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Tribe Makes History with First Blackjack Deal

BY FELIX DOBOSZ
Staff Reporter

HOLLYWOOD — Famed boxing announcer Michael Buffer had to change his trademark phrase "Let's get ready to rumble" to "Let's get ready to gamble" as he announced that Blackjack can now be played at the Hollywood Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino.

"This is obviously a historic day for the Seminole Tribe and the Hard Rock," said CEO of Seminole Gaming and Entertainment James F. Allen. "For many years the Tribe has tried to pursue its dreams of being all — with poker, slots and table games — and tonight we control our goal."

June 22 marked the newest chapter in Seminole Gaming's history, and a first for the state of

Florida, as the Hollywood Hard Rock added 71 new card tables to the gaming floor, with 55 devoted mainly to Blackjack.

Besides popular Blackjack, other table card games added with the hopes of bringing in high rollers from around the globe include: Baccarat, Mini-Baccarat, Pai Gow Poker, Let it Ride and Three Card Poker. The minimum bet on games is \$25.

During the ceremony, Buffer also introduced special guests such as Cherokee vocalist Shea who sang an *a capella* rendition of one of the Tribe's favorite songs, "Seminole Wind" by John Anderson, and Medicine Man Bobby Henry from Tampa, who provided the invocation in Mikasuki. Buffer also called members of the Tribal Council to the stage to address the gathering.

Chairman Mitchell Cypress explained that Tommie, hard work of one of the Tribal elders in attendance, gaming pioneer Howard Tommie.

"I'd like to go ahead and thank the gentleman, the founder of Seminole Bingo gaming, named Howard Tommie," Chairman Cypress said. "Without his type of knowledge we would have never had all of this. He was a brave man, without him this would have never got done."

Chairman Cypress explained that Tommie successfully petitioned the federal government for

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Chairman Mitchell Cypress, actress Carmen Electra, President Richard Bowers Jr. sit down to play the first hand of casino Blackjack.

Felix Dobosz



Photos by Susan Etzbarria

Alex Johns herds cattle through the pens for loading on trucks; Below, checking weights, Gabriel "Gaby" Hayes of Big Cypress Cattle Offices is being trained to work with the cattle EID software program by Dallas Nunez of Brighton.

Annual Cattle Shipping Days at Brighton, BC

BY SUSAN ETZBARRIA
Freelance Reporter

The Brighton marsh pen, a labyrinth of locked enclosures, was filled with wild steers and heifers mewing in their tight-quartered corrals, accompanied by the sounds of the clanking gates, roars of cattle trucks coming and going and the whoop and hollers of the cowboys at the annual round up that began June 23.

The feverish tension of cattle shipping was upon the Tribe's cattle owners and cowboys of the Tribe's Cattle and Range Operations lasting two weeks; the first week at Brighton and the second week at

Big Cypress. The ranching operations are a business under the direction of the Seminole Tribe of Florida, Inc.

One by one the scrappy calves, previously sold for a certain price per pound in January, were pushed and coated into a box-like pen with a floor scale. Then they were individually weighed to determine what the final market price will be for these robust animals after nearly nine months of consummate care and feeding. Accurate weighing is vital.

The Tribe's weighing system is unique and they are the only cattle operation I know of in Florida that's set up to

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William Latchford Sworn In as SPD Chief of Police

BY FELIX DOBOSZ
Staff Reporter

HOLLYWOOD — As a third generation law enforcement officer, William Latchford said he is proud to honor his grandfather's legacy as a New York City police officer and his father's legacy as a New York State Police officer who later went on to serve as police chief for the City of Port Richey, Fla. for 40 years.

Latchford now serves as chief of the Seminole Police Department (SPD) after being sworn in by Chief Public Safety Officer Gerald Wheeler in front of the Tribal Council on June 17. In his new position, Latchford will head a department of 223 employees.

with six Native Americans and three Seminoles.

He joined SPD in 1994 as a patrol officer on the Hollywood Reservation. While getting more experienced on the job, he rose steadily through the ranks and accumulated commendations with 12 years of dedicated service in the department.

Latchford left SPD for a couple of years beginning in 2006, when he saw an opportunity to become a commander with the Broward County Sheriff's Office. In early 2008, Latchford heard the chief of SPD position was vacant, and after several calls from Tribal citizens urging him to apply, he presented his credentials to the Tribal Council.

Latchford is married to Tribal citizen Amy Oscola-Latchford and has three boys, Brady, Bradley, Bren-

dan, and one girl, Bailey, and said he hopes at least one of his children will follow in his footsteps. The new chief said he considers the Tribe to be an extended family, and said that family in general is very important to him.

"My family is proud of my accomplishments," he said. "They know that being in law enforcement is a stressful profession; They give me the support, love and care that I need, not only to be successful in law enforcement, but just to be a successful person."

The Seminole Tribe was granted an exclusive interview with Chief Latchford only a few days after he took the sacred oath of office.

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Council Meets in Hollywood

BY CHRIS JENKINS
Staff Reporter

HOLLYWOOD — The Tribal Council convened for a special session on the Hollywood Reservation on June 17. During the council meeting, Tribal citizen Jarid Smith was presented with his New Orleans Bowl Championship ring by FAU Head Coach Howard Schnellenberger. The Council passed 28 resolutions including:

Resolution 23: Service line agreement (5,201' x 20') between Glades Electric Cooperative, Inc. and Seminole Tribe of Florida for location of an electric power line for the Everglades Restoration Project - Big Cypress Seminole Indian Reservation;

Resolution 24: Fourth Amendment to the 20th Annual Work Plan submitted to the South Florida Water Management District by the Seminole Tribe of Florida;

Resolution 26: Aquatic Plant Management, Inc. service agreement for invasive exotic plant removal work on the Big Cypress Seminole Indian Reservation;

Resolution 27: CBS Outdoor Inc., Bulletin Agreement for Billie Swamp Safari;

Resolution 28: Dynamic Leisure Group North America, Inc., services agreement;

Resolution 29: Approval of agreement between John's Place, Inc. and the Seminole Tribe of Florida; ratification of execution of the agreement by the Chairman of the Tribal Council;

Resolution 30: Sal's Home Inspection, Inc. D/B/A R&S General Contractors; change order number one to standard form of owner and contractor agreement for relocation of the Florida Seminole Business Compound on the Hollywood - Seminole Indian Reservation; ratification;

Resolution 31: Bally Gaming, Inc. D/B/A Bally Technologies Purchase and license agreement - Table-view Hardware and Software Acquisition; ratification;

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Tampa Celebrates Independence Day

BY MARISOL GONZALEZ
Staff Reporter

TAMPA — The Tampa Recreation Dept. and Liaison Richard Henry's Office combined efforts at Jerry Henry's property to celebrate this year's Fourth of July.

The property, known to many as Crazy J's, was set up with tents, games and traditional Fourth of July foods for everyone from Tampa's community to enjoy. The adults showed off their skills at the game of horseshoes, while the children cooled off with water balloons and water guns and also took pony rides.

Prizes in horseshoes were awarded for a regular game as well as closest to the pin. Results were as follows: Closest to Pin, Seniors: 1. Peggy Cubits, 2. Maggie Garcia, 3. Susie Henry, 4. Susie Doctor, Women: 1. Linda Storm, 2. Jackie Smith, 3. Alana Henry, 4. Tina Smith; Men: 1. Richard Henry, 2. Jimmy Oscola, 3. Ronnie Doctor, 4. Wilson Bowers. Horseshoes: 1. Debbie Henry/Trish Doctor, 2. Ronnie Doctor/Joanie Henry, 3. Terry Simmons/Nancy Frank, 4. Eric Cypress/Mayra Simmons.

Mayra Simmons, director of Tampa Recreation, helped coordinate the event. She said her favorite part of planning is the satisfaction upon completion.

"Since the Tampa Community is so spread out, these events help our community come together with our families," Simmons said. "While we visit with everyone we are able to remember our roots as well."



Marisol Gonzalez
Peggy Cubits leans in for her turn and goes on to win first place.

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Richard Bowers Jr., President of the Board of Directors, and a cattle owner, at his pasture.

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weigh one cow at a time instead of in groups," said Tommy Mann, a contractor with Superior Video Auction. "There is no guess work in sorting the cows that are being shipped to different places.

"Like most ranch operations, we used to do a pretty good job of estimating weights by just eye-balling groups of [about six] calves at a time," Mann continued. "But now the Tribe has more precise records for the buyers and themselves because of its Electronic Identification system."

The Electronic Identification, or EID system, includes a computer chip in the ear of every cow. With a special software program designed for the ranching industry, each cow's weight is registered instantly when it steps on the scale. This technology also tracks each cow's individual records from birth to death.

Mann, of Palmdale, Fla., was the Tribe's cattle manager from 1972-1990 and now he works for the auction company that sells the Tribe's herds. His job requires him to check every load and make sure the weights are accurate and get the contracts signed with the Tribe so the checks can be sent.



Cowboys and cattlemen eat hot lunch served by the women at the marsh pens.

Susan Elzebarria

"I come to help get the loads right and see they're the quality they're supposed to be," said Mann. "The Tribe's quality is very good this year and seems to be getting better every year."

Every day starts at sunrise during the round up. Up to a hundred calves may be herded from one pasture at a time. Brighton has 32 cattle owners with various size pastures and herds; Big Cypress has 20.

Just one day alone there were 600 cows rounded up from six different ranches at Brighton, taking a good part of the day to load on trucks and get shipped off to this year's buyers. Combined there were 36 trucks loaded with 3,600 calves from Brighton and Big Cypress.

"Four loads of the bigger steers are headed to Blue Ridge, Texas, where they will be grass fed to put on another 150 pounds," said Mann. "Another load of big ones are going to Indianola, Neb., while the medium steers [of 500 pounds] are going to Holyoke, Colo., and some of the bigger heifers are going to Hereford, Texas."

Each day, arriving close to noon, women of cattle ranching families brought platters of food and spread them out on long tables under the chickies for the traditional meal that feeds the hardworking crew of cowboys and cattle managers. The day the cattle are shipped off in good health at good weights is a celebration of sorts; children come along with their parents to watch and play.

"The cattle industry has been part of Seminole history for a long, long time," said Norman Bowers, son of Lorene Gopher and nephew of Andy Bowers, both cattle owners. "You can look back 20 years ago to where we are today and it seems like the cattle program just keeps improving."

Bowers said he grew up helping out on their ranches, but this year he was organizing media coverage for the Brighton Council's Office. He coordinated for Seminole Broadcasting to film the events and invited representatives of the Florida Folklife Program, a component of the Florida Department of State's Division of Historical Resources, to document and photograph the Tribe's cattle tradition.

For the first time, this year's shipment took place in late June, one month earlier than the norm.

"The cattle are being shipped three weeks early so we can give the mama cows a little rest and so they don't pull down so bad," said Don Robertson, director of Natural Resources for the Seminole Tribe of Florida, Inc. "The brood cow will nurse her young from seven to nine months and it is hard on her so this year they are getting a



(L-R) Alex Johns and Don Robertson oversee cattle shipping for the Tribe.

Susan Elzebarria

break."

Robertson said the Tribe's cattle committees discussed doing this and agreed even though the calves would not weigh as much as usual, there will be a better breeding season next year and the mama cows will have more offspring as a result.

"Despite the drought, they are looking good. They may be just a little lighter which could be due to the weather or taking them sooner but they're not much lighter than 15-20 pounds," said Robertson. "The high price of fuel has affected prices. They sold for less this year by 12-18 cents a pound because of corn prices mostly, and the truckers have to drive to Florida. Our cattle are the farthest they have to drive to get them to feed lots."

Nevertheless, Robertson said he is confident Seminole cattle will continue to draw higher prices than the norm as they have been doing for several years since instituting the EID program.

"We did it for two reasons: for food safety and as a management tool," he said. "But sales prices are affected, also."

The Japanese and Korean markets have an age limit for imported beef of no more than 30 months old, and the only way to prove that is to have EID. Recently, protes-

tors in South Korea publicly objected to their government allowing U.S. beef as an import because there is no source identification. The recent salmonella outbreak in crops has also re-ignited consumer concerns about the origins of the foods they eat.

"There will have to be a day when the USDA requires cattle identification, and if it does the Seminole Tribe will be way ahead of the game," said Robertson. "The U.S. Congress did pass a requirement for COOL [Country of Origin Labeling] and it comes into effect in September. We're way ahead of that since we have EID. So we already have premise identification but I would say less than 50 percent of other cattle ranchers do."

Assistant Director of Natural Resources Alex Johns said the cattle shipping process this year worked flawlessly. Brighton has been using the individual weighing system with computers for three years but this year the same software system was installed at Big Cypress.

"It is a better system and it cut the shipping process in half on some days," Johns said. "It also requires less handling of the calves, which is good because they don't lose as much weight in the heat of the day."

❖ Blackjack

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Tribal gaming rights almost 30 years ago. The Chairman also commended the work of all the Tribe's "courageous elders" who fought for Tribal sovereignty more than 50 years ago.

Blackjack and other table games are slated to come to the Taming Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino later this year. Dates have not yet been set for the installation of these games at any other Seminole gaming facilities.

