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Seminole festival under way

The 75th Annual Brighton Seminole Field Day and Festival is under way this weekend at Brighton Reservation. The festival will include Native American dancing, arts and crafts, alligator shows and demonstrations of Seminole cooking, sewing, crafts and carving. Today, gates open at 10 a.m. and XTreme Bullriding starts at 3 p.m. The festival grounds are next to the Fred Smith Rodeo Arena, off State Road 721 in Glades County. For more information call 863-467-6039 or go online to www.REZRODEO.com.

By Pete Gawda
Okeechobee News

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Mudfest kept cops and EMTs busy

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

Last weekend's Mudfest event held in Okeechobee may not have been the biggest ever held here, but it still kept county medical personnel and law enforcement plenty busy.

And even though there was an estimated 6,000 to 8,000 people at the event on Saturday, Feb. 9, county residents were not impacted by a reduction of service

from either the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO) or Okeechobee County Fire/Rescue (OCF/R).

While deputies from the sheriff's office did provide security at the event, those deputies were all on their own time and were paid by Mudfest organizers.

"I would say there was one other time it was busier, when it first started, but other than that it

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Alcohol sales topic of continued debate

By Pete Gawda
Okeechobee News

It has been said that the more things change, the more they remain the same. That is certainly true with the recent issue of Sunday alcohol sales in the city. That controversial issue has come up before with business owners with liquor licenses in favor of it and ministers opposing it.

On July 9, 1957 the Okeechobee City Council passed an ordinance banning the sale of all alcoholic beverages in the city between midnight on Saturday and 7 a.m. on Monday. The minutes recorded no opposition from the public.

The matter came up again May 6, 1975 when four business

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Code Magistrate to consider reducing fines

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If you go ...

What: Okeechobee County Code Enforcement Special Magistrate Hearing
When: 2 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 19
Where: Health Dept. Auditorium, 1728 N.W. 9h Ave.

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