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The Strength Team

Mike Hagan, of the Strength Team, uses feats of strength such as breaking concrete blocks to attract attention for his inspirational talks. The Strength Team will appear in Okeechobee next week at school assemblies public performances. For more on the story, see page 7.

City takes up never ending topic—signs

By Pete Gawda
Okeechobee News

When will it ever end? Once again on Tuesday evening, Feb. 16 the Okeechobee City Council spent most of their meeting on a topic they have discussed ad nauseam in the past—the regulation of signs. The hour and a half discussion resulted in no official action.

What is a temporary sign? What is the total number of signs a storefront in a multiple use building should be allowed to display? How many of each type of sign may a store display? When is it considered a mural and when is it considered a building sign? Can you have one banner and one portable sign or two banners and no portable signs? Should the total square footage of signs be proportional to the size of the building? Those were some of the things discussed.

The council was in agreement that advertisements in windows,

either inside or outside of the glass, would be permissible without permit or limitation.

The subject of banners evoked considerable comment.

“We don’t want a banner war downtown,” said city administrator Brian Whitehall.

There was discussion on limiting the colors for banners.

“If you have psychedelic colors you are going back to the 60s,” asserted Councilman Mike O’Connor.

City planner Bill Brisson suggested limiting the colors of banners downtown because the central business district has more leeway in other areas of sign display.

Councilman Lowery Markham was not in favor of limiting the colors of banners.

The topic of signs will have to come up at least two more times for the first and second readings of

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Store owner ‘pistol whipped’ in robbery

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

Police are searching for four to five Hispanic males who held up a local jewelry store on Wednesday, pistol whipped the owner and left her bound and gagged.

Andrea Corona, the owner of Joyeria Corona Jewelry, was airlifted to Lawnwood Regional Medical Center’s trauma center in Fort Pierce, said Okeechobee City Police Department (OCPD) Detective Bill Saum.

He said Mrs. Corona, 55, received numerous injuries to her head.

“Her injuries appeared to be severe when she was flown out to Lawnwood, but she was upgraded later that day to fair condition,” he said.

Mrs. Corona was still in the

hospital Thursday morning.

The detective said information was sketchy but did say that the men “came in as regular customers then jumped her.” He said Mrs. Corona was alone in her North Shore Plaza business at the time.

Detective Saum said the men took men’s, women’s and children’s bracelets, necklaces and charms. He added that the items taken were primarily yellow gold.

OCPD received the 9-1-1 call at 12:31 p.m., said Detective Saum. Investigators are trying to determine just when the robbery took place since Mrs. Corona had to free herself from her bindings before she could call police.

While the investigator said “a large amount” of gold jewelry

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Brighton Festival

Aiyana Tommie, 2009 Brighton Junior Miss Seminole Princess, rode in the Speckled Perch Festival Parade on Saturday in downtown Okeechobee. Brighton Seminole Reservation’s annual festival and rodeo is Feb. 18-21. For more, see page 10.

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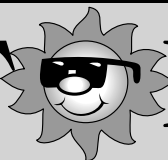
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Man accused of raping teen

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

An Okeechobee man was arrested at gunpoint after he was accused of forcing a 17-year-old girl to have sex with him.

Ryan Christopher Smith, 29, was arrested Thursday, Feb. 18, on a felony charge of sexual battery. He was also arrested on a misdemeanor charge of driving while license suspended with knowledge. He was booked into the Okeechobee County Jail where he will be held without bond on the felony charge.



Ryan Christopher Smith

Detective Rosemary Farless of the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO) said the alleged incident occurred early Thursday morning when a man entered the girl's room and forced her into having intercourse. Detective Farless said the girl refused his advancements but gave in after he slapped her in the face.

The detective went on to say that the girl's younger sister was also in the room as the alleged incident was taking place.

The man then left the home. After talking with the victim, a lookout was issued to neighboring counties.

At 11:54 a.m. a deputy with the Osceola County Sheriff's Office spotted the car Smith was driving and notified the OCSO. Detective Farless, along with OCSO Deputy Rusty Hartsfield, stopped Smith just south of Fort Drum on U.S. 441 N. at 12:15 p.m.

"We took him down at gunpoint because he has a violent criminal history," said Detective Farless, adding that Smith is a convicted felon.

A background check shows that Smith was sentenced to two years in the New River Correctional Institution in Raiford after he was convicted of battery on a law enforcement officer and resisting a law enforcement officer with violence. He was arrested Sept. 15, 2002, in St. Lucie County and sentenced Oct. 7, 2003.

Department of Corrections records show that he was released from prison Nov. 28, 2004.

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).

