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## Lake Levels

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## Okeechobee honors Flag Day

Rebecca and Jacob Williams were among the Okeechobee community members who turned out to celebrate Flag Day during the Thursday morning ceremony at the Memorial Park in downtown Okeechobee, sponsored by the Elks Lodge. For more, see Page 8.

## Will feds pay their share for reservoir?

By Katrina Elsen  
Okeechobee News

Will the federal government fund 50 percent of the cost of the planned Everglades Agricultural Area (EAA) reservoir?

At their June 14 meeting, members of the South Florida Water Management District Governing Board expressed concern that the federal government might not provide the expected 50-50 match to build the EAA reservoir. The reser-

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## Wiersma, Pritchard retire from school district

By Richard Marion  
Okeechobee News

The Okeechobee County School Board recognized employees who retired after the 2017-18 school year at their monthly meeting on June 12.

One of the employees retiring this year was director of student services Toni Wiersma, who spent 37 years working for the Okeechobee County School District. Ms. Wiersma began as a seventh- and eighth-grade math teacher at Okeechobee Junior High and spent time as a guidance counselor as well as principal at both the Okeechobee Freshman Campus and Okeechobee High School. Ms. Wiersma was also crucial in securing district accreditation for all Okeechobee schools.

"I graduated from Okeechobee High School

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Okeechobee News/Richard Marion  
Retired Director of Student Services Toni Wiersma (left) is congratulated by Okeechobee Superintendent of Schools Ken Kenworthy.



Okeechobee News/Richard Marion  
Okeechobee County Superintendent of Schools Ken Kenworthy (left) recognizes retiring social studies teacher Brendan Pritchard.



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# Nine graduate from Drug Court program

By Matteo Tullio  
Okeechobee News

Nine people graduated from Okeechobee County's Drug Court program on Wednesday, June 6, at 3 p.m. in Courtroom D of the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, with 19th Judicial Circuit County Court Judge Jerald D. Bryant presiding over the convocation. The graduation is for the celebration of the successful completion of a felony, misdemeanor and juvenile Drug Court program.

The mission of the 19th Judicial Circuit Drug Court is to provide a cooperative team of diverse professionals and community leaders who work to coordinate service to support individuals in becoming drug-free and productive citizens. Drug Court is a structured court process designed to increase public safety and reduce crime in a cost-efficient manner.

Drug Court is a program for first-time offenders who have been arrested for a qualifying drug offense. Drug Court provides the opportunity for substance abuse treatment. After successfully completing the program, the participants have developed skills to manage their substance abuse issues. The charges are dismissed.

Drug Court also has participants who are involved as a special condition of probation/community control. The participants learn skills to manage their substance abuse. The charges are not dismissed at the successful completion of the drug court program.

There are currently 16 specialty court programs in the 19th Judicial Circuit, with

three offered here in Okeechobee County: felony drug court, misdemeanor drug court and juvenile drug court.

Drug court providers in the 19th circuit are members of a drug court team comprised of a judge and representatives from court administration, the Public Defender's Office, the State Attorney's Office, Probation Department, Department of Children and Families for family drug courts and social service providers in the community. These entities meet weekly to discuss client progress prior to court and then attend or participate in court hearings.

In attendance for the event were Okeechobee County Commission Chairman Terry W. Burroughs, Okeechobee Police Department Major Donald Hagan, Father Jim Shevlin of Church of Our Saviour and Daniel Rickards of Okeechobee Substance Abuse Coalition.

Commissioner Burroughs spoke first to the graduates. "First of all, congratulations to the nine of you who are graduating today. Right now you have an opportunity to change your life. The message we want to express here today is that you have an opportunity to be a better person today than you were before and to erase this off your record."

Daniel Rickards addressed the graduates and those in attendance. "We're proud of these nine graduates for completing this difficult program. What you have learned in the program is a new lifestyle. It take a support system of shared values to accomplish

a lifestyle change. As a community, we are here to support one another. For those of you still going through the program, it takes determination to continue on the path of program completion."

Major Hagan also stated: "You've got an opportunity here to make a lifestyle change, but you have to want the change for it to take effect. It's up to you to stop and say 'no' when approached about reentering that lifestyle that got you here in the first place."

The Church of Our Saviour's Father Jim had a similar message to those graduating the Drug Court program. "Congratulations to all of the graduates, and to reiterate, it's important to change the social groups that might have played a role in you being here today," he said, speaking of an aspect of the lifestyle change.

Judge Bryant gave his sentiments when the guest speakers had finished. "I appreciate you being here, representing the police department and showing support," the judge said to Maj. Hagan. He then stated to the graduates, "Don't hesitate to call on any of the folks that spoke here today; we are all here to help you."

Judge Bryant continued: "The message that seems to resonate here is that, it's hard to get away from people. You're going to see the people that you've seen all your life; the key, however, is to not interact with and distance yourselves from those individuals. I know it may be hard to do, but I hope you do whatever it takes to continue on a path of success." The judge finished by saying, "It gets much more difficult from here, and I wish all of you the very best."

The Drug Court program is one of society's attempts to resolve an overcrowded incarceration system and not add to it. Recidivism is the tendency to lapse into a previous pattern of behavior, especially a pattern of criminal habits, and it is no secret in the criminal justice system. According to the National Association of Drug Court Professionals, one in 100 U.S. citizens are now confined in jail or prison. Most inmates in prison, at least largely in part, are there because of substance abuse charges, with 80 percent of offenders abusing drugs or alcohol. Imprisonment has little effect on drug abuse, as anywhere from 60 to 80 percent of drug abusers commit a new crime (typi-

cally a drug-driven crime) after release from prison, and approximately 95 percent return to drug abuse after release from prison.

In a nationally representative study of more than 2,000 graduates from over 90 drug courts, the average recidivism rate was only 16 percent in the first year after leaving the program, and 27 percent after the second year. This compares very favorably to recidivism rates on conventional probation, in which 46 percent commit a new offense and over 60 percent commit a probation violation.



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Judge Jerald Bryant speaks at the drug court graduation on June 6.

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Tonight: A few clouds from time to time. A stray shower or thunderstorm is possible. Low near 70F. Winds light and variable.

### Extended Forecast

**Saturday:** Partly cloudy early. Scattered thunderstorms developing in the afternoon. High 91F. Winds light and variable. Chance of rain 50%.

**Saturday Night:** Partly cloudy. Low 72F. Winds light and variable.

**Sunday:** Thunderstorms likely. High 88F. Winds light and variable. Chance of rain 80%.

**Sunday Night:** A few clouds from time to time. Low 71F. Winds light and variable.

**Monday:** Intervals of clouds and sunshine. A stray shower or thunderstorm is possible. High 87F. Winds E at 5 to 10 mph.



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## Flow south

The Department of the Interior will not allow the S-12A and S-12B gates to be opened to allow more flow from the Water Conservation Areas south of the lake under the Tamiami Trail to Everglades National Park until July 15, in order to protect the nesting grounds of the endangered Cape Sable sea sparrow. Readers commented.

- "A bird can fly and nest somewhere else!" – Shelley Wooten
- "Mind-boggling. But I guess if you're familiar with the Endangered Species Act and the federal agencies, this is what you have come to expect." – Mike Elf
- "Even with all the S-12 water control structures open, the capacity there can only move about 2,000 cubic feet per second south under the Tamiami Trail. Water is coming into the lake more than three times that fast, so even with the S-12s all open,

and lake water flowing into the Stormwater Treatment Areas, water will still have to be going east and west to stop the lake's rise. We need more of the Tamiami raised to restore the sheetflow into Everglades National Park. That is where they should focus more funding." – K. Booker

• "If people would just take the time to actually contact our congressmen, especially those in Miami-Dade/Broward counties, it would help not only the Everglades but also the estuaries. Write your congressmen; ask them to send the water south like the systems have been designed to do. They MUST open the S-12 structures in order for that to happen. Right now they are closed for the nesting Cape Sable seaside sparrow." – Ashley Sexton

• "How about restoring Cape Sable and letting the sea sparrows go home?" – Anonymous

• "The TV station reporters on the coast do not seem to know that the flow south is primarily blocked by the Tamiami Trail. Could someone send them a map of Florida ... and a subscription to the Okeechobee News?" – J. Zimpel

## Dogs shot

• "When are public officials going to acknowledge that animals have a voice? How is the public not outraged that a sadistic killer has taken to shooting animals in their yards?" – Paige Cloud

# Letter to the Editor

## Lighthouse Refuge Fundraiser

The Lighthouse Refuge is to be a rehabilitation home for homeless and abused women. The home is not meant for an emergency situation, but a long-term rehabilitative home where you would stay three months to a year.

Recently, Okeechobee County had blessed us with a home to use for our rehabilitation programs. As we work to get this house open, we wanted to invite the community to be a part of supporting this unique home. The past 18 years, our founder, Donna Dean, has been tirelessly helping women without a home in several different

ways. Please join us in our special mission to glorify God, and help women who need their lives rebuilt and strongholds broken, by our programs that are driven by women who love the Lord.

The fundraiser is a brick fundraiser where you can order your choice of a 4x8 or 8x8 brick, and have your name engraved on it. Eventually, when we have enough bricks we will incorporate them as a walkway around flower gardens at the house. You can either contact Donna direct at 863-801-9201 for an order form or go directly to the donor website at www.bricksrus.com/donorsite/lighthouse refuge.

Let's get this home open!

