Oconee County auditor: Property tax bills are in the mail

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WALHALLA — Oconee County Auditor Ken Nix announced Tuesday that approximately 75,000 tax notices will be mailed this week to Oconee County property owners and should show up in mailboxes no later than Monday.

Notices include real estate, airplanes, boats and motors, industry and business personal property. Investment real estate, airplanes, boats and motors, industry and business personal property will see approximately a 4.2 percent increase, due to a higher operating millage for the School District of Oconee County.

Nix noted that vehicles follow the calendar year cycle, so the 2012 millage will not be applied to vehicles until January 2013.

Taxes on owner-occupied homes will be the same as last year, unless they have more than 5 acres or other types of property.

For real estate notices, last year's taxes are indicated on the tax notice so the owner can compare the difference.

Taxes must be paid by Jan. 15, 2013, whether or not the property owner receives his/her notice. Anyone who doesn't receive a bill in the mail should contact Nix's office by Oct. 8.

Online bill pay is available on the front page of the Oconee County's website.

For help or more information, call Nix's office at (864) 638-4158 or Oconee County Treasurer Greg Nowell's office at (864) 638-4162.