- Jatrvian Lenard Kelly, 20, N.W. Third Ave., Okeechobee, was arrested Feb. 16 by Sergeant Justin Bernst on a warrant charging him with failure to appear - battery with great bodily harm. He is being held without bond on that charge. He was also arrested on a second warrant that charged him with family desertion/withhold support. His bond on that charge is a cash purge of \$200.

- Tiffany Ilene Sweeting, 24, N.W. Treasure Coast Drive, Jensen Beach, was arrested Feb. 16 by Deputy Marcus Collier on a Martin County warrant charging her with violation of probation - grand theft-firearm and violation of probation - grand theft. She is being held without bond.

- Bryan Richard Saucier, 48, N.W. Second

St., Okeechobee, was arrested Feb. 17 by Deputy Greg Popovich on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with driving while license suspended - habitual offender. He was released on his own recognizance.

- Garardo Tapia, 33, S.E. 22nd Court, Okeechobee, was arrested Feb. 17 by Officer Ryan Holroyd on a felony charge of driving while license suspended - habitual offender and a misdemeanor charge of giving a false name while arrested. His bond was set at \$3,000.

- Raymond Colon, 19, S.E. 11th Ave., Okeechobee, was arrested Feb. 17 by Deputy Greg Popovich on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with possession of a firearm after being found delinquent. His bond was set at \$25,000.

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

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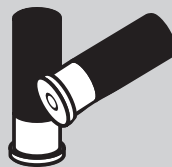
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Homeless

- I don't understand why people take advantage of other people especially homeless people.

Festivals

- It is a shame there was a mixup about the fair and the rules and the Free Fair had to close early. But, it was cold and rainy and then we had the high winds anyway so they probably would not have had many customers on those days even if they had stayed open. Let's learn from that and just move on. We need to come together as a community and support all of the groups that are trying to improve things here. It is a waste of energy to get angry and make accusations against people who are just volunteers trying to do something positive.

- More events in the park at the center of town would be a great idea. When most people head out to a function they have the amount of cash they can afford to spend today in their wallet. If you have to PAY to park, if you have to PAY for tickets at the gate, this takes away from what you can spend with the vendors. At events at Flagler Park, you don't have to pay to park and the walking distance between where you park and the event is closer at the park.

- Just as the Chamber moving the holiday parade from Thanksgiving weekend to December hurt and eventually ruined the Exchange Club's arts and crafts festival, the Cattlemen moving the rodeo away from the Speckled Perch Festival hurt the chamber's Speckled Perch festival. If the chamber cannot find another draw, the Speckled Perch Festival could also eventually be ruined. When they started the lighted parade decision, the chamber was trying to do something positive for the community. When the Cattlemen moved the rodeo, they were trying to do something positive for the community.

- Keep an open mind, many things are going to be coming by way of the Chamber. We NEED visitors to frequent our stores, parks, restaurants, gas stations, motels, etc. Bring the people in. Let's have dances, festivals for art, booths, bake sales, rodeos, fishing tournaments. Bring it on—12 months out of the year, not just "tourist season."

- The fish dinner was once a big fundraiser for the chamber of commerce. When they could no longer serve specks—due to health department rules—they changed to catfish. But it was definitely a chamber of commerce fundraiser. This year I looked for the fish dinner around 11 a.m. Saturday. I found their tent, but they were still trying to figure out how to set up the cooker and had not even started preparing to cook anything so I did not wait. Did anyone get a fish dinner at the festival?

- I was pleased to hear that the county fair will include horse events that the local kids can compete in this year. I think that is a great addition to the fair and it will give the visitors something to watch. Plus it will attract more people to the fair as the families of the contestants will probably come to watch them and then check out the fair.

Red Cross Gala

- The American Red Cross Benefit was the nicest done event in Okeechobee that I have attended in a very long time. It was nice seeing people dressed up the food was excellent and it was so nice being served instead of having to take a plate and stand in line. Very nicely done. I wish more events would make theirs black tie. We don't have many occasions to dress and go out here and believe it or not I think even the guys didn't mind very much. I hope this will be an annual event.

- It's great they had such a good turn out to support the Red Cross. Whenever there is an emergency in our county, the Red Cross is there to help. I know of several families whose homes were lost to fires and the Red Cross was there to help them find a place to stay, get them some clothes, etc.



Letters to the editor

I remember...

It's Feb. 19, and I am remembering back 65 years. We are at war with Japan and are island hopping across the Pacific Ocean. Just 758 miles from Tokyo was a small island, less than 8 square miles. An island with 8 miles of caves, heavily fortified, with 22,000 Japanese defenders. They boasted the island could not be taken in a thousand years. Some call this island Sulfur Island. Some called it, "Hell's Volcano" but its real name was Iwo Jima.

