fair is under way this week at the Okeechobee Agri-Civic Center. The fair opens at 5 p.m. today and noon Saturday and Sunday. For more photos, see Page 18.

Schools may start guardian program

Input sought on plan to arm some school employees

By Richard Marion
Okeechobee News

Okeechobee County schools may participate in the Coach Aaron Feis Guardianship Program.

At the monthly Okeechobee School Board meeting on March 13, Superintendent Ken Kenworthy, board members and Okeechobee County Sheriff Noel Stephen discussed school safety as well as the new regulations signed into law by Florida Gov. Rick Scott.

Mr. Kenworthy began the meeting with a presentation to the school board on precautions the school district has taken in reaction to the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School shooting in February as well as precautions that the district already had in place.

"We've had comprehensive safety plans in place for the district as well as for each school site, with assigned roles for individuals in the event of any type of crisis on campus," Mr. Kenworthy explained.

Schools also employ a badge system for employees and visitors. These systems are randomly test-

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OHS students call for end to violence



Okeechobee News/Richard Marion
Okeechobee High School junior Ayan Desai addresses fellow classmates during the OHS walkout on March 14.

By Richard Marion
Okeechobee News

Okeechobee High School students participated in a 17-minute-long walkout on Wednesday, March 14 at 8:45 a.m., the one-month anniversary of the shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School.

Students gave speeches against school violence and bullying and observed 17 seconds of silence in memory of the 17 lives lost in the shooting in Parkland.

OHS junior Christine Groso was the first to speak at the walkout.

"When something like this happens so close to home," said Miss Groso, "it impacts us on a much



Okeechobee News/Richard Marion

Okeechobee High School students gathered in the school courtyard to listen to speeches about school violence and bullying and to observe a 17-second moment of silence in honor of the lives lost at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School.

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Charles 'Buddy' Cline, 69

OKEECHOBEE — Charles "Buddy" Cline died March 9, 2018 at Raulerson Hospital. He was born on Dec. 20, 1948 in Hollywood, Fla. to Mary Edna Cline Delia and Leonard Cline. After graduating from South Broward High School, he was a walk-on baseball player at Santa Fe in Gainesville. He honorably served in the United States Air Force from 1970 to 1974. He later received his bachelor's degree from Barry University. In 1984, the family moved to Okeechobee, and Buddy worked for HRS/DCF for 16 years. In 2000, Buddy became a Financial Advisor and received numerous awards for being a top advisor. He retired from Ameriprise Financial in 2017.



Buddy loved his family, friends and sports, especially his Miami Dolphins. He is known for his quick wit, generosity, and gracious hospitality.

He is a past president of the Rotary Club and past chairperson for ACS Relay for Life. Many people have fond memories of Buddy as their little league baseball coach at OCRA where he enjoyed teaching the fundamentals of baseball and sportsmanship for over 15 years.

His greatest joy came from spending time with his four beloved grandchildren.

Buddy was preceded in death by his father, Leonard Cline; and step father, Albert Delia.

He is survived by his wife, Theresa Cline, of Okeechobee; sons, Eric Cline (Joanne), of St. Petersburg and Adam Cline (Chris), of Port St. Lucie; mother, Edna Delia, of Okeechobee; grandchildren, Hannah, Maddie, Al, and Miles; brothers, Sammy Cline (Linda), of Langhorn, Pa. and Randy Cline (Dawn), of Okeechobee; and step sister, Terry Smith (Smitty), of St. Louis.

The family will receive friends on Thursday, March 15, 2018 at Buxton & Bass Okeechobee Funeral Home with visitation at 10 a.m. followed by a service at 11 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Port Saint Lucie Little League Softball in the name of Buddy Cline, 2744 SW Onaway Ave., Port St. Lucie, FL 34987, www.pslls.com

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

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Craig Lee Blackman, Sr., 58

OKEECHOBEE — Craig Lee Blackman, Sr. died March 10, 2018. He was born Sept. 30, 1959 in El Paso, Texas. A resident of Okeechobee since 1972, he attended The Pentecostals of Okeechobee. He enjoyed NASCAR and playing the guitar.



Mr. Blackman was preceded in death by his father, Elbert Curry Blackman, Jr.; and his brother, Elbert Blackman, II.

He is survived by his son, Craig Blackman, Jr.; daughter, Lynslee Grumbling, all of Okeechobee; five grandchildren; mother, Rubye Blackman, of Moultrie, Ga.; and sister, Susan Davis, of Valdosta, Ga.

No services will be held.

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Sarah 'Maw~Maw' Louise Edler, 88

OKEECHOBEE — Sarah "Maw~Maw" Louise Edler passed away March 11, 2018, as she entered Heaven she was welcomed by her parents, Roy and Rosalie (Grant) Edler. Born Oct. 31, 1929 in West Palm Beach, she was the heart of her family and the most loving person anyone could ever meet. MawMaw, as everyone knew her, retired from EYDC where she worked with youth and ran the canteen truck on the weekends. She loved her daughter, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, her dogs, baking, and fishing. She was a friend to many, including her grandchildren's longtime friends. She will be missed by all that knew her.



Ms. Edler is survived by her devoted daughter, Sandra Deck, of Okeechobee; grandchildren, Jennifer (Eliasar), Amanda (Nino), Dawna (Charlie), and Donnie (Jessica); great-grandchildren, Damian, Darian, Jaidyn, Zaidyn, Arliawna, and Rayden; and her sister, Pansy Smith, of Cal., and family.

Visitation will be 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, March 16, 2018 at Buxton & Bass Okeechobee Funeral Home. Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Saturday, March 17, 2018 at Buxton & Bass Okeechobee Funeral Home. Interment will follow at Evergreen Cemetery.

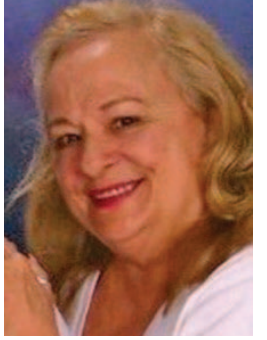
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Lenora Agnes 'Cathy' Roseberry, 79

OKEECHOBEE - It is with great sadness that the family of Lenora Agnes "Cathy" Roseberry announces her passing on Friday, March 9, 2018 at the age of 79. Cathy was born Dec. 28, 1938 in Calhoun County, Ga. to the late Jack & Agnes Merritt.

Cathy will be lovingly remembered by her husband, Kevin O'Donnell. She will be incredibly missed by her four children: Kimberly King (Robert), Pamela Peppers (Michael), Kitty Fortson (Chuck), and Kenneth King (Kelly). Cathy leaves behind her seven treasured grandchildren: Ken Land (Khushbu), Rachel McConkey (Joel), Emily Sylvain (Jonathan), Chuck Fortson Jr, Ken King (Rita), Chad King, Kelsey King. As well as the newest members of her family, her four great grandchildren: Regan McConkey, Brielle McConkey, Finley Sylvain, and Savannah King.



Cathy's passing leaves a deep hole in our hearts. Her positive and supportive nature was one seldom encountered. All that knew her will feel a great loss and emptiness.

Services will be held on Saturday, March 17, 2018 at the Community Church of Basinger, at 2 p.m., 19836 HWY. 98 N. Okeechobee, FL, 34972. Her son in law, Rev. Michael W. Peppers, will be officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in memory of Cathy can be sent to: DC Ranch, PO Box 1791, Okeechobee, FL 34973, a ministry Cathy held close to her heart.

The family is deeply grateful for the outpouring of love, prayers, and support, and many heart-felt forms from too many people to name individually.

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Minerva M. Compton, 94

OKEECHOBEE — Minerva M. Compton died March 12, 2018. She was born Feb. 2, 1924 in Pikeville, Ky. to the late Sam and Katherine (Justice) Mullins. A resident of Okeechobee for ten years, she was a member of Oakview Baptist Church.



Mrs. Compton was preceded in death by her husband, John Compton and her son-in-law, Dale Adkins.

She is survived by her son, Ronald Compton (Lynn), of Sheperdsville, Ky.; daughters, Brenda Hall (Wallace) and Vivian Adkins, all of Okeechobee; seven grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and sister, Eula Salisbury.

Funeral services will be held in Pikeville, Ky.

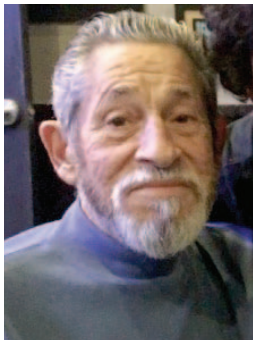
Memorials may be made to Hospice of Okeechobee, PO Box 1548, Okeechobee FL 34973.

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Fred Votino, 68

OKEECHOBEE — Fred Votino died Feb. 24, 2018 in Port St. Lucie, Fla.



Mr. Votino was born in Niles, Ohio and had lived in the Okeechobee and Fort Pierce area for 50 years. He owned and operated Votino's Pizza Kitchen in Fort Pierce. He loved antiques, fishing, traveling and riding his motorcycle.

Survivors include his wife of 25 years, Shiela A. (King) Votino of Fort Pierce, Fla.; son, Frederick J. Votino III of Niles, OH; daughter, Summer Renee Votino of Niles, OH; grandchildren, Anthony Miles Votino of Fort Pierce, Fla.; Journey Valez of Port St. Lucie, Fla.; Angelo Valez of Port St. Lucie, Fla., and Armani Giovanni Votino of Niles, OH; brother, Stephen Votino of Fort Pierce, Fla.; sister, Antoinette Votino-Vanover of Ohio and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his brother, Nicholas Votino and sister, Toni Vanover.

Services: Visitation will be held on Sunday, March 18, 2018 from 4-5 with a service to follow at 5:00 p.m. at Haisley Funeral Home, Fort Pierce. Arrangements are under the direction of Haisley Funeral & Cremation Service. An online guest book may be signed at www.haisleyfuneralhome.com.

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Veteran gets colorful ramp

From left, Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office Public Relations Deputy Sergeant Michael Hazellief and Detention Deputy Gary Cashwell, along with Community Relations Deputy Jack Nash (not pictured), assisted Gregg Maynard and his young son Jack in installing a ramp for a disabled veteran, Frank E. Sullivan, who utilizes a mobility chair to get around. The ramp pictured here was built and painted by visitors to The Warrior Center's booth at this year's Okeechobee Music & Arts Festival. Bobby Keefe, Teresa Bishop and Mr. Maynard assisted in the funding with the Warrior Center. W&W Lumber of Okeechobee sold all the materials used in constructing the ramp at cost.

Florida gets high marks for higher education

Special to the Okeechobee News

TALLAHASSEE — Gov. Rick Scott on March 7 made the following statement regarding U.S. News and World Report again ranking Florida as the best state in the nation for higher education. The ranking was determined based on several factors, including the time it takes Florida students to complete two- and four-year higher education programs, the cost of tuition and fees, and the burden of debt for college graduates. This is the second year in a row Florida has ranked No. 1.

Gov. Scott said: "It is great news that Florida has again ranked first in the nation for higher education. Over the past seven years, we have made major investments in our higher education system and challenged colleges and universities to become more affordable while fully preparing students to be ready for a great job upon graduation. A leading higher education system helps strengthen our state as the best place for families, students and job creators to succeed. We will continue to work together to hold the line on tuition and support our state colleges and universities so families and students can continue to achieve their dreams in Florida."

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Americans must take a comprehensive approach to mental illness

By Brian Mast

U.S. Congressman, 18th District of Florida

Serving in the military, I saw death firsthand. I held my fellow soldiers as the last breath went out of them. I had my uniform stained with their blood. That experience

gives you a perspective on life and the value of humanity that few others can match. Our students and teachers should never have had to have this tragic experience.

As members of Congress, we weren't sent to Washington to do what's easy — we were sent here to take action, even when

the conversation is difficult and the odds look long. We must unite to prevent this from happening ever again. We must unite to save lives.

This will take a comprehensive approach that includes evaluating access to firearms, school safety, law enforcement failures and mental illness.

We must be open to considering who can purchase firearms and what kind of firearms are available for purchase. I am committed to working with anyone — Republican or Democrat — who is willing to do the hard, bipartisan problem solving needed to come up with a definition that can keep communities safe, while also not casting law-abiding recreational gun owners as criminals.

While that discussion happens, I am asking the president to implement an immediate pause on the sale of AR-15 weapons so not one more person dies as a result of being shot with an AR-15 while Congress determines the best way to define assault weapons.

I am also calling on congressional leadership to vote immediately on already written bipartisan legislation to increase school safety, address the role of mental illness and prevent gun violence. These bills include:

- H.R. 4240 – Public Safety and Second Amendment Rights Protection Act

This bill would expand the existing background check system for gun sales to cover all commercial firearm sales, including gun shows. The bill also would amend the NICS Improvement Act of 2007 to incentivize states to improve reporting of criminals and the dangerously mentally ill.

- H.R. 3999 – To amend Title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the manufacture, possession, or transfer of any part or combination of parts that is designed and functions to increase the rate of fire of a semiautomatic rifle but does not convert the semiautomatic rifle into a machine gun, and for other purposes.

This bill would prohibit the manufacture, sale and use of “bump stocks” and similar devices. The legislation would also make violation of the law a felony and allow for increased penalties for offenders through a review of federal sentencing guidelines.

- H.R. 1478 – Gun Violence Research Act

This bill would eliminate the Dickey Amendment and express the sense of Congress that no limitations should be imposed on the authority of the Department of Health

and Human Services, including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, to sponsor evidence-based intramural and extramural research that examines the causes of gun violence and identifies methods to reduce gun-related fatalities and injuries, consistent with the Second Amendment to the Constitution and other constitutional protections.

- H.R. 4909 – STOP School Violence Act of 2018

This bill would amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to reauthorize through FY2028 the Community Oriented Policing Services Secure Our Schools grant program. The program has not been funded by Congress since 2010. The legislation would expand the program to \$50 million in federal resources to improve security measures in schools, training for staff and students as well as tools like metal detectors and locks.

- H.R. 4811 – Securing Our Schools Act of 2018

This bill aims to improve student safety by helping schools acquire alert buttons to contact law enforcement in an emergency. The SOS Act would provide a more immediate method of notifying law enforcement and first responders in case of a medical emergency, active school shooter incident, or natural disaster. It would authorize the Department of Justice to offer grants under a 4-year pilot program to local school districts for buying and installing SOS buttons in classrooms. Each grant awarded under the program would cover 75 percent of equipment purchase and installation cost (up to \$200,000).

- H.R. 2913 – Mental Health in Schools Act of 2017

This bill would create a competitive grant program that would allow the receiving school districts to hire mental health professionals by providing \$200 million in competitive grants of up to \$1 million each. It would expand the scope of the Safe Schools/Healthy Students Program by providing on-site licensed mental health professionals in schools across the country. Funding would be distributed by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), which would set guidelines and measure the outcomes of the funded programs.

These bipartisan bills are a good start, but more must continue to be done. Inaction is not an option.

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Speak Out comments can be shared in several ways. Comments on local issues are welcome on the Okeechobee News Facebook page. You can also leave your opinions in the comment box found under each story at okeechobeenews.net. We also accept comments via email to okeenews@newszap.com or via U.S. Mail at the Okeechobee address below. Thanks for participating!

County fair

- For those who say there is ‘nothing to do,’ have you been to the county fair? It's quite a lot of entertainment for a bargain price. The dog show alone is worth the price of admission. Take the family and enjoy the county fair. Check out the 4-H and FFA Livestock show. See the school exhibits and the arts and crafts. Stop by the petting zoo. Ride the rides. And don't forget the amazing fair food.

City beautification

- It is nice to see the city planting something downtown. I hope they actually maintain the new plants. So many times civic groups have done landscaping and no one kept it up, so the plants died. Personally, I would like to see a lot more trees as we always need more shade to offer relief from the Florida sun. People would use the parks more if there was more shade.

- The beautification project downtown looks like it was decided last-minute and haphazardly thrown together. Also, why are the plants so tiny? The paper should do a follow-up story in three months to see if the city council and administration actually made any effort to keep the landscaping alive. Otherwise, it is just more tax money down the drain again.

- Good job, city council, for at least starting to care about the general appearance of our town.

- I don't know that I would describe the city's beautification project as top-notch

- Putting in new landscaping isn't the issue, it's the likelihood of the city keeping it alive and looking nice. Should we all hold our breath?

Traffic

- Two semis were stopped for running my bus stops. One has to pay his fines by March 23. I'm keeping an eye on his case because if he tries to fight it, I'm going to court that day.

- I would like to know why commercial semis don't have to secure their loads. There are many mats of sod left on the roadways. If you ride a motorcycle, you better hope you don't get behind one of these trucks for all the debris that blows off them. They should be made to clean up after themselves.

Parade

- What happened to the Speckled Perch Festival parade? It was about 15 minutes long and that included a bunch of business vehicles that were not even decorated, and half a dozen people running for office. The only float I saw came from Glades County. Where was the regatta float? Where were the school entries? Where were the churches? Has everyone decided to just stop participating in the parade? It was pitiful.

- I always look forward to the Speckled Perch Festival parade. This year's parade was kind of sad. No marching bands. Only one float. The sheriff's posse and the rodeo queens rode their horses, but I didn't see the normal herd of local folks who used to ride horses at the end.

- The parade was pretty short this year!

Daylight Savings Time

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Law allows armed civilian ‘guardians’ in public schools

By **Katrina Elsen**
Okeechobee News

A new school safety law sets up a program to allow armed civilian “guardians” at public schools.

The Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act states: “For the protection and safety of school personnel, property, students and visitors, each district school board and school district superintendent shall partner with law enforcement agencies to establish or assign one or more safe-school officers at each school facility within the district by implementing any combination of the following options which best meets the needs of the school district.”

The options include:

- School resource officers from the county sheriff’s office; and/or,
- The district may appoint its own school safety officers; and/or,
- The school district may participate in the school marshal program (called the Coach Aaron Feis Guardianship Program) if such a program is established.

Whether the school safety officer is a sheriff’s office employee or a school district employee, he or she shall “undergo criminal background checks, drug testing and a psychological evaluation 2080 and be law enforcement officers, as defined in Statute 943.10(1), certified under the provisions of Chapter 943.” According to Florida Statute, “law enforcement officer” means any person who is elected, appointed or employed full-time by any municipality or the state or any political subdivision thereof; who is vested with authority to bear arms and make arrests; and whose primary responsibility is the prevention and detection of crime or the enforcement of the penal, criminal, traffic or highway laws of the state.

The legislation gives the sheriff the authority, if he so chooses, to establish “a Coach Aaron Feis Guardian Program to aid in the prevention or abatement of active assailant incidents on school premises. A school guardian has no authority to act in any law enforcement capacity except to the extent necessary to prevent or abate an active assailant incident on a school premises. Excluded from participating in the Coach Aaron Feis Guardian Program are individuals who exclusively perform classroom duties as classroom teachers.”

According to the law, school employees who volunteer for the guardian program must complete 132 hours of comprehensive firearm safety training and proficiency training conducted by Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission-certified instructors.

Florida Sheriffs’ Association promotes use of School Resource Officers

The legislation provides \$162 million for safe-school officers. According to the Florida Sheriffs Association (FSA), it will cost an estimated \$360 million to finance the program.

For the 2018-19 school year, the legislation allocated \$500,000 in recurring funds and \$67 million in nonrecurring funds to



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Gov. Rick Scott signed SB 7026 – the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act – into law on Friday afternoon, March 9, only to have the National Rifle Association file a lawsuit in the hours that followed.

establish the school marshal programs. The money is to be used for screening and training to provide program participants with a one-time stipend of \$500.

The Florida Sheriffs Association has pushed for an increase in school resource officers in the schools, using sworn law enforcement officers.

