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Tribal Council Meets in Immokalee

By Chris Jenkins
IMMOKALEE — The Tribal Council met in the Senior Center on the Immokalee Reservation on Feb. 19 for a special meeting. They passed 27 resolutions on the agenda including:

Resolution 14: Service line agreement (2,100' x 10') between Florida Power and Light and James Tommie-Brighton Seminole Indian Reservation;

Resolution 15: Service line agreement (917' x 25') between Glades Electric Cooperative, Inc. and Howard Jimmie-Brighton Seminole Indian Reservation;

Resolution 16: Issuance of a one day beverage permit for the retail sale of beer only at the Seminole Youth Ranch Bull Riding Event sponsored by the Immokalee Youth and Live Stock Programs located on the Immokalee Seminole Indian Reservation;

Resolution 17: Service agreement with Burns and McDonnell Engineering Company, Inc. to provide professional engineering and resident project representation services on the Big Cypress Reservation Critical Restoration Project;

Resolution 18: Approval of the Title V FY 2008 Funding Agreement with the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Indian Health Service under P.L. 106-260 Title V of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (ISDEAA);

Resolution 19: Ratification of the Seminole Tribe of Florida filming permission letter granting Westdeutsche Rundfunk permission to film a television show on the Big Cypress Indian Reservation;

Resolution 20: Ratification of the billboard sublease agreement between the Seminole Tribe of Florida and the law offices of Woodard and North;

Resolution 21: Ratification of the Wackenhut Services contract between the Seminole Tribe of Florida and the Wackenhut Corporation;

Resolution 25: Seminole Tribe of Florida Guardianship Ordinance;

Resolution 26: Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum Collection Management Policy; and

Resolution 27: Revocable permit between Alice Snow (permittor) and David Ferguson (permittee) - Brighton Seminole Indian Reservation

Jaryaca Baker Crowned 2008 Brighton Seminole Princess

2008 Brighton Jr. Miss Rumor Juarez Also Crowned



(L-R) 2008-2009 Brighton Seminole Princess Jaryaca Baker and Brighton Jr. Miss Rumor Juarez.

By Susan Ettebarria
BRIGHTON — Contestants were aglow with excitement at the 30th anniversary of the Brighton Seminole Princess Pageant, held Feb. 14. Crowned as the 2008-2009 Brighton Jr. Miss Princess is Rumor Juarez.

Emcee John Madrigal introduced guests and contestants, then outgoing Brighton Seminole Princess Amber Craig gave some words of wisdom.

"I can relate to what the girls are going through

right now because I know they are nervous," said 2007-2008 Brighton Seminole Princess Amber Craig.

The 2007-2008 Brighton Jr. Miss Seminole McKayla Snow also encouraged the contestants.

"I would like to welcome everyone here tonight and say to all the girls, 'Good luck,'" said Snow.

Chairman Mitchell Cypress took a moment to recognize the girls' parents.

"Brighton has always had good parent involvement in all the kids do, whether it a princess pageant like

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Wilson Inducted in Women's Hall of Fame

Broward County Coalition Honors Board Rep.

By Chris Jenkins
FT. LAUDERDALE — Hollywood Board of Directors Rep. Gloria Wilson has worked hard to serve her community for many years. On March 9, her name and reputation were celebrated in Broward County.

As part of their 15th anniversary ceremony, the Broward County Women's History Coalition inducted Wilson and seven others into their Hall of Fame. The

achievement only adds to an already long list, but it also makes her just the second Seminole woman to achieve such an honor. She joins her aunt and Tribal pioneer Betty Mae Jumper, who was honored in 1995.

Friend Allison Osceola presented her with the award, and mother Elsie Bowers and Fort Pierce Liaison S.R. Tommie were present for support.

According to its website, the organization's mission is to honor diverse women for their contributions to society and the advancement of women as well as pursue education for and about women and advocate for the empowerment and equality of women.

Wilson's leadership was evident early on as a former Seminole Princess in 1975 and 1976. Her vision and passion was expressed in her campaign platform when she ran for Hollywood Board representative in 2005.

"I believe that to succeed in the representation of the people and as a member of the Board, a leader must possess characteristics important to the responsibilities and duties of the position. Those traits being: integrity, vision and unity," she said. "A leader must possess the integrity to do what is morally and ethically right for business. A leader must stand up and support issues or ideals that are most beneficial for everyone; even in opposition to the loudest voice. People who know me well know that I speak up for all concerned, not just for me."

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Hollywood Board Rep. Gloria Wilson (R) with Broward County Women's History Coalition President Patti Lynn (C) and friend Allison Osceola (L).

Tribal Museum Attains Interim Accreditation

Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki to be First Accredited Native Museum

By Chris Jenkins
BIG CYPRESS — The Seminole Tribe of Florida's Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum made history on Dec. 7, 2007 after receiving notification that the museum will soon join the ranks of a relatively short list of nationally accredited museums. This was a day the staff had been waiting anxiously for, as the Tribe's museum will become the first Native American museum to be accredited, gaining interim status.

According to Museum Director Anne McCudden, this is an accomplishment only 10 percent of museums nationwide achieve. She explained that the final recommendation could take up to a year from the American Association of Museum's (AAM) Accreditation Commission. In preparation, a Museum Assessment Program Grant application was submitted to the AAM, which is designed to help museums assess their strengths and weaknesses, and plan ahead.

McCudden said five important criteria were also involved along the way to complete the accreditation process. These steps included: owning a physical collection, being educationally and interpretively trained, having a professionally trained staff in place, maintaining certain hours of operation, and being open to the public for at least a two year period.

"It makes us be more productive as a staff," McCudden said. "Institutionally it has been extremely beneficial. We are now fully-functional."

The entire process has been slow, but progressive, according to Chief Historic Resources Officer Tina Osceola.

There were employees along the way who were not completely on board in the beginning."

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Mary Huff Signs for Softball Scholarship

By Susan Ettebarria
OKEECHOBEE, Fla. — Softball star and high school senior Mary Huff was honored at a signing party, held at Okeechobee High School on Feb. 15. She and her friend and teammate, Lauren Throop, signed their letters of agreement for scholarships to play softball together at St. Petersburg College in St. Petersburg, Fla.

"Mary is an awesome person," said Kim Hardgraves, head coach of the Brahma Bulls softball team, the Lady Bulls. "She always goes above and beyond in whatever she does."

"To earn a full ride scholarship is a big deal," added Hardgraves. "Mary didn't want anyone to give her college tuition, she wanted to earn it."

And earn it she did. The cafeteria at the school was full of family, friends, supporters, coaches, and teammates, there to honor the achievements of both girls. Beaming with pride was Huff's grandmother, Lottie Baxley of Brighton.

Huff had scholarship offers from other colleges to play ball including Florida State University. But these offers had her playing only one position and she wanted to play the whole game. She said that's one reason why she chose St. Petersburg College, because they will let her both pitch and hit.

When Huff spoke at the signing party she explained both she and her friend and teammate Throop made a pact to go forward to play college ball together. With a telling smile she explained their choices.

"Lauren and I have always been best friends and we decided long time ago we would go together to UCLA, then it was Arizona, then it was Texas," she said. "As we got older, we got closer to home."

Huff was already playing varsity softball by her freshman year at Okeechobee High School. She is a four-year letterman. She has been a pitcher, played second base and was a key player getting the team to the Florida state tournament.

She was picked by *The Palm Beach Post* and the *Treasure Coast Palm* newspapers as one of the top high school athletes to watch this school year, according to her coach.

"No way is anyone going to stop that train because Mary's going straight on," said her pitching coach Heather Stillman. "Mary has drastically

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Mary Huff holds her letter of agreement.

Photo Challenge



Tribune Archive Photo

Do you know who these two ladies hunting Easter eggs are? Please see the April 25 issue of *The Seminole Tribune* to see if you guessed correctly.

Letters • Naak-enchaok-hocheshfeeke

Dear Editor,

I am writing to say thank you for hosting all of the Canadians to your golf events. Marcellous Osceola and the Seminole Tribe of Florida hosted a great golf tournament at the Diplomat Golf and Country Club. Being from Canada, I was able to get all the feedback from the rest of the snowbirds and the feeling was mutual.

The Seminole Tribe treated each and everyone like they were family at the golfing events, even offering a golf tournament and prizes for the 2008 Seminole Tribal Fair tournament. The Hall of Fame Tournament was just as exciting, with more than 100 people competing in this event, and even with such a high turnout, Tournament coordinator Marcellus Osceola

answered every challenge.

On behalf of all the Canadians who flew south for the winter, we were especially happy to share it with the Seminoles of Florida. I personally enjoyed the 2008 Tribal Fair Powwow, and even got a chance to put some coins in the new Las Vegas slots. Although I didn't have any luck on One Arm Bandits, it was truly a treat to be involved with all the Seminole events.

Once again thank you for all your hospitality and wish you all the success in 2008 and beyond.

Sincerely,

Stephen W. Tooshkenig
Cheryl Mitchell Golf

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Editorial

A Look at Assimilation in Indian Country

By Dr. Dean Chavers

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From the earliest days of U.S. colonial history, the announced goal of government, entrepreneurs, and religious leaders has been the salvation of the savages. Their goal has been to "save" the savage Indians by making them over into white people.

The colony at Jamestown was founded to bring religion to the Indians. Never mind that the Indians already had religion. It wasn't good enough for the "saviors." The colony at Plymouth Rock was founded on the same premise.

The salvation of the "savages" was written into both charters. Never mind that what they really wanted was gold and riches. Becoming rich was not legit; saving "heathens" and sending them to heaven was legit.

When that happens, there will be no more "Indian problem." Indians will just be brown white people. Capt. Richard H. Pratt, the founder of the famous Carlisle Indian School, had as his famous motto, "Kill the Indian and save the man."

But a long line of non-Indian people, including President Ulysses S. Grant, President Abraham Lincoln, all the secretaries of the interior before 1950, all the Bureau of Indian Affairs commissioners until recently, have wanted assimilation of Indians. Only Indians have wanted to preserve their culture.

After the passage of the ordinance banning the practice of Indian religions in 1883, Indian culture and religion went underground. Sitting Bull, Manueltito, Cochise, Geronimo, and hundreds of other Indian leaders had to be careful of their actions. For his participation in the Ghost Dance, the Indian police and the Army assassinated Sitting Bull.

That was a plain warning to other Indian leaders all over the U.S. Despite the tight restrictions on travel by Indians, there was a lot of contact between reservations. Fifteen Lakota leaders had traveled all the way from South Dakota to Nevada to meet and talk with Wovoka, the originator of the Ghost Dance.

Indian kids got the crap beaten out of them if they talked in their Native languages in school. They and their parents were jailed if they got caught practicing the Peyote religion, the Ghost Dance, the Sun Dance, and other Native religions.

And the movement for assimilation may be winning. According to two books published by Northern Arizona University, only 30 of the 350 Native languages are alive and being spoken. These 30 are in danger of being lost within one or two generations. It is ironic that many of my friends who are pushing language preservation speak only English at home with their children.

There are cases today of Navajo kids who can barely speak to their grandparents. The grandparents are fluent in Navajo but know little English. The parents don't want their children to speak Navajo, because they don't want them to have to go through what they went through in the boarding or public schools. So the children speak only English, and understand only a few words of Navajo.

I can't begin to say how many Indian young people I have met who say they can understand a little bit of Apache or Navajo or Lakota, but can't speak it.

The assimilation of Indians was the official policy of the U.S. from 1867-1991. The leading Protestant denominations met in Philadelphia and developed the policy. President Grant accepted it wholly; putting Indians on reservations, capturing their

children and holding them hostage in boarding schools, and teaching them in English only.

This also included making farmers and housewives out of the parents, forbidding them to travel off the reservation, giving them just enough rations to live on and keeping the Indian police and the Army handy to keep them in line.

Oh, by the way, kill off those 50 million buffalo so they won't have any animals to hunt. By 1888, the buffalo were almost gone.

Despite the century and a quarter of oppression, Indian people are still proud to practice their religions, speak their languages, and practice their customs. Indian people say that without their language life would not be worth living.

There are more and more language preservation programs appearing in Indian Country. They include Blackfeet, Lakota, Mohawk, Washoe, Union Hon (Omaha), Seneca and Navajo. There is now even a National Alliance to Save Native Languages, with headquarters in Washington, D.C. And of course the bilingual education movement in Indian Country is largely about preserving Native languages.

Congress passed the Native American Languages Act, largely the work of my mentor Patricia Locke (Flying Earth), in 1990. This act reversed the former suppressive policy of assimilation, but many people still believe assimilation is the right thing to do. Teachers are still punishing Indian students for speaking their languages.

Locke did more than just about anyone to maintain Native languages. When no one else was talking about it, in the 1960s and early-1970s, she launched what would become the Native American

Languages Institute. That organization is still going strong today, and is located in Santa Fe, N.M.

However, old ways die hard. In 1977 I wrote a proposal for Humboldt State University (HSU) that would have established the first Native bilingual teacher education program. The U.S. Office of Bilingual Education & Minority Languages Affairs kicked the proposal back. They said it was aimed at language restoration, not preservation, and was not eligible.

In the meantime, they changed the rules, and the next year they accepted the proposal and funded it for three years. My good friend Tom Parsons, who ran the Center for Community Development at HSU for a quarter of a century, ran the program for the next six years in conjunction with the college's School of Education.

My question is: Will language restoration or preservation programs work?

In a study I did for the Jicarilla Apache Nation 10 years ago, we found that 65 percent of people over the age of 50 were fluent in Apache. In the age group 30-50, however, the percentage dropped to 20 percent. Of those younger than 30, only 1.8 percent fluent in Apache — and those were two kids being raised by their grandmother.

In another study I did on Navajo 20 years ago, more than 70 percent of parents said they wanted their children educated in English only. They refused to speak Navajo at home because they didn't want their children to suffer the way they had suffered.

The big question is: What will happen to Indian people if all our languages die out? Will the Congress, the president, the religious leaders, and the big business people still say we are Indians? Or will we be just brown white people?

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Community News



President Richard Bowers Jr. addresses the RES 2008 conference during the general session on the morning of March 6.

President Speaks at RES 2008 Economic Summit

Richard Bowers Jr. Informs Attendees of Tribal Consortium

By Shelley Marmor

LAS VEGAS — Tribal President Richard Bowers Jr. addressed the audience during the general session, held the morning of March 6, at the annual Reservation Economic Summit and American Indian Trade Fair, (RES 2008), sponsored by the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development (NCAIED). Held March 3-6 at the Las Vegas Hilton, and now in its 22nd year, RES is billed as the largest and longest running Native American business conference in the nation, with about 2,500 attendees this year alone.

This year's theme, "Partnering to Expand Business Opportunity and Success in Indian Country," was the focus of President Bowers Jr.'s speech. He announced to the audience that in February, the Seminole Tribe joined forces with the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation, later to be joined by the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin, Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Indians and Morongo Band of Mission Indians, to form a consortium of Indian Tribes.

The signing, which took place on Feb. 11 with the Seminole and Pequot Tribal delegations in Washington, D.C., also included the backing of the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI). These combined signatures made it one of the first formalized, working agreements between the government and native tribes to date.

Representing the DOI, Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs Carl J. Artman, (Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin), introduced Bowers to the RES 2008 audience. Artman commended the joint efforts by the Seminole and Pequot Tribes in formalizing an agreement with the DOI, which he said will lead to economic prosperity.

This consortium allows the five Tribes to effectively act as a buying bloc for many different

types of supplies, including, for example, paper to be used in Tribal offices, in order to save money by making bulk purchases. In addition, the Tribes will purchase commodities from one another so that, according to Bowers, "that dollar goes around Native American country before it goes out."

One of these commodities is Seminole beef, which is now not only being sold at The Ark eatery in the food court of the Hollywood Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino, but also at the Pequot Tribe's Foxwoods casino-resort complex in southeastern Connecticut.

In addition, Seminole beef is also being sold to the Marriott and Hyatt hotel chains, and to the U.S. military. However, Bowers said there are "big expansion plans in the works," meaning he hopes to expand that number to 5,000 facilities in the country and internationally, to also include grocery stores.

Currently, the Tribe's 14,000 head of cattle makes the cattle program the fifth largest in the state of Florida and the 12th largest in the country.

"But we're going to change that," he added. Bowers said that with less stringent environmental restrictions, therefore leading to lower costs for consumers, many retailers are turning to international markets for beef, namely Brazil, Uruguay and Australia. He said that with the consortium of Tribes in place, they can all purchase beef from the Seminole Tribe, again, at a lower cost because it can be bought in bulk.

"The thing we're doing is not new," he said. "We're just putting a native stamp on it."

Bowers, a cattle owner himself, said when he campaigned for presidency he promised Tribal cattle owners that he would have their interests at heart. He said that the signing will benefit not only the owners, but all Seminole Tribal citizens.



President Richard Bowers Jr. (Second from Left) waits on stage as he is introduced to the RES audience.

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Board of Directors Holds Regular Meeting

By Marisol Gonzalez

HOLLYWOOD — The Board of Directors met in the auditorium of the Hollywood Headquarters building on Feb. 21 for a regular meeting. They passed four resolutions which included:

Resolution 5: Authorization to execute documents necessary to receive Timber Funds owed to the Seminole Tribe of Florida, Inc. from the Bureau of Indian Affairs;

Resolution 6: Authorization to execute documents necessary to reprogram and receive Timber Funds owed to the Seminole Tribe of Florida, Inc.

from the Bureau of Indian Affairs 1997 expenditure plan for Forest Management Deductions;

Resolution 7: Authority to retain Legal Counsel and Accountant Counsel for the completions of required application and due diligence for the creation of an under the laws of the United Kingdom to provide a platform for the issuance of a World-Wide Debit Card; and

Resolution 9: Authority to negotiate a contract for the development and implementation of a P-Card to be issued by the Seminole Tribe of Florida, Inc.