Iwo Jima was shaped like a pork chop with only two beaches safe enough for landing troops. The beaches were directly across from each other at the narrowest part of the island. The volcano Suribachi was on our left, the high ground to our right. Both beaches could be covered by all the guns of the defenders.

The first wave of Marines hit the beach at 9 a.m. Every ten minutes another wave of Marines landed. All was fairly quiet until the beaches were crowded with Marines, then the defenders sent flares into the air and everything got nasty. The Marines kept coming, the Japanese could not miss.

The first four days an average of one Marine was either wounded or killed every two minutes. There was no way to bury the dead, they were stacked on landing craft. After two days, the coxswains were ordered to bury them at sea.

It took us 35 days to take Iwo Jima but the price was staggering. We suffered 26,000 casualties—7,000 of us paid the ultimate price. Everyone who landed on the island the first eight days was awarded and is entitled to wear the Presidential Unit Citation.

The Japanese had 21,000 dead, so a total of 28,000 lives were lost on this small island. That's one costly piece of real estate. Even before the island was secure, the first crippled plane landed on Iwo Jima. A total of 1,449 damaged super bombers with 15,938 crewmen aboard landed safely on Iwo Jima. All these would have been lost if the island had not been taken.

In all of WWII, there are many other serious battles, but this one, I was in. I remember, do you? Let's take the time to remember our military, past and present, and the suffering and hardships they endured.

James C. "Jay" Wigginton
Okeechobee



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Students of the Week

Students at OHS were recently selected as Students of the Week for the Feb. 1-5. In the back row from left to right are: Allan Garcia, Timmy Ayers, Jeff McCann, Brooke Stewart, Emile Lege, Nicholas Methner. In the front row from left to right are: Niettira Ridley, Taylor English, Mariana Almazan, Autum Lewis. Not pictured in the photo are: Victoria Jackson, Amy McDavid, Theresa Casas.



Special to the Okeechobee News/OMS

Students of the Week

Congratulations to the students chosen as last week's Students of the Week, Feb. 1-5, at Osceola Middle School. From left to right are: Alejandro Arriaga, Ramon Liberato, Celeste Howell, Rachel Hawthorne. Standing, left to right: Sergio Ruiz, Oscar Pinon, Austin Shatzer, and Morgan Schneider.

Community Calendar

Friday

Take off Pounds Sensibly #669 meets at 9 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 200 N.W. Second St. The public is invited. For information, contact Ollie Mor-gret at 800-932-8677.

A.A. meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 200 N.W. Second St. It's an open meeting.

A.A. meeting from 8 until 9 p.m. at the Church of Our Saviour, 200 N.W. Third St. It will be an open speaker meeting.

Business Women's Referral Net-working Luncheon will be held on the third Friday of every month at the Brahma Bull Restaurant, 2405 U.S. 441 S.E., beginning at 11:30 a.m. for networking and then lunch. Networking opportunities available for women in business and is open to the public. No membership is required. For information, contact Robin Delgado at 800-299-8878; or, by e-mail at info@flainjurylawyer.com.

Compulsive overeaters are invited to a weekly meeting, **Overeaters Anonymous (OA)** meets at the Okeechobee Presbyterian Church, 312 N. Parrott Avenue on Fridays, 6 until 7 p.m. (Use 4th Street entrance.) **Overeaters Anonymous** is not a diet club. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop eating compulsively. For more information call Loretta at 863-763-7165 or 863-697-0206.

Saturday

A.A. meeting from 8 until 9 p.m. at Okeechobee Presbyterian Church, 312 N. Parrott Ave. It will be a closed discussion.

Sunday

A.A. meeting from 7:30 until 8:30 p.m. at the Church of Our Saviour, 200 N.W. Third St. It will be an open step meeting.

A.A. open 12 step meeting from 7:30 until 8:30 p.m. at the Church of Our Savior, 200 N.W. Third St.



Special to the Okeechobee News/EES

Students of the Week

Everglades Elementary School students of the week for the week of Feb. 8-12 include: kindergarten students, Mosies Castro, Zane Hicks, Ahdonna Harper, Riley Carver; first graders, Cordelia Bolling, Sierra Sutton, Yamilet Gandarill, Jolene Sutton; second grade students, Estephany Alvarez, Jenny Hernandez, Rebecka Mims, Kaylee Bell, Jehosafat Tapia, Kolby Yerkes; third graders, Erika Serrano, Angelina Ames, Maira Crespina, Alexa Edwards, Brian Anthony Sell; fourth grade students, Lance Murphy, Samuel Clarke, James Cunningham, Alan Younglove; fifth graders, Adrian Gonzalez-Garcia, Ryan Kasik, Bradley Smith, Matthew Barlow. Congratulations! to our many outstanding students.

