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Special to the Okeechobee News

From left to right, Okeechobee County public health preparedness planner Brian Sell, Brilyn Sell and Okeechobee County Health Department Safety Coordinator Tod Hardacre. Brilyn holds a certificate of achievement from the Community Emergency Response Team volunteer program.

Daughter helps save father after allergic reaction

By Richard Marion
Okeechobee News

As the public health preparedness planner of the Okeechobee County Health Department, Brian Sell has plenty of experience in preparing others for unexpected emergencies. But on the night of May 17, he found himself in an unexpected emergency of his own, and some quick thinking by his 19-year-old daughter, Brilyn Sell, may have saved his life.

The Sell family had just gotten back from the Purple and White

game at Okeechobee High School, and Brian went back outside to grab something from his vehicle when he felt some kind of insect bite him. He wasn't sure what kind of insect it was, but according to Mr. Sell the bite was very painful and began itching. For all his life he hasn't been allergic to anything, so he decided to take a Benedryl and hope the itching would recede after his shower.

After he bathed, however, things took a turn for the worse.

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Mental health help available for teens

By Katrina Elsken
Okeechobee News

The Okeechobee mother who took to social media on May 16 to tell others about her daughter's suicide attempt is doing the right thing, according to Tykes & Teens CEO and children's mental health expert Jeff Shearer, a licensed clinical social worker.

Tykes & Teens provides counseling services at schools in Okeechobee County.

The mother, whose daughter was part of suicide pact with four other teens, is encouraging parents to talk to their children about suicide, and encouraging teens to tell someone if a friend is talking about taking his or her own life.

On Mother's Day, alerted to the situation by someone who saw the girl cut her wrists live on social media, an Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office deputy got to the

home in time for the girl's life to be saved. The parents, who had just been talking to and even laughing with their daughter a few minutes earlier, had no idea that she was in the bathroom trying to take her own life.

OCSO was also able to warn the parents of the other four children in the suicide pact before any of them attempted self-harm.

"Suicide pacts are very unusual," said Mr. Shearer. "Most of the time suicides are about a sense of hopelessness and helplessness. A suicide pact is much more about connection."

He said those in a pact experience a sense of belonging when they make that level of commitment.

It's not unusual for only one person in the suicide pact to actually follow through, he added.

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Sheriff's office to have mobile app

By Katrina Elsken
Okeechobee News

Have a question for the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office? Soon there will be an app for that.

At their Thursday, May 24, meeting the Okeechobee County Board of Commissioners approved Sheriff Noel Stephen's request for funding for a sheriff's office app.

According to the staff report, TheSheriffApp.com develops cus-

tom iPhone and Android apps to help harness the increasing number of residents who have smartphones.

The app will include options such as alerts, submit a tip, inmate search, recent arrests, sex offender information, weather alerts, crime prevention and safety tips, and a way to post comments and complaints.

Those who download the app

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"Thank goodness she put it on social media where people were able to speak up about it in time to save her life," he said.

Mr. Shearer said he saw the mother's video and understands that before the suicide attempt, the 15-year-old did not show any of the warning signs.

"Most of the time, kids do talk about killing themselves," he said. "We need to take that seriously."

"Teenagers see what is happening right now as the end all and be all," he continued. When they are in pain, they do not see an end in sight.

"As adults, we need to reassure them it will get better," he said.

Mr. Shearer said the timing of the suicide pact and this week's release of the second season of "13 Reasons Why" on Netflix is disturbing. In the first season, the teen kills herself by slicing her wrists in the bathroom, just as the Okeechobee teen attempted to do on Sunday, he said. That's actually an unusual thing for teens, he explained; statistically, fewer than 5 percent of teenagers who attempt suicide cut their wrists.

Like many other mental health professionals who have voiced opinions about the program, Mr. Shearer said he thinks "13 Reasons Why" glamorizes teen suicide and could result in a "contagion effect" among young people at an impressionable age.

He added that it is a very disturbing series. He encourages parents to talk to their children about teen suicide and about the Netflix series. If the children want to watch the program, the parents should watch it with them, he said. "You can't just tell them not to watch it," he said, noting that most teenagers have access to the internet outside their homes, and a parental ban will just make the program more attractive to the teen.

"I would watch it with them and have that conservation with them," he continued. "Talk about the potential solutions she (the main character) could have used."

Teenagers may feel that suicide is the only answer to their problems, when in fact there are many other answers, he said. "In the first series, there are multiple people she could have asked for help."

Mr. Shearer said that since 2012, the sui-

cide rate has risen in the young adult population. Studies have shown a connection to smartphones and use of social media with the increase in suicides, he explained. When a teenager feels isolated, and turns to social media to feel a connection, it puts the teen at risk. If others on social media turn against them, it can be brutal.

Mental health help is available for teens and children through the Okeechobee County School System, he said. Tykes & Teens has counselors in all of the schools except North Elementary and South Elementary. Those two schools did not have available office space, so students from those schools are referred to programs at nearby schools, he explained.

He said a parent or a student can contact the school guidance counselor for a referral.

The program is funded through health insurance (deductibles are waived), Medicaid, the Healthy Kids program, the Okeechobee Children's Services Council and private donations.

During the summer, the counseling services will continue to be offered at the schools. Those not already in counseling can call Tykes & Teens at 772-220-3439 for a referral.

Mental health services for children are also offered in Okeechobee County by Suncoast Mental Health Center. Suncoast offers evaluations, comprehensive assessments, psychiatric services, case management and therapy. They have an office in Okeechobee, at 408 N.W. Third St. For more information, call 863-824-0300.

Legacy Behavioral Health Center Inc. is a community mental health center that has been serving residents of Martin, Okeechobee, St. Lucie, Indian River and Palm Beach counties since 2005. Legacy is committed to improving the quality of life and level of performance of emotionally and behaviorally challenged children, adolescents, families and adults through an array of diverse services. For more information, call 1-888-975-3422.

Okeechobee County Sheriff Noel Stephen is asking everyone to speak up and call for help if they think someone is in danger. Don't assume someone else will call, he advised.

Extended Forecast

Saturday: Considerable cloudiness with occasional rain showers. High around 75F. Winds ESE at 10 to 15 mph. Chance of rain 90%. Locally heavy rainfall possible.

Saturday Night: Rain showers in the evening with numerous thunderstorms developing overnight. Low near 70F. Winds SE at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 80%.

Sunday: Thunderstorms. High 79F. Winds SSE at 10 to 20 mph. Chance of rain 100%.

Sunday Night: Scattered thunderstorms in the evening. Partly cloudy skies overnight. Low 72F. Winds SSE at 10 to 15 mph.



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Today: Thunderstorms in the morning, then variable clouds during the afternoon with still a chance of showers. High 79F. Winds ESE at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 80%.

Tonight: Cloudy with occasional rain showers. Thunder possible. Low 69F. Winds light and variable. Chance of rain 80%.

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will have up-to-date information from the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office.

The initial cost of \$14,565 includes setup and the base annual maintenance fee.

Funds for the app will come from the Crime Prevention Fund. Future funding for the annual maintenance fee will also come out of this fund.

According to the staff report, in December 2014, the Okeechobee Board of County Commissioners established the Crime Prevention Fund with a beginning balance of \$243,267. This fund has continued to grow and has an available fund balance of \$327,396. Revenue for this fund is generated by arrest fines and fees.

According to Florida Statutes Section 775.083, "the county, in consultation with the sheriff, must expend such funds for crime prevention programs in the county, including safe neighborhood programs."