Wilson

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The Snake Clan member lives in Brighton, but said she has always maintained a connection with the Hollywood Tribal community, and it is an honor representing them.

"I have always wanted to work hard and do things for them," Wilson said. "It has made me feel good; I have always been active in this community."

She said it is also an honor to be in the company of Tribal greats like her aunt Betty Mae Jumper and other accomplished women in Broward County.

"I always felt like if she could do it so could I, and [she did it] without all the tools we have today ... She made it all real for me," Wilson said.

Wilson, the only woman Board representative, said her time serving has been one of the best experiences of her life.

In addition, she has worked with the United and South Eastern Tribes, Inc. writing policy statements relating to Native Americans for the White House. She also serves on the Board of Directors of the Boys & Girl Club of the Seminole Tribe, all of which is just a part of being a leader for her.

"I cannot go with status quo when I see there is the potential for more," Wilson said. "My motivation is to be all things for all the people."

She said she was very surprised at her nomination and induction.

"When I was told I was nominated and I got the call, I was kind of dumb-founded," she admitted. "I am glad that [the committee] think well enough of what I have done."

Other fellow inductees included: Josie Bacallao, president of Hispanic Unity of Florida, Linda Bird, president of the Broward County Democratic Professional Council, Joy Copper, mayor of the city of Hallandale Beach, Carol Maynard, Broward Sheriff's Office major, Adriane Reese, chairwoman of the Broward County Human Rights Board, Dr. Germaine Smith-Baugh, president and CEO of the Urban League of Broward County, and Barbara Ann Weinstein, president and CEO of Family Central.



Chris Jenkins

This plaque was presented to Gloria Wilson as an inductee in the 2008 Women's Hall of Fame.



Chris Jenkins

(L-R) Allison Osceola, Gloria Wilson, Elsie Bowers and S.R. Tommie.

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Community News

Tina Osceola Represents Tribe on RES 2008 Tourism Panel Discussion

By Shelley Marmor

LAS VEGAS — Chief Historic Resources Officer Tina M. Osceola gave a special presentation on tourism in Big Cypress on March 5 during the RES 2008 conference.

The presentation was part of the session titled "Tourism: The No. 2 Industry in the World – A Major Opportunity for Indian Country," and Osceola sat on the panel with Janice Skenandore-Hirth (Onieda), executive director of the American Indian and Alaskan Native Tourism Association (AIANTA), Camille Ferguson (Tlingit/Kiksadi Raven), AIANTA president, and Ed Hall III (Arikara/Hidasta), Bureau of Indian Affairs communications specialist. Osceola also sits on the AIANTA board with Skenandore-Hirth and Ferguson.

During her PowerPoint® presentation, Osceola highlighted the numerous tourist attractions on the Big Cypress reservation including the Seminole Tribe Motorcross, Big Cypress RV Resort, Big Cypress Hunting Adventures, Billie Swamp Safari and Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum.



(L-R) Chief Historic Resources Officer Tina M. Osceola, AIANTA President Camille Ferguson (Tlingit/Kiksadi Raven) and AIANTA Executive Director Janice Skenandore-Hirth (Onieda).

She suggested other Tribes focus on sharing their culture as a means of tourism, as the Seminole Tribe does at its facilities, rather than setting up generic tourist attractions.

"You don't have to commercialize your culture," Osceola suggested to those Tribes wanting to venture into the tourism industry.

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Osceola said. "The biggest hurdle was admitting what we had or had not done in the process to get things done." Both Osceola and McCudden said they are very thankful to the Tribal Council for their influence and support throughout.

"We have been educating them throughout every part of this process," Osceola said.

Osceola added that the move will be significant for everyone in the long run.

"Accreditation will better the museum program and the Tribe in general," she said. "The major benefits all stem out of the sustainability factor."

The trailblazing influence the Seminole Tribe has is something Osceola said is a confidence builder for other Tribes.

"The Tribe has built a program that not only can be modeled, but be used as a mentor," Osceola said. "In the big picture what we do has an effect on other Tribes."

"This will have a lasting effect for generations to come," she added.



The museum's Archival Library.

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(L-R) Bobby Henry, Annie Henry, Linda Henry, Maggie Garcia, Peggy Cubis, Nancy Frank and Susie Doctor pose beside a photo of their mother in front of Deaconess Bedell's Glade Cross Mission in the Everglades.

Seniors View Rare Photos of the Tribe's Past

By Judy Weeks

FORT MYERS, Fla. — Several Tribal seniors were invited to attend a viewing of rare photographs from the collection of W. Stanley Hanson. His grandson, Woodward "Woody" S. Hanson invited the group to the viewing, held at the Alliance for the Arts Gallery.

Staff from the Immokalee Senior Center, as well as Lois Jenkins of the Health Dept. and Lola Juarez of the Tampa Dept. of Elder Affairs, coordinated their efforts to arrange two field trips to the exhibit.

The first group attending the viewing traveled from Immokalee on Feb. 20 and spent the afternoon in the company of their ancestors, whose images covered the gallery walls.



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Woodward "Woody" Stanley Hanson stands in front of a photo of his grandfather, W. Stanley Hanson, the man who spent a lifetime collecting pieces of his life with the Seminoles.

A native Floridian, W. Stanley Hanson was born in Key West in 1883 and moved as an infant to Fort Myers with his parents. His father, Dr. William Hanson, assisted by his wife Julia, was one of the first practicing physicians in the area. He administered to the Seminole Indians as well as the local residents and notable winter visitors including Thomas Edison and Henry Ford.

Young Stanley became playmates with the children of his father's Indian patients and would often accompany him to the Everglades to provide medical care in remote Seminole villages. He grew up learning the Mikasuki language and Tribal customs. As an adult, his friendship and knowledge became valuable assets to the Seminole people, who trusted his council in their dealings with the white legal and political system. He was often called upon to represent the Tribe locally, then at the state level, and eventually in Washington, D.C. He remained a close friend and staunch ally of Josie Billie from early childhood until his passing.

During his many years of association with the Seminoles, he accumulated a vast amount of personal and political correspondence, which has been passed down to his grandson, "Woody." During his lifetime, Hanson acquired personally or from his friend, anthropologist Ethel Cutler Freeman, more than 500 photographs that document the lives of Seminoles in his era.

In greeting his guests, Hanson thanked the Seminole elders for coming to share his grandfather's legacy.

"These belong to you," he said, pointing to the photographs. "They are your history and I am proud to have this opportunity to share them with you."

"As a lawyer, I spend a lot of time speaking and lecturing, but today you are the teacher and I am the student," he added. "What you see here are 138 pictures that are representative of the entire collection. I hope that you will find recognition in these images and share the stories that unfold with me."

If Hanson was looking for a positive reaction, he was immediately rewarded. Rachel Billie quickly recognized her sister, aunts, father, brother and even herself as a small child. Her eyes lit up as she moved from one photo to another and became overwhelmed with long forgotten memories.

Ruth Osceola and Linda Frank identified people in the photos and recalled life in the remote villages of their youth. Elaine Aguilar also found

photos of her mother's sister, Lucy, as well as Charlie Cypress, Frank Billie and Eddie Cypress Billie.

"This was before my time, but I recognize so many of these people that I feel as though I had lived in another era," said Elaine Aguilar as she viewed a photo of the Tribal leaders and their families taken with Stanley Hanson at Bok Tower in Lake Wales, Fla. around the 1930s. "These are the people who made it possible for us to live here the way we do today. They are our roots and we are just leaves on the tree."

Returning home, the knowledge of what they had seen quickly spread. By the following week, a second group of elders formed at Big Cypress and were joined by Tampa in front of the gallery on Feb. 29, the final day of the exhibit.

As Hanson traveled through the exhibit offering bits and pieces of information from his records and stories passed down from his grandfather, the room became charged with the emotional impact of these revelations. Memories came flooding back of stories that had been handed down through the oral history of the Seminoles.

The Tampa seniors talked about their mother, aunt and grandmother, Deaconess Harriet Bedell, and their home along the Tamiami Trail. Bobby Henry was all smiles as he placed his hand on the photo of his teacher and mentor, Ingraham Billie Sr.

"I learned the medicine from him," Henry said. "He would take me deep into the swamp and we would spend days together while he taught and tested me in preparation for the day when I would need to serve my people. He is the man!"

Carol Cypress said she was astounded to see her great-grandmother, Miami Billie, in several photos. Cypress also shared stories passed down to her about the Third Seminole War.

Hanson further intrigued everyone on the second tour when he produced a notebook with hand written messages from Josie Billie to his grandfather. He also displayed pictures drawn in crayon on scrap paper and the back of a Ritz® Cracker box, and telegrams from Washington regarding the disposition of the Seminole people.

The Hanson collection is a treasure chest of the Seminole past just waiting to be opened and explored, and Hanson said that is his intent. He said arrangements will be made for the Seminole Tribe to possess these valuable pieces of their history to be passed along to future generations. Hanson added that he is documenting all materials and setting up a website.

On Feb. 29, the final day of the exhibition, Hanson offered to give several photographic copies of to various individuals. In a matter of minutes the walls were stripped of their bounty. Bobby Henry clutched the portrait of Ingraham Billie Sr. under his arm and Mabel Jim had a tight grip on her father, Buffalo Jim's, photo as she headed back to Big Cypress.

Of all the happy people who experienced this wonderful presentation, Hanson carried one of the biggest smiles.

"My grandfather is looking down with approval, I am sure," he said. "This is what he would have wanted and I am glad to have had the opportunity to be a part of what took place here today."



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It didn't take long for Rachel Billie to find a photo of herself as a small child.

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Regina Jumper Thinn wearing her patchwork pencil skirt along with her Four Season wall hangings (L-R) Spring, Winter, Autumn and Summer.

Regina Jumper Thinn's Artwork Displayed in Hollywood Offices

By Marisol Gonzalez

HOLLYWOOD — Regina Jumper Thinn, Bird Clan, started to sew when she was 25 years old. She said she was inspired by her mother Annie Jumper and learned to sew by watching her. Sewing in her family dates back to her grandmother, known to many as "Mrs. Jimmie Osceola," though maybe even further than that, said Thinn.

She is a mother of three girls, Reina, Gail and Janine, and admitted she is pleased with her girls sewing as well. Thinn said her children have been

said, "If I ever needed help with different designs, she would help me as well."

Sewing together is something that the mother-daughter duo has done for years. Thinn said she remembers pairing up with her mom and constructing a matching set of clothes for a pastor and his wife as a thank you for serving the Lord.

She has made a name for herself through her patchwork designs. Patchwork has been in demand and it keeps her busy; she said sometimes she even sells an item before completing it.

Thinn admitted she has always been intrigued by the world of fashion, and even decided to take a course in fashion design when she was 30 to see how she could incorporate modern fashion with Indian designs.

Within the past four years she has entered various pieces of clothing along with patchwork designs into different contests, including the annual Tribal Fair and Brighton Field Days contests. In the past she has been a frontrunner, earning both first and second place titles for her entries over the last four years.

This year I made a dress for the Brighton [Field Days] Clothing Contest and it placed first in the display competition and third place while my daughter Janine wore it," she said.

Along with six other Seminole artists, Thinn's sewing creations were recently displayed at a Broward Community College (BCC) Seminole Artist Exhibition, held on the South Campus in Pembroke Pines, Fla., Jan. 17-Feb. 22. She displayed four wall hangings, each one representing one of the four seasons.

After the exhibition completed, she showed them to Hollywood Council Rep. Max B. Osceola Jr., who purchased them. The wall hangings will now be displayed in or near Osceola's office in the Hollywood Tribal Headquarters. One of her first place patchwork designs, featuring the American flag and the Seminole colors, is also on display in the lobby of Hollywood Headquarters, above a bronze sculpture of her grandfather, Thomas R. Jumper.



Marisol Gonzalez

Regina Jumper Thinn shows her first and second place designs.

bled and have a God-given gift for sewing.

She said she sees the sewing traits going far in her family for generations to come, as some of her nine grandchildren have begun to show interest. Thinn said she was excited when, a few years back, her then-10-year-old granddaughter, Jade, with the help of her great-grandmother Annie Jumper, made a skirt with a fire design for her younger sister to wear.

Thinn's mother has been a wonderful inspiration for her to continue sewing, she said. Thinn revealed she is grateful to her mother and grandmother for having taught her how to sew, and said her mother even taught her children and grandchildren sewing techniques.

"I learned by watching my mom sew," Thinn

Grand Opening of Brighton Arts & Crafts Center

By Felix DoBosz

BRIGHTON — On Feb. 14 the Brighton Arts & Crafts Center officially opened its doors to the community members, who are sure to make this facility a place for creating Seminole dolls, clothing, beadwork and more. Construction on this one story building was completed in January by the Housing Department.

Center Director and Non-Resident Liaison Holly Tiger-Bowers hosted the event and also welcomed dignitaries including Chairman Mitchell Cypress and Brighton Council Rep. Roger Smith, and also the families and guests in attendance.

"It started out as a concept, from two employees that work in the Chairman's Office," Tiger-Bowers said. "It was such a great idea that they had, that I said 'Let's try to help them get this done. It's needed in the community.'"

She then took the time to thank everyone for coming out to the grand opening of the center, and recognized her staff who she said contributed time and support to this project.

Chairman Mitchell Cypress then took the podium to share some of his thoughts.

"We need to comeback to our own roots," the Chairman said. "One of the things that we lack was arts and crafts, sewing, and Holly talked about it, and we told her to go ahead and move forward on it."

He went on to say that Tiger-Bowers and her staff also created an afterschool program for Tribal citizens to work and teach the next generation about sewing, wood carving and more.

Tiger-Bowers warmly called up the next speaker to the podium, Brighton Tribal Council Rep. Roger Smith, who she said was very supportive of the project, as was the entire Brighton community.

"This is another great day for our Tribal members; this is what they want," Rep. Smith said. "We need this center in our community for the kids

and young adults to learn our skills and learn to use them for arts and crafts."

Tiger-Bowers said they also need more teachers to help with educating the next generation on how to be productive on a sewing machine for creating authentic Seminole garments. Tiger-Bowers added that teachers are welcome to come in part-time or full-time to the center, or any time they are available.

"The more ways you know how to do it, the easier it is for you to teach other people," she said. "Everybody learns differently so it's important to have a wide variety of instructors."

"Providing opportunities for young people to come in and learn something new, never take them for granted because you never know when you're going to see them on [the Bravo network's reality series] Project Runway," she added.

Rev. Wonder Johns was on hand to give a special blessing and let everyone know how much this facility was really needed for the entire Brighton community.

The opening ceremony wouldn't have been complete without the cutting of the ceremonial ribbon, which was replaced by patchwork fabric in front of the center's entrance way. Brighton Council Rep. Roger Smith, Chairman Mitchell Cypress and Director Holly Tiger-Bowers cut the patchwork in unison to symbolize the official opening of this new facility.

Guests entered the center with shiny new sewing machines bracing up against the walls and pattern cut tables in the center of the well-lit production room. Mary Jo Micco and her family prepared a home cooked lunch for everyone to enjoy, as guests commented on how much they enjoyed the pumpkin frybread as well as the new Arts & Crafts Center.



Felix DoBosz

(L-R) Brighton Council Rep. Roger Smith, Chairman Mitchell Cypress and Non-Resident Liaison Holly Tiger-Bowers cut the ribbon for the new Brighton Arts & Crafts Center.

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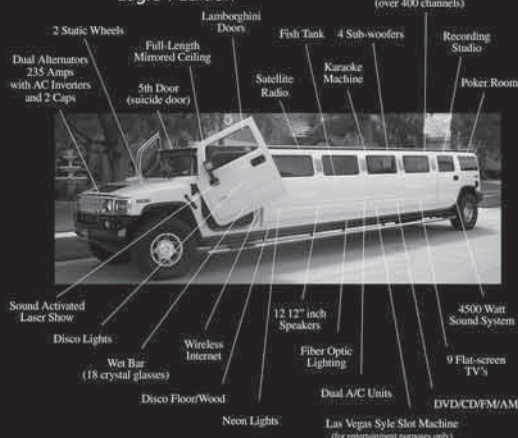


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Broadcasting Offers Info on Digital Television Transition

Submitted by Seminole Broadcasting

On Feb. 17, 2009, analog broadcast television in the U.S. will end as the nation's full power television stations complete their transition to an all-digital system. If you currently receive analog television over the air or via an antenna, you will need to take action to continue watching your favorite stations.

Digital ready televisions currently receiving cable or satellite service are not likely to be affected by the switch.

By law, the manufacture, import or interstate shipment of a TV device containing an analog tuner is now prohibited, unless it also contains a digital tuner. However, some stores may still have TV equipment with analog tuners only in their inventory. So Tribal citizens must verify with the store that the television set they are purchasing has a built-in digital tuner.

To be able to continue receiving local broadcast programming after Feb. 17, 2009, you will need to consider the following options: If you receive your television signal over the air or via an antenna and you wish to continue using your existing analog television, a digital-to-analog converter box that plugs into an existing television will need to be purchased.

These boxes will be available for purchase beginning in February 2008 and will cost \$40-\$70. Households can also request coupons that will go toward the purchase of a single set-top converter box; Purchase a new television set with a built-in digital tuner; and Subscribe to a cable or satellite service provider if all desired local broadcast stations are carried by that service.

