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## Council Meets at Chupco Ranch

**By Chris Jenkins**  
**FORT PIERCE** — The Tribal Council met on the Fort Pierce Reservation's Chupco Youth Ranch for their regularly scheduled meeting on Jan. 17. They passed 21 resolutions including:

Resolution 17: Service line agreement (1,150' x 10') between Florida Power and Light and Dana Osceola - Brighton Seminole Indian Reservation;

Resolution 18: Service line agreement (1,480' x 25') between Glades Electric Cooperative and Terry Johns Hahn - Brighton Seminole Indian Reservation;

Resolution 19: Third Amendment to the Twentieth Annual Work Plan submitted to the South Florida Water Management District by the Seminole Tribe of Florida;

Resolution 20: United States Environmental Protection Agency grant application to fund the Seminole Tribe of Florida Storm Water Reservoir on Brighton Seminole Indian Reservation Section 319 competitive grant program proposal for Tribal fiscal year 2008;

Resolution 21: Approval of Biscayne Yacht Charters, Inc. agreement for Winterfest Boat Parade; ratification of execution of the agreement;

Resolution 22: Ratification of the Seminole Tribe filming permission letter granting Bayerischer Rundfunk permission to film a television show on the Big Cypress Seminole Indian Reservation;

Resolution 23: Holly Tiger-Bowers appointment to the Seminole Tribal Gaming Commission;

Resolution 24: To create a sponsorship program for adult athletes who are members of the Seminole Tribe of Florida participating in professional and semi-professional sports;

Resolution 25: Business lease between Deborah Griffin (lessor) and Seminole Tribe of Florida (lessee) for office space currently utilized by Information Technology;

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Resolution 27: Seminole Tribe of Florida Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP) adoption.



Judy Weeks

Victoria "Tori" Osceola sings the National Anthem before an audience of more than 7,000 spectators at the Florida Everblades hockey game.

## Victoria Osceola Sings National Anthem in Front of Thousands

*Nine Year Old Wow's Fans with A Capella Rendition*

**By Judy Weeks**

**FT. MYERS** — Naples community member Victoria "Tori" Osceola confidently followed the red carpet onto the ice at the Germain Arena on Jan. 15, at the opening of the Florida Everblades hockey game. Singing the National Anthem before a crowd of more than 7,000 fans, the 9 year old did an awesome job.

Expecting musical accompaniment, Tori was astounded at the last minute to learn that she would be singing a capella, but did not allow this to affect her flawless presentation. The audience responded with overwhelming applause to her solo performance.

Tori is the daughter of Naples Liaison O.B. Osceola Jr. and is not new to the world of entertain-

ment. Showing a great deal of promise at an early age, she began taking modeling, acting and singing lessons when she was 5 years old. In just four years time, she has competed in numerous competitions across the country and this was not her first large public exhibition.

Having studied in Los Angeles for a short time, she has enjoyed the privilege of an agent and plans to pursue a career in the field of entertainment. Currently, her parents are looking into a private school of the arts from which she could benefit.

Obviously, Tori does not allow her extra curricular activities to interfere with her education. She is a student at the Seagate Public Elementary School in Naples, where she maintains a 3.0 GPA.



Judy Weeks

Chairman Mitchell Cypress sounds the horn as participants begin the race.

## Pemayetv Emahakv School Students Receive Awards

**By Susan Etxebarria**

**BRIGHTON** — With an exciting announcement, Principal Russell Brown kicked off the Student Awards Assembly for the end of the second nine weeks on Jan. 18 at Pemayetv Emahakv Charter School, telling the audience the school achieved a 93 percent attendance rate in 2007.

"It is because of your help," he told the parents who filled the room. "I hope we continue to see the children coming to school. We are really seeing results."

Brown also told the parents more than half of the students stay after school for tutoring twice weekly.

"It has helped children strengthen academic areas where they are weak," he said. "I am very comfortable and pleased with the learning rate of the students," he said.

Each of the kindergarten

through fifth grade classes came in separately to the school's Community Room where folding chairs were set up for their parents. The students sat on the floor while their teachers gave out the awards. Pride, anticipation and excitement shone in the eyes of the youth as they went forward to receive their awards and have their photos taken.

Six times during the day, starting at 11:15 a.m., Brown welcomed new groups of parents as one class left and the next one arrived. He used these moments to tell the parents they are welcome to visit the school on a daily basis and to volunteer. He also thanked parents for working with the school to get the best education for their children they can get.

"I have been talking to teachers and they say the children are doing a great job getting their homework done," said Brown.

## 37th Annual Seminole Tribal Fair

*Billie, Bowers Take the Crowns for 2008-2009*



Marisol Gonzalez

Little Mr. Seminole Santiago E. Billie and Little Miss Seminole Brianna A. Bowers 2008

◆ See pages 33-39 for full Tribal Fair coverage

## Big Cypress Hosts, Wins 8th Annual Rez Rally

*Reservation's 451 Participants Claim Victory*

**By Judy Weeks**

**BIG CYPRESS** — The 8th Annual Reservation Rally was hosted this year by the Big Cypress Reservation on Jan. 19. Participants from all reservations climbed out of bed in the early morning darkness to find that a heavy layer of dense fog had descended upon South Florida. The danger of the situation was immediately apparent, but the participants didn't allow this to prevent them from reaching their destination.

A steady stream of headlights slowly materialized out of the fog, as bumper to bumper traffic made its way up Snake Road to the Casino parking area between 6:30 and 7:30 a.m. The arrival of daylight only changed the visibility from dark grey to light grey while shuttle buses moved the participants to the registration tent at the Museum parking lot.

Registration lines were long right

up until 7:30 a.m. because of weather delays, but eventually the task was completed. Wholesome breakfast snacks were served throughout the morning in order to supply the necessary nourishment and fluids to maintain blood sugar levels during the long walk.

Big Cypress Council Rep. David Cypress addressed the multitude assembled for the Rez Rally and wished them success.

"On behalf of Big Cypress, I want to welcome all of you who have traveled from Hollywood, Brighton, Immokalee, Tampa, Ft. Pierce and even the Trail to join us," he said. "Your sacrifice to come such a great distance so early in the morning speaks for itself."

"Surveying your team T-shirts, I feel an overwhelming pride at your dedica-

◆ See REZ RALLY, page 19



Susan Etxebarria

Student Howard Hunter holds up his certificate for his parents to see.

He told parents of the third, fourth and fifth graders that teachers started preparing their classes to pass the statewide assessments in May known as the Florida Comprehensive Achievement

Tests (FCAT) from day one. "We built it into our curriculum so there is no pressure at the end when tests have to be taken," said Brown.

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## Photo Challenge



Who are these people?

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## Letters • Naak-enchaok-hocheshfееke

Dear Editor,

I am a Seminole Tribal member and a chicken builder. I rely on this business to support my family. In recent years, my business has declined, mostly due to non-Indians starting the trade.

When I travel down the roads, I notice trucks loaded with cypress logs and trailers full of palm fronds. These trucks are not owned or driven by my fellow Seminoles, but rather, the non-Indians, mostly Hispanics.

I believe we, as Seminoles, are losing our culture by allowing the non-Indians to take over this trade. We are allowing this to happen when most of us sell the goods to them also. We need to wake up and band together and formulate a strategy to seize non-Indian builders. Sincerely,

An authentic Seminole chicken

Dear Editor,

Thank you very much for sending my students study materials. They called The Seminole Tribune offices and requested any material you could send them relating to your Tribe's current events, issues, challenges, or victories the Seminole Tribe has received in recent history. The students did a fine job presenting these materials to the rest of the class. Thank you again for helping my students learn beyond the history books.

Sincerely,  
Jill Reifschneider  
5/6 Grade Teacher  
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Kirkland, Wash.

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## Editorial

## The Culture of Gallup, Part Two

By Dr. Dean Chavers

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Last month I wrote in this column about the culture of Gallup, N.M. This reservation border town on the edge of the Navajo, Zuni, Hopi, and Acoma Reservations, brings in more than \$400 million a year from the reservations.

The town gives back little, if anything, to the reservations. Twenty years ago one of the Tribes asked me how to raise money in Gallup. I spent a day giving them a seminar on how to do it. Find the most important person, I said, make friends with his best friend, and get the best friend to ask him to chair a fund raising campaign.

Unfortunately, instead of doing it the way I suggested, the Tribe decided to show up at the big man's office with a delegation of people from the Tribe. The big man was Pat Gurley, the owner of the largest Ford truck dealership in the world.

When this delegation of five Indians showed up at his office unannounced, and with no appointment, he threw them out. I'm sure both are still mystified about what happened. Gurley thought he had been sandbagged; the Tribe had not laid its groundwork properly. And the Tribe thinks Pat Gurley is an anti-Indian bully, a lout, and an insensitive man. What a shame.

People have told me for years that Gallup does not want Indians to be educated. I believe it. The 350 millionaires in that town don't want Indians to be able to escape the wage slave labor they are locked in now. Without them the millionaires, including the 80 Indian jewelry manufacturers, would be much less powerful.

Jewelry is not the only industry, of course. Pawn shops, trading posts, motels, and grocery stores are also big money makers. The motel I have stayed in for 25 years is owned by a man from India who owns six motels. I saw him in a restaurant 15 years ago paying his lunch bill; he pulled out a bank roll that would choke an elephant.

In the winter things are tight in the motel business. You can get a room anywhere, mostly for under \$50. But in the summer prices double and the places are full. One of the motel managers told me last summer that they were running 98 percent occupancy. That means that someone is getting rich.

My aunt and her husband owned a motel in Phoenix in the 1960s and 1970s. When they bought it, occupancy was 80 percent. Within seven years they built it to 98 percent, and sold it for three times what they paid for it. Motels can be money makers.

For years the school board in Gallup had four Anglo or Hispanic members, and one Indian. He was a harmless old Navajo who never challenged the system. He went along to get along, never pushing the envelope.

Then, 10 years ago, the National Indian Youth Council won a lawsuit changing the way school board members were elected. Instead of having at-large elections, which let people in Gallup always win, the court ordered the district to go to single-member districts. That meant a district with a large Indian enrollment could elect an Indian. In the next election, the vote put three Indians and two whites on the board.

Within a year the Indians had let the symbol of the old guard, Ramon Vigil, go. He was the boy wonder of his day, being hired as superintendent in his early thirties. When the board let him go after more than a decade in office, Ramon was

only 42. He decided to go to law school.

His replacement was the old families of Gallup. The really important families are either Anglo or Hispanic. While there are some Persians and East Indians who are important in business, none of them runs the city, the sheriff's department, or the school district. Ramon was clearly Hispanic.

The board replaced him with Bob Gomez, who served for six years. One of the Indian board members switched her vote at the last moment, choosing Gomez over Dr. Joe Martin, a Navajo.

The schools did improve somewhat under Gomez, who was outspoken about things. But when he retired and moved back to California, the next person in line, Karen White, was clearly from the old school. Things went back to business as usual. After two and a half years, the Board let her go in the middle of the year and put in an interim. They are looking for a superintendent now. The schools actually regressed under Karen. Only two of the 31 schools met the minimum requirements.

The Gurleys, the Tanners, the Ortigas, and the Vigils run Gallup. They select the mayor and the school superintendent, using their people on the city council and the school board. They are just like the five families who ran Muskogee, Okla., when I was president of Bacone College.

When a young man in Muskogee wanted to run for mayor, he told several of his friends. One of them went to the leader of one of the five families and told him the young man wanted to run.

"How can he run?" the leader asked. "I don't even know him."

This is the same thing Averil Harriman said about Jimmy Carter when Jimmy wanted to run for President of the

U.S. in 1975. Harriman went to his grave disturbed about how Carter could run and win without his blessing. He had picked presidents for decades by that time.

In 1970, a bunch of us from Alcatraz went to Gallup to protest the inhuman conditions that Indians working in the Gallup Intertribal Ceremonial had to live and work in. The Navajo youth had invited us there; the National Indian Youth Council hosted us.

We spent a week there, during which time we got kicked out of several bars. As soon as we walked into some of them, they would kick us out without serving us. The word had gotten around town. The conditions did get a little better as the result of our demonstrations. The Gallup Ceremonial is still one of the biggest money makers for the city, pulling tens of millions each August to the one week event.

The population of the city itself is 36.6 percent native. Even with this large percentage, there have never been any Native people on the City Council. Those seats are reserved for whites and Hispanics.

Gallup is still a little frontier town living off Indians. So are Farmington, Holbrook, Winslow, Page, Flagstaff, Muskogee, Tahlequah, Anadarko and Chadron. Maybe sometime they will show some appreciation for the people who support them, instead of throwing us in jail, throwing our kids out of school, arresting us by the tens of thousands every night, and calling us names.

But I know as surely as I write this that somewhere right now there are groups of people scheming to develop ways to keep Indians off the Gallup City Council, on the poverty line, and in debt.

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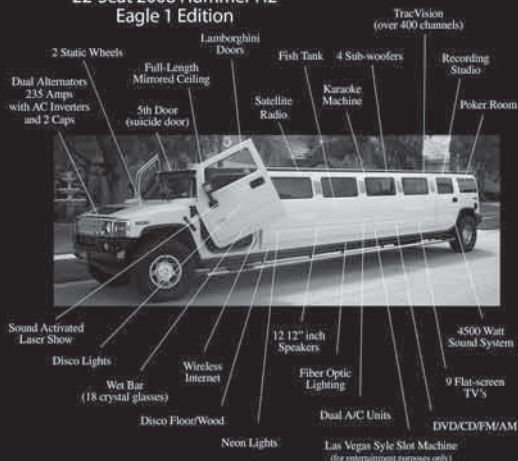


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## Community News

### Tribal Council Meets for Special Session

By Chris Jenkins

**BIG CYPRESS** — The Tribal Council met on the Big Cypress Reservation on Jan. 10 for a special session. They passed eight resolutions.

The Seminole Police Department also introduced five new officers to its force: Ed Taylor, John Auer, Gerald Meisenheimer, Michael Browne and John Wilson.

### STOF, Inc. Meets for Special Session

By Chris Jenkins

**HOLLYWOOD** — The Tribal Board of Directors met for a special session on the Hollywood Reservation on Jan. 30. They passed four resolutions from the agenda, including:

Resolution 5: Assumption of the Big Cypress Rock Pit Enterprise from the Seminole Tribe of

Florida;

Resolution 6: Assumption of the administrative oversight of the Eastern Indian Rodeo Association; and

Resolution 7: Assumption of the Tampa Smoke Shop Pit Enterprise from the Seminole Tribe of Florida.

### Special Council Meeting Held in Hollywood

By Chris Jenkins

**HOLLYWOOD** — The Tribal Council met on Feb. 5 on the Hollywood Reservation for a special session, passing three resolutions:

Resolution 4: Approval of transaction documents to be executed in connection with the issuance of the Seminole Tribe of Florida's special obligation

bonds, series 2008A; limited waiver of sovereign immunity;

Resolution 5: IGT master lease agreement; ratification; limited waiver of Tribal sovereign immunity; and

Resolution 6: Bally Gaming, Inc., master lease agreement; ratification.

### SPD's New Unit Focuses on Agriculture

Submitted by Seminole Police Department

The majority of the Seminole Tribe of Florida's land consists of some type of agricultural activity with large open fields and pasture lands. A large part of the Seminole culture consists of nature and wildlife existing in harmony with each other. Protecting Tribal lands and the environment is essential in preserving the Seminole way of life.

In an effort to further these beliefs a new Seminole Police Dept. (SPD) unit which will specialize in agricultural, livestock, and farming issues.

This Agricultural Unit will be proactive, utilizing crime prevention methods to investigate related crimes on Seminole lands. The unit will concentrate their efforts in Big Cypress, Immokalee and Brighton; however, will investigate crimes at all reservations.

The Agricultural Unit will be responsible for the following: Investigations of burglaries, thefts and criminal mischief on farm lands; Investigations of allegations dealing with animal cruelty and neglect; Gathering intelligence on cultivation of illegal substances; Inspections of groves, fruit

stands, transportation of produce and plants; Inspection of vehicles transporting livestock for proper documentation; Gathering lost and loose livestock; Assisting federal, state and local wildlife agencies; Search and rescue activities; Investigating wildlife issues which are criminal in nature;

Investigating illegal dumping of chemical or farm-related materials; and Working with other Seminole Tribe of Florida departments.

The Agricultural Unit will utilize a community-oriented policing philosophy in rural and agricultural areas of the reservations. This will provide Tribal citizens, business owners and employees a central location to voice their opinions, ideas and concerns they may have.

Tribal citizens are encouraged to report any violations, such as illegal dumping, to the Agricultural Unit's attention.

Sergeant Richard Carley and Officer Warren Melhorne have been assigned to the Agricultural Unit. Anyone who wishes to speak with them concerning agriculture, livestock or farming, should contact them directly at (863) 983-2285.



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## Community News



Pachwork artist Regina Jumper Thinn stands in between two of her wall hangings "Spring and Summer."

## Seminole Artists Exhibition Opening Held at BCC

By Elgin Jumper

**PEMBROKE PINES, Fla.** — Seminole art and culture is alive and well! As part of the ongoing "Seminole Project," Broward Community College's South Campus hosted the opening reception for the Seminole Artist Exhibition on the night of Jan. 17. This exhibit ran through Feb. 22 in the Art Gallery, located in the Building 69 Complex on the campus.

The Seminole artists presenting in this exhibition were: Carol Cypress, myself, Regina Jumper-Thinn, Jessica Osceola, Samuel Tommie, Gordon Oliver Wareham and Pedro Zepeda.

On opening night the artists met in Lecture Hall 133, where they introduced themselves and discussed their artwork, while the crucial answering of questions was reserved for later on in the gallery. Gordon Oliver Wareham and William Cypress both provided Seminole flute stylings as well.

"I enjoy doing this very much," said Carol Cypress from Big Cypress, explaining her beadwork to the audience, as well as her storytelling, and a host of other culturally-oriented endeavors. "For a woman, you have to be a certain age to do it. I'm at that age now."

Dr. Kyrá Belan, director of the Visual Arts Dept., has been an ardent promoter for the Seminole Project, diligently applying for grants and acquiring much-needed funds, as well as inviting the Seminole artists and organizing this unique exhibition. Simultaneously, she worked in close collaboration with the artists, BCC faculty and student gallery workers.

As far as the history of the ongoing project goes, there was a "Seminole Presence at BCC Art and Poetry Presentation" back in March 2006, an opening for a "Student Chickee Study Area" in early September 2006, as well as the "First Annual Seminole Arts & Culture Symposium," held the same month. It was an exhilarating time for Seminole art and culture, and hopes and prospects for the future for the same are rather encouraging, to say the least.

These unforgettable events took place in close accord with the Seminole Tribe's celebrating of the 50th anniversary of the signing of the Constitution



Artist Samuel Tommie encourages audience members to connect with their subconscious, as he also discusses his paintings and drawings.

and Corporate Charter. To be sure, participation by Seminole artists, musicians, Tribal citizens and chickee builders was incredible throughout.

"This is a group of Seminole artists who are showing different aspects of art that are tied in some way or another to either tradition or modernism," explained Dr. Belan, during an interview in the Visual Arts Dept. "A kind of mixture of artists that cover areas such as drawing, painting, sculpture, photography and wall hangings."

The exposure of Seminole arts and culture, noted Dr. Belan, is therefore central to the opening reception and subsequent exhibition and will definitely go far in educating students as well as faculty and the community. "In my opinion," indicated Dr. Belan, "this exhibition has to have that educational component."

As each artist then took the podium to contribute their words, one could sense the hush and attentiveness of the crowd of Tribal citizens, art connoisseurs, art students, professors and faculty members. It was a splendid turnout.

"I was encouraged to do wall hangings with my craft, with my designs," revealed artist Regina Jumper-Thinn of the Hollywood Reservation. "It took me about a month to create the four I have in the exhibition."

Yet photography, a passion she nurtured for years, explained Jumper-Thinn, is also an interest she'd like to become even more involved in.

Next up to the podium was sculptor Jessica Osceola from the Naples community.

"I like to challenge myself," said Osceola, shedding light on the ideas informing her work. "I like

to use different materials, even incorporating sweet grass into, like, say, a welded sculpture."

"I'm hoping you can remember me and my artwork and follow me as my work develops and changes," said Big Cypress reservation-based artist, Samuel Tommie. The crowd listened with rapt attention as the artists described their art, but expounded on the virtues of Seminole arts and culture.

Photographer/storyteller Gordon Oliver Wareham was next to address the gathering.



Jessica Osceola stands next to her mixed media sculpture "The Deer Lady."

"I see these little kids walking around with digital cameras nowadays, which is fantastic," said Wareham. "You're seeing the world through their eyes. When I take pictures, you're seeing the world through my eyes, how I see the world. The connection is amazing! That bond is special: the artist, the camera, and the person and subject!"

Next up, was sculptor Pedro Zepeda from the Naples community.

"I do many other art forms but I mainly focus on sculpture," he said. "I'm working towards becoming a full-time artist, because I do have a regular 9 to 5 job also, so that kind of makes it tough to make art sometimes. But in my art, I try to look at things differently than they've been looked at in the past, to take a fresh view."

It is extremely uplifting for me to see Seminole artists showing their artwork collectively, and with a clear group consciousness to boot, and though my artwork is now divided into examinations of both traditional and contemporary painting, I must say, it couldn't be more pleasing.

With studies of "the Old Masters" and new arts and techniques, it remains ever-stimulating, and is still able to arouse the most profound feelings of awe and wonder. Indeed it has been — and continues to be — a wondrous journey, not only visually, but intellectually and culturally as well.

"I think it's great to be able to show collectively," said Pedro Zepeda during the opening reception. "It gives us a collective image, and makes this 'Seminole Renaissance' of ours a more viable movement now. We definitely had a big attendance tonight."



Musician William Cypress plays his flute for the BCC gallery visitors at the Seminole Art Exhibit.

## Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum Receives Doll Donation

By Judy Weeks

**BIG CYPRESS** — The curatorial vaults at the Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum were opened on Jan. 18 to receive a donation of two antique Seminole dolls.

Tina Osceola, director of Seminole Museums, joined Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Director Anne McCudden in welcoming their guests with their generous contribution to the museum's collection.

Making the presentation was Charles Dauray, Chairman and CEO of the College of Life Foundation, Inc., and Vice Chairman Joe B. Cox. They were accompanied by Jack Nortman, co-chairman of the Southwest Florida Holocaust Museum.

Charles Dauray gave a brief background of the College of Life Foundation in Estero, Fla., which has been entrusted with the care of the antiquities of the Koreshan Unity.

Founded in 1894 as a scientific, as well as religious sect, the Koreshan Unity was designed to be a self-reliant commune for people of the same persuasion. Although it was small, it was extremely unique and represents a small piece of the patchwork of the history that created the State of Florida.

Fleeing Nazi Germany in 1939, Hedwig Michel joined the Koreshans and eventually became their president. By the 1950s, the membership had deteriorated to near non-existence and Michel donated its property to the state or Florida for a park in 1961.

A museum was created in 1979 to house the artifacts of this vanishing community and is administered by the College of Life Foundation, Inc. Among the items placed in this museum for safe keeping were two handmade Seminole dolls. Tracing the history of the dolls proved to be far more challenging than that of the Koreshans.

The origin of the dolls begins with Anna Lewis, who was the first postmistress for the city of Everglades, when it became the Collier County Seat in the 1920s. A longtime resident of southwest Florida, she was a friend of Deaconess Harriet Bedell of the Glade Cross Mission.

Deaconess Bedell was a familiar figure as she traveled up and down the Tamiami Trail in her old car or was transported by dugout canoe to many of



Director of Museums Tina Osceola holds the early 1900s dolls up for observation by the spectators.

the cost of acquiring many significant pieces, which makes it impossible to obtain, preserve and provide the spiritual atmosphere for their existence."

Carefully removing the dolls from the box, Osceola held them up for examination.

"Unfortunately, there will be no way to determine the exact origin of these beautiful ladies, she said. "However, the style and cloth involved indicate the 1900 to 1920s era."

Holding the dolls with reverence, Osceola said: "Since these ladies come to us without identification, I would like to name them after my Grandmother Juanita Osceola and her sister Annie Billie. Matriarchs of their society, they were born during the era of these dolls and were friends of Deaconess Bedell, who had a major impact on developing the handicraft souvenir trade which sustained the Seminole people for many years."

"The dolls are in very good condition, although fragile with age," concluded Osceola, as she handed them to Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum



(L-R) Vice Chairman Joe B. Cox and Chairman Charles Dauray of The College of Life Foundation, Inc., present two antique Seminole dolls to Tina Osceola, Director of Museums, and Robin Kilgore, registrar for the Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum.

the remote Seminole villages in the Everglades during the first half of the 20th Century. A dear friend of the Seminole, Bedell offered minor medical assistance, transportation and an outlet for the sale of their handmade crafts as she administered to them. Unlike many missionaries she was very well accepted among the Seminoles because she did not aggressively attempt to force her religion on them.

At some point prior to the 1930s retirement of Anna Lewis to a house in Estero, Deaconess Bedell presented these dolls to her as a gift. Counting them among her prized possessions, she took them with her to Estero. Last year Ms. Lewis' house was donated to the Park and preparations were made to have it moved into a new location. The dolls had previously come into the possession of the College of Life Foundation Museum.

Carefully handing the box containing the dolls to Tina Osceola, Charles Dauray said, "Six years ago we began a review of our archives and artifacts and during the process determined that these were not germane to Koreshan history."

"In all fairness, it was evident that the dolls should be returned to their origins. Our Board members gave deliberation to the matter and recognizing the stewardship and pride that the Seminole Tribe of Florida takes in preserving its artifacts, they decided to donate them to you."

Tina Osceola responded: "We are extremely grateful for your generosity. As avid collectors of our own antiquities, we often find that we are driving up



Charles Dauray transfers responsibility for the antique Seminole dolls to Tina Osceola on behalf of the Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum.

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(L-R) Mary Osceola Moore and Chairman Mitchell Cypress examine the fine craftsmanship of Linda Beletso's sweetgrass baskets.

### Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum Unveils 'Osceola Remembered' Exhibit

Youth Essay Contest Held in Conjunction with Opening

By Judy Weeks

**BIG CYPRESS** — The Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum in Big Cypress celebrated the opening of their newest exhibit, "Osceola Remembered," on Jan. 27. Based on an extraordinary collection of artifacts attributed to the life and memory of one of the most famous Seminole leaders of all time, the exhibit offers an opportunity for viewers to draw their own conclusions.

Tina Osceola, director of Seminole Museums, offered introductory remarks in celebration of the opening of the exhibit to a gathering of Tribal citizens, historians, friends of the museum, guests and descendants of the renowned Tribal leader, Osceola, himself.

"If asked to define a Tribal museum, I would have to say that it must co-exist with the community at large and express history according to the people it represents," said Tina Osceola. "Our chief purpose is to document the Seminole story from the Seminole viewpoint and obtain as many true artifacts as possible to substantiate our records."

"The Tribal Council has given us this mission, so that people 100 years from now, will know what we have said and who we are," she added. "Larger museums are missing the native voice."

Continuing Osceola said: "We are doing our own archeological and anthropological work daily to achieve this goal. In opening today's exhibit, we hope to change the misguided beliefs of non-Tribals, preserve important antiquities as well as pieces of art and give you, the viewer, an opportunity to determine whether this man was as significant to the Seminoles as he was to non-Tribal historians."

After thanking the multitude of people instrumental in putting together the exhibit and assisting in the historical verification process, Osceola welcomed Chairman Mitchell Cypress.



(L-R) Chairman Mitchell Cypress and Hollywood Council Rep. Max Osceola Jr. congratulate Katherine Harper on her winning Osceola essay.

Chairman Cypress began by saying, "The Seminole Tribe is very grateful to the people who have made such a wealth of knowledge available to us through this exhibit. Knowing the past helps to shape the future. The leaders of the Seminole Tribe today may not live up to the accomplishments attributed to Osceola; however, they are fighting for our right to live here in a different way. The courthouse and education are our primary weapons. We are very proud of Tina and her staff, whose teamwork gets things accomplished to preserve our true history for future generations."

Hollywood Council Rep. Max Osceola Jr. spoke next.

"My late mother called William Powell [Osceola] by his traditional name, *Asi-yahola*. Like many of our words, the new comers to our land have changed the pronunciation, and sometimes the meaning, of what we intended. Through this exhibit, we hope you will see who we think this man was. It is our purpose to teach our children and non-Indians our true history."

During the exhibit's preparation, the museum organized an essay contest and asked fourth graders all across Florida to write about Osceola. The top four essays are on display as a portion of the exhibit. Museum Director Anne McCudden introduced one of the winners, Katherine Harper, who was present for the opening of the exhibit.

Tribal citizen Elgin Jumper made a very comprehensive presentation of a poem that he had written about Osceola. Prior to its composition, he did oral interviews and considerable research on the subject. Fellow Tribal citizen Willie Johns also offered a blessing.

"As the Tribal elders pass through here today,



Tribal citizen Willie Johns discusses the historical significance of the portrait painted by James Hutchison of Osceola.

I hope they will see a patriot fighting for the land he loved and the cultural beliefs of his people," he said. "Because of his convictions, his descendants live here today as the Seminole Tribe of Florida."

Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Willard Steele gave a brief presentation on the life and times of Osceola, who is probably the most famous Seminole of all time. He talked about the man, the myth and the legend that have captured the imagination of generations. The historical circumstances that surround his life and the powerful image that he represents have left a legacy of places bearing his name as well as international recognition.

Entering the Osceola Remembered exhibit for the first time, visitors witnessed a bronze sculpture, extraordinary art works, personal artifacts purported to have belonged to Osceola, historical documents, a death mask and a collection of letters offering a personal accounting. The presentation is further enhanced by a vast collection of books, media materials, a theatrical film, souvenirs and memorabilia attributed to Osceola over the past 175 years.

Museum Director Anne McCudden and Curator of Collections Michole Eldred have coordinated an expert team in putting together this outstanding exhibit of artifacts of the museum and obtaining items on loan from many reputable sources.

Any effort to describe the Osceola Remembered exhibit would be a disservice to its purpose. This awesome collection of materials has been assembled to allow the viewer an opportunity to draw their own conclusions about this famous man and his true identity.

A marvelous catalog has been assembled by the museum to enhance the exhibit and give viewers an opportunity to possess Tribal perspectives, oral histories and historical essays on the larger than life figure of Osceola as he will be remembered by his own people.



Tribal citizen Elgin Jumper stands beside a bronze sculpture of Osceola after giving a stirring rendition of his poem about the renowned leader.

