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**Martin and Nicole Slavik and Nick Zepeda** were dressed for the Pirate Dinner.

## Naples Students Cruise With Mickey Mouse

By Judy Weeks

**CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla.** — Fifteen students enrolled in the Naples Education Program joined their parents on the docks in Port Canaveral to embark on a Disney Cruise on June 10. Boarding a luxury ship, they enjoyed a four-day trip to the islands of the Bahamas.

The theme of the voyage is naturally developed around the Disney characters and brings the magic of the theme park to the roaring seas. Whether 2 years old or 80 years young, there are a multitude of fun-filled activities available at all times. The nine-story ship has several large swimming pools, courts for shuffle board, basketball and tennis, as well as art and craft centers.

After an activity-filled day at sea, the sailors reached their first port of call in Nassau, where they enjoyed a quick tour of this well-known tropical isle. Walking the streets where pirates once tread, they were able to experience a brief lesson in history and shop for souvenirs before continuing their odyssey.

Back aboard ship, they had an opportunity to join the Oceano Club, and were entertained by comedians, dance shows and theater productions. Interacting with Disney characters throughout the cruise, the youngsters participated in a wealth of well-planned activities.

Among the outstanding productions aboard ship were the Mickey Review

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The flying swings were a big hit at the Immokalee Independence Day carnival. See pages 23, 30 & 31 for more Independence Day coverage.

## Firecracker Walk/Run by Dawn's Early Light

By Elgin Jumper

**BIG CYPRESS** — At dawn, about 6:30 a.m., on July 4, 21 participants either walked or ran in the third annual Firecracker Walk/Run. The early staging of the event served as a precaution to the extreme heat later in the day. The distance of the track is roughly 3.2 miles or three kilometers, that is, one and a half miles up and one and a half miles back. The event took place near the bridge and the L-28 Canal and the dirt road on the east side of the residential area.

The Walk/Run was organized by Edna McDuffie, community outreach coordinator for the Big Cypress Wellness Center, along with the support of health educators and Tribal officials. In attendance were: Big Cypress Council Representative David Cypress, President Richard Bowers Jr. and Chairman Mitchell Cypress, who have long been involved in these ongoing health and exercise-oriented events.

Two tables were set up by Tribal health educators for sign-up sheets and several bowls of fruit were available for participants to partake of. Plenty of bottled water was also on hand to keep walkers and runners hydrated. A Tribal EMS crew and ambulance were stationed nearby in case of any emergencies. Fortunately, their services weren't needed.

"It's good for the Tribe," pointed out President Richard Bowers Jr., "It's good for our health, and we should do more to promote it because of the high diabetes percentage within the Tribe. There needs to be more involvement because of our children, starting them on the road to healthier lifestyles at a young age. And hopefully we'll get more parents involved."

At the outset, Suzanne Davis, allied health manager, took the gathering through a series of preliminary warm-ups and stretches.

"First thing in the morning you're not quite limbered up like you might be later on in the day, so you need to wake your muscles up just a little bit," she said. "It helps to avoid injuries."

Walking and running are two of the best exercises people can do to keep their blood sugar levels and blood pressure down. They make a drastic difference in overall health. But since not everyone is at the same level

◆ See WALK, page 15



Nia Cypress and Aileen Cypress finishing up the three mile track.

## Tribal Youth Helps Rebuild His Fire-Damaged School Participates in Fiesta Bowl with Champion Boise Broncos

By Robert C. North Jr.

**NEW MEADOWS, Idaho** — Tribal citizen, Wyatt Dietz, 11, son of Erica and Bruce Dietz of New Meadows, Idaho, said he "felt sad" for two reasons. First, his school music room and gym were severely damaged due to a fire caused by faulty wiring, but the fire did not spread to the entire school due to fire walls.

"I was also sad because our music teacher travels to school for 45 minutes each day, and he did not have a music classroom to teach in and he has been traveling this same route for 25 years," Wyatt explained.

So Wyatt wrote to the Seminole Tribal Council and requested assistance to help rebuild his music classroom and gymnasium. He further explained that without the music classroom, students from Meadow Valley School had to be transported to an "old folk's home" for music class. Wyatt, a clarinet player, stated that he and his classmates "wished we could have our music class back."

"Wyatt was compelled to help his school," said mom Erica Dietz. "I'm glad that Max B. Osceola, Hollywood Council Representative, could help. It gave my son closure to know that his school was going to get help."



Wyatt delivering the check to John Preston from the Seminole Tribe of Florida to help rebuild the school's burned music classroom and gym.

The Seminole Tribe sent a check to Wyatt's school to assist with covering the damages.

"We were in shock," exclaimed John Preston, principal of Meadows Valley Elementary School, "We [the Meadow Valley School District] send our thanks to the Seminole Tribe of Florida."

Wyatt said he feels better now that hopefully his music classroom and gymnasium will be repaired by the time he starts school again in the fall, when he will be entering the sixth grade.

If assisting his school was not enough, Wyatt also recently participated in a summer football camp at Boise State University. The Boise State Broncos were the come-from-behind, Cinderella story winners at the 2007 Fiesta Bowl in Phoenix, Ariz., defeating the Oklahoma Sooners.

Wyatt, along with approximately 2,000 youth from several northwestern states, learned football skills and tactics and then played "Bronco Ball" — a non-body contact form of football developed by the Boise State coaching staff. This all took place at the state-of-the-art Calvin-Williams Facility and Bronco Stadium, and on the famous "Big Blue" AstroTurf.

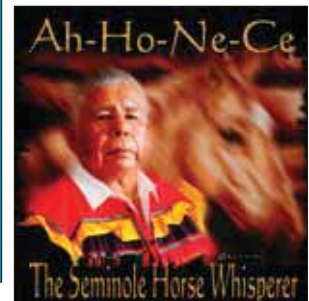
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## Seminole Horse Whisperer Tells His Story in Book

By Susan Etzebarria

On May 15 a reverent book came off the presses, which gives readers a glimpse into the depth of Seminole culture. It is a touching story, more like a parable, of an unlikely friendship between a Seminole elder and a white woman.

The book, titled *Ah-Ho-Ne-Ce - The Seminole Horse Whisperer*, is about Jimmy Scott Osceola and written by C.J. McAdams. She is a resident of Buckhead Ridge, Fla., and owner of The Dust Collector, an antique shop in Okeechobee.



Jimmy Scott Osceola

McAdams writes humbly and simply about the lessons she has learned from Osceola. The 68-year-old Seminole man took her imagination places and showed her things that few people ever experience, she said.

In her eloquent stories, the author shares how she encountered a kindred spirit in Osceola one windy day in November 2005, when he walked into The Dust Collector for the first time. From that day forward, this soft-hearted grandmother not only welcomed the artist from Brighton, but created a special place in her antique store to display his artwork. For Osceola, it became a healing place.

McAdams is a gifted storyteller, having participated in folk festivals over the years. Perhaps this was her fascination with Osceola. He, too, is a storyteller. But she will say it is much more than that.

Over the past 19 months, Osceola taught her much about the Native American ways, a belief system that had a profound affect on her life. Thirsty for this knowledge and the wisdom of Indian ways, she invited Osceola to make the store a home away from home where he could sit in his own designated rocking chair. He was invited to visit as often as he liked. And he came often.

Up until that life-changing day McAdams had little knowledge about the Seminoles. She knew

◆ See WHISPERER, page 7



Submitted by Education Dept.

Louise Gopher, Kyle Doney and Emma Brown

## Higher Education 2006-07 Graduates

By Linda Iley, Higher Education Advisor

The Education Department is proud to announce its 06-07 graduates:

**Laura Billie** from Hollywood graduated with a bachelor of arts degree in public management from Florida Atlantic University. She said she plans to start her master's degree program in public administration at Nova Southeastern University in the 2007 fall term. After her graduate studies, she intends to work for the Tribe.

Our two graduates with an associate in arts (AA) degree in business administration are **Jessica Buster**, from Hollywood, and **Andrea Holata**, from Tampa. Buster graduated from Broward Community College and Holata from Hillsborough Community College. They both plan to pursue their bachelor's degrees.

**Elrod Bowers**, who is now the Tribe's Chief Operation Officer, recently graduated with a bachelor's degree in business management at Florida International University. Previously, he earned a bachelor's degree in political science from Wheaton College. His extensive education makes him well prepared for the challenges of his job.

**Brenda Cypress** now holds an associate of arts degree in nursing from Broward Community College. She is continuing to complete an associate in

◆ See GRADUATES, page 11









Jennifer Villalobos introduces the difference between wants, needs and necessities.

Judy Weeks

## Financial Responsibility Seminar Offered

By Judy Weeks

**IMMOKALEE** — Immokalee was just one of the Tribal communities that hosted the Financial Skills for Youth Seminar, put on by the Family Services Department and Executive Administrator's Office. The three-hour course was offered to the Immokalee youth employees on June 20, and featured some very basic concepts of saving, money management and budgeting techniques.

Two representatives from Merrill Lynch, a well-known money management and brokerage firm, conducted the program. Coming from California for this event, Elke Chenevey and Jennifer Villalobos (Tohono O'odham), specialize in training sessions for all ages.

Using an easel and contact board, the group learned how to determine the difference between wants, needs and necessities. Types of expenditures, both fixed and flexible, as well as luxuries were discussed.

The program began with a discussion of long and short-term goals, which included money management that would allow for saving. The students were introduced to a Teen's Guide to Budgeting and given a sec-



Judy Weeks

Elke Chenevey guides the group through an exercise in maximizing the dollars in a Tribal economy.

nario with a fixed income to establish a viable budget that would span a two-month period.

The pleasant and eye opening presentation was conducted to facilitate the understanding of the youthful audience. The youngsters were amazed to learn how much things like owning a vehicle, food, housing, utilities, clothing and pet care actually cost. They also discovered how quickly their expenses could exceed their income and the necessity for careful planning.

Warning to the subject, these young people quickly began to participate and made some very insightful observations. Establishing a savings routine to provide for future goals was a whole new concept to which they quickly adapted. They learned about checking accounts, credit cards, percentage rates and loans.



Judy Weeks

Family Services' Linda Freeman and students Diedra Hall and Jordan Rodriguez participate in the Financial Education Seminar.

## Gopher Promoted to Director of Finance

Submitted by Travis Trueblood

**TAMPA** — Tribal citizen Carla Gopher of Lakeland, Fla. has been promoted to the position of director of finance for the Seminole Indian Casino — Brighton. The director of finance oversees all aspects of finance, accounting and cash operations at the casino.

Gopher began work at her new position on July 2.

She has worked continuously at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino in Tampa for more than 10 years. During that time, she held such positions as Tribal trainee, cage supervisor, internal auditor, assistant to the general manager and director of compliance.

"Carla has been an integral part of the Tampa management team and has contributed tremendously to its success," said John Fontana, President of Tampa Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino. "She will be missed in Tampa, but will be a valuable asset in Brighton."

Gopher expressed gratitude to Fontana and the management and employees at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino in Tampa for their mentorship.

"It has been a great experience and I am grateful for the opportunity to have learned so much about casino operations," she said. "I am looking forward to working with everyone at the Brighton Casino."

Gopher, Panther clan, was raised at the Brighton reservation. She is the daughter of Louise Jones Gopher and the late Charlie Steele Gopher. She is the first Seminole graduate of Florida State University, where she earned her bachelor's degree in business management in 1996. She earned a master of business administration from the University of Tampa in 2005.



Submitted by Travis Trueblood

Carla Gopher

## Friends Visit Chairman Cypress in His Office

### Roley, Kaylowe and Angel Johnson Visit from Oklahoma



Felix DeBosz

(L-R) Angel Johnson, Kaylowe Johnson and Roley Johnson.

By Felix DeBosz

**HOLLYWOOD** — On June 29, Roley Johnson, his wife Kaylowe and Angel, their 10-year-old daughter visited from Holdenville, Okla. to see their good friend Chairman Mitchell Cypress in his Hollywood Headquarters office.

They had a nice chat about the good ole' days and talked about the many pageants Angel has won. She was a past princess-two times, holding the titles of Little Miss Creek Nation in Division I and II; her reign just ended in June. Next year, Angel said she plans on running in Division III.

She just came back from visiting Walt Disney World with her family and loved the Animal Kingdom, Magic Kingdom and all the Disney characters. They had a wonderful time visiting and hope to visit more of Florida and the Seminole Tribe again soon.

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**Please note that Boxing has been added**

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Her sister Mary Moore, brother O.B. Osceola, Sr. and sister Marie Cypress. (foreground) Tahama Osceola and Ingraham Billie, Jr. get together for a photo.

## Tahama Osceola Celebrates 80th Birthday

By Judy Weeks

**NAPLES** — Family and friends of Tahama Osceola gathered at the Beach Club Hotel on June 29 to celebrate her 80 birthday. The surprise party was based on a 1950s theme, centered around Elvis Presley. Joe Moreno and All the King's Men did a fantastic job of transporting the party guests back in time by playing all of Tahama's old favorites.

Thinking that she was headed for a community meeting, the guest of honor squealed in delight when she realized that she had been tricked. The banquet room had been decorated with life-size photos of Elvis Presley, vintage cars, guitars, records and memorabilia from a past era. Several of the party-goers were clad in poodle skirts, bobby socks and saddle shoes.

After donning an enormous pair of bejeweled eye glasses, Tahama was swept onto the dance floor by Ingraham Billie, Jr., where they proceeded to show everyone how to shake a leg. Returning to their table, the very talented vocalist, Joe Moreno serenaded her with "Love Me Tender" and "Blue Suede Shoes."

Family members, under the direction of Sandy Osceola and Wanda Zepeda, spent weeks making a combined effort to provide this wonderful celebration for a very special person. They are all grateful to the Seminole Tribe of Florida for their generous sponsorship.

A member of the Panther Clan, Tahama is the eldest daughter of Cory Robert Osceola and his wife, Juanita Cypress Osceola. She was born in Miami in 1927, and grew up in camps along the Tamiami Trail, eventually making Naples her permanent home.

Loved ones took turns throughout the evening paying tribute to this family icon. Her niece, Barbara Osceola-Batera, summed it up best when she said, "Our Native American culture is a matriarchal society. The women accept a large responsibility for preparing the next generations for the role they must play in preserving the future of our people. My aunt Tahama has taken these responsibilities to heart and devoted her life to striving to fulfill her destiny."

Her daughter, Wanda Zepeda and son-in-law, Lee, couldn't help but remember the sacrifices Tahama made in caring for her extended family.



Granddaughter, Kari Jo, hands Tahama a photo signed by all of her loved ones.

"As a young woman, she worked hard in the fields and drove a farm truck by day and did her share of the cooking at the evening fire," Wanda said. "The long hours she spent at the sewing machine produced a remarkable skill for making meticulous Seminole patchwork creations and dolls. We can never thank her enough for babysitting and teaching our



Tahama, her sister Mary (top left) and daughter-in-law Sandy don massive eyeglasses.

children."

Her grandsons, Lee, Brian, Pedro and Doug are attempting to carry on the Seminole traditions using the skills they have learned from their beloved grandmother. Brian remarked, "She would hold out her hand and say, 'This is our culture, but you must learn the ways of others and balance your knowledge to preserve our future.' Having never had an opportunity to attend school, she is a very strong advocate of education."

Her son Douglas and his wife Sandy acknowledge the strength of her character which has been passed on to their children.

"Kari Jo, Jessica, Marissa and Nicole have inherited her strong will and determination," he said. "These are characteristics that will serve them well. All of her grandchildren have excelled in school and have sought or are seeking advanced education."

Naples Liaison O.B. Osceola Jr. fondly remembers how his aunt took care of her parents during their elder years in true Seminole tradition.

Laughing he said, "Soon it will be our turn to do the same for her and we will look forward to the opportunity. However, after watching her on the dance floor tonight, I wouldn't be making any predictions for the immediate future."

Following a wonderful buffet, Tahama opened a multitude of presents that included Seminole skirts, quilts, jewelry, gag gifts and so much more.

Among her new possessions was a photograph taken of her lounging on the beach that had been signed by all of her family and friends.

While everyone sang "Happy Birthday," Tahama blew out the candles on her cake and cut the first piece for good luck.



Marissa Osceola is all smiles as she dances with her grandmother



Among Tahama's numerous gifts was a beautiful patchwork skirt and blouse.

## Miss Seminole Bids Farewell

Hello, my name is Brittany T. Yescas, I am currently Miss Florida Seminole 2006-2007. I am 21 years old and a member of the Bird clan. I am also the fourth of five children who grew up in the Florida Everglades, and the great-granddaughter of Mickey Tiger.

