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Miccosukee Richard Buster is Chief White Eagle

Big Cypress hosts Florida Championship Wrestling

By Benny Secody
BIG CYPRESS— They'rrrrree baaaack! Those big, burley, raspy voiced, tough guys of pro wrestling again converged on the Herman E. Osceola Gymnasium on June 23. They came to win – all of them. The event drew a record crowd of spectators, and the gymnasium parking lot was filled to capacity.

"Unconquered" Seminole Joe Gomez came to defend his Native American Champion Title against the Cuban Assassin. The "Assassin" and "Fantasy" did not make it easy for Gomez, but in the end, Gomez secured a victory and retained his title.

The second title match pitted

the NWA Tag Team Champs, "The Heavenly Bodies" (which was debatable), Classy Chris and Big Vito, against the Native American Tag Team Champs, "Native Blood", Navajo Warrior and Ghost Walker or Arizona. Amidst the growls, threats, body slams and face stomping, there was no clear winner.

Although both teams were disqualified, they both laid claim to a victory in no uncertain terms. The "Heavenly Bodies" were managed by "Vicious Vinnie," who was not pleased with the outcome of the match, and declared his team the true winners of the title.

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Big Bikes Hit The Trail

By Benny Secody

BIG CYPRESS — It was "hog heaven" for a group of 'rez bikers' as they held their second monthly "bike run" on Saturday, June 30. After a leisurely breakfast at Billie Swamp Safari, the group headed out for the long haul to Trail.

The club, which has not decided on a name, consists of 19 bikers from Big Cypress, nine from Hollywood, three from Trail, four from Brighton and four from Immokalee. The group gets together once a month for a group ride to various locations all over Florida. The last trip was to Tampa.

The group was formed late last year, and continues to grow. Members are not limited to Native Americans; and according to Marla Sanders, anyone can



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Starting point at Billie Swamp Safari.

Big Cypress Incentive Awards

By Cherelee Hall

BIG CYPRESS — Family, Friends, and students from the Big Cypress Reservation came together to recognize and commend students on a successful completion of the 2000-2001 school year. The Incentive Awards Ceremony was held at Community's Herman Osceola Gymnasium on July 12th. The Annual event began with dinner at 6:00 p.m. with the magnanimous Italian dinner provided by "Catering By Joyce". After dinner, the award presentation began at 7:00 p.m. with Moses Jumper Jr. as the Ceremonies MC. Certificates and custom made sweaters were given out to the 56 recipients that attended various schools and Academies throughout the United States. Big Cypress Board Representative and Council Representative Paul Bowers Sr. and David Cypress, handed out the awards and con-

gratulated the students on a job well done. Linda Tommie and Jeannette Cypress also helped with handing out the sweaters provided by the Tribe. The night ended with a round of applause from the 130 tribal members that attended the ceremony. With their sense of Academic ability, today's Seminole youth is making a difference within the Tribe and out. Congratulations to the Big Cypress Incentive Award Recipients.



Cherelee Hall, Desiree Jumper and Toahooke Bowers

Cell Towers and Tribal Sovereignty

By E. Bowers

Second in a series on USET negotiations with the Personal Communication Industry Association for increased protection for Indian religious and cultural sites during the construction of cell towers. This article describes the initial avalanche of requests that flooded the Tribes and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, the Federal law used by Seminole Tribe Historic Preservation Officer Dr. Pat Wickman and the USET Tribes.

HOLLYWOOD—Cell towers. Looming over the national landscape, they have become the lifeblood of a society that worships new technology and the ability to stay connected.

In order to satisfy consumer demand, wireless communications companies scramble to construct towers to ensure coverage in "dead areas" and stay ahead of the competition.

However, Tribes across the country are realizing that the competition among the wireless companies to stay ahead is destroying what our ancestors have left behind.

USET Begins Negotiations

In the Southeast, Bill Day, USET Culture and Heritage Committee Chairman and Tribal Historic Preservation Officer for the Poarch Creek Indians; Dr. Pat Wickman, Culture and Heritage Committee Secretary and Historic Preservation Officer for the Seminole Tribe of Florida; Keller George, USET president; Tim Martin, USET Executive Director; and Gregory Smith and Eric Tober, associates from the offices of Senator J. Bennett Johnston and Associates, are representing the USET Tribes in groundbreaking negotiations with Personal Communications Industry Association (PCIA), one of the two largest wireless communications representatives in the nation.

The USET Tribes, backed by Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), Executive Orders, and federal regulations, seek to protect properties

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The B.S.S. billboard along 595 is also a cell tower.

Clinton Holt To Attend World Champion Bull Riding Clinic

By Michael James

HOLLYWOOD – Sixteen year old Clinton Holt, son of Barbara Billie and David Anderson, is scheduled to leave for what should prove to be an experience of a lifetime. For 21 days, Clinton will take part in legendary World Champion Bull Rider and Master Instructor Gary Leffew's semi-private bull riding boot camp at his ranch in Santa Maria, California. Clinton leaves for California on July 28th.

Clinton started riding bulls when he was a young 13 years old and it just "got in his blood," his mother explains. Clinton is a member of the EIRA, but due to an injury, he has had to sit out this season. He may pursue a career in Professional Rodeo, or perhaps in the culinary arts. "He is always running me out of my kitchen," says his mother.

The bull riding boot camp Clinton will be attending is special training for the bull rider who wants to reach the top of his profession in the least of amount of time with the confidence of knowing that the rider is the one to beat. It is said by bull riders everywhere that there is no better feeling in the world.

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Clinton Holt

Summer Youth Trip 2001 – The Big Apple

By Michael James

NEW YORK CITY — On June 11, 2001 students in grades 10 through 12 with a 2.0 grade point average were treated to a trip to New York City. This year the students traveled to New York via the Tribal jet. Hailing taxicabs and buses was not an option this year.....no, these students toured the city by limousine. They resided in Manhattan's Double Tree Suites Hotel during their stay.

They started the adventure Monday afternoon, first enjoying lunch at the posh Double Tree Suites, then a carriage ride through Central Park with a stop at FAO Schwartz toy store. After dinner the group convened once again for a glorious night tour of New York City.

Tuesday proved to be one of the highlights of the entire trip.....there were, however, many. After a full tour of the City, including lunch in Chinatown, the group went to the New York Yankee/Montreal Expos baseball game at Yankee Stadium. Despite the Yankees loss, it was still considered one of the highlights of the trip.

Wednesday the group toured the National Museum of American Indian Smithsonian Institute, visited MTV studios for Total Request Live and dined at the Marriott Marquis's revolving restaurant.

Thursday the day was full of



Brighton group caught by the camera at the Today Show.

more tours and museums, but ended with what was said to be another highlight of the trip, the Broadway play "Annie Get Your Gun" with Reba McEntire. The group unanimously agreed that Reba did a wonderful job as Annie!

The last day of the trip, Friday, the students surprisingly woke at 5 a.m., met in the hotel lobby by 5:30 a.m. for a walk to the NBC Today Show to see Sugar Ray performing at the show's

Summer Concert Series.

"I didn't think they would all make it, considering the time of day, but they all made it," said Michele Thomas. Later that morning they returned back to the hotel and prepared for the transfer to the airport.

Congratulations to the students for their accomplishments in school and a special thanks to Jack Smith Jr. and Alex Johns for their support as well.

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Board Meets With Big Cypress Tribal Employees

By T.R. Benn
BIG CYPRESS — Paul Bowers Sr. called his first staff meeting to get acquainted with board workers as he took back the reins of Big Cypress Reservation Board Representative from Mondo Tiger. As Bowers addressed the Board workers he outlined what he expected of them as employees of the Seminole Tribe of Florida, Inc. He explained to them his description of job performances, attendance, and tardiness. Bowers then turned the floor over to Board President Mitchell Cypress.

Mitchell Cypress introduced himself as President of the Seminole Tribe of Florida Inc., and Acting Chairman of the Seminole Tribe of Florida.

“If you as an employee of the

Seminole Tribe of Florida has a problem, go through the proper channels and chain of command – your foreman, supervisor then program director. They in turn will act on that problem and that should be the final voice on matters effecting Tribal employees and, if asked for my advice or I deem it necessary, I will intervene as I see fit,” added Cypress.

“We have to work together both Board and Council to keep the Tribe moving forward so the Tribe doesn’t stagnate. We are in a transition of rebuilding.

Cypress also shared his thoughts on teamwork. “If a piece of equipment is owned by the Tribe and needed by either Board or Council and is not scheduled – share it. It is owned by the Tribe and which side paid for the equipment isn’t relevant. Work together as a team to get jobs done using ways and means at hand.

Keep an open line of communication, do a days work for a days pay, take pride in your work and your workmanship. Remember a job isn’t complete until the paper work is done, be responsible for yourself. Be positive and keep a positive attitude, when things are met with a negative attitude it’s hard to get past it positively. If we can do that then we can come together with one common goal – the Seminole Tribe of Florida.”

Also in attendance at the joint meeting were Mondo Tiger and his Blue Top Construction personnel. They introduced themselves, stated their job positions and the daily duties they perform. Mondo explained to those in attendance the jobs he had ongoing, their status and completion dates, and gave his recommendations on those projects. Tiger stated he was ready and willing to work with the newly elected Big Cypress Board Representative Paul Bowers Sr. and with President / Acting Chairman Mitchell Cypress.



Mitchell Cypress addressing Board and Blue Top Construction employees

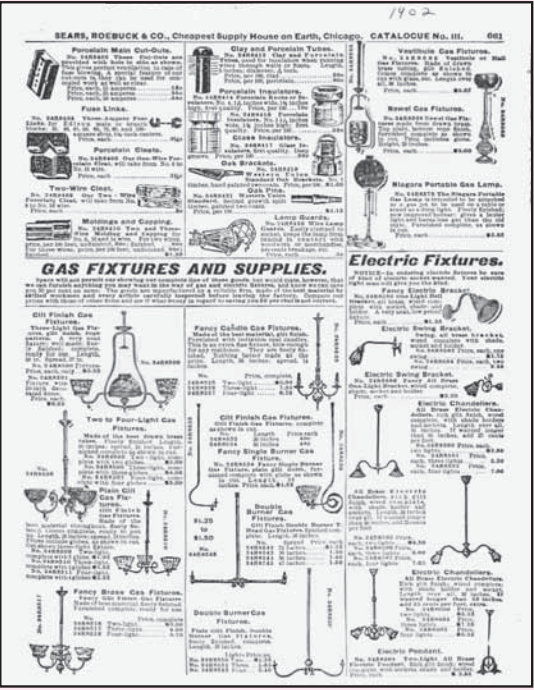
Reflections By Patsy West

A Kitchen For Stranahan House

Reflections #193:
Recently, the Seminole Tribe helped Stranahan House, home of Frank and Ivy Stranahan pioneer trading post operators and founder of the Friends of the Seminole organization, celebrate the 100 anniversary of the historic house museum located on New River in Ft. Lauderdale.

I am consulting on a project for Stranahan House to redecorate the kitchen. This area was formerly the Ivy Shop and was not included in the original house restoration, which took place in the 1980’s. From the recollections of a relative of Ivy Stranahan and receipts in the Stranahan papers at the Ft. Lauderdale Historical Society, Susan Gillis, Assistant Director of the Historical Museum, with whom I am working, has put together evidence to show the types of suitable period fixtures and appliances that were in the kitchen in 1915. We are specifically looking for a wall-mounted sink, a stove, and icebox. We will locate a simple gas/electric lighting fixture from this transitional period in Ft. Lauderdale’s switchover period from gas energy to electric sources. We are also furnishing the upstairs, enclosed “back porch” room.

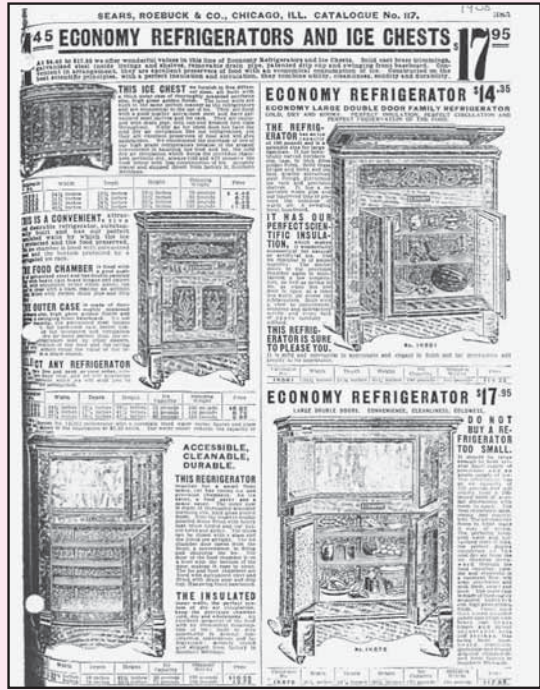
Because of the relatively early era that we are working in, this project has begun to be a challenge. Suitable items from 1915 are not easy to locate. We have traveled as far south as Kendall and as far north as Deland,



visiting antique stores, antiques fairs and flea markets, and salvage yards. We have searched on the Internet. The 1908 Sears and Roebuck Catalogue and Montgomery Ward Catalogue with their great visual aids provide a “wish list” to show us the styles appropriate for the time period in furnishing the kitchen with cookware and utensils.

The refrigerator will be one of the appliances that younger visitors to the historic House will remember long after their visit. It is hard for most people to realize that a chest with a block of ice in it is all that was available to keep milk products, eggs, and meat cool in the old days. We know that the Stranahan’s selected a White Frost Refrigerator, from a June 9, 1914 letter from the manufacturer, the Metal Stamping Factory. It is a very unique model.

The Stranahan’s played such an instrumental role in Seminole history. Frank was one of the most conscientious of all the traders dealing with the Seminoles in southern Florida. Ivy was a major, strong supporter of Seminole welfare. She made it her business to enable Seminole children to receive an education, clothed them, and then was instrumental in supporting a drive to acquire suitable housing and amenities for the Dania and Big Cypress Reservations. Stranahan House, which stands on New River, the Seminoles major trade artery, lasts as a reminder of these Friends of the Seminoles.



Documentary Highlights Threats to Indian Sites

By E. Bowers

Can Indian sites of religious and cultural importance, most of which were taken away from the Tribes in the process of European settlement, be protected? “In the Light of Reverence,” a powerful new documentary airing on PBS in August, spotlights three sites that are being threatened by special interest groups.

Narrated by Peter Coyote and Tantoo Cardinal, the documentary will premiere on PBS on Aug. 14 at 10 P.M. EST as a part of “P.O.V.” (Point of View), public television’s showcase of independent, non-fiction films.

Directed and produced by Christopher McLeod with co-producer, Malinda Maynor (Lumbee), “In the Light of Reverence” features the Panther Meadows on the slopes California’s Mount Shasta, Devils Tower in the Black Hills, and the ancient mesas in the Four Corners area of the Southwest. These sacred sites serve as “doorways to the spirit world” to the Wintu, the Lakota, and the Hopi.

On Mt. Shasta, a proposed \$21 million ski resort together with growing traffic of New Age admirers of Indian spiritual practices have endangered a spring at Panther Meadows that is sacred to the Wintu people.

At Devils Tower, rock climbers insist on using the federally protected monument even when it intrudes on Lakota religious ceremonies during the month of June.

On Hopi land, mining is destroying numerous places that have been Native American shrines for thousands of years, sometimes for the purposes of pro-

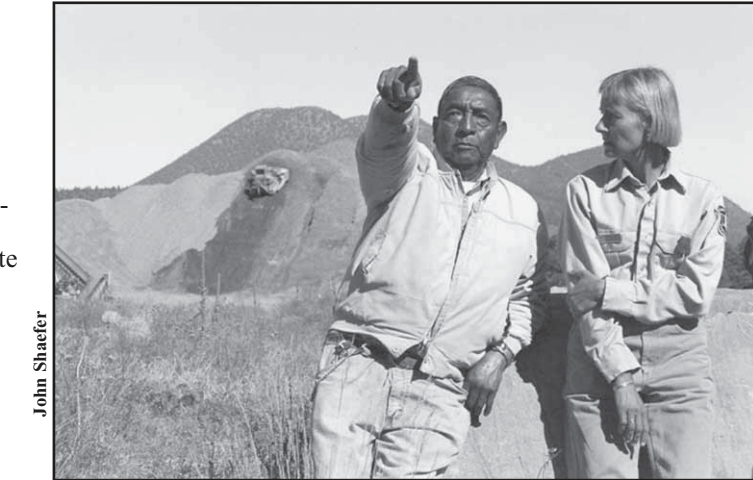
viding gravel for highways, or pumice to soften “stone-washed” jeans.

The Peabody Coal Company is draining the ground water at such a rate that Hopi springs are drying up, threatening to do what centuries of conquest have not—destroy the viability of Hopi religion and culture.

The Hopi brought legal suit to stop mining on Woodruff Butte, an area that in which numerous sacred sites were located. The legal tool used by the Hopi sounds familiar:

Narrator: “When Federal lands are used to develop a site that might one day be eligible for the National Register of Historic Places, cultural and environmental impacts must be considered—even on private property. The Hopi sued to stop the mining on Woodruff Butte, demanding that the Federal Highway Administration comply with the law.”

These Federal historic preservation laws are also used to great effect by the Seminole Tribe. The Seminole Historic Preservation Officer, Dr. Pat Wickman, notes many of the legislative avenues that have been used to great



Dalton Taylor and Linda Farnsworth at White Vulcan Mine, AZ.

effect by herself, Tribal NAGPRA representative, Billy L. Cypress, and Preservation Specialist Elrod Bowers, in order to require Federal agencies to protect the Seminoles’ historic properties. “This is a new and sometimes threatening requirement for many Federal officials. But it is an extremely powerful use of Tribal sovereignty to get them to consult with Indian Tribes on such



Filmmakers Malinda Maynor and Christopher McLeod speak with Vernon Masayesva (Hopi)

Cell Towers

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of religious and cultural significance during the construction of cell towers.

The USET negotiations will yield Tribal-Industry protocols, which will increase protection of Indian religious sites, cultural sites, and sites of traditional cultural importance during the cell tower manufacturers access to Tribal expertise concerning cultural matters.

The need for a workable process was first addressed by the United South and Eastern Tribes (USET) Board of Directors in 2000. USET passed Resolution 2000:80, approving a standard response form for Tribal Historic Preservation Officers to use in managing the thousands of requests that were pouring in. The form, created by USET’s Culture and Heritage Committee has been pioneered by the Seminole Tribe’s Historic Preservation Office.

The Tribe’s HPO has received over 1,000 requests in a recent four month period alone, asking for “a finding of no significant impact,” which would allow tower manufacturers to begin construction without adequate safeguards for Seminole cultural sites.

Packages of 5, 10, or as many as 150 requests at a time are submitted, accompanied by a minimal description of the project and a map, and stating the company’s opinion that no sites will be harmed by construction. Manufacturers attempt to force upon the Tribe a deadline to answer within thirty days or construction will begin, with or without the Tribe’s assent

In the request letters, many companies that the Federal Communications Commission has “delegated its authority” to the wireless companies to consult with the Tribes. This is inconsistent with Federal law and cannot be permitted if the Tribe’s interests are to be protected adequately.

“Government to Government” Relations

Transmissions from cell towers must be licensed by the FCC, and, consequently, the construction of cell transmission towers must be considered a Federal Undertaking. According to Section 106, of the NHPA, “[The] head of any Federal department or independent agency having authority to approve any undertaking shall, prior to the approval of the expenditure of any Federal funds on the undertaking or prior to the issuance of any license, as the case may be, take into account the effect of the undertaking on any district, site, building, structure, or object that is included in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register.”

1992 clarifications to the NHPA later clarified that, “properties of traditional religious and cultural importance to an Indian Tribe or Native Hawaiian organization may be determined to be eligible for inclusion on the National Register.”

The amendments clearly specified that “in carrying out its responsibilities under Section 106, a Federal agency shall consult with any Indian Tribe or Native Hawaiian organization that attaches religious or cultural significance to properties described.” In addition, Federal laws and presidential Executive Orders

specify that consultations between Tribes and the U.S. government shall be conducted on a “government to government” basis, thus upholding the sovereign nature of Tribal governments.

Consequently, before issuing any cell tower license, the FCC must consult with the Tribes to determine whether the construction of cell towers will harm Indian religious or cultural sites. Instead, the FCC not only has failed to consult with the Tribes on a government to government basis, it also has failed to regulate the construction process in such a manner as to ensure that its licensees comply with Federal law.