Okeechobee Forecast

Today: Patchy frost before 7 a.m., otherwise, partly sunny with a high near 67. Wind chill values as low as 31 early. Winds will be from the north northwest around 5 mph.

Tonight: Partly cloudy with a low around 39. Winds will be calm.

Extended Forecast

Saturday: Sunny with a high near 75. Winds will be calm becoming east north-east around 5 mph.

Saturday night: Mostly clear, with a low around 44. East wind around 5 mph.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 76. East wind around 5 mph.

Sunday night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 55 and a 20 percent chance of showers. Winds will be from the southeast around 5 mph.

Lotteries

Florida Lottery — Here are the numbers selected Wednesday in the Florida Lottery: **Cash 3:** 3-7-6; **Play 4:** 3-5-8-0; **Fantasy 5:** 4-7-9-21-23; **Mega Money:** 2-3-8-23 MB 11; **Florida Lotto:** 23-34-42-44-47-53 X 4; **Powerball:** 7-8-19-26-36 PB15 x3. Numbers drawn Thursday, **Cash 3:** 1-1-5; **Play 4:** 8-6-1-8.



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Audrey Elizabeth Scott, 90

OKEECHOBEE — Audrey Elizabeth Scott, age 90, of Okeechobee passed away Feb. 17, 2010, at the Hamrick Home.

Born Nov. 16, 1919, in Brewster, Florida to Elazor and Bessie Surrency she was a homemaker. She was a member of the Missionary Baptist Church in Okeechobee. She enjoyed gardening and crocheting.

Mrs. Scott was preceded in death by her husband James W. Scott. She is survived by her son, James (Sandy) Scott of Apache Junction, Ariz.;

two daughters, Margaret Mitchell and Phyllis (Jim) Sarros both of Okeechobee; seven grandchildren, Glenda (Tye) Bass, Brenda Joiner, Gloria Jean (Joe) Kirkland, Penny Scott, Erick Scott, Kenny (Kim) Sarros, James (Lindsey) Sarros; five great-grandchildren, Megan Kirkland, Johnny Joiner, Kyle, Kain and Keegan Sarros.

Visitation will be 1 p.m. until service time of 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, at Missionary Baptist Church with Pastor Lindell Selvey officiating. Interment will follow at Evergreen Cemetery.

Friends may sign the guestbook at www.bas-sokeechobee.com.

All arrangements are entrusted to the loving care of Bass Okeechobee Funeral Home and Crematory, 205 NE 2nd ST, Okeechobee, FL 34972.

Roszella Lewis, 77

OKEECHOBEE — Roszella Lewis, age 77, of Okeechobee, passed away Feb. 17, 2010, at Raulerson Hospital. Born April 2, 1932, to Bill and Loueasie Halbert she was a teacher.

Ms. Lewis is survived by her daughter, Clarissa (Redgy) Hall of Okeechobee; two granddaughters, Shanna (Kelly) Davis of Cary, N.C., and Christina Hall of Okeechobee; three great-grandchildren, Jonah Banner Davis of North Carolina, Elisabeth Rose Davis of North Carolina, and Rocco B. Hall of Okeechobee;

sister, Glessie (Johnny) Stumbo of Kentucky; and two brothers, Dennis Bartley of Kentucky, and Hillard (Madge) Halbert of McDowell, Ky. Visitation will be 4 p.m. until service time at 5 p.m. today, Feb. 19, 2010, at Bass Okeechobee Funeral Home with Pastor Gene Roddenberry officiating. Burial will be in Ivel, Kentucky. Friends may sign the guestbook at www.bas-sokeechobee.com. Arrangements by Bass Okeechobee Funeral Home and Crematory, 205 NE 2nd ST, Okeechobee, FL 34972.



Bruce Randel Addison, 53

OKEECHOBEE — Bruce Randel Addison, age 53, of Okeechobee, passed away Feb. 16, 2010, in Smithville, N.C.

Born June 29, 1956, in Ft. Lauderdale to Gerald and Nancy Addison, he came to Okeechobee 50 years ago from Ft. Lauderdale. Mr. Addison proudly served our country in the U.S. Army. He was a school bus mechanic with Okeechobee County. He enjoyed fishing, football and NASCAR.