“Sheriffs fully support having all schools assigned a sworn sheriff’s deputy or police officer present on our school campuses. To achieve this end, sheriffs strongly believe the top priority must be additional state funding to ensure schools have a certified law enforcement officer ready to serve as a School Resource Officer (SRO). SRO programs emphasize the importance of collaboration between school officials and local law enforcement by promoting a community-based approach to school violence. Increasing the number of SROs on school campuses will greatly enhance school safety and protect students, teachers and administrators. We are in the business of saving lives, and none are more precious than the lives of our children.

“We believe state funding for SROs is the best way to prevent another tragedy from occurring in our schools. The Florida Legislature must make funding School Resource Officers their top priority,” wrote Walton County Sheriff Mike Adkinson, FSA president; Pinellas County Sheriff Bob Gualtieri, FSA legislative chairman; and Sarasota County Sheriff Tom Knight, FSA board of directors chairman. They sent a letter March 7 to Gov. Rick Scott, House Speaker Richard Corcoran and Senate President Joe Negron.

The Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act also includes the following provisions:

- Creates “Risk Protection Orders,” which allows a court to prohibit a violent or mentally ill individual from purchasing or possessing a firearm or any other weapon. If a law enforcement officer believes that a per-

son poses a danger to themselves or others by possessing a firearm, they can petition a court to have the individual immediately surrender the firearm and prohibit them from possessing or purchasing firearms;

- Allows law enforcement to seize firearms when a person has been detained under the Baker Act. Also prohibits a person who has been “adjudicated mentally defective” or who has been “committed to a mental institution” from owning or possessing a firearm;
- Requires all individuals purchasing firearms to be 21 or older. Exceptions are included for the purchase of rifles and shotguns by law enforcement officers, correctional officers, active duty military members and all members of the Florida National Guard and United States Reserve Forces. Also, licensed firearm dealers are prohibited from selling or transferring any firearm to a person younger than 21;

Establishes enhanced criminal penalties for individuals who make threats to schools, such as social media threats of shootings or bombings;

- Bans sale or possession of bump stocks;
- Creates a three-day waiting period for all firearms sales. This does not apply to law enforcement officers, correctional officers, active duty military members or members of the Florida National Guard or United States Reserve Forces who are purchasing a rifle or shotgun. The waiting period does not apply to the purchase of a rifle or shotgun for those who have completed a hunter safety course and possess a hunter safety identification card, or anyone who is exempt from the hunter safety course requirements and holds a valid Florida hunting license.

Requires mandatory active shooter training in schools every semester. Students, district school safety specialists, threat assessment teams, faculty, staff and designat-

ed first responders must participate in these drills;

- Provides \$99 million to address specific school safety needs within each school district. This includes school hardening measures such as metal detectors, bulletproof glass, steel doors and upgraded locks. The Florida Department of Education will establish the Office of Safe Schools and will work in consultation with sheriffs and police chiefs to approve school safety plans and provide school hardening grants to school districts;

Increases the sharing of information between sheriff’s offices, the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice, the Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF), the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and any community behavioral health providers to better coordinate services and provide prevention or intervention strategies. In addition to the legislation, the governor will also direct DCF Secretary Mike Carroll to establish a process between DCF and each sheriff’s office in Florida to better collaborate and coordinate services for those most in need;

- Establishes a new, anonymous K-12 “FortifyFL” suspicious activity reporting tool, which would allow students and members of the community to anonymously report dangerous threats through a mobile app;

Provides \$75 million for dedicated mental health counselors to provide direct counseling services to students and youth mental health assistance training. Every student in Florida will have access to a mental health counselor;

- Requires every school in Florida to have a threat assessment team with expertise in mental health counseling, academic instruction, law enforcement and school administration to meet monthly to review any potential threats to students and staff at the school;

Requires crisis intervention training for all school resource officers;

- Establishes the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Commission to investigate system failures in the Parkland school shooting and prior mass violence incidents and develop recommendations for system improvements; and

Provides \$28 million to expand mental health service teams statewide to serve youth and young adults with early or serious mental illness by providing counseling, crisis management and other critical mental health services.

Gov. Scott signed SB 7026, the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act, on March 9.

NRA files lawsuit

Minutes after the governor signed the bill, the National Rifle Association filed a lawsuit alleging that the new law violates the Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution because it raises the legal age for purchasing a gun from 18 to 21.

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deeper level. It causes us to look at our community and ask 'what if it happened to us?'"

The walkout was part of a planned nationwide walkout at schools all over the country and came almost a week after Florida Gov. Rick Scott signed new regulations into law, raising the legal age to buy a firearm to 21 and extending the waiting period to three days.

OHS sophomore La'Fasia Smith addressed the students gathered in the OHS courtyard on the topic of bullying in schools.

"We come to school to learn," said Miss Smith, "but instead some of our classmates are taunted for not having top-of-the-shelf shoes or their hair and how they're dressed. Before you say a mean comment, you should think about what that kid has going on at home outside the school gates."

In posts on social media sites such

as Facebook, some members of the Okeechobee community derided the walkout as being anti-Second Amendment, but the topic of banning guns was not brought up in any of the speeches given by students.

Senior Grace Luna called for unity in the wake of the tragic school shooting.

"Individually we are strong, but together we are invincible," Miss Luna said. "We need to come together, not just as teenagers, but as a nation in unity. Because if there is one thing we can all agree on, it's that on Feb. 14, 2018, 17 people should not have lost their lives."

Students were quiet and respectful during the 17-minute walkout and held signs in support of the students at Marjory Stoneman Douglas that read "#MSDSTRONG" and "Break the silence, stop the violence."

After the walkout, which was planned during a transition period between classes, students returned to normal school activities.

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ed at each school. The district also randomly tests its schools' checkout procedures to see if someone can come in and take a student off campus. Mr. Kenworthy reported that schools have been very diligent in passing all tests.

The school district has in place a threat assessment procedure to evaluate any threats made. First the type of threat is analyzed, whether a threat to self or to others, then the student's demeanor, appearance, sleep patterns and emotions are all considered by the threat assessment team. The team is comprised of law enforcement, a licensed mental health counselor and school personnel. Anytime a threat is communicated, this team meets to conduct an assessment.

"One of the things that we need to get across to our community," said Mr. Kenworthy, "is that when you hear a threat, communicate that threat to law enforcement or to school officials. Posts on Facebook do very little except create panic in most cases where there doesn't need to be."

Mr. Kenworthy then went through the new regulations in Senate Bill 7026 that directly affect schools, particularly the Coach Aaron Feis Guardian Program, which would

arm some school personnel if both the local school district and sheriff's office agree to do so.

School board member Joe Arnold inquired whether the guardian program would be a hindrance to Sheriff Stephen and his school resource officers (SROs).

"If the board decides to pursue the guardian program, I would not be against it," answered Sheriff Stephen. "I feel it could be very beneficial to my SROs to have another gun in the school, to have a backup when they're dealing with a threat. And the fewer who know who that person is, the better off we're going to be, similar to the air marshal program. Because my SROs in uniform are the ones with the target on their front, and back."

Mr. Arnold suggested moving forward with the guardian program in Okeechobee County, with board Vice Chairwoman Dixie Ball agreeing, saying that she was more comfortable with the program now that it clearly defines what a guardian is and who can become one.

Board Chairwoman Jill Holcomb voiced her desire to hear feedback from the Okeechobee community on the guardian program.

"I would like to hear from administrators, teachers and parents," said Ms. Holcomb. "I would feel a little more comfortable knowing what the thoughts of our community

IRSC hosts instructor job fairs

Indian River State College is now recruiting adjunct instructors who are eager to share their knowledge, give back to the community and prepare the next generation for rewarding careers. Part-time instructors are needed in a variety of subjects at IRSC campuses throughout the Treasure Coast.

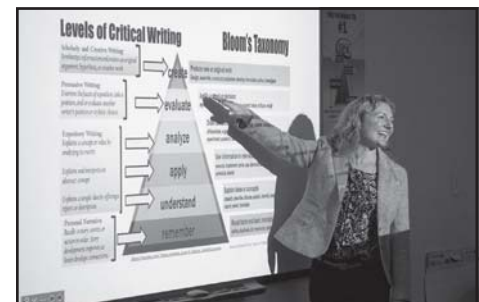
Those interested can find out more about teaching part-time at IRSC at one of the upcoming Adjunct Instructor Job Fairs at IRSC campuses across the Treasure Coast:

- 6 p.m. Monday, March 26, Dixon Hendry Campus, 2229 N.W. Ninth Ave. Okeechobee, Williamson Conference Center; and

- 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 27, Main Campus, 3209 Virginia Ave., Fort Pierce, Koble-gard Student Union (KSU).

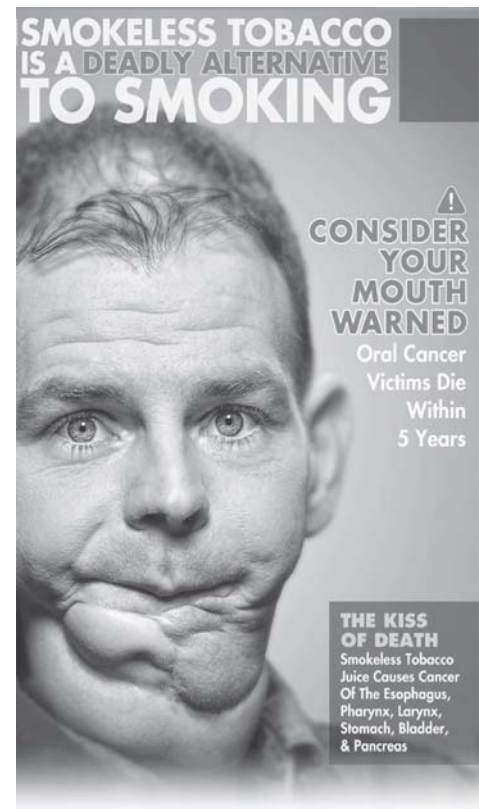
A master's degree with 18 graduate credit hours in a discipline area is required to teach. The Adjunct Instructor Job Fairs will provide

information on how to apply, subject areas, qualifications and more. For more information, call 772-462-7280 or visit irsc.edu.



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Memorial BBQ dinner set

Rebekah Bishop Prescott memorial scholarship BBQ dinner will be held on Friday, **March 16**, at 11 a.m. at the OHS AG farm. Pick up or dine in. \$10 per dinner. Tickets available at Eli's Western Wear, 907 N.W. Park St. For information, call 863-634-8135, 863-634-1657 or 863-634-7478.

BHR VFW serves dinner

The Buckhead Ridge VFW Post 9528, 29012 S.R. 78 W., will serve dinner on Friday, **March 16**, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. The menu will include grilled boneless rib eye steak, grilled pork tenderloin, fried fish and shrimp, baked and french fried potatoes, baked sweet potatoes, fried onion rings, salad and desert. All proceeds go to homeless veterans. For information, call 863-467-2882.

Business Women to meet

The Okeechobee Business Women's Referral Network will meet Friday, **March 16**, at 11:30 a.m. at Cowboys Restaurant, 202 N.E. Seventh Ave. Please bring a small gift for a fun-time exchange. For information, call Raye at 863-467-2557.

Martha's House sets sale

Martha's House will host a yard sale at 4134 U.S. 441 N., Friday, **March 16**, from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Items for sale will include clothes, shoes, handbags, toys, games and more. For information, call 863-763-2893.

Legion will host dinner

On Friday, **March 16**, come and enjoy dinner at the American Legion, 501 S.E. Second St. Everyone is welcome. Dinner will be fish, shrimp or chicken and french fry baskets, for a \$6 donation and is served from 5 until 8 p.m. with music from 6 to 9 p.m. For information, call 863-763-5309.

Seminole Cove Car Show set

Seminole Cove, 1799 S.W. 35th Circle, will host a car show on Saturday, **March 17**, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The public is welcome and admission is free. Cars 1990 and older are welcome to enter with a \$20 entry fee. There will be prizes, a 50/50 drawing, entertainment and more. A portion of the proceeds to benefit military veterans of South Florida.

Eagles upcoming events

Cypress Hut Eagles, 4701 S.E. 441, the Aerie will serve a surf and turf dinner at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, March 16, with entertainment by Sax on the Beach at 7 p.m. Then on Saturday, **March 17**, the Ladies Auxiliary will serve the annual St. Patrick's Day dinner of corned beef and cabbage with veggies and dessert at 3 p.m. Enjoy music by Dennis at 6 p.m. For information, call 863-467-1154.

St. Patrick's Day dinner set

The Buckhead Ridge VFW Post 9528, 29012 S.R. 78 W., in Buckhead Ridge will serve a corned beef and cabbage dinner on St. Patrick's Day, Saturday, **March 17**, at 4:30 p.m. until out at VFW Post 9528. For information, call 863-467-2882.

Legion opens Sunday bingo

American Legion 64, 501 S.E. Second St., will host Sunday night bingo on **March 18**, at 6:30 p.m. Doors open at 5 p.m. in the bingo area. All proceeds will benefit the American Legion veterans programs. The event is open to the public.

Amvets host 5-card bingo

Amvets Post 200, 3651 U.S. 441 S.E. Suite 6. Join them Sunday, **March 18**, at 2 p.m. and Tuesday, March 20, at 2 p.m. for five-card bingo. They will also serve ham and bean soup and cornbread at 11 a.m. on Sunday, March 11, prior to bingo. For information, call 863-484-8135.

VFW serves Sunday breakfast

The VFW Auxiliary will serve breakfast on Sunday, **March 18**, at VFW Post 9528, 29012 S.R. 78 W., from 8:30 to 11 a.m. All benefits go for veteran's services. For information, call 863-467-2882.

Sacred Heart hosting bingo

Sacred Heart Church, 901 S.W. Sixth St., will host bingo on Monday, **March 19**. Doors will open at 5 p.m. and the fun will begin at 7 p.m.

Historical Society to meet

The Okeechobee Historical Society will be meeting on Monday, **March 19**, in the main building of the museum on Highway 98 N. As usual, the covered dish lunch meeting begins at noon.

Club to host guest speaker

Be energized to be a part of the Okeechobee Republican Grassroots Mid-term Election Victory at the Monday night, **March 19**, meeting of The Republican Party of Okeechobee at 6:30 p.m. at Cowboys BBQ, 202 N.E. Seventh Ave. Please arrive by 6 p.m. if placing a food order. Sheen Mayberry of The Republican National Committee and The Republican Leadership Initiative Program will inspire us to take action as he relates what to do.

Legion to host 5-card bingo

American Legion Post #64, 501 S.E. Second St., will host five-card bingo on Monday, **March 19**, from 1 to 3 p.m. with lunch served at 12:30 p.m. For information, call 863-763-5309.

Hospice hosts yard sales

Hospice of Okeechobee, 317 S.E. Third Ave., will host yard sales on the following dates: Wednesday, **March 21**, and Wednesday, March 28. Each yard sale is from 8 a.m. to noon.

Democrats to meet

Okeechobee Democrats will meet Wednesday, **March 21**, at Beef O' Bradys, 608 S. Parrott Ave., at 6:30 p.m.

VFW Auxiliary serves dinner

The VFW Auxiliary will serve a roast beef dinner on Wednesday, **March 21**, at Post 9528, 29012 S.R. 78 W. All proceeds to benefit Florida military veterans in distress. For information, call 863-467-2882.

VFW serve Friday dinner

Buckhead Ridge VFW Post 9528, 29012 S.R. 78 W., will serve dinner on Friday, **March 23**, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. The menu will include grilled boneless rib eye steak, grilled pork tenderloin, fried fish and shrimp, baked and french fried potatoes, baked sweet potatoes, fried onion rings, salad and desert. All proceeds assist homeless veterans. For information, call 863-467-2882.

Healthy Start to meet

Okeechobee County Healthy Start Coalition Board of Directors will meet Wednesday, **March 28**, at noon at their office in the White House Plaza, 1132 S. Parrott Ave. The meeting is open to the public. The coalition is part of a statewide network responsible for planning and implementing services for pregnant women and infants. The coalition is made up of citizens interested in promoting healthy pregnancies and healthy birth outcomes for Okeechobee County residents. For information, contact Kay Begin at 863-462-5877.

Benefit for program April 7

Methodist Church of Okeechobee as part of its community outreach, will host a dine-in or take-out spaghetti dinner cooked by the United Methodist Men on Saturday, **April 7**, from 4 to 7 p.m. Tickets can be obtained from National Honor Society members at OHS or by calling Leah Suarez at 863-697-8718. The backpack program is an initiative to ensure local school children have adequate food for the weekends.

Minimal regatta returns

The Adam Bryant Minimal Regatta home-made boat race will be held **April 7** at the Agri-Civic Center. This event started in 2011 to remember Adam Bryant and give families and friends an opportunity to come together and build their own memories. Boat registration is \$50 and includes all core building materials. This year the regatta will have a Cowgirl/Cowboy/Equestrian theme. For more details and updates, go online to the event's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/169139150535833/>. Boat registration is located on the Facebook page, or at www.minimalregatta.com.



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Peer review finds EAA reservoir plan is sound

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WEST PALM BEACH — An independent external peer review released this week found that the South Florida Water Management District's (SFWMD) plan for the Everglades Agricultural Area (EAA) Storage Reservoir is technically sound and based on a foundation of successful scientific practices and engineering. SFWMD's Tentatively Selected Plan (TSP) for the proposed EAA Storage Reservoir would reduce damaging discharges to the northern estuaries, deliver clean water for Everglades restoration and meet water quality standards.

"This plan combines sound science with public feedback to achieve all of the goals and objectives of state law," said SFWMD Governing Board Chairman Dan O'Keefe. "After all the hard work our staff put into designing this reservoir project in such a short time, it is rewarding to see an independent expert review validate the district's scientific process and conclusions."

The district contracted the independent firm Battelle Memorial Institute to review SFWMD's findings in the Post Authorization Change Report (PACR) for the Central Everglades Planning Project (CEPP) that seeks

federal approval and cost-sharing to build the EAA Storage Reservoir. Battelle is the same firm that performed the required independent review of the original CEPP plan in 2012 that was approved by Congress.

"Based on the panel's review, the SFWMD CEPP PACR is a well-written document that provides excellent supporting documentation on economic, engineering, environmental and plan formulation issues and decisions," the independent review states. "The report provided a balanced assessment of the economic, engineering and environmental issues of the overall project."

The Institute's review also determined that the engineering documents that will be used for federal review of the project were "well written and thorough given the breadth of the analysis performed to support the document."

Together with authorized projects, the TSP would send an annual average of approximately 370,000 additional acre-feet of clean water south to the Everglades that will be protected by rule or reservation to benefit the natural system. The TSP would also reduce the number of damaging discharge events from Lake Okeechobee to the north-

ern estuaries by 63 percent when used in conjunction with authorized projects.

The additional flows south to the Everglades proposed by the TSP would be treated in a new 6,500-acre Stormwater Treatment Area (STA) in combination with existing STAs and Flow Equalization Basins (FEBs), such as the A-1 FEB, to meet state water quality standards. The reservoir would store 240,000 acre-feet of water on the 10,100-acre site comprised of the district-owned A-2 parcel and lands to the west as identified in Senate Bill 10. The TSP would work in conjunction with Gov. Rick Scott's restoration strategies for a total of 350,000 acre-feet of above-ground storage south of Lake Okeechobee.

The net increase in cost over the currently authorized CEPP is \$1.1 billion. The total cost, defined as the capital investment costs, of the authorized CEPP, as modified by the PACR TSP, is \$3.14 billion (2018 price level).