When the games got underway, Tribal representatives, Tribal citizens, invited celebrities and VIP Players' Club members



Carmen Electra's fiancé Rob Patterson of the band Korn participates in the countdown leading up to one of the Hard Rock's finest traditions — the ceremonial guitar smashing.



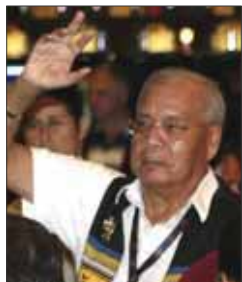
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Cherokee vocalist Shea sings an *capella* rendition of one of the Tribe's favorite songs, John Anderson's "Seminole Wind."

were escorted to their designated chairs and the games began. Other excited Blackjack fans waited several hours for a chance to play on this historic day as costumed showgirls with their bodies painted to look like playing cards and other Vegas-inspired décor set the mood.

"I think this is a great opportunity that's open to everybody," said Tribal senior Connie Gowen. "I'm happy to be here to witness history."

Celebrities including Frank Vincent, Heather Graham, Lorraine Bracco, Alonzo Mourning, Bernie Kosar, Dwayne Wade, Gino Torretta, Carmen Electra and her fiancé Rob Patterson of the band Korn were also on hand for the event. Patterson did the honors in one of the Hard Rock's traditions — the ceremonial smashing of the guitar —



Felix Dobosz

Gaming pioneer Howard Tommie waves to the Tribal Council as they acknowledge him.

which released blasts of smoke and colored confetti that signified Blackjack is now at the Seminole Hard Rock.

Nationwide, Indian casinos have experienced increased attendance by grabbing a piece of the market from other gambling Meccas, such as Las Vegas, Atlantic City and the Bahamas. Skyrocketing fuel prices have decreased travel to many of these higher-priced destinations, but the gambling public have adapted quickly by flocking to Indian casinos closer to home.

Philip N. Hogen, chairman of the National Indian Gaming Commission, announced at the event that net revenues from Indian gaming continue to grow, increasing five percent from 2006 and generating \$26 billion in revenues in 2007.

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Resolution 33: Renewal of revocable permit for Carol Frank Cypress for cultural teaching and family gatherings - Big Cypress Seminole Indian Reservation;

Resolution 34: Transportation related improvements to be undertaken by the Seminole Tribe of Florida in conjunction with the development of Tribal land in or around the Coconut Creek Trust Property;

Resolution 36: First Amendment to the Pharmacy Benefits Management Agreement with National Medical Health Card Systems, Inc. D/B/A NMHCRC;

Resolution 37: Patient Eligibility Ref-

erence Guide for the Seminole Tribe of Florida Health Department;

Resolution 38: First Advantage Enterprise Screening Corporation Master Agreement and Applicant Tracking Service Addendum for applicant tracking and hiring management software systems for Seminole gaming facilities;

Resolution 39: Policies, Procedures and Internal Controls for casino credit and collections for all Seminole Tribe of Florida gaming operations and;

Resolution 40: Ford Motor Credit Company Indian Tribal Government Lease-Purchase Agreement No. 49990 as amended by schedule 499905S; limited waiver of sovereign immunity.



Smith (second from the left) with FAU Football Coach Howard Schnellenberger (L) family members and FAU President Frank T. Brogan (R).

Felix Dobosz

❖ Latchford

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Seminole Tribe will you improve SPD?

William Latchford: The foundation that I'm working off is four things. We need to treat people the way we want to be treated. I'm a strong believer in treating people with trust, respect ... We need to do what it says on the sides of our cars, "Care for Our Communities;" we need to be leaders in our communities. That's something that is very important to our job as a whole. The third thing we need to do is build a partnership with the community, we need to work with the community, not against the community. We need to insure that that partnership is strong and is successful.

ST: How do you plan on accomplishing that, chief?

WL: Interaction with the community and community feedback, and being a good listener. You have to get out there and listen to what the needs are of the community. The fourth thing is, just like taking care of the Tribe, we need to take care of our families as individuals or employees of the Tribe. One thing I'll do as a leader is I want to make sure our employees are focused on families, but include the Seminole Tribe of Florida as their family.

ST: What are some of the projects you have planned for SPD and how will you increase security on Seminole reservations?

WL: I've been gone for two years and a lot of things change over time. So what I've done is given myself a 90 day transition period so I can assess the organization and

determine what programs or projects need to be developed, and what time frame we need to develop them in.

ST: Will you still be preparing safety programs for the elderly, the youth and the communities?

WL: The elders are a very important part of our job, they created the foundation of the Seminole Tribe. They created the foundation that will teach us as the Seminole Police Department how we need to police

the communities and the people we serve. The youth are the future of the Seminole Tribe and we need to build a partnership with the youth to give them an opportunity to assist them in being successful in their life.

ST: How do you deal effectively with what complaints?

WL: I take complaints very seriously. I believe along with the [police] skills, you need to be a good listener. When complaints come in, we want people to let us know when we're doing wrong and when we're doing good. When complaints come in, we have to look at that and ask ourselves what we are doing wrong and what we need to do better. So when complaints come in we need to somebody has identified experiences that need to be taken into self assess our actions and policies and how we're

dealing with things in our community to make things better.

ST: What will you do differently than your predecessor did in this top position?

WL: This police department is not about Will Latchford. This police department is about the communities that we serve, and the employees in the police department. My direction that I would like to go with is to build the best partnership that can be built between the police department and the communities on each individual reservation. Our job in law enforcement is not just to enforce state statutes of the law, it's to be good listeners; to be mentors. Leadership, to me, starts at the top. Every body from the top, which is me down, becomes a good leader and interaction builds that partnership with the community. I think the future for both parties is endless.

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(L-R) Ida Lofton Kirby and Barbara Billie were honored guests at the Swamp Cabbage Appreciation Dinner in LaBelle.

Tribe Honored at Swamp Cabbage Festival Dinner

BY JUDY WEEKS
Freelance Reporter

LABELLE, Fla. — The Swamp Cabbage Committee hosted an appreciation dinner at the Dallas Townsend Agricultural Center on the evening of May 31 for everyone involved in the successful 2008 Swamp Cabbage Festival.

Among the guests of honor were the Seminole Tribe of Florida, who were instrumental in providing the Eastern Indian Rodeo and Bull Riding events, which took place during the festival. Cattleman of the Year President Richard Bowers Jr. also was given special recognition.

The core of the annual Swamp Cabbage Festival is the colorful heritage of the area surrounding LaBelle and Hendry County. The Seminole Tribe played a principal role in the history of this portion of Florida and continues to be a part of the community.

Representing the Seminole Tribe, Barbara Billie thanked everyone for their acknowledgement and spoke briefly about the Tribe's connection to Hendry County's history.

Ida Lofton Kirby, 90, was born in LaBelle just like her mother, Corrine Poole, and entertained the audience with stories from her childhood about her grandparents' general store, which serviced the area in the late 1800s. Her father, Melville Forrey, was instrumental in the division of Lee County into Collier, Lee and Hendry County and operated a mercantile store and meat market during the first part of the 19th Century.

Ida Kirby shared vivid memories of Seminole families coming to trade at both stores and recalled the alligator pits for holding the live reptiles which were sometimes traded for merchandise. Both the Pooles and Forreys did a lucrative business in trading supplies with the Seminoles for hides and plumes which were later marketed in Tampa.



Judy Weeks
Members of the Swamp Cabbage Committee prepare the steaks provided by the Cattleman's Association.

Broadcasting Hosts Second Youth Video Workshop

BY MARISOL GONZALEZ
Staff Reporter

HOLLYWOOD — For the second consecutive year Seminole Broadcasting, in partnership with the Boys & Girls Club and the Education Dept., hosted a weeklong workshop designed to teach Tribal youth all facets of video production.

The 2008 Youth Video Production Workshop consisted of seven students, Brittany Huff, Alisia Billie, Jesse Mitchell, Hanaa Al-Ajam, Hayden Roberts, Lorelei Tommie and Shelli Mae Osceola, broken up into two groups. Each group was tasked with completing a short video on a topic of their choosing.

The workshop kicked off with an orientation in the Hollywood Headquarters auditorium on June 23. During the orientation, the students chose teams and met their instructors and the staff. They also went over various video production topics including reporting, videography, editing and audio that would help them create their own video stories.

One group chose to do a Public Service Announcement (PSA) while the other took on Electronic News Gathering (ENG).

Brittany Huff, Alisia Billie and Jesse Mitchell combined efforts for their PSA titled "The Importance of Seminole Culture." Their production company name was made up by combining letters from their names to make the acronym B.A.M.

The second group was named R.O.T.F.L., from the popular online phrase "Rolling on the Floor Laughing." The ENG agency was called W.L.O.L Channel 89 "Where No News Is Bad News" and included Hanaa Al-Ajam, Hayden Roberts, Lorelei Tommie and Shelli Mae Osceola.

The daily events were led by Seminole Broadcasting staff members, many of them bringing their knowledge from the outside media environment. In addition, several guest speakers offered words of wisdom and tips to the students.

Guest speaker President Richard Bowers Jr. came out to congratulate the students in making a decision to take on the informative summer activity.

Jay Holata, Broadcasting's video production coordinator, also spoke to the students about the importance of coming back to work for the Tribe. Holata said he has always had an interest in



Marisol Gonzalez
(L-R, Back Row) Sunshine Frank, Robert North Sr., Bobby Frank and Danny Jumper present guest speakers (L-R, Front Row) Linda Iley and Kelley Mitchell with thank you gifts for joining them on the final evening of the workshop.



Marisol Gonzalez
(L-R) Danny Jumper, Lorelei Tommie, Hayden Roberts, Shelli Mae Osceola, Jesse Mitchell, Brittany Huff, Alisia Billie, Hanaa Al-Ajam and Sunshine Frank.



Marisol Gonzalez
Seminole Broadcasting staff served as instructors throughout the workshop. (L-R) Sunshine Frank, Jay Holata, Briana Ahlitan, Veronica Betancourt, Roberta Schicchi, Deana Johnson, Dana Barkett, David Baum, Celso Contreras and Danny Jumper.

video production and has worked with the Broadcasting Dept. for the past eight years.

Special guest speaker Kelley Mitchell, formerly of WPLG Local 10 and WSVN Channel 7, spoke to the audience about a career in broadcasting. She said the job is extremely diverse and oftentimes reporters never know what their next story is going to be about. Mitchell said if she was not in the news business, she may have never had such a variety of opportunities.

Other guest speakers were Assistant Director of Broadcasting Sunshine Frank, Tribal Programs Officer Bobby Frank, Boys & Girls Club Director Robert North Sr. and Higher Education Advisor Linda Iley.

This year, Seminole Broadcasting paired with the Boys & Girls Club and the Education Dept. to help promote the workshop. The Boys & Girls Club lent a helping hand by offering their newly renovated Teen Center for the workshop and the Education Dept. helped get the word out prior to the workshop, to gain as much community participation as possible.

After long days worth of work the students had nightly activities planned to bring some fun into the weeklong event.

The final evening of the workshop staff, family, friends and community members were invited to view the final production. The culmination of hard work and dedication by the students and the staff were rewarded by certificates at the end of the presentation.

First Indian Baptist Pastor Bids Farewell to Florida

BY CHRIS JENKINS
Staff Reporter

BIG CYPRESS — Salaw Hummingbird's life journeys have taken him from the plains of Oklahoma to sunny South Florida, and he has seen a lot along the way. The First Indian Baptist Church pastor, however, is about to start the next phase of his life as he and his family move back to the Sooner state.

Although born in Tahlequah, Okla., and of Cherokee Indian heritage, Hummingbird said he has become accepted as an extended family member among the Seminoles. For the last seven years he and his family have lived in the Big Cypress community, where he said "we have really felt like we are at home."

"I really thank the Seminole Tribe for allowing me to be a part of their family and homes and a part of what they do because it speaks a lot about what they believe in and the kind of people that they are," Hummingbird said. "They are a loving people and a great people."

Hummingbird said he has been influenced by many of the Tribal citizens he lived amongst in Big Cypress throughout his years with the Tribe. The time has been great, he said, and leaving will be bittersweet.

"I and my wife always prayed that we would get to go back, and the process started last July," he said. "I hate leaving in the flesh, but I am glad I am leaving spiritually."

Hummingbird, however, said he will return to visit at some point as the friendships he and his family have built, as well as ministry work in Immokalee, remain important.

The 48-year-old comes from a background filled with drug and alcohol abuse, but admits giving his life to the Lord changed all that. Hummingbird said rock

bottom for him came on July 23, 1994 at 3:30 p.m. as he sat in a dirty, dusty, roach infested county jail cell in Oklahoma. He said the Lord reached out to him on that day through a jail chaplain's preaching.

"I knelt down and invited Jesus into my heart," he said. "And from that day forth my life was changed."

Once free from jail, Hummingbird said he made a vow to serve the Lord.

"In the book of Psalms, the Bible speaks of a person in a lot of trouble and the person says, 'God if you will deliver me out of this I will serve you in a great congregation and I will speak about you in public places,'" he said. "So I told God, 'That is me, and I will do such for you.'"

He got his start in the ministry in the town of Stillwell, Okla. Since that start, this father of two and husband of 28 years said he has not looked back. He said his passion has always been in speaking to and teaching the church elders.

"Our elders are very special and I love to listen to them and I follow their lead," he said. "God reveals things to me through them."