The fund is restricted by statute. The sheriff may use the funds for crime prevention efforts, but expenses must be approved by the county commission.

In a related matter, the commissioners approved purchase of a Stalker SAM-R Mobile Speed Trailer at a cost of \$5,638.40, with the funds coming from the Crime Prevention Fund. The mobile radar trailer will be

used to monitor speeders.

Using money from another restricted fund, the commission also approved the purchase of two, dual-purpose K-9s.

"These dogs can do drug detection and apprehension," explained the sheriff.

Funds for the K-9s will come from the Law Enforcement Trust Fund. Revenue for this fund comes from confiscated items and money seized in criminal cases. These funds may be used by the sheriff with the approval of the county commission.

The sheriff also received approval to spend money from the Inmate Welfare Fund for some improvements at the county jail.

The Inmate Welfare Fund comes from money paid by the inmates for commissary items.

The sheriff said inmates are provided with the basic necessities, but they can purchase "extras" in the jail commissary.

"They are allowed to buy honey buns and Ramen noodles and things like that as long as their behavior is good," explained the sheriff.

The money in this fund can be used only for certain things related to the improvement of the jail, he said.

The commission approved an expenditure of \$11,000 for improvements to the jail to fund an upgrade of the internet system and video-conferencing equipment.

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"When he came out of the bathroom, I noticed his eyes had begun to swell shut," said Brilyn Sell, "and his neck started drooping. He looked really swollen. That's when I knew he was going into anaphylactic shock."

Brilyn reported that her father's lips had swollen so much that they began to crack and bleed. The speed at which the symptoms were progressing was also concerning.

"From the time he came inside to him coming out of the shower, it had only been 10 minutes," explained Brylin. "I knew that if it's gotten this bad in just 10 minutes, we can't wait another 10 minutes for an ambulance. So I put him into the car and called 911 as I started driving to Raulerson."

911 operators were able to call ahead to Raulerson Hospital to inform them of the situation and allow them to prepare. Brian, who is also a unit coordinator for the Okeechobee County Medical Reserve Corps (MRC), credits Brylin's training in that very same program for saving his life.

"Brylin recognized the symptoms right away," said Mr. Sell. "She's a really smart and bright kid, and I have to believe her experience in the MRC prepared her for that moment. If we had hesitated a few minutes more, who knows what would've happened."

Mr. Sell had a long career in the military as an airborne ranger, fighting in both Panama and the first Persian Gulf War. Which makes it all the more surprising that a simple

bug bite could incapacitate him.

"Anything can happen, which is why I recommend people take the initiative and join the MRC or take a first aid and CPR class," said Mr. Sell. "It can be a lifesaver. I should know; it just saved me."

The Okeechobee MRC is a community-based volunteer unit comprised of local healthcare professionals. MRC units provide health professionals with an organized mechanism through which they can volunteer their time and skills to strengthen their communities by preparing for and responding to large-scale emergencies. Community members without medical training can assist with administrative and other essential support functions as well, according to MRC unit leader Tod Hardacre.

"There's always something to do," said Mr. Hardacre. "Even if you feel like you're not cut out for the medical aspects, we can use you to work phone lines during an emergency or for data entry or traffic control. There's plenty to do."

Mr. Sell now keeps an EpiPen at home in case of another emergency.

"My dad always instilled the belief in me that I need to know how to take care of myself," said Brilyn. "You can't always depend on 911 to get there on time. So from a young age we were always helping with the MRC, or taking first aid and CPR classes. The MRC has allowed me to take part in all of these programs, and if I hadn't done it, then it's my firm belief that night could've gone a lot worse and he could've died."

To join the MRC you can visit www.servfl.com or call MRC unit coordinator Tod Hardacre at 863-462-5805.

Okeechobee Forecast

Okeechobee foster parents in the running for state award

Special to the Okeechobee News

Matthew and Jennifer Deyarmond have been nominated for the Florida Coalition for Children's prestigious Caregiver of the Year Award, which will be presented to one of Florida's foster parents this summer during a statewide meeting of child-welfare professionals, specialists and supporters. The Deyarmonds have been foster parents since August 2016, their name becoming synonymous in that short time with words and concepts like "partner" and "co-parenting," said Jill Poole, caregiver and adoption support supervisor for Devereux Community Based Care.

Devereux CBC, which is changing its name to Communities Connected for Kids as of July 1, coordinates and oversees the child-welfare system in Indian River, Martin, Okeechobee and St. Lucie counties.

Because of their dedication to their youngest foster child, the Deyarmonds early on embraced the idea of "foster the whole family" and made adjustments to take that child's two siblings, Ms. Poole said. They reached out to case management and spearheaded the transition into their home so that the children's sibling bond could grow.

They work with the children's birth mother on everyday parenting tasks, including managing behaviors, cooking and bed and bath routines — all with the singular goal of getting the children back home to a loving family who can provide a safe, stable and nurturing environment.

"They are not only providing respite to hurting children, they are ensuring that the connection between home and child is not broken," Ms. Poole said. "They are rebuilding a family."



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County hopes to upgrade health department storm shelter

By Katrina Elskens
Okeechobee News

At their May 24 meeting, the Okeechobee County commissioners voted to accept a State Division of Emergency Management Grant in the amount of \$15,000 for the evaluation of the Okeechobee County Health Department as a hurricane shelter. Director of Facilities Donnie Oden said the building is currently rated to withstand winds up to 110 mph, which means it currently rates to withstand a Category 2 hurricane.

The evaluation will determine what needs to be done to the building to increase the wind load so that it could withstand a Category 4 or 5 hurricane. Category 4 winds are 131 to 155 mph. Category 5 winds are 155 mph and higher.

"If we can have the entire building evaluated to see where we can improve it, there is funding out there available for additional grants," he said.

In other business, the commissioners voted to contract with Merchant McIntyre Associates in the amount of \$7,500 per month for

12 months to provide grant writing services to the county.

The company will help the county apply for federal grant funding for projects such as roads, sidewalks, drug abuse treatment programs, mental health treatment programs, water and sewer, restoration of historical buildings and making buildings more energy-efficient.

"I am glad to see this," said Commissioner Brad Goodbread. "Look at all of the federal programs we could use to bring tax dollars back to Okeechobee County."

County Administrator Robbie Chartier explained that with some state grants, the grant writer can be paid a percentage of the grant dollars. Most of the federal grants do not allow use of grant funds to reimburse the grant writing costs.

"You are spending your own money to get money back," she said.

She said McIntyre will meet with the commissioners to develop a priority list of the county's needs, and then research grants that are available to meet those needs.

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Okeechobee News/OCSO

OSCO Employees of the Quarter

Above: Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office detention deputy of the first quarter of 2018 is Deputy Justin White (center), who was selected by Captain Scott Deloney (left) and approved by Sheriff Noel E. Stephen (right).

Left photo below: Detective Jose Garduno (left) was nominated by Detective Captain Robert Coleman and chosen by Sheriff Noel E. Stephen (right) as the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office law enforcement officer for the first quarter of 2018.

Right photo: Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office human resources/executive assistant Ronda Butler (left) along with Chief Deputy Gary Bell (right) congratulate warrants clerk Krystal Payne (center), who was selected as the administrative employee of the first quarter of 2018.