The PACR was approved by the SFWMD Governing Board on March 8 and, along with the independent review, will be sent to the Assistant Secretary of the Army, Civil Works for federal approval and cost sharing by March 30.

Audubon celebrates agreement to save Loxahatchee refuge

New lease agreement breathes renewed life into decades-old partnership after strong support by Audubon members

Special to the Okeechobee News

MIAMI — South Florida Water Management District Executive Director Ernie Marks has announced that the district recently signed a new lease agreement on the Arthur R. Marshall (ARM) Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge, allowing the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to continue managing this resource for wildlife.

"Today's announcement marks a new chapter in the life of the ARM Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge," said Celeste De Palma, director of Everglades policy for

Audubon Florida on March 8. "This signals a renewed readiness to work in partnership to attack the real threat to the refuge: invasive species. This refuge is a national treasure for both birds and people. Dozens of rare species depend on this sanctuary that is home to one of the largest remaining intact tracts of America's Everglades," she added before enthusiastically concluding, "The long-standing partnership between the water management district and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is safe, and so is one of the nation's most beloved and important national wildlife refuges!"

The Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge spans more than 140,000 acres of critical habitat, attracting more than 300,000 visitors per year and representing a major economic, environmental and social center in South Florida. In August 2016, the South Florida Water Management District sent a notice of default on their lease

to the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, citing failure to achieve control of two invasive exotic species in the refuge and jeopardizing the 60-year partnership between the State of Florida and the federal government. Audubon Florida was part of a coalition of more than 15 national, state and local organizations working together to protect the ARM Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge. Collectively, these groups mobilized more than 67,000 passionate advocates who reached out to Gov. Scott, urging him to keep the refuge open and urge the agencies to work together to combat invasive exotic species menacing the refuge.

In November of last year, the district agreed to enter into a new lease agreement with the service. Audubon celebrates today's announcement of the official signing of that agreement, which was signed by Acting Regional Director for U.S. Fish & Wildlife (SE Region) Mike Oetker and SFWMD Executive Director Ernie Marks on March 6.



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AARP provides free tax help

Free tax preparation and e-filing by AARP tax aide volunteers will start on Feb. 12, at the American Legion, 501 S.E. Second St., on Mondays and Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. You must bring picture ID, Social Security cards for all dependents, last year's tax return and all 2017 financial papers. No appointment necessary; it is first come, first serve. Please DO NOT CALL the American Legion. For information, call Neile at 863-357-1694.

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Brush fire caused by spark from neighbor's lawnmower

By Matteo Tullio
Okeechobee News

A brush fire was reported Wednesday afternoon.

According to a report from Okeechobee County Fire Rescue, at 1:34 p.m. on March 14, firefighters responded to a reported brush fire in the 17900 block of Northwest 294th Street.

Upon arrival, units found approximately 10-15 acres on fire. A house was located to the west of the fire and did not appear to be

in any immediate danger.

Apparently, the origin of the fire was from a lawnmower that threw off a spark from the neighbor's yard.

The estimated property and contents financial loss was valued at a combined total of \$1,000. Approximately 15-20 acres were burned during the brush fire. The fire also damaged some vinyl siding on the neighbor's chicken coop and around 80-100 of the neighbor's fence posts, which sustained damage of varying degrees.

Three brush trucks, two engines and one tanker, Fire Chief Ralph Franklin of the Okeechobee County Fire Rescue, and two bulldozers from the Florida Forest Service responded to the incident and were able to confine and extinguish the fire.

The Florida Forest Service offers the following tips to prevent wildfires:

- Keep exhaust systems, spark arresters and mowers in proper working order and free from carbon buildup.

- Keep motorized equipment engines free of oil and dust. Hot exhaust pipes and mufflers can easily start fires that you may not see until it is too late.

- Avoid pulling off roadways into tall, dry grass.

- When operating a tractor, always look behind you to make sure the blade has not struck a rock or object that may ignite a fire.

- Use recommended fuels and do not top off fuel tanks.

Florida's Healthy Start Coalitions applaud Florida Legislature

Special to the Okeechobee News

The following is a statement from Kay Bejin, executive director, Okeechobee County Healthy Start Coalition, regarding the Florida Legislature's decision to maintain funding for Florida's Healthy Start program:

"We applaud the Florida Legislature for maintaining funding for Florida's Healthy Start program. The continued funding will allow us to continue to provide essential services and community interventions to Florida's high-risk mothers and infants. Last

year, Okeechobee County Healthy Start served 523 of the at-risk mothers and infants in Okeechobee.

In 1991, the Florida Legislature, at the urging of Governor Lawton Chiles, formed the Healthy Start Coalitions as a public-private partnership. Coalitions are responsible for developing and maintaining a system of care for pregnant women and babies in each community. Coalitions form partnerships with hospitals, obstetricians, county health departments and other nonprofits

and programs to have collective impact on birth outcomes.

Since it was established, Healthy Start has helped Florida make significant strides in increasing positive birth outcomes and reducing infant mortality by 35 percent. Our work is essential and far from complete, and this funding will allow our efforts to continue to make a positive impact on infant mortality, prematurity and healthy child development.

Healthy Start is currently working with the Florida Department of Health and Agency for Health Care Administration to develop a new care delivery structure that will reach into each community to increase its impact in helping Florida's highest-risk mothers and babies and further ensure our services are providing the highest return on investment.

We thank the Florida Legislature for recognizing the value in investing in the health of the state's most vulnerable families and helping us continue on this positive path of success.

About the Florida Association of Healthy Start Coalitions

The Florida Association of Healthy Start Coalitions develops and supports local systems of care to optimize the health of moms, babies and families. The association is made up of 32 individual coalitions from across the state. Each coalition uses data and research to design a service delivery plan unique to their community. Together, we unite to have a collective impact toward better outcomes for Florida's families.

To learn more, visit www.fahsc.org.

Highlands Hammock announces upcoming Firefly Tram Tours

Special to the Okeechobee News

SEBRING — Highlands Hammock State Park is now aglow with the flickering lights of fireflies. Heartland area residents and visitors are cordially invited to experience the magic of the Hammock after dark and see the Loop Road filled with tiny "twinkling stars." Firefly Tram Tours are scheduled to begin Friday evening, March 16, and continue through Sunday evening, March 25, depending on the visible numbers and weather. These fairy-like insects, which are species of beetles, emerge annually during the month of March in the Hammock. Upon first appearance, they are generally seen for a window of two weeks as their numbers peak and wane. Their diversity and abundance this year may be impacted by cold fronts which suppresses emergence. In the event of inclement weather, rain checks will be honored at a later date.

Reservations are required and tickets may be purchased by going online at www.eventbrite.com. Tickets are \$10 per person and are non-refundable. Tour fees are waived for children two years and younger. Toddlers

and infants must be seated on the lap of an adult. Plan to arrive in the picnic area by 7 p.m. for a 7:30 p.m. departure. Trams will proceed to the orange grove where bats and owls may be sighted. From this point, trams move slowly around the Loop, pausing in areas where fireflies are abundant. Tours take approximately 45 minutes. Visitors are advised to bring insect repellent.

This special event is sponsored by the Friends of Highlands Hammock State Park. Proceeds benefit park improvements via the Friends. Regular park admission of \$6 per vehicle (up to 8 people per car) is waived after 7 p.m. on tour nights. For more information, visit the Friends of Highlands Hammock on Facebook. Highlands Hammock is located at 5931 Hammock Road in Sebring.

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AG Center open to public for exercise

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

GO
Going Out: A Guide to Area Entertainment & Attractions

BIG O FISH TALES CONTEST

Attention Area Fishermen: Share your story about fishing Lake Okeechobee and the Kissimmee River watershed and **you could win a \$100 gift certificate** from:

What's your best fishing tale?
Tell us about the biggest fish you ever caught, the time a monster fish got away, a too close for comfort encounter with an alligator, meeting someone—or something—unusual while fishing!

We're looking for stories that are:

- Funny
- Amazing
- Scary
- Heartwarming

Entry Deadline: March 17 at noon
Email your entry to GO@newszap.com
Photos are encouraged (but not required)
Email photos as a .jpg attachment



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NO OFHQ wear • submit to Okeechobee Fishing Headquarters' FB, Instagram or Email.

Change your passwords more often to keep them safe

News from the Better Business Bureau

When is the last time you reviewed the passwords to your bank account, e-mail or credit card accounts?

Together with the Federal Trade Commission, the Better Business Bureau is sharing tips to make your passwords more secure.

- Make your password long, strong and complex. That means at least twelve characters, mixed with uppercase and lowercase letters, numbers, and symbols. Avoid common words, phrases or information in your passwords.

- Don't reuse passwords used on other accounts. Use different passwords for different accounts so that if a hacker compromises one account, he can't access other accounts.

- Use multi-factor authentication, when available. For accounts that support it, two-

factor authentication requires both your password and an additional piece of information to log in. The second piece could be a code sent to your phone, or a random number generated by an app or token. This protects your account even if your password is compromised.

- Consider a password manager. Most people have trouble keeping track of all their passwords. Consider storing your passwords and security questions in a reputable password manager, an easy-to-access application that stores all your password information. Use a strong password to secure the information in your password manager.

- Select security questions only you know the answer to. Many security questions ask for answers to information available in public records or online, like your zip code, mother's maiden name, and birth

place. That is information a motivated attacker can obtain. Don't use questions with a limited number of responses that attackers can easily guess – like the color of your first car.

- Change passwords quickly if there is a breach. If you receive a notification from a company about a possible breach, change that password and any account that uses a similar password immediately.

For more information on keeping your information secure, check out the FTC's article on Computer Security. And click here for BBB's tips on identity theft.

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'Spiritual healer' allegedly burned man's feet with coals

By Matteo Tullio

Okeechobee News

On Tuesday, March 13, a 34-year-old Okeechobee man reported the injuries he had incurred after he sought help from a spiritual healer to alleviate back pain.

According to an incident report by Deputy Tim Miller of the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO), at 10:26 p.m. on March 13, he responded to the 3500 block of Northwest 10th Avenue in regard to a personal injury complaint.

Upon arrival, Deputy Miller was informed by the complainant that they contacted a spiritual healer named Vidal out of Palm Beach County. The complainant apparently

had been unable to walk due to a back injury, which prompted them to call Vidal to perform his services on them and the family for the amount of \$300.

The healing was reportedly performed on March 10, and Vidal supposedly "used a kind of heated coal wrapped in a towel" on the man's feet. Apparently, when Vidal removed the towel, the complainant had sustained burns on his feet. Vidal then supposedly put some type of plant material on his feet and provided the antiseptic "Violeta de Genciana" to the complainant and family. The report also stated that supposedly, Vidal stated he would help cover any medical expenses but has been unreachable since he left the family's residence.

The complainant's wife informed Deputy Miller that she spoke to a woman at a fuel station who provided her with Vidal's phone number and stated he was a renowned healer. The two daughters of the couple reportedly told Deputy Miller a similar story about Vidal's visit and that he also used some sort of herbal water on them as part of the healing process.

Okeechobee County Fire Rescue was also present on scene and reportedly began to treat the man, whose feet appeared to be swollen and injured. The man's wife provided a phone number to someone named Juan who supposedly knew Vidal. Juan reportedly informed dispatch that he was not close friends with Vidal nor knew his last

name but was able to provide Vidal's grandson's license plate number. The license plate information came back to someone named Jose Herrera out of Lake Worth.

The report concluded that dispatch contacted the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, which relayed back that the agency had no information on Vidal. Law enforcement was unable to identify that person, Vidal, and Deputy Miller reported that he was going to contact someone at the county state attorney's office to speak with them in regard to the criminality of the case. A supplemental report was to be included later if any more information came to light about the case.

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).

- Jalaya Marie Long, 16, Northeast 17th Avenue, Okeechobee, was arrested March 13 by Deputy Tammy Serafini on a juvenile take and hold warrant charging her with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. She was booked into the Okeechobee County Jail and then transported to St. Lucie Regional Detention Center in Fort Pierce.

- Huillermo Diaz-Lopez, 13, Northwest 46th Avenue, Okeechobee, was arrested March 13 by Deputy Tammy Serafini on felony charges of battery on law enforcement officer and resisting officer with violence. He was booked into the Okeechobee County Jail and then transported to St. Lucie Regional Detention Center in Fort Pierce.

- Stanislaus Bernard Rodrigues, 37, Northwest 10th Street, Okeechobee, was arrested March 13 by Deputy Corporal Bryan Lowe on an Okeechobee County warrant on the basis of a Widman Act violation for

three counts of violation of probation. He is being held without bond.

- Vincent Veasey, 18, U.S. 441 North, Okeechobee, was arrested March 13 by Deputy Ben Vuleta on a DOC felony warrant charging him with violation of probation - battery by a person who is being detained in a prison, jail, or other detention facility upon other detainee. He was released on his own recognizance.

- Abraham Israel Martinez, 16, Okeechobee, was arrested March 13 by Deputy Robert Feldman on an Okeechobee County felony warrant charging him with battery on detention or commitment facility staff or a juvenile probation officer. His bond was set at \$2,500.

- Terrance Walter Byrd, 34, Northwest 194th Street, Miami Gardens, was arrested March 13 by FWC Officer James Brodbeck on a felony charge of driving while license has been revoked (habitual offender). His bond was set at \$5,000.

- Charlie Johnson, 34, McDaniels Drive, Fort Myers, was arrested March 13 by Deputy Robert Feldman on a DOC felony warrant charging him with two counts of violation of probation - battery on detention or commitment facility staff. He is being held without bond.

- Vincent James Lamura, 45, U.S. 441 Southeast, Okeechobee, was arrested March 14 by Deputy Quinton Speed on a Broward County felony warrant charging him with two counts of violation of probation - providing false ownership information to a pawnbroker, violation of probation - dealing in stolen property and violation of probation - grand theft. His bond was set at \$6,500.

- Abdul Kader Shainar, 33, South Parrott Avenue, Okeechobee, was arrested March

14 by Deputy Cody Hurst on an Okeechobee County felony warrant charging him with aggravated battery with a deadly weapon. His bond was set at \$10,000.

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

Sebring man arrested for igniting wildfire

Special to the Okeechobee News

TALLAHASSEE – Florida Commissioner of Agriculture Adam H. Putnam announced Thursday that investigators with his Office of Agricultural Law Enforcement arrested Douglas Glenn Smith, 58, of Sebring for igniting a fire that escaped and burned more than 300 acres, damaged a residence's vinyl siding and caused thousands of dollars' worth of damages to fence posts.

The Florida Forest Service, a division of the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, responded to the wildfire in Highlands County. Smith admitted

to intentionally igniting a tree stump with a blow torch, which caused the wildfire. Smith had previously submitted a request for a burn authorization from the Florida Forest Service, which had been denied.

Smith is in the Highlands County Sheriff's Office Jail on one count of intentional or reckless burning of lands, a third-degree felony.

The Office of Agricultural Law Enforcement protects Florida's agriculture and consumers through law enforcement in support of all the regulatory aspects of the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. For more information, visit FreshFromFlorida.com.

Why respond to your census of agriculture?

By **Lorette Picciano, Willard Tillman and Rudy Arredondo**

Special to the Okeechobee News

There's still time. To ensure an accurate representation of the agriculture industry in this country, the United States Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service has extended their 2017 Census of Agriculture response deadline through spring, and the Rural Coalition/Coalición Rural (RC) is calling on all farmers and ranchers to participate.

Representing thousands of diverse producers throughout the United States, the RC has worked for 40 years to promote just and sustainable rural development that brings fair returns to diverse farmers and communities. It also works to protect the environment and bring safe and healthy food to consumers. Serving as an advocacy voice, the RC was able to secure more than 30 sections of policies in the 2008 farm bill that provided more opportunities for small and

minority producers, and developed methods and models to serve its constituencies best.

Small and minority producers need policymakers to continue to respect their value. According to the 2012 Census of Agriculture, small farms make up 88 percent of all U.S. farms. It's data like this that demonstrate economic importance. With a new farm bill around the corner, this is the time to be counted.

The Census of Agriculture, conducted just once every five years and sent to every farm and ranch in the country, is the only source of uniform, comprehensive, and impartial agriculture data down to the county level. Providing an overall picture of U.S. agriculture, census data are then relied on when making important decisions about farm policy, disaster relief, loan programs, research, technology development, infrastructure improvements and more. Trade associations, extension educators, agribusinesses, even farmers and ranchers themselves have used census data in support of American agriculture.

For nearly 30 years, the Outreach and Assistance to Socially Disadvantaged and Veteran Farmers and Ranchers (OASDFR) Program has been the primary tool to help historically underserved producers gain access to USDA's credit, commodity, conservation and other services. In the four years of the 2008 farm bill, the program received \$75 million in mandatory funds, about \$18 million per year.

According to the 2012 Census of Agriculture, during that time, the number of Hispanic and Asian-American farmers increased 21 percent, African-American farmers increased 12 percent, and Native American farmers increased 5 percent. In the 2014 farm bill, Congress expanded OASDFR to include veteran farmers, making increased funding all the more necessary. However, that farm bill reduced mandatory funds to only \$10 million annually.

If everyone is counted, data from the 2017 Census of Agriculture will help make the case for restoring the additional funding needed to bring OASDFR to its previous or

better levels. But this is just one example of how census data have been and will be used. For farmers and ranchers, the Census of Agriculture is their voice, their opportunity to be represented in the data. There's strength in numbers.

This year's Census of Agriculture aims to show an even more detailed account of the industry. Producers will see a new question about military veteran status, expanded questions about food marketing practices, and questions about on-farm decision-making to better capture the roles and contributions of new farmers, women farmers, and others involved in running the business.

What will the 2017 Census of Agriculture tell us about changes over the last five years? We will see, but now is the time to ensure an accurate representation of the industry – not just for the future of your operation but your community as well. We urge you to respond to your Census of Agriculture today.

SFWMD python hunters eliminate 900th snake

Special to the Okeechobee News

WEST PALM BEACH — This week, hunters participating in the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) Governing Board's Python Elimination Program achieved the latest milestone for this highly successful initiative by eliminating the 900th snake. An average of three pythons have been eliminated per day from SFWMD lands since the program began in March 2017.

"This Governing Board program has been enormously effective in killing this relentless predator in an effort to preserve native Everglades wildlife," said SFWMD scientist Mike Kirkland, project manager for the Python Elimination Program. "The sheer numbers and the sizes of the snakes being caught demonstrate how massive a threat these predators are to our beautiful habitat."

Hunter Eric Bramblet dispatched the 900th python in Collier County, a 5.5-foot-long snake.

This record high total comes as SFWMD observes National Invasive Species Awareness Week, Feb. 26-March 2, which is meant to bring attention to the problem of exotic and invasive plants and animals that are wreaking havoc on ecosystems throughout the world. In addition to the innovative program fighting the spread of Burmese pythons, the SFWMD Governing Board for years has budgeted millions of dollars in cooperation with other state and federal partners to eradicate and control invasive species such as Melaleuca, Brazilian pepper trees and the invasive fern *Lygodium*.

All the pythons eliminated by the program would stretch approximately 6,400 feet - or roughly 1.25 miles - and weigh more than 15,000 pounds, or the equivalent of approximately 7.5 tons. Elected officials and celebrities ranging from U.S. Rep. Francis Rooney, R-Fla., to superstar chef Gordon Ramsey have taken part in the hunt, bringing international awareness to the issue of this invasive species

and the district's efforts to eradicate them. Mr. Kirkland and the python hunters were also featured in a Discovery Channel television special highlighting the program.

"The taxpayers of Florida have invested billions of dollars to restore the natural beauty and health of Florida's Everglades, a rare ecosystem that is critical to our state," said U.S. Rep. Francis Rooney, R-Fla., a participant and champion for the Python Elimination Program. "It is important that we all do our part to control invasive species, protect native wildlife, and protect the taxpayer's investment. I applaud Mike, the python hunters, and the entire South Florida Water Management District staff for their efforts in removing 900 Burmese Pythons."