Mr. Addison was preceded in death by his wife, Susie Addison; and his father, Gerald Addison. He is survived by two daughters, Tina Addison, and Brandy Addison, both of Okeechobee; son, Gerald (Aimee) Addison of Kill Devil Hills, N.C.; 11 grandchildren; mother, Nancy Turner; brother, Kenneth Robert Addison of Okeechobee; and three sisters, Pam Bihl of Indiana, Tracy Kirchner of Vero Beach and Janet Pinheiro of Sebastian.

Visitation will be 4 to 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 21, at Bass Okeechobee Funeral Home. Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 22, at Bass Okeechobee Funeral Home. Interment will follow at Evergreen Cemetery.

Friends may sign the guestbook at www.bas-sokeechobee.com.

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Helen H. Hall, 81

OKEECHOBEE — Helen H. Hall, age 81, of Okeechobee, passed away Feb. 16, 2010, at her home.

Born Oct. 3, 1928, in Ruckersville, Va., she came to Okeechobee from Atlanta, Ga., in 1971. She was a homemaker of the Baptist faith. She enjoyed restoring airplanes.

Mrs. Hall is survived by her husband of 47 years, Warren L. Hall; son, Steve Shifflett of Ruckersville, Va.; and one grandson.

The family will hold private services. Friends may sign the guestbook at www.bas-sokeechobee.com.

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Cindy Marie Eckenwiler, 55

OKEECHOBEE — Cindy Marie Eckenwiler, age 55, of Okeechobee, passed away Feb. 15, 2010, at the Hamrick Home.

Born Jan. 5, 1955, in Homestead Freeport, N.Y., to the late Jim and Joan Anderson Jones she came to Okeechobee from Riverside, Calif., in 1980. She loved the beach, sunshine, flowers and spending time with her family.

Ms. Eckenwiler was preceded in death by her brother, Jimmy Jones; and her grandmother, Katherine Delor.

She is survived by her four children, Tammy Eckenwiler Deese (Larry), Tracy Eckenwiler Haney (Jo), Ronnie Eckenwiler (Mandi) and Shawn Eckenwiler; nine grandchildren, Amanda Dean, Dustin Lundy, Mitchell Dean, Sara Lundy, Macy Cox, Destiney Deese, Lil Ron Eckenwiler, Christopher Eckenwiler, Thomas Eckenwiler; two great-grandchildren, Skyla Markcum and Jaiden Lundy; sister, Jeanie Morgan, Pam Ashmore and Donna Young; eight nieces and nephews; 11 great-nieces and great-nephews; and many friends.

Visitation will be 11 a.m. until services at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, at Church of God with Pastor Mark Smith officiating. Interment will follow at Evergreen Cemetery.

Friends may sign the guestbook at www.bas-sokeechobee.com.

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Sue McCauley, 68

OKEECHOBEE — Sue McCauley, 68, died Feb. 16, 2010, in Okeechobee.

Mrs. McCauley was born in Parkersburg, W.Va., and moved to Okeechobee in 1989 coming from Vienna, W.Va.

She was a unit clerk for a hospital. Survivors include her husband, Paul D. McCauley of Okeechobee; daughter, Teresa K. Cutlip of Parkersburg, W.Va.; son, Steven D. McCauley of Combine, Texas; and grandchildren, Carman, and Collin Cutlip.

Burial will take place at Sunset Memory Gardens & Mausoleum in Parkersburg, W.Va.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Hospice of Okeechobee, P.O. Box 1548, Okeechobee, FL 34973.

Arrangements are under the direction of Haisley Funeral & Cremation Service. A guest book may be signed at www.haisleyfuneral-home.com.

Community Events

Hospice to host Gigantic Yard Sale Friday, Feb. 19

Hospice of Okeechobee (411 S.E. Fourth Street) will hold a Gigantic Yard Sale on Friday, Feb. 19, from 8 a.m. until noon. Many furniture items and lots of clothing! We have NEW ITEMS galore offered at extremely reasonable prices. Or shop at our "Flea Market" (outside under the Carport) where every item is dirt cheap (prices start at only 10 cents per item). Funds raised will benefit patient care, including services at The Hamrick Home. For information call 863-467-2321.

Bass tournament helps March of Dimes

Seacoast National Bank invites everyone to the 8th Annual Big Lake Bass Fishing Tournament to be held on Saturday, Feb. 20, at Pier II Resort located at 2200 Hwy. 441 SE. Registration is \$80 per boat, two-person team and begins at a.m. This event will benefit the March of Dimes.

Roast pork dinner raises money for youth camp

Saturday, Feb. 20, at the Okeechobee Presbyterian Church, 312 N Parrott Ave. Dine in or take out. Seating times are 5, 6, & 7 p.m. Take out is available between 5-7:30 p.m. A donation of \$7 will buy a delicious pork dinner with potatoes, veggie, salad, tea/coffee and dessert. Come out and support our youth raise funds for camp this summer!