Digital-to-Analog Converter Box Coupon Program

From now until March 31, 2009, all U.S. households will be eligible to request up to two coupons, worth \$40 each, to be used toward the purchase of digital-to-analog converter boxes at local retailers. These converter boxes are designed to make over-the-air digital television signals viewable on analog-only televisions and are not intended for analog-only televisions hooked up to a cable or satellite service.

If you are hooked up to DIRECTV your current receiver should be able to convert a digital signal to your analog television. However, if you have a service other than DIRECTV, such as Comcast or DISH Network you should check with your cable or satellite provider to determine if and when you will need a set-top box.

Those who require a digital-to-analog converter box and are eligible for this program, Seminole Broadcasting is making available applications for the TV Converter Box Coupon Program at the Seminole Broadcasting offices on the following reservations: Hollywood: 3560 North State Road 7, Hollywood, FL 33021, (954) 985-5700; Big Cypress: Family Investment Center, HC 61 Box 46, (863) 902-5217; Brighton: 500 Harney Pond Rd., Okeechobee, FL 34974, (863) 763-6380; Immokalee: 295 Stockade Rd., Immokalee, FL 34142, (239) 867-5300, Ext. 16466; Tampa: 6401 Harney Rd., Suite E, Tampa, FL 33610, (813) 246-3100, Ext. 19106.



By Ramona Kiyoshk

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The Enduring Seminoles: From Alligator Wrestling to Casino Gaming, Revised and Expanded Edition is an update of the original version. *The Enduring Seminoles: From Alligator Wrestling to Ecotourism*. Both books document the comprehensive history of the Seminole Tribe and Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida. Both offer a tribute to the persevering spirit of a people who have a talent for creating opportunity out of adversity and turning it into a profit for the good of the community.

At the beginning of the 20th Century, following three lengthy wars with the U.S. in the 1800s, the Florida Indian population was reduced to a few hundred. The survivors were driven into the swamps where they adapted and thrived, only to be faced with yet another government-perpetrated catastrophe that threatened their demise again.

The Everglades, which once occupied most of South Florida, were being drained to create land for development. Fishing, hunting and collecting plumes for trade would disappear with the swamps, taking away the Seminoles' livelihood and independence. The flat bottom cypress canoes would disappear into history and a way of life would vanish. The people were challenged once more to find a way to survive.

The enterprising Seminole and Miccosukee people solved the problem by exhibiting their culture in Indian villages where whole families lived, going about their daily tasks and routines, while tourists paid to watch. They even added some new attractions, including alligator wrestling. This was reality TV before television, and amusement parks before Disneyland.

During the 1930s to 1950s, the theme park exhibitions not only provided a livelihood for families, but they became a showcase for the Florida Tribal cultures and brought the reticent Miccosukee people closer to the Seminoles in their quest for nationhood. It also taught the people skills in conducting commerce, marketing, and doing business with non-natives. Leadership and literacy were valuable skills acquired from these experiences.

When the Indian villages went out of vogue, the Seminole worked to win the right to sell tax-free cigarettes on their land. The fight with the government to practice commerce was hard, but in the end the Seminoles won.

The first cigarette stores opened in the 1970s. In 1981, the tribe established high-stakes bingo halls. Their operating budget of \$1.200 would become several million a short time later.

In 1988, the Seminole Tribe won the right to operate gaming facilities. Soon casinos were built on three Florida reservations, with more to follow. Using their sovereign status as a commercial vehicle was brilliant entrepreneurial foresight, and it led the way to economic betterment for Native American communities across the country, who would soon establish gaming enterprises and tobacco shops of their own.

Ever watchful, the Tribal leaders were aware of the power the government exercised over their new wealth. Any day they could make gaming illegal.

Chairman James Billie began investment projects, including foreign partnerships. Cattle, citrus, rodeos, and manufacturing continue to be some of the current revenue-making enterprises. Ecotourism ventures included Billie Swamp Safari, an environmentally friendly excursion into the Everglades.

The Seminole Tribe website states: *The Seminole Tribe of Florida currently employs more than 2,000 non-Indians and purchases more than \$24 million dollars in goods and services from more than 850 Florida vendors a year. In addition, the Tribe pays \$3.5 million in federal payroll taxes.*

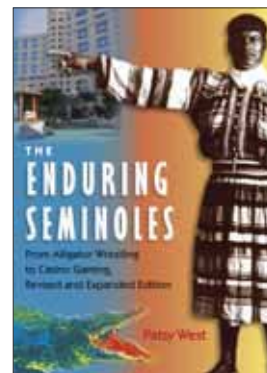
Today, the Seminole and Miccosukee Tribes maintain they are using the money to enhance their culture, traditions and quality of life. Their schools teach the native languages and traditions. There is great importance placed on history, as many of the present generation have no idea of the hardships endured by their ancestors.

The steadfast voice of the original people who survived three drawn-out guerrilla wars, removal attempts, genocidal policies, racism, abuse and contempt by an illegally occupying government would not be silenced, and today that voice is being heard across the globe.

The new language of monetary wealth is the language of the day and it is the currency of respect and power.

Acts of extra-Tribal generosity are public knowledge, as the Seminoles reach out to struggling Native communities across the country. The names of their leaders, entertainers, athletes and artists appear in national headlines and their business accomplishments are legendary.

To find out more information on the Seminole and Miccosukee Tribes' current issues and investments, including the purchase of the worldwide chain of Hard Rock enterprises, read this well-researched and engaging book, and visit some of their businesses and tourist destinations. Better still, talk to a Seminole.



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Community News

Big Cypress Shootout Re-Enactment Tells Saga of Seminole War History

By Susan Etchebarria

BIG CYPRESS — The Big Cypress Shootout, held at Billie Swamp Safari, Feb. 22-24, offered attendees an intriguing look at military operations during the Second Seminole War. Moses "Big Shot" Jumper Jr. emceed the annual event. "You are going to learn our version of Seminole history today," Jumper said.

He said the re-enactment corrects many falsely written histories of these wars that did not coincide with the victory of the Unconquered Seminoles.

The mock battle of the 1835-1842 time period was the culmination of much preparation. The battle plan was choreographed in advance, and re-enactors had to be enlisted to see who could perform exacting military theatrics in an open field.

Before the fight began, war battles devotees visit the two opposing military encampments, the Soldiers Camp and the Seminole Camp. Re-enactors must also acquire and maintain their own weapons or replicas, their munitions, uniforms or clothing and battle accessories needed to participate in a re-enactment, and insure its historical accuracy.

Many of the Indian warriors during the Second Seminole Wars had the newer style percussion cap muskets, unlike the soldiers in the U.S. military, whose firearms were less effective. In the book "The Seminole Wars: America's Longest Indian Conflict" co-authors John and Mary Lou Missall, who sold their books at the re-enactment, write that the army's tactical failures were numerous.

"It would become the nation's first large scale guerilla war, and the army was not prepared for it," it says in the book.

Marching in the field shoulder to shoulder made the soldiers easy prey for the horseback Seminoles and warriors hidden in the woods, not to mention the weapons the Seminoles had. Spectators wanting to examine these firearms had to visit the Seminole Camp, a replica of a circa 1830s-40s warrior camp.

A Seminole re-enactor, Daniel Sampson of Ormond Beach, showed his firearm and answered questions. Sampson credited Tribal citizen Pedro Zepeda as his tutor on how to dress properly for the role and much about his knowledge of Seminole history. Sampson has traveled all over the state to do Seminole War re-enactments for nearly two years, he said.

One of the weapons that the crowds flocked to was the cannon. The cannon at the re-enactment used a large charge of gunpowder that is regulated by the state of Florida, according to Sampson.

"There is a licensed and insured pyrotechnic expert hiding in the woods," he said. "The expert sets off charges of dynamite at the same time the cannon discharges its black powder. An orange tape on the ground, hidden from view of the spectators, lets the re-enactors know to stay a safe distance away," he said.

In addition to the re-enactment, vendors sold unusual wares of that time period, and many took the time to engage people in subjects like the art of flint knapping, bead making, traditional Seminole clothing and leather goods. There were also tomahawk and atlatl throwing games and entertainment including stomp dancing, alligator wrestling and storytelling.



Susan Etchebarria

Russ Lamaroux, a U.S. military captain.



Susan Etchebarria

Seminole re-enactors (L-R) Matthew Griffin, John Griffin and Eric Griffin, all from Orlando, are descendants of the Black Seminoles.



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(L-R) Seminole re-enactors Daniel Sampson, who holds a flintlock rifle and Harvard Burney, holding a percussion cap musket.

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The Seminole royalty float with (L-R, Front) Little Miss Seminole Brianna Bowers, Little Mr. Seminole Santiago Billie, Brighton Jr. Miss Princess Rumor Juarez, (L-R, Back) Miss Florida Seminole Jennifer Chalfant, Brighton Seminole Princess Jaryaca Baker and Jr. Miss Florida Seminole Alicia Nunez.

Tribe Gives Local Festival Needed Boost

Seminole Participation Returns to 60th Annual Chalo Nitka Festival

By Susan Etchebarria

MOORE HAVEN, Fla. — On March 2, the Seminole Tribe of Florida played a vital role in the 60th Annual Chalo Nitka Festival in Moore Haven, Fla. After a 21 year absence, the Tribe brought back their culture, food, excitement and showmanship to Chalo Nitka, which means "bass day."

"We are just delighted for this 60th anniversary that the Seminole Tribe has come back to support Chalo Nitka in a big way," said Tracey Whirls, executive director of the Glades County Economic Development Council. "The Tribe was a very integral part of getting it started in the beginning. We are hoping this effort will be the first of more cooperative ventures that will benefit the Tribe as well as Glades County."

In front of an audience of tourists, locals and politicians, Chairman Mitchell Cypress reminisced about the early Chalo Nitka festivals of his childhood.

"It's good to be back here again," Chairman Cypress said. "I remember those days in the beginning when we used to come here on 'Bass Day' and we would have a fishing tournament and weighed the fish in front of the Glades County Courthouse."



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Emcee Norman Bowers introduces Little Mr. Seminole Santiago Billie, on his dad, James', shoulders.

Chairman Cypress explained how Tribal citizens from rural reservations would all pile into a cattle truck and make the drive to Chalo Nitka year after year. In those days, not many Seminoles owned cars.

"That tells you how old I am," said Chairman Cypress, laughing.

The festival showcased the special bond of friendship between the people on the rural Seminole reservations and the people of Glades County, who share traditions to live off the land and fish. It grew into a dual tourism project for more than 40 years, but 21 years ago Tribal citizens elected not to participate.

This year Glades County's elected officials sought the support of the Tribe in a troubled moment when the festival faced closure. As reported in the Glades County Democrat, a financial crisis had shut down the Glades County Chamber of Commerce, and as a result, Chalo Nitka faced cancellation.

This festival, with its open ranch rodeos that draw tourists from far away, has the potential to bring tourism to the region. Various county officials jumped on board to keep it alive including Commissioner Paul Beck and Clerk of the



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Shule Jones' booth with (L-R, Front Row) Shule Jones, Judy Jones, (L-R, Back Row) Brighton Board Rep. Johnnie Jones Sr., Nancy Hernandez, Louise Gopher, Carla Gopher and Travis Trueblood.

Courts Joe Flint. They visited Brighton Council Rep. Roger Smith and asked for support.

The Tribe agreed to participate and Norman Bowers of Brighton volunteered to serve on the Chalo Nitka festival committee representing the Tribe. Bowers coordinated Tribal participation.

"Norman Bowers was a big help," said Glades County Property Appraiser and event emcee Larry Lucky.

Bowers, Snake Clan, son of Lorene Gopher brought the Tribe's leaders, the princesses and entertainment up to the stage.

The Chairman's Office and Brighton Council Office sponsored an alligator wrestling show at the festival, paid fees for Tribal vendors and showcased large floats in the parade.

Alligator wrestler Billy Walker of Big Cypress entertained the crowd with his demonstration. As he nudged and baited the alligator and pounced on it and rolled it over, he talked about the Seminole Tribe and its history and culture.

Two Tribal citizens' booths sold patchwork clothing, beadwork and other Native America crafts. They were Sara Jane Bert with Mabel Doctor of Big Cypress, and Shule Jones' booth, manned by Judy Jones and Louise Gopher of Brighton.

At the Brighton Preschool booth, volunteers including Joyce Jumper Piz and her husband, Orlando, sold traditional Seminole foods. The food booths were the most popular of the festival and frybread was, of course, the biggest hit.

After the festival was over, Norman Bowers reported the assessment of the Chalo Nitka Festival committee that met March 5.

"The committee said the festival was a success, and tourists really enjoyed what the Tribe added, especially the food," Bowers said. "The Tribe sharing its heritage was always a main attraction of Chalo Nitka. Tourists want to learn about history and the culture of the Tribe. The Seminole history is Florida and Florida is Seminole history."

"For my part, I relished the opportunity to be part of this festival," said Bowers.



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Orlando and Joyce Jumper Piz at their food booth.

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Co-grand marshal of the Brighton Festival Parade Louise Gopher



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The Pemayetv Emahakv Charter School float wins second place.



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Football hero Jarrod Smith serves as the parade's co-grand marshal.



Susan Etxebarria
Nancy Shore shows beadwork.



Susan Etxebarria
(L-R) Jade Braswell and Janelle Robinson make fry bread.

Brighton Hosts 70th Annual Field Days Three-Day Festival Draws Spectators, Tribal Citizens

By Susan Etxebarria

BRIGHTON — The 70th Annual Brighton Festival and Field Days, held Feb. 15-17 can boast a first-rate parade rivaling big city parades in its pageantry and participation.

"That was one of our best parades ever," exclaimed Master of Ceremonies John Madrigal.

He, and Brighton resident Willie Johns, kicked off the opening ceremonies and hour-long parade at 10 a.m. on Feb. 16. They greeted the parade watchers, some all the way from Michigan and Vermont, in attendance to learn about Native American culture.

Johns, a Tribal historian, outlined some Tribal history for the audience prior to the parade.

"Our culture and our history are going to roll out before you today," said Johns.

Johns described how and why the Tribe was established in the 1950s and how the original field days began 70 years ago with games and contests among the Tribal citizens.

"Our first Field Days was just a picnic, some games and even a horse race," said Johns. "Today the Tribe has its own health clinic, schools, police and fire departments and many other departments that participate in the parade."

Chairman Mitchell Cypress and President Richard Bowers Jr. took part in the parade as well. Riding horses into the arena, Brighton Board Rep. Johnnie Jones Sr. and Brighton Council Rep. Roger Smith also gave the crowd a warm welcome.

In the parade, the Brighton Princess float won



Susan Etxebarria
Josephine Villa creates patchwork clothing.

Department had a food booth that raised money for their project to aid the people at Wounded Knee at Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota.

Entertainment throughout the three-day festival included fancy dancing, stomp dancing, alligator wrestling, a snake show, the Eastern Indian Rodeo Association (EIRA) rodeo and the ever-popular Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association (PRCA) rodeo.

Alligator wrestler Billy Walker of Big Cypress put on a show that thrilled crowds. Albert Killian, a snake handler who made a name for himself coaching the wrestler Jake "The Snake" Roberts, mesmerized the crowd with a 15 foot king cobra.

In the main area of the rodeo grounds there were more Seminole Tribe vendors participating than ever before, while many other Native American booths spread out on the sides. The parking area was expanded this year to accommodate the growing crowds of people who attended. More than 1,500 rodeo and festival tickets were sold.



Susan Etxebarria
Brighton's Andrew Bowers on horseback in the parade.

first place in the float competition, Pemayetv Emahakv Charter School won second, and the Community Care for the Elderly (CCE), Brighton Council and Family Services floats came in third, fourth and fifth, respectively.

The parade also featured Tribal horseback riders wearing Seminole jackets and dresses. There were decorated ATVs, and kids riding their decorated bicycles.

Participating in the parade, the Glades County Commissioners Donna Sturter, Butch Jones, Bob Giesler, Paul Beck and Russel Echols waved from a swamp buggy, as did Glades County Clerk of Courts Joe Flint.

Later that evening, Tribal citizens donned their traditional attire for the Brighton Clothing Contest. Lasting four hours, Tribal citizens ranging from babies to adults modeled an exceptional variety of Seminole clothing.

"There were hundreds of entries in this contest, both traditional and modern clothing was exhibited," Clothing Contest Chairperson Alice Sweat said. "It was the largest ever participation of Tribal members in the clothing contest."

Attendees were also treated to some traditional Seminole cuisine including swamp cabbage, catfish, Indian tacos and frybread. Of particular interest, the CCE



Susan Etxebarria
Jo Leigh Jumper rides horseback in the parade.

Council Rep. Says Thank You to Employees Smith Acknowledges Brighton/Tampa Workers

By Susan Etxebarria

BRIGHTON — Understanding that it takes a team to succeed, Brighton's Council Rep. Roger Smith took the opportunity to thank those who have worked to improve Brighton Seminole Reservation.

"Everything has been operating on a positive note in the New Year, both at Brighton and Tampa," said Smith who also represents Tampa on the Tribal Council.

He said he especially wanted to thank all those who worked so hard and helped to produce a very successful 70th Annual Brighton Festival and Field Days.

"Hopefully, the festival at Brighton will continue to improve each year but I think the tourists really enjoyed this year," said Smith.

The councilman said tourists learn from Seminole vendors about Seminole culture and their participation is an important feature of the festival, and they learn about other Indian cultures from the many other Native American vendors as well.

"This year we had to turn away vendors because we are setting higher standards and want the best we can get," he said. "We are also setting higher standards choosing our entertainment."

Smith said he is also seeing positive changes every day that he credits to those employees who are heading up projects and departments.