Furthermore, the FCC has attempted to delegate its authority to consult on a government to government basis with Indian Tribes to private companies.

Unaware of the Federal requirements of the NHPA, wireless companies regularly have sent requests to the Seminole Tribe’s Historic Preservation Office asking for a “NEPA (National Environmental Policy Act) review” or for site information “pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act.”

When Dr. Wickman and other USET delegates met with industry representatives in January 2001, in Washington, D. C., not only did she receive blank states when mentioning the Federal laws that protect Indian religious and cultural sites, she had to convince them that such laws actually existed!

Next issue: Cell tower construction, “co-locations”, and the USET Tribes have an animated discussion with FCC lawyers.

When you need a reporter contact...



Elizabeth Blake

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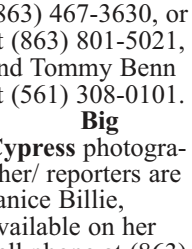
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In Bold Experiment, Ultralight To Lead Whooping Cranes

By U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
Whooping cranes will migrate across the skies of eastern North American this fall for the first time in more than a century as part of a bold experiment conducted by a partnership of federal and state wildlife agencies, conservation groups and other private organizations led by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Biologists will train a flock of about 10 young whooping cranes, which are listed as endangered under the Endangered Species Act, to follow an ultralight aircraft across seven states from Necedah National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) in Wisconsin to Chassahowitska NWR in Florida.

If all goes as planned, the birds will learn the migration route during the trip and return from Florida to Wisconsin on their own next Spring, thereby establishing a second migratory whooping crane flock in North America.

The experiment will be conducted by the Whooping Crane Eastern Partnership, a consortium that includes the Service, the U.S. Geological Survey, state agencies, conservation organizations and private citizens. Private donors are contributing more than half of the \$1.3 million needed to complete the project. More than 40 private landowners have offered their property to be used as overnight sites for the migrating birds.

“This bold experiment is a model of how to recover an endangered species,” said Interior Secretary Gale Norton. “It combines innovative science, partnerships with local landowners and States, public and private funding, and reduced federal regu-

lation. It could provide a blueprint for future recovery efforts for other threatened and endangered species.”

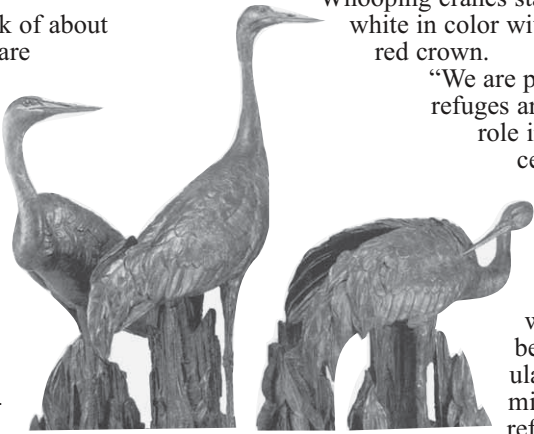
The whooping crane, named for its loud and penetrating mating call, is one of America’s best known and rarest endangered species. Cranes live and breed in extensive wetlands, where they feed upon crabs, clams, frogs, and other aquatic organisms.

Whooping cranes stand 5 feet tall and are pure white in color with black wing tips and a red crown.

“We are proud that national wildlife refuges are playing such a pivotal role in bringing this magnificent bird back to eastern North America,” said Marshall Jones, acting director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. “What a fitting tribute it would be for the public to be able to see a second population of wild whoopers migrating through our refuges when we celebrate the National Wildlife Refuge System’s 100th anniversary in 2003”.

Final environmental assessment and rule may be downloaded from the Worldwide Web at <http://midwest.fws.gov/whoopingcrane>, or requested in writing from Janet M. Smith, Field Supervisor, Green Bay Field Office, 1015 Challenger Court, Green Bay, Wisconsin 54322. Requests may also be faxed to (920) 465-7410 or sent by e-mail to: whoopingcrane@fws.gov

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Green Corn Dance Brings Area Rains

By Tommy Benn
Glades — The elders say that with the Green Corn Dance comes the early summer rains. This year like many others was no exception, except its not enough. Floridians are in the midst of a four year drought with no end in sight. June is the beginning of Florida’s rainy season. Most South Florida cities are 5 to 7 inches below their normal rainfall.

Lake Okeechobee is still well under the lakes natural level, down almost three and a half feet from last year, and at an all time record low. The Big Lake is just barely 9 feet above sea level. A tall man could walk across the Big Lake if he chose too. Other Florida Lakes are at record lows as well.

The rain we did get, helped to green-up our thirsty pastures and fill some of the shallow ponds. It came just in time to help put a bloom on the calves.

A little extra weight on the calves that are being shipped over the next few months off both the Brighton and Big Cypress Reservations, and Miccosukee Land Lease.

It’ll take a good hurricane to bring the needed rain to fill our retention area back to normal maybe two.

The June rains did help the wildfire outbreaks statewide and have ended county imposed burned bans, and has taken us out of the wildfire season.

Drought wildfires are ways Mother Nature uses to cleanse her earth. I sure hope she gets it cleaned pretty soon.

We should be thankful to the Breathgiver for the little we did get.



June rains.

Agenda Nearly Complete For IAC Symposium

By Libby Blake
MICCOSUKEE RESORT — Finalization of the agenda for the 15th Annual Intertribal Agriculture Council Symposium – Harmony in the Everglades Through Indian Agriculture was the topic of discussion at the host committee meeting held July 12 at the Miccosukee Resort & Gaming.

Host committee members present for the meeting included Richard Bowers, Steven Bowers, Polly Hayes, Becky Buster, Marla Sanders, Diane Gray, Leonor Sandino, Allen Huff and Tommy Benn. Richard Bowers chairs the committee.

Schedule changes dealt mostly with the line up of speakers for the symposium. Richard reported commitments from Charles Bronson, State of Florida Agriculture Commissioner, and Jack Bricker, USDA National Liaison for Native Americans in the Southeast U.S.

Don Robertson, Seminole Tribe Cattle Program Manager, and son Donnie Robertson, Flying B Ranch in Texas, along with Ed Blazack, Mound Creek Ranch in Texas, also gave firm commitments to attend and speak at the symposium.

It was decided by the committee that Brighton Board Representative Alex Johns was the best qualified to speak about the Tribe’s processing plant, orange and lemon groves, and other Seminole products.

Miccosukee representatives reported no problems with their scheduled speakers – FK Jones, Steve Terry, Gene Duncan, and the Tribe’s legal counsel, who will speak on water rights issues. They also reported the Fashion Show, scheduled for Wednesday night of the event, was a “go.”

Other items discussed at the meeting included the poster contest. Since there has been no entries so far, Tommy Benn offered a drawing by son Joel for consideration by the group. Steven Bowers suggested having the teens attending the Florida Indian Youth Program submit artwork for consideration. This was heartily agreed to by the group and Bowers proceeded to contact Joe Quetone, Executive Director Florida Governors Council on Indian Affairs, to coordinate the contest.

July 21 was designated as the cut-off for contest entries. This will allow for the judging to be

completed and awards to be given out at the closing banquet of the FIYP.

Allen Huff announced a golf tournament to be held on Monday, since most attendees would be arriving on Sunday and there were no scheduled meetings. He will make all the arrangements and provide a flyer to be included in the mailing packet.

The group Thunderhead was confirmed to perform at the opening night reception following the golf tournament. It was decided to present the golf awards during the reception instead of immediately after completion of the rounds.

Entertainment for Wednesday night was discussed with Tommy Benn saying he could arrange to have a country group, Elston Gun, perform. The up and coming group is comprised of Jesse and Noah Bellamy, sons of the Grammy Award winning Bellamy Brothers. Benn was asked to supply a demo tape to Richard Bowers before a final decision is made.

Becky Buster reported that all arrangements have been made for transportation of attendees to the Big Cypress Reservation on Thursday of the symposium. The attendees will be divided into two groups with one group spending the morning at Billie Swamp Safari while the other group visits Ah-Tha-Thi-Ki Museum. The groups will then switch after lunch. Richard stated everything in readiness at the Rodeo grounds for the Barbecue luncheon.

Tommy Benn presented the design for a pin to be given out to the attendees. The design was approved and it was decided to use the traditional medicine colors on the multi-purpose gold pins, which can be used on lapels, hats, or key chains.

Raffle items were discussed with Richard Bowers saying he had arranged for a saddle, which will be custom tooled, from a dealer in Arcadia and that the horse had been obtained. The only items still missing were a sweet grass basket and a patchwork jacket. Several Seminole and Miccosukee Tribal members were named as possible donors of these items.

After the meeting ended with a date being set for next month’s meeting, the group was provided a buffet luncheon courtesy of Miccosukee Resort & Gaming.

Seminole Princess Pageant Set

HOLLYWOOD – Wanda Bowers has announced that the Seminole Princess Pageant has been set for Saturday Aug. 18 at 7 p.m. in the Tribal Auditorium of the Tribal headquarters’ building on the Hollywood Reservation.

The contest is open to Seminole young ladies ages 12 – 17 (Junior Miss division) and 18 –25 (Miss Seminole division). Contestants will be judged on numerous categories, including talent and poise.

Events begin at 5 p.m. with a Community Dinner in the Auditorium lobby.

Applications are available NOW for the Miss and Junior Miss Seminole pageant 2001 –2002. For applications and further information contact:

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Brighton – Salina Dorgan at (863) 763-



1999 Princess Pageant contestants

2402, Lorene Gopher at (863) 763-7501, Suraiya Youngblood at (863) 634-1324, or Micki Diaz at (863) 643-1187.

Immokalee – Gail Motlow-Boone at (941) 657-3400.

Tampa – Richard Henry at (813) 621-2811.
Fort Pierce – Sally Tommie at (954) 966-6300 ext. 1320.

All interested applicants are asked to register as soon as possible.

SeminoleTours.com

By Lee Tiger

Florida Seminole Tourism, in conjunction with Webgraph, Inc., has produced a new web site. The site features exclusively the Seminole Indian Tribe’s tourism activities and packages on the Big Cypress Reservation, west of Ft. Lauderdale off I-75, exit 14.

Seminole Tours.com highlights 2 packages -the Big Cypress Day Package and Big Cypress Overnight Package - that include the Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum and Billie Swamp Safari Park.

This site has been in development for several months to work out all the bugs. The biggest challenge was to create a user-friendly site that anyone, even the computer novice, could find and make a booking.

One of the reasons for the site’s creation came up during a meeting that Florida Seminole Tourism consultant, Lee Tiger, and Museum promotions director, Tom Gallaher, had with Dee Ann Smith, Vice President of Marketing for Visit Florida, based in Tallahassee.

Ms. Smith attempted to locate the Seminole attractions and packages on the web to make a booking. Searching through several sites, pages, and links she was unable to find what she was looking for - a way to make a Seminole Indian Big Cypress Package booking.

Ms. Smith suggested the creation of a site

that would make it easy for visitors to make a booking as well as posting a book-it link button on the home page of the Seminole Tribe, www.seminoletribe.com, to direct visitors to the booking site. www.seminoletribe.com has all the Tribe’s tourism activities and more listed on several pages, and is a great way for visitors to find information about the Tribe’s attractions, as well as other programs.

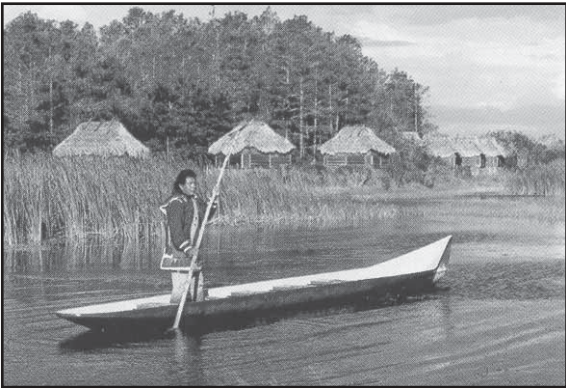
The new SeminoleTours.com will make it easy for visitors to make quick bookings worldwide and “Discover the Florida Everglades Seminole

style” without having to sift through several web pages. On the home page of SeminoleTours.com, web guests are encouraged to visit SeminoleTribe.com and FlaUSA.com through an icon button, which links directly to those sites.

FlaUSA.com, Florida’s official travel website, is the fastest growing, state-of-the-art call to action in all of Visit Florida’s marketing. Marketing efforts

have driven visitor usage from 1.5 million in 2000 to 4 million in 2001.

In recent years, the State of Florida has rechanneled its marketing efforts to include nature heritage based tourism activates in all its marketing programs. Through partnerships and links with Visit Florida, Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention Visitors Bureau, and the travel industry at large, SeminoleTours.com could prove to be the hottest eco-heritage tourism site in Florida.



South Florida Water Management District Update

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

When Lake Okeechobee is at normal levels, the Taylor Creek navigation lock is open from

5:30 a.m. until 10:30 p.m. from Dec. 1 through April 30. Between May 1 and Nov. 30, the locks are operated from 5:30 a.m. until 9 p.m.

If you have any questions concerning the hours of operation for any of the navigational locks operation for any of the navigational locks operated by the South Florida Water Management District, please phone the Okeechobee Service Center at (863) 462-5260 or (800) 250-4200.

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Afternoons: 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

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

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

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

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

Food, films, and fun. Let’s enjoy a movie and some popcorn on Friday afternoons.

Please remember that children under 8 must be accompanied.

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

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

Casino ♦ Shetemaabek cheke

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

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

Summer Promotion continues into August when the 2001 Miss Hawaiian Tropic Pageant — Lake Okeechobee arrives at the casino on Saturday the 11th. A \$5 special Hawaiian Luau Barbecue dinner and the drawing for the trip to Hawaii will take place that night. There will be Coca-Cola, 50 cents Coors Light Draft, and drawings for \$50 cash and prizes. Wayne Purvis will perform in the gaming areas.

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

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

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

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

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

The Drums of Polynesia will be opening and performing during breaks throughout the pageant. Their spectacular Polynesian revue takes you on a journey of the South Pacific in the warm aloha spirit. The performance includes costume changes of the four main Polynesian Islands — Hawaii, Tahiti, New Zealand and Samoa — and will include the Savage Fire Dance of Samoa.

Contact the casino for further details and pageant registration.

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

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

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

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

August 1st \$5000 must go Super Jackpot Bingo, \$59 night, 30 games at \$199-bingo. August 11th, \$1199 must go matinee, G-ball, Bingo.

August 15th, cash drawings starting at 6 p.m., Grand prize at 11 p.m. for \$5000. Register all month throughout the casino. Beginning of Winners only drawing.

August 18th \$5000 must go - Super Jackpot-Bingo. Bingo matinee anniversary free gifts for all in bingo.

August 25th \$1199 must go Bonanza in evening bingo.

August 29th casino wide drawings, grand

prize a Harley! Drawings start at 6 p.m. August 31st Special t-shirts to all winners \$500+ on the machines.

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

Bingo players asked for changes and the casino has responded with more variety in the patterns and more chances to win. See the newsletter or call the casino for details. Remember the casino has started new summer shuttle hours for pick-up and departure in the Fort Myers and Naples areas. Pick up a copy of the new schedule at the casino or call the Groups and Marketing Department to have one sent to you.

SEMINOLE INDIAN CASINO TAMPA — 5223 North Orient Road, Tampa, FL 33610. (813) 621-1302. Open seven days a week, 24 hours a day. If your last name begins with the letters A-K (or if you switched to this group) your Special Day is Tuesday, August 14. If your last name begins with the letters L-Z (or you have switched to this group) your Special Day is Tuesday, August 21.

There will be a Labor Day Weekend \$10,000 Kickoff Celebration on August 31. Every time you attend a regular session from August 1 — August 31, you will be given a drawing slip. Save these slips and bring them to any regular session on August 31. There will be 50 drawings for a total of \$10,000 in cash.

There will be ten drawings in each Matinee session and The Nite Owl session. There will be two sets of ten drawings in the Evening session. In each set of drawings, the prizes will range from \$50 to \$1,000! Slips deposited for Matinee 1 will remain in the drum for Matinee 2; all others will be removed following the drawings in those sessions. Immediate family members of Seminole Indian Casino employees may not participate in the drawings, nor may Tour Operators, their agents or employees. Only one drawing prize per person per session will be allowed. Winners must be present in the Bingo Hall at the time of the drawings and have valid I.D. with them. No coupons or passes will be accepted at any of the sessions on Friday, August 31.

On Wednesday August 29 a new Saturn will be given away. After you have played-and won-in August, be sure to be there for the drawing. You will be able to deposit your slips from after Matinee II until 9:30 P.M. Once the drum has been closed no further entries will be held at 9:45 P.M. Winner must be present at the time of the drawing and have valid photo I.D. and Social Security Card with them. When the ticket is drawn, if we do not have an immediate response, the name will be read in the Palace and in the Poker Room. That person will have ten minutes to come forward. If no one comes forward in the ten minutes, the ticket will be considered void, and a new name will be drawn. This procedure will be done until a winner is announced.

Every Saturday evening all 20 regular games, three specials, and the Do-It-Yourself are worth \$1,199 each. Cost to play is \$50, \$45 for members. Warm-ups and Mystery Money begin at 6:15 p.m. and are not included in your pack. Stay and Play is another great value. Every Monday and Wednesday buy a combo pack for \$5 more. Packs are available for purchase until 12:30 p.m.

On Sunday evenings a total of 30 regular games are played. Level I pays \$300 and Level II pays \$450. Cost is only \$22 and \$33, respectively. Extra games, extra paper, lower cost and minimum \$50 payouts on all regular games makes the casino the place to be on Sunday evenings. See newsletter for times.

Drive away from the casino on July 30 in a brand new 2001 Saturn. Win at bingo — receive a drawing slip; win a \$1,200 or more jackpot on a gaming machine — receive a drawing slip; come in first, second or third in a poker tournament — receive a drawing slip; have a single win of \$50 or more in Pull Tabs — receive a drawing slip. Win once and get a chance to win again. This is what the casino calls “Double Win.” Winner must be present to win. See newsletter or casino for full details and eligibility.

— Compiled by Libby Blake

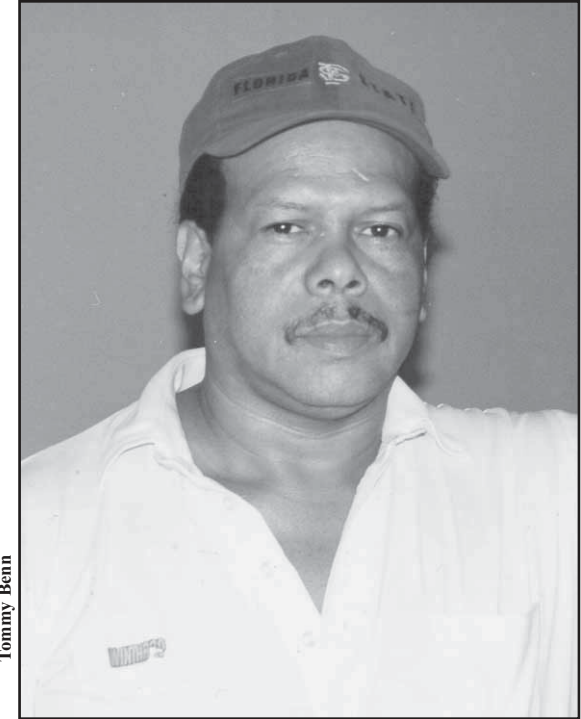


Tomahawk Fiberglass and Fabrication

By Tommy Benn
FT. PIERCE —Shamy Tommie, eldest son of Minnie Tommie (Bird Clan), has opened his own fiberglass repair shop along with a custom fabrication business. Shamy, a graduate of Fort Pierce Central High School Class of 1975, had been an auto mechanic for several years before being employed by The Seminole Tribe of Florida's Micco Air.

Tommie learned his new trade of fiberglass production during his 2-½ years with the Aircraft Company. “I took to it like a duck takes to water, building something from scratch has great rewards and leaves you with a good feeling once you have completed a project. I try to let my jobs speak for themselves, I'm very proud of the work I turn out and produce for the public,” said Tommie.

“I have various molds that I manufacture from Airboat hulls to vehicle hood scoops both for cars and trucks, trash containers and agricultural fertilizer spray tanks used in the orange and citrus groves, as well as other agriculture related programs. boat seats and cubby hole hatch covers...”said



Shamy Tommie, owner of Tomahawk Fiberglass and Fabrication

Call To Artists, Photographers and Historians

The Seminole Inn in Indiantown will be celebrating its 75th Anniversary later this year.