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## An Interview with Father/Son Bronze by Cooley Sculpture Team

By Elgin Jumper

**LAMONT, Fla.** — The bronze sculptures produced by the father/son team of Bradley J. Cooley Sr. and Bradley Owen Cooley Jr., of Bronze by Cooley, run the gamut from massive wildlife scenes to famed music and golf legends, ancient Tribes as well as Seminole men, women, and children, Native Armed Forces veterans and illustrious head football coaches. Their work can be seen in countries such as: the U.S., South America, Scotland and Spain, among other locales.

When I met the Cooley family — Bradley Sr., Linda, and Dee and Bradley Jr., Jenny, Marissa, and Holden — for the first time during the Discover Native America Pow-Wow & Music Festival, held in Tampa in November 2007, both sculptors were more than happy to meet with me to discuss the motivations of their art, among other critical matters concerning art. The family even invited me to Lamont for a weekend stay in early December at their newly-completed guest house.

The Cooleys were gracious hosts, and the weekend stay was cheerfully pleasant as well as thoroughly educational. They were kind and generous and spoke unreservedly and passionately where life and

sculpting were concerned.

"It just comes so natural, I think everybody gets a gift," said sculptor Bradley J. Cooley Sr. describing his take on the art of sculpting. "A lot of people never find it, and sometimes when people find it, they don't think it has any value because it comes so easy. Like with me, with sculpting, you put some on, you get too much on, you take some off. You get too much off, you put some back on. And you keep doing that till you get it right."

"And not only are we fascinated by Native Americans, but my grandfather, on my mother's side, was a painter and a sculptor, and then my grandmother, on my dad's side, was a painter," explained Bradley Owen Cooley Jr. "But my grandfather, on my mother's side, was a painter and a sculptor, and then my grandmother, on my dad's side, was a painter. And my grandfather on my mother's side is the one who actually taught my dad how to do his first sculpture. So it wasn't his dad, it was my mother's dad who taught him how."

"When I was real young, I would follow dad around and make my own sculptures with the clay he'd drop. We're just keeping up the family tradition."

Needless to say, the visit was magnificent! We were treated to an airboat ride on the winding river behind the guest house, and that was not only scenic, but quite refreshing. We even got to experience the sheer beauty of a natural spring some 40 feet below the surface of the blue-green waters.

All during the visit, from their home to their studio, as we discussed the past, Lamont, their inspirations, their emphasis on accuracy, and the sharing of knowledge and art techniques, there was a genuine cordiality and warm-heartedness.

**Elgin Jumper:** You were originally from Maryland before moving to Tampa and then to Lamont, right?

**Bradley J. Cooley Sr.:** Yes, originally from Baltimore, Md. and I came down to Florida

when I was eight years old, to Hillsborough County, on the Hillsborough River. We were at Buffalo Ave. There wasn't a bridge there then.

We had a cow pasture, chickens and ducks, cows the whole works. We were in the country then. And that's where I started collecting artifacts, because they dug a waterline by the house, out on the road, and when they dug that ditch, I found some arrowheads, so that's what started me collecting, and I've been doing so ever since. I love the history. I started sculpting in Tampa, then we moved here to Lamont and been here ever since. We love it here.

**EJ:** Now Bronze by Cooley places a very high premium on accuracy. Can you tell me about that?

**Bradley Owen Cooley Jr.:** When we're doing a portrait like Ray Charles, when we had to do him, to get the accuracy, is get a hold of all his videos, and photographs, and then put all those together. The armatures — and that's one of the most crucial parts of making these sculptures — what we'd usually do is, a lot of our pieces are my size, because we measure off my own measurements. But that's if it's a life-sized piece and the subject was of a general height.

**BJC Sr.:** We really go out of our way for accuracy. We read what we can, of course. When we do a Seminole piece, we talk to the Seminoles who know about it, authentically and how things were made.



Bradley J. Cooley explains the process of how his sculptures are made.

Esa Liederma

So we talk to people and get as much information as we can, make sure we're not wrong.

**EJ:** Can you tell me about the larger pieces you've created?

**BJC Sr.:**

We did one for Joe Hardy, the owner of 84 Lumber, in Farmington, Pennsylvania. It was 25 feet tall and 29 feet long. That's the world's largest white-tailed deer done in bronze. That's one that we started outside, welding the frame together, then pulled it up onto a slab. Then they put a building

up around us as we were working.

But they have a resort there in Farmington, and right on the side of it they built a place called Woodlands Outdoor World where they have camping equipment and stuff like that, which his son-in-law runs ... He gave his son-in-law the deer sculpture for his birthday.

**EJ:** How do you feel about artists

sharing knowledge of their art and techniques with each other, learning from one another?

**BJC Jr.:** I enjoy it, I don't mind sharing knowledge. Now there are a lot of people who are funny about it. They're not into showing their little secrets and stuff. Then again, you can teach people techniques, but if they can't do it, they can't do it. And then if you can do it, then you learn the techniques, but it's still a lot to market.

It's a lot easier being an artist, and enjoy it, and not try and be pressured to make a living at it. Now us, we're totally dedicated, we've got to keep stuff going, so we're always out marketing and figuring out where we're going to put something, or what we're going to do next. But I like sharing my techniques with people.

**BJC Sr.:** But as Bradley said, a lot of artists are protective of their work. They won't let you take pictures of it and all that. They're afraid you're going to copy it, and I don't feel that way at all. If someone wants to copy my sculpture — go ahead. It's a form of compliment. It doesn't bother me like it does some artists. And I like helping somebody out, because I feel artists can sure use as much help as they can get, and I don't mind sharing it.

We have schools that come out here and we show them how we make sculptures. And we've even offered a class or something like that, to the Seminole Tribe, where people can learn these techniques. That'd be great, I think. There certainly is a lot of talent there.



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Bradley Owen Cooley stands next to part of the Chief Micanopy sculpture he is working on.



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Elgin Jumper (C) interviews Bradley Cooley Sr. and Jr. in their Lamont studio.

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### Seminoles Participate in Battle Re-Enactment Raid on Gopher Ridge Held at Robert's Ranch

By Judy Weeks

**IMMOKALEE** — Cannons roared and the acid smell of black powder filled the air at the Roberts' Ranch in Immokalee on Jan. 5 and 6 when re-enactors participated in a Civil War skirmish. Cattle introduced to the Florida peninsula by the Spanish during the 1500s ran wild and flourished



Re-enactors pose as Seminole Scouts during the mock battle.

throughout the territory that would become Florida. By the end of the Third Seminole War, and advent of the Civil War, these cattle provided not only food but a source of income for the ancestors of the Seminole Tribe.

The Seminoles spent many years hiding from the soldiers of the U.S. Army and encroaching settlers while attempting to survive in the hostile environment of South Florida. An opportunity for trade and income presented itself when a rough set of stock pens was constructed on Gopher Ridge by settlers and ranchers moving into the area, which would eventually become the community of Immokalee.

Captain Francis Asbury Hendry of the Confederate Cow Cavalry, and later founder of the city of LaBelle, set up a line of communication with the local settlers and Indians. As allies they would round up wild cattle and deposit them in the pens in exchange for silver coin and essential trade goods. The Cow Cavalry would then drive the livestock north to the railroad at Alligator, now Lake City, Fla., where they were transported to feed the Confederate Army.

In February 1865, the U.S. 2nd Cavalry and the 2nd Colored Infantry left Fort Myers on a foraging

expedition. Their job was to interrupt the flow of beef to the Confederate Army. Encountering the Cow Cavalry at Gopher Ridge, an all day skirmish ensued. Records indicate that there were no casualties, but the hostilities triggered the Battle of Fort Myers that would take place a week later.

Gopher Ridge eventually became the home site of the Roberts family who established the Red Cattle Company there in 1926. Because of the role that this acreage played in the history of South Florida, it has been declared a historical site. Purchasing the property in 1996, Collier County has done considerable restoration to the buildings and created a museum.

Kenny Joe Davis, director of the Immokalee Seminole Ranch, and members of his staff supplied the long horn cattle for the encampment and participated in the re-enactment of the Raid on Gopher Ridge.

Members of the 10th Tennessee Volunteer Cavalry supplied the manpower for both the Union and Confederate Forces. A replica of a 1860s soldiers' encampment transformed the grounds of the Roberts' Ranch Museum for the weekend event. Pioneer women tended the campfires, cooked the meals and mended the clothing. Weavers, blacksmiths, candle makers and 19th Century entertainers surrounded the soldiers' tents, much as they would have during the Civil War. An antique telegraph system and black powder arsenal lent authenticity to the occasion.

Spectators had an opportunity to experience a 1800s cotillion on the night of Jan. 5 complete with costumes and music of the period. Tents filled with memorabilia offered a chance to possess a piece of the history that surrounded the event.

During the re-enactment, the Seminoles worked the cattle back and forth through the fighting soldiers as they relived a moment in history. Cattle similar to these had provoked the original raid and



Confederate soldiers fire their black powder rifles on the battle field.

were an important part of the battle. Gopher Ridge and Immokalee have long played a role in the history of the Seminole Tribe before the Civil War and into the present day.



Re-enactors of the Raid on Gopher Ridge assembled in front of the Roberts' Ranch Museum.



US Army federal soldiers fire their muskets at the unconquered Seminole warriors.

Felix DoBoz

### History Comes Alive at Okeechobee Battle Re-Enactment

By Felix DoBoz

**OKEECHOBEE, Fla.** — The Battle of Okeechobee was the biggest and bloodiest battle of the Second Seminole War (1835-1842). During this battle, fought on Christmas Day 1837, the Seminoles used hit and run tactics, leaving 27 dead federal soldiers and only losing only 11. However, many more were wounded on both sides of the battle.

Spectators viewed the re-enactment, which took place on Feb. 2-3, on part of the same ground the Battle of Okeechobee took place on 171 years ago.

The battleground was saved from developers in 2006 by a dedicated group of individuals known as the Okeechobee Battlefield Friends. This 145-acre parcel of land, owned by the state of Florida, is known as the Okeechobee Battlefield Historical State Park.

Former president of the Seminole Tribe of Florida, Inc. Moses Osceola was on-hand for the re-enactment.

"This is quite significant to me because it honors our warriors that fought here and will serve to educate not only our people but the public," he said. "It's a great part of Florida history."

Osceola went on to say there was a three year break with this event because the land that was originally used for these re-enactments became unavailable near the town of Okeechobee. He said the new land was acquired and preserved, which took great effort and time to accomplish.

The battle re-enactment had a turnout of about 500 people who also enjoyed music by Jimmy Harper, and a unique poetry reading, written by Moses "Big Shot" Jumper Jr. While sitting on horseback in his full warrior regalia as a re-enactor, he recited two of his poems "Okeechobee and Okeechobee - Big Water, My Home."

Tourists also enjoyed watching some of the alligator demonstrations and kids took turns riding horses around the corral. A few native vendors, including Ronnie and Mabel Doctor from Hollywood, sold all kinds of handmade native crafts.

A few dozen re-enactors performed a scaled back version of the actual battle with Brighton's Willie Johns narrating the action.

Shawn Henderson, chairwoman of Okeechobee Battlefield Friends Inc., was instrumental in promoting this event. Henderson also served as emcee during opening ceremonies and spoke about all the people who assisted with making this huge project a reality — one of which was herself.

The Seminole Tribe of Florida's Color Guard posted the colors during the opening ceremonies with the assistance of the local ROTC Honor Guard. Rev. Water Johns also offered an invocation prior to the singing of the National Anthem.

Henderson wanted to especially thank the family of the late Billy Cypress, who she said was a

dedicated Seminole historian, leader and veteran who rose to the rank of major in the U.S. Army. Cypress' widow Carol Cypress, and son William Cypress Jr., accepted a plaque in his honor from Henderson that honored his service to both his Tribe and country.

His son, William Cypress Jr., dressed in Seminole warrior regalia, performed a native song called "The Veterans Song," to honor all warriors and veterans. Nephew Gordon Oliver Wareham performed a native and enchanting flute song for the gathered guests.

Tribal citizen Mabel Doctor of Hollywood, one of the vendors at the re-enactment, honored



Felix DoBoz

(L-R) Chairwoman Shawn Henderson presents Carol Cypress with a plaque that honors her late husband Billy Cypress.

Henderson with special recognition during the opening ceremony by presenting her with a colorful, handmade patchwork jacket. Doctor wanted to recognize Henderson's hard work in keeping the land free from development and her dedication to the Seminole Tribe of Florida's historic preservation.

John Missall, and wife Mary Lou, co-authors of the book *The Seminole Wars: America's Longest Indian Conflict*, also attended the battle re-enactment dressed as settlers and had a vendors booth selling their book.

"It's a culmination of a lot of efforts to bring back one of the most important historic sights in the Seminole War history," Missall said. "You had people from both sides making a very determined stand here, to try and preserve their way of life... The government finally gave up fighting the Seminoles because they realized these people weren't going to give up, and it was going to take so much effort, so many lives, so much money to win the war and actually drive all the Seminoles from Florida."

"They finally realized that the Seminoles were so determined that there was no way to win the war, they simply had to walk away from it and say that they did win."

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## Community News

### Osceola Helps Police Apprehend Robbery Suspect

By Felix DuBosq

**HOLLYWOOD** — The quiet afternoon of Jan. 7 was broken up by police car sirens screaming closer to the Hollywood Classic Casino's parking lot.

Officers from the Hollywood, Seminole and Broward Sheriff's Office (BSO) police departments were chasing two male suspects who did not respond to a traffic stop and allegedly stole a 2001 brown Chrysler PT Cruiser in Ft. Lauderdale, which ended up in the north parking lot of the casino. The suspects abandoned the car and fled on foot across the parking lot while law enforcement officers were in hot pursuit.

However, it was Tribal citizen and Casino Security Director Chris Osceola who would end up getting one of the suspects into police custody.

"I just happened to be listening to my radio while checking my e-mails and I heard one of my guys say 'There they go across the lot and into the trailer park,'" Osceola said.

"I heard one of my guys say,

'There he is, he's on this side of the wall.' I told my team to go after him anyway. I saw him jump out of the bushes, so I started running after him.

"Running between the trailers, he suddenly jumped out in front of me. I radioed [my team] that I was chasing him. I chased him through about six or seven trailers and he started to slow down and he put his hands in the air saying 'You got me, you got me!'"

"I tackled the guy to the ground and he put his arms behind his back and I just held him because I didn't have any handcuffs."

Holding the suspect, Osceola radioed for backup and waited. BSO deputies from Dania Beach's District II arrived a few minutes later and cuffed the suspect, while smiling officers congratulated Osceola.

According to SPD Lt. Barry Dodge, his officers assisted BSO by providing a security perimeter that was set up for a few hours immediately after the chase, with canine units searching around the nearby



The Hollywood Casino Security Team (L-R) Emilio Gonzales, Andrew Forsyth, Chris Osceola, casino security director, Ralph Jonquille and Christain Berrios.

Estates Trailer Park for the second suspect. The second suspect turned out to be the brother of the man arrested in the trailer park. He was later apprehended when he called BSO trying to bail his brother out of jail.

The BSO event report stated that the PT Cruiser was reported stolen on Dec. 25, 2007 by the owner, Donna P. Lemons. On the morning of Jan. 7, Lemons spotted the vehicle exiting I-95 at the Griffin Road exit and called police. However, she lost sight of the vehicle and could not provide any further information on the direction of the vehicle.

A BOLO, or "Be on the Lookout," order was issued by BSO and the PT Cruiser was eventually spotted by a BSO deputy at the 4000 block of State Road 7, heading southbound. At this time, deputies responded and chased the vehicle into the nearby casino parking lot, located at 4150 N. State Road 7.

The recovered vehicle was released to its owner, Lemons, after it was processed for latent fingerprints.



Toby Patrick with the youth during storytelling.

Submitted by the Boys & Girls Club

### Boys & Girls Club Host Umatilla Tribal Citizens

Submitted by Thelma Bowers, Boys & Girls Club  
Toby Patrick, his wife Julia, and daughter Susie, 6, were all guests of the Boys & Girls Club during the week of the 37th Annual Tribal Fair, held Feb. 7-10.

Toby and his family are representatives of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR) located in Oregon. He is also the Crew Leader of the Cultural Preservation

Department of CTUIR and has served as an interpretive guide on the B and G Clubs Summer Wilderness Adventure Trips in Idaho.

Toby assisted with classes at the Boys & Girls Club during the week, participated in the Tribal Fair Grand Entry on Feb. 9, and served as a hand drum judge during the powwow competition the following day.

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## Ahfachkee Students Visit Aviation Dept. Event Held in Conjunction With Red Ribbon Week Activities

By Judy Weeks

**BIG CYPRESS** — The Aviation Dept. with the Seminole Tribe of Florida challenged the Ahfachkee School fifth grade through high school students during Red Ribbon Week.

The class with the most participation and combined effort in the anti-substance abuse project would receive a tour of the Aviation Dept. and ride on a helicopter.

After much deliberation, Dean of Students Dominic Trowee and a selected group of Ahfachkee staff announced that the high school earned the reward. Aviation Director Clint El-Ramey scheduled Dec. 17, 2007 for the tour and flight. Fourteen students participated in the field trip with their teachers, Mr. Smith, Miss Rodriguez and Mr. Robinson.

The students arrived at 9 a.m. and listened intently as El-Ramey talked about the various types of aircraft belonging to the Seminole Tribe, their capabilities and usage. Lining up in single file, they had an opportunity to board the Tribal jet for a quick tour and learned about its fuel capacity, speed and normal flight levels.

In the rear of the hangar, one of the Tribe's helicopters was under going a five year inspection and had been literally dismantled for maintenance. It was explained that this is done on a routine basis for quality control and ensures the utmost safety. Four mechanics were working on the project. Observing the complex internal organs of this flight machine was awesome and inspired numerous questions that El-Ramey quickly answered.

The helicopter selected for the tour was a Bell 407 with a six-passenger capacity. This amounted to one pilot and five passengers. The Seminole Tribe uses this particular helicopter for personnel transport, mosquito control, forest fire suppression and to annually deliver Santa Claus to the high school football field in Immokalee.

Following a recent hurricane, the Bell 407 made seven relief flights to the Choctaw Reservation with approximately 2,100 pounds of cargo on each flight.

The pilot for the day was John Gallagher.

Dividing the passengers into four groups, El-Ramey conducted a pre-flight briefing and then gave further instruction to those students awaiting their turn on the ground. Following his presentation, he permitted a question and answer period.

All of the students were very polite and their



Ahfachkee High School students tour the Tribe's Aviation Dept.

Judy Weeks

questions were not only thought provoking, but in some cases humorous. For instance, they wanted to know if their pilot had ever crashed before. How old was the helicopter? Could it land in water? How high can it fly and how far were we off the ground? Do the planes have to be evacuated during hurricanes? El-Ramey answered all of these inquiries and many more.

The flights were both fun and educational. Although many of the students had flown in larger planes, this was their first helicopter experience and permitted low level observation of the community that they thought they knew so well.

From a bird's eye view, they realized that there is a great deal more to the Big Cypress Reservation than they ever imagined. The rock mine, cattle pastures, citrus groves, farms and residential areas appeared as a checker board beneath them stretching to the horizon. Roads and canals looked like ribbons snaking across the landscape.

Flying over Billie Swamp Safari, one of the youngsters remarked, "I feel like I am in one of the National Geographic films on the educational channel. This is awesome!"

## DARE Graduation Held at Ahfachkee Michelle Jimmie Wins Essay Contest

By Judy Weeks

**BIG CYPRESS** — Seventeen fifth graders at the Ahfachkee School graduated from the 2007 Drug Abuse and Resistance Education Program, or DARE Program, conducted by Seminole Police Department Officer Kelly Taylor on the evening of Nov. 30, 2007.

"This group of fine youngsters has just completed an intensive 10-week program and essay contest," said Taylor during opening remarks. "They have been a joy to work with and believe me, they will challenge you."

Fifth grade teacher Rushelle Lee, and her aide Hope Baker, briefly welcomed everyone and thanked the parents for giving them an opportunity to work with their children. Followed by Katima Jumper with the Seminole Pledge, Candy Landon Jumper led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

Acting Principal Eileen Hagar gave a brief background of this international drug awareness and prevention program.

"The DARE Program was initiated in 1983 and has now spread to 43 countries and throughout the United States," she said. "It is police officer-led and is designed to offer resistance to peer pressure."

Directing her comments to the graduates, Hagar said: "Now you children are the teachers. Teach anyone who will listen. Because you have the knowledge, you have the power."

Giving an emotional testimony, Rev. Salaw Hummingbird shared his troubled youth and early adult years, ending with his triumph over abuse and the rewarding lifestyle that followed.

"Drugs will take you further than you intended to go," Hummingbird said. "They will keep you longer than you intended to stay and cost more than you intended to pay. Drugs will steal, destroy and kill."

Following the DARE curriculum, the youngsters had written poems and several were read as a



Leauna Billie displays her winning essay, medal and pin.

Judy Weeks

part of the commencement proceedings. Leauna Billie's poem received special recognition.

Turning to face the audience, the graduates then sang "DARE to Take a Stand," for which they received not only applause, but a standing ovation.

Taylor then explained the parameters and requirements for one of the many facets of the 10-week DARE Program, the essay contest.

"Each participant in the program is required to write and submit an essay prior to graduation," she said. "Although all of them were winners and it was very difficult, we had to select the top four which will be read here this evening. The first place essay will be submitted to the DARE State Headquarters, where its author will have an opportunity to be chosen for a scholarship award."

Essay contest winners, in descending order were: Michelle Jimmie, Candy Landon Jumper, Katie Bert and Leauna Billie.

The following students were awarded DARE graduation certificates, pins and medals for their achievements: Gloria Brooks, Mika Lopez, Sabre Billie, Haden Littlebear, Michelle Jimmie, Rheannon Robbins, Nathaniel Jim, Candy Landon Jumper, Leauna Billie, Katima Jumper, Matthew Bluebird, Chief Billie, Leandra Rodriguez, Christian Alexander, Kaitlyn Osceola, Katie Bert and Silver Wolf.

SPD Captain Ed Taylor gave closing remarks before the students concluded the commencement proceedings by again singing "DARE to Take a Stand."



(L-R) Fifth grade teacher's aide Hope Baker, fifth grade teacher Rushelle Lee and the 2007 DARE graduates.

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## Fun Factor Live at Charter School

By Susan Etchebarria  
BRIGHTON — The Pemayev Emahav Charter School's students and parents cheered, booed, clapped, screamed and laughed as they urged their schoolmates and teachers on during the Fun Factor Challenge, held at the Brighton Gym on Dec. 14, 2007.

The contests were styled after the hit TV show Fear Factor that pits contestants against each other to complete a series of stunts better and/or quicker than all the other contestants. Many of the school's contests pitted one grade against another. Others were individual challenges.

Students and teachers were called upon randomly from the bleachers to compete in gross and embarrassing challenges like Bob for Spam and Dig through Worms. The contests were messy, silly and even daring, which made them all the more fun to watch. Explaining the purpose, physical education teacher Pam Williams said, "I just want physical activity to be fun and show kids that physical activity is not boring."

One contest was the Pie Roulette. Here, the students passed a whipped cream pie on a paper plate around until the music stopped. Then, whoever had the pie got to "pie" the face of the person standing on their left or right.



Susan Etchebarria

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Even messier was the Ice Cream Sundae Contest in which two people partnered up and one lay face up on the floor. Their partner dropped typical sundae items, including ice cream, whipped cream and cherries, into their teammate's mouth.

Blend O' Rama was yucky. Teams had to choose foods to blend and drink, but it was hardly a tasty smoothie. The had to choose combinations that included either ranch or French dressing, barbecue chips or salt and vinegar chips, mixed vegetables or cereal.

Cheeto® Face was also not easy. One line of students had whipped cream spread on their face, while another line of students tried to throw Cheeto® from six feet away onto the face of their opposite partner. The partners who managed to get the most Cheeto® stuck on a face, won.

During the Fun Factor Challenges there was evidence of good sportsmanship and willingness to try the absurd just for the fun of it. Students raised their hands to volunteer and jumped out of their seats to hit the floor ready for the chance to participate.



Susan Etchebarria

(L-R) Daniel Nunez versus J.T. Smith in the Pie Roulette challenge.

New Face at Ahfachkee School  
High School Teacher Tobe Smith

By Chris Jenkins

**BIG CYPRESS** — High School Teacher Tobe Smith is the Ahfachkee School's newest employee. Since joining the team in November 2007, Smith took on the challenge of shaping the minds of Tribal youngsters.

"Education is the key to getting anywhere you want in life," Smith explained. "I love kids and I have a really good group of kids."

This Clewiston, Fla. native attended Florida State University, where he received his degree in finance. However, Smith would eventually develop a desire to get into the classroom to make an impact.

As a father of two, he said he has always valued education and had a desire to get into teaching, joining his wife of 18 years, Lisa, who teaches fifth grade. He said he also was inspired by his

kids, Janessa, 8 and Jordan, 2.

"Education allows me to give them something that I can also share with my students," he said.

With plans to return to school next fall for his master's degree, Smith is as much an example to follow as an inspiration to others.

"My students really listen, they just need somebody on their side to give them that push they need, and everybody needs inspiration," he said.

Thus far, Smith said the biggest challenge has been getting the students to become inspired to do their own learning. However, he said, the rewards have been worth the challenge.

"If they want to do it, I'm here to help them," he said. "Just seeing the look in their eyes when they achieve something they never thought they would be most rewarding to me."



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## Four Year Degree Recipient Kyle Doney Doney Returns to Work with Tribe in IT

By Marisol Gonzalez

Kyle Doney, son of Marilyn Doney, Panther Clan, and Kenneth Doney, from the Gros Ventre Tribe in Montana, has come a long way. Doney was born in Avon Park, Fla., and his mother resided on the Brighton Reservation while his father was overseas in the military.

Doney moved from Valdosta, Ga. to Alexandria, La. to Tacoma, Wash. and finally to Chinook, Mont., where he attended high school.

"I did a lot of moving due to my father's active duty in the United States Air Force," Doney said. While growing up, we moved four or five times before finally settling down in Montana.

Doney then attended and graduated from Florida State University (FSU) in Tallahassee with a bachelor's degree in political science and a minor in criminology. He said he hopes to enroll in FSU's master's degree program for either public or business administration.

"Eventually, I would like to take on a political role as a Tribal leader," stated Doney. "As a Tribal member, I am excited to further my education and return to help the Tribe with continued success."

He said he hopes to become a role model for younger Tribal citizens and would also like to encour-

age Tribal citizens to continue their education.

Selected as the face for FSU's "Unconquered" marketing campaign, Doney said he was honored to represent the university on billboards in and around FSU's Tallahassee campus. He has also had the privilege of portraying FSU's mascot Osceola on two occasions, where he planted the spear at midfield before the Miami Hurricanes game in September 2005 and the Boston College Eagles game in October 2006.

Since he attended high school in Montana, he would travel to Brighton during the summer and joined the Summer Work Program starting in 1999. Doney has worked with many departments within the Tribe, such as Preschool, the Senior Center, Treasurer's Office and Brighton Council. Doney currently holds the position of micro-computer support specialist for the Information Technology Department on the Brighton Reservation.

Doney said he loves working with the Tribe, as it brings him a sense of pride knowing that he is helping in any way that he can. "The Tribe was there to aid me with financial support, so I want to pay the Tribe back with the knowledge I acquired," Doney said.

In his spare time he said he enjoys spending time with his family. Doney also said he likes to follow FSU football and play golf.

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## Four Year Degree Recipient Tony Sanchez Jr. Sanchez is General Manager at Immokalee Casino

By Marisol Gonzalez

**IMMOKALEE** — Tony Sanchez Jr., Panther Clan, son of Mary Lee Motlow Sanchez and Tony Sanchez, was born in Clewiston, Fla. and raised in Immokalee. Sanchez spent most of his early childhood between Brighton, Big Cypress and Immokalee.

Sanchez attended and graduated from Immokalee High School and then went off to Austin, Texas to study education. He achieved a bachelor's degree in education, with a minor in business from St. Edwards University.

When in college, Sanchez said he ultimately dreamed of teaching or coaching in the private sector. Little did he know where he would end up today.

In October 1983 the late Cecil Johns gave Sanchez the opportunity to work with the Tribe, and Sanchez jumped at the chance. Holding many positions within the Tribe, from planning and development to Tribal Gaming Commission director, Sanchez said he has always strived to reach for the top.

His current title as general manager of Seminole Casino - Immokalee seems just fitting.

Sanchez said his ultimate goal is to turn the Seminole Casino - Immokalee into a premier destination resort.

"If I can help someone become a better employee, manager, director, or professional I am in the position to do so now," he said. "I can be the teacher that I have always wanted to be."

As the youth is the future of the Tribe, Sanchez said he always strives to keep the elders' visions and dreams of success amongst the Tribe alive.

He is the proud father of five children, three girls and two boys, ranging from ages 4 to 23. His daughter is currently a senior at Florida State University.

"My hobbies are my kids, as they are my primary focus," he said. "I tell them to take time to grow up, and seize the moment."

He said he stresses to his children and other Tribal youth to take advantage of the opportunities that are available through the Tribe. Weaving it as inspiration, he said he looks back on the hardships that Tribal elders had to endure and said he knows that even playing his small role in the grand scheme of things is helping the Tribe move forward.



Marisol Gonzalez  
Tony Sanchez Jr.

## Four Year Degree Recipient Anthony Frank Childhood Hardships Lead to Triumphs

By Marisol Gonzalez

**HOLLYWOOD** — Growing up was definitely not easy for Anthony Frank, Panther Clan. Having a rough childhood and becoming a foster child at a young age was the least of his worries. Being an epileptic patient and suffering from seizures since he was seven years old was just another bump in the road for Frank.

Overcoming all of these obstacles and having been educated have been goals that he has achieved thus far.

Frank graduated from Labelle High School and was then given choices by the Tribe to either attend a vocational technical school or a college/university. At that time he was given three options, he could either go to Ft. Myers, Fla. Hollywood, Fla. or Albuquerque, N.M. Frank chose to attend Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute (SIPI) in Albuquerque, N.M.

After attending SIPI for electronics, he then went on to the Technical Vocation Institute, which is now Central New Mexico Community College. There, he completed an electro mechanical technology course.

He got married in July 1997 and decided to become a stay at home dad, while his wife worked. Frank then went on to obtain his associate's degree from Broward Community College in business administration in May 1999. In April 2004, he earned a bachelor's degree in business management, with a minor in finance, from Florida Atlantic University.