After spending a few more years helping other churches, Hummingbird said the opportunity and calling came to relocate to Florida. While in Florida, he said he had the chance to impact and shape the minds and spirits of many, while deterring them from the lure and destruction of drugs and alcohol.

"What makes God so good is that whenever our families, our communities and our friends give up on us because of our drug and or alcohol abuse, God waits very patiently for us," he said.

Through his work among the Seminoles alone, Hummingbird said he has had more than 125 people give their lives to God or become saved.



Chris Jenkins
Salaw Hummingbird discusses his life's journey in the ministry.

BY SUNSHINE FRANK
Contributing Writer

MIAMI — The Miami Seminole Booster Club honored Moses "Bigg" Jumper Jr. with a football helmet signed by legendary Coach Bobby Bowden at the Bobby Bowden Golf Tournament and Banquet, held at the Doral Golf Resort and Spa on May 31.

The club recognized and thanked Jumper for allowing them to hold their first "Campout at the Rez" on his pasture in Big Cypress.

More than 30 members of the booster club enjoyed a weekend of camping, hunting, games and a barbecue on Feb. 23-24.

Club members expressed their



Photo Submitted by Sunshine Frank

(L-R) Award recipient Moses "Bigg" Jumper Jr., FSU alum and actor Burt Reynolds, and Jumper's wife, Laquita, at the tournament on May 31.



Photo Submitted by Miami Seminole Booster Club

(L-R) Moses "Bigg" Jumper Jr. holds his award, an FSU football helmet signed by coach Bobby Bowden, presented to him by booster club President Eric Muñoz.

appreciation to Jumper, director of the Recreation Dept., as well as Recreation Dept. Public Relations Officer Richard Osceola. Osceola also was instrumental in hosting the Miami "Noles," who attended the event.

Both men are fans of the Florida State University football team and have worked to develop a positive relationship between the school and the Seminole Tribe of Florida in conjunction with the Recreation Dept. Throughout the years, the connection has grown stronger and they hope the department continues hosting events with the Miami Seminole Booster Club so it will grow even stronger.

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4-H



4-H Merit Award winners: (L-R) Senior Showmanship winner in the steer category Erena Billie and Blake Baker, whose steer won the award for Most Gained Weight. Rounding out the awards for steer category are Junior Showmanship winner Jessie Osceola, Reserve Grand Champion Jaryaca Baker and Grand Champion Kenny Davis Jr.

4-H'ers Attend End of the Year Banquet Swine, Steer Merit Awards Given to Club Members

BY SUSAN ETXEBARRIA
Freelance Reporter

BRIGHTON — The Seminole Indian 4-H Banquet took place at the Brighton Gym on June 16 as excited youth received their awards at the completion of the 2007-2008 year.

With parents and visiting dignitaries present, the youth celebrated the close of a productive year raising and selling their cattle, swine and showing small animals. The gathering was well attended by Tribal officials offering special plans.

To kick off the banquet, Brighton Seminole Princess and fifth year 4-H member, Jaryaca Baker, led the 4-H pledge. Seminole leaders and elders, including Pastor Wonder Johns of First Indian Baptist Church, recalled their own memories as 4-H members when the Tribe was not in the position to provide the same opportunities to young people as it can today.

President Richard Bowers Jr. told the youth through 4-H they too can learn to raise cattle, become cattlemen and be part of the Tribe's newest endeavor to sell their own beef at the tribe's newest eatery.

There's always a winner and always a loser each year but the main thing is that the youth are learning to be responsible.

Rep. Jones also thanked all the 4-H members who took their projects and competed in other Florida livestock show and sales, especially at the South Florida Fair. He said the Tribal leaders want the youth to continue showing their animals to the outside world to represent the Seminole Tribe.

Brighton Tribal Council Rep. Roger Smith thanked the parents for supporting their children. He said many of the 4-H youth would become cattle owners some day when they grow up and they are learning many skills now, and it is teaching them to become responsible adults.

Pastor Wonder Johns told a story of how he joined 4-H but got drafted to serve in Korea and had to leave his steer for someone else to raise and sell for \$250. He said the children today have so many opportunities they can achieve whatever they want if they just jump in and try.

"You learn to take care of something and I believe God will bless you," he said.

Each 4-H member received his or her paycheck that had proudly earned selling their animals at the Youth Livestock Sale, held at the Brighton 4-H Barn on March 28. In nervous anticipation 4-H members also had their individual educational-core "Record Books" returned after being graded.

Buyers had purchased the 4-H steer and swine and the results of each member's costs and expenses as well as profits were recorded in their record books. Prior to the banquet each 4-H member has to submit finalized record books before they can receive their check.

Seminole Extension Agent Michael Bond is

responsible for grading the books.

"This is part of learning important life skills such a money management, business skills needed in livestock management, and the basics of keeping business records. It's easy to do as long as the 4-H member stays on top of it. The record book also includes their personal story about their 4-H project and photos of their animal."

Of the 77 record books submitted this year, there were four winners Trevor Thomas, Ashton Baxley, Rayven Smith and Seth Randolph. Their stories tell a lot about the joys and hardships of raising a 4-H animal.

"This was my first year growing a hog. It was a lot of fun," wrote Trevor Thomas. "My dad and me picked up Rocky from Mr. Donnie [Hayes] in December. We became best buddies right away. He liked to eat and seemed to like his new home. We kept him in my dad's horse trailer for a few days and I would visit him in the trailer every day after school. I think he enjoyed my visits. We finally moved Rocky into the barn and he lived like a king."

Thomas described how his hog liked to play in mud and would kick over his water and how he washed and brushed his hog and fed him every day.

"He was a pretty silly hog ... I will miss Rocky a lot. I learned a lot, too."

At the banquet 4-H pins that indicate the number of years each child has participated in 4-H were awarded the 4-H members. Outstanding participation for 11 years of membership went to Cassandra Jimmie and Dieder Hall; Seth Randolph with nine years, and Christine Davis with eight.

Merit awards to youth who excelled in their swine and steer projects were also recognized. These youth were called up to the stage for applause and received impressive trophies for their accomplishments.

All 4-H members were honored for their accomplishments with a special gift, an attractive backpack with a 4-H emblem.

In addition to Steer and Swine Club 4-H members there were 16 Small Animal Club Members who were recognized at the banquet.

Parents were praised for their sacrifices and commitment helping their sons and daughters become responsible adults. There were 57 of volunteers recognized for their contributions, and each of them received a tote bag.

Both Moses and Naha Jumper and Roger Smith were presented with "producer" plaques. Special recognition went to Moses and Naha Jumper of Big Cypress for producing this year's grand champion steer and Council Rep. Roger Smith for producing this year's reserve grand champion. Moses Jumper told the children that they can be very proud of their cattle heritage that goes back far in the Tribe's history.

Another guest speaker was District 10 Regionalized Special Agent Germaine Pointer who spoke about the many different kinds of 4-H activities available in addition to raising livestock. District 10 President Kaylee Brummett, who followed Pointer, talked about her involvement in 4-H leadership on the state level where she has met many wonderful people.

Many of the speakers praised the work of Polly Hayes, Seminole 4-H director. They also thanked her assistant, Dionne Smedley, for her work with the youth.

"Our 4-H has come a long way," Hayes said. "Nine kids went to the State Show and they did well and placed in different categories."

No sooner did 4-H end their 2007-2008 year end with the annual banquet than the new 2008-2009 year began. With cattle shipping starting at Brighton on June 23, youth looking to be in the 4-H steer project were already picking out new calves to raise from cattle owners but they were shipped off.



Winners of the Producer's Special Recognition plaque (L-R) Roger Smith, Naha Jumper and Moses "Biggs" Jumper Jr.



4-H Merit Award winners: (L-R) Ashton Baxley, whose swine won the Most Gained Weight award; Kaylee Lopez and Jessica Lopez, who won the Junior and Senior Showmanship Awards in the swine category respectively; and Jacob Cotton and Rylee Smith, who respectively won the Reserve Grand Champion and Grand Champion awards for their swine.



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MUSEUM

Museums Participate in Broward Attractions and Museums Month

BY MARISOL GONZALEZ
Staff Reporter

HOLLYWOOD — The Ah-Tah-Thai-Ki Museum and Okalee Village hosted various discussion panels throughout the month of June during Broward Attractions and Museums Month.

The series featured the topics: “Ah-Tah-Thai-Ki Behind the Scenes,” “Seminole Art Appreciation” and “A Glimpse into Tribal Historic Preservation.”

Museum Registrar Robin Bauer Kilgo and Museum Conservator Corey Smith led the “Ah-Tah-Thai-Ki Behind the Scenes” discussion.

Smith discussed how to restore the fragile items and the importance of maintaining them in their condition or to get them close to how they were in the past. Bauer Kilgo spoke about how all the artifacts are kept, she also showed various pictures of the vaults at the museum, which is home to most of these items.

Tribal Citizen and Community Outreach Coordinator Brian Zepeda led the “Seminole Art Appreciation” discussion. Zepeda explained how traditional Seminole crafts are constructed and displayed



Brian Zepeda holds up the first bandolier bag he ever completed.



Vanessa Cedeño-Lugo views the detail of the traditional Seminole art.

structed and displayed bandolier bags he had made as well as those he had attained throughout the years. He also brought in baskets and dolls to show the variety of crafts the Seminoles make.

Historic Preservation Officer Willard Steele led the “Tribal Historic Preservation” seminar and explained why it is important to preserve the history of the Tribe. He also gave examples of the modern and state-of-the-art ways to search the grounds of the reservations for pieces of Seminole history.

These gatherings were open to the public. The community along with Tribal employees came out to learn more about where they work and the history of the Tribe.



Tribal employees enjoy the presentation by Ah-Tah-Thai-Ki Museum Registrar Robin Bauer Kilgo (Far right, on stage).

Seminole Moments Focuses on Museum Collections

Museum Registrar Robin Bauer Kilgo Hosts Seminar

BY CHRIS JENKINS
Staff Reporter

BIG CYPRESS — The latest presentation for the ongoing informative Tribal series, Seminole Moments, took place on June 18, and this time focused on museum collections.

Ah-Tah-Thai-Ki Museum Registrar Robin Bauer Kilgo presented collections from a library of more than 10,000 objects and items to Tribal citizens, employees and staff.

Bauer Kilgo said museum collections consist of two areas: objects which are both animate and inanimate that have intrinsic value toward science, history, art, or cultures as well as permanent collections or main collections of a museum, which are considered the core collection in fulfilling a museum’s mission.

Specific Ah-Tah-Thai-Ki Museum departments in the collection process include: film and audio collections which involve various Seminole events, library research which contain various books, journals, and unpublished manuscripts dealing with Native American culture, general reference photography which are photos and slides that depict Seminole life in Florida, permanent archives which are all items that are paper in nature and permanent artifacts

which are all material items such as baskets, clothing, militaria, dolls, and more.

Bauer Kilgo said most of their collections are stored in the Big Cypress Ah-Tah-Thai-Ki Museum facility in two separate vaults that are located on the property. State-of-the-art facilities house some of their best examples of Seminole and South-eastern cultural items. She explained that items are available for research and exhibit, but are on a request basis only and are strictly controlled under the Collection Management Policy and the American Association of Museums accreditation process.

Storage temperatures are generally around 70 degrees Fahrenheit with 50 percent humidity to provide the best protection for most of the items.

“Our goal is to ensure that objects stay around for years to come for people to see,” Bauer Kilgo said. “The cool thing about my job, I get to go out and learn a lot of different things.”

She said collection management is another important factor in collecting and involves knowing what inventory is actually on hand, knowing where the inventory is, taking care of and protecting the inventory, knowing sure inventory you need, and making sure individuals get proper use of it.

Conservation and preservation of cultural property for future use are also important parts of the collection and management process including: examination, documentation, treatment, and preventive care, this supported by research and education.



Ah-Tah-Thai-Ki Museum Registrar Robin Bauer Kilgo.

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Seminar Highlights Second Seminole War

BY CHRIS JENKINS
Staff Reporter

BIG CYPRESS — As the director of the Tribe's Historic Preservation Office, Willard Steele has seen and heard a lot in his 25 years working for the Seminole people.

He shared some of his views with Tribal citizens and employees in the Community Center on June 24 in the latest “Seminole Moments” presentation about the Second Seminole War.

As a historian on Native American traditions and customs, Steele helped reveal some of the significant factors and impacts of the Seminole War on its people as well as the U.S. as a whole.

“It is an incredible period of history,” Steele said. “This war was fought to help maintain the identity of the Seminole community, and they succeeded.”

Also known as the Florida War, the seven year conflict, lasted from 1835-1842 and involved several groups including the Creeks, Seminole and Miccosukees. Steele, who replaced the late Billie L. Miccosukee in April 2004 as historic preservation director, said their resilience and determination can be shown in the population numbers. He said initially there were about 32,000, but that number was eventually reduced to 400, with amazingly, no surrender.

“The whole history of the entire southeast is tied into these reservations,” Steele continued. “[The Seminoles] are the genetic remnants of every Native American group that refused to surrender their lands. When they are referred to as ‘The Unconquered Seminoles,’ the depth of that statement is unimaginable... I really did not know what they paid to become [unconquered].”