"Of course we have the new school now, and houses and better buildings are being constructed; things we need on the reservation," he said. "I am happy with the progress on the construction of the Veterans Center. There have also been many improvements made at the Fred Smith Rodeo Arena. Every weekend it seems there is something going on there, horse shows and other events. We are trying to make it profitable."

"I wish to thank the Brighton Recreation Department for all they do for youth, the sports leagues and games they sponsor," continued Smith. "They have a full schedule and now the latest addition is a girl's volleyball team."

Smith also addressed what is happening in Tampa, where an expansion of Tribal land is in the works. "In Tampa we are waiting for the land we purchased there to gain federal recognition," said Smith. "The application has been filed and it should not take too long before we can start to build homes and a new Field Office for the Tribal members there."

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this, or softball and football leagues," he said. "You can just tell from all the number of contestants tonight how involved the parents are.

"It takes courage to get up and walk across this stage," the Chairman continued. "At this age I never would have faced a big crowd like this."

Current Seminole royalty, including Miss Seminole Jennifer Chalfant, Jr. Miss Seminole Alicia Nunez, Jr. Seminole Rodeo Queen Ashton Baxley and Little Miss Seminole Brianna Bowers. They also wished the contestants good luck.

There were nine contestants in the 9-11 age range vying for the Brighton Jr. Miss Princess crown. Five young ladies, in ages ranging from 13-14 competed for the Brighton Seminole Princess crown.

The contest required the girls to compete in three categories. First each individually modeled their traditional outfit. They each took the microphone, telling the audience about themselves and why they wanted to be chosen as the Brighton Seminole Princess.

Then each performed a talent presentation with the emphasis on demonstrating their knowledge of Seminole culture and traditions. Last, each contestant had to answer an impromptu question.

First on stage, the nine Brighton Jr. Miss Princess contestants introduced themselves and later performed their talent, as follows:

Tyra Baker, 10, daughter of Jason and the late Tanya Baker, is a fourth grade student at Pennyavt Emahavk Charter School. Her hobbies include riding



Apolonia Nunez's demonstrates beadwork for the talent competition.

Kiylier Baker, 12, daughter of Preston and Mona Baker is a sixth grader at Yearling Middle School in Okeechobee County. She has a 3.3 grade point average, and plays softball and basketball. Her talent was exhibiting beads and other Seminole arts and crafts.

Breanna Billie, 11, daughter of Emerson and Jeannie Billie, attends Pennyavt Emahavk Charter School. She said she likes to ride horses, play softball and basketball, and babysit her brother. Her talent was demonstrating the various styles of beaded Seminole women's jewelry.

Justice Baker, 11, daughter of Jason and the late Tanya Baker said she likes to ride horses and babysit. Her talent was showing slides of animals and naming them in Creek.

Rumor Juarez, 9, daughter of Wendy and Rudy Juarez, attends Central Elementary in Okeechobee City. She serves on the Student

Council, and likes to write, sing and dance. Her future plans are to attend Florida State University and become a pediatrician. Her talent was singing the gospel hymn "It Will Be A Wonderful Day" in Creek.

Next, the Brighton Seminole Princess contestants

introduced themselves.

Jaryaca Baker, 13, daughter of Mona and Preston Baker, is a seventh grader at Yearling Middle School. She wants to attend college and play college

softball. Her talent presentation was singing "Amazing Grace" in Creek.

Lois Billie, daughter of Sandy and Betty Billie, is an eighth grader at Osceola Middle School in Okeechobee County. She plays basketball and softball and said she wants to earn a college degree and come back and work for the Seminole Tribe. Her talent was demonstrating how to make pumpkin bread.

Margie Alissa Dorgan, daughter of Salina and John Dorgan, is a member of the Panther Clan. She is an eighth grade student at Moore Haven High School. Her talent presentation was a slide show she narrated about the history of wearing beads among the Seminole women. She showcased the various styles and designs of necklaces, belts, and hair barrettes.

Erena Billie, daughter of Emerson and Jeannie Billie, is a seventh grade student at Yearling Middle School, who said she wants to get a softball scholarship to go to college. She demonstrated how men's traditional turbans are constructed and decorated.



Jaryaca Baker is overcome with emotion after being announced as the new princess.

Kasandra Baker, 14, daughter of Jason Baker, is in the seventh grade at Yearling Middle School, and said she wants to go to college to become a doctor. Her talent was to sing "Happy Birthday" to her sister in Creek and English, asking the audience to join in.

Finally, to great excitement and applause, the winning contestants were announced with an eruption of tears, beaming smiles and flashing cameras.

The winners for the top talent also went to Jaryaca Baker and Rumor Juarez. All the girls won trophies for being either runner-ups or participants in the contests.

Salina Dorgan headed the Brighton Princess Committee. Jo Leigh Jumper, Camellia Osceola, Charlotte Burgess, Terry Hahn and Joyce Piz assisted her in producing this memorable evening.



Brighton's Jr. Miss Princess Rumor Juarez.

Susan Etchebarria

dirty bikes and playing softball and volleyball. Her talent was to recite the Pledge of Allegiance in Creek.

Airianna Nunez, 11, daughter of David and Anita Nunez, is a student at Central Elementary in Okeechobee County. She plays volleyball. Her talent was a cooking demonstration in which she made Indian tacos.

Lanie Sedatol, 9, daughter of Mona and Preston Baker, is a third grade student at Pennyavt Emahavk Charter School. She plays softball and basketball. Lanie's talent was reciting the Pledge of Allegiance in Creek.

Apolonia Nunez, 8, daughter of David and Anita Nunez, is a third grade student at Glades Christian Day School in Okeechobee City. She said she loves gymnastics and is an honor student. She performed a demonstration about beads made and worn by Seminole women.

Lahna Sedatol, 9, daughter of Preston and Mona Baker, is a fourth grade student at Pennyavt Emahavk Charter School. She plays basketball, softball and is a member of Seminole 4-H. She sang the song "Ten Little Indians" in Creek.



Lois Billie cooks traditional Seminole food in the talent competition.

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(L-R) Brighton Seminole Princess contestants (L-R) Jaryaca Baker, Lois Billie, Margie Alissa Dorgan, Erena Billie and Kasandra Baker.

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Cornelia Osceola hones her sewing skills at Culture Class held in Hollywood at the DSO Building.

Cornelia Osceola Retires After 31 Years

By Chris Jenkins

HOLLYWOOD — Retirement is always bitter sweet. Cornelia Osceola said she has been ready for awhile. Family, friends and co-workers had a chance to bid her farewell at a party held Feb. 12 at the Hard Rock.

After 31 years, this language instructor with the Culture and Language Department has been a staple of her Hollywood Tribal community.

The Panther Clan member and mother of two, Trudy and Leah, said she had been considering retirement since 2007, but decided to give it another year. However, this year she said she knew it was time.

She said she intends to spend more time with her family now, and catch up on those projects she never got around to completing.

"I need to now concentrate on my own house and spend more time with my grandkids," Osceola said.

Osceola says she will miss working with the Tribal youngsters and the Culture and Language Department staff the most.

"I liked working with the preschool kids," she said. "That has been the most rewarding part."

Former co-worker Natoshia Osceola, cultural language instructor, described Cornelia as kind-hearted and said dedication was her specialty.

"It was really nice to work with her because anything you needed, she was there," she said.

Cornelia said she has enjoyed watching the Tribe's progress over the years and remembers a time when working two jobs to support a family was the norm. She said the blessings her and other Tribal citizens have now are great.

Festivities Abound at Annual Swamp Cabbage Fest

President Richard Bowers Jr. Honored as Cattleman of the Year

By Judy Weeks

LABELLE, Fla. — The four-day 42nd Annual Swamp Cabbage Festival got underway the evening of Feb. 21 with the 13th Annual Old Timers Dinner. The 2008 honorees were the Pioneer Family of John W. Pendrey and Cattleman of the Year Richard Bowers Jr., president of the Board of Directors.



Judy Weeks
Rudy Osceola led his fellow horseback riders in the Swamp Cabbage Parade.

During the dinner, President Bowers Jr. received a special tribute, being honored as a fourth generation rancher, cattle owner and 4-H advocate. He said 4-H played an integral part in his training as a youngster, and recommends that all young people take advantage of the program.

The Tribe sponsored the Eastern Indian Rodeo Association (ERIA) Rodeo, held at the LaBelle Arena on the evening of Feb. 22.

Beginning with the Junior Rodeo, the crowd was delighted to see the eager youngsters compete in events including Mutton Bustin' and Barrel Racing. The spectators supported the young daredevils as they competed in the Wild Pony, Calf, Steer and Junior Bull Riding events.

Several native competitors from across the U.S. and Canada joined the EIRA athlete roster for the Sectioned Events that got underway following the Junior Rodeo.

ERIA Champion Josh Jumper worked hard for his second place win in the Calf Roping against Erich Rogers, Ivan Bruised Head and Kyle Dennison. Breakaway Roper Tess Duchenaux fought for her first place with top notch contenders like Carole Hoylan, Yoland Nez and Cassidy Dennison.

Local cowboys and cowgirls took home their share of the winnings in the Team Roping with Josh Jumper and Naha Jumper in first place, Ayze Henry and Wilse Bruised Head in second and Freddy Warbonnet and Paulita Bowers in fifth in a field of 26 teams. Roping Legends Peter Bruised Head, Rudy Osceola and Billy Joe Johns triumphed in the Breakaway competition.

On the morning of Feb. 23, the Swamp Cabbage Festival parade began. Participants in the parade, including 2007-2008 Seminole royalty, EIRA participants and Tribal dignitaries, made their way down LaBelle's main street.

Not only is the Big Cypress Reservation located in Hendry County, but many of the Tribe's ancestors called the LaBelle area their home, even earning their livelihood on the local ranches in later years. These Tribal citizens represented the first pioneers in that region of Florida and their descendants can look forward to celebrating and remembering them each year during the Swamp Cabbage Festival.



Judy Weeks
Brighton's David Snow fights the clock in the Saddle Bronc event at the EIRA Rodeo.



Judy Weeks
Barbara Billie (second from left) chats with the LaBelle Heritage Museum Royalty: (L-R) Dorothy Hill Risher, Barbara Billie, Della Townsend Ridgill and Tina Martin Elliott.

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Seminole Star Search: Brighton, Big Cypress, Naples



(L-R) Michelle Jimmie, Adrienne Cypress, Ignacia Rodriguez, and Lariah Balentine pose for a friendly group shot before the real competition begins.



Trail Liaison William Osceola (L) sits with the contestants as they wait for their chance to perform.

By Marisol Gonzalez

BIG CYPRESS — Friends and families gathered as seven contestants vied for their shot at fame on day three of the Seminole Star Search talent competition. Ranging from ages 9 through 43, the Seminole talent shined on the night of March 4 during the event, which took place in the BC Gym.

Emcee Micki Free started the evening by welcoming everyone and introducing the judges: Matt Kramer, former lead singer of Saigon Kick, Shea (Cherokee) native recording artist, and Jon Brant, former Cheap Trick bassist. Also in attendance was Trail Liaison William Osceola. He went on stage to say a few words to wel-



(L-R) Tori Osceola, Ignacia Rodriguez, Shea, Adrienne Cypress, Lariah Balentine, Michelle Jimmie, Paula Bowers-Sanchez, David Billy, Briana Abittan, and Jon Brant.



(L-R) Matt Kramer, Shea, and Jon Brant

come the community as well.

Free then called each contestant up before they would perform with the help of his assistant Vanessa Cedeño-Lugo.

First up was Tori Osceola, 9, from Naples. Osceola sang "Born to Fly" by Sara Evans. She said she got her singing career from being inside her mom's stomach. The judges were very intrigued with her performance and shocked to hear such a strong voice from someone so young.

Next up to sing was Lariah Balentine, 14, from Big Cypress. Balentine came into the competition with the love for music. She says she likes to sing for fun. She came dressed to impress, as the judges were very pleased with her traditional Seminole look.

David Billy from Naples was contestant number three. He decided to sing a classic song, "Let It Be," by The Beatles.

"[Paul] McCartney [lead singer of The Beatles] is tough, but I think you pulled it off," said Judge Jon Brant.

Contestant number four from Immokalee/Hollywood was Paula Bowers-

Sanchez. She kept the judges jamming with her performance of the 1980s Alannah Miles' hit "Black Velvet."

"I love that song," said Judge Matt Kramer. "It was in tune and just fantastic."

The only dancer of the night was Michelle Jimmie, 10, from Big Cypress. She left the judges and the crowd wanting more from her upbeat dance routine to the song "Low" by Flo Rida.

The last two performers of the night each choose to sing the same song. Ignacia Rodriguez, 10, and Adrienne Cypress, 14, sang Carrie Underwood's "Before He Cheats." Judge Shea was so impressed with the performances from both girls that she said by the end she had chills.



David Billy



Tori Osceola



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Zachary Battiest raps to his song "Escape."

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Spencer Battiest gets emotional with the song "Lately."

Felix DuBois



Theodore Nelson Jr. belts out "Born to Boogie"

Felix DuBois

By Felix DuBois

HOLLYWOOD — On the evening of Feb. 28, the Star Search RV pulled in to its final stop at the Hollywood Headquarters Tribal Office. Director of Promotions & Special Events Micki Free was the host and emcee for this traveling talent search for talented Seminole citizens.

The RV, which housed Free and the three judges, traveled all week and made a stop at nearly all reservations. The judges, all professional recording artists themselves, brought a lot of experience to the competition with their insider knowledge of the music industry.

One of the judges, Cherokee vocalist Shea, sang a rendition of John Anderson's ballad "Seminole Wind" to the delight of the audience. Shea, as well as the two other guest judges Matt Kramer and Jon Brant, praised and offered encouragement following each performance.

The first contestant to perform was David Nelson who sang an original rap song to a native beat. Next up, Stephen C. Billie, AKA, "SCB," also performed an original, and emotional, rap song called "Hands of Time."

"We were looking for honesty from the heart and found it from SCB," said Judge Jon Brant.

The third performer, Gordon Oliver Wareham, played a native flute song called "Everglades." The fourth and fifth performers, Shelli Billie, 11, who performed "Amazing Grace," and Isabel Tucker, 12, both sang songs a cappella.

The 2006-2007 Seminole Princess Brittany Yescas, the sixth competitor, sang a rendition of Sade's "Smooth Operator." Contestant number seven, Garhett Smith, 12, sang his father's favorite song, "Every Breath You Take," originally recorded by The Police. Next up, Alexandra Sanchez, 23, sang Chloë's "Falling Out."

"Her pitch was really good," said Judge Jon Brant.

Paul "Cowbone" Buster then sang a moving song, which he wrote the day before the competition. It was about

Miami Billie, a young Seminole girl who was forced to hide in the swamps as she attempted to escape the federal soldiers who were attacking the Seminoles in the 1830s.

The 10th performer, Talena Castillo, 16, sang LeAnn Rimes' "I Probably Wouldn't Be This Way." Up next, Zach "Truth" Battiest performed an original rap song called "Escape" to the crowd's delight.

"I was feeling it, excellent job, great message," said Judge Shea. "I have one thing to say; can I get your autograph?"

Zach's brother Spencer Battiest, the 12th performer, then sang from his heart, Stevie Wonder's "Lately" with so much emotion in his voice that the judges had to compliment him. Judge Matt Kramer called the performance "unbelievable," saying the "execution was amazing."



Talena Castillo sings "I Probably Wouldn't Be This Way."

Felix DuBois

The 13th and final performer, Theodore Nelson Jr., made it a family affair with his dad, Theodore Nelson Sr., backing him up on guitar. The country music outfit, with Nelson Jr. on vocals, performed "Born to Boogie" by Hank Williams Jr.

At the conclusion of all performances, Micki Free announced that the finalists from each reservation would be back for the grand finale show to select a winner. This competition is slated for April 29 at the Hard Rock Live.



Steven Clay Billie AKA "SCB"

Felix DuBois

SCB Makes His Mark on the Hip-Hop World

By Felix DuBois

HOLLYWOOD — Striving to become the baddest hip-hop artist can be stressful. However, Tribal citizen Steven Clay Billie, 21, AKA "SCB," is paving his own way on the road to music success.

SCB created and promotes his own CD, which showcases his unique brand of hip-hop artistry. It was produced entirely in his home studio with some help from his pals, who call themselves Seminole for Life Productionz. He said he hopes to achieve success through his music, and aspires to one day receive a major label recording contract.

"Music is something I do to release stress; something I do to help me feel better," he said. "I'm really focused on being successful in [show] business."

He said he has been listening to underground rap music since 1999, saying he was influenced by several Houston, Texas-area rappers such as Lil' Flip, Mike Jones, and Willie D.

This young, confident Seminole is a member of the Otter Clan, son of Rita Billie and Mark "Steve" Osceola of Big Cypress, and one of the many great-grandchildren of Mary Frances Cypress. His uncle is Mitch Osceola, who he

lived with for some time, and where he first heard musicians including Hank Williams Jr. and Lynyrd Skynyrd.

SCB said he was really troubled growing up and had been in and out of recovery for drugs, all while still in his teens. However, he said he's learned to overcome his addiction and has since turned things around. SCB said he has been clean now for nearly two years.

He is also keeping busy with his studies at Palm Beach Community College in Boca Raton, where he is taking pre-requisite courses in preparation for his studies at a university.

The young rapper performed his emotionally-charged song "The Hands of Time" in last month's Seminole Star Search at the Hollywood Headquarters. He said the song is a dedication to those younger Seminole Tribal citizens who passed away before their time, including his older cousin and good friend, Ike "Hot Dog" Jumper.

SCB's performance was mesmerizing and the audience could relate to his heartfelt song that chronicled the anger and pain he's had to endure from the loss of his fellow Seminoles, relatives and friends.