At the time I decided to run for Miss Florida Seminole, I knew it was a prestigious title that, should I win, I would do my best to fulfill the duties of. To my surprise I was chosen to hold the title. It had been a dream that became reality.

As Miss Florida Seminole, I dedicated and committed myself on behalf of our Tribal citizens and the responsibilities assigned to me. As my reign comes to an end, I can honestly say these experiences have had a positive effect and surely they have been unique and great significance in my life. I believe the Breath Maker, Feshahkee-ommehche, has shaped my life and I feel very blessed.

As an ambassador of the Tribe, I have been assigned to travel throughout the U.S., and as far away as Berlin, Germany. I have shared my knowledge about my Tribe with people all around the world. Being Miss Florida Seminole has brought me more awareness, modesty, and spirituality for all Native Nations and of our own community.

I want to acknowledge my ancestors, for they are why we are here today, and I am immensely grateful to them. My people's survival of existence has inspired me to carry on and to better our community. I

am proud to say the Seminole Tribe of Florida are no followers — we are all leaders. It is here where my heart is; with my people and for the people. I will always continue to endure representation of all Seminole people. For me, this isn't the end only the beginning of greatness to come.

With the support of many, I was able to accomplish my task as Miss Florida Seminole. My mother is a major role of who I am today and I would like to thank her dearly. She, my father, aunts, uncles and grandparents have passed their knowledge down to me. I am young and though I understand who I am and where I came from, I will continue to learn throughout my lifetime.

I also would like to acknowledge Tribal Chairman Mitchell Cypress, Trail Liaison William Osceola, Hollywood Council Representative Max B. Osceola Jr., former president Moses Osceola, former Brighton Council representative Andrew Bowers Jr., Big Cypress Council Representative David R. Cypress, the newly-elected Tribal Council, Princess Committee Chairwoman Wanda F. Bowers and the entire princess committee — without you this wouldn't have been possible. Thank you for hearing my words and I hope you all find happiness and fulfillment in life.

Sho Na Bish,

**Brittany Yescas**

2006-2007 Miss Florida Seminole Princess

## Junior Miss Seminole Says Sho-na-bish

Che-han-to-mo, my name is Tianna Hali Yescas-Garcia-Sanders. I am the 14-year-old daughter of Virginia and Eric Sanders. I am of the Panther clan and I reside on the Big Cypress reservation. I will be a sophomore at American Heritage this fall.

I want to first give thanks to the Creator, whom has blessed me with this life.

This year has been an important year in my young life. I most humbly fill the title of 2006-2007 Junior Miss Florida Seminole Princess. My year has been filled with many wonderful experiences. My travels have included marching in the Gathering of Nations Pow-Wow Grand Entry to Oklahoma, where my grandmother was once princess to Schemitzun Pow-Wow in Stonington, Conn. to witnessing history as our Tribal officials were sworn in underneath the historical Council Oak Tree.

This year marks our Tribe's 50th Anniversary as a federally recognized Tribe, which is an exciting time for the entire Tribe.

I have worn this crown with great pride and dedicated this year to my great-grandmother's memory, the lovely Tommie Roberts Jumper.

I have made many new friends and learned new cultures as I shared my people's unique history and undying pride of my Seminole people. I have learned that being a student athlete and a princess can get very hectic. This has been a year of reprioritizing for me, and I would do this all again because I know that I had accomplished one of my dreams and it has helped me become a stronger person.

It was not until this past February that I felt my responsibility as an ambassador for young Native people. It was at our annual Tribal Fair And Pow-

Wow that I met our current reigning Little Miss Seminole, the lovely Krysta Burton. She looked up to me and respected me, and I knew and finally realized that I was going to have the eyes of hundreds of little girls watching and learning from my every move. I learned that wearing this crown does not just reflect me but it also reflects my people, so the desire to share my culture was now greater.

I would like to say Sho-na-bish to the Tribal Council and the Board of Directors for their support during my reign as Junior Miss Florida Seminole Princess.

To my parents: I can never say thank you enough for your time and effort to make my year less stressful. I love you both. To my brothers: Kory (Mafusa), Doug (Bugsy Boo), Klayton, I miss you! Karlo and Alonzo, I say thank you for being patient and understanding throughout this year. To my big brother Kory: thank you for helping me with my talent portion, which we won, even though you told everyone you won. We made it "reign!" To my little sister

Tianna: I look forward to helping you when you run for Junior Miss Florida Seminole. To my grandma, Delores Jumper: I want to express my deepest gratitude to you because without your voice, I know I may not have gone to a lot of the places that I traveled to.

Lastly, I want to say Sho-na-bish to the members of my Tribe for allowing me this wonderful experience and the opportunity to represent you.

Sho-na-bish-a,

**Tianna Hali Yescas-Garcia-Sanders**

2006-2007 Junior Miss Florida Seminole Princess

## Princess Pageant Set for July 28

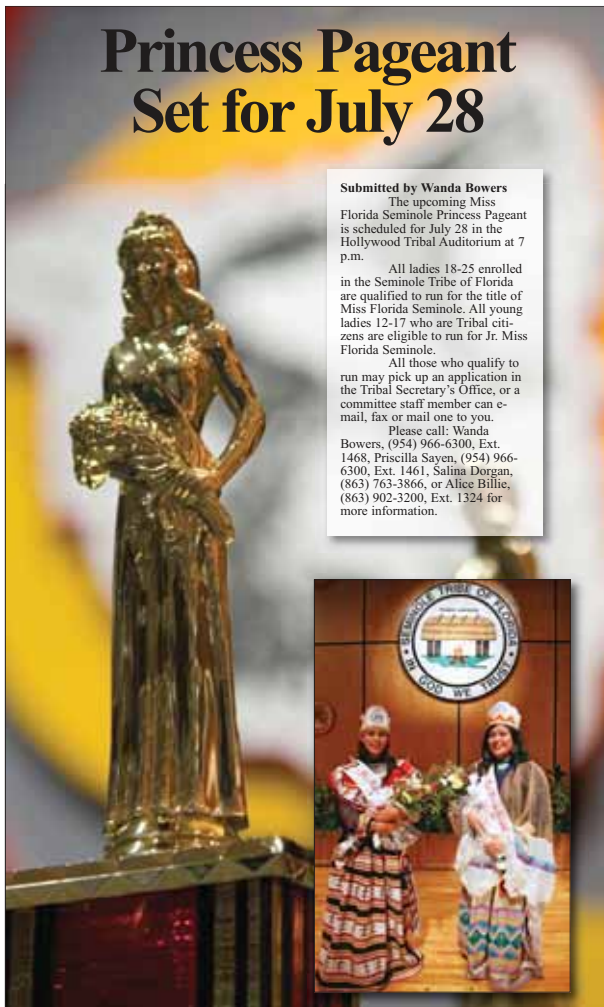
Submitted by Wanda Bowers

The upcoming Miss Florida Seminole Princess Pageant is scheduled for July 28 in the Hollywood Tribal Auditorium at 7 p.m.

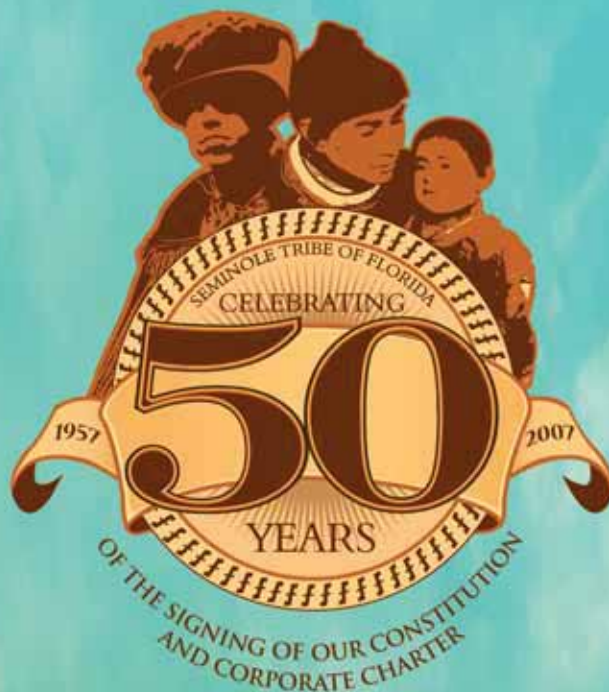
All ladies 18-25 enrolled in the Seminole Tribe of Florida are qualified to run for the title of Miss Florida Seminole. All young ladies 12-17 who are Tribal citizens are eligible to run for Jr. Miss Florida Seminole.

All those who qualify to run may pick up an application in the Tribal Secretary's Office, or a committee staff member can e-mail, fax or mail one to you.

Please call: Wanda Bowers, (954) 966-6300, Ext. 1468, Priscilla Sayen, (954) 966-6300, Ext. 1461, Salina Dorgan, (863) 763-3866, or Alice Billie, (863) 902-3200, Ext. 1324 for more information.







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(L-R) Aileen Cypress, Nia Cypress and Ricky Joe Alumbaugh



Pilot Gerardo Sanchez and Forestry Helicopter Manager Jamie Mac Daniels conduct an aerial ignition operation on the Big Cypress reservation.



Planes of guest pilots lined the airport.



Ko-ashee Henry helped down the steps by pilot Rob Rembert



(L-R Front Row) Helicopter Pilot Gerardo Sanchez, Helicopter Pilot John Gallagher, Maintenance Technician Jose Diazviana, Operations Coordinator Jamie Kuntz, Director of Maintenance Jorge Artigas, Vehicle Operator Armando Negrin Sr. (Second Row L-R) Chief Helicopter Pilot Aaron Wainman, Airplane Pilot Tim McCarthy, Airplane Pilot Bob Rembert, Airplane Pilot Jason Jacobs, Interim Director and Pilot Clint El-Ramey. (Back Row) Lead Flight Attendant Cheryl Russell.

## Aviation Department Hosts Open House

By Susan Etzshbarria

**BIG CYPRESS** — Driving down the long narrow road at Big Cypress that leads to the Seminole Tribe Aviation Department, there were 19 small planes lined up neatly in row; a prelude to a grand show on the afternoon of July 1.

Approaching the large hangar there appeared a crowd of people sitting under a huge white tent. Other people were milling about the grounds as music was in the air and attendees gathered for the Seminole Tribe Aviation Department's Open House.

Tribal citizens and special guests were invited to drop by the hangars and see what goes on in the aviation division. The guests were pilots and their spouses, members of the Florida Aero Club, who did a fly-in that day coming from as far away as Homestead and West Palm Beach. It was their small aircraft parked along the side of the road.

The Open House presented a rare opportunity to sit inside one of the Tribe's helicopters and small airplanes.

"We really want Tribal members to know what we do here," said Chief Pilot Clint El-Ramey. "Our job is more than just flying the Gulfstream G-4 jet."

El-Ramey and his staff were on hand to answer questions about the Tribe's two airplanes, and three helicopters. The Gulfstream is the largest plane with 13 passenger seats. It was not open for inspection. However, a smaller four-seat plane was open, as well as the Bell 430, a helicopter that seats seven passengers. It is used as a backup to transport Tribal officials and personnel to important meetings and engagements.

"There is a perception that all we do here in aviation is fly Tribal officials to places they need to be in a hurry but there is a lot more we do," he said. "We are a full-service entity; we do mosquito control with aerial applications at Brighton, Immokalee and Big Cypress with the small Bell 206 helicopter."

The pilots fly from sundown to 11 p.m. and from 3 a.m. to sun up when spraying for mosquitoes. El-Ramey added that "the cleanest, environmentally safe products available are used for mosquito control."

Another product used to treat larvae on the ground is applied using the medium-sized Bell 407 helicopter. The pilots attach a bucket for getting close to the ground. It hangs below the copter and is filled with insecticide.

"The council goes to great effort to make the Tribal members' lives healthy and happy," he said. "They do this for the residents to protect them from illnesses like encephalitis."

Another use of the helicopters is to help fight fires on the reservations. The pilots coordinate their efforts under the direction of Joel Frank who heads up the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of Forestry.

The Aviation Department also does emergency back up support for the Seminole Police Department providing aerial security. For example, during the Super Bowl activities at the Seminole Hard Rock they were flying overhead

to help provide traffic control.

"What people need to know is that the planes transporting Tribal officials to meetings helps the Tribe generate revenue," said El-Ramey. "Let's say you have six council members who have to be in New York for an important business meeting and then back to the reservation to conduct another meeting the next day. To be able to fly our own plane results in significant savings. Especially since we have our own fuel farm located here and we get discounts on state and federal taxes."

El-Ramey said one reason for the Open House was to attract the Tribal youth.

"We want to generate interest in flying among the youth and we plan to talk with high school youth, especially during career days," he said.

During the Open House, El-Ramey

flew the Bell 407 into the air with the huge bucket filled with 240 gallons of water attached, just as it is done while fighting fires. He let the deluge of water splash to the ground on the tarmac. After each gush of water he flew to a nearby canal, filled the bucket with water and brought it back. He did this six times. The water smashed at the ground at about 1,600 pounds of pressure and everyone stood back to watch the amazing demonstrations.

At the end of the event, the visiting pilots boarded their small aircraft and took off in the sky while observers on the ground watched.

El-Ramey said this was the first time an Open House was held and if there is positive feedback it could become a bigger and even better Seminole Tribe Air Show next year.



Pilot John Gallagher fighting fire over Brighton during a wild fire suppression this year.

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Participants and poetry lovers enjoy the Open Mic Night.

Chris Jenkins

## First Annual Open Mic Night Held at Okalee

By Chris Jenkins

**HOLLYWOOD** — Open minds, hearts, voices and mics filled the room on June 29. The Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum at Okalee was the backdrop for artists of all types to entertain and inform those on hand for the first Annual Seminole Open Mic Night.

Tribal citizens and employees displayed a mix of poetry, music and performances. Poet and Tribal citizen Elgin Jumper created the idea for the event and was also emcee.

"We done a poetry reading at [Broward Community College] and after that we were brainstorming and trying to come up with something we could do next," Jumper said.

He said it was important to build on the success of that day.

"I know a lot of talented, gifted artists and writers and there's not really a place available where they can express their creativity and have it on display or exhibition," Jumper said. "I wanted to make a place available where all this creativity could come out."

A collection of original and classic works were read throughout the evening, including those of Native American poets as well as English poet and playwright William Shakespeare.

Those performing included Paul Buster, Jaide Micco, Regina Jumper, Eleanor Andrews, Dr. Kyrá Belan and Gilbert Davila.

Big Cypress and Hollywood Education Coordinator Diana Stone says she hopes the event can grow into a series.

"We want to have a place where Tribal citizens can come build and grow from their experiences," Stone said.



Chris Jenkins

Jaide Micco, 11, reads some of her own original writings to the audience and guests.

Jumper echoed Stone's sentiment.

"I hope people become inspired by this, to get into some kind of art form or self-expression because it's always a good thing," he said.



Chris Jenkins

Tribal employee Gilbert Davila sings some of his favorite songs.



Chris Jenkins

Audience members enjoy the storytelling and music of Paul "Cowbone" Buster.

## ✦ Whisperer

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there was some Indian blood in her fourth-generation Floridian ancestry. As a child growing up in Bartow, Fla., her Indian heritage wasn't mentioned much, and her own spiritual yearnings hadn't taken her yet on that journey of exploration.

McAdams said she believes Osceola came into her life for a higher purpose.

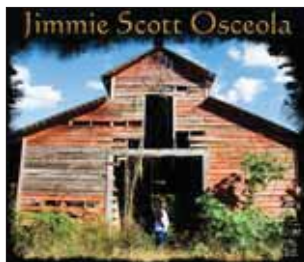
"My mother once told me that I would meet someone I would never forget," she said. "Jimmie Scott Osceola will be that person for me. I will always remember Jimmie Scott sitting in his rocking chair. When I am old and gray I will sit in my chair and tell my children about the day the door opened to our store and the 'Seminole Wind' blew in."

In the book, McAdams pays tribute to Osceola, who shared the beauty of the Seminole world with her. He trusted her and she listened. Many others, some merely curious, came by the store to listen to Osceola's stories, but McAdams said she was protective of her friend.

The book was originally begun as McAdams' personal journal. She was making a memory scrapbook — documenting how she met Osceola and the meaningful things she learned from him — for him and his family. It included photos of important events, including photos from the City of Okeechobee's declaration of May 20, 2006 as Jimmie Scott Osceola Day. McAdams and her friend, Lydia Jean Williams, Okeechobee City councilwoman, orchestrated the day in his honor.