Okeechobee Orchid Club to discuss keeping plants warm

Gary Baily, local grower and past president of the Vero Beach Orchid Society, will speak to the Okeechobee Orchid Club at their monthly meeting on Monday, Feb. 22, at 7 p.m. at the Cooperative Extension Office, 458 Highway 98 N. His topic will be "How to Keep your Orchids Warm on Cold Nights." The Garden Club will meet at 6 p.m. These meetings are open to the public. For more information call the extension office at 863-763-6469.

Red Cross to hold March Health & Safety classes

The Okeechobee Service Center of the American Red Cross will be holding the following Health & Safety classes in March:

- Tuesday, **March 2** - First Aid Basics at 6 p.m.
- Monday, **March 15** - Adult CPR/AED at 6 p.m.
- Wednesday, **March 24** - Infant/Child CPR/AED at 6 p.m. Also, to celebrate the end of March Is Red Cross Month, we will be holding a Chapter-wide CPR Class on Saturday, March 27, from 9 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. The special price for the class is just \$35 per person. All classes are held at their Service Center, located at 323 N. Parrott Ave. To register, or for more information call 863-763-2488.

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Strength Team teaches inner strength

By Pete Gawda
Okeechobee News

The Strength Team is coming to Okeechobee next week. They come on like Gangbusters at school assemblies breaking Louisville Sluggers and stacks of concrete blocks. Once they have your attention they present their message of character building, right choices and citizenship. In 2005 the Strength Team performed in over 750 school assemblies.

The Strength Team made up of former college and professional athletes whose motto is "A Bridge to Families, the Community and the World." The Strength Team encourages every student to set their goals with work hard, and see their dream come true.

Mike Hagan, head of the Strength Team has been doing this sort of thing for 24 years.

"Encourage people to be the best they can be," is his message.

In a telephone interview from his headquarters in Missoula, MT, Mr. Hagan describes the program as "high energy and lots of fun."

On Wednesday, Feb. 24 the Strength Team will appear at New Endeavor High School and Everglades Elementary School. On Wednesday Feb. 25 the team will be at North Elementary School and Yearling Middle School. On Friday, Feb. 26 the Strength Team will be at Seminole Elementary School, Okeechobee High and the Freshman Campus.

The Strength Team will also appear each evening Wednesday through Sunday at 6:30 at the Okeechobee County Agri-Civic Center, 4200 U.S. 70 W. While the message in the evenings is faith-based, Mr. Hagan said it will not be done in a religious manner nor will he be preaching to the people.

Mr. Hagan bench presses over 500 pounds. He has been clocked in the 40 yard dash at 4.5 seconds. He played for the NFL Seattle Seahawks and the USFL Michigan Panthers and the San Antonio gunslingers. Also on the team is Clarence Lee, a graduate of Florida State University, who played nose guard on the 1993 National Championship Team. Andre Sims was a running back at Northern Iowa University. Rounding out the team is Greg Mead, a competitive body-builder and professional power lifter.



Special to the Okeechobee News

Clarence Lee, former football player for Florida State University, breaks a baseball bat. He and other members of the Strength Team use such feats of strength to attract attention to their inspirational talks.



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Miss American Legion

The American Legion Pageant was held Thursday, Feb. 11. Morgan Crawford, center, was chosen Miss American Legion. Tabitha Smith, left, is first runner up and Monica Shaevez, right, is second runner up.



Special to the Okeechobee News/CES

A good book

There's nothing better than a good book and Central Elementary students and staff had a great time finding just the right one at the Scholastic Book Fair. There were so many good books, it was hard to choose which ones to buy! Not only does the Book Fair offer quality reading for the students, but the proceeds help the library. Money from the Book Fair is used to buy AR tests, bookmarks, and other incentive items. Below are Mrs. Watt from the Media Center and Hadeel Abed enjoying themselves.

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Special to the Okeechobee News/South Elementary

Students of the Week

Congratulations to the Students of the Week at South Elementary School for Feb. 12. They are: Sarah Dodd, Austin Bullock, Joy Whipple, Juliana Sheldon, McKenzie Simmons, Iris Celestino, Karina Romero Ortega, Rebecca Rhoden, Sumer Baker, Janixza Lopez, Sarah Heaton, Sarah Nichols, Maggie Congdon, Kaitlyn Land, Vicente de la Cruz, and Taylor Henry. Go Eagles!



