

Indian Day Celebrations Focus on Traditions, Culture and Having Fun



Sierra Bowers, left, and Shana Balentine show off their sisterhood as they team up in the fry bread contest at the Big Cypress Indian Day.

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Miami Exhibit Shows the Tribe's Influence in the Cattle Industry

BY CHRIS C. JENKINS
Staff Reporter

MIAMI — HistoryMiami gave patrons and guests alike another glimpse into the rich heritage and contributions of the Tribe in the cattle ranching industry in the ongoing traveling exhibit Florida Cattle Ranching: Five Centuries of Tradition and Estampas del Caribe Nicaraguense.

On display Sept. 16 through Jan. 23, 2011, the exhibition traces cattle ranching from its early beginnings through present day and features special pictures, memorabilia and artifacts from Seminole cattle ranching and rodeo.

HistoryMiami Chief Curator Joanne Hyppolite said her motivation for organizing the exhibit was to increase the exposure of the trade, explain its history in Florida, and diversify public knowledge of the Seminole culture.

"People do not know enough about different cultures in this community - particularly the Seminoles - and the only type of Seminole history they do hear about is the Seminole Wars in the 19th century," Hyppolite explained.

"[The Seminoles] are a contemporary culture and have been involved in all types of activities, including cattle ranching. So, the more people see their diversity in other roles they have played in history here in Florida, the better I think it is for the Tribe and people to better understand them outside the Tribe."

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For more information on HistoryMiami call 305-375-1492.

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A guest reads information about the history of the Seminoles in the cattle industry.

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Pemayetv Emahakv Inaugurates Youth into Student Council

BY RACHEL BUXTON
Staff Reporter

BRIGHTON — Ten students, nine representatives and one leading chairman were sworn into Pemayetv Emahakv's student council Sept. 23 during an inauguration ceremony held in the cafeteria.

Superintendent of the Bureau of Indian Affairs Keith Neves, the same gentleman who does the swearing in of elected Seminole Tribe Council representatives, conducted the swearing in. Each student placed his/her hand on the Bible and gave the oath.

"I saw very alive and engaged and intelligent kids that were truly interested in their elected office," Neves said. "And I'm just very grateful and pleased to have had the opportunity to meet them and to do the swearing in."

Students elected into Student Council are Jayko Billie, Elle Thomas, Destiny Elliott, Madisyn Osceola, Conner Thomas, Chloe Chalfant, Trevor Thomas, Tyra Baker, Braceton King and Layton Thomas, the elected chairman.

"I decided to go for chairman because I wanted to see changes in the school," Layton Thomas said. "I want the kids to go on educational field trips and other important stuff like that."

Elected representatives came forward one at a time and gave an acceptance speech and received their sash from the outgoing Student Council member. Representatives gave an oath to do their best to learn their language and culture and to represent the school.

Pemayetv Emahakv conducts their Student Council in the form of a mock Tribal Council that gives the students a hands-on feeling of what it might be like to be in Tribal government.

"They're going to be called upon sooner than they realize to do leadership and to lead the Tribe," Neves said. "I think the school is heading in the right direction. They have it all together and they're preparing them for what comes next."

At the ceremony's conclusion, the newly elected chairman and representatives



Layton Thomas is sworn in as chairman by Bureau of Indian Affairs Superintendent Keith Neves.

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formed a procession line for students and teachers to come up and shake hands. The students were then officially welcomed as the school's spokespeople.



Immokalee Culture Instructors Geraldine Osceola and Nancy Motlow, back row, center, with the Immokalee after-school students in the culture class.

Immokalee Culture Department Blossoms

BY NAJI TOBIAS
Staff Reporter

IMMOKALEE — During the past few weeks, the Immokalee Reservation has witnessed an energized presence in its culture department.