**Laura Lee Jay**  
Board member

# Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

- ACROSS**
- 1 "Pay attention!" (Ford)
  - 6 Time for new growth: Abbr.
  - 9 Minute Maid Park player (Chevy)
  - 14 Select group
  - 15 Eastern ideal
  - 16 Absolute
  - 17 Summer Olympics competitor
  - 18 Symmetrically placed Monopoly sqs.
  - 19 Bambino's parent
  - 20 Musical narrated by Che
  - 21 Squeeze (out)
  - 22 Cosmetician Adrien
  - 23 Info-gathering mission
  - 24 Entanglement
  - 25 Guffaw evokers
  - 26 Way up the mountain
  - 29 Slowpokes
  - 33 1945 battle setting, familiarly
  - 34 "Macbeth" witches, e.g.
  - 38 Car mishaps that occur at this puzzle's four circles
  - 41 Jabbers
  - 42 Lip-reading alternative: Abbr.
  - 43 Subtlety
  - 44 Writer who used his actual middle name as a pen name
  - 46 Venomous snake (Dodge)
  - 50 Place for a key: Abbr.
  - 51 Atlas, for one (Nissan)
  - 56 Pianist known for his Beethoven interpretations
  - 57 Most preferred, in texts
  - 58 RollerCoaster Tycoon World publisher
  - 59 Pope after John X
  - 60 Seine sight
  - 61 Can't be beaten
  - 62 Not yet up
  - 63 Yalie
  - 64 Calf-roping loop
  - 65 Monopoly stack
  - 66 67-Acr. has one
  - 67 Show contempt
  - 32 Connections
  - 34 Familia member
  - 35 Harry's Hogwarts cohort
  - 36 Firm ending?
  - 37 Verb ending
  - 39 Hardens into bone
  - 40 Keeps up
  - 44 Ancient Celtic priests
  - 45 Present to the public
  - 46 Well-founded
  - 47 Adler of Sherlock Holmes lore
  - 48 Space explorer (Ford)
  - 49 Like many roofs
  - 52 "Challenge accepted!"
  - 53 Western skiing mecca (Chevy)
  - 54 Got up
  - 55 Gunpowder ingredient
- DOWN**
- 1 Sound mixing control
  - 2 Bar staple
  - 3 Type of pride (Honda)
  - 4 Be of \_\_\_: help
  - 5 Suppress
  - 6 Scattered
  - 7 Subject to ticketing
  - 8 NCAA's "Granddaddy of them all"
  - 9 Capital of Eritrea
  - 10 Lewis with Lamb Chop
  - 11 Beat (Ford)
  - 12 Convened again
  - 13 Educational hurdles
  - 27 Prize for a picture
  - 28 Beef cuts
  - 29 Rooting place
  - 30 Larry O'Brien Trophy org.
  - 31 "Fine with me!"

## ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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# Agency cohesion facilitates felony arrest

By Matteo Tullio  
Okeechobee News



Veronica  
Nicole Garcia

A 22-year-old Okeechobee woman was arrested Monday morning after she allegedly deposited money into a Boynton Beach man's account with an intent to defraud.

Veronica Nicole Garcia, Northwest 19th Avenue, was arrested June 11 by Deputy Corporal Bryan Lowe on two Okeechobee County felony warrants charging her with 12 counts of cashing or depositing item with intent

to defraud, one count of uttering forged instruments and grand theft (more than \$300 but less than \$5,000). Her bond was set at \$70,000.

According to an arrest report, on Wednesday, April 11, Detective Dale LaFlam met with Seminole Tribe of Florida Police Department Detective Susie Boldin, who reported that she had begun a criminal investigation on Nov. 4, 2017, in regard to counterfeit checks being deposited into various accounts at various banks on an account belonging to the Seminole Tribe of Florida.

One counterfeit check was reportedly issued and deposited in the amount of \$300

into a Boynton Beach man's bank account. Detective Boldin reportedly interviewed the man, who reportedly had not given anyone permission to deposit checks into his account and wished to pursue charges.

Seminole Credit & Finance Director Robert Maza reportedly identified the check as counterfeit and added that, after examining the signature, it appeared to be a forgery.

Detective Boldin's follow-up investigation led to the discovery of the check's deposit location being at the automated teller machine (ATM) of SunTrust Bank, located in the 800 block of South Parrott Avenue, in Okeechobee on Nov. 16, 2017. The ATM captured a video of the depositor, who appeared to be a lone white female, similar in appearance to Garcia.

The report stated that Detective Boldin believed the woman from the ATM photo was the same that was put on the OCSO Facebook page.

The Boynton Beach man was unable to identify the woman in a photo from the ATM video and, due to the incident occurring outside Detective Boldin's jurisdiction, she requested OCSO follow up on the case.

The report concluded that Detective Boldin provided OCSO with a copy of the initial report completed by Officer Ryan Carr; the forgery affidavit stating the check was counterfeit signed by an authorized signer for the Seminole Tribe of Florida, Peter Hahn; the handwritten sworn statement from the Boynton Beach man; Seminole Police Department supplemental reports; a copy of the check dated Nov. 2, 2017; and a copy of the image from the ATM at SunTrust Bank in Okeechobee. On Monday, April 16, OCSO was able to make contact with someone who was able to identify the image as that of Garcia. Garcia was arrested, transported and booked into the Okeechobee County Jail on the aforementioned charges.

## 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).

- Vladimil Cruz Colon, 36, Northwest First Street, Okeechobee, was arrested June 12 by DOC Officer Melissa Spencer on a felony charge of violation of probation. He was also arrested by Deputy Corporal Bryan Lowe on an Okeechobee County warrant on a misdemeanor charge of resisting officer without violence. He is being held without bond.

- Juan Martinez, 41, Northwest Fourth Street, Okeechobee, was arrested June 12 by Deputy Quinton Speed on two DOC felony warrants charging him with sale of a controlled substance (cocaine) and sale of a controlled substance (heroin). He is being held without bond.

- Kimberly Ann Johnson, 46, Southeast 38th Avenue, Okeechobee, was arrested June 12 by Deputy Jonathon Gove on an Okeechobee County felony warrant charging her with grand theft of motor vehicle. Her bond was set at \$5,000.

- Holmes Eugene Boyd, 24, Country Road, Florida, was arrested June 12 by Deputy Sergeant Aric Majere on an Okeechobee County felony warrant charging him with giving false information to a pawnbroker (less than \$300). His bond was set at \$5,000.

- Mary Helen Zaleta, 45, Northeast 48th Avenue, Okeechobee, was arrested June 12 by Deputy Ryane Ammons on a felony charge of driving while license suspended, revoked, canceled or disqualified (habitual offender). Her bond was set at \$5,000.

- Aaron Orlando Rodriguez III, 21, Northwest Fifth Street, Okeechobee, was arrested June 12 by the Okeechobee Narcotics Task Force on felony charges of grand theft of motor vehicle, fleeing or attempting to elude a law enforcement officer and a misdemeanor charge of reckless driving. He was also arrested June 13 by Deputy Sgt. Aric Majere on a St. Lucie County warrant on the basis of a Widman Act violation for violation of probation - grand theft of motor vehicle, violation of probation - possession of drug paraphernalia, violation of probation - loitering or prowling, violation of probation

- burglary of unoccupied conveyance, violation of probation - attempted burglary of a dwelling and violation of probation - theft. He is being held without bond.

- Noe Oliverio Ramirez, 34, Southeast 10th Avenue, Okeechobee, was arrested June 13 by Deputy Joel Lacerte on an Martin County warrant charging him with driving under the influence. He is being held without bond.

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



Okeechobee News/DeMarcus Dixon

## Gator removed

On Sunday, June 10, Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO) deputies responded to a call for service because of an alligator. Upon their arrival, they found this guy in the parking lot of the Treasure Island Motel. OCSO Auxiliary Volunteer Maggie Williams wasted no time and had him picked up in just minutes. Maggie, along with OCSO Deputies Devon Satallante and DeMarcus Dixon, then facilitated the gator's relocation to Lake Okeechobee.

## SUDOKU

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Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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### Business network meet set

Build your business while learning more about your community by attending the Okeechobee Businesswomen's Referral Network meeting, 11:30 a.m., Friday, **June 15**, at Cowboy's Restaurant, 202 N.E. Seventh Ave. Always interesting and informative, the fun is always present as we each bring a small exchange gift as a way to get to know each other. For further information, call Raye at 863-467-2557.

### BHR VFW will serve dinner

The Buckhead Ridge VFW Post 9528, 29012 State Road 78 W., will serve dinner on Friday, **June 15**, 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 will go to homeless veterans.

### VFW hosts yard sale

VFW Post #4423, 300 N.W. 34th St., will host a yard sale on Friday, **June 15**, and Saturday, June 16, at 8 a.m. each day. There will be all kinds of items and drawings. Rent a table for only \$5. For information, call 863-763-0818.

### VFW has bingo June 15 and 16

VFW Post #4423, 300 N.W. 34th St., host bingo Friday, **June 15**, and Saturday, June 16, at 1 p.m. each day. For information, call 863-763-0818.

### Shrine opens Oasis Lounge

The Okeechobee Shrine Club Oasis Lounge, 1855 S.W. 53rd St., will be open Friday, **June 15**, and Saturday, June 16, from 5 to 10 p.m. For the first hour and a half, all drinks are \$1 off. There will be hot dogs for sale and popcorn is free! For information, call Keith at 863-643-2682.

### VFW will serve breakfast

The VFW Auxiliary will serve breakfast on Sunday, **June 17**, at VFW Post 9528, 29012 SR 78 W., from 8:30 to 11 a.m. All benefits will go for veteran's services. For information, call 863-467-2882.