Special to the Okeechobee News/OMS

Students of the Week

Teachers have identified some "Wonderful Warriors" as Students of the Week at Osceola Middle School for Feb. 8-12. Ashley Hart, R.J. Skinner, Nolan Carpenter, Brandon Breland, Cheyenne Dunnaway, Leah Furse, Perry Abrigo. A huge thank you to Domino's Pizza for donating lunch for our Students of the Week!

CITY

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the proposed ordinance.

"At that time will we have the perfect sign ordinance?" asked Councilman Clayton Williams.

"I don't think so," answered Councilman Downing Watford who was acting as mayor that night in the place of absent Mayor James Kirk.

The council also heard a presentation from Nancy Phillips, the city's grant coordinator, who discussed the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program for the fiscal year 2009 funding cycle. She said the state was behind in funding CDBG grants. She said she was anticipating funding for 2009 grants in June and funding for 2010 CDBG grants in late fall.

Ms. Phillips said there are four categories of CDBG grants—the first is housing rehabilitation. This concerns demolishing and rebuilding low to moderate income housing. Then there is commercial revitalization. The third category is neighborhood revitalization which concerns extending water and sewer to neighborhoods. Then there is the economic development grant which helps create jobs.

Ms. Phillips said the city's grant application for 2008 did not score high enough to qualify. She promised to work with the city to try to help them score higher on 2009 grant applications.

The grant coordinator will come back to the council when she has more definite information on the 2009 CDBG Program.

Post your opinions in the Public Issues Forum at www.newszap.com. Reporter Pete Gawda can be reached at pgawda@newszap.com.

ROBBERY

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was taken, he could not say exactly how much was taken.

OCPD Detective John Zeigler will be the lead investigator on the case.

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City settles lawsuit out of court

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

An out of court settlement was reached recently in a lawsuit filed against the City of Okeechobee over a motor vehicle accident that involved one of the city public works vehicles, a review of court files indicated. Sabrina Jones was a passenger in a vehicle that was involved in the accident on North West 11th Avenue on Aug. 14, 2008. The amount of the settlement was not revealed in the court records. The jurisdiction of the court was for over \$15,000.

Each party agreed to pay their own court costs and attorneys fees. The case went to mediation in September, 2009. Jones said she had medical bills of \$14,018 due to injuries to her neck, lower back, and left hip, according to a deposition she gave in the case. The plaintiff also claimed the city employee, Palmer Lamb, admitted that his foot slipped off the break before the crash. The plaintiff sued the city on a claim of negligence and sought damages for claims that included loss of earnings, medical bills, and pain and suffering.

Seminole Tribe Field Day has festival, rodeo

By Nena Bolan
INI Florida

The 72nd Annual Brighton Field Day Festival and Rodeo opened Thursday, Feb. 18 and continues through Sunday, Feb. 21. In addition to a four-day PRCA Rodeo, a culture festival will feature family entertainment at the Fred Smith Rodeo Arena. On Friday, Feb. 19 area school children will visit the festival for the annual kids' day. A popular feature of the festival is the extensive Seminole clothing and patchwork contest. Local crafters are famous for their "sweetgrass" basketry, rainbow-colored beadwork, and traditional dolls. The arts and crafts on display, or for sale, range from local folk art to museum quality. Be prepared to catch the parade on Saturday, Feb. 20 with local dignitaries, floats, music and energetic horses. There are events all day long that feature alligator wrestling, reptile shows, Native American dancing and music. The rodeo has its own music and comedy en-

tertainers as well. The cuisine offered is a diverse cultural feast, and visitors can shop for arts and craft gifts under Seminole chickee huts with palm frond canopies. The Cultural Education Department of the Seminole Tribe will set up a traditional Okalee Village with local artists, crafters and chefs. Spectators can observe how dolls, clothing, jewelry, baskets and wood carvings are made. Ask for a sample of Indian fry-bread, pumpkin bread, or a unique beverage called Sofkee. Brighton Seminole Reservation is on State Road 721 in Glades County, about 30 miles from the City of Okeechobee. From Okeechobee, take State Road 70 West and turn left on State Road 721, or take State Road 78 West and turn right on 721. For local information about the Brighton Field Day Festival call 863-467-6039.

Trailer fire keeps fire fighters busy

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

Okeechobee County Fire Rescue reports state nearly \$60,000 in property damage was done late Monday night after a mobile home fire at 4648 U.S. 441 north. Lt. Robert Mears said three units and eight firemen responded just before midnight and found smoke coming from the mobile home. Firemen attacked the blaze from both the west entrance and the east side of the home and had the flames under control in a matter of minutes, Mears added. About 1,000 gallons of water was used to put out the flames. The State Fire Marshall was called in to investigate the cause of the blaze. The American Red Cross also responded to assist the family and firemen. Okeechobee City firemen provided mutual aid during the blaze. There were no injuries reported. The home is owned by John Stone. Firemen said no one was at home when the fire broke out. Firemen were on the scene for approximately four hours. The trailer suffered extensive damage and was ruled a total loss, Mears said.