Featuring Geraldine Osceola, Nancy Motlow and Linda Frank, Tribal citizens and employees have noticed a spark in

the Immokalee leading ladies. Since being hired on Sept. 27 to run Immokalee's culture department, the three Immokalee Tribal citizens have been reaching out to their community by actively teaching Seminole culture and traditions.

On Oct. 7, Osceola began her day preparing for a stop to the Immokalee Pre-

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Tribal Members Use Art to Keep Culture Alive at Art Show

BY RACHEL BUXTON
Staff Reporter

HOLLYWOOD — The Seminole Tribe continues to immerse others into their culture through various events and methods.

A few native artists displayed their artwork and took the opportunity to introduce their history and culture to outsiders during the Seminole Indian Vision Art Show, held at the Okalee Village Gallery in Hollywood, on Oct. 9.

The gallery was sectioned off by artists and gave tourists and passersby a chance to view the art pieces one by one and see the different methods used and the different native stories told through their work.

Tourists Seroj Zadorian and Knarik Nazaryn from California said that looking at the artwork was almost heart wrenching. Zadorian said he was brought to tears by the paintings' realities.

Miccosukee Leroy Osceola said he is doing whatever he can through his artwork to keep the Native culture alive and thriving.

Leroy mainly uses acrylics on canvas to tell whatever story pops into his head or imagination he says.

"Most of them is history, stories I've heard growing up," said Leroy.

Charlie Osceola, an artist from the Big Cypress Reservation, said he would like outsiders to see more than just a piece of Native art when they look at his artwork.

"We know the hallmarks of our story, but there's a lot of depressing realities," said Charlie. "What I'm trying to get through the pieces is mainly the general feeling of the past."

Charlie focuses on the symbolic meaning of a skeleton through many of his pieces. He says that Seminole children growing up today have nothing but a skeleton to pick from when looking for their past. One of Charlie's pieces is of a young girl out in a deserted field looking at a broken down chicken symbolizing the loss of her heritage.



Hollywood resident and art enthusiast Ed Harris stops in for a quick viewing.

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Elgin Jumper and Jimmy Osceola were other artists with works on display showing how they have tried to modernize their traditional Native artwork. Both artists use very bright colors, which are not typically seen in traditional Native artwork. Jimmy said he began modernizing his artwork after going to art shows out West and seeing the artwork there.

“They are real clear and vivid – the colors. So, I just try to incorporate that in my artwork,” Jimmy said. All four artists were on hand at the gallery, all with very different styles, but trying to do the same thing: keep their culture alive and tell a story. “It’s good to see this because they care,” tourist Nazaryn said about the artists painting their history. “It is kind of disappearing and this is them continuing it on.”

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Left photo, Tribal youth Dorian Jumper, back, and Franklin Jumper look at Charlie Osceola’s computerized piece representing a skeleton of a Seminole Warrior. Right photo, Elgin Jumper discusses his use of color and modernization with Seminole Media Productions’ Ben Gonzalez.



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school. Once arriving at the facility, teachers and students immediately gravitated to her, making for a warm welcome. “Che-han-ta-mo,” Osceola said to the preschool’s 3- and 4-year-old class. Meaning “How are you?” in the Mikasuki language, the class quickly responded back to the new Immokalee Culture instructor, following almost immediately with a Play Dough alphabet building lesson. The culture session included a Halloween spider arts and crafts segment, and lasted for 30 minutes. The students were sad to see their teacher go at the end of the class. “Shon-a-bish [Thank you],” the class said out loud to Osceola as she exited. Immokalee Preschool 3-year-old class teacher Frances Fregoso was complimentary of how Osceola, as well as Motlow and Frank, pays attention to detail when it comes to teaching the youngsters about Seminole culture on their level. “I’m glad they exist,” Fregoso said of the three ladies. “The kids really love them and you can see they’re enthusiastic about learning their language. When Geraldine, Linda and Nancy visit our preschool kids, they’re greeted happily and with open arms. They’re a wonderful addition to our staff here in Immokalee.” On a typical day, following an hour of time spent at the preschool, the three Immokalee culture employees go back to their office and plan for a session with the Immokalee seniors at lunch. For Motlow, one of Immokalee’s 12 seniors, this part of the day has a special place in her heart. During lunch, the Immokalee culture department visits the reservation’s senior center/cafeteria to cook sofkee, fry bread and other traditional foods for the elders. The culture department also works with them on sewing and arts and crafts. “Many of the seniors haven gotten away from our culture,” Motlow said. “We just want to bring that back for them. Some of the older seniors teach me how to make fry bread. They use different ingredients from what I’m used to using.”

