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Eighth Annual Seminole Wellness Conference Highlights and Profiles

By Barbara Secody

MARCO ISLAND — The Hilton was the setting for the Eighth Annual Seminole Wellness Conference held from July 16 through July 20. Throughout the week, activities were held from sun-up until late at night. The day's agenda began each morning with a power walk for fitness buffs determined to stick to their exercise regimen.

After breakfast, morning workshops provided presentations by noted speakers from throughout the United States, many returning for their second or third year as presenters at the conference. The speakers provided information on such issues as substance abuse, family harmony, spirituality, relapse prevention, team building and domestic violence.

Groups for women and men were provided, such as forums for the younger folks. Nightly AA meetings were also held at the hotel. Many participants shared their personal testimonies and provided encouragement to those on the bumpy path to recovery.

One of the most popular speakers at the conference was Mr.

Sam Dawes, a Cherokee from Tahlequah, OK. Dawes has been a drug and alcohol specialist for 27 years, and is currently working at an in-patient facility in Maryland.

He is in the process of relocating to Lake Forrest, NC to start a part-time outpatient-counseling program and find a permanent job. This is the third year Dawes has attended the Seminole Wellness Conference. "This is paradise!" said Dawes. He says that he has been in recovery for the past 30 years and has worked with someone from nearly every race.

Dawes has written a book entitled "Relapse Prevention for Native Americans" and is close to finally getting it published. He says that relapse prevention is really his field of expertise, and presented the subject at this year's conference.

Tony Pace, from Heron, VA, and runs the Comprehensive Addiction Programs, also returned to the Wellness Conference for the third year in a row. He said that he is honored to return, and has enjoyed seeing old friends and meeting new ones.

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Big Cypress, Immokalee Youth Conference A Success

By Nery Mejicano

RUSKIN — On August 1 to August 3, the Big Cypress/Immokalee Youth Conference took place at the Bahia Beach Island Resort and Hotel, a wonderful resort and picturesque resort located on Tampa Bay, across from St. Petersburg.



Lenny and Maria at the Celebration Station.

Council Representatives David Cypress of Big Cypress and Elaine Aguilar of Immokalee sponsored the conference. Over one hundred Tribal members partici-

pated in this event.

The conference focused on parental involvement in their child's development, health, and well being. The lectures and activities were geared toward family participation and, as such, it was a success. Many parents participated in the presentations and activities as well as the fun activities that were planned for August 1, at Celebration Station in Tampa.

The Conference was the joint effort of several programs and was truly a team effort. In a short period of time, a planning committee was put in place and all activities, speakers, and numerous details were worked out. Topics of discussion included drug prevention, self-esteem, and the family role in shaping behavior, sexual abuse prevention, teen violence and others.

Jeanette Cypress, Danielle Jumper and Desiree Jumper provided the participants with a very interesting and educational cultural presentation: the tanning of deer hides, as demonstrated by film and pictures. Benny Secody, Phillip Jumper, and Lenny Jim

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Brighton Holds Annual Sports Banquet

By Michael James

OKEECHOBEE — The stars came out on the evening of July 18, at the Okeechobee KOA Convention Center. Sports stars that are. This year over 500 guests, Tribal officials, royalty, and athletes turned out for the event, the annual celebration of Brighton youth and their athletic achievements.

Emcee Kevin Osceola made opening remarks and introduced Tribal officials and royalty to the guests before masterfully moving through the 150-plus awards that Brighton youth took home that night.

Acting Chairman, Mitchell Cypress, said, "I've always admired Brighton people for their support of youth. It takes a lot of effort to get these kids to bowling, tee ball, and the rodeo and it shows."

Brighton Council Representative, John Wayne Huff, in one of his first

appearances before such a large group said, "I would like to thank everyone for coming tonight to honor the students but let's not forget the parents and the efforts by them to get these kids to the sporting events." Many of the Brighton athletes are involved in reservation athletics, as well as school and community functions in Okeechobee.

Brighton Board Representative, and rodeo cowboy, Alex Johns also thanked the parents and said, "our kids are successful because of your efforts."

Following the opening remarks and a fully catered sit down meal, keynote speaker and 4-time World Champion rodeo cowboy and President of the PBR, Tuff Hedeman took center stage to address the youth.

Hedeman, who is as humble as he is gritty, began his story about his life by telling the audience that he was the youngest of seven kids. He grew up

Richard Hedeman in El Paso, TX and developed a love of bull riding at an early age. He rode his first calf when he was 4 years old about the same time he earned his nickname "Tuff".

Interestingly, the name didn't come from his riding prowess. Horse trainer 'Tater' Decker came up with the name when young Hedeman got his hand slammed shut in Decker's truck door and never broke a tear. Decker began calling him 'tuff nut,' which eventually was shortened to Tuff, which stuck.

Hedeman rode calves relentlessly and moved up to junior bulls and he admitted that he 'never won'. However, one thing that Hedeman possessed, and something that he projected strongly to the Brighton youth, was his love for the sport. He practiced all of the time, and never gave up.

Things turned around for Hedeman in high school. In 1980, he won the New Mexico High School Rodeo Association's bull riding and all-around categories. He went on to state team roping all-around titles in 1981.

He received a rodeo scholarship in the fall of 1981 and attended Sul Ross State University in Alpine, TX. University coach John Mahoney said he had never known anybody to have as much determination as Tuff.

When Sul Ross made the 1982 National Collegiate Finals in Bozeman, MT, Mahoney chose Tuff to be on the team. As part of the Sul Ross State University rodeo team, Tuff competed in saddle bronc riding, bull riding, team roping and steer wrestling. That team went on to win the NIRA Men's Team Championship.

After again winning the National Collegiate Finals again in 1983, Hedeman turned pro. Tuff joined the Association in 1983, and filled his permit at one rodeo in the bronc-riding event. He qualified for

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L-R: Mary Huff Brighton Junior Miss, Tuff Hedeman, Holly Johns, Rodeo Queen and Brighton Miss Seminole Clarissa Randolph.

Florida Indian Youth Program Awards Banquet 2001

By Alexandra Frank

TALLAHASSEE, FL — On July 27, the young Native participants attending the Florida Indian Youth Program, held on the Florida State University campus, gathered at the Leon County Civic Center for the program's closing Awards Banquet.

For two weeks, these young people have the opportunity to stay and learn at the prestigious learning facility. There, they learn what is expected of them at a university of higher education.

The participants attend classes and workshops that introduce them to the curriculum of a university. They must be prepared to attending classes and participate as well. There are classes that improve their mathematics, writing, and comprehension skills.

It must have been a relief for these young participants to finish off their two weeks visit with a dinner, awards, and small after event party. At the banquet hall families of the attending participants ate dinner with program counselors, teachers, and the Florida Governor's Council on Indian Affairs staff.

After dessert, Mr. Bob Kellam, Employment and Training Director began the evening with a few announcements. One announcement will have serious consequences on the future of the F.I.Y.P. site. Mr. Kellam stated, "some ill advised FSU



Group A eagerly awaits their awards in math and writing, which was given out by their teachers.

Administrators have decided that they will not be providing conference services like this to groups like ours anymore."

This caused a bit of a stir among participants and parents, especially since FSU has played host to the F.I.Y.P. event since it began in 1982. Kellam said that a new host site is currently being scouted for next year.

Mr. Kellam introduced various individuals who play a part in the function of the F.I.Y.P. event. Steven Bowers, the

Seminole Tribe's Liaison to the Governors Council on Indian Affairs, and Bob Travis, the Florida Governor's Council on Indian Affairs Treasurer since 1974. Mr. Kellam then read a letter from Acting Chairman Mitchell Cypress, who sent his regards and that due to prior engagements he would not be able to attend.

Steven Bowers and Joe Quetone – Administrative Executive Director of

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HOLLYWOOD — Come join the fun and excitement at the Seminole Indian Casino of Hollywood! We now provide Free Shuttle Service twice daily from the Playdium Clubhouse at Hillcrest and Washington Street route.

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The Hollywood Shuttle Bus currently has stops by the beach area, but soon more stops will be added later this year.

morning departure 9:36 a.m., evening departure 5:36 p.m. From The Alexander, 3705 S. Ocean Drive, morning departure 9:37 p.m., evening departure 5:37 p.m.

From The Quadman, 2301 S. Ocean Drive, morning departure 9:38

a.m., evening departure 5:38 p.m. From the Cainbridge Tower, 1601 S. Ocean Drive, morning departure 9:39 p.m., evening departure 5:39 p.m. From the

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Tribal Calendar Ideas Needed

The Seminole Tribune is requesting your ideas for theme of the 2002 Tribal calendar.

Examples from past calendars: Culture, Arts & Crafts, Alligator Wrestlers, Elders, Children, etc.

We will begin preparing the layout and design of the 2002 calendar in mid-September. Be sure to fax in your ideas to the Tribune office at 954-967-3482, or call 954-967-3416 no later

than September 14.

Everyone's ideas are always valuable to work with, and we expect to receive many great ideas, which we can use. Chosen theme will be given special recognition in the calendar.

Maybe you have some photos you would like to have printed, bring them on in. We can scan while you wait so you can leave with the original.

Letters & E-mail

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My Experience with Recovery

By Adam J. Motlow

What can I tell you about alcohol addiction? I can say now that the biggest problem is drug addiction.

I'm keeping up with The Seminole Tribune and seeing the passing of friends. I hope some of my old friends are still around. It seems like time just sits still for me now, as I sit here in prison. It is sad to hear about friends passing on.

I like to hear news about how people are doing with their recovery, and how they are doing with the halfway houses.

When I was getting sober, the old man told me, "Young man, you have no idea of what you're looking at. You'll be opening a can of worms that will be crawling all out, you have to take them out one by one." He was telling me you might have to take issue all the way back to your childhood, do research, study everything about addiction. Learn all you can, you just might have a handle on life.

I had ten years before I relapsed, during that time meetings were off and on throughout the reservation. We used to have a program called after-care; it was based on people coming back from recovery. What our bodies and minds were going through without the addiction were discussed.

I remember a time when I was sharing that I had a nervous breakdown. I was going to the mailbox I saw a beer can on the sidewalk and I saw children playing off in the distance. I was almost a year into my recovery, I stood there telling myself, and these children don't need to see this poison. I couldn't step on it, kick it, or pick it up and throw it away. I walked around it that was my first time when reality set in.

That liquid can had a hold on me, it was my friend, my lover, it was everything, I could probably even call it my higher power. At one time I would have lived and died for it. I was walking away and I was telling myself, your getting flaky, so I ended up telling my group that night.

I ran the chi-kee group for about 8 1/2 years, and we had a lot of people who got sober. We had people sharing about their addictions and what they were doing for themselves.

Sponsorship is important because your always looking at different issues, one of them was losing friends, certain people who were very close to me. Nobody really asked what I was going through. So then I looked in other directions to fill that void, either with women, hunting, or speaking out on my addiction.

I had a low self-esteem of my education; I just knew enough to get by. And that was very important because your skill is to write to other people and keep in contact, most of all with friends. I had a good sponsor that I shared all my deepest darkest secrets with, because you don't just share all those things with just anybody. My sponsor was an Indian friend that I can call a brother, he helped me a lot with the 12-step program. He shared a lot

with me as well; he was very helpful in my research.

My biggest downfall was my pride, and to ask for help. I think you have to feel enough pain physically, mentally, and spiritually. I am now seeking through meditation of my higher power. I'm working on my GED and helping others who are willing to help themselves and willing to go to any lengths to help themselves.

Here is a poem that a friend of mine wrote, it goes like this. Thank you for taking this time in publishing my letter.

The Native Man By George M. Carter

*Where the buffalo roamed
Is where we called home
From the time of our people's birth
We were taught from the start
How to follow our hearts
And give back to Mother Earth
Then they came from the seas
And built cities across our land
They destroyed our woods
And took what they could
With no regard for the Native man*

*They looked us in the eyes
As they told us their lies
And called our land their nation
They'd burn down a village
As they raped and pillaged
Then herded us to a reservation
Savages we were named
And hung our heads in shame
As they took away our land
Is the land of the free
What you would see
Through the eyes of the Native man*

*For three hundred years
We've shed our tears
As they've ruled with an iron rod
They've polluted our streams
And it was all in the name of God
While our voices are quiet
They rip and they riot
Through the remains of our homeland
From the birds to the bees
Through the valleys and the trees
Roams the spirit of the Native man*

*Through all they years
Our visions have cleared
As they've gave us their education
How will they live
When she's no more to give
This land they call their nation
They'll reap what they sow
Because we all know
It's part of the great spirits plan
And we know better than some
Like the beat of a drum
Pounds the heart of the Native man*

*So people, won't you listen
And put back what's missin'
Before it's too late for modern man
Because when the dream crashes
Up out of the ashes
Will rise the pride of the Native man.*

Editor,

Well, I would like to start by giving thanks to Dale Grasshopper and family for showing me a wonderful time while I was on the Rez about 3 years ago. I went down to the Florida Seminole Rez not knowing what to expect. Being from Oklahoma, I realized how rich the Seminole heritage was.

As a member of the Kiowa and Apache Tribes, we don't speak or teach our language at an early age like the Seminoles. I met my first Seminole when I was in the 9th grade at Riverside Indian School, and his name was Joseph Michael Grasshopper. Later on, I met Eugenia Gayle Cypress, Leatrice Beth Cypress, Ms. Genell Roberts and Annie Jumper, and during my junior year at Sequoyah High School I met the late Mr. Adam Billie, who dated my younger sister, Neysha Autaubo for some time, not to mention he was my roommate my whole junior year. And it was through him that I met Devon Cypress.

I was fortunate enough to experience life at SHS with Adam Billie, as well as graduate along side with him. Now, knowing all these Seminole Tribal members they all shared a few things. They all knew their history, how to speak their language, took pride in who they were, and what they stood for, and who they were representing while off the Rez.

While visiting the Rez I felt so moved by how strong the Seminoles were as a Tribe. It was then that I knew

that I was privileged to be around such strong Natives. The Rez is a beautiful place – the Safari, the hotels, gambling halls, the alligators (although I didn't get to see the Infamous Superman), The Elders sitting out side, and the future of the Seminole Tribe in full effect running around the Rez just being children. In all, it was a great visit that I'll always hold dear to me because I was a fortunate Kiowa to experience the Seminole way of living and heritage.

Now to you that I've mentioned in my letter in hopes you'll read this or that it will be published in the Tribune, my name is "Robby Chalepah Autaubo." I now reside in Oakland, CA with a relative. I'm attending Oakland Merritt College, majoring in Business Management and Accounting. I graduated with the Sequoyah High School Class Of 2000. If Joe G., Eugenia C., Beth C., Genell R., Annie J., Devon C., Dale G., Gena K. or anyone else reads this, I would like to leave you with my address in hopes that I can reestablish contact with my long lost Seminole Friends.

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Tribal Fair Committee Meeting

By Alexandra Frank

HOLLYWOOD — On July 25, the Fair Committee gathered in the auditorium lobby to address issues relating to the 2002 Seminole Tribal Fair.

Bobby Frank, Assistant Director of the Broadcasting Department, introduced Editor Diana Matos as the person who will be responsible for the Tribal Fair commercial. The Committee agreed to air the commercials three weeks prior to the Fair, which will be held on Feb. 7-10, 2002.

Committee members stressed that promotional flyers should be spread out well in advance. The Committee considered a suggestion that posters, with flyers attached, be set up in the lobbies of local banks.

Jean Fontana, acting Human Resources Director, said she has already approached two banks. Both banks have agreed to let the Tribe set up the posters and more banks will be approached with the same concept.

Ella DeHass, from the Education Department, asked for space to display a contest. DeHass said she would like to hold a poster contest for each reservation. The theme of the contest will be "Education: What It Means To Me."

Ms. DeHass proposed finding a site to display the winners, the contest judging will be done at the DSO Education Center. Ms. DeHass is still undecided as to what type of prize would be appropriate. Most committee members stated that it was at her discretion as to what type of prize to award.

Some suggested speaking to Council and Board Representatives for help in obtaining prizes. It was also suggested that DeHass set up a committee for each reservation so that it does not become too overwhelming. The Committee agreed to look into what type of space is available for the contest.

Priscilla Sayen made a point after Ms. DeHass's request for space, the "Arts and Crafts" committee would like to relocate back to the "pole barn", which is next to the Fairgrounds entrance. "It's too far out of the way," said Sayen. "No one knows we're even there."

This point brought up another issue that a number of committee mem-



Grand Entry of the 30th Annual Tribal Festival, Pow Wow and Rodeo.

bers commented on. Every year, programs within the Tribe have set up booths in the "pole barn" that showcases their programs. It is also a chance for the public to see the programs the Tribe has established in its fight to become self-sufficient.

Many committee members felt that, although it was a positive idea to help promote the Tribe, it has become overused. The Committee voted to forgo the program booths and put the "Arts and Crafts" display back at the "pole barn."

At this time there is no set "theme" for the Tribal Fair. It may be helpful to give some suggestions especially since this will be the 31st Seminole Indian Tribal Fair.

The Committee debated over asking Representatives for more funds to start new categories such as a "drum contest", etc. There was also discussion about how the Fair should be viewed, as a money making venture or a cultural event. A majority felt that the Fair is more of a cultural event and should always be viewed as such.

The Committee also considered possible changes to the program booklet. Ad prices may go up to help the booklet turn a profit. The booklet may also be sold along with the ticket for entry into the fair.

Last year's booklet was a commemorative issue and the most expensive to date. Sales did not cover the production costs of that booklet, which led to this year's debate.

Another idea was to ask a Representative to help sponsor a program schedule, which would be given out at the time of a ticket purchase. Also, schools will be able to receive the schedule before the Fair dates, which help them set up visit times for their classes.

Debating issues with a focus on improvement is well represented by the current Tribal Fair Committee. Their goal is to showcase the Tribe in a positive light and put on one of Florida's most respected cultural events. The next Tribal Fair committee meeting will be on August 29.

Broward Community College Seminar

By Janice Billie

HOLLYWOOD — On July 31st and August 2, the Seminole Tribe's Higher Education Program, in conjunction with Broward Community College, conducted one-day seminars at the Frank Billie Center in Big Cypress and the DSO Building in Hollywood, respectively.

The seminars provided an opportunity for community members, returning students, new students, and parents to meet with Higher Education counselors and BCC staff.

The objectives of the meetings were to give an overview of Broward Community College, offer planning and academic advisement, conduct placement testing for new students, go through the admission and application process, register for Fall 2001 classes and conduct a Financial Aid Workshop.

Hollywood Education Counselor Ella DeHass coordinated the event with Oona Davis, Assistant Coordinator of Enrollment Services for BCC. Ms. Davis initially contacted the Tribe with an offer to come onsite and conduct enrollment processing for Seminole community members. She was very concerned about the Seminole students losing opportunities, due to bureaucratic red tape causing untimely distribution of allotted monies. The students were actually being purged from the system.



Elena Starson and Melissa Billie



Miriam Tirado and Arnie Gore

The idea of the seminar grew out of this concern. Ms. DeHass talked to the Higher Education staff and parents and decided upon this effort. By all accounts, both seminars were successful in bringing in students who took advantage of the outreach seminar.

Some of the Big Cypress and Hollywood residents that took full advantage of this opportunity were Nadine Bowers, Corey Wilcox, Melissa Billie, Michael Onco, Brandon Frank, Arnie Gore, and Tina Lacey. Among the BCC staff were Registrar Kaye Francis Garland, Financial Aid

Counselor Miriam Tirado, Education Counselor Elena Starson and Tester Michelle Lilly.

Along with the variety of services offered, the students were introduced to the online service, FAPSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid).

Recognizing that the Big Cypress students travel a long way to attend classes, there were ideas for easier access to educational resources that included bringing classes to the reservations. Two classes per term were proposed. Presently, Ms. Davis would like to offer a class in "Access" a database management system at the DSO Building.