"It was always my mother's wish for me to get a good education," Frank said.

Frank started working with the Tribe on Jan. 10, 2000, as a data entry clerk. He held that position for almost four years and then became a liaison between human resources and fellow Tribal citizens. His current position in human resources is Human Resources manager trainee III, which he has held for nearly two years.

Frank said that working for the Tribe was rocky at first, but said that since the directors have changed in the department, things have gotten better. Frank says that he gets a lot of inspiration from God. Tribal Council representatives and Lee Zepeda, director of Human Resources.

"Lee tells me that I have a gift, he doesn't know what it is, but he knows I have a gift," Frank said.

Frank said his ultimate goal is to become a manager or director within the Tribe.

"I wanted to work for the Tribe because this is my home, these are my people and I wanted to give back," he said. "I belong to the Tribe and the Tribe belongs to me."

If Frank wasn't working in the Human Resources Department, he said he would probably end up in accounting. He said he would like to take advantage of his minor in finance because "I'm a numbers guy."

For nearly 40 years, Frank has suffered seizures caused by epilepsy. This was just another challenge for Frank to overcome. Frank would have seizures two to three times a week, even occurring during work.

In 2006, Frank decided to seek possible surgical options for his seizures. He began undergoing tests, including ones that would induce seizures, in order to find the exact location of the brain where the seizures would occur.

He was eventually deemed an acceptable candidate for brain surgery, which he underwent on Oct. 18, 2006. Frank said he has not had a seizure since. Since his successful surgery, Frank said he now takes fewer medications, and has fewer side effects with his medications.

Without the fear of suffering a seizure, Frank now has more time to focus on his family, as father of three children while also enjoying fishing, hunting and reading.



Marisol Gonzalez  
Anthony Frank

## Pemayetv Emahakv Student of the Week

Students Recognized for the Week of Dec. 17-21, 2007

Kindergarten:

Miss Robinson - Rubie Osceola  
Mrs. Webber - Jahbahn Arnold

First Grade:  
Mrs. Davis - Robert Harris  
Mrs. Ringstaff - Kano Puente

Second Grade:  
Mrs. Hudson - Sunni Bearden

Third Grade:

Mrs. Clements - Bethany Billie  
Mrs. Pryor - Sean Osceola

Fourth Grade:  
Mrs. Tedders - Cheyenne Nunez  
Mrs. Williams - Allison Gopher



Students Recognized for the Week of Jan 8-11, 2008



Kindergarten:

Miss. Robinson - Tanner Shore  
Mrs. Webber - Jayton Baker

First Grade:  
Mrs. Davis - Conner Thomas  
Mrs. Ringstaff - Aleina Micco

Second Grade:  
Mrs. Ball - Chloe Chalfant  
Mrs. Hudson - Morgan King  
Mrs. Hawthorne - Rylee Smith

Third Grade:

Mrs. Clements - Kelton Smedley  
Mrs. Pryor - Trevor Thomas

Fourth Grade:  
Mrs. Tedders - Melany Williams  
Mrs. Williams - Michael Garcia

Fifth Grade:  
Mrs. Finney - Joshua Boromei

Students Recognized for the Week  
of Jan 15-18, 2008

Kindergarten:

Mrs. Robinson - Dalence Carrillo  
Mrs. Webber - Alexis Gore

First Grade:  
Mrs. Davis - Keely Billie  
Mrs. Ringstaff - Blake Baker

Second Grade:  
Mrs. Hudson - Dalton Clark

Third Grade:

Mrs. Pryor - Odessa King  
Mrs. Tedders - Yopalakiyo Osceola

Fourth Grade:  
Mrs. Williams - Richard Smith  
Mrs. Finney - Layton Thomas



Students Recognized for the Week  
of Jan. 22-25, 2008

Kindergarten:

Mrs. Robinson - Dalence Carrillo  
Mrs. Weber - Alexis Gore

1st Grade:  
Mrs. Davis - Keely Billie  
Mrs. Ringstaff - Blake Baker

Second Grade:  
Mrs. Hudson - Dalton Clark

Third Grade:

Mrs. Clements - Samuel Osceola  
Mrs. Pryor - Odessa King

Fourth Grade:  
Mrs. Tedders - Yolalakiyo Osceola  
Mrs. Williams - Richard Smith

Fifth Grade:  
Layton Thomas



Students Recognized for the Week  
of Jan. 28-Feb. 1, 2008

Kindergarten:

Miss Robinson - Aniya Gore  
Mrs. Webber - Keira French

1st Grade:  
Mrs. Davis - Caroline Micco  
Mrs. Ringstaff - Aidan Tommie

2nd Grade:  
Mrs. Hudson - Cyprus Smedley

3rd Grade:

Mrs. Clements - Bethany Billie  
Mrs. Pryor - Jaden Puente

4th Grade:  
Mrs. Tedders - Temea Allen  
Mrs. Williams - Zack Hudson

5th Grade:  
Mrs. Finney - Jennifer Tommie



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## ❖ Awards

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In compliance with the No Child Left Behind federal legislation, FCAT starts with testing third graders in reading and math; fourth graders in reading, math and writing; and fifth graders in reading, math and science.

"The children are also learning about technology in their classrooms, acquiring computer skills and using their iPods®," Brown said. "You have already seen the iPod® they bring home, and hopefully you are learning along with your children. In the future we hope to offer technology classes to parents in the evenings."

Awards given the students included: Effort, Citizenship, Improvement, Bronze (3-3.4 GPA) Silver (3.5-3.9 GPA) and Gold (4.0 GPA) awards.

"It is very hard to get a 4.0 because every test, every paper the student hands in, has to be a

4.0," said fourth grade teacher Stephanie Tedders as she handed out her class's Gold Awards.

In addition, the Citizenship award was also handed out to deserving recipients.

"Good citizenship is showing respect for adults, for classmates, and for the school," explained teacher Renea Finney. "If you see a piece of paper on the grounds you don't let it litter the ground. You pick it up and put it in the trash container. That shows you respect your school."

Principal Brown stressed citizenship is about building character and developing life skills. He said he is proud of the students' behavior and attitudes.

"We are dealing with very little discipline problems and I believe it is because the children are so involved in what they are learning," Brown said.

The students received certificates and pins for their awards that they proudly showed their parents after their assembly.



Kindergarten Citizenship Award recipients.



First Grade Gold Award recipients.



First Grade Citizenship Award recipients.



Second Grade Citizenship Award recipients.



Second Grade Gold Award recipients.



Third Grade Bronze Award recipients.



Fourth Grade Silver Award recipients.



Fifth Grade Citizenship Award recipients.

## Pemayetv Emahakv Charter School Awards Recipients

### Kindergarten

Effort: Katie Beck, Laila Bennett, Waylyn Bennett, Santiago Billie, Alyssa Gonzalez, Jacce Jumper, Rubie Osceola, Tanner Shore, Dante Thomas, Aleah Turtle, Araya Youngblood. Citizenship: Jayton Baker, Keira French, Edward Gauch, Donovan Harris, Malcolm Jones, Sage Motlow, Marce Osceola, Ozy Osceola, Mallorie Thomas. Improvement: Jahbain Arnold, Jaylen Baker, Bevyon Billie, Myron Billie, Dalence Carrillo, Hunter Howard, Tucker Johns, Madisyn Osceola, Jason Sampson, Caillou Smith, Aleah Turtle.

### First Grade

Effort: Krysta Burton, Baeley Matthews, Kano Puente, Conner Thomas, Aidan Tommie. Citizenship: Jarrett Bert, Keely Billie, Andrew Fish, Alicia Fudge, Robert Harris, Aleina Micco, Improvement: Blake Baker, Oscar Yates, Luzana Venzon. Bronze for 1st Semester: Krysta Burton, Andrew Fish, Lance Howard, Kyle Palisano, Silver for 1st Semester: J-Wayco Billie, Keely Billie, Drake Lawrence, Aleina Micco, Mariah Smith, Aidan Tommie. Gold for 1st Semester: Alyke Baker, Alicia Fudge, Baeley Matthews, Caroline Micco, Kano Puente, Gade Riddle, Conner Thomas.

### Second Grade

Effort: Sunni Bearden, Chloe Chalfant, Jalynn Jones, Morgan King, Dyami Nelson, Jenessa Smith, Rylee Smith, Camryn Thomas, Layne Thomas. Citizenship: Sunni Bearden, Elijah Billie, Michael Clark, Reid Gopher, Morgan King, Joseph Osceola, Camryn Thomas. Improvement: Brian Bishop, Chloe Chalfant, Dalton Clark, Cheyenne Fish, Marquis Fudge, Richard Harris, Logan Ortiz, Billy Yates. Bronze for 1st Semester: Ivess Baker, Elijah Billie, Brian Bishop, Michael Clark, Cheyenne Fish, Morgan King, Brady Rhodes, Layne Thomas. Silver for 1st Semester: Sunni Bearden, Isaac Osceola, Joseph Osceola, Jenessa Smith, Camryn Thomas. Gold for 1st Semester: Dyami Nelson, Aiyana Tommie.

### Third Grade

Effort: Drayton Billie, Robert Fudge, Erik Garcia, Joshua Madrigal, Samuel Osceola, Lanie Sedatol, Jerry Smith. Citizenship: Jermaine Bennett, Bethany Billie, Courtney Gore, Diamond Shore, Kelton Smedley, Crysten Smith, Bailey Tedders. Bronze Award (3.0-3.4 GPA): Ruben Burgess, Erik Garcia, Odessa King, Rylee Osceola, Jerry Smith. Silver Award (3.5-3.9 GPA): Bethany Billie, Drayton Billie, Joshua Madrigal, Sean Osceola, Bailey Tedders. Gold Award (4.0 GPA): Jaden Puente, Trevor Thomas.

### Fourth Grade

Effort: Tyra Baker, Kallin Brown, Jaron Johns, Zeke Matthews, Cheyenne Nunez, Imiliakiyo Osceola, Royce Osceola, Dezmon Shore, Richard Smith, Melany Williams. Citizenship: Tamea Allen, Thomas Bearden, Elizabeth Johns, Kalgary Johns, Brydgett Koonitz, Trista Osceola, Leina Sedatol, Joyce Smith, Rayven Smith. Bronze Award (3.0-3.4 GPA): Tamea Allen, Michael Garcia, Allison Gopher, Chastity Harmon, Elizabeth Johns, Jaron Johns, Kalgary Johns, Brydgett Koonitz, Keyana Nelson, Yopalakiyo Osceola. Silver Award (3.5-3.9 GPA): Harley Johns, Cheyenne Nunez, Donovan Osceola. Gold Award (Straight As, 4.0 GPA): Kallin Brown, Joshua Greenbaum, Melany Williams, Zeke Matthews.

### Fifth Grade

Effort: Breanna Billie, Korvette Billie, Bracton King, Delaney Osceola, Lindsey Sampson, Jennifer Tommie. Citizenship: Justice Baker, Toby Gopher, Daniel Nunez, Layton Thomas. Camryn Youngblood. Improvement: Devon Jones, Myrick Puente. Bronze Award (3.0-3.4 GPA): Joshua Boromei, Anthony Johns, J.T. Smith. Silver Award (3.5-3.9 GPA): Brooke Osceola. Gold Award (Straight As, 4.0 GPA): Bracton King, Daniel Nunez, Layton Thomas.

## Ahfachkee School Hosts Awards Program

By Judy Weeks

**BIG CYPRESS** — Following the completion of the second quarter at the Ahfachkee School, grades were tabulated, achievements determined and the staff prepared for an awards ceremony, which took place on Jan. 25.

The cafeteria/auditorium was filled to capacity for the awards ceremony where certificates of achievement were awarded for attendance, academics, culture, art, science, history, reading and sports.

With a student body of 183, there were very few who were not recognized during the presentations.

The school sets a very high standard and the students are encouraged and enriched on an individual as well as grade level basis. The results of this concentrated effort can be seen by the number of high achievers.

Combining the awards ceremony to include pre-kindergarten through high school, there were 18 students maintaining a 4.0 GPA, 34 with a 3.5 to 3.99 GPA and 46 with a 3.0 to 3.49 GPA. This accounts for 98 students — more than half of the student body — achieving exceptionally high grade point averages. Comparing the ratio of student enrollment to these high grade averages, the Ahfachkee School has far surpassed the accomplishment of the public school systems.

Perfect attendance takes a lot of effort from both the students and their parents. With 22 complet-



Jack Aguilar displays his Certificate of Excellence in art.



Edward Aguilar Jr. waits in anticipation for his name to be called, while Alissa Burnett-Osceola shows off her art certificate.

ing the second quarter without missing one day, Ahfachkee School staff made sure to congratulate these families for their diligence.

A very special attribute of attending this school is the students' ability to participate in a cultural learning experience. The Culture Dept. works hand in hand with the scholastic program, providing the students with the knowledge of where they have come from and preparing them to participate in the future.

Survival of any culture is dependent upon a strong heritage that includes history, pride and language. A perfect example of integrating culture with academics is the Seminole Trek Program, which has been instituted by Coach Randall Cleckler. The Seminole Tribe traces its roots back several hundred years to origins in the Southeastern U.S.

Following the advent of their historic journey from South Carolina through Georgia, Alabama and finally to South Florida, the Tribe's ancestors completed a "trek" of approximately 1,215 miles.

Breaking the journey into five stages, Cleckler offered the third grade through high school students an opportunity to participate in this journey by running laps around the gym at the beginning of each physical education class. For each lap they are credited with five miles of the original journey.

Students were scattered out all over the map, but by the end of the second quarter, Christopher Alexander, Channey Curry and Michaela Cypress are in the third segment. Fourth grader Nehemiah Roberts stands out as the only youngster in the entire school who has made it to Trek 4.

## Second Quarter GPA/Attendance Awards

Prekindergarten: Hummingbird — Ahfachkee Scholar: Alani Marks, Leo Osceola. Onco, Amaya Solano, Kamari Ivey; Flores — Ahfachkee Scholar: Valholy Frank, Carlos Bermudez; Ahfachkee Honor Roll: Hehchoo-ye Jumper; Ahfachkee Achievement Roll: Ramona Billie, Kobe Billie; Perfect Attendance: Kobe Billie, Ramona Billie.

Kindergarten: Johnson — Carlee Billie; Jalycia Billie, Charli Frye, Kylan Jumper, Alena Stockton; Ahfachkee Achievement Roll: Ezekiel Roberts, Ricky Rodriguez, Martha Tiger; Perfect Attendance: Carlee Billie; Schyvinch — Ahfachkee Honor Roll: Elise Brown; Ahfachkee Achievement Roll: Lellani Gopher; Perfect Attendance: Elise Brown, Shana Belentine.

First Grade: Parrish — Ahfachkee Scholar: Jack Aguilar, Leslie Gopher; Ahfachkee Honor Roll: Eliza Billie, Chaska Osceola, Thoya Robbins; Ahfachkee Achievement Roll: Charles Alexander, Precious Jimmie; Tiger — Ahfachkee Honor Roll: Thomlyn Billie, Alyssa Burnett-Osceola, Katesa Kirkland, Emmitt Osceola; Ahfachkee Achievement Roll: Issiah Alvarado, Mya Cypress, Romeo Garcia; Perfect Attendance: Katesa Kirkland.

Second Grade: Gibson — Ahfachkee Honor Roll: Cartaya Billie, Elisah Billie, Jathaniel Brooks, Kevin Ivey, Dayra Koenes, Brendan Otero, Annabelle Whiteshield; Ahfachkee Achievement Roll: Jazmine Billie; Perfect Attendance: Ethan Belentine, Elisah Billie, Jathaniel Brooks, Troy Cantu, Dayra Koenes, Brendan Otero, Zephaniah Roberts.

Third Grade: Iglesias — Ahfachkee Honor Roll: Graysun Billie, Ahnie Jumper, Sierra Kirkland, John Robbins Jr.; Ahfachkee Achievement Roll: Jonah

Alvarado, Roderick Bert, Dasani Frye, Trevor Marks, Ignacia Rodriguez; Perfect Attendance: Graysun Billie.

Fourth Grade: Garcia — Ahfachkee Honor Roll: Channey Curry, Michaela Cypress; Ahfachkee Achievement Roll: Christopher Alexander, Jacob Cotton, Chloe Porter, Nehemiah Roberts, Hannah Smith; Perfect Attendance: Arnold Billie, Dalton Koenes.

Fifth Grade: Lee — Ahfachkee Honor Roll: Sabre Billie, Gloria Brooks, Michelle Jimmie, Katlin Osceola; Ahfachkee Achievement Roll: Christian Alexander, Darlah Cypress, Haden Littlebear, Mika Lopez, Silver Wolf; Perfect Attendance: Mika Lopez, Katlin Osceola.

Sixth Grade: Williams — Ahfachkee Scholar: Terri Baker; Ahfachkee Honor Roll: Anthony Cypress, Susie Jim, Justin Roff; Ahfachkee Achievement Roll: Malari Baker, Levi Billie, Marco Flores, Sarah Osceola, Destiny Robbins, Echo Wolf; Perfect Attendance: Marco Flores, Rashaun Jim, Sarah Osceola.

Seventh Grade: DeHarde — Ahfachkee Scholar: Alexis Aguilar; Ahfachkee Honor Roll: Ricky Joe Alumbaugh, Bianca Acosta; Ahfachkee Achievement Roll: Shawna Billie, Colby Herrera, Tequesta Tiger; Perfect Attendance: Tequesta Tiger.

Eighth Grade: Andrewson — Ahfachkee Scholar: Jessica Lopez; Ahfachkee Honor Roll: Kegan Cypress; Ahfachkee Achievement Roll: Malachi Baker, Natasha Billie, Stevie Billie, Jose Cienaros Jr., Kira Cypress, Monique Billie, Kaylee Jumper, Margie Lugo.

High School: Smith and Robinson — Ahfachkee Scholar: Demi Garza; Ahfachkee Honor Roll: Bianca Fernandez, Serena Green; Ahfachkee Achievement Roll: Joey Porter, Dawna Cypress.

## Students Take Part in Official Spelling Bee

### Layton Thomas Advances to County Bee

By Susan Etschbarria

**BRIGHTON** — Spelling Bees are serious competitions that usually start at local schools, advance to regional competitions, and finally to a statewide competition. Exceptional spellers advance to the Super Bowl of spelling — the Scripps National Spelling Bee, which takes place annually in Washington, DC.

Every student from second through fifth grade at Pemayetv Emahakv Charter School participated in their classroom Spelling Bee. A winner of each class then went through the All-School Round Bee on Jan. 24.

"The competition of the Spelling Bee is a valuable educational experience for all of the students involved," said Pemayetv Emahakv Principal Russell Brown. "The value of being a good speller assists students in their progress of achieving academic success. I am very proud of the effort put forth by our children."

The 16 finalists from the selected classes sat with nervous anticipation in two rows of chairs in the Community Room, where parents were watching in the audience. At this time, the youngsters prepared themselves for the Bee, which would follow the same rules as the Scripps National Spelling Bee.

The official pronouncer, Pemayetv Emahakv second grade teacher Dixie Ball, explained the strict rules to the children. According to the rules, spellers are allowed to ask her to pronounce the word again, ask for the definition of the word and use it in a sentence.

"When a speller misspells their word, they are out and the next speller gets a new word," said Ball.

Students were called on one at a time to stand before the judges, Acting Education Director Emma Johns, Assistant Director Tony Bullington and Brighton Education Advisor Becky Bowers, to spell the word given them.

When a word was misspelled, one of the judges would ring a bell. The speller would then leave to sit in a different row of chairs. When spelled correctly, the speller would go back to his or her original chair and wait for another chance to spell a word as the field narrowed.

When the spellers were narrowed to only three, the tension mounted. Zeke Matthews, fourth grade, misspelled his word, leaving second grader Aiyana Tommie and fifth grader Layton Thomas.

Everyone held their breath as both spelled their next two words correctly, then a deep sigh as Tommie misspelled the word "different" and was out. Layton Thomas, according to the rules, had to spell the next two words correctly to claim first place.

He won spelling the words "permitt" and "locket."

Both the winner and alternate winner of the school's Spelling Bee advanced to the next level, the Glades County School District Spelling Bee, held on Feb. 24 at the Glades County School District Board Office.

Principal Brown shook hands with the winning students and congratulated all the students who took part. The student spellers were: Aiyana Tommie, Joseph Osceola, Sunni Bearden, Dyami Nelson, Lanie Sedatol, Joshua Madrigal, Rylee Osceola, Layton Thomas, Zeke Matthews, Katlin Brown, Zachary Hudson, Chastity Harmon, Layton Thomas, Joshua Boromei, Jennifer Tommie and Brooke Osceola.



Principal Russell Brown (R) congratulates spelling bee winners Layton Thomas (C), the first place winner, and Aiyana Tommie (L), who came in second.



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## Corkscrew Experience for Lifestyle Balance

By Judy Weeks

**IMMOKALEE** — As another Lifestyle Balance Program reached its conclusion, the participants traveled to the Audubon Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary for an awards field trip on Nov. 28, 2007. Nutritionist Charlotte Porcaro arranged for the group to spend a leisurely morning touring this nationally acclaimed haven for nature located in Collier County.

Meeting at the butterfly aviary, next to the Blair Nature Center, they followed the 3.5 mile boardwalk as it meandered through one of the most pristine cypress swamps in Southwest Florida. Although the drought conditions of the previous year left their mark on the surrounding vegetation, the swamp appeared to be sustaining itself quite well.

Finding forage difficult in drier areas, the deer were making good use of the grassy woodlands on the rim of the swamp. Raccoons, otters and opossums were sharing the fish, snails, lizards, crabs and insects with the enormous bird population that inhabit this vital part of the ecosystem that is protected from human development. Alligators lay sunning themselves on the mud flats or floated silently among the water plants. Turtles crawled through the ferns or rested in small groups on the fallen logs.

Lifestyle Balance is not just about the control of weight, substance abuse and diseases such as dia-



(L-R) Mary Lou Alvarado, Charlotte Porcaro, Connie Slavik and her infant wait in the woodland surrounding the swamp.

betes and high blood pressure, according to organizers. It deals with the whole human mind and body.

Stress and abusive behavior can take a heavy toll on the emotional and nervous systems leading to physical ailments and attitude problems that affect the well being of families and associates in your workplace. What affects you, affects everyone you come into contact with on a daily basis.

Drinking in the quiet, peace and solitude of the swamp, they each agreed that they somehow felt rejuvenated and more relaxed. They were able to let down their guard and share their personal experiences, release those things that are beyond their control, broaden their scope of understanding and make room for a healthier lifestyle.

Returning to the picnic area, Porcaro had provided a luncheon with fruits and vegetables while they discussed the benefits derived from their sessions and the changes that had taken place in their lifestyles.



(L-R) Connie Slavik shows her child the alligators while resting with Beverly Rose and Mary Lou Alvarado on the boardwalk.



(L-R) Teacher Reif Anderson, Linda Henry, Maggie Garcia and Nancy Frank

## Seniors Continue Learning in Adult Education Program

**Submitted by the Tampa Dept. of Elder Affairs**  
**TAMPA** — Continuing education throughout life is so important. That's why the Tampa seniors have been taking adult education classes each Tuesday and Thursday at the Department of Elder Affairs Office. The seniors have been enjoying the class very much. Their teacher, Reif Anderson, said he has been impressed with their work.

"It's exciting to see how they are progressing," Anderson said. "It's also rewarding for me to learn about the Seminole culture. We have just started a history project about their childhood memories and experiences, especially focusing on the history of their mother, Ruby Tiger Osceola."

The seniors have benefited well from this program. They are happy to come to each class as they learn more and more each day. The program is a success. Soon, the department hopes to get new computers to help the seniors continue in their success.

Jasmine Porter, of the Dept. of Education's



Jasmine Porter, of the Dept. of Education's Adult Vocational Program and Jane Osceola.

Adult Vocational Program, attended one of their classes on Jan. 24. Porter said she was both impressed and encouraged from her observations. "I hope the success of these classes will spark the interest of the other reservations to start these programs," she said.



Lola Juarez, of the Dept. of Elder Affairs, and Linda Henry

## Is That Food Still Good?

**Submitted by LTJG Hristu "Chris" Chepa, REHS, CEHP**

*[Editor's Note: Hristu Chepa is an Environmental Health Specialist with the Seminole Tribe's Environmental Health Program. The opinions he expresses are his own.]*

How many times have you put food in your refrigerator only to find it days later buried in the back? You finally take it out and begin the inspection process. You look at it. You smell it. Then you taste it. Then you let a loved one try it, to verify the verdict.

Is it still ok to eat it? What is it supposed to smell and taste like when the food is bad? Have a seat, get comfortable, and I will tell you a few tips to remember.

First let's talk about time. How long can different foods be left in the refrigerator?

Assuming that your refrigerator is held below 41 degrees Fahrenheit, the following are good guidelines: milk: about one week; fresh eggs: about four to five weeks (hard cooked about one week); opened jar of mayonnaise: about two months; deli and vacuum-packed products (i.e. chicken, tuna, ham, meatloaf, etc.): about three to five days; raw ground beef: about one to two days (three to four months if frozen); ham, fully cooked, half: about three to five days.

(one to two months if frozen); opened package of hot dogs: about one week (one to two months if frozen); opened package of lunch meats: about three to five days (one to two months if frozen); soups and stews: about three to four days (two to three months if in the freezer); fresh meat (i.e. steaks, chops) about three to five days (about six months if frozen); meat leftovers: about three to four days (two to three months if frozen); fresh poultry: about

one to two days (three to four days if cooked; can be frozen up to one year); fresh fish: about one to two days (about six months frozen).

As you can see, three to five days seems to be the average for most foods. However, some foods may go bad before the average time suggested above.

Your next investigative tool is sight and smell.

Beef may look slimy, sticky or dry and brown or green in color with a sour odor. Chicken may have purple or green discoloration around the neck and dark wing tips. The texture would be sticky under wings and/or joints with an unpleasant odor. Milk can get clumpy and have a sour smell and taste. Fish may have soft flesh that leaves an imprint when touched, eyes sunken-in and cloudy, and have a fishy or ammonia smell.

Frozen foods may have large ice crystals which indicate the product has been thawed and refrozen. Canned food may have swollen ends, rust, dents, and/or no label. When opened, the product may look foamy, milky or has an abnormal color and odor, according to the National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation's ServSafe® Essentials, a manual that provides food safety guidelines for the food-service industry.

This information should give you the basic information for storing and knowing when food needs to be discarded. Remember, always use common sense when deciding whether the food is still safe for you to eat. When in doubt, throw it out!

For additional question about food safety, please contact the Environmental Health Office at (954) 965-1300, Ext. 13025.

## Team Seminole Attends Annual Heart Walk

By Judy Weeks

**FT. MYERS, Fla.** — The American Heart Association held its annual Fort Myers Walk on Dec. 8, 2007, and Team Seminole was there to participate. This year's theme was "Take Your Heart for a Walk: You Could Live Longer."

Veteran's Park at the foot of the Caloosahatchee River Bridge on US 41 was decorated in red, blue and green balloons for the occasion. Twenty support tents formed a semi-circle around the pavilion stage.

Approximately 3,800 people took part in this year's Heart Walk. Following a warm-up with organized exercises, star walkers and contributing sponsors were recognized.

Lifestyle change champion Amy Smith inspired others by relating her experiences while losing 75 pounds in ten months and reducing her high cholesterol to a perfect status. With the overwhelming support of her family, friends and coworkers she has made life saving changes.

Chairwoman of the Heart Walk Executive Committee Patricia Bell said: "Walking is good medicine for your heart. In fact, it's great medicine. Did you know that for every hour of regular, vigorous exercise we do, like brisk walking, we could live two hours longer? Imagine if we could walk to the moon and back, we could live forever!"

Two clowns from the Ringling Brothers' Circus, currently performing in Lee County, held a brief pep rally encouraging the audience to strive for a healthier future. The Junior ROTC Color Guard then led the way out of the park and onto the 3.5 mile course over the bridge to North Ft. Myers and back.

Team Seminole, under the direction of Edna McDuffie, had participants from Big Cypress, Hollywood, Brighton, Immokalee and Naples. Wearing T-shirts from previous years or donning the new purple ones, the team was an impressive sight as they joined the crowd in a walk for life.

Seminole Tribe President Richard Bowers Jr. said, "I am very proud of all our Team Seminole participants. It is a privilege to join you on this beautiful morning for a walk in support of a healthier future. Being a part of the mass gathered here today is very inspiring."

Reflecting for a moment President Bowers continued, "In the fast paced lifestyle of the 21st Century many people opt to take short cuts, eating fast food, hiding indoors with their air conditioners and relying on transportation other than their own two legs.

"Under these circumstances our bodies do not develop properly or begin to deteriorate, creating physical impairment; choosing a healthier diet, exercise and a routine walking schedule,

can make the difference between life and death," he said. "Take care of yourself. Your family and the Seminole Tribe need you."



Judy Weeks

Seminole President Richard Bowers Jr. raises his arms in victory as he reaches the crest of the Caloosahatchee Bridge on the return leg of the walk.



Judy Weeks

Team Seminole gathers at the start of the annual Heart Walk in Ft. Myers.



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## Oral Piercings Can Lead to Dental Problems

Submitted by the Seminole Dental Program

Piercing, like tattooing, is just one of today's popular forms of "body art" and self-expression. Piercing may seem daring, cool and totally safe because some celebrities use piercing to flaunt their particular style or attitude.

However, piercing the tongue, lips, cheeks or uvula (the tiny tissue that hangs at the back of the throat) is not as safe as some would have you believe. That's because the mouth's moist environment — home to huge amounts of breeding bacteria — is an ideal place for infection.

An oral piercing can interfere with speech, chewing or swallowing. That may seem like a mere inconvenience until you consider that it may also cause other effects during, soon after, or even long after the procedure such as: Excessive drooling (something you won't see in hip fashion magazines!); Infection, pain and swelling; Chipped or cracked teeth; Injuries to the gums; Damage to fillings; Increased saliva flow; Hypersensitivity to metals; Scar tissue; and/or Nerve damage.

An infection can quickly become life threatening if it's not treated promptly. For example, oral piercing carries a potential risk of endocarditis, an inflammation of heart valves or tissues. Bacteria can enter the bloodstream through the

piercing site in the mouth and travel to the heart, where it can colonize on heart abnormalities. This is a risk for people with heart conditions and, in the worst of cases, results in death.