About the program

A team of professional python hunters was selected from more than 1,000 applicants and given access to district-owned lands in Miami-Dade County for the pilot phase and later in

Broward and Collier counties as the program expanded. These independent contractors are paid \$8.25 per hour, up to eight hours daily, to hunt in the Everglades. Depending on the size of the snake presented, hunters can also receive additional payments of \$50 for pythons measuring up to 4 feet and an extra \$25 for each foot measured above 4 feet. An additional \$200 is given for each eliminated python nest with eggs.

The invasive Burmese python, which breeds and multiplies quickly and has no natural predator in the Everglades ecosystem, has decimated native populations of wildlife. The more that can be eliminated, especially females and their eggs, the better chance future generations of native wildlife will have to thrive in the Everglades ecosystem that Floridians have invested billions of dollars to restore.

James S. 'Jim' Aul elected president of the Seminole Electric Cooperative board

Special to the Okeechobee News

TAMPA — The Board of Trustees of Seminole Electric Cooperative Inc. (Seminole) has announced that it has unanimously elected James S. "Jim" Aul from Glades Electric Cooperative to be its next president. Seminole is governed by a 27-member board of trustees. The board is composed of three representatives from each of Seminole's nine member cooperatives.

"I am honored to be elected by my fellow board members during this time of great importance at Seminole," said Mr. Aul. "During the next several years I hope to keep Seminole in a strong position to be its members' preferred provider of wholesale energy service. As we look to the future, we will remain focused on providing safe, affordable, reliable electricity."

Mr. Aul served America in the United States Marine Corps on active duty from

1965-1968. He spent 19 months (a tour and a half) in the Republic of South Vietnam. He left active duty in September 1968 with a rank of sergeant (E-5).

After leaving the service, Mr. Aul returned to work for a professional engineering and land surveying firm in southeastern Pennsylvania. In 1975 he became the co-owner of a small professional land surveying group that eventually branched into civil engineering. The group specialized in construction layout, design, and land development.

In 1985, he moved to Florida and started a family, including two sons. In 1992 he got into the residential construction field, and briefly owned a small corporation, working mostly in Sebring and Wauchula.

Mr. Aul was elected to the Glades Electric Cooperative Board of Trustees in 1996, and the Seminole Board of Trustees in 1997. He joined Montz Builders Inc. in 1998 and cur-

rently works as their office manager. Montz is a commercial construction firm heavily committed to both agriculture and the medical field.

Mr. Aul has over 20 years' experience in governance of both distribution and generation and transmission electric cooperatives. He has completed numerous training sessions as a trustee, including the Director Gold Program through the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, and has earned a credentialed Cooperative director's certificate and board leadership certificate from NRECA.

Also elected as officers of Seminole's Board of Trustees were Tony Weeks from Central Florida Electric Cooperative, who will serve as vice president, and Susie Reeves, from Clay Electric Cooperative, who will serve as secretary/treasurer.

"I am excited to work with the new

board officers elected today," said Lisa Johnson, CEO and general manager of Seminole. "One of the benefits of working for a not-for-profit, member-owned electric cooperative is that we are governed by elected representatives of the people we serve in Florida. These citizen representatives all ultimately receive electric service from Seminole and its nine member distribution cooperatives."

Seminole's nine members, all in Florida, are: Central Florida Electric Cooperative, Chiefland; Clay Electric Cooperative, Keystone Heights; Glades Electric Cooperative, Moore Haven; Peace River Electric Cooperative, Wauchula; SECO Energy, Sumterville; Suwannee Valley Electric Cooperative, Live Oak; Talquin Electric Cooperative, Quincy; Tri-County Electric Cooperative, Madison; and Withlacoochee River Electric Cooperative, Dade City.

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Public Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE The Okeechobee County Board of County Commissioners will hold a Regular Session on Thursday, March 22, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. in the "Judge William L. Hendry Courtroom" at the Historic Courthouse, 304 N.W. 2nd Street, Okeechobee, Florida.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED 2018TD644 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that JOSEPH EDWARD 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:

Notice Under Fictitious Name Law NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, pursuant to the "Fictitious Name Statute," will register with the Florida Department of State, Division of Corporation the fictitious name, to wit: LAST OPTION GUN SALES AND TRAINING

Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED 2018TD645 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that JOSEPH EDWARD 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:

Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED 2018TD608 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that JOSEPH EDWARD 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:

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED 2018TD587 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that JOSEPH EDWARD 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:

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Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED 2018TD611 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that JOSEPH EDWARD 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:

Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED 2018TD585 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that JOSEPH EDWARD 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:

Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED 2018TD534 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that ZACHARY MICHAEL 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:

Public Notice

NOTICE UNDER FICTITIOUS NAME LAW Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, pursuant to the "Fictitious Name Statute," will register with Florida Department of State, Division of Corporations the fictitious name, to wit: IT Solutions

Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED 2018TD534 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that ZACHARY MICHAEL 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:

Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED 2018TD534 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that ZACHARY MICHAEL 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:

Public Notice

NOTICE UNDER FICTITIOUS NAME LAW Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, pursuant to the "Fictitious Name Statute," will register with Florida Department of State, Division of Corporations the fictitious name, to wit: IT Solutions

Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED 2018TD585 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that JOSEPH EDWARD 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:

Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED 2018TD534 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that ZACHARY MICHAEL 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:

Public Notice

LEGAL NOTICE Public Auction will be held at Johns Towing Service storage lot located at 704 Northeast 2nd Avenue, Okeechobee, Florida 34972 on MARCH 28, 2018 at 9:00 A.M. Pursuant to Florida Statute 713.78 for unpaid towing and storage charges. Year, make, model and VIN are as follows.

Public Notice

NOTICE TO CREDITORS The administration of the Estate of CHRISTOPHER ALLAN ELDRIDGE, deceased, File Number 97-199 CP, is pending in the Circuit Court in and for Okeechobee County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 312 N.W. 3rd Street, Okeechobee, FL 34972. The names and addresses of the Personal Representative and the Personal Representative's attorney are set forth below.

Public Notice

LEGAL NOTICE A public auction will be held at TOTAL ROADSIDE SERVICES, located at 3176 Hwy 710 E, Okeechobee 34974 at 9:00 a.m. On the date listed below Pursuant to Florida Statute 713.78 for unpaid towing and storage. Year, make and model as follows:

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

2018TD583

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that JOSEPH EDWARD 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: 3335 Year of Issuance: May-31-2014
Description of Property: CITY OF OKEECHOBEE LOTS 1 2 3 BLOCK 21

3-15-37-35-0010-00210-0010
Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida

Name in which assessed:
INSITE DEVELOPMENT GROUP HOLDING 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 7th day of June, 2018. SUBJECT TO CURRENT TAXES

SHARON ROBERTSON, CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT & COMPTROLLER
Okeechobee County, Florida
/s/ Frances Conner
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. 484639 ON 3/16,23,30;4/6/2018

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

2018TD640

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that JOSEPH EDWARD 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: 2166 Year of Issuance: June-01-2015
Description of Property: BASSWOOD UNIT 5 LOT 19 BLOCK 49

1-05-37-35-0050-00490-0190
Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida

Name in which assessed:
HELMUT NUNEZ ZINCKER

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, 2018. SUBJECT TO CURRENT TAXES

SHARON ROBERTSON, CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT
Okeechobee County, Florida
/s/ Frances Conner
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. 484439 ON 3/16,23,30;4/6/2018

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

2018TD543

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that ZACHARY MICHAEL 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: 3045 Year of Issuance: May-31-2014

Description of Property: COMMENCING AT THE QUARTER SECTION CORNER ON THE WEST BOUNDARY LINE OF SECTION 17 TOWNSHIP 37 SOUTH RANGE 36 EAST RUN THENCE SOUTH 89 DEG 24 MIN 08 SEC EAST ALONG THE QUARTER SECTION LINE FOR A DISTANCE OF 1905.30 FEET MORE OR LESS TO A POINT ON THE EAST R/W LINE OF FOUR SEASONS DRIVE THENCE RUN NORTH 0 DEG 04 MIN 22 SEC EAST PARALLEL WITH THE WEST BOUNDARY LINE OF SAID SECTION 17 AND ALONG THE EAST R/W LINE OF FOUR SEASONS DRIVE FOR A DISTANCE OF 1488.00 FEET THENCE RUN SOUTH 89 DEG 24 MIN 08 SEC EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 100.00 FEET FOR POINT OF BEGINNING THENCE CONTINUE SOUTH 89 DEG 24 MIN 08 SEC EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 100.00 FEET THENCE RUN NORTH 0 DEG 04 MIN 22 SEC EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 100.00 FEET THENCE RUN NORTH 89 DEG 24 MIN 08 SEC WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 100.00 FEET THENCE RUN SOUTH 0 DEG 04 MIN 22 SEC WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 100.00 FEET TO POINT OF BEGINNING. LYING IN AND COMPRISING A PART OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF SECTION 17 TOWNSHIP 37 SOUTH RANGE 36 EAST OKEECHOBEE COUNTY FLORIDA AND ALSO BEING DESCRIBED AS LOT 41B OF AN UNRECORDED PLAT OF A PART OF SECTION 17 TOWNSHIP 37 SOUTH RANGE 36 EAST

1-17-37-36-0A00-00003-041B
Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida

Name in which assessed:
ESTATE OF VERA I SUGGS F/K/A VERA I YOUNG
VERA I YOUNG SUGGS

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 31st day of May, 2018. SUBJECT TO CURRENT TAXES

SHARON ROBERTSON, CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT & COMPTROLLER
Okeechobee County, Florida
/s/ Frances Conner
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. 484834 ON 3/16,23,30;4/6/2018

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

2018TD478

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that ZACHARY MICHAEL 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: 1827 Year of Issuance: May-31-2014
Description of Property: TOWNSITE OF OSOWAW LOT 6 BLOCK 92

1-22-33-35-0010-00920-0060
Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida

Name in which assessed:
JOSE LEANDRO AVALOS

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 10th day of May, 2018. SUBJECT TO CURRENT TAXES

SHARON ROBERTSON, CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT & COMPTROLLER
Okeechobee County, Florida
/s/ Frances Conner
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. 484698 ON 3/16,23,30;4/6/2018

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

2018TD572

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that JOSEPH EDWARD 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: 165 Year of Issuance: May-31-2014

Description of Property: LOT B OF TRACT 25 W1/2 OF E1/2 OF N1/2 OF N1/2 OF TRACT 25 11 34S 33E

1-11-34-33-0A00-00025-B000
Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida

Name in which assessed:
HORACE R BROWN

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 7th day of June, 2018. SUBJECT TO CURRENT TAXES

SHARON ROBERTSON, CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT & COMPTROLLER
Okeechobee County, Florida
/s/ Frances Conner
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. 484629 ON 3/16,23,30;4/6/2018

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

2018TD525

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that JOSEPH EDWARD 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: 1285 Year of Issuance: May-31-2014

Description of Property: LOT L OF TRACT 20 WEST 1/2 OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF TRACT 20 SECTION 28 AS TO THE SOUTHERN COLONIZATION COMPANY PLAT OF TOWNSHIP 34 SOUTH RANGE 33 EAST ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4 PAGES 3-3E INCLUSIVE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY FLORIDA

1-28-34-33-0A00-00020-L000
Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida

Name in which assessed:
GERALD J KOTTLER
JAMES DOODY
KATHLEEN KAEHR
MARY P DOODY
MARY P DOODY ESTATE
NOREEN KOTTLER
WILLIAM DOODY

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 24th day of May, 2018. SUBJECT TO CURRENT TAXES

SHARON ROBERTSON, CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT & COMPTROLLER
Okeechobee County, Florida
/s/ Frances Conner
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. 484762 ON 3/16,23,30;4/6/2018

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

2018TD479

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that ZACHARY MICHAEL 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: 1828 Year of Issuance: June-01-2013
Description of Property: GRAND PRIX RANCHES PLAT 1 LOT 8

1-21-33-35-0020-00000-0080
Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida

Name in which assessed:
BEATRICE BAUER
ERICH BAUER

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 10th day of May, 2018. SUBJECT TO CURRENT TAXES

SHARON ROBERTSON, CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT & COMPTROLLER
Okeechobee County, Florida
/s/ Frances Conner
Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

2018TD554

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that ZACHARY MICHAEL 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: 845 Year of Issuance: May-31-2014

Description of Property: LOT P OF TRACT 23 E1/2 OF E1/2 OF S1/2 OF S1/2 OF TRACT 23 34S 33E

1-23-34-33-0A00-00023-P000
Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida

Name in which assessed:
JOAN E ZORZI

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 31st day of May, 2018. SUBJECT TO CURRENT TAXES

SHARON ROBERTSON, CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT & COMPTROLLER
Okeechobee County, Florida
/s/ Frances Conner
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. 484818 ON 3/16,23,30;4/6/2018

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

2018TD536

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that ZACHARY MICHAEL 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: 3317 Year of Issuance: June-01-2013

Description of Property: COMMENCING AT THE MEANDER CORNER OF FRACTIONAL SECTIONS 23 AND 24 TOWNSHIP 38 SOUTH RANGE 36 EAST RUN THENCE SOUTH 42 DEG 58 MIN WEST A DISTANCE OF 31.37 FEET FOR A POINT THENCE RUN NORTH 34 DEG 40 MIN WEST A DISTANCE OF 365.88 FEET FOR POINT OF BEGINNING THENCE RUN SOUTH 55 DEG 20 MIN WEST A DISTANCE OF 110 FEET TO A POINT ON THE NORTH BOUNDARY OF SR 15 THENCE RUN NORTH 34 DEG 40 MIN WEST ALONG THE NORTH BOUNDARY OF SAID SR 15 A DISTANCE OF 75 FEET THENCE RUN SOUTH 55 DEG 20 MIN EAST A DISTANCE OF 110 FEET THENCE RUN SOUTH 34 DEG 40 MIN EAST A DISTANCE OF 75 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING ALSO DESCRIBED AS LOT 6 ACCORDING TO THE PLAT OF UTOPIA AN UNRECORDED SUBDIVISION .18 ACRE

1-23-38-36-0A00-00014-0000
Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida

Name in which assessed:
ALEJANDRO J PERICCHI
MICHELLE L PERICCHI

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 24th day of May, 2018. SUBJECT TO CURRENT TAXES

SHARON ROBERTSON, CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT & COMPTROLLER
Okeechobee County, Florida
/s/ Frances Conner
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. 484778 ON 3/16,23,30;4/6/2018

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

2018TD571

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that JOSEPH EDWARD 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: 217 Year of Issuance: May-31-2014
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 7th day of June, 2018. SUBJECT TO CURRENT TAXES

SHARON ROBERTSON, CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT & COMPTROLLER
Okeechobee County, Florida
/s/ Frances Conner
Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

2018TD580

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that JOSEPH EDWARD 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: 2046 Year of Issuance: June-1-2013

Description of Property: ORANGE BLOSSOM RANCHES PLAT BOOK 3 PAGE 9 LOTS 8 & 9 BLOCK 7

1-15-36-35-0040-00070-0080
Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida

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 7th day of June, 2018. SUBJECT TO CURRENT TAXES

SHARON ROBERTSON, CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT & COMPTROLLER
Okeechobee County, Florida
/s/ Frances Conner
Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

2018TD567

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that JOSEPH EDWARD 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: 1077 Year of Issuance: May-31-2014

Description of Property: LOT M OF TRACT 14 WEST 1/2 OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF TRACT 14 SECTION 26 AS TO THE SOUTHERN COLONIZATION COMPANY PLAT OF TOWNSHIP 34 SOUTH RANGE 33 EAST ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4 PAGES 3-3E INCLUSIVE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY FLORIDA

1-26-34-33-0A00-00014-M000
Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida

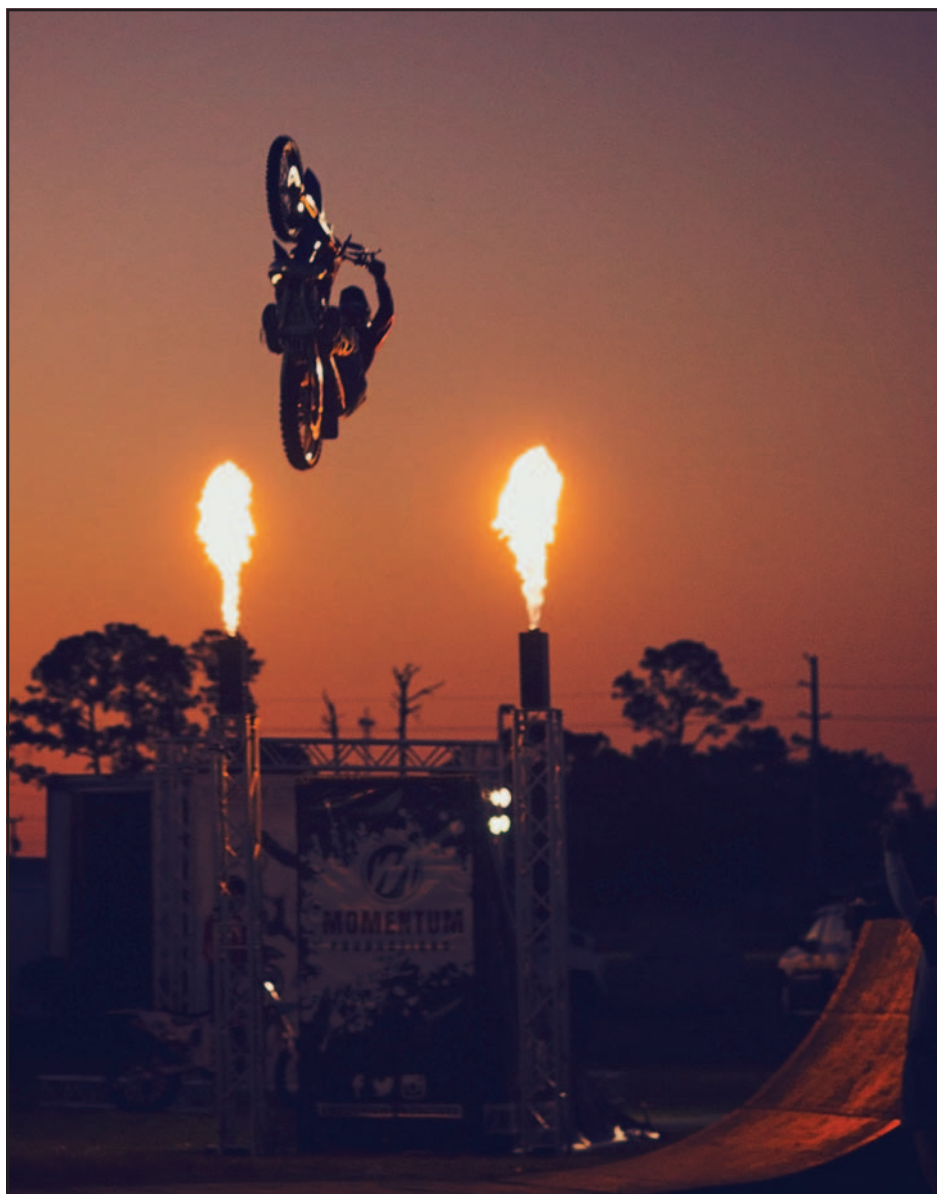
Name in which assessed:
ESTATE OF JENNIFER CORNWALL DECEASED
ESTATE OF OWEN CORNWALL DECEASED
INEAKA CORNWALL
JANICIA CORNWALL
JAVON CORNWALL
JENNIFER CORNWALL
MATTHEW CORNWALL
OWEN CORNWALL
SHAVION CORNWALL
URIAH CORNWALL

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 7th day of June, 2018. SUBJECT TO CURRENT TAXES

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/s/ Frances Conner
Deputy Clerk

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'All roads lead to the fair ...'