The goal of the Higher Education staff and BCC is to enlighten students on their career paths and these two seminars were an excellent demonstration of that purpose.

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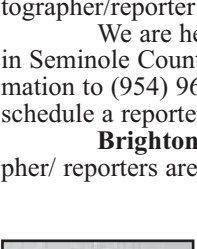
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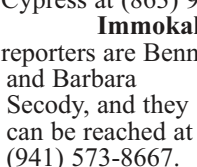
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Churches Pow Wow At Chickee Baptist

By K. B. Schaller
HOLLYWOOD — On July 7, the Fellowship of Churches for Youth Outreach met at the Chickee Baptist Church to plan strategies for reaching area youth. The group includes eight churches, with representatives from the Big Cypress, Tamiami Trail, Brighton, and Hollywood Reservations.

Concerned that young people are faced with peer pressure to engage in negative activities involving drugs, alcohol, vandalism, truancy, gang activity, and premarital sex, the group organized in June, 2001 to address these issues.

“Our mission is to unite to win, disciple, and encourage Seminole, and other youth, for the Lord,” states Rev. Arlen Payne, pastor of Chickee Baptist Church and chairman of the group, “We must encourage these young people to take a stand against drugs and other negative activities.”

After opening hymns and prayer, Rev. Mike Harjo, a Native pastor from Oklahoma, delivered a message that was a call to action.

“We must step outside the circle of self, and into the realm of the needs of others,” said Rev. Harjo, “We must all have a missionary’s heart. So many times, we Indians will not cry out to others for spiritual help. We have a tendency to keep it inside.”

Rev. Harjo, son of Native evangelist and church planter Josh Harjo, was pastor of Grace Indian Baptist Mission Church for sixteen years. Heeding God’s call, he and his wife, Gena, and their two children recently relocated to the Hollywood reservation and became members of Chickee Baptist Church.

“Drugs, alcohol, and the whole spectrum of things that negatively impact lives are symptoms of need. There’s something deep, dark, and sinister going on inside. The person is really asking, ‘Can anybody help?’,” said Rev. Harjo.

“The help that they need has to come from God, not from the Federal government, Tribal leaders, or neighbors. We must be burdened for the needs those who are crying out.”

After Harjo’s message, the group took a short break beneath the chickee and enjoyed coffee, fellowship, and later, a catered lunch.

“I’m a newcomer here, but I worked with the young people while we were in Oklahoma,” said Gena Harjo, the other half of the soul-winning Harjo team, “Sometimes I would have to make two trips in a car to bring them to and from church.”

“In addition to transportation, there was the food ministry. I was also the Sunday School teacher, taught Vacation Bible School for other churches, headed the ladies’ group, and even cleaned the church,” said Harjo.

“Sometimes I would organize a slumber party at my home for the girls, so they could get a chance to really talk. Native kids need a lot of one-on-one intervention.”

“It’s hard work, but if that’s what it’s going to take to reach these kids, I’m willing to do that here, too,” added Harjo.

When the meeting resumed, the church representatives updated the group on their church’s activities, aimed at reaching the young.

Rev. Robert North, Tamiami Trail representative, said that his church’s Vacation Bible School gave the young people the opportunity to hone their leadership skills.

“We used a familiar format, and the kids ran it, pretty much. The adult teachers taught, but the young people led the songs, read the scriptures, and so forth. Attendance was good, even though we had only church members, and no new people,” said North, “Anyhow, numbers are not all-important. What we need are people with the commitment to work.”

Brighton youth leader, Robin Wakefield, took the youth on an excursion to Universal Studios in Orlando. “They were so excited, and I enjoyed myself. I’m looking forward to doing more of these types of things with them,” she stated.



Pastor Mike Harjo with bible school attendees.

“We also held Vacation Bible School two weeks ago, and had three salvations. We’ll be baptizing them on Sunday,” said Wakefield, proudly.

Andrea Cypress, Big Cypress representative, who also serves as secretary-treasurer for the Fellowship, stated, “I pick the young people up for church, and serve as youth leader. We have lots of girls in our activities, but we need more boys to participate.”

Cypress said the group is funded by individual donations, church fundraisers, and businesses interested in the welfare of the youth. “All funds are used specifically for church-sponsored youth activities,” said Cypress.

The Fellowship members agreed that reaching, and maintaining, the interest of young men through church outreach is a special challenge. The primary need in each of their churches is for more mature men to serve as role models and mentors for young males.

“At Chickee Baptist, we have resumed The Gathering, which meets on Saturday evenings, and targets the youths of the church,” said Rev. Arlene Payne, “During our Vacation Bible School, we will be placing more of our boys and girls in leadership roles this year.”

“This fall, we’ll be taking them on a weekend youth retreat. Last year’s was a huge success. It wore me out,” he added with a grin, “but it was well-worth the effort. We also plan to take them to The Holy Land Experience, near Universal Studios, sometime in the future. I hear it’s a Bible lesson in itself.”

Rev. Harjo summed up the meeting with an addendum to his sermon: “We have to know how to reach people and lead them to the Lord, and our young people are a priority. The only way to do it is through the Word of God, from a man of God. Music stirs, but they need the word, straight out of the Bible.”

“And we, the leaders, must not compromise our witness by the way we look, act, and speak. People must know who Jesus is, and know that it is He who empowers us,” said Rev. Harjo, who was clad in a suit and tie, with conservative crew cut hair. “We must be the ones to encourage our youth to make God the center of their lives, and the church the center of their activities.”

Rev. Harjo received no arguments, only nods of agreement, and amens from the attendees, as the meeting adjourned.

For additional information regarding the Fellowship of Churches for Youth Outreach, contact Rev. Arlen Payne, Chairman, at (954)-894-5651.

Congratulations and Good Luck

The Acting Director of Education, Barbara Wilmes and the Higher Education Committee would like to recognize the following students approved for the scholarship grant this Fall 2001 term, after receipt of current transcripts and other documentation. They will be attending universities and colleges all over the country.

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM:

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GRADUATE PROGRAM: Amy Ashley - M.A. Public Administration; Jo Johns Fish - M.A. Education; Emma Johns - M.A. in Sociology; Theodore Nelson - Ph. D. Social Work; Patty Waldron - M.A. Gerontology.





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Water Levels Rise, Kissimmee River Navigation Partially Restored

Due to recent rainfall, water levels in the reestablished portions of the Kissimmee River between water control structures S-65A and S-65C have risen to the point where navigation is once again possible. Boaters should continue to proceed through the river channel with caution, and at slow speeds because of the changing nature of the restored system.

Since February, an area near the weirs that were placed in Pool B of the Kissimmee River as part of the demonstration project constructed during the mid 1980s has been blocked by a sandbar across the river channel that was exposed due to the drought’s record low water levels. This sandbar is now under about three feet of water, making it possible for most boats to pass. Removal of these weirs will not be addressed until Phase 4 of the river restoration project, which is scheduled to begin in seven or eight years.

Shoaling at Micco Bluff has created shallow water conditions in a bend of the river. Boaters should continue to use caution in this area. As flows increase in the re-established portions of the Kissimmee River, shoaling at river bends may become more common while the river adjusts to the

increased flow conditions. Although navigation remains possible, boaters should use caution and travel slowly through these areas of the river.

Boaters will find that it is still impossible to travel from Lake Okeechobee to Kale Kissimmee via the Kissimmee River due to the ongoing refurbishment project at the S-65E navigation lock. This navigation lock is between the Kissimmee River and Lake Okeechobee, at the southernmost point in the river. Activities at this navigation lock are planned for completion in the next few weeks, making navigation from Lake Okeechobee to Lake Kissimmee possible once again.

Advance notices of navigation blockages will continue to be printed. Please call either the SFWMD Okeechobee Service Center or the SFWMD Orlando Service Center with questions for the most current information when making plans to travel the Kissimmee Waterway. The Okeechobee telephone number is (863) 462-5260 or (800) 250-4200. In Orlando, the number is (407) 858-6100 or (800) 250-4250.

— Submitted By South Florida Water Management District

DSO Library Schedule

The fun continues through Aug. 24. Mornings, 8 a.m. - Noon - Monday: Preschool Story Time. Tuesday - Friday: Computer lab and reading time for youths and adults. Afternoons: 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Summer reading - sign up now! Many new books have arrived. Take some out for a test read! (All kids K-12) - Keep track of what you read and earn prizes.

Computer fun, internet sites, and more. How big does a Florida panther, whale, or python get? You can find the answers on the internet.

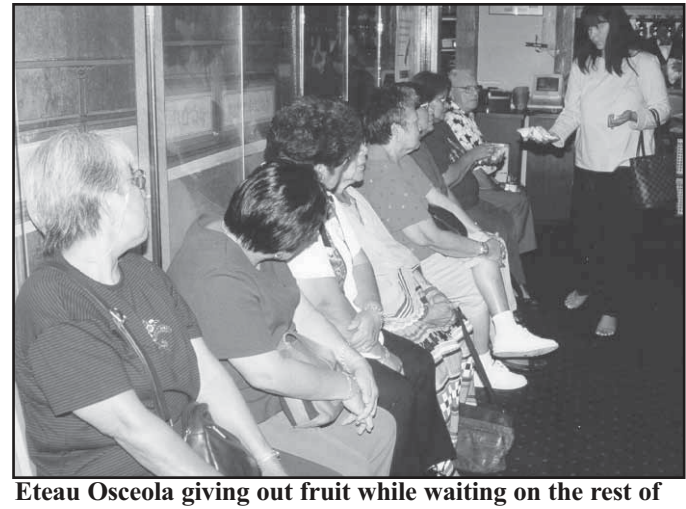
Art: painting, drawing, and papier-mâché. Create your favorite Everglades animal out of paper-mâché.

Writing stories, poetry, and a newsletter. Submit a story about your hobby, pet, and vacation plans.

Food, films, and fun. Let’s enjoy a movie and some popcorn on Friday afternoons. Please remember that children under 8 must be accompanied.

For more information call Diane at (954) 989-6840 ext. 1225 or Michael at ext. 1226.

For information on your reservation you can call Immokalee at (941) 657-3400, Big Cypress at (863) 983-6724, Tampa at (813) 626-5765, or Brighton at (8263) 763-4236.



Eteau Osceola giving out fruit while waiting on the rest of the group to arrive.

Hollywood Seniors Visit Benihana’s

By Don Osceola

FT. LAUDERDALE — On July 12, Hollywood Board Representative David DeHass treated the seniors and their families to dinner at the famous Japanese restaurant.

The group ate seafood, rice, steak, chicken, vegetables and soup.

The seniors enjoyed conversation while watching the skilled Benihana’s chefs prepare their dishes on the open grill. The group had many items, prepared Japanese-style, to choose from: steak, chicken, seafood, rice, and soup.

Everyone enjoyed the passing boats and wildlife while eating dinner. Benihana’s is located on the Intracoastal waterway, just south of Oakland Park Boulevard.

The seniors and their families had a great time at Benihana and would like to thank David DeHass for the evening.



L-R: Judy Doctor, Jack Motlow, Austina Billie, Bonnie Motlow and Jimmie O'Toole Osceola.



L-R: Betty Osceola, David DeHass, Leoda and Dan Osceola enjoying chef's rice preparation.



L-R: David DeHass, Leoda and Dan Osceola, Maydell Osceola and Maggie Osceola having some great laughs.



L-R: Ambassador Joe Dan Osceola, wife Virginia Osceola and Linda Jim placing their orders.

2001 Jr. Miss And Miss Seminole Pageant

Make plans to attend the annual princess pageant. Saturday, August 18. Beginning at 3 p.m. until 6 p.m. there will be a community dinner in the Hollywood Tribal Headquarters auditorium lobby. Pageant will start promptly at 7 p.m. in the auditorium. Come out and support all of our contestants.



South Florida Water Management District Update

Due to current extreme low water levels in Lake Okeechobee, the Taylor Creek navigation lock is on restricted operating hours, opening every two hours to let boaters navigate into the lake. The navigation lock opens to allow boaters to pass through at 5:30 a.m., 6 a.m., 8 a.m., 10 a.m., noon, 2 p.m., 4 p.m., 6 p.m., 8 p.m., 10 p.m., and 10:30 p.m. every day. When Lake Okeechobee is at normal levels, the Taylor Creek navigation lock is open from

5:30 a.m. until 10:30 p.m. from Dec. 1 through April 30. Between May 1 and Nov. 30, the locks are operated from 5:30 a.m. until 9 p.m. If you have any questions concerning the hours of operation for any of the navigational locks operation for any of the navigational locks operated by the South Florida Water Management District, please phone the Okeechobee Service Center at (863) 462-5260 or (800) 250-4200.

Education Notice

Summer GED Classes have started up again at DSO. Beginning July 2nd, Monday - Fridays, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. See Mark Purcell in Room 216 or call 954-989-6840 at extension 1224.

Looking For Historians, Artists And Photographers

The Seminole Inn in Indiantown will be celebrating its 75th Anniversary later this year. To mark this event, the Inn will be publishing a limited-edition commemorative calendar featuring historical photos, memorabilia and original artworks of the Inn throughout its history.

If you have painted the Inn, or have some historical memorabilia or photos you would like to submit for consideration, please contact Becky Prince at (561) 597-4280 or (561) 597-3777 for submission instructions.

There is no charge for submissions. Please do not bring or send anything without the submission guidelines! Thank you for your support.

Searching For Class Of 1972

I am trying to locate anyone who attended Sequoyah High School in Tahlequah from 1968 - 1972, especially the 1972 graduates, to attend the Alumni Reunion in May 2002. The Alumni Association will be honoring the class of '72 for their 30th year reunion. We have a challenge to beat the record for the highest reunion class attendance. The class of 1972 always liked a good challenge!



Please contact Gretchen Bumgarner at P.O. Box 580910, Tulsa, OK 74158-0910, (918) 836-1667, Gretchen72class@aol.com.

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Native Village Hosts Project Reclamation Bush Camp

HOLLYWOOD — At first glance, the Native Village, tucked away on a one-acre parcel off busy State Road 7, appears little different from the other businesses vying for attention on the Hollywood Seminole Indian Reservation.

The rustic gift shop stocks jewelry, pottery and other crafts. There are also alligator and turtle products and assorted novelty items.

But there the similarity ends. Beyond the gift shop is a world most are surprised to find in such close proximity to an urban center. A traditional Seminole encampment replete with chickees (palm-thatched structures), and vegetation typical of the Everglades environment: cabbage palm, sawgrass, banyan, coontie (once an important Seminole food source) and arrowhead.

Most surprising are the native and exotic wildlife on exhibit. Florida panthers, a tiger, a bear cub, a deer, a lynx, monitor lizards, alligators, crocodiles, and snakes are safely tucked away in large pens and cages. Others, such as a pair of peahen, chickens and ducks, roam freely.

This unique mix of flora and fauna has made Native Village a favorite of filmmakers, photographers and others seeking an unspoiled, yet accessible setting for their projects. Since its

founding some 22 years ago, the facility has served as a backdrop for a number of location shoots, including those by National Geographic, "Animal Planet", The Disney Channel, and MTV.

Native Village is also a popular destination for locals and visitors, who come to see the alligator capture demonstrations and snake identification lectures. Clubs, community groups, and others also rent the facility as a venue for parties, weddings and other special events.

Native Village will add, beginning in late June, the Project Reclamation Bush Camp. In a series of workshops, lectures, lecture-demonstrations, seminars and musical performances, participants will learn about of Native American, African and African-derived cultures, including crafts, languages, social organization, and history.

Ed Osborne, camp organizer says; "We wanted this endeavor to include not only the staple offerings but also activities that focus on some of the little-known aspects of the culture."

To learn more about Project Reclamation Bush Camp offerings, contact Osborne at (954) 893-1695 or Mike "Skeet" Johns, Native Village curator, at (954) 961-4519.

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Heart Briefs

FIYP

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of the Florida Governor's Council on Indian Affairs, were asked by Mr. Kellam to help pass out the certificates.

In addition to the certificate, participants were given T-shirts emblazoned with the F.I.Y.P. dates and the FSU logo as well. Mr. Kellam joked that these T-shirts would be collector's items since this may be the last year the F.I.Y.P. is held at FSU.

There were 39 F.I.Y.P. youth participants this year, considered a record high. Each student was called up and their Tribal affiliation given. There were 17 participants from the Seminole Tribe and the Miccosukee Tribe.

Following is a list of the participants:
 Pauline Billie – Seminole/B.C., Winter Dawn Billie –
 Miccosukee/Trail, Wilson Bowers – Seminole/B.C.,
 Nicole Coppedge – Pima/Seminole Arizona, Christina
 McCall – Seminole/Hollywood, Miranda Motlow –
 Seminole/Ruskin, Brian Osceola – Seminole/Tampa.

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Seminole/Immokalee, Leanna Sapp –
Seminole/Hollywood, Mia Sapp –
Seminole/Hollywood, Keith Simmons –
Seminole/Brandon, Gabriel Stockton – Seminole/Ft.
Pierce, Gregory Thomas – Seminole/Hollywood,
Karissa Tommie – Seminole/Ft. Pierce.



Big Cypress News ❖ Achawehahyoogé ❖ Acenaofv

Big Cypress Has A New Senior Citizen

By Libby Blake
BIG CYPRESS — Council Representative David Cypess celebrated the big 5 – 0 on Aug. 3 at the Big Cypress



David gets a new 4x4.

King. As the music started, anticipation filled the gym. Clad in a white, sequined jump suit, Elvis “the pelvis” Presley rocked the house. Even Cypess family matriarch Mary Francis was tapping her feet to the beat as she watched the hip gyrations of the King.

Last, but certainly not least, Cher took center stage with a short medley of hits before leading the guests in the traditional “Happy Birthday.” The crowd erupted when, at the conclusion of the song, Cher planted a big fat kiss on Cypess.

As the laughter died down and the blessing had been said, luncheon was served. Betty’s Soul Food provided the food: fish, pork, beef, and chicken with all the fixings.

Cypess received an array of gifts from the well-wishers including a Guy LaBree



David and Mitchell with the “King.”

Gym. Tribal members, friends, and family packed the gymnasium in order to attend the special event and extend their best wishes to Cypess.

Paul “Cowbone” Buster, along with band members Jessica Buster, Blue Jay Jumper, Solomon Cypess, and Benny Secody serenaded the guests with country and gospel tunes until the featured entertainers arrived.

At 11 a.m., Rod Stewart got the crowd moving with a selection of his biggest hits, concluding his 30-minute set with “Maggie Mae.”

Next up was the



Do you really think this will help your game?

original, presented by the artist himself, and an eight-foot pool stick, for which Cypess received several suggestions on its uses, most of which were unsuitable for print.

The birthday celebration was coordinated by a number of people, including Public Relations’ Maureen Vass and Jennifer Keefe, the decorating crew of Robin Hernandez, Louise Osceola, Vicky Knouse, Sarah Kirkland, and “Robin’s Mom” and the entire Recreation Department staff.

Cypess officially hit the half-century mark on Aug. 5. The staff of the *Seminole Tribune* hopes he had a very Happy Birthday and wishes him only the best in the future.

Youth

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shared their experiences, their presentation was well-received, and appeared to touch every one in the room.

The staff of Challenges, a program located in Fort Myers, provided a creative and fun time for the children through structured learning activities. Two staff members of that program, Jo Ellen Keller and Susan Outlaw, guided the youth through some fun and instructional activities. Most children and families enjoyed these two wonderful and creative young ladies.

The weather did not cooperate on the second day of the conference, the skies turned gray and it rained on and off most of the day, but that did not dampen the spirit of the participants who simply moved inside the beautiful, scenic hotel and continued with the activities. The food was great and the hotel staff was very helpful. All of the delicious and nutritious meals were planned and coordinated by Maureen Vass from the Tribal Public Relations Program, who also coordinated the rooms and facilities at the hotel.