When Osceola's sister, Lawanna Osceola Niles, read through the scrapbook in November 2006, she took it to her brother, Joe Dan Osceola of Hollywood. McAdams was very pleased when the two came back and told her the Tribe would like to publish her memoirs of Jimmie Scott Osceola.

Then the real work began over the next six months. The book's construction was a three-legged stool.



Jimmie Scott Osceola (center)

Tribal officials, Jimmie Scott, his son Duane and two grandchildren, Pacheco, McAdams, and her husband Martin Rodriguez, the book's production assistant.

Also attending was Okeechobee City Council Woman and Book Coordinator, Lydia Jean Williams. Okeechobee City Councilman Dowling Watford was unable to attend. Williams and Watford wrote introductions for the book.

Only 20 copies of this book are in existence.

Chairman Mitchell Cypress and President Richard Bowers were each presented with one of the rare books. One book was donated to the Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum. One book is headed to the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian in Washington, DC. Also, everyone who participated in the book's creation and production, including Osceola's sister, brother and son, received a copy.

As people see the book, the requests to buy it are increasing. There is talk about doing a second printing of 500 more books.

Jimmie Scott wrote two chapters of the 80-page book — one is a loving tribute to his wife Gloria, and another for his children and grandchildren.

The photographer, Pacheco, 35, started shooting in November 2006, and said the 25-30 photo shoots resulted in more than 500 photos. Pacheco said for the book, he "used the photos that matched the moment."

Pacheco said that he and McAdams spent more than 1,000 hours on the book; however, it is not what he would call a "commercialized product."

"For me this is raw, not overproduced like so many coffee table books," he said. "It has artistic vision."

Pacheco's work can be viewed at [www.creationsinfotografia.com](http://www.creationsinfotografia.com), where there are many photos from the book.

McAdams' store is located at 118 Park Street in Okeechobee. She invites anyone who would like to see and read the book to come and do so in her Seminole Room. The store is open Monday-Saturday, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

First, without Jimmie Scott Osceola there would be no stories to tell. Second, McAdams put them to paper in her lovely prose. The third participant was photographer Rafael Pacheco, who lovingly produced the masterful layout of the book and the sensitive photos.

The unveiling of the published book was held at a May 26 luncheon at Renegade Barbeque in Seminole Paradise. Among the many guests were

*"You never forget he is a noble breed of animal. I am not here to kill his spirit, but to give my spirit to him, so that together we can become stronger. After I enter the corral, I never make any sudden moves, nor do I act scared for animals sense fear. I stand my ground and make him come to me. Curiosity will bring him. I will set my spirit free, so he can sense that I am more than just a man."*

— Jimmie Scott Osceola, discussing the secret to being a horse whisperer in "Ah-Ho-Ne-Ce"



Jimmie Scott Osceola (R) with President Richard Bowers.

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# SEMINOLE FUN DAY AT OKALEE VILLAGE



Tribal citizen Donna Frank demonstrates basket making.



Gator wrestler and demonstrator Billy Walker displays his techniques to the audience during the Fun Day show.



Tribal citizen William Cypress educates visitors.



Photos by Chris Jenkins

## GOOD TIMES!



Tribal citizen Ollie Warham takes the audience on a journey through storytelling and flute music.

## EXCITING!





# Seminole 4-H Awards Banquet

By Susan Etxebarria

**HOLLYWOOD** — The Seminole Tribe's 4-H youth from Big Cypress, Ft. Pierce, Hollywood and Brighton Seminole Reservations enjoyed a special reward this year for their efforts and achievements raising their farm animals. This year's 2006-2007 Annual 4-H Banquet took place at the Hollywood Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino on June 20.

This is the first year the banquet was held at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino, rather than at the Brighton Cattle & Range Conference Center. Brighton 4-H Steer Club President Jarayaca Baker said that she enjoyed the trip to Hollywood.

"It was cool ... we went swimming for two days," she said. "I want to thank the Seminole Tribe for having the 4-H Banquet at the Hard Rock."

Guest speakers at the formal dinner were President Richard Bowers, Chairman Mitchell Cypress, and Mylo Cheng, youth president of the 4-H Youth Foundation.

Bowers spoke to the youth as

**"In the beginning there were no steer in 4-H. Your elders only had chickens to raise."**

a former 4-H member growing up at Brighton.

"Seminole 4-H has been around a long time, but you have it better today than your elders did," he said. "In the beginning there were no steer in 4-H. Your elders only had chickens to raise."

He told the youth that he has known Polly Osceola Hayes, 4-H coordinator, all his life. Bowers said they are fortunate to have her leadership, calling her "the best we can have to lead 4-H."

Bowers then told the children an inspiring story about one of his



Kalgary Johns was congratulated for her beautifully decorated 4-H Record Book.



Chastity Harmon at the banquet



L-R) Dalton Koenes, Mary Jene Koenes and Toi Andrews. Dalton received award for first place in Carcass Class.

most memorable experiences 4-H. As a youth he said he wrestled an alligator at the University of Florida at the 4-H "Share the Fun" competition, which made the news. Suddenly, he said he was thrust into the media limelight and representing the Tribe.

As a youngster, he attended the 4-H Camp Cloverleaf at Lake Placid during the summer and was persuaded to enter the 4-H statewide talent competition representing his local 4-H Club. At the time, the Tribe's 4-H was under Glades County auspices instead of being its own entity as it is now.

Bowers said the Tribe's extension agent at the time was Jackie Bass. The agent suggested that since the Seminoles are famous for alligator wrestling that the Seminole 4-H youth put on a gator show and they would surely win the competition.

"Nothing like that had ever happened in 4-H," said Bowers.

He said he volunteered, but he was just a youngster — one who had never wrestled a gator before. One of the Tribe's professional wrestlers, the late Johnny Buck, tutored him. Buck traveled around the U.S. with an alligator wrestling show and had a lot of knowledge to pass on.

"I had never done anything like that before but I took a crash course," he said. "It was a surprise entry in the contest, and we had to go on stage. I was scared. But we won the competition representing Glades County and then we went on to win the regional 4-H competition in Gainesville and we got so much media attention, people came most-

ly just to see our alligator wrestling act.

"That experience gave me the opportunity to give back to the Tribe," he continued. "You have the same opportunity to be good Tribal citizens because 4-H teaches you to be responsible for what you do."

Bowers also thanked all the parents and the volunteers who support their children in 4-H endeavors.

Chairman Mitchell Cypress spoke next and he also shared a story about his youth — a story with a moral. When he was a child in Big Cypress the kids really looked forward to 4-H summer camp, he said, mostly because they were treated with ice cream, a rare treat on the reservation in those days. He told them the first check he ever received from his 4-H project was for \$56 and he gave it to his mother to buy a month's supply of food for their family.

"4-H teaches you a lot and there's more to it than just raising a hog," he said. "I am happy to be here at this banquet and I want to congratulate all of the parents and the staff. The Tribe supports 4-H as long as it exists."

Most of the people in attendance did not know that the chairman and president had left the proceedings at the prestigious Florida Cattlemen's Association Annual Conference happening at Marcos Island just to be there for that one night to speak to the 4-H youth.

Another guest speaker was 4-H State President Mylo Cheng who presented a slide show about opportunities for leadership training in 4-H. The junior from Suncoast High School in Riviera Beach, Fla. has been active in 4-H for nine years.

He wanted his fellow 4-H'ers to know that 4-H offers many additional and diverse programs and activities in which they are eligible to participate. Through this diversity of 4-H programs he said he has not raised animals but he has been able to participate in the areas of leadership development, science and technology, community service, engineering, civic engagement, public speaking and much more.

He told the Seminole youth that they too can partake in incredible workshops, and he suggested attending the Leadership Adventure Weekend to learn leadership skills.

4-H Coordinator Polly Osceola Hayes expressed her gratitude to the 4-H staff and the 75 volunteers who made the 2006-2007 year a success. Hayes pointed out the exceptional work of Dionne Smedley, who designed the 4-H T-shirts the past three years and also Mary Jene Koenes.

"I want to especially thank Mary Jene Koenes of Big Cypress," said Hayes. "We needed someone to help one of our 4-H members. One child needed one-on-one attention and she pitched in and really pulled the child through to finish at the 4-H Show and Sale."

Koenes, who attended the banquet, commented about her experiences in 4-H through the years.

"If it's really in your heart to help these kids reach their goals and accomplish what they are trying to do, it becomes a 24/7 job for parents as well as the children," she said.

Koenes also gave the invocation at the banquet. She has been a volunteer, a parent and a former 4-H member.

"Raising animals means feeding and caring for them, and that care can include watching over the animals if they are sick," she said. "We hope the children will carry with them the life skills they are learning in 4-H for the rest of their lives."

The Seminole 4-H staff members were introduced at the banquet. They are: Extension Agent Michael Bond; Clerical Assistant Lizina Lamb; Brighton Assistant and Leader Dionne B. Smedley; Big Cypress Assistant and Leader Crystal Burkett; Immokalee Assistant and Leader Moleana Mora; Fort Pierce Assistant and Leader Shammie Tommie and Hollywood Assistant and Leader Brande Clay. Also there are two project leaders, Emma Urbina, steer project, and Donnie Hayes, swine project.

After dinner, Brighton's 4-H Steer Club President Jarayaca Baker led the audience in the 4-H Pledge and the Pledge of Allegiance.

After the speeches, the 4-H Merit Awards for Steer and Swine were given to the winners. And this year new awards in the Carcass Class were included for the Swine Club members. This classification was for swine whose carcass had the highest fat content measured with sophisticated ultra sound equipment loaned to the Tribe from the Institute of Food and Sciences at the University of Florida.

These Merit Awards went to the following youth: Steer Club: Grand Champion Kailon Brown Reserve Grand Champion Skyler Burke, Senior Showmanship Myra Bettelyou, Junior Showmanship Skyler Burke and Most Gained Weight Dylan Chalfant; Swine Club: Grand Champion Jessica Lopez, Reserve Grand Champion Rosa Urbina, Senior Showmanship Cassandra Jimmie and



Guest speaker Mylo Cheng

Junior Showmanship Breanna Billie; Carcass Class: 1. Dalton Koenes, 2. Alexandra Garcia, 3. Ruben Burgess Jr., 4. Nikki Davis and 5. Jonathan Boromei.

4-H youth usually select and purchase most of their calves in late summer or early fall from Tribal cattle ranches. At the banquet, special recognition went to the cattle owners whose steer excelled in the 4-H Show and Sale. The steer from the Tribe's Parker Island ranch won grand champion, and the steer from Joe Tiger Estate won reserve grand champion.

Special recognition to the swine producer whose swine won grand champion and reserve champion went to Frank Morgan of Georgia.



In the Hard Rock pool are Kassandra and Kyler Baker.



Brighton 4-H Steer Club President Jarayaca Baker holds up her brother Ramon near the Hard Rock pool.

Among the 4-H Steer Club Members there were 82 youth who received 4-H Pins this year, including Immokalee 4-H members who received their pins at a separate celebration. Each year a youth who participates in 4-H and fulfills all their requirements receives a special pin that represents the number of years the youth has participated; it is like graduating.

To their credit, 12 dedicated youngsters have been 4-H members for more than seven years. They are: Frankie Marrero, Deirdre Hall, Cassandra Jimmie, Clint Bowers, Seth Randolph, Nikki Davis, Jessica Lopez, Bonnie Davis, Michael Schaffer, Justin Aldridge, Demi Garza and Ravenne Osceola.

4-H Coordinator Hayes said that 4-H instills a sense of pride that carries them through their lives.

"To see these youth grow into responsible young men and women is always rewarding," she said.



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Students participating in the "friendship dance" were given gift bags by Wanda Tommie.

Judy Weeks

## Immokalee Holds 4-H, Education Banquets

By Judy Weeks

**IMMOKALEE** — The Immokalee Gym walls, tables and chairs were elegantly draped in white with green accent bows in preparation for the dual banquets for 4-H and the Education Incentive Awards on July 3. Floral centerpieces featuring crayon containers and four leaf clovers depicted the theme for the day.

Upon their arrival, the young attendees were greeted by a variety of entertaining activities. A face painting artist transformed their little features into beautiful creatures or grotesque monsters with a quick application from a treasure chest of colors. Everyone enjoyed watching the clown twist balloons into wonderful shapes that were distributed around the audience.

Long lines of excited children formed to have airbrush tattoos applied to their arms and legs in multicolor abandon. Parents and children alike treasured the caricature drawings of an artist, who quickly captured their likenesses.

The group was treated to a performance by Prosperity Dance, Inc., who had traveled from the Ft. Pierce Reservation with Sammie Tommie for the occasion. Following a short introduction, Tammie Tommie skillfully executed a traditional

Jingle Dance in full regalia. Relinquishing the stage to the Prosperity troupe, a variety of dancers from different age groups pro-

to join the troupe in performing the "friendship dance" and then rewarded them with gift bags.

A catered buffet and decorative cake commemorated the occasion between award presentations. Raffle tickets were drawn throughout the afternoon and winners received a wide variety of prizes and gift cards, which had been donated by the office of Immokalee Council Liaison Elaine Aguilar.

## Education Incentive Awards

Addressing the students and their parents, Education Director Louise Gopher expressed her pleasure in being able to participate in such an important event.

"You need to know who you are, in order to know where you are going," Gopher said. "As you journey out into the world, you should remember that you might be the only Indian some people have ever encountered. Always be polite and leave a good

impression."

Continuing Gopher said, "Never forget the sacrifices your ancestors made for you to be here. What we have today can easily be taken away by pen and paper. Education is our gold mine and as Native Americans, you must prepare for the future."

Gopher introduced her staff including Assistant Education Director Emma Brown, Victoria Presley, Diana Rocha, Cindy Hughes and Sandy Barker, who came forward to distribute this year's awards. Each student received a handsome book bag embroidered with the Education Department logo. Award certificates, medallions and trophies were distributed according to achievements.

Perfect attendance awards were earned by: Kenny Joe Davis Jr., Jean Frank, Starz Sanchez, Solita Perez, Bonnie Davis and Chelsey Ford. The following students were recognized for three absences or less: Ezekiel Roberts, Jon Jimmie, Cleofas Yzaguirre, Lauren Posada, Robert Yzaguirre, Leonardo Yzaguirre, Nikki Davis, Laurissa DeLaRosa and Efrain Marrero III.

Kindergarten graduates were: Lindsey Posada, Joshua Colon, Jada Holdiness, Jack Aguilar, Janessa Jones, Raymond Mora, Ezekiel Roberts, Jillian Rodriguez and Allegra Billie.

Alexis Martin was the only scholar with a GPA of 4.0. Honors class awards were given to Christian Benson and Efrain

Marrero III. The 11 students who earned a GPA of 3.76 to 3.99 were: Solita Perez, Christian Benson, Allison Garza, Ashley Faz, Nickalos Rameriz, Damion Escobar, Larissa DeLaRosa, Ally Yzaguirre, Chelsey Ford, Jack and Paul Tahchawickah.

Students earning a GPA of 3.0-to-3.75 were: Zephaniah Roberts, Cartaya Billie, Destinee Jimmie, Aaliyah Mora, Jon Jimmie, Dennis Gonzales Jr., Alycia Mora, Nehemiah Roberts, Cleofas Yzaguirre, Eliza Mora, Lauren Posada, Le'andra Mora, Marissa Sanchez, Jean Frank, Starz Sanchez, Esmeralda Billie, Bonnie Davis, Cheyenne McInturff and Efrain Marrero III. Advanced class: Starz Sanchez. Improved GPA: Cassandra Jimmie.

Award certificates went to the following: Jada Holdiness, Janessa Jones, Zephaniah Roberts, Cartaya Billie, Cleofas Yzaguirre, Eliza Mora, Kenny Joe Davis Jr., David Billie III, Alexis Martin, Robert Yzaguirre, Chelsea Bradford, Ashley Faz and Larissa DeLaRosa.

This year's graduating seniors, Allison Garza and Efrain Marrero III, received special recognition and were presented with a beautiful clock picture frame. Garza is enrolling in Florida Gulf Coast University and Marrero has elected to attend DeVry University in preparation for their future careers.

Immokalee Education Intervention Specialist Diana Rocha remarked, "I want to congratulate all of these students for their combined efforts. I know how hard it is to get up and go to school each day and put forth the effort necessary to learn your lessons. I have been blessed with the opportunity to work with a fine group of parents who support their children and together they make a winning team."