To mark this event, the Inn will be publishing a limited-edition commemorative calendar featuring historical photos, memorabilia and original artworks of the Inn throughout its history.

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

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

Attention
All Hollywood Parents
****Private and Public Schools****

Please turn in all report cards, school recognition certificates and awards for the annual Incentive Awards.

Deadline has been extended to July 31, 2001, no later than 5:00 p.m.

You need to see Ella DeHass or Mabel Osceola in the Education Department on the 2nd floor of the D.S.O. building.

Tommie. Repairs are always interesting from Kevin Osceola's (Brighton Recreation) canoes to picnic tables.

The Tomahawk Airboat Hull is a design worked out by observing other airboat hulls; how they performed and handled in various water and wind conditions. The Tomahawk hull is lighter in weight, weighing only 321 pounds when popped from the fiberglass mold and finished.

It takes approximately one week to complete a boat hull from start to finish, if everything goes in order and don't have a weather problem. The boat mold (plug) has to be cleaned to a flaw, then waxed with a mold release wax using at least seven coats. The jell coat with boat coloring (customer's choice) is next. The first layer 1oz Skir (fiberglass material) a 1 oz cloth is let to (set cure) which gets all the excess air out of the mold.

Two layers of 1808 woven fiberglass are then laid on the boat bottom and on the stringers or runners. Additional four layers of fiberglass are then laid on for the boat's strength. Two more layers of 1808 glass are then applied on the boats sides and the final step is an other layer of 1 oz. fiberglass laid on the entire boat plug.

When the airboat is pulled from the mold and cleaned up, a top rail of aluminum T-Rail is then secured to the boats top rail for added strength. The Tomahawk Boat Hull is now ready for the customer to build his boat.

John “Copper” Smith purchased the first hull from Tommie and powered it with a Lycoming 0540 air cooler Aircraft Engine. His race team captured 2nd place in the speed event at Thunder Cross Motor Sports Park in Okeechobee no small feat for a boat's first time out.

Tommie has also completed the mold for Vic Culberson of a SCCA car. A club racing enthusiast, Culberson had Tommie mold the entire motor car to lighten it for competition of the small European Ford powered racecar.

Tommie's Tomahawk Fiberglass shop is the only fabrication shop in St. Lucie County. Open for only four months, Tommie has been coming in steady. “I guarantee my work the old fashion way, I stand behind it. If there is a problem, just bring it back,” said Tommie

Tommie's wife Wanda helps with the books and Tommie keeps his son, Shamy Jr., and brother Marty working along side of him.

In Search of Class of 1972

I am trying to locate anyone who attended Sequoyah High School in Tahlequah from 1968 — 1972, especially the 1972 graduates, to attend the Alumni Reunion in May 2002.

The Alumni Association will be honoring the class of '72 for their 30th year reunion. We have a challenge to beat the record for the highest reunion class attendance. The class of 1972 always liked a good challenge!

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

Education Notice

Higher Education in conjunction with Broward Community College (BCC) will be at the Hollywood Reservation DSO Building, 2nd floor Cultural Workshop room on Thursday, August 2, 2001, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

BCC will provide a One-Day Seminar to include: Overview of Broward Community College, Education Planning and Academic Advisement, Placement Testing for New Students, Admission and Application Process, Registration for Fall 2001 Classes, Financial Aid Workshop.

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Native Village Hosts Project Reclamation Bush Camp

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Seminole Tribe of Florida Shipping Schedule 2001



Truck loading at Miccosukee Land Lease July 2001.

By Tommy Benn
Miccosukee Land Lease —Don Robertson started shipping the 2001 Calf-Crop from the Miccosukee Land Lease on July 7, 2001, and will be shipping from there until July 20, 2001. Cattle foreman of the Miccosukee Land Lease Gary Raulerson said the cattle were looking good and were in good shape for as many set backs that we've had. No pasture due to any rainfall, and low water table level's don't help to get the pastures back on the mend. Good especially this time of year to get the brood cows in shape in order for them to carry their next calf to term.

Brighton's Cattle Owner's Shipping Schedule is: Monday July 30, 2001, Scotty "Cotton" Baxley, Joe Johns, Louise Gopher, Joe L. Johns, Happy Johns and Ada Bowers.

Tuesday July 31, 2001, Eddie Shore, L.D. "Buster" Baxley Jr., Agnes Bert, Joe H. Tiger, Rosie Billie, Matthew Gopher, Johnny Tucker, and Douglas Smith.

Wednesday August 1, 2001 Polly Hayes, Andrew Bowers, Willie Gopher Jr., Shula Jones, Timmy Johns, and Connie Whidden.

Thursday August 2, 2001 Howard Micco, Lillian Bowers, Norman Johns, Roger Smith, Jack Smith Sr., Lottie Shore and Wonder Johns.

Friday August 3, 2001 Tina Gore, Jack Smith Jr., Harjo Osceola Estate, Lola Gopher, Behula Gopher, Madeline Tongkeamah, and the Johnny Buck Estate.

Saturday August 4, 2001 Stanlo Johns, Archie Johns, Robbie Chalfant, Addie Osceola, Patty Waldron and Billy Joe Johns.

Big Cypress Cattle Owners Shipping Schedule for 2001 is: Monday August 6, 2001 Joe Osceola Sr., Paul Bowers, Richard Bowers, Rudy-Cicero Osceola and Carl Baxley.

Tuesday August 7, 2001 Clifton Billie, Jonah Cypress & Esther Buster, Sam Frank, Jack Motlow, Jimmy and Mike Smith and Agnes Cypress.

Wednesday August 8, 2001 Ernie Bert, Mary Jene Koenes & Albert Estate, Joe Frank, Jack Motlow and Moses & Naha Jumper.

Thursday August 9, 2001 Mary Jumper, Billie and Anita Johns, Mondo Tiger, Joe B. Osceola and Roberta Sherlock. Friday August 10, 2001 the Jimmy Cypress Estate.

If any cattle owners have a problem with their work day contact the Cattle & Range Offices at the following Reservations Brighton (863) 763-5020 or Big Cypress (863) 983-4141.

2001 Seminole 4-H Awards

By Tommy Benn
CLEWISTON — Five award banquets were held recently to acknowledge the hard work and dedication put forth by Seminole 4-H club members. Tribal leaders Richard Henry, David Cypress, Carl Baxley, Max Osceola Jr., and Elaine Aguilar sponsored award banquet dinners on their respective reservations.

Merit awards were given out as follows:

Grand Champion Swine - Joshua

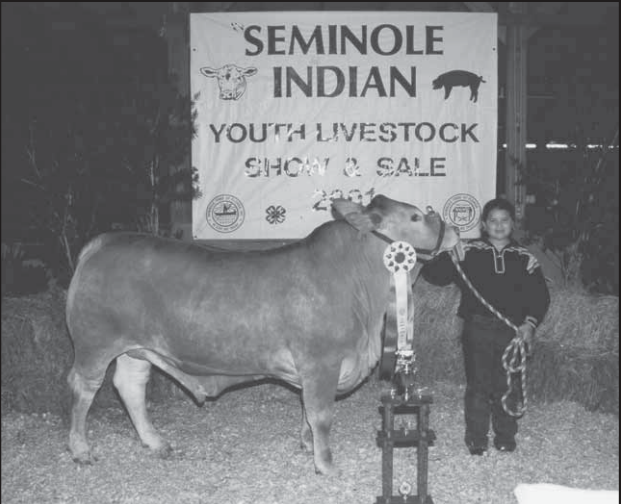
Young, **Reserve Grand Champion Swine** – Roy Stewart, **Most Weight Gain** – Bonnie Davis, **Senior Showmanship** – Andrew Bowers, **Junior Showmanship** –Kerwin Miller.

Steer Grand Awards for outstanding steers went to: **Grand Champion Steer** – Mary Huff, **Reserve Grand Champion** – Holly Johns, **Most Weight Gain** – Clint Hutchinson, **Senior Showmanship** – Paul Bowers Jr., **Junior Showmanship** – Kayla Bowers. Record books merit awards were won by Sheyanna and Shelby Osceola who both had perfect scores of 100% on their books.

Steer Cattle Owners Premiums Merits were presented to **Grand Champion Steer** – Mr. Scotty "Cotton" Baxley, **Reserve Grand Champion Steer** – Mrs. Patty Waldron

With a club membership of over 120 strong taking an active role on all reservations, it is easy to see why Seminole 4-H is such an outstanding program. Like any other winning structured program the 4-H's leadership and volunteer base are at the core to its continued success.

The 4-H program graduated two seniors this year, Rachel Billie and Samantha Jimmie. The 4-H leaders wish both girls all the best in the future and in all they chose to do.



Mary Huff with prize-winning steer

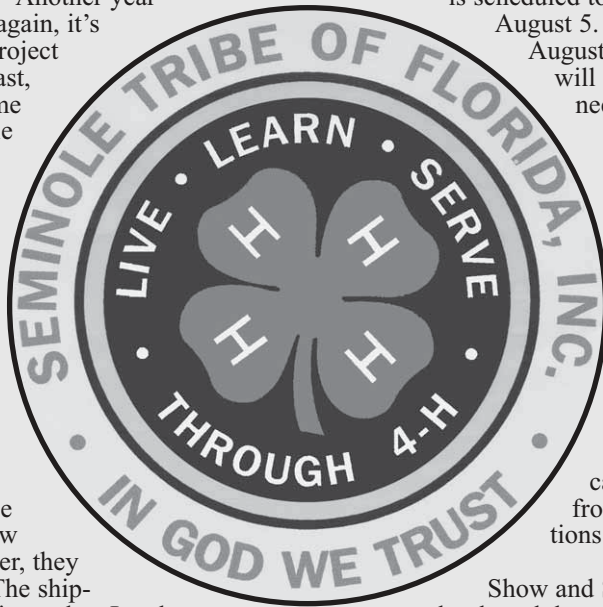
By Tommy Benn

Seminole Country — Another year has come and gone, and once again, it's time to start looking for 4-H project steers. This year, as in years past, all 4-H project steers must come from Tribal-owned herds: cattle owned by Seminoles, or from the Board herds.

Don Robertson, Natural Resource Director and Tribal cattle foreman, will assist 4-H'ers in selecting correct and show quality project steers. Feel free to contact individual cattle operators, they might have an outstanding individual animal for a project steer in their pasture.

The cow crews will be busy shipping, and if they know you are looking for a show steer, they will keep an eye out for you. The shipping season will start at the Miccosukee Land Lease on July 9-20, contact Gary Raulerson, cattle foreman, if you are in the market for a show steer.

Calling All Steers



"Cotton" Baxley, cattle foreman at Brighton, is scheduled to ship from July 30 through August 5. Big Cypress will ship next on August 6 - August 10, Joey Henry will assist in selecting steers as needed.

The Parker Island lease shipping date has not been set, Jerry Skates, cattle foreman, will be keeping his eyes open for any exceptional individuals in Highlands County herd.

4-H Director Polly Hayes asks that when searching for your project animal, do not enter any pastures without the owner's permission. You may pick up cattle purchase agreement forms from 4-H leaders on your reservations.

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Bikes

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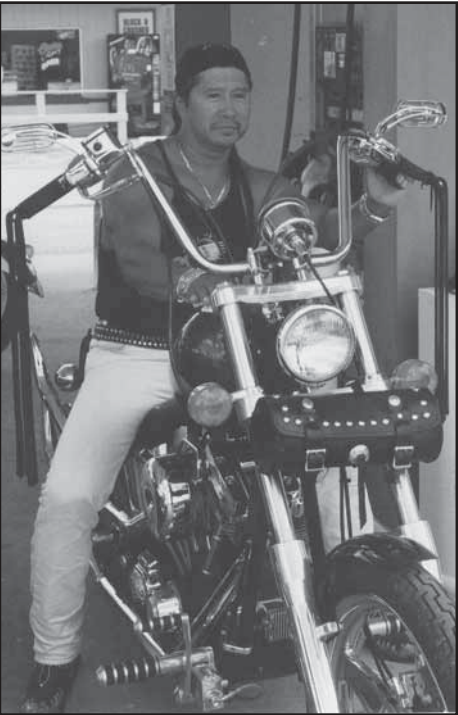
join in and ride along. Although the club is not yet officially sponsored, Hollywood Councilman Max Osceola has provided funds for accommodations on over-night trips.

Presently, the club has no president or other officers, but Ronnie Billie took the lead during Saturday's ride. The bikes, mostly Harleys with a few Indians, were an impressive sight as they roared out of the parking lot of the Safari.

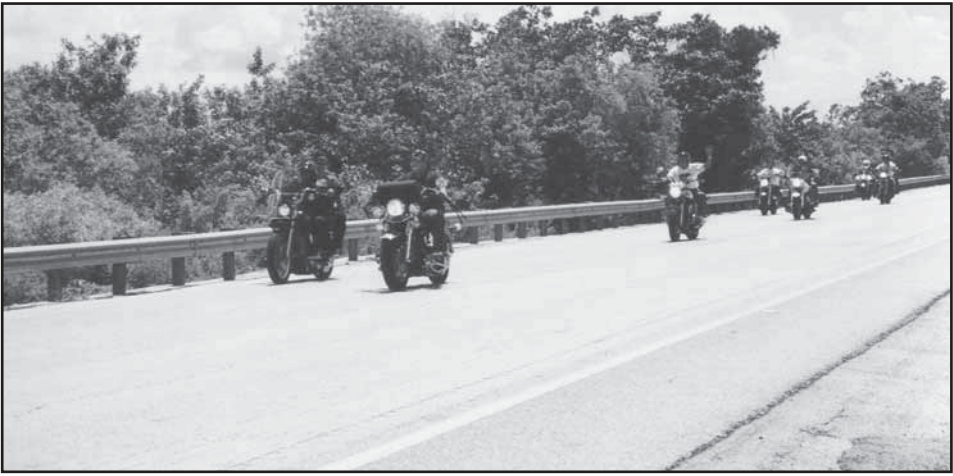
The group headed out towards Montura Ranches, then wound around and rode through Immokalee. Several vehicles followed behind the riders with provisions of cold drinks and snacks for petrol stops and with their restless youngsters who eagerly awaited those breaks where they could plead with their dad to let them ride with them on the bikes— usually to no avail.

Although the weather was hot and dark clouds threatened, the trip was rain-free and the riders could not have asked for a more beautiful day. The group stopped at Everglades City for gas before the last leg of their trip onto the Miccosukee, 40 miles down the road.

Once they reached the Osceola camp, they were treated to a delicious barbeque dinner prepared by Marla Sanders,



Ronnie Billie was leader of the pack.



Here they come!

her sister, and mom. A reggae band was in full swing, and games were planned for the riders and their entourage. Contests were held for the biggest bike, the oldest bike, the dirtiest bike and many other categories. Good natured bantering between the riders ranged from the size of their equipment to their riding skills.

Although the group had a good turnout for the ride, Ronnie Billie said he would like to see more young people get involved in local activities, such as the bike club. Many of the riders said they relieved stress by riding, as it gives them a great feeling of freedom from all their personal worries.

After enjoying the afternoon in Trail, the group headed to the Miccosukee Resort where some decided to spend the night before the long ride home the following morning. All in all, it was an excellent ride for the group, and everyone was looking forward to next month's run. At present, a destination has not yet been scheduled.

Anyone wanting to join these enthusiasts is welcome. Contact Ronnie Billie in Big Cypress or Ricky Doctor at Recreation for more information.



Ricky Doctor shines up his Harley.



End of the trail.

FCW

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Miccosukees own Chief White Eagle met his match against Duke "The Dumpster" Droese (who recently appeared on "Wrestlemania"). Dubbed the "I quit" match, Chief White Eagle showed "The Dumpster" that Miccosukees don't quit and walked away with the win.

The "Exotic Lazz," who resembled a younger version of Boy George, took on Sean Alexander. Seeing is believing, Lazz won the match.

Next on the lineup was the much-anticipated Grudge Match, which pitted former partners, Blackhart #1, managed by "Jake the Snake" wannabe Abudadein, against Blackhart #2, managed by Billie Swamp Safari's own Gator John.

The loser was to be required to unmask before the crowd. The match went on and on with both contenders being nearly pinned several times. The crowd roared when Blackhart #1 pinned his former partner to take the win. This year, Gator John was able to avoid a pre-event beating (he was tossed into the swamp last year), making the defeat of Blackhart #2 less agonizing.

The highlight of the night finally came with the "Custody" match between Bobby Rogers and Jodi X, as in "ex"-wife. It was reported that the future of the family dog, Bheanan, hung in the balance of this match, as the winner would take the dog.

It was no secret who was the female favorite. Women always stick together, and this match was no exception. The female spectators offered to Jodi X many nasty tricks and illegal maneuvers she may want to incorporate in her assault on her ex-husband.

It began to look like the dog was not so much the prize as the satisfaction gained from kicking Bobby's "assets" (his interest in the dog, of course) out from under him. It was a sad day for Bobby Rogers, as a triumphant Jody X won custody of Bheanan as well as bragging rights from her ex-husband in front of hundreds of spectators.

The grand finale was the FCW Title match between reigning champion Anthony Adonis, FCW's "fair-haired boy," versus challenger Chris Charger. Adonis, favored by most of the crowd, maneuvered around his opponent with the impressive skills of a pro wrestler.



Exotic Lazz smiles after winning his match

Although Charger tried his best, he could not hold on to the elusive three-counts it took to pin Adonis, and wound up on the receiving end as Adonis retained his championship title.

Jumpin' Jack Gorton, who served as special referee for the event, had some exciting news about a new organization in the works. He, along with Seminole wrestler Joe Gomez, have been meeting with Native American wrestlers to start a Native American Wrestling Federation.

It will consist of only Native American wrestlers from all over the United States. The goal of the organization will coincide with each reservation's tradition and customs. In September, when the Seminole Tribe will host an event, he plans to promote the Seminole culture with chickees and frybread. The event will open with a traditional prayer and traditional dancing.

Gorton said that promo shoots have been scheduled and will be sent out to over 600 recreation directors in Indian Country to invite these tribes to join the Federation. Each tribe will eventually host an event on their reservation, presenting their own traditions and culture.

Gorton further stated that there are currently no Native American Wrestling Federations, and believes this is the start of something big for Indian wrestlers. The Federation would be limited to only Native Americans and incorporate the sharing of tribal tradition and culture. More information will be reported, as it becomes available.



Navajo Warriors, Classy Chris and Big Vito.

Big Cypress Recreation Youth visits "Sun Splash"

By Barbara Secody

CAPE CORAL — The Summer Youth Recreation program is in full swing this season, and the young people are having the time of their lives — not to mention the staff and youth workers who "tough it out" at the various fun spots throughout the State. So far in the month of June, the youth have taken trips to go bowling, to the movies, and have visited Butterfly World and Billie Swamp Safari. They have gone fishing, ice-skating, roller-skating — and their favorite — so far — is a toss-up between trail riding and "Sun-Splash" water theme park.

On June 29th Recreation staff Ricky Doctor, Isiah Billie, Robert Robertson and student youth workers filled two vans with approximately 30 young people from Big Cypress for a trip to "Sun-Splash" Water Park in Cape Coral.

Once in the gate, the kids seemed to evaporate into the crowds — some heading for the giant water slides — and others opting for the "lazy river". A couple of the young ladies treated themselves to hair braiding, yet another service offered at the facility for a nominal fee. The staff and chaperones are to be commended for their dedication to these kids — never losing track of them for



Double your pleasure.



Such a big tube for such a small girl!.



BC Recreation youth pause for a pose.

even a moment. James Hall from Seminole Broadcasting was also on hand to film the days' activities; and also helped keep an eye on the youth — who flitted from one attraction to another.