Maureen worked diligently and made the difficult task of organizing seem like a ‘piece of cake.’ The committee also

recognized those who assisted with the childcare, especially Jane Billie who unselfishly took care of the one to two years olds, she missed participating in some of the workshops. The other childcare workers included: Jeannie Duncan, Jennifer Poitier, Rat Yzaguirre III, Benny Secody, Lazara Marrero, Tabatha Marrero, Chris Marrero, Desiree Jumper, and

not only as a role model for his own Tribe, but as a role model in all of Indian Country.

The success of this youth conference was the result of teamwork between the conference staff, who worked late into the night to assure that all participants would obtain maximum benefit from their attendance, and enjoy their stay with their families in this beautiful setting.

This hard working team included; Suzanne Davis, who also led the fitness walk early in the mornings and worked tirelessly into the night. Jeanette Cypess, and her wonderful hard working daughters Danielle and Desiree Jumper, who also shared of her experiences for the benefit of others.

Mary Jean Koenes, who also spent many hours ensuring that everyone stayed on task and kept up with all the details of the conference. Edna McDuffie, Secretary, was a great help in organizing all of the applications.

Jane Billie, who, after babysitting the little ones, had enough energy left to help with the small but important tasks. Billie Napper, who also assisted the staff with all the last minute typing and organizing. Last but not least, Nery Mejicano, who served as the master of ceremonies and overall coordinator of the conference.



Jennifer Duncan and Jeanne Hatfield watch kids at childcare station.

Suzanne Davis.

On August 2, the participants sang “Happy Birthday,” to David Cypess and presented him with a birthday cake (all calories were taken out). Mitchell Cypess, the President of the Tribe, attended most of the sessions, and was recognized for his contributions and support to the health and well being of the Seminole Tribe. He was also recognized



Cattail and Gator John in front of an alligator’s nest.

Alligators Double At Billie Swamp Safari

By “Gator” John Kenyon and Jonathan “Cattail” Vasquez
BIG CYPRESS — Billie Swamp Safari reptile specialists “Gator John” Kenyon and Jonathan “Cattail” Vasquez have noticed an increase in the amount of alligators and nest sites at the park.

“Over the past four years, alligator nests within the Safari’s 2,200 acres have doubled, due primarily to increased alligator holes and wetland habitat suitable for nesting,” said Cattail.

“In addition, many alligators have made their way through canals and other waterways that become available during the rainy season in the summer and early fall, and some have been relocated to the Safari for various reasons.”

Gator John and Cattail make their first run of the day at first light to check the nest sites for invasion by raccoons or other animals that can destroy a nest overnight.

According to Gator John, “alligators make their nest out of mud, leaves, sticks, bark, grasses and other natural material and it resembles a compost pile. The nests range in size from four to six

feet wide and two to four feet high. The eggs are mostly located in the upper center of the nest. A common count of fertile eggs can range from thirty to forty and it is not uncommon to find up to sixty or sixty-five eggs in one nest.”

Female alligators average six to eight feet in length and can weigh up to 300 pounds. They watch over their nests with vigilance and patrol the water and area around their nests as well. They rely on the sun and heat from the dying plants to hatch out their eggs. This process takes about 65 days. Therefore, the eggs will be hatching out during this month and next, based on when the nests were first spotted.

The best way to view the nests is on the swamp buggy eco-tour, which departs on an hourly basis beginning at 11:00 a.m. each day.

Billie Swamp Safari is located between Ft. Lauderdale and Naples off 1-75/Alligator Alley at Exit 14, then north 19 miles to the park entrance. For further information, please call (800) 949-6101 or (863) 983-6101, visit our website: www.seminoletribe.com/safari, or e-mail us at safari@seminoletribe.com.

New Health/Nutrition Educator And Nutritionist

BIG CYPRESS/HOLLYWOOD — Now is a great time for health and nutrition at Big Cypress and Hollywood. Both clinics are welcoming Jeanne Hatfield, the new Community Health and Nutrition Educator at Hollywood; and Jennifer Duncan, the new Nutritionist at Big Cypress and Hollywood.

Jeanne Hatfield has many years of experience in the healthcare field. She received her degree in Nutrition from Florida International University. For two years, Jeanne specialized in weight management counseling at a Florida weight loss center. She has been working at Hollywood Medical Center during the past year. Jeanne prefers community-based health and nutrition programs and feels comfortable at the Seminole Health Clinic.

Jennifer Duncan is a Registered Dietitian, nationally, and is also licensed to practice in Florida. Jennifer has a Nutrition degree from the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center. She has extensive experience in weight management, healthy eating, and diabetes.

Jennifer worked previously at an Oklahoma weight loss center, and at the Hollywood Medical Center (with Jeanne). She enjoys working with community nutrition programs, and is excited about helping both adults and children. Jennifer says about her new position, “It’s just perfect for me—everyone is so great!”

Jeanne and Jennifer have worked together before, and are eager to work together again to promote health and nutrition. They attended the Marco Island Wellness Week, which was a great success and very enjoyable. Their efforts were also seen at the Big Cypress youth conference in Tampa. They are enthusiastic about working with everyone to help improve the wellness of the Tribe.



Jennifer Duncan and Jeanne Hatfield.

Big Cypress Preserve - Oil And Gas Management Plan Needed: To Drill – Or Not To Drill

By Barbara Secody
NAPLES – The National Park Service hosted two days of open house forums on July 11 and 12 in Miami and Naples, respectively. The meeting in Miami was held on the Florida International University Campus, with the following day’s repeat agenda held in Naples at the Conservancy of Southwest Florida.

The purpose of these “open house” meetings were to present the latest plans for more drilling of oil and gas in the Big Cypress National Preserve and invite comments and recommendations from interested citizens and organizations. Superintendent John Donahue feels that public opinion is essential in preparing an updated complete oil and gas management plan.

This latest planning effort is considered necessary to ensure the protection of natural and cultural resources, visitor usage, and human health and safety while still recognizing the rights associated with non-federal oil and gas property interests.

The National Park Service claims that technological advances in drilling have outdated its current plan for the Preserve and would like a new plan put into effect by the fall of 2003. Natural Resources Chief Ron Clark stated, “Technology has changed since the current plan was formulated. We have three-dimensional seismic testing and horizontal drilling available now; and its time to update the plan.”

Although both locations drew under 50 people throughout the day, the general consensus was the concern for the environment and wildlife habitats located in the Preserve. Clark agreed that, despite the advances, surface activities such as roads, the detonation of explosives, and drilling pose the greatest threats to the myriad of protected and endangered species in the area, as well as the hundreds of rare plants.

Calumet Resources Inc currently is the only operator drilling in the Preserve in the existing Exxon field. The 729,000-acre Preserve spans three counties: Monroe, Dade and Collier.

The 1974 legislative action that created the preserve provided the federal government with ownership of the park’s surface land, but it gave individual corporations rights to the minerals underground. Unfortunately, mineral rights supercede surface rights.

The Collier Companies, descendants of the late Barron Collier, own 75 percent of the mineral rights. Collier, a Florida pioneer, purchased millions of acres of land in what is

now Collier County. He built his financial empire in New York in the streetcar business and then moved to Florida where he purchased the vast acreage of land.

Collier began development in the area, including the construction of US 41. Before his death, he sold portions of his land to his descendants, some of what is now part of the Big Cypress Preserve.

In 1992, a resource management plan allowed drilling to disrupt only up to 10 percent of wildlife in the Preserve. Clark reports that number may fluctuate, depending on the outcome of government studies and public input.

The Collier family has expressed dissatisfaction with the 10 percent and lobbying for more access to the minerals. Collier Group spokesman Matt Boker said, “The 10 percent rule places an undue economic hardship on access to minerals. We think we are at four to five percent now.”

The Big Cypress Preserve is currently reviewing 24 applications from the Collier Companies for permits to drill. However, final approval must come from the National Park Service and the State of Florida.

Park officials are also asking for public input to the recommendations of a federal buyout of the mineral deposits, which would end the drilling and would designate certain sections as archaeological areas. According to Don Hargrove of the Big Cypress National Preserve office, a deal was discussed a while back that would have considered the exchange of minerals for land at Homestead Air Force Base. The idea proved to be unacceptable.

At the forums in Miami and Naples, the public reaction to the expanded drilling proposal was in favor of a ban on further drilling. People from all over the state expressed their dismay at the prospect of the impending destruction of the area. One man from Palm Beach spoke of how he had visited the park since he as a teen; and would hate to think that his own three children may be deprived of the chance to experience all the park has to offer its thousands of yearly visitors.

John Ullman, Everglades Field Representative of the Sierra Club said, “more drilling would wreak havoc on the Preserve.”

“Floridians don’t want drilling for oil: - they are here for the beautiful parks, wildlife and beaches. If you want oil – go to Texas!”

Now Federal officials must undertake the monumental task of drafting the new proposal. Once this has been completed, it will be presented for public review.

Education Notices.....

Next scheduled **Education Advisory Committee Meeting** will be in Big Cypress on Wednesday, September 5th starting at 10:00 a.m.

Ahfachkee School Calendar 2001-2002

August ‘01

8/13/01 Staff reports to work
8/20/01 Students report to school.
Start of 1st Grading Period.

September ‘01

9/03/01 No school - Labor Day
9/19/01 Progress Reports Issued
9/20/01 Early Release
9/24/01 Count week 9/24 - 9/28
9/28/01 No school
American Indian Day

October ‘01

10/12/01 Early Release
10/23/01 End of 1st Grading Period
10/24/01 Start of 2nd Grading Period
10/26/01 No School
Staff Workday

November ‘01

11/06/01 Parent Teacher Conferences, Reports Cards Issued
11/12/01 No school - Veteran’s Day
11/21/01 Staff and Students Early Release
11/22/01 No school - Thanksgiving
11/23/01 No school
11/28/01 Progress Reports Issued

December ‘01

12/07/01 Early Release
12/20/01 Christmas Show
12/21/01 Staff and Students Early Release
12/24/01 Christmas Holiday
12/24 - 1/4/02

January ‘02

01/07/02 School resumes
01/15/02 End of 2nd Grading Period
01/16/02 Start of 3rd Grading Period
01/18/02 No school - Staff workday
01/21/02 No school

Martin Luther King Day
01/24/02 Parent Teacher Conference - Reports Cards Issued

February ‘02

02/15/02 Early Release
02/18/02 No School
President’s Day
02/19/02 Progress Reports Issued

March ‘02

03/11/02 No School
Spring Break - 3/11 - 3/15.
03/18/02 School Resumes
03/38/02 End of 3rd Grading Period
03/29/02 No School - Good Friday

April ‘02

04/01/02 No School - Easter Monday
04/02/02 Start 4th Grading Period
04/08/02 No School
Staff Workday
04/11/02 Parent Teacher Conferences
Report Cards Issued
04/26/02 Early Release
04/29/02 Begin Standardized Testing

May ‘02

05/01/02 Standardized Testing
(4/29 - 5/3)
05/02/02 Progress Reports Issued
05/17/02 Early Release
05/27/01 No School
Memorial Day

June ‘02

06/04/01 Evening Graduation
06/05/02 End of 4th Grading Period,
Early Release, Last Day for Students,
Awards Ceremony
06/06/02 Staff Workday
06/07/02 Staff Workday
Last Day for Staff

Emahakv Vpelofv Returns To Brighton

By Michael James
BRIGHTON — The 2-week summer enrichment program, known as ‘Teaching Hammock,’ returned to Brighton on July 17.

During the 2-week session, the Seminole Tribe of Florida, in partnership with Florida Gulf Coast University, transformed the culture and education building into a beehive of learning and fun. The program has been described as an upbeat, exciting, culture affirming experience for all elementary aged Seminole children.

The program, designed by Florida Gulf Coast University anthropologist Dr. Susan Stans, combines the talents of both Native and Non-Native educators to give Seminole children a fresh perspective on how their culture is truly one without bounds.

Stans’ method utilizes cultural universals such as mathematics, art, story telling, and the wisdom of elders to reinforce the children’s concept of the importance of their culture in the community at large.

The hands-on demonstration of the importance of education, as it applies to Seminole culture, is one of the major objectives of the program. The goal is to encourage Seminole students to stay in school until graduation.

This year, for the first time, Junior teachers were used. Brittany Smith and Mary Huff taught the children the writing portion of the school. ‘Teaching Hammock’ also included peer mentoring and partnered teaching. Peer mentoring took place at all levels of the program from students helping to teach other students to teachers helping other teachers.

This years teachers were: Jay Babcock and teacher’s aide, Dusty Nunez-Verbal Arts; Jason Nail with aide, Emma Jane Urbina-Culture and Creek; Theresa Robinson with aide, Danette Bowers-Writing; Christa Giamporcaro with aide, Andrea Holata- Math; Stephanie Lysiak and aide, Suraiya Youngblood-Reading; and Junior teachers, Brittany Smith and Mary Huff.

Seminole teacher’s aides developed competencies in teaching/tutoring skills that can be applied to tutor Seminole children and their own children. The Florida Gulf Coast University education students gained practical experience in cross-cultural teaching.

The students began their first day

of adventure at ‘Teaching Hammock’ with an introduction to their teachers and an explanation of the goals that they would meet over the next 2 weeks. Each day, a speaker would teach the students on some aspect of Seminole culture.

The first day, Martha Jones talked to the students under the education chickee. She told the students about the Seminole men hiding from the United States soldiers before the Battle of Okeechobee. Martha’s grandmother had told her about the Battle.

She also told them a legend about how the possum mother got her pouch. Some of the other speakers were Rosie Billie, she taught the students the Creek song one is supposed to sing when killing a spider: Cem v ni ce ha yet, Cem v ni ce ha yet, Pen vv ce le, ce., Pen vv ce le, ce., Ko lok, Ko lok.

July 20 was ‘Culture Day’. The older grade students cooked at the culture

nated with a barbeque lunch for the community, a student presentation, and prize drawing.

This year, on the last day, the students took a trip to Billie Swamp Safari. There, they enjoyed a picnic lunch, experienced the swamp buggy and airboat rides, learned about skinning and tanning hides, and watched a reptile show.

Thanks to Brighton Council Representative, John Wayne Huff, Jr. for his support and sponsorship of the ‘Teaching Hammock’ this year. Thanks also to the teaching staff, guest speakers, aides and parents for their participation as well.

The following were written by 5th grader, Justin Aldridge and 2nd grader, Storm Youngblood in the writing portion of the summer program:

Justin Aldridge: “In 1837 there was a war in Okeechobee on Christmas Day. Seminole camped out by Lake Okeechobee. There was a big lake by Indian Prairie, near



Junior teacher Brittany Smith assists students with a hands on demonstration.



Lorene Gopher (center) with participating students.

camp. The younger ones went over for lunch and stickball. The students finished their projects on July 24.

Celebration day this year was held a day earlier, July 26. The activities on celebration day focused on what the children had accomplished during their 2 weeks at ‘Emahakv Vpelofv’. Throughout the morning, resident and friends of Brighton community visited the culture and education building and toured the various displays the children and teachers had set up.

Everyone was given a list to help keep track of all the exhibits they visited. By visiting each of the displays, the guests were eligible to enter their names for the chance to win one of many door prizes. The events of the morning culmi-

Bowlegs road. There was a hammock near Indian Prairie. The soldiers went looking in the hammock and they were throwing people around in the hammock. The soldier figured every one had left. They heard he was coming to kill the men and light the hammock on fire and burn it

Babysitter’s Get Certified By American Red Cross

By Mark Madrid
BRIGHTON — To help improve the safety of young children left in the care of adolescents, the Brighton community held an American Red Cross Babysitter’s Training program on July 23-24 at the Field Office auditorium. The course instructed interested youth on how to care for infant through school-age children: injury prevention and what to do in case of an emergency.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission estimates that each year nearly two million children through the age of eight receive emergency room treatment for injuries related to consumer products and recreational activities around the home. At least 90% of injuries to children are preventable.

The American Red Cross Babysitter’s Training program is written and designed for youth between the ages of 11-15. The program provides adolescents with a range of injury prevention, first aid, and basic child-care skills. The students work on projects such as identifying safety-related problems around the house



Melanie Jones practices diaper changes on the baby doll.

Glades County Emergency Medical Service team brought an ambulance to help the students become familiar with the services they can offer to the community. The kids had the opportunity to ask questions and check out the inside of the ambulance. Bryan let them know the best way to call for help on the Brighton Reservation is to call 9 -1-1. That’s nine - one - one.

Congratulations to the newly certified American Red Cross Babysitters on the Brighton Reservation: Reba Osceola, Brittany Smith, Ashley Spencer, and Kelsey Spencer. By attending and participating in this class, these students have made a commitment to becoming safer, more responsible, and successful babysitters.

Melissa Hines, Brighton Reservation Health Educator, made an effort to ensure that this class was a success. For more information about American Red Cross Health and Safety classes, please contact Melissa at Brighten Health Clinic (863) 763-0271.



Brighton Health Educator Melissa Hines made the class a success.

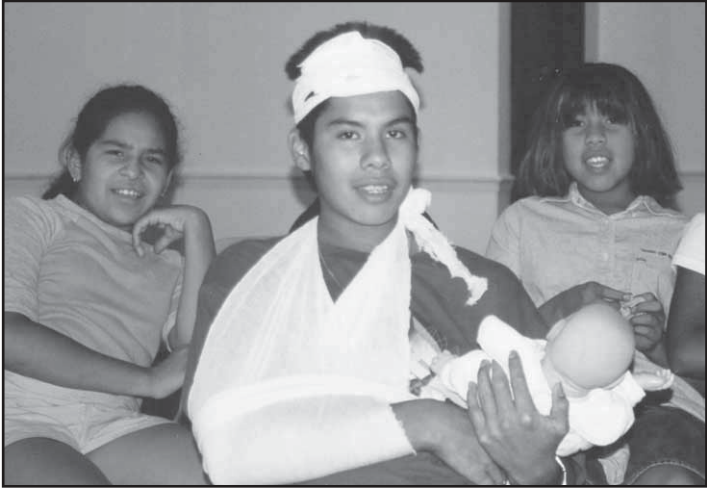
and yard, and selecting appropriate toys and games for children of various ages.

The program also builds decision - making and leadership skills and addresses the business of babysitting and how to seek babysitting jobs in a professional manner.

The interactive program was taught by American Red Cross instructor, Jeanne Madrid. In order to receive a certification of completion from the Red Cross, each participant is required to attend the whole class and be able to correctly demonstrate required skills.

The participants received a copy of the Red Cross Babysitter’s Handbook to use during the course and keep as a reference guide on the job. They also received a babysitter’s first aid kit. The kid’s participation made the training a success.

As an extra-added attraction, Bryan Weed and Marjorie Macias of the



Reba Osceola, Kelsey Spencer and Ashley Spencer.

Brighton Calendar

BRIGHTON — Mark your calendar for the following happenings in the Brighton Community.

August 17th, 18th and 19th: Native American Sport Association (NASA), adult men and women’s softball (women) and baseball (men) tournament. Participating competitors are members of the Southwestern tribes. The Seminole Tribe at the Brighton Reservation hosts this year’s tournament.

August 27th, 28th and 29th: Native American Youth Organization (NAYO) -youth softball and baseball tournaments, competing this year are young members from all Southwestern Tribes.

Don’t Forget



Labor Day!
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Derrick and Alan face off in final match.

Youth Chess Tourney Held At DSO

By Libby Blake
HOLLYWOOD — Thirteen Seminole youth competed in the inaugural chess tournament, held Aug. 1 at the DSO building.

Alan Jackson took first place honors after defeating Derrick Tiger in a grueling final round match. The air was tense as the players maneuvered their pieces around the board. Both players put each other in check several times before Alan was finally able to call “checkmate.”

For their efforts, each player received a Seminole coloring book and a “brain teaser” game. Alan also received the Chess Master 5000 CD-ROM.