### Father/daughter dance set

The Okeechobee Building Relationships Among Teens (BRAT) Club will host a Ties & Tiaras Dance on Saturday, June 16, from 6 to 9 p.m. for fathers (or father figures) and daughters at the Okeechobee Freshman Campus. Daughters are encouraged to come dressed as their favorite princess. Celebrate Father's Day with music, games, kids buffet dinner, and fun. Cost is \$20 per couple, plus \$5 per additional child. For information, contact Teresa Bishop at 863-801-4996 or Matt Buxton at 863-634-3706.

### Amvets host 5-card bingo

Join Amvets Post 200, 3651 U.S. 441 S.E., Suite 6, on Sunday, **June 17**, at 2 p.m. and Tuesday, June 19, at 2 p.m. for five-card bingo. For information, call 863-484-8135.

### Legion opens Sunday bingo

American Legion 64, 501 S.E. Second St., will host Sunday night bingo on **June 17**, 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.

### Historical Society will meet

The Okeechobee Historical Society, 1850 U.S. 98 N., will hold the last meeting before summer break on Monday, **June 18**, with a covered dish lunch at noon in the museum. The Historical Society does not meet during the months of July and August, resuming our monthly meetings on the third Monday of the month in September.

### Legion hosts 5-card bingo

American Legion Post #64, 501 S.E. Second St., will host five-card bingo on Monday, **June 18**, from 1 to 3 p.m. with lunch served at 12:30 p.m. For information, call 863-763-5309.

### Republican Party to meet

The Okeechobee Chapter of the Republican Party of Florida welcomes you to attend its monthly meeting for the great opportunity to hear the Republican Candidates for U.S. Representative, House District 17 (Bill Akins, Dr. Julio Gonzales and Greg Steube) on Monday, **June 18**, at 6:30 p.m. at Cowboys BBQ, 202 N.E. Seventh Ave. Please arrive by 6 p.m. if placing food order.

### Shrine Club hosts dinner

The Okeechobee Shrine Club, 1855 S.W. 53rd St., off of SR 78 W., next to Fast Break, will host a spaghetti dinner Tuesday, **June 19**, from 4 until 7 p.m., for an \$8 donation. This dinner is open to the public and all members of the Shrine Temple. Music will be provided by Jay and Patty. For information on the activities of the Okeechobee Shrine Club or to lease the club, contact the Shrine Club at 863-763-3378.

### 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.

### Democrats to meet June 20

The Okeechobee Chapter of the Democratic Party of Florida welcomes you to attend the monthly meeting held Wednesday, **June 20**, at 6:30 p.m. at Beef O' Bradys, 608 S. Parrott Ave. Please arrive by 6 p.m. if placing a food order.

### Town Hall meeting by the GOP

The Okeechobee Republican Party invites you to attend a festive event with an Old-Fashioned Town Hall meeting where you can meet and hear candidates in city, county and some state races express their views on current issues. Come and bring your family for free hot dogs, drinks, popcorn, music and balloons for the kids – at Veterans Memorial Park on West Park Street, downtown Okeechobee on Friday, **June 22**, from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m.

### DOH will hold CPR classes

Okeechobee Department of Health, 1728 N.W. Ninth Ave., will hold a CPR/AED and basic first aid certification class on Saturday, **June 23**, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For information, call Chuck Akers at 772-260-9026 or Sara Yates at 863-532-3436.

### VFW will serve breakfast

The VFW Riders are serving breakfast at Post 9528, 29012 SR 78 W., on Saturday, **June 23**, from 8:30 to 11 a.m. All proceeds will go to veteran services. For information, call 863-467-2882.

### Mural presentation to be held

Okeechobee Main Street invites you to the presentation of Main Street's sixth mural project, dedicating two murals honoring Chief Osceola and the Battle of Okeechobee located at 114 S.W. Fifth Ave. Meet the artist Tracie Sparks and the mural sponsor Sonny Elliott on Monday, **June 25**, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The artist's reception will follow on location in the Osceola Building.

### Camp puts on a production

The sixth annual migrant theater camp presents "Junie B. Jones Jr. The Musical," for one night only Thursday, **June 28**, at 7 p.m. in the OHS lecture hall. The show is free and open to the public.

### Butterfly project update set

Okeechobee Main Street invites you to the Butterfly Sculpture Project presentation on Saturday, **June 30**, at 4 p.m. at the Hamrick Butterfly Garden, downtown Flagler Park number six. An artists' reception will follow at Nutmegs, 515 S.W. Park St.

### Summer reading camp set

A summer reading camp is being sponsored by Okeechobee Children's Services Council which is open to all students of Okeechobee Public Schools. There are certified teachers and free snacks. The camp will be held at Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, 1258 N.E. 13th St., now through **July 1**. The camp is Tuesday through Thursday from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. For information, call Mrs. Baker at 321-749-7924.

### Backyard Chickens workshop

Come learn about the basics of backyard chickens on Thursday, **July 19**, from 4 to 5 p.m. at the UF/IFLA Extension Office, 4509 George Blvd., Sebring, 33875. There is a \$10 registration fee, you can register online at [www.eventbrite.com/e/backyard-chickens-tickets-4582633371](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/backyard-chickens-tickets-4582633371) or call 863-402-6540.

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

## Obituaries

### Cristina 'Cris' Dempsey, 77

BUCKHEAD RIDGE — Christina "Cris" Dempsey passed away June 10, 2018. Born April 27, 1941 in Point Pleasant, W.Va. has been a resident of Buckhead Ridge since 1987.

Survived by spouse of 60 years, Clyde; and daughters, Tamara Brown (Charley) of Richlands, N.C. and Debra Travostino (Dave) of Nazareth, Pa.; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

She loved her family, gardening, and Buckhead Ridge Baptist Church.

A memorial will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 16, 2018 at the Buckhead Ridge Baptist Church.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made in her behalf to Hospice of Okeechobee or Buckhead Ridge Baptist Church.

### John Andrew Sellers, 80

Okeechobee — John Andrew Sellers died June 13, 2018. He was born Jan. 2, 1938 in Sand Cut, Fla. to the late Homer Roy and Christine (Bell) Sellers. A resident of Okeechobee since 1982, he enjoyed fishing.

Mr. Sellers was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Clinton Sellers.

He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Robin Sellers; sons, John Sellers, Jr., of Georgia and Clinton Sellers (Nikki), of Okeechobee; daughters, Tammy Phillips, of Ft. Myers, Terri Oetinger, of Alabama, Tina Herring (Dan), of Belle Glade, Tanya Hammil (Jim), of Clewiston, and Shannon Scire (Rich), of Georgia; brother, Don Sellers (Irmhild), of Chipley; aunt, Barbara Tomlinson (Melvin), of Valrico; twelve grandchildren; seven great grandchildren; his Chihuahua, Jennie Belle; and many other family and friends.

Gathering will be 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 16, 2018 at Buxton & Bass Okeechobee Funeral Home.

Those wishing to leave a message of condolence may sign the register book at [www.OkeechobeeFuneralHome.com](http://www.OkeechobeeFuneralHome.com)

All arrangements are entrusted to the direction and care of the Buxton & Bass Okeechobee Funeral Home, 400 North Parrott Avenue, Okeechobee, Florida, 34972.



# Community members warned of scams

By Matteo Tullio  
Okeechobee News

On the morning of Friday, June 8, the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO) received complaints of fraud being committed on members of the community.

According to an incident report by OCSO Deputy DeMarcus Dixon, at 8:27 a.m. on Friday, June 8, he responded to a Northwest Eighth Avenue residence in regard to a fraud complaint.

Deputy Dixon met with a 38-year-old female complainant who reportedly informed him that she completed an online job application for an unknown party who posed as a Dr. Pepper, which she believed to be fraudulent. The complainant made correspondence with the entity through email and text messages and, earlier this year on April 2, sent the woman a check in the mail for \$2,390, stated the report.

The complainant was apparently hired to post an advertisement on her personal vehicle and expected to earn up to \$500 per week. The check that was sent was reported to be for a supposed advance along with funds to purchase supplies, noted the report.

The report continued that the company supposedly requested the woman deposit the check into her personal bank account and, in return, wire \$1,814 of those funds via Walmart money transfer service. The woman did not know the check was fictitious until after she was notified — by mail from CenterState Bank — that the check she deposited was not valid, and she was then charged \$213.

The name on the check was reported to be Cheyenne-Laramie County Employees Federal Credit Union with check number 104801. Deputy Dixon reported that all the

information he obtained through an internet search attested to the name on the check being connected with fraudulent activity. The complainant never was able to obtain a positive identity for the person she was corresponding with concerning the matter.

Deputy Dixon explained to the complainant that a legitimate employer would not pay wages, then delegate the employee to pay for materials via Walmart wire transfer with those earned wages. The complainant notified the check-issuing company that she would contact law enforcement regarding the matter and said she had not received any correspondence in return since that message was transmitted.

In another case, according to an incident report by OCSO Deputy Joel Lacerte, on Friday, June 8, he responded to a Northwest 36th Avenue residence in regard to a fraud complaint.

The 65-year-old female complainant told the deputy that she'd received a call from an individual who offered to fix her computer's slow speed for a fee of \$299.99. The woman provided access to the computer, by installing unknown programs which allowed the individual to gain access through the internet, and paid the \$299.99 fee.

The report continued that this year, on June 7, the complainant attempted to cancel the service due to a voicemail she had received that informed her of a \$1,500 renewal charge that would be applied unless canceled. The woman then apparently contacted the individual, who informed her they would again need access to the computer via the internet. She then provided access to the computer along with information to her bank account, in an effort to obtain a refund in the amount of \$299.99.

The complainant noticed a refund transaction in the amount of \$3,000, and the individual informed the woman that he'd made a mistake and requested she send him \$2,500 in return in the form of five Walmart gift cards in the amount of \$500 each. The woman complied and provided the individual with the card numbers after she purchased them.