After a piercing, the tongue may swell. There have been reports of swelling serious enough to even block the airway. And it's very possible to puncture a nerve during a tongue piercing. If this happens, you may experience a numb tongue. While nerve damage is sometimes temporary, it can be permanent. The injured nerve may affect your sense of taste, or how you move your mouth. And damage to the tongue's blood vessels can cause serious blood loss.

In addition, piercing jewelry can sometimes cause an allergic response to the pierced site. The jewelry can even get in the way of dental care by blocking X-rays.

Don't pierce on a whim. The piercing will be an added responsibility to your life, requiring constant attention and upkeep.

For more information about Oral Piercing and other Oral Health topics, please contact the Seminole Tribe of Florida Dental Program at: Big Cypress: (863) 983-5151; Brighton: (863) 763-0271; Hollywood: (954) 964-3411; or Immokalee: (239) 867-3410.



## Fight Tooth Decay with Correct Cups

Submitted by the Seminole Dental Program

As soon as teeth appear in the mouth, cavities can happen. Too much exposure to sugary liquids causes of Early Childhood Caries, sometimes called Baby Bottle Tooth Decay or Nursing Mouth Syndrome.

Only formula, breast milk, or water should be in a baby's bottle, and he or she should finish the bottle before naptime or bedtime. Try to wean your baby from the bottle to a cup between the age of 6 months and 1 year.

Many training cups, also called "sippy cups" or "tippy cups," are available in stores. Many are "no spill" cups, which are really baby bottles in disguise. No spill cups include a valve beneath the spout to stop spills. But these cups with valves do not allow your child to sip; the child gets liquid by sucking on the cup, much like a baby bottle.

This defeats the purpose of using a training cup, as it prevents the child from learning to sip.

Don't let your child carry a training cup around. Toddlers are often unsafely on their feet. They take an unnecessary risk if they try to walk and drink at the same time. A fall while drinking from a cup has the potential to injure the mouth.

A training cup should only be used for a

short time. Once your child has learned how to sip, the training cup has served its purpose. It can, and should be, set aside when no longer needed.

## Tips for Sippy Cup Success

Between 6 months and 1 year, encourage your child to drink from a cup. As this changeover from bottle or nursing to cup takes place, be very careful of what kind of cup you choose, what goes into the cup, how frequently your child sips from it and that your child does not carry the cup around.

Talk to your dentist or dental hygienist for more information. If your child has not had a dental visit, schedule a "well baby checkup" for his or her teeth. The first dental visit should occur within six months after the first tooth appears and no later than the child's 1st birthday.

For more information about cavity prevention or other oral health topics, please contact the Seminole Tribe of Florida Dental Program: Big Cypress: (863) 983-5151; Brighton: (863) 763-0271; Hollywood: (954) 964-3411; or Immokalee: (239) 867-3410.

## Cavity Prevention Tips From the American Dental Association

Submitted by the ADA

The American Dental Association (ADA) advises parents to teach children the importance of oral hygiene at an early age, so when they grow up they will continue good habits that will contribute to their overall health. Oral hygiene, just like diet and exercise, should be factored together when teaching children how to keep themselves healthy.

The ADA offers these age-by-age tips:

**Babies, Toddlers and Preschoolers**

After each feeding, clean the baby's gums with a clean wet gauze pad or washcloth.

When teeth start to appear, brush them with a child's size toothbrush and plain water. Look for toothbrushes that carry the ADA Seal of Acceptance. They have been evaluated by the ADA for safety and effectiveness.

Begin flossing when at least two teeth begin to touch.

Start dental visits by the child's first birthday. Make visits regularly. If you think your child has dental problems, take the child to the dentist as soon as possible.

Brush teeth of children over age two with a pea-sized amount of fluoride toothpaste and make sure to floss daily. Look for toothpastes that carry the ADA Seal of Acceptance. They have been evaluated by the

ADA for safety and effectiveness.

Children should be supervised while brushing to keep them from swallowing the toothpaste.

**School-Aged Children and Adolescents**

Until they are 6- or 7-years-old, continue to brush your children's teeth twice a day with a child's size toothbrush and a pea-sized amount of fluoride toothpaste. Continue to assist with flossing as needed. Look for dental products that carry the ADA Seal of Acceptance. They have been evaluated by the ADA for safety and effectiveness.

By age 6 or 7, children should be able to brush their own teeth twice a day but often require supervision until about age 10 or 11, to make sure they are doing a thorough job. Since each child is different, your dentist can help you determine whether your child is brushing and flossing properly.

Visit the dentist regularly for professional cleanings and oral exams.

Ask the dentist about dental sealants, a protective plastic coating that can be applied to the chewing surfaces of the back teeth where decay often starts.

Adolescents may need reminders about practicing good oral hygiene, the importance of regular dental check ups and making nutritious food and beverage choices.

## Healthy Seminole

### Dealing with Disability

Dear Health Educator,

I have always been an active and independent person. Now that I am getting older, I have limited mobility due to a knee problem. I don't want to become a burden to my family by always asking for help, and I resist the idea of getting a nurse because it would make me feel even older than I already do.

Since I feel like this, I don't go out much anymore and I am starting to feel lonely. What should I do?

Sincerely,  
Concerned

Dear Concerned,

What you are describing is quite common. As we age, or due to an accident, certain things may become more difficult to do, such as walking, driving, cooking, taking care of our personal needs, etc. While it must be very difficult to face the fact that you may need some help, there is nothing wrong with getting help.

If you don't want to, or cannot ask family members, you may have the option of getting a professional aid. Getting help from others can actually help you to become more independent and to feel better about yourself. Don't think of it as being strong enough to help yourself.

Remember to be patient with yourself. If it takes you longer to walk now than before, allow yourself more time to get to where you are going. This does not have to stop you from going out. In fact, it is very important to keep up with the other aspects of your life — socializing with friends and family, hobbies, enter-

tainment, good nutrition, etc.

It is also very important to keep moving — not all exercise involves walking. You can lift some light arm weights, swim, or do water exercises in a pool. If you are able to walk a little, and your doctor feels it is okay, continue to do so. Just go at your own pace. Any amount of activity is better than nothing at all.

Ask your doctor what types of physical therapy would be best for your particular condition. Once it is determined what type of rehabilitation is best for your knee, stick with it! It may be slow going at first, but exercise and rehabilitation are the keys to regaining movement, flexibility and strength.

You can call the Fitness Department to help personalize an exercise routine. The trainers are: Hollywood: Gina Allardice: (954) 605-8909; Kenny Bayon (seniors): (954) 675-8718; Big Cypress: Neil Prager: (954) 445-2515; Brighton: Jeff Garland (863) 697-0224 and Natasha Kesoglou-Perez (863) 697-0224; Immokalee: Joey Garcia (239) 253-9015.

For more information about this and other health topics, please contact your reservation's health educator. They are: Hollywood: Tina Mennella (954) 962-2009; Big Cypress: Marjorie Meredith (863) 983-5798; Brighton: Barbara Boling (863) 763-0271; Immokalee: Charlotte Porcero (239) 867-3408.

Signed,  
The Allied Health Dept. Staff



The Seminole Health Department nutritionists offer a variety of programs and services.

Community education (at Senior Centers, schools, reservation events and other programs) and patient counseling at the clinics are the primary focuses.

If you have questions and would like to visit a nutritionist, call them at the following locations:

Hollywood, Toma Hunter, (954) 965-1300, Ext. 10311

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**Dear Counselor:**  
I am a 28-year-old young lady. I have an issue that is creating a big problem in my life. I am a people pleaser. I can't say no without feeling guilty.

Signed:  
People Pleaser

**Dear People Pleaser:**  
You are in a state of emotional self-abuse. You are punishing yourself by thinking that you must take responsibilities that are not yours to begin with. Learning how to stop being a people pleaser involves insight into your own emotions. You have to emotionally stand up for yourself.

You can and should exercise the power of choice. Your issue is that you are motivated to smooth conflict, ease pain and not make waves. You are in need of acceptance at all cost; at the expense of losing your self-worth.

Use this New Year to add two new words to your vocabulary — boundaries and assertiveness — which will enhance the solution to your problem.

Setting boundaries means you have the ability to say no over and over again until it becomes a habit, and you do not feel guilty. To create an emotional and physical space between you and another person, especially when there is pressure from that

person not to, is not something you probably want to do. However, it is necessary when setting boundaries.

Assertiveness means standing up for your rights so you will not be taken advantage of. It also means communicating what you really want and how you really feel, respecting your dignity and having the self-worth to say no without feeling guilty.

To stop being a people pleaser, you have to accept the fact that courage is the foundation necessary in order to protect your boundaries. To stop being a people pleaser, you must realize that it is not someone else's responsibility to protect your boundaries — it's yours.

Learning how to stop being a people pleaser can be difficult, but it is better than feeling resentful and angry with yourself for not standing up for what you really want. Your self esteem will grow and so will your mental health once you discontinue this behavior.

People Pleaser, here are words of wisdom from the Counselor: Anything that changes your self-respect, changes your behavior.

Signed:  
The Counselor

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## Family Chili Challenge, Star Nayea Concert Held

By Judy Weeks

**IMMOKALEE** — The members of the Immokalee community gathered at the Gym for the Healing Power of Music concert with Star Nayea and the 2008 Family Chili Challenge on Jan. 25.

Sponsoring the event were: the Family Services Dept., Immokalee Council Liaison Elaine Aguilar and Immokalee Board Liaison Delores Jumper. Donating awards, door prizes and creating a team effort for a successful production were the following departments: Recreation, Library, Hot Meals, Broadcasting, Education, 4-H Club, Immokalee Youth Ranch, Community Care for the Elderly, Health, SPD and the Boys & Girls Club.

Appealing to the youth of the community, Prevention Specialist Fred Mullins enlisted their cooperation in putting together family teams to compete in the Family Chili Challenge. Each team was responsible for submitting a minimum of one gallon of home cooked chili to be judged in the challenge. The various departments were also encouraged to submit entries in a separate division.

The result was chili to feed the entire community following the judging process. Cookbooks, crock pots, silverware, and bowls were among the numerous door prizes.

The difficult judging process took more than half an hour and enlisted the services of Tribal elders, SPD and Immokalee Board Liaison Delores Jumper. Family Services' Fred Mullins and Julie Bennett finally announced the winners of the people's choice awards for the 2008 Family Chili Challenge.

Results were: 1. Garcia/Sanders, 2. Davis/Ramos, 3. Tommie Jumper Group, 4. Marrero/Tapia, 5. Marrero Group. Winning departments were: 1. Broadcasting, 2. Education, 3. Seminole Youth Ranch.

Grammy™ and NAMMY™ awards recipient, Star Nayea presented the Healing Power of Music concert together with a children's workshop targeting



Judy Weeks

**Motivational speaker Star Nayea talks to Immokalee children about the many forms of abuse and defensive mechanisms.**

drug, alcohol and physical abuse. Gathering the youngsters around her, she shared her experiences as a young Native American illegally taken from her birth family and raised under abusive conditions by a non-native family in the suburbs of Detroit. Her life developed into a pattern of survival techniques and she was eventually able to cleanse herself through the power of her music.

Taking the children aside, she shared stories and songs that she had written which help to heal the effects of improper abusive behavior. Tackling many topics important to the youth of today, she eventually helped the group put together a song about Global Warming.

Forming a chorus, the Immokalee youth performed their masterpiece, entitled "In Our Hands" for a very appreciative audience.

Following the youthful presentation, Star Nayea was joined by David Stenning on the guitar and gave a beautiful concert with songs from many different genres such as rock 'n' roll, rhythm and blues soul and rap.



Judy Weeks

Family Services Fred Mullins presents the first place trophy to Sylvia Marrero on behalf of the Broadcasting Dept. in the 2008 Chili Challenge.

## The Healthy Senior

By Fred Cicetti

*[Editor's Note: Fred Cicetti is a syndicated columnist who writes about issues concerning senior citizens' health. The opinions he expresses are his own. If you would like to ask a question, please write fred@healthywageer.com. All Rights Reserved © 2008 by Fred Cicetti.]*

Q: I've had allergies my whole life and I'm thinking of going in for the shots. What do you think?

A: Immunotherapy, also known as allergy shots or vaccinations, can alleviate allergy symptoms. However, shots don't work on all allergies or all people.

Doctors advise against allergy shots if you take a beta blocker for high blood pressure or heart problems. If you're considering immunotherapy, seek the advice of a good allergist.

Allergy shots are a series of scheduled injections meant to desensitize you to specific allergens — the substances that trigger an allergic response.

The usual schedule is a shot once or twice a week for about three to six months. After that, you'll need a shot about once a month for three to five years.

Allergy shots are commonly used to treat allergic rhinitis (hay fever) and asthma. Allergy shots may also control allergic reactions to stinging insects, such as bees, yellow jackets, hornets and wasps. But the shots are not effective for food allergies.

If you have seasonal hay fever, you may be allergic to pollens from trees, grasses or weeds. If you have year-round discomfort, you may be sensitive to indoor allergens such as dust mites, cockroaches, mold or pet dander.

The common symptoms of allergic rhinitis are itchy eyes, nose, or throat; nasal congestion, runny

nose, watery eyes, chest congestion or wheezing. If your eyes also become red and swollen, you suffer from allergic conjunctivitis.

Before starting allergy shots, your doctor may use a skin test to confirm that you have allergies and determine which specific allergens cause your signs

and symptoms. During the test, a small amount of the suspected allergen is scratched into your skin and the area is then observed for about 20 minutes. Swelling and redness indicate an allergy to the substance.

The shots won't give you immediate relief. You'll probably see improvement in the first year of treatment. The most noticeable improvement often happens during the second year. By the third year, most people are desensitized to the allergens contained in the shots.

For some people, successful treatment leads to a life without allergy symptoms. For others, shots must continue on a long term basis to keep allergy symptoms at bay.

An allergic reaction is a complex chain of events that involves many cells, chemicals and tissues throughout the body. While there is no cure for allergic disease, there are many medications available to lessen symptoms. About 50 million Americans suffer from an allergy.

Major allergic diseases include: allergic rhinitis, allergic conjunctivitis, asthma, atopic dermatitis (eczema), hives (urticaria), and reactions to substances such as food, latex, medications and insect stings.

We don't know why some substances trigger allergies and others do not. We also don't understand why every person does not react to allergens. A family history of allergies is the single most important factor that predisposes a person to develop allergies.



## Career Fair '08 in Hard Rock Ballroom

By Chris Jenkins

**HOLLYWOOD** — The numbers told the story on Jan. 14, as more than 60 Tribal youth converged on the Hard Rock ballroom for the Third Annual College Career Fair. This year's fair saw the largest turnout to date.

Students in ninth-12th grade, as well as GED and post graduate students were given the opportunity to meet with representatives of 39 universities, colleges and technical schools in and outside Florida.

Emma Johns, Acting Director of the Education Department, said working with the schools in coordinating schedules, as well as busing was important in the plans.

"We wanted to make sure we got the target audience the colleges were looking for," Johns said. "We wanted to open a lot of doors for them."

American Heritage senior and Tribal citizen

Chelsea Mountain said the day provided her with a sense of direction. She said she intends to start her own business some day and has plans as an entrepreneurship major.

"It all helped me to go somewhere to learn what I want to do in business," Mountain said.

Also highlighted were give-a-ways as well as words of encouragement from Tribal Deputy Treasurer Pete Hahn and guest speaker and lecturer Chance Rush of Cloud Boy Consulting.

Rush, a regular speaker at Tribal events, said he felt an obligation to speak to the youth about their future.

"You're going to struggle and it's going to be a lot of hard work, but it's a difference between being focused and not focused, you're going to struggle either way," Rush said. "A lot of time we go around things, I believe we should go through them."



Chris Jenkins

Guest speaker and lecturer Chance Rush



Marisol Gonzalez

L-R Education Dept. Administrative Assistant Rayna De la Paz, Acting Education Director Emma Johns, grand prize winner Kristen Billie, daughter of Esther Gopher and John Billie Jr. of Hollywood, and Hollywood Intervention Specialist Carine Eugene. Kristen won a four-day, three-night student/parent trip to the Bahamas.



Marisol Gonzalez

Broward Pines Center Marisa Salazar with (L-R) Damen Bert, Wind Clan; Marcus Robinson, Bird Clan; and Brandon Billie, Panther Clan.



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Palm Beach Atlantic University Senior Admission Counselor Pam Elcik with Rosemarie Sanchez.



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Grand Canyon University's National Tribal Liaison Manager speaks with Jo Jo D. Osceola, and brother Joseph.



Marisol Gonzalez

Maia Johnston of Full Sail in Orlando, Fla. with Panther Clan Dejong Frank, and mom, Donna.



Marisol Gonzalez

Guest speaker Peter Osceola-Hahn, deputy Tribal treasurer, addresses the students and guests in attendance.



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(L-R) LeCordon Bleu Culinary Institute reps. Michelle Segui and Daniela Cortes speak with Terinna Cypress (R).



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(L-R) Elisah Billie slides back to second base to catch the ball.



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Chantilly Williams is determined to make full contact with a nice slow pitch.

## Softball Co-Ed Teams Play Season Opener

By Felix DuBoz

**HOLLYWOOD** — On the evening of Jan. 28, the Seminole softball season got underway. The season opener saw several dozen co-ed Tribal citizens and their friends gathering for a fun game of Amateur Softball Association underhand slow pitch softball.

Many of the players enjoyed greeting each other for the first time again since last year's games ended. In addition, some new players were on hand to show their skills for the diamond game, including Otter Clan member Marlon Foster, 18.

Foster was eager to demonstrate what he could do to the ball with a mighty swing of his bat. He kind of reminded some of his baseball idol, a young talented slugger and ex-Florida Marlin 3rd baseman Miguel Cabrera. Foster, whose parents are Kim Osceola and Eddie Foster, lives in Hollywood and attends West Lake Academy. He said he loves to play baseball, but prefers football, and likes to practice with his varsity teammates on the newly-manicured Seminole Softball Field.

Tribal citizen and Coach Leon Wilcox of the Hollywood Seminole Softball Team, who is also spokesman for these softball activities, was on-hand for the game.

"It was fun, I think everybody that played had fun," he said of the game that took nearly two hours to play.

"Anybody got a team they want us to play, we got room," Wilcox added.

Informal teams play against one another every Monday night at the Seminole Softball Field, weather permitting, with only a short season of five games remaining.



Felix DuBoz

Coach Leon Wilcox takes a long look and a short swing.

## Tribal Citizen Starts "Pre-T" T-Ball Team

By Marisol Gonzalez

**HOLLYWOOD** — Maggie Mary Puente took on a challenge that not many people would — sports and children — when she decided to start a "Pre-T" T-ball team on the Hollywood Reservation.

Puente said she was inspired to do this by her husband and her children who love the sport, admitting she wants to keep her children as close to her as possible. Being a mother of six children, Joel, 10, Zoey, 7, Joey, 5, Grace, 4, and Junior and Tammy, both 3, the T-ball program should come as a simple task.

In the past, her children have played on T-ball teams and Puente said she wanted to take on the challenge of being a coach. Along with her husband, Jose, they went to the

Hollywood Gym and inquired about starting a T-ball team to play at the Hollywood field.

They were given permission to start a Pre-T team, which will consist of 4 to 7 year olds. She then started to get the word out. Puente created flyers and handed them out to the Hollywood community and also sent out a global e-mail in search of Tribal citizens and employees who would be interested in their children joining the team.

She started the team try outs on Jan. 7 at 6 p.m. and said she was pleasantly surprised by the turn out.

"Practices are held now every Tuesday and Thursday at six o'clock at the Hollywood ball field until the games start in March," Puente stated.

The Pre-T team was a great hit with the parents, as they also joined in on the fun. Taylor Brooks, telecommunications specialist II from the Hollywood IT Dept., started his son Nicholas, 4, in the T-ball team. Brooks said he had been looking for a 4 year old team to start his son out and when he saw the global e-mail go out, he jumped at the chance and had Nicholas join the team. He is very happy with the team and the outcome thus far he said.

"Nicholas is a very athletic kid, hopefully by playing T-ball it calm him down and make him more of a people person," Brooks said.

Andrea and Josh Jumper drive all the way from Big Cypress so that their children can participate in sports. Now, as their older children practice on the softball field, their daughter Canaan, 4, is able to play with his Pre-T team. Andrea says it is a good opportunity without pressure of the real game, and that it is also a great introduction into sports.

Puente said her goal is to teach the children on the team, interact with them and to have a good time while doing it. She said she wants to see the kids happy. Ultimately, she said she will feel accomplished as a coach having taught someone something positive.

Growing up around sports all her life, Puente said she knew she wanted her children to be involved in sports as well. Softball and basketball goes all the way back to her grandmother, she said.

Puente said when she was younger, she learned a lot from her Aunt Cindy Osceola, who she



Marisol Gonzalez

(L-R, Top Row) Coach Maggie Puente, Zoey Puente, Phyllis Osceola, Grace Puente, Joey Puente, Kristian Gonzalez, Coach Jose Puente, (Bottom Row, L-R) Nicholas Ward, Trace Wilcox, Carmello Shanandoah and AJ Wells.



Marisol Gonzalez

Canaan Jumper preparing to hit the ball and run to first base.

calls a role model. Puente says that everything she cooks, folds and even when she plays a sport, is all because her aunt believed in her.

"My Aunt Cindy has now passed on so I can't tell her how much I appreciate her," Puente said.


Anyone interested in their children joining the Pre-T team can contact Maggie Puente at (954) 551-7441.



Marisol Gonzalez

The Ball Team stretches before practice. (L-R) Grace and Tammy Puente, Joey Puente, Coach Maggie Puente, Junior Puente, Zoey Puente, AJ Wells, Carmello Shanandoah, Coach Jose Puente, Kristian Gonzalez, and Nicholas Ward.

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## ◆ Rez Rally

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tion and willingness to come so far for this common cause that touches each of us. The theme for this race is "Together We Can Manage Diabetes." Our goal is for everyone to achieve their fitness potential and for all communities to come together as a whole. Let's enjoy becoming healthier and have fun as well."

The tent was filled with cheers as each of the captains energized their teams for the competition that lay ahead.

Big Cypress Board Rep. Cicero Osceola served as event emcee. He began by making reference to the pep rallies that had taken place on the previous day, as each captain prepared their team for the competition that lay ahead. After familiarizing everyone with the rules of the rally for one last time, he introduced the speakers and provided a clock count down in preparation for the race.

Health Dept. Director Connie Whidden made opening remarks.

"What you take part in today is only a small portion of the whole organization that has gone into preparing for this 8th Annual Reservation Rally," she said. "Each year the participation has increased and looking around this morning, I have to say that we have a record crowd."

"Our objective is to work together to eliminate diabetes as one of the major causes of death and severe health issues among Native Americans. On that point, we are all on the same team. There is no better place to start than in your home. If we are to win the war, families must pull together and support each other against this common enemy. United as one, we can do it," encouraged Whidden.

Whidden then acknowledged the behind-the-scenes worker, saying, "As the size of the group increases so does the administrative duties." She then recognized team captains Sunaiya Smith, Brighton Tampa, Candy Cypress, Big Cypress, Jo Mowlow North, Hollywood, Mary Jane Billie, Trail, Leona Tommie-Williams, Ft. Pierce, and Michelle Ford, Immokalee.

Chairman Mitchell Cypress acted as event marshal for the Rez Rally.

"What is taking place here today is all about health," said Chairman Cypress. "No cash awards or trophy can compare with the benefits derived from taking control of your lifestyle, rather than allowing diabetes to control you. I'm told that we have run out of T-shirts for some of our teams. This is fantastic news, because that means that you have beat last year's numbers and the estimated increases."

President Richard Bowers Jr. said: "You were all winners when you came to participate in the Rez Rally. When I look across this assembly, I don't see individuals, I see families and communities working together to build a better life for each other."

Brighton Council Rep. Roger Smith remarked: "When I saw the fog roll in this morning, I worried that participation might not be very good. I should never have doubted your strength, determination and competitive nature. Looking at this group, I don't see people, I see the power to win the battle against diabetes."

Hollywood Council Rep. Max B. Osceola Jr. brought a chuckle from the crowd when he said, "I only run every two years; the rest of the time I strut. A journey of 1,000 miles begins with one step and today you are taking that first step... Our children are our future and they learn from our example. It is your responsibility to be fit."

Before offering the invocation, Rev. Salaw Hummingbird said, "I am diabetic and am striving for a better physical, as well as spiritual lifestyle. Since joining you at last year's rally, I have lost 50 pounds. Take advantage of your clinic. It does a wonderful job of monitoring diabetes. When I first went, my chart was filled with gray areas depicting sugar and glucose levels, cholesterol ratios, heart rates, liver and kidney functions. Because of exercise and healthy food choices, these gray areas are diminishing and I am becoming proof that you can make a difference."

Rep. Cicero Osceola led a group cheer and then turned the program over to the Brighton Fitness Department for a warm-up stretch.

From the vantage point of the starting line, the long line of winners at the 8th Annual Rez Rally stretched as far as the eye could see, before disappearing into the fog. Registration indicated that 1,237 people

took part in the event with an estimated 100 more that either arrived too late or were not qualified to enter, but joined the effort.

Divisions had been established for both Tribal citizens and employees indicating walkers, runners, strollers and wheelchairs. Then, the categories were further broken down by age and sex, offering everyone an equal opportunity. In order to qualify as a team participant, each individual had to make it to the quarter-mile marker before dropping out.

Small reservations such as Tampa and Ft. Pierce had a remarkable participation when considering the population of these communities. They showed a higher entry ratio per capita than some of the larger reservations. Tribal citizens like Peggy Cubis and Nancy Frank from Tampa summoned their family members, neighbors and co-workers for the event.

Ft. Pierce co-captain Shamy Tommie recruited help in the form of Hope Sneed and Leona



The Big Cypress Team won the 8th Annual Rez Rally. (L-R) President Richard Bowers Jr., PGA Golf Pro Notah Begay, Cherelle Hall, Rochelle Osceola, BC Council Rep. David Cypress, Candy Cypress, Cathy Cypress, Chairman Mitchell Cypress, Hollywood Council Rep. Max Osceola and Brighton Council Rep. Roger Smith.



Contestants are off and running at the 8th Annual Rez Rally.

Tommie-Williams, who encouraged total family participation. Their efforts paid off when people like Jane Stockton and her daughters Marissa and Lashara made the long drive to Big Cypress to take part in the rally, along with staff members such as Mary Stomboli.

Using an air horn, Chairman Cypress started the race with the runners in the foreground. Releasing the walkers five minutes later, then the strollers, and last but not least, the wheelchairs, each group quickly disappeared into the foggy embankment of the West Boundary Road that made up the four mile course.

Taking part in the stroller division were the youngest members of the teams. Phillip Turtle of Big Cypress pushed his son of two weeks the entire distance. Crystal Weimann from Brighton, not only pushed 3-week-old Choviohoya, but kept a watchful eye on her other four children.

Pregnant ladies like Tammy Tommie, who is expecting twins, and Mia Sapp Tosca, in her sixth month, also joined the race. These women, along with several other Rez Rally participants, had to overcome physical limitations just to participate; and their motivation did not go unnoticed.

"I am so very proud of the handicapped members of our communities that have joined us today," Immokalee Council Liaison Elaine Aguilar said. "Whether traveling under their own steam or depending upon the assistance of others, they have the

strength that it takes to move ahead. When I got tired, I looked at them and found the encouragement I needed to finish the course. They could have taken the easy way out, stayed in bed, eaten a leisurely breakfast and set in front of the television. Instead they have shown their strength by joining us in trying to build a healthier lifestyle."

Allied Health Manager Suzanne Davis also addressed the participants.

"While the Health Department is the main sponsor of the rally, nearly every department in the Seminole Tribe participated in some manner in making it a success," she said. "Our Director Connie Whidden is the driving force behind the whole operation, but she will be the first one to tell you that it couldn't have been done without team work. Everyone picked up the ball at some time or another and carried it toward the finish line."

For some people, the rally was a competition. For others, it was an endurance race. But for many, it was a tremendous achievement. There were knee braces, walkers, crutches and canes in evidence.



Nike® employees volunteered to work at the Rez Rally distributing shoes.

Former Brighton Tribal Rep. Jack Smith Jr. may no longer be in office, but he is still a leader, completing the entire course with his cane.

In the multitude of T-shirts representing each of the reservations, there were children, parents, grandparents and even a few great-grandparents supporting one common cause — a healthy, productive future. Seniors like Coleman Josh, Oni Osceola, Teresa Jumper and Louise Osceola are representative of so many who set an example for the next generation, not just today, but everyday.

Brighton Board Rep. Johnnie Jones was a one man pep rally as he

crossed the finish line.

"I'm a little sore, but it was worth it," Jones said. "This is a great event from which we can all benefit. Please encourage first timers to continue. Life is too short to spend it unwisely."

Stan Frischman and the Big Cypress Recreation staff did a tremendous job at the starting line and water drops. But it didn't stop there. When the youngsters crossed the finish line, they rushed to have some fun at the Recreation Dept. carnival, while their parents waited in line for Nike® shoes and Rez Rally T-shirts.

Hungry from their morning of exercise, a crowd quickly gathered at the terrific buffet that awaited them. It was a breakfast of champions with an enormous variety of healthy, delicious and nutritious foods prepared to perfection. With diabetes in mind, the menu offered alternatives to a standard diet.

Rep. Cicero Osceola resumed his position at the mic for the awards portion of the event.

Laughing he said, "I knew I was due for a change in lifestyle when two wheelchairs and three strollers passed me up."

Joining him, Chairman Cypress, who was unable to compete due to doctor's orders, added a few words.

"From my golf cart on the side lines, I was sizing up next year's competition. I can tell you, I

have my work cut out for me. I watched Ah-Tah-Thai-Ki employee Cindy Newton complete the whole course on crutches and cross the finish line with a lot of the contestants still behind her. Cindy recently had a knee replacement, but was determined to participate in the rally."

The chairman also acknowledged Tribal citizen Stevie Jim, who recently underwent chemotherapy, however still participated in, and completed, the Rez Rally.

"Chemotherapy hasn't slowed down Stevie Jim one bit," he said. "They are both an inspiration to others."

"We invited the Miccosukee to join us because they are our relatives and neighbors. I was very happy to see that Rosie Billie and her son, Cory, had made it up from Ochopee, as well as Mary Billie and her daughter Mary Jane," concluded Cypress.

Immokalee Board Liaison Delores Jumper confided: "As many of you know, I haven't been in the best of health lately. I came out today to ease on down to the quarter-mile mark to help my team. When

I arrived the shuttle had just left, so I decided to continue on a little further. At the half-mile [mark], I figured I would keep going and flag down a ride if necessary."