Seminole championship dancer William Osceola coordinated the tournament. A summer youth worker at the DSO, William has introduced the youth to the game of chess.

William has provided an instructional chess CD-ROM and

worked constantly with the youth, teaching basic moves and strategy.

After the tournament, William congratulated the participants for their outstanding play and put forth the idea of forming a Tribal chess team to compete against other teams in the region. The next tournament is scheduled for Aug. 7, where the idea will be discussed further.

Participating in the chess tournament were Jessica Turtle, Morgan Frank, James Tiger, Miles Osceola, Michael Doctor, Alex Jackson, Krystal Young (who finished third), Jason Dodd, Brandtley Osceola, Mariah Bost and Nicole Osceola.

Tune into the Seminole Broadcasting Channel to see the final match between Alan and Derrick.

As for William’s next venture, he is off next week to Ireland to dance with Sacred Heart. From there he will travel to Foxwoods, to participate and compete in Schemitzun 2001.



L/R: Alan Jackson, Alex Jackson and Derrick Tiger - Top three in chess.

Higher Education Recognition

Acting Director, Barbara Wilmes, and the Higher Education Committee like to recognize Seminole Tribe Higher Education students whenever possible. We would like to recognize Stephanie Philpott, a Seminole Tribal member and a Senior at Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, OK. Stephanie will graduate in May 2002 with a degree in Social Work.

Stephanie has previously been awarded an Associate of Science in Nursing, an Associate of Degree in Science, and received her R.N. degree from Connors State College in Warner, OK. Stephanie recommends Connors State to Tribal members who may be interested in studying nursing, equestrian study, or agriculture.

Stephanie also highly recommends Northeastern State to Seminole students seeking a degree. She stated that there are a number of sponsored groups on campus. Approximately 25 percent of the student population is Native American.

Stephanie added that Northeastern has special services, tutoring, and remedial courses available for those who need them. She also noted that classes are small, so students receive individual attention and name recognition from professors at Northeastern.



Stephanie Philpott, R.N.

Stephanie has maintained a 3.43 G.P.A while at Northeastern, in addition to parenting five children at home ranging in age one to 14 years of age. Stephanie plans to eventually return to the Hollywood/Big Cypress area and work as a medical social worker. We look forward to Stephanie’s return and to her achievement of her goal.

Congratulations Stephanie on your academic success!

Big Cypress Immokalee Youth Conference Held In Tampa

By B. Secody
TAMPA — The Big Cypress/Immokalee Youth Conference was held at the beautiful Bahia Beach Island Resort on July 30 through August 1. The event, hosted by the Seminole Tribe Big Cypress and Immokalee Communities, promoted substance abuse prevention, intervention, and family harmony.

Nery Mejicano served as Masters of Ceremonies for the Tribal officials, employees and youth who attended a variety of workshops and activities over the three days. Local businesses and organizations also participated by lending their expertise in the various workshops and presentations.

On Tuesday afternoon, conference participants began to arrive and check in. Daniel Jumper hosted the registration booth from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Once signed up and checked in, guests began exploring the facility and visiting with each other.

Wednesday’s agenda began with an early morning fitness walk before breakfast as last minute arrivals completed their registration. At 9 a.m., the program began. Michael Crooks provided the opening prayer, followed by welcoming speeches by Acting Chairman Mitchell Cypress, Immokalee Representatives Elaine Aguilar and Norita Yzaguirre.



Beverly Osceola and son Ricky Joe co-pilot. Next stop the Indy 500?

audience and was well received by the youth because he is one of them. He encouraged them to avoid making the same mistakes that he made.

The last speaker was Benny Secody. A state certified professional (CAAP-s), Secody has been in recovery for 12 years. He stressed the importance of resisting peer pressure and making the right choices. “It takes more guts to be different - and say no to drugs and alcohol than to go with the crowd,” said Secody.

He assured the youth that there is help for them and plenty of support. Secody urged the parents to listen to their



Yvette and Steven Bonet making waves in a bumper boat.

Tribal officials encouraged the youth to make the right choices. They stressed that the Tribe is there to support the youth and praised the event’s focus on prevention and early intervention. They encouraged the young people to set goals for themselves and to set their priorities high, placing education and wellness at the top of the list.

After the welcome address, Nery Mejicano introduced speakers from the Family Services Department who was to address the youth. Phillip Jumper was the first speaker who shared his ordeal with substance abuse. He spoke of having everything in his favor just to find himself losing it all, due to his addiction. He had become an angry and violent person, but today he works with young people “with love and kindness” in his heart.

Lenny Jim spoke to his peers about his personal recovery. He pleaded with friends and acquaintances to stay straight and become productive people in the Tribe. He recalled his run-ins with the law, which he regarded as acts of stupidity stemming from making wrong decisions about substance use.

Lenny struck a chord with the

children and implored the youth to ask for help when they experience rough times.

The three speakers had a tremendous impact on the participants, many of whom became emotional when relating the personal testimonies to similar situations on their own lives or the lives of family members.

Staff members from “Challenges” were on hand to provide activities. Jo Ellen Keller, director of the Challenges Ropes Course and Susan Outlaw, Challenges Ropes Course Facilitator, conducted physical activities for the youth by age groups, dividing them up as six through eight year olds, nine through 12 year olds, and 13 through 18 year olds.

These age groups determined what specific material they would receive throughout the conference. For instance, the youngest



Destiny Robins relaxed with a coloring book.

group learned about identifying between good touching and bad touching situations; the middle group was given information regarding sex-abuse prevention, while the older groups’ topics were geared toward subjects such as pregnancy prevention and sexually-transmitted diseases.

Jennifer Duncan, nutritionist, and Jeanne Hatfield, Health and Nutrition educator provided information to the youth on the importance of a proper diet. The young ladies also took their turn serving at the childcare service center, a room provided for chil-



Nokosh Osceola and Natalie Billie

as the types of savings programs that are available such as IRAs, CDs, stocks, and money market accounts.

After lunch, a film presentation and discussion was held along with the other scheduled activities for the younger children. At the end of the day’s events, another open discussion group was provided after supper.

Friday morning marked the closing day of the conference. Once breakfast ended, the youth and speakers were given awards and certificates for their participation and presentations.

The conference was hailed a great success. Extensive planning and hard work went into the preparations and presentations. Many Tribal employees worked on the committee that hosted this year’s event; and they all deserve thanks and appreciation for their efforts and dedication to the youth of the Seminole Tribe.



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Kyle Doney Competes At State Golf Tournament



Kyle Doney

By Michael James
CHINOOK, MT — Kyle Doney, the 17 year old, son of Kylene and Marilyn Doney, competed at the Montana State Golf Tournament in May of this year. Despite the hazardous weather conditions, winds with gusts of up to 60 mph, the Chinook Boys placed 11th overall with a score of 737. Kyle took 14th place. Kyle, Panther Clan, resides in Chinook and graduates from high school in 2002. Upon graduation, he plans to attend Florida State University majoring in either Electronic or Computer Engineering. Kyle's Junior year was filled with many accomplishments. In addition to competing at the state level in golf, he was also a Student Council Member, played basketball, completed a course in Honors Algebra, and was named "Who's Who in Sports" for the year 2000. Every year, Kyle spends his summer at the Brighton Reservation with his grandmother, Elsie Smith. This year he worked at the Field Office, assisting Ellen Smith as well as helping out at the Pre-School. Kyle

would like to say a special thank you to Chairman's Assistant, Michele Thomas and the Seminole Tribe for their continued support. Kyle leaves for Montana on August 20. Congratulations Kyle, on your many accomplishments and best wishes for continued success in your Senior year. Kyle thanks his parents as well as Michele Thomas and the Tribe.



Charlie Billie-Hiers assisting grandson Joseph before casting out.

Tribal Citizens Kayaked For Cancer

By Charles Hiers
POMPANO BEACH — On June 23, Tribal members Charles Billie-Hiers, Sr., 48, and grandson Joseph Hiers, 10, participated in the American Cancer Society's "Kayak Against Cancer," sponsored by Kayuba Dive Club of Florida. The "Kayak Against Cancer" is a charity event benefiting the American Cancer Society, Florida Division. Charles and Joseph kayaked 9.5 miles, with 4 checkpoints along the way. Kayaks were launched in the Atlantic Ocean shoreline starting at N.E. 16th Street and ended at S.E. 20th Street. After the event, the partici-

pants attended an appreciation and awards party at the Bahia Cabana Restaurant Beach Resort in Fort Lauderdale. The event raised over \$7,000 for the American Cancer Society in Broward County. This was Joseph's first kayak event. Charles and Joseph paddled a Heritage Tandem kayak, donated by Florida Bay Outfitters of Key Largo. Joseph was awarded a hat and kayak sport sunglasses for being the youngest participant in the event. Joseph, who has been kayaking with his grandfather for the past 6 weeks to train for the event, was congratulated and applauded by all of the participants.



5th Annual Randolph Clay Memorial Pool Tournament
August 24 – 25, 2001
Hollywood Gym

Friday Aug. 24 – Seniors (over 50) and Youth Division (under 18)
Seniors Mixed Doubles to follow
Register: 4 – 6 p.m.
Shoot: 6:30 p.m.

Saturday Aug. 25 – Adult Division (18 and over) Men's and Women's Adult Mixed Doubles to follow
Register: 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Shoot: 12:30 p.m.

Food will be served. Division for first six places each division.

Sponsored by Hollywood Councilman Max Osceola Jr.

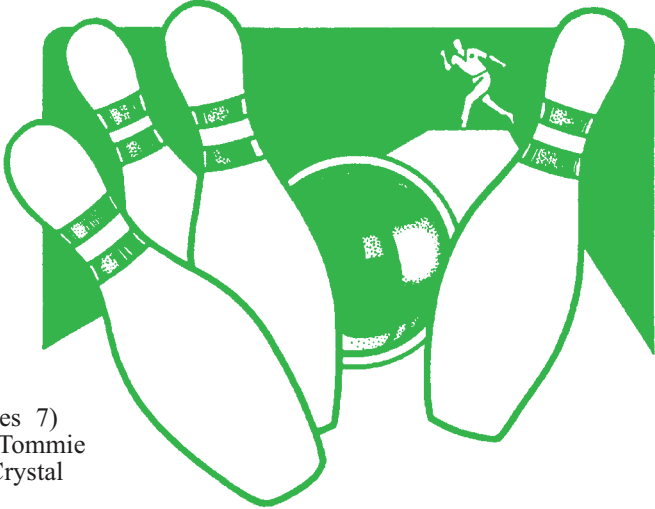
***Open 9-Ball Tournament to follow Adult Divisions on Saturday – Sponsored by Big Cypress Councilman David Cypress.**

Any questions contact Brande' Clay at (954) 989-5025.

Richard Smith Memorial Bowling Tournament

By Michael James
OKEECHOBEE — On July 14, the annual Richard Smith Memorial Bowling Tournament took place at Stardust Lanes. Each participant paid a \$20.00 entry fee, which went towards the prize money. This year, to commemorate the event, t-shirts were given to the first 35 teams signed up. Thanks to Parker Jones, who organized the event, and scorekeepers Rita Gopher and Laverne Thomas, the tournament was a success. The following are the results, 4 games total were played-2 regular games, "3-6-9", and "No-Tap":
"Regular": 1) (411) Joey Micco, Reina Micco 2) (384) Bobby Frank, Terri Frank 3) (378) Michael Micco, Tomi Micco 4) (373) Larry Smith, Marilyn Doney 5) (363) Elton Shore, Farrah Jones 6) (362) Parker Jones, Rose Jones 7) (362) Delwin McCowen, Patty Snow 8) (351) Damon Wilcox, Patricia Wilcox.

"3-6-9" 1) (467) Bobby Frank, Wendy Juarez 2) (433) Elton Shore, Marilyn Doney 3) (430) Hyde Gopher, Dane Osceola 4) (424) Damon Wilcox, Tomi Micco 5) (422) Weems Buck, Virginia Billie 6) (414) John Madrigal, Sarah Jones 7) (406) Joey Micco, Linda Tommie 8) (400) George Micco, Crystal Smith.



Pool League Starts In Immokalee

By Libby Blake
IMMOKALEE — A late summer pool league was formed on July 30 with nine teams ready to rack 'em up. The league will be sanctioned under a newly acquired Seminole VNEA charter. League President and Secretary is Maria Billie and Treasurer is Libby Blake. George Grasshopper, Big Cypress Recreation Director, will serve as Vice President. The mini summer league will only run until Sept. 26 for a total of nine weeks of play. The shortened season was due in part to the Tribe's acquisition of a Valley sanction, which took longer than expected going through the numerous channels. VNEA summer leagues usually run for 16 weeks. Only eight weeks of summer league play is needed to participate in the annual Bahamas Shootout held in early October, so participants in the Immokalee summer league will still meet the eligibility requirements. Valley rules allows each charter holder to determine team composition, so, in an effort to more evenly distribute players of all levels and experience, the league officers decided to play the short-

ened season with only four-player teams. Additionally, each team must include one woman player. Some spirited discussions took place on opening night as the men tried to find a female for their teams. Deals, promises, bribes and other inducements were offered to the few women pool players in attendance — all in good fun, of course! Cost to play is \$5 per person, per night (\$20 team total) and all monies collected will be awarded at the end of the season based on the team's standing in the league. This year will be the 9th Annual Bahamas Shootout. The event is held in Freeport, Grand Bahamas Island and draws players from all along the eastern seaboard and Canada. Although the majority of players come from Florida, last year's event drew a team from Argentina. The Immokalee team "Motown Boyz" won the Bahamas Shootout event two years ago. That team includes Tribal members Ralph Sanchez, O.B. Osceola, David Billie, Raymond Mora and Roy Garza. Immokalee community member Mario Posada also plays with the team.

Seminole Bowl In Native American National Classics

By Don Osceola
LAS VEGAS — An all Native American Amateur bowling tournament was held at the Castaways Hotel and Casino July 27 - 29. Bowlers and their families from the Seminole Tribe as well as from several other Tribes, such as Miccosukee, Acjachemem Tribe of CA, Apache, Cherokee, Fox, Hopi, Navajo, Ojibwe, Paiute, Pawnee, Pima, Pueblo, Shawnee, Shoshone, Yakima and Zuni, participated in this annual event. The games were opened in Native ceremony with drumbeats and Native spiritual songs and prayer to the Great Spirit creator to bless the gathering of bowlers. Seminole men and women really enjoyed bowling with their old and new friends from other Tribes. There was great comradeship among the bowlers. It was a fine family event as well. Bowlers that participated in the tournament were: Loretta Micco, Gail Cypress, Jerome Jumper, Andre Jumper, Mabel Osceola, Symphoni Jumper, Ronnie Doctor, Hyde Gopher, Monica Cypress, Laura Clay, David Jumper, John Jumper, Bobby Frank, Mitch Osceola, Cornelia Osceola, Patricia Wilcox, Mesela Osceola, Blake Osceola, Larnee Ballentine, Denise Morin, Carlene DiCarlo, Shaun Willie, Lawlana Niles, Mary Bowers, Joe Scott Kippenberger, Leon Wilcox, Bill Johns, Remus Griffin, Leslie Osceola, Alma Johns, Rodney Morin, Brett Moyano,



Miss Romero of Acjachemem Tribe is considered one of the top women bowlers among Native Americans of California.

Terri Frank and Linda Jones. Seminole bowlers and their families will be looking forward to returning to this great tournament again in 2002. Watch for complete results in an upcoming issue of the *Tribune*.



L-R: Dan Osceola, Mary Gay Osceola and Jimmy Hank Osceola watching for strategy approach.



Joseph Heirs being presented his certificate.

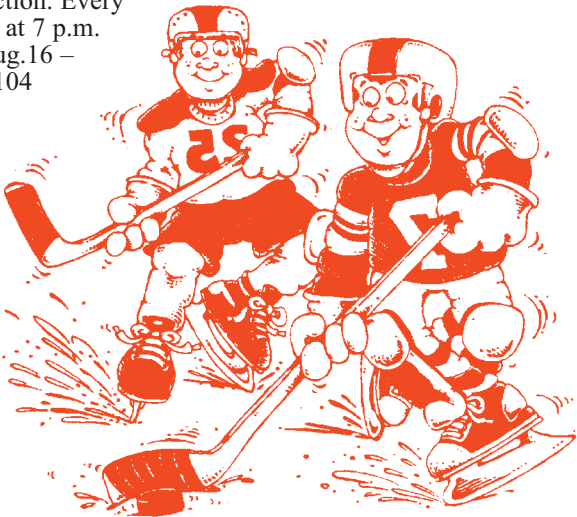
Joseph's Most Unusual Catch

By Charles Hiers
KEY LARGO, FL. — On July 8, Tribal member Joseph Heirs, 10, participated in Mandalay Fish Restaurant's "Children's Fishing Tournament" in Key Largo. Joseph, who was visiting grandfather Charles Billie-Hiers, Sr.,

caught the Tournament's most unusual fish: a 12-inch Parrotfish. Hiers had a hard, long-fought battle with the fish during the two-hour tournament. Joseph was given a nice certificate from the restaurant for his catch of the day.

Sports Notices

Haskell Homecoming 2001 Golf Tournament - Friday, Oct. 12, 2001, 9:00 a.m. (Shotgun Start), 4-Person Scramble (Team Assignment - On-site) Fees: \$40 per person (includes green fees, cart, and prizes). Entry deadline is Friday, Oct. 5. To enter contact Lee Pahcody at (785) 766-4112 or Donald Cardinal at (785) 760-1625.
Women's Ice Hockey Clinic - 8 weeks of 1 hour group instruction. Every Tuesday from Aug. 7 – Sept. 4 at 7 p.m. and on every Sunday from Aug. 16 – Oct. 14 at 5:15 p.m. Cost is \$104 plus \$30 USA Hockey membership. For more information contact: Karl Masnjak at (941) 948-7825 ext. 1303.
Adult Ice Hockey Clinic - 10 weeks of 1 hour group instruction. Every Sunday from Aug. 12 – Sept. 9 at 4:15 p.m. and every Sunday from Sept. 16 – Oct. 21 at 6:30 p.m. Cost \$130, 18 years and older. Call Karl Masnjak at (941) 948-7825 ext. 1303.



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Banquet

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the 1984 NFR in his second year as a professional and went on to ten additional NFR appearances. By 1989, Tuff had topped enough bulls to win the world championship. He qualified for every National Finals Rodeo since 1984 except 1994, when he was recovering from an injury.

“I practiced all the time, and I competed forever with little or no success,” Hedeman told the Brighton youth. “I loved it though, and that’s what I wanted to do. What I’m saying is ‘find something you love to do and do it’. All you need is you and all you need to worry about is the things that you can control and that means you,” said Hedeman.

“To be successful takes sacrifice but it pays off in the end so don’t ever sell yourselves short.” Hedeman assured the audience that it is possible to find incredible strength within themselves, even in the face of devastating misfortune. Hedeman recalled his relationship with the late Lane Frost as an example. Frost was Hedeman’s best friend and traveling partner since high school days.

“Lane Frost died fifteen feet in front of me at Cheyenne,” said Hedeman. It was Hedeman who called Frost’s parents, his wife, and accompanied his body back to Oklahoma the following day. In the face of such an agonizing event it would have been easy to lose focus and Hedeman nearly did.

“What I’m trying to say is that life is about today. It doesn’t matter how good or bad you did yesterday, today matters. Don’t sit around hoping and wishing for success . . . go for it and do the best you can,” said Hedeman.

Hedeman, first contacted by Tribal member Gilbert King by mail, was retrieved from his Texas home by the Tribal jet. Yet another ride that he would never forget.

After Hedeman’s speech, the Seminole Sports Legend Awards took place. The Seminole Sports Legends Award has become a highlight of the annual banquet, and an event that is loved and looked forward to by old and young alike. This year Joe Dan Osceola, Coleman Josh, and Jimmie Mack Kinsaul were all honored. Johnny Mack Kinsaul, former Okeechobee High School coach, took the microphone to reflect on the athletic achievements of the men.