After she finished the transaction, the complainant realized the \$3,000 was not deposited into her account and that she had sent \$2,500 of her own money to the individual. She then contacted law enforcement, noted the report.

The report concluded that the individual the woman spoke with identified himself by the name of Ryan Wilson with Global PC Support. She was provided multiple numbers and verification numbers, which were submitted into evidence along with copies of the gift cards, receipts and voicemail transcription. Deputy Lacerte reportedly explained the type of scam used by the individual to the complainant and informed her of precautions that may assist in her future protection. Deputy Lacerte also informed the woman that there is a possibility the individual obtained personal information by accessing her computer and that she should actively monitor her bank and credit card activity along with going to the bank to take steps to protect her accounts.



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## Use propane with care in RVs

Special to the Okeechobee News

More and more families are spending summer holidays on the road with their recreational vehicles (RVs) including campers, travel trailers and motorhomes. In an RV, propane is commonly used for furnaces, fridges, water heaters, barbecues and ranges. Blossman Gas is reminding RV users to get their propane systems checked by certified technicians before heading out on the road, and to review these important checklist items.

### Top tips for RV and propane safety before you hit the road

- Inspect propane cylinders and hold-down brackets for signs of rust, corrosion,

fatigue, or wear. For permanently installed tanks, check the brackets and mounting hardware as well.

- Clear debris from exterior vents: sticks, dust, twigs, insects or other items that may restrict venting.
- Store any additional propane cylinders securely in an upright and ventilated area. NEVER store a propane cylinder inside your RV.
- Make sure any connections to the propane tank are not frayed or damaged.
- Check for functioning propane, carbon monoxide, and smoke detectors, and make sure a fire extinguisher is readily available.
- Have a trained service technician inspect the propane system at least once a year in order to detect potential dangers.

### 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,
- Fire Station #4, 1199 N.E. 168th St.

Please understand that if you stop by a station and there is no staff there, they are out on an emergency call. Please stop back later.

## NOTICE OF IAFF LOCAL 2918 NEGOTIATIONS

IAFF Union Negotiations are being held on Wednesday, June 25, 2018 beginning at 9:00 a.m.

between the Okeechobee County Board of County Commissioners and the International Association of Firefighters, Local 2918.

Negotiations will be held at the Okeechobee Historic Courthouse, located at 304 NW 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Room 201, Okeechobee, Florida



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# Okeechobee Elks Lodge hosts Flag Day ceremony



Okeechobee News/Katrina Elskan

Kelsey Rimes, 2018 Miss Speckled Perch, was among the approximately 50 community members who gathered in the Memorial Park in downtown Okeechobee on Thursday morning in honor of Flag Day.

## Dump truck fire blamed on equipment failure

By Matteo Tullio  
Okeechobee News

A vehicle fire was reported on the afternoon of Tuesday, June 12.

According to an Okeechobee County Fire Rescue report, at 12:40 p.m. on June 12, a vehicle fire was reported and crews were dispatched to 75 Northwest 208th Street.

Upon arrival, firefighters found a fully involved dump truck with smoke and flames coming from the cab and engine areas.

The fire was extinguished with the response of one tanker and one rescue utilizing approximately 1,000 gallons of water and foam via 1 3/4 front jump line. A total estimated property and contents financial

loss of \$30,000 was assessed.

The cause of the fire was reported to be due to failure of operating equipment or electrical failure.

Information gathered from the operator of the truck at the scene indicated that, while it was parked, an unusual sound was heard from beneath the vehicle and upon inspection, flames were discovered below the driver's side where the cab and dump bed meet. The driver along with personnel on site attempted to put out the flames with approximately four fire extinguishers, but all were unsuccessful.

The Florida State Fire Marshal's Office was contacted and informed of the incident before units cleared the scene.



Okeechobee News/Katrina Elskan

The Lake Okeechobee Elks Lodge 2871 hosted Flag Day ceremonies in Memorial Park in downtown Okeechobee on Thursday, June 14. The program included information about the flag's history and the evolution of the flag from the first "pine tree" flag to the modern Stars and Stripes. Members of the Okeechobee High School Junior ROTC acted as color guard for the program. Elks Lodge Exalted Ruler Michelle Harper was the mistress of ceremonies. She said the Elks are an all-American organization and the only group to host annual Flag Day observances. For more photos, go online to okeechobeenews.net.

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# Algae testing takes time, says Department of Environmental Regulation

By **Katrina Elsken**  
Okeechobee News

Algae is part of the natural ecosystem in lakes, rivers and streams worldwide. Algae is ever-present in Lake Okeechobee, even when it is not visible in a bloom; boaters and fishermen are used to seeing algae in the water column or blown about by the winds.

Since the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers began releasing water to the east through Port Mayaca lock and to the west through the Moore Haven lock, coastal officials have voiced concerns about the algae that may be in the lake water. In 2016, algae from the lake was blamed for seeding the massive harmful algal blooms that plagued the Treasure Coast.

So far this year, a small patch of wind-blown algae was been found near the Port Mayaca Lock on Lake Okeechobee, on June 5. Toxin levels were very low at 0.6 parts per billion. The World Health Organization considers levels below 10 ppb to be safe.

At the June 7 Water Resources Analysis Coalition meeting, Chad Kennedy of the Florida Department of Environmental Regulation explained that FDEP takes samples whenever algal blooms are reported, but it takes four days for the FDEP staff to analyze algae samples.

## FDEP, SFWMD, NASA watch for algae blooms to check for toxin levels

Report algal blooms  
by calling 855-305-3903

By **Katrina Elsken**  
Okeechobee News

Images on the news of green water and coastlines choked with a thick green sludge are misleading, according to a South Florida Water Management District briefing on June 8. The images are from 2016 when a massive harmful algae bloom plagued the Treasure Coast. Scientists theorize the 2016 bloom was seeded by releases of freshwater from Lake Okeechobee and fed by high levels of nitrogen and phosphorus in the coastal basins.

That is not the situation today, said Terrie Bates, South Florida Water Management District Water Resources Division director.

SFWMD and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) regularly monitor area waterways for signs of algal blooms. NASA monitors conditions via satellite. In addition to the regular sampling and monitoring conducted by government agencies, members of the public are encouraged to report algal blooms when they see them.

It's not unusual, however, for a bloom to be reported and then disappear before it can be sampled. Algae floats and is pushed around by the wind and by moving water.

In the past two months, there have been three reports of algae sighted on or near Lake Okeechobee.

- On May 9, algae was reported at the Pahokee marina. FDEP took samples. No dominant species was detected. No toxins were detected.

- On June 4, a fragmented surface algal bloom was reported on Lake Okeechobee blown against the S-352 structure in Palm Beach County. A dominant strain was not detected. The toxin level was so low as to be barely detectable at 0.37 parts per billion. The

"This isn't something that you can do, run through a machine and get an instant number," he said.

"This is something folks have to do analysis on and quality assurance and quality control to make sure the information is accurate," he explained.

"If algae is present, it is not necessarily synonymous with toxins present," he said.

Mr. Kennedy said the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has personnel monitoring the locks and levee every day. In addition, water management personnel are out on the lake collecting samples. It's a big lake, he said. FDEP also seeks the public's help to monitor algal blooms.

"If you see an algae bloom, please call 855-305-3903. Please leave a message and we will call you back and get details about the bloom," he said. He added that algal blooms can also be reported on the FDEP website.

Mr. Kennedy said FDEP is looking for ways not only to monitor algal blooms but to treat harmful algal blooms when they occur.

He said FDEP put out a Request for Proposals (RFP) in March.

FDEP has about 60 people — scientists and individuals — "who said they had a solution to this problem," he said.

World Health Association considers levels of less than 10 ppb to be safe for recreational uses.

- On June 4, a small surface bloom was reported near Port Mayaca. FDEP took samples. *Microcystis aeruginosa* was the dominant strain. Toxin levels were 0.63 ppb.

- On June 6, algae was reported at the Riverland Marina in Martin County. FDEP found streaks of algae visible in the marina basin. *Microcystis aeruginosa* was the dominant strain. Toxin level was low at 0.35 ppb.

- On June 6, algae was reported at the C-24 Canal Park in St. Lucie County. FDEP visited but found no algae.

- On June 6, algae was reported near the Roosevelt Bridge in Martin County. FDEP visited but found no algae.

- On June 7, algae was reported at the C-24 Canal Park in St. Lucie County. FDEP visited but found no algae.

- On June 7, algae was reported at Speedy Point in Martin County. FDEP took samples. This was a mixture of strains of algae with no dominant strain. No toxins were found

- On June 7, algae was reported near the mouth of Frazier Creek in Martin County, FDEP observed no algae.

- On June 7, algae was reported at the mouth of Poppelton Creek in Martin County. FDEP observed no algae.

- On June 11, algae was reported in the Ten Cent waterway in Martin County. Algae was observed in the water column with streaks on the surface. FDEP took samples.

- On June 11, algae was reported near Palm City in Martin County. Algae was observed throughout the water column with streaks of algae on the surface. FDEP took samples.

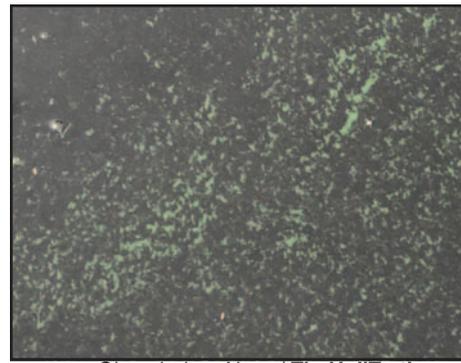
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According to the FDEP, cyanobacteria, also

"Unfortunately, we only had four responses to that RFP when it really came right down to brass tacks," he continued.