Board President Richard Bowers said, "I challenge you to be inquisitive. Learn where you come from and listen to your elders. Look at pictures and recognize your humble beginnings. Learn about Seminole history. On paper, the Tribe has only been in existence for fifty years, but in reality we were here for centuries before Columbus brought the Europeans to our lands. We are depending on you to get a well-rounded education while preserving your cultural background."

## 4-H Awards

The Seminole Tribe 4-H Director

family ties and builds on the parent/child relationship."

Congratulating the youngsters and their parents on a very rewarding season, Hayes recognized the hard work and deter-



Judy Weeks

Donning her new back pack, Cassandra Jimmie is ready for the new school year.

mination that went into achieving their goals. She then laid out the plan for the upcoming year and discussed the acquisition of the livestock.

Immokalee's 4-H Coordinator Moleana Mora congratulated this year's participants and gave special recognition to the people who assisted her in making it a rewarding experience for everyone.

"The Youth Ranch employees were a valuable asset as they helped the youngsters learn to cope with their animals in a safe environment," she said.

Mora cited a few extemporary individuals who volunteered their time "above and beyond the call of duty." These were: Kenny Joe and Jennifer Davis, Sylvia Marrero, Juan Tapia, Cris Marrero,

Alycia Gamez, Rosalinda Torres, Gabriel Acosta, Noemi Escobar and the staff at Jack and Ann's Feed Store.

Mora announced the schedule for sign up, clean up days, election of officers and steer and swine acquisition. She introduced Lonnie Gore, who will be assisting in the establishment of a bigger and better small animal program.

Hayes and Mora, assisted by Kenny Joe Davis, Alycia Gamez, Cris Marrero and Diedra Hall, began distributing the project books, proceeds of the livestock sales and 4-H T-shirts.

Awards were presented to: Alexis Aguilar, Courtney Gore, Larissa DeLaRosa, Juliza Martinez, Edward Yzaguirre, Leonardo Yzaguirre, Alexander Garcia, Demi Garza, Jordan Rodriguez, Jada

Tapia, Damion Escobar, Keniya Yzaguirre, Christopher Briscoil, Dennis Gonzales, Cheyenne McInturff, Ashley Faz, Destinee Jimmie, Kenny Joe Davis, Alexis Jimmie, Nehemiah Roberts and Zephaniah Roberts.

Special recognition was given to graduating senior, Efrain Marrero III, who was completing 11 years in the 4-H program.



Judy Weeks

Dennis Gonzales receives his 4-H t-shirt and award.

vided outstanding entertainment in an array of beautiful attire. Wanda Tommie of the World Harvest Eagle Ministry invited the children



Judy Weeks

A sketch artist was a popular addition to the awards banquet.



Judy Weeks

Diana Rocha presents Efrain Marrero III with his clock picture frame, medallion and certificate.

Polly Hayes opened the awards ceremony by remarking, "Responsibility, self-reliance and respect are such a few of the valuable lessons learned by participating in the 4-H program. Whether taking part in a small

animal, swine, steer or home economic project, the benefits are substantial, regardless of the age of the individual. A successful project usually results in strengthening



Judy Weeks

Members of Prosperity Dance, Inc. performed a variety of routines.



Judy Weeks

A long line formed, as students waited to receive an airbrush tattoo.



Judy Weeks

Tammie Tommie did an outstanding job of performing the traditional jingle dance.



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Geraldine Osceola



Jarrod Smith



Elrod Bowers



By Ramona Kiyoshk

## Indigenous Fantasy a Treat for the Senses

By Ramona Kiyoshk

I was not sure if I wanted to review a fantasy tale. I have never read Tolkien. I have read some of the Harry Potter books, but the creatures in that series look like people. I read *Alice in Wonderland* when I was in college because it terrified me as a child. It was with mixed feelings that I picked up *Kynship: The Way of Thorn and Thunder, Book One*, expecting to find a video game in print.

What a pleasant surprise. The first book in this indigenous fantasy trilogy opens with a heart-stopping bang and maintains the pace right to the last page. In chapter one, we meet a prehistoric killer, not unlike the Cyclops in the *Odyssey*. Huge, powerful and ravenous, the monstrous Feaster tears up the countryside, devouring everything in sight, and killing and destroying what it doesn't eat.

The ancient wisdom keepers, the only ones with the power to stop the beast, were themselves exiled by the Folk he is now feeding on. The traditional wisdom of those old ones is being replaced by new ideas and trendy religions.

The other enemy of the Feaster is Human (Man), with firearms and assorted weapons. Human harassment has driven the monster from its mountaintop home to the valley of the Kyn. The Kyn, children of the forest, wait in hiding with knives and bows to stop the slaughter, much to the amusement of the powerful Feaster. The she-Kyn warrior, Tarsa, stands alone, to challenge the hungry behemoth.

This encounter of Kyn and Feaster establishes the premise for a trilogy that will become an allegory for indigenous peoples worldwide. Living in harmony with their natural world, taking only

what they need, respecting all life and believing that all men feel the same way, they soon learn their fertile lands, teeming forests, sparkling water and other riches are the envy of the Humans who have plans to remove the people from their homeland and exploit the natural resources.

The Human version of spirituality has already contaminated the minds of many of the Kyn. The Kyn culture is called Wyr, and according to the glossary at the back of the book, Wyr is the life source of the Everland, home of the Kyn and the other forest spirits and sprites. The Wyr is the life-song of Creation and is nurtured by the goodness of its people.

This struggle for truth, territory and survival will run through the stories, but it is the wonderful characters, created in the fertile mind of writer Daniel Heath Justice (Cherokee) that keep you flipping the pages late into the night. You will become fast friends with Tarsa, the she-Kyn warrior and her Tetawa friend Tobbi, sharing danger and adventure as they traverse this magical kingdom. The evil Dreyd will remind you of every greedy despot in history, and Unahi, the old Wielder and healer, will make you think of your bossy grandmother.

Characterization is woven around enchanted places, hair-raising close calls, beauty and wonderful philosophies. You can almost feel the dew on your face and smell the smoke from the ceremonial fires.

The second book in the trilogy is *Wyrwood: The Way of Thorn and Thunder, Book Two* (ISBN 0973139676) and the final book is *Dreyd: The Way of Thorn and Thunder, Book Three*, which will be available in September 2007. Illustrations and cover art are by Steve Sanderson.

## ♦ Graduates

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science (AS) degree in the same field. By completing an AS degree, she will be able to work immediately in a hospital. Brenda is from the Hollywood reservation.

FSU graduate, **Kyle Doney**, earned his bachelor's degree in political science. Hailing from the Brighton reservation, he will be joining the Tribe's Management Training program. His positive attitude will definitely help him with his future aspirations.

Big Cypress graduate and future teacher **Desiree Jumper** has completed an AA in elementary education from Rowan-Cabarrus Community College in North Carolina. She made significant academic progress while at RCCC maintaining a 3.5 GPA. She said she plans to continue her education to earn a bachelor's degree.

**Geraldine Osceola**, from

Hollywood, graduated with an associate in applied science degree in chemical dependency from Wor-Wic Community College in Maryland. She has been on the Dean's List for several semesters. Osceola said she plans to do volunteer work at the Tribe's Family Services Department and become certified as a counselor. She plans to pursue a bachelor's degree in the spring of 2008.

Last but not least, **Jarrod Smith**, from Brighton graduated with a bachelor's degree in political science from Florida Atlantic University. He plans to continue his education and get another degree in communications, or pursue a master's degree in political science.

Smith is also applying to The George Washington University's Native American Political Leadership Scholarship Program. If accepted, he will spend the spring 2008 semester in a professional internship, interacting with governmental, political and policy leaders.



Desiree Jumper




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Judy Weeks



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Although kid oriented, the adults

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## Health Corner ♦ Chah-nee-ken chàò-ke ♦ Cvfeknetv onakv

### New Employee Carter Elbon Joins Health Department

Submitted by Environmental Health Program

Carter Elbon, assistant environmental health manager, is one of the new faces on the reservation. He has been with the Seminole Tribe of Florida since January 2007. Elbon works with Program Manager Patrick Peck and Directors Terry Sweat and Connie Whidden.

Elbon has worked in public and environmental health with the Lee County Health Department, Fort Myers, Fla., and corporate environmental health with PRISM, a subsidiary of Johnson Wax. In these positions, he has developed a philosophy of service to inform and educate.

One of his major responsibilities with the Tribe is managing the Indoor Air Quality program. The Environmental Health Department and its Manager Patrick Peck have developed this program over the past two years. This includes mold testing, air clearance for mold after remediation, and the recently implemented radon monitoring for the preschools and other meeting places.

The mold and allergen and radon testing of homes are offered to all Tribal citizens by contacting the Environmental Health Department at (954) 962-2009.

Now the question is how does one know if his or her home needs testing? Answer: Testing shall be performed in homes where any infants, young children and/or elders is having difficulty in breathing, difficulty in catching their breath, and/or has been diagnosed with asthma or any breathing condition. If this is the case,



Carter Elbon

please call the Health Department. The department can set up a time to inspect and do air sampling.

Elbon is always open to answering any science question that school children might have. For those questions he can be reached via e-mail at [carterelbon@semtibe.com](mailto:carterelbon@semtibe.com).



## Healthy Cooking Tips and Recipes

Submitted by the Seminole Health Department

For those who are on the go, eating healthy can be challenging. Most people have good intentions but daily life gets hectic, forcing many to eat whatever is quick and easy, and say "I'll do better tomorrow." Summer is a great time to start some new habits.

We should note that not all fast food and restaurant food is unhealthy. Many in the food industry are making healthy changes and providing nutrition information so you can make good choices. Today we're talking about cooking because if you buy the food and prepare it yourself you can have more control of the calories, fat, salt and sugar. And it usually tastes better!

Here are some steps for putting healthy meals on the table. Yes, it takes time, but you'll save much more time in the end if you have a plan.

How often do you go to the grocery store? What does the family calendar look like this week? How many meals and snacks do you need to consider? Do any family members have special diets? Write down some menus, making sure that each day has variety and five servings of fruits and vegetables.

Take inventory of the foods you already have. Do you know that having a well-stocked pantry makes a big difference? If you have healthy, quick options available you are less likely to run out and grab some fast food. The real fast food could be right in your cupboard. See the list of healthy foods to have on hand at the end of the article.

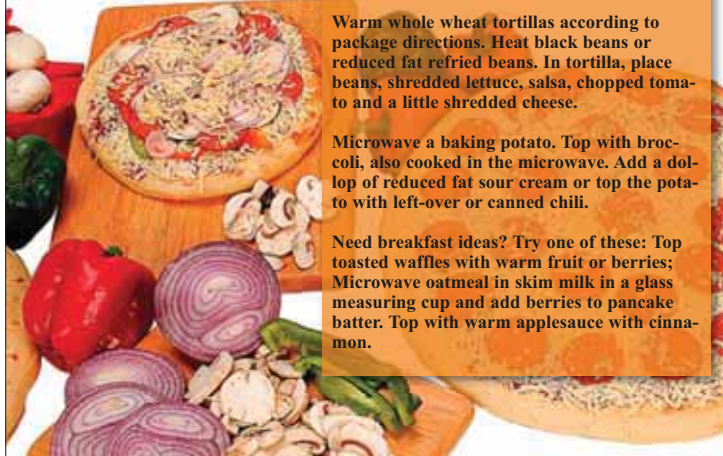
Have the tools that you need: crock pot, non-stick pans, salad spinner, rice cooker, colanders and other equipment that makes your job in the kitchen easier and quicker. Although the crock pot takes more time to cook the food, it saves time when you get home.

Don't go to the grocery store hungry! And when you're there stick to your plan. Adjustments often need to be made, such as you want fresh green beans and the store is out of them. Since you're making soup, it's easy to substitute frozen or canned. The nutrition content doesn't vary a lot between them.

Use healthy cooking methods, such as: roast meats with a rack so fat can drip off; poach chicken or fish in a flavorful, simmering liquid; grill or broil meat, poultry and fish; sauté in a pan lightly sprayed with non-stick spray; stir-fry in a wok or large frying pan using just a little peanut oil; steam vegetables in a basket over simmering water, but don't over-cook; and drain and rinse ground beef with hot water after cooking it. You won't lose taste but you will lose a lot of fat.

Use recipes that promote healthy eating. There are some great cookbooks for cooking healthy. Take time to find one that fits you and your family. Try some of the recipe ideas following this article!

For further information and help with your meal plans, contact your nutritionist at each reservation. Sue Fundingsland, Big Cypress, (863) 983-5798; Beth Morlang, Brighton, (863) 763-0271; Charlotte Porceno, Immokalee, (239) 867-3408; and Hollywood, (954) 965-1300, Ext.111.



### Foods to Have on Hand

- Tomatoes – sauce, diced, whole, crushed, salsa, pasta sauce
- Vegetables, low sodium
- Fruits, in their own juice or light syrup
- Soups, preferably low fat and low sodium
- Tuna, salmon, packed in water
- Beans
- Evaporated skim milk
- Rice, preferably brown rice
- Pasta, preferably whole wheat
- Seasonings (when you reduce fat, you may need to kick up the flavor)
- Olive oil, Canola oil, low fat salad dressings, cooking spray
- Pizza crusts, preferably whole wheat
- Tortillas, preferably whole wheat
- Nuts, pretzels, peanuts
- Cereal bars, cereal – including oatmeal
- Fresh fruits and vegetables
- Egg substitute (like Egg Beaters)
- Low fat versions of milk, cheese, yogurt, smoothies and frozen yogurt or ice cream
- Individual packs of juice, pudding, crackers, and other healthy grab-and-go options

### Quick and Healthy Recipes

Make a pizza using a pre-baked crust. Top the crust with pizza sauce, Canadian bacon or ham, pineapple chunks and part-skim shredded cheese. Use your imagination with toppings. Kids really do eat veggie pizza if you give it to them!

Heat frozen chopped onion and peppers in a non-stick pan. Add chopped ham; pour in egg substitute (like Egg Beaters). Serve with an English muffin or wrapped in a warm, whole wheat tortilla.

Warm whole wheat tortillas according to package directions. Heat black beans or reduced fat refried beans. In tortilla, place beans, shredded lettuce, salsa, chopped tomato and a little shredded cheese.

Microwave a baking potato. Top with broccoli, also cooked in the microwave. Add a dollop of reduced fat sour cream or top the potato with left-over or canned chili.

Need breakfast ideas? Try one of these: Top toasted waffles with warm fruit or berries; Microwave oatmeal in skim milk in a glass measuring cup and add berries to pancake batter. Top with warm applesauce with cinnamon.

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# Health Corner ♦ Chah-nee-ken chao-ke ♦ Cvfeknetv onakv



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At the starting line walkers rev up their pedal pushers.

## ♦ Walk

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physically, individuals have to be conscious of where their particular level is.

The catalyst and prime organizer for these events is Walk/Run Coordinator Edna McDuffie. McDuffie, originally from the Brighton reservation, organizes the walking program. McDuffie works hard, often on her own time, promoting healthier lifestyles, walking and running. But as she herself emphasized, the health educators are crucial to the administration of her challenging task.

McDuffie explained the central ideas of her mission.

said. "Like I heard someone say earlier that they haven't been walking, but this will be a start for them.

"If we can reach even a few people to remind them that this is good for you, and it's easy to do, then that's what we're about. The last Friday of each month we have a walk out here. The seniors have walks out here too. And as you can see, we have great support and encouragement from our Tribal officials — David and Mitchell, they always come out to participate and support us; Richard Bowers is out here today ... when you have the kind support of Tribal officials then that makes your job that much easier."

An awards ceremony was presented afterward. The group was then invited to Sadie's for a hearty breakfast, Chairman Cypress' treat. Cypress also suggested to McDuffie that a walk/run could be held in conjunction with the impending 50th year Commemoration of the Seminole Tribe of Florida. However, that event is still in the early planning stages.

The results for the walk/run were:

Youth Walk/Run: 1. Nia Cypress, 2. Aileen Cypress.

Female Runners, Ages 31-44: 1. Cathy Cypress, 2. Lenora Roberts, 3. Candy Cypress; Ages 45-54: 1. Shirley Clay, 2. Helene Buster; Ages 55 and Over: 1. Mary Tigertail.

Female Walkers, Ages 18-30: 1. Marisa Baker, 2. Almira Billie, 3. Carol Osceola; Ages 55 and Over: 1. Edna McDuffie, 2. Louise Billie.

Male Runners, Ages

18-30: 1. Leon Wilcox, 2. Male Walkers, Ages 45-54: 1. Richard Bowers Jr.; Ages 55 and Over: 1. Mitchell Cypress.