Public Forum/Speak Out

Speak Out comments can be shared in several ways. Comments on local are welcome on the newspaper's website at okeechobeenews.net, in the comments section following each article. Or, you can mail or drop off written, anonymous or signed opinions at the Okeechobee News office, 107 S.W. 17th St. Suite D., Okeechobee, FL 34974; or, email anonymous or signed Speak Out comments to Okeenews@newszap.com. Thanks for participating in our discussion of local issues!

13 Reasons Why

Readers responded to recent coverage of a teen suicide pact.

• "Maybe instead of blaming a show, blame the people who pushed her to do this, who encouraged it. Ignorance is blaming a TV show or video game. The show is bringing awareness to how sick kids are in high school. Maybe if we as a whole held people accountable for harassing and bullying, fewer kids would resort to this." – Starlene Hammill

• "After watching the series, and reading several articles which voiced concern about how it could influence teens, I chose to talk to my kids at length about it. I monitor all their cellphone activity, every message account, and I review all internet searches. Anytime I hear about a dangerous trend, I talk to my kids about it and explain the dangers, and encourage them to ask questions." – Katie McLemore Vickers

• "Here's a good reason why children shouldn't have phones. Or they have Trac-Fones that only do phone calls, no apps or internet!" – Amanda Arnold

• "I don't think the show glorifies teen suicide. My son is 15 and has a phone, and I know everything he does on it because I check and put parental controls on it. We have an 'open door policy' and we haven't had these or any other issues." – Jenny Breedlove

Give the gift of life, enjoy the Crayola Experience

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ORLANDO — This June, the Crayola Experience is partnering with OneBlood to help thank donors for saving lives. Donate with OneBlood anywhere in Florida from Friday, June 1, through Saturday, June 30, and in addition to OneBlood's thank you gift, receive a special offer from Crayola Experience Or-

lando — purchase one admission ticket and receive a second admission free.

Generally healthy people age 16 or older who weigh at least 110 pounds can donate blood. A photo ID is required. To learn more about the importance of blood donation and how donors can target the power of their blood type, visit oneblood.org.

Guilty plea

A convicted murderer was accused of killing his cellmate at Okeechobee Correctional Institute. He chose to act as his own attorney. On the third day of the trial, after giving his own testimony, he changed his plea to guilty, avoiding cross-examination by the prosecution. Readers had these comments on the story.

• "Waste of taxpayers' money and jurors' time, nothing but a circus show." – Steve Nutre

• "He probably wanted everyone to just hear the truth." – Anita Nunez

• "Prayers for him and all involved. These people need Jesus and love." – Cathy Green

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'Google quiz' is a scam

Special to the Okeechobee News

Any mail telling you to take part in a Google Chrome Quiz contest or survey in order to win an Apple iPhone 8, Nexus, Sony Play Station or some other prizes is a scam.

Google currently does not have a Google Chrome Quiz contest or survey going on that offers its users a chance to win prizes. Scammers are using fake quizzes and contests to

trick their potential victims into disclosing their personal and financial information. They will subsequently use all these pieces of information to steal from you.

The scammers also sometimes entice their potential customers to complete surveys that they the scammers will be paid for.

The victims, on the other hand, will not receive the prizes that they were promised.

Letter to the editor

Voters

Every day I try to accept the fact that voters with very different values elected this president as our leader. Every day I ask myself, "If they didn't fear losing their guns, would things change?" Every day I wonder, would they feel safe if no one was allowed in the country without government approval?

My conclusion is no.

Mr. Trump has been successful in using fear to push his agenda. What you should fear is the systematic erosion of the humani-

tarian values this country has been known for.

You should pay attention to the similarity of his words to those of leaders of dictatorships.

He is a fraud. The evil that exists in all of us has found approval in this man. We know there are those who will always hate, but now they feel free to act openly.

Society has norms and values. Without accepted behaviors, society becomes a carbon copy of "Lord of the Flies."

J.T. Martin



Special to the Okeechobee News/CES

CES Students of the Week

Central Elementary School Students of the Week for the week of May 14 are: Ryan Torres, Alissa Allen, Josias Ortiz, Gary Scherrer III, Brayden Yates, Mason Cruz, Jose Aranda, Logan Hair, Raiden Bishop, Harlee Arnold, Camarion Kelly, Jadir Duran, Emily Campos, Jose Lara, Deisy Serrano, Deonna Orr, Dazmin Urbina, Isaiah Reyes, Qwtaysha Dingle, Jose Garcia, Cassandra Moore, Damian Garcia and Cameron Allen.

Super-Glued mailbox not just a prank but a federal law violation

By Matteo Tullio

Okeechobee News

On Monday morning, an Okeechobee woman filed a report of mailboxes in her neighborhood being sealed closed with Super Glue sometime through the night.

According to an incident report by Deputy Robert Feldman of the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO), at 8:27 a.m. on May 21, he responded to the 7200 block of Northeast 11th Lane in regard to a criminal mischief complaint.

Upon his arrival, Deputy Feldman met with the complainant, who stated that sometime during the night someone used what she suspected was Super Glue on her and her neighbors' mailboxes, sealing them closed. The complainant was reportedly unaware of who did it or why they might have done this.

The report concluded that due to the inclement weather conditions, it was not possible to lift fingerprints from the mailboxes. Deputy Feldman also attempted to make contact with the complainant's neighbors in the area, but none of them were at their homes.

According to the United State Postal Inspection Service, the federal law enforcement and security arm of the U.S. Postal Service (USPS), rural area mailboxes are vulnerable to vandalism because they are usually isolated, located on public thorough-

fares and frequently not visible to the box owners from their homes. City residential mailboxes are vandalized to a lesser degree.

Mailboxes are considered federal property, and federal law (Title 18, United States Code, Section 1705), makes it a crime to vandalize them (or to injure, deface or destroy any mail deposited in them). The code reads, "Whoever willfully or maliciously injures, tears down or destroys any letter box or other receptacle intended or used for the receipt or delivery of mail on any mail route, or breaks open the same or willfully or maliciously injures, defaces or destroys any mail deposited therein, shall be fined under this title (up to \$250,000) or imprisoned not more than three years, or both." Violators can be fined or imprisoned for each act of vandalism.

If you have information on mailbox vandalism, call the Postal Inspection Service to report it. Your cooperation helps apprehend violators. You may provide your information or complaints to your local postmaster or your nearest postal inspector.

Postal inspectors recommend these actions to protect your mailbox and any mail that may be inside it:

- Immediately report theft, tampering, or destruction of mail or mailboxes to your postmaster. Or go to the U.S. Postal Inspection Service website (uspis.gov) to report by clicking on "mailbox vandalism," or call 1-877-876-2455 (press 5).

- Obtain Label 33 from the Postal Inspection Service and affix it to your mailbox. The sticker warns that willful damage to mailboxes and theft of mail are crimes.

- Keep your mailbox in good repair, and make sure it's properly installed. This may help prevent theft of the mailbox itself.

In addition to the mailbox itself are the contents of the box, which if taken or destroyed can also result in a violation of federal law (Title 18, United States Code, Section 1708). There is also the added risk of possible identity theft in today's tech-reliant society, which is yet another charge.