Okeechobee News/Richard Marion

The Freestyle Motocross and BMX Maddness show provides plenty of excitement for fair visitors. The show is included in the fair admission price of \$5 per person. Sunday is Family Day, with \$2 fair admission.



Okeechobee News/Richard Marion

The Okeechobee County Fair has enjoyed clear weather and large crowds this week. The fair opened Tuesday and continues through Sunday. The gates open at 5 p.m. Friday and at noon on Saturday and Sunday.



Okeechobee News/Richard Marion

The Wade Shows midway is back with a variety of rides, including the ever-popular carousel. This year's theme: "All roads lead to the fair."



Okeechobee News/Richard Marion

Take a ride on the Ferris wheel for a spectacular view of the fairgrounds. The fair also offers helicopter rides, for a grand view of the surrounding countryside.

Okeechobee Veterans Council helps humble heroes

Special to the Okeechobee News

The United States military is committed to rigorously maintaining the nation's most cherished possession: freedom. These individuals endure untold sacrifices and deserve the community's appreciation.

Some heroes, through the aging process or circumstances beyond their control, may eventually be faced with needing a benevolent helping hand. When faced with these circumstances, where do they turn? There are numerous outlets available. One organization stands out sustaining a unique volunteer network of local military establishments: The Okeechobee Veterans Council. Their organization combines knowledgeable and talented individuals eagerly ready to assist. The organization is comprised of approximately fifteen local military associations that provide assistance. The council, being restricted by monetary assists, is unfortunately self-constrained.

Case in point: Master Sargent Glen L. Kessler (94+ years old), volunteered in the Army Air Corps at the delicate age of 18 on Oct. 7, 1942, and subsequently completed the radio

operator and gunnery schools. Then Master Sgt. Kessler was assigned to the 91st Bomb Group, 322nd Squadron, aboard the B-17 heavyweight Annihilator. After World War II, he went on to serve in the Korean action.

Master Sgt. Kessler for retirement purposes completed 32 years in the Air Force, 20 active, and 12 years in the civil service. He earned the distinguished Purple Heart, Air Medal and three Oak Leaf Clusters. Master Sgt. Kessler on one mission was wounded in the shoulder, thus the Purple Heart.

To this day, he still carries that bullet wedged in his shoulder, coping with a lifetime sentence of agony and grief.

The aircrew requirements were 25 missions. The odds that these aircrews would survive their missions was projected to be one in three – a 33 percent chance of surviving the full 25 missions needed to return and be assigned a much less hazardous calling opportunity.

After returning home, he met and married Leona McDonnell. Their marriage lasting 65 years, a remarkable feat considering today's standards. They've raised five children and have numerous grandchildren, and their

ancestral tree continues at a phenomenal growth rate.

As Master Sgt. Kessler struggled with advanced geriatric difficulties materializing, his life necessities were altered. He presently is assisted under the supervision of a caregiver. Master Sgt. Kessler needed a three-wheeled bicycle for local transportation; enabling him to enhance his restricted social life.

Ergo, through mysterious ways Master Sgt. Kessler managed contact with Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4423 Auxiliary President David Drawyd. In turn, Mr. Drawyd contacted Jim Benoit, president of the Okeechobee Veterans Council, for assistance. The council provided the monetary requirements necessary to purchase the three-wheeled bicycle after their required vetting process. Today, Master Sgt. Kessler has the luxury of an enhanced quality of life through the courtesy of the formidable dedicated work completed by the council members.

For further information about the 91st Bomb Group, visit their website at www.91stbombgroup.com, and additionally visit their newly developed blog, located at 91stbombgroup.blogspot.com.

The Okeechobee Veterans Council is, to date comprised of 15 members from military organizations, all but one located in the general Okeechobee area. The Okeechobee Veterans Council's mission statement is: "Our goal and purpose is to help local veterans in need. We offer assistance within our means." The council has assisted approximately 100 veterans in the last 48 months with rent, food, medications, oxygen, etc. The council validates those veterans requesting assistance. Should any organization be willing to assist with monetary donations to the Okeechobee Veterans Council or need any further information about the council, contact Jim Benoit at 863-697-2929.



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Pictured left to right are Jim Benoit, Okeechobee Veterans Council president, Master Sgt. Kessler and David Drawyd, VFW 4423 Auxiliary president.

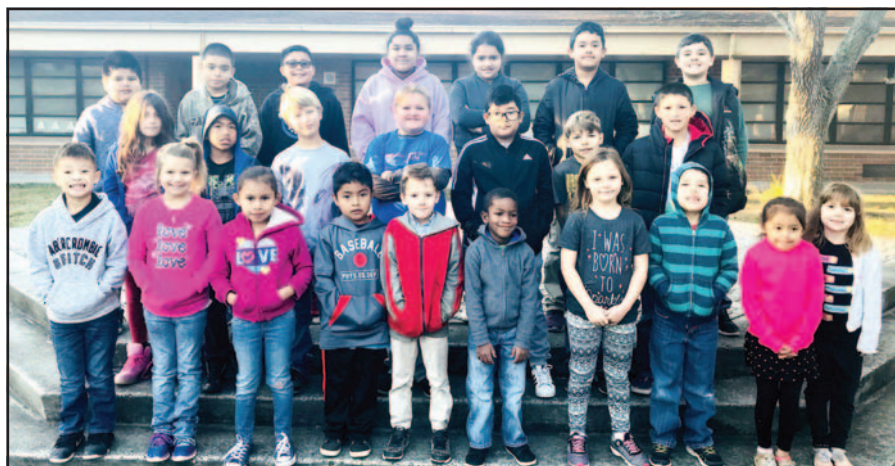
Chamber of Commerce News

- Please join us for a ribbon cutting at Labor Finders, celebrating their move to a new location, 210 W.N. Park Street, Suite 103. The ribbon cutting will take place on Wednesday, March 21, at noon. John and his staff are eager to share their move with the public. Come out and celebrate this long-time business that has given so much back to this community.

- Our March Rise Up With the Chamber will be on Tuesday, March 27, from 7:45 to 8:30 a.m. Enjoy just 45 minutes of light morning refreshments mixed with three great businesses giving a two-to-three minute informative talk, all on FB live and or

video. The chamber is excited to be the host for this event and we invite our members and the public to come out and learn more about our community and just enjoy our brief time together. The chamber is located at 55 S. Parrott Ave. The chamber hopes to see you all here!

- Mark your calendars now for the Wednesday, April 18, Spring Chamber Luncheon at IRSC with Dr. H. Dail Laughinghouse IV, Assistant Professor, Applied Phycology from the University of Florida about the topic of algae. Seats will be reserved as they expect a full crowd for this informative talk.



Special to the Okeechobee News/EES

EES Students of the Week

Everglades Elementary School students achieving excellence in the classroom for the week of March 12 include: kindergarten, Tremayne Dellmar, Jared Mariano, Brystal Grant, Melany Aguillon; first, Noemy Garcia, Zack Brown, Corryn Weltzin, William Ramirez, Rigoberto Garcia; second, Cristian Alcantara, Aidan Rickard, Eduardo Martinez; third, Samantha Newton, Cassidy Rosemann, Juan Gonzalez, Justin Williams, Javier Gill-Garcia; fourth, Ernesto Flores, Bryan Arriaga; fifth Yazmin Urvina, Diana Santos-Rodriguez, Mario Nunez and Odalis Garcia-Balderas.



Special to the Okeechobee News/SES

SES Students of the Week

Congratulations to the Students of the Week at South Elementary School for the week of March 2. They are: Jaidn Gilman, Sandra Lopez, Emma Spangler, Axel Morales Ponce, Alexa Lattimore, Bryson Sheffield, Mason Staton, Dominic Garcia, Hailey Michel, Braylee Ramsey, Natalia Hernandez, Arianna Fulks, Johnny Martin, John Wilbur, Rachel Thompson, Kimber Ferrell, Eric Cottage, Clayton Oxford, Kacey Pagaduan, Alexzavia Jackson Crowell and Mark Hamilton.

'Showtime at First Baptist' is a heartwarming hit

By **Tammi Kelly**
Okeechobee News

Okeechobee Community Theatre's opening night of "Showtime at First Baptist," Friday, March 9, was a fast-paced, fun-loving and heartwarming show. The actors did a great job portraying the characters, including some you begin to "love to hate."

The story of First Baptist Church of Ivy Gap, Tenn., in the 1970s shows that no matter what your religion, when a church is in need, others will come to help.

When a group of six women from First Baptist get together, there is bound to be laughter. The play's good-natured religious jokes will have your belly aching. They don't leave out a single sanctum.

However, when the church is in need of a fundraiser after a terrible fire, the gals come up with the idea of a talent show of sorts.

Some shows may cross the lines of Ivy Gap standards, but there is nothing this church family wouldn't do for their church.

The production truly shows that no matter where you may be, or how far you have come in life, your church will always be there for you with open arms.

Throughout the play, relationships are formed and tested, forgiveness is granted, and hope comes alive.

This is one OCT production you don't want to miss.

Connie Gerard plays Edith Ellington, the wife of the pastor of First Baptist. She brings a calming atmosphere to the rebellious group of ladies who have gotten together to put on a fundraiser for the church. She is definitely the voice of wisdom.

Laurie Garner plays Vera Reynolds, the

wife of the church's most powerful deacon. Her character is a passionate, opinionated spitfire who holds nothing back, and the audience loves her for that.

Louise Chandler plays Mae Ellen Raftery, the church's organist, who has a hopeful heart that one day her life will bring her more than Ivy Gap. Ms. Chandler brings a heartwarming charm to the play with great emotion.

Jacque Hayes plays Olene Wiffer, the most flamboyant Baptist have ever seen. Mrs. Hayes bring such joy to the stage. Her character has a questionable past, but that never stopped her love of her church. She is sure to bring a smile to your face.

Martha Bucholtz plays Lucille Spears, the tried and true traditional Baptist who governs with an iron fist. Ms. Bucholtz brings her character to life with such vigor on stage, using dialogue with others, that you may take her as a crass individual. But in the end you see she is doing everything for all the right reasons.

Katie McFarland plays Lucille's daughter-in-law Annie Spears, whose husband is away serving his country in Vietnam. Ms. McFarland is new to the OCT family and brings a youthful energy to the stage with her cheery disposition. It is always a joy to see new faces on stage.

As with most plays, the cast is only one important part of the show. The crew make all the theatre magic happen.

Set construction was by Ron and Jacque Hayes, Paul Cronk, Larry Taracy and Terri Bellefeuille. Stage crew includes Annalise Bean, Jane Frish, Penny Homer and Jackie Morgan. Stage managers are Jane Kaufman and Grace Morgan.

Kay Mathis, Diane Shelkie, Jane Frish and Penny Homer were in charge of costumes.

House manager is JoAnn Kane.

Lighting gaffer is Kenny Feightner.

Lighting control is Katie Ammons.

Sound control is Paul Cronk.

Pianist/organist is Sara-Kay Knoche.

The play is directed by Ron and Jacque Hayes.

The show runs Friday, March 16, at 8 p.m. and Saturday, March 17, at 2 p.m. The theatre is at 610 S.W. Second Ave. in Okeechobee, one block west of Golden Corral restaurant.



Special to the Okeechobee News

A young newlywed from the North laments that the only job she's found in the tiny town of Ivy Gap, Tenn., is as a waitress serving Southern foods to which she's unaccustomed. It's part of the live stage comedy-drama, "Showtime at First Baptist," being presented by the Okeechobee Community Theatre. Performances are on Friday, March 16, at 8 p.m., with a 2 p.m. matinee on March 17. The theatre is at 601 S.W. Second Ave., one block west of Golden Corral restaurant. Tickets are \$12 each and may be purchased at the theatre box office beginning one hour before curtain times. Shown (left to right) are cast members Laurie Garner and Katie McFarland.

Farmers earn national award for food donation

Special to the Okeechobee News

GAINSVILLE — Florida Farm Bureau's Young Farmers & Ranchers received top honors for donating 24.6 million pounds of fresh produce and other foods to assist hungry Floridians as part of American Farm Bureau Federation's (AFBF) "Harvest for All" program.

Now in its 16th year, Harvest for All is spearheaded by members of Farm Bu-

reau's Young Farmers & Ranchers (YF&R), but Farm Bureau members of all ages from across the nation contribute to the effort.

"Farmers contribute to their communities in many ways," said Andrew Taylor, president of Florida Farm Bureau's YF&R Leadership Group. "I am pleased that our members have won an award for their food donation. But I am more proud of them for their commitment to helping other Floridians who do not have access to adequate nutrition."

Harvest for All is one of the most important community service efforts undertaken by Farm Bureau members. Although the U.S. economy is stronger overall compared to several years ago, many Americans still need help securing adequate food for their families.

The awards were presented during AFBF's Young Farmers & Ranchers Conference in Reno, Nev., in February. Since Harvest for All was launched, Farm Bureau families have

gathered more than 275 million pounds of food, logged more than 157,000 volunteer hours and raised \$7.5 million in donations.

Florida Farm Bureau, the state's largest general agricultural organization, represents more than 146,000 member-families. We serve to enhance farm enterprise and improve rural communities.



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After Hours at the fair

Linda Syfrett, president of the Okeechobee County Fair Association, welcomed a huge crowd March 12, the night before the Okeechobee County Fair opened. She recounted the history and growth of the fair and allowed those present to tour "behind the scenes" and learn how everything comes together. The evening was an After Hours with the Chamber event. They take place monthly for chamber members and the public to get a greater knowledge of the community. The April event, open to all, will be at Grand Oaks.



Special to the Okeechobee News/NES

NES Students of the Week

Congratulations to North Elementary School's Students of the Week for the week of March 12. They are: Kai Gunter, Robert Moore, Kristopher Hatfield, Aldo Ramirez, Irwin Gomez, Vanessa Gil, Sofie Soriano, Santiago Arellano, Pascual Diaz Martin, Makayla Miller, Carson Buckner, Riley Bishop, Maya Szentmartoni, Melisa Lopez-Chilel, Eli Wallace and Ty Murphy.

Happy 103rd Birthday to Martha Goddard Conely

Miz Martha will celebrate her 103rd Birthday on St. Patrick's Day, March 17th, 2018, with a family dinner at her home.

She is my "mentor" and a friend to many. Miz Martha is respected and loved by those who know her.

Love in Christ, Betty Williamson



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Wild turkey season brings variety of hunting options

By Tony Young
FWC

Holmes County hunters in Northwest Florida will enjoy their first full-length spring turkey season after 20 years – the result of a successful wild turkey restoration project and partnership between the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC), National Wild Turkey Federation and local landowners.

“In the mid-1990s, residents and landowners of Holmes County brought it to our attention that their county’s wild turkey population had virtually disappeared,” said Roger Shields, FWC’s wild turkey program coordinator. “Our biologists and law enforcement then set up bait stations throughout the county and monitored them. Those reports were confirmed, and turkey hunting was closed in Holmes County in 1998.”

A turkey trapping and restocking program was initiated during back-to-back winters of 1998-99 and 1999-2000. A total of 121 wild turkeys (43 gobblers and 78 hens) were released at eight different locations within Holmes County during those two years. Local landowners spent their own money on habitat improvements, such as prescribed burns, timber thinning and planting food plots, which helped speed up the restoration process. Additionally, the NWTFF formed a local chapter and assisted in turkey trapping efforts.

The restoration goal of re-establishing a huntable population of wild turkeys was attained in 2006 when turkey hunting was reopened in Holmes County with a limited three-day spring season and a one-bird bag limit. Over the past decade, the spring turkey season in Holmes County has been extended incrementally, and based on harvest data, hunting success in Holmes County is now as good or better than that in surrounding counties. So beginning this spring, the season will be a full 37 days as it is statewide.

Walk-in youth turkey hunt areas

These 26 WMAs do not require a youth spring turkey quota permit: Apalachicola, Aucilla, Big Bend – Snipe Island Unit, Big Bend – Spring Creek Unit, Big Bend – Tide Swamp Unit, Blackwater, Choctawhatchee River (only the south portion of the area), Escambia River, Herky Huffman/Bull Creek, J.W. Corbett, Joe Budd, Jumper Creek, Kissimmee Chain of Lakes, Kissimmee River, Lake Monroe, Lochloosa, Log Landing, Lower Econfina River, Middle Aucilla, Osceola, Richloam, Steinhatchee Springs, St. Marks NWR (Newport Hunt Area only), Three Lakes, Upper St. Johns River Marsh and Yellow River.

Spring turkey season

Spring turkey season south of State Road 70 always begins the first Saturday in March. This year it began March 3. The season runs through April 8. In the rest of the state, it always opens the third Saturday of March, with this year being March 17 through April 22.

Walk-in public hunting areas

These 43 WMAs don’t require a quota to hunt some or all of the spring turkey season.

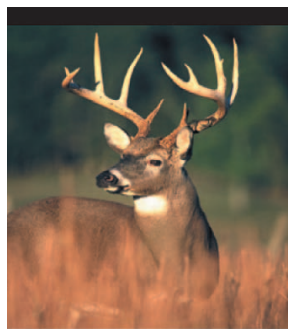
- Osceola turkeys inhabit these areas:
 - Big Bend WMA – Jena Unit – 11,651 acres in Dixie County.
 - Big Cypress WMA – 728,274 acres in Collier, Miami-Dade and Monroe counties. Quota permit required to hunt in the Addition Unit only. Season runs March 3 – April 8. Camping allowed.
 - Devil’s Hammock WMA – 7,600 acres in Levy County. Season runs March 17-25. There

are 15 no-cost, daily quota permits available at the check station on a first-come, first-served basis.

- Green Swamp WMA – 50,692 acres in Polk, Sumter and Lake counties. Hunters must have a quota permit to hunt the first weekend, but there are 200 no-cost, daily quota permits available at the check station on a first-come, first-served basis for the remainder of season. Camping allowed only by special permit from the FWC.
- Herky Huffman/Bull Creek WMA – 23,646 acres in Osceola County. Camping allowed.
- J.W. Corbett WMA – 60,288 acres in Palm Beach County. Season runs March 3 – April 8, Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays only. Allowed to hunt until sunset. Camping allowed.

- Jumper Creek WMA – 10,552 acres in Sumter County. Camping allowed but only accessible by boat.
- Kissimmee Chain of Lakes Area – 21,028 acres in Polk and Osceola counties. Allowed to hunt until sunset. Camping allowed first-come, first-served only at designated campsites. Management area permit not required.
- Kissimmee River Public Use Area – 30,864 acres in Glades, Highlands, Okeechobee, Osceola and Polk counties. Area is split between turkey hunting zones. When hunting south of SR 70, the season runs March 3 – April 8. For camping information only, call the South Florida Water Management District at 866-433-6312, option 2. Management area permit not required.
- Lake Monroe WMA – 3,098 acres in Volusia and Seminole counties.
- Lochloosa WMA – 11,149 acres in Alachua County.
- Log Landing WMA – 5,015 acres in Dixie, Gilchrist and Lafayette counties. Season runs March 17-18 and 23-25, March 30 – April 1, and April 6-8, 13-15 and 20-22.