Non-Tribal Community Members: Walkers: 1. John Osile, 2. Harley Roberts; Runners: 1. Pete Ramirez, 2. Van Samuels.



Elgin Jumper

"Get your cameras ready," exclaimed Mitchell Cypress as Marisa Bakers crosses the finish line.

"We have these competition walks, as well as regular walks all through the year, to try and get more people to come out, and to start walking more," she



Elgin Jumper

Van Samuels tries to catch up to Helene Buster at the finish line.

## Ask The Counselor

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Dear Counselor:

Please help me understand how men think. I am a 28 year old, single woman. My boyfriend, who I have been dating for a year and a half, is 36.

All he talks about is sex. Our entire conversation morning, noon and night is based on sex. We slept together the first week I met him. He tells me this is his way to prove he loves me.

Signed:

Wanting More

Dear Wanting More:

Many men have not had good role models when it comes to romance and or relationships. Most often if the relationship starts with sex, it is going to end with sex.

It does not matter how charming he's been, how nice a guy he seems to be, or how well you feel the two of you click when you're together. If he's looking for sex, the chase is over after you hit the sheets with him.

It's like mama always said, "If he loves

you, he'll wait." How long is up to you. Not many men have the strength to say no if you offer a delicious sexual buffet shortly after you begin dating. The man who's in it for the long haul will wait — he isn't in a hurry to score. He's actually in it for both of you.

It all comes down to this fact: If you want to build something lasting, it has to start outside the bedroom. If you want a man to love you, he's got to get to know you before he gets to know your body. With some men, early sex leads to emotional blindness; they focus on the short-term pleasure rather than looking at the long-term possibilities.

In a relationship that is built on mutual respect, learning to say no is more important than learning to speak a second language.

Signed:

The Counselor



## 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 [fredcicetti@gmail.com](mailto:fredcicetti@gmail.com). All Rights Reserved © 2007 by Fred Cicetti.]

Q: What is acetaminophen and why do I see it listed on so many products in my medicine cabinet?

A: Acetaminophen is the most widely used pain-reliever and fever-reducer in the world. It is contained in more than 100 products. Tylenol is the best known over-the-counter (OTC) acetaminophen product. It is also a component of well-known prescription drugs such as Darvocet and Percocet. Acetaminophen also is known as paracetamol and N-acetyl-p-aminophenol (APAP).

Acetaminophen is available without a prescription. Follow the directions on the package label carefully. If your doctor prescribes it for you, the prescription label will tell you how often to take it.

Taking too much acetaminophen can lead to liver damage. The risk for liver damage may be increased if you drink three or more alcoholic drinks while using medicines that contain acetaminophen.

The maximum daily dose of acetaminophen is four grams in adults. The toxic dose of acetaminophen after a single acute ingestion is about seven grams in adults. The at-risk dose may be lower in some susceptible populations, such as alcohol abusers. When dosing recommendations are followed, the risk of liver toxicity is extremely small.

Acetaminophen is one of the most common pharmaceutical agents involved in overdose, as reported to the American Association of Poison Control Centers.

One of the problems with acetaminophen is its widespread use. You have to check your medicine cabinet to see what products contain acetaminophen. Then, if you're taking more than one medication, be sure you don't exceed the maximum daily dose.

Adults should not take acetaminophen for pain for more than 10 days without talking to a doctor. Acetaminophen should not be taken for high

fever, for fever lasting more than three days, or for recurrent fever without a doctor's supervision.

There are basically two types of over-the-counter (OTC) pain relievers. Some contain acetaminophen and others contain non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs). Examples of OTC NSAIDs are aspirin, ibuprofen (Advil), naproxen sodium (Aleve) and ketoprofen (Orudis).

NSAIDs are associated with stomach distress. You should talk to your doctor before using NSAIDs if you are over 60, taking prescription blood thinners, have stomach ulcers or other bleeding problems. NSAIDs can also cause reversible damage to the kidneys. The risk of kidney damage may increase in people who are over 60, have high blood pressure, heart disease or pre-existing kidney disease, and people who are taking a diuretic.

You should talk with your healthcare professional if you have questions about using an OTC medicine before using it in combination with other medicines — either OTC or prescription medicine. Combining prescription medicines and OTC medicines can lead to problematic drug interactions.

All older adults should consult their doctors before taking any OTC medication or herbal.

Often, older adults use many drugs at the same time, including prescription and OTC drugs. They also process drugs differently than younger adults. This is why older adults need to be especially careful about drug-drug interactions.

If you're a senior, talk with your doctor about all of the drugs and herbal health products you take. He or she can tell you whether you are at risk for having a bad reaction from taking an OTC drug.



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## Lil Seminoles Reach End of the Season 2nd in State, 6th National



Kiana Bell

By Brandé Clay

The first Seminole Girls 8 and Under Fast-Pitch team, the Lil Seminoles, finished their season second out of 21 teams in the Florida Rankings Report by USSSA as of June 27. Also according to the National Rankings Report they finished sixth out of 39 teams in the nation.

Recreation Director Moses "Big Shot" Jumper Jr., who has attended some of the tournaments, talked to the girls and let them know he was very proud of them and the coaches.

The team was developed in October 2006 when some of the parents decided to form an all-Indian travel team. Head Coach Keith Condon and Assistant Coaches Brandé Clay, Milo Osceola and Josh Jumper began working with the girls a few times a week.

In December 2006, the Lil Seminoles went to the Rollins College Softball Camp in Winter Park, Fla. The teams ranged from 5 to 8 year olds, with many of the girls having not played ball since they finished T-ball. Some of the girls were players on other recreation teams and only a few of the girls were on the previous travel teams.

The Lil Seminoles played their first tournament in April 2006 where they placed fifth. The team played a total of five tournaments this season. A few of the tour-

naments were Open Division, where they had to play A-teams even though they were a B-team.

Most of the tournaments were a seed format, which meant they had to play two or three games win or lose before the elimination games. Once they were seeded into the tournament bracket, they would start the single elimination games.

On May 11, the Lil Seminoles played their second tournament where they got their first taste of victory and won the Championship B Division at the Wellington Walk on the Wild Side Mother's Day Tournament. They played three games almost back-to-back undefeated.

On May 25, the Lil Seminoles placed third in the Pembroke Pines Memorial Day Classic which was an open tournament. On June 1, they placed second in the Coral Springs USSSA Fast-Pitch Classic. They had to play an A-Division team, Wellington Wild, for the championship.

That weekend they played a total of six games in two days. Lil Seminoles finished their last tournament in a state tournament held in Royal Palm Beach on June 22. They played the state tournament in the A-Division with only nine players, but despite everything against them, they still finished in sixth place.

#### Players

Amya Baxley, 7, Outfield # 8; Parents: Luke Baxley and Janine Cypress  
Adrianne Bell, 6, Catcher # 45; Parents: Keith Condon and Dawna Bell  
Kiana Bell, 8, First base # 11; Parents: Keith Condon and Dawna Bell  
Ahnice Cypress, 7, Second base #0; Parents: Josh and Andrea Jumper  
Janay Cypress, 9, Catcher, outfield # 15; Parents: Jason and Katie Cypress  
Kasera Cypress, 6, Rightfield #25; Parents: Jason and Katie Cypress  
Sidney Cypress, 8, Pitcher # 4; Parents: Neil and Faye Waggerby  
Sarah Deschenece, 7, Rightfield # 33; Parents: Kenny and Kerry Deschenece  
Dasani Frye, 7, Outfield # 32; Parents: Charlie and Danielle Frye  
Kiauna Martin, 7, Leftfield # 7; Parents: Ced Martin and Sara Jumper  
Kira Mowatt, 7, Catcher, outfield #2; Parent: Samantha Frank  
Alyssa Okane, 8, Left center #14; Parents: Brad and Shawna Okane  
Mila Osceola, 8, Short stop # 10; Parents: Milo Osceola and Brandé Clay  
Skyla Osceola, 7, Catcher # 1; Parents: Marl and Francine Osceola  
Lahna Sedatol, 8, Third base #23; Parents: Preston and Mona Baker



Lahna Sedatol and Kiana Bell



Lil Seminoles show their team spirit.



Lil Seminoles win championship



Mila Osceola



Lila Osceola-Heard



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## Youth Spend Holiday Weekend on the Court

### July Fourth Youth Basketball Tournament

By Lila Osceola-Heard

**HOLLYWOOD** — Independence Day holiday brings many fun activities to the Hollywood Reservation including, the July Youth Basketball tournament. The weekend of June 30-July 1, youth from all over gathered to compete in the first July Fourth Youth Basketball Tournament held at the Seminole Gym and Hollywood Christian Gymnasiums.

Due to the amount of teams, the games started early Friday morning and carried over to Saturday night, having games at Hollywood Christian and Seminole Recreation.

The games consisted of competitive games, good teamwork and lots of fun to go around.

The winners were as follows: 8 & under kids were all winners and received medals; 11 & Under Coed Champions: Big Cypress; 14 & Under Girls Champions: Lady Seminoles (14); 14 & Under Boys Champions: Del Ray; 17 & Under Girls Champions: Lady Seminoles (17); and 17 & Under Boys Champions: Unknowns.

Teams at the tournament included: 8 & Under Teams: Hollywood, Big Cypress, Lil Hustlers, Brighton, Del Ray; 11 & Under Coed Teams: Hollywood, Del Ray, Brighton, Big Cypress; 14 & Under Girls Teams: Lady Seminoles, Big Cypress, Del Ray; 14 & Under Boys Teams: Hollywood, Big Cypress, Brighton,

Del Ray (Blue), Del Ray (White); 17 & Under Girls Teams: Lady Seminoles (17), Brighton, Team Florida, Lady Seminoles (14); 17 & Under Boys Teams: Hollywood, Cannon, Big Cypress, Justin's, Rockstars, Del Ray (Blue), Team N.A.B.I., South Broward, Unknown Boys, Del Ray (White).



Lila Osceola-Heard



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## Celebrity Pro-AM kicks off WPBA Tournament



Chairman Mitchell Cypress with Vivian Villarreal.

By Elizabeth Leiba

**HOLLYWOOD** — The Celebrity/Media Charity Pro-AM kicked off the four-day Women's Professional Billiards Association (WPBA) Tournament hosted by the Seminole Tribe of Florida and Seminole Sports Management (SSM) at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino on June 27.

The tournament featured teams comprised of celebrities, women's professional pool players, members of the media, and Tribal officials. Proceeds from the event went to benefit the WPBA's Vivian "Texas Tornado" Villarreal's non-profit charity Vivian's Kidz.

Vivian's Kidz helps missing and exploited children in South Florida by providing assistance to programs that facilitate the rehabilitation of recovered children.

The 10 four-player teams played three rounds of spirited, fast and furious nine-ball action in which sharking was allowed and the teams took full advantage of it.

Chairman Mitchell Cypress said he really enjoyed playing with the professionals from the WPBA.

"The first game was just a warm-up," he said. "The second game we're moving in for the kill."

Brighton Council Representative Roger Smith said he felt good about his chances against the other teams.

"We're getting them," he said.

"We won five already."

He credited the wins to his team,

### Results of Celebrity/Media Charity Pro-AM

First Place — Jeanette Lee (WPBA), Janis Sessions (Ladies "Spirit Billiards Tour") and two anonymous spectators who made donations to play.

Second Place — Karen Corr (WPBA), Elrod Bowers (Chief Operating Officer), Troy Drayton (Former Miami Dolphin) and Ethan Skolnick (Sun-Sentinel Sports)

Third Place — Allison Fisher (WPBA), David Cypress (Big Cypress Council Representative), Leslie Del Rio (FSN/Sun Sports Media) and Steve Gorton (Sun-Sentinel Sports)

laughingly saying, "They're holding me up."

By the end of the night, four teams remained in a race to first place and this tournament became the closest in history with four teams tied for second. Big Cypress Council Representative David Cypress' team was able to battle it out with another foursome and come away with the third place trophy.

"I expected nothing less," said Cypress. "I'm not bragging, but it's understood. It was a good game."

Chief Operations Officer Elrod Bowers and former Miami Dolphin Troy Drayton were among the second place trophy winners.

"I came here with no expectations," said Drayton. "And I'm walking home with a trophy."



Elrod Bowers stretches for his shot.



Brighton Council Representative Roger Smith.



Big Cypress Council Representative David Cypress.



Bobby Frank lines up his shot as his teammates look on.



(L-R) Leslie Del Rio, Allison Fisher, David Cypress and Steve Gorton.



(L-R) Janis Sessions, Jeannette Lee and two anonymous participants.

  
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## No. 1 Ranked Women's Billiards Player Wins 9-Ball Florida Classic

***World's Best Women Pool  
Players Competed for Top  
Prizes in WPBA Tournament***

**By Felix DoBosz**

**HOLLYWOOD**—The 2007 Women's Professional Billiards Association (WPBA) 9-ball

Florida Classic tour stopped by the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino from June 27-July 1. They kicked off with 64 professional women's players in a modified version of single/double elimination format.

WPBA rules are simply, once the field is played down to the final 16 players, there is a suspenseful blind draw before the remainder of the field plays in a single elimination format down to the champion. This event was sponsored by the WPBA in asso-

ciation with the Seminole Tribe of Florida and Seminole Sports Management (SSM) and hosted by the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino.

Since the WPBA signed a 3-year contract with TV's ESPN/ ESPN2, international exposure to the tournament has resulted in increased purses for the classic pro-tour players.

Virginia Billie, a Tribal citizen from Immokalee, in her first big challenge since winning first place in her division during the last Seminole Tribal fair, did not fair as well in her first pro-tournament with the 9-ball Florida classic. Billie was defeated by Sarah Rousey ranked 24th, 9-2, and Grace Nakamura 9-3 in her double elimination.

Another women's professional player sponsored by the Seminole Tribe of Florida was 11th ranked in the world, Vivian "Texas Tornado" Villarreal, she too was disappointed with her

double elimination performance in the Florida Classic. She was beaten first by fourth ranked in the world, Monica Webb 9-4. Villarreal was defeated in her second series in a thrillingly close match 9-7 by Megan Minerich who is ranked 17th in the world. SSM held a raffle

world. SSM held a raise for Vivian's Kidz, a charity she promotes and directs, for a big air

hockey table game that someone in the audience was lucky enough to win by being picked out of a bowl by the Chairman Mitchell Cypress.

Some of the Seminole citizens spotted watching the final exciting matches were Chairman Mitchell Cypress, President Richard Bowers, Hollywood Representative Max Osceola Jr, Big Cypress Representative David Cypress, COO Elrod Bowers, Eugene Bowers, and Tina and Victoria Lacey, just to name a few.

The semi-finals came down to No. 1 ranked in the world Allison Fisher from Chestnut, England and long shot Melissa Herndon, ranked 10th. Allison "The Duchess of Doom" Fisher is no stranger to winning. She won her first snooker national title at the young semi-final match easily 7-1. The match pitted the proficient Allison against Xiao-Ting Pan ranked 7-5.

The final match round had just the last two Fisher against "Little De Seoul, South Korea. Fisher and never looked back. The Fisher, leading 4-0. Ga-Y to take three games, but in run, Allison wowed the crowd with difficult shots and proved why she's one of the best women's pool players in the world. She won the championship of the Florida C Kim 7-3 in the final.

Chairman Mitch  
Richard Bowers gave out  
place trophies to the won  
for photos with the media  
game.

The Florida Classics Series will be broadcast on ESPN September 10 and 11, 2008. Check your local listings for more information. Visit [www.wpba.com](http://www.wpba.com) for more information.

### Results of the

First place Allison Fish

First place – Allison Fish  
Second place – Ga-Youn  
Tied for third place – Me  
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**Allison Fisher, ranked No. 1**



**Xiao-Ting Pan**, ranked third.



Ga-Young Kim, ranked fifth.



**Melissa Herndon**, ranked 11th.

### Results of the 9-ball Tournament

First place – Allison Fisher (Ranked first)  
Second place – Ga-Young Kim (Ranked fifth)  
Tied for third place – Melissa Herndon (Ranked 11th)  
Tied for third place – Xiao-Ting Pan (Ranked third)

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## Girls Compete at AAU Nationals in Louisiana



Submitted by Tara Osceola Leonard

**KENNER, La.** — Kaitlynn Osceola and Lakota Beatty both of Anadarko, of the Oklahoma Selects 95 Amateur Athletic Union basketball team, attended the National Division I AAU Nationals in Kenner, La. on June 30-July 7. The National AAU Tournament brings the best teams across America to play against each other for the national title.