According to the code, "whoever steals, takes, or abstracts, or by fraud or deception obtains, or attempts so to obtain, from or out of any mail, post office, or station thereof, letter box, mail receptacle, or any mail route or other authorized depository for mail matter, or from a letter or mail carrier, any letter, postal card, package, bag, or mail, or abstracts or removes from any such letter, package, bag, or mail, any article or thing contained therein, or secretes, embezzles, or destroys any such letter, postal card, package, bag, or mail, or any article or thing contained therein; or whoever steals, takes, or abstracts, or by fraud or deception obtains any letter, postal card, package, bag, or mail, or any article or thing contained therein which has been left for collection upon or adjacent to a collection box or other authorized depository of mail matter; or, who-

ever buys, receives, or conceals, or unlawfully has in his possession, any letter, postal card, package, bag, or mail, or any article or thing contained therein, which has been so stolen, taken, embezzled, or abstracted, as herein described, knowing the same to have been stolen, taken, embezzled, or abstracted— Shall be fined under this title (up to \$250,000) or imprisoned not more than five years, or both." Violators can be fined or imprisoned for each act.

In conjunction with the Title 18, United States Code, Section 1708 federal law there is the Title 18 U.S. Code, Section 1702, which covers the obstruction of correspondence, making it a federal crime or offense for anyone to obstruct the delivery of mail by taking or removing it from the United States mails.

According to the code, "whoever takes any letter, postal card, or package out of any post office or any authorized depository for mail matter, or from any letter or mail carrier, or which has been in any post office or authorized depository, or in the custody of any letter or mail carrier, before it has been delivered to the person to whom it was directed, with design to obstruct the correspondence, or to pry into the business or secrets of another, or opens, secretes, embezzles, or destroys the same, shall be fined under this title (up to \$250,000) or imprisoned not more than five years, or both." Violators can be fined or imprisoned for each act.

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).

- Juan Carrasco, 35, was arrested May 21 by Deputy Greg Mullen on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with cruelty to animals. His bond was set at \$1,000.

- Juan Carlos Hernandez-Camacho, 44, Northeast 55th Trail, Okeechobee, was arrested May 21 by Deputy Greg Mullen on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with cruelty to animals. His bond was set at \$1,000.

- Javaris Jamar Frost, 18, Northeast 28th Avenue, Okeechobee, was arrested May 22 by Deputy Daniel Eng on two Okeechobee County felony warrants charging him with two counts of sale, manufacture or delivery of a controlled substance (cocaine) within 1,000 feet of a municipal park, community center or recreational facility and two counts of possession with intent to sell, manufacture or deliver a controlled substance (cocaine) within 1,000 feet of a municipal park, community center or recreational facility. He was released on his own recognizance.

- Jennifer Nichole Scott, 39, Southeast 21st Court, Okeechobee, was arrested May 22 by Deputy Tim Higgins on two DOC felony warrants charging her with violation of probation - possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) without a

valid prescription and violation of probation - possession of a controlled substance without a valid prescription. She was also arrested on an Okeechobee County felony warrant charging her with giving false information to a pawnbroker. She is being held without bond.

- Dwan Sharrod Marshall, 42, Brownwood Drive, Mulberry, was arrested May 22 by Deputy Greg Mullen on an Okeechobee County felony warrant charging him with burglary of structure or conveyance while armed, assault or battery upon person in the course of burglary of structure or conveyance, robbery with a firearm, and grand theft (more than \$300 but less than \$5,000). His bond was set at \$105,000.

- Michael Lee Millikin, 37, Northeast 26th Avenue, Okeechobee, was arrested May 22 by the Okeechobee Narcotics Task Force on a felony charge of possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) without a valid prescription. His bond was set at \$5,000.

- Hayleigh Rene Price, 23, Okeechobee, was arrested May 23 by Deputy William Jolly on an Okeechobee County felony warrant charging her with failure to appear - sale or delivery of a controlled substance (cannabis) and failure to appear - possession of a controlled substance (cannabis) with intent to sell. She is being held without bond.

- Kenneth James Schaeffer, 40, Northwest Fourth Street, Ocala, was arrested May 23 by Deputy Steven Pollock on a misdemeanor charge of driving under the influence. His bond was set at \$1,500.

- Anthony Gerald Vickers, 25, U.S. 441 Southeast, Okeechobee, was arrested May

23 by Deputy Joseph Hall on a DOC felony warrant charging him with violation of probation - burglary of an occupied dwelling or conveyance, violation of probation - criminal mischief with property damage, and violation of probation - theft. He is being held without bond.

- Brian Steven Benefield, 41, Southeast 29th Court, Okeechobee, was arrested May 23 by Detective Mark Margerum on felony charges of armed burglary of dwelling or conveyance and grand theft (more than \$300 but less than \$5,000). He is being held without bond.

- Sandra Elaine Phillips, 47, Southeast 26th Street, Okeechobee, was arrested May 24 by Officer Michael Jordan on felony charges of possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) without a valid

prescription, possession of a controlled substance (hydromorphone) without a valid prescription and a misdemeanor charge of possession of drug paraphernalia. Her bond was set at \$5,500.

- Hugh Edgar Phillips, 47, Northeast 120th Street, Okeechobee, was arrested May 24 by Officer Michael Jordan on a felony charge of possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) without a valid prescription. His bond was set at \$2,500.

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

Okeechobee City Hall to be closed for holiday

Okeechobee City Hall offices will be closed Monday, May 28, in observance of Memorial Day. The website, cityfokeechobee.com, allows you access 24/7. The office will reopen on Tuesday, May 29, at 8 a.m.

Help save lives by donating blood

The need for blood donations doesn't stop for summer vacations. If you are in good health and over the age of 17, you can help One Blood ensure area hospitals have a safe blood supply ready to handle emergencies.

June blood drives in Okeechobee include:

- Monday, June 4, at Walmart from 1:30 to 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, June 12, at Walmart from noon to 12:30 p.m.
- Saturday, June 16, at Walmart from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Sunday, June 17, at Golden Corral from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Sunday, June 17, at Walmart from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Tuesday, June 19, at Raulerson Hospital from 2 to 5 p.m.
- Tuesday, June 19, at Walmart from 6 to 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, June 26, at Okeechobee Sheriff's Office from noon to 5:30 p.m.

Community Events



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BHR VFW serves dinner

The Buckhead Ridge VFW Post 9528, 29012 State Road 78 W., will serve dinner on Friday, **May 25**, 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 dessert. All proceeds will go to homeless veterans. For information, call 863-467-2882.

Softball sign ups open

Summer adult softball sign ups are underway. Friday, May 25, is the team sign-up deadline at the Parks and Rec office, 1718 N.W. Ninth Ave. Monday, June 4, is the first tentative game of regular season. For information, visit their Facebook page or call 863-763-6950.

Legion will host dinner

On Friday, **May 25**, 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.

Singles will hold potluck

The Christian Singles potluck dinner will be held at the Gathering Church, 1735 S.W. 24th Ave., Friday, **May 25**, at 6 p.m. For information, call Mollie at 863-763-7195.

RV swap meet set

The Okeechobee Radio Control Association will host a parking lot "Anything Radio Control Swap Meet and Membership Drive" at Big Lake Hobbies, 110 S.W. 14th St., located one block south of Dairy Queen, on Saturday, **May 26**, at 8 a.m. If you ever wanted to get started in radio-controlled airplanes, cars or boats, NOW is the time. Bargains will abound and our members can help you find the right bargain to put you on a path to success for a lifetime of enjoyment in radio control sports. Parents, keep in mind radio control sports is the perfect platform for advanced STEM applications. If you have any questions or would like to join the club, stop by this Saturday or call 561-252-02916 or 863-357-3200.