Kinsaul recounted sporting events and plays with pinpoint accuracy to the delight of both the recipients and the audience. Their achievements still stand today as some of the greatest athletic accomplishments in Florida high school

sports history. After the presentation of awards, Kinsaul was presented with a Seminole sweetgrass basket.

After the presentation of awards to the Legends the following individuals and groups were honored with presentations of awards: Justin Aldridge- OCRA Football, OCRA Baseball, EIRA Steer Riding; Kiyler Baker-Motor Cross Racing; Jaryaca Baker-Motor Cross Racing; Dalton Bert-YABA Bowling; Damon Bert-YABA Bowling; Paul Billie- OCRA T Ball, YABA Bowling; Erena Billie- OCRA Rookie Baseball, YABA Bowling; Breanna Baker-OCRA T Ball, YABA Bowling; Leanna Billie-EIRA Novice Barrel Racing; Wesley Bishop-YABA Bowling; Andrew Bowers-High School Basketball, High School Football; Trina Bowers-High School Rodeo, EIRA Barrel Racing, EIRA Breakaway Roping; Jade Braswell- High School Rodeo, EIRA Novice Barrel Racing; Jewel Buck-YABA Bowling; Jennifer Galtant-OCRA Softball; Amber Craig-Tae Kwon Do; Stephanie Dixon-YABA Bowling; Austin Fisher-YABA Bowling; Clint Girtman-OCRA Football, YABA Bowling; H.

Baseball, YABA Bowling; Kari Kroeplin-EIRA Novice Barrel Racing; Kerwin Miller-OCRA Baseball, YABA Bowling; Brianna Nunez-OCRA T Ball; Destiny Nunez-OCRA T Ball; Randel Osceola-EIRA Steer Riding; Minnie Osceola-YABA Bowling; Ryan Osceola-OCRA Basketball, YABA Bowling; Reba Osceola-EIRA Novice Barrel Racing; Seth Randolph-OCRA Football, EIRA Calf Riding; Clarissa Randolph-OCRA Softball; Jacob Robinson-OCRA Football, Okeechobee Wrestling Club; Marcus Robinson-OCRA Football, YABA Bowling; Eric Robinson-YABA; Dylan Sampson-YABA Bowling; Candice Simmer-YABA Bowling; Brittany Smith-Okeechobee Junior Recreation Volleyball; Curry Smith-High School Football, High School Basketball, EIRA Jr. Bull Rider; Brett Spencer-OCRA Baseball, OCRA Basketball, OCRA Football; Ashley Spencer-OCRA Softball, OCRA Baseball, YABA Bowling; Nikki Urbina-YABA; Zachery Willie-OCRA Soccer, YABA Bowling; Allyssa Willie-YABA Bowling; Ashton Baxley-Moore Haven T Ball, YABA Bowling; Timothy

Bowling; Marshall Tommie-Moore Haven T Ball, OCRA T Ball, YABA Bowling; Rosa Urbina-Moore Haven T Ball, YABA Bowling;

The following athletes and coaches will be representing the Brighton Reservation at the Native American Youth Organization Softball and Baseball Tournaments in Philadelphia: Daylon Youngblood, Hilliard Gopher, Justin Aldridge, Ethan Gopher, Jordan Jones, Steel Gopher, Johnny Jones, James Girtman, Nolan Gopher, Nicki Osceola, Audrey Snow, Mary Huff, Megan Jones, Ashley Spencer, Pierson Hunsinger, Kerwin Miller, Brett Kelsey, Kholt Gopher, Kelsey Spencer, Adrian Baker, Brian Arledge, Joshua Girtman, Josie Snow, Sherry Jones, Clarissa Randolph, Shyla Jones, Melanie Jones, Candice Simmer, Keyah Osceola, Parker Jones, Pam Matthews, Gilbert King, Erica Osceola, Matt Jakowski, and Larry Howard

Outstanding Athlete Awards: Brian Arledge-Middle School Basketball and Middle School Soccer/Yearling Award; William Bearden-Moore Haven T Ball/Most Valuable Player; Reese Bert Jr.-Moore Haven T Ball/Most Improved Player; Kyle Doney-High School Golf/Ranked 14th in the state of Montana; Alona Driggers-High School Softball/Rookie of the Year; Hilliard Gopher-OCRA Baseball, YABA Bowling/Baseball All Around Sportsman; Kholt Gopher- OCRA Basketball, OCRA Football/Basketball Free Throw Contest Winner; Nathan Gopher-Moore Haven T Ball, YABA Bowling, EIRA Calf Riding/T Ball All Star; Mary Huff-OCRA Softball, YABA Bowling, EIRA Novice Barrel Racing/Softball All Star, Softball District Champions, 4th in the State in Softball; Garrett Huston-OCRA T Ball/T Ball All Star; Holly Johns-High School volleyball, EIRA Barrel Racing/2001-2002 Seminole Rodeo Queen, Indian National Finals Rodeo Qualifier; Jordan Jones-OCRA Baseball/Baseball All Star; Melanie Jones-OCRA Softball, OCRA Basketball, YABA Bowling, Hershey’s Track Meet/ Softball All Star, Softball District Champion, 4th in the State in Softball, 2nd in Softball Throw (Hershey’s track meet); Garrett Madrigal-Hershey’s Track Meet/3rd place in 400 meter run; D’Anna Osceola-OCRA Softball, Middle School Volleyball/Softball All Star, Treasure Coast Volleyball Tournament Champs, Treasure Coast Conference Champs, Undeafated 11-0 Volleyball team in school history

to go Undeafated); Keyah Osceola-Middle School Volleyball/Treasure Coast Volleyball Tournament Champs, Treasure Coast Conference Champs, Undeafated 11-0 Volleyball Season (Only Yearling Volleyball team in school history to go undeafated); Nicki Osceola-High School Softball/Most Valuable Player; Zena Simmons-High School Softball, High School Basketball/ Basketball Most Valuable Player, Basketball Defensive Player of the Year; Audrey Snow-Middle School Volleyball, Middle School Basketball, OCRA Softball/Treasure Coast Volleyball Tournament Champs., Treasure Coast Conference Champions, Undeafated 11-0 volleyball team in school history to go undeafated.); Patty Snow-High School Bowling/4-Year letter for Bowling; Kelsey Spencer-OCRA football, OCRA basketball, YABA bowling/Football All Star Team; Erin Willie-Middle School Volleyball, YABA Bowling/Treasure Coast Volleyball Tournament Champs., Treasure Coast Conference Champions, Undeafated 11-0 Volleyball Season (Only Yearling volleyball team in school history to go undeafated).

Coaches: Emma Jane Urbina-Moore Haven T Ball Coach, Reno Osceola- Moore Haven T Ball Coach, Timi Bearden- Moore Haven T Ball Team Mom, Hosea Girtman- YABA Bowling Coordinator, Denise Girtman- YABA Bowling Coordinator, Johnnie Jones-OCRA Baseball Coach, Jeff Robinson-Wrestling Coach, Jeff Johns- Baseball Coach.



Michael James

Tuff Hedeman, Cordell Jumper, Jr., Justin Aldridge and Steele Gopher

James Girtman-YABA Bowling; Joshua Girtman-YABA Bowling; Ethan Gopher-YABA Bowling, EIRA Calf Riding; Steel Gopher-OCRA Football, OCRA Basketball, YABA Bowling; Frank Huff-OCRA T Ball; Pierson Hunsinger-Tae Kwon Do; Jamie Gonzalez-EIRA Calf Riding; Jacoby Johns-OCRA Football, OCRA Baseball; Dayne Johns-EIRA Steer Riding; Guage Gonzalez-OCRA Football; McKenzie Johns-EIRA Novice Barrel Racing; Marilee Johns-EIRA Novice Barrel Racing; Joshua Johns-OCRA Baseball; Sheila Jones-OCRA Rookie Baseball; Deveon Jones-EIRA Mutton Bustin; Johnny Jones Jr.-Middle School Basketball; Cordy Jumper-OCRA Baseball; Cordell Jumper Jr.-OCRA

Bearden-Moore Haven T Ball; William Bearden-Moore Haven T Ball; Reese Bert Jr.-Moore Haven T-Ball, YABA Bowling; Terence Billie-Moore Haven T Ball; Dylan Chalfant-Moore Haven T-Ball; Jennie Eagle-Moore Haven T-Ball; Stoney Fish-Moore Haven T Ball; Nathan Gopher-Moore Haven T Ball, YABA Bowling, EIRA Calf Riding; Tommie Jackson-Moore Haven T Ball, OCRA T Ball, YABA Bowling; Phillip Jones-Moore Haven T-Ball, YABA Bowling; Christopher Olivarez-Moore Haven T Ball; Jessi Osceola-Moore Haven T Ball; Kristina Osceola-T Ball; Lauren Osceola-T Ball; Trent Osceola-T Ball; Cee Jae Smith-T ball, YABA Bowling; Janet Smith-Moore Haven T-ball, YABA



Michael James

Tuff Hedeman speaks.

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Robin Osceola

Sampson Gopher assisting daughter Toby.

Cowboys And Cowgirls Wow Bergeron Arena

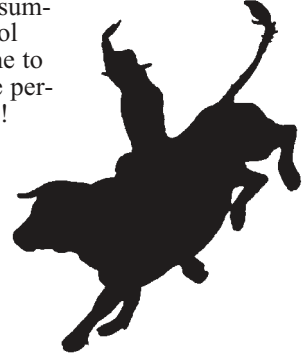
By Robin Osceola
DAVIE — The Bergeron Rodeo Arena held its second PRCA rodeo the summer on July 28. Once again, the Tribal youth showed their stuff in front of a crowd of local summer camp students.

Hollywood Board Representative and Recreation Youth Director David DeHass and Five Star PRCA Rodeo Director Mike Daily made this possible for the youth.

Although many of the young Tribal cowboys and cowgirls had prior commitments and were unable to participate in this event, those who did were able to show off their skills.

In a combined event of Calf Riding and Jr. Bulls, Huston “Spark Plug” Osceola, with a time of 1.74, placed 5th. Brighton cowboy Seth Randolph, with a time of 1.33, placed 6th.

Shelby DeHass, who competed in the Barrel Racing event, was a little nervous. Her summer school class came to watch the performance!



Davie Junior Rodeo

For The Record: Wednesday, July 25

Pee Wee Barrels: Nikki Siz Brittney D’Aliaive Shelby DeHass Eden Hartnes

Mutton Bustin: Curtis Culligan Justin OUvsler Kyle Spielman Raevin Frank

Calf Riding: John Clinton Huston Osceola (Tribal members who placed are in bold.)

Flag Drill Team Makes Their Mark On Rodeo

By Michael James
BRIGHTON — It started up as an idea, spurred by the fact that, until that point, EIRA rodeos did not have a grand entry. “My mind just started rolling”, said Lisa Osceola, organizer of the EIRA flag drill team, New Sensation.

Now, the beginning of each Eastern Indian Rodeo is spectacular, thanks to the all-girl drill team. They perform choreographed routines, accompanied by music. They wear also spectacular costumes, designed by Osceola, and have begun to incorporate fire into their creative routines.

Original members, Kari Kroeplin, MacKenzie Johns, Reba Osceola, Marilee Johns, Trina Bowers, Leanna Billie, and later

additions, Shelby Osceola and Ashley Hair, have performed at all EIRA events and open rodeos for the past two years. Last year, they were honored to open the Indian National Finals Rodeo.

This year, they have added to their routine, with help from Pyrotechnician Ted Walker, battery-operated flag poles that explode with fire. Not literally explode, the routine is similar to fireworks without the sound.

“They are a very hard working group of young ladies,” said Osceola, “After leaving the INFR last year, I received so many letters complimenting the group on their courteous and respectful behavior.” The group practices whenever possible. It is diffi-

cult at times, because the girls live on different reservations.

This year, the team, with new members Alana Driggers and Ayze Henry, hope to be chosen again to open the INFR in Billings, MT. If you have not had the pleasure of seeing the young ladies perform, make it a point to attend the next EIRA rodeo.

Lisa Osceola also praised Emma Johns, who carries the American Flag, for her contributions to the team. “Her personality and smile are simply beautiful, she looks like she’s made to hold that flag,” says Lisa. Lisa would like to thank her for being there and always smiling.

Best of luck New Sensation, hope to see you in Billings!

EIRA Rodeo Results

By Michael James
HOLLYWOOD — The following are the final results from the EIRA events in Hollywood on July 28:

Mutton Bustin: 1st place- Nauthke Henry, time 12.71 seconds. 2nd, Nicki Diaz, time 8.13 seconds, and in 3rd, Andre Landon with a time of 3.61 seconds.

Calf Riding: 1st place, Ethan Gopher with 2.80 seconds. 2nd, Nathan Gopher, 2.70 seconds and 3rd place, Huston Osceola, with a time of 2.31 seconds.

Steer Riding: 1st - Randel Osceola with 64 points and second place went to Dane Johns with 2.96 seconds.

Junior Bull Riding: 1st - Steven Billie with 70 points. 2nd - Marlon Foster, 5.88 seconds.

Beginner Barrels: 1st - Sheyanna Osceola, 16.835 seconds. 2nd - Nauthke Henry, 18.708 seconds and 3rd place Taylor Johns with a final time of 19.369 seconds.

Bareback: 1st - Koty Brugh, with score of 66 points. Brighton Board Representative, Alex Johns placed second with a final score of 59 points.

Steer Wrestling: 1st - Naha Jumper with a time of 7.66 seconds. 2nd - Rodney Osceola, time of 9.64 seconds. 3rd - Jeff Johns with a time of 17.36 seconds.

Saddle Bronc Riding: Robert Youngblood the only qualifier with 57 points.

Calf Roping: 1st - Naha Jumper with a time of 15.85 seconds. 2nd - Marty Johns with a time of 21.07 seconds. 3rd - Josh Jumper, with a time of 21.07 seconds.

Women’s Breakaway: 1st - Shelby Osceola with a time of 5.41 seconds. 2nd - Jo Leigh Johns with a time of 14.12 seconds. Rudy Osceola was the only qualifier in the 50 and Over Breakaway event with a time of 5.73 seconds.

Team Roping: 1st - Naha Jumper and Josh Jumper, 8.38 seconds. 2nd - Marvin Bowers and Amos Tiger, 9.57 seconds. 3rd - Justin Gopher and Koty Brugh, 20.76 seconds.

Women’s Barrel Racing: 1st - Tess Ducheneaux, 15.921 seconds. 2nd - Holly Johns, 15.970 seconds. 3rd - Shelby Osceola with a time of 16.270 seconds.

Novice Barrels: 1st - McKenzie Johns with a time of 16.719 seconds. 2nd - Kari Kroeplin, 16.793 seconds. 3rd - Reba Osceola with a time of 17.113 seconds.

Bull Riding: Koty Brugh placed first with a time of 72 points and Justin Gopher placed second with a score of 67 points.

EIRA Junior Rodeo Results

By Michael James
HOLLYWOOD — The following are the final results from the Junior Rodeo events that took place in Hollywood, July 27:

Mutton Bustin: 1st place-Nauthke Henry; 2nd place-Andre Landon; 3rd place-Cindy Landon; 4th place-Kelton Smedley; 5th place-Austin Holmes; 6th place-Donovan Tiger; 7th place-Cirus Smedley; 8th place-Raevin Frank; 9th place-Toby Gopher.

Dummy Calf Roping: Split 1st and 2nd place-Toby Gopher and Kevin Lawrence; 3rd place-Austin Gopher; Split 4th and 5th-Kelton Smedley and Andre Landon

Calf Riding: 1st place-Guage; 2nd place-Ethan Gopher; 3rd place-Kholt Thompson; 4th place-Andrew Holmes; 5th place-Nathan Gopher; 6th place-Huston Osceola- 7th place-Jamie Gonzalez; 8th place-Seth Randolph.

Junior Steer Undecorating: 1st place-Randel Osceola.

Senior Steer Undecorating: 1st place-Ayze Henry, 2nd place-Joe Hipp.

Only one qualified Junior Breakaway: Jonathan Torres.

Senior Breakaway: 1st place-Jimmy Kidwell, 2nd place-

Benny Hernandez, 3rd place-Joshua Torres, 4th place-Joe Hipp.

Team Roping: 1st place-Shelby Osceola and Jimmy Kidwell; 2nd place-Joshua Torres and Jonathan Torres; 3rd place-George Williams and Bucky Williams; 4th place-Benny Hernandez and Joe Hipp.

Junior Goat Tying: 1st place-Jonathan Torres.

Senior Goat Tying: 1st place-George Williams; 2nd place-Jennifer Deveauh; 3rd place-Caylyn Gonzalez; 4th place-Ayze Henry; 5th place-Joshua Torres; 6th place-Buckie Williams; 7th place-Victoria Hernandez.

Wild Pony Riding: 1st place-Seth Randolph, 2nd place-Brandtley Osceola, and 3rd place-Nathan Gopher.

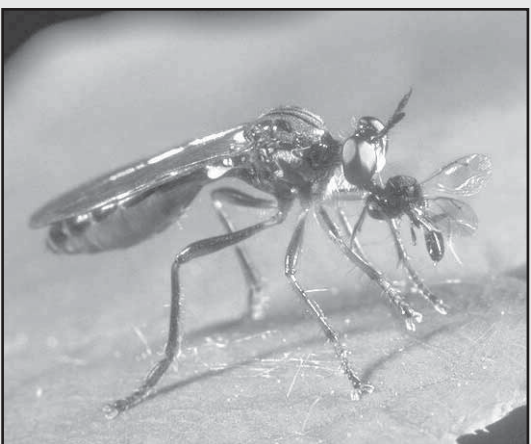
Pee Wee Barrel Racing: 1st place-Nauthke Henry.

Junior Barrel Racing: 1st place-Raven Osceola, 2nd place-Ethan Gopher, 3rd place-Taylor Johns.

Senior Barrel Racing: 1st place-Jennifer Deveauh; 2nd place-Ayze Henry; 3rd place-Leanna Billie; 4th place-Vicki Hernandez, 5th place-Marilee Johns, 6th place-Serena Hipp.

Junior Bull Riding: 1st place-Steven Billie, 2nd place-JR Owle

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Common House Mosquito

We Finally Got Rain

By The Seminole Health Department

With the rain comes mosquitoes and mosquitos can be deadly! Mosquitoes can carry viruses that infect humans.

There are a few things we all can do to protect our loved one and ourselves.

- Remove objects from your property that can hold water, mosquitoes grow in standing water like that found in old tires and other junk.
- Try to limit after dark outside activities.
- If you need to be outside after dark, be sure to wear long pants and shirts and blouses.
- Wear insect repellant when possible when you are outside after dark.

Have fun this summer, but do it safely!

Living With Diabetes

By Alexandra Frank and Jennie Hatfield – Nutritionist

I have been a Diabetic for eleven years now and most of the time it has been a roller coaster ride. I made major changes in my lifestyle in order for my life to be normal. Which meant a change in diet, starting an exercise routine, and to be consistent with monitoring my sugar levels. It has happened time and time again that many fellow Tribal members living with this disease ask me how I stay small. I tell them they have to watch what they eat, drink and to EXERCISE, EXERCISE, EXERCISE!

You cannot imagine the look on some of their faces when I say this adamantly, but it is very important to be physically active. Since so many of you out there have been diagnosed with this terrible disease, I asked Jennie Hatfield, Nutritionist at the Hollywood Clinic to help me with getting out some much needed information.

She has been kind to give me some information to help you live with diabetes. Many people do not know that this disease is currently being studied, due to the fact that more Americans are becoming diagnosed with it. The current number of diabetics in America is at 16 million, each year 798,000 are diagnosed. Adults are mainly diagnosed with this disease, but it is reported that about 123,000 are children, 19 and younger.