According to Motlow, there were pumpkin fields out in the Immokalee Seminole camps years ago. The elders would pick fresh pumpkins from there to make pumpkin bread. “We all learn from each other with our different ways,” Motlow said. After lunch, Motlow goes back to her office to brainstorm with Osceola and Frank on how to prepare for the afterschool segment of their day. Later in the afternoon, the Immokalee Tribal youngsters pay a visit to the Immokalee Culture Department for lessons in basket making, beadwork and language. The Oct. 7 afterschool culture session featured 16 Immokalee Tribal children, who were all overjoyed to learn some Seminole culture from Motlow and Osceola. Frank, a Seminole beadwork designer and traditional foods specialist, was not able to attend that day. “It’s good to see the kids get to their crafts as soon as they’re done with their homework,” Motlow said. “We’re teaching our students how to make sweet baskets right now. Our classes are pretty much full everyday.” Following a recitation of the Seminole Pledge of Allegiance, the Immokalee Tribal youth take to their desks to color their Seminole flags and conduct some beadwork. At the end of their 90-minute session, the students and their teachers come away satisfied with the progress made. “Culture is really needed here in Immokalee,” Osceola said. “When you have someone in the department who understands our Seminole culture, our kids will actually see a door open to where they can learn their culture and language. Pretty soon, they’ll be telling me what the Seminole flag and its colors are in their language without me asking them.” Big Cypress/Immokalee Culture Coordinator Jane Billie said she’s comfortable about their presence in the community. “We’re excited about having them on our staff,” Billie said. “If they’re excited about working with our community in Immokalee, then the environment will end up being a win-win situation for everyone involved.”



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New Immokalee Culture Department Head Instructor Geraldine Osceola spends some quality time with 9-month-old Arhianna Rodriguez, left, 5-month-old Carly Garza, center and 8-month-old Thanoke Roberts, at the Immokalee Preschool.



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Geraldine Osceola, left, works with Immokalee Preschool Teacher Frances Fregoso and the 3-to-4-year-old Immokalee Preschool students on Play-Dough alphabets.



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Immokalee Preschool 2-year-olds Ty Martinez, left, and Alice Jimmie, listen to a numbers lesson taught by Immokalee Culture Head Instructor Geraldine Osceola.



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Immokalee Tribal Youngster Celia Reynosa, 11, designs a beaded necklace with the help of Immokalee Culture Instructor Nancy Motlow.

Big Cypress Seniors Are Recognized at Monthly Birthday Luncheon



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Seniors from the Big Cypress Reservation celebrated their monthly birthday luncheon on Sept. 29 with fire extinguishers as their parting gift, courtesy of the Seminole Fire Rescue Unit.



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Big Cypress Elders Minnie Tigtail, left, and Lucille Jumper, right, placed in the top two for the seniors’ monthly exercise activities. With their take-home prizes, they were congratulated by Big Cypress Senior Center Site Director Cecilia Guzman, center, for a job well done at their monthly birthday luncheon on Sept. 29.

More photos from Pemayetv Emahkv’s Student Council Inauguration



Rachel Buxton

The leaders of Pemayetv Emahkv: 2010-2011 Student Council Representatives.