Memorial Day cookout set

AMVETS Post 200, 3651 U.S. 411 S.E., will hold a Memorial Day cookout on Saturday, **May 26**, at 2 p.m. They will serve chicken and pulled pork with assorted sides. All proceeds will go to help needy veterans. The public is welcome! For information, call 863-484-8135.

Legion opens Sunday bingo

American Legion 64, 501 S.E. Second St., will host Sunday night bingo on **May 27**, 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.

VFW hosts lasagna dinner

VFW Post #4423, 300 N.W. 34th St., will host a lasagna dinner on Sunday, **May 27**, from 1 to 3 p.m. For information, call 863-763-0818.

Amvets host 5-card bingo

Join Amvets Post 200, 3651 U.S. 441 S.E., Suite 6, on Sunday, **May 27**, at 2 p.m. and Tuesday, May 29, at 2 p.m. for five-card bingo. For information, call 863-484-8135.

Legion will host 5-card bingo

American Legion Post #64, 501 S.E. Second St., will host five-card bingo on Monday, **May 28**, from 1 to 3 p.m. with lunch served at 12:30 p.m. For information, call 863-763-5309.

Shrine Club hosts dinner

The Okeechobee Shrine Club, 1855 S.W. 53rd St., off State Road 78 West next to Fast Break, will have a spaghetti dinner Tuesday, **May 29**, from 4 until 7 p.m., for an \$8 donation. The event is open to the public and all members of the Shrine Temple. For information on the activities of the Okeechobee Shrine Club or to lease the club, contact the Shrine Club at 863-763-3378.

Summer play camp set

Summer play camp will be held from June 11 through July 27, Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Okeechobee Civic Center, 1750 U.S. 98 N., for kids ages 5 to 13. Registration is from now through **May 31**, Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Parks and Recreation Department, 1718 N.W. Ninth Ave. For information, call 863-763-6950.

Library will host programs

Each week, beginning **June 1**, the Okeechobee Library, 206 S.W. 16th St., will host a free program. From cooking to crafts to giant games, every week will be a different and fun experience. Be sure to check the summer calendar to see what programs you'd like to attend. All events are free and open to all ages. You must be registered to attend. For details and to register, call 863-763-3536 or come in to sign up.

Trash Fish tournament to be held

The 10th annual Lake Okeechobee Airboat Association Trash Fish tournament will be held on Saturday, **June 2**, at Okee-Tantie Airboat Landing, 1043 U.S. 78. For information, call Jamie Mellette at 561-718-3077 or Rob Jones at 561-722-6572.

CSC meeting canceled

The Children's Services Council meeting for June 14, has been canceled. There will be a special meeting held on Tuesday, **June 12**, at 5 p.m.

Library hosts Reading Camp

Ms. Kim at the Okeechobee County Library, 206 S.W. 16th St., is excited to announce that the "Summer Reading Camp" will be every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. from Wednesday, **June 20** through July 25. Camp is for ages 8 years old and under. If they have a sibling that is older, they may attend as well. Parents must attend! For information, call 863-763-3536.

More Community Events can be found at OkeechobeeNews.net in the Community section.

Reading challenge

The Okeechobee Library, 206 S.W. 16th St., will team up with Scholastic from now through **Sept. 7**, as students take the pledge to read as many minutes as they can this summer! To join, simply call the library at 863-763-3536 or come in to sign up with a librarian. Students will receive a pledge certificate along with a username and password. By logging reading minutes on the Scholastic website, students can unlock digital rewards and complete weekly reading challenges online. Reading minutes will also count towards special summer prizes and events at the library. Join the fun and sign up today!

Desktop Support Technician

Description: The Okeechobee County Clerk's Office is seeking a Desktop Support Technician to assist with computer systems installations, maintenance and support. The working environment includes Microsoft Windows OS, Office 365/Exchange, Adobe office products, and several department specific software packages. The support technician will be responsible for desktop/laptop hardware, peripherals, software and network support. As a support technician you will be expected to exhibit troubleshooting skills in the following areas: Resolution of virus infections, spy-ware, gray-ware, phishing and other internet attacks against computers and networks. You must have knowledge in basic router configuration and networking. Knowledge and experience with Microsoft VMWare and virtualization is desired.

Requirements: Candidates must have experience installing Microsoft Windows operating systems, Microsoft Office 2010/2016, and must be able to provide troubleshooting resolutions for end-users.

Special Requirements:

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Fishing tournament to benefit veterans

By Katrina Elskens

Okeechobee News

Okeechobee County commissioners Thursday voiced their support of a fishing tournament to benefit the VFW Post 10539 Veterans Assistance Fund. The commissioners unanimously agreed to waive the bleacher use fee at the Scott Driver recreation area, and to allow the sale of draft beer at the tournament.

Dennis Conner of VFW Post 10539 explained that the fishing tournament is planned for Saturday, Nov. 17, from 5 a.m. to 5 p.m. Weigh-in will start at 3 p.m.

The event will include live music from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. It will also feature arts and crafts vendors, a children's fishing tournament from the bank and other children's activities.

Mr. Conner said that last year, more than 90 children participated in the children's

event. Each child received a rod and reel, which were donated.

Mr. Conner said last year the tournament raised \$18,000 for the Veterans Assistance Fund. This money is used to help local veterans and their families. Last year, he explained, they built handicapped ramps for a disabled veteran and for the widow of veteran,

In other business, the commissioners approved the procedure for Okeechobee County combat-wounded veterans to receive recognition under the Purple Heart county program.

Okeechobee County was designated a Purple Heart County on Feb. 22, honoring the service and sacrifice of our nation's men and women in uniform, wounded or killed by the enemy, while serving to protect the freedoms enjoyed by all Americans. The purpose of this recognition program is to

recognize at a local, hometown level those individuals who, in the defense of their country, sustained injuries from combat and were awarded the Purple Heart.

The nomination process begins with the county veterans service officer, who will verify the information and forward it to the Okeechobee Veterans Council Inc. for review of the nominations and the selection process.

Combat-wounded veterans will be honored at Okeechobee County Commission meetings.



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Veterans receive Quilts of Honor

By OCSO

Special to the Okeechobee News

On Saturday, May 19, Freedom Ranch hosted its eighth annual Veterans Appreciation Day ceremony on National Armed Forces Day in Okeechobee County. This year, four deputies from the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO) received a Quilt of Honor.

Quilts of Honor is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing healing, loving and patriotic quilts to those who have served in harm's way. The organization was formed in April 2010, when the passion and mission for providing comfort and healing to veterans had grown with several quilts being presented over the years.

Quilts of Honor are handmade by countless volunteers who wish to thank service members and to honor their service and sacrifice.

Four OCSO deputies received a quilt made especially for them. Receiving their quilts were Deputies Jack Nash, Quinton Speed and Lieutenant Shane Snyder. Deputy Steven Pollock was unable to attend the ceremony but was given his quilt at a later time.

It was a great experience attending this year and to hear a few stories from some of the veterans. Listening to these men and women and what they endured makes you stop and give thanks for the freedoms we have today.

To all veterans, thank you for your service!



Special to the Okeechobee News

Saturday, May 19, was National Armed Forces Day. Freedom Ranch was the host for this annual event in Okeechobee County. This year, four deputies from the sheriff's office received a Quilt of Honor. Receiving their quilts were Sheriff's Deputies Jack Nash, Quinton Speed and Lt. Shane Snyder. Deputy Steven Pollock was unable to attend the ceremony but was given his quilt at a later time.