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Seminole Star Search: Brighton

By Chris Jenkins

BRIGHTON — Feb. 25 marked the beginning of a journey toward stardom for several Tribal citizens as the first ever Seminole Star Search talent competition

Organizer and creator Micki Free remained hopeful for good things to come.

"My job was not to make them a star, my job was to find their talent," Free said. "We were out to give them support and bring out their talents."

Singer Trina Collins said this was the perfect opportunity for her. "I'm an aspiring singer just looking for a break," Collins explained.

"This was a great opportunity and once in a lifetime chance," Judge and vocal coach Matt Kramer pointed out.



The Nunez Sisters perform on stage together.

got underway at the Tampa Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino. The competition then headed southeast to the Brighton Gymnasium in search of the best of the best in Seminole musical talent.

Although the action was slow to kick things off for day one, nine performances by Tribal citizens were on the slate for day two including: Trina Collins, the Nunez Family, Kasandra Baker, Everett and Stormin Youngblood, Tyra Baker, Harley Johns and Salina Dorgan.



Trina Collins sings the National Anthem.



(L-R) Harley Johns and Tyra Baker perform the hip-hop song "Soldier Boy."



Seminole Star Search guest judges (L-R) Jon Brant, Shea and Matt Kramer, who are all professional musicians.

Seminole Star Search Seeks Best in Tribal Talent

By Chris Jenkins

Becoming a star is about opportunity as much as it is talent. With a genuine possibility to make dreams of stardom a reality, Tribal citizens, young and old alike, had a shot at the big-time at the first annual Seminole Star Search, held Feb. 25-28.

Thanks to the backing of Tribal Council, and the creative vision of Tribal Deputy Director of Promotions Micki Free, the event was yet another first for the Tribe. The best of the best Seminole musicians and dancers competed on the Tampa, Brighton-Fort Pierce, Big Cypress-Immokalee and Hollywood Reservations.

The four-day contest was limited to Tribal citizens only. No original material was required to compete in the first-ever Star Search, which Free said he hopes to make an annual event.

The judging process involved the help of some of Free's close friends in the music business. With assistance from Matt Kramer, Shea Keek, best known as simply Shea, and Jon Brant, the stage was set.

"They were hand picked because they were knowledgeable in their field," Free said. "They weren't promising anything to anyone except a chance to be heard."

Kramer is best known as the former lead vocalist for the rock group Saigon Kick in the late-1980s. He is currently a vocal coach in Miami. Brant was the bass player of the hugely successful band Cheap Trick from 1981-1987. Shea is best known as a native solo artist, and is also one of Free's protégés, as well as a fellow NAMMY award winner.

The event was definitely needed, according to Free. He said he understands

the struggle involved with being an undiscovered artist first-hand. Free was virtually unknown until the 1970s when he was noticed by rock legend Gene Simmons of the band KISS.

Free then went on to music stardom as a member of the 1980s Grammy award winning R&B group Shalamar, as well as his own band he formed called Crown of Thorns.

"Anything that starts good, starts



Event Organizer/Host Micki Free.

small," Free said. "There's a lot of talent in the Tribe and a lot of talent which is untarnished and undiscovered. I used to be just like them; I was one of the lucky ones. I'm living proof that if I can do it they can do it."

Free said there are also plans for developing a Seminole Star Search music weekend camp. The camp will be held twice a year, going out to each reservation for one weekend. It will focus on stage presence, singing techniques and performance tips for competitors prior to the

event.

One highlight and crowd favorite throughout the week was Shea's rendition of John Anderson's classic song "Seminole Wind."

She said her performance of the National Anthem at the Nov. 8, 2007 Veteran's Day celebration in Big Cypress caught the attention of Trail Liaison William Osceola and Chairman Mitchell Cypress. She said Chairman Cypress asked her to re-make the song "Seminole Wind," adding a native twist.

"I was very humbled and honored [Chairman Cypress] asked me," she said. "[The song] comes from a different place when it comes from a native person."

As a youth she was introduced to the song and it remains a part of her childhood memories. She said she can deeply relate to the song and is excited to be working with the Tribe.

"Not only as a native person can I relate [to the native struggle], but through the song, I can understand their pride and relate with it," Shea said. "[The Tribe is] pushing their way through to be seen and heard for all Native people."

She said she also learned a few things being involved with the competition along the way and was "honored to be involved in something like this."

"It was very important that these kids see that I am successful in this industry," Shea said. "It also showed me that I am always seen as a role model."

Free said the whole Seminole Star Search experience was great to build on and learn from.

"There was nothing I saw that could've been better," he said. "It was all good because it was all positive."

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Seniors Valentine's Day Party



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Ronnie Doctor prepares the sand before the horseshoe throw competition.



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Maydell Osceola, who won first place in the 60-69 year old category, concentrates on her next throw.

Results of the Horseshoe Throw:

Women: 50-59 years old: 1. Bobbie Lou Billie, 2. Laura Clay; 60-69 years old: 1. Mabel Doctor, 2. Maydell Osceola, 3. Cornelia Osceola.
Men: 60-69 years old: 1. Ronnie Doctor, 2. Eugene Bowers; Men, 70 and older: 1. Jimmy Osceola.



Chris Jenkins

(L-R) David Jumper and Paul "Cowbone" Buster look for the winning combination in bingo.



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Mabel Doctor relaxes in between rounds.



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Jimmy Hank Osceola (R) watches as Bobbie Lou Billie (L), who took first place in her division, focuses during her turn.

Seniors Attend Valentine's Ball in BC

By Judy Weeks

BIG CYPRESS — The Big Cypress seniors love to party and Valentine's Day gave them the perfect excuse. Getting a jump on the holiday, they celebrated on Feb. 12 at the Hot Meals facility,

where staff decorated for the event.

The day was filled with fun and games. Louise Billie managed to scoop up 27 candy kisses with a teaspoon in only 15 seconds. Meanwhile, Teresa Jumper excelled at estimating, because she came within 15 pieces of a perfect score of 1595, in a guessing game based on how many candy hearts filled a jar.

The dance contests brought out the hilarious side of participants and spectators. Music from the 1950s and 60s brought back youthful memories, while poodle skirts, bobby socks and heart covered attire set the mood for the gala event. Whether waltzing, twirling, dipping or playing an air guitar, the dancers were obviously having a good time as they strutted their stuff around the dance floor.

The Single's Contest finalists were Lawanna Osceola-Niles, Louise Osceola, Carol Cypress and George Billie.

When it came to the Couples Contest, male partners were in short supply, but not for long, as young men from various departments volunteered to participate. It was a close race with George Billie and Mary Tigertail triumphing over their runner ups, Claudia Doctor, Martha Billie, Virginia Tommie and Pilot Billie with their partners.

After careful consideration, George and Sally Billie were crowned the king and queen of the Valentine's Ball. Carrying a single red rose, they donned their gold crowns and took a turn around the dance floor, while fellow attendees cheered.



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Valentine's Day Queen Sally Billie was presented a red rose by her King, George Billie, after they received their crowns.



Judy Weeks

Carol Cypress gets down in her 1950s-style beebop attire.



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Pilot Billie strums an air guitar while his partner Lawanna Osceola-Niles shakes a leg.

Depts. Co-Host Youth Valentine's Day Party

By Valerie Marone

BRIGHTON — Brighton's Alcohol/Drug Prevention Team and the Recreation Department partnered to co-sponsor a Valentine's Day Dinner-Dance for Brighton's youth. The turnout was impressive as more than 100 youngsters danced to music provided by the DJ, ate a delicious buffet dinner and limboed the evening away.

The gymnasium was transformed by cupids and hearts floating from the ceiling, a beautiful heart-shaped ice sculpture, red and white Valentine's Day decorations, flowers, balloons and sparkling confetti. As the popcorn popped, the chocolate fountain flowed, the cotton candy machine spun sweet treats and the kids enjoyed a drug free evening.

The Brighton Alcohol/Drug Prevention Team and the Recreation Department have been partnering to provide drug free activities for the Brighton youth. These events help to reinforce drug free choices and give youth the opportunity to practice their socialization skills in a safe, supportive environment.



Jodi King

Brighton's drug free youth enjoy the party.



Jodi King

(L-R) Morgan King and Allison Gopher make their best attempt at winning the Limbo contest.



Jodi King

Sunni Bearden does the Limbo.



Jodi King

Malcolm Jones boogies down!



Jodi King

(L-R) Richard Osceola, Brighton Recreation Dept. Director and Charlene Baker.

Valentine's Day Isn't Just For Sweethearts Immokalee Hosts Various Holiday Events

By Judy Weeks

IMMOKALEE — Regardless of age, residents of the Immokalee community each found a special way to celebrate Valentine's Day.

A door contest set the mood and brought out the creativity in everyone as hearts and cupids put the community into the holiday spirit.

The holiday's activities were kicked off with bingo at the Senior Center, which included door prizes, gifts and a luncheon in a very festive atmosphere.

During the evening, a Valentine's dance at the Gym began with a lavish buffet followed by sweet treats that caught everyone's eye as the chocolate fountain was clearly the night's big hit.

In between dance contests, a steady stream of children and adults boarded the Immokalee Seminole Ranch's beautifully decorated carriage for a leisurely trip around the community.

A Sweetheart's Pool Tournament drew an appreciative crowd at the Youth Ranch Hall, which included singles, doubles and both 8- and 9-Ball competition.

Helping sponsor the events, Immokalee Board Liaison Delores Jumper said: "Valentine's Day isn't just for sweethearts. It is a time to show your family, friends and neighbors how much you appreciate their love and support throughout the entire year. A hug goes a long way toward strengthening relationships."

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(L-R) Jade Tapia gives her friend, Eliza Mora, a Valentine's Day hug before boarding the horse drawn carriage in Immokalee.



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Immokalee Board Liaison Delores Jumper (C) congratulates Mary and Tony Sanchez on winning one of the Valentine's Day door prizes.



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Ashley Faz couldn't resist one more trip to the chocolate fountain.

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Brighton A-Team members are: Trista Osceola, Calgary Johns, Chastity Harmon, Kaitlin Brown, Rylee Osceola, Courtney Gore, Brydgett Koonitz, Tyra Baker and Odessa King. The coaches are Jo Jumper and Holly Johns.

Brighton Volleyball Team Challenges the Competition

Team Places Second in Cape Coast Volleyball Tourney

By Elizabeth Leiba

BRIGHTON — For the first time ever, the Brighton Reservation has organized a girl's volleyball team, and has had a great turnout and participation for up and coming athletes. The team is aptly named the Seminole Tribe of Florida — Brighton A Team. And with nine participants, they have shown true heart and competitive spirit.

The weekend of Feb. 23 saw the young stars competing in the Cape

Coast Volleyball Tournament where the team advanced to the championship game by winning the Pool B and beating out two other teams. The championship game was challenging and although they were not victorious there, the team placed second overall in the 10 and under age bracket.

"It was another great experience for our young girls," said Coach Jo Jumper.

Brighton Youth Attend Harlem Globetrotters Tour

By Valerie Marone

ESTERO, Fla. — On Feb. 29 several Brighton youngsters boarded a bus bound for the Germain Arena to attend the Harlem Globetrotters' "Magic As Ever" World Tour. The Globetrotters were at their best as they shared their basketball skills and their comedy routines.

This drug free event was sponsored by the Brighton Recreation Department and the Brighton Family Services Department. These two departments have been working together since

the fall to provide monthly drug free, fun activities for Brighton's youth. The goal of these two departments is to help the youth understand that there are fun alternatives to drinking and using drugs and they do have a better choice.

The next event will be the Brighton Spring Break Pool Party, held March 31 at the Brighton Pool. The party will feature relay races, water volleyball, drive competitions, food, fun, music and more.

EIRA Rodeo Held in Conjunction With Field Days

By Judy Weeks

BRIGHTON — Some of the finest native athletes in the rodeo circuit traveled from distant parts of the U.S. and Canada to participate in the Eastern Indian Rodeo Association (EIRA) event, held Feb. 15, during Brighton's 70th Annual Brighton Field Days.

In the past, many of the competitors also qualified for the Indian National Finals Rodeo (INFR). With the beginning of a new season, the contestants were eager to begin accumulating points to earn a position in the 2008 lineup.

"You might say rodeo is in our blood," said Brighton Council Rep. Roger Smith. "For generations our people have had the cattle industry play an important role in their economy. Rodeo is a whole-some sport that has evolved from the daily work of the cowboy and the intense skill of his job."

"The Seminole Tribe is proud to have the opportunity to sponsor these athletes," Smith added.

Local EIRA champions like Justin Gopher, Hillard Gopher, Naha Jumper, Josh Jumper, Jo "Boogie" Jumper and



Judy Weeks

Veteran Bareback Rider Shawn Best Sr. from Washington State shows perfect form as his mount sunfishes for the sky.



Judy Weeks

Outstanding All-Around athlete Joe Wilson from South Dakota takes first place in the Bareback competition.

Lizzie Dixie, are just a few of the talented Seminole who have risen to the heights of the INFR.

The sanctioned events provided contestants and spectators a thrilling evening as the best of the best worked with the livestock to beat the clock. Winners in each category formed an all-star lineup.

Although these men and women usually enter several events, as a general rule they excel in one particular division. This is not the case with Joe Wilson, an Oglala Sioux from the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota.

Beginning in rodeo as a young child, he has developed quite a career in just 20 years. He could easily be called an all-around cowboy as he took first place in the Bareback and Steer Wrestling and second in the Saddle Bronces. An

avid roper, he is definitely a man to be reckoned with.

Kassidy Dennison ran a three flat in Breakaway, narrowly beating Brighton's LeAnna Billie. However, the tables turned in the Barrels event when the local cowgirls made a clean sweep of all six slots as follows: Scooter Johns, Mackenzie Johns, Boogie Jumper, Sheyanna Osceola, Shelby Osceola and Marilee Johns, respectively.

Visitors Andre LaFrance and Kyle Dennison earned the top scores in the Calf Roping, while Jesse Colliflower took first in the Saddle Bronces.

An upcoming star in EIRA, Heeler Hillard Gopher, teamed up with Brooks Dahyzo from the southwest and together they aced the Team Roping. Josh Jumper headed for Preston Williams, which proved to be a winning combination as they took fourth.

Casey McDonald from Browning, Mont. earned 75 points on Circuit Breaker in the Bull Riding. Brighton's Justin Aldridge was hot on his heels on Rez Dog with 73 points.

Local Bareback Rider Dayne Johns threw caution to the wind when he volunteered to help the clown with his half time act. Mounted in the saddle on the back of a trick airplane, Dayne received the ride of his life before being spun off into the clay while the crowd roared.

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Justin Gopher holds his own on this twisting monster as he earns first place.

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Gopher Sweeps Bull Riding Invitational

By Judy Weeks

IMMOKALEE — March 1st is a day that Eastern Indian Rodeo Association (EIRA) Bull Riding Champion Justin Gopher will not soon forget. He competed against 28 of the top riders in the circuit and went on to capture first place in the Southern States Bull Riding competition with a score of 83 points.

The eight contestants with the highest points of the event returned at the end of the evening for the

finals and Justin Gopher earned 86 points on one of the toughest bulls to ever be included in rodeo stock. Again, he was awarded first place which will give him an opportunity to join the top 20 riders in the Red Man Finals.

Twisting and turning both left and right, the bull bucked furiously, but was unable to dislodge Gopher who held his hand high and completed the ride in excellent form. Both the judge and announcer were very complimentary.

Gopher was also the EIRA bull riding champion for 2007.

Gopher wasn't the only Native American in the line up in Immokalee. Greg Lewis and Kasey McDonald of Browning, Mont., threw their hats in the ring, but were unfortunately beaten by the clock.

Immokalee Seminole Ranch Director Kenny Joe Davis, who sponsored the Red Man Invitational, handed Justin Gopher his championship buckle.

"I want to shake your hand today so that I can say 'I knew him when,'" Davis said. "I have been watching Justin grow up in rodeo and am proud to call him my fellow Tribal member."


Continuing, Davis said: "I would also like to congratulate all of the men who participated here tonight. Bull riding is a tough and dangerous sport. Although it is very competitive, I see each and every one of you supporting each other and rushing to the aid of a fallen comrade. This is the height of good sportsmanship and makes you all winners."



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Immokalee Seminole Ranch Director Kenny Joe Davis (L) and his Assistant Gabriel Acosta (R) award Justin Gopher his championship buckle at the Red Man Invitational.

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Tribally-Sponsored Boxer Competes at 'Unification'

Boxing Event Held in NYC's Madison Square Garden

By Chris Jenkins

NEW YORK — Seminole Warriors Boxing and World Boxing Organization champion Sultan Ibragimov had it all on the line Feb. 23. In Madison Square Garden, a place where legends are made, it was a big test in his young career.

In the "Mecca of Boxing," fight fans hoped they witness what would become an instant classic. It was the first unification bout since the 1999 showdown between Evander Holyfield and Lennox Lewis. All the action was live on HBO, along with six other bouts on tilt.

Ibragimov, 22-1 (17 KOs) reigning World Boxing Organization (WBO) champion, faced veteran Wladimir Klitschko 50-3 (44 KOs), the reigning International Boxing Federation and International Boxing Organization heavyweight champ.

The winner would take all, placing a firm grip on the heavyweight division's claim as undisputed champ, holding three of the four major championship belts.

Both had reason to be feeling confident coming in. The southpaw Ibragimov was in action last October dashing the hopes of a comeback by the legend Evander Holyfield in a 12-round unanimous decision.

Klitschko took on former WBO champion Lamont Brewster in July of 2007 — their second meeting — winning by a retire decision in six rounds.