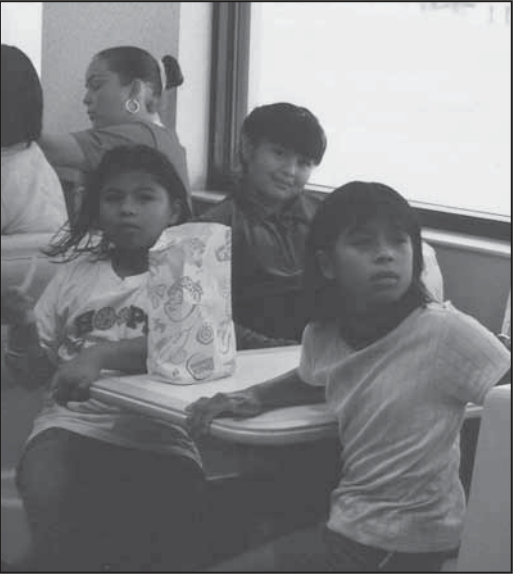
Although the kids enjoyed a beautiful sunny day, by 2 o'clock the clouds were starting to move in — and so were the hunger pangs. The next feat facing the staff was the roundup of all the kids. Other guests at the park watched in amazement at the team work as the staff tracked down the small groups telling them to "get changed — we're going to Burger King." That's all it took to assure full cooperation. In less than 30 minutes, the entire group was out of the water, dressed and boarding the vans — ready to have lunch "their way."

After pausing for group photos, it was off to Burger King. When the group converged on the restaurant, workers went into high gear to fill all the orders — doing their best to ensure that everyone got exactly what they ordered. As a couple of the Big Cypress staff seated the kids and kept order, others were picking up the food and delivering it to the tables. As far as everyone getting exactly what they ordered — that was a little too much to ask. However, with minimal complaints, they settled for what they were given and soon forgot about it not being what they had ordered.

By the time the group had finished their meal, a torrential rain had begun, accompanied by booms of thunder

and flashes of lightening. People in Florida take these types of storms very seriously, as this state is known as the lightning capital of the world. Each year lightning claims the lives of many of those who have dared challenge Mother Nature by venturing out in one of these storms. The Burger King staff was very accommodating to the group who had to sit out the storm inside until it was safe to make a run for the vans to begin their trek back to Big Cypress. It had been a great day, and the weekend was at hand, but everyone — for a change — said they were looking forward to Monday — and another adventure.

With two months remaining before school starts up again, the youth are looking forward to return trips to some of their favorite spots as well as getting to explore new ventures scheduled for them. (Check Summer Youth Recreation Schedule for your Reservation at the gymnasiums.)



Everyone was treated to lunch at Burger King

Ahfachkee Students Do It Again

Over the past four school years, the Ahfachkee School staff has had a lot to brag about. Each year we think "Well, the standardized test scores went up so much this year, but how will we feel next year when we don't make such large gains?" So far, we have not had that experience because for the fourth consecutive year, the Ahfachkee students have increased their achievement scores.

In our reports to the Bureau of Indian Affairs Office of Indian Education we are asked to classify our student's test scores as either "Partially Proficient", "Proficient" or "Advanced". Over the past four years our students classified as "Partially Proficient" has decreased by 58% in Math and 60% in Language Arts. Our students classified as "Advanced" has risen from zero in both Math and Language Arts to 36% and 26% respectively. Language Arts scores contains within them the student's scores in reading.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs has a goal that all Indian children be "independent readers" by the end of the third grade. Presently, most of our children finish the first grade as independent readers. As of the end of this school year, 84% of our students are classified as "Proficient"

Below is a breakdown of the scores by school Year:

Math	Partially Proficient		
	Proficient	Advanced	
1996-1997	74%	26%	0%
1997-1998	19%	79%	2%
1998-1999	24%	60%	16%
1999-2000	11%	69%	20%
2000-2001	16%	48%	36%

Language Arts	Partially Proficient		
	Proficient	Advanced	
1996-1997	66%	34%	0%
1997-1998	17%	79%	4%
1998-1999	14%	76%	10%
1999-2000	9%	73%	18%
2000-2001	6%	68%	26%

or "Advanced" in Math and 94% of them are classified as "Proficient" or "Advanced" in Reading.

This is an example of the result that can be obtained by all Seminole children. This success can occur when they are taught in a small school whose complete purpose is to provide the finest quality education while working in a manner which honors and complements the Seminole culture.

The School of the Ahfachkee School would like to say a special "thank you" for the support of parents, community members and tribal leaders who made it possible for us to have another outstanding school year. We look forward to the 2001-02 school year working closely with the Seminole people preparing the next generation of Seminole Leaders.

Education Notice

Higher Education in conjunction with Broward Community College (BCC) will be at the Big Cypress Reservation Cattle & Range Office on Tuesday, July 31, 2001 from 10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

BCC will provide a One-Day Seminar to include: Overview of Broward Community College, Education Planning and Academic Advisement, Placement Testing for New Students, Admission and Application Process, Registration for Fall 2001 Classes, and Financial Aid Workshop.

4th of July Brighton Blowout

By Tommy Benn
BRIGHTON —Councilman John Wayne Huff, along with Brighton Board Representative Alex Johns, joined together to make the 4th of July Brighton blowout celebration a fun filled experience for the young and young at heart.

Kevin Osceola and staff did an outstanding job of keeping everything moving and interesting for those that participated or just watched. A special Thanks to Joanne Jones, Richard Osceola and Parker Jones and the other volunteers who helped make the 2-day spectacular a huge success.

The early morning 6:30 a.m. walk to the bridge started the days activities then it was time for the golfers to “Tee off”, with playing beginning at 8:20 a.m.

The Youth activities (grades K-12) started at 9:00 a.m. with sack races, an obstacle course race, a softball throw, and relay races. The Skeet Shoot was scheduled to start at 10:00 a.m. A lunch break was followed by volleyball, horseshoes and the challenge of the day: the tug of war.

The 4th of July activities are for Tribal members, their spouses, and Tribal employees and their families.

The field races were exciting to watch as everyone ran for the prize money and the prestige of being the fastest or best in a given event on the reservation for a whole year.

The **Sack Races** finished in this order: Kindergarten, 1st place Devon Jones, 2nd place Ashton Beer, 3rd place Deandra Osceola. 1st and 2nd Grades: 1st place Kristina Osceola, 2nd place Tommy Jackson, 3rd place Sheila Jones. 3rd - 5th Grade Boys: 1st place Seth Randolph, 2nd place Justin Aldridge, 3rd place Dayne Johns. 6th - 8th Grade Girls, 1st place Pristina Stockton, 2nd place Audrey Snow, 3rd place, Megan Jones. -6th - 8thGradeBoys 1st place Adrian Baker, 2nd place Johnnie Jones and 3rd place Troy Billie.

Golf (10 and under): 1st place Brandon Billie, (11 - 14) Reba Osceola.

Horseshoes (10 and under) 1st: Justin Aldridge, Lois Billie, 2nd place Trent Osceola, Jesse Osceola, 3rd Breanna Billie with Josh Madrigal, 4th Brett Spener and Sheila Jones. (11 – 14 years) 1st Lysandra Osceola, Troy Billie, 2nd Hilliard Gopher, Reba Osceola, 3rd Johnnie Jones, Megan Jones. (15 - 17 years) 1st Kyle Doney, Nikkie Osceola, 2nd:Tavars Stockton, Prestina Stockman, 3rd: Andrew Bowers, Holly Johns.

Volleyball Youth: 1st: Brian Aldridge team, 2nd Johnnie Jones team, 3rd: the Kyles Doney team.

Fishing Tournament Bass (ages 17 and under): 1st Kelton Smedley, weighing in at 2 lb. 1 oz., 2nd Erena Billie, with a 1lb, 6 oz catch, 3rd: Jacoby Johns weighing in at 1 lb., 1 oz. **Bream:** 1st Jenna McDuffie, whose catch totaled 6 oz., 2nd a tie between Breanna Billie and Gabriella S., each weighed in at 5oz’s. 3rd: a four way split between



Tommy Benn

Korvette Billie, Prestina Stockton, Traves Stockton and Seth Randolph, at 4 oz. a piece. **Catfish:** 1st: Kelton Smedley’s catfish of 1 lb. 9 oz. 2nd: Marcela Snow. **Mudfish:** 1st: Clint Bowers, his fish weighed 3 lbs., 3rd: Arianna Cypress 2 lb. fish. **Garfish:** 4 lb. and 6 oz. was Daylon Chalfant winning weight taking 1st place, 2nd place with a weight of 3 lbs. 7 oz. went to Pierson Hunsinger, Justin Chalfant’s fish tipped the scale with 2 lbs. 8 oz. for 3rd place.

Golf Closest to the Pin (18 - 49) Women: Terry Hahn, winning with a 12.6 foot shot, 2nd: Amanda Smith, with a 15 foot shot, Diane Smith held on to 3rd place with her 46’, 1” try. Women (50 and over): closest was Agnes Bert for 1st place, while Mable Haught finished in 2nd place. Men (18 - 49): Matt Gopher was closest with a 29.7 foot shot, followed by Reno Osceola with a 30.5 foot attempt, John Madrigal laid the ball in at 36.6 feet to the pin for 3rd place. (50 & Over): Reverend Howard Micco was closest to the pin with a shot of 14.10 feet to capture 1st place.

Skeet Shoot (18 - 49) Women: Emma Urbina, followed by Cathie Martin in 2nd place, Lesley Beer took 3rd place. (18 - 49) Men’s group 1st: Billy Osceola, Vernon Baker shot his way to 2nd place, Pernell Bert third place. (50 & Over) Men: Russell Osceola out shot Howard Micco to win the class.

Fishing (50 & Over) Women: **Bream:** Lola Gopher’s fish weighed in at 12 oz. to take 1st place, 2nd: Alice Sweat with a 7 oz. fish, and Jennie Johns’ 3rd place fish weighed 5 oz. **Catfish:** Betsey Tommie won 1st place with a 1 lb. 7 oz. catch, Marie Tommie took 2nd place, her fish weighed 1lb. 5oz. **Mudfish:** Marie Tommie was the winning angler with a 1 lb. 2 oz. catch, she also caught a garfish that weighed 2 lbs., you can honestly say “Marie Knows Fishing!”

Fishing (50 & over) Men: It must have been Wonder John’s day as the elder angler won three classes for the day: Catfish, Mudfish and Garfish. **Fishing (18 - 49) Women: Bass;** Emma Urbina’s fish tipped the scale for 1st place with a weight of 2 lbs., 2 oz.,

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New Kid in Brighton



Kano Bert Puente was born July 3, 2001 at 1: 49 p.m. in Sebring, FL. He weighed 8 lbs. 2 oz. Proud parents are Avalon and Eric Puente. Big brother is Eric Jaden Puente. Maternal grandmother is Agnes Bert and paternal grandmother is Sylvia Puente.

Brighton Calendar

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

July 28th: Eastern Indian Rodeo at Hollywood.

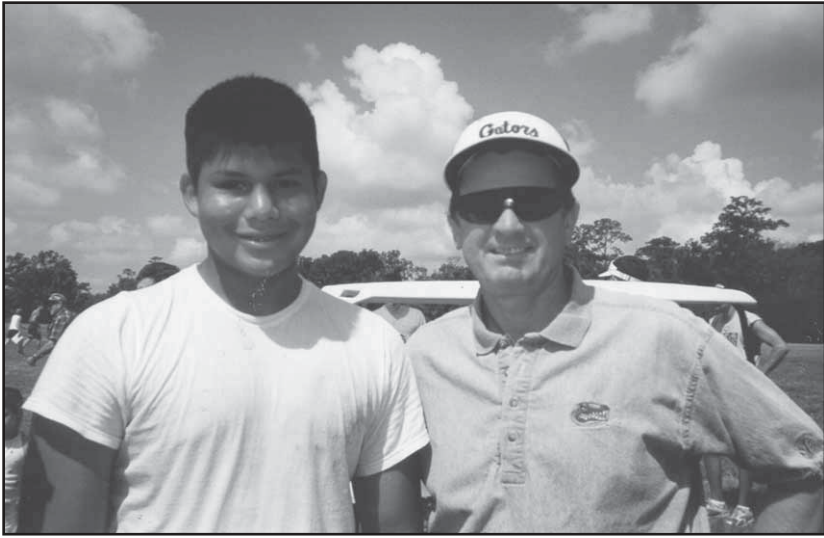
July 31st:Brighton Staff Birthday Party, a luncheon celebrating all staff member Birthday’s in the months of July and August.

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

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

Seminole in Gatorland

By Tommy Benn
GAINESVILLE — Brighton resident Jarrid Lee Smith traveled to University of Florida hallowed ground as he participated in Head Coach Steve Spurrier’s Gator Football Camp. This was Jarrid’s sixth year in Spurrier’s Camp. His grandfather, a Bull Gator Fan, the late Fred Smith sent him three years and Mom, Camellia Osceola has sent him for the last three.



Tommy Benn

Jarrid Smith and University of Florida Gator Coach Steve Spurrier

The 16-year-old Okeechobee High School Junior stands 6’2” and tips the scales at 225 pounds.

The outstanding Gator Camp program is designed to bring the most out of young area football prospects. Giving camp participants a decisive edge in playing fundamentals, both physical and mental, when they return to their own hometown football programs.

Smith started for the Okeechobee High School Brahms as defensive tackle last year, moved to the offensive line for the 2001 season. Smith, who feels content to play either side of the line, will make the adjustment easily for Coach McKee and his Okeechobee Brahms’ staff. Being able to play any line position will enhance the young Seminole’s chances for getting a college scholarship; each position he can play is another feather in his cap.

Voted Outstanding Offensive Player by the Gator’s Camp Offensive Coach this year, Smith worked hard for the award and proved himself during training camp.

Jarrid maintained a 3.0 plus grade points average in school this past year. This summer he is working for Kevin Osceola at Brighton Recreation, in the Seminole Summer Youth Program.

Jarrid also enjoyed his 4-H steer project last year and is planning on fitting another steer for the 2001 4-H Show and Sale.

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- ❖ Godsmack/Deftones

Ahfachkee School 2000 - 2001 School Year Incentive Awards

PreKindergarten:

Malari Baker - PreK Excellence
Aiden Bowers - PreK Excellence
Levi Billie - PreK Excellence
Sarah Osceola - PreK Excellence
Symphony Osceola - PreK Excellence
Andre Landin - PreK Excellence
Katinna Jumper - PreK Excellence

Kindergarten:

Tyler Cypress - Kindergarten Excellence
Rayel Billie - Kindergarten Excellence
Rodni Mercer - Kindergarten Excellence

First Grade:

Malachi Baker - First Grade Excellence
Anthony Balentine - First Grade Excellence
Kane Bettelyoun - First Grade Excellence
Adrienne Cypress - First Grade Excellence
Jalen Cypress - First Grade Excellence
Monique Jimmie - First Grade Excellence
Cooper Rivers - First Grade Excellence
Tucomah Robbins - First Grade Excellence
Danni Tommie - First Grade Excellence
Stevie Billie - First Grade Excellence

Second Grade:

Kaylee Jumper - Second Grade Excellence
Catlen Tommie - Second Grade Excellence
Jonathan Robbins - Second Grade Excellence
Daylyn Hall - Second Grade Excellence & Excellent Punctuality
Ryan Cypress - Excellent Attendance & Excellent Punctuality

Third Grade:

Clayton Hall - A Average
Rubi-Anne Alexander - B Average
Kelcie Jumper - B Average
Justina Billie - B Average

Fourth Grade:

Lauren Bowers - A Average & Excellent Attendance
Cody Billie - B Average & Excellent Punctuality
Micco Billie - B Average

Fifth Grade:

Katrina Bettelyoun- A Average
Alex Cypress - A Average
Dawna Cypress - A Average & Excellent Attendance & Excellent Punctuality
Stephanie Hall - A Average
Ryana Osceola - A Average
Serena Green - A Average
Kayla Bowers - B Average
Tiffany Billie - B Average & Excellent Punctuality
Herschel Frank - B Average

Sixth Grade:

Klaressa Osceola - A Average & Excellent Attendance
Summer Billie - B Average
Benny Hernandez - Excellent Punctuality
Kaylynn Pewo - Excellent Punctuality
Sawena Otero - Excellent Punctuality

Seventh & Eighth Grades:

Victoria Hernandez - B Average & Excellent Attendance & Excellent Punctuality
Paige Osceola - B Average & Excellent Punctuality
Jessalyn Balentine - Excellent Attendance & Excellent Punctuality
Meredith Bullard - Excellent Attendance & Excellent Punctuality
Jodi Simone - Excellent Punctuality

High School:

Lindsey King - A Average & Excellent Attendance & Excellent Punctuality
Daniel Bullard - B Honor Roll & Excellent Attendance & Excellent Punctuality
Wilson Bowers - B Honor Roll & Excellent Attendance & Excellent Punctuality
Charley Cypress - Excellent Punctuality
Dakotah Cypress - Excellent Attendance
Obadiah Osceola - Excellent Attendance



Naomi Jim

Naomi Jim – Student Profile

By Janice Billie
NAPLES — Naomi Jim is a beautiful sixteen-year old Seminole Tribal citizen who lives just outside of Naples and attends Gulf Coast High School in Naples, FL. She is the daughter of Herbert R. Jim and Leah Brach, her Seminole grandparents are Rainy Jim and the late Alice Jim of Ochopee, FL.

Like a small number of Seminole citizens, Naomi was born and raised off the reservation. However, she has always been aware of her heritage and culture and lives comfortably today between both worlds.

Currently she is attending summer school in an effort to raise her average in one of her classes. Generally, she receives B's and C's. A big motivation in keeping up her grades is her avid involvement in the ROTC program at Gulf Coast High. Her participation in the program started in the ninth grade. She holds the rank of Master Sergeant, which she achieved in half a year, and is a platoon leader.

She is a member of the Color Guard, which encompasses the Saber Guard, the Honor Guard, the Drill Team, and the Raiders. Being a member of the Raiders, the physical and military training part of the program, is what initially drew Naomi to the ROTC program. Naomi states, "It involves extreme physical endurance and is very competitive, I wanted to challenge myself and see if I could do it." Aside from the physical challenges she says she also appreciates the discipline of the program. The drill team has helped her in coordination skills and the Saber Guard has helped her develop pride in being a part of something positive.

Her competitive edge is not immediately apparent due to her soft spoken and regal manner. She describes herself as "open and easy going." Her mother states, "her heart is just as beautiful as her physical appearance, she is a good human being who will stand up for what she feels is right and fair."

Naomi plans to attend college after high school, probably at USF in Tampa to study criminology. After college she wants to join the Army to become an MP (Military Police). Eventually, she plans to return home and begin a career in law enforcement.

Conveying a steadfast optimism and youthful determination towards life's challenges, Naomi talks of her aspirations without a hint of doubt that it will be as she dreams.



Naomi Jim

Holt

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The boot camp is a 21-day commitment that includes lodging, meals, unlimited bulls, personal videos, state of the art drills, one-on-one evaluations, as well as revolutionary training devices. Leffew also includes an exercise program complete with weight training, as well as positive thinking discussions. For free time, the ranch is located in such close proximity to the beach that the campers might enjoy rollerblading, tennis or the California beaches.

Gary Leffew is the former World Champion Bull Rider, eight-time NFR qualifier and average winner and PFR Bull Riding Director for the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association. His progressive training and techniques have produced more PRCA, College, HSRA,

Canadian and Senior Pro Champions than any other school of its kind.

Gary Leffew explains that his teaching methods are a combination of several factors, personal experience, studying the best bull riders of all time and observing the mental attitude common among the great champions in rodeo. He says that there are really only two major areas involved in learning to ride bulls; first a clear set of rules that every bull rider must follow in order to make a successful ride and the mental attitude of the rider. Leffew does emphasize that bull riding is not for everyone. Yet the information taught at his clinic are lessons and knowledge that can be applied to any sport, lifestyle or profession one may choose.

Have a safe trip Clinton! Look for complete details of Clinton's "boot camp" experience in the upcoming issue of the *Tribune*.

Congratulations To The Seniors Of The Class Of 2001

As part of the *Seminole Tribunes'* ongoing effort to honor recent graduates, we recently spoke with three graduates, Amy Garza from Ft. Myers, Austin Billie from Hollywood, and Tabitha Marrero from Franklin, Georgia.

Austin Billie- Austin is the 18-year-old son of Leoma Poore and Dana Poore from Hollywood. He has recently graduated from Hollywood Hills High School and is a member of the Panther clan. His plans this summer are to work at the Casino and, in the fall, to attend Florida Atlantic University possibly majoring in Psychology.



Austin Billie

While in high school Austin was part of the wrestling team and is presently a member of the Eastern Indian Rodeo Association. His event is Bull Riding, although he admits that he is having an "off year." It's okay Austin, your accomplishments, thus far, overshadow your slowing in bull riding.

When asked what advice he could offer to a younger child Austin says, "Have a base to build on, find your incentive and then stay focused." Austin's base was making his family proud and staying focused. Congratulations Austin on a job well done!