Fire/Rescue offers free blood pressure checks

Okeechobee County Fire/Rescue offers free blood pressure checks from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday at:

- Fire Station #1, 504 N.W. Sixth Street,
- Fire Station #2, 3511 S.E. 38th Ave., and,
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Code Enforcement Spotlight:

Regarding contractors, take the attitude 'buyers beware'

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Hurricane season is right around the corner, and now is the time to be reminded about the importance of hiring licensed contractors and obtaining necessary building permits. Whether a new building is being constructed, a roof needs new shingles, or a structure requires its air-conditioning unit to be replaced, homeowners must always be aware of what work requires permits, a licensed contractor or both. Hiring a licensed professional is not just a good idea because it protects you as a consumer, it is also the law and violators could face criminal charges, jail time and fines.

Warning signs of an unlicensed contractor

- If a large down payment is requested before the work begins, you might be at risk. Only partial payments (draws) should be made until the work is completed.
- If you are asked to pay in cash or make your check payable to an individual or "cash" instead of a company name.
- If verbal contracts are offered.
- The contractor is only willing to work on weekends or after hours.
- If they ask you, the homeowner, to obtain the permit. A licensed contractor in good standing will almost always obtain the permit.
- License numbers are not on their vehicles, business cards, contracts, fliers, etc.
- They travel in unmarked vehicles and solicit door to door.
- They provide you with a post office box instead of a street address.
- Someone else obtains the permit other than the person or company contracted to do the work.
- No record of the business on sunbiz.org.
- Solicitation of services on social media.

Helpful tips

- Ask to see the contractor's license. The license should be issued from Okeechobee County or the Department of Business and Professional Regulation. The license will have the contractor's name, license number, address and specialty.

- Ask for copies of the contractor's general liability and workers' compensation insurance policies.

- Ask for a written estimate from several licensed contractors. License numbers are required to be printed on the estimate and/or invoice.

- Make sure that the entire scope of work for the job is written and detailed in the contract.

- Most jobs require a building permit. For a complete list of work that requires a permit, contact Okeechobee County Community Development at 863-763-5548.

- Ask for references.

- Keep copies of contracts, canceled checks, receipts, and photos of the work.

- Know the difference between a Business Tax Receipt number (which is not a license) and a contractor's license number.

- Avoid solicitation from contractors on social media.

Don't be a victim. Protect yourself.

Using unlicensed contractors can be hazardous to the health, safety and welfare of you and your family. Unlicensed contractors will often target uninformed and inexperienced homeowners, particularly elderly persons. Don't let yourself be scammed!

Unlicensed and unpermitted work is against the law, and the homeowner may be liable for penalties from the county and the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR), as well as for personal or financial injuries to others. The DBPR can issue an order to stop construction and levy a \$5,000 fine for aiding and abetting unlicensed contractors. Usually, the homeowner's only recourse to recover from the unlicensed contractor is through civil court.

To verify a contractor's license, or to file a complaint against a contractor, you can contact the State of Florida, Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR) at 1-850-487-1395, or visit www.MyFloridaLicense.com

To report unlicensed activities, call toll free 1-866-532-14440. You can also contact Okeechobee County Community Development at (863) 763-5548 or visit co.okeechobee.fl.us.



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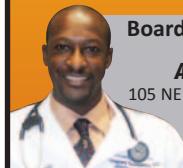


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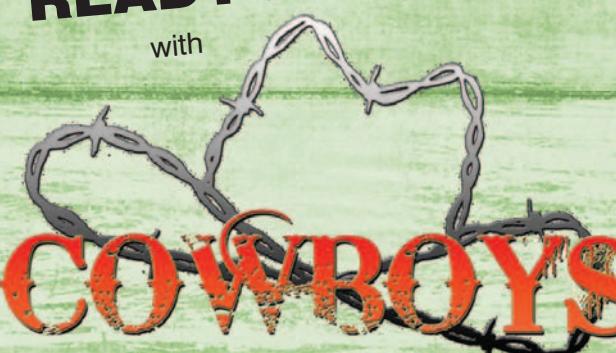
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Under which we expect to engage in business at:

118 SW 4th Ave.

Okeechobee, FL 34974

In the City of Okeechobee/County Okeechobee, Florida. That the parties interested in said business enterprise are: **Carolyn's Coiffures, LLC** Dated at Okeechobee, Okeechobee County, Florida this 22nd day of May 2018 By: Florence Slate

264574 ON 5/25/2018

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Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**2018TD777**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that EB 1EMIFL LLC the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificates for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No: **2118** Year of Issuance: **June-01-2012**

Description of Property: **1/4 OF 1/3 % MINERAL INTEREST E 1/2 OF NE 1/4 SW 1/4 OF NE 1/4 E 1/2 OF SE 1/4 SW 1/4 OF SE 1/4 E 1/2 OF SW 1/4 NW 1/4 OF SW 1/4 SW 1/4 OF NW 1/4 14 34S 35E 480 ACRES**

1-14-34-35-0A00-00002-C000

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

Name in which assessed:
PAUL MCBRIDE

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 **26th day of July, 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 County 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. 261850 ON 5/25/6,1,8,15/2018

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**2018TD776**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that EB 1EMIFL LLC the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificates for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No: **2117** Year of Issuance: **June-01-2012**

Description of Property: **1/4 OF 1/3 % MINERAL INTEREST E 1/2 OF NE 1/4 SW 1/4 OF NE 1/4 E 1/2 OF SE 1/4 SW 1/4 OF SE 1/4 E 1/2 OF SW 1/4 NW 1/4 OF SW 1/4 OF NW 1/4 14 34S 35E 480 ACRES**

1-14-34-35-0A00-00002-A000

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

Name in which assessed:
MURPHY MINERALS CORPORATION

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 **26th day of July, 2018**. SUBJECT TO CURRENT TAXES

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/s/ Frances Conner
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**2018TD770**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that SAMMY AND ANN HANCOCK 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: **2112** Year of Issuance: **June-01-2013**

Description of Property: **WHISPERING PINES HEIGHTS E 1/2 OF LOT 34**

1-04-37-35-0020-00000-034A
Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida

Name in which assessed:
**GEARY ADAMS
SUSAN ADAMS**

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 **26th day of July, 2018**. SUBJECT TO CURRENT TAXES

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Okeechobee County, Florida
/s/ Frances Conner
Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**2018TD783**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that BLACK CUB SB MUNI CUST 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: **1779** Year of Issuance: **June-01-2016**

Description of Property: **S 1/2 OF SE 1/4 OF NE 1/4 S 1/2 OF SW 1/4 OF NE 1/4 ALL THAT PART OF S 1/4 OF NW 1/4 LYING N & E OF RD 15 66.66 ACRES 06 33S 35E**

1-06-33-35-0A00-00028-0000

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

Name in which assessed:

**CHARLES C POWELL TRUSTEE
CHARLES POWELL JOINT ASSET TRUST
JEFREY W BROWN TRUSTEE
VALERIE POWELL BROWN 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 **26th day of July, 2018**. SUBJECT TO CURRENT TAXES

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Okeechobee County, Florida
/s/ Frances Conner
Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**2018TD772**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that WILLIAM B BREWER 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: **336** Year of Issuance: **June-01-2011**

Description of Property: **LOT J OF TRACT 21 WEST 1/2 OF THE EAST 1/2 OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF TRACT 21 SECTION 13 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 3-36 INCLUSIVE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY FLORIDA**

1-13-34-33-0A00-00021-J000

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

Name in which assessed:

MISTY LYNN MCLENDON

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 **26th day of July, 2018**. SUBJECT TO CURRENT TAXES

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Okeechobee County, Florida
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Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**2018TD773**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that WILLIAM B BREWER 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: **335** Year of Issuance: **June-01-2011**

Description of Property: **LOT I OF TRACT 21 EAST 1/2 OF THE EAST 1/2 OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF TRACT 21 SECTION 13 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 3-36 INCLUSIVE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY FLORIDA**

1-13-34-33-0A00-00021-I000

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

Name in which assessed:

MISTY LYNN MCLENDON

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 **26th day of July, 2018**. SUBJECT TO CURRENT TAXES

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**2018TD769**

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

Certificate No: **2221** Year of Issuance: **June-01-2011**

Description of Property: **ROAD IN TRIANGLE PARK COMMENCING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 63 OF WHISPERING PINES SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO THE PLAT OF SAID SUBDIVISION AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3 PAGE 25 PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY FLORIDA THENCE RUN SOUTH FOR A DISTANCE OF 60.00 FEET THENCE RUN SOUTH 89 DEG 59 MIN 00 SEC WEST ALONG AN EXTENSION OF THE SOUTH BOUNDARY LINE OF PINE STREET FOR A DISTANCE OF 215.00 FEET FOR POINT OF BEGINNING THENCE CONTINUE SOUTH 89 DEG 59 MIN 00 SEC WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 15.00 FEET THENCE RUN SOUTH A DISTANCE OF 250.00 FEET THENCE RUN NORTH 89 DEG 59 MIN 00 SEC EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 15.00 FEET THENCE RUN NORTH FOR A DISTANCE OF 250.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING**

1-04-37-35-0010-00000-0620

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

Name in which assessed:
DONALD D PEMBERTON

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 **26th day of July, 2018**. SUBJECT TO CURRENT TAXES

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NOTICE OF RIGHT-OF-WAY ABANDONMENT**CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTING
A CITY ORDINANCE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Okeechobee, will conduct a Public Hearing on **Tues, June 5, 2018, at 6 PM**, or as soon thereafter possible, at City Hall, 55 SE 3rd Ave, Okeechobee, FL, to consider final reading for adoption of the following Ordinance into law: **No. 1166: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF OKEECHOBEE, FLORIDA, VACATING AND ABANDONING THE ALLEY OR ALLEYWAY AS DESCRIBED HEREIN, WITHIN BLOCK 2, CITY OF OKEECHOBEE SUBDIVISION, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGE 5 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA; AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO RECORD THE ORDINANCE IN THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Right-of-Way Abandonment Petition No. 18-001-AC, submitted by the property owner Ms. Joy Kidwell (Registered Agent), JMK of Okeechobee, Inc, requests to vacate the North to South 15-foot wide alleyway between Lots 10-17 of Block 2; CITY OF OKEECHOBEE, Plat Book 5, Page 5, Public Records, Okeechobee County, containing approximately 0.11 acres.

All members of the public are encouraged to attend and participate in said Hearing. The proposed ordinance may be inspected in its entirety by members of the public at the Office of the City Clerk during normal business hours, Mon-Fri, 8:00 AM-4:30 PM, except for holidays.

ANY PERSON DECIDING TO APPEAL any decision made by the City Council with respect to any matter considered at this meeting will need to ensure a verbatim record of the proceeding is made and the record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal will be based. In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA), any person with a disability as defined by the ADA, that needs special accommodation to participate in this proceeding, contact the City Clerk's Office no later than two business days prior to proceeding, 863-763-3372.

BE ADVISED that should you intend to show any document, picture, video or items to the Council in support or opposition to any item on the agenda, a copy of the document, picture, video, or item **MUST** be provided to the City Clerk for the City's records.

By: City Clerk Lane Gamiotea, CMC
264525 ON 5/25/2018

**NOTICE OF ZONING CHANGE
CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTING
A CITY ORDINANCE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Okeechobee, will conduct a Public Hearing on **Tues, June 5, 2018, at 6 PM**, or as soon thereafter possible, at City Hall, 55 SE 3rd Ave, Okeechobee, FL, to consider final reading for adoption of the following Ordinance into law: **No. 1168: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF OKEECHOBEE, FLORIDA; AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF OKEECHOBEE BY REZONING A CERTAIN TRACT OF LAND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN, FROM RESIDENTIAL SINGLE FAMILY-ONE TO LIGHT COMMERCIAL ZONING DISTRICT (PETITION NO. 18-001-R); AMENDING THE ZONING MAP ACCORDINGLY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDED FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

The Ordinance is regarding Rezoning Petition No. 18-001-R, submitted by the property owner Mr. William H. Mason, located at 511 Northeast 9th Street, and is approximately 1.06 unplatted acres. The proposed use is a medical complex. **LEGAL: A PARCEL OF LAND LYING IN A PORTION OF SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 37 SOUTH, RANGE 35 EAST, OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF BLOCK 1, OKEECHOBEE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGE 5, PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE NORTH 00°09'56" WEST ALONG THE EAST BOUNDARY LINE OF SAID BLOCK 1, A DISTANCE OF 315.00 FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID BLOCK 1; THENCE CONTINUE NORTH 00°09'56" WEST ON THE NORTHERLY EXTENSION OF THE EAST BOUNDARY LINE OF SAID BLOCK 1, A DISTANCE OF 77.2 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE INTERSECTION WITH THE NORTH BOUNDARY LINE OF AFORESAID SECTION 15; THENCE NORTH 89°24'56" EAST ALONG SAID NORTH LINE, A DISTANCE OF 117.35 FEET TO THE APPARENT WESTERLY SHORE LINE OF TAYLOR CREEK; THENCE MEANDER SOUTHERLY ALONG SAID WESTERLY SHORE LINE OF TAYLOR CREEK TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THAT CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND AS DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK (ORB) 684, PAGE 1965, RECORDED IN THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE SOUTH 89°46'24" WEST ALONG THE EASTERLY EXTENSION OF THE SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF NORTHEAST 13TH STREET, A DISTANCE OF 108.33 FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF BLOCK 16, OKEECHOBEE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGE 5, PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE NORTH 22°50'21" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 75.83 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.**

All members of the public are encouraged to attend and participate in said Hearing. The proposed ordinance may be inspected in its entirety by members of the public at the Office of the City Clerk during normal business hours, Mon-Fri, 8:00 AM-4:30 PM, except for holidays.

ANY PERSON DECIDING TO APPEAL any decision made by the City Council with respect to any matter considered at this meeting will need to ensure a verbatim record of the proceeding is made and the record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal will be based. In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA), any person with a disability as defined by the ADA, that needs special accommodation to participate in this proceeding, contact the City Clerk's Office no later than two business days prior to proceeding, 863-763-3372.

BE ADVISED that should you intend to show any document, picture, video or items to the Council in support or opposition to any item on the agenda, a copy of the document, picture, video, or item **MUST** be provided to the City Clerk for the City's records.