- Lower Suwannee National Wildlife Refuge – 55,000 acres in Dixie and Levy counties. Season runs March 17 – April 8. Management area permit not required, but hunters 16 and older must purchase Lower Suwannee NWR Hunting Permit.
- Raiford WMA – 9,141 acres in Bradford and Union counties. Quota permit not required April 5-8. Only bows and muzzleloaders (including muzzleloading rifles) are allowed.
- Richloam WMA – 58,146 acres in Hernando, Pasco, Sumter and Lake counties. Hunters must have a quota permit to hunt the first nine days, but those without one may hunt the remainder of the season. Camping allowed only by permit from the Florida Forest Service by calling 352-797-4140.
- Rolling Meadows Unit – Kissimmee Chain of Lakes Area – 1,800 acres in Polk County. Allowed to hunt until sunset. Management area permit not required.
- Santa Fe Swamp Wildlife and Environmental Area – 7,326 acres in Alachua and Bradford counties. Only bows and muzzleloaders (including muzzleloading rifles) are allowed.
- Three Lakes WMA – 63,470 acres in Osceola County. There are 625 no-cost, daily quota permits available first-come, first-served at the following check stations: U.S. 44 – 375, Canoe Creek – 50, State Road 60 – 200. Camping allowed.
- Upper Hillsborough WMA – 5,178 acres in Polk and Pasco counties. Wednesdays and Thursdays only. There are 75 no-cost, daily quota permits available at the check station on



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By Tony Young
Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
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a first-come, first-served basis. Camping allowed.

- Upper St. Johns River Marsh WMA – 120,386 acres in Brevard and Indian River counties. Camping allowed.

Eastern turkeys inhabit these areas:

- Apalachicola WMA – 581,290 acres in Franklin, Leon, Liberty and Wakulla counties. Camping allowed. A camping permit issued by Northwest Florida Water Management District is required when camping on that portion of the area.
- Apalachicola River Wildlife and Environmental Area – 82,975 acres in Franklin and Gulf counties. Camping allowed, but camping permit required if camping in designated campground. Management area permit not required.
- Aucilla WMA – 50,471 acres in Jefferson and Taylor counties. Camping allowed.
- Big Bend WMA:
 - Hickory Mound Unit – 14,427 acres in Taylor County.
 - Snipe Island Unit – 11,687 acres in Taylor County. Hunters must have a quota permit to hunt the first 16 days, but those without one may hunt April 2-8. Allowed to hunt until sunset.
 - Spring Creek Unit – 14,600 acres in Taylor County.
 - Tide Swamp Unit – 19,538 acres in Taylor County.
- Blackwater WMA – 191,651 acres in Santa Rosa and Okaloosa counties. May not turkey hunt in Field Trial Area. Camping allowed at designated campsites.
- Chipola River WMA – 9,094 acres in Jackson and Calhoun counties. Quota permit required to hunt Altha Tract only. Camping allowed only at designated campsites by permit from Northwest Florida Water Management District.
- Choctawhatchee River WMA – 57,998 acres in Bay, Holmes, Walton and Washington counties. Southern (non-spring turkey quota area) portion of the area may be hunted without quota permit. Camping allowed. A camping permit issued by Northwest Florida Water Management District is required when camping in designated campgrounds.
- Econfina Creek WMA – 41,193 acres in Washington, Bay and Jackson counties. Quota permit not required to hunt after the first nine days, except in the Cat Creek and Fitzhugh Carter areas (where quota permit is needed). Camping allowed only at designated campsites by permit from Northwest Florida Water Management District.
- Eglin Air Force Base – 250,000 acres in Santa Rosa, Okaloosa and Walton counties. Hunting and camping allowed only by permit from Jackson Guard Natural Resource Office by calling 850-882-4164.
- Escambia River WMA – 35,413 acres in Escambia and Santa Rosa counties. Camping allowed. A camping permit issued by Northwest Florida Water Management District is required when camping in designated campgrounds.
- Lower Econfina River WMA – 3,004 acres in Taylor County. Season runs March 17-25.
- Mallory Swamp WMA – 31,225 acres in Lafayette County. Season runs March 17 – April 1.
- Ochlockonee River WMA – 2,790 acres in Leon County. Saturdays and Sundays only.
- Osceola WMA – 266,270 acres in Baker and Columbia counties. For camping information in Osceola National Forest, call 386-752-2577; in

John M. Bethea State Forest, call 904-259-2157 or click on area link and see “Camping.”

- Pine Log WMA – 6,911 acres in Bay and Washington counties. Season runs March 17 – April 8. Camping allowed by reservation from Florida Forest Service by calling 850-373-1801.
- Point Washington WMA – 15,355 acres in Walton County. Camping allowed at Eastern Lake campsite by reservation from Florida Forest Service by calling 850-373-1801.
- Steinhatchee Springs WMA – 24,442 acres in Lafayette, Taylor and Dixie counties. Hunters must have a quota permit to hunt the first nine days, but those without one may hunt March 26 – April 8. The Dixie County portion of the area is inhabited by Osceola turkeys.
- St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge – 32,000 acres in Wakulla, Jefferson and Taylor counties. Permit required on majority of the area, but not required for Newport Hunt Area. Management area permit not required, but must have signed refuge hunting brochure in your possession.
- Talquin WMA – 3,053 acres in Leon County. Saturdays and Sundays only.
- Yellow River WMA – 27,208 acres in Santa Rosa and Okaloosa counties. Camping allowed.

Bag limits and regulations

Hunters may take bearded turkeys and gobblers only, and the daily bag limit is two on private lands. On WMAs, you may only take one bird a day. The season and possession limit on turkeys is two, except in Holmes County, where it is one.

On private property, any legal rifle, shotgun, muzzleloader, crossbow, bow or pistol can be used to take turkeys. However, the allowed methods of take during spring turkey season are more restrictive on WMAs. Rifles and pistols are generally not allowed, and shotguns must use shot no larger than #2. Check the WMA brochure on the area you wish to hunt to be sure.

Shooting hours on private lands and some WMAs are one-half hour before sunrise to sunset, but on most WMAs, you must quit hunting by 1 p.m.

You may use decoys, but you’re not permitted to hunt turkeys with dogs, use recorded turkey calls or sounds, or shoot them while they’re on the roost, over bait or when you’re within 100 yards of a game-feeding station when feed is present.

License and permit requirements

Besides a hunting license, you’ll need to buy a turkey permit. For Florida residents, the turkey permit costs \$10. For all the out-of-staters who may be seeking an Osceola to complete their “Grand Slam” or who want to begin their season in the Sunshine State, the permit costs \$125. And if you plan to hunt on a WMA, you also must purchase a management area permit for \$26.50.

These licenses and permits can be purchased in Florida at county tax collectors’ offices and at most retail outlets that sell hunting/fishing supplies, and with a credit card by calling 888-HUNT-FLORIDA (486-8356) or at GoOutdoorsFlorida.com.

During Youth Turkey Hunt Weekend, no license or permit is required of the supervising adult, unless the adult plans to help “call-in” a bird or otherwise participate in the hunt. In that case, the adult will need a hunting license and turkey permit, and if on a WMA, they will also need a management area permit.

Good luck!

Here’s wishing all of you a safe, successful spring turkey season!

Contestants take prizes in Cowtown Rodeo

Special to the Okeechobee News

The Okeechobee Cattlemen's Rodeo Arena hosted the Cowtown Rodeo March 9-11. The rodeo was a PRCA (Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association) event, with participants earning points toward national standings. Bronc and bull riding standings are based on points, with up to 50 points given for how well the cowboy rides and up to 50 points given for how well the animal bucks, for a possible maximum of 100 points. All other events are timed events.

The winners for the three day rodeo were:

- All-around cowboy: Justin Thigpen, \$1,330; he competed in tie-down roping, steer wrestling and team roping.

- Bareback riding: 1. Jacoby Johns, 82.5 points on Painted Pony Championship Rodeo's George's Bad Cat, \$1,247; 2. Wyatt Ortega, 81.5, \$945; 3. Matthew Smith, 78.5, \$680; 4. Jamie Howlett, 78, \$453; 5. Mark Kreder, 77, \$265; 6. Kenny Haworth, 75, \$189.

- Steer wrestling: 1. Cody Green, 4.4 seconds, \$886; 2. Tyler Waguespack, 4.7, \$733;

- 3. Stephen Mullins, 4.8, \$580; 4. Justin Thigpen, 4.9, \$428; 5. Juan Alcazar Jr, 5.6, \$275; 6. Kamry Dymmek, 5.8, \$153.

- Team roping: 1. John Alley/Clark Adcock, 5.5 seconds, \$1,252 each; 2. Will Clark/Tanner Ward, 5.6, \$1,036; 3. (tie) Ty Harris/McCoy Profili and Travis Dorman/Bradley Massey, 5.8, \$712 each; 5. Zack Cowart/Erin Bullin, 6.1, \$388; 6. Wes Goodrich/Jeffery Pierce, 6.9, \$216.

- Saddle bronc riding: 1. Joe Lufkin, 85.5 points on Silver Spurs Club's Fireball, \$1,508; 2. Andy Clarys, 81, \$1,142; 3. Chase Brooks, 79.5, \$822; 4. Ricky Warren, 79, \$548; 5. Sage Newman, 78.5, \$320; 6. (tie) Bradley Harter and Tom Knight, 78, \$114 each.

- Tie-down roping: 1. Bart Brunson, 8.3 seconds, \$1,090; 2. Justin Thigpen, 8.5, \$902; 3. Reno Gonzales, 8.6, \$714; 4. Alex Caudle, 9.0, \$526; 5. (tie) Ben Mayworth and McCoy Profili, 9.1, \$263 each.

- Barrel racing: 1. (tie) Taylor Carver and Julie Thomas, 15.33 seconds, \$981 each; 3. Cassidy Lantis, 15.37, \$754; 4. Suzanna Hill, 15.41, \$654; 5. Wendy Culberson, 15.47, \$503; 6. Nicole Love, 15.49, \$402; 7. Jodi Colton, 15.50, \$302; 8. Sarah Rose McDon-

- ald, 15.52, \$201; 9. Mandy Amos, 15.58, \$151; 10. (tie) Jennifer Bratton, Kassie Green and Sandi Brandli, 15.61, \$34 each.

- Bull riding: 1. Jesse Petri, 85 points on Silver Spurs Club's No. 5108, \$1,843; 2. Roscoe Jarboe, 83.5, \$1,396; 3. Daylon Swearingen, 83, \$1,005; 4. Clayton Sellars, 81.5, \$670; 5. (tie) Denton Fugate and Boudreaux Campbell, 81, \$335 each.

- Total payoff was \$38,898. Stock contractor was the Silver Spurs Club. Sub-contractors were: Painted Pony Championship

Rodeo and Five Star Rodeo. Rodeo secretary was: Dottie Hayes. Officials were: Burgess Ovit and Royd Doyal. Timers were: Dottie Hayes and Sheri Gornto. Announcer was Jerry Todd. Specialty act was Rider Kiesner. Bullfighters were Jake Geiger and Stephen Bruner. Clown/barrelman was Trent McFarland. Flankmen were Steve Knowles, Shawn Graham and Paul Bowers Jr. Chute bosses were Terry Hayes and Paul Albert. Pickup men were Reed Durrance and Spook Whidden. Music director was Kye Todd.



Okeechobee News/Richard Marion

Behind the bucking chutes at the Cowtown Rodeo, rodeo contestants prepare for their events. The Cowtown Rodeo is a PRCA (Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association) sanctioned rodeo, and participants earn points toward national titles.



Okeechobee News/Katrina Elsen

The mutton bustin' event is always popular at Okeechobee rodeos. Wyatt Pankey won the competition at the Friday night rodeo. The night rodeo performance, a first for the Cowtown Rodeo, proved popular with spectators, who were still arriving nearly an hour after the rodeo started.

Take a boater education class from FWC in 2018

Special to the Okeechobee News

World-class fishing, crystal blue waters, endless sunshine – there's so much about Florida's waterways to enjoy. During the week of March 18-24, the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) encourage all boaters to take part in the national Spring Aboard – Take A Boating Education Course campaign by taking a boating safety course today.

"An educated boater is proven to be safer on the water. If boat operators have taken a boating safety education course, the likelihood of their time spent on the water being a safe and enjoyable experience is much greater for them as well as their passengers," said Major Rob Rowe, leader of FWC's Boating and Waterways section. "There's no reason to head out on the water without knowing what you're doing, and spring is the perfect time to take a course before the summer boating season begins."

In 2018, all boaters 30 years of age or

younger are required to have a Boating Safety Education ID Card to legally operate a boat of 10 hp or greater in Florida. Even if you were born before Jan. 1, 1988, getting educated is a great idea.

Many course providers will offer incentives or course discounts for students who enroll in or complete a course during the Spring Aboard campaign.

For a summary of Florida's regulations and available courses, visit MyFWC.com/Boating.

"Everyone interested in boating should take a course – it's the smart thing to do," said Maj. Rowe. "Boaters have many ways to get educated, from classroom courses offered by the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and United States Power Squadrons to online offerings available anytime, day or night. There's no reason to head out on the water without this knowledge."

2016 Florida boating accident statistics indicate that, when the level of operator education was known, 70 percent of boating deaths occurred on boats where the boat operator had never received boating education instruction.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
2018TD632
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that JOSEPH EDWARD 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: **2111** Year of Issuance: **June-01-2015**
 Description of Property: **BASSWOOD INCORPORATED UNIT NUMBER 2 PLAT BOOK 3 PAGE 28 LOT 12 BLOCK 16**
1-05-37-35-0020-00160-0120
 Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida
 Name in which assessed:
HELMUT NUNEZ ZINCKER
 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, 2018**.
 SUBJECT TO CURRENT TAXES
 SHARON ROBERTSON, CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT
 Okeechobee County, Florida
 /s/ Frances Conner
 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.
 484430 ON 3/16,23,30;4/6/2018

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
2018TD594
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that JOSEPH EDWARD 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: **745** Year of Issuance: **June-01-2015**
 Description of Property: **LOT P OF TRACT 2 E1/2 OF E1/2 OF S1/2 OF S1/2 OF TRACT 2 22 34S 33E**
1-22-34-33-0A00-00002-P000
 Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida
 Name in which assessed:
JASMINE D ROSE MARSHALL
 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, 2018**.
 SUBJECT TO CURRENT TAXES
 SHARON ROBERTSON, CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT & COMPTROLLER
 Okeechobee County, Florida
 /s/ Frances Conner
 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.
 484649 ON 3/16,23,30;4/6/2018

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
2018TD609
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that JOSEPH EDWARD 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: **1202** Year of Issuance: **June-01-2015**
 Description of Property: **LOT G OF TRACT 9 W1/2 OF E1/2 OF S1/2 OF N1/2 OF TRACT 09 27 34S 33E**
1-27-34-33-0A00-00009-G000
 Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida
 Name in which assessed:
SHELDON REID
 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 **21st day of June, 2018**.
 SUBJECT TO CURRENT TAXES
 SHARON ROBERTSON, CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT & COMPTROLLER
 Okeechobee County, Florida
 /s/ Frances Conner
 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.
 484661 ON 3/16,23,30;4/6/2018

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
2018TD511
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that JOSEPH EDWARD 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: **1584** Year of Issuance: **June-01-2013**
 Description of Property: **LOT L OF TRACT 2 W1/2 OF W1/2 OF N1/2 OF S1/2 OF TRACT 02 36 34S 33E**
1-36-34-33-0A00-00002-L000
 Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida
 Name in which assessed:
CYNTHIA LAM DOUGLASS F BURNES
 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 **17th day of May, 2018**.
 SUBJECT TO CURRENT TAXES
 SHARON ROBERTSON, CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT & COMPTROLLER
 Okeechobee County, Florida
 /s/ Frances Conner
 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.
 484740 ON 3/16,23,30;4/6/2018

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
2018TD647
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that JOSEPH EDWARD 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: **3325** Year of Issuance: **June-01-2015**
 Description of Property: **CITY OF OKEECHOBEE N 71.25 FT OF W 28 FT OF LOT 11 N 71.25 FT OF LOTS 12&13 BLK 29**
3-15-37-35-0010-00290-011A
 Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida
 Name in which assessed:
MARKUS ZEHETMAYER
 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, 2018**.
 SUBJECT TO CURRENT TAXES
 SHARON ROBERTSON, CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT
 Okeechobee County, Florida
 /s/ Frances Conner
 Deputy Clerk
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 484447 ON 3/16,23,30;4/6/2018

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
2018TD595
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that JOSEPH EDWARD 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: **714** Year of Issuance: **June-01-2015**
 Description of Property: **LOT K OF TRACT 20 E1/2 OF W1/2 OF N1/2 OF S1/2 OF TRACT 20 21 34S 33E**
1-21-34-33-0A00-00020-K000
 Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida
 Name in which assessed:
TIMIYAH ENTERPRISES 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 **14th day of June, 2018**.
 SUBJECT TO CURRENT TAXES
 SHARON ROBERTSON, CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT & COMPTROLLER
 Okeechobee County, Florida
 /s/ Frances Conner
 Deputy Clerk
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 484650 ON 3/16,23,30;4/6/2018

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
2018TD600
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that JOSEPH EDWARD 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: **831** Year of Issuance: **June-01-2015**
 Description of Property: **LOT A OF TRACT 2 E1/2 OF E1/2 OF N1/2 OF N1/2 OF TRACT 02 23 34S 33E**
1-23-34-33-0A00-00002-A000
 Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida
 Name in which assessed:
HOMILER ELIE PHANOR
 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, 2018**.
 SUBJECT TO CURRENT TAXES
 SHARON ROBERTSON, CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT & COMPTROLLER
 Okeechobee County, Florida
 /s/ Frances Conner
 Deputy Clerk
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 484653 ON 3/16,23,30;4/6/2018

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
2018TD497
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that ZACHARY MICHAEL 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: **650** Year of Issuance: **May-31-2014**
 Description of Property: **LOT F OF TRACT 6 E1/2 OF W1/2 OF S1/2 OF N1/2 OF TRACT 06 21 34S 33E**
1-21-34-33-0A00-00006-F000
 Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida
 Name in which assessed:
GUILAINE JEAN-MARY SAMUEL JEAN-MARY
 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 **17th day of May, 2018**.
 SUBJECT TO CURRENT TAXES
 SHARON ROBERTSON, CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT & COMPTROLLER
 Okeechobee County, Florida
 /s/ Frances Conner
 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.
 484720 ON 3/16,23,30;4/6/2018

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
2018TD653
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that JOSEPH EDWARD 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: **991** Year of Issuance: **June-01-2015**
 Description of Property: **LOT G OF TRACT 2 W1/2 OF E1/2 OF S1/2 OF N1/2 OF TRACT 2 25 34S 33E**
1-25-34-33-0A00-00002-G000
 Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida
 Name in which assessed:
CARLOS BARRETO
 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 **5th day of July, 2018**.
 SUBJECT TO CURRENT TAXES
 SHARON ROBERTSON, CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT
 Okeechobee County, Florida
 /s/ Frances Conner
 Deputy Clerk
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 484466 ON 3/16,23,30;4/6/2018

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
2018TD610
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that JOSEPH EDWARD 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: **2204** Year of Issuance: **June-01-2015**
 Description of Property: **BASSWOOD UNIT 5 LOT 72 BLOCK 59**
1-05-37-35-0050-00590-0720
 Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida
 Name in which assessed:
ELSA ORELLANO HELIO RAFAEL BURGOS DE LEON
 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 **21st day of June, 2018**.
 SUBJECT TO CURRENT TAXES
 SHARON ROBERTSON, CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT & COMPTROLLER
 Okeechobee County, Florida
 /s/ Frances Conner
 Deputy Clerk
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 484662 ON 3/16,23,30;4/6/2018