Amy Garza- Amy is the 18-year-old daughter of Delores Campo and Raymond Garza. Amy has recently graduated from Academy High School in Ft. Myers. She has two sisters and one brother. Amy is a member of the Panther Clan; she is the mother of 1-year-old daughter Haley. Although her advice would be to wait to have children



Amy Garza

Congratulations to Sally Osceola

By Virginia Mitchell

On June 7, Sally Osceola was recognized by American Heritage - American Academy at the Senior Dinner, held at The Signature Grand in Davie

"This Senior has attended our school since the tenth grade. A senior honor roll student all year with a ranking of first in her class. She is an accomplished artist, finishing in first place at the Broward County Youth Fair in Graphic Design and computer graphics. She lettered three years in varsity basketball and 2 years in varsity track and has given over 50 hours of community service this year. In the fall she will attend Nova Southeastern University majoring in Psychology. A super person and overall delight, Nova Southeastern's gain will defiantly our loss, it gives me great pleasure to introduce America Academy's senior with the highest G.P.A. and outstanding senior for 2001, Sally Osceola" as presented by Principal Peter. Gulotta.

Followed with graduation ceremony held at the Worship Center in Plantation, June 10 amongst her class of over 186



Mother Linda Jim with daughters Sally Osceola and Jamie Osceola after graduation ceremony.

Peter Hahn is Haskell University Bound

By Tommy Benn

LIVE OAK, FLORIDA— Peter Hahn, the son of Peter and Terry Johns Hahn, signed his letter of intent to play college football for Haskell Indian University in Lawrence, Kansas.

Hahn, an outstanding Suwannee High School athlete who has been recognized statewide for his athletic abilities, chose to sign with Haskell's Head Football Coach Graham Shelding to continue his football career.

Haskell is an accredited University founded in 1884 by the United States Government to provide higher education for tribal members of Federally-recognized Native American Indian Tribes.

Graham Shelding has high expectations for the young Seminole from North Florida. Hahn had an unbelievable High School athletic career at Suwannee High School (SHS). Hahn played three sports while he attended SHS and was a threat in all three: Football, baseball and wrestling. Hahn was also an academic high school standout as well.

Hahn led his SHS Bulldogs to

the Florida State Championship as team quarterback and as team captain. Hahn, a team player who is versatile at various positions, excels in them all: defensive back, linebacker running back and also team kicker and punter.

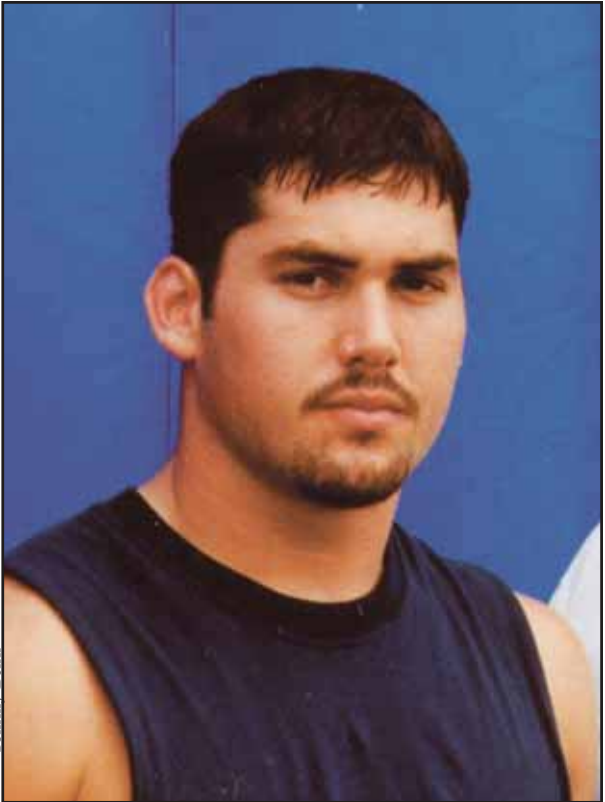
In his SHS football career, Hahn was seven times voted most valuable player, Most Valuable Player in Regional Championship games, Teams Most Valuable Offensive Player, and "Player of the Week". Voted an All Area and All State Player. WQHL radio voted Hahn Player of the Year and Player of the Decade as well.

His wrestling merits were unequal winning 73 matches and placing in 15 tournaments. Voted All Area for three years running. Hahn was a regional, District and All State finalist, a team captain Hahn was also an Olympic Gold Medalist in the Indigenous Games twice.

Baseball also awarded the young Seminole for his athletic attributes, voting him the 10th Man Utility Player Award Hahn played all outfields and catcher. and was also assigned as a designated hitter and base runner for SHS.

Classmates voted Hahn Most Athletic for the Class of 2000. He was also voted Who's who among High School athletics for four years, 97,98,99,00 respectively. The Seminole Tribe of Florida also recognized the young man's accomplishments by awarding him as the Seminole Tribe's Academic Athletic of the Year Award, as well as the Seminole Tribe of Florida's Scholarship Award. Peter carried a 3.0 grade point average.

Hahn plans on obtaining his degree in Business Administration and studying Tribal Management at Haskell. Hahn is truly a young man who has proven hard work and dedication pays off both on and off the sports playing fields. With his work ethics, outlook on life, attitude and winning personality the young Hahn will walk his own path and make his way in life on his own terms.



Peter Hahn



numpahgahl hootké (white flower)

Check . . . and double check . . .

Look at each picture. How many differences can you find?



July 4th Bowling Bash Results

By Libby Blake
HOLLYWOOD — A bowling tournament was held at University Bowl as part of the Hollywood reservation’s 4th of July celebration. Eugene and Mary T. Bowers ran the event, which was sponsored by Hollywood Council Representative Max Osceola Jr.

A three-game series, regular, 3-6-9, and no-tap, was held for the men and women. The bowlers were divided further into age groups: 18 – 49 years, 50 – 59 years, and 60 and up. The event was open to all Tribal members and employees.

Winners, with series total in parentheses, were as follows:
Men 18 – 49: 1st place – Christian Osceola (751), 2nd place – Bobby Frank (719), 3rd place – Remus Griffin (700), 4th place – Mike Micco

(691), 5th place – Hyde Gopher (663), 6th place – Phil Bowers (650), 7th place – Ollie Wareham (642), 8th place – Mitch Osceola (635), 9th place – Joey Micco (616), 10th place – Shawn Willie (581).
Women 18 – 49: 1st place – Patricia Wilcox (647), 2nd place – Shana Frank (601), 3rd place – Terri Frank (572), 4th place – Monica Cypress (536), 5th place – Reina Micco (531), 6th place – Michelle Osceola (522), 7th place – Denise Morin (521), 8th place – Tomie Micco (491), 9th place – Laura Clay (466), 10th place – Libby Blake (435).
Men 50 – 59: 1st place – David Jumper (607), 2nd place – Joe Junior Billie (592), 3rd place – Moke Osceola (535), 4th place – Joe B. Osceola (465).
Women 50 – 59: 1st place – Cornelia Osceola (581), 2nd place – Ruby Osceola (536), 3rd place – Mary T.

Bowers (491), 4th place – Lawanna Niles (373).
Men 60 and up: 1st place – Johnny Tucker (532), 2nd place – Jimmy Hank Osceola (524), 3rd place – Dan Osceola (501), 4th place – Harley Jumper (413).
Women 60 and up: 1st place – Alma Johns (572), 2nd place – Mary Gay Osceola (551), 3rd place – Geneva Shore (469), 4th place – Louise Billie (437), 5th place – Maydell Osceola (417), 6th place – Betty Osceola (414), 7th place – Annie Jumper (402), 8th place – Judybill Osceola (399), 9th place – Lottie Coody (397).
Those with high game wins were Remus Griffin, Christian Osceola, Mitch Osceola, Patricia Wilcox (2 games), and Denise Morin.



L-R: Ollie Wareham, Christian Osceola, Hyde Gopher, Bobby Frank, Remus Griffin, Shawn Willie, Phil Bowers, Mike Micco and Mitch Osceola.



L-R: Laura Clay, Libby Blake, Monica Cypress, Denise Morin, Reina Micco, Terri Frank, Patricia Wilcox and Shana Frank.

Travis Osceola – Boxing His Way To The Top

By Janice Billie
PEMBROKE PINES — On the night of July 6, Seminole Tribal citizen Travis Osceola entered a boxing ring for his first amateur fight. He fought at the “Friday Night Fights,” presented at the Jim Davidson Theatre of the Performing Arts in Pembroke Pines. The venue hosted eighteen bouts presented by the world-renowned Gerrits Leprechaun Boxing, Inc. and Affiliated Unions.

The only son of Russell and the late Dorothy S. Osceola, Travis, 29, was born in Hollywood and raised partly in Brighton and Hollywood. An avid sports fan and athlete, he plays basketball and is an outstanding three-point shooter. He has worked for Hollywood Recreation Department for the years.

Travis started training with his uncle, Jimmy Osceola, at the Hollywood Gym about five months ago. At the time, Jimmy was working as a volunteer trainer for boys interested in boxing. After about a month or two most of the boys dropped out due to other interests but Travis hung around and decided to start training seriously. In the beginning, it was mainly to get physically fit. Troubled by an asthma condition, he knew the cardio work would help his respiratory system. It was later on

that he and Jimmy discussed taking it to the next step.

Having had some amateur bouts himself, Jimmy knew matchmaker Chico Rivas and contacted him about getting Travis a fight. With support from the Seminole Tribe and Hollywood Recreation, Travis obtained the equipment and facility time to train for his first bout. They also presented Travis with his fighting outfit, black trunks with the Seminole colors running down the side.

The fight was an exciting three rounds lasting three minutes each. Announced as fighting for the Seminole Warriors Club, Travis was cheered on by a section of Seminole citizens that included his father Russell, his sister, Cecelia Tommie Thomas, and aunt, Juanita Osceola. Quite a number of Tribal citizens showed up to show support and encourage the young fighter. The first round saw Travis come out fast and furious; he knocked down his opponent, Johnny Joseph of Royal Palm Beach early in the round.

After the standing eight count was given to his opponent, the two fighters continued the flurry of punches. Finishing the first round looking good, Travis started having trouble in the second, he was warned to raise his head at least twice and he also had trouble with his head gear coming loose. Toward the end of the second he took a couple of headshots and finished



Travis protects his face during the match.

looking a little stunned.

The final round was clearly taken by the opponent when Travis seemed to lose his wind. He rallied in the last round, landed a couple punches and jabs, but it was too little too late.

Jimmy, stated later that he was extremely proud of Travis. He feels Travis, though not scoring a win this fight, executed the fight plan according to what he was taught. One factor he pointed out was the experience of the other fighter.

Travis was originally scheduled to fight a first time fighter but the opponent arrived late and Jimmy had to make an on the spot decision to let him go against a fighter with a fight already under his belt. Jimmy said, “he represented the Seminole Tribe well, he put all of himself into it and stayed focused. Not one wild punch.”

The fight was video taped by a family member and will be shown on the Seminole Broadcasting Station during the last week of July. Travis and Jimmy are already training for his next bout at the Broward Sheriff’s P.A.L. Gym in Tamarac on Aug. 28. The gym is located at 8865 W. McNab Rd., Tamarac, FL. Come out and show him your support.



Trainer Jimmy Osceola tapes Travis’ hands before match.

Seminole Girls make All Star Softball Fast Pitch Team



Melanie caught for “Mad” Mary at the Sunshine State Soft Ball Fast Pitch Finals.

By Tommie Benn
BRIGHTON — Brighton’s “Mad” Mary Huff and Melanie Jones were selected by the coaches of the Okeechobee City Recreation League to their 2001 Okeechobee All Star Team. The two Brighton youngsters played together for the Creech Properties team during the Okeechobee City Leagues regular season. Both Seminole girls were stand-outs offensively and on defense. “Mad” Mary pitched while the roll of a more versatile player was left in the capable hands of Melanie Jones.

Not all the league catchers could catch the speed and velocity reached as “Mad” Mary let her fast balls rocket from the pitchers mound. Mary’s bat was opposing league pitchers, as she handled it like a major leaguer. Melanie played more of a defensive roll, she played second

base, catcher and relief pitcher. Both girls have a highly competitive attitude and spirit for being so young.

To compete for the right to travel to the Softball Fast Pitch State Finals in Marianna the girls and the Okeechobee All-Star Teams had to pass the district and regional competitions that were held in LaBelle, Florida. They did, now they were ready to travel north. With the district and regional finals under their belts the girls were ready to make the 500-mile trip to the panhandle city in Florida, Marianna.

The Okeechobee All Stars and the Seminole girls were on the warpath.

The Florida Sate Finals is a double elimination tournament play-off, lose twice and you’re out. The competition was well underway and it was tough. The Okeechobee All Stars played hard heads up ball, but came up short by one lone run in their second loss. Like those who they beat and lost before them, they had to pack up and head south to Big Lake and home.

The girls finished fourth at the State Finals. They gave a good showing of themselves, one they can be proud of for their community, the Okeechobee Recreation Department and most of all for themselves.

Indigenous Games Swim Trials

By E. Bowers
FT. LAUDERDALE — Swim trials, to determine who will represent the Seminole Tribe at the 2002 Indigenous Games, were held on June 30 at the International Swimming Hall of Fame.

“These are good swimming pools. They’re the right size to get accurate times and such,” said Kristin Duda of Hollywood Seminole Recreation, surveying the Olympic-sized pools. Kristin Duda has been the swimming coach for the past three Indigenous Games.

“We just sort of threw them together the first time, it was Daisy Tiger and Lizina Bowers,” said Duda about the first Team Florida in 1995, “now they’ve moved on to other things, gone off to school, so we’ve got a new group coming in.”

Alexandra Sanchez, of Hollywood, came to get started on the long road to Winnipeg. She swam four different events, the 100 backstroke, the 50 freestyle, 100 breaststroke, and the 100 freestyle.

Sanchez, the lone swimmer to show up, swam all four events with only a small rest in between. “I’m sure she’s going to feel it this afternoon,” said her mother, Alicia Sanchez.

Duda timed Sanchez at 1:58.63 in the 100 backstroke, 45.10 in the 50 freestyle, 3:43.37 in the 100 breaststroke, and 2:10.00 in the 100 freestyle. “Now she’s got somewhere to work from,” said Duda.

Sanchez, who swims at the Hollywood Reservation pool, was unused to the size and water temperature of the pools at the Hall of Fame.



Alexandra Sanchez

The trial serve as an introduction to the competition environment and gives the swimmers a chance, who may be from different reservations, to swim against, and motivate each other.

The schedule for upcoming trials is largely dependent on the weather. There is one planned for July/August, and two planned for September.

Duda expects to pick the team, a maximum of two swimmers in each of the five age groups, by the end of the year. “That will give us a year to get where they need to be,” said Duda.

Once the team is picked, each swimmer will pick which event they want to focus on, and Duda will gradually step up the training. “The schedule will get a little bit harder,” said Duda, “but once they start to focus and work on it a little bit, It won’t seem as hard.”

The 2002 Indigenous Games will be held in July-August in Winnipeg, Manitoba.



Betty Osceola was the 1st place winner

4th Of July Seniors Pool Tournament

By Robin Osceola
HOLLYWOOD – The 4th of July started early for the seniors in Hollywood. At 8 a.m. sharp, the pool sharks were out and ready to swim (or sink).

For The Record:
Singles: Men: 1st – Joe Dan Osceola, 2nd – Harley Jumper, 3rd – Ronnie Doctor, 4th – Johnny Tucker, 5th – Dan Osceola. **Women:** 1st – Betty Osceola, 2nd – Mabel Osceola, 3rd – Annie Jumper, 4th – Lawanna Niles, 5th – Maydell Osceola.

Doubles: 1st – Mabel Osceola/Ronnie Doctor, 2nd – Annie Jumper/Dan Osceola, 3rd – Harley Jumper/Maydell Osceola, 4th – Betty Osceola/Joe Dan Osceola, 5th – Judybill Osceola/Jimmy Hank Osceola, 6th – Lawanna Niles/Johnny Tucker.

For more information on the Hollywood Seniors stop by Hotmeals – The Happening Place To Be. Current activities include Tuesday night pool league, Wednesday morning golf lessons (bus leaves at 9 a.m.), and Thursday morning papier mache.



5th place – Maydell Osceola



Ronnie Doctor placing 3rd

Sports Notices

Native American Baseball presents 2002 (16 and under) USA Junior Olympic Baseball Championships tryouts. If interested, please call Dineh Benally at (503) 531-7849 or email (dineh.benally@intel.com). Must turn 17 years-old after August 01,2002.

Native American Baseball presents 2002 Connie Mack Baseball, participants to compete for the Connie Mack World Series title, from ages 18-17 years old (must turn 19 years old after Aug. 01, 2002). If interested, please call Dineh Benally at (503) 531-7849 or e-mail (dineh.benally@intel.com).





Archery Shoot In Big Cypress

By Janice Billie
BIG CYPRESS — Committed competitors in 3-D archery aiming for a spot on Team Florida in the Native American Indigenous Games 2002 were at the Big Cypress Archery Range on the morning of June 30.

This round was officially the fourth round of competition for the scheduled ten rounds. The results were as follows: First place, Chris Osceola of Hollywood — 226 points, Second Place, Parker Jones of Brighton — 190 points, Third place, Sonny Frank of Hollywood — 182 points, Fourth place, Joel Frank Sr. of Hollywood — 154. Clinton Holt of Hollywood scored a 92. In the women's division, Rose Jones of Brighton scored the highest for the day with 239 points.

The next shoot with 239 points scheduled for July 28 will be held Aug. 4th and the shoot scheduled for Aug. 19th will be held Aug. 25th.

Archery Schedule

Qualification Schedule for the NAIG
July 28th: B.C. Archery Range 10:00 a.m.
August 25th: B.C. Archery Range 10:00 a.m.
September 27th: B.C. Archery Range 10:00 a.m.
October 27th: B.C. Archery Range 10:00 a.m.
November 17th: B.C. Archery Range 10:00 a.m.
December 15th: B.C. Archery Range 10:00 a.m.

Team Florida Qualifications:
There will be a total of ten (10)-qualifying rounds. Three (3)-qualifying rounds have been completed.
Must have shot at a minimum of eight (8)-qualifying rounds.
We will use your average score from your best eight- (8) rounds.
Highest average in each category will represent Team Florida.
For more information, please call Steve Young at Hollywood Recreation at (954) 989-9457.



Rodeo ❖ Kowaayeh Shumpahleshké Josiah Johns Memorial Rodeo July 7, 2001

For The Record:

Mutton Bustin': 1st — Nick DeHass- 10.37 seconds, 2nd — Steven Ashley- 5.81 seconds, 3rd — JJ John- 3.81 seconds, 4th — Nauthkie Henry- 1.65 seconds.

Calf Roping: 1st — Jaimie Gonzalez- 3.37 seconds, 2nd — Ethan Gopher- 2.37 seconds, 3rd — Seth Randolph- 2.26 seconds, 4th — Huston Osceola- 1.81 seconds.

Steer Riding: 1st — Randel Osceola-3.36 seconds, 2nd — Roy Stewart-3.27 seconds.

Junior Bulls: 1st — Steven Billie-72, 2nd — Jasper Thomas- 4.69 seconds.

Beginner Barrels: 1st — Nauthkie Henry-19.25 seconds, 2nd — Raven Osceola-20.22 seconds.

Steer Wrestling: 1st — Josh Jumper- 7.5 seconds, 2nd — Rodney Osceola- 10.27 seconds, 3rd — Naha Jumper.