Director of the Tribe's Historic Preservation Office Willard Steele speaks to those in attendance at the Second Seminole War.



Chief Historic Resources Officer Tina M. Osceola speaks about the importance of preserving Tribal history.

In the end, the war was the most expensive Indian war fought by the U.S. It also lasted longer than any war involving the U.S. in the time period between the American Revolution and the Vietnam War.

In its aftermath, Florida authorities continued to press for removal of all Indians from Florida lands. The federal government also pushed for their removal from Florida, and applied great pressure and tactics against the Seminoles until they struck back, starting the Third Seminole War, lasting from 1855-1858.

The “Seminole Moments” presentations are intended to disperse accurate information about the Tribe from credible sources, according to Chief Historic Resources Officer Tina M. Osceola. She said without stories being handed down and passed on, much of the Tribe’s history would be lost.

“Who we are is rooted in the stories told,” Osceola said. “What we are trying to do is give an opportunity to understand what it is like to be a Seminole beyond the casinos.”

Steele’s major responsibility as historic preservation officer is conducting archaeological work for the building and surveying done on Tribal lands. With 3,500-plus requests made per year for building on lands in and outside of Florida, Steele stays busy.

He said, however, that the search to uncover and tell their stories has always been a major priority for the Tribe, for their own legacies. Steele said this remains a vital part of his work and that of his office.

The Tribe has been doing historic preservation for decades before the federal government recognized them as doing so,” Steele explained. “[America] has been a Native American community for some 14,000 years.”

CASINO

Class III Gaming Comes to Brighton Facility

BY CHRIS JENKINS
Staff Reporter

BRIGHTON — Seminole Brighton Casino General Manager Marty Johns said he had chills going down his arms in excitement for the June 16 ceremony at his facility.

All of the emotion and happiness was the result of a dream he and his staff saw come to reality as Class III gaming finally made its way onto the Brighton Reservation. The facility now features more than 100 new slot machines installed in the 24,400 square foot gaming area.

"I take pride in being a part of this history," Johns said. "I feel blessed to work for the Tribe and work for this property."

The new machines will be added to the already 100-plus Class II games in play currently.

Ceremonies were held to celebrate the day with Tribal citizens, representatives and media gathering for the event.

When I grew up here this place started out as a hairdressing and hairdware store and look at what has become today," President Richard Bowers Jr. said. "Our elders here have been waiting for such a long time for this."

Brighton Casino Director of Finance and Tribal citizen Carla Gopher, who has a decade in gaming industry for more than a decade, said the expectations are high.

"We are expecting a lot and the different dynamics of the games will hopefully bring in different customers as well," Gopher said.

The machines are manufactured by



Brighton Casino General Manager Marty Johns speaks about the historic day.

International Game Technology (IGT) and Bally Technologies. Game selections include: Playboy, Carnival of Mystery, Golden Monkey, Millionaire Sevens, Mayan Riches and Lion Dance. The denominations range from one cent to \$1,000.

The casino is open daily at 10 a.m. with Poker at 2 p.m. and Bingo at 6:45 p.m., Monday through Friday (no bingo on Mon-

days). Poker and Bingo are on Saturdays with Poker at noon and Bingo at 12:45 p.m. and 6:45 p.m. On Sundays, Poker begins at noon and Bingo at 2 p.m.



The Tribal Council prepares for the ceremonial slot pull.



Brighton Tribal Council Rep. Roger Smith speaks to guests in attendance, saying "We have come a long way to where we are at now."

Immokalee Casino Welcomes Class III Games

BY CHRIS JENKINS
Staff Reporter

IMMOKALEE — More than 200 people celebrated the latest round of upgrades as Class III gaming made its way to the Seminole Casino - Immokalee on June 12.

Members of the Tribal Council, including Hollywood Rep. Max B. Osceola Jr. and Big Cypress Rep. David Cypress, Tribal dignitaries, special guests and more gathered for the ceremonial slot pull as 400 of the casino's 800 machines were switched and installed.

Rep. Cypress commended those working behind the scenes, saying "the staff is the most important component in everything."

Rep. Osceola disclosed, that there are retail stores, blackjack, baccarat and other table games, to emulate the Hollywood Hard Rock Hotel & Casino.

He also shook things up by making a grand entrance riding in on a Harley Davidson motorcycle with Elvis Presley tribute artist Chris McDonald on board. The nationally known performer, and Fort Lauderdale native, sang some of Presley's classic hits at the event. McDonald is the only tribute artist contracted directly through Presley's estate, Elvis Presley Enterprises.

"The casino worked hard to set up the image of Las Vegas, and it was flashy," said Gary Bitner of the Tribe's public relations firm Bitner Goodman. "McDonald is a great entertainer and the connection was made to bring Vegas to Immokalee."

The machines are manufactured by International Game Technology (IGT) and Bally Technologies. Game selections include: Playboy, Carnival of Mystery, Golden Monkey, Millionaire Sevens, Mayan Riches and the Lion Dance. The denominations will range from one cent to \$1,000.

The Seminole Casino - Immokalee is located in Southwest Florida on Highway 846, five blocks south of Highway 29, between Miami and Naples. It is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week and is the largest, attraction in the five county region.



Chairman Mitchell Cypress heads up the ceremonial slot pull, celebrating Class III gambling coming to Immokalee.



Classic Albums Live perform their re-creation of Pink Floyd's "The Dark Side of the Moon."

Packed House Attends Paradise Live Grand Opening

Classic Albums Live Presents The Dark Side of the Moon

BY MARISOL GONZALEZ
Staff Reporter

HOLLYWOOD — The grand opening of Paradise Live kicked off an explosion of sound with Classic Albums Live performing as Pink Floyd on June 18.

It took approximately six months to fully remodel the old Paradise Theater into the creation of Paradise Live. It is located at the Seminole Paradise between Spirits Night Club and Pangaea. The venue seats 590 people, which includes 10 booths.

Classic Albums Live is a Toronto-based concert series that re-creates some of rock and roll's musical marvels, including Pink Floyd's classic 1973 album "The Dark Side of the Moon." They are scheduled to have continued performances until mid October also performing as bands including The Beatles, The Doors, The Eagles and AC/DC.

Bernie Dillon, senior vice president of entertainment at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino, said: "They are amazing musicians and vocalists presenting some of the most incredible music of our time."

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Charter School Students Put on Culture Display

BY JUDY WEEKS
Freelance Reporter

BRIGHTON — The Pemaevty Emahaky Charter School opened its campus doors on May 30 for its students to have an opportunity to show off the culmination of a school year full of cultural activity. Parents were invited to attend the Creek language classes with their children and then view the beautiful handmade bead projects completed during the school year. Seminole Culture Director Lorene Gopher, Culture Program Coordinator Shelley Walker and Culture Project Organizer Nancy Shore greeted the first group of spectators at 9 a.m.

The Culture Program makes wide use of the natural talents and expertise of Tribal citizens like Nancy Shore, Martha Jones, Shirley Sampson, Jennie Shore and Janelle Robinson to name a few. In total, 15 individuals make up the Culture & Development Team. While all Seminole arts and crafts are introduced in the program, the 2007-2008 school year concentrated on beadwork at all grade levels. Classes met twice a week for 50 minutes to study the Creek language, work on their projects and discuss their cultural heritage. Lorene Gopher stressed priority for the new generations to learn and use their native language. When a culture loses its

language, it is doomed for destruction. In the hopes of simplifying the learning process, she has a 2,000 word Creek dictionary compiled and ready for printing to aid in the acquisition of language skills. "The Culture Program is an exercise in learning and achievement through discipline and encouragement," Gopher said. Projects were attractively displayed around the room in glass-covered shadowboxes, featuring medicine color Seminole patchwork adornment. The exhibit was arranged by class and the children spent time with the language arts department, then recited the pledge in Creek and toured the display area with their families. Nancy Shore explained the method of

teaching the beading process using large pony beads in medicine colors and slowly graduating the students to smaller materials and more difficult artwork. The youngsters are permitted to advance at their own pace, but must remain diligent. The end result was extraordinary. Regardless of age, length of attention span and capability, the beading was a work of art. All of the students and their parents were eager to take home the finished projects. Brighton Board Rep. Johnnie Jones carefully looked at the projects and congratulated the groups of youngsters.

Please see CULTURE ♦ Page 10



Elbert Snow

(L-R) McKayla Snow presents scholarship recipient Leanne Hammack with a beaded stethoscope. Hammack plans to use the scholarship money to attend nursing school and eventually wants to be a neonatal nurse.

Dawn Marie Snow Fertitta Scholarship Awarded

BY ELBERT SNOW
Contributing Writer

OKEECHOBEE, Fla. — Okeechobee High School hosted their annual scholarship awards night on May 20. During the ceremony Tribal citizen McKayla Snow, 11, of Brighton presented the Dawn Marie Snow Fertitta Scholarship Award to Leanne Hammack.

McKayla's mom, Dawn Snow Fertitta, was a licensed practical nurse in the process of advancing her career by studying to become a registered nurse when she had a tragic accident that took her life in 2003. This memorial fund was started by father and stepmother, Elbert and Judy Snow of Brighton, with assistance from the Seminole Tribe.

The memorial scholarship was first handed out three years ago to assist a graduating senior who wanted to continue their education in nursing. This year's recipient said she plans to become a neonatal nurse and in addition to the scholarship award, McKayla Snow also presented Hammack with a beaded stethoscope.



Marisol Gonzalez

Myra Billie Frank, wearing her cap and gown and gold cords — which signify that she graduated with honors — receives her diploma from the dean of Everest Institute.

Myra Billie Frank Earns Pharmacy Tech Diploma, Certification

BY MARISOL GONZALEZ
Staff Reporter

FT. LAUDERDALE — Myra Billie Frank received her diploma from the Everest Institute in Pompano Beach, Fla. on June 20, making her a state certified pharmacy technician (CPhT).

"You can officially call me Myra Frank CPhT, now," she said.

Frank said she eventually plans to attend Broward Community College to receive an associate's degree in health care, with an emphasis in diabetes. However, for right now, she said she will remain in her current job with the Tribe.

"My plans right now are to continue working with the Language Department," Frank said.

Frank has worked for the Tribe for several years and is currently a language and culture teacher with the Culture Dept. in Hollywood. Before this, she worked with the Communications Dept. where she was a photo archivist assistant and also assisted with newspaper delivery throughout all the reservations.

She said working for the Tribe has been a great experience, and it makes her feel good to help out when it's needed. If she wasn't working with the Tribe, Frank would use her certification to be a pharmacy tech in a hospital.

Frank, daughter of Agnes Frank and Theodore Billie, is originally from Trail, and was born in Miami. She graduated from the Micosukee Indian School before continuing her education. She said her greatest inspiration in life is her children, Carmello and Amaya, with a third child due in September.

"Everything I do, I do for my kids," she said.



Shelley Marmor

The Class of 2008 (L-R, Back Row) Lindsay Sauls, Gregory Carter Jr., Chelsea Mountain, Nick Frank, Travis Pacheco, (L-R, Front Row) Demetria Tigertail, Brittany Smith and Ashley Santiago relax in paradise at the Atlantis resort in the Bahamas.

High School Graduates Unwind in Paradise

BY SHELLEY MARMOR
Staff Reporter

NASSAU, BAHAMAS — The Seminole Tribe of Florida knows that after 12 years of schooling, their high school graduates deserve a much needed break. Which is why each year since 1999, the graduates get to unwind for a few days in paradise before embarking on whatever path they chose for their future.

This year, Gregory Carter Jr., Nick Frank, Chelsea Mountain, Travis Pacheco, Ashley Santiago, Lindsay Sauls, Brittany Smith and Demetria Tigertail, all representing the Class of 2008, spent four relaxing days at the Atlantis resort on Paradise Island in the Bahamas for Chairman Mitchell Cypress's annual high school graduates trip.

This year's trip, which took place June 23-26, was open to each of the Tribe's 23 high school grads; however, some could not attend due to prior commitments. According to Education Director Emma Johns, this year's number of high school graduates is more than double last year's number.

Each year, the main event on the graduates' itinerary is the dinner banquet, held onsite at Atlantis on June 24. At the dinner banquet, parents, Education Dept. staff and Tribal representatives alike get a chance to express their pride at each graduate's accomplishment.

Ft. Pierce Liaison Sally R. Tommie emceed the banquet, first asking Chairman Cypress to address the graduates.

"You are our future leaders," Chairman Cypress said. "You have an opportunity to be whatever you want and the Seminole Tribe will be behind you 120 percent."

The Chairman encouraged them to continue their education, but more importantly to come back and work for the Tribe once they do so. He told the graduates to look to those in the Tribe who have already done just that, such as Chief Operations Officer Elrod Bowers and Education Director Emma Johns, both in attendance at the banquet, as role models.

Liaison Tommie then asked Brighton Tribal Council Rep. Roger Smith to take the mic. He acknowledged the hard work of all the grads, citing in particular his daughters.

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Immokalee Youth Host Tutor Appreciation Party

BY JUDY WEEKS
Freelance Reporter

IMMOKALEE — Students attending the tutoring program, sponsored by the Education Dept., gathered at the Diane Yazgaur Memorial Library on May 21 for an Ice Cream Social in recognition of their tutors.