Kaitlynn is the daughter of Curtis Osceola Sr. of Hollywood and Tara Osceola-Leonard of Anadarko, Okla.

Also Pictured is Lakota Beatty, daughter of George and Michelle Beatty, also from Anadarko.

Submitted by Tara Osceola Leonard  
(L-R) Lakota Beatty and Kaitlynn Osceola

## Team Seminole Participates in USBC Open Championship

By Gordan Oliver Wareham  
**RENO, NV** — Two teams were sent to bowl in the 104<sup>th</sup> United States Bowling Congress Open Championship at the National Bowling Stadium in Reno, Nev. June 14-15. The tournament was held from Feb. 17 to June 30, with 16,235 teams participating.

The events for the tournament were teams, doubles and single.

The National Bowling Stadium has 78 lanes and state of



Leon Wilcox II, Antillis Stockon, Oliver Wareham, Moses Osceola, Thomas Degonia.



Bobby Frank, Miguel Cantu, Rufus Tiger, Philman Bowers, Eugene Bowers

the art video screens which span 440 feet in length.

Team Seminole 1 was comprised of Rufus Tiger, Eugene Bowers, Philman Bowers, Bobby Frank and Miguel Cantu. Team Seminole 2 was comprised of Moses Osceola, Leon Wilcox II, Antillis Stockon, Oliver Wareham and Thomas Degonia.

Even though no team placed, everyone had a great time and wanted to thank the Hollywood Recreation Department for their hard work.



Robert North

Wyatt in the heat of practice on the famous "Big Blue" Astro turf at the Boise State Football Field.

## ♦ Wyatt

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When asked about his participation in the football camp, Wyatt smiled from ear to ear.

"We got to work with 'Coach Pete,'" he said. "He told us, 'No free lunch... no whining, no pouting... nothing will come to you for free... you have to work for what you want!' It made sense to me and the other kids. We all worked hard and had a good time playing 'Bronco Ball' and practicing."

After the football camp came to a close, the youth participants were able to get an autograph from the coach. Wyatt said he was happy to get his Bronco Ball cap signed and wore it with pride. He plans on going again next year.

"I'm glad Coach Peterson made the statement about working hard," mom Erica said. "It just reinforces what we teach in our home. Our children are special to us and we want the best for them. Whenever there is an opportunity like this, we make sure that we



Robert North

Wyatt poses with "Coach Pete" of the Boise State Broncos.



Robert North

Wyatt poses in front of the 2006 Boise State Champion Fiesta Bowl Trophy.

have them participate.

"In this case our eldest son was able to experience getting coached by the Boise State football players and coaching staff," she continued. "The program is a good step into getting focused on college and playing college football. Wyatt wants to get a degree in business and play college ball. He plans on using his degree in case he doesn't get into the NFL. It's never too early to teach your children about planning their future."

Wyatt is a former resident of the Hollywood reservation, where many of his immediate relatives live. He is an on-going member of the Boys & Girls Club of the Seminole Tribe of Florida and likes to spend as much time at "the Club" when he comes back to Florida for visits with his extended family.

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## Immokalee Appreciation Days and Rodeo

By Judy Weeks

**IMMOKALEE** — Designating June 29 through July 1 as Immokalee Appreciation Days, the Seminole Tribe of Florida was host to the Immokalee community at the John Jimmie Memorial Arena. Under the direction of Benny Motlow, a weekend of activities was opened to the public as a means of recognizing the support of the residents of Immokalee.

The Professional Cowboy Association performed in a two-day rodeo, which took place on the evenings of June 29-30. Marty Johns of the Marki Rodeo Company produced the event and supplied the livestock for the occasion. Despite late afternoon rains, the skies cleared both evenings permitting the show to go on.

Contestants traveled from as far away as Georgia, Alabama and North Carolina to compete for the top positions in their venue. Whether bull riding, barrel racing or roping, the crowd saw some top notch performances from some of the biggest names in Southeastern U.S. rodeo.

The Southern States Bull Riders Association took command of the arena on the morning of July 1, when 27 riders entrusted their fate to some of the meanest, most aggressive bulls to ever trot the red clay. These superior specimens were supplied by the Five Star Rodeo Company, Peace River Livestock Contractors and D.R. Daniels.

With a membership of more than 200, Southern States riders have an opportunity to participate in a minimum of 40 sanctioned competitions per year, as well as two regional finals. When the dust cleared, the top 15 were ready to throw their hats in the ring in national competition.

Marty Johns and Paul Bowers Jr. were the livestock directors for the Immokalee Bull Blowout, with the Seminole Tribe as sponsor and Benny Motlow in charge of production.

Southern States President Chris "Weasel" Forrest and John Copsy held the most important job in the arena — the bull fighters. With years of experience between them, the riders willingly put their confidence in the skills of these two men, who can mean the difference between life and death when the chips are down. Matt and Richard Davis judged the event.

Competing on some of the finest livestock in the state, the riders' skills were pushed to the limits. This is the type of competition these experienced sportsmen will travel hundreds of miles to enter. While in Immokalee, they had a chance to size up some of the bulls they will encounter at the regional competition and the Professional Bull Riders (PBR) competition.

Following the invocation by D.R. Daniels, Florida High School Rodeo Queen

Kirsten McManus of Ocala, Fla. carried Old Glory around the arena during the national anthem. Announcer Al Curry drew upon his many years of experience, as he kept the audience entertained and informed.

Fans were glued to the edge of their seats as they watched in awe, while one rider after another risked life and limb for one of the top five positions. Tied for first place with 84 points were two PBR veterans, Jake

McIntyre of Zolfo Springs, Fla. and Buckshot Morrison of Fellsmeier, Fla. Morrison gave everyone a few tense moments when he got hung up after completing his eight seconds, but struggled free with only a torn shirt.

Finishing with 82 points, Brian Courson's bull tried unsuccessfully to tap dance on his rider, but this Florida boy from Auburndale, was up and running in a heartbeat. The pride of Paris, Tenn., 19-year-old Cody Nance, took the third slot and has his eye on the Regionals in Mississippi. Completing the winner's circle was Jimmy Lathero of Fellsmeier. Although he took first place in a Port Charlotte competition the night before, he was rough and ready when he burst out of the chute for his money run.

Two young Seminole Tribal citizens, Justin Gopher and Dane Johns, have grown up in the Eastern Indian Rodeo and are now expanding their territory to include the bull riding circuit. Both young men drew some very difficult mounts, but gave them a run for their money and will definitely be back for more.

All of these young men have a few things in common. Despite their young age, they have years of experience with some having started their careers in Mutton Bustin'. They all agreed that they live for the thrill of the moment and look forward with anticipation to their next ride. And last but not least, they wanted to thank the Seminole Tribe for sponsoring their favorite sport.

Four three-man teams entered the Wild Horse Race. These rough and tumble cowboys are ranchers and day workers by trade and love the excitement and chal-



Judy Weeks

Contestants of the South States Bull Riders Association posed in the John Jimmie Memorial Arena with their bull fighters.

lenge that comes from attempting to subdue, saddle and ride these wild, untamed creatures. Not a sport for the faint of heart, fans can always expect the unexpected.

Limping from the arena, the mavericks took a short break before returning for the second heat. All four teams were back and the fight was on again. Proudly sporting a layer of red clay on their clothing, the team of Jeff Aldridge, David Raulerson and Don Lundy took home the purse after winning both heats.

The Seminole Tribe provided the children of Immokalee with an opportunity to visit a petting zoo of small farm animals and enjoy rides aboard a horse-drawn wagon. A kiddie carnival with swings, merry-go-round, roller coaster and bounce houses entertained the younger set throughout the day.

Although there was a remarkable turnout, a torren-

tial rain downpour and lightning storm forced the cancellation of the scheduled Round Robin for the Team Ropers.



Judy Weeks

Buckshot Morrison takes first place in the Immokalee Bull Blowout.



Judy Weeks

Winners of the Immokalee Bull Blowout pose with High School Rodeo Queen Kirsten McManus and Benny Motlow (far right).

## EIRA Presents Josiah Johns Memorial Rodeo

By Judy Weeks

**BRIGHTON** — Fans spent most of the night on the edge of their seats during one of the most exciting rodeos to ever take place in Florida. Members of the Eastern Indian Rodeo Association (EIRA) put their maximum effort into competing at the Josiah Johns Memorial Rodeo on July 6. Although a nuisance rain storm settled in for the evening, a covered arena prevented any delays.

The Josiah Johns Memorial Rodeo has become an annual event in recognition of a local cattleman and rodeo enthusiast, who was instrumental in establishing the cattle legacy at the Brighton Reservation.

Lisa Osceola, daughter of this rodeo icon, carried the American flag for the national anthem and grand entry in memory of her father. The numerous family members spanning four generations, who have followed in his footsteps to carry on the tradition, then entered the arena for a short memorial.

Among the many hair-raising events that took place during the evening was a near-tragedy when a veteran rider, Koty Brugh, was severely injured following his winning ride in the Bareback competition.

Completing his eight seconds on one of the roughest broncs to ever enter the arena, he got hung up in the rigging and was thrown from the horse. He was then dragged the full distance around the arena beneath the bucking animal.

Swarming to his rescue, the arena crew and his fellow riders risked life and limb as they rushed to his aid. Eventually subduing the horse, they were able to free his limp body and make room for the paramedics. Having sustained numerous life-threatening blows, things looked very bleak as they administered to his injuries and then transported him to the hospital.

Although his condition was serious, this tough-as-nails competitor has already been released from the hospital. The 29-year-old from North Dakota was black and blue from head to toe and loaded with stitches.

"It's nothing that won't heal. I run four miles a day in order to keep in shape and have years of riding under my belt. The doctors said that's what saved me," Brugh said. "This is just a minor set-



Judy Weeks

Josiah Johns' daughter, Lisa Osceola, leads the grand entry with Old Glory.

back that will keep me from riding in Browning, Mont., next week. Hopefully, by the time my stitches have been removed, I will be headed back to the arena in Rocky Boy."

Kicking off an action-packed evening, the Junior Rodeo got underway at 6 p.m. Mutton Busters grabbed a handful of wool and with high expectations exited the chutes riding their sheep for the winning points: 1. Sarah Descheene, 2. Boney Kirkland, 3. Mark Holmes, 4. Joey Puente.

The Pony Riding event introduces the younger set to the rigors of competing in the Bronc categories.

Although the ponies may be closer to the ground, they buck hard and furiously as they speed down the arena attempting to dislodge their riders.

However, they met their match with Andre Jumper, Thomas Bearden and Kelton Smedley.

There was no shortage of entries in the three Barrel Racing cate-

gories. Beginning with the adorable future riders who make their debut on headline, they quickly moved up to the 4-8 year olds, who placed as follows: 1. Amie Jumper, 2. Cyrus Smedley, 3. Brighton Bauman, 4. Mila Osceola; 9-12 Riders: 1. Zane Duchenaux, 2. Calgary Johns and Acealyn Youngblood, 13-18 Riders: 1. Janae Brasswell, 2. Taylor Johns.

Nine roping hopefuls entered the Junior Breakaway where it was cowboys' time to shine. Although they may not have caught, these resilient youngsters gave those wily little critters a lot of exercise.

Moving to the other end of the arena, the Calf Riders were the first to exit the chutes. Whether riding bulls, steers or calves, the drill is always the same — check your vest, glove, rigging and head gear. Get a firm grip, one hand in the air and with a nod to the gate man, the ride is on.

Results are: Calves: 1. Dalton Koenes; 2. Jobe Johns, 3. Kenny Descheene; Steers: 1. Andre Jumper; 2. Raylee Holmes, 3. Zane Duchenaux; Junior Bulls: 1. Billy Foley, 2. Andrew Holmes.

The bucking stock gave the Junior Bareback Riders a run for their money. Ethan Arnold's mount went into a fast spin right outside the chutes and William Bearden went airborne half way down the arena. There was a gasp from the crowd as Dayne Johns was rubbed against the fence following his first place win, but he broke free and limped out of the arena. Christopher Smith was hot on his heels in second place.



Judy Weeks

Lizzie Dixie prepares her loop before backing into the box.

It was a difficult night for the riders in the 50 and Older Breakaway, but not for Norman Johns. Standing beside his trailer at the beginning of the night, he gave his horse a last minute check and picked up his rope saying, "I'm ready. I'm going to have the winning catch tonight."

And that he did. Three spins of the rope, a good loop and a perfect catch for first place.

In the Sanctioned Events, the Bareback Broncs got off to a rough start with Freddy Warbonnet. The crowd cheered as he fought hard for his eight seconds, only to be tied later by Cody Parker for second place. Oklahoma cowboy Jeremy Shed had a tough break in his already very impressive season. Despite the catastrophe that followed an exceptional ride, Koty Brugh earned the winning points for first place.

Landing head first, Robert Youngblood gave everyone a scare when he took several seconds to catch his breathe before standing up and limping out of the arena in the Saddle Broncs.

There were several good catches in the Steer Wrestling, but it was a difficult night trying to beat the clock. However, Naha Jumper and Sidney Gore managed to pull it off. Although there were numerous entries in the Calf Roping, it



Judy Weeks

Freddy Warbonnet prepares to dismount in the Bronc Riding.

appeared the stock was going to triumph until Josh Jumper set them straight.

The same fleet-footed critters were back to torment the Women's Breakaway. There were numerous catches, a few broken barriers and a rope that didn't settle, but none of these things mattered to Lizzie Dixey and Boogie Jumper, who captured the winning slots.

The Barrel Racers are always a crowd pleaser as they enter the arena in their beautiful Western attire, well-groomed horses and race through the pattern. The ground was fast and there was no shortage of riders. Several barrels were lost and a broken pattern, but these five

events, hearts raced as the crowd was brought to its feet two more times.

Hilliard Gopher's horse bucked furiously several times, but he was able to ride it out without incident. Freddy Warbonnet's horse became entangled in the rope, which was an omen for disaster. Going down, Freddy got control of the situation, calmed the animal and the snare was quickly released without mishap.

With more than 25 teams entered, the results were: Headers: 1. Justin Gopher, 2. Josh Jumper, 3. Moses Jumper, 4. Wilson Bruised Head, 5. Tommy McCormick; Healers: 1 & 2. Naha Jumper, 3. Norman Johns, 4. Rudy Osceola, 5. Happy Jumper.

The Bull Riders were a fantastic climax to the evening. Word had arrived from the hospital that Koty Brugh was going to be alright and his comrades did him proud as they entered the arena. Justin Gopher took first place with 79 points. Justin Aldridge was granted a re-ride, while Dayne Johns and Seth Randolph gave it their best shot on some exceptional livestock



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## Fourth of July Pool Tournament and Community Celebration

By Elgin Jumper

**BIG CYPRESS** — The Big Cypress Seminole community marked the Fourth of July a day early, with a Tribal pool tournament and community celebration on July 3. The morning was hot and humid, yet the weather wasn't enough to deter any pool players resolved to become the shooter to beat.

The Recreation Department staff at the Herman L. Osceola Gymnasium arranged the striking red basketball court with eight tournament pool tables in two

rows of four and adequate chairs and spacing in between.

The daylong "Fourth of July Pool Tournament" was put together by Big Cypress Council Representative David Cypress, the Big Cypress Recreation Department and principal tournament organizer, Connie Williams.

The tournament began with games of 8-ball, then Scotch Doubles, then 9-ball. "Happy July Fourth on the Third," said Coordinator Steve Frost of the BC Recreation Department at the outset.

"Good shooting and good sportsmanship. We have a lot of good shooters here today."

An upbeat feeling had filled the gymnasium while the sportsmanship-like attitude and sense of fair-play Frost had exhorted had become quite prevalent. And yet the competitors had brought along their trusty tools of the trade as well.

They were armed with two-piece, custom made cues, some with elaborate inlaid designs,

which they carried within their custom leather cases. And an occasional shooter would even sport a black pool glove on one hand, perhaps inspired by the world champion pool player extraordinaire, Jeanette Lee.

Opponents were being studied and any flaws duly noted. They were amped, in good form, committed to the game, and rack after rack, none appeared to underestimate the opposing player.

"We have people that came from every reservation," said organizer Connie Williams. "Tribal members, spouses, community members, and Tribal employees of Big Cypress. This is our third year now. And it keeps getting bigger every year."