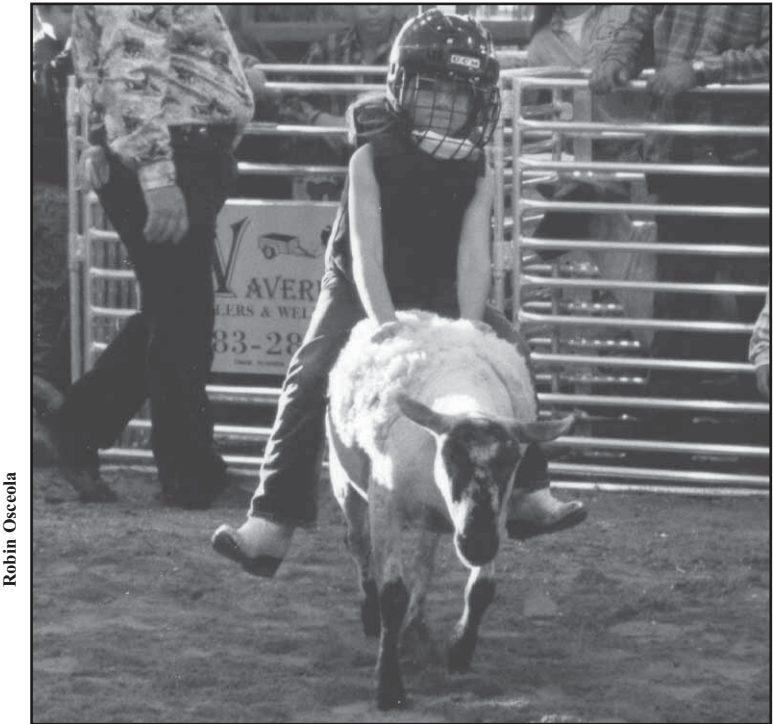
Bareback Riding: 1st — Adam Turtle-6.4 seconds, 2nd — Alex Johns- 6.3 seconds.

Calf Roping: 1st — Happy Jumper- 18.12 seconds, 2nd — Josh Jumper- 190.30 seconds, 3rd — Billy Joe Johns- 20.01 seconds.

Women's Breakaway Roping: 1st — Shelby Osceola (No time available), 2nd — Jo Leigh Fish (No time available).

50 And Over Breakaway: 1st — Billy Joe Johns- 4.27 seconds, 2nd — Earl Kirkland- 7.91 seconds.

Team Roping: 1st — Sampson Gopher/Norman Johns 10.85 seconds, 2nd — Marvin Bowers/Amos Tiger 28.98 seconds, 3rd — Justin



Mutton Bustin, a favorite for the very young!

Gopher/Koty Brugh 35.00 seconds, 4th — Moses Jumper/Happy Jumper 38.93 seconds.

Women's Barrel Race: 1st — Tess Ducheneaux 13.741 seconds, 2nd — Clarissa Bowers 15.951 seconds, 3rd — Jo Leigh Fish 16.024 seconds.

Novice Barrel Race: 1st — Mackenzie Johns 16.817 seconds, 2nd — Jade Braswell 17.199 seconds, 3rd — Reba Osceola 17.608 seconds.

Bull Riding: No Qualified Rides

Eastern Indian Rodeo Association News

From the Secretary: Please mark your calendars for the remaining EIRA Jr. Rodeo dates:
Saturday, July 14, 2001 at Brighton- 2 p.m.
Friday, July 21, 2001 at Hollywood-7 p.m.
Saturday, August 11, 2001 at Brighton-2 p.m.
Saturday, September 8, 2001 at Brighton- 2 p.m.
Sunday, August 12, 2001 at Brighton — EIRA Benefit Team roping.
There are three EIRA Rodeos left before the finals:
Saturday, July 28, 2001 in Hollywood starting at 8 p.m. — kids events begin at 6 p.m.
Kids Events include: Muttin' Bustin', Calf Riding, Steer Riding, Beginners Barrels and Jr. Bull Riding. Rodeo Events include: BareBack Riding, Steer Wrestling, Calf Roping, Saddle Bronc Riding, Team Roping, Women's Barrel Racing, Women's BreakAway, Bull Riding, 50 and Over

BreakAway and Novice Barrel Races. Call in dates are July 23rd and 24th. Call in time 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. There will be no exceptions.
Saturday, August 25, 2001 in Clewiston — time to be announced.
Friday, September 14, 2001 in Ft. Myers or Brighton — time to be announced.
EIRA Benefit Round Robin Team Roping Sunday, August 12, 2001. Sign-in begins at 12 noon, rope at 2 p.m. Entry fees are \$75.00. 3-Head Round Robin Progressive after 1.
This event is open to all EIRA members, Tribal members, Affiliates and Tribal employees. There will be 50/50 Hat Buy-ins and Raffles.
Attention EIRA members: If you would like to donate any items to raffle off, your donation would be greatly appreciated. Your donation will help raise funds for EIRA. For more information please call Lisa Osceola at (863) 634-1523, EIRA Rodeo Secretary.

Hollywood EIRA

Come out on Wednesday nights to the Davie Rodeo Arena and support our Hollywood EIRA and Horse Club members as they compete against local cowboys and girls. Rodeo starts at 7:00 pm. Admission is \$2.00.



Jerome Davis hanging on for that horn to blow.

EIRA 2001 Standings

All Around Cowboy and Cowgirl Results:

January 26: Shawn Best with 29 points
February 9: Shawn Best with 19 points
February 16: Howard Edmundson with 20 points
March 2: Marty Johns with 29 points
March 24: Happy Jumper with 18 points
May 5: Koty Bruch with 20 points
May 27: Naha Jumper with 27 points
July 7: Josh Jumper with 19 points

All Around Cowboys and Cowgirls Up To Date:

1. Koty Brugh: 94.5 points
2. Marty Johns: 93 points
3. Naha Jumper: 92 points
4. Shelby Osceola: 70 points
5. Happy Jumper: 70 points
6. Josh Jumper: 65 points
7. Shawn Best: 64 points
8. Clarissa Bowers: 56 points
9. Jo Leigh Fish: 54 points
10. Corbin Warren: 47 points
11. Robert Youngblood: 39 points
12. Howard Edmundson: 37 points
13. Robbie Chalfant: 27 points
14/15: Billie Joe Johns: 24 points
14/15: Sampson Gopher: 24 points
16. Trina Bowers: 23 points
17. Rodney Osceola: 22 points
18. Justin Gopher: 22 points
19. Jeff Johns: 16 points
20. Alfonso Tigertail: 15 points
21. Michael Henry: 15 points
EIRA Members Points To Date:

Mutton Bustin:

1. Nauthkee Henry: 70 points
2. Jessi Osceola: 40 points
3/4. Brantley Osceola: 27 points
3/4. Kelton Smedley: 27 points
5. Nick DeHass: 18 points
6. Tyler Tigertail: 17 points
7. Trewston Pierce: 16 points
8/9. Deveon Jones: 9 points
8/9. Steven Ashley: 9 points
10/11/12: Lauren Osceola: 8 points
10/11/12: Andre Landlin: 8 points
10/11/12: JJ John: 8 points
13. Toby Gopher: 6 points

Calf Riding:

1. Seth Randolph: 65 points
2. Ethan Gopher: 55 points
3. Huston Osceola: 42 points
4. Jamie Gonzalez: 19 points
5. Tyler Tigertail: 17 points
6. Deulle Gore: 9 points
7. Nathan Gopher: 8 points

Steer Riding:

1. Randel Osceola: 56 points
2. Roy Stewart: 47 points
3. Dayne Johns: 45 points
4. Justin Aldridge: 28 points

Junior Bull Riding:

1. Stephen Billie: 40 points
2. Jerome Davis: 37 points
3. Jasper Thomas: 27 points
4. Nick Jumper: 20 points

Beginner Barrels:

1. Sheyanna Osceola: 68 points
2. Nauthkee Henry: 47 points
3. Shelby DeHass: 32 points
4. Taylor Johns: 27 points
5. Ravenne Osceola: 16 points
6. Danielle Webster: 9 points
7/8: Jessica Turtle: 8 points
7/8: Brenda Henry: 8 points

50 And Over Breakaway:

1. Billy Joe Johns: 49 points
2. Rudy Osceola: 28 points
3. Paul Bowers Sr.: 19 points
4. Earl Kirkland: 18 points
5. Moses Jumper: 10 points

Novice Barrels:

1. Jade Braswell: 69 points
2. Mackenzie Johns: 55 points
3. Kari Kroepelin: 35 points
4. Reba Osceola: 17 points
5/6/7: Tina Billie: 8 points
5/6/7: Leanna Billie: 8 points
5/6/7: Brooke Templeman: 8 points

Bare Back Riding:

1. Koty Brugh: 40 points
2. Adam Turtle: 37 points
3. Shawn Best: 29 points
4. Alex Johns: 19 points
5. Robert Simpson: 9 points

Steer Wrestling:

1. Naha Jumper: 44 points
2/3: Marty Johns: 36 points
2/3: Dean Conrad: 36 points
4. Robbie Chalfant: 27 points
5. Josh Jumper: 20 points
6. Howard Edmundson: 18 points
7. Rodney Osceola: 16 points
8. Happy Jumper: 10 points
9. Jeff Johns: 8 points

Saddle Bronc Riding:

1. Robert Simpson: 20 points
2/3: Robert Youngblood: 18 points
2/3: Shawn Best: 18 points
4. Devon Richter: 10 points
5/6: Koty Brugh: 9 points
5/6: Jay Louis: 9 points

Calf Roping:

1. Josh Jumper: 38 points
2. Happy Jumper: 35 points
3. Naha Jumper: 32 points
4. Corbin Warren: 29 points
5. Billie Joe Johns: 24 points
6. Howard Edmundson: 19 points
7. Marty Johns: 18 points
8. Alfonso Tigertail: 8 points

Breakaway Roping:

1. Shelby Osceola: 47 points
2. Jo Leigh Fish: 28 points
3. Clarissa Bowers: 20 points
4. Theresa Bowers: 18 points
5/6. Mindi Fish: 10 points
5/6. Billie Tiger: 10 points
7. Trina Bowers: 8 points

Team Roping Headers:

1. Marvin Bowers: 70 points
2. Marty Johns: 39 points
3. Cicero Osceola: 34 points
4. Justin Gopher: 22 points
5. Moses Jumper: 17 points
6. Michael Henry: 15 points
7/8: Robert Simpson: 10 points
7/8: Sampson Gopher: 10 points
9. Jason Grasshopper: 9 points
10/11: Corbin Warren: 8 points
10/11: Jeff Johns: 8 points
12/13: Alfonso Tigertail: 7 points
14/15: Josh Jumper: 7 points
14/15: Homer Coleman: 7 points
16. Reno Osceola: 6 points

Team Roping Healers:

1. Amos Tiger: 70 points
2. Adel Driggers: 39 points
3. Rudy Osceola: 34 points
4. Happy Jumper: 17 points
5. Naha Jumper: 16 points
6. Robert Youngblood: 15 points
7. Sampson Gopher: 14 points
8/9: Corbin Warren: 10 points
8/9: Norman Johns: 10 points
10/11/12: Brandon: 8 points
10/11/12: Todd Johns: 8 points
10/11/12: Koty Brugh: 8 points
13/14: Jason Grasshopper: 7 points
13/14: Randall Ward: 7 points
15. Rodney Osceola: 6 points

Barrel Racing:

1. Tess Ducheneaux: 40 points
2. Holly Johns: 41 points
3. Clarissa Bowers: 36 points
4. Ayez henry: 34 points
5. Jo Leigh Fish: 26 points
6. Shelby Osceola: 23 points
7. Trina Bowers: 15 points
8. Brenda Youngblood: 9 points
9. Bonita Osceola: 7 points

Bull Riding:

1. Doug Fish: 57.5 points
2. Koty Brugh: 37.5 points
3. Shawn Best: 17 points
4. Happy Jumper: 8 points

These are the standing through July 28, 2001.

Health Corner ❖ Chaneegé enchogé

Obesity in Children Linked to Rise in Diabetes

*Hollywood Program
Aids in Solution*

By Michael James

The incidence of diabetes linked to obesity has jumped significantly in United States children in the past few decades.

This problem in children has emerged as a major health problem particularly among African American girls, Hispanic American and Native American children. One of the more worrisome trends is the sharp rise in the type of diabetes normally found only in adults.

Childhood is at epidemic levels in the United States. Society has been remiss in shedding light on the problem, which incidentally leads to so many other health problems, particularly when considering the threat the disease imposes on our children.

The percentage of overweight children, aged 6 to 17 years old, has doubled in the United States since 1968. Studies show that 70 percent of overweight children aged 10 to 13 years old will be overweight and obese as adults as well. There is also psychological and emotional fallout from being overweight in childhood, as youngster's struggle with self-esteem and often become the brunt of teasing from peers.

A study conducted on 1,000 schoolchildren in Cincinnati showed an increasing incidence of type II, or adult onset, diabetes, the form of the disease that is closely linked to weight. Most children develop this type of diabetes between the ages of 10 and 14; the onset of the disease has been directly linked to obesity.

Obesity also puts overweight children at risk of other diseases. The Bogalusa Heart Study, an ongoing project funded by the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute, found, for example, that overweight children tend to have readings in the highest levels of the normal ranges for their blood sugar, blood pressure and blood fats. Each of these factors places them at increased risk of health problems.

Why excess weight sets in motion a cascade of adverse health effects is not completely understood. But the latest evidence points to visceral fat, the type that hides deep within the recesses of the body, close to organs.

Visceral fat is more metabolically active, meaning that its cells churn out more byproducts, than other types of fat cells, researchers said. Included among these substances are free fatty acids that are dumped directly from the visceral fat into vessels leading to the liver. When visceral fat releases its breakdown products, it has harmful effects on the surrounding organs, states Michael Goran a researcher from the University of Alabama.

Researchers still are unclear about the relationship between visceral fat and total body fat. Cat Scans of the body show that not all heavy children have the same amount of visceral fat.

Obese children have more visceral fat, but as adults you don't have to be obese to have a lot of visceral fat.

It is also hard to explain why obesity has emerged as such a health problem worldwide during this century. In the past 15 years, the percentage of fat in the American diet has dropped from at least 40 percent to about 30 percent of total calories. There's been a proliferation of fat free and low fat foods available.

Yet cultural changes in food preparation and family meals likely play a role in the problem. In 1934, for instance, food was prepared from scratch and was largely consumed based on seasonal harvests. Then, in 1954, the advent of frozen food opened up a wider array of food choices, and the introduction of the microwave oven in 1974 meant

that children could take a far more active role in choosing and preparing foods without parental guidance.

Adding to the problem is eating out.

National surveys show that about 30 percent of family meals nationwide are outside of the home. These meals generally are higher in calories and fat and contain larger portions than those prepared at home.

Lack of physical activity also contributes to the problem. Fewer than half of the schoolchildren participates in daily physical activity or physical education. Television, video games and computers substitute physical activity in children.

For instance the more television a child watches the more likely they are to consume the foods that are always advertised, which most likely those foods are high in calories.

However, there are signs that these trends can be reversed. Increased knowledge in children is one preventative or corrective measure that can be taken.

With regard to TV watching and computer games, one study showed that the body mass of a child could be cut in half if the time spent watching television or playing computer games was a third or a quarter less. This could be easily accomplished by simply removing the television sets from a child's bedroom. Another study at Stanford found that half of elementary schoolchildren they studied had television sets in their bedrooms.

So essentially based on various studies, the television has had a negative impact on children and their inactivity level, which leads to the problem of obesity. So if there is one thing a parent could do, remove the television set from their bedroom, that is a start.

This problem has been acknowledged within the Seminole Tribe, specifically at the Hollywood Reservation. A concerned community member, as she likes to be referred to, Barbara Billie has set in

motion a clinic to educate the youth on issues such as personal hygiene, making better food choices and teaching them the outcome of continuing in an unhealthy lifestyle.

The program is held in 10-week increments, 3 days a week, limiting child enrollment to 6 or seven students. The enrollment is held at that number so individual focus on each child that can still be achieved. The clinic is generally

held during after school hours.

The first day of the program is geared towards exercise. The students participate in aerobic training and weight training. In addition, they are taught the long-term benefits of a regular exercise program. The second day is an educational class teaching the children how to read labels appearing on food items, determining caloric count in foods, personal hygiene and an extensive session on the health risks from living an unhealthy lifestyle, especially the risk of diabetes. The third day is time for fun activities, which helps in holding their interest.

The first year's clinic was a success! A second clinic is planned for this fall when the new school year begins. On staff to teach the clinic are two health educators, a nutritionist and Barbara Billie, concerned community member.

A special thanks to President Mitchell Cypress, Council Representative Max Osceola, and Board Representative David DeHass. Their assistance and support is and has always been available...many thanks!

cation prior to incarceration.

In the state of Florida alone – due to the lack of adequate (and available) mental health facilities – the jails are over-crowded; and law enforcement personnel – especially in the jails – is sorely lacking. Jail employees are not trained to deal with dually diagnosed prisoners, nor do they have the time to provide additional attention to prisoners needing substance abuse or mental health care.

With substance abuse and mental health concerns such as they are, it would behoove this country for the government to provide additional funding for these essential services. Through the past several decades, millions of taxpayers dollars have been used for surveys and studies regarding substance abuse and mental health concerns: still, however, the Government has yet to prioritize human service needs. Promises made on the campaign trail to address such issues have since fallen by the wayside.

The number one policy recommendation to President George Bush would be to prioritize the needs of this country – placing substance abuse and mental health issues at the top of the list. Granted, Social Security and Medicare are important issues – as are education and reduced prescription drug rates for the elderly; but if the issues of substance abuse and mental health are not recognized as being high priority, the rights of those “sick” individuals will continue to be violated; and as a citizen of the United States, every person has the right to necessary medical care and humane treatment.

For Help

Health Hotline. A free, confidential, and comprehensive telephone service that provides Broward residents help to overcome physical and emotional problems.

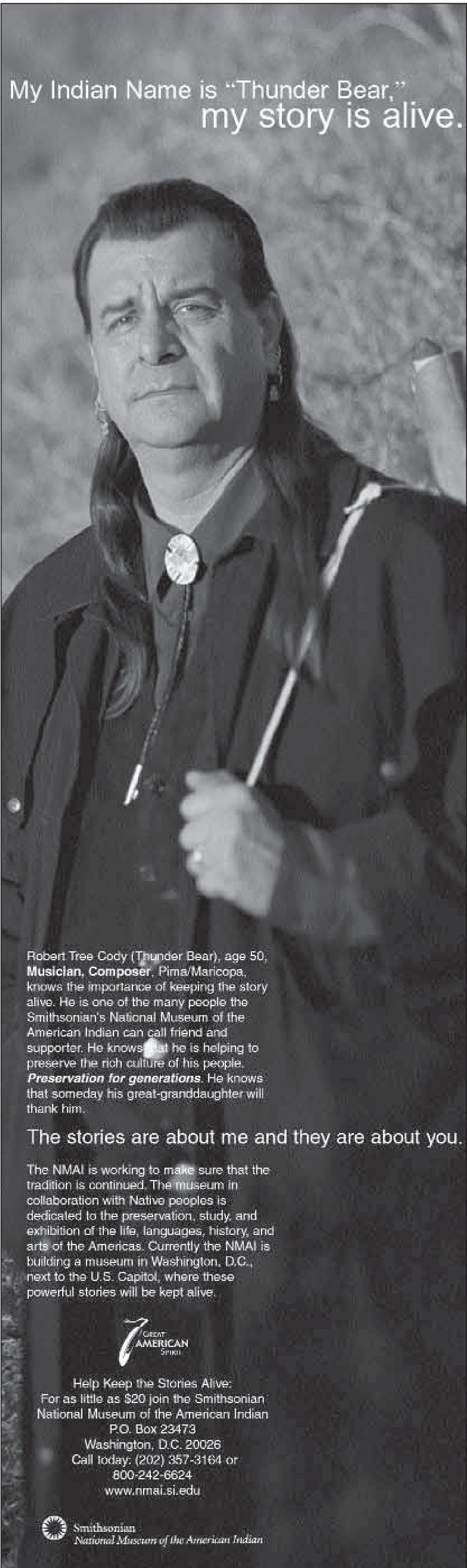
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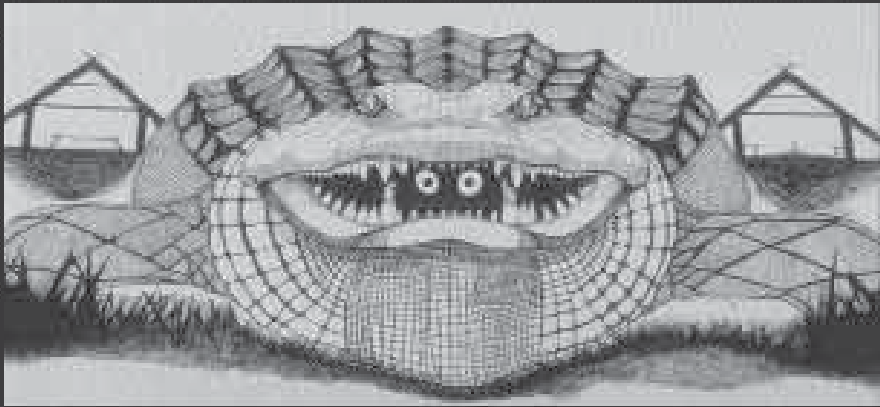
(954) 467-NEED (6333). The service is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The cost is free.