"Before you know it, I had completed a good bit of the course and am none the worse for wear. As you sit in your easy chair by the television saying 'I can't,' have a little talk with yourself about 'I can.'"

Prior to issuing the awards, Nike's® Native American Business Manager Sam McCracken (Assiniboine/Sioux) made a brief presentation concerning the shoes received by the rally participants. Holding up a mold, McCracken explained the process used by Nike® to develop the new Air Native N7 Shoe.

"It had been noticed that Native Americans require a much wider toe box," he said. "Taking molds like this of the feet of 25 Native American golfers, Nike® has developed a new shoe to meet the necessary requirements of our people. I hope that the shoes you receive here today will make you want to walk for a healthier future."

Former Miss South Dakota Vanessa Shortbull is one of the first Native Americans to ever win a beauty contest to represent her state. Originally from the Pine Ridge Reservation, she is a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army and is slated to be stationed in Afghanistan next year. Displaying a fantastic sense of humor, Shortbull entertained the audience with stories about the beauty contests she had entered. Declaring that she is single and scouting for a new husband, she had everyone laughing as she described her qualifications.

A Navajo/Pueblo, Notah Begay is a four-time PGA winner and the only Native American golfer on the Pro Tour. As a spokesperson for the N7 Nike® shoe, he opened with a story about a former Stanford classmate, Tiger Woods.

Then, moving to a more serious note, he discussed the epidemic proportions to which diabetes had escalated among Native Americans. Placing emphasis on the need for exercise and a healthy diet as a means of prevention, he concluded by thanking the Nike® employee volunteers who were distributing the shoes at the rally.

Michelle Ford from Immokalee said she immediately noticed a difference in her new shoes. "My toes have always felt crowded even, when I purchased the size larger," she said. "These are more comfortable in the toe room, but still tight enough for support in other areas."

Edna McDuffie is known for the miles she walks everyday, not just at rallies. For her a proper fitting shoe is a requirement, not an option.

"When I put on the new N7's, they felt like they were already broken in and not just straight out of the box," she said. "I am looking forward to giving these a test run."

When the scores were tabulated, Cicero Osceola announced the results. With 451 participants, of which 121 had placed, Big Cypress had won the 8th Annual Reservation Rally Trophy. The Brighton/Tampa team took second place with 340 entries and 94 winners. Hollywood/Ft. Pierce was a very close third with 332 contestants and 44 places.

Immokalee had an excellent showing for the size of its reservation with 114 participants and 22 places. Special recognition awards and trophies were distributed to individual winners to a round of applause.

## Tampa Citizens Attend the Rez Rally

Submitted by Stephen Schwanebeck, Tampa Dept. of Elder Affairs

TAMPA — The Tampa seniors participated in the 2008 Rez Rally, held in Big Cypress on Jan. 19. Tribal elder Jane Osceola won fifth place in her age category, making everyone in the Tampa community very proud of her. Other Tampa seniors were

also successful in the Walk for Diabetes Awareness, completing it in good time, and still ready for more.

Joining the seniors on their trip to Big Cypress was Carissa Guzman, one of Tampa's younger generation Tribal citizens. She also placed in her age category.



Tampa's (L-R) Lola Juarez, Dept. of Elder Affairs Project Coordinator, Linda Henry, Maggie Garcia, Carissa Guzman, Susie Doctor, Peggy Cubis, Jane Osceola and Nancy Frank at this year's Rez Rally.

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Smith (Back Row, Center) with family and friends

Chris Jenkins

## Smith Honored at FAU Awards Banquet

### Tribal Citizen Receives Four Awards

By Chris Jenkins

BOCA RATON, Fla. — Members of Tribal citizen Jarrid Smith's family, his friends and staff of the Hollywood Recreation Department, gave their support in celebration of him and the Florida Atlantic University football team on Jan. 27.

The much-deserved recognition was a part of the major accomplishments by the football team in 2007 at the annual FAU Football Awards Banquet.

To cap off a dream season on the field, Smith received several honors off the gridiron wrapping up his stellar career including: academic honor roll, second team all-conference (Sun Belt), four year letterman, and the offensive Most Valuable Player (MVP).

"It was good and felt good receiving everything that I got, it was definitely a perfect ending to the season," Smith said.



Smith and teammates

Chris Jenkins

## Luke Baxley Jr. Scores Winning Goal at Soccer Game

By Felix DuBosz

HOLLYWOOD — It was a rainy day on Feb. 9, but the kids didn't seem to mind. Young players ran up and down the field kicking the soccer ball trying to score goals at Driftwood Park.

Young Tribal citizen Luke

"Choog" Baxley Jr., 10, was playing tough for the Driftwood Dragons team and scoring goals. His mother, Janine Cypress, Bird Clan, and his father Luke Baxley said they are very proud and supportive of "Choog."



Luke Baxley Sr. and son "Choog" pose after the game in which he scored the last goal for a 4-0 win.



Felix DuBosz

Luke "Choog" Baxley Jr. (C) gets ready to chase down the soccer ball to kick the ball towards the goal.

Carl Baxley also said he has big dreams for his grandson, who he enjoys watching play sports every chance he gets.

His father, Luke Sr. said: "He's been playing for about four years and is into almost every sport, but mostly baseball and football, he likes them all, anything with a ball."

Luke Jr. attends Hollywood Christian School, where he's in third grade and really likes to read. He has three sisters and one brother.

When asked what he wants to be when he grows up, Luke Jr. said without hesitation: "A famous baseball player."

## Family Services, Rec., Team Up for Youth Activities

### Depts. Co-Host Drug-Free Activities for Students

Submitted by Valerie Marone

BRIGHTON — The Brighton Family Services Prevention staff and the Brighton Recreation Department teamed up over the holiday season school break to provide fun, drug-free activities for Brighton's youth.

The first of these activities was the Dodge Ball Tournament and pizza party, held Dec. 27, 2007, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. in the Brighton Gym.

In the spirit of "Everyone is a winner that doesn't do drugs," all participants received medals. The winning team members of the Brighton Holiday

Dodge Ball Tournament were: Cameron Thomas, Lane Thomas, Randy Shore, Alissa Dorgan, and Royce Osceola.

The second of these activities was the Brighton Holiday Roller Skating, held Jan. 7 at the Vero Beach Skate Factory. The students and staff members skated, played Limbo, had races, played arcade games, ate pizza and popcorn.

Everyone reported having a great time and is looking forward to the next drug-free event in February — a Valentine's Day dinner and dance party, complete with karaoke and games.

## Citizens Honored with Recreation Awards

By Chris Jenkins

HOLLYWOOD — The sports accomplishments of Tribal citizens were acknowledged at the annual Hollywood Recreation Sports Awards and Banquet, held Feb. 5. The Tribal Headquarters Auditorium played host as athletes, friends and family, came together for the event, which kicked off with a dinner catered by Renegade Barbeque.

Hollywood Recreation Director Moses "Big Shot" Jumper Jr. was emcee for the evening. Jumper said the Tribal athletics program is important to the community.

"It's something we need," Jumper said. "It's a great program for our people and our Tribal members."

think it's something that's good for Tribal people that are trying to do good things for the kids and be role models; my mom [Hope Tommie] never missed a game, she did whatever she had to do to support me."

Others recognized were: Krystle Young, Hali Garcia and Whitney Osceola in basketball, and Carson Knaby, Tarina Young, Irissa Young, Alani Frank, Ruben Frank and Cindi Adair in gymnastics.

Recreation Youth Fitness Coordinator Gina

Allardye said

the six girls recognized for gymnastics have been competing for several years and are currently on the Nova gymnastics team.

"All that they do takes discipline and dedication," Allardye said. "I'm very proud of them and I love the dedication of them and their parents."

Jumper said he

enjoyed paying respects and recognition to those who have past on, which was very important.

"It's just unfortunate that it has been a lot of young people," he said.

The evening was also highlighted with words from keynote speaker Jim Warne (Sioux). The former offensive lineman played for Arizona State University in college and in the National Football League for the Detroit Lions in the 1980s.



Chris Jenkins

Board Rep. and honoree Cicero Osceola says a few words.

"My only regret is that we don't get more people involved," he continued.

Several were honored and inducted into the Seminole Hall of Fame including: Garrett Billie Anderson; honorary induction, Leon Wilcox, baseball and bowling; Cicero Osceola, BC Board Rep., basketball, football and golf; and Dan Bowers, football and basketball.

Wilcox said being recognized for both baseball and bowling was a little overwhelming.

"I was very honored and didn't know until they told me," Wilcox said. "I



Chris Jenkins

In the memory of those lost

The special recognition award for all outstanding athletes for 2007 went to former Florida Atlantic University All-Sun Belt Conference and team offensive Most Valuable Player Jarrid Smith.

"I'm just really proud of him and that's the type of kids we're trying to create with this program," Jumper said.

Tribal Council and Board members present included: President Richard Bowers Jr. and Hollywood Board Rep. Gloria Wilson.



Chris Jenkins

Hollywood Recreation Basketball Coach Carlos Adamson (second from left) poses with players (L-R) Krystle Young, Whitney Osceola and Hali Garcia.

## 'Crossroads' Boxing Event Held at Hard Rock

By Chris Jenkins

HOLLYWOOD — Two of the super middleweight division's elite took one step closer to an eventual showdown Jan. 11 in Hard Rock Live.

Fight fans and the nation saw Edison "Pantera" Miranda and Jean Pascal in action along with six other bouts in "Crossroads" as Seminole Warriors Boxing and Group Yvon Michel sponsored the event as part of ESPN's Friday Night Fights coverage.

Miranda (30-2, 26 KOs) continued his comeback toward the top of the division rankings facing up-and-comer David Banks (15-3, 2 KOs). This was a quick turn-around for Miranda whose last fight was a fifth round TKO over Henry Porras, also at the Hard Rock Live, in October of last year.

Miranda's opponent Banks was also back to work quickly last facing Donny McCrory in November of 2007, winning by majority decision in six rounds. He is best known from his stint on the popular ESPN television series The Contender, where he finished third.

As most expected however, their opponents provided little intrigue as Miranda dismantled Banks with a dramatic third round TKO. On a crushing right cross, Banks went flying through the ropes leaving everyone in attendance

amazed. Pascal (21-0, 15 KOs) would get a 10 round unanimous decision over Omar Pittman.

The tune up for both was part of a plan which would pit the two rivals together possibly in June with the winner pushing for a shot at current middleweight champion Kelly Pavlik.



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Miranda (R) lands a right cross to a battered Banks (L).

The ever confident and expressive Miranda felt he took care of business, but was unimpressed with his future opponent. "We did our job; we came to do our job like we always do," Miranda said.

"That's the base of our job. [Banks'] error was keeping his hand down when he threw a right."

"I am not interested in fighting with Pascal because he is [un]interesting" on TV in fighting. People like me and my style."

Other action included: In middleweight action, Sebastian Demers faced Thomas Brown winning by a unanimous decision in eight rounds.

Among junior welterweights: Jesus Pabon won convincingly over Daniel Gonzales by KO in the third round. Dierry Jean stayed undefeated over Anthony Woods in a first round TKO, and Kenny Galarza stayed perfect over James Sangrey by TKO in the first round.

Miami's own Joey Hernandez moved to 8-0 in a four round decision over Alpacino Allen among welterweights.

The one heavyweight match-up of the night saw two unbeaten face-off as West Palm Beaches' Kasim Howard took on Ron La Forge with Howard winning by a KO in round two.

Several Tribal officials

also enjoyed the action including: Chairman Mitchell Cypress, Fort Pierce Liaison S.R. Tommie, Big Cypress Rep. David Cypress, Hollywood Rep. Max Osceola Jr. and Trail Liaison William Osceola.

## Tribal Tune-Up Pool Tournament Held

By Judy Weeks

NAPLES — The Tune-Up Pool Tournament, held Jan. 26 at Shark's Den Billiards, was sponsored by the Seminole Tribe of Florida, and open to Native Americans, spouses and affiliates. Beginning at noon, it drew contestants and their families from across the state.

Naples Community Facilities Manager Bill Wilson laid out a program that included Men and Women's 8-Ball, as well as Scotch Doubles for Tribal citizens. This was immediately followed by an Open Invitational 9-Ball Tournament.

Big Cypress Council Rep. David

Cypress and Naples

Liaison O.B. Osceola Jr. were very complimentary of the Shark's Den facilities and its owner, Juan Cabrera. A game room provided

bumper pool and video entertainment for the younger crowd, while the adults participated in the day long competition.



Judy Weeks

(L-R) Naples Liaison O.B. Osceola Jr., Juan Cabrera and Big Cypress Council Rep. David Cypress welcomed contestants to the Tune-Up Pool Tournament.



Judy Weeks

Chief Billie concentrates on a game of bumper pool.

Beginning with first place, the results of the Tribal competition were as follows: Men's 8-Ball: Gary Clay, Rob Smith, David Cypress, Roy Garza, O.B. Osceola Jr. and Daniel Gopher.

Women's 8-Ball: Phalyn Osceola, Juanita Osceola, Esther Buster, Connie Williams, Teonna Rock and Louise Osceola. Scotch Doubles: Rob Smith/Teresa Nunez, Gary Clay/Esther Buster and Teonna Rock/Daniel Gopher. Open Invitational 9-Ball results were: Men's 1. Corey Denel, 2. John M., 3. Woody, 4. Jeremy Boling, 5. Oscar, 6. Peter LaFortune, 7. Gary Clay, 8. Troy Frank; Women's 1. Teresa Nunez, 2. Laura Lindaur, 3. Christy.



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## Trial Council, Board of Directors Participate in Annual Ranch Rodeo

### Council Emerges Victorious Over Board, 41-39

By Judy Weeks

**IMMOKALEE** — The ranch rodeo, held at the John Jimmie Memorial Arena in Immokalee, on Jan. 26, marked the 8th annual Board vs. Council Rodeo. Open to all Tribal citizens, employees and Tribal affiliates, this year's production targeted the youth of the Tribal communities and encouraged family participation.

Event coordinator Moses Jumper Jr. said, "We began this ranch rodeo eight years ago as a good natured competition in which contestants signed up to represent either the Board or Council in the events."

"Cattle, ranch work and rodeos have long been a part of the Seminole culture," he continued. "This year's events have been planned to encourage family teams and individual youth participation. The contestants that you see here are the future of the Eastern Indian Rodeo Association and the Seminole Tribe of Florida."

"Mutton Bustin" began with 10 contestants, 6 years and under, attempting to ride their chosen sheep to glory. Wearing helmets and vests for protection, one by one these brave young cowboys and cowgirls entered the chutes and exited with a fistful of wool to anchor themselves.

A 4.4 second ride won Alexis Perez the first place, followed by Keanu Correa with 4.1 and Jack Aguilar with 3.4.

Calf Riding is reserved for the 7 to 10 year olds, and is a lot harder than it looks. Eastern Indian Rodeo Association (EIRA) veteran Kelton Smedley earned 72 points for a first place win. First time riders Ethan Aguilar and Zephaniah Roberts made their mark by taking second and third place, respectively, in the event.

The 10 and under Barrel Race offered an opportunity for numerous youngsters to try their hand in the saddle, either solo or on lead line. Working their mounts through the barrel pattern on long legged horses or little ponies, each of the riders put their hearts into the job at hand and did their best.

EIRA regulars, Ahnie Jumper, Alea Turtle and Cyrus Smedley took the first three positions with Budha Jumper, Caniah Billie, Sarah Deschamps, Jillean Rodriguez and Cartaya Billie competing. Winners in the 11 to 16 year old

place went to Lizzie Dixie, and Ayze Henry scored 3.7 seconds during her re-run option.

Children poured into the arena from the stands to participate in the Calf Scramble during the half time. Running,

ner, who follows on foot, moving in to grab the ribbon from the flank and take it back across the finish line. Competing as male/female teams, the winners were Justin and Carrera Gopher, Josh and Ahnie Jumper and Naha Jumper and Lizzie Dixie.

Team Penning requires a great deal of skill on the part of the riders, who must gather the herd and move them successfully into a pen at the far end of the arena within a very short time period. Fashioned after the arduous work during the seasonal roundups; a very difficult task.

With a possible 10 cows to pen, the teams took turns working feverishly to capture as many as possible within a few minutes. Varying their tactics, the clock beat

most of the teams and a

the Team Roping and Branding. The winning team of Header Josh Jumper and Heeler Naha Jumper caught, pulled, grabbed doubles and then faced off for Lizzie Dixie to complete the branding with her stick and retrace her tracks to the finish line.

It was second grader Troy Cantu's first time competing. During the event, he raced down the arena, moved into position and was ready to work when his heeler lost his dally. Stepping to the side, Troy got back into position, but it turned into a no time for the team despite his efforts.

Moving a trailer into the arena, a three member team must unload a horse, saddle it, ride it, unsaddle it, reload it and then jump into the truck and blow the horn to complete the event. A lot harder than it sounds, the team must work in careful union in order to be successful.

Completing the task in just 1:22 was the Jumper Team of Josh, Naha and Andre for first place. Ayze Henry, Wilse Bruised Head and Reisha Doctor came in at 1:43 for second, and third place went to Justin Gopher, Happy Jumper and Melanie Perez with 1:50.

Ethan Gopher had a beautiful 80 point ride in the Junior Bulls. Second place went to Cody Motlow, who created a lot of excitement when he got temporarily hung up in the rigging but finished with 74 points. Dayne Johns had a tough break when his bull went down in the chutes and he was later fouled at the gate by his re-run.

EIRA Champion Justin Gopher's 86 point ride capped an evening of fantastic rodeo when his bull spun like a top in the arena while bucking furiously during the Senior Bull Riding. Following in second position was Seth Randolph with an awesome 82 points.

Computing the scores at the end of the night, the final tally put Council two points ahead of Board with a 41-39 win in their 8th Annual Ranch Rodeo.

few of the cattle escaped after capture. However, Justin Gopher and Happy Jumper finally scored with two head and Dayne Johns and Hilliard Gopher caught one.

Three-member teams competed in



Kelton Smedley earns 72 points for a first place win in the Calf Riding.



Justin Gopher pushes the cattle in the Team Penning competition.



Budha Jumper turns Mighty Mouse around the third barrel.



EIRA Champion Justin Gopher scores an awesome 86 points in the Bull Ride.

Barrel Race were Shelby DeHass, Alexis Aguilar and Melanie Perez, respectively.

Competition in the 17 and over category was very close, but several of the riders suffered a hard hit to their scores when they knocked over barrels opening up the field. Leanna Billie had a perfect run with a score of 16.983 earning her first place. She was followed by Tess Duchaneaux and Loretta Gopher, taking second and third, respectively.

Riders of all ages and skills participated in the Breakaway Calf Roping with 15 entries. National Finals Rodeo qualifier Josh Jumper had an awesome 2.94 run and beat out his brother, Naha, by only two hundredths of a second. Third

sliding and dodging the calves, they did their best in an effort to grab the ribbon from the targeted animal. Success went to Andre Jumper.

Ribbon Ropers form a team with the rider catching the steer and their part-

## Wild Horse Ministry Returns to Seminole Country

By Judy Weeks

**BIG CYPRESS** — When Paul Daily and his family rolled into Big Cypress on Jan. 6, it was like a reunion with old friends. The Dailys have been coming to Seminole Country for several years

spreading the gospel word through their Wild Horse Ministry.

Using a gentle but firm approach, they can tame and saddle break horses that have never been handled in just a few hours time. Setting up a portable round pen, Paul explained, "I am doing with these horses the same thing that people do with the Lord."

Paul continued: "When things didn't go right, I blamed the Lord or doubted his existence. It took a rude awakening before I realized that I was the problem, not the Lord ... We are just like these horses, running away but never knowing where we are running to."

Paul then took the opportunity to introduce Byron Hogan, 26, from Canyon, Texas, who has been faithfully keeping up with the Wild Horse Ministry ever since first seeing them in Kansas.

"I have always loved horses, but never gave much thought to God and my relationship to him and the universe," he said. "However, I was intrigued by the rapid transformation that took place in Paul's round pen with the horse and suddenly realized that I too had been changed. From that day forward, I have been blessed and my whole life has been turned around."

"Every time the Dailys appeared anywhere close by, I traveled to watch them and seek council from Paul. They called me just before they left to come to Florida and asked if I would be interested in taking a short trip with them and here I am. I am very happy to be here and am grateful for the opportunity to meet so many wonderful people."

A highlight of the Daily's annual visit is an evening of fellowship around the campfire in a cypress head in Moses Jumper's pasture. Everyone

was invited to gather around the fire to roast hot dogs and share the many delicious side dishes provided by the ladies of the Big Cypress First Baptist Church.

The group enjoyed singing old time gospel songs to the accompaniment of Jonah Cypress on his

midst. Going undetected at first, the alligator evoked screams of fear and then rounds of laughter as they realized its presence and then noticed that it wasn't real.

In between fellowships with members of the

performance that could change their lives forever.

With Paul and Byron sharing the round pen, they got two young horses under saddle in Immokalee at the beginning of the evening. Then they tackled two very wild Florida Cracker Horses

that have spent their lives running loose in the pasture down at Moses Jumper's. Long hours were spent catting and haltering these untamed creatures before they could be transported to the Daily round pen.

When the big moment arrived, the two horses catapulted out of the back of the trailer and the fun began. In just short of two hours, the horses were coming to the men, following them around, accepting the saddle and had been ridden. This may sound simple, but a great deal of hard work and concentration were involved in the process.

In order to get the animals to submit, they both had to be taken to the ground and forced to accept the dominance of their peers. Bucking around the pen, they certainly weren't happy recipients of the saddles and riders, but eventually recognized that they were not in harm's way.

"These horses are just like people," Paul said. "We can show them the way and lead them down the path, but they must want to accept the rewards that are waiting at the end of the road. Every day is a new opportunity for us to walk with the Lord, who is always present. Let the Lord be part of your life and he will show you the way. Watching these horses you may see similarities between your lives and what has taken place here tonight."

In conclusion Paul said, "Don't kid yourself. These horses and completely broken. The work has just begun and their owners must follow through with their training in order to make a valuable asset out of them. Submission to the Lord is just the beginning of a life of service that will benefit everyone. There is no future in running away. Just trust in the Lord."



Paul Daily humanely dropped this wild Cracker Horse to the ground and gentled it into submission when the animal realized that there was safety under his hand.



Paul Daily gets the horse to relinquish its foot.



Byron Hogan prepares to lay the horse down.



Byron Hogan of the Wild Horse Ministry talks with children at one of their exhibitions.

Big Cypress First Baptist Church, Rev. Salaw Hummingbird made arrangements for the Wild Horse Ministry to visit not only Big Cypress, but Hollywood, Brighton, Immokalee, LaBelle and Clewiston. Upon hearing of their arrival, past spectators gathered up their friends and flocked to watch a



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Lynda Haschkeil

Chairman Mitchell Cypress (L) and Brighton Council Rep. Roger Smith (R) strike a pose with former Miss Rodeo America and current ESPN rodeo analyst Jennifer Douglas Smith.

## Seminole Hard Rock Sponsors WNFR ESPN Telecasts

By Lynda Haschkeil

**LAS VEGAS** — The Seminole Hard Rock became the first presenting sponsor of ESPN's telecast of the 49th Annual 2007 Wrangler National Finals Rodeo (WNFR) in Las Vegas. An estimated viewership of more than 40 million people saw the broadcast during the 10-day event in December 2007. Dubbed the "Super Bowl of Rodeo," the WNFR is the largest and richest professional rodeo event in the world.

Chairman Mitchell Cypress, President Richard Bowers Jr., Brighton Rep. Roger Smith and Big Cypress Rep. David Cypress attended the event, which draws more than 170,000 attendees annually. The Tribal Council members toured the onsite ESPN broadcast compound and met with network and rodeo officials, including 8-time World Champion bull rider and ESPN rodeo commentator Donnie Gay.

According to Wimmercomm, which produces the rodeo telecasts on ESPN exclusively, there are more than 72 million rodeo fans in the U.S. Research shows that rodeo fans are heavy users of family restaurants and avid casino gamblers "which provides a

great opportunity for Seminole Hard Rock to showcase their properties and the brand," said Sam Dunn, director of Wimmercomm's event management team.

In addition, Seminole Hard Rock sponsored five bull riders in the WNFR competition, including Wesley Silcox of Payson, Utah, who captured the 2007 World Championship. Other sponsored bull riders included Chance Smart, Philadelphia, Miss.; Clint Craig, Mesa, Ark.; Logan Knibbe, Rockdale, Texas; and Cody Hancock, Taylor, Ariz., who won the 2007 Xtreme Bulls Seminole Classic in Okeechobee last March.



Kerri Allardice

Seminole Hard Rock bull rider Wesley Silcox captured his first Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association World Title with a score of 91.5 on the last night of the WNFR.

The 2007 ESPN WNFR telecast included more than 45 hours of coverage, providing the Seminole Hard Rock with dominant brand exposure through a mix of commercial units, in-arena and on-set signage and in-show features like "Seminole Hard Rock's Road to the WNFR" that highlighted a particular cowboy or rough stock's path to the event.



Michele Thomas

Seminole Tribe of Florida team members show off their first place trophy and buckles at the Working Ranch Cowboys Association Rodeo in Arcadia, Fla. (L-R) Matt Arietta, Adam Turtle, Bobby Yates, Brighton cattle foreman, Gene Thomas, Tommy Rodgers, Jerry Skates, Cody Lewis and Alex Johns, Assistant Natural Resource Director.

## Team Seminole Triumphs at WRCA Rodeo

By Judy Weeks

**ARCADIA, Fla.** — The Arcadia Rodeo Committee hosted a Working Ranch Cowboy Association (WRCA) Rodeo on Oct. 13-14, 2007. This rodeo was the first one of its kind east of the Mississippi River and there are hopes to establish a regularly scheduled competition under WRCA rules.

Nine teams entered the weekend contest representing six of the 25 largest cattle ranches in the United States. With all nine teams coming from the state of Florida, it is hoped that they will draw out of state competition by sanctioning their future rodeos. This could lead to possible qualifiers for the WRCA Finals, held annually in Amarillo, Texas.

Combining their efforts, two of the current teams had duo representation in order to garner sufficient members.

Florida dayworker Tate Higginbotham is a member of the WRCA and was the director of the recent Arcadia, Fla. production.

The 2007 rodeo was comprised of five events divided into a two-day competition: Bronco Riding, Ranch Vet, Wild Cow Milking, Calf Branding and Team Sorting.

The Seminole Tribe of Florida was represented by team members Alex Johns, Tommy Rodgers, Matt Arietta, Cody Lewis, Jerry Skates, Gene Thomas, Adam Turtle and Bobby Yates.

Although the association welcomes women into its ranks, there was only one young lady entered into this particular competition. College student Jenna Adams grew up working beside her father on the Adams Ranch, competed in high school rodeo, and was a valuable asset to their team.

These are tough events and the teams must fight hard for every one of their points. With opinions varying on the subject, the general consideration tends to place Wild Cow Milking at the top of the list of most difficult. Fortunately, the minimum requirement is only one drop of visible milk in the container to qualify; however, this is easier said than done. Over the years the best of the best have lost out in this one, but Team Seminole is proud to have earned a third place.

There was only one tie during the entire weekend and that occurred in the Ranch Vet when Rum Creek and Babcock both stopped the clock at 29.5 seconds. The Tribal team took sixth place in this event.

Following a first place in Calf Branding, teammate Tommy Rodgers picked up 70 points right behind Houston Ryals, 16, of the XL Bar Ranch/Ryals Cattle Co. team in the Bronco Riding. Earning another second place slot in Team Sorting pushed them over the top.

A total score of 41 points gave the Seminole Tribe of Florida the grand championship for the weekend.

How did things stack up after the final tabulation? The teams finished in the following order beginning with first place: Seminole Tribe of Florida Inc., Babcock Ranch, Blue Head Ranch, Adams Ranch, Rum Creek Ranch, Lindsey Cattle Co./Lykes Brothers Ranch, XL Bar Ranch/Ryals Cattle Co., Deseret Ranch and Allico Ranch.

Jeremy Waters of the Babcock Ranch was named Top Hand for the 2007 WRCA Arcadia Rodeo.

## Students Honored for Agricultural Essay Contest Awards Ceremony Coincides with WNFR

Submitted by Vicki Le Beaux, Native Women & Youth in Agriculture

**LAS VEGAS** — Rodeo stars galore were at the WNFR, but those weren't the only stars in Vegas that week. Two particular youth were honored in the world of Indian agriculture at the Intertribal Agriculture Council (IAC) and Indian Nations Conservation Alliance (INCA) Annual Agriculture Symposium, held at the Flamingo Hotel & Casino. This annual meeting is where over 550 Tribal agricultural producers, Tribal Councils and Federal Agency representatives meet to receive the information hotline on the latest agriculture policy, trends and concerns in Indian Country.

Native Women & Youth in Agriculture (NWYA) sponsored the 4th Annual Youth Essay Contest, held in conjunction with the symposium. The subject for the essay contest this year was: "How My Ancestors Land Use Influenced My Future in Agriculture."

Native American high school students throughout Indian Country participated in the contest with two essays being selected to receive special attention dur-

ing this year's contest. Chantel Becenti, Navajo Nation, and Luke Claymore, Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, were the two students chosen as finalists to be honored at the Awards Luncheon on Dec. 11, 2007.

IAC Board Member and Tribal President Richard Bowers Jr. as well as Seminole 4-H Coordinator Polly Hayes were in attendance to congratulate the winners.



(L-R): Seminole 4-H Coordinator Polly Hayes, NWYA Advisory Board Member Roy Doore, Chantel Becenti, youth essay finalist, President Richard Bowers Jr., Luke Claymore, youth essay finalist, NWYA Advisory Board Member Tina Voigt, NWYA Co-Founder Janie Rogers and NWYA Co-Founder and President Vicki Le Beaux.

## Fun Day Held at Seminole Ranch

By Judy Weeks

**IMMOKALEE** — The Immokalee Seminole Ranch and Recreation Departments joined forces during the holiday season school break to host a Fun Day for Immokalee's youth.

The Recreation Dept. began picking up children at 10 a.m. on Dec. 27 and transported them to the Immokalee Seminole Ranch for a day of fun-filled, supervised activities. Ranch Director Kenny Joe Davis and Immokalee Recreation Director Johnny Boone combined their staffs for the occasion.

Organized games and exercises took place all morning long. The afternoon was spent teaching future cowboys and cowgirls how to rope using Jake Steers for cattle. Hamburgers and hot dogs were served hot off the grill with a wide assortment of kid-friendly snacks, such as snow cones, that really hit the spot.