"We have to protect the water. We are not going to let people disperse chemicals or anything like that which is going to have an adverse effect on the whole resource just to get rid of the algae.

"We had two responses that were deemed complete," he said. "Unfortunately, they did not respond to all the aspects of the RFP in a manner that the department felt comfortable moving forward with."



Okeechobee News/ TheHullTruth.com  
This May 25 photo from The Hull Truth boating website shows algae near Bessy Creek in Palm Bay.

known as blue-green algae, are a group of organisms that can live in freshwater, saltwater or mixed (brackish) water. These kinds of organisms are naturally occurring in Florida's environment and are also found all over the world. They are part of a healthy ecosystem and help support a wide variety of aquatic life.

When conditions are right, such as warm water and increased nutrients, these organisms can increase in numbers and accumulate in some areas of a water body. These blooms can sometimes be pushed near the shore by winds, waves, tides and currents. When this happens, people have a greater chance of contacting the blooms.

Not all algae produce toxins, and even if a species of algae is capable of producing toxins, it does not always do so. Many factors are involved in the creation of a harmful algal bloom, or HAB. However, since you can't tell whether toxins are present by looking at the algae, FDEP advises residents and visitors to take some common-sense precautions around algal blooms:

- Do not swim in areas where an algal bloom is visible.
- If you come into contact with an algal bloom, wash with soap and water.
- Do not eat fish harvested from areas in an algal bloom.
- Untreated water from the bloom area should not be used for irrigation where people will come in contact with it.
- Report all algal blooms. Call 855-305-3903 or go online to [floridadep.gov](http://floridadep.gov) and use the online form. The Florida Department of Environmental Protection investigates reports of algal blooms, and takes samples of algae found. Scientists need this data to determine the type of algal blooms and toxicity levels (if any).

Mr. Kennedy said FDEP is working on a new RFP. "We are actively seeking people who can clean up and actively respond to these blooms if we do have a toxic bloom," he said.

"If you know someone that has a technology that is scalable and can be deployed on an ad-hoc, as needed, response, we are looking for that.

We are looking for ways to respond and clean up, not just monitor, algal blooms," he said.

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# County begins spraying for mosquito control

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Local authorities in Okeechobee County have announced that adult mosquito control applications will take place this summer between dusk and dawn, as conditions warrant.

"We began mosquito surveillance efforts (trapping) at 10 different locations around Okeechobee County this week with our contract partner Clarke Environmental. The state of Florida has specific statutory requirements when mosquito spraying will be performed by a local authority, so these trap counts are required prior to mosquito control treatment," said Mitch Smeykal, county emergency management director/

"Adulticiding treatments are needed when mosquito populations are at bothersome levels or indicate the presence of mosquito-borne illness, such as West Nile virus and the Zika virus," said Mr. Smeykal. All insecticides used have been approved

specifically for this purpose and are regulated by the Environmental Protection Agency. However, if people wish to avoid potential exposure to insecticide, they should stay indoors and close the windows during spraying hours.

Residents can report excessive mosquitoes to 800-203-6485.

Residents can take several steps to reduce mosquito populations around their homes this summer, including:

- Remove or empty water in old tires, tin cans, buckets, drums, bottles or other places where mosquitoes might breed.
- Empty plastic wading pools at least once a week and store indoors when not in use. If unused, drain swimming pools and keep dry.
- Change water weekly in bird baths, plant saucers and trays.
- Store boats covered or upside down.
- Water bowls used by pets should be

emptied and refilled daily.

- Fill holes around home that may retain water.
- Keep gutters around home in good repair to avoid water build-up.
- Keep weeds and grass cut short, as adult mosquitoes look for shady places to rest during hot daylight hours.
- Be sure screens in homes are intact and tight-fitting to prevent entry of insects.
- Apply commercially available larvicides

to wet areas around in your property. These products are available at local home improvement stores and Amazon.com. These products treat your yard for 30-60 days by inhibiting the mosquito larva to complete the mosquito life cycle.

Contact the Okeechobee County Division of Emergency Management 863-763-3212 for more information.

## Class of 1999 raising money for scholarships

A Class of 1999 - Scholarships page has been set up on GoFundMe.com/.

The page states: "Here we are ... 20 years after walking across the stage in the OHS gym to receive our high school diploma. It's time for us to give back — to thank our community for taking care of us, remember the friends we walked alongside of but lost along the way, and give our support to a brighter future for the students graduating OHS in 2019. Your donation will go toward scholarships that will be given to OHS seniors for both a remembrance of classmates we've lost and a celebration of furthering education from the Class of 1999 at the 2019 OHS Scholarship Night."

## SCHOOL

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back in 1972," said Ms. Wiersma. "And just like most of our seniors, I planned on moving away, starting a life somewhere else and never coming back. But I met someone who convinced me to move back to Okeechobee, so I came back and interviewed for my job. The principal told the department head at the time that they had to hire me because I was a school board member's daughter. The principal thought I wouldn't work out and I'd be gone in six months. That was in 1976, so I guess I worked out because I'm still here.

"Lots of great memories. I've worked for and with so many wonderful people over the years. It's bittersweet. I'm excited to have more family time and to be able to travel. What I would always tell the teachers at the high school is to teach your standards, but most importantly, love your kids. And that's the relationship I've tried to have with the kids," she said.

Okeechobee County Superintendent of Schools Ken Kenworthy praised Ms. Wiersma's dedication to students in Okeechobee County.

"Toni, we can't thank you enough," said Mr. Kenworthy. "We appreciate everything you've done for us. Congratulations on your retirement."

Longtime Brahman football coach Chris Branham, who is also leaving Okeechobee High School this year to coach in Georgia, credited Ms. Wiersma for her support over the years.

"Toni was as strong and as loyal of an administrator that I could ever ask for," said Mr. Branham. "Her bringing me back in 2012 and allowing me to coach was a tremendous blessing. At the time I had no desire to coach again, but I'm back to a point now where I know I'm going to do it for the rest of my life. I'll never be able to repay her guidance and trust in me."

Another longtime employee retiring after the 2017-18 school year was OHS social studies teacher Brendan Pritchard, who has

30 years of service to the Okeechobee County School District.

Mr. Pritchard began his career as an ESE (Exceptional Student Education) teacher at Yearling Middle School in 1988, before making the move to social studies in 1989, the subject he continued teaching ever since.

Close to 2,000 former students took to social media to post their memories of the outgoing and eccentric history teacher in a Facebook group started by his own daughter, Taylor Padrick.

"I couldn't go anywhere as a kid or an adult without hearing 'You're Pritchard's kid?! He was my favorite teacher!'," said Ms. Padrick in a post to the group's page. "This group is currently a secret being kept from my dad to collect stories, memories, pictures and videos from his 30 years of teaching at OHS. We were blessed with him as a father and just want him to see how much bigger his impact was than just on his own two kids."

Former students posted pictures and shared their memories of his passion for history, as well as his sense of humor, which was evident in his infamous first day icebreaker talk involving bowel movements and his "extra credit Spam challenge."

"I just want to say thank you to everyone," said Mr. Pritchard at the school board meeting. "Toni was a fantastic principal, Dylan has been fantastic as well. This is where I was supposed to be, and this is what I was supposed to do. Working here has been incredible. I could never say a bad word about Okeechobee County. Someone once said to leave when the party is at its best, and, for me, that's right now."

A total of 14 employees retired from the school district this year, including Rodney Field, Ann Hackett, Terry Ingram, Richard Kielbasa, Buddy Mills, Jean Zorich, Jesse Mae Clyburn, John Godwin, Kimberly Gosa, Valire Neely, Michael Wolski and Susan Wolski.

The 2017-18 group of retirees has a combined total of 322 years' experience as teachers, bus drivers, food service workers and administrators.

## EAA

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voir is part of the approved Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP). Florida Senate Bill 10, passed in 2017, moved up construction of the reservoir, which is intended to provide more water storage south of Lake Okeechobee.

"They did the study on the SB 10 reservoir, and to my surprise, to everybody's surprise, we discovered in the fine print of their attached discussion they think they are prohibited from participating in the 50-50 cost share because of water quality and other issues with the water coming from Lake Okeechobee into the reservoir," said SFWMD board member James Moran.

"We've got all of this time and energy we have spent over the last year putting a lot of other projects aside while our staff worked around the clock for the best part of the year to come up with the plan for the EAA reservoir, and now we find out that our federal partners question whether they can participate in the funding of it. I wish they had let us know a year ago. Maybe we could have done stuff differently.

"We have all these issues with our federal partners. Their failure to live up to the terms of the agreements with them punishes us.

"If the consent degree is violated, it's no skin off their nose. We're the ones under the federal order to get that done."

Mr. Moran said he has great respect for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and especially for Col. Jason Kirk and Lt. Col. Jennifer Reynolds, but that he is frustrated with the federal bureaucracy.

"Perhaps it's time we look again at our local sponsorship of CERP and see if it is still in our best interest," he said.

"If our federal partners are not going to step up to the plate with the SB 10 and the EAA reservoir, I think we really need to start thinking about how do we look at this thing," agreed board member Brandon Tucker.

"It is increasingly frustrating," said board member Melanie Peterson.

"We're being put into a box where this is how it is supposed to be. We are doing our end of the bargain. They are not doing theirs," she said. "We need to think about how we fix this. How do we think outside the box and make this happen, with them or without them? Going along to get along isn't working. It's not acceptable."

"We're all trying to get across the finish line with a project that everyone agrees would be very beneficial," said SFWMD Governing Board Chairman Federico Fernandez.