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Left photo, the youngest representative, kindergartner Jayko Billie thanks the school during his acceptance speech with Student Council organizer Jade Braswell at his side. Photo above, third grade representative Madisyn Osceola gives her oath to be the best representative she can be.

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Series of Cultural Workshops in Naples Features Palmetto Baskets

BY JUDY WEEKS
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NAPLES — Traditional Arts Specialist Jessica Osceola of the Juanita Osceola Center in Naples has orchestrated a series of workshops aimed at cultural preservation. In addition to teaching her own classes, she has employed instructors in an effort to create a strong link in the cultural chain to ensure Seminole heritage.

Osceola's most recent workshop was designed to assist in the revival of the nearly lost art of making palmetto baskets. It comprised numerous sessions over a period of eight months due to the complex process of



Judy Weeks

From left, during a field trip, Connie Slavik and Jessica Osceola watch as Instructor Pedro Zepeda explains how to select palmetto stems used in making baskets.

gathering, preparing and transforming the native saw palmetto into a versatile utensil and work of art.

On March 9, a small class of Connie Slavik, Naomi Walden and Jessica Osceola took a field trip into the woods to gather raw materials to be used in the long, tedious, but rewarding task of creating palmetto baskets, the way their ancestors did.

Instructor and Tribal citizen Pedro Zepeda from the Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum said, "Basket weaving is a science and art form that has developed around the world. As cultures derived, the need for vessels or containers to carry and store items became an important part of their daily requirements. Museums have examples of these crafts that stretch over thousands of years."

While teaching the group how to select the proper stems for harvest based on length and conformation, Zepeda provided his class with a brief history of basket making by Native Americans throughout the Southeastern United States. He discussed the various styles and materials used according to their availability in each region.

The structure and design of palmetto baskets had their origin in the Cherokee, Choctaw and Creek cultures from which the Seminoles derive their heritage, Zepeda said. Their forbearers were quick to adapt the materials at hand to meet their needs and palmetto was a durable and readily available source.

"Our people have been perfecting their skill in basketry for centuries, but unfortunately, during the past few generations, palmetto baskets are quickly

becoming a lost art," said Zepeda. "By the time that I came along, my great grandmother, Juanita Osceola, and her sisters, were no longer making them. Although she did not make them, my grandmother, Tahama Osceola, was able to teach me through her reflections and careful examination of existing examples."

The class quickly learned that patience is the most important ingredient in this time-consuming craft. After harvesting, the stems had to be stripped, which took many hours of trial and error. Sometimes they were accidentally cut in half, stripped too thick or thin or nicked along the edges.

After several days of stripping, the ladies placed the green palmetto out into the sun to dry. This process took away the moisture of the fresh cut stems. The next step included careful individual washing to remove debris and then another drying process.

Finally, Zepeda assisted the women in the painstaking steps of weaving, tightening, straightening and weaving again as they created their first palmetto berry baskets.

On Oct. 5, they wrapped and tightened the last inch of the rims and then stepped back to admire their completed projects.

"Many of our elders have participated in this craft in the past, but are no longer active," Zepeda said. "I know of only two active Seminole palmetto basket weavers until now. As of 2010, we can add three more weavers from the Naples Community to that small list that can proudly carry on this traditional art to the next generation."

Tribal Council Holds Special Meeting in Brighton

BY RACHEL BUXTON
Staff Reporter

BRIGHTON — The Tribal Council held a special meeting Sept. 30 at the Brighton Veterans' Building and passed 34 resolutions including:

Resolution 19: Bulk water user agreement between the Seminole Tribe of Florida and Lakeport Water Association, Inc. for the bulk sale of potable water from the Brighton Seminole Indian Reservation Water Treatment Plant.

Resolution 24: Approval of Dreamcatcher Construction, Inc. service agreement for housing services.

Resolution 29: Tiger II grant application by the Seminole Tribe of Florida to the U.S. Department of Transportation for re-construction of Snake Road (Josie Billie Highway) in the Big Cypress Seminole Indian Reservation; Ratification.