These numbers point to a growing and frightening trend that needs to be addressed now. There are young people within the Tribe afraid they may end up with this disease because it so prevalent in their families. But here is a chance to inform you or a loved one about how to care and even prevent the onset. This is the first segment pertaining to the care of diabetes and how to live with this debilitating disease. So read on and arm yourself with the facts you will need to live a long and healthy life.

Treating Diabetes with good nutrition, self care for people with diabetes. The goals of diabetes management are to maintain near-normal blood sugar levels and reduce the risk of complications. Effective self-care is an important factor in success. These practices include following diet, exercise, medication and blood glucose monitoring recommendations.

Routine Self-Care includes:

*Eat Well – Eating well with diabetes means selecting a variety of healthy foods, eating the right amount to maintain a healthy weight and distributing

meals and snacks throughout the day.

*Take Medication – Medications for diabetes management is only effective when taken as prescribed. Be sure to learn about your medications, how and when to take them. Any side effects and how to respond to them should also be well understood.

*Exercising Regularly – Exercising muscles take more glucose out of the blood than resting muscles and so this can improve blood sugar control and stress management. There are some precautions that people with diabetes must take.

*SMBG (Self- Monitoring Blood Glucose) – Blood sugar testing is now part of daily routine for many people with diabetes. Blood glucose meters have become small and relatively easy to use. SMBG allows people with diabetes to make quick and simple adjustments to diet, exercise and medications, which allow them to quickly respond to blood sugar changes.

*Stress Management – Good stress management skills can help minimize the release of hormones, which raise blood sugar levels. Stress management practices include getting enough rest and exercise, avoiding excessive caffeine and alcohol, and learning one or more simple relaxation techniques to help lower stress response in tense situations.

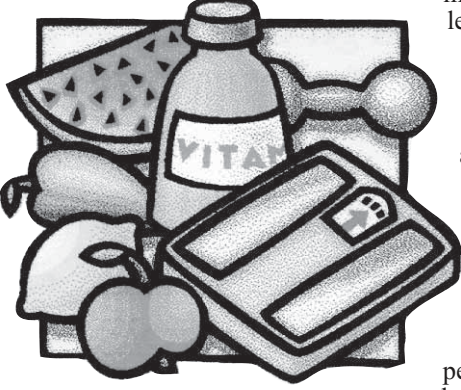
Special Care in Special Circumstances

*Sick Days – When ill, a person with diabetes will usually have higher blood sugar levels.

This is the result of more counter regulatory hormone activity. It is important to continue medications for diabetes management, and to monitor blood glucose on sick days. Some people are advised by their doctor to increase medication. Try to follow one's usual diet but do not do exercise to lower blood when sick. Exercise can aggravate high blood sugars caused by illness.

If illness is causing nausea, vomiting and/or diarrhea, however, and one's usual diet cannot be followed, liquid foods can be taken to provide enough carbohydrate and fluids to keep blood sugar levels within a safe range.

The Health Clinic would like to encourage Tribal members to come in, visit the Nutritionist, the Health/Nutrition Educator, and the medical staff. We will be able to help guide and assist anyone who has diabetes. Please feel free to call anytime for an appointment. They hope to see you on Diabetic day each month.



RELAPSE: – The Importance of Avoiding Relapse

By Benny Secody (CAAP –2)

With such emphasis on wellness, recovery, and youth at the recent wellness and youth conferences, one particular topic surfaced over and over again: the monumental problem of relapse. Not many in recovery can honestly say they have never relapsed during their recovery period. We are all human, we make mistakes. It only takes one time to make the wrong decisions. Here is information that may help those in recovery:

Webster's Dictionary defines "relapse" as: [1] to fall or slide back into a former state; [2] to regress after partial recovery of an illness.

The key words in this definition are partial recovery. Once a person chooses the path to recovery from addiction, they generally concede that they are powerless over addiction and have decided to seek professional help. How an addiction professional handles the early recovery stage of the client will have a huge impact on that client's success, or lack of it.

Once the client is assessed, an initial treatment plan is prepared to identify the client's (short term) goals and objectives. The client should then meet with the treatment team to determine how he/she will achieve those goals.

Individual and group therapy should always focus on Relapse Prevention. When the client is in early recovery, he/she is faced with the challenge of starting a new life without using drugs or alcohol. Most clients are afraid of this change.

One major factor to target in early recovery, in any stage of recovery, is to learn the "triggers" that lead to a relapse and how to combat them. For some, the triggers may be depression or loneliness, the need to court disaster, family problems (trouble in the marriage), and overconfidence in their ability to fight addiction.

Counselors and techs need to be on the lookout for signs of relapse. They must realize that a client can "relapse" before taking a drink or smoking a rock or joint. Their personality changes, they want to isolate and become defensive.

Often a client's roommate will be asked to take on the role of counselor for a client who has visibly shown signs of relapse, such as talking about sneaking out for a beer or confiding his intentions to the roommate.

This often causes the roommate to relapse along with the client. Staffs need to assess the compatibility of clients when assigning roommates, separating those who have the visible capabilities of harming each other's efforts at recovery.

Clients who do relapse often feel worthless and want to punish themselves for their relapse. They usually feel overwhelmed at the

prospect of starting over, and feel that they just can't do it.

Many addicts are years into their recovery when they relapse for no apparent reason. They can't identify which of their triggers was responsible for the relapse. Failure to faithfully attend meetings or work their steps often contributes to relapse.

Counselors should attempt to convince their clients to participate in some type of after care program. Once the clients leave the safety of a residential program, it is unwise for the client to return to the same circumstances that contributed to the original addiction problem. Clients who return home to an abusing spouse or a family member who still uses, are putting themselves at risk of relapse. The client should be encouraged to change his/her social circle and avoid employment that could trigger a relapse.

The counselor should tout the benefits of entering a half-way house as part of a relapse prevention program, if the counselor feels that the client is not ready to become independent. Early recovery programs usually only provide 28 days of residential treatment, then the client is released before he/she is actually ready.

Although a halfway house provides some independence, it still places the needed restrictions on the client. The client may go (unsupervised) to work, as long as the client observes the rules regarding curfews.

Clients undergo mandatory (random) drug testing. They are also required to attend a variety of in-house group sessions. After their "blackout" period is completed, they are allowed to attend outside meetings. They learn to handle financial responsibilities. They are taught personal hygiene and good housekeeping. They may eventually work their way up to weekend passes.

Counselors and treatment teams at these facilities also need to identify a prospective relapse and take necessary steps to prevent it. Staff needs to be trained to deal with a client who has returned home after relapse and how to deal with the other clients in the facility that live with the individual.

Staff needs to allow the clients to address the situation at a house group meeting, where the clients should be allowed to run this meeting on their own. Staff should be present only to facilitate this group.

With this information in mind, anyone who is in recovery and encountering situations where relapse could occur, the office of Family Services is available to provide help through counseling services and even transportation to meetings for those who need a ride.

My Indian Name is "Thunder Bear,"
my story is alive.



Robert Tree Cody (Thunder Bear), age 50, Musician, Composer, Pima/Maricopa, knows the importance of keeping the story alive. He is one of the many people the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian can call friend and supporter. He knows that he is helping to preserve the rich culture of his people. **Preservation for generations.** He knows that someday his great-granddaughter will thank him.

The stories are about me and they are about you.

The NMAI is working to make sure that the tradition is continued. The museum in collaboration with Native peoples is dedicated to the preservation, study, and exhibition of the life, languages, history, and arts of the Americas. Currently the NMAI is building a museum in Washington, D.C., next to the U.S. Capitol, where these powerful stories will be kept alive.

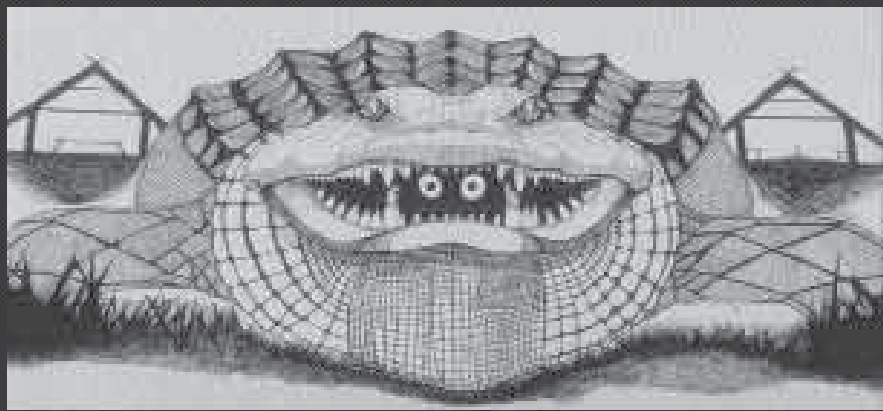


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OSCEOLA'S WARRIOR DESIGNS



LeRoy Henehayo Osceola is an independent Miccosukee Seminole.

Born in 1975, the artist is self-taught, developing a style entirely his own without the influence of structured art classes.

Inspiration is derived from a deep belief in the teaching and culture of his fore bearers, and everyday life in a traditional camp. The beauty of nature and the stories and lessons taught by elders provide an unending source of inspiration.

Artistic themes are translated into two-dimensional forms using inks, pencils, acrylics and watercolors. Three-dimensional forms have also been explored producing carvings in wood and soapstone, and reproductions of traditional jewelry designs using sterling silver. His goal is to elevate "souvenirs" to the level of fine art, producing pieces which reflect traditional values, styles, and forms - bringing history into today with a dedication to design and detail reminiscent of craftsmen of the past.



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Public Relations Department

By Maureen Vass

The Public Relations Department was started two years ago and it is more of an Employee Relations Department than anything else. It is our intent to assure a good working environment for the employees of The Seminole Tribe of Florida.

Many of you are aware of the fact that this department puts on the monthly birthday parties. We go to each reservation (except Tampa) and have lunch and cake for the employees. We send out birthday cards at the beginning of each month to the employees whose birthday it is that month. Naturally, everyone is invited to the luncheon and, as the months progressed, we had more people coming to the parties.

We also assist Tribal members with any special occasion they may wish to celebrate. We do this so the Tribal member can have a special luncheon for a graduation, or a marriage, or anything else they may wish to do.

Our office was in charge of the Dale Carnegie training program for the Tribe. We have had over 200 Tribal employees take the course and we have one more class in September.

These are just a few of the things this department does. We also like to be able to visit those who may be sick and in the hospital as it always is a boost



Jennifer Keefe and Maureen Vass

to know that the company you work for is thinking of you. If we aren't told about someone being in the hospital, it is difficult to visit them, so please let us know if there is someone ill so we can, at the very least, send them a card or flowers.

Maureen Vass heads the Public Relations Department. Jennifer Keefe is secretary/assistant. Vass can be reached at ext. 1240. Keefe's extension is 1247. The office is located on the second floor of Tribal Headquarters in room 223.

Utilities Department

By Suzie Kippenberger, Director

The Utilities department is responsible for the water and sewer service on all of the Seminole Reservations. There are six plants under the management of the department, three facilities for water and three for wastewater.

Solid Waste Disposal, also handled by the Utilities department, includes pick up of white goods and weekly bulk trash on all reservations. There are two transfer stations, one in Brighton and one in Big Cypress, for this purpose.

Recycling is handled by this office, as well as hurricane pick-up, which is currently scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 25. The purpose of hurricane pick-ups are to minimize the possibility of flying debris should a hurricane hit the area. For this reason, we encourage all residents to get rid of old tires and bulky debris in general.

Another responsibility of the Utilities department is to keep an inventory of chemicals spread throughout the reservations, with the purpose of identifying a possible spill during a hurricane or other disaster.

Well Head protection is provided to make sure the drinking water does not become contaminated under any circumstances. Utilities also provides septic systems to new home sites, elevation bench markings to build new home site pads, and other services to new water and sewer connections.

Our newest development is the construction of a composting facility on the Brighton reservation. The scheduled completion date for this facility is October, 2001. Upon completion, the facility will be operated by the solid waste staff at the Brighton Transfer Station.

Yard waste will be ground to wood chip or mulch and mixed with food waste to produce a compost material that can be used in pastureland as well as home site gardens. Education material will be provided to the community as we near completion. This



Back: (L-R) Jodi Clay and Jane Stedman. Front: (L-R) Adele Crossin and Josephine Balsamo. Far Right: Suzie Kippenberger.

will be only the second such facility to be built on an Indian reservation.

Following is a list of phone numbers and staff members on each reservation for contacting the Utilities Department: Hollywood (954) 967-3401 contact Adele Crossin, John Taribo or Suzie Kippenberger; Big Cypress (863) 983-6367 contact Curtis Rawls, Guillermo Ortiz or Isaac Bettleyoung; Brighton (863) 467-0017 contact John Tommie, Charles Bearden, Eli Holata or Danny Jones; Immokalee (941) 893-7441 contact Raul Alvarez.

The Hollywood office acts as a central station and can be reached, regarding any reservation need, problem, or question from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

For emergencies, the department has a 24-hour answering service that will get in touch with the on-call person. That number is (954) 962-6800. Every week there is a person for each reservation on duty to respond to emergencies. This number will connect you to the right person regardless of the reservation. At Big Cypress, the Seminole Police Department can also provide those services for any emergency by contacting the on-call person.

Gaming Department

The Gaming Department does background investigations on all potential Casino employees for all locations, Brighton, Coconut Creek, Hollywood, Immokalee and Tampa. All employees at the five casinos need to have Gaming Licenses. The Gaming Commission grants those licenses after the full background investigation is completed.

J. Alan Jumper is the Director of the Gaming Department. Ronnie Padgett is Gaming Administrator and Danny Tommie is in charge of Special Operations. In addition to overseeing the Background Investigations, these gentlemen also are responsible for the Commission Officers and Surveillance in all the Tribe's casino operations.

Background Investigators are Angel Edwards, Latonya Galindo, D. Michelle Osceola, Shelley Frias, Tabitha Osceola, Barbara Lukas and Sandra Johnson. Office Manager is Barbara Calisanti and Tilde Fleites is Administrative Secretary.

Tasha DeRienzo is a Background Investigator/Badge Technician. Tasha is the person to see when applying for a Tribal ID Badge. Don't forget if you need a replacement, there is a fee involved. Tasha can be reached at the Headquarters Building at extension 1061. All Tribal Members should have a Tribal ID. Paperwork has to clear the Secretary/Treasurer's office first.

Gaming offices are located on the first and fourth floors of the Tribal Headquarters Building.



J. Alan Jumper, Director



Back: (L-R) Scanner, Angel Edwards; Background Investigators Latonya Galindo, D. Michelle Osceola, Shelley Frias, Tabitha Osceola, and Barbara Lukas. Front: (L-R) Background Investigators Sandra Johnson, Barbara Calisanti, Background Investigator and Badge Technician Tasha DeRienzo, and Admin Secretary Tilde Fleites.

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BRIGHTON SEMINOLE BINGO AND GAMING — Highway 721, Brighton Indian Reservation, Route 6, Box 611, Okeechobee, FL. 34974. (800) 360-9875. Closed Mondays and when the last player leaves nightly.

Over \$30,000 in cash and prizes will be given away by the casino this summer including a cruise to Mexico, a trip to Hawaii, a Polaris jet-ski, and a 2001 Chevrolet Camaro. Drawing slips will be awarded as participants qualify (available since June 16) – culminating at midnight on Aug. 24.

Summer Promotion continued into August when the 2001 Miss Hawaiian Tropic Pageant – Lake Okeechobee arrive at the casino on Saturday the 11th. A \$5 special Hawaiian Luau Barbecue dinner and the drawing for the trip to Hawaii took place that night. Wayne Purvis performed in the gaming areas.

On Aug. 25, the Summer of Fun will host a Finale party and someone will drive away in a brand new 2001 Chevrolet Camaro sponsored by Maroone Chevrolet – Green Acres and Belle Glade. (Trip sponsored by Travel Connection – Okeechobee.)

Sponsors will be on location with vehicles for sale on display. There will be free hotdogs and Coke, 50 cents Coors Light Draft, along with drawings for \$50 cash and prizes.

Winners for each drawing MUST be present to win, have valid photo ID and social security card. See casino staff or newsletter for more information and complete rules.

Brighton Seminole Bingo and Casino was proud to be the host for the first ever Miss Hawaiian Tropic Pageant – Lake Okeechobee Title Pageant. This marked the 19th Anniversary of the Miss Hawaiian Tropic International Model Search.

Contestants competed for cash prizes of \$300 for 1st, \$200 for 2nd and \$100 for 3rd. The first place winner will won a 6 day/5 night stay in exotic Puerto Vallarta, Mexico and goes on to compete in the state finals. Winner of the state final goes on to compete in the Miss Hawaiian Tropic United States Pageant in the fall where four finalists are chosen to represent the U. S. in the International pageant during spring break in March 2002.

The Drums of Polynesia opened and performed during breaks throughout the pageant. The performance included costume changes of the four main Polynesian Islands – Hawaii, Tahiti, New Zealand and Samoa – and included the Savage Fire Dance of Samoa.

COCONUT CREEK CASINO — 5550 N.W. 40th St., Coconut Creek, FL. 33073. (954) 977-6700. Open seven days a week, 24 hours a day.

August 16 and 21 Love 94 radio station will be making a promotional appearance at the Coconut Creek Casino from 6 p.m. – 7 p.m. center stage. They will be giving away four pairs of Sade concert tickets to four lucky patrons at each appearance.

Mark Aug. 26 on your calendar to be at the casino. Taking center stage from 1 – 5 p.m. will be South Florida's hottest oldies group The Bowery Boys. Plus one lucky winner will win a trip for two to Biloxi including hotel and airfare.

Contact the casino for full details.

SEMINOLE INDIAN CASINO OF HOLLYWOOD — 4150 N. SR 7, Hollywood, FL. 33021. (954) 961-3220 or (800) 323-5452. Open seven days a week, 24 hours a day.

August has been cash drawing month at the casino. On Aug. 15, \$500 an hour was given away starting at 1 p.m. and culminating at 11 p.m. when \$5,000 was given away.

The next drawing will be held on Aug. 22 at 4 p.m., 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. Besides cash, the casino will also be drawing for a trip for two to Reno, a trip for two to Key Largo and another \$5,000 prize.

On Aug. 29, the last drawings will start at 6 p.m. Every hour until 10 p.m. the casino will draw for a \$500 cash prize. The 10 p.m. drawing will be for a Road King Classic Model 2002 Harley Davidson.

Bingo players – Aug. 18 \$5,000 is a must-go during Super Jackpot session. And, during the matinee session, all bingo players will receive a free anniversary gift.

On Aug. 25, the evening session Bonanza bingo will be a must-go at \$1,199.

Machine players won't be left out of the fun. Aug. 31, win \$500 or more on any video gaming machine and receive a special T-shirt, complements of the casino.

See the casino for full details and eligibility requirements.

IMMOKALEE SEMINOLE INDIAN CASINO — 506 S. First St., Immokalee, FL. 34142. (941) 658-1313 or (800) 218-0007. Open seven days a week, 24 hours a day.

August is Old West Month at the Immokalee Casino. All month long the casino will be reliving the excitement of long ago days when cowboys rode the range and the West was really wild.

Country recording artist Mindy McCready kicked things off with a special concert on Aug. 11. See story this issue of the *Tribune*.

Sunday Aug. 12, JPC members will receive a glass boot filled with goodies to satisfy the sweet tooth and possibly the wallet. Certain boots have a cash sticker that could be worth up to \$500 in the matinee session or up to \$1,000 in the evening session. See newsletter for details and your game piece for your glass boot. This event is for JPC members only. If you're not a member, you can sign up for free anytime prior to the sessions.

A special Poker drawing will take place Aug. 18 with four \$250 drawings for mini-tournament players.