"I am a major proponent for holding all parties involved to task," he said but added that he encouraged the board members to be patient.

SFWMD Executive Director Ernie Marks said the Corps of Engineers just received their work plan funding, so they don't yet know how much money could be available for the EAA reservoir project.

He said funding the reservoir is getting a lot of support from Florida's elected representatives in Washington, D.C., and from Tallahassee.

"The federal funding process is really confusing," said Lt. Col. Reynolds. "There are two different sets of appropriations that we receive."

She said the letter SFWMD received in May that stated the funding was not in the president's budget was because "at that time we did not have the money."

The work plan, she continued, is additional money that can be appropriated however Congress chooses to give that money. "Between the time that we receive the president's budget and the time the work plan comes out, the corps submits work packages that identify additional funding that we could use this fiscal year," she explained.

She said there is consistently a problem with misunderstandings in Washington, D.C., in regard to CERP projects. There is a federal requirement that the CERP project receive federal matching funds, she said.

When the project is funded, it is estimated it will take about eight years to complete, with three years for engineering and five years for construction.



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# Spider monkey owner faces charges for attacks

By Matteo Tullio

Okeechobee News

The Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) has reportedly filed charges for a number of violations of the Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.) and Florida State Statutes against the owner of a spider monkey named Spanky.

According to FWC captive wildlife reports by FWC Officers Jesse Alford and Stephen Krasco, Tina Darlene Ballard, 56, of Northwest 154th Avenue in Okeechobee will face charges for violations of the administrative code and Florida State Statutes. FWC stated that Ms. Ballard is currently in possession of the spider monkey.

FWC reports state that the incident on June 4 was not Spanky's first confrontation with an employee of Home Depot, with a prior incident having occurred on May 27. The owner of Spanky and his antics have been the most recent cause for concern in Okeechobee with regard to wildlife that FWC deems require a permit to possess.

Spanky reportedly attacked a Home Depot employee at approximately 1 p.m. on Sunday, May 27, and another employee at approximately 2 p.m. on Monday, June 4.

After the incident on June 4, an inspection of the wildlife facility that housed Spanky occurred. Ms. Ballard reportedly stated she did not have an enclosure the monkey regularly stayed in but presented FWC a large enclosure on the side of her home that measured 24.5 feet long by 40 feet wide and totaled 980 square feet. FWC officers found that Spanky's enclosure was built with a variety of materials — 13 gauge fencing, 17 gauge hardware cloth and chicken wire — but none were found to meet the 11.5 gauge requirement or the strength equivalent, and there was no safety entrance.

Ms. Ballard, according to FWC, had a Class III Wildlife License for Exhibition and Public Sale, but the license is due to expire Aug. 19, 2018.

Ms. Ballard stated that she purchased Spanky in Texas but apparently was unable to produce an importation permit for the monkey, noted the FWC reports. According to the owner's website exhibiting Spanky: "She (Spanky) was a gift to my only daughter who is a heart transplant waiting list recipient. Spanky has brought much love and companionship to my daughter who has undergone three open-heart surgeries in her short life." According to FWC reports, Spanky's rabies vaccination had expired, per documentation produced by Ms. Ballard to FWC.

Ms. Ballard faces charges of violating F.A.C. Rules 68A-6.0023: two counts of wildlife escaping from enclosure, cage, leash, or other constraint, or which results in injury to any person; one count of wildlife shall be tethered or controlled in such a manner as to prevent physical contact with the public and a structural safety barrier; and 68A-6.003: all cages or enclosures of Class I, II, III, capuchin, spider and woolly monkeys shall be equipped with a safety entrance; construction material shall consist of not less than 11.5 gauge chain link or equivalent. She also was warned that she had violated Florida State Statutes by unlawfully importing or re-

leasing into the state any species not native to Florida without a permit and by failing to immunize any animal on exhibit capable of contracting or transmitting rabies.

Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.) Rule 68A-6.0022 lists the requirements for possession of Class I, II, or III wildlife in captivity. Captive wildlife maintained under permit shall, unless otherwise authorized, be maintained only at the facility specified in the permit application and approved by FWC. Applicants for permits to possess wildlife in captivity shall specify the location of the facility at which the wildlife shall be kept or possessed. For Class I, II, III, capuchin, spider or woolly monkeys, such facility shall be inspected and approved by FWC personnel prior to the issuance of the permit.

No permit shall be issued to any person to possess Class III wildlife for exhibition, sale or personal use unless such person can meet the following requirements: (1) 16 years of age or older; (2) Satisfactory completion of a questionnaire developed by FWC that assesses the applicant's knowledge of general husbandry, nutritional, and behavioral characteristics; (3) For permits to possess capuchin, spider or woolly monkeys, applicants shall meet the age, experience and examination requirements for authorization to possess Class II wildlife; (4) Be able to provide satisfactory caging facilities as required in the standard caging requirements, set forth in F.A.C. Rule 68A-6.004, within 30 days of notification of tentative approval for a permit; and (5) Ensure that the conditions under which the wildlife will be held shall not constitute a threat to the public or to the animal.

According to F.A.C. Rule 68A-6.0023 General Regulations Governing Possession of Captive Wildlife; Public Contact; Transfer of Wildlife and Record Keeping Requirements, no person shall maintain captive wildlife in any unsafe or unsanitary condition, or in a manner which results in threats to the public safety, or the maltreatment or neglect of such wildlife. All wildlife possessed in captivity shall, except when supervised and controlled in accordance, be maintained in cages or enclosures constructed and maintained in compliance with the F.A.C. Cages or enclosures housing captive wildlife shall be sufficiently strong to prevent escape and to protect the caged animal from injury, and shall be equipped with structural safety barriers to prevent any physical contact with the caged animal by the public. Structural barriers may be constructed from materials such as fencing, moats, landscaping, or close-mesh wire, provided that materials used are safe and effective in preventing public contact.

Caging considered unsafe or otherwise not in compliance shall be reconstructed or repaired within 30 days after notification of such condition. In the event such condition results in a threat to human safety or the safety of the wildlife maintained, the wildlife maintained, at the direction of FWC, shall be immediately placed in an approved facility, at the expense of the permittee, owner or possessor, until such time as the unsafe condition is remedied. In instances where wildlife is seized or taken into custody by FWC, said permittee, owner or possessor of such

wildlife shall be responsible for payment of all expenses relative to the animal's capture, transport, boarding, veterinary care or other costs associated with or incurred due to such seizures or custody. Such expenses shall be paid by said permittee, owner or possessor upon any conviction or finding of guilt of a criminal or noncriminal violation, regardless of adjudication or plea entered, of any provision of Florida State Statute Chapters 379 or 828, rules of the FWC, or if such violation is disposed of under Florida State Statute Section 921.187.

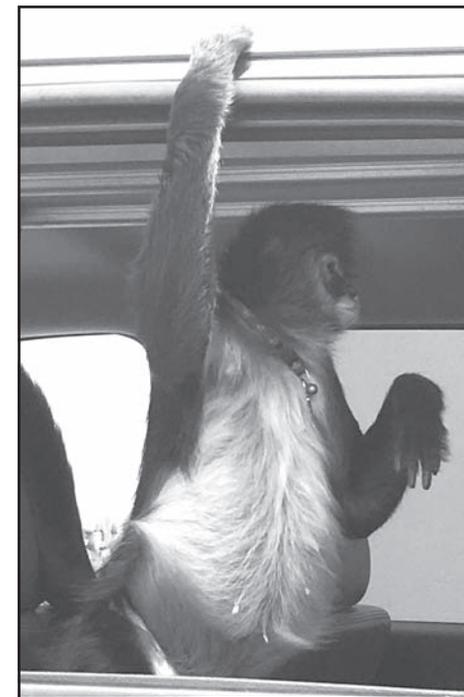
Failure to pay such expenses shall be grounds for revocation or denial of permits to such individuals to possess wildlife.

Unconfined captive wildlife shall be maintained under rigid supervision and control, so as to prevent injuries to members of the public. No captive wildlife shall be tethered outdoors unsupervised. To provide for public safety, all wildlife shall be tethered or controlled in such a manner as to prevent physical contact with the public and a structural safety barrier.

All Class I, II or III wildlife that will be used for contact with the public shall have been evaluated by the exhibitor to insure compatibility with the uses intended. All wildlife shall be exhibited in a manner that prevents injuries to the public and the wildlife. The exhibitor shall take reasonable sanitary precautions to minimize the possibility of disease or parasite transmission which could adversely affect the health or welfare of citizens or wildlife. When any conditions exists that results in a threat to human safety, or the welfare of the wildlife, the animal(s) shall, at the direction of a FWC officer, be immediately removed from public contact for a time necessary to correct the unsafe or deficient condition.

Any condition which results in wildlife escaping from its enclosure, cage, leash or other constraint, or which results in injury to any person, shall be considered a violation of F.A.C. Rule 68A-6.0023, which again states that no person shall maintain captive wildlife in any unsafe or unsanitary condition, or in a manner which results in threats to the public safety, or the maltreatment or neglect of such wildlife.

According to F.A.C. Rule 68A-6.004, Standard Caging Requirements for Captive Wildlife, the caging requirement for one or two animals is a cage 6 feet wide by 6 feet



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long and 8 feet high. For each additional animal, the cage size must be increased by 25 percent of the original floor area. Each cage shall have perching area(s) and shelter(s) that will accommodate all animal(s) in the enclosure simultaneously. Each cage shall also have a horizontal climbing apparatus. No captive wildlife shall be confined in any cage or other enclosure which contains more individual animals, or is smaller in dimension than as specified, or is not equipped as specified according to F.A.C.