Resolution 30: Approval of agreement with Privid Eye Systems Corporation for the Hollywood security access project; Ratification of execution.

Resolution 33: Adoption of policies and procedures for the Seminole Tribal library system.

Resolution 37: Designation of Records Management Officer.

Resolution 39: Ratification of the execution of lease schedules 26 through 41 to the master lease agreement with PDS Gaming Corporation; Limited waiver of sovereign immunity.

Tribal Board of Directors Meet at Headquarters

BY CHRIS C. JENKINS
Staff Reporter

HOLLYWOOD — The Tribal Board of Directors convened at the Hollywood Reservation Headquarters Auditorium for a special meeting Oct. 12. They passed six resolutions on the agenda including:

Resolution 5: Approval of Fiscal Year 2011 Budget.

Resolution 8: Approval of business lease between Seminole Tribe of Florida Inc. and Ag Gen Consulting, LLC to operate the lemon citrus groves on the Big Cypress Reservation.

Resolution 9: Approval and ratification of lemon citrus crop purchase agreement between Seminole Tribe of Florida Inc. and Orchid Island Juice Company; and assignment of Orchid Island Juice Company agreement to Ag Gen Consulting, LLC.

Resolution 10: Jan. 1, 2020 amendment and restatement of the Seminole Tribe of Florida and Seminole Tribe of Florida, Inc. employee health plan #002; ratification.



Jessica Osceola

Connie Slavik pays close attention as Instructor Pedro Zepeda teaches her the traditional method of palmetto basket weaving that he learned from his grandmother and great grandmother.



Judy Weeks

Connie Slavik collects raw materials for processing in anticipation of weaving traditional palmetto baskets.



Jessica Osceola

Naomi Walden patiently duplicates the task developed by her ancestors to prepare palmetto stems to make durable baskets.

Tribal Citizen Opens Custom Car Shop



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Tribal citizen and proprietor Eric Osceola stands outside his car shop, Big E. Customs, during grand opening festivities Sept. 19. The event featured local custom cars on display, food and live entertainment. Located at 5812 Dewey Street in Hollywood, the shop will offer customized car detailing, service and maintenance under the management of Randy 'Fifty' Stuckey. Hours of operation are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and by appointment on Saturday and Sunday. For more information, call 954-391-7155.

Native American Travel and Southern Ute Tribe Consider Partnership

BY CHRIS C. JENKINS
Staff Reporter

IGNACIO, Colo. — Native American Travel and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe of Colorado have begun what hopes to be an ongoing professional and personal relationship.

Prospects of a future partnership between the two groups are on the rise after a site inspection/meet and greet of the newly built Sky Ute Casino Resort by Karla Rivera, Native American travel coordinator.

"The Utes welcomed me with open arms, took me on a tour of their facilities and did all that was possible to make my stay better than I ever anticipated," Rivera said. "They are truly wonderful people. It was all amazing."

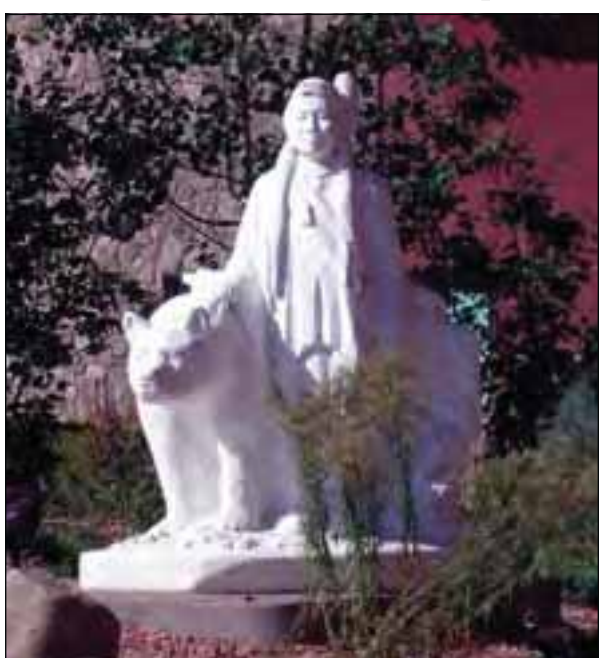
Rivera and Barbara Cogswell, Sky Ute Casino Resort group sales and cultural coordinator, began their relationship through joint clientele and phone calls leading to an arranged gathering of the Southern Utes owned and operated hot spot.