Super Saturday will be on Aug. 25. A brand new 18-foot Sea Fox boat, including motor and trailer, will be given away to one lucky winner. Bingo, casino and poker players have all month long to collect drawing tickets. It only takes one ticket to win, but the more you collect the more chances you'll have.

Bingo players – Pack up the wagons, there's gonna be a Gold Rush! Immediately following the bingo sessions on Super Saturday, three lucky winners will receive \$1,000 in cash. For every bingo win during the month you will receive a drawing ticket.

Special packages will be available in the evening sessions on Super Saturday. Call the casino for details or check the newsletter.

SEMINOLE INDIAN CASINO TAMPA — 5223 North Orient Road, Tampa, FL 33610. (813) 621-1302 or (800) 282-7016. Tampa: http://www.casino-tampa.com. Open seven days a week, 24 hours a day.

Jackpot Club Members are invited to the casino on August 14th and 21st for the \$20,000 Triangle Bingo Games. On your special assigned day, start off with a \$3 - \$5 discount on your pack. Then stop by the Celebration booth with your receipt to pick up a super Triangle Bingo game strip.

In the matinees and Nite owls, the small triangle will pay \$500 and the large triangle \$1,500. In the evening session the prizes double. Only one drawing prize per person per session allowed. No coupons or passes will be accepted at any session on these dates.

Special day is assigned by the first letter of your last name. A – K is Aug. 14th and L – Z is the 21st.

Super Saturday will be on the 11th and the 25th. Special combo pack prices will be available. Matinee I and II pay double on regular games and the Evening pack games pay \$1,199 each. There will also be ten \$50 drawings in the Matinee I and II sessions.

Stay and Play packs are available every Monday and Wednesday. Buy a Matinee I combo pack and get one for Matinee II for only \$5 more.

Wednesday Aug. 29 the casino will be giving away a new 2001 Saturn. See casino for details on how to get your drawing slip. Drawing will take place at 9:45 p.m. and winner must be present and have valid I.D. and social security card with them.

Labor Day Weekend Celebration kicks off Friday Aug. 31st with \$10,000 in cash to be given away. Drawing slips will be available every time you attend any regular Bingo session from the 1st through the 30th. Bring your slips to any regular session on the 31st.

There will be ten drawings in each matinee and Nite owl session and two sets of ten drawings in the evening session. Prizes will range from \$50 - \$1,000 for a total of \$10,000 in cash. Again, only one drawing prize per person per session. Winners must be present to win and have valid I.D. No coupons or passes will be allowed for any of the sessions.

Saturday Sept. 1 the casino will offer Stay and Play and host Pajama Party 2. If you were at the casino for PJ-1, you won't want to miss PJ-2. Then on Sunday Sept. 2, the Super Nite Owl Combo Session returns.

Labor Day Monday, Sept. 3, be the casino's guest for a special barbecue lunch or dinner. End your summer at the casino with the all-out Labor Day Weekend Celebration.

— Compiled by Libby Blake

Casino

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Summit, 1201 S. Ocean Drive, morning departure 9:40 p.m., evening departure 5:40 p.m.

From the Hollywood Beach Resort (corner of Ocean and Arizona), morning departure 9:41 p.m., evening departure 5:41 p.m. From the Star Dust, 915 S. Ocean Drive, morning departure 9:42 p.m., evening departure 5:42 p.m.

Corner of Connecticut Drive and N. Ocean Drive, morning departure 9:43 p.m., evening departure 5:43 p.m. Corner of Nebraska Street and N. Ocean Drive, morning departure 9:44 p.m., evening departure 5:44 p.m.

From the Hollywood Towers, 3111 N. Ocean Drive, morning departure 9:45 a.m., evening departure 5:45 p.m. Corner of Forrest Street and N. Ocean Drive, morning departure 9:46 a.m., evening departure 5:46 p.m.

From 6001 N. Ocean Renaissance, morning departure 9:47 a.m., evening departure 5:47 p.m. From the Danians, morning departure 9:49 a.m., evening departure 5:49 p.m. From the Oak Wood Plaza (Home Depot) morning departure 10:10 a.m., evening departure 6:10 p.m., and from the Seminole Indian Casino Hollywood, morning departure 10:20 a.m., evening departure 6:20 p.m.

Daily Free Shuttle Service to the Seminole

Indian Casino Hollywood via Century Village, Pembroke Pines Route. Morning departure from the Clubhouse Monday – Saturday 9:45 a.m., Sunday 10:30 a.m. Return trips: Depart from the Casino at 2:45 p.m.

Evening departure from the Clubhouse Monday – Sunday 5:15 p.m. Return trips: Depart from the Casino at 10:15 p.m. Return Shuttle service from the Casino twice daily at 3 p.m. and 10 p.m.

Please note: The Shuttle departure times may vary occasionally depending on the length of our Bingo Program. Shuttle times/route are subject to change. Please call for verification or if you have any questions call (954) 961-3220 extension 118.

Don't forget about the "Smoke Free Bingo Month". We have special prizes and promotions each month and are open 24-hours a day, 7 days a week and features: High Stake Bingo, Live Action Poker, Video Gaming Machines, Cocktail Bar, Three Snack Bars (w/daily lunch and dinner specials). Catch the excitement! Over \$30 million in cash prizes paid out to lucky winners each month.

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Seminole Indian Casino Tournament Talk

By Sandi McClenithan

HOLLYWOOD — Mini Poker Tournaments available 24 hours a day. 100 percent of Buy-In money returned to players as prize money!

Each player will receive 500 units (except where noted) in non-negotiable tournament chips with the purchase of a Buy-In. Each player will receive an additional 1000 units (except where noted) with the purchase of an optional Re-Buy during the course of the mini-tournament.

The following games are offered during the Mini Poker Tournament, 7-Card Stud and 7-Card High-Low, Texas and Tahoe Hold'em, Omaha High-Low Eight or Better, Seminole 2-3-4.

No Re-Buys will be permitted after the start of the final round of play. All Buy-In amounts include purchase into the Royal Flush Bingo Jackpot. Prize money per player will not exceed \$10 per hand played. Management decisions are final.

Monday Night Tournament- every Monday at 6:15 p.m., 7 Card Stud, Texas and Tahoe Hold'em. Alternating weeks \$55 Buy-In and \$20 Re-buy for \$900-\$1100 1st Prize.

Drawing for Door Prizes (each Tournament), 7-Card Stud Players 90: 1st - \$900, 2nd - \$600, 3rd - \$475, 4th - \$425, 5th - \$400, 6th - \$375, 7th - \$300, 8th - \$225, 9th - \$200, 10th - \$150. Texas and Tahoe Hold'em Players 110: 1st - \$1100, 2nd - \$800, 3rd - \$500, 4th - \$450, 5th - \$400, 6th - \$375, 7th - \$325, 8th - \$300, 9th - \$275, 10th - \$250, 11th - \$200.

7-Card Stud betting structure – Qualifying Table: 17 hands at 25-50-unit limit – Ante 10 – low card forced to bet 50. 17 hands at 50-100 unit limit – Ante 24 – low card forced bet 50. 10 hands at 100-200 unit limit – Ante 50 – low card forced bet 100.

Championship Table: 17 hands at 100-200-unit limit – Ante 50 – low card forced to bet 100. 17 hands at 200-400 unit limit – Ante 100 – low card forced to bet 200. 10 hands at 400-800 unit limit –

Ante 200 – low card forced to bet 400.

Texas, Tahoe and Omaha High/Low Betting Structure, Qualifying Table: 20 hands at 25-50 unit* 10 and 25 blinds. 20 hands at 50-100 unit* 25 and 50 blinds. 10 hands at 100-200 unit* 50 and 100 blinds. Championship Table: 20 hands at 100-200 unit* 50 and 100 blinds. 20 hands at 200-400 unit* 100 and 200 blinds. 20 hands at 500-100 unit * 250 and 500 blinds.

Monday Night, Thursday Omaha Bounty, Super Sunday are Main Event Tournaments. Super Sunday Tournament every Sunday at 10 a.m. features 7-Card Stud, Texas and Tahoe Hold'em with alternating weeks at \$34 Buy-In and \$10 Re-Buy with 500 for 1st Prize. All prizes based on number of entrants. Drawing for Door prizes (each tournament).

Players 64: 1st - \$500, 2nd - \$240, 3rd - \$220, 4th - \$180, 5th - \$170, 6th - \$150, 7th - \$140, 8th - \$130. *Prizes based on 8 players per table.

Players 56: 1st - \$450, 2nd - \$240, 3rd - \$180, 4th - \$130, 5th - \$120, 6th - \$110, 7th - \$100. *Prizes based on 7 players per table.

Betting structure for all Sunday Games Qualifying Table: 10 hands at 25-50 unit limit – Ante 10 – low card forced to bet 25 (Blinds 25 and 50). 10 hands at 50-100 unit limit – Ante 25 – low card forced to bet 50 (Blinds 50 and 100). 7 hands at 100-200 unit limit – Ante 50 – low card forced to bet 100 (Blinds 100 and 200).

Championship Table: 10 hands at 100-200-unit limit – Ante 50 – low card forced to bet 100 (Blinds 50 and 100). 10 hands at 200-400 unit limit – Ante 100 – low card forced to bet 200 (Blinds 100 and 200). 7 hands at 400-800 unit limit – Ante 200 – low card forced to bet 400 (Blinds 200 and 400).

Head on over to Seminole Indian Casino Hollywood and take advantage of tournaments and special daily events. For more information on upcoming specials, call (954) 961-3220.

Tour Operators Needed At Hollywood Casino

By Sandi McClenithan

HOLLYWOOD — Tour Operator positions are currently available at the Seminole Indian Casino Hollywood. Applicants must have experience with coordinating groups of 10 or more.

Two plans have been introduced that should help secure a relationship between the Tour Operator and the Casino.

Plan 1- The Tour Operator will supply transportation for the customer at no charge. Additional compensation of \$3 per person will be given to Tour Operators outside an 85-mile radius. These operators may charge an extra fee.

All monies will be paid to the Tour Operator in cash, before the conclusion of that session, for a 4-hour minimum stay at the Casino.

Every \$15 Matinee, Nite Owls or Triple Nickel Night (to include Casino-only customers) \$12 per head. For every \$22 pack sold – 3 Pack Night, Tour Operators get \$16 per head, for every \$29 pack sold – Special Night, you get \$18 per head.

For every \$33 pack sold – 3 Pack Night, Tour Operators get \$20 per head, for every \$39 pack sold – Special Night you get \$22 per head. For every \$44 pack sold – 3 Pack Night, Tour Operators get \$24 per head, for every \$59 pack sold – Special Night, you get \$29 per head.

Example – it's a 3 Pack Night and there are 45 customers and 2 tour operators. The 2 tour operators will receive a 44 pack FREE. Out of the 45 customers the Tour Operators "SELL" or persuade because the customers aren't giving them cash.

In this example, the Tour Operators could have sold the packages in this manner: 12-\$22 pack tickets, 15-\$33 pack tickets, and 18-\$44 pack tickets, for a total of 45 packs sold. Remember, the bigger the pack that is pushed, the more money there is to be made.

Using this scenario, the Tour Operators will make this amount: 12x16=\$192, 15x20=\$300, 18x24=\$432. \$924 is paid to the Tour Operator in cash before the end of the session.

Plan 2- The Casino supplies the transportation, and the following is paid to the Tour Operators putting the group together: 3 separate cash payouts based on headcount and program played with them getting a free pack.

Contact the casino for a pay scale. Again, on 3 Pack Night, the higher the tickets passed out the more money the Tour Operators will earn. These monies will also be paid to the Tour Operators in cash before the end of the session.

These programs will be tracked by using color tickets with dollar amounts on them, similar to the system used by the Casino years ago.

As you can see, Tour Operators have the opportunity to prosper with these plans. We will also be starting, on August 1, a consistent weekly-monthly program that will not change. This will give the Tour Operators and their customers the comfort of knowing that the program will always be the same on any given night.

Sundays-Drawing Night, 3 packs. Mondays and Thursdays- Twister Night, \$20 worth of free extra paper, 3 packs. Tuesdays and Fridays- \$29 Night, 15 games at \$1199. Wednesdays- Triple Nickel Night, \$15 admission. Saturdays- Regular Session, 3 packs (first Saturdays of each month – Big Game, \$59 Dollar Admission).

Check out our New Big Super Jackpot, which grows one number and \$10,000 every 5 days and, starting on September 1, the all-new Ko Na Wi Do-It. Check August flyers for details. So come visit the Seminole Indian Casino Hollywood, we are the first and still the best. Kick off date August 1: you play-we pay.

Immokalee Casino Offers Free Shuttle Service

IMMOKALEE — Free

Shuttle service is offered daily to the Seminole Indian Casino Immokalee from locations such as North Fort Myers, Cape Coral, Fort Myers, South Naples, SouthEast Naples and Naples. See schedule below for times and pick up points.

North Fort Myers- pick up point the Shell Factory (old US 41 side-Front Entrance). Departure times from the Shuttle Location, Monday – Friday 10:30 a.m., 2 p.m., and 5 p.m. Departure times from the Casino, Monday – Thursday 1 p.m., 4 p.m., 11 p.m., Friday 1 p.m., 4 p.m., and 11:30 p.m.

Departure times from the Shuttle Location Saturday and Sunday, 8:30 a.m., 1 p.m., 6 p.m. Departure times from the Casino on Saturday 11:30 a.m., 3:30 p.m., 9:30 p.m., and 12 a.m. Departure times from the Casino on Sunday 11:30 a.m., 3:30 p.m., and 11 p.m.

Cape Coral- pick up point Coral and Wood Mall (Del Prado Boulevard behind USA Station at the Winn Dixie Plaza) – Departure times from the Shuttle Locations, Monday – Friday 10:50 a.m., 2:20 p.m., 5:20 p.m. Departure time from the Casino Monday – Thursday 1 p.m., 4 p.m., and 11 p.m. Departure times from the Casino on Friday 1 p.m., 4 p.m., 11:30 p.m.

Departure times from the Shuttle Locations Saturday and Sunday 8:50 a.m., 1:20 p.m. and 6:20 p.m. Departure times from the Casino on Saturday 11:30 a.m., 3:30 p.m., 9:30 p.m., and 12 a.m. Departure times from the Casino on Sunday 11:30 a.m., 3:30 p.m., and 11 p.m.

Fort Myers- pick up point Edison Mall (US 41 and Tranonial – between Burdines and Penny's @ Lee Tranon pick-up). Departure times from the Shuttle Location Monday – Friday 11 a.m., 2:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m. Departure times from the Casino, Monday – Thursday 1 p.m., 4 p.m., 11 p.m., Friday 1 p.m., 4 p.m., and 11:30 p.m.

Departure times from the Shuttle Locations Saturday and Sunday 9 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m. Departure times from the Casino on Saturday 11:30 a.m., 3:30 p.m., 9:30 p.m., 12 a.m., Sunday 11:30 a.m., 3:30 p.m., 11 p.m.

Please note that the Naples shuttle pickups are only for Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

South Naples- pick up point Red Roof Inn (Davis Boulevard and South US 41 – West Side of Building). Departure times from the Shuttle Locations Friday 11 a.m., 2 p.m., and 5 p.m. Departure times from the Casino 1 p.m., 4 p.m., and 11:30 p.m.



Immokalee Shuttle bus that runs daily to several stops in and around, Ft. Myers and Naples.

Departure times from the Shuttle Locations Saturday and Sunday 8:30 a.m., 1 p.m., and 6 p.m. Departure times from the Casino on Saturday 11:45 a.m., 3:30 p.m., 9:30 p.m., and 12 a.m., Sunday 11:45 a.m., 3:30 p.m., and 11 p.m.

SouthEast Naples- pick up point Comfort Inn and Suites (Located off of Exit 15 on the corner of 951 and Davis Boulevard behind Cracker Barrel). Departure times from the Shuttle Location Friday 11:15 a.m., 2:15 p.m., and 5 p.m. Departure times from the Casino 1 p.m., 4 p.m., 11:30 p.m.

Departure times from the Shuttle Location Saturday and Sunday 8:50 a.m., 1:20 p.m., and 6:15 p.m. Departure times from the Casino on Saturday 11:45 a.m., 3:30 p.m., 9:30 p.m., and 12 a.m., Sunday 11:45 a.m., 3:30 p.m., and 11 p.m.

Naples- pick up point Best Western Naples Plaza Hotel (2 Blocks W. of I-75 Exit 16 on Pine Ridge Road. Turn South between Shell Station & Burger King. Southeast Corner of the Parking Lot). Departure times from the Shuttle Location Friday 11:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m., and 5:30 p.m. Departure times from the Casino 1 p.m., 4 p.m., and 11:30 p.m.

Departure times from the Shuttle Locations Saturday and Sunday 9:10 a.m., 1:40 p.m., and 6:30PM. Departure times from the Casino on Saturday 11:45 a.m., 3:30 p.m., 9:30 p.m., and 12 a.m., Sunday 11:45 a.m., 3:30 p.m., 11 p.m.

Please note that the Shuttle Departure times may occasionally vary depending on the length of our Bingo Programs. Local Tour Operators also provide transportation year round. Please call the Seminole Indian Casino Immokalee for further information at (800) 218-0007, and ask for Groups and Marketing.

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Notices

Indian Telecom Training Initiative 2001 – Sept. 23 – 26, 2001 at Bally’s Las Vegas, Las Vegas, Nevada. A comprehensive telecommunications conference aimed at providing information to American Indian Tribal leaders and other parties about ways to increase access to telecommunications services in Indian Country. For info call ITTI at (888) 225-5322 and selection option 2 after message.

Haskell Indian Art Market – Sept. 8 – 9, 2001 at Haskell Indian Nations University Pow Wow grounds, Lawrence, Kansas. Over 165 American Indian artists from across the United States will display and sell traditional and non-traditional art such as beadwork, pottery, jewelry, sculpture, paintings, textiles, drawings, quillwork. For more info contact Maria S. Martin (785) 864-4245 or 864-2673.

75th Anniversary Rededication of the Haskell Stadium Arch - Saturday, Oct. 13, 2001. Guest speakers: Phillip Coon, POW WWII Veteran and Archie Hawkins, Decorated WWII Veteran. Native American Color Guard, a request for a jet to fly-over the stadium arch, a plaque presentation for WWI Memorial, and the unveiling of the WWI Haskell Service Flag. For information call Elijah Jackson or Mary Jackson at (785) 749-8467 ext. 204.

Four Directions Talent Search - In a major effort to increase the presence of Native Americans on television, NBC and the nation established a talent search for Indian actors, comedians and writers. Information and updates about this unique opportunity are available at www.fourdirectiontalent.com. Entries may be submitted to Four Directions Talent Search, Oneida Nation Communications, at 579-A Main Street, Oneida, NY 13421.

The Movement Fest
www.movementfestival.com for more information.

Native American/Corporate America Business Conference – Oct. 29, 2001. “Tribal Sovereign Immunity: Tribal Protection or a Hindrance to Good Business Partnerships” and “Tribal Employment Relations Ordinances (TERO) and Indian Preferences in Hiring”. For more information call David Rodriguez at (619) 696-3312.

Schemitzun 2001 – 500 Tribes - One Pow Wow www.foxwoods.com.

Free Tours at Port Everglades - Free event on Saturday, Aug. 18, from noon – 3 p.m. Guided tours of Port Everglades Towing state-of-the-art tug fleet, a unique Tug Rodeo, face painting for children, raffle and more. Open House will be held on the pier at Berth 27/28, parking is available at the Midport Parking Garage for \$2-5.

National Tribal Title IV-E Foster Care Conference Sept. 24, 25 & 26. Contact Kim Just, (503) 222-4044 x113 or justkim@nicwa.org.

Choctaw Indian Annual Labor Day Festival & Inter-Tribal Pow Wow - August 31 - September 3, 2001 - If you need more information, please call (580) 924-8280 ext. 2134/2132.