Sometimes an empathetic ear, caring voice, and timely information are all that is needed to help a person in need. First Call For Help's Health Hotline lets callers know that they are not alone, assistance and resources are available, and that seemingly overwhelming problems have solutions.

Funded by United Way of Broward County, Broward County Board of Commissioners, Florida Department of Children & Families, WorkForce One, The Coordinating Council of Broward, and private grants/contributions.



OSCEOLA'S WARRIOR DESIGNS



LeRoy Henehay Osceola is an independent Miccosukee Seminole. Born in 1975, the artist is self-taught, developing a style entirely his own without the influence of structured art classes. Inspiration is derived from a deep belief in the teaching and culture of his fore bearers, and everyday life in a traditional camp. The beauty of nature and the stories and lessons taught by elders provide an unending source of inspiration.

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



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Elaaponke Starts Up Again

By Ernie Tiger
HOLLYWOOD — With the changing times, Native Americans are finding themselves facing a new society. They are left with fewer places to turn or to get information on past heritage. But with the changing times, positive influences also have been produced.

The other positive uses that have risen from the new technology "Broadcasting" (WBSC) have been televising the language classes. They are aired every Tuesday and Thursday's morning, 9 - 10 a.m., on the Tribe's local channel 60. Viewers are provided with educational classes on strengthening their "Elaaponke" (their own language).



Carol Cypress, language class instructor.

Carol Cypress, Panther clan and a resident of the Hollywood reservation is the instructor of these classes. Carol commented on how she gained her alphabetizing skills; "I had learned most of my knowledge while working with Linguist David West on a Bible story book and other projects."

Where other Tribe's continue to lose their cultural language, The Seminole Tribe is lucky enough to have taken steps to share this crucial information with its community.

"I'm interested in strengthening my Native heritage, so that I have something to pass on to my kids," says Bonnie Motlow, one of the first students to have participated in the original one-hour classes. So make plans to attend, class held in the auditorium at the Hollywood Tribal Headquarters.

Koonaawen Hoogemahlé



Store sign alongside of Snake Road.

By Cherelee Hall
BIG CYPRESS — The Seminole Department Law Enforcement is currently investigating an armed robbery that took place at the Big Cypress Arts and Crafts Shop, located on Highway 833 on the Big Cypress Reservation. The shop, more commonly known as "Sadie's" is owned and operated by Sadie Cypress and Tommie Billie.

Sadie and Tommie have operated this store for the past twenty-five years and, on the night of July 19th, the unthinkable occurred. At approximately 10:00 p.m. two young black males, wearing scarves or rugs across their faces, entered the store through the back entrance.

During the robbery, the pair attacked the store clerk with what appeared to be a small club or a large wrench. The clerk, Mary Castro from Montura, FL, was immediately sent to the hospital for head wounds. Her skin was punctured, which caused Castro to bleed profusely.

Eight days earlier, a customer stole Sadie's moneybag while the day clerk was stocking in the back. Shocked, the family of Sadie Cypress took extra precautions and installed three video cameras in the store, hoping to thwart any future robberies. Thus, the video cameras were able to tape the July 19 robbery.

At press time, the Seminole Police Department has said that the videotape of the robbery has provided them on an excellent lead, but have not yet to release any new information.



Sadie's, site of the July 19th robbery.

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Appreciating

Achievements

By Virginia Mitchell

June and July have been very busy months for many Tribal citizens. We have had many graduations and student recognition's that were very emotional moments.

I would like to share with everyone my June, which is the month I was born. My days are not complete until I have either seen or heard from my children and grandchildren. I can not express the comfort they instill in my heart, knowing they thought of me to call and just say "Hi, I miss you and love you!"



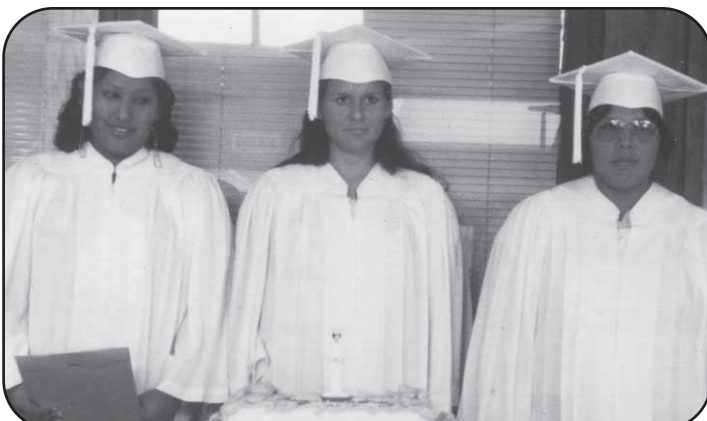
L-R: Jesse Mitchell with sister Valerie Frank.

On June 6th, my youngest, Jesse graduated from Kindergarten at American Heritage School in Plantation. My goodness, I just brought that boy home from the hospital just last week, I thought. Already he is six years old and such a little gentleman. You couldn't help but cry to see him up on stage with all the other classes singing. My baby now going into the first grade, is time speeding up lately?



L-R (Back Row) Virginia, Vinson and Camellia Osceola, (Front Row) Victor P. Osceola, Stephanie Smith and kneeling is Shelli Mae Osceola.

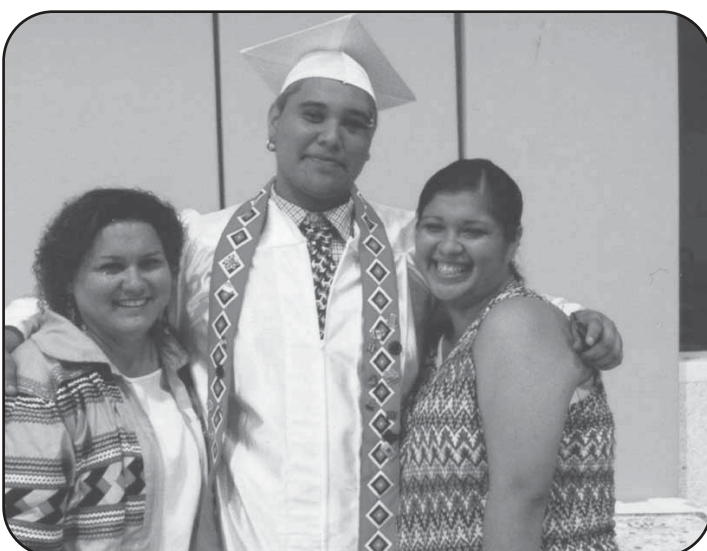
Next on June 12 my oldest, Vinson P. Osceola graduated from Indian River Community College Adult Education High School Diploma Program. Accompanying me was his children Victor, Shelli, stepdaughter Stephanie and wife Camellia to watch him accept his diploma. The class was so large that there were two programs that evening. Congratulations Vinson, you knew all along that you were worthy of that and many other achievements. As time comes and goes, there are many more achievements you can triumph.



L-R: Nancy Willie, Virginia Mitchell, Margaret Billie — Class of '76

Then the following week, my daughter, Valerie, took her GED test to receive her diploma. Preparing and studying anxiously all the subjects needed for the test, that afternoon we had lunch together and I saw how happy she was, as well as relieved. I received my high school diploma when I was pregnant with her, so I thank it to her gratification.

Though I was twenty-four, as you are now, when I finally received my diploma, we strive to continue until we subdue the young lady. My only precious daughter, so sweet and such a beautiful task lady, I feel your future will have a much brighter, happier outcome.



L-R: Virginia Mitchell, Wesley Frank and Valerie Frank.

To My Precious Children

*Our first born was a boy
That brought us so much joy
The next born was his sister
Thought her brother was a grand mister*

*Then came another brother
He could not be replaced by any other
Years past thought I was through
God then granted us a boy with eyes of blue*

*Blessed I felt to receive a grandson
Given to me by my first son
A year to be followed with a granddaughter
Such a joy to hear again new and innocent laughter*

*You each had scrapes and bruises along with many tears
Not to mention your most frightful fears
I had to reassure you that it was not a crisis
Endless I love you's accompanied with hugs and kisses*

*Looking back I wouldn't have changed anything
Except gave you more love which meant everything
Here's all my pride and my joy for all of you
Remember Mom will remain forever true!*

On June 29, my son Wesley graduated from Miccosukee Indian School. Where is time taking all of us? Family and friends attending congratulated him on all his achievements. We encouraged him to continue with education opportunities, and how very proud we all are of Wesley.

Look ahead; strive for all the opportunities that await you to conquer. Look back? No, look forward; look at all that's around you. Do you want to stay trapped in an atmosphere that has had many regrets? Try a different kind of experience.

I commend my stepparents and grandparents who constantly encouraged me on the importance of a good education. My stepparents had very little education and my grandparents had none. But as I think back of all those times I am very grateful to them. Their vision and wisdom made me hope, which has carried me through all my years.

I congratulate all our young people for their achievements. Students, everyone that knows you, as well as your families, are all very proud of you and will continue to have you in their prayers.

Obstacles appear daily in our paths, just to detain us and make us fall. All of you young people please do not stop with just a high school diploma. The possibilities are everywhere, just waiting to be mastered and all your skills will flourish.

I had entered a contest and had my poem accepted to be published. So I would like to share with my children and my Tribe this poem.

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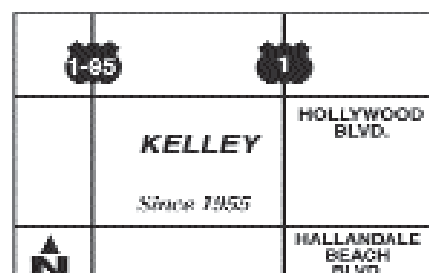
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Hollywood Department Information



Seminole Tribe of Florida Hollywood Headquarters



Switchboard Operator Vida Redmayne ext. 1000, Police Service Aide Larry Hamilton ext. 1110.



Charles Helseth and Maryella Gercak

Risk Management

Direct Line:
(954) 967- 3440, Fax: 967- 3477

The Risk Management Department provides the same services of the Liability Insurance Department, with the exception of Workers' Compensation. The services include ensuring that all Tribal equipment, out, or property owned, leased, rented or on loan are adequately covered, based on the information provided by the various department heads. The RM department is also responsible for submission and follow-up of all claims related to the various coverage's: approval of drivers for the auto policy and providing special event coverage's/ services to all departments.

In order to have a more accurate account of Tribal assets; we are currently

in the processes of completing a Tribe wide Fixed Assets Inventory (all reservations and casinos).

Department Manager: Sonia Mackenzie Ext. 1290
Secretary/Recpt: Angella Chen-Shadeed Ext. 1292
Temporaries: Maureen Findlay Ext. 1291
Stacey Nelson Ext. 1291
Tabitha Reid Ext. 1291

Building Department

The Building Department hours are, Monday thru Friday, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm. (closed for lunch 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm). This department reviews and approves plans, issues building permits, and inspects all work performed on tribal land.

Building Official/Tribal Inspector: Harry Munoz Ext. 1191
Secretary III: Linda Munoz Ext. 1194
Clerical: Esther Gopher Ext. 1192
Inspector: Shiraz Cassim Ext. 1193

Governmental Affairs

Department assists Tribal members with loans and financing from outside sources i.e. Car loans, home loans. Can also work with existing loans to refinance and obtain lower interest rates.

Secretary: Maryella Gercak Ext. 1280
Advisor on Gov. Affairs: Charles Helseth Ext. 1281



Risk Management L/R: Stacey Nelson, Maureen Findlay, Angella Chen-Shadeed, Sonia McKenzie.



Building Department L/R: Linda Munoz, Esther Gopher, Harry Munoz (standing), Shiraz Cassim.

Bureau Of Indian Affairs

The Seminole Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs is a federal agency under the United States Department of Interior. The office is located at 6075 Stirling Road, Hollywood, FL. 33024.

There are three branches under the administration office, Branch of Roads

in Hollywood, and the Branch of Facilities and Branch of Forestry in Big Cypress.

All Native Americans in the area are welcome to visit the Seminole Agency.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs' mission is to enhance the quality of life, to promote economic opportunity, and to carry out the responsibility to protect and improve the trust assets of American Indians, Indian tribes and Alaskan Natives. They accomplish this through the delivery of quality services, maintaining government-to-government relationships within the spirit of Indian self-determination.

Guiding principles of BIA are: The Bureau of Indian Affairs takes pride in our ability to successfully manage a complex, multi-faceted organization. Integrity, accountability and excellence are never compromised. We treat everyone with respect, trust and dignity. Customers are the focus of everything we do. We set priorities and execute plans consistently with our strategic objectives.

Employees are our most important assets. We achieve results through teamwork. Continuous improvement in the quality of services is vital to our success. Our priority is to support and enhance tribal government.

We encourage innovation and risk taking and share responsibility for the results.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs is a challenging and dynamic place to work. We provide high quality services in a timely and professional manner. We have the organizational flexibility to meet the changing needs of our customers. Our employees are committed, knowledgeable and empowered.

Our policies are consistent and supported throughout the organization. We manage for excellence, fostering cooperation and coordination in consultation with Indian Tribes while supporting self-determination and tribal sovereignty.

Greg Maddox is the BIA Superintendent. He can be reached at (954) 581-7050 ext. 22, or on cell phone

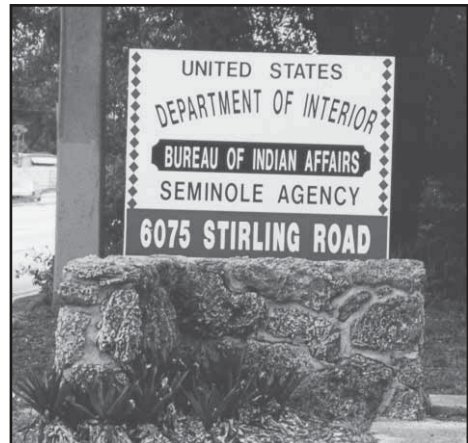
at (954) 253-7030. Office secretary is Pat Franceschini, who can be reached at ext. 21. The Purchasing agent position is presently vacant. Fax number for the Superintendent's office is (954) 792-7340.

Facilities Manager is Richard White Shield. He can be reached at HC 61, Box 37, Clewiston, FL. 33440. Phone or fax him at (863) 983-0132 or cell number (941) 253- 7054. He can also be reached in the Hollywood office at ext. 25.

Branch of Roads office staff includes Iktidar Rizvi, Highway Engineer and Elmer Logan, Engineering Equipment Operator, Big Cypress. Mr. Rizvi can be reached at (954) 581-7050 ext. 29, or cell phone (941) 253-7033. Mr. Logan's numbers are (863) 983-6939 or cell (941) 253-7050. The Staff Support Clerk position, ext. 28, is open at this time.

Branch of Forestry is located at HC 61, Box 37,

Clewiston, FL. 33440. Joe Frank is the Forester and can be reached at (863) 983-7029, (863) 983-7637 fax, or (941) 253-7034 cell. Forestry Technician is James McDaniel. He can be reached at (863) 983-7029 or (941) 253-7049 cell. Charlotte White Shield is Staff Support Clerk. Her number is (863) 983-7029.



As seen from Stirling Rd on right side



Pat Franceschini and Greg Maddox

Tampa Department Information



Seminole Broadcasting:
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Hours 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Frankie Moore Jr., Director



Recreation Department:
(813) 621-2811
Hours 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Debbie Henry, Director
Rebecca Billie, Assistant
Alana Henry, Summer Aid



Gift Shop:
(813) 620-3077
Hours: Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Sunday 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Bobby Henry, Director
Susie Q. Henry, Caretaker
Dorthy Depriest, Caretaker



Seminole Police Department:
(813) 664-1253
Sgt. John Skykove



Maintenance:
(813) 621-2811
Hours 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Phillip Smith, Foreman
Jerry Henry, Crewman



Library:
(813) 626-5765
Hours 8: a.m. to 5 p.m.
Carol Foret, Education Counselor



Field Office:
(813) 621-2811
Hours 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Richard Henry, Liaison and assistant to John Wayne Huff, Brighton Council Representative
Karen Padgett, Secretary
Linda Henry, Summer Aid

Cultural Education:
(813) 621-2811
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Penny Jimmie, Educator

Community Health:
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Social Services:
(813) 621-2811
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Tom Ryan, Counselor

Check Distribution

The check distribution office is located on the first floor of the Tribal Offices in room 128. The office is responsible for dispersing Tribe generated checks, sorting checks by department and reservation, and forwarding payroll to the appropriate reservation.

Two account distribution clerks are available during normal working hours. They are Caroline Rosell and Phyllis Hawkins. Caroline can be reached at (954) 966-6300 ext. 1155 and Phyllis can be reached at ext. 1154.



L-R: Caroline Rosell and Phyllis Hawkins.

Purchasing Department

The Purchasing Department is an administrative program that provides purchasing support to all other Tribal department and programs. Department offices are located in the Hollywood Tribal Office Building, 6300 Stirling Road, Hollywood, FL, Room 131.

Current Purchasing Department staff include the Director, Denise DeCarolis Carpenter; Purchasing Agents, Penny Fontana and Jon Harvey; and

Purchasing Assistants, Wanda Billie, Brenda Cypress and Maria Galeano. You can reach Purchasing staff by calling the main telephone number for the Hollywood Tribal Office Building at (954) 966-6300 and dialing extension 1170 for Denise, extension 1171 for Penny, extension 1176 for Jon, extension 1178 for Wanda, extension 1174 for Brenda and extension 1179 for Maria. The direct telephone number to the department is (954) 967-3408; however, voice mail is not available on this line. Our fax number is (954) 967-3478.

In addition to its purchasing duties, the department also supervises the Hollywood Tribal Office Building Management Department. This department is charged with the responsibility of maintaining the Hollywood Tribal Office Building, the building parking lot and grounds, and insuring that all of the building's equipment is kept in good working order.



Building Management L-R: Glenn Derrick ext 1177, Joe Strassner, Manager ext 1172

The Hollywood Tribal Office Building Management Department shares office space with the Purchasing Department. Employees of this department include Joe Strassner, Building Manager, extension 1172, and Glenn Derrick, Building Custodian, extension 1177.

American Express Travel Services

American Express Travel Services will provide all travel arrangements (flights, hotels, rental vehicles, etc.) for Tribal members and employees with a completed and authorized travel request.

The office is located on the first floor of the Tribal Government Building in rooms 135 - 137. The direct line number is (954) 967- 3614 or fax at (954) 967- 3535.

Three Travel Counselors are available to service the office. They are Eida Rives at (954) 966- 6300 ext.

1166, Maritza Santana-Ruiz at ext. 1165, and Simone Stewart at ext. 1168. Office Clerk is Bob Gleason at ext. 1175.



Simone, Bob, Eida, Maritza



Purchasing Dept First Floor Room 131 L-R: Wanda Billie, Denise DiCarolis, Maria Galeano, Brenda Cypress, John Harvey and Penny Fontana.

Announcements ❖ Ahnahhegeh



Congratulations



Congratulations to Mr. Dorian Scott Jumper on graduating from Pre-K. Lots of love to you and enjoy next year. Hugs and kisses from **Momma (Carla Cypress)**.

Newest Arrival



Born on Tuesday, July 3 at 7:06 p.m., Robert James Sherman (Robbie). Robbie is the first born to Michael and Melissa Sherman; he weighed 7 pounds 6 ounces. Congratulations Mike and Mel, and Welcome Robbie!

Corrections

In the July 6th issue, photograph of Happy Jumper was not placed properly, along with B.C. High School grads. The press did make that mistake and apologized for the error.



Happy Jumper

In the same issue, Reflections, “Alligator Tales” photo happens to be Alan Jumper wrestling at Animal Land, Lake George, New York. Thank you, Eva Billie for correction.