As the tutors entered the room, the students cheered for these dedicated teachers who had successfully coached them

throughout the school year and become their friends and mentors. With their assistance, FCAT scores had soared and passing grades had become the norm for the youngsters.

Education Intervention Specialist Diana Rocha and Tutor Coordinator Julissa Collazo gave brief presentations followed by the students distributing gifts of appreciation to their tutors.

Following slices of pizza, the ice cream social got underway.



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Students treat their tutors to an end of the year ice cream social in Immokalee.



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Tutor Coordinator Julissa Collazo places cherries on top of a sundae for Crystal Garcia.

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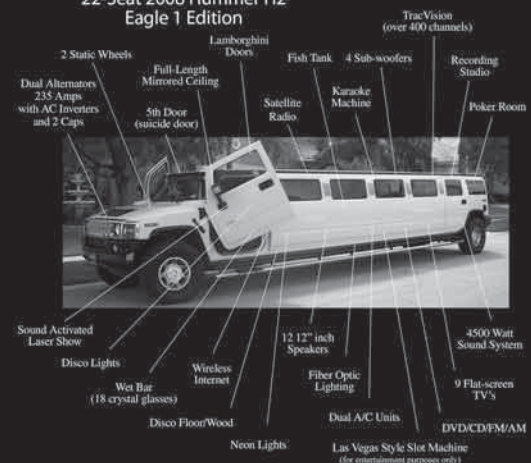


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(L-R) Sean Osceola shares his handiwork with Brighton Council Rep. Roger Smith and Louise Gopher.

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✦ Culture

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"I know your parents are proud of your accomplishments and it is wonderful to see you carrying on the tradition of your ancestors," Rep. Jones said.

Brighton Council Rep. Roger Smith sat in on one of the language classes and joined the children in saying the Pledge of Allegiance in Creek.

"I was very happy to see the number of parents encouraging and interacting with their children here today," Rep. Smith said. "Culture is all about the responsibility to family, clan, roots and heritage. A strong culture strengthens the Tribe and ensures its future."



The Culture & Development Team, who teach the Culture Program.

Judy Weeks

Ahfachkee Students Tour Clewiston Public Library



Barbara Oeffner, Director, Clewiston Public Library

Big Cypress' Willie Frank Library staff and education tutors took 36 Ahfachkee students on a field trip to the Clewiston Public Library June 24. Transportation, pizza, and drinks were provided by the Big Cypress Recreation Dept.



Barbara Oeffner, Director, Clewiston Public Library

Clewiston Public Library volunteer Kendra Hamilton (Left, Center) shows the Ahfachkee students a computer and books in the children's area.



Nick Frank, 18, with Mom Nancy
Clan: Panther
Reservation: Tampa
School: Lake Gibson High
Future Plans: Travel the world studying martial arts and eventually open a martial arts school with his brothers



Demetria Tigertail, 18, with Mom Renee
Clan: Otter
Reservation: Big Cypress
School: Hollywood Christian
Future Plans: Undecided



Gregory Carter Jr., 18, with Grandma Mary Tigertail
Clan: Otter
Reservation: Big Cypress
School: West Oakes Academy
Future Plans: Attend Haskell Indian Nations University in the fall, where he will also play on the football team as a fullback and plans to try out for the basketball team



Ashley Santiago, 18
Clan: N/A
Reservation: Tampa
School: Palmetto High
Future Plans: Earn an associate's degree from Manatee Community College before transferring to FSU to earn her bachelor's degree

❖ Graduates

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ter Brittany, 18. Rep. Smith said Brittany is he and wife, Diane's, last child to graduate high school and jokingly added that he "won't have to come back to the Bahamas next year."

He then let the graduates know that since the Tribe understands college is not for everyone, there are also scholarships available for vocational and technical institutions through the Adult Education Program within the Education Dept. While Rep. Smith admitted college was not for him, he said he went on to learn a trade, eventually becoming a heavy equipment operator.

In addition to the vocational scholarship, the Tribe also offers the Billy L. Cypress Higher Education Scholarship, which covers tuition, books, room and board and more at community colleges and universities. Higher Education Advisor Erlinda Iley was on hand to answer any questions the graduates had about either program, as well as about higher education in general.

Non-Resident Liaison Holly Tiger-Bowers then addressed the graduates. Liaison Tiger-Bowers held the position of Tribal clerk for several years before being appointed non-resident liaison in late 2006.

She said that while in the Tribal clerk's office, worked with her as an intern. Liaison Tiger-Bowers encouraged the Tribal youngsters to pursue internships within various departments of the Tribe.

"You might find out you like doing something you never knew you would like," she said.

In addition to Smith, who earned his bachelor's degree from Florida Atlantic University last year, fellow college graduate Kyle Doney, who received his

bachelor's degree from Florida State University (FSU) last year, and FSU senior D'Anna Osceola, attended this year's trip. The three offered first-hand advice to the graduates as they begin their higher education career.

"It wasn't that easy for me, but the Education Department was there to give me direction," said Doney.

Both Doney and Smith have taken jobs within the Tribe since graduating college: Doney in the Brighton Information Technology Dept., and Smith in Brighton Tribal Council Rep. Roger Smith's office.

"In the future, I want to see you guys working alongside me," Smith said.

Osceola said she will graduate with a bachelor's degree in family and child sciences in 2009, before continuing her graduate studies at FSU. She said she wants to return to work for the Tribe as a counselor at the Pemayetv Emahakv Charter School after she receives her master's degree.

Naples Liaison OB Osceola Jr., who said he hasn't missed a graduation trip yet, was the last Tribal official to address and congratulate the graduates. He shared a history of his family's entrepreneurial legacy in Florida, discussing both his grandfather, Cory, who managed the popular Musa Isle native village in Miami before opening his own native village on Hwy. 41 in Collier County years later, and father, OB Sr., who has been a successful chickee builder in Collier County for several decades.

Following Liaison Osceola Jr., guest speaker Chance Rush (Hidatsa/Dakota/Arapahoe) of Shawnee, Okla., offered his own words of wisdom to the Seminole graduates. During his presentation, Rush told the graduates that each of them has a God-given talent and advised them to "use your qualities" as they enter the adult world.



(L-R) Class of 2008 graduates Brittany Smith and Chelsea Mountain with FSU senior D'Anna Osceola and FSU graduate Kyle Doney in downtown Nassau following the historic city tour on June 25.

"You young people, you're not the future, you're not tomorrow, you're right now," he said "You are your greatest gift but also your own worst enemy."



(L-R) Brittany Smith leads Kyle Doney and the rest of the group down the 65 steps at the historic Queen's Staircase during the historic city tour on June 25.



Ft. Pierce Liaison Sally R. Tommie emcees the annual Dinner Banquet, held the evening of June 24 onsite at Atlantis.



Chelsea Mountain, 18, with Mom Esther Gopher
Clan: Bird
Reservation: Hollywood
School: American Heritage
Future Plans: Attend Broward Community College for one year before transferring to either Haskell Indian Nations University or Seminole State College, both in Oklahoma, to major in sports medicine and minor in business



Travis Pacheco, 18, with Mom Naomi
Clan: Bird
From: Pueblo, Colorado
School: Centennial High
Future Plans: Attend Pueblo Community College in his hometown and eventually return to his high school as both a teacher and football coach



Brittany Smith, 18, with Dad Roger and Mom Diane
Clan: Panther
Reservation: Brighton
School: Okeechobee High
Future Plans: Earn an associate's degree from Indian River Community College before transferring to FSU to complete her studies in architecture



Lindsay Sauls, 18
Clan: Deer
Reservation: Brighton
School: Okeechobee High
Future Plans: Earn an associate's degree from Indian River Community College before transferring to FSU to earn a bachelor's degree in either business or education, and eventually teach fifth grade at the Tribe's Pemayetv Emahakv Charter School

FATHER'S DAY

Father's Day Dinner, Go Cart Outing Honors Those in Hollywood Community



Felix Dobosz
(L-R) Hollywood Tribal Council Rep. Max B. Osceola Jr., Mitch Osceola and Steven Osceola are ready to race.



Felix Dobosz
Members of the Hollywood community enjoy dinner at the annual Father's Day event.

BY FELIX DOBOSZ
Staff Reporter

FORT LAUDERDALE — More than 50 Hollywood community members gathered for the reservation's annual Father's Day celebration, held this year at Xtreme Indoor Karting, a large sports amusement center, on June 12.

On this go cart track, one of the fastest and longest in the world, according to www.xtremeindoorkarting.com, their Bowman Arrow Race Karts can travel up to speeds of 45 mph, making it the perfect destination for dad and granddads needing to fulfill their need for speed.

This fun-filled event was co-sponsored by Hollywood Council Rep. Max B. Osceola Jr. and Hollywood Board Rep. Gloria Wilson's offices, Councilman Osceola, a father and grandfather himself, also attended the event.

"I've been involved in all kinds of

racing with motorcycles and boats, this is fun right here," he said. "It is extreme — extreme karting."

With no power steering on these karts some of the racers were having a hard time, though most drivers made it to the finish line. They agreed it was a unique experience and a real challenge to maneuver the sharp hairpin turns of the half-mile track.

In addition to the men's races, the women got in on the action as well with a Powder Puff race, which Nicole Osceola won. Racer Holly Tiger-Bowers joked "we need to check those vehicles for power-steering."

In between gaming on any of the 120 arcade games at Xtreme Indoor Karting and racing there was a large buffet set up in one of the main meeting rooms. Tribal citizens, along with their families and friends, dined on a delicious meal while watching other riders on the track.



Felix Dobosz
Steven Osceola leads the group as they begin their race around the track.



Felix Dobosz
Mitch Osceola is ready to race with his full face helmet on.



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Holly Tiger-Bowers makes her way through the track's twists and turns.

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FATHER'S DAY

Tribal Fathers Honored in Big Cypress

BY CHRIS JENKINS
Staff Reporter

BIG CYPRESS — Fathers young and old alike had their day to celebrate and be celebrated at Big Cypress's Father's Day luncheon celebration, held June 13 at the Herman L. Osceola Gym.

Along with community members, Big Cypress Tribal Council and Board representatives also attended the festivities. Chairman Mitchell Cypress took the time out to recognize the fathers, grandfathers and great-grandfathers in attendance, calling Father's Day "the best day out of the whole year," a sentiment echoed by fellow Tribal officials.

"There is that respect that you give to your parents," Big Cypress Board Rep. Cicero Osceola, a father of three, said. "It is about showing a lot of love to my parents by giving them a lot of love and support."

Senior Tribal citizen Paul "Cow-bone" Buster said though the Seminole culture is matriarchal by tradition, the father of five with three grandchildren, admits he learned a lot of life lessons from his father, the late Junior Buster.

"He said to never hate. I do my best to like everyone," Buster said. "He also said to always put God first; God is more important then anything else."

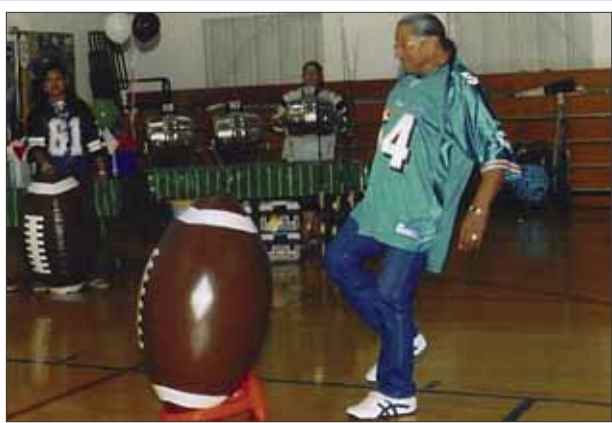
"Dads are good people and they are just as important as mom," Buster added.



Joe Osceola spends time with his great-granddaughter, Vanessa, at the Father's Day luncheon.



(L-R) Big Cypress Tribal Council Rep. David Cypress and Chairman Mitchell Cypress welcome attendees to the event.



Chairman Mitchell Cypress tries for a field goal in the Immokalee Gym.

Immokalee Community Recognizes Fathers

BY JUDY WEEKS
Freelance Reporter

IMMOKALEE — Residents of the Immokalee Community celebrated Father's Day on the evening of June 13 by taking a trip to the see the NFL — without leaving the gym — for the annual Father's Day challenge," Chairman Cypress said. "On the playing field of life, there are wins and losses. The important thing is to give it your best effort. You may not always win, but what matters is how you play the game."

Immokalee Council Liaison Elaine Aguilar echoed the Chairman's message, also emphasizing what Father's Day means within the Seminole Tribe.

"Recognizing the role played by fathers in the family and community is important throughout the year," Liaison Aguilar said. "Father's Day is a wonderful time to thank your father and uncles, who carry a heavy responsibility in our clan tradition."

After the group dined, Kenny Joe Davis of the Immokalee Seminole Ranch presented each of the seniors with a gold charm in the shape of a chicken. The charms were carefully crafted to include the intricate detail of theatched roof and log poles.

With the crowd acting as cheerleaders, all of the fathers stepped up to a large inflated football and attempted to kick a field goal before receiving their gifts and door prizes which included grills, fishing poles, football memorabilia and a large screen TV.



(L-R) Gabriel Acosta and Tracey DeLaRosa present Chairman Mitchell Cypress with a gold chicken charm for Father's Day.