Keeno King and Bobbie Clay sat outside the gym prior to the opening prayer, which King delivered, and exchanged warm-hearted witticisms about "pool sharks" and the like. The games played were: 8-ball, Scotch Doubles, and 9-ball. The fireworks were going off on and around the eight pool tables and the aura was decidedly good-natured, full of spirit. The results of the pool tournament were:

Women's 8-ball: 1. Theresa Nunez, 2. Phalyin Osceola, 3. Virginia Billie, 4. Tonya Jumper, 5. Pauletta Bowers; Men's 8-ball: 1. Jack Billie, 2. Jesse Urbina, 3. Randall Clay, 4. Bronson Hill, 5. Cicero Osceola.

Senior Women's 8-ball: 1. Juanita Osceola, 2. Laura Clay, 3. Betty Osceola, 4. Louise Billie, 5. Esther Buster; Senior Men's 8-ball: 1. Robin Buster, 2. Joe Billie, 3. Roy Snow, 4. Ricky Doctor, 5. Mitchell Cypress.

Women's 9-ball: 1. Theresa Nunez, 2. Virginia Billie, 3. Tonya Jumper, 4. Laura Clay, 5. Louise Osceola; Men's 9-ball: 1. Randy Clay, 2. Leon Micco, 3. Elrod Bowers, 4. Raymond Garza, 5. Roy Snow.

Scotch Doubles: 1. Jack Billie-Theresa Nunez, 2. Elrod Bowers-Pauletta Bowers, 3. Leon Micco-Tonya Jumper, 4. Lonnie Billie-Connie Williams, 5. Abel Salgado-Betty Osceola.

Down the road, at



(L-R) Larry McClean and Paul Buster



Keeno King



Esther Buster



Robin Buster



(L-R) Ronnie Billie Sr., Cathy Jumper and Kellie Tigertail

the horseshoe and ballfield, another aspect of this community Fourth of July celebration was taking place at 2 p.m. Reverend Paul Buster, along with his Cowbone band — with bassist Larry McClean and guitarist Ira Buster — provided the music for the gathering. Buster was quite happy the event was celebrated a day earlier than initially anticipated.

"Whether young or old or in between," Buster remarked, after all was said and done, "Everyone enjoyed it. The day was pretty hot. Over a hundred degrees, I think. But everybody did well. It was good."

"Fourth of July is the Declaration of Independence for America. But for Native Americans — Seminoles especially — have always been independent. Not just for 230-some odd years, but for perhaps thousands of years. We love that independence. And we appreciate what God does for us."

"Big Cypress celebrated on the third, a day early, because the fourth is on a Wednesday. Now there's nothing wrong with celebrating on the fourth, on Wednesday, but the Council Representative, David Cypress, out of respect for God's time, rescheduled the celebration for Tuesday, a day earlier."

It was a pleasant, carnival-type atmosphere with bounce houses, kiddie rides and slides, "Cowbone" music, horseshoe-throwing, sack races, balloon tossing, raffles, and running. All in all, it couldn't have been a more pleasing day.

"Like Paul said, I'm glad it took

place today, too," said Ronnie Billie, who was involved in a friendly game of horseshoes at the time, "And I'm glad we all made it another year."

The results of the children's activities were:

Sack Races, Ages 3-5: 1. Brandy Osceola, 2. Harmony Cypress; Ages 6-8: 1. Sierra Bowers, 2. Nashoba Gonzalez, 3. Kaitlen Osceola, 4. Dayra Koenes; Ages 9-12: 1. Jacob Cotton, 2. Dalton Koenes, 3. Bradley Osceola; Ages 13-17: 1. Catlen Tommie, 2. Trent McInturf.

Balloon Toss, All Ages: 1. Adrienne Cypress-Jessica Lopez, 2. Lariah Balentine-Natasha Billie.

Run, Ages 3-5: 1. Brandy Clay, 2. Harmony Cypress; Ages 6-8: 1. Troy Cantu, 2. Sydnee Cypress, 3. Terrance Hill, 4. Stanley Cypress; Ages 9-12: 1. Nauthkee Henry, 2. O'shaa'ne Cypress, 3. Darlah Cypress, 4. Tristen Wilcox; Ages 13-17: 1. Catlen Tommie, 2. Robert Cypress.

The results of the horseshoe competition were:

Women's Singles: 1. Carol Cypress, 2. Mary Tigertail, 3. Almira Billie, 4. Jeanette Cypress, 5. Cathy Jumper; Men's Singles: 1. Leon Wilcox Sr., 2. Danny Tommie, 3. Leon Wilcox II, 4. Ronnie Billie Sr., 5. Jerry Balentine; Co-ed Doubles: 1. Marina Tigertail-Leon Wilcox Sr., 2. Jeanette Cypress-Danny Tommie, 3. Carol Osceola-Almira Billie, 4. Mary Tigertail-Leon Wilcox II, 5. Cecilia Tigertail-Kassim Stockton.



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## Happy Birthday



Congratulations **Priscilla Mia Alvarado** on graduating to kindergarten and a happy belated fifth birthday on July 2.

From your,  
Dad, Mom, Aaron and Family



Happy fifth birthday **Elijah "Eli" Alvarado** on July 20.

From,  
Your Dad Elliot, Rachel, Eden, Elyse (Peanut), Grandma Marylon, Grandpa Roy, Aaron, Priscilla, Great-grandma Nancy, and all your aunts, uncles and cousins

Happy birthday to **Robert and Brenda Youngblood**.  
Love,  
Mom (Josephine), Brydgett, Grace and Darin

Happy birthday to Little Miss **Seminole Krysta Burton**.  
We love you,  
MeMe (Grandma Josephine), Brydgett, Aunt Wiggles and Uncle Darin

## In Memoriam

### In Loving Memory of Kristy Leeann Motlow

July 27, 1984 – Aug. 18, 2004

Happy birthday Kristy...  
Although another year has come and gone, you are truly missed. You're my cousin and my good friend. I love you, girl. Haven't seen your mom lately, but I sure pray for her and your family. You being gone hurts me, and I cannot imagine what they must feel.  
You're never far from me. I miss and love you. You're never forgotten.  
Love ya,  
Carolee & Dar'Rick

### In Loving Memory of Duane Marlon Tigertail

Feb. 16, 1972 – June 16, 2007

I can't believe you're really gone...  
Although we spent five years together then we went our separate ways, we remained close friends and still had love and respect for each other. I keep thinking about that day I saw you.  
Duane, I know you are at peace from the demons that haunted you almost all of your life. I know you're with your brother, the late Malcolm Tigertail, and your best friend, the late Marl Buster.  
Always know I loved you then and always will. I will promise you that I will be there for your mom.  
Love your friend,  
Carolee J. Nelson

### Johnny Cash Tucker Jr. A.K.A. "Junior"

Son of  
Johnny Tucker Sr. and Dorothy Frank Tucker  
Born  
July 29, 1960 (46)  
Died  
June 22, 2007  
Clan  
Ottar  
Children  
Johnny Cash Tucker III and Alveon  
Wife  
Virginia Tiger  
Brothers  
Larry Frank Amos Frank Alex Tucker (late) Roger Tucker  
Sisters  
Diane Frank Ginger Tiger LaDonna Tucker  
Resident of Brighton Reservation  
Member of New Testament Baptist Church since the 70's



## Poems

### Broken Medicine

Sometimes I sit and wonder how I ended up in this place  
How a future so promising is gone without a trace  
I backtrack my steps but all I get is mixed emotions  
Too busy thinking about my next fix; I'll give anything for that dark potion  
Long whiskey nights and all those drug-filled days  
The past ten years of my life have gone by in a haze  
I never should have broke that medicine my mother

gave me  
She said there would be a consequence  
Just four moons and the creator would have spared me from my four year sentence  
But it's all my fault and there's no one else to blame  
I would give one day to do that medicine all over again

— **Dustin Osceola**  
Big Town Clan  
June 21, 2007

### Little Room

I live in a little room  
I love my little room  
I hate my little room  
All I got is my little room  
Criminally insane in my little room  
Brilliant in my little room  
Self destructive in my little room  
Creative in my little room  
Life memories, good and bad, in my little room  
I can't remember nothing in my little room  
Peaceful in my little room  
Going through it in my little room  
Free in my little room  
Trapped in my little room  
God's love and word in my little room  
I live in a little room

— **Joey W. Henry**

### Good Die Young

Life is hard and full of pain  
But when one dies we come together  
The good die young  
And now they're on their way  
They were my homies in this place  
And they'll be with me till I go  
But that doesn't make it easy  
With all the memories that I have  
This is my way to say goodbye  
The only way I can cry  
So I guess I'll see y'all when I get there  
Cause I'm still here to fight this fight  
Just know that y'all are truly missed  
And that y'all be forever on my mind

— **Kiel Jumper**



**Neo Christian Osceola** turned 1 on July 3. The family gathered under the chickee at great-grandma Maggie Osceola's house to celebrate the day with fun, food, bounce houses, cake, piñata, and plenty of love to last Neo throughout the year.

Many generations gathered to celebrate the day of fun for Neo. His paternal grandparents are Mary Gay and Don Osceola, and his maternal grandparents are Maria Parata and Perry Malava. Neo's mom and dad are Christian and Veronica Osceola.

The SpongeBob SquarePants party favors and decor were a hit at the festive event. The SpongeBob SquarePants piñata took a beating but in the end it was well worth it. Everyone had a great time while Neo celebrated his 1st birthday Osceola style.



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Noel Jim holds up t-shirt



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Richard Bowers &amp; Mitchell Cypress on catamaran



Mitchell Cypress, Efrain Marrero, Richard Bowers



Debbie Johnson &amp; Sally Tommie



Joshua Girtman poses



Chairman Cypress enjoys the view

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The graduates enjoy a trip to the Straw Market.

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President Richard Bowers takes in the view of the Nassau skyline.

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Class of 2007 graduates.

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Sally Tommie &amp; Debbie Johnson shop in the market.

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# Chairman's Office Sponsors Graduate Trip to Paradise Island

## Trip Celebrates Class of 2007 High School Graduates

By Felix DeBoz

**PARADISE ISLAND, BAHAMAS** — The new luxurious and tropical Cove at the Atlantis Resort on Paradise Island was the recent get-away for seven lucky Seminole high school graduates from the Class of 2007. The grads, their parents and chaperones enjoyed a five-day trip from June 24-28.

The Chairman's Office rewards the high school graduates annually with a trip that includes beautiful memories and a chance to relax in this tropical paradise. This year was no exception.

Out of the 28 high school graduates eligible to attend, seven were free to make this trip. The seven are: Kaholte Cornelius, Yoklot Cornelius, Joshua Girtman, Phelicia Hughes, Noel Jim, Efrain Marrero and Kelsey Spencer. Some graduates could not go because of various educational commitments, U.S. Passport documentation issues and preexisting vacation plans.

The trip began on June 24 when the group convened at the Cove, the new luxurious addition to the five-star Atlantis Resort, in the EROS Ballroom of the Atlantis Resort Convention Center for a welcome dinner.

Chairman Mitchell Cypress, President Richard Bowers, Fort Pierce Liaison Sally Tommie, Big Cypress Representative David Cypress and Naples Liaison O.B. Osceola Jr. all had warm welcoming remarks of congratulations for the graduates. Representatives from the Education Department, including Director Louise Gopher, Higher Education Coordinator Carine Eugene and Education Advisor Patrick McElroy also welcomed the grads and congratulated them on their educational success.

Gopher displayed a presentation with a short video of Jim Shore, general counsel for the Tribe, receiving his honorary doctorate degree from Florida State University.

"If Jim Shore can do it, you can do it," Gopher said of Shore, who is legally blind.

Gopher continued reminding the students and their parents about taking advantage of the huge opportunity sponsored by and provided by the Tribe through the Billy L. Cypress Higher Education Scholarship. This unique scholarship pays for college tuition fees, including books and room and board.

On day two of the trip, June 25, the group boarded a private guided bus tour for a trip into bustling downtown Nassau, to the Straw Market shopping district. They also visited a few of the island's historical sights, such as the Queen's Staircase and Gregory's Arch.

The bus driver and tour guide described

the historical places of interest as the group cruised along the winding, narrow Bahamian streets. Incidentally the bus driver whose last name was Bowlegs, claimed he was a direct descendant of Billy Bowlegs, a Seminole chief who escaped to the Bahamas back in the 19th Century. Everyone on the bus, including Chairman Cypress, got a kick out of that remark.

The motor coach stopped at the Queen's Staircase, the island's picturesque and most visited tourist attraction. It features 65 limestone steps, all carved out by slaves in the 18th Century. Each of

Later that day, back at Atlantis, there were plenty of fun of activities for the grads to try. On a hot summer day nothing could be more refreshing and relaxing than to jump into a pool while being surrounded by other vacationers from all over the world.

Besides the beautiful white sandy beach, there were many water slides to enjoy, including the Mayan Temple, Power Tower and the Leap of Faith, where riders slide down a 60-foot, near-vertical drop through a glass-enclosed shark tank. In one section of the resort called Dolphin Cay, par-

"Membership has its privileges and you're experiencing some of those privileges tonight," she said. "Each one of you has the responsibility of taking it to the next level, to keep the Tribe going, to keep the Tribe prosperous, and develop your education further."

"The Tribe is here for you, to provide you with all the support and opportunities, for all your future endeavors," she added.

Tommie also introduced each speaker to the podium. First up was Chairman Mitchell Cypress.

"I'd like to congratulate all the graduates and want to let you know that your Tribe will always support you and one day you will come back to run the Tribe. We need people like yourselves to come back one day and take over," he said. "So continue your higher education and we will provide you with all the help and support that you need."

"We were at one time a small Tribe that nobody ever realized we were on the map, but today we are the Seminole Tribe and pretty well-known throughout the world for we purchased the Hard Rock International," he said "So you should be proud graduates, for we are the Seminole Tribe."

Cypress then introduced President Richard Bowers, who addressed the grads briefly, "Congratulations to the graduates, but I'd really like to thank all the parents, because they're the ones that get behind you," he said. "As the chairman said, we will support you and always be there for you."

Next, Naples Liaison O.B. Osceola Jr. spoke to the grads and also congratulated them and their parents for their accomplishments.

Each graduate had an opportunity to come up to the podium and say a few words of thanks, followed by the parents and staff members on the trip saying how much they enjoyed this wonderful trip and the generous support of the Tribe.

The seven lucky grads were each handed valuable gift bags containing many items including a T-shirt that read "I survived Chairman Mitchell Cypress's 2007 Graduate Get Away! Paradise Island, Nassau Bahamas," among other goodies. The young graduates were all smiles and very thankful to receive these wonderful gifts from the Tribe, that would perhaps one day help motivate them to continue their success with higher education.

On day four, June 27, the group was scheduled to take a day trip to Exuma Island, an untouched, private Bahamian island. Unfortunately, this trip was cancelled due to a tropical wave that made travel to the island unsafe. Everyone, although disappointed, had another free day to explore or just kick back and relax in Paradise Island while thinking about their goals for higher education.



Class of 2007 graduates and parents.

Felix DeBoz

the steps is said to honor one year of Queen Victoria's 65-year reign.

The next stop was up the hill to Fort Finca, which offered a captivating view of the island and majestic cruise ships docked in the harbor below near the Atlantis Resort. Everyone developed a huge appetite from all the sightseeing just in time for the next tour stop for lunch at one of Nassau's most famous landmarks, Graycliff Hotel and Restaurant.

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Participants are allowed to play with and feed actual dolphins in a group setting.

On day three, June 26, the grads had a photo shoot on the Atlantis grounds. The graduates all wore their Tribal regalia to have their portraits taken with the Caribbean Sea as their backdrop.

Later that evening, the grads took a sunset cruise aboard the Flying Cloud catamaran boat to Luciana's of Chicago for some fine dining at the dinner banquet. This turned into one of the highlights of this memorable trip.

The emcee of the event was Fort Pierce Liaison Sally Tommie, who has also been the assistant to Chairman Mitchell Cypress for the past 13 years. Tommie congratulated the graduates with warm remarks.

## Class of 2007 High School Graduates



### 1 - Kaholte "Jonas" Cornelius

Reservation: Non-Resident — Oneida, Wis.  
Education Plans: Attend University of Wisconsin — Madison, Wis. for a degree in business  
Special Thanks: My family and the Seminole Tribe for taking care of me



### 2 - Yoklot Cornelius

Reservation: Non-Resident — Oneida, Wis.  
Education Plans: Attending the Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising in Los Angeles, Calif. to major in Apparel Manufacturing Management  
Special Thanks: My parents, friends and others who helped me throughout high school, including the Seminole Tribe!