Although cool during the morning hours, things heated up in the afternoon. Dragging hoses and sprinklers into two of the four bounce houses, they were quickly transformed into a water park, which was utilized by both children and adults.

With all these possibilities, there was just one event that stood out above all the others. Hours were spent leading children around the arena on several of the ranch horses.



Judy Weeks

Patsy Veliz is all smiles atop one of the ranch horses.

For many of the youngsters, this was their first ranch experience. If they have their way, it won't be the last. And it doesn't have to be!

All parents have to do is bring their children out to the ranch and sign them up for the boys and girls Riding Club, which meets weekly. Contact the Immokalee Seminole Ranch Office in the Administration Building for details.



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Asst. Immokalee Seminole Ranch Director Gabriel Acosta teaches roping techniques to (L-R) K. J. Davis, Paul Tahchawickah, and his brother, Jack.

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## Team Roping Saddle Series

By Judy Weeks

A Tribal and Affiliate Team Roping Saddle Series, sponsored by BC Board Rep. Cicero Osceola, took place at the BC Entertainment Complex and the Immokalee Seminole Ranch during the month of December 2007.

Since the new Big Cypress Entertainment Complex was not yet completed, the first roping of the series was held at Moses Jumper's Arena on Dec. 1, 2007. With money and Jake Steers to the first place winners, there were 27 entries in the Three Head Progressive After One Round Robin.

Moses Jumper welcomed everyone to his arena, before offering an opening prayer. He then announced that there were bounty steers on the premises providing an opportunity to win additional prize money.

The steers were extremely fresh creating an additional challenge for the ropers. Running like greased lightning, the teams had their hands full and had to work



Header Josh Jumper and Heeler Hilliard Gopher took first place in the roping at Moses Jumper's Arena.



Following this ride Cameron Bland got hung up in the rigging and the bull fighter was jumped on by the bull.

## PRCA Southeastern Circuit Rodeo Finals

By Judy Weeks

**BRIGHTON** — The Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association (PRCA) Southeastern Circuit Finals took place on the weekend of Jan. 4-6 at the Fred Smith Rodeo Arena. Undergoing some renovations, the arena was in great shape for the rodeo with a state-of-the-art score board that eliminated the guess work for anyone attempting to keep track of the action.

Brighton Council Representative Roger Smith greeted the rodeo spectators at the event's start.

"The Seminole Tribe of Florida is pleased to host the Southeastern Circuit Finals," he said. "Rodeo is an important sport in Seminole land and we are always glad for an opportunity to watch so many fine athletes compete."

The top 12 riders in each event then competed for the championships in their respective categories. With the best of the best participating in all three go-rounds, the heat was on and these terrific athletes were up to the challenge.

It was a terrific accomplishment for Bull Rider Chance Smart who won the Circuit Finals Average Championship on the night of Jan. 5. Riding some of the toughest bulls in rodeo competition, Smart fought hard and won the top position in all three heats, making him also the Second Place Winner for the Year.

Tribal citizens and spectators gave him a standing ovation. The Year End First Place went to Justin Koon from Grapevine, Ark.

Chance Smart from Philadelphia, Miss., competed in the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas last December, where he earned the title of Third Overall in the Bull Riding Championship and second place in the Average. He proudly wore the patch of the Seminole Tribe of Florida on his vest during the competition.

The Bareback and Saddle Bronc Riders did a terrific job with two-thirds of the contestants

Average and Year End Finals. This opened the field for the Second Place Winner from Brandon, Miss., Brad Morgan to qualify for Pocatello, Idaho.

Team Ropers were snagging their steers right out of the box, but quite a few suffered penalties for one leg catches. The Circuit Finals Average went to Header Jimmy Tanner from Tifton, Ga., and Heeler Kyle Lawrence of Dover, Fla. Year End Champions were Header Billy Joe Berry and Heeler Derrick Freeman.



New Zealander Curtis Garton shows great form in his re-ride during the Saddle Bronc event.

A local gal from Okeechobee, Wendy Culberson, was the Year End Champion Barrel Racer. Picking up the Circuit Finals Average was Sabra O'Quinn. Next stop for the champions is Saul, Ariz. and Pocatello, Idaho.

The rodeo weekend wouldn't have been complete without some outstanding entertainment mid way through the presentation. Victor Billie wowed the audiences at each performance by wrestling an eight foot alligator in the middle of the arena. Placing its powerful jaws beneath his chin and rolling it over to put the reptile to sleep brought cheers from the crowd.

Trick Roper Texas Jack Fulbrite did some very fancy footwork while twirling two ropes at the same time during his finale. He skillfully danced the Texas Two Step, spun his rope into a cyclone and manipulated a 70-foot lariat. His performance with a bull whip was the grand finale.

The culture village offered a rare glimpse into the past for spectators and provided a wide assortment of vendors with extraordinary handicrafts. This was just a warm-up for the Brighton Field Day Festival and PRCA Rodeo scheduled for Feb. 16-17.



Neil Morgan, Jr. makes a flying dismount in the Tie Down Roping where he achieved a 9.8 second score.

achieving an 8 second ride. The Bareback Awards went to two men from Tennessee. The Circuit Final Average Winner was Matt Bright from Loudon and Scotty NeSmith from Russellville topped the Year End Championship.

Saddle Bronc Rider Curtis Garton received a re-run when the horse he drew backed up in the chute and wouldn't come out. After he dismounted, it suddenly came to life and bucked around the entire perimeter of the arena.

Garton is from New Zealand and three years ago required 300 stitches after being attacked by a kangaroo. He had much better luck at the finals where he became Year End Champion. Alan Frierson of O'Brien, Fla. won the Finals Average.

The steers gave the Tie Down Ropers some stiff competition. There were lost dallys, broken barriers and K.C. McBride got tangled in his rope during the dismount, causing a few tense moments before he recovered. When the dust had cleared, Justin Thigpen won the Average and Jade Conner was the Year End Champion.

A strange turn of events took place in the Steer Wrestling when Nick Griffith of Danville, Ala. won both the



Texas Jack Fulbrite dances the Texas Two Step with his lariat.



Kenny Joe Davis and Gabriel Acosta congratulate first place winners Hilliard Gopher and Marvin Hines.

very hard to score. With 182 runs and two re-runs in the first round, three quarters of the teams had a No Time. Missed catches and lost dallys left only 36 teams for the second go around.

Broken barriers and one leg catches were really beginning to take their toll on the remaining scores and by the third round, only 12 teams remained. Eight of these were quickly eliminated. Being honorable sportsmen, Marvin Hines and Lazaro Perez turned themselves in for an illegal catch, leaving the three winning teams to score. There were no successful bounty catches.

Taking first place, Josh Jumper and Hilliard Gopher took home Jake Steers in addition to their cash awards. Second place winners were Josh Jumper and Lazaro Perez with a time of 29.19 seconds and Marvin Hines and



Winners of the Saddle Series were Champion Header Josh Jumper and Champion Heeler Greg Lewis.



Jake Steers went to third place winners Josh Jumper and Greg Betancourt.

the horse lost its footing, went down and rolled on him. Pigot lay motionless for several seconds, as help flooded the arena, and then rolled over. Finally catching his breath, he slowly recovered and was able to walk out of the arena as his comrades breathed a sigh of relief.

Paying back six holes, the combined scores in the third round ranged from 32.27 seconds to 53.77 seconds. First place winners Marvin Hines and Hilliard Gopher received tooled, engraved roping bags. Josh Jumper and Greg Lewis, who came in second, received ornately-decorated breast collars. Third place winners Josh Jumper and Greg Betancourt took home Jake Steers with their winnings.

Translating the winning times into points from both roping events, the saddle winners were Grand Champion Header Josh Jumper and Grand Champion Heeler Greg Lewis.

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## Birthdays

When they were born....

The world became a better place.

I'd like to wish my first born, my little girl, Miss **Mae'Anna-Hechete** a very happy belated 4th birthday on Feb. 18.

There's no gift more special than having a little girl like you in our lives. You are the best big sister ever. Keep smiling and stay sweet.

We are all proud of you, no matter what you do. We love you, always.

Introducing my big boy ... **Amadeus "Big Charlie" Osceola**, Panther Clan, born on Aug. 27, 2007, in Miami at 11:51 p.m., weighing 7 pounds, 8 ounces, and measuring 20 inches.

He was a big surprise being born five weeks early, but I'm grateful he came into this world healthy.

Proud mother is **Iida F. Osceola**.

Maternal grandparents are **Debbie S. Osceola** of Trail and the late **Junior Osceola** of BC; Great-grandparents are **Frances J. Osceola** and "Wild" **Bill M. Osceola** of Trail and the late **Iida** and **Big Charlie Osceola** of BC.



Happy belated birthday to 3-year-old **Scott Sisto** on Feb. 26  
Love,  
**Mommy, Stalia and Venne**

## Messages

In loving memory of **Tiffany and Paige**. Laugh for yesterday, live for today, pray for tomorrow, love for always. Our hearts are always with you  
Love,  
**Aunt Pat and family**



Happy Valentine's Day to **Angelina Osceola**.  
From  
**The Forgotten Son**

## Classified Ads

**Actors/Models Needed:** Pyramid Studios is producing a show about first contact between Florida Tribes and Spanish Conquistadors for the Tampa Bay History Center. Seeking Native American men, women and children to portray various Tocobaga peoples for STILL photo shoot in Tampa Bay in March. Please send photograph along with height, weight and contact number or email to Pyramid Studios, 1710 Altamont Ave., Richmond, Va. 23230. All actors paid.

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## Anniversary



Joined by family members and friends, **Keeno and Betty King** celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on Feb. 3 at the Big Cypress New Testament Baptist Church with gospel singers, a revival minister and banquet.

## Congratulations



Congratulations to **Jenna McDuffie** for winning the title for Miss US South Florida Teen on Feb. 2. We are all very proud of you! A big thanks to the Seminole Tribe of Florida and the following sponsors: Sold Out Tickets, Inc., Pack Brothers Irrigations, Inc., Seminole Design-Build, Inc., Sweat Trucking Paving, the O'Donnell's, Stacy Fitcher, Mom, JB, Ash, Landon and Grams.  
Jenna will be competing in the state pageant in May. We wish her luck!

Love,  
**Grandma Jenny Johns**

## Recovery Meetings



Monday	Noon Discussion Meeting	Big Cypress Sober House
Tuesday	7:30 PM Recovery Meeting	Brighton Sober House
Wednesday	Noon 12 Step Meeting Noon Support Meeting 8:30 PM AA Meeting	Big Cypress Sober House Brighton Hollywood Administration
Thursday	Noon Lunch AA Meeting 7 PM NA Meeting 7:30 PM Seminars in Recovery	Brighton Brighton Big Cypress Sober House
Friday	Noon 12 Step Meeting	Immokalee Family Services

2008	UPCOMING	EVENTS
Block Party Campout	April 12 May 1, 2, 3, 4	Brighton Cherokee, NC

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## Poems

### 1-1-08

Today's his 18th birthday  
He's going away after he graduates  
As of today he's not talking to me  
How long will it take for him to decide he's making a mistake?  
How long is he going to regret before he forgets?  
When he finally realizes, will he apologize to me?  
You know I love and trust him  
If he ever wants to come back to me he can  
But until if & then, it's his 18th birthday.  
I want him to be happy  
If he's not with me I hope he'll be without me  
Just whatever it takes  
Because today is his day  
It's his 18th birthday

— Elizabeth Dehass

### I Don't Want To...

I don't want to be your world, just have a place in it  
I don't want to be your life, just a part of it  
I don't want to be your picture, just a piece of it  
I don't want to hold you down, I want to lift you up  
I don't want to pull you back, I want to push you forward  
I don't want you to want me, I want you to need me  
I don't want you to like me, I want you to love me  
I don't want you to touch me, I want you to feel me  
I don't want you to hear me talking, I want you to listen to what I'm saying  
I don't want you to know who I am, I want you to know me  
I don't want you to know my voice, I want you to know my heart  
I don't want you to see my hurt, I want you to feel my hurt  
I don't want to steal your heart, I want you to put it in my hands  
I don't want a piece of you, I want all of you  
I don't want to give you anything, I want to give you everything  
I don't want to sit by you, I want to sit with you  
I don't want to be yours, but I do want to share myself with you

— Elizabeth Dehass

## The Tribal Clan Circle

By Jane Billie, Panther Clan

The Tribal Clan Circle is a very good example that shows us just how each and every one of us is equally connected. I believe we are all related in one way or another, and this makes us as one. Family, Tribe, or nation — call it whatever you wish — it all means the same thing.

Like it or not, we all must learn to live among each other. We must learn to tolerate and learn to forgive one another. In the end, we must prove that blood is thicker than water, because without each other what are we? What do we tell our children? Otter, Wind, Panther, Bird, Deer, Snake, Bear, Big Town/Tahgooshathe, whatever our Clan name may be, we are somehow or someway connected.

It may be through our children,

grandchildren, in-laws, friends, or even our rivals; whatever the case may be, we must learn to love and respect one another. And we must learn to disagree.

We do not always have to agree with each other, and we must learn that it's alright if we disagree.

We don't have to hate each other just because we disagree. This is how we learn to love and to live with each other. And this is how we teach our children also. This is how our elders lived, so why can't we?

This is what our Tribal Clan system is all about, and this is how we live the Clan Circle way.

Thank you for your time. Peace be with you and all of your loved ones.

This is dedicated to my sister Debby, my brother-in-law Ronnie Billie Sr., his daughter Clea, my twins Alice and Osceola McKinley Billie, and to Big Chunney/Cameron Osceola, who all celebrated a birthday in Oct. 2007.



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## Community News

# State-of-the-Art ICF Home Completed

## Mary Jene Koenes and Family Move In

By Judy Weeks

**BIG CYPRESS** — A year's worth of research, site preparation, planning, constructing and furnishing has gone into the creation of the state-of-the-art, Insulated Concrete Form (ICF) residence for Mary Jene Koenes and her family in Big Cypress. The open house celebration for her completed home took place on Dec. 18, 2007.

According to the ICF Builders

Network website, [www.icfhomes.com](http://www.icfhomes.com), "ICFs are forms or molds that have built-in insulation for accepting reinforced concrete. The first patent application for an ICF was registered in the late 1960s. Since then, and particularly in the last four years, ICFs have been fast-becoming the mainstream preferred building product worldwide for all of the right reasons."

"These large, hollow blocks are stacked right off of the truck and filled with reinforcing bar and concrete. The end result leaves you with a high-performing wall that is structurally sound, insulated, strapped, has a vapor barrier and is ready to accept final exterior and interior finishes."

At the ceremony, Koenes opened her doors for viewing. Long lines of friends and invited guests examined this environmentally sensitive, energy efficient house that they heard so much about over the last year.

During opening remarks Koenes smiled, "Welcome to my Camp! I have heard many of you say that you have been waiting for this moment. Well, I have waited even longer."

Prior to entering into a contract, Koenes and Carter Clough, director of BC Administrative Services, spent months researching the claims and reliability of this innovative concept in housing.

Relatively new to the U.S., it was successfully initiated in Germany over 40 years ago.

Using a polystyrene block form with heavy steel reinforcement

and poured concrete exterior walls, this construction surpasses the Broward/Dade County Code of 140 mph winds by reaching a resistance of more than 200 mph. In addition, it provides a three-hour fire rating because of its fire retardant characteristics.

Checking out environmental concerns and examining completed projects convinced Koenes and Clough to take a chance with Building Design's architect, Tim Marine, Green Block Insulated Foam Manufacturers and General Contractor Chuck Frazer Builders, Inc.

"After much deliberation, and with a signed contract, I was able to see a light at the end of the tunnel and became anxious to reach my goal," said Koenes. "My real dad was a painter and wallpaper hanger, my foster father was a general contractor and my husband has been in construction. With this kind of background, I was familiar with the trade and visited the job site almost daily. I was able to become personally involved when issues arose concerning inspections and modifications unique to my particular project and have watched my baby grow."

"Having to vacate my HUD home that has been invaded by mold, mildew and deterioration, I use the term loosely when I say that we had to 'temporarily relocate,' " continued Koenes of her yearlong relocation before her home's completion.

Chairman Mitchell Cypress said:



Judy Weeks

(L-R) Brighton Rep. Roger Smith, BC Administrative Services Director Carter Clough and Seminole President Richard Bowers Jr. admire the spacious craft room.

"We have replaced another HUD house with a 21st Century Insulated Concrete Form (ICF) residence. I was sold when I pulled up and saw the tin roof. I have one on my log cabin and have always felt that they were superior to conventional shingle roofing."

BC Council Rep. David Cypress then addressed Koenes directly, as well as the entire gathering.

"It takes a family to make a house into a home and I am confident that Mary Jene has already got that down pat," said Rep. Cypress, holding up a piece of Styrofoam. "A coffee cup house was my first thought when Carter [Clough] introduced this form of construction to me. But obviously, it is a whole lot more."

"I am very pleased to see another housing advancement on our reservations," Rep. Cypress added. "In 35 years, we have moved from chickens to HUD houses, to environmentally sensitive, energy efficient, state-of-the-art homes."

Clough then addressed the gathering. He explained that the project took six months longer than expected, however, said it was "well worth the effort."

"This was a new concept for your building department and a number of the sub-contractors, but its quality has spoken for itself," he said. "I have enjoyed working with the Seminole Tribe and doing my part to minimize the impact of construction on our environment and land."

Anticipating a tour of the house, the crowd lined up behind Koenes and followed them through the beautifully landscaped yard. Entering through the front porch, an attractive swing created from



Judy Weeks

(L-R) Interior Designer Alex Espinosa, Mary Jene Koenes and her granddaughter, Daya, show off the rock wall focal point of the new house.

large logs sets the mood for what was to come inside this beautiful ranch-style home.

The house interior had been very tastefully decorated by Alexander Espinosa of Michael's Decoration. A professional interior designer, Espinosa made skillful use of the few extraordinary log pieces of furniture that the Koenes had collected over the years. Using this as a starting point, he carried the country Western theme throughout the house in an effort to fit the personalities and lifestyle of its future occupants.

Native American-print fabrics have been used in the draperies, window treatments, bedding and furniture covers offsetting log furniture and accessories that are carried throughout the residence.

Standing in the large craft room with a cutting table, sewing machines, bolts of cloth and patchwork, Rep. Roger Smith and President Richard Bowers Jr. agreed that their ancestors would have given their teeth for such a place to work.

"You haven't seen anything yet," Koenes said. "Wait until I get these walls covered with shelves, cabinets and drawers to store my beads, notions and thread."

"This house is a dream come true and I can't thank everyone enough for the time and effort that went into its creation," she added.



Judy Weeks

Native American fabrics and accessories complement the master bedroom.



Judy Weeks

(L-R) President Richard Bowers Jr., Brighton Council Rep. Roger Smith and BC Administrative Director Carter Clough test the massive porch log swing.



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Mary Jene Koenes is looking forward to feeding her family and friends from her state-of-the-art kitchen.



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## Community News

## Two New Faces Join Human Resources Team

By Marisol Gonzalez

**HOLLYWOOD** — Two positions that were waiting to be filled have now found their match. As of Jan. 7, Bill Kanewske and Sheryl Gitterman have joined the Seminole Tribe of Florida Human Resources Dept.

Bill Kanewske, a father of three, is originally from Houston, Texas but moved to Florida in November 2007 from Austin. Kanewske comes to the Seminole Tribe of Florida with an associate's degree in business administration from Abilene Christian University in Abilene, Texas.

He also holds two different certifications that will contribute to his position. He is a senior professional in human resources and also a certified payroll professional. Before coming to work with the Tribe, Kanewske worked with Lawson software as a human resources business consultant. He also worked in consulting with the Tribe's Human Resources and Payroll Departments for approximately two and a half years.

Bringing in knowledge and experience from varying organizations in human resources will help Kanewske fill his role as the human resources senior reservations services manager, he said.

Shelia Elliot, assistant director of Human Resources, stated: "Bill and the Program Specialist Team will be working together to enhance our ability to meet the growing human resources needs of our organization."

Sheryl Gitterman is originally from Rockland County, N.Y. She received her bachelor's degree in hospitality management from Florida International University. Gitterman also holds a master's in business administration, with a concentration in



(L-R) Bill Kanewske and Sheryl Gitterman

human resources from the University of Phoenix.

Gitterman, who is certified in professional human resources, also brings knowledge and experience from the retail industry. Before joining the Tribe, Gitterman worked with Vitacost.com, an Internet-based vitamin and supplement company, where she was the human resources director.

Gitterman's position, human resources board program specialist, was created this year to provide human resources support to the Board of Directors and its business enterprises. She will also work in conjunction with the human resources program specialists from the other reservations.

"I am very excited to be put into a new position with the Tribe," Gitterman said.

## Tribal-Owned Business Expands to Larger Facility

### Ginger Jones, Laverne Thomas' Big Lake Signs Thrives

By Susan Etchebarria

**OKEECHOBEE, Fla.** — After moving their business out of a small shed in their Brighton backyard to a 900-square foot building in Moore Haven, Fla. in 2007, Big Lake Signs made another major move this year in January 2008. The business, currently in its fourth year, is now located in a 2,800-square foot building in Okeechobee County, the sign shop has gone ultra digital.

This Native-American owned and managed business is the venture of two sisters, Tribal citizens Ginger Jones and Laverne Thomas. Their husbands,

market will continue to expand as their area itself expands. But Thomas said her primary client is the Seminole Tribe.

Starting a business is a risky venture for anyone but Thomas and Jones have confidence in their ideas.

"If you see a need, fulfill a need," said Laverne Thomas. "I wanted to concentrate on fulfilling the Seminole Tribe's printing needs for signs, banners, magazines and mailers as well as business cards because I feel the Tribe was basically getting ripped off by other sign shops."

One project for the Tribe they are proud of is creating the wallpaper border in the community room of Pemayetv Emahavk Charter School. They recently produced 2,000 copies of the program booklet for the Battle of Okeechobee Re-Enactment, a signature commemorative issue.

Thomas said what she really enjoys is being competitive in the design industry and knowing they can do a good job. Jones said she also enjoys the creative side of the business.

Thomas and Jones are launching a secondary business as well. Using their printing technology they are producing T-shirts that will be selling at tribal fairs. Their clothing line is called Rez Threads. They have

designed T-shirts with clan logos of the Seminole Tribe of Florida on them.

To gain the competitive edge, the business partners recently purchased the SOL Jet PRO II V by Roland, a top of the line printer of higher speed, advanced technology, and higher standards.

Their business is a courageous undertaking of time and money for the two sisters who are also mothers. Jones has three children and Thomas has four.

"It has been fun and it is exciting to see what designs we can come up with," said Thomas. "Before I was in the sign business I never noticed signs, but now when I see signs that I like, I will go up and touch them and really look at them."

She is currently working on a producing booklet that will describe their shop's services. One step at a time, using caution and judgment, this business shows others how the opportunity for starting and owning a business can lead to surprising results.



(L-R) Ginger Jones and Laverne Thomas.

Brannon Sweet

Matt Thomas and Jason Thomas, work with them, contributing their graphic design, printing and computer skills. Add two more employees and that makes six.

"We needed more space," said Laverne Thomas.

The two sisters are daughters of Rose and Parker Jones, members of the Wind Clan. They have invested in this business for their personal fulfillment, for future prosperity and for a successful business to hand down to their children.

The business originally began in the Thomas' backyard offering vinyl lettering on trucks and windows. They added window tinting services a year ago when they made their first move and now they have added "vehicle wraps," a form of mobile advertising.

Now, Big Lake Signs is offering an even wider array of sign shop services. There are three other sign shops located in Okeechobee County. However, Thomas and Jones say they believe their

## Get Ready TV Watchers: Digital is Taking Over

Submitted by Seminole Broadcasting

On Feb. 17, 2009, analog broadcast television in the U.S. will end as the nation's full power television stations complete their transition to an all-digital system. If you currently receive analog television over the air or via an antenna, you will need to take action to continue watching your favorite stations.

Digital ready televisions currently receiving cable or satellite service are not likely to be affected by the switch.

By law, the manufacture, import or interstate shipment of a TV device containing an analog tuner is now prohibited, unless it also contains a digital tuner. However, some stores may still have TV equipment with analog tuners only in their inventory. So Tribal citizens must verify with the store that the television set they are purchasing has a built-in digital tuner.

To be able to continue receiving local broadcast programming after Feb. 17, 2009, you will need to consider the following options: If you receive your television signal over the air or via an antenna and you wish to continue using your existing analog television, a digital-to-analog converter box that plugs into an existing television will need to be purchased. These boxes will be available for purchase beginning in February 2008 and will cost between \$40 and \$70. Households can also request coupons that will go

## Digital-to-Analog Converter Box Coupon Program

From now until March 31, 2009, all U.S. households will be eligible to request up to two coupons, worth \$40 each, to be used toward the purchase of digital-to-analog converter boxes at local retailers. These converter boxes are designed to make over-the-air digital television signals viewable on analog-only televisions and are not intended for analog-only televisions hooked up to a cable or satellite service.

If you are hooked up to DIRECTV your current receiver should be able to convert a digital signal to your analog television. However, if you have a service other than DIRECTV, such as Comcast or DISH Network you should check with your cable or satellite provider to determine if and when you will need a set-top box.

The National Telecommunications and Information Administration is running the coupon program. For more information, visit the NTIA website, [www.ntia.doc.gov](http://www.ntia.doc.gov).

Seminole Broadcasting will be providing further information for Tribal citizens regarding this digital transition with future articles in *The Seminole Tribune* and public service announcements on the Seminole Channel and the Seminole Broadcasting Channel.



Gamers see who can get their plush Scooby Doo to the top first and win a prize.

Chris Jenkins

## Winterfest Brings Snow to the Swamp

### Chili Cook-Off, Car Show Also Held

By Chris Jenkins

**BIG CYPRESS** — The forecast called for lots of snow, good eating and fun on Feb. 2.

The third annual Winterfest and Chili Cook-Off had something for everyone bringing in one of the largest crowds in its history, along with carnival rides, games and the best in rides and transportation, and of course — snow.

The Big Cypress Recreation Department sponsored the event, which featured a snow mountain, kiddie hill and snowball throwing to go along with the Winterfest theme.

Years ago, Big Cypress Recreation Manager Stan Frischman came up with the idea for a good time.

"This was to promote good, clean family fun among the community and in the Tribe," Frischman said.

Chairman Mitchell Cypress, Big Cypress Rep. David Cypress and Board Rep. Cicero Osceola were also in attendance for the festivities.

There were Tribal and non-Tribal categories for the Chili Cook-Off.

Tribal winners included: Marlin Miller in first place, Charlie Cypress in second place, Sherri Jumper in third place, Beverly Alumbaugh in fourth place and



Sound-Off category winner Curtis Canton.

Chris Jenkins

Sheila Bevenue coming in fifth.

Non-Tribal winners were: Stan Frischman, Brenda Hummingbird and Rick Alumbaugh coming in first through third place, respectively.

The Car Show also brought out the best of the best in the area with several categories including: large cars, Rez rides, SUV's, small cars, trucks, motorcycles, classic cars, 4 X 4's, bicycles, Jeeps, best interior, sound-off, at show and paint.

Those taking home prizes were: Large cars 1. Eric Osceola, 2. Jadrien Antuna, 3. Richard Doctor; Rez rides: 1. Osceola Billie, 2. Talisha Leach; SUV's: 1. Bill Bevenue, 2. Curtis Canton, 3. Clarissa Bowers; Small cars: 1. Richard Doctor, 2. Milka Melendez, 3. Lupe Osceola; Trucks: 1. Susie C. Jumper, 2. Jamie Onco, 3. Amos Moses Billie Jr.; Motorcycles: 1. Charlie Cypress, 2. Ronnie Billie Sr., 3. Thomas Billie; Classic cars: 1. Ronnie Billie Sr., 2. Moses "Big Shot" Jumper Jr.; 4x4's: 1. Keith Davis, 2. Thomas Billie, 3. Michael Onco; Bicycles: 1. Mercedes Osceola-Hahn, 2. Keithana Onco; Jeeps: 1. Edna McDuffie, 2. Geneva Linda Belesto, 3. Joe Billie; Best interior: Eric Osceola; Sound-off: Curtis Canton; Best at show: Eric Osceola; and, Paint: Eric Osceola.



Sisters Alana and Sharyn Roberts slide down the snow mountain.

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## Native American Player Signs with Pro Indoor Football Team

Submitted by Sharon Ticeahkie

Full blooded Native American football player Toqua-Hanai Ticeahkie who is an enrolled member of the Comanche Nation of Oklahoma has signed a contract with the Arizona Adrenaline of the American Indoor Football Association.

Ticeahkie, 27, a lineman who Adrenaline head coach Andrew Moore says will be the premier nose tackle and might play on the other side of the ball, played his high school football at Warren High School in Downey, Calif. and was named 1st Team All-Star Nose Tackle in the Central League and Defensive Line Player of the Year in 2006 while playing for the semi-pro Oklahoma Rebels in Lawton, Okla. and just finished playing semi-pro for the Soboba Warriors on the Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians reservation in the Labele

Community Football League in southern California where he was the best interior defensive lineman in the league. "It's a great opportunity for me," Ticeahkie said of signing for the Adrenaline, a first-year professional indoor football team based in Prescott Valley, Ariz. "Not just to prove myself at this level, but also to help get me ready for the next level."

The 16-team AIFA regular season begins in early March and runs through the end of June. Teams will play a 14 game schedule, with the Adrenaline's seven home games being played at Tim's Toyota Center, which will hold approximately 5,000 fans for indoor football.

The 2008 Adrenaline schedule has not yet been released, but season tickets are now on sale by calling 866-443-8849, or online at [www.gettix.net](http://www.gettix.net).

## Native American Student Art Competition Tips

Week One: Photography

Stay tuned for tips each week leading up to the 2008 Student Art and Writing Competition Entry Submission Deadline. Tips will be showcased on a different art or writing form each week to encourage



students to get involved and reach into their creative side.

Check out [www.indianeducation.org/sac](http://www.indianeducation.org/sac) to find additional tips from the newsletter and each week's posted tips.

Photography is one of the many media types being judged in the 2008 Student Artist Competition.

You will find a few tips and techniques below to help you capture the best photo possible for this competition.

### Move it from the Middle

Bring your picture to life by simply placing the subject off-center.

Imagine a tic-tac-toe grid in your viewfinder. Now place your subject at one of the intersection of the lines.