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Combatting Mold in the Home

BY CARTER ELBON, RS, MESH, DAAS
Environmental Health Asst. Program Manager

Do you have stains, discolorations, and spotty areas on your walls, ceilings, furniture, or leather goods? Do you have a damp or musty smell? How about water problems like a leaky roof?

Mold is alive. There are thousands of different types of mold. Molds are living organisms that grow easily, particularly in warm, damp, humid conditions where there is little or no air movement; this type of mold is called mildew.

Mold is related to mushrooms and yeast but is microscopic. We are able to see or smell mold only when there is a large quantity. Mold will grow almost anywhere: walls, ceiling, carpets, or furniture. Humidity or wetness, caused by water leaks, spills from showers and bathtubs, or air conditioning condensation, can cause mold to grow in your home.

Mold grows by producing "spores," which are tiny particles that float through the air. These can sometimes cause health problems. Mold does not affect everyone, and different people are affected differently when mold is breathed or inhaled. People who are allergic to mold may get watery eyes, runny or stuffed noses, itching, headaches, and difficulty in breathing. Mold can also be an asthma trigger.

Some molds produce toxins, poisons, which may be hazardous if people are exposed to large amounts of these molds.

You must remember you cannot eliminate all mold spores, but you can take the following steps to prevent and get rid of mold: Fix water problems such as roof leaks, loose windows and door frames, sink leaks, leaky pipes and faucets; Make sure your home is well ventilated and always use the ventilation fans in bathrooms and kitchens; Humidity in your home should be less than 50 percent by using an air conditioner or dehumidifier; Avoid carpeting in kitchens and bathrooms; Pick up and dry floor mats, if used; Identify areas and find mold that may be growing in your home; Search for areas that have a damp or moldy smell, such as storage rooms, laundry rooms, spare or colored bedrooms; Look for water stains or colored, fuzzy growth on and around ceilings, walls, baseboards, floors, window sills and pipes; Inspect behind and underneath materials such as carpeting, furniture, or stored items; and Inspect kitchens, bathrooms, and utility rooms for standing water in cabinets, water stains, and patches of out-of-place color.

Respond by fixing any water problems immediately and clean or remove wet materials, smishing, or mold. You should: Clean up spills or floods within one day; dry all surfaces and eliminate the cause of the leak; install a dehumidifier where there is high humidity; replace contaminated components such as drywall and insulation; and clean mold or mildew off non-porous surfaces with a weak solution of bleach and water.

In addition, throw out moldy materials that can not be cleaned including carpet, curtains, upholstered furniture, drywall and flooring. When cleaning mold, protect yourself by wearing long sleeves, pants, shoes, and rubber gloves, goggles and face mask. If you find a large area of mold of 4' x 6' or more, or are allergic to mold, consider hiring a professional to clean, remove, and fix the cause of the problem.

If you have any questions, please call Carter Elbon at the Health Dept. at (954) 962-2009 or e-mail carterelbon@semttribe.com.



Mold growth in buildings can lead to a variety of health issues. Various practices can be followed to mitigate mold issues in buildings, the most important of which is to reduce moisture levels that can facilitate mold growth. Removal of affected materials after the source of moisture has been reduced and/or eliminated may be necessary for remediation.



Tony Powell of the Glades Electric Cooperative offers tips to the Ahfahkee School students about power line safety.

Chris Jenkins

Emergency Management Hosts Public Safety Fair

BY CHRIS JENKINS
Staff Reporter

BIG CYPRESS — The goal of the first annual Public Safety Fair was to inform and educate the Tribal community about a variety of safety-related topics that can be applied both in and out of the home.

The Tribal Office of Emergency Management sponsored the event, held June 19 at the Herman L. Osceola Gymnasium, and joined several other Tribal departments and outside safety authorities including: Seminole Fire and Rescue, Police, Health, Wildland Division, Family Services, Housing, the National Weather Service, American Red Cross, Glades Electric Cooperative, BAMACO, Inc., the disaster response group and GIS systems support, to disperse information to the Big Cypress community.

Emergency Management Coordinator Andrea Ward said educating Tribal citizens to help protect themselves was the main concept behind the fair, which already took place in Hollywood on May 2 and in Brighton on July 9. She said placing a premium on safety along with establishing better community relations and trust is vital.

"We just want to focus on overall

public safety from a precaution standpoint," Ward said. "We are just trying to get information out there to the community."

Tony Powell, director of safety and training with Glades Electric Cooperative, which services the BC area, said his goal was to inform the community and youth of accident prevention involving major power line and generator safety while traveling on the road.

"I do not want folks to take this kind of safety for granted," Powell said. "I want the kids to have a general awareness; this kind of stuff is unforgiving and dangerous."

Fire Inspector Bruce Britton of the Seminole Fire Rescue Department spoke to the Ahfahkee School youth on fire safety and prevention in the home. The topics included: bedroom and room exiting strategies, smoke detectors, fire extinguisher use, halogen light precautions, fire place precautions, and kitchen safety. Britton said these topics and others are a part of the ongoing Risk Watch program held for the youth through the year.

"When you are in your home there are things you can be aware of to prevent many accidents," Britton said. "We want them to understand ways of prevention."



Chris Jenkins

Seminole Fire Rescue Dept. Fire Inspector Bruce Britton demonstrates emergency exit techniques in a simulated smoke-filled room.

Fair Educates Tribal Community About Safety Issues

BY SUSAN ETXEBARRIA
Freelance Reporter

BRIGHTON — How do you use a home fire extinguisher? How can you prevent or survive a fire in your home? What are the dangers of carbon monoxide poisoning from portable generators?

Answers to these and many other life-threatening situations were provided at the Brighton Public Safety Fair, held July 9 at the gym.

An abundance of valuable information was made available at numerous exhibits. Parents and children attending the event had the chance to pick up information to study at home. There was also the opportunity to ask questions of experts in the public safety field. Sergeant James Campo, supervisor of the Dept. of Emergency Management Services, coordinated the event to show Tribal citizens what's available for their personal and family safety. The fair has been presented at Hollywood and Big Cypress and after Brighton will go to Immokalee and Tampa.

"This fair is very helpful for the Tribal residents and offers them plenty of information," said Sgt. Campo. "The resources available for Tribal protection are extensive."

Tribal citizens at Brighton, Tampa and Fort Pierce were also made aware of new and improved ways to obtain information from the Seminole Tribe of Florida's Disaster Hot Line if there is an impending or occurring disaster. Option one is to call the hot line at (800) 617-7514 and the other option is to send an e-mail message to brec@semttribe.com.

Most of the exhibitors were from the Tribe's own health, family services, emergency management and fire rescue departments. There were also guest presenters from local organizations and groups.

The Glades Area American Red Cross urged people to take CPR classes they offer locally, especially since there are new life-saving techniques. The Miami-South Florida Weather Forecast Service offered information about tracking weather predictions through the National Weather Service at www.weather.gov. Tribal citizens also had a

chance to learn about Bamaco, Inc., a disaster recovery service the Tribe uses for debris removal.

The Health Dept. offered a disaster preparedness kit for pets while the Seminole Police Department stressed gun safety. Seminole Fire Rescue had a table full of literature and games they use in their Risk Watch program presented at the Tribal preschools and grade schools.

Much hurricane preparation information was made available and the 16-page "Seminole Tribe of Florida All

Hazards Guide" handed out.

The children were especially attracted to the "smoke-house" brought on the grounds from Palm Beach County Fire Rescue. This portable unit simulates what it is like to be in a smoke-filled house and teaches the youth what to do to exit the house safely. They were told after they exit a burning house there should always be a designated place to meet family members.



Susan Etzabarría

Seminole Fire Rescue Lt. Inspector Robert Brown (R) instructs Alexis James (L) on how to use the fire extinguisher.

THE HEALTHY SEMINOLE

Dear Nutritionist,

I am a 43-year-old woman and recently moved in with my mother. I have been doing most of the cooking and grocery shopping. Mom doesn't seem to like much of what I cook, saying that not much appeals to her.

What should I do? I want her to be healthy and happy, and to make foods we both like to eat.

Signed,
Puzzled in the Kitchen



Dear Puzzled,

I am sure you will be able to find some foods you both enjoy and are good for your health. Asking your mother what things she would like from the grocery store and giving her in the menu planning should help to involve her more ideas. As you are planning meals there are a few things to keep in mind.

As we age, nutritional needs change. Appetite may decrease, foods may not taste like they used to, and it is likely that most people have some medical condition to consider when making food choices as well. Sometimes digestion can slow down, leading to constipation, which can be eased by slowly increasing fiber in your diet.

If your mother finds she is not very hungry most of the time, I suggest encouraging smaller, more frequent meals. If her tastes have changed, trying some fresh spices or herbs, different recipes, or new foods may be helpful.

The aging process as well as medications can sometimes cause both of these changes. Various medical conditions like diabetes, heart disease, high blood pressure, and high cholesterol can call for careful menu planning. If your mother has any medical conditions you should speak with her doctor or a registered dietitian about appropriate food choices.

Another condition is hydration, or drinking enough fluid, during the day. Proper hydration is sometimes difficult to achieve in older people for a couple of reasons. A reduced sense of thirst is often a cause for people not drinking enough fluid. Also, if getting up out of a chair causes pain in the back, hips, knees, or feet for the person they may not want to get up to use the restroom as often, and therefore not drink as much as they should.

Try to encourage your mother to drink plenty of water. It will help to keep her kidneys functioning properly and lubricate her joints, as well as aid in her digestion and help to prevent constipation.

In order to maintain a healthy weight, we need to

THE HEALTHY SENIOR

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Q: I'm a senior who's having surgery and the one thing that scares me more than anything else is the anesthesia. Can you tell me anything to reduce my fear?

A: There are probably several sources for your fear. First is that you're older and wonder if you're at greater risk than someone younger. The second is that anesthesia can be dangerous to anyone. The third is that you'll lose total control when you're under. I hope some of the facts about anesthesia will help with all of your fears.

Anesthesia is risky, but today it is safer than ever for all age groups. Your age is not as important a risk factor as your medical condition and the type of surgery you are having.

Safer drugs and major advances in the monitoring equipment used in surgery have reduced anesthesia complications. In the last decade alone, deaths caused by anesthesia have dropped 25-fold, to 1 in 250,000.

In addition, shorter-acting drugs, more specific drugs and new intravenous drugs can minimize the nausea and vomiting that sometimes occur after anesthesia.

There are three main types of anesthesia: general, regional and local.

General anesthesia makes a person unconscious so that the entire body is pain-free. Regional anesthesia is used to block sensation in one area of your body. Local anesthesia numbs a small part of your body.

General anesthesia is used for extensive surgeries. The drugs used in general anesthesia are given intravenously or are inhaled. They act as hypnotics, painkillers and muscle relaxants, and they block your memory of the surgery.

Regional anesthesia is injected around a single nerve or a network of nerves that branches out and serves an area. For example, spinal, epidural and caudal anesthesia is injected into or near the spinal fluid, effectively numbing nerves that serve the lower half of your body.

Local anesthesia may be used to numb only a small area of nerves at the site where the surgeon plans to operate, such as for cataract surgery. Local anesthesia is also used for minor procedures such as skin biopsies and stitching a cut.

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Before your surgery, you can also expect questions from your doctors regarding your anesthesia. The following have to be considered: medical problems you might have, medications you take, whether you smoke or drink alcohol, any allergies you have, previous negative experiences with anesthesia, and adverse reactions to anesthesia by other family members.

The information collected by your doctors guides them in their treatment. For example, smoking or alcohol consumption can influence the way an anesthetic works in your body during surgery. Knowing whether you smoke or drink alcohol allows your anesthesiologist to choose anesthetics that are suited to you. And, some anesthetics include components of certain foods, such as albumin from eggs. Discussing food and drug allergies beforehand helps your anesthesiologist make important drug choices.

U.S. House Passes Child Welfare Bill, Increases Funding

Litigation Includes Increases in Money to Tribal Foster Care

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WASHINGTON — On June 25, the House of Representatives unanimously passed under suspension H.R. 6307, the "Fostering Connections to Success Act."

Representative McDermott (D-WA) introduced the bill saying, "We are focused on the shortcomings of the existing system that can disconnect foster children from the things they need most: Family, support, and school."

A provision in the bill was language that would authorize Tribal governments to apply to the Department of Health and Human Services to administer the Social Security Act's Title IV-E Foster Care and Adoption Assistance programs. It would also allow Tribal-state agreements to administer them.

H.R. 6307, introduced on June 19, by Representative McDermott (D-WA) and Weller (R-IL), is a wide-ranging child welfare bill that covers such issues as supports for the placement of foster children with extended family, requiring reasonable efforts to place them together with siblings, requiring an oversight plan for the medical treatment of foster children, reauthorizing the Adoptions Incentives Program which expires this year, and Title IV-E access for Tribal governments for foster children in their care.

The Title IV-E reforms in H.R. 6307 used language from two other bills, H.R. 4688/S.1956, introduced earlier in this congressional session by Rep. Pomeroy (D-MT) and Senator Max Baucus (D-MT), which have bipartisan support. Tribal governments and organizations such as the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), the National Indian Child Welfare Association (NICWA), the Child Welfare League of America (CWL), and the Pew Commission on Children in Foster Care supports this correction to Title IV-E law, an action they consider long overdue.