Annual National Administrative Support Staff Conference - August 23 - 25 - Tribal secretaries and all administrative support staff. To register phone 800-706-0102.

National Planning and Grant Writing Seminar - September 10-12, 2001 at the Chinook Winds Casino, Lincoln City, OR, tuition \$445, to register call 800-706-0102 or e-mail jdalton98@aol.com.

Child Development Associate - class begins Thursday, Sept.13, sign-up by August 27. Classes meet weekly, 6:00 - 10:00 p.m.) at NSU Davie Campus, for more info call 954-262-6931.

Decal Notice To Tribal Members

*Renewal of Motor Vehicle Plates and Registration

In order to qualify for a Seminole Indian license plate, you must be the owner of the vehicle and carry insurance required under Florida law.

Because of recent changes in the State of Florida Department of Highway Safety & Motor Vehicles computer system and data base, motor vehicle plates for Seminole Tribal members will no longer be issued on a fiscal basis. Tags and decals will be issued with expiration dates corresponding to each Tribal member’s birth date. This change is effective immediately.

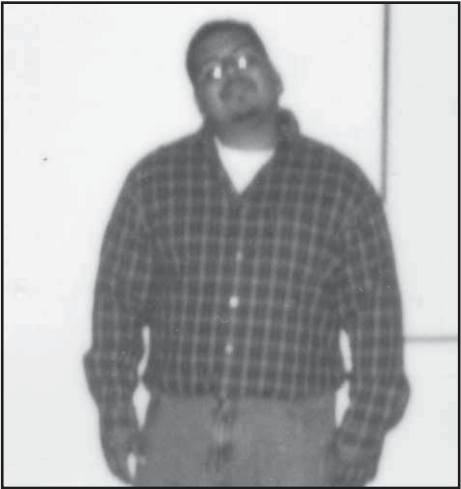
Decals extending the June 2001 expiration date to the birth date must be picked-up in the Tag Clerk’s office located in the Tribal member’s respective reservation. You will also receive your new registration at the same time. You should contact the respective Tag Clerk’s office immediately to receive your new decal and registration. You must bring your insurance card or other proof of insurance with you. The decal must be immediately affixed to your current plate, and the new registration must be kept with you when driving your vehicle. If you continue to use your plate without the new decal and/or without proper registration, you may be stopped by law enforcement and receive a citation including a fine.

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Happy Birthday “Boogie” on Aug. 1. We love you, your wife **Peggy, Courtney, Daniel Jr., and Cheyenne.**



I would like to wish a very **Happy 25th Birthday** to my man, **Michael L. Onco Jr.** on August 5. I love you so much. I am going to say “Yes”. I will marry you. Love you, **Jamie Roberts Osceola.**

Poems

I Miss You

*I only wish I could hold you one more time.
I would hug you so tight,
To feel your’ve heart beat close to mine.
To watch your graceful soul walk out of heaven.
And see your light shine would be divine.*

*Father I miss you madly.
Day after day
Night after night,
Father, I miss you badly.
But I’m alright.*

*It’s a must I stay strong
And keep all thoughts positive
Your memory will never die,
In my heart you’ll always live.*

*Every night when you visit me in my dreams,
I feel complete for those few moments
But then you disappear
Into the smoke screen*

*I know I sound crazy,
When I tell folks I still see you.
Only I don’t care
‘Cause regardless of their comments
Your son knows you’re there.*

By: **Markell Alan Billie**

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Should you have any questions, contact the Tribal Clerk’s office in **Hollywood** at (954) 967-3465. Ask to see **Suzanne Palm** at extension 1162.

For the **Big Cypress** residents you report to the Frank Billie Center and ask for **Cecilia Tigertail** or call (863) 983-2157.

For the **Brighton/Tampa** reservations, you need to see **Beulah Gopher** at the Field Office, or call (863) 763-4128.

Immokalee residents can report to **Sheila Aguilar** at the Field Office for your tags and decals, or call (941) 657-6567.



Happy, Happy Birthday to Betty Tiger on August 15th.

Betty, my birthday came and gone, you always, always, call me to wish me “Happy Birthday” it’s so hard to realize that you have been gone for six months now. But it doesn’t seem like you are really gone. I miss you and I wanted you to be remembered on your day! So have a very, very “Happy Birthday!” Love ya, your friend & sister-in-law **Ginger T. Tiger.**

Happy Birthday to Ricky Ray Baxley, born on August 30, 1960.

Daddy, it’s been six years without you and I still can’t believe that your gone. I miss you more than anyone could imagine. To who or whatever took you away from me, I hate forever. Since you’ve been gone I haven’t been the same. Daddy everyday that goes by the pain grows stronger and unbearable to live with. But I’m trying to be strong and everyday I deal with it, as you know. I hope I’m making you proud, I can’t wait to see, hug and kiss you again, especially to hear you tell me you love me. But for right now my memories are all I have of you and they’ll have to do. Daddy I love you won’t forget you. You’re my heart and soul continues to follow me wherever I may go. You first daughter, **Carolee Jeanette Nelson.**

“I Miss You...”
By **Carolee J. Nelson**

*All I do is cry at night until the morning light,
It’s been six years since you’ve been gone,
And I’m still on this earth and everyone tells me to be strong
Since you’ve been gone I can barely put on my shoes,
Nothing seems to matter all I know is that I need you.
All I can do is pray but Daddy
I want you to know you took my pride and happiness away,
And my life will never be the same.*

Happy Birthday to JR born on August 1st. We wish you the best 13th birthday. Hope you have fun on this day & all your wishes come true. We love you so very much! Love, your **Mom, Tisha & your sisters; Trisha, Lariah and Ignacia**

Happy Birthday to Grandma, Frances born August 7th. We love you and many more birthdays to come. Love your **Grandkids, J.R. Anthony, Trisha, Lariah, Ignacia, Baby Billy, Julian, Jacob and Joseph.**

Happy Birthday to my daddy **Leo.** Love **Chaska Nodin Osceola**

Happy 8th Birthday to Tana Wind Bear Osceola on August 27, From **Chaska, Jamie, Leo, Maranda, Dad, Grandma Teresa and Papa Joe.**

Attention Travelers

As of Monday, July 2nd, all per diem is being paid by check.

There will be no more travelers checks issued.

You must make sure that your travel arrives in the Travel Department at least 5 working days before you travel date.

Church Announcement

All Welcome to the Seminole Bible Baptist Church of Brighton on Friday, August 17, 2001. There will be gospel singing for one night only. Special groups from Oklahoma City, The Master’s Touch and Kathy Antone, performing at 7:00 p.m. with refreshments starting at 5:30 p.m.

Tribal Member Notice

Effective immediately, please know your tribal enrollment number when calling the Secretary/Treasurers Office for information regarding any loans, income verification or certificate of degree of Indian blood.

Knowing your number and that of your children will expedite your inquiry. This action is due to the increase in the number of requests by Tribal members on a day to day basis.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Seminole Tribune Deadlines

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Happy belated birthday wishes to my childhood buds! **Mary Ann Tommie** born on 7/30 and **Claudia Gore** born 7/22. Girls to women, being friends and chilling! Thought I forgot? No-way, it seems like yesterday! Love ya, **Camellia S. Osceola**



Fred Smith

Fred Fek-hv-la-te

*It’s been five years, do you remember him?
Come to find out a lot of people do.
I, to this day, always get good comments about you.
Every encounter brings you back to life for me. I wish we’d had more time you and me.
I wish I would have known all along you were so strong and good to me.
Taking care of us, the Tribe and your cattle, plus anyone in need.
Always being a leader, always bringing people together.
Showering a man’s love thanks for showing my children and me UN-conditional love.
Thirty years wasn’t enough, now life seems so boring and rough
Doing things my way, I always want to know what you have to say
Calling me, being there, showing up to show you care.
Thanks for taking in my cousins and friends always being good to them.
Always a gentleman...
Remember Fred Smith, a father, cowboy and friend.
The biggest damn rodeo fan - that’s him!*

Written with Love for my father,
Camellia Smith Osceola



Happy 19th Birthday to our baby girl, **Danette Pearl Bowers.** Best wishes on your birthday, many more to come, and just remember you’re not forgotten. We all love you! **Mom, Dad, Elrod, Rosetta and Bly.**



Happy Birthday to William Lee Jumper born August 5th. Hope you have fun! From your **family & friends.**



Happy Birthday, Happy Jones!

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Department: Cultural Education
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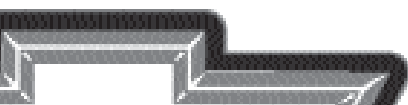
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8th Annual Seminole Wellness Conference



Mark Billie, Denise Alley, Ben Antone, Cynthia Noon, Clayton Small, Ralph Billie.

By Ralph Billie
MARCO ISLAND — The Seminole Wellness Conference came again for those who eagerly wait for this time of year to gather, reminisce, and share experiences and goodwill, which helps them throughout the rest of the year.

As expected, the conference committee did an excellent job in choosing and discussing wellness issues that are important to themselves and the Seminole Tribe as a whole.

The conference started with a 6:00 a.m. “Power Walk” with participants showing early in the morning to show their enthusiasm for health. The “Power Walk” was offered every morning throughout the week, there was also a lot of enthusiasm for breakfast shown by those who couldn’t make the walk.

The sessions started off with an invocation from the elders and comments from Acting Chairman and President, Mitchell Cypress, who expressed to Tribal members about his support for wellness within the Tribe, and his own participation in the conference.

The presenters began with Dr. Don Bartlett, who recounted his own story of being handicapped with the reality of life with an alcoholic father and the loneliness of not being accepted by others. Dr. Bartlett spoke of finding help to overcome his problems and living a normal life.

Family Recovery with Jerry Moe, children’s therapist, brought the kid out of all of us with his humor, to help us deal with our own children in recovery.

Relationships in Women & Men, held separately presented by Denise Alley & Ed Barnhart, helped participants understand how to have healthy relationships, respect for each other, and help heal their spirit.

There were also personal testimonies of recovery. Sharing the stories were: William Osceola, Mike Smith, Jo North, and Phillipp Jumper.

Next came “Gambling & the Family” with Rick Benson, a recovering gambler who taught that when one family member has a problem with gambling, it can cause problems for the entire family.

“Diabetes in our Youth” with Suzanne Davis, explained how diabetes affects the youth at an early age, and how to take care of themselves with their parents’ help.

“HIV” with Cathy Robinson, educated us on this deadly disease so common among our own Tribal members.

“Honesty in Recovery” women and men with Denise Ally and Ed Barnhart, taught how honesty has to

come from both sides in order to have a healthy relationship.

“Learning Coping Skills” with Penny Kairys, who taught learning skills to help deal with a recovery family member coming out of treatment, and how to seek help from other resources.

“Domestic Violence” with Cynthia Noon, who shared her own story of abuse from her husband and her struggle with fear for her and her children, and how she finally overcame the abuse and became a survivor.

“Club Drugs” with Nery Mejicano of Family Services, he brought everyone up to date on new drugs that are now appearing among our youth, which can sometimes cause death.

“Relapse Prevention” with Sam Dawes, who shared his own experiences in recovery of dealing with relapse, to understand and recognize when someone is giving up hope for himself or herself.

“Motivations Speakers” Alex Gonzalez, who taught how to overcome fear of being who you are, and how to be the best in everything you do in life.

“Codependence” with Clayton Small, using interaction with others, how to recognize when you should and should not depend upon others to help deal with addiction.

“When My Parents Fight” Ed Barnhart tells how children are affected when they see their parents fight and how this sometimes causes problems in their own life.

“Fetal Alcohol Syndrome” with the Health Education Staff, explained how alcohol and drugs affect females during pregnancy and can sometimes cause birth defects and other problems.

“Food for Thought” was a skit acted out by our health educators on overindulging during meals.

“Single Parent in Recovery” with Cynthia Noon, who related her own experience of raising children and learning to deal with recovery issues.

“Spirituality” with Clayton Small, who stressed the importance of learning to find one’s own spirit and beliefs, with the Creator’s help.

There were also AA meetings and women’s group every evening.

During the closing theme, “Hawaiian Luau,” participants dressed in Hawaiian-style clothing and there was plenty of hula dancing.

Thanks to our Tribal Council and Board with all its support in the success, what a turnout and a great time.

Thank you from the Seminole Wellness Committee: Ralph Billie, Helene Buster, Andy Buster, Josephine North, Carol Cypress, Mike Smith, Mark Billie, Leoma Poore, Jeanette Cypress and Mary Jean Kones.

Highlights

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“It gets better each year, I have met a lot of good healthy people and have seen some getting healthier with each passing year,” said Pace. He went on to commend Tribal officials for making these wellness functions available to the people. He said, “Many Nations don’t have the means to provide it. Some have no insurance and no enterprises to assist in recovery programs.”

“Every Tribe is unique, they are all looking for wellness, they are all struggling.” Pace, who has been in recovery for over twelve years, says experience helps him talk to people. “You must talk from the heart and soul, not from a book, but through experience. People can identify through dialogue and trust.”

Pace says the Comprehensive Addictions Programs has five treatment centers in the United States. One center, located in Canton, SD, serves Native and non-Native clients.

Other centers are located in Kent Square, PA; Wilmington, NC; Galen, VA; and Navarre, FL, which is a culture-specific center. These centers provide in-patient services, halfway houses for adults, medical detox with 24/7 nursing care.

The centers provide treatment for dual diagnosis and they employ certified gambling disorder counselors as well as eating disorder counselors. They also provide programs for pregnant women with training emphasis on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS).

Pace said that he enjoys sweats and has participated in many with friends from different Tribes. One accomplishment he is proud of is his three-year relationship with the NEAP (employment assistance program), where he has served as the first non-Native president.

He says, “It makes me feel great to have them treat me as an equal. I am honored by this.” As he travels throughout the reservations in the United States, Pace tries to attend as many meetings as possible. He enjoys rekindling old friendships and visiting those he has not seen for a while.

He is currently sponsoring some of his Native American friends, but realizes that there are more hats that the sponsor works, which must be kept separate. He is grateful for the opportunity to be a part of the group to break the link and unite in fighting the battle of disease and addictions.

Clayton Small, a Northern Cheyenne based in Albuquerque, NM, spoke at the conference about co-dependency and spirituality. His presentations are popular with groups because he involves the participants through physical exercises as part of his program.

Small has been a motivational speaker and Native American trainer for many years. He was recently a presenter at the Men’s Wellness Conference in Albuquerque in late May.



Albert and Judy Snow.



L-R:Debbie Hamilton and Suzanne Davis.

He has extensive experience in Community Development, Indian Education, and team building. His focus is on wellness, healing and youth leadership.

Small has developed models for behavior intervention for safe and drug-free schools, which have been implemented in many schools throughout Indian Country.

Cynthia Noons of the Navajo Nation presented a workshop on domestic violence and single parents in recovery. Her presentation was well received by participants. Many said they were able to relate to the topics because they also had experienced these things.

Along with the speakers, many Tribal members and employees spoke on subjects such as Fetal Alcohol Syndrome, family harmony and substance abuse. Personal testimonials were shared, children’s issues were also addressed during workshops and groups.

On Wednesday night, during dinner, two young ladies from the Immokalee reservation provided entertainment for the group. Whitney and Chauncey Osceola, presented a rousing rendition of “Seminole Wind” and “She’ll Be Coming Around The Mountain” accompanied by Benny Secody, who has been working with the Immokalee kids through the “Choices” Program on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

“They have a lot of talent, and they enjoy singing for an audience,” said Secody, “Learning to perform the songs has really helped boost their self esteem. They like being able to hold their own microphone and to be able to hear themselves over a sound system; and they sure like the applause they get from their audiences.”

To help teach the kids the songs, Secody tapes the songs and gives them all a copy of the tape along with the typed words. They get together twice a week and practice. Secody was disappointed that the rest of the group was not available to participate at the conference as planned, but was very proud of the two Osceola girls, who did a great job.

Following dinner and the youth singing presentation, was gospel/spiritual hour. Musicians and singers joined Paul Buster and Benny Secody for songs and testimonies. Mary Bowers of Hollywood and Happy Jones of Brighton presented moving testimonies and songs in Creek.

What had been a long day session with a jam session. A lot of talent was shared as several people brought their guitars and joined in the fun, sharing their own music with the crowd.

Thursday’s agenda followed suit with the workshops and groups. Participants who joined the group for dinner at the hotel were given beautiful Hawaiian flower leis. Many said their goodbyes, exchanging addresses and phone numbers during dinner and well into the night.

When the sun came up Friday morning, participants and guests began to check out. By noontime, the Marco Hilton was again a quiet resort, at least until next year’s conference.

Preschoolers Visit King Richard’s Theme Park

By Barbara Secody
NAPLES — On July 31, the staff and volunteers from the Immokalee Preschool headed out to enjoy a fun-filled day at King Richard’s, one of Southwest Florida’s most popular theme parks.

King Richards, located in Naples, offers a myriad of games and rides sure to delight children and youth of any age. From the huge video game rooms to the go-cart tracks, kids can spend an entire day enjoying out all the facility’s delights.

Inside the building, designed in a medieval castle motif, are private rooms, which may be reserved for private birthday parties or other celebrations. The room rental charge covers a pizza lunch and soft drinks.



Kyle Alvarado riding Orka.

Michelle Ford, Preschool Director, and her crew of staff and volunteers arrived with most of the preschool children at 11 a.m. as the park opened its doors. The children and adults were shown to the private dining room where they tried to enjoy their pizza lunch.

The children were so excited about getting outside to the rides that they could barely concentrate on eating their food. Only when they were told that the outside attractions did not open until noon were they able to relax enough to eat their lunch.

roller coaster, teachers and volunteers convinced the ride operator that they would accompany the children if he would allow those that were a hair shy of qualifying for the rides.

With successful negotiations completed, the kids scrambled for the seat of their choice on the first of several rides. It was hard to figure out who was having the most fun: the kids or the adults. No matter, they were all having a great time.

The older children opted for such rides as the bumper boats, roller coaster and a “big truck” train, while the younger children enjoyed the likes of the merry-go-round and slow bucking whale machines.

Many of the parks’ visitors commented on how cute the kids were, and commended the dedication to the young students exhibited by the preschool staff. It was obvious that they love working with the children.

They encouraged them, yet maintained control through gentle verbal communication.

Ford said that she has been with the preschool for nine years, and although she lives in LaBelle, does not mind the lengthy drive to work each day. She also credits her hard-working staff for much of the success of the program.

The current staff of the Immokalee Preschool includes San Juanita Reyna, cook; Rosa Garcia, infant care provider; Bay Montez



The dragon slayers.

Next came the second head count of the day, and the paper bands required to go on rides. The students did not want to wear the wristbands, and could not understand why it was necessary. However, once the wristbands were installed on each little arm, they were off to the races with staff hot on their heels.

The children were divided into age groups, as the younger ones were not allowed on certain rides. While the older children stood on their tip-toes to become tall enough to board the rides such as the



Christy and Lupita are having more fun than Kyle and J.R.



Ride ‘em cowgirl!

and Tracey Delarosa, two-year-olds’ class; Christy Alvarado and Lupita Lozano, three and four-year-olds’ class. Odette Hernandez, Jenna Garcia and Elva Montez serve as volunteers for the program.

Present enrollment at the preschool includes 13 children (between the ages of two and four), and four infants.

By early afternoon, most of the youngsters were beginning to tire, with some downright worn out from all the excitement and rides. The day was hot and humid and was beginning to take its toll on the group, young and old alike.

The time had come to head for home, so the weary but happy group was soon boarded on the bus for a relaxing trip back to Immokalee. It had been a good day for everyone. A majority of the kids were asleep before the bus left the parking lot.

The Preschool children and staff throughout the summer have been on field trips to the pool, the movies, and, of course, King Richards Theme Park, which was deemed the best by the kids.