According to F.A.C., wildlife cages and enclosures shall be equipped to provide for the protection and welfare of the animals. Such equipment includes, but is not limited to: a shelter, nest box or den; elevated platform or perching area; original floor area; gnawing and chewing items; and in addition to the above requirements, each additional cage or enclosure for primates shall have an accessible device to provide physical stimulation or manipulation compatible with the species. Such device shall be non-injurious, and may include, but is not limited to, boxes, balls, mirrors or foraging items.

## AA meetings scheduled in Okeechobee County

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings are regularly scheduled in the Okeechobee:

- Monday through Friday: noon open meetings at First United Methodist Church, 200 N.W. Second St.;
- Monday, 6:30 a.m., closed meeting at Okeechobee Christian Church 3055 S.E. 18th Terrace (Wolf Road);
- Monday at 6:30 p.m. open meeting at, Presbyterian Church, 312 N. Parrott;
- Tuesday at 8 p.m. closed discussion meeting at Church of Our Saviour, 200 N.W. Third St.
- Wednesday at 8 p.m. closed men's meeting at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 901 S.W. Sixth St.; and,
- Wednesday, at 7 p.m., a speakers meet-

ing at Detox of South Florida, 608 N.E. Second Ave.;

- Thursday, noon, closed Step Study, at Okeechobee Christian Church, 3055 S.E. 18th Terrace.
- Thursday at 8 p.m., Big Book meeting at Church of Our Saviour, 200 N.W. Third St.;
- Thursday at 6 p.m., open women's meeting at Church of Our Saviour, 200 N.W. Third St.
- Friday at 8 p.m., speaker meeting at Church of Our Saviour 200 N.W. Third St.;
- Saturday at 7:30 p.m., closed meeting at Okeechobee Presbyterian Church, 312 N. Parrott;
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**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**  
**2018TD780**  
**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: **2129** Year of Issuance: **June-01-2012**  
 Description of Property: **1/4 OF 1/3 % MINERAL INTEREST N1/2 24 34S 35E 27S.13 ACRES**  
**1-24-34-35-0A00-00002-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 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. 261864 ON 5/25;6/1,8,15/2018

**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  
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 Okeechobee County  
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**2018TD779**  
**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: **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**  
**1-23-34-35-0A00-00002-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  
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 Okeechobee County, Florida  
 /s/ Frances Conner  
 Deputy Clerk  
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

2018TD786

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that NEBRASKA ALLIANCE REALTY CO 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: 1876 Year of Issuance: June-01-2016

Description of Property: A CONDOMINIUM PLAT OF THE HAMMOCK CABINS AT PINE CREEK AS RECORDED IN CONDOMINIUM BOOK 1 PAGES 72-77 PHASE 1 UNIT 19

1-01-35-35-0020-00000-0190

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

Name in which assessed: MILLER PC 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 2nd day of August, 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. 266934 ON 6/15,22,29;7/6/2018

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

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

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 24 345 35E 275.13 ACRES

1-24-34-35-0A00-00002-0000

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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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 1 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 3-3E INCLUSIVE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY FLORIDA

1-13-34-33-0A00-00021-1000

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

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

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 E 1/2 OF NW 1/4 SW 1/4 OF NW 1/4 14 345 35E 480 ACRES

1-14-34-35-0A00-00002-0000

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

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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 E 1/2 OF NW 1/4 SW 1/4 OF NW 1/4 14 345 35E 480 ACRES

1-14-34-35-0A00-00002-0000

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

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

2018TD789

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that CAZENOVIA CREEK FUNDING I 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: 1770 Year of Issuance: June-01-2016

Description of Property: SUNSET STRIP AIRPARK LOT 22

1-23-37-34-0020-00022-0000

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

Name in which assessed: ANDY GODWIN ANGEL GODWIN BRIAN GODWIN CHARLES D GODWIN ESTATE OF CHARLES D GODWIN KIPPY GODWIN RYAN GODWIN

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 2nd day of August, 2018. SUBJECT TO CURRENT TAXES

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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 06 335 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 JEFFREY W BROWN TRUSTEE VALERIE POWELL BROWN TRUSTEE

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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 3-3E INCLUSIVE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY FLORIDA

1-13-34-33-0A00-00021-1000

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

Name in which assessed: MISTY LYNN MCLENDON

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OKEECHOBEE COUNTY PROJECT NO. 2018-15

Turn-Key Visitors Guide for Okeechobee County

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Sealed Proposals will be received by Okeechobee County Board of County Commissioners at the Okeechobee County Historic Courthouse, 304 NW 2nd Street, County Administrator's Office, Room 123, Okeechobee, FL 34972 until 3:00 p.m. on Friday August 10, 2018. Proposals will be publicly opened in room 201, same address and read aloud. Any Proposals received after the time specified will not be accepted.

The Proposals shall be based on Proposal Documents, Design, Plans, and Specifications for the Okeechobee County Turn-Key Visitors Guide Publication Project, County Project No. 2018-15.

Proposals must be submitted in bound format and with proposal Forms provided in the "Request for Proposal" (RFP). Proposal documents may be downloaded from the Okeechobee County website at: http://www.co.okeechobee.fl.us/ under Bids and Proposals tab.

All materials furnished and all work performed shall be in accordance conditions outlined in this Request For Proposal.

Any questions pertaining to the project specifications or scope of work will be addressed to Sharie Turgeon, in writing to the physical or e-mail address noted below, no later than July 13, 2018, 3:00 p.m.

Okeechobee County Sharie Turgeon, Tourism Coordinator 2800 NW 20th Trail Okeechobee, FL 34972 863-763-3959 (phone) sturgeon@co.okeechobee.fl.us

If it becomes necessary to revise or amend any part of this RFP, an addendum will be issued and will be posted on the Okeechobee County website at: http://www.co.okeechobee.fl.us/ under Bids and Proposals.

It is the sole responsibility of the responders to check the website to ensure that all available information has been received prior to submitting a proposal.

Okeechobee County accepts no responsibility for any expense related to preparation or delivery of proposals. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, accept proposals in any order or combination, accept or reject portions of proposals, make modifications to the work after receiving proposals, and waive any formality in the proposals if they deem it in their best interest to do so.

Respondents will confine their proposals to the project in its entirety. Partial proposals will not be accepted.

Each respondent will submit with this proposal, evidence that the respondent complies with all state and local requirements, to perform the work described in said RFP.

If in the opinion of the respondent, inconsistencies appear to exist in the specifications, it is the respondent's responsibility to seek clarification from the Owner, Sharie Turgeon, Tourism Coordinator, as shown above. Additionally, it is incumbent upon all respondents to conduct a personal investigation as to requirements of the County.

The Board of County Commissioners has the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. Proposals must be sealed and the outside of the envelope MUST be marked: "RFP - Okeechobee County Turn-Key Visitors Guide PROJECT NO. 2018-15".

RESPONDENT MUST SUBMIT (1) ORIGINAL AND (7) COPIES OF THE PROPOSAL.

Terry W. Burroughs, Chair Board of County Commissioners Okeechobee County, FL

269170 ON 6/15/2018

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 PAGES 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

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. 261874 ON 5/25;6/1,8,15/2018

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

2018TD787

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that CAZENOVIA CREEK FUNDING I 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: 2803 Year of Issuance: June-01-2016

Description of Property: BEING A PARCEL OF LAND LYING IN SECTION 35 TOWNSHIP 37 SOUTH RANGE 35 EAST OKEECHOBEE COUNTY FLORIDA AND BEING A PORTION OF PARCEL A TAYLOR CREEK ISLES SECTION FIVE ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3 PAGE 92 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY FLORIDA AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID PARCEL A TAYLOR CREEK ISLES SECTION FIVE SAID POINT LYING ON THE NORTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF US HIGHWAY 441 AKA STATE ROAD NO 15 THENCE BEAR SOUTH 67 DEG 36 MIN 04 SEC WEST ALONG THE SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY LINE OF SAID PARCEL A AND ALONG SAID NORTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF US HIGHWAY 441 FOR A DISTANCE OF 400.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING THENCE CONTINUE SOUTH 67 DEG 36 MIN 04 SEC WEST ALONG SAID SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY LINE OF PARCEL A AND ALONG SAID NORTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF US HIGHWAY 441 FOR A DISTANCE OF 213.45 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THAT CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND AS DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS OR BOOK 343 PAGE 1496 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY FLORIDA THENCE BEAR NORTH 56 DEG 17 MIN 12 SEC WEST ALONG THE NORTHERLY BOUNDARY LINE OF SAID OR BOOK 343 PAGE 1496 FOR A DISTANCE OF 58.13 FEET TO THE NORTH CORNER OF SAID OR BOOK 343 PAGE 1496 SAID POINT LYING ON THE WEST BOUNDARY LINE OF SAID PARCEL A BEING ALSO THE EAST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF SE 18TH TERRACE THENCE BEAR NORTH 00 DEG 10 MIN 27 SEC WEST ALONG SAID WEST BOUNDARY LINE OF PARCEL A AND ALONG SAID EAST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF SE 18TH TERRACE FOR A DISTANCE OF 385.59 FEET TO THE POINT OF CURVATURE OF A CURVE CONCAVE TO THE SOUTHEAST AND HAVING FOR ITS ELEMENTS A RADIUS OF 35.00 FEET AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 67 DEG 46 MIN 31 SEC THENCE ALONG SAID CURVE FOR AN ARC LENGTH OF 41.40 FEET TO THE POINT OF TANGENCY OF SAID CURVE SAID POINT LYING ON THE NORTHERLY BOUNDARY LINE OF SAID PARCEL A BEING ALSO THE SOUTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF SE 38TH TRAIL THENCE BEAR NORTH 67 DEG 36 MIN 04 SEC EAST ALONG SAID NORTHERLY BOUNDARY LINE OF PARCEL A AND ALONG SAID SOUTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF SE 38TH TRAIL FOR A DISTANCE OF 67.61 FEET TO A POINT THENCE BEAR SOUTH 22 DEG 23 MIN 56 SEC EAST PARALLEL WITH THE EASTERLY BOUNDARY LINE OF SAID PARCEL A FOR A DISTANCE OF 426.97 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. 1.717 ACRES