Speaking from the House floor, Representative Weller said, "Our first Americans should be treated as full Americans, including in child welfare programs, as this legislation will accomplish."

"Clearly, the current system is not working for our first Americans — we want to right that wrong," Rep. Weller added.

The bill will continue to the Senate for consideration. It will likely be sent to the Senate Finance Committee who are currently working on their own child welfare bill and are expecting to mark up a bill from their committee by the end of July.

Commenting on the bill's passage, NICWA Executive Director Terry Cross, said: "This is the day that Tribal children and families have been waiting a long time for. We commend the House for this strong bipartisan effort and look forward to the Senate continuing this effort so our Tribal children and families in the foster care system can profit from the services they need."

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Sports



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Tyrone Cypress with daughters (L-R) Ashley, 4, and Laycia, 5.

Annual 'Take A Kid Fishing' Tourney Gets Underway

BY CHRIS JENKINS
Staff Reporter

BIG CYPRESS — That age-old bond between father and child was celebrated on June 19 as competitors gathered in Leg 1 of the annual Take A Kid Fishing Tournament.

The tournament, sponsored by the Big Cypress Recreation Dept., was open to all Tribal and community members. The day kicked off with lunch at the Swamp Water Cafe with tournament play beginning afterwards.

Tyrone Cypress, father of two, took daughters Laycia, 5, and Ashley, 4, out on the lakes. He said both were eager to compete in the tournament.

"It is always exciting to bring them," Cypress said. "They talked about it all last week."

Hollywood Recreation Dept. Coordinator Steve Young said the gathering was a nice alternative to the usual youth activities. "We are just trying to get the kids stuff to do," Young said. "We want to get them outside and away from the other things like the video games."

Young said community adults with boats are encouraged to sponsor a child throughout the tournament's two remaining dates.

Gift certificates were given to the winners from the retail sporting goods chain Outdoor World and the Big Bass Award was presented to the adult winner, Tyrone Cypress. In the youth division, the winners from Leg 1 of the tournament were: 1. Barney Hines, 3.32 pound catch, 2. Ryan Cypress, 2.3 pounds, 3. Conchade Osceola, 1.43 pounds.

At the tournament's end, overall winners will receive a trip to Walt Disney World in Orlando.



Chris Jenkins
Participants in Leg 1 of the tournament.



(L-R) Whitney Osceola and Tyler Harjochee practice during the free time given at the end of the camp.

Marisol Gonzalez

Youth Attend 'Below the Rim' Basketball Camp

BY MARISOL GONZALEZ
Staff Reporter

HOLLYWOOD — The Seminole Recreation Dept. kicked off their basketball camp for the Hollywood community at the Hollywood Christian Academy gym on June 9.

More than 40 children, ages 8-17, participated in the fun-filled learning experience. All of the kids that attended on the first day came back till the end.

Instructors focused on many different fundamentals such as ball handling, shooting, passing, agility and speed just to name a few. The instructors for the week long activity were: Aaron Clark, Demetria Tigertail, Eddie Redd from Big Cypress, Tony Osceola from Brighton and Basketball Coach Carlos Adamson.

Clark recently graduated high school and received a full scholarship to attend Alabama State University where he plans to play basketball. Tigertail also recently graduated high school and has plans to play college ball.

This camp was set up in order to bring kids out to learn the skills of basketball, to get them to the next level in sports and to keep them busy and out of trouble, said Marl Osceola, assistant director of Recreation.

"Everyone needs a hobby, no matter what it may be, sports or school work, just don't choose a bad hobby," Osceola said.

The kids who participated in the fun were awarded with trophies, T-shirts and basketballs so they could keep up throughout the summer.

Osceola said with the help of many people the basketball camp was a huge success. They also may be planning a follow-up camp at the end of the summer.



The participants listen to Coach Carlos Adamson (R) as he discusses the proper stance.

Marisol Gonzalez

Players Compete in BC Summer Pool Tournament

BY CHRIS JENKINS
Staff Reporter



Chris Jenkins

Big Cypress Board Rep. Cicero Osceola takes aim in his match.

BIG CYPRESS — The Big Cypress Summer Pool Tournament brought out a variety of players from novice to highly skilled to compete for supremacy at the Herman Osceola Gymnasium June 14.

The noon event was open to Tribal and community members as well as invited guests in a double elimination format. Men's and women's eight ball action in both the 18-year-old and seniors 50 plus division and scotch doubles in nine ball action were featured with cash prizes awarded to the winners.

BC Board and Tribal Council sponsored the event and representatives participated and showed their support including: Chairman Mitchell Cypress, Big Cypress Council Representative David Cypress, and Big Cypress Board Representative Cicero Osceola.

Tribal citizen and 11 year player Phaylin Osceola said the gatherings are different than other competitive sports and provide an opportunity to socialize.

"It is just fun competing and you also see people you have not seen in a while," Osceola said. "It is just a fun game as well; unlike basketball you do not have to take all

of the contact."

Board Representative Osceola picked up the sport two years ago and says the plan is to tie the tournament to a holiday weekend worked out.

"I like getting along with everyone and just enjoy playing," he said. "The camaraderie is nice also especially in celebration of Fathers Day and all."

Results from the Tournament

Men: 8-Ball — 1. Mike Dewitt, 2. Alex Villalobos, 3. Leon Micco, 4. Raymond Garza, 5. Bronson Hill; **9-Ball** — 1. Alex Villalobos, 2. George Grasshopper, 3. Lonnie Billie, 4. Leon Micco, 5. Vincente Villalobos

Women: 9-Ball — 1. Theresa Nunez, 2. Shammee El-Hout, 3. Phaylin Osceola, 4. Virginia Billie, 5. Pauletta Bowers

Scotch Doubles: 1. David Cypress & Phaylin Osceola, 2. Vincente Villalobos & Rena Blissett, 3. Jack Billie & Emma Jane Urbina, 4. Leon Micco & Tonya Juper, 5. Roy Snow & Theresa Nunez

Hard Rock Live Hosts Miranda vs. Abraham 2

BY CHRIS JENKINS
Staff Reporter

HOLLYWOOD — The Hard Rock Live played host to one of the most highly anticipated slugfests in boxing this year on June 21.

Seminole Warriors Boxing and Promotions and Sauderland Event LLC sponsored the event as Edison "Pantera" Miranda (30-3, 26 KOs) and "King" Arthur Abraham (27-0, 22 KOs) were the main event squaring off for round two of a war which began back in 2006. The evening also featured six other great bouts with live broadcast coverage on Showtime's World Championship Boxing.

Both were looking to turn the corner for even bigger opportunities. Although it was a non-titled bout, Miranda was continuing to make yet another push back toward a middleweight championship shot with a win. Reigning International Boxing Federation (IBF) champion Abraham was looking for a little redemption and payback after out-pointing Miranda in a very controversial unanimous decision win in which he suffered through a broken jaw in two places early in the match.

Coming in, the brash and bold Miranda was riding a two bout win streak and in his last action knocked out David Banks in three rounds in January. Abraham, of course, sported a perfect record knocking out Elvin Ayala in 12 rounds in March. This was also the first visit for Abraham to the U.S. and the first time for many Americans to see him in action.

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Chris Jenkins

Michaela Cypress prepares for a free throw.

Youngsters Compete in 'Summer Jam' Tournament

BY CHRIS JENKINS
Staff Reporter

BIG CYPRESS — Basketball fanatics from all around brought their A-game to the Herman L. Osceola Gymnasium for the Summer Jam Youth Basketball Tournament on June 21.

Youth, from Hollywood, Miami, Immokalee, Clewiston and the BC area were all a part of the action with co-ed, boys' and girls' teams participating, and first and second place trophies awarded to the winners.

Teams were divided into age groups with 4-9 and younger co-ed, 4-14 and younger boys, and 17-17 and younger boys' teams. The girls had three 15 and under teams competing.

Coach Eric Sanders and his Esta Chade 9 and younger squad played well enough to get into the championship game finishing as runners up facing a familiar foe in Ives Estate of Miami. Sanders praised his opponents' performance in defeat.

"We have played them quite a bit in the Hollywood leagues," Sanders said. "Throughout the year they have done well in most of the Tribal tournaments."

Coach Eddie Redd with the BC Recreation Dept. made a run for the championship in the boys 14 and younger division winning two straight to win the title. He said they were led by Tribal citizens Anthony Balentine with 14 points and Trent McInturff with eight points in the championship game.

"The kids started off really slow in the beginning and just came on strong in the end," Redd explained.

Results of the Summer Jam Tourney

9 & younger co-ed: Ives Estate, Miami
14 & younger boys: BC Seminoles
15 & younger girls: Below the Rim, Hollywood
17 & younger boys: Ives Estate 1, Miami



Felix Dobosz



Felix Dobosz

Golfer Lawrence Osceola takes a mighty swing down the long fairway.

Virginia Billie hits her ball out of sand trap and towards the green.

2-Man Texas Shamble Golf Tournament Held

BY FELIX DOBOSZ
Staff Reporter

DAVIE, Fla. — The Seminole Tribe's Recreation Dept. sponsored an unconventional golf tournament for Tribal citizens and friends to enjoy during the Fourth of July weekend. The tournament took place at the Grande Oaks Golf Club in Davie, Fla.

The tournament had unusual twist with a two-man blind draw held in conjunction with the 2-Man Texas Shamble game. The rules were: Each player hits a tee shot from the teeing ground, then their partner hits that ball from where their partner hit it originally. Then, partners switched up again for the third shot. This process continued until both balls are holed out. The best gross score of the two was recorded.

Results were: 2-Man Texas Shamble: 1. Charlie Cypress and Pete Russo, 2. Joe Osceola Jr. and Marcellus Osceola Jr., 3. Mondo Tiger and Elliot Young; Longest Drive: Pete Russo; Closest to Pin #7: Charlie Cypress, Lawrence Osceola and Virginia Billie; Closest to Pin No. 11: Elliot Young and Mondo Tiger; Closest to Pin No. 17: Jackie Thompson.



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Steven Osceola takes his time as he putts on the green for the hole.

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FOURTH OF JULY

Hollywood Reservation Has A Blast on the Fourth of July

BY FELIX DOBOZ
Staff Reporter

HOLLYWOOD — Tribal citizens of all ages gathered along both sides of the fields of 64th Ave. for the annual fireworks display the Tribal Council and Recreation Dept. coordinated for this year's July Fourth celebration.

Recreation Director Moses "Big" Jumper Jr. talked about the importance of commemorating Independence Day within the Tribe.

"From early times, we used to schedule softball tournaments; the Tribe has always liked to schedule some type of sporting event," Jumper said. "Today with the way the situation is with our recreation programs, especially, we organized and put together all kinds of different events, from golf tournaments, to bowling tournaments, too. Even some basketball tournaments; those things are still around."

"But we try to make sure we remember our veterans, especially those today that are in Iraq," Jumper added. "With the leadership we have with [Chairman] Mitchell [Cypress] being involved with

veterans, and off course in remembrance of my father and uncle who did fight in WWII, you know this is a very patriotic day for me."

An assortment of carnival rides, as well as a small petting zoo and pony rides, kept the kids entertained leading up to the fireworks display. Parents supervised as their youngsters ran around and played on wet slides to keep everyone feeling cool under the hot Florida sun.

The Recreation Dept. supervised fun, competitive sporting activities, including a watermelon race, egg race, and an egg toss for all age divisions. They also scheduled a horseshoe contest that had to be postponed due to inclement weather.

The older athletes played more competitive games in the gym including a three point shooting contest. A picnic-style dinner with relaxing musical entertainment was also provided next to the gym.

Finally, as the sun set, rain showers could not dampen the celebration as the evening came to a thrilling conclusion with a traditional fireworks show that blasted off for nearly 30 minutes.



Families enjoy the carnival rides celebrating the Fourth of July together.



Mellena Tommie, 6, shows off her painted face.



Kids play egg toss game on the Seminole baseball field.



Hollywood community youth enjoy the carnival-theme Fourth of July atmosphere, complete with inflatable water rides.

Fourth of July Sporting Contest Results

Watermelon Race: 11 & Under: 1. Grant Osceola, 2. Anek Jumper 3. Chayse Billie; Ages 12-14: 1. Neko Osceola, Jonathan Frank, 2. Damian Frank, Justin Frank, 3. Shelli Tiger, Clarissa Jumper.

Egg Race: 11 & Under: 1. Neko Osceola 2. Luke Baxley Jr. 3. Krishawn Henry; Ages 12-14: 1. Clarissa Jumper 2. Skyla Osceola 3. Devan Bowers.

Egg Toss: 11 & Under: 1. Tristen Wilcox & Daniel Rodriguez, 2. Tameron Wilcox & Francisco Rodriguez, 3. Devan Bowers & Rayce North; Ages 12-14: 1. Justin Frank & Jonathan Frank, 2. Neko Osceola & Jordan Baker, 3. Clarissa Jumper & Rene Jumper.

Three Point Shoot: 11 & Under: 1. Tristen Wilcox, 2. Maurice Tyler; Ages 12-14: 1. Hunter Osceola, 2. Kaylan Osceola, 3. Clarissa Jumper; Ages 15-17: 1. Arlah Osceola, 2. Kendra Osceola, 3. Krystle Young; Ages 18-49: 1. Leslie Osceola, 2. Greg Thomas, 3. Robert Stivers; 50 & Over: 1. Chuck Osceola.