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
2018TD518
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that JOSEPH EDWARD 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: **1155** Year of Issuance: **May-31-2014**
 Description of Property: **LOT G OF TRACT 7 W1/2 OF E1/2 OF S1/2 OF N1/2 OF TRACT 07 27 34S 33E**
1-27-34-33-0A00-00007-G000
 Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida
 Name in which assessed:
LISA NAZRAH RAMSOONDAR SEETHAL
 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 **24th day of May, 2018**.
 SUBJECT TO CURRENT TAXES
 SHARON ROBERTSON, CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT & COMPTROLLER
 Okeechobee County, Florida
 /s/ Frances Conner
 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.
 484752 ON 3/16,23,30;4/6/2018

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
2018TD483
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that ZACHARY MICHAEL 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: **1505** Year of Issuance: **May-31-2014**
 Description of Property: **LOT B OF TRACT 27 W1/2 OF E1/2 OF N1/2 OF N1/2 OF TRACT 27 33 34S 33E**
1-33-34-33-0A00-00027-B000
 Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida
 Name in which assessed:
CHANDROW SHAHEED WOMESH SHAHEED
 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 **10th day of May, 2018**.
 SUBJECT TO CURRENT TAXES
 SHARON ROBERTSON, CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT & COMPTROLLER
 Okeechobee County, Florida
 /s/ Frances Conner
 Deputy Clerk
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 484704 ON 3/16,23,30;4/6/2018

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

2018TD617

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Certificate No: 589 Year of Issuance: June-01-2015

Description of Property: LOT G OF TRACT 26 W1/2 OF E1/2 OF S1/2 OF N1/2 OF TRACT 26 17 34S 33E

1-17-34-33-0A00-00026-G000

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

Name in which assessed: IRMA EARLEY SUSAN CONNOR

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 21st day of June, 2018. SUBJECT TO CURRENT TAXES

SHARON ROBERTSON, CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT & COMPTROLLER Okeechobee County, Florida /s/ Frances Conner Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

2018TD614

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that JOSEPH EDWARD 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: 523 Year of Issuance: June-01-2015

Description of Property: LOT J OF TRACT 9 W1/2 OF E1/2 OF N1/2 OF S1/2 OF TRACT 09 16 34S 33E

1-16-34-33-0A00-00009-J000

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

Name in which assessed: CARL A MANGONI PETER A MANGONI

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 21st day of June, 2018. SUBJECT TO CURRENT TAXES

SHARON ROBERTSON, CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT & COMPTROLLER Okeechobee County, Florida /s/ Frances Conner 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. 484665 ON 3/16,23,30;4/6/2018

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

2018TD602

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that JOSEPH EDWARD 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: 1640 Year of Issuance: June-01-2015

Description of Property: LOT L OF TRACT 4 W1/2 OF W1/2 OF N1/2 OF S1/2 OF TRACT 4 36 34S 33E

1-36-34-33-0A00-00004-L000

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

Name in which assessed: CAMELIE MAJUSTE MARIUS MAJUSTE

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, 2018. SUBJECT TO CURRENT TAXES

SHARON ROBERTSON, CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT & COMPTROLLER Okeechobee County, Florida /s/ Frances Conner 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. 484655 ON 3/16,23,30;4/6/2018

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

2018TD598

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that JOSEPH EDWARD 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: 828 Year of Issuance: June-01-2015

Description of Property: LOT K OF TRACT 1 E1/2 OF W1/2 OF N1/2 OF S1/2 OF TRACT 01 23 34S 33E

1-23-34-33-0A00-00001-K000

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

Name in which assessed: MARVA G WHITE MICHAEL G WHITE

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, 2018. SUBJECT TO CURRENT TAXES

SHARON ROBERTSON, CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT & COMPTROLLER Okeechobee County, Florida /s/ Frances Conner 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. 484652 ON 3/16,23,30;4/6/2018

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

2018TD599

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that JOSEPH EDWARD 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: 988 Year of Issuance: June-01-2015

Description of Property: LOT L OF TRACT 1 W1/2 OF W1/2 OF N1/2 OF S1/2 OF TRACT 01 25 34S 33E

1-25-34-33-0A00-00001-L000

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

Name in which assessed: LINVAL PHILLIPS BRIAN C SMITH JAIRAM 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 14th day of June, 2018. SUBJECT TO CURRENT TAXES

SHARON ROBERTSON, CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT & COMPTROLLER Okeechobee County, Florida /s/ Frances Conner 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. 484654 ON 3/16,23,30;4/6/2018

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

2018TD559

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that ZACHARY MICHAEL 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: 950 Year of Issuance: May-31-2014

Description of Property: LOT H OF TRACT 1 E1/2 OF E1/2 OF S1/2 OF N1/2 OF TRACT 01 25 34S 33E

1-25-34-33-0A00-00001-H000

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

Name in which assessed: AMIDHAR K DALAL KAMAL DALAL KUNDAN T 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 31st day of May, 2018. SUBJECT TO CURRENT TAXES

SHARON ROBERTSON, CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT & COMPTROLLER Okeechobee County, Florida /s/ Frances Conner 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. 484823 ON 3/16,23,30;4/6/2018

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

2018TD548

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that ZACHARY MICHAEL 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: 2508 Year of Issuance: May-31-2014

Description of Property: SUBDIVISION OF A PORTION OF OKEECHOBEE PARK PLAT BOOK 1 PAGE 28 LOTS 8 9 & 10 BLOCK 51

1-17-37-35-0020-00510-0080

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

Name in which assessed: DONNA H LEE A/K/A DONNA H HOPEWELL A/K/A DONNA HOPEWELL LEE A/K/A DONNA HART HOPEWELL A/K/A DONNA HOPEWELL LEE AMMONS A/K/A DONNA LEE

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 31st day of May, 2018. SUBJECT TO CURRENT TAXES

SHARON ROBERTSON, CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT & COMPTROLLER Okeechobee County, Florida /s/ Frances Conner 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. 484828 ON 3/16,23,30;4/6/2018

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

2018TD499

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that ZACHARY MICHAEL 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: 676 Year of Issuance: May-31-2014

Description of Property: LOTS C & F OF TRACT 16 E1/2 OF W1/2 OF N1/2 OF N1/2 & E1/2 OF W1/2 OF S1/2 OF N1/2 OF TRACT 16 21 34S 33E

1-21-34-33-0A00-00016-C000

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

Name in which assessed: BRIAN C SMITH JAIRAM 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 17th day of May, 2018. SUBJECT TO CURRENT TAXES

SHARON ROBERTSON, CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT & COMPTROLLER Okeechobee County, Florida /s/ Frances Conner 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. 484722 ON 3/16,23,30;4/6/2018

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

2018TD467

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that ZACHARY MICHAEL 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: 1308 Year of Issuance: May-31-2014

Description of Property: LOTS G & H OF TRACT 28 W1/2 OF E1/2 OF S1/2 OF N1/2 OF TRACT 28 28 34S 33E

1-28-34-33-0A00-00028-G000

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

Name in which assessed: MARGUERITE JANVIER MARIAN JANVIER

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 10th day of May, 2018. SUBJECT TO CURRENT TAXES

SHARON ROBERTSON, CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT & COMPTROLLER Okeechobee County, Florida /s/ Frances Conner 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. 484688 ON 3/16,23,30;4/6/2018

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

2018TD562

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that JOSEPH EDWARD 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: 75 Year of Issuance: May-31-2014

Description of Property: LOT L OF TRACT 15 W1/2 OF W1/2 OF N1/2 OF S1/2 OF TRACT 15 SECTION 10 AS TO THE SOUTHERN COLONIZATION COMPANY PLAT OF TOWNSHIP 34 SOUTH RANGE 33 EAST

1-10-34-33-0A00-00015-L000

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

Name in which assessed: LASELVE E PINNOCK

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 31st day of May, 2018. SUBJECT TO CURRENT TAXES

SHARON ROBERTSON, CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT & COMPTROLLER Okeechobee County, Florida /s/ Frances Conner 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. 484835 ON 3/16,23,30;4/6/2018

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

2018TD468

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that ZACHARY MICHAEL 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: 1309 Year of Issuance: May-31-2014

Description of Property: LOTS F & G OF TRACT 29 E1/2 OF W1/2 OF S1/2 OF N1/2 OF TRACT 29 & W1/2 OF E1/2 OF S1/2 OF N1/2 OF TRACT 29 28 34S 33E

1-28-34-33-0A00-00029-F000

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

Name in which assessed: GERALDINE R THORN HOMER THORN

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 10th day of May, 2018. SUBJECT TO CURRENT TAXES

SHARON ROBERTSON, CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT & COMPTROLLER Okeechobee County, Florida /s/ Frances Conner 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. 484689 ON 3/16,23,30;4/6/2018

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

2018TD532

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that ZACHARY MICHAEL 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: 2569 Year of Issuance: June-01-2013

Description of Property: SUBDIVISION OF A PORTION OF OKEECHOBEE PARK PLAT BOOK 1 PAGE 28 LOTS 14 & 15 BLOCK 49

1-17-37-35-0020-00490-0140

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

Name in which assessed: DONNA H LEE AKA DONNA H HOPEWELL AKA DONNA HOPEWELL LEE AKA DONNA HOPEWELL LEE AMMONS AKA DONNA LEE SHANNON P LEE

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 24th day of May, 2018. SUBJECT TO CURRENT TAXES

SHARON ROBERTSON, CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT & COMPTROLLER Okeechobee County, Florida /s/ Frances Conner 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. 484768 ON 3/16,23,30;4/6/2018

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
2018TD622
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that **JOSEPH EDWARD 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: **937** Year of Issuance: **June-01-2015**
 Description of Property: **LOT B OF TRACT 16 W1/2 OF E1/2 OF N1/2 OF N1/2 OF TRACT 16 24 34S 33E**
1-24-34-33-0A00-00016-8000
 Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida
 Name in which assessed:
ESTATE OF HAZEL E ROBINSON
HAZEL E ROBINSON
RAYMOND ROBINSON
 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 **21st day of June, 2018**. SUBJECT TO CURRENT TAXES
 SHARON ROBERTSON, CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT & COMPTROLLER
 Okeechobee County, Florida
 /s/ Frances Conner
 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.
 484682 ON 3/16,23,30;4/6/2018

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
2018TD547
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that **ZACHARY MICHAEL 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: **2507** Year of Issuance: **May-31-2014**
 Description of Property: **SUBDIVISION OF A PORTION OF OKEECHOBEE PARK PLAT BOOK 1 PAGE 28 LOTS 3 TO 7 INC BLOCK 51**
1-17-37-35-0020-00510-0030
 Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida
 Name in which assessed:
DONNA H LEE A/K/A DONNA H HOPEWELL
A/K/A DONNA HOPEWELL LEE A/K/A DONNA HART HOPEWELL
A/K/A DONNA HOPEWELL LEE AMMONS A/K/A DONNA LEE SHANNON P LEE
 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 **31st day of May, 2018**. SUBJECT TO CURRENT TAXES
 SHARON ROBERTSON, CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT & COMPTROLLER
 Okeechobee County, Florida
 /s/ Frances Conner
 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.
 484826 ON 3/16,23,30;4/6/2018

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
2018TD530
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that **ZACHARY MICHAEL 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: **1825** Year of Issuance: **May-31-2014**
 Description of Property: **TOWNSITE OF OSOWAW LOTS 13 & 14 BLOCK 70**
1-22-33-35-0010-00700-0130
 Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida
 Name in which assessed:
JOSEPH H TABOR
KATHLEEN P PETERS
MARCIA M TABOR
SANDRA A. OLINSKAS
 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 **24th day of May, 2018**. SUBJECT TO CURRENT TAXES
 SHARON ROBERTSON, CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT & COMPTROLLER
 Okeechobee County, Florida
 /s/ Frances Conner
 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.
 484766 ON 3/16,23,30;4/6/2018

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
2018TD661
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that **JOSEPH EDWARD 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: **1840** Year of Issuance: **June-01-2015**
 Description of Property: **TOWNSITE OF OSOWAW LOT 16 BLK 93**
1-22-33-35-0010-00930-0160
 Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida
 Name in which assessed:
DARRELL E FERNEAU
JAMES R TENNISWOOD
LEON KING
LEON KING JAMES R TENNISWOOD & DARRELL E FERNEAU DBA PEC ENTERPRISES
 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 **5th day of July, 2018**. SUBJECT TO CURRENT TAXES
 SHARON ROBERTSON, CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT
 Okeechobee County, Florida
 /s/ Frances Conner
 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.
 484477 ON 3/16,23,30;4/6/2018

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
2018TD613
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that **JOSEPH EDWARD 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: **1145** Year of Issuance: **June-01-2015**
 Description of Property: **LOT C OF TRACT 21 E1/2 OF W1/2 OF N1/2 OF N1/2 OF TRACT 21 26 34S 33E**
1-26-34-33-0A00-00021-C000
 Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida
 Name in which assessed:
HEIRS OF MARION J CHANCE & HEIRS OF NOLA E CHANCE
MARION J CHANCE
NOLA E CHANCE
 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 **21st day of June, 2018**. SUBJECT TO CURRENT TAXES
 SHARON ROBERTSON, CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT & COMPTROLLER
 Okeechobee County, Florida
 /s/ Frances Conner
 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.
 484664 ON 3/16,23,30;4/6/2018

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
2018TD549
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that **ZACHARY MICHAEL 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: **2509** Year of Issuance: **May-31-2014**
 Description of Property: **SUDIVISION OF A PORTION OF OKEECHOBEE PARK PLAT BOOK 1 PAGE 28 LOTS 11 & 12 BLOCK 51**
1-17-37-35-0020-00510-0110
 Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida
 Name in which assessed:
DONNA H LEE A/K/A DONNA H HOPEWELL
A/K/A DONNA HOPEWELL LEE A/K/A DONNA HART HOPEWELL
A/K/A DONNA HOPEWELL LEE AMMONS A/K/A DONNA LEE SHANNON P LEE
 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 **31st day of May, 2018**. SUBJECT TO CURRENT TAXES
 SHARON ROBERTSON, CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT & COMPTROLLER
 Okeechobee County, Florida
 /s/ Frances Conner
 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.
 484829 ON 3/16,23,30;4/6/2018

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
2018TD633
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that **JOSEPH EDWARD 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: **2119** Year of Issuance: **June-01-2015**
 Description of Property: **BASSWOOD INCORPORATED UNIT NUMBER 2 PLAT BOOK 3 PAGE 28 LOT 14 BLOCK 23**
1-05-37-35-0020-00230-0140
 Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida
 Name in which assessed:
JOHN T BURKE & MARY FRANCES BURKE REVOCABLE TRUST
KEVIN JOSEPH BURKE TRUSTEE
MARY FRANCES BURKE REVOCABLE TRUST
MARY FRANCES BURKE TRUSTEE
 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, 2018**. SUBJECT TO CURRENT TAXES
 SHARON ROBERTSON, CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT
 Okeechobee County, Florida
 /s/ Frances Conner
 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.
 484431 ON 3/16,23,30;4/6/2018

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
2018TD663
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that **JOSEPH EDWARD 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: **1842** Year of Issuance: **June-01-2015**
 Description of Property: **TOWNSITE OF OSOWAW LOT 5 BLK 103**
1-22-33-35-0010-01030-0050
 Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida
 Name in which assessed:
DARRELL E FERNEAU
JAMES R TENNISWOOD
LEON KING
LEON KING JAMES R TENNISWOOD & DARRELL E FERNEAU DBA PEC ENTERPRISES
 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 **5th day of July, 2018**. SUBJECT TO CURRENT TAXES
 SHARON ROBERTSON, CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT
 Okeechobee County, Florida
 /s/ Frances Conner
 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.
 484480 ON 3/16,23,30;4/6/2018

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
2018TD513
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that **JOSEPH EDWARD 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: **1562** Year of Issuance: **June-01-2013**
 Description of Property: **LOT D OF TRACT 11 W1/2 OF W1/2 OF N1/2 OF N1/2 OF TRACT 11 35 34S 33E**
1-35-34-33-0A00-00011-D000
 Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida
 Name in which assessed:
GLADYS DIAZ
GLADYS DIAZ ESTATE
ROBERTO DIAZ
ROBERTO DIAZ ESTATE
 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 **17th day of May, 2018**. SUBJECT TO CURRENT TAXES
 SHARON ROBERTSON, CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT & COMPTROLLER
 Okeechobee County, Florida
 /s/ Frances Conner
 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.
 484742 ON 3/16,23,30;4/6/2018

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
2018TD531
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that **ZACHARY MICHAEL 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: **2506** Year of Issuance: **May-31-2014**
 Description of Property: **SUBDIVISION OF A PORTION OF OKEECHOBEE PARK PLAT BOOK 1 PAGE 28 LOTS 17 18 19 & 20 BLOCK 50**
1-17-37-35-0020-00500-0170
 Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida
 Name in which assessed:
DONNA H LEE AKA DONNA H HOPEWELL AKA DONNA HOPEWELL LEE AKA DONNA HART HOPEWELL AKA DONNA HOPEWELL LEE AMMONS AKA DONNA LEE SHANNON P LEE
 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 **24th day of May, 2018**. SUBJECT TO CURRENT TAXES
 SHARON ROBERTSON, CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT & COMPTROLLER
 Okeechobee County, Florida
 /s/ Frances Conner
 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.
 484767 ON 3/16,23,30;4/6/2018

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
2018TD473
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that **ZACHARY MICHAEL 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: **1434** Year of Issuance: **May-31-2014**
 Description of Property: **LOT I OF TRACT 25 E1/2 OF E1/2 OF N1/2 OF S1/2 OF TRACT 25 32 34S 33E**
1-32-34-33-0A00-00025-I000
 Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida
 Name in which assessed:
LINDA M EWERS TRUST
LINDA M EWERS TRUSTEE
ROBERT H EWERS TRUST
ROBERT HERSKELL EWERS TRUSTEE
 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 **10th day of May, 2018**. SUBJECT TO CURRENT TAXES
 SHARON ROBERTSON, CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT & COMPTROLLER
 Okeechobee County, Florida
 /s/ Frances Conner
 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.
 484693 ON 3/16,23,30;4/6/2018

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
2018TD512
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that **JOSEPH EDWARD 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: **1603** Year of Issuance: **June-01-2013**
 Description of Property: **LOT H OF TRACT 8 EAST 1/2 OF THE EAST 1/2 OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF TRACT 8 SECTION 36 AS TO THE SOUTHERN COLONIZATION COMPANY PLAT OF TOWNSHIP 34 SOUTH RANGE 33 EAST ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4 PAGES 3-3E INCLUSIVE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY FLORIDA**
1-36-34-33-0A00-00008-H000
 Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida
 Name in which assessed:
MASSIMO MAZZOCCHI
 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 **17th day of May, 2018**. SUBJECT TO CURRENT TAXES
 SHARON ROBERTSON, CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT & COMPTROLLER
 Okeechobee County, Florida
 /s/ Frances Conner
 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.
 484741 ON 3/16,23,30;4/6/2018

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

2018TD533

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that ZACHARY MICHAEL 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: 3146 Year of Issuance: June-01-2013

Description of Property: COMMENCE AT THE NE CORNER OF SW 1/4 OF SE 1/4 OF SECTION 18 TOWNSHIP 37 SOUTH RANGE 36 EAST & RUN THENCE S 88 DEG 39 MIN 37 SEC W ALONG THE NORTH BOUNDARY OF SAID SW 1/4 OF SE 1/4 FOR A DISTANCE OF 1005.01 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING THENCE CONTINUE S 88 DEG 39 MIN 37 SEC W A DISTANCE OF 75 FEET TO A POINT THENCE RUN S 0 DEG 02 MIN 37 SEC E A DISTANCE OF 100 FEET TO A POINT THENCE RUN N 88 DEG 39 MIN 37 SEC E A DISTANCE OF 75 FEET THENCE RUN N 0 DEG 02 MIN 37 SEC W A DISTANCE OF 100 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING LOT 14 LOTS OF PINE - AN UNRECORDED PLAT .17 ACRE 18 375 36E