For the thousands in attendance, it could have been seen as a combination of discipline, disappoint-



Chris Jenkins

Wladimir Klitschko after his victory over Ibragimov with his championship belts.

ment and over-strategizing, which led to a predictable unanimous decision for Klitschko in 12 rounds.

Both stayed consistent throughout; Ibragimov attacked the body, but with little success and Klitschko used his 6'6" height and 81 inch reach to his advantage by keeping Ibragimov at bay using his jab connecting at an almost 3-1 mark. Ibragimov tried to push the pace and tempo late in the fight, but Klitschko eluded any real contact.

The dejected former champ Ibragimov said he was surprised and frustrated afterwards.

"Klitschko didn't jab, he chopped and grabbed the whole fight," Ibragimov said. "He was a lot faster than in his previous fights. I didn't feel he hurt me during the fight, but I felt he was winning."

Warriors Boxing Executive Director Leon Margules said he was also disappointed, but optimistic.

"Klitschko deserved the decision based on the scores," Margules said. "Every time Sultan wanted to make it a fight, Klitschko didn't."

"Sometimes you don't win the big ones," he added. "Obviously he is still a top contender; he can certainly handle the pressure."

Klitschko, however, said

was pleased with the strategy he used in the fight. "I definitely was going into the fight to win it as convincingly as possible," Klitschko said. "I was trying to build the fight into my strategy using my left hand to set up my right to knock him out."

"I want to say thank you to Sultan for taking the fight and making it happen," he added.

Next for Klitschko is a possible showdown with the winner of the Oleg Maskaev-Samuel Peter match-up for the World Boxing Council championship. A win by Klitschko would completely unify the titles.

Other action included: in middleweight, junior middleweight and super middleweight action, John Duddy stayed undefeated over Wladimir Smichet by a unanimous decision in 10 rounds, Warriors Joe Greene remained perfect by unanimous decision and won the National American Boxing Organization championship by TKO dominating veteran Francisco Mora in 10 rounds, Ronnie Vargas went the distance in four rounds moving to 5-0 over Monyette Flowers by unanimous decision and Peter Quillin won by KO in the second round versus Thomas Brown.

Among cruiserweights, Johnathan Banks moved to 19-0 with an impressive first round KO over Imamu Mayfield.

In heavyweight action, Alexander Ustinov won easily over Earl Ladsen with a first round TKO.

Some of the stars in attendance were: action star Bruce Willis, comedian Will Ferrell, model Christie Brinkley, track and field legend Edwin Moses, boxing legend Thomas "The Hitman" Hearns as well as National Football League and Super Bowl 42 champions of the New York Giants Michael Strahan, Plaxico Burress and Amani Toomer.

Tribal Council showed their support also and included: Chairman Mitchell Cypress, Big Cypress Council Rep. David Cypress and Fort Pierce Liaison S.R. Tommie, to name a few.




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Klitschko (L) keeps Ibragimov (R) at bay using his left jab.



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Greene (R) works the jab to perfection over an overmatched Mora (L).



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Youth Learn Valuable Lessons Through Basketball

By Judy Weeks

IMMOKALEE — Forty Tribal youngsters, representing Hollywood, Big Cypress and Immokalee, attended two basketball clinics, one on Feb. 29 and the other on March 1, in Immokalee.

Christopher Maxson, assistant coach at Indian River Community College, conducted the two day event and introduced the youth to the concept that sports can be a tool for advancement of life's goals.

As a part of the program, they met Stanley

Honorat, who is attending college on a basketball scholarship and majoring in criminal justice. His companion, Marvin Gray, also is on scholarship from the Bahamas and is studying to become a physical education teacher. Basketball is providing the key to open the door to their education.

Immokalee's Assistant Recreation Director Virginia Garcia Sanders coordinated the clinic in an effort to show Seminole youth the benefits of sports in education, health and responsibility, she said.



Judy Weeks

Immokalee Asst. Recreation Director Virginia Garcia Sanders (4th Row, 5th from Left) joins Assistant Coach Christopher Maxson of Indian River College (Left, Rear) in putting on a basketball clinic to introduce the reservation youth to the benefits of sports.



Susan etxeharria

Mary Huff shares a special moment at the signing party with her grandmother, Lottie Baxley of Brighton.

❖ Huff

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improved every season. Not just physically, but mentally. She has a level head on her shoulders and is a real leader of the team."

A steak and rib dinner was cooked up by dad John Wayne Huff Sr. and brother John Wayne Huff Jr. and The Seminole Tribe of Florida Education Department also presented a slide show.

"This is a very proud day for the education department," said the department's Acting Director Emma Johns. "Mary has always been an exceptional student both academically and socially. We're not surprised she's here tonight. She has always been one to set an example for our people."

Mary's dad explained how Mary got to where she is today. She started playing softball when she was 9 years old with the Okeechobee County Recreation Association (OCRA) and asked her dad if he knew how to play ball. Dad said he played ball in high school, loved the game, and he was encouraged to see how dedicated his daughter was, practicing pitching for hours and hours.

"I bought her four buckets of balls and bought her a canvas catcher. Then I had to buy a catcher's mitt," he said.

Together father and daughter practiced pitching, catching, how to throw a curve ball and how to drop a ball.

"After playing high school ball, Mary played travel ball during the summers so it was 12 months of the year," said

Huff Sr. "We were on the road a lot,"

Over the years, he and Mary's mom, Vickey Huff, hardly missed a game. They took many trips with the Throop family becoming friends with them and the team.

"Both these girls are destined for great things," said Coach Cary McCullough, an OCRA coach who coached the travel ball team. "Mary is ferocious. She always had an arm for the game and is the most competitive girl I have ever seen."

Brighton's Michele Thomas expressed everyone's sentiment: "We are very proud of both of you girls and with the talent you are taking to that school, they are very lucky."



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Mary Huff speaks at her celebration signing party.

Go Dragon Corner



Irena Lotoski

Little Warrior II Teammates Alina Stockton and Tash-sho Jumper practice partner kicking drills during class.



Irena Lotoski

Team Dragon yellow belts, Justin Roff, Savannah Tiger and Katie Bert, practice side kicks during class.



Irena Lotoski

Little Warrior II teammates Jayton Baker and Echo Billie get ready to practice their kicking skills with partners during class.



Irena Lotoski

Little Warrior I classmates Phorian Baker and Elle Thomas learn about center of gravity while playing a fun game.



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Little Warrior II Teammates Brendan Otero and Bradin Jim successfully pass progress checks and earn a new stripe.



Irena Lotoski

Brothers and teammates Ramone and Phorian Baker learn important skills through fun games in Little Warrior I class.



Irena Lotoski

Alyke Baker wows the crowd in a confidence building high jump contest during Little Warriors II class.

Family Services, Rec., Team Up for Youth Activities

Depts. Co-Hosts Drug-Free Activities for Students

Submitted by Valerie Marone

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

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

In the spirit of "Everyone is a winner that doesn't do drugs," all participants received medals.

The winning team members of the Brighton Holiday Dodge Ball Tournament were: Cameron Thomas, Lane Thomas, Randy Shore, Alissa Dorgan, and Royce Osceola.

The second of these activities was the Brighton Holiday Roller Skating, held Jan. 7 at the Vero Beach Skate Factory. Everyone reported having a great time. The students and staff members skated, played limbo, had races, played arcade games, and pizza and popcorn.

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Tribal Citizens, Employees Walk for AHA

Team Seminole Attends Annual Broward County Heart Walk

By Marisol Gonzalez

DAVIE, Fla. — As the clouds parted and the sun came out on a somewhat drizzly day, Tribal citizens, employees and South Florida locals alike came out and walked for a healthy cause, the 2008 Start! Broward Heart Walk, held March 8 on the Nova Southeastern University campus.

The event is part of a national series of Heart Walks coordinated by the American Heart Association (AHA). All monies raised from these events go to the AHA, and the participants at the Broward walk alone raised nearly \$465,000, according to the Broward Heart Walk's website.

For the past few years, Edna McDuffie from the Big Cypress Health Department has been organizing these and other walking events with a group known as Team Seminole. This year's 29-person turnout was a big success, McDuffie said.

Team Seminole consisted of Tribal citizens and employees from Hollywood, Big Cypress, Immokalee and Brighton, Lawanna Osceola-Niles, Cornelia Osceola, Dorothy Tommie and David Jumper represented the Hollywood senior community. Jumper also showed off the Team Seminole T-shirt design on stage during the T-shirt design contest. Osceola-Niles said that her daughter's heart murmur played a factor in her attending the walk.

Gail Mason from the Hollywood



Marisol Gonzalez

Team Seminole display their banner and wait for the countdown to begin walking.

Payroll Department also had a personal reason for participating in the annual walk.

"Heart disease affected both of my parents so I felt compelled to walk at the event," she said.

Mason is not alone. According to the AHA, heart disease and stroke are the number one and number three killers, respectively, in the country with more than 910,000 deaths attributed to these diseases annually.

Also, like Mason, many walkers attended the walk to honor the memory of a friend or family member who has suffered from heart disease and/or stroke.

In addition to the walkers, the Seminole Tribe also had a display tent set up for Heart Walk attendees to learn about the Tribe. Staff at the tent gave away bags filled with informational pamphlets about the Tribe's Health Department, as well as other goodies to walkers and volunteers.



Marisol Gonzalez

Hollywood seniors (L-R) Cornelia Osceola, Dorothy Tommie, Lawanna Osceola-Niles and David Jumper at the Heart Walk.



Marisol Gonzalez

David Jumper shows off his Team Seminole T-shirt design during the T-shirt design contest.

Pathway to Wellness Kick-Off Game

By Marisol Gonzalez

HOLLYWOOD — The Boys & Girls Club, Family Services and Allied Health Departments kicked off a 36-week curriculum titled Pathway to Wellness at the Boys & Girls Club on March 4. Each week, from 4-5 p.m., a different activity will be held for the children to learn more along their path to wellness, explained Julie Bennett, Family Services Department intervention specialist.

During Pathway to Wellness, the youth gathered for a human board game

where they were split into four teams divided by colors. Each team would take a turn and roll the dice to see where they would advance on the board. Next, they would have to answer a question correctly in order to proceed or attempt an obstacle on the course. If the question was answered incorrectly they would have to move back a certain number of spaces, depending on the difficulty of the question they landed on.

Bennett said she was very happy with the turnout of the first event. And added it was fun to get everyone involved. Bennett came up with the idea for the human board game on a whim. "It was one of those driving-to-work ideas," she stated. At the end of the event, prizes were given out to the winning team. Prizes included items associated with each component of the game.

The winning team was the purple team, consisting of Elizabeth Frank, 7, Bird Clan, Trinity



Marisol Gonzalez

Tiffany Baker of the Blue Team attempts an obstacle while wearing the "Drunk Goggles."

Bowers, 8, Panther Clan, and Chesna Bowers, 8, Snake Clan. The purple team was overjoyed with excitement.

"I thought someone else was going to win" stated Chesna Bowers.

For more information, or to become involved in the Pathway to Wellness, contact the Hollywood Boys & Girls Club at (954) 964-5947.



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(L-R) Kei Shawn Stewart is being guided by Taylor Pratt of the Red Team. They worked together through a peer pressure directional obstacle.



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Joey Punte (L) of the Green Team rolls the dice to see what space the team will advance to.



Marisol Gonzalez

The winning Purple Team (L-R) Elizabeth Frank, Trinity Bowers and Chesna Bowers.

Understanding Allergies for Better Health

By Carter Elbon, MS, Assistant Environmental Health Program Manager

According to the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology, "Allergic diseases can be controlled; symptoms can be prevented or minimized."

It is known that as many as 40-50 million people in the U.S. suffer from allergies. And allergies cause swollen eyes, itching skin, dripping noses, lightheadedness and even death.

An allergy is a strong reaction by your body's immune system to something that would normally be harmless, such as plant, food, or medicine. Common reactions include a stuffy nose, itchy eyes, or a skin rash. Severe allergic reactions require immediate medical attention.

Many people who have allergies also have asthma. Allergic reactions may trigger asthma attacks, where a swelling and tightening of your airways makes it difficult to breathe.

Signs of allergies and allergic reactions include: asthma, shortness of breath, cough, chest tightness or wheezing, itchy, watery eyes; hives or itchy rash on skin; dark circles under and around eyes; recurring headaches, diarrhea or stomach cramps; and/or anaphy-

laxis, a severe reaction, which may be life-threatening, and has symptoms including swelling, tingling in the mouth, and a red, itchy rash, as well as lightheadedness, shortness of breath, severe sneezing, stomach cramps, and loss of blood pressure. If these symptoms are present, immediately take the person to a doctor or emergency room for treatment.

There are many types of allergies. The following are some of the most common: Indoor: dust, dust mites, mold, pet dander; Outdoor: pollen, mold; Foods: milk, citrus fruits, eggs, peanuts, wheat, fish and sea foods; Insect bites and stings: bees, wasps, hornets, yellow jackets; and Skin contact: plants (such as poison ivy), cosmetics, skin-care products, jewelry, sun tan lotions, latex.

It is important to know your allergies, and know what to avoid. Not everyone is allergic to the same things. Contact your doctor about any unusual reactions to foods, plants, medications or other items.

Again in the event of a severe allergic reaction, seek emergency medical attention immediately.

If there is any question please call the Health Department at (954) 962-2009 and ask for Carter Elbon in the Environmental Health Program.

Avoid contact with things you know trigger allergies:

Avoid being outside or having windows open when pollen counts are high.

Read food labels carefully to avoid ingredients that cause reactions.

Choose medicines and home-care products carefully. Remove carpet or vacuum often to avoid animal dander.

Keep a clean home:

Control pests such as mice and cockroaches. Vacuum floors and upholstery often and consider removing carpet. Empty vacuum cleaner after each use.

Avoid having mold, cigarette smoke, pesticides, and chemical inside the house.

Keep pets out of the bedroom of family members who are allergic to them.

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Healthy Seminole

Dear Health Educator,

I am a senior, age 75, who is fairly active — I walk every day — and I try to eat healthy. How concerned do I need to be about having a heart attack or a stroke? What are the signs?

Sincerely,
Somewhat Concerned

Dear Somewhat Concerned,

It seems you are aware of two of the major factors in preventing a heart attack or stroke — exercise and nutrition. It is important to stay active and to eat right. Staying active can be as simple as 30 to 60 minutes of moderate exercise every day, at least three times a week. Moderate exercise can consist of walking, biking, swimming, weight training, etc. Eating foods low in fat and high in fiber, and at least five servings of fruits and vegetables a day is an excellent way to incorporate healthy eating into your lifestyle.

It is also important to get regular checkups at your doctor's office or clinic. You should know your cholesterol levels and your blood pressure. If too high, both of these can contribute to your heart attack or stroke risk.

General guidelines for cholesterol are: Your total cholesterol level should be less than 200; "Borderline high" cholesterol is between 200-239, and "High" cholesterol is anything more than 240; Your "LDL," or bad cholesterol, should be less than 100; Your "HDL," or good cholesterol, should be more than 60, as HDL levels that are less than 40 put you at risk for heart disease; and Your triglycerides, another type of blood fat, should be 150 or less.

Normal blood pressure should be less than 120/80. At risk for high blood pressure (prehypertension) is 120/80 to 139/89. High blood pressure is 140/90 or higher. It is important to: limit salt and sodium, quit smoking, maintain good eating and exercise habits, limit alcohol and be aware of the side effects of medications you are taking.

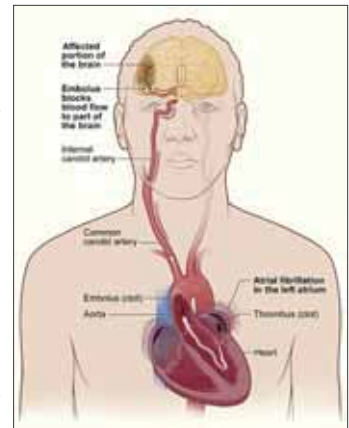
It is also important to know what the warning signs are in case something ever happens. The first few minutes are very crucial in getting help.

One of the signs of heart attack is chest discomfort. This is usually associated with uncomfortable pressure, fullness, squeezing or pain, and generally occurs in the center of the chest behind the breast-

bone. It may spread to, or occasionally originate in, either the shoulder, neck, lower jaw, or either arm. The discomfort of a heart attack usually lasts longer than a few minutes and may come and go.

Other signs of a heart attack may include any, all, or none of the following: chest discomfort and lightheadedness, fainting, sweating, nausea and shortness of breath. This is a more reliable indicator of heart attack in persons 75 and older. Only 40 percent of people 85 and older reported having chest pain during heart attack.

Stroke is a common and serious brain illness. It results from blockage or rupture of a blood vessel. Warning signs or symptoms of stroke may include the following: sudden weakness or numbness of



the face, arm, or leg on one side of the body, loss of speech, slurred or incoherent speech, unexplained dizziness, unsteadiness, or sudden falls, loss of consciousness, dimness or loss of vision, particularly in one eye or an unusual severe or sudden intense headache can be an important warning sign of a brain hemorrhage.

Knowing the ways to prevent heart attack and stroke will significantly reduce your chances of having one. Knowing the signs and symptoms of a heart attack or stroke and what to do if you are having one, will greatly increase your chances of survival and recovery. For more information about heart attack, stroke or keeping your heart healthy, visit your reservation's health educator for a personal consultation.

Sincerely,
Your Health Educator

The Seminole Health Department nutritionists offer a variety of programs and services: Community education (at Senior Centers, schools, reservation events and other programs) and patient counseling at the clinics are the primary focuses.