### 3 - Joshua Girtman

Reservation: Brighton  
Education Plans: To pursue an art degree at Indian River Community College  
Special Thanks: My mom, dad, brothers, teachers and my friends that have been through school with me



### 4 - Phelicia Hughes

Reservation: Hollywood  
Education Plans: Take a semester off and then go to a college for Bachelor of Science degree in criminal justice  
Special Thanks: My family, friends and the Tribe



### 5 - Noel Jim

Reservation: Trail  
Education Plans: I plan to attend Edison Community College in Naples for the spring semester. I plan to study psychology  
Special Thanks: I want to thank my mom for driving me to school everyday and encouraging me everyday to finish my goals



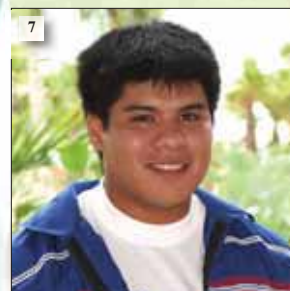
### 6 - Efrain 'Tre' Marrero III

Reservation: Immokalee  
Education Plans: To attend DeVry University  
Special Thanks: Noritz Yzagui, Diana Roche, Elaine Aguilar, Mitchell Cypress, David Cypress, My grandma Ethel Frank Santiago and my family



### 7 - Kelsey Spencer

Reservation: Brighton  
Education Plans: To attend Indian River Community College for accounting  
Special Thanks: Mom, grandparents, uncle and the Seminole Tribe







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## News From Indian Country

## Indian Group Criticizes Presidential Frontrunners' Debate Performance

### Calls on Candidates to Attend Forum in Indian Country

Submitted by Dave Parker, Political Director

**TULSA** — Organizers of a first-ever presidential forum on native issues criticized Democratic candidates for failing to address American Indians on June 28 at a Howard University-sponsored debate focused on minority issues, calling on the candidates to commit to attending its forum Prez on the Rez.

"The real and pressing challenges facing Indian Country are routinely ignored by our political leaders and excluded from our national conversation," said Kalyn Free, president of the INDN's List Education Fund, which is sponsoring the forum. "At a minimum, it's disheartening to see our candidates miss an opportunity to recognize the issues — many of which are shared with other minority communities — that face American Indians. At worst, this 'All American Forum' is yet another example of how so many Americans forget our First Americans," Free continued in referring to the debate's name.

"The only candidate willing to show leadership when it comes to Indian Country is Bill Richardson," said Free, Governor Bill Richardson, of New

Mexico, was the first candidate to commit to Prez on the Rez, and has made Indians a priority in his campaign. Most notably, the governor proposes establishing a cabinet-level Department of Indian Affairs and appointing as its secretary an American Indian.

"Indian voters are watching closely to see if any other candidate will rise to the occasion in offering proven leadership for Indian Country," said Free.



While Free said she believes candidates deserve praise for speaking out on long-ignored minority issues, she pointed to several areas in which the candidates' refusal to address Indian Country lies in sharp contrast to their campaign rhetoric. Responding to and praising

Senator Hillary Clinton's statement that "If HIV/AIDS were the leading cause of death of white women between the ages of 25 and 34, there would be an outraged outcry in this country," Chairman Dan Jones of the Ponca Nation of Oklahoma pointed to other neglected disparities that haunt native women.

"If one-third of white women were raped in this country, as they are in Indian Country," said Chairman Jones, "not only would there be an outcry but we'd be building walls around them."

"We applaud Senator Edwards for pointing out the unfairness that exists in our Two Americas," Free said in referring to a major theme of Senator John Edwards's campaign. "But no discussion about Two Americas is complete without considering the near-third-world conditions that plague many of our reservations." Free points out that the life expectancy among American Indians is shorter than any other ethnic group and, after Haiti, the shortest in the Western Hemisphere. "What we need in this country is to restore hope to our most neglected communities, a topic on which Senator [Barack] Obama is right to focus. But just as hopelessness and despair limit the opportunities of our inner-city children, so too do they blind Indian children to the possibilities that lie off their isolated reservations," said Free.

## NIEA Joins Campaign for High School Equity

### Organizations Aims to Ensure Preparedness for Student Success

Submitted by NIEA

**WASHINGTON** — Nine of the nation's major organizations representing communities of color today announced a historic partnership, a year in the making, to ensure that America's secondary schools have the capacity and motivation to prepare every student for graduation, college, work and life.

The Campaign for High School Equity boasts a diverse membership, particularly known and respected for their leadership and historic roles in the civil rights movement. They are: the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights Education Fund, the League of United Latin American Citizens, the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials Educational Fund, the National Council of La Raza, the National Indian Education Association, the National Urban League and the Southeast Asia Resource Action Center.

The convener and coordinator of the Campaign is the Alliance for Excellent Education, a national policy and advocacy organization that focuses on improving the country's secondary schools.

Robin Butterfield spoke for the National Indian Education Association (NIEA).

"NIEA firmly believes that education equality is the birthright of all Native children and, as such, helps to form the

cultural and language legacies of our families, communities and Tribal nations," she expressed.

The Campaign for High School Equity will make sure that excellent education will be found in every classroom through research and participation. Robin



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Butterfield told the 200 news conference attendees, "Native students perform better academically when they are taught in a manner that is consistent with their traditions, languages and cultures."

Other organizations shared their concerns with insufficient funds and opportunities in their communities.

The goals of the Campaign for High School Equity are to provide a unique and important perspective on federal and national education policy issues critical to high school reform. This partnership will address the need and options for serious reforms in high school education and be a strong part in building strategic advocacy activities for changes that produce positive outcomes for students of color and low-income students.

For more information about the Campaign for High School Equity, or to download a copy of "A Plan for Success," please visit [www.highschool equity.org](http://www.highschool equity.org).

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## Macy Gray Brings Distinctive Blend of R&B, Jazz and Pop to Hard Rock Live Arena for August 14 Performace

Submitted by Bitner Goodman PR

**HOLLYWOOD** — Grammy Award-winning rhythm & blues and distinctive soul singer Macy Gray will perform at Hard Rock Live on Aug. 14 at 8 p.m. Tickets are on sale now.

Macy Gray's (born Natalie Renee McIntyre) initial success came as a surprise. After agreeing to write songs for a friend, she found herself on the other end of the microphone after the friend failed to show for the recording session. Her demo tape stirred-up the Los Angeles jazz scene for a short time before Atlantic Records signed her to their label. She soon moved to Epic Records, where she released her first album, 1999's, *On How Life Is*.

In 2001, Gray won the Best Female Pop Vocal Performance Grammy award for "I Try," which was also nominated for Song of the Year and Record of the Year.

Her newest album, *BIG*, released earlier this year — the first for will.i.am music group/Geffen Records — follows a narrative of Macy's own experiences over the last few years. Its star collaborative line-up features the talents of Justin Timberlake, Natalie Cole and Fergie, among others.

A multi-talented artist, Gray has acted opposite Denzel Washington in *Training Day*, made a cameo in the blockbuster hit *Spider Man*, and performed in *Scary Movie 3* and Jackie Chan's remake of *Around the World in 80 Days*. More recently, she appeared with Keira Knightley, Lucy Liu, Mickey Rourke and Christopher Walken in *Domino*, worked with Cuba Gooding Jr. in *Shadowboxer* and had a major role in Outkast's *Idlewild* musical.

She's also earned an NAACP Image Award nomination for Best Supporting Actress in the Emmy-nominated

HBO movie *Lackawanna Blues*, guest-starred on Lifetime's *The Missing*, played a singer diagnosed with a career-threatening throat disease on the ABC drama *MDs* and guest-starred as singer Carla Thomas on the NBC series *American Dreams*.

Tickets cost \$60, \$47.50 and \$35; additional fees may apply. All seats are reserved and available at the Hard Rock Live Box Office, open Monday – Saturday from noon to 7 p.m. Tickets purchased in-person at the box office will not incur a service charge.

Tickets also are available at all Ticketmaster outlets online at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or charge by phone: Miami-Dade (305) 358-5885, Broward (954) 523-3309, and Palm Beach (561) 966-3309. Doors open one hour prior to the show's start time.



## The Doobie Brothers, Peter Frampton Will Be Takin' It to the Streets During August 19 Concert at Hard Rock Live

Submitted by Bitner Goodman PR

**HOLLYWOOD** — Multi-talented Grammy Award-winning musicians The Doobie Brothers and Peter Frampton will be taking it to the streets at Hard Rock Live on August 19 at 7 p.m. Tickets are on sale now.

The Doobie Brothers, presently comprised of Guy Allison - Keyboards/Vocals; Michael Hossack - Drums; Tom Johnston - Vocals/Guitar; John McFee - Guitar/Strings/Vocals; Marc Russo - Saxophones; Pat Simmons - Vocals/Guitar; Skylark - Bass/Vocals

and Ed Toth - Drums, have sold more than 20 million albums of their signature blend of R&B, country, bluegrass, heavy metal and rock 'n' roll in the U.S. from the 1970s to the present.

Though their 1971 self-titled debut album initially failed to chart, the following year's sophomore album, *Toulouse Street*, broke down the barrier spanning the classic rock staples "Listen To The Music" and "Rockin' Down the Highway."

Next up in 1973, a string of hits followed, including "Long Train Runnin'" and "China Grove," from the 1973 album *The Captain and Me*. "Black Water," from 1974's *What Were Once Fences Are Now Habitats*, became the band's first No. 1 single and eventually propelled the album to multi-platinum status. *Stampede*, released in 1975, featured yet another hit single, the cover of the Motown hit "Take Me in Your Arms" (also covered by Blood, Sweat, and Tears). In 1976, *Takin' It to the Streets* debuted a radical change in their sound to blue-eyed soul featuring the title track and "It Keeps You Runnin'."

In 1980, the Doobies released their ninth studio album, entitled *One Step Closer*. The LP featured the Top Ten hit "Real Love," yet success was bittersweet with the 1983 live album, *Farewell Tour*. Springing back in 1987 for a reunion tour, the band is still together entertaining international

audiences.

Peter Frampton has long been a mainstay on the rock scene. He fine-tuned his guitar skills on Buddy Holly standards at an early age alongside contemporary David Bowie. Scoring a handful of teenybopper hits, Frampton was dubbed "The Face of 1968" by the UK press. Just one year later, he had formed Humble Pie with ex-Small Faces guitarist Steve Marriott.

In 1975, he released *Frampton*, which reached certified gold and No. 32 on the charts.

The seminal studio album, that later paved the way for his live opus, featured "Show Me the Way" and "Baby, I Love Your Way."

Just one year later, Frampton achieved a rarefied tier of success with his multi-platinum 1976 album, *Frampton Comes Alive!*, arguably the most successful live recording of all time. In addition to the aforementioned hits, the album yielded the smash "Do You Feel Like We Do." To date, it has sold more than 16 million copies and remains an essential staple to any rock and roll collection.

His latest work, the instrumental *Fingerprints*, was honored recently with a 2007 Grammy Award for "Best Pop Instrumental Album."

Tickets cost \$75, \$60 and \$45; additional fees may apply. All seats are reserved and available at the Hard Rock Live Box Office, open Monday – Saturday from noon to 7 p.m. Tickets purchased in-person at the box office will not incur a service charge.

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## Seniors Throw Horseshoes on the Fourth



Chris Jenkins  
Tribal citizen Coleman Josh winds up for his throw.



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Third place horseshoe throw participant Dorothy Tommie poses with Senior Fitness Consultant Kenny Bayon.



Chris Jenkins  
Lawanna Osceola-Niles concentrates on her throw.



Chris Jenkins  
Ages 55-62 men winner Joe Osceola Jr. takes aim in the horseshoe throwing competition in Hollywood.



Stephen Galla

Miss Florida Seminole Brittany Yescas stands with the 2006-2007 royal court.

## See Who Will Be Crowned the Next Miss Florida Seminole July 28

Miss Florida Seminole Brittany Yescas from the Florida Everglades and Jr. Miss Seminole Tianna Garcia from Big Cypress Reservation would like to invite you to their upcoming Miss Florida Seminole and Jr. Miss Florida Seminole Princess Pageant which is scheduled for July 28.

The Seminole Princess Committee is hosting a dinner that afternoon between 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. in the lobby of the auditorium.

The Seminole Princess Pageant will be held that evening at 7 p.m. in the auditorium of the Executive Tribal Office Building on the Hollywood reservation.

Everyone is invited to attend and watch the next 2007-2008 Miss Florida Seminole and Jr. Miss Florida Seminole be crowned.

Any Tribal young lady interested in running for one of the titles may obtain an application from the following Seminole Tribe Princess Committee Members: Wanda Bowers, Hollywood Princess Committee in the Tribal Secretary's Office, Salina Dorgan Brighton Princess Committee in the Recreation Department and Alice Billie, Big Cypress Princess Committee in the Chairman's Office.



Wanda Bowers

Miss Florida Seminole Brittany Yescas would like to personally thank Chairman Mitchell Cypress and the Tribal Council for all the support she has received from them throughout this past year as Ambassador of the Seminole Tribe of Florida.

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Judy Weeks

Cooling off on the water slide and then the swings.



Judy Weeks

(L-R) The Mora children – Cash, Alicia, Aaliyah and James, cool off in the paddle boat pool

# Independence Day in Immokalee

By Judy Weeks

**IMMOKALEE** — Despite some rather heavy rain during the morning hours of July Fourth, the Immokalee community turned out in full force for the afternoon and evening events commemorating Independence Day.

The Recreation Department made arrangements for a carnival and water park, to the delight of the members of the Tribal community. In between rides on the flying swings, Ferris wheel, Tilt-A-Whirl and bumper cars, the crowd beat the summer heat by playing on the water slides and in the paddle boat pool.

A disc jockey kept the beat going with the Electric Slide, Limbo, Hula hoop contest and a variety of other activities. Young marksmen took their chances at the game booths winning stuffed animals and toys by tossing rings, throwing balls and shooting water pistols. As always, the jumping harnesses and rock climbing wall were a big hit with all ages.

As the day came to an end and darkness set in, partygoers gathered beside the ball field for a spectacular fireworks display. The sky was filled with as many as three and four explosions at a time, transforming the heavens into a colorful array. Beginning with the American Flag and ending with a giant alligator, the awesome presentation lasted for well over an hour and brought raves from the appreciative audience.



Judy Weeks

Time for the "Electric Slide"



Judy Weeks

Hortencia Yzaguirre shows off the desserts.



Judy Weeks

Dennis Gonzales carries his balloon toy to the top of the water slide.



Susan Estebarría

Kids line up for the gunnysack race.

## Brighton's Fourth of July Celebration

By Susan Estebarría

**BRIGHTON** — Day-long games and contests started on the Fourth of July with a 5K run at 6 a.m. Not even midday rain and thunder ruined the scheduled events. The parking lot was full and young families and elders alike were having a blast.

The fishing contest had more participants than ever but unfortunately less fish, said Happy Jones. Jones said recent lightning storms and downpours passing through the reservation may have scared off the fish from many of the favorite fishing holes on this rural reservation.

By 11:30 a.m. those who caught fish were packed under the roof of the small pavilion where the weighing station was located. Jo Leigh "Boogie" Jumper was doing the weighing and Dionne Smedley was keeping score.

The tables and the tent set up for the festivities were decorated with red, white and blue balloons and tablecloths and patriotic floral arrangements. A table with T-shirts and hats was manned by Noella O'Donnel of Council Representative Roger Smith's office. His new assistant was smiling and welcoming all who came by to get their shirts.

Children were running off to the carnival rides close by while the adults sat in the shade and talked. A

toy train picked up kids and dropped them off in front of the tent. An ice cream truck sat out in the field and it always seemed there was a long line of people waiting for their ice cream cones.

There were many activities spread out across three ball fields. Adult games and children's games were happening simultaneously. Gunnsack races, one-legged races and balloon tosses on one of the fields were set aside just for the children. It was a busy place of laughter and squeals.

Some teenage boys played a game of unofficial basketball not far from the horseshoe pits. Under the shade of the trees, teams of all ages were taking turns pitching the horseshoes. People were sitting at picnic tables watching the contests until about 2:30 p.m. when the sky got dark and everyone ran for cover.

After the storms passed, the tug-of-war and the pie eating contest took place as well as the watermelon roll. Dionne Smedley said the rains cooled the air just in time for all these action games.

That evening, the amazing fireworks show drew hundreds of people, many who tailgated on the back of pick-up trucks, including residents of neighboring towns.



Susan Estebarría

Virginia Tommie holding up her Fourth of July T-shirt.



Susan Estebarría

Tyra Baker gets an ice cream cone to beat the summer heat.



Susan Estebarría

The one-legged race is easier said than done.



Susan Estebarría

Noella O'Donnel throws the horseshoe.