1-18-37-36-0A00-00010-0140

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

Name in which assessed:

JAMES ROLOW
JAMES ROLOW ESTATE
LARRY RICHARDS

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 24th day of May, 2018. SUBJECT TO CURRENT TAXES

SHARON ROBERTSON, CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT & COMPTROLLER
Okeechobee County, Florida
/s/ Frances Conner
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. 484769 ON 3/16,23,30;4/6/2018

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER AMENDMENTS TO THE OKEECHOBEE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

OKEECHOBEE COUNTY gives notice that it shall hold a public hearing before the Okeechobee County Board of County Commissioners on Thursday, March 22, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. in the Judge William L. Hendry Courtroom, Room 270, Historic Okeechobee County Courthouse, 304 NW 2nd Street, Okeechobee, Florida. The purpose of the public hearing is to consider adopting the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA AMENDING THE OKEECHOBEE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; PROVIDING FOR TRANSMITTAL TO THE STATE LAND PLANNING AGENCY; PROVIDING A CONFLICTS CLAUSE AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The property owner and applicant for Petition C-2017-0002 is Trees 15, LLC. The request is to reclassify approximately 15 acres from the Rural Estate future land use classification to the Commercial Activity Center future land use classification. The change would expand an existing Commercial Activity Center and allow for additional residential and non-residential development. The property is at the northwest corner of the intersection of State Road 710 East and SE 128th Avenue and is further described as follows:

ALL OF LOT 5 AND A PORTION OF LOT 4, HENRY CREEK ACRES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 28, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 11, TOWNSHIP 38 SOUTH, RANGE 36 EAST; THENCE NORTH 88°45'54" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 50.00 FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 5, ALSO BEING THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 4. FOR THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE SOUTH 01°25'28" WEST, ALONG THE EAST BOUNDARY LINE OF SAID LOT 5, A DISTANCE OF 487.54 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 5; THENCE NORTH 51°43'00" WEST, ALONG THE SOUTHWESTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 5, A DISTANCE OF 328.20 FEET; THENCE NORTH 52°10'30" WEST, CONTINUING ALONG THE SOUTHWESTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 5, A DISTANCE OF 482.45 FEET TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 5; THENCE CONTINUE NORTH 52°10'30" WEST, ALONG THE SOUTHWESTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 4, A DISTANCE OF 17.47 FEET; THENCE NORTH 52°04'02" WEST, CONTINUING ALONG THE SOUTHWESTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 4, A DISTANCE OF 999.91 FEET; THENCE NORTH 51°22'40" WEST, CONTINUING ALONG THE SOUTHWESTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 4, A DISTANCE OF 241.35 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 4; THENCE NORTH 37°47'32" EAST ALONG THE WESTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 4, A DISTANCE OF 315.77 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 52°12'54" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 1689.79 FEET TO THE INTERSECTION WITH THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT 5; THENCE SOUTH 88°57'38" EAST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT 5, A DISTANCE OF 112.90 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. CONTAINING 14.47 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

A copy of the proposed amendments shall be available for inspection by the public during normal business hours at the Okeechobee County Community Development Department, 1700 NW 9th Avenue, Suite A, Okeechobee, Florida, 34972. Interested parties may appear at the meeting and be heard with respect to the proposed amendment, and may submit written comments to the Community Development Department prior to the hearing.

If a person decides to appeal any decisions made by the Board of County Commissioners with respect to any matter considered at the hearing, that person will need a record of the proceedings, and he may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

Terry Burroughs, Chair
Sharon Robertson, Clerk and Comptroller
Board of County Commissioners
Okeechobee County, Florida
485060 ON 3/16/2018

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

2018TD615

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that JOSEPH EDWARD 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: 577 Year of Issuance: June-01-2015

Description of Property: LOTS C & D OF TRACT 12 EAST 1/2 OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF TRACT 12 AND THE WEST 1/2 OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF TRACT 12 BOTH BEING IN SECTION 17 AS TO THE SOUTHERN COLONIZATION COMPANY PLAT OF TOWNSHIP 34 SOUTH RANGE 33 EAST ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4 PAGES 3-3E INCLUSIVE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY FLORIDA

1-17-34-33-0A00-00012-C000

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

Name in which assessed:

VIKING LAND INC
VIKING LAND 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 21st day of June, 2018. SUBJECT TO CURRENT TAXES

SHARON ROBERTSON, CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT & COMPTROLLER
Okeechobee County, Florida
/s/ Frances Conner
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. 484666 ON 3/16,23,30;4/6/2018

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

2018TD537

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that ZACHARY MICHAEL 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: 3318 Year of Issuance: June-01-2013

Description of Property: COMMENCING AT THE MEANDER CORNER OF FRACTIONAL SECTIONS 23 AND 24 TOWNSHIP 38 SOUTH RANGE 36 EAST RUN THENCE SOUTH 42 DEG 58 MIN WEST A DISTANCE OF 31.37 FEET FOR A POINT THENCE RUN NORTH 34 DEG 40 MIN WEST A DISTANCE OF 290.88 FEET FOR POINT OF BEGINNING THENCE RUN SOUTH 55 DEG 20 MIN WEST A DISTANCE OF 110 FEET TO A POINT ON THE NORTH BOUNDARY OF SR 15 THENCE RUN NORTH 34 DEG 40 MIN WEST ALONG THE NORTH BOUNDARY OF SAID SR 15 A DISTANCE OF 75 FEET THENCE RUN NORTH 55 DEG 20 MIN EAST A DISTANCE OF 110 FEET THENCE RUN SOUTH 34 DEG 40 MIN EAST A DISTANCE OF 75 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING ALSO DESCRIBED AS LOT 5 ACCORDING TO THE PLAT OF UTOPIA AN UNRECORDED SUBDIVISION .18 ACRE

1-23-38-36-0A00-00015-0000

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

Name in which assessed:

ALEJANDRO J PERICCHI
MICHELLE L PERICCHI

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 24th day of May, 2018. SUBJECT TO CURRENT TAXES

SHARON ROBERTSON, CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT & COMPTROLLER
Okeechobee County, Florida
/s/ Frances Conner
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. 484779 ON 3/16,23,30;4/6/2018

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

2018TD625

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that JOSEPH EDWARD 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: 566 Year of Issuance: June-01-2015

Description of Property: LOT D OF TRACT 32 WEST 1/2 OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF TRACT 32 SECTION 16 AS TO THE SOUTHERN COLONIZATION COMPANY PLAT OF TOWNSHIP 34 SOUTH RANGE 33 EAST ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4 PAGES 3-3E INCLUSIVE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY FLORIDA

1-16-34-33-0A00-00032-D000

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

Name in which assessed:

DAWN MARIE BREWER
ESTATE OF LAWRENCE F PACHOL & ESTATE OF LOUISE PACHOL
LAWRENCE F PACHOL
LAWRENCE F PACHOL JR
LOUISE PACHOL
MARK PACHOL

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 21st day of June, 2018. SUBJECT TO CURRENT TAXES

SHARON ROBERTSON, CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT & COMPTROLLER
Okeechobee County, Florida
/s/ Frances Conner
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. 484685 ON 3/16,23,30;4/6/2018

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

2018TD574

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that JOSEPH EDWARD 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: 3272 Year of Issuance: May-31-2014

Description of Property: UNPLATTED LANDS OF THE CITY COMMENCE AT A POINT ON EAST LINE OF PENSACOLA STREET 345 FEET SOUTH OF SOUTH LINE OF SOUTH PARK STREET RUN EAST ON SOUTH BOUNDARY OF TUSCALOOSA STREET AND PARALLEL WITH SOUTH BOUNDARY LINE OF BLOCK 200 CITY OF OKEECHOBEE A DISTANCE OF 670 FEET TO POINT OF BEGINNING CONTINUE EAST 35 FEET THENCE RUN SOUTH 150 FEET THENCE RUN WEST 35 FEET THENCE RUN NORTH 150 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING LYING IN SECTION 21 TOWNSHIP 37 SOUTH RANGE 35 EAST AND UNPLATTED LANDS OF THE CITY AND ABANDONED RAILROAD OF FEC COMMENCE AT A POINT ON EAST LINE OF PENSACOLA STREET 575 FEET SOUTH OF R/W LINE OF SOUTH PARK STREET RUN EAST PARALLEL WITH SOUTH BOUNDARY LINE OF BLOCK 200 CITY OF OKEECHOBEE A DISTANCE OF 300 FEET FOR POINT OF BEGINNING THENCE CONTINUE EAST A DISTANCE OF 370 FEET THENCE NORTH 30 FEET THENCE EAST 35 FEET THENCE SOUTH 70 FEET THENCE WEST 405 FEET THENCE NORTH 40 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING LYING IN SECTION 21 TOWNSHIP 37 SOUTH RANGE 35 EAST AND UNPLATTED LANDS OF THE CITY OF OKEECHOBEE AND ABANDONED RAILROAD OF FEC BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE SOUTH LINE OF TUSCALOOSA STREET 670 FEET EAST OF THE INTERSECTION OF SAID SOUTH LINE OF TUSCALOOSA STREET AND THE EAST LINE OF PENSACOLA STREET RUN SOUTH ON THE SOUTHERLY EXTENSION OF THE WEST LINE OF CHOKALOSKEE STREET 150 FEET TO A POINT THENCE RUN WEST PARALLEL TO THE SOUTH LINE OF TUSCALOOSA STREET 75 FEET TO A POINT THENCE RUN NORTH PARALLEL TO THE SOUTHERLY EXTENSION OF THE WEST LINE OF CHOKALOSKEE STREET 150 FEET TO A POINT ON THE SOUTH LINE OF TUSCALOOSA STREET RUN EAST ON THE SOUTH LINE OF TUSCALOOSA STREET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING LYING IN SECTION 21 TOWNSHIP 37 SOUTH RANGE 35 EAST OKEECHOBEE COUNTY FLORIDA AND UNPLATTED LAND OF THE CITY AND ABANDONED RAILROAD OF FEC BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE EAST LINE OF PENSACOLA STREET 345 FEET SOUTH OF THE SOUTH LINE OF SOUTH PARK STREET THENCE SOUTH ALONG EAST LINE OF PENSACOLA STREET 200 FEET TO A POINT THENCE EAST 595 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING THENCE EAST A DISTANCE OF 105 FEET THENCE NORTH A DISTANCE OF 50 FEET THENCE WEST A DISTANCE OF 105 FEET THENCE SOUTH 50 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING LYING IN SECTION 21 TOWNSHIP 37 SOUTH RANGE 35 EAST AND UNPLATTED LANDS OF THE CITY AND ABANDONED RAILROAD OF FEC COMMENCE AT A POINT ON THE EAST LINE OF PENSACOLA STREET 545 FEET SOUTH OF SOUTH R/W LINE OF SOUTH PARK STREET RUN EAST PARALLEL WITH THE SOUTH BOUNDARY LINE OF BLOCK 200 CITY OF OKEECHOBEE A DISTANCE OF 595 FEET FOR POINT OF BEGINNING THENCE CONTINUE EAST A DISTANCE OF 75 FEET THENCE RUN SOUTH PARALLEL WITH EAST R/W LINE OF PENSACOLA STREET A DISTANCE OF 30 FEET THENCE RUN WEST 75 FEET THENCE RUN NORTH 30 FEET TO POINT OF BEGINNING LYING IN SECTION 21 TOWNSHIP 37 SOUTH RANGE 35 EAST

2-21-37-35-0A00-00008-B000

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

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 7th day of June, 2018. SUBJECT TO CURRENT TAXES

SHARON ROBERTSON, CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT & COMPTROLLER
Okeechobee County, Florida
/s/ Frances Conner
Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

2018TD624

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that JOSEPH EDWARD 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: 1028 Year of Issuance: June-01-2015

Description of Property: LOT F OF TRACT 12 EAST 1/2 OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF TRACT 12 SECTION 25 AS TO THE SOUTHERN COLONIZATION COMPANY PLAT OF TOWNSHIP 34 SOUTH RANGE 33 EAST ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4 PAGES 3-3E INCLUSIVE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY FLORIDA

1-25-34-33-0A00-00012-F000

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

Name in which assessed:

BENJAMIN F KUMP II
BENJAMIN FRANKLIN KUMP III
BETTY KUMP SPALDING
CHRISTOPHER BROOKS KUMP
ESTATE OF BENJAMIN F KUMP II & ESTATE OF JUNE S KUMP
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MARCIA KUMP MITCHELL

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SHARON ROBERTSON, CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT & COMPTROLLER
Okeechobee County, Florida
/s/ Frances Conner
Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

2018TD528

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that ZACHARY MICHAEL 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: 1427 Year of Issuance: May-31-2014

Description of Property: LOT 5 OF TRACT 18 FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LANDS IN SECTION 32 TOWNSHIP 34 SOUTH RANGE 33 EAST OKEECHOBEE COUNTY FLORIDA ACCORDING TO THE PLAT OF SOUTHERN COLONIZATION COMPANY PLAT BOOK 4 PAGES 3A-D PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY FLORIDA. BEGIN AT THE N.E. CORNER OF LOT B TRACT 18 WHICH LIES ON THE NORTH LINE OF THE S 1/2 OF SECTION 32 THENCE SOUTHERLY ALONG THE EAST LINE OF LOT B TRACT 18 TO THE S.E. CORNER OF LOT B TRACT 18 THENCE SOUTHERLY ALONG THE EAST LINE OF LOT G TRACT 18 FOR A DISTANCE OF 8.87 FEET THENCE ON A CIRCULAR CURVE CONVEX TO THE NORTHEASTERLY SAID POINT BEARS FROM THE CENTER OF THE CIRCLE NORTH 84 DEG 59 MIN 5 SEC EAST THENCE NORTHWESTERLY ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CIRCULAR CURVE HAVING FOR ITS ELEMENTS A RADIUS OF 300 FEET A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 66 DEG 17 MIN 53 SEC FOR A DISTANCE OF 347.14 FEET TO A POINT OF TANGENCY THENCE NORTH 71 DEG 18 MIN 48 SEC WEST 315.80 FEET TO A POINT WHICH LIES ON THE NORTH LINE OF THE S 1/2 OF SECTION 32 THENCE EASTERLY ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF THE S 1/2 OF SECTION 32 TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING AND LOT A OF TRACT 18 EAST 1/2 OF THE EAST 1/2 OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF TRACT 18 SECTION 32 AS TO THE SOUTHERN COLONIZATION COMPANY PLAT OF TOWNSHIP 34 SOUTH RANGE 33 EAST ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4 PAGES 3-3E INCLUSIVE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY FLORIDA

1-32-34-33-0A00-00018-5000

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

Name in which assessed:

RAMON CABRERA
SYLVIA CABRERA

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 24th day of May, 2018. SUBJECT TO CURRENT TAXES

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2018TD479

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Certificate No: **1828** Year of Issuance: **June-01-2013**

Description of Property: **GRAND PRIX RANCHES PLAT 1 LOT 8**

1-21-33-35-0020-00000-0080

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

Name in which assessed:

**BEATRICE BAUER
ERICH BAUER**

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 **10th day of May, 2018**.
SUBJECT TO CURRENT TAXES

SHARON ROBERTSON, CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT & COMPTROLLER
Okeechobee County, Florida
/s/ Frances Conner
Deputy Clerk

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484699 ON 3/16,23,30;4/6/2018

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

2018TD476

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that **ZACHARY MICHAEL 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: **1461** Year of Issuance: **May-31-2014**

Description of Property: **LOTS C & F OF TRACT 5 E1/2 OF W1/2 OF N1/2 OF TRACT 05 33 34S 33E**

1-33-34-33-0A00-00005-C000

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

Name in which assessed:

MIMOSE CHARLES

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 **10th day of May, 2018**.
SUBJECT TO CURRENT TAXES

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484695 ON 3/16,23,30;4/6/2018

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

2018TD480

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that **ZACHARY MICHAEL 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: **1834** Year of Issuance: **June-01-2013**

Description of Property: **TOWNSITE OF OSOWAW LOT 17 BLOCK 70**

1-22-33-35-0010-00700-0170

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

Name in which assessed:

**FUNG PING LO
KUN CAN CHEN**

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 **10th day of May, 2018**.
SUBJECT TO CURRENT TAXES

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484701 ON 3/16,23,30;4/6/2018

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ANSWER:



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Crossword Puzzle

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Short one at the bar?
 - 4 Flabbergasts
 - 8 One taking up slack?
 - 13 Landlocked African country
 - 15 Thread bits
 - 16 Running bowline, e.g.
 - 17 Prepare to take off
 - 18 Mediterranean landmark
 - 19 Dessert that just sounds wrong
 - 20 Cuisine to swear by?
 - 23 ___ orange
 - 24 Trail follower
 - 25 Downed a link, say
 - 26 Traps for 15-Across
 - 28 Caught porgy and bass
 - 30 Ice ___
 - 31 Feuding house of Verona
 - 35 Site of a mortician's monopoly?
 - 40 Swift output
 - 41 Café freebie
 - 43 Charming retro
 - 46 Rejects
 - 49 Link for Ludwig
 - 50 Believes
 - 54 Actress Graff
 - 55 Ode to a Nightingale?
 - 58 Shock source
 - 59 Bit of concert memorabilia
 - 60 Quinoa alternative
 - 62 Latin stars
 - 63 New Yorker cartoonist Peter
 - 64 Rent-___
 - 65 Drives off
 - 66 Linking device
 - 67 Med. care option
- DOWN**
- 1 Fake it
 - 2 "We're on!"
 - 3 Green shelter?
 - 4 "Hard ___!": captain's command
 - 5 Baker's neighbor in "Into the Woods"
 - 6 Jaded state
 - 7 Barren
 - 8 Shopper's mecca
 - 9 Dire destiny
 - 10 Cosmetics giant
 - 11 What you will
 - 12 Landed, with "in"
 - 14 Gloomy air
 - 21 Shocking swimmer
 - 22 Sailor's ability
 - 23 ___ roll
 - 27 Sovereign symbol
 - 29 Bygone muscle car
 - 32 Small juice sources?
 - 33 Ace
 - 34 Org. with subs lifesaving "Pen"
 - 36 Prefix for a Mosquito Coast country
 - 37 Reaction to suddenly becoming flush?
 - 39 Concerned parent's installation
 - 42 Employment
 - 43 Mandated amounts
 - 44 Remove, as bindings
 - 45 Expands, as a deck
 - 47 Sales meeting metaphor
 - 48 Conservative leader?
 - 51 Outlet for one's thoughts
 - 52 Densely populated area, briefly
 - 53 Spirit
 - 56 Emperor famous for playing an instrument that hadn't been invented yet
 - 57 Wind in the reeds
 - 61 Ranch closing?

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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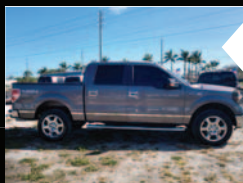
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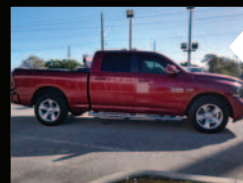
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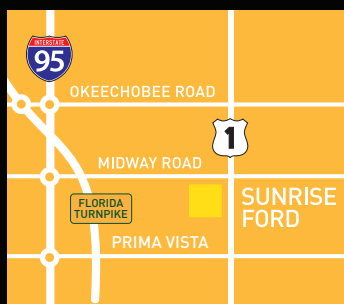
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