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

Hollywood, Toma Hunter, (954) 965-1300, Ext. 10311
Brighton, Beth Morlang, (863) 983-0271, Ext. 15344
Immokalee, Charlotte Porcuro, (239) 867-3408
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The Healthy Senior

By Fred Cicetti

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Q: I've been losing some hair, which is no surprise for an old lady, but I was wondering if there's anything I can do to hold onto what I have.

A: Alopecia is the medical term for hair loss.

Androgenetic alopecia, or pattern baldness, is the most common type of alopecia; it affects about one-third of us. I'm in that third with you.

Men start to get pattern baldness at the hairline and crown. This can lead to complete baldness.

Women's hair loss is usually limited to thinning; they rarely go totally bald.

There are a few steps you can take to preserve your hair:

1. Avoid tight hairstyles that pull on the hair. So, forget braids, ponytails, cornrows and tight hair rollers. The pulling causes some hair loss, especially along the sides of the scalp. This type of hair loss is called traction alopecia. If the pulling scars the scalp, it can cause permanent hair loss.

2. Brushing or combing too much can break hair, so keep them to a minimum. Use combs with wide teeth and brushes with smooth tips. Wet hair is more fragile than dry hair, so show care when you do your hair after a shower.

3. Shampooing too often is bad for your hair. Use a cream rinse or conditioner after shampooing to make it easier to comb. And don't dry your hair by rubbing it with a towel.

4. Don't use hot-oil hair treatments or chemi-

cals in permanents. These may cause inflammation of the hair follicles, which can lead to hair loss.

There are about 100,000 hairs in the average scalp. About 100 hairs are lost from your head every day. Each individual hair survives for an average of 4 1/2 years and grows about a half inch a month. In its fifth year, the hair usually falls out and is replaced within six months by a new one.

We lose hair as we age. Pattern baldness affects many more men than women. About 25 percent of men begin to bald by the time they are 30 years old, and about two-thirds have at least a balding pattern by age 60.

Androgenetic alopecia is caused by heredity; a history of it on either side of your family increases your risk of balding.

Medications may help slow or prevent the development of common baldness. Rogaine® is available without a prescription. It is applied to the scalp. Both men and women can use it. Propecia® is available with a prescription. It comes in pills and is only for men. It may take up to six months before you can tell if one of these medications is working.

Hair transplants and scalp reduction surgery are available to treat androgenetic alopecia when more conservative measures have failed. During transplantation a dermatologist or cosmetic surgeon takes tiny plugs of skin, each containing one to several hairs, from the back or side of your scalp. The plugs are then implanted into the bald sections. Scalp reduction, as the name implies, means decreasing the area of bald skin on your head.



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Mrs. Hudson - Cady Osceola

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Third Grade:
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Fourth Grade:
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Fifth Grade:
Mrs. Finney - Lindsey Sampson



Four Year Degree Recipients Recognized for Excellence

By Marisol Gonzalez

Executive Administrative Officer Amy Johns

HOLLYWOOD — Amy Johns, Panther Clan, brings knowledge, as well as experience to the Tribe in the capacity of executive administrative officer (EAO). She attended Arizona State University where she acquired a master of public administration degree. She also holds a bachelor's in social work, with a minor in American Indian justice studies and an accounting operations certificate.

Johns said she has worked for the Seminole Tribe of Florida since she was just a kid. She started off working with the summer work intern programs when they were known as the Job Training Partnership Act, or JTPA Program. She has worked under various departments such as Buildings & Grounds, Family Services, Gaming, the Treasurer's Office, and finally the Executive Administrative Office.

Though she now works for the Tribe in an administrative capacity, Johns said this was not always the case. She recalled a time, while working with the JTPA Program, where she molded ditches while working under the auspices of the Cattle and Range Department. Johns also worked for the Buildings and Grounds Department at about age 15 when she had to plant caladiums, a tropical foliage plant, in front of the Brighton Field Office.

"To this day I hate caladiums," Johns said, jokingly.

She currently is the Tribal EAO, a job she brings much experience to, having worked with a number of other Tribes, as well as an internship in the Arizona State Senate. Johns said that all the changes, with the leaps and bounds the Tribe has attained in recent years, should lead to "peace and stability and a sense of normalcy on a programmatic level."

"I am a 'Jackie of all Trades,'" she said. "I am exactly where I am supposed to be, and I am most certainly am where I would want to be, so I guess it all worked out."

Johns, daughter of Bruce Waldron and Patty Johns Waldron, and mother of two boys, Steven and Dylan, said she is happy to work with the Tribe which she describes as her home, heart and life. To work for the Tribe is a welcome duty and opportunity to enhance and promote the overall well being of the Tribe, she added.

EAO Executive Assistant Laura Billie

Laura Billie, Panther Clan, daughter of Billie Cypress and Lena Cypress, is originally from Big Cypress, though she currently resides in Plantation, Fla. From Big Cypress she said she moved around, going to Immokalee, then back to Big Cypress, and then to Oklahoma where she attended high school.

After high school she went on to further her education.

She earned an associate degree in hospital management from Johnson & Wales University in North Miami, as well as a bachelor of arts in public management from Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton. She is currently in the process of attaining a master of public administration degree from



Marisol Gonzalez
Laura Billie

Nova Southeastern University in Davie, and said she is slated to graduate in December 2009.

Billie has worked in many departments within the Seminole Tribe, including positions as a secretary and an office clerk. She also interned with the Florida Grants and Governmental Relations office. She currently works under EAO Amy Johns as her executive assistant. If she wasn't working as an executive assistant, Billie said she would probably want to be in a management position, given her educational background.

She said she strives to accomplish all the challenges set before her. She said she knows her family, including her one daughter, Larissa Tucker, Tribal community and her career are big responsibilities.

"I like a challenge," Billie said. "I will accept a challenge, hoping that I can accomplish all that is set before me."

She said she has always been interested in the non-profit community and helps out with charity work when she is asked or needed. Billie also said she has a great relationship with her church.

Entertainer Paula Bowers-Sanchez

Aspiring entrepreneur and role model are just two of the hats Seminole Tribal citizen Paula Bowers-Sanchez, Snake Clan, wears regularly. She is also the mother of one son, Jesse, 4, and the daughter of Mildred Bowers.

Bowers-Sanchez attended and graduated from Hollywood Hills High School and then decided to further her education. She was accepted to both New York University (NYU) and University of Miami. She decided to take a step out of her back yard, she said, and head up to the Big Apple to pursue a bachelor's degree in psychology, with a minor in business.

After receiving her bachelor's degree in 1993, she said she decided to continue her education at Nova Southeastern University in Davie. After completing the program there, she received her master's degree in mental health counseling.

Bowers-Sanchez said she sees Angelina Jolie as a role model because she has a thriving career but can still manage to maintain children, her home and her family. She said she is also inspired by her mother and husband, Tony Sanchez, Jr.

Bowers-Sanchez said her mother always pulls through with a smile on her face, even when she doesn't feel well, and her husband is a hard worker.

She said she is fortunate to be a member of the Tribe and wants to spread the word to other Tribal citizens to let them know how blessed they are to be part of the Tribe as well. To that end, she created "Seminole Secret," a Public Service Announcement (PSA). She said she felt it was time for someone to say something to the youth today, and get a positive message across.

"The PSA is a motivational message regarding substance abuse and going for your dream," she said. "I felt it was time for someone to say something to these kids to go out there and do what they dream of doing. Like the old saying, 'If at first you don't succeed, try and try again,'" she said.

Since 1991, Bowers-Sanchez said she has provided financial consulting services to the Tribal casinos through her company, Native American Cash System Florida, Inc. She said she wanted to work with the Tribe to help with overall financial advancement. She also owns her own production company.

With an ultimate goal in mind, acting on the primetime hit series CSI, she said she hopes that by having the ability to produce she will also be able to star in her own show one day. She said she also loves to sing and act.

For more information on Bowers-Sanchez, and to view "Seminole Secret," please visit: www.myspace.com/cordance or www.youtube.com and search for "Seminole Secret."



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Paula Bowers-Sanchez

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Jumper Attends School for ASL Interpretation

By Felix DoBosz

HOLLYWOOD — Cagey Jumper of Hollywood is taking classes in American Sign Language (ASL), the dominant language of the deaf community in the U.S. and other English-speaking countries abroad.

Her classes are held at Broward Community College for about two hours a night, once a week. The ASL certification course consists of a two-year course to earn state certification. Jumper said she is really excited about her new studies.

"I finally found something I like to do instead of sitting around watching TV," she said. Jumper said she is learning all the expressions in hand signing and is very careful about giving the correct signs. She added that she is motivated to learn and has also started studying the Spanish language so she can help the

Tribal elders overcome the language barrier when they visit Miami.

It is estimated that between 500,000 and two million people use ASL everyday. In fact, the Plains Indians used sign language as an inter-language to communicate between various Tribes and settlers that didn't have share a common language.

Jumper, Otter Clan, daughter of Alan Jumper and Eva Billie, said she is excited about developing her new communication skills and the positive prospects she envisions for herself.

"I could be a true Indian telling our story and our heritage, letting the deaf community find out more about us," she said.

Jumper said she hopes to help out with her new skills as a sign language interpreter for the Seminole Okalee Village or Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum after she graduates.



Cagey Jumper demonstrates some of her American Sign Language skills.

Pemayetv Emahakv Fundraiser Exceeds Expectations

Students Raise Money for AHA's 'Jump Rope for Heart'

By Susan Etzebarria

BRIGHTON — The students at the Pemayetv Emahakv Charter School raised an outstanding amount of money for a nationwide American Heart Association (AHA) fundraiser known as Jump Rope for Heart. In two weeks time, 112 students brought in donations totaling \$7,800.

To celebrate a successful fundraiser, the students who collected at least \$5 were invited to attend the Jump Rope for Heart party, held on Valentine's Day in a roped off area of the parking lot.

The physical education teachers set up numerous jump roping games, and other supervised physical activities for the youngsters to enjoy. But first, Physical Education Teacher Pam Matthews made the announcement to the students, who all cheered when they found out just how much money was raised.

"This money goes to the American Heart Association for research and education because heart disease is the number one killer in our country," Matthews explained.

"I used to work at a school with 750 students



Joshua Greenbaum receives a heart-shaped award for best poster.

and Pemayetv with 150 students raised a lot more money than they did," she added.

The teachers, staff and Principal Russell Brown clapped for the students' generous efforts to help others.

"I am very proud of our students," Brown said. "The effort they have put in for this event has been tremendous. Knowing that these monies are going to help others has provided incentive for our students."

"We are in the midst of a very caring and supportive community, therefore our school is continuing that drive by instilling the need to assist others," he added.

Winners were also announced during the party for the best poster and for the student who collected the most money. Rylee Osceola was the champion fundraiser bringing in \$604. Joshua Greenbaum won the contest for best poster.

The afternoon was spent jumping double-dutch and single ropes and various jumping contests. At the end of the celebration, students lined up to do a giant limbo.

After the donation check is sent off, the AHA will deliver prizes to the students at school including sports bottles, T-shirts, jump ropes and more.



Lanie Sedatol (C) jump ropes her way to a healthier heart.

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New Kid



Welcome, welcome, welcome to **Lauren Louise Jumper**, who was born on Jan. 19. She weighed 5 pounds, 5 ounces and measured 18 1/2 inches.

Mommy and daddy are very blessed to have you here with us.
Lots of hugs and kisses,
Mom & Dad

Birthdays



Happy 4th birthday to **Shyla Whitney Holata** on March 29 and Happy 1st birthday **Maycee Marrie Holata** on March 20. We hope you both have an awesome birthday!

Love always,
Dad, Mom and Taylor

Happy birthday to **Jesse Mitchell**. We love you!
Love always,
Wesley, Jewel and Valerie

Happy birthday to **Amelia Renée Sanchez** on March 17. You are mommy's little girl always! You are thought of in so many ways always praying the Lord protect and provide. May all the Angels in heaven, Joe included, keep you under their wings and bless you to have a very special happy birthday. I love you, Moo-Moo!
Love,
Mom

In Memoriam

In loving memory of Clarence Leon Avila

My Only Wish

To see your smile, would light up my life
To hear your voice, would lift my heart
To only feel your touch, so warm and gentle would mean so much
To have you at my side
To hear the whisper of your lips
To feel your warm breath on my face and see your face close to my own
To have you make me feel wanted & never alone
To stop the world and be with you if only for an hour is my only wish that we are together
My thoughts and memories are of you in every tear!

Always,
Susan Erin Billie

In loving memory of Duane Marlon Tigertail

In loving memory of **D-Box**.
Happy belated birthday on Feb. 16 to Duane Marlon Tigertail. Even though you are gone, you will always be in my heart and my friend. May God continue to bless your family, remember that I love you!

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While ICWA is well known for the role it plays in helping individual Indian children and families, what is not always recognized is the role it plays in strengthening Tribal communities. ICWA has sparked countless grassroots efforts in Tribal communities across the country and continues to be a catalyst for the resurgence of traditional methods of protecting and nurturing Indian children. Tribal governments have also experienced increased opportunities to

pursue agreements with and better services from state and private agencies that serve Indian children and families. As a result of ICWA, promising practice and relevant policies continue to emerge from related services, including juvenile courts, mental health and substance abuse treatment, juvenile justice, and resource and training centers.

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Poems

A Warrior's Beat

These tears that I write may never find an end as these pieces of this puzzle of life blow helplessly in the winds of sins
As I ride the sorrows of yesterday on the wings of shattered dreams this nightmare that I have been living no longer has a silent scream
I have fought the demons of loneliness, addiction, hurt, and pain this enemy has left me battered staggering in my shame
Grinning, laughing and celebrating as defeat was to be my last breath but deep within a Warrior cried not ready to fail life's test
Reaching up to the Heavens as I found myself down on my knees I cried my tears and asked for His mercy and a reason to believe
I felt that healing power from somewhere deep within and then a voice broke the silence freeing me from my sin
Reaching up into the Heavens this battered warrior he did reach as our ancestors of long ago danced and chanted to a Warriors Beat

— Vandell Billie
2008, P.C.P.

Tears of a Stranger

The lies did not know the love and love seen the lies that became a Miccosukee disguise, deep in beauty but no where near the truth as your eyes of mischief became a silent goodbye
With words of nothingness a heart did feel the flames the flames that were enhanced by the poison that you embedded in my veins, intoxicated by your virtue that had me staggering in libidinousness addicted was I to the nights of pleasure and one more lie
Dying by the wants that made me its slave mastered by love that became a sacrifice and an early grave Fighting for survival with the hands of time, a feeling sheltered by its innocence behooves a lover's rhyme A whisper of infinity the memory will always be like a dream of that night that somehow befitted reality, this nothing last forever when the truth is rarely told
As the garment of sorrow entwines a soul of life be sure that you have the puissance to with stand the daily strife
Tears of a stranger

— Vandell Billie
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Seminole Tribe

From deep within I hear the whispers but our history and our culture leads my soul from the beginning of our existence The Great Spirit has never loosened
His hold, in and out of battle He gave our Warriors the will to survive and because of them today we live representing that Seminole Pride
With smiles of achievement we still walk the enemy's line of addiction, hurt, pain and sorrow of the many lies they try to deny
We withstood their Act of Removal and became a thorn in their side, now we dance and celebrate the victory of our Seminole Tribe
With 50 years and counting Unconquered is who we are but if truth be told and let it be told we been here since the beginning of time
Panthers, Birds, Otters and Snakes, Bears, Big Town, Winds and Deer; lets let our clans grow within and express our pride through our Seminole Tribe

— Vandell Billie
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Fly Away With Me

I never show my feelings but these tears I had to cry it gets so empty here without you my friend I need you by my side
I know you see my sadness and the pain I try to hide there's no way for me to disguise this loneliness inside
You never said goodbye on how I wish you were here but tonight you fly your freedom on the wings of a Heavenly flight
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Yesterday is just a memory but I'll never let it go tomorrow might never come so for tonight I'll hold you close
I thank you for the joy you give and the hand to wipe my tears you opened up my eyes for me and taught me how to see
So spread your wings and fly, fly away with me take me to that paradise where love last for eternity
Lets take our chances across this sky and leave this world of make believe lets fly come on angel lets fly

Dedicated to everyone who has lost someone special

— Vandell Billie
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Thug Passion

Thug Passion, bald heads, gold teeth, pants sagging
Pistol grips, money drops, the dice rolls as we all try to beat the clock
Old school Caddies, rag tops, 30s and lows with them six 12 in the back
Scarface dreams so one creates a team another neighborhood homie chasing them triple beams
One shot to hot another burning sensation but you can't stop
Money over matter as your blood becomes your sweat day in and day out busters try to weaken your grip
No where near the top but this game never stops now you're in too deep where you breathe and sleep another world they call the streets
No rules, no love, but it's the life of a Thug, Thug Passion.

— Vandell Billie
2008, P.C.P.

One steel door locks me in,
A cell of stone and steel,
Forty-eight square feet of room;
Fear is what I feel.
I see the hurt and all the pain
In this place each and everyday
So why should I smile?
What's to take my fear away?
Yes I'm a prisoner at HCI
But not in my heart you see;
Because there's someone special,
Who's always here with me.
So don't feel bad because I'm here,
You see there's a good part.
I have my bible and my faith and Jesus in my heart.
He alone gives me strength to hang on
Hope to face each day.
When things get rough I close my eyes,
And see Him when I pray.
He will never leave me nor forsake me.