Since most cameras' focus on whatever is in the middle, remember to lock the focus on your subject before re-framing the shot.

### Watch the Light

Great light makes great pictures. Study the effects of light in your picture.

For people pictures, choose the soft lighting of cloudy days. Avoid overhead sunlight that casts harsh shadows across faces.

For scenic pictures use the long shadows and colors of early and late daylight.

### Be a Picture Director

Take an extra minute and become a picture director not just a passive picture taker.

Add some props, rearrange your subjects, or try a different viewpoint.

Bring your subjects together and let their personalities shine. Then watch your pictures dramatically improve.

Remember the 2008 Student Art and Writing Competition Postmark Deadline is March 14th. Check out [www.indianeducation.org/sac](http://www.indianeducation.org/sac) or contact competition coordinator Paula Arevalo at [parevalo@kauffmaninc.com](mailto:parevalo@kauffmaninc.com) or (866) 259-0060 for more information.

## Community News

### 4-H Youth Participate in County Fair

By Susan Etcebarria

**WEST PALM BEACH** — Nine Seminole Tribe of Florida 4-H youth participated in the 2008 South Florida Fair Market Hog Show, held Jan. 24-26. All together there were 73 entries from youth from all over South Florida counties competing for ribbons in 10 classifications divided by hog weights.

Remarkably, the Seminole Tribe's 4-H youth had the highest percentage of hogs in the highest weight classifications. Of the 25 hogs exceeding 289 pounds, eight were hogs raised by Seminole youth.

The two-week South Florida Fair, held in Palm Beach County, hosts a variety of youth animal shows at a portion of its 136 acres in an area called the Agri-Plex. Large show barns house dairy, beef, poultry, rabbit and horse shows. The Hog Market Show was held on Jan. 25, and the sale followed the next day. More than a million



Susan Etcebarria

(L-R) Drayton Billie and Rayven Smith dressed to show in the ring.

in the Hog Show.

For most of the Seminole youth it was their first experience competing in the South Florida Hog Show and Sale. The large audiences and entries from all over the state offered the youth a new perspective on competing in hog shows.

"Our Tribal Council and Board members are very supportive of the youth participating at the State level in 4-H competitions," said Polly Hayes, Tribal 4-H director.

As the stiff competition in a new venue added pressure, it was an honor that two of the Seminole 4-H youth were brought back as finalists in Junior Showmanship. They were J-Wayce Billie and Jacob Cotton and though they performed well they did not win a ribbon this year.

The other 4-H youth participating were: Drayton Billie, Rosa Jane Urbina, Erena Billie and Rayven Smith.

The Seminole Tribe's 4-H youth are now getting ready for their own Seminole Indian Show & Sale, held March 27-28 in Brighton.



Susan Etcebarria

Sabre Billie of Big Cypress tends her 290 pound hog.

visitors attend the fair each year offering hundreds of carnival rides, various exhibits and top name entertainment. The grounds can be an exciting place to be but Seminole 4-H youth had little time to roam the fair while they are exhibiting their animals.

Big Cypress resident Sabre Billie said she arrived on the Jan. 23 and stayed overnight for the show and sale, but had not seen the fair yet.

"I have been right here working with my hog," she said.

Dalton Koenes of Big Cypress showed the largest hog at the South Florida Fair with a 377 pound hog while Brighton's Breanna Billie's hog was the second largest weighing 344 pounds.

Dalton's grandmother, Mary Jene Koenes of Big Cypress, watched the judging from the bleachers.

"Dalton's hog had an excellent sonogram results," she said. "His hog was .08 percent body fat," she said.

"Dalton has a way with raising animals and this year he is also raising a steer. I think he had the largest hog because of the way he raised him," she added. "His pen was 8 feet by 32 feet with a feeder on one end and water at the other end, and a ramp in between."

The pen was designed to make the hog exercise and build muscle, she said. Dalton Koenes received a fifth place ribbon for his exceptional hog



Susan Etcebarria

Dalton Koenes receives a blue ribbon at the Hog Show.

## Snellings Completes Book 'Seminole Views'

By Shelley Marmor

**HOLLYWOOD** — In 1998, Floridian author Emmett H. L. Snellings Jr. began a nine year undertaking when he started work on his book *Seminole Views: A Postcard Panorama of America's Only Unconquered Tribe*.

He completed the book on Oct. 12, 2007, and it is now available for sale in locations including Joe Dan and Virginia Osceola's Anishina Indian Trading Post store on Stirling Rd. and State Rd. 7 in Hollywood, Amazon.com, and through the publisher, Rainbow Books, Inc. in Highland City, Fla.

The 211-page book contains more than 100

photos of both vintage postcards, some from as early as 1900, and photos Snellings took himself of Tribal citizens throughout the years. It also features stories, anecdotes, poems, legends and more — all told by Tribal citizens, in their own words.

Some of those featured in the book include influential Seminole of the past such as Laura Mae Osceola, whom Snellings called "the greatest woman ever," Rev. Genius Crenshaw, Annie Tommie, Annie Jimmie, Tom Tiger and more. The book features photos of all the listed persons, as well as brief biographies and descriptions of what is happening in the photos.

The author said this was necessary for what he was trying to achieve with his book because "The average person does not know what he's looking at when he sees a Seminole postcard... even though he's looking right at it."

He said he did not simply want a book with interesting photos to look at, but he wanted people to

understand Seminole culture, through the words of those who lived it.

Snellings' book also features, with permission, two of Betty Mae Jumpers' legends, "Orange Grasshoppers" and "Little People." In fact, this book itself has been published with the permission of the Tribe, and is one of the only books allowed to feature the Tribal seal, according to Snellings.

He said he obtained this rarely-granted permission from Chairman Mitchell Cypress, who at the time was president of the Board of Directors. Sally Tommie, the chairman's executive assistant, was instrumental in obtaining the permission, said Snellings.

"She introduced me to some of the elders and it started from there," he said.

Snellings also offered an extensive amount of gratitude to Jeannette Cypress of the Big Cypress Chairman's Office.

"She has been a tremendous help in this book, she has provided a lot of information and stories, and also through her, I interviewed [her grandmother] Susie Jim Billie." The two, Tommie and Cypress, are both featured in the book's "Acknowledgements" section.

The postcards featured in the book, which he obtained from various postcard dealers from all across the Southeastern U.S., are all part of the Snellings Collection. The photos in the book that he took himself are also part of his private collection.

In addition to his published photographs in this book, Snellings' photography credits include a photo of a juvenile Florida panther that made the cover of *Real Florida* magazine about four years ago, as well as photos that appear in *The Florida Naturalist* and *Outdoor Life* magazines, among others.



Marisol Gonzalez

Emmett Snellings Jr. holds his book (L).

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By Ramona Kiyoshk

## Children Left Behind: The Dark Legacy of Indian Mission Boarding Schools

Tim Giago was writing about the Indian boarding school system more than 50 years ago—long before it became acceptable dinner conversation. In those days a person could be blacklisted for speaking out against the country's churches and government. In fact, Giago did receive professional reprimands and even quit one job when his editor accused him of "Catholic bashing."

Today the boarding school system and its devastating fallout is topic *du jour*. Books, websites and films on the subject of Indian boarding schools are being cranked out in a frenzy as everyone vies to become the local expert.

The subject was brought into the spotlight more recently by a class action lawsuit in Canada. Former "residential" school students or their survivors are in the process of receiving monetary compensation from participating churches and the government for years spent in the system. The last boarding, or residential school, in Canada closed in 1986.

The feeling is that no amount of money can buy back a lost childhood. Or make up for physical, psychological, and sexual abuse, the Native equivalent of stealing a child's soul. Writing from the heart, Giago's voice rises above the hype and drama; his is a striking, a powerful chord with readers.

Suicide, family violence, disease, substance abuse, addiction, unemployment, poverty and higher-than-average rates of incarceration in aboriginal communities can be traced to those schools and the brutal way the government broke up families. The Indian boarding school system, which was implemented in the U.S. in the 1800s, and adopted shortly after by the Canadian government, was seen as a means of dealing with the "Indian problem."

The idea was that if the children were stripped of their culture, spirituality, traditions, language and life practices, they would adopt white ways and assimilate. The old ways would die with the old people. This misguided worldview of white Europeans was the topic of my last book review for *How It Is: The Native American Philosophy of V.F. Cordova*, which appeared in the Jan. 18 issue of *The Tribune*.

Giago is no stranger to Native American writing. He has been a torch-bearer in the field, opening doors for and mentoring young Aboriginal journalists since the 1970s. His career highlights include founding and publishing *The Lakota Times* in 1981, which would be sold in 1992 and become the powerful *Indian Country Today*. He was a columnist for the *Rapid City (SD) Journal*, and in 1984, founded the Native American Journalists Association, setting standards of excellence for professional Native American media. Giago's list of accomplishments and kudos, including a guest appearance on the Oprah Winfrey Show, is extensive.

While in the U.S. Navy in 1951, Giago started writing about his life at the Indian boarding school, Holy Rosary Mission (HRM) School, on the Pine Ridge (South Dakota) Reservation. The writing was his means of dealing with bouts of depression, often associated with memories of life at the school where he spent ten years of his boyhood.

Like other youngsters in his Lakota community, Giago lived nine months out of every year at the school learning the four R's—the basic three, a fourth—Religion. During those nine months, young Giago was separated from his parents, his home, and from the everyday nurturing of his Lakota community.

According to his writings, life at HRM was bewildering and frightening, with cold, sadistic caregivers always lurking with a big leather strap. Food and clothing were barely adequate and the routine of chores, schoolwork and worship was unrelenting.

Weekly kerosene shampoos for delousing were humiliating and smelly.

Many of the poems are humorous and reflect the innate mischief of all youngsters, even the repressed. Others tell of numbing loneliness. One theme present throughout is hope. Giago never sees himself as a victim.

During the years between 1951 and 1978, Giago randomly recorded his memories in poems and essays and placed them into a shoe box. In 1978, he noticed the shoe box was full. He typed the poems and sent them to Rupert Costo, editor of *Indian Historian* Press.

Costo was enthusiastic and the writings were published in a book called *The Aboriginal Sin*. It was a bestseller. Before Costo died in 1987, Giago bought the copyright and much of that book is now in this updated version titled, *Children Left Behind: The Dark Legacy of Indian Mission Boarding Schools*. This book features 17 black and white illustrations by Giago's daughter, Denise, and 18 historic photographs. Published in 2006, it was awarded the 2007 Independent Publisher Bronze Award.



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*Children Left Behind* describes the joys of childhood escapades, of young friendships that would become enduring, of youthful crushes and how the kids, despite the strictly enforced separation of the sexes, managed to communicate with sweethearts and siblings. Giago writes about the bartering for table food that went on, the raids on the priest's vegetable garden and how the boys would steal raw potatoes from the bags they were filling in the fields to fill the empty spaces in their bellies. Poignant and funny, the tales become burned into the memory of the reader.

Survivors of the medieval system will no doubt find the writings painful. But pain is also cathartic. Like Giago, you can choose what to do with the stories and the experiences. You can use them to make yourself a better and stronger person. Or you can cry foul and remain a victim for your whole life.

Giago made his break for freedom as a teenager in high school. Normally, when kids ran away from the schools, they were caught, dragged back, beaten and deprived of any privileges that existed. Giago ran in fourth grade and was caught. He didn't dare try it again, but he resented having to be there.

As he grew, so did his anger, progressively developing into an unhealthy hatred for the school, the Catholic Church, and the priests and nuns who controlled his life.

In high school, two boys who were raised in the city decided to run away. Their escape was planned with outside connections, former buddies from their lives in the city. They were never caught. Giago was inspired to try again. In the chapter called *Escape!*, you can read about Giago's heart-stopping bid for freedom.

In the final chapters of *Children Left Behind*, spirituality, healing and forgiveness are discussed. Reconciliation and making amends to those hurt by a lack of compassion are personal for Giago. With no opportunity to learn parenting skills, the boarding school youngsters grew into adults who struggled with relationships and parenthood. Giago himself failed at marriage and fatherhood. Late in life, his children found him and brought him home.

This book is essential reading for survivors of the Indian boarding school system and their families. It should also be included in the sensitivity training programs for law enforcement personnel and educators. It is a powerful snapshot of a period in history that must never be repeated. Native Americans should be put on notice: *This is your life. Live it the very best way you can. Only you can set the limits.*

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# Seminole Tribal Fair

## Opening Ceremonies Ring In 2008 Tribal Fair

### Annual Events Begins with Grand Entry, Color Guard, Preschoolers, More

By Chris Jenkins

**HOLLYWOOD** — For the 37th year, the tradition, pageantry and history of the Tribe was on full display during opening ceremonies for the annual Tribal Fair and Powwow. The Tribal Fair ran from Feb. 7-10, with events taking place at both the Seminole Paradise and the Hard Rock Live.

From Oklahoma to Utah and beyond, the free event was filled with a vast showcase of talent with powwow dancers, blues performances, historical reenactments, storytelling, arts and crafts, the Bill Osceola Memorial All-Indian Rodeo and much more. All proceeds benefit the Seminole Tribal Boys & Girls Club.

The ceremonies were highlighted by words from Chairman Mitchell Cypress as well as other special guests and dignitaries. Guest speaker Little Big Mountain of North Carolina also spoke to the audience on history and tradition. He was joined by the traditional drum stylings of the Cherokee Tribal drum group Bird Town



Chris Jenkins

Preschooler Maryjane Osceola and her classmates recite the Pledge of Allegiance in both English and Mikasuki.

Crossing. The Seminole preschoolers also performed the Pledge of Allegiance in English and Mikasuki.

Former senator and Principal Chief for the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma Kelly Haney was very happy to be a part of the festivities.

"We [as Seminoles] have a kinship in culture and history and in times like this we like to come together," Haney said. "I'm very happy for their success and it makes me feel very good."

Teacher Carly Goldstein of the David Posnack Hebrew Day School in North Miami Beach, Fla., brought her second grade students. She said the class has been studying Native American customs and history and their field trip was a way to expose the class to the culture.

"We wanted to expose the kids to the reality of what they have been studying," Goldstein said. "It's nice to see that we're all able to come together and share in all of this."

## Native Musicians Entertain at Tribal Fair



Felix Dolbow

The Derek Miller Blues Band entertains the Tribal Fair crowd on the main stage during their Feb. 10 performance.



Felix Dolbow

Native rock band Indigenous from South Dakota performs on the main stage with Mato Nanji (Standing Bear) on lead vocals.



Chris Jenkins

The Color Guard leads the Grand Entry procession.



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Host drum Bird Town Crossing from Cherokee, N.C.

## Seminole Tribal Fair Features Best in Native Dance Troupes

### World Champs, AniKituhwa Dancers Featured at 37th Annual Tribal Fair

By Shelley Marmor

**HOLLYWOOD** — The 37th Annual Seminole Tribal Fair drew out some of the best of the best — a world champion dance troupe and the Warriors of AniKituhwa dancers from Cherokee, N.C. — in native dancing for both showcases and dance competitions.

Following opening ceremonies and the Grand Entry, the dancers displayed their talents to the Hard Rock Live audience on the morning of Feb. 8.

The first dancer featured was six-time world champion hoop dancer Daniel Trampler (Cherokee). Trampler took the stage as the host drum, Birdtown Crossing from Cherokee, N.C., provided the music for him, as well as all the dancers. The crowd went wild as he danced with up to 11 hoops at once, and even did a cartwheel while keeping the hoops in place.

In addition to dancing, Trampler, who also lives in Cherokee, N.C., is his Tribe's cultural ambassador. He is also the owner of a native production company called Deer Clan Productions.

Following Trampler, two-time men's traditional dance champion Dana Warrington (Menomini/Prairie Band Potawatomi) from Keshena, Wis. took the stage. When not dancing, Warrington is a high school teacher in his hometown and uses his class time to pass down and preserve his Tribe's unique culture.

Next up was Keri Jhane Myers (Comanche), a two-time world champion on southern buckskin dancer, who is originally from Oklahoma City, but now resides in Los Angeles. In addition to dancing, Myers is the executive director of her own public relations/consulting firm, which provides consultation services to Hollywood filmmakers for films depicting natives.

In August 2006, the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian purchased a beaded buckskin dress Myers wore during her years on the powwow circuit for a spring 2007 exhibit titled "Dancing in Beauty." The dress, as well as the accessories Myers would wear with it, is now part of the museum's permanent collection.

Myers wore the dress in 2003 when she took first place in the southern buckskin competition at the Gathering of Nations powwow in

Albuquerque. It was made by the late Alice Jones Littleman (Kiowa) in 1994.

Two-time world champion jingle dress dancer Henrietta Scalplock (Navajo/Apache) from Sacramento, Calif. took the stage following Myers. Scalplock won jingle dress titles at Schemitzun in 2006 and at the 32nd Annual First Nations Spring Powwow, sponsored by First Nations @ UW, a nonprofit native student organization, held at the University of Washington in April 2003.

Carol Melting Tallow (Blood First Nation), a fancy shawl dancer from Standoff, Alberta, Canada, then took the stage. In addition to her recent first place win at the December 2007 Canadian Aboriginal Festival in her native Canada, Melting Tallow stays busy finishing up her higher education in fine arts.

She is also planning to launch her own company and a website for Native Motions, a company that will specialize in making powwow clothing.

The final dancer showcased from the world champion dance troupe was six-time world champion men's fancy dancer Spike Draper (Dine') from Kirtland, N.M. To anyone who follows the powwow circuit, Draper needs no introduction; he has taken first place titles at major powwows including Red Earth, Gathering of Nations and Schemitzun, and more. When not dancing, Draper also competes on the rodeo circuit and is a rancher in New Mexico.

Following Draper's performance, the Warriors of AniKituhwa dancers, a group of men from Cherokee, N.C., performed for the audience. Jon Grant (Cherokee), one of the members drumming with Birdtown Crossing, emceed during the dance exhibition.

Grant explained that it was not until recently that the dances they would perform, including the Warrior Dance and the Eagle Dance, which is about 500 years old, have been seen by anyone other than Cherokee Tribal citizens.

He said the Cherokee Tribal Council has recently decided to share abridged versions of these dances with the public as a way of showcasing their culture. Grant informed the audience that they would only be seeing a portion of the dances, which are only seen in their entirety at Cherokee Tribal functions.



Marisol Gonzalez

Keri Jhane Myers (Comanche), a two-time world champion southern buckskin dancer.



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Jingle dress dancer Henrietta Scalplock (Navajo/Apache), a two-time world champion.



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Carol Melting Tallow (Blood First Nation), an award-winning fancy shawl dancer from Standoff, Alberta, Canada.



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Six-time world champion men's fancy dancer Spike Draper (Dine').



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Six-time world champion hoop dancer Daniel Trampler (Cherokee).



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Two-time men's traditional dance champion Dana Warrington (Menomini/Prairie Band Potawatomi).





## Tribal Fair Fashion Show Highlights Past, Present Fashions

By Shelley Marmor

**HOLLYWOOD** — Tribal citizens donned some of their finest in traditional and contemporary Seminole attire for the Tribal Fair Fashion Show, held all four days during the 2008 Tribal Fair, Feb. 7-10. During the show held on the afternoon of Feb. 8, 14 Seminole Tribal citizens showcased their clothing for an audience in the Hard Rock Live.

He said people often wonder why Seminole men wear such thick leg wear in the intense Florida heat. Zepeda informed the audience that the leggings served the function of keeping the mosquitoes and the leaches away. "It's better to be hot during the day than to have to get the leaches off your skin at night," he said.

Opening the show were Jessica Osceola and Brian's brother, Pedro Zepeda. Jessica wore a long skirt and cape in the Seminole colors of black, red, white and yellow. The outfit was made by Mary Moore and was an example of an outfit from circa 1920.

Brian's clothing was similar to his brother's, with the exception of his wool leggings instead of buckskin. Everett Osceola and daughter Maryjane, 4, came out next. Everett, like Brian and Pedro, wore a traditional men's outfit from circa 1832-1840. Maryjane Osceola modeled a teal, one-design patchwork dress. Osceola also wore a large, circular medallion that Brian



Marisol Gonzalez

Jessica Osceola, in an outfit made by Mary Moore, and Pedro Zepeda model Seminole clothing styles of the past.

Brian Zepeda emceed the event, but also showcased and described his traditional regalia for the audience, which he said was worn by Seminole men circa 1832-1840. Zepeda showed his beaded bandoleer bag, as well as center-seamed puckered moccasins and buckskin leggings.



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Mom JoJo Osceola and daughter Sarafina Rose Billie, 16 months, model clothing made by their mom and grandmother, Virginia Osceola.

called a "gorget." He said these necklaces came from Europe and men would wear them to avoid being gored in the chest, eventually leading to the name gorget. The Europeans gave these medallions to the Seminoles as gifts and tokens of appreciation, according to Brian.

Miss Florida Seminole Jennifer Chalfant then presented her attire to the audience. Her outfit was typical of a Seminole woman circa 1940-1950, when patchwork started to get smaller and more intricate, according to Brian.

Mother and son Mercedes Osceola-Hahn and Draven, 20 months, came out following Nunez. The two were wearing clothing made by Mercedes' mom Virginia Osceola.

Brian said Virginia is one of the Tribe's "master artists" when it comes to sewing, which was apparent by the five rows of patchwork in her daughter's skirt and the craftsmanship in her grandson's patchwork jacket.

Following mom and son were dad and daughter, Pete Osceola-Hahn and Presleigh, 5 months. The two also wore attire made by Virginia Osceola, whose designs were also seen on the next two models, Virginia's daughter JoJo Osceola



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Dad and Deputy Tribal Treasurer Pete Hahn and daughter Presleigh Osceola-Hahn, 5 months, display their clothing, made by Virginia Osceola.



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(L-R) Fashion Show emcee Brian Zepeda, Mary Moore, who made her own outfit, and her daughter Barbara Butera, modeling a jacket made by her mom.

and her daughter Sarafina Rose Billie, 16 months, who wore a patchwork pinafore in the color fuchsia, to match her mom JoJo's fuchsia long skirt and cape. One of the other "master artists" of the Tribe, according to Brian, modeled next. Mary Moore, accompanied by her daughter Barbara Butera, donned a long skirt and cape for the audience. Butera wore a patchwork jacket, which her mother made.

Rounding out the show was Karie Osceola. She wore a contemporary look, donning a silver and black long patchwork skirt, made by Alice Billie. Osceola wore a matching shirt in black with silver rhinestone lettering that read: "Living the Native Dream," made by Native Style®, a clothing company owned by Cherokee rapper Litefoot.

## Sewing Classes Held in Anticipation of Annual Clothing Contest

By Marisol Gonzalez

**HOLLYWOOD** — As Tribal citizens gather amongst conversation, family and friends, they also bring knowledge of stitching, crafts and patchwork to their sewing classes.

In anticipation of the 37th Annual Tribal Fair & Powwow, several Tribal citizens meet tri-weekly at the Culture Dept. in the DSO Building on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5-8 p.m. to hone their skills.

This year's Tribal Fair Clothing Contest featured nine categories, two of which were new this year. Categories were as follows: Baby division, 0-23 months and Youth Division, ages 2-17. Eighteen and over age group categories included 2000 Contemporary, Jackets, Modern Day Fashion, 1800s and 1900s Old Traditional, as well as the two new categories this year, 1800s and 1900s Old Traditional Self-Made, Men and Women.

Tribal citizens who entered the clothing contests for the first

time were entering various garments in numerous categories. Ebony Tommie, Bird Clan from Ft. Pierce, was one who decided to enter for the first time.

Virginia Osceola, Bird Clan, was putting together a young boy's outfit, as well entering a garment in the self-made category.

Cornelia Osceola, Panther Clan from Hollywood, was making a patchwork skirt and small clothes for a man doll, all the while getting pointers from Betty Osceola. Betty Osceola, Bird Clan from Hollywood, joined the crowd at their sewing gatherings on Jan. 29. Sewing since her teenage years, Osceola is now looked up to by many Tribal citizens. She has a vast background in many craft making projects such as dolls and baskets since she was younger, but her favorite thing to do is sew shirts, she said.

Osceola said she now sees Tribal youngsters sewing as young as 7 or 8 years of age, and it makes her happy.



Marisol Gonzalez

(L-R) Betty Osceola asks Leslie Osceola if the Shompaataake, the drape-like covering, is properly cut.



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Virginia Osceola makes a young boy's outfit for the contest.



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Cornelia Osceola constructs a patchwork skirt.

## Results of Tribal Fair Arts Contests

### Arts and Crafts Contest Winners

Patchwork Clothing: 1. Frances Osceola, 2. Virginia Osceola, 3. Linda Frederick, 4. Alice M. Billie, 5. Mary Jane Billie, 6. Jennifer Jones, 7. Tash Osceola, 8. Louise J. Billie.

Seminole Dolls: 1. Frances Osceola, 2. Joanne J. Osceola, 3. Judy Bill Osceola, 4. Maydell Osceola, 5. Leslie Osceola, 6. Mary R. Billie, 7. Cornelia Osceola, 8. Jennifer Jones.

Basketry: 1. Mary R. Billie, 2. Donna Frank, 3. Frances J. Osceola, 4. Geneva Beletso, 5. Lorraine Posada, 6. Tasha Osceola, 7. Judy Jones.

Seminole Design: 1. Mary L. Tommie, 2. Regina Thinn, 3. Jennie Shore, 4. Tasha Osceola, 5. Melissa DeMayo, 6. Linda Frederick, 7. Rose Jones, 8. Shamon Gopher.

Woodwork: 1. Vinson P. Osceola, 2. Michael Micco, 3. Wilson Bowers, 4. Joey Micco, 5. George Micco, 6. Patty Entry, 7. JoJo Osceola.

Beadwork: 1. Richard Doctor, 2. Carol F. Cypress, 3. Louise G. Osceola, 4. Selena Billie, 5. Jennie Shore, 6. Lola Gopher, 7. Lorraine Posada, 8. Judy Jones.

### Fine Arts Contest Winners

Mixed Media: Ages 6-9: 1. Emmitt Osceola, 2. Katrina Huggins, 3. Mazzy Robbins, 4. Shalynn Josh, 5. Marley Billie Herrera; Ages 10-17: 1. Deandra Tiger, 2. Trisha Walker, 3. Silver Wolf, 4. Alisha Billie, 5. Kirsten Doney; 18 and over: 1. Jo Motlow North, 2. Charlie S. Osceola, 3. Holly Johns, 4. Zach Battiest, 5. Linda Jane Henry.

Pencil, Pencil and Ink: Ages 10-17: 1. Meaghan Osceola, 2. Royce Osceola, 3. Terinna Cypress, 4. Robin Landin, 5. Chad Motlow; 18 and over: 1. Erica Deitz, 2. Sonja Requena, 3. Jo Motlow North, 4. Brittany Smith, 5. Vinson P. Osceola.

Watercolor: Ages 10-17: 1. Deidra Hall, 2. Colby Herrera, 3. Michelle Jimmie, 4. Cooper Rivers, 5. Hillary Josh; 18 and over: 1. Charles S. Osceola, 2. Tara Osceola Courson, 3. Linda Jane Henry, 4. Selena M. Billie, 5. Sonja Requena.

Oil: Ages 10-17: 1. Lorelei Tommie, 2. Kirsten Doney, 3. Alisia Billie, 4. Jaryaca Baker, 5. Kiyler Baker; 18 and over: 1. Holly Johns, 2. Tasha K. Osceola, 3. Wilson Bowers, 4. Patty Entry, 5. Mercedes Osceola-Hahn.

Acrylic: Ages 10-17: 1. Alicia Nunez, 2. Hillary Josh, 3. Anthony Valentine, 4. Kirsten Doney, 5. Jaryaca Baker; 18 and over: 1. Erica Deitz, 2. Mary Gay Osceola, 3. William Cypress, 4. Holly Johns, 5. Wilson Bowers.

Ceramics: Seniors: 1. Nancy Motlow, 2. Rachel Billie, 3. Jean Jenny Johns, 4. Ruby Osceola, 5. Carol Cypress.



Elizabeth Leiba

Entries in the 10-17 year old Mixed Media division.



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The Doll category had several entrants.



Elizabeth Leiba

The Photography category entries.





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Little Miss Brianna Bowers receives a kiss.



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Miss Seminole Jennifer Chalfant (L) reads a goodbye speech on behalf of Little Miss Seminole 2007-2008 Krysta Burton.



Marisol Gonzalez

Little Mister Seminole Santiago Billie.

## 2008-2009 Little Mr., Little Miss Seminole Crowned During Pageant

### Brianna A. Bowers, Santiago E. Billie Receive 2008-2009 Titles



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All the Little Mr.'s had one more chance to impress the judges before the final decision was made.



Marisol Gonzalez

Jr. Miss Florida Seminole Alicia Nunez (C) welcomes everyone to the event.



Marisol Gonzalez

The Little Miss Seminole contestants make their entry.

By Marisol Gonzalez

**HOLLYWOOD** — The crowd gathered inside the Hard Rock Live arena on the evening of Feb. 8, in anticipation of one of the Tribe's annual events — The Little Mr. and Little Miss Seminole contest. This event took place in conjunction with 37th Annual Tribal Fair.

The event began with the introduction of the 2007 Lil Mr. Seminole Kano Puente and Lil Miss Seminole Krysta Burton, both 6 years old. Also in attendance was current Jr. Miss Florida Seminole Alicia Nunez, 14, Brighton Jr. Miss Princess McKayla Snow, 10, and Miss Florida Seminole Princess Jennifer Chalfant, 19.

The event emcee was Moses "Big Shot" Juniper Jr. along with Miss Florida Seminole Princess Jennifer Chalfant. There were three judges including Miss Florida USA 2008 Jessica Rafalowski, along with father and son team Brad Cooley and Brad Cooley Jr., the artists who have created numerous bronze sculptures for the Tribe.

First to come out were all the contestants for the Little Miss Seminole competition. Nineteen contestants were in the running and from that group the judges would have to choose six runner-ups and a winner. Ranging in ages 5 to 7, all of the participants were very excited and eager to walk away with the crown as well as the title.

They paraded in front of the judges to show off their traditional Seminole look. Then each was brought up and asked a question like: what's your favorite food, Walt Disney® movie, cartoon, or color.

Then it was the Little Mister's turn to strut their stuff. Twenty-one participants competed for the Little Mr. title. They too had to show their fashions and answer questions in front of the judges.

Before the winners were

announced the judges were presented with gifts as a token of thanks from the princess committee. Little Miss Seminole 2007 also gave all of the contestants a small gift from herself for participating in the event.