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Brahman wrestlers compete at regional

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

Josh Gruber was just an eyelash away from a trip to the state tournament.

Gruber lost in overtime 3-2 to Brandon Searle of Viera Feb. 13 in the senior's last high school match.

Gruber, who was district runner up in Class 2A District 11 this year, and a district champion last year, had a shot to win the match in overtime. Coach Bruce Jahner said Gruber had his opponent down and could have easily earned a point but the referee chose not to give it to him.

The two wrestlers continued to grapple and Searle ended up winning on a take down moments later.

Chris Bleakley also finished fifth in his weight class and barely missed out on a trip to the state tournament. Bleakley also

lost in overtime to Luciano Guidoni of Jensen Beach.

"He wrestled real well. He beat a couple of wrestlers that had beaten him earlier in the season, including one who pinned him on Friday," Jahner added.

Jonathan Kemp also wrestled on Saturday as he earned a bye in the 189 pound division on Friday. Kemp was scheduled to wrestle a defending state champion but the wrestler suffered an injury and was unable to compete.

Ten Brahman wrestlers qualified for the regional tournament this year which was held at Jensen Beach High School. Seven wrestlers competed for Okeechobee.

Coach Jahner said one wrestler Donald Bryan was unable to compete due to a broken hand. He said he was impressed with how his wrestlers competed at the regional.

Coquina Water Control District Board meets

The Feb. 10 monthly meeting of the Coquina Water Control District Board of Supervisors was short and dealt with routine matters. The board agreed to send letters to certain property owners where Coquina has easements asking for permission to store fill dirt on the easements. The fill dirt would be removed as needed for road repairs. Since there was no response for their request for bids for herbicide spraying, the board agreed to just hire a contractor do the spraying.

The board had previously decided on a list of road improvements projects. They decided to prioritize these projects and complete one at a time rather than have several projects going at once.

Melvin Byars, chairman of the board, stated that the number of assessments received to date is down a little from the assessments received by this time last year. Property owners have until March 31 to pay their taxes and assessments.

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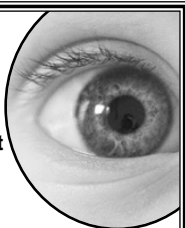


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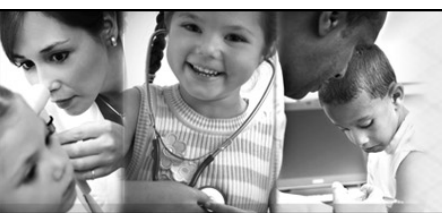
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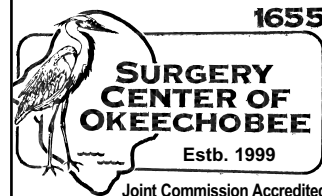
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Senior hopes to lead boys tennis team

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

Zach Fowler is the most experienced boys player on a senior laden Okeechobee High School tennis team this year.

Fowler has played singles for three years and has been a steady and stubborn competitor.

He gets the most out of his ability and is a student of the game. He specializes in the placement of the ball and normally makes his opponent run a marathon to remain competitive in the match.

"My motto is never give up because every ball counts, every point counts, and every serve counts. You must have a strategy and know where to place the ball. Tennis is a very complicated game, it's like chess," he noted.

Fowler moves up to the #1 seed on the boys team this year and will have his hands full against some talented players who play all year round in USTA tournaments. He said he has practiced a lot in the off season and worked to improve his game.

"I feel the challenge this year. I will miss Corey White and Alex Nielson two very good players," he noted, "It will be fun. We have pretty good players out here this year. I'm looking forward to playing with them. I practice a lot and I'll be ready for it."

Fowler also has worked hard in the classroom and intends to pursue a future in art. He plans to attend the Art Institute in Fort Lauderdale next year and work in game marketing and design.

He said he loves art, and is excited about the next step in his education.

Fowler's parents are Wil and Susan Fowler. He also has a younger fan, his little sister Gabby. Fowler said the team faces their toughest test right off the bat on Feb. 17 when they travel to Martin County. "We will try our best and go out there and have fun."

Fowler adds the boys team's biggest asset this year might be teamwork and getting along with one another. "We get along real well. The team is filled with seniors and all of them play excellent. I think it's going to be a fun year."



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Zach Fowler, OHS senior, leads the tennis team this year.

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