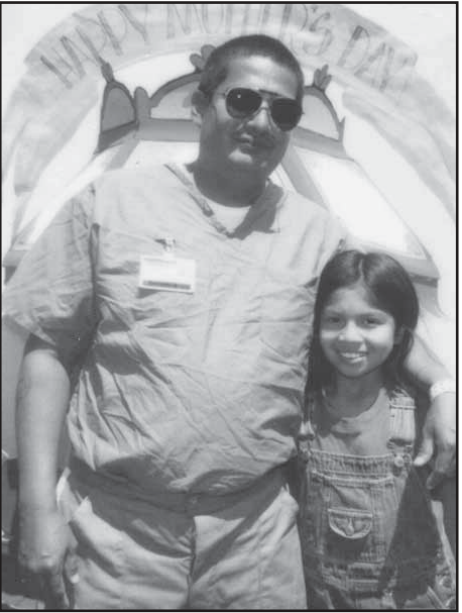
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Third Annual Tribal Administrators Conference - September 18 - 19, 2001 in San Diego, CA. Registration fee is \$429 per person, call DCIAmerica for more information at 800-888-1027.
Professional Excellence for Secretaries, Administrative Assistants and Coordinators - October 16 - 17, 2001 in Las Vegas, Nevada. \$399 per person - registration. Call 800-888-1027 for information.
Third Annual Leadership Conference - October 10 - 12, 2001 in Honolulu, Hawaii, \$429 per person. Visit website at www.DCIAmerica.com for details.
Tribal Housing Law - August 15 - 16, 2001 in Reno, Nevada. An overview of the Native American Housing Act and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA). Call 800-888-1027, www.DCIAmerica.com.
Enterprise Risk and Control Self-assessment Conference - August 20-22 at the Sheraton Centre Hotel in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. To register online: www.theia.org, e-mail: cust-serv@theia.org, Tel: 1-407-830-7600, ext. 1.
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Happy Birthday • Nehtege Hinchkek tahongah



To **Ginger** - The queen of all my dreams. Thank you for showing me what love is. I thank the Lord everyday for letting me in you, and thank you for our family we have. Without you I would be lost. With you I have the strength and courage through this hard time. You are the highlight of my life. And I want you to know I love you with all my heart and soul. And let’s have a **Happy Anniversary** and have a Happy Birthday Babe. I love you, infinity x 2. Your husband, **Charlie Tiger Jr.**



Happy Birthday to Rhiannon Tiger. I want to wish you a happy 10th birthday. I can’t believe you are 10 already, it seems like just yesterday you was our little baby. I’m so proud of you ‘cause you doing good in school. Keep up the good work. You are my angel and Daddy will be coming home to take care of all of ya’ll soon. Lots of love to you and Happy Birthday. Love Daddy, **Charlie Tiger Jr.**

Attention

Attention All Travelers
As of Monday, July 2nd, all per diem is being paid by check.
There will be no more travelers checks issued.
You must make sure that your travel arrives in the Travel Department at least 5 working days before you travel date.

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Road to Recovery Conference - August 20 through 25th, 2001, by Sharlene’s Angels On Earth Inc. a 501c3 org. that helps Survivors Stay Survivors. To be held in Broward County, for more info please call (954) 981-5616 or www.freeearthinc.com.
Angel Concerts & Dancing Under the Stars - August 6 through 29, Easy listening, country music, variety show, rhythm & blues. Call beach theater listings at (954) 921-3404, www.hollywoodfl.org.
Summer Antique and Collectibles Extravaganza - August 3, 4, and 5, 2001, will be held at the South Florida Fairgrounds in West Palm Beach. You may call (561) 793-0333 or (800) 527-3247.
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Wene Tay Hoh Yee
Without ever seeing you, I fell head over heels in love with you.
Without ever touching you, I felt you love me.
Without a single word, your eyes said that you loved me.
With all of these feelings of love, I love you more.
Thank you for being there when I needed you.
Have a very happy 2nd birthday and many more to come.
Love you always, your Mom (Juliet Jim)



My Angel Courtney
Have you ever seen an angel?
An angel so beautiful, that when you look at her, you have to look again.
Eyes ever so bright like diamonds in the sun. And from these eyes, you would hate to see a tear drop.
To my Baby Girl, Wene Tay Hoh Yee
Have a wonderful 2nd birthday, because you deserve the best!
Love you always, Daddy (Michael Harrell)

Tampa Events

Announcements and Upcoming Events:
July 30 - August 3:
Academic awards trip to New York City
August 8:
Public school starts

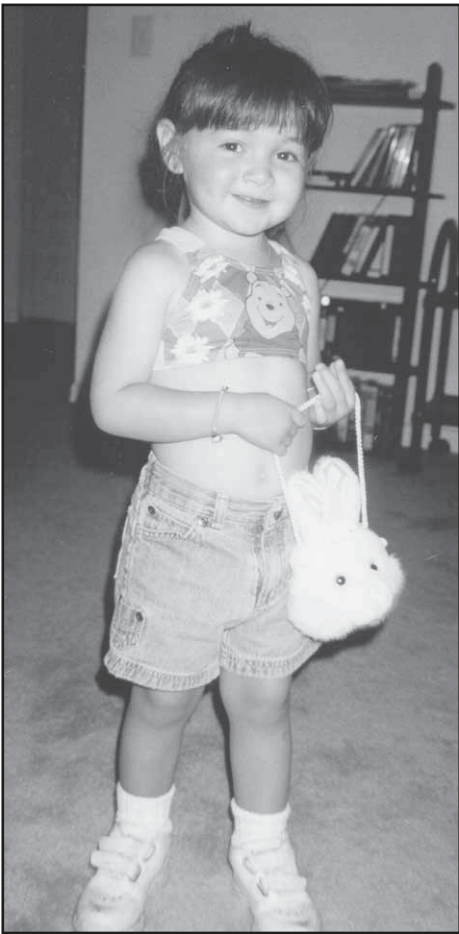
Poems

*As I return to my essence
I realize my native blood is a blessing,
Seminoles are the only unconquered No question.*
*When reality sets in,
It's kind a hard to deny being proud,
Of the advantages we've been given'*
*I am a native warrior,
The unforgiving still living.*
*In a world of sin,
I choose to never fail,
In this living Hell,
I shall always win and prevail.*
By: Markell A. Billie

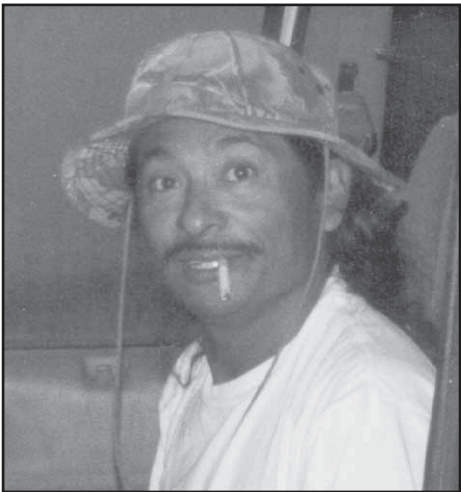
Deadlines

Seminole Tribune

August 17 Issue • August 3 Deadline
September 7 Issue • August 24 Deadline



Happy Birthday to my “Baby doll”, **Chelsey Nicole Ford**, who turned 3 years old on July 3rd. You are the most precious and sweetest blessing that God has given to me. It’s just you and me and I do my best to be a good mommy to you and to provide the things that you need. The past 2 years haven’t been the best for us, but I have tried to make sure that you are the happiest little girl and that I am always there for you.
I love singing with you every night before you go to sleep. I love your sweet little kisses and hugs and your “I Wuv you mommy”. I love the blessings of each new day that we get to spend together.
It seems like just yesterday, I was holding my little baby girl in my arms, right after she came into this world. Time goes so fast and you are growing up right before my eyes. I’m glad that I get to see you grow up and that I get to see you enjoy the things that lights up your eyes and puts the smiles on your precious little face. You are goofy at times and you make me laugh. At times you are the one to hold me and comfort me when I need someone there for me.
May each day bring you happiness, joy, laughter and all of the love that you deserve. I love you, Mommy (**Michelle Ford**).



Lordy, Lordy look who’s 40!
OOPS!!!!!!!!!!!! I mean 42! On **July 15** We would all like to wish you a **Happy Birthday**
From: **The Crew at Blue Top Construction**



Wishing a Happy Birthday to my granddaughter Cindi. A happy 9th birthday. We love you very much. Love, your Grandmother, Cornelia Osceola

Happy Birthday Huneeoyhle, Marlon Foster. We love you lots! From **Egoosh (Cheyanna), Mom (Doris) and your sisters.**

Happy Birthday to my little boy, **Marlon James Edward Foster** who will be twelve years old on July 21. We love you always. **Grandma Doris.**

Happy birthday to **Rachael Justine Billie**, born on July 12. Love ya, **Aunt Doris and the Otter Gang.**

Happy birthday to **Sally “Lily” Osceola**, born on July 21. Love you, **Aunt Doris and the kids.**

Decal Notice To Tribal Members

*Renewal of Motor Vehicle Plates and Registration

In order to qualify for a Seminole Indian license plate, you must be the owner of the vehicle and carry insurance required under Florida law.
Because of recent changes in the State of Florida Department of Highway Safety & Motor Vehicles computer system and data base, motor vehicle plates for Seminole Tribal members will no longer be issued on a fiscal basis. Tags and decals will be issued with expiration dates corresponding to each Tribal member’s birth date. This change is effective immediately.
Decals extending the June 2001 expiration date to the birth date must be picked-up in the Tag Clerk’s office located in the Tribal member’s respective reservation. You will also receive your new registration at the same time. You should contact the respective Tag Clerk’s office immediately to receive your new decal and registration. You must bring your insurance card or other proof of insurance with you. The decal must be immediately affixed to your current plate, and the new registration must be kept with you when driving your vehicle. If you continue to use your plate without the new decal and/or without proper registration, you may be stopped by law enforcement and receive a citation including a fine.
The new decal and registration will expire on your birth date. You must contact the Tag Clerk’s office three month’s before your birth date. You must bring the registration form and insurance card with you so that the Tag Clerk’s office can renew your registration and apply for your next year’s decal. All registrations, plates and decals will be issued

through the Department of Highway Safety & Motor Vehicles in Tallahassee, and mailed to the Tribe for distribution to you. You do not have to contact the State of Florid (DMV) regarding registration and decals as described herein.

For initial purchase of vehicle and issuance of initial plate, or trade-in with plate for transfer.

You must complete an Affidavit by Indian Tribal Member, which must be notarized, and present the Affidavit to the car dealership in order to obtain a Seminole Indian license plate. The Affidavit form is available at each Tag Clerk’s office on the respective reservation. If you do not comply, you will likely incur the regular charge for a regular plate. Car dealerships will complete temporary tag documents with complete documents. For casual sales of vehicles or transfers not involving a car dealership, the documents will be prepared by the Tag Clerk’s office on the respective reservation.

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

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

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

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

Chickee Baptist Church

64th Ave. and Josie Billie
Hollywood Seminole Reservation

Sunday Morning Worship 10 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship 6 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.

Rev. Arlen Payne: Pastor
(954) 894-5651

FULL SERVICES CAR WASH

Open Business
All Staff Seminoles

TOMMIE DANIELS
Bp: (864) 766-9115

July 4th Celebrations



Seth Randolph, Dayne Johns, Loren Osceola, Jesse Osceola, William Bearden, Christina Osceola

Brighton

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beating out, by 1 oz., Tiffany Youngblood whose catch weighed 2 lbs. 1 oz. There was a tie for 3rd place, Boogie Johns and Grace Koontz' fish each weighted 6 ozs. **Bream:** Beverly Tommie's fish of 6 oz. was big enough for 1st place, Jennie Stocktons' 5 oz. catch held on to 2nd place, and 3rd place was split by 2 anglers; Shannon Gopher and Amy Ashley, each fish weighed 4 oz. each. **Catfish:** Emma Urbina's catfish weighed 1lb. 14 oz., good enough for 1st place, Rinella Bailey's fish of 1lb. 11 oz. was a close 2nd, 3rd place went to Arica Buck whose fish totaled 1lb 7 oz's. **Mudfish:** Angler Boogie Johns caught the largest mudfish, at 2lbs. 4 oz. Liz Johns finished 2 in the class with a fish that totaled 2-lbs. 12 oz's. Emma Urbina finished third with a fish that weighed 2-lbs. 2 oz's. **Garfish:** Carolyn Billie had the winning Gar which weighed 3 lbs. 12 oz's, Emma Urbina's fish weighed 3 lbs. 7 oz. 2nd, and 3rd went to Boogie Johns fish that weighed 3 lbs. 8 oz's.

Fishing (18 – 49) Men: Bass: Jessie Urbina's bass tipped the scales at 3 lbs. 2 oz. to win, Adam Turtle's 2nd place fish weighed 1 lbs. 9 oz. and Jack Billie settled for 3rd place with a weight of 1 lb. 8 oz's. **Bream:** Kevin Tommie's bream weighed 4 oz's and won him 1st. Eugene Tommie's 3-oz fish was good for 2nd, while a tie for 3rd place between Albert Snow and Sampson Gopher. **Catfish:** Kevin Lawrence took the honors with a fish that weighed 4 lbs. 7 oz., Jessie Urbina's fish held onto 2nd place with a weight of 4 lbs. 4 oz. and Jack Billie took 3rd place with a catch of 3lbs. 2 oz. **Mudfish:** Timmy Marin bested the class with a catch of 3 lbs. 10 oz's and 2nd and 3rd place were split three ways by Earl Strickland, Jessie Urbina and Amos Tiger. **Garfish:** Timmy Marin's gar weighed 4 lbs. 1 oz. for 1st place. Earl Strickland placed 2nd with a 4 lb. catch, Adam Turtle and Jesse Urbina split for 3rd place.

Horseshoe: 1st place Jenny Johns and John Tommie, 2nd place - Stacey Jones and Billy Osceola, 3rd place - Emma Urbina and Jesse Urbina. Senior Horseshoe winners (Women): Rosie Billie placed 1st and Mabel Haught followed in 2nd place. Senior Men's winners: Russell Osceola was best on this 4th of July day, while Howard Micco had to settle to be second best.

Volleyball: Dana Osceola, Richard Osceola, Laverne Thomas, Jason Thomas, Farrah Jones and Elton Shore.

Tug of War (18 & over): With the pit dug and watered down it was an awesome sight to see the pulls being made, all the glory of being named Brighton Tug of War Champions. Both Alex Johns and John Wayne Huff made sure the pit was to regulation and just the right amount of water added to the pit for proper footing. Now it was time to tug, and tug they did.

The teams entered the pit one by one pulling and setting their strategies for leverage and just pure strength. Kids pulled, the elders pulled while the spectators yelled and screamed encouragement as they supported their favorite team. Down the teams fell one by one as they meet the challenge, both men and women, until there was one team standing alone, the reservations champions.

Victorious for the day the Brighton Seminole Reservation Champion's title safe with them until next 4th of July 2002. For the Women, the team of Cathy Martin, Mary Jo Micco, Emma Urbina, Linda Tommie, Debbie Carter and Dana Osceola were the best on this day. While on the Men's side; Emerson Billie, Sampson Gopher, Sammy Smedley, Jamie Smith, Merle Billie and Billy Bailey stood victorious to all challengers of the day.

JR Huff and crew again operated the cooking grill feed the community once again. The day's menu was a traditional old-fashioned American 4th of July bar-b-que: hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad, baked macaroni and cheese, with baked beans.

A special thanks to JR, his hand chosen crew, the servers, and all who took part in making the day a special one to spend with family and friends. It was a time to renew old friendships, make new ones, and relax in the Florida sunshine.

The evening's fireworks were exquisite, and the laser show was dynamic as they put an end to a glorious day.



Surely you joust!



Natasha Billie

Big Cypress Celebrates 4th of July

By Janice Billie

BIG CYPRESS — It was a day of fun. Rides, slides, popcorn and all the trimmings of an Independence Day Celebration. The Junior Cypress Rodeo Complex grounds was the site of this years' Big Cypress 4th of July Celebration.

Beginning at 10 a.m., the assortment of rides and games provided by A-Act Entertainment out of Ft. Lauderdale served up as much fun as possible for the whole day.

Some of the features among the many sets were a giant slide, a rock climbing wall, inflatable sumo wrestling suits, and an inflated boxing ring with giant boxing gloves. Free popcorn and snow cones came with games and rides. A trained monkey, presented by Uncle Lenny, posed for pictures with any and everybody. Free hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, salads and other fun time fare was provided by recreation. Mike Cypress and Nancy Billie also cooked and served free food for the enjoyment of the community.

B. C. Recreation also sponsored a horseshoe contest that drew participants over to the arena for some serious horseshoe tossing. In the men's division 1st Place went to Jason Grasshopper / Charlie Cypress. 2nd Place – Earl Kirkland / Melvin Nelson. 3rd Place – Jeremiah Hall / Brian Billie. In the Women's Division, 1st Place went to Rachel Tubby / Mayra Jumper. 2nd Place – Dale Grasshopper / Sara Kirkland. 3rd Place – B. J. Billie / Bobbie Billie. In the Senior Men's Division the winners were, 1st Place – Leroy King, 2nd Place – Harry Douglas,

3rd Place – Rudy Osceola. In the Senior Women's Division, 1st Place – Eliza Nelson, 2nd Place – Geneva Douglas.

Shortly after dusk everyone took their places to enjoy the fantastic fireworks show. Rounds were set off every six seconds for the first part of display. At one point, the moon rose out of the clouds, full and beautiful, giving the fireworks an enhancing backdrop.

Big Cypress Recreation and Councilman David Cypress worked together to provide the entertainment at this years' July 4th Celebration for the community. Never too far from any tribal events, Mr. Paul Buster sang and played guitar for the enjoyment of all who attended.



Brian Billie, Candy Cypress, Wendy Cypress at Horseshoe Contest

4th of July on the Tampa Reservation

By Gary Padgett

On July 4, 2001, the Tampa Community held its annual 4th of July celebration. As the clouds gathered in the sky, friends and family gathered for a day of games, food and fireworks. The Tampa Community would not let the threat of a thunderstorm ruin their celebration.

The games consisted of horseshoes, golf chipping, and nine ball. For the Women's Horseshoes, Mayra Simmons placed 1st, April Baker came in 2nd, Tina Smith came in 3rd and Carla Gopher took 4th. For the Women's Golf Chipping, Carol Foret took 1st, Carla Gopher placed 2nd, Colleen Henry placed 3rd, and Mayra Simmons came in 4th. For the Women's Nine Ball, Debbie Henry came in 1st, Carol Foret took 2nd, Penny Jimmie took 3rd, and Mayra Simmons placed 4th.

The men competed in the same games as the women, with Ronnie Doctor coming in 1st, Randy Santiago coming in 2nd, Jerry Henry placing 3rd, and Jimmy Osceola taking 4th in the Men's Horseshoes. For the Men's Golf Chipping,

Richard Henry placed 1st, Paul Simmons placed 2nd, Ronnie Doctor came in 3rd, and Jessie Jimmie took 4th. For the Men's Nine Ball, Jerry Henry took 1st, Paul Simmons placed 2nd, Craig Foret placed 3rd and Richard Henry came in 4th.

The seniors and the children also competed in these games, and for the Senior's Golf Chipping, Linda O. Henry placed 1st, Maggie Garcia took 2nd, Bobby Henry took 3rd, and Nancy Frank came in 4th. The children competed in Nine Ball and Golf Chipping, and the Girls' Nine Ball, Linda J. Henry



Dylanie Henry chomps away between games

came in 1st, Alana Henry took 2nd, Miranda Motlow took 3rd, and Stacy Smith placed 4th. For the Boy's Nine Ball, Joel Frank placed 1st, Matthew Henry took 2nd, Clayton Simmons came in 3rd, and Joseph Santiago took 4th. For Golf Chipping (ages 2-4), Christina Clark placed 1st for the girls and Ethan Smith placed 1st for the boys. For Golf Chipping (ages 5-9), Stacy Smith took 1st, Phaydra Clark placed 2nd, Tiffany Foret placed 3rd, and Dylanie Henry came in 4th for the girls. For the boys, Jacob Santiago took 1st, Kyle Henry placed 2nd, Matthew Henry placed 3rd, and Joel Foret came in 4th. For Golf Chipping (ages 10-12), Seirra Simmons placed 1st, and Kaylin Henry placed 2nd for the girls. For the boys, Devin Doctor placed 1st, Joshua Smith came in 2nd, Kevin Frank came in 3rd, and Clayton Simmons placed 4th. For Golf Chipping (ages 14-17), Aaron Frank placed 1st for the boys, and for the girls, Alana Henry came in 1st, Miranda Motlow placed 2nd, and Linda J. Henry took 3rd.

At the end of the day, after everyone had played games and eaten, it was time for the fireworks. The lightning tried to put on a better show, but the fireworks went higher, lasted longer, and had many more colors. When it was all over and through, the Tampa Community could congratulate itself for another well-done 4th of July.



Fore! Miranda Motlow prepares for her shot.

Hollywood