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FOURTH OF JULY

Firecracker Walk/Run Kicks Off Fourth of July

BY CHRIS JENKINS
Staff Reporter

BIG CYPRESS — The barbeques and fireworks took a back seat in the early morning hours of July Fourth so Big Cypress community members could get a little exercise in at the fourth annual Firecracker Walk/Run. This summer event takes place on every reservation, with the exception of Hollywood.

"We wanted to get people into doing something healthy for disease prevention, diabetes prevention, etc., and create a family event," BC Health Educator Marjorie Meredith said.

Tribal citizen Edna McDuffie, with the Health Department's Community Outreach Program, said the event has been very popular since it began. McDuffie, who has attended the Firecracker Walk/Runs each of the four years, said about 35 participants attend annually. "This is part of our fun and exercise, and our Tribal leaders come out in support of it as well," McDuffie, who placed first in the 60 and older women's division, said. "I love to walk so I do it for exercise; it is for the fellowship as well."

Cathy Cypress competed in the 31-45 year old Tribal women's division and finished in first place, completing the three-mile run in just 28 minutes. Cypress, an avid runner, said she has been active in the sport since age 15. This was her third year participating in the Firecracker Walk-Run.

"I like to test myself," Cypress said. "I like to see if I can continue to do what I have been doing."



Cathy Cypress, who placed first in the 31-54 year old division, maintains a brisk pace.



Chairman Mitchell Cypress relaxes and gets a quick check-up after completing the Firecracker Walk-Run.

Results from the Fourth Annual Walk/Run

Youth: Ages 8-12, Walkers: 1. Bly Davidson, 2. Callie Joe; Runners: 1. Sierra Bowers; Ages 13-17, Walkers: 1. Jeannie Capricien. Adults: Women: Ages 31-54, Walkers: 1. Carol Osceola, 2. Almira Billie, 3. Ervina Capricien; Runners: 1. Cathy Cypress, 2. Candy Cypress, 3. Eileen Waggery; Ages 46-59, Walkers: 1. Violet Jim, Runners: 1. Shirley Clay, Ages 60 and older, Walkers: 1. Louise Billie, Runners: 1. Edna McDuffie; Men: Ages 60 and older: 1. Paul Bowers Sr., 2. Rudy Osceola.

Non-Tribal Citizens: Runners: 1. Elwin McCowan, 2. Harley Roberts, 3. Dinah Harjo; Walkers: 1. Ashley Burnett, 2. Janthaniel Brooks, 3. Celesta Osceola.



McKenna Smith enjoys a refreshing mini pool as she squirts the water gun to make sure it's full.



Tampa Education Advisor Stephanie Johns (R) holds her son, Carrius Chilson's, hand while he enjoys a pony ride along with Azaria Simmons.

Tampa Celebrates Independence Day



(L-R) Mayra Simmons and Joel Foret fill up and tie water balloons as part of the kids' activities.

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Jocelyn Tiger enjoys the festivities in her patriotic red, white and blue Seminole skirt. Susan Etzbarria

Brighton Commemorates July Fourth

BY SUSAN ETZBARRIA
Freelance Reporter

BRIGHTON — A beehive of activity and many fun games and contests engaged the community residents during Brighton's daylong Fourth of July activities.

The Brighton Recreation Dept. organized softball games, Bingo, horse-shoes, pie-eating contests, watermelon rolls and tug-of-wars, as well as a community dinner. There were also carnival rides and an ice cream wagon.

The general public came later in the day for a PRCA rodeo and fireworks display.



Malcolm Jones wins first place in the boy's 5-6 year old pie eating contest. Susan Etzbarria

Immokalee Reservation Celebrates Fourth of July

BY JUDY WEEKS
Freelance Reporter

IMMOKALEE — Members of the Immokalee community gathered at the Ball Field and Recreation Complex on the Fourth of July to celebrate Independence Day.

A carnival, complete with a water park, game booths and related outdoor summer activities, drew a large crowd. Gathering under the large chaises to wait out a passing storm, both children and adults indulged in the wide variety of favorites including snow cones, cotton candy and funnel cakes.

Immokalee Tribal Council Liaison Elaine Aguilar took advantage of the opportunity to talk about the historical aspects of independence and offer a prayer for all the brave men and women fighting around the world to insure our continued freedom.

A spectacular fireworks display lit up the evening sky for more than 45 minutes, delighting Immokalee's kids of all ages.



Larissa DeLaRosa does a flip on the bungee trampoline. Judy Weeks



Vanessa Billie tests her skills at the game booths. Judy Weeks

Immokalee Community Fourth of July Firecracker Walk/Run



Members of the Immokalee community participating in the runner's division line up in front of the gym for the Firecracker Walk/Run on the Fourth of July. Judy Weeks



Immokalee's youth turned out in the early morning hours of the Fourth of July to participate in the Firecracker Walk/Run. Judy Weeks

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Announcements

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy birthday to our princess **Cooper Rivers**, who turned 14 on July 24, and our angel **Marley Herrera**, who turned 7 on July 8. This is your time to be young, to live, laugh, run, play and have fun with your family and friends. As you journey through life always remember where you come from, keep your heads held high with Seminole pride, look ahead and never let the past hold you back from your dreams and goals.

You have been taught the Holy Scriptures from childhood, and they have given you the wisdom to receive the salvation that comes by trusting in Christ Jesus. Always keep the Lord first in your lives and in your hearts and he will always bring you through even the toughest of times.

To both of you, we love you. We're very proud of you and your whole family will always be there to support you.

Your parents,
Clea Billie-Herrera and Jose Herrera



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Tiffany Elizabeth Doctor

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Happy 25th Birthday

Six years, three months, four days
Never once did I thank you for being you
Did you know how much you meant to me?
Little did I know myself
Doing wrong was just because
When you died I was mad at God
He took you so it seemed he did not care
You were more than me
So who was I to have God work wonders in my life
Six years, three months, four days
I am more than I was
Everything is a reason
To hear the story from dad's

first year AA medallion
It almost made sense of why you are gone
You are in my heart and now I feel strong
I realized I can do better
It just took time for me to see I want the best for my kids and I
I am in the right place so that I can try
I think of you right Me not being messed up and high
I only hope you somehow know
I am starting to see clearly now
I should have been more like you
Instead of you being more like me
I love you, I miss you
There are no other words that can better explain that
See you again someday

— Mary Ann Doctor

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POEMS

NATIVE BOOK REVIEW

BY RAMONA KIYOSHK

Love is Blind

Late night phone call
But she don't speak
Quickly hangs up
And then calls right back
Hello? You know this is?
Of course I do. Stop playin'
So we're back together now
All over again
Stay up all night talkin'
Spend all day chillin'
When I fight
She's the first to have my back
She can fight too
A few days go by
She's contemplating,
Should I call him back?
And I'm waiting
Is she gonna call me back?

— Dustin Osceola

Happy Ending

I haven't felt the rain in a while
It even felt good when the sun hit my skin
But in my mind
I know that life can take a turn for the worst
A sunrise is pleasant
Though at sunset
It can truly be the end of your day
From a sting of a bee
To the pain of a bullet
No matter what happens
Each day I consider a blessing
Cause one man's triumph
Is another man's triumph
And if I fall
Don't step on me
Don't around me
Cause when you fall
And I get up
Yes, life was beautiful
It will take a turn for the worst

— Dustin Osceola



The Beautiful Color of Love

What color is God,
Asked the child with skin of golden hue
Is he white like me?
Does he have light hair?
Is God dark like me?
Asked the child with skin of golden hue
Has he hair that's dark and curly?
Are his eyes black or blue?
I think God is red like me
An Indian boy is heard to say
He wears a crown of feathers
And turns our nights to days
Each one of us knows that God is there
In all the colors above
But be sure of this, the one color he is
Is the beautiful color of LOVE
So when your soul goes to heaven
When your life comes to its end
He will be waiting, and his hands to you
Will be extended
There are no colors in heaven
Everyone will be the same
You will only be judged by your earthly deeds
Not your color or your name
So when your time comes
And you see God in his heaven above
Then will you see only the color that counts
The beautiful color of LOVE

— Stacey Doctor Sanchez

Be Real

When I'm finally released
And I walk out of these gates
Do us both a favor
And stay out of my face
You wasn't there for a then
So I don't need you now
You call yourself a friend
I just can't see how
The ones who are hiding
Are the ones I least expected
They showed me that they're real
For that they'll forever be respected
All I ask for is a few pictures
I'm not asking you for money
But I can't even get a response
You out there acting all funny
I guess that's just you
Showing your true colors

I thought we were close
Something more like brothers
But it's all about
Cause my time's almost through
And the next time we meet
I'll know the real you
Take it how you wanna
This is just how I feel
All my so called homeboys
Who can't even keep it real
Ira, Jason, Kyle and Dustin
Who see God in his heaven above
Big Town keep ya head up!
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July 8, 2008
Big Town
— Russell Osceola Jr.

Blossom

It's amazing how a scoop of good soil
containing patience, acceptance and non-judgment
aided by a sprinkle of love,
compassion, and self-discipline along with
rays of integrity, forgiveness and gratitude
can survive a withering seedling into a
trusting, accountable and appreciative flower.

— Daniel Tommie



Lil Man

I've never been so nervous
Like I never was that day
When I saw my son for the first time
As the nurse carried him away
All the emotions hit me
Around the same time it seems
Looking through that window
I could hear his little screams
As I sit here now
It brings tears to my eyes
Cause I made a promise
That I'd never leave his side
It's only been two years
Since I had to say goodbye
And when he comes to see me
He does his best not to cry
When I get out next year
I'm gonna take him by the hand
Tell him that I love him
And he'll always be my Lil Man

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[Editor's Note: Ramona Kiyosk is a freelance writer and member of the Ojibwa First Nation of Walpole Island, Ontario. The opinions she expresses are her own. She can be reached at satin.moccasins@gmail.com.]

I picked up this book almost reluctantly. I was thinking: Another book of protest poetry by a Native American writer that no one but university literature majors and book reviewers will read. What a pleasant surprise.

The first story, *Baby Sealers (by day)*, had me hooked. This story is about the Indian women who witnessed the first wave of European, flooding across the continent, trampling under their wagon wheels a way of life, dismissing its value and sustainability. Even then, those women knew that in order to protect their children and families, they would have to invent a code, a way of becoming invisible, of flying under the radar. They understood that they had to be strong, and very clever.

During a two-graduate course I took on wellness and lifestyle management, we studied the female stress response. Men apparently follow the "fight or flight" pattern. While they respond with physicality and action, women "nest."

According to the study, women respond to threats by putting on the coffee pot and gathering at kitchen tables with their sisters, girlfriends, neighbors, often with babies on the knee. They draw their power from their collective energy.

According to the author, the sweet lodge of these women warriors might be a kitchen table, a cafeteria, a public library or an ancient automobile where they take turns driving to a seasonal job halfway across the state while it is still dark.

These are tribute stories about women who nurture families with very little resources, hold down low-paying jobs, battle racism daily, drive battered cars, cling to each other with a fierce sisterhood and still find time to laugh. This exclusive sisterhood of women warriors must deal with schools that dismiss the value of their children, feed them junk from vending machines, and revise their history for convenience.

Beardslee, who holds a master's degree, and teaches at Northwestern Michigan College, grew up spending time between their extended families' camps and farms in the wilderness of Northern Ontario and Michigan. She is also a world-renowned artist. She is familiar with Native culture and with the challenges of growing up Native in a country where any information about you is based on conjecture, one-sided John Wayne movies and ignorance.

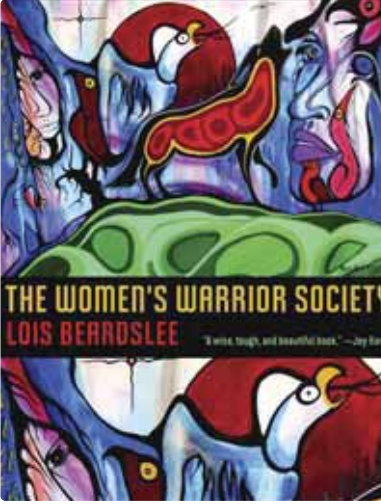
Some of the stories are very funny, reflecting that deep-rooted Native American humor often credit-

ed with saving the Indian soul from annihilation. *The Warrior and the Objective Pronoun* is a hilarious grammar lesson. The unique exchange demonstrates the lesson being taught in context with the situation. It is silly, but we get the point.

Beardslee takes on "hate" media in OK, *These Wolves, They Walk into a Library*, describing particularly obnoxious journalists as "The Throwers of Their Own Feces."

Throughout, the community of finding comfort is described as a pack of wild wolves, finding women in the familiar scents of each other, in their wolf songs, and safety in their numbers. They are secure in their duties as mothers, homemakers, wives, and keepers of wild, wholesome secrets.

Beardslee's prose is musical and biting, her take on Native American feminism is unique and the stories unforgettable. Native women's book clubs should put this one on their agenda, sisters should share it and mothers should buy it for their daughters.



The Women's Warrior Society

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