She handed out bags filled with special treats to each contestant. She also had a prepared goodbye speech that Miss Florida Seminole Princess read on her behalf. No one left empty handed from the pageant, as all of the contestants also received a participation trophy.

The time had come to announce the results for Little Miss Seminole.

Brianna April Bowers, 6, from Big Cypress, daughter of Osceola Billie and Clarissa A. Bowers, captured the 2008 title. Second through sixth place were: Alyssa J. Osceola, Arissa Cypress, Italia Eternity Sisto, Thomlynn M.A. Billie and Cachalani Hayes Frank.

Taking home the title of 2008 Little Mr. Seminole was Santiago E. Billie, 6, from Hollywood, son of James E. Billie and Maria Billie. Second through sixth place were: Lance Adam Howard, Ivens Enuch Preston Baker, Julius Alexander Aquino, Brandon Duane Entry, Chandler DeMayo and Sheldon Osceola.



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(L-R, Back Row) Miss Seminole Jennifer Chalfant, Jr. Miss Seminole Alicia Nunez, Miss Florida USA 2008 Jessica Rafalowski, (Front) Brighton Jr. Miss McKayla Snow, Little Mr. Seminole 2007-2008 Kano Puente and Little Miss Seminole 2007-2008 Krysta Burton.



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Contestant Zoey Puente during the question and answer portion of the pageant.



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Miss Seminole Jennifer Chalfant asks sixth runner up Sheldon Osceola his question.





## Seminoles Participate in 2008 Tribal Fair Clothing Contest

### Two New Categories Added for This Year's Competition



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Winners in the Women's 1800s Old Traditional 46-54 category: (L-R) Beulah Gopher, Janice Kay Braswell, Virginia Osceola and Rose Jones.



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The Baby Division had many little participants.



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Winners in the Men's 1900s Old Traditional 36-45 year old age division: (L-R) Mark Steve Osceola, Norman Bowers, Elrod Bowers and Robert Frank.



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1900s Old Traditional Men's 65 and older division winners: (L-R) George Billie, Jimmy Smith and Joe Dan Osceola.

By Marisol Gonzalez

**HOLLYWOOD** — Bright colors and beautiful designs filled the Hard Rock Live arena on the morning of Feb. 9 for the Tribal Fair Clothing Contest.

This annual event brought more than 600 Tribal citizens, who competed in several categories, many coming with hopes of winning top prize and showing what they were made of.

There were nine categories for the Tribal Fair clothing contest, two of which were new this year. Categories were as follows: Baby division 0-23 months, Youth Division ages two through 17, 18 years and older age group categories included 2000 Contemporary, Jackets, Modern Day Fashion, 1800s and 1900s Old Traditional, as well as the two new categories this year 1800s and 1900s Old Traditional Self-Made Men and Women.

The categories were divided by the entrant's age, then further divided into men's and women's categories.

Judging these fashions was definitely not an easy task. On the women's side there were three judges, Lisa and David Founds and Rose Pearl Murtle. Judging the men's fashions there were Charles Reynolds, Lisa Stevens, Jeff Pharr, and Carlos Miguél.

After plenty of deliberation the judges would make their decisions.

Even though all participants could not be winners, the Clothing Contest allowed Tribal citizens to show off their craft and come together during the Tribal Fair festivities.



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Youth division competitors in the 5-8 year age range.



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Winners from the 1900s Old Traditional Women's division.



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In the Baby Division, the young competitors donned their finest.



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Winners of the Men's 1800s Old Traditional 55-64 year old division: (L-R) Thomas M. A. Billie, Parker Jones, Norman Johns, Sammy Gopher, Moses Jumper Jr.

## 2008 Semionle Tribal Fair Clothing Contest Winners

Youth: Boys: 13 – 17 year olds: 1. Nathan Gopher, 2. Cameron Dorgan, 3. Jason G. Melton, 4. Randy Shore, 5. Robert Frank, 6. Jessie Holindness, 7. Michael Cypress, 8. Tucumach Robbins.

1800s Old Fashion: Men: 18 – 25 year olds: 1. Kyle Doney, 2. Wilson Bowers, 3. Joseph D. Osceola, 4. Byron Billie, 5. Emerson Billie, 26 – 35 year olds: 1. Dallas Nunez, 2. Marlon C. Tommie, 3. Daniel Nunez Sr. 4. Sampson Gopher, 5. Pete A. Osceola Hahn, 6. Elton Shore, 7. Alexander Johns, 8. Wovoka Tommie; 36 – 45 year olds: 1. David Nunez, 2. Norman Bowers; 46 – 54 year olds: 1. Sandy Billie Jr., 2. Elbert Snow, 55 – 64 year olds: 1. Moses Jumper Jr., 2. Thomas M. A. Billie, 3. Parker Jones, 4. Norman Johns, 5. Sammy Gopher; 65 and older: 1. Jimmy Smith, 2. Johnny Tucker Sr., 3. Joe Dan Osceola.

1900s Old Fashion: Men: 18 – 25 year olds: 1. Kyle Doney, 2. Byron Billie, 3. Ildy Garcia, 4. Steel Gopher, 5. Joseph Osceola, 26 – 35 year olds: 1. Daniel Nunez Sr., 2. Justin Gopher, 3. Marlon L. Tommie, 4. Wildcat Naha Jumper, 5. Pete A. Osceola Hahn, 6. Wovoka Tommie, 7. Sampson Gopher; 36 – 45 year olds: 1. Robert Frank, 2. Elrod Bowers, 3. Norman Bowers, 4. Mark Steve Osceola, 46 – 54 year olds: 1. Sandy Billie Jr., 55 – 64 year olds: 1. Thomas Billie, 2. Moses Jumper Jr., 3. Parker Jones, 4. Norman Johns; 65 and older: 1. Joe Dan Osceola, 2. Jimmy Smith, 3. George Billie.

Modern Day Fashion: Men: 18 – 25 year olds: 1. Kyle Doney, 2. Steel Gopher, 3. Wilson Bowers, 4. Joseph D. Osceola, 5. Ildy Garcia, 6. Byron Billie; 26 – 35 year olds: 1. Alexander Johns, 2. Justin Gopher, 3. Adam Turtle, 4. Daniel Nunez Sr., 5. Dallas Nunez, 6. Wildcat Naha Jumper, 7. Pete A. Osceola Hahn, 8. Marlon L. Tommie; 36 – 45 year olds: 1. Larry Howard, 2. Robert Frank, 3. Elrod Bowers, 4. Norman Bowers, 5. David Nunez Jr., Bernard Robbins; 46 – 54 year olds: 1. Shamy Tommie, 2. Sandy Billie Jr., 3. Elbert Snow; 55 – 64 year olds: 1. Norman Johns, 2. Thomas M.A. Billie, 3. Parker Jones, 4. Martin Gopher, 5. Paul Buster, 6. Moses Jumper Jr.; 65 and older: 1. Jimmy Smith, 2. Wonder Johns, 3. Joe Dan Osceola, 4. Rudy Osceola, 5. Dan Bowers, 6. Joe Osceola Sr.

Jackets: Men: 18 – 25 year olds: 1.

Joseph D. Osceola, 2. Byron Billie, 3. Wilson Bowers, 4. Ildy Garcia; 26 – 35 year olds: 1. Alexander Johns, 2. Emerson Billie, 3. Wovoka Tommie, 4. Marlon L. Tommie, 5. Daniel Nunez Sr., 6. Norman E. Johns, 7. Elton Shore, 8. Justin Gopher; 65 and older: 1. Wonder Johns, 2. Johnny Tucker Sr., 3. Jimmy Smith, 4. George Billie, 5. Joe Dan Osceola, 6. Joe Osceola Sr., 6. Dan Bowers, 7. Rudy Osceola.

2000 Contemporary: Men: 18 – 25 year olds: 1. Byron Billie, 2. Joseph D. Osceola, 3. Kyle Doney, 4. Wilson Bowers, 5. Steel Gopher, 6. Ildy Garcia; 26 – 35 year olds: 1. Alexander Johns, 2. Justin Gopher, 3. David Earl Nelson, 4. Sampson Bowers, 5. Pete A. Osceola Hahn, 6. Wovoka Tommie, 7. Marlon L. Tommie, 8. Wildcat Naha Jumper; 36 – 45 year olds: 1. Elrod Bowers, 2. Norman Bowers, 3. David Nunez Jr., 4. Robert Frank, 5. Larry Howard, 6. Bernard Robbins; 46 – 54 year olds: 1. Shamy Tommie, 2. Sandy Billie Jr., 3. Elbert Snow; 55 – 64 year olds: 1. Parker Jones, 2. Max Osceola, 3. Norman Johns, 4. Moses Jumper; 65 and older: 1. Jimmy Smith, 2. Joe Dan Osceola.

1800s Old Traditional: Women: 18 – 25 year olds: 1. Kelly Tommie, 2. Tasha K. Osceola, 3. Jo Jo Osceola, 4. Mercedes Osceola-Hahn, 5. Audrey Snow, 6. Holly Johns, 7. Ginger Jones, 8. Josie Snow; 26 – 35 year olds: 1. Emma Brown, 2. Laverne Thomas, 3. Elsie Smith, 4. Shannon Gopher, 5. Jo Jumper, 6. Perrie Whidden, 7. Rita McCabe, 8. Alice Billie, 36 – 45 year olds: 1. Betty Billie, 2. Edna Tommie, 3. Oneva O. Jones, 4. Leslie Osceola, 5. Michele Thomas, 6. Lisa Osceola, 7. Linda Jones, 8. Melissa Gopher; 46 – 54 year olds: 1. Rose Jones, 2. Virginia Osceola, 3. Janice Kay Braswell, 55 – 64 year olds: 1. Louise

Gopher, 2. Juanita Osceola, 3. Connie Whidden, 4. Louise Osceola, 5. Nancy Motlow, 6. Alice Sweat, 7. Lorene Gopher, 8. Agnes Bowers; 65 and older: 1. Mary Osceola, 2. Onnie Osceola, 3. Virginia Tommie, 4. Maydell Osceola, 5. Lawana Osceola, 6. Frances Osceola, 7. Louise J. Billie.

1900s Old Traditional: Women: 18 – 25: 1. Phalyn Osceola, 2. Holly Johns, 3. Jo Jo Osceola, 4. Mercedes Osceola-Hahn, 5. Tasha K. Osceola, 6. Kelly Tommie, 7. Danette Bowers, 8. Ginger Jones; 26 – 35 year olds: 1. Elsie Smith, 2. Jo Jumper, 3. Laverne Thomas, 4. Shannon Gopher, 5. Jennifer Jones, 6. Allison Osceola, 7. Emma Brown, 8. Amy Whidden, 36 – 45 year olds: 1. Betty Billie, 2. Donna M. Turtle, 3. Oneva O. Jones, 4. Theresa Nunez, 5. Edna Tommie, 6. Lisa Osceola, 7. Michele Thomas, 8. Leslie Osceola; 46 – 54 year olds: 1. Janice Kay Braswell, 2. Virginia Osceola, 3. Rose Jones, 4. Delia Smith; 55 – 64 year olds: 1. Juanita Osceola, 2. Connie Whidden, 3. Nancy Motlow, 4. Alice Sweat; 65 and older: 1. Frances Osceola, 2. Rosie Billie, 3. Alice Snow, 4. Onnie Osceola, 5. Lawana Osceola.

Modern Day Fashion: Women: 18 – 25 year olds: 1. Jo Jo Osceola, 2. Tasha K. Osceola, 3. Josie Snow, 4. Holly Johns, 5. Kelly Tommie, 6. Mercedes Osceola-Hahn, 7. Jennifer Chalfant, 8. Megan Tommie; 26 – 35 year olds: 1. Jo Jumper, 2. Alice M. Billie, 3. Perrie Whidden, 4. Jennifer Jones, 5. Laverne Thomas, 6. Elsie Smith, 7. Myra Gopher, 8. Amy Johns; 36 – 45 year olds: 1. Edna Tommie, 2. Oneva Jones, 3. Christie Gopher, 4. Lisa Osceola, 5. Alicia J. Sanchez Cabal, 6. Donna M. Turtle, 7. Dionne Smedley, 8. Michele Thomas; 46 – 54 year olds: 1. Rose Jones, 2. Virginia Osceola, 3. Susie Jumper, 4. Janice Osceola, 5. Janice Kay Braswell, 6. Beverly Alumbaugh; 55 – 64 year olds: 1. Alice Sweat, 2. Connie Whidden, 3. Louise G. Osceola, 4. Maggie Garcia, 5. Lorene Gopher, 6. Nancy Motlow, 7. Agnes Bowers, 8. Cornelia Osceola; 65 and older: 1. Rosie Billie, 2. Lawana Osceola, 3. Dorothy Tommie, 4. Frances Osceola, 5. Alice Snow, 6. Louise Billie.

Jackets: Women: 18 – 25 year olds: 1. Jo Jo Osceola, 2. Holly Johns, 3. Megan Jones, 4. Mercedes Osceola-Hahn, 5. Tasha K. Osceola, 6. Megan Tommie, 7. Kelly Tommie, 8. Wynter Dawn Billie; 26 – 35 year olds: 1. Emma Brown, 2. Ida F. Osceola, 3. Shannon Gopher, 4. Jo Jumper, 5. Melissa DeMayo, 6. Alice M. Billie, 7. Laverne Thomas, 8. Amy Johns; 36 – 45 year olds: 1. Theresa Nunez, 2. Joanne Osceola, 3. Oneva Jones, 4. Edna Tommie, 5. Betty Billie, 6. Linda Jones, 7. Lisa Osceola, 8. Grace Kountz; 46 – 54 year olds: 1. Rose Jones, 2. Virginia Osceola, 3. Janice Kay Braswell, 4. Delia Smith, 5. Beverly Alumbaugh, 6. Susie C. Jumper, 7. Nettie Stewart, 8. Barbara Cypress; 55 – 64 year olds: 1. Delores Jumper, 2. Juanita Osceola, 3. Louise Gopher, 4. Connie Whidden, 5. Nancy Motlow, 6. Louise G. Osceola, 7. Lorene Gopher, 8. Cornelia Osceola; 65 and older: 1. Frances Osceola, 2. Mary Osceola, 3. Mary Frances Cypress, 4. Louise J. Billie, 5. Leoda Osceola, 6. Maydell Osceola, 7. Rosie Billie, 8. Dorothy Tommie.

Contestant Chandler DeMayo, 6, (C) in Youth Division.





## Annual Tribal Fair Hoops Tourney

By Chris Jenkins

**HOLLYWOOD** — Among the long list of other activities available for citizens, this year's annual Tribal Fair Basketball Tournament gave hoopsters the chance to bring their best on Feb. 8-9 in the Hollywood Gym.

The All-Indian event was sponsored by the Hollywood Recreation Dept. and brought together players from as far west as Arizona and as far east as New York. Eight women's teams and seven men were featured in a double elimination format.

On the Men's side, results were Big Town in first, Arizona in second and BC Rec. taking third. The Outlaw Women took first on the women's side, with Sundown and Natives taking second and third, respectively.

Recreation Basketball Coach Carlos Adamson said the two day affair went well.

"It went smooth. Everything went good and the competition was cool," Adamson said.



The Wildcats' Leon Wilcox Jr. takes some practice shots before game time.



Members of Sundown pose in between all the action.



Tribal elder Bessie Tommie steps up in anticipation of her turn.

## Tribal Fair 2008 Bowling Results

Senior Division: Men — 1. Moses Osceola, 2. Jack Smith, 3. Archie Johns; Women — 1. Janet Hill, 2. Annette Tahamont, 3. Annie Jumper; Regular Division: First Game — 1. Kevin Tommie/Linda Tommie, 2. Danny Tommie/Reina Mico, 3. Leon Wilcox Jr./Ashley Wilcox; Second Game — 1. Mya Stockton/Linda Tommie, 2. Joshua

Sneed/Terri Frank, 3. Elton Shore/Diane Smith, 3-6-9 Game; 1. Delwyn McGowan/Michelle Osceola, 2. Rufus Tiger/Farah Jones, 3. Remus Griffin/Amanda Smith; No-Tap: 1. Danny Tommie/Mary Jumper, 2. Dean Stokes/Marilyn Doney, 3. Bobby Frank/Farah Jones.



Diane Smith focuses on her shot.



Moses Osceola waves to the camera.

## Tribal Fair EIRA Bill Osceola Memorial Rodeo Results

Mutton Busting: 1. Rayven King, 2. Todd Pierce, 3. Myron Billie, 4. Tucker Johns; Pony Riding: 1. Andre Jumper, 2. Timothy Bearden; Calf Riding: 1. Jobe Johns, 2. Dalton Koenes; Steer Riding: 1. Preston Louis, 2. Andre Jumper, 3. Kelton Smedley; Jr. Bulls: 1. Ethan Gopher, 2. Jr. Billy, 3/4. Andrew Holmes, 3/4. William Bearden; 4-8 Barrels: 1. Ahnie Jumper, 2. Brighton Bauman, 3. Arcya Youngblood, 4. Josie Louis, 5. Dayra Koenes;

9-12 Barrels: 1. Malani Perez, 2. Calgary Johns, 3. Kelton Smedley, 4. Aecalynn Youngblood; 13-18 Barrels: 1. Janae Braswell, 2. Nauthkee Henry; Jr. Breakaway: 1. Preston Louis, 2. Kelton Smedley, 3. Josh Johns, 4. Chebon Gooden; 50 & Over Breakaway: 1. Allen Fisher, 2. Billie Joe Johns; Jr. Bareback: 1. Chris Smith, 2. William Bearden; Bareback: 1. JR Chino, 2. Joe Wilson, 3. Freddy WarBonnet, 4. John Salois;

Steer Wrestling: 1. Joe Wilson, 2. Terry Fisher, 3. Stephen Fox, 4. TR Connelly; Calf Roping: 1. Preston Williams, 2. Andre LaFrance, 3. Naha Jumper, 4. Ed Holyan; Breakaway: 1. Mindy Fish, 2. Carole Holyan, 3. LeAnna Billie, 4. Lizzie Dixie; Team Roping: 1. Josh Jumper / Preston Williams, 2. Rawley Ben/Ty Romo, 3. Erich Rogers/Terry Fisher, 4. Justin Gopher/Naha Jumper, 5. Brooks Dahozy/Terry Tatsey, 6. Aaron Tsinigine / Vanoy Yazzie; Barrels: 1. Carole Holyan, 2. Tess Duchenaux, 3. Mackenzie Johns, 4. Boogie Jumper; Bull Riding: 1. Greg Louis, 2/3. Kody Brugh, 2/3. Justin Gopher, 4. Shiloh Amiotte.



Josh Johns competes in the Calf Riding event.



President Richard Bowers Jr. (L) presented Heather Peterson (C) with her saddle, as she was crowned Seminole Rodeo Queen.



Jr. Rodeo Queen Ashley Baxton (C) receives her crown.

## Golfers Compete in Two Tribal Tournaments

### Sports Hall of Fame, Tribal Fair Tourneys Held in Conjunction

By Felix DuBosz

**HOLLYWOOD** — On Feb. 5-6, the Westin Diplomat Country Club and Golf Resort hosted the 2008 Sports Hall of Fame Golf Tournament, sponsored by Seminole Recreation, and Tribal Fair Golf Tournament, sponsored by the Tribal Council.

There were 137 golfers who signed up for this tournament on the first day, and 134 on the second day. More than a 100 competitors came from out of town, some from as far away as Wisconsin and Ontario, Canada, to compete in this blind draw.

One of the competitors in this year's Tribal Fair Golf Tournament was Native American and ex-NFL football star Jim Warne, of the Sioux Tribe, who said he enjoys golf. Warne was in South Florida helping the Seminole Tribe of Florida Boys & Girls Club with his time.

The beautiful South Florida weather welcomed more golfers than could be accommodated at the Westin Diplomat. The overflow of golfers was redirected to the nearby Emerald Hills Golf & Country Club where golfers continued to showcase their skills.



Elvira Elijah of Ontario, Canada hits a long drive down the fairway.



Evan Thomas of Ontario, Canada celebrates his partner's putt.

"This time we had triple the amount of people from last year, mostly through word of mouth, this tournament has become a very popular event around Indian Country," said Marcellus Osceola Jr., spokesman for the golfing events. "This event contributes to the Tribe by giving us great exposure and good public relations and also by giving us a name up north where people will want to come down here and vacation. It's a great spot, so word of mouth across Indian Country is just phenomenal."

Osceola added: "This year's event exceeded my expectations and I think I did a good job."

At the completion of the tournament, Osceola announced the winners and proceeded to give out the prizes to the golfers who had the lowest scores. He made sure to thank everyone for making the event possible, and coming out, competing and having fun.

### Results of Seminole Tribe's Hall of Fame Golf Tournament

Two-Man Blind Draw Scramble: 1. Darren Thomas and Al Day, 65; 2. Vernon Jacobs and Yarnell Locklear, 68; 3. Charlie Cypress and Lindsey Hill, 69; 4. Rod Curl & Evan Thomas, 69; 5. Steve Tooshkenig and Willie Huff, 69; 6. Earl Hill and Butch Macintosh, 70; 7. Mitch Osceola and Mondo Tiger, 71; 8. Jerome Harrison and Winnie Thomas, 71.

Closest to the Pin: #3 Men: Neil Perley, #3 Women: Lorinda Tumaker, #5 Men: Terry Tartash, #5 Women: Victoria Thompson, #15 Men: Scott General, #15 Women: Lindsey Hill, #17 Men: Ryan Michano, #17 Women: Elvira Elijah.

Longest Drive: #11 and: Lindsey Hill, #4 and: Yornell Locklear.

### Results of Seminole Tribe's Tribal Fair Golf Tournament

Four-Man Blind Draw Scramble: 1. Steve Tooshkenig and Corey Duell, 66; 2. Al Day and Gerry Cleveland, 69; 3. Roger Carrian and Victoria Thompson, 70; 4. Rod Curl and Lloyd Elm, 70; 5. Joe Luther and Quinton, 70; 6. Darren Thomas and Jason Pedwaydon, 71; 7. Jimmoness and Jim Thompson, 73; 8. Vernon Jacobs and Les Faye, 73.

Closest to the Pin: #3 Men: Aaron Eligal, #3 Women: Patty Jopla, #5 Men: Del Riley, #5 Women: Victoria Thompson, #15 Men: Lorne General, #15 Women: Blank, #17 Men: Wayne Hill, #17 Women: Lisa General.

Longest Drive: #11 and: Sharon Hill, #11 and: Yarnell Locklear.





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Chris Osceola maintains perfect form for a top score of 180 in the Male Bow Hunter Division.

## Tribal Fair 3-D Archery Tournament Competition Draws Shooters

### Casey McCall Memorial Robin Hood Archery Contest Held In Conjunction

By Felix DoBosz

**HOLLYWOOD** — On Feb. 10, citizens from the Seminole Tribe as well as other Tribes competed in an archery tournament, held in conjunction with the Tribal Fair. The first annual Robin Hood Tournament, sponsored by Seminole Tribe's Recreation Dept., took place on a big parcel of undeveloped land across the street from the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino.

Archery Coach John Waterhouse and Seminole Tribe's Recreation Coordinator Steve Young made sure all the 3-D foam targets were in the right place. They also checked to make sure the wooden stake marks were calculated accurately for proper distance before the tournament started.

According to the rules at the Tribal Fair 3-D Archery Tournament, a perfect score would be 240 for the 20 targets. Contestants had four possible scores on each target, with 12 points awarded for hitting in the center ring, next ring was worth 10, the outside ring was worth eight, and five points were awarded for a hit anywhere else on the 3-D target.

There was another contest going on as well called the Casey McCall Memorial Robin Hood Shoot, sponsored

by mother Wanda Bowers. Archers stood 20 yards from the target and shot an arrow at it. Then, they had two more chances to shoot another arrow into the back of the first arrow, which is known as a "Robin Hood."

"We couldn't get anyone to do that as it is a difficult shot to make so we had all the archers shoot a long distance shot, compound shooters from 63 yards and traditional and youth from 43 yards," said Young. "After the first round we only had three shooters hit the target: Terry Tartsah, Raymond Garza and Preston Baker. So we had them shoot again to see

which one would get closest to the center of the target, Raymond and Terry hit the target with Terry being the closest to the center."

Ultimately, Tartsah took the top spot in the Robin Hood competition.

A native and semi-pro archer Wayahsti Perkins (Sioux), who competes in the Archery Shooters Association sanctioned events, came all the way from Avon, Mont. He was a real serious competitor, however, only managed to walk away with a second place victory. Tribal citizen Christopher Osceola claimed the top spot with a score of 180.

### Results of the Tribal Fair Archery Competition

Male Bow Hunter: Open: 1. Christopher Osceola, 180, 2. Wayahsti Perkins, 175, 3. John Jumper, 171, 4. Josh Garza, 138, 5. Preston Baker, 124, 6. Terry Tartsah, 105; Female Bow Hunter: Open: 1. Virginia Billie, 128

Male Bow Hunter: Fingers: 1. R.J. Antone, 148, 2. Raymond Garza, 104, 3. Michael Tartsah, 20; Female Bow Hunter: Fingers: 1. Melissa J. Devito-Lacey, 41.

Traditional Men: 1. Matt Rockwell, 136, 2. Don Osceola, 124;

Traditional Women: 1. Danette Bowers, 40;

Midget Girls: 1. Keshia Julian, 107; Bantam Boys: 1. Nick Jumper, 73, 2. Cameron Osceola, 61.



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Semi-pro archer Wayahsti Perkins smiles as he shows the near-splitting of the arrows on the 3-D form.



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(L-R) Chris Osceola, Virginia Billie, Raymond Garza and Wayahsti Perkins go over their scores.



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Don Osceola, who took second place in the Traditional Bow Division, sits down and waits for his next turn.



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(L-R) Chris Osceola, Wayahsti Perkins, Raymond Garza, Virginia Billie pose with the 3-D form turkey.

## Annual Tribal Fair Pool Tournament Held

By Felix DoBosz

**HOLLYWOOD** — The Diamond™ billiard tables were shining and lined up in the large Ballroom B of the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino for the Second Annual Tribal Fair Pool Tournament. Tribal citizens and all Native Americans, some from as far away as Oklahoma, competed for big cash prizes in the 8-ball, 9-ball and scotch doubles competition.

The three day tournament, held Feb. 8-10, was played in conjunction with the 37th Annual Tribal Fair, and hosted by the Tribal Council.

Tournament director and Non-Resident Liaison Holly Tiger-Bowers and Kevin Pickard, tournament and events coordinator for Seminole Sports Management, kept spectators and players informed by providing information and statistics for all the games.

Chairman Mitchell Cypress was

there to lend support and present awards to some of the winners of this 2nd Annual Tribal Fair Pool Tournament. Big Cypress Council Rep. David Cypress, a fan of billiards, also competed in the 8-ball contest.

Providing an entertainment break for the players and guests was the amazing Tom "Dr. Cue" Rossman. Dr. Cue, as he likes to call himself, performs more than 200 shows per year and had received numerous accolades for performing his famous trick shots, earning him prestigious titles including the 2007 US Open Champion in Artistic Pool and the 2006 ESPN World Cup Team USA Champion, to name a few.

Dr. Cue wowed the crowd performing one impossible trick after another with an assortment of cues and gadget pool balls. The doctor was really fun to watch and had a good humored banter going on as he performed his shtick.



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The annual tournament was the place to be for many billiards enthusiasts.

### Results of the Second Annual Tribal Fair Pool Tournament

Seniors 8-Ball: Men's - 1. Lucian Tiger, 2. Lester Goud, 3. Daniel Gopher, 4. George Grasshopper, 5. Ralph Gray; Women - 1. Laura Clay, 2. Eleanor Freeman, 3. Dale Grasshopper, 4. Diana Onlyachief, 5. Annie Jumper.

Seniors 9-Ball: Men - 1. Lester Goud, 2. Rolie Johnson, 3. William Brown, 4. Joe Billie, 5. Robin Buster; Women - 1. Laura Clay, 2. Juanita Osceola, 3. Bess Bowlegs, 4. Eleanor Freeman, 5. Nita McCarter.

Doubles: Men - 1. Charley LaSarge, 2. Lucian Tiger, 3. David Cypress, 4. Sam Deere, 5. Daniel Nunez Sr.; Women - 1. Kathryn Hair, 2. Theresa Nunez, 3. Phalyn Osceola, 4. Levonne Stokes, 5. Teonna Rock.

9-Ball: Men - 1. Ralph Gray, 2. Rolie Johnson, 3. Elrod Bowers, 4. Daniel Littlebear, 5. Raymond Stewart; Women - 1. Diana Onlyachief, 2. Phalyn Osceola, 3. Theresa Nunez, 4. Levonne Stokes, 5. Eleanor Stokes.

8-Ball: Men - 1. Thomas LaSarge, 2. Lucian Tiger, 3. Ralph Tiger, 4. Sam Deere, 5. Elrod Bowers; Women - 1. Kathryn Hair, 2. Diana Onlyachief, 3. Theresa Nunez, 4. Carlene Echobawk, 5. Donnia Antuna.

Youth Boys 8 to 12 - 1. Daniel Nunez, 2. Alanzo Wargolet, 3. Chief Billie, 4. Neko Osceola, 5. Reed Gopher; Boys 13 to 17 - 1. Brandon Billie, 2. Pierson Hunsinger, 3. Karlito Wargolet, 4. Shaun Billie, 5. Randy Shore; Girls 8 to 12 - 1. Jessica Osceola, 2. Cheyenne Nunez, 3. Haley Garcia, 4. Jaide Micco, 5. Aliena Micco.



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BC Council Rep. David Cypress takes aim during the competition.



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Tom "Dr. Cue" Rossman performed some of his famous trick shots at second annual Tribal Fair Pool Tournament.





Clothing contest winner Steel Gopher.

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The Hollywood Seminole preschoolers say the Pledge of Allegiance during opening ceremonies.

Chris Jenkins



The Baby Division contestants were a hit with spectators.

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The 1900s Old Traditional winners in the men's 55-64 year old division (L-R): 1. Thomas Billie, 2. Moses Jumper Jr., 3. Parker Jones, 4. Norman Jones.

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(L-R) Miss Florida Seminole Jennifer Chalfant and Miss Brighton Seminole Amber Craig get ready to sample some of Iona's frybread.

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Baby Division contestants make their way to the judging area.

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The Little Mr. contestants make their entry.

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The 1800s Old Traditional 65 and older contestants wait for the judges' results.

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Contestant #12 Cachalani Frank waves to the audience as the Little Miss contestants make their entry.

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