— Stacey Doctor Sanchez
Homestead Correctional

The Day Was Bright and New and Felt So Warm (Prose Poem)

Someone once came up to me and said, "Oh, so you're the poet who didn't know it, aren't you?" "Yes," I replied, going about my business. But get this, not only am I the poet who didn't know it, but I also saw a chance to make a difference, and didn't blow it. Besides, how else can a voice be heard through chaos? And how else can a scream work through to a change? I see fog encircling the cypress hammocks and I hear tragic warhorses thundering across the reservations. I've painted scenes inside a Seminole world growing up. When I was young, my grandmother would pray and smile and care for me in her camp in Big Cypress. Now the reservations are expanding and we're moving on into the future and the Hard Rock is here and yet the fog still rolls in. Even so, I see golden sunbeams have etched sacred poetry upon my heart and I want to forge ahead and create now, rather than destroy. After all, we're talking about illuminations of the soul here, if you will. I remember days when we didn't hardly have anything, clawing and scratching away for every little morsel in the long Seminole night. I've been to boarding schools and I've sold arts and crafts to tourists and even tussled with alligators. I've consulted with elders and galloped horses across the Big Cypress skies in orange-red sunset visions. I've drank and smoked and done a lot of other damaging things, too, but now I realize there's so much more to life than that. You see, this a chance to finally make a difference. And even the most illustrious poets will tell you that poets hardly ever make a dime from poetry, but that's okay for me, that's all right, for I've seen the light! I've been to the iron jails and prisons and I've finally seen the light! I can hear the fierce poetry rappin' out on reservations, Seminole-Style, rhyming and free-stylin', but, did you know the Seminole voices are emerging now, ascending, rising up from the sawgrass teeth and through the asphalt and concrete, sprouting up

from mansions and chickees and the steady progress of the day. And that's quite a change from the days when sky-blue armies ranged throughout the land to either kill us, or send us away to the desolate west. I've attended schools right around here, and yet, it was elsewhere. I studied the wrong ideas of how things should be. But I've said it before and I'll say again: It's not a bad thing to feel deeply, or to think profoundly about anything and don't ever let anybody tell you any different, either. Speak your poetry proud and let em know and tell em the poet said so. Let it flow. And just so you know, I'm a poem converting into silver lightning across the sky! And I know I can't turn back now. I've roamed these nights and I've stolen in these stores, but believe you me, that's not the way to be. I've prayed to the Maker of Breath in my lowest moments, but the cold world brought it to me, anyways, and sent me into exile for awhile "with all my imperfections on my head." But down in the dust, I could sense radiant ships coming in and asked, "When do we begin the journey and when do we start anew?" That's when Peace gazed into my eyes. She sang a tender note while holy tears streamed down her face. Her pain was a thirst that nourished me and washed away the tainted past, recalling only the shining moments. Hollywood reservation was where I grew up: Hot in the sun and wet in the rain and partly insane. And yet, I can still hear mystical birds in flight, singing songs of love and poetry and when I held her hand in mine, Peace kissed me so deeply and prismatic colors danced within my prayers, within my dreams, and I wrote of Seminole life in the modern day, and the day was bright and new and felt so warm.

— Elgin Jumper
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Community News



Chris Jenkins

Preparing to cut the ribbon in celebration of Seminole beef (L-R): Big Cypress/Immokalee Board Representative Cicero Osceola, Chairman Mitchell Cypress, Brighton/Tampa Board Representative Johnnie Jones Sr., President Richard Bowers Jr., Brighton/Tampa Council Representative Roger Smith.

Seminole Beef Debuts at The Ark in Hard Rock

By Chris Jenkins

HOLLYWOOD — The Tribal Board of Directors beefed up their business interests, literally, on March 10. After a ribbon cutting, held in the food court of the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino, Seminole beef will now be sold at one of the Tribe's own eateries, The Ark, located in the food court.

As part of the Tribe's new and developing partnership with the U.S. Department of Interior's Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development, as well as other Native American Tribes, in a push toward continued diversification. The ultimate plan for this venture is to expand Tribal interests by both selling Tribal beef in Hard Rock franchises and beyond for distribution.

"We've been working on this for several years, trying to get the right combinations together throughout the years and this year happened to be the one that we pulled through by reorganizing people across the country with their beef and our Seminole beef," Board President Richard Bowers Jr. said. "What we are doing is maintaining the cattle from the feedyard, to the slaughterhouse, to the packaging and bringing it right back here — so it is one big circle — and the dollar will go around in our community longer than it would before it goes out."

"This is all at the forefront and cutting edge of what we do," President Bowers added. "We always try to be the leaders and try to make things happen especially in the casino world, and now it is happening in the beef world."

With one of the largest herds in Florida, raising cattle is nothing new for the Tribe. The relationship dates back several centuries, with current estimates at about 15,000 head in stock yards.

Two other major concepts to Seminole beef

are the use of electronic identification (or EID) tagging and the "all-natural" rearing of the animals. EID provides real time ear-tagging on the cattle for farm use and administrative purposes until slaughtering. "All-Natural" means there is no use of extra implants or hormones in the beef.

Nineteen year Natural Resources Dept. Director and Cattle Manager Don Robertson said his line of work can be challenging for most; he admits however that cattle and ranching has been a way of life for the Seminole people for centuries, with the first cattle coming to Florida with the Spanish settlers in 1521. He said those nearly 500 years of experience allow the Tribe to enter into cutting edge business ventures like this one.

"This is a dream that we started and talked about four years ago and it was a dream that me and Richard [Bowers Jr.] started," Robertson said. "We were thinking that instead of selling the cattle when they are 6-8 months old, we could put our brains together and start thinking ... instead of the middle man making money off of our cattle we could just take those cattle from the pasture when the calf is born all the way to the plate," Robertson said.

President Bowers, a third generation cattleman himself, echoed Robertson's statements. He also said economic advancement ventures like this one will ultimately benefit all Seminole Tribal citizens.

"I really want to dedicate the presentation to the elder Tribal members that have been taking care of the cattle with the cattlemen all their lives," he added. "It's a great day for them to see it all actually being used and it actually being sold to ourselves and making that dollar go around."



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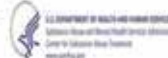
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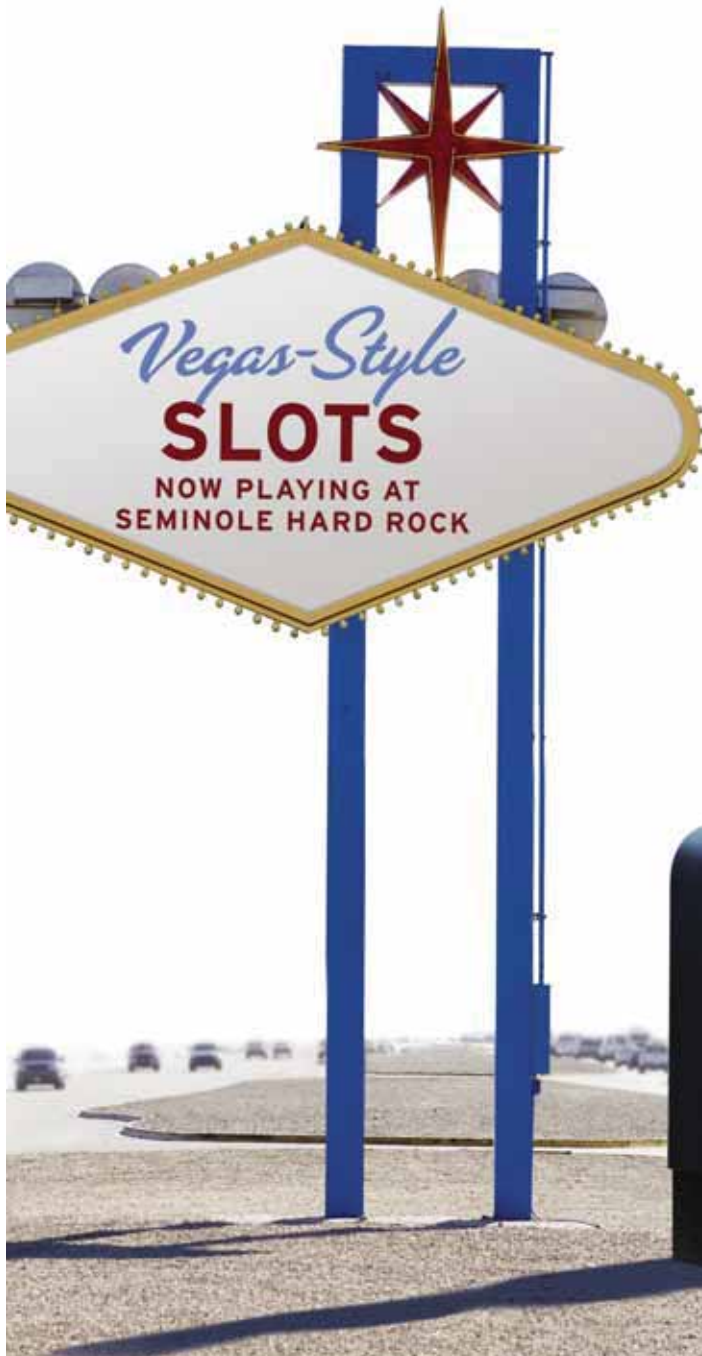
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Community News

Seminole Tribe Participates In Agricultural Tour Mary Jene Koenes Leads Tour of Tribal Lands

By Judy Weeks

IMMOKALEE — The Collier County office of the University of Florida/Institute of Food and Agricultural Science offers an annual tour to stimulate interest in agriculture, urban horticulture and 4-H youth programs. On March 12 they transported four busloads of individuals to local farms, citrus groves, the farmer's market and a luncheon buffet at historical Roberts Ranch in Immokalee.

The keynote speaker during their visit to Immokalee was Seminole Tribal citizen Mary Jene Koenes. A third generation Big Cypress cattle owner, she began ranch work as a child and has taken part in every phase of the cattle program at one time or another, from working the pens to fence building. As a youngster, she said she participated in 4-H, as did her children, and now her grandchildren.

During her two presentations that day, Koenes recounted the Tribe's beginnings in the cattle industry and explained how it became the fifth largest program in Florida. She also explained how important beef is to Florida's agricultural economy.

According to Koenes, the Tribe has taken steps to produce high quality meat and put safety standards in place that will ultimately benefit the consumer. She provided a brief explanation of the electronic identification system and the Seminole Tribe's new Pasture to the Plate Program that is currently being implemented.

Continuing into the field of Tribal citrus, sugarcane and vegetables, her audience was amazed by the vast economic impact that the Seminole Tribe has upon South Florida. She also explained the Tribe's commitment to ecological preservation, discussing

water resources, quality control and strengthening the ecology of the depleting Everglades.

Koenes was surrounded by people following each presentation who hoped for an opportunity to ask her questions or to take a photo with her. Many also expressed gratitude and said they hope to see Koenes on next year's tour.



Judy Weeks

Mary Jene Koenes speaks to participants on the Collier County Agricultural Tour.



Judy Weeks

Mary Jene Koenes (C) was surrounded by people with follow-up questions after she completed her presentation about the Tribe and agriculture.

4-H Members Attend Steer Clinic Steer Weigh-In Held in Conjunction

By Susan Etxebarria

BRIGHTON — The Immokalee and Brighton Seminole 4-H Steer Club members prepared for the annual 4-H Show and Sale at a steer weigh-in, held on Feb. 23. They also participated in a Steer Clinic coached by Indiantown, Fla. cattleman and experienced 4-H livestock judge Zach Conlin.

Arriving in the afternoon with their steers loaded on semi-trailers, there were some nervous youth on hand. The 4-H'ers all hoped their steers would weigh-in as close as possible to the upcoming show's qualifying weight of 1,000 pounds.

Those whose steer did not make the qualifying weight would have about a month left to do so before the actual 4-H Show and Sale.

Besides weighing their cattle, the steers were also hoisted into a mechanical contraption that holds them very still to trim their hoofs. Dane Hendry of Sebring, Fla., a bovine foot specialist, explained that some cattle become pigeon-toed or develop hoofs that are cupped out because of untrimmed hoofs. This can cause the animal to walk with an uneven gait and can affect the judging of the steer.

"Trimming their hoofs can make them walk better and makes them look better," said Hendry.

In the Steer Clinic following the weigh-ins,



Susan Etxebarria

Cattleman Zach Conlin instructs Erena Billie on how to lead her steer.

Conlin discussed how to correctly position an animal for judging. He said it is important to show a good posture that emphasizes the animal's muscle and dimensions.

Conlin then had the 4-H members walk their steer in the ring so he could analyze how well they lead and handled their bovine. He told the 4-H'ers that the most important thing to do when entering the show ring is to "make — and maintain — continual eye contact with the judge."

Conlin said the second rule in the ring concerns safety. He explained to the youth how to keep their steer in line and not let them crowd other people and cattle.

"You've got to be aware of other people in the ring," said Conlin.

He then took time to work with each youngster, advising them how to keep control of their steer.

Conlin then explained how to properly use the show stick in the ring. The 4-H Steer Club members practiced for an hour with the trainer and learned many useful techniques that can help them win prizes at many livestock shows and sales to come.



Susan Etxebarria

Christine Osceola, and her dad Reno, watch Dale Hendry as he trims the hooves of her steer.

Seminole 4-H Hosts Steer Clinic



By Judy Weeks

IMMOKALEE — Seminole 4-H Director Polly Hayes (foreground) and her assistant, Lizina Lamb (left, rear) watch a few of the 4-H Steer Clinic participants during the segment on grooming and showmanship in Immokalee on Feb. 23.

The clinician, Luke Hamlet, proved to be an excellent instructor and worked with the youngsters in a hands-on atmosphere. Hamlet passed along the benefits of more than 12 years in 4-H, during which time he showed on a national, as well as local level, with extreme success.

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Collectors, Enthusiasts Attend 'Pinvitational'

Pins Auctioned to Raise Money for Local South Florida Charities

By Chris Jenkins

HOLLYWOOD — There was a "Garden of Good and Evil" theme in the Hard Rock Café on Jan. 26-27 when the Hard Rock Café Pin Collectors' Club kicked off the first Hard Rock pin trading event of the New Year — the Pinvitational.

At the Pinvitational, pins and pin collections were auctioned off to the highest bidder, with proceeds benefitting South Florida charities. The auction included pin collections from six different countries as well as a five piece set of the legendary rock band KISS.

Proceeds from the event benefitted the Seminole Tribe's Boys & Girls Club, the Humane Society of Greater Miami and the Humane Society of Broward County. According to Boys & Girls Club Director of Development Robert North Sr., half the proceeds from the auction and raffles went to the three organizations.

North said assisting other clubs in Florida and around the country is the goal of the Tribe's Boys & Girls Club donating their portion of the proceeds.

"The impact of all of this is huge, for everyone involved," he said. "It's some pretty cool stuff."



Chris Jenkins

Pin collectors (L-R) Jeff Smith of Vero Beach, Fla., and Gary Ababney of San Francisco, enjoy the event.

Chris Rock Entertains Sold-Out Audience

Emmy® award winning comedian and actor Chris Rock entertained a sold-out Hard Rock Live audience on Feb. 11.

Rock lived up to his reputation as one of the most entertaining, hard-hitting stand-up comedians to date, discussing topics including relationships, politics, race and gender.



Chris Rock

Chris Jenkins

Chef's Table Opens in Tampa Hard Rock High Limit Area



Chris Jenkins

Celebrity chef Michelle Bernstein (L) is hard at work inside the newest luxury dining showcase experience, Chef's Table, inside the High Limit Gaming Area of the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Hollywood. It features a 30-seat dining room that will be used to showcase the cooking process as well as state-of-the-art appliances, cooking tools and a studio to accommodate live broadcasts.

Hard Rock Welcomes Vegas-Style Slots

By Chris Jenkins

HOLLYWOOD — It had all the excitement of Vegas, just on a smaller scale at the Hard Rock Jan. 28.

The Tribe celebrated yet another milestone as glitz and glamour, indoor fireworks, and even a celebrity appearance, highlighted the mark of the much anticipated and official welcome of Vegas-style slots to the public in South Florida.

Members of Tribal Council, along with government leaders and the media, gathered for the event in a celebration of years of patience and perseverance.

"This is good for our players, good for the Seminole Tribe and good for the state of Florida," said Chairman Mitchell Cypress. Hollywood Tribal Council Rep. Max B. Osceola Jr. also offered remarks during the event.

"I thank the Creator for this, and I thank our elders who prepared us for this," he said. "They didn't know it was going to happen in the future, but it is something they knew was going to happen and they prepared us."



Felix Dolbow

Chairman Mitchell Cypress welcomes attendees to the debut of the new games.

In what is now an estimated \$28 billion industry, Seminole Gaming Chief Executive of Operations James Allen said it best.

"Now, we have the opportunity to compete on an even playing ground," he said.

With machine denominations ranging from one cent to \$1,000, and nearly 1,000 slot machines installed, longtime patrons Peter and Mary Rodriguez were excited.

"This is the closest you can get to Vegas," both said. "We love the Hard Rock and we were here four years ago when they opened."

The new machines will feature many of the most popular game titles including: Wheel of Fortune, Hot Shot, Cleopatra, Blazing 7s and Triple Diamond. New games will include: Playboy, Carnival of Mystery, Golden Monkey, Millionaire Sevens, Million Riches and Lion Dance.

Slots will also be installed at the six other casinos of the Tribe, although no specific schedule has been set. Under the compact agreement, blackjack, baccarat and other house-banked card games at Seminole casinos will also take affect. No dates have been set, however, for the introduction of blackjack or other games. Preparation has begun in ordering equipment and hiring and training dealers.

President Richard Bowers Jr. and legendary wrestler Hulk Hogan also spoke.



Felix Dolbow

Members of the Tribal Council, and special guest pull the levers in unison (L-R): Hulk Hogan, Roger Smith, David Cypress, Max Osceola, President Richard Bowers Jr., and Chairman Mitchell Cypress.

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