By: City Clerk Lane Gamiotea, CMC
264525 ON 5/25/2018

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**2018TD780**

Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**2018TD778**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that EB 1EMIFL LLC the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificates for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No: **2127** Year of Issuance: **June-01-2012**Description of Property: **1/6 % MINERAL INTEREST N1/2 OF NE 1/4 SE 1/4 OF NE 1/4 NW 1/4 23 34S 35E 280 ACRES****1-23-34-35-0A00-00002-A000**

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

Name in which assessed:
MURPHY MINERALS CORPORATION

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 **26th day of July, 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. 261856 ON 5/25/6/1,8,15/2018

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**2018TD775**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that EB 1EMIFL LLC the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificates for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No: **2116** Year of Issuance: **June-01-2012**Description of Property: **1/4 OF 1/3 % MINERAL INTEREST W1/2 OF SW1/4 N1/2 13 34S 35E 425.43 ACRES****1-13-34-35-0A00-00002-0000**

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

Name in which assessed:
MURPHY MINERALS CORPORATION

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**2018TD782**

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

Certificate No: **1861** Year of Issuance: **June-01-2016**

Description of Property: **COMMENCING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE SE1/4 OF SW1/4 OF SECTION 12 TOWNSHIP 34 SOUTH RANGE 35 EAST RUN THENCE SOUTH 01 DEG 32 MIN 38 SEC WEST ALONG THE WEST BOUNDARY LINE OF SAID SE1/4 OF SW1/4 FOR A DISTANCE OF 644.64 FEET FOR POINT OF BEGINNING THENCE CONTINUE SOUTH 01 DEG 32 MIN 38 SEC WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 517.58 FEET TO A POINT ON THE NORTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF THE NE 1/4 BLVD (QUAY ROAD) THENCE RUN NORTH 70 DEG 01 MIN 30 SEC EAST ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY LINE FOR A DISTANCE OF 194.70 FEET THENCE RUN NORTH 01 DEG 32 MIN 38 SEC EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 451.18 FEET THENCE RUN SOUTH 89 DEG 51 MIN 22 SEC WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 181.00 FEET TO POINT OF BEGINNING, LYING IN AND COMPRISING A PART OF THE SE1/4 OF SW1/4 OF SECTION 12 TOWNSHIP 34 SOUTH RANGE 35 EAST OKEECHOBEE COUNTY FLORIDA**

1-12-34-35-0A00-00003-A000

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

Name in which assessed:
**LEVEL LEAVER JR.
MARK S LEAVER**

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**2018TD771**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that SAMMY AND ANN HANCOCK 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: **1732** Year of Issuance: **May-31-2014**Description of Property: **DIXIE RANCH ESTATES LOTS 3 4 & 24 BLOCK 2 1-23-36-34-0010-00020-0030**

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

Name in which assessed:
**BRENDA OWENS AKA BRENDA A OWENS AKA
BRENDA ANN OWENS AKA ANN OWENS AKA ANNE OWENS**

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**2018TD781**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that EB 1EMIFL LLC the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificates for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No: **2130** Year of Issuance: **June-01-2012**Description of Property: **1/6 % MINERAL INTEREST N1/2 24 34S 35E 275.13 ACRES**

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

Name in which assessed:
MURPHY MINERALS CORPORATION

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**2018TD779**

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Certificate No: **2128** Year of Issuance: **June-01-2012**Description of Property: **1/4 OF 1/3 % MINERAL INTEREST N1/2 OF NE 1/4 SE 1/4 OF NE 1/4 NW 1/4 23 34S 35E 280 ACRES**

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

Name in which assessed:

PAUL MCBRIDE

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 **26th day of July, 2018**. SUBJECT TO CURRENT TAXES

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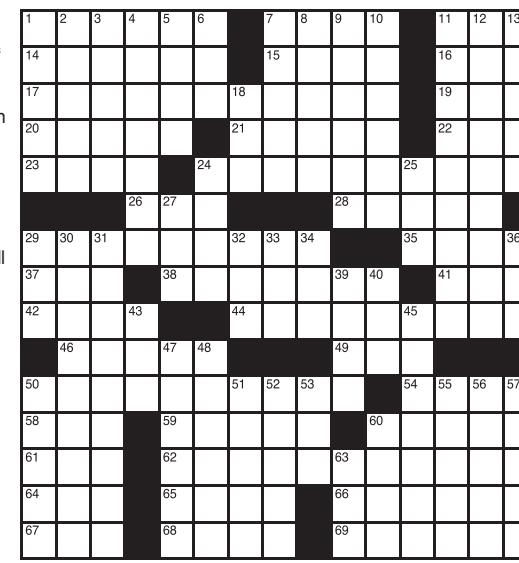
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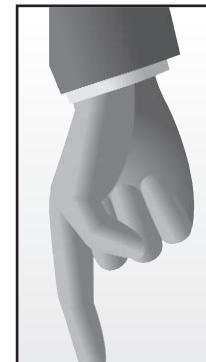
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ACROSS	4 Early communications display	36 Sci-fi staples satellite	51 Concrete-reinforcing rod
7	Tuber made into poi	40 Capote nickname	52 Shoulder muscles, briefly
11	Actor Beatty	43 It's a scream	53 Before, before
14	Give in	45 Picking-up-the-tab words	55 Golfer with an "army"
15	Out for the night	47 Song words before "with a little help from my friends"	56 Deceptive move
16	Australian bird	9 "Au __": "Bye, Pierre"	57 Makes more bearable
17	"Oft-minced bulb	10 Texas or Ukraine city	60 Capsize, with "over"
19	Came in first	11 World's second largest island	63 Superstition initials
20	Woman in a Beethoven piano title	12 Showing strong feelings	50 Pay
21	Oscar night rides	13 Kirsten of "Spider-Man"	
22	Classic sports cars	18 The Browns, on sports tickers	
23	Absorbed	24 Pop in the mail	
24	"Laura	25 Windy City commuter org.	
26	Honest prez	27 __ constrictor	
28	Math comparison	29 Landor who ran against FDR	
29	Sally Ride, e.g.	30 Opening set of TV series episodes	
35	Diarist Frank	31 Hourly worker's device	
37	Island wreath	32 Fleet VIP	
38	Recipe direction ... and a literal hint to what you can do to the starts of the answers to starred clues	33 Put into operation	
41	"Dig in!"	34 Scottish cap	
42	Celebrity		
44	Statues, often		
46	"Now you ... "		
49	Fist-up call		
50	"Dry-climate landscape option		
54	Palms-down call		
55	Dubai bigwig		
60	"MASH" setting		
61	juice: milk		
62	"Olympic sport with a hollow ball		
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66	Candy heart message		
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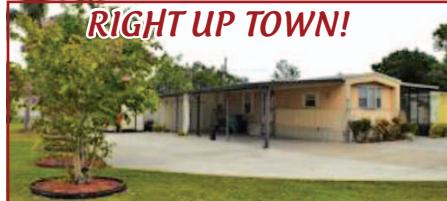


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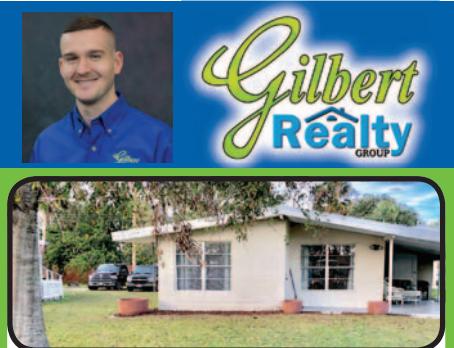


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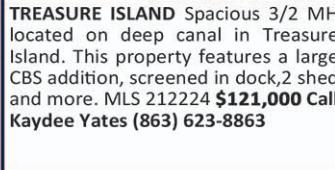
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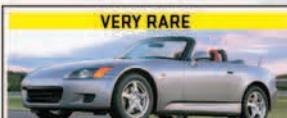
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