1-35-37-35-0100-0000-000A  
Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida

Name in which assessed:  
GJC PROPERTIES INC

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, Jury Assembly Room, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida 10:00 A.M., on the 2nd day of August, 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

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 RANGE 35 EAST OKEECHOBEE COUNTY FLORIDA BEING ALSO 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 301 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:  
LEVI L WEAVER JR  
MARK S WEAVER

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

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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 1.3 34S 35E 42S.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

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

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

2018TD774

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: 2115 Year of Issuance: June-01-2012

Description of Property: 1/4 OF 1/3 % MINERAL INTEREST W1/2 OF SW1/4 N1/2 1.3 34S 35E 42S.43 ACRES

1-13-34-35-0A00-00002-0000  
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

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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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/s/ Frances Conner  
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FICTITIOUS NAME NOTICE Notice is hereby given that DANIEL FLORES, owner, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of DANIEL PRODUCE located at 3600 HWY SOUTH, OKEECHOBEE, FL 34974 in OKEECHOBEE County intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations, Florida Department of State, pursuant to section 865.09 of the Florida Statutes. 269331 ON 6/15/2018

Administration of Estates

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No. 472018CP000025

IN RE: ESTATE OF FRANCIS A. HANNAH A/K/A FRANCIS ALAN HANNAH Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Francis A. Hannah a/k/a Francis Alan Hannah, deceased, whose date of death was February 1, 2018, is pending in the Circuit Court for OKEECHOBEE County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 312 Northwest 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida 34972. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is April 4th, 2018.

Personal Representative: Ernest Hannah 2693 Eider Way Wolverine Lake, Michigan 48390

Attorney for Personal Representative: Renee Marquis-Abrams Florida Bar Number: 0984220 Neill Griffin Marquis, Chartered P.O. Box 1270 Fort Pierce, Florida 34954 Telephone: (772) 464-8200; Fax: (772) 464-2566 E-Mail: rmarquis@neillgriffin.com Secondary E-Mail: spsee@neillgriffin.com 268956 ON 6/15/22/2018

Fictitious Name

NOTICE UNDER FICTITIOUS NAME LAW NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of ADVANCED RV CENTERS located at 1552 Hwy 78 W in Okeechobee County, Florida 34972 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida. Dated at Okeechobee County, Florida, this 10th day of June 2018. AQUATIC INDUSTRY SOLUTIONS, INC. 267639 ON 6/10/2018



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**SPECTACULAR- 3Bd/3BA 4,056'** Home on 1+/- Acre. Totally Remodeled Inside & Out! Large bonus room with full bath. Florida Room opens onto the over-sized Pool area. Large Kitchen w/plenty of cabinets, granite countertops, Huge Master Suite, and living area is open and spacious. MLS 212574 **\$359,000** Call Katie McFarland (863) 261-8338



**RIVER OAK ACRES NEWLY REMODELED** 4Bd/2Ba/2CG on 2.57 acres. Located on dead end street. 2,736 TLA CBS home with metal roof, home is truly a gem! Call for appointment MLS 212609 **\$290,000.** Contact **Samantha Saucedo (863) 697-2818**



**10.57 ACRES!**

**FALL IN LOVE** with this Beautiful 2006 3Br/2Ba home with over 3,000 SF TLA! Setting on 10.57 Acres. Located off of HWY 98 North. Open concept, Granite counter-tops in kitchen. Pantry is also safe room, HUGE bedrooms with walk-in closets. Fireplace, Hurricane shutters, Tile throughout, Wooley shed in back with pond in front. **\$425,000** Call Jerri Lynn (863) 634-6796



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**AIRI ACRES - 2016 Custom Home 3Bd/2Ba 3243'** TLA, Open floor plan, formal living area, dining, family room and custom kitchen, wood cabinets, granite countertops. Master bedroom opens to back porch overlooking golf course, huge bathroom with walk-in shower and garden tub. Home features 14 foot ceilings, oversized doors and windows, tile throughout, large utility room, back screened-in porch and 2 car garage. **\$305,000** Call Vangela (863) 261-3630



**OKEECHOBEE ESTATES - Impressive and** quaint CBS 3Br/1Ba house with large addition for family/dining area. Nicely remodeled, includes above ground pool, fenced private back yard. Large laundry room, could be 2nd bathroom. Covered patio. Landscaped and private! **\$159,000** Jerri Lynn Hill (863) 634-6796



**WATERFRONT**

**WATERFRONT BEAUTY!** CBS 3Bd/ 2BA/ 2-Car Garage. Hurricane shutters, enormous living room, GIANT Florida room over looking the canal w/ covered boat dock and lift. MLS 212588 **\$260,000** Call Katie McFarland (863) 261-8338 or Samantha Saucedo (863) 801-2101



**10 ACRES!**

**DIXIE RANCH ACRES- 3 bedroom 2bath** CBS HOME with 2,534 TLA. Beautiful 10 acres, mature oaks, property has outbuilding, with additional living quarters. Bring you animals! Call today to schedule your showing appointment. **\$299,000** Call Vangela McFarland (863) 261-3630



**WATERFRONT**

**BUCKHEAD RIDGE IMMACULATE** 3BR/2BA DWMH Updated with front porch and wrap-around back porch. Boat house with lift. CLEAN CLEAN CLEAN! **\$159,000** Call Vangela McFarland (863) 261-3630



**OASIS VILLAGE - Spacious 3Br/2Ba DWMH** in this lovely 55+ plus community! Large kitchen with island, laminate wood & tiled floors through out, Florida room, huge carport, shed. Community offers a Pool, Laundry facilities, Shuffle Courts, Bocce Ball, Community Hall. Lawn care is included! MLS 211835 **\$89,900** Call Priscilla Gonzalez (863) 697-2818



**4.96 ACRES**

**BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY SETTING** with plenty of privacy. 2Br/2Ba MH. Large porches, screened room, spacious floor plan w/third room that is currently being utilized as a bedroom, roomy kitchen and inside laundry. Huge barn style work shop, cow barn, chicken coop, animal pens. Fenced & cross fenced. All equipment, tools, and furnishings are negotiable. Come take a look! MLS 212626 **\$175,000** Call Priscilla Gonzalez (863) 697-2818



**POOL HOME**

**WATERFRONT**

**MOUTH OF TAYLOR CREEK- CBS 2Bd/ 2BA/** with 2-Car Garage also detached Carport, Laminate flooring, back porch, in-ground pool. Waterfront with water on both sides. Great for 1st time homebuyers or commuters. **\$140,000** Call Katie McFarland (863) 261-8338



**FOUR SEASONS** Cozy and Cute! This 2Br/1Ba CBS home sits on a quiet street with a fenced yard and several Oak trees. Great for East Coast Commuters! MLS 212189 **\$119,900.** Contact Priscilla Gonzalez (863) 697-2818



**BASSWOOD - Cute 2Br/1Ba home.** Close to town, schools and shopping. Chain linked fence around property. Located on paved road. **\$90,000** Contact Jerri Lynn Hill (863) 634-6796 or Billy Hill (863) 634-0516 for more information.



**TREASURE ISLAND - Cute 2Br/1Ba little** CBS home on LARGE lot, located at the end of the cup-de-sac with water views on two side of lot. Very private setting with Lake Okeechobee access, priced to sell. **\$124,900** Call Jerri Lynn Hill (863) 634-6796 for more information.



**TREASURE ISLAND** Spacious 3/2 MH located on deep canal in Treasure Island. This property features a large CBS addition, screened in dock, 2 shed and more. MLS 212224 **\$121,000** Call Kaydee Yates (863) 623-8863



**SEMINOLE COVE** One of the only 3 Br/2Ba homes in Seminole Cove that's currently available for purchase! Partially furnished, well maintained, and is move in ready! Seminole Cove has a great neighborhood MLS 212578 **\$120,000** Call Katie McFarland (863) 261-8338

**80 +/- ACRE GENTLEMAN'S CATTLE RANCH**



**SPACIOUS 4,400 sq ft Ranch Style Home.** 4Br/ 2Ba, stone fire place, open front porch, screened enclosed back porch and attached two car garage. Home is constructed with Cypress exterior, galvanized roof and beautiful white pine floors, walls and ceiling throughout entire interior of house. The property consist of 80 +/- grazable acres, cow pens, one stall horse barn with tack room, dog pens and enclosed equipment barn. MLS 212427 **\$875,000** Contact: Bryan (863) 634-5792

**2 HOMES WITH 75 +/- ACRE EQUINE HORSE FARM**



**HIGHLY IMPROVED 75+/- Acre Horse Farm** in Desirable SE section of Okeechobee. 2 Custom Homes, Totally remodeled! Main 3Br/2Ba house has porches on 3 sides that overlooks the pastures. Smaller 3/2 home also offer custom cabinets, granite counters Both homes have metal Roofs. Main barn has 24 stalls as well as 2 smaller stables, 11 paddocks w/shade sheds, fenced w/horse wire w/ lanes in between. Well-maintained. Ideal for Boarding, Training, Mare Motel, also, good for cattle. MLS 212373 **\$995,000** Call Vangela (863) 261-3630

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