"It looked like a good opportunity to share and establish a relationship," Cogswell said. "It is really a nice win-win situation for both groups and opens up more avenues to work with groups not in our backyard."

The 45,000-square-foot gaming facility and four-star resort is more than 6,500 feet above sea level and opened in 2008. The gaming facilities include slot machines, poker/blackjack, craps, roulette, and a 180-seat bingo hall.

Cogswell said the gaming aspect is one of the premiere in the Four Corners region of New Mexico, Arizona, Utah and Colorado. She said the resort has also become a main attraction for family reunions and senior getaways as well.

Both said future plans include arranging a Tampa seniors cultural exchange trip for 2011 and establishing



Karla Rivera

A statue of a Native Ute woman next to a bear welcomes visitors at the Sky Ute Casino and Resort in Ignacio, Colo.

Native American Travel as the Ute's representative travel company upon the bid completion of the annual American Indian Alaska Native Tourism Association Conference for 2012.

Other resort and area amenities/attractions include 140 standard and deluxe hotel rooms, five restaurants, two gift shops, an RV park, AMF 24-lane Rolling Thunder Bowling Alley, an arcade, an indoor heated pool, the Event Center with more than 10,000 square feet of space and 1,500 seats, a spa, an 18-hole mini golf course, the Chimney Rock Playground, the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum, the world famous Durango and Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad, skiing at the Durango Mountain Resort, and Mesa Verde National Park.

The Southern Ute Indians are among three Ute Tribal groups mainly in the states of Utah and Colorado with Tribal lands also on the Uintah-Ouray Reservation in northeastern Utah, and the Ute Mountain Reservation.

Their territory consists of land from three counties, La Plata County, Archuleta County, and Montezuma. As the most financially prosperous Utes, the self-described "Seminoles of the Southwest" have gambling, tourism, oil and gas, real estate leases and various other off-reservation financial and business investments contributing to their success.

The Native American Travel Agency officially made its debut on June 1 of last year. Services include booking for hotels, cars, airlines and tours. Cash or credit card payments are accepted and bookings can be made at anytime. Agents are available to specialize in different areas of domestic, international and cruise destinations. Hours of operation are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, with an after hours service also available by using the main phone line prompts at 954-967-3614.

For more information on the Sky Ute Casino Resort visit www.skyutecasino.com.

Seminole Moments Presents Museum Exhibits in Hollywood



Chris C. Jenkins

Saul Drake, far right, curator of exhibitions at the Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum, discusses the topic of museum exhibits to Tribal employees during the most recent presentation of the Seminole Moments series held at the Hollywood reservation Tribal Headquarters Auditorium on Oct. 6.



Karla Rivera

The entrance sign for the Sky Ute Casino and Resort in Ignacio, Colo.

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Immokalee Senior Nellie Doctor Bain Shows Sense of Seminole Spirit and Peace in Life

BY NAJI TOBIAS
Staff Reporter

IMMOKALEE – Throughout her life, Nellie Doctor Bain has proven to be a staple of peace and tranquility. Those qualities have allowed the Immokalee Senior to survive a series of setbacks and learn valuable life lessons.

“I guess that’s the way God made me,” Doctor said of her two primary traits. “I don’t know what’s in me, but I feel like I have God and love all over me.”

Born in 1938, Doctor began her early years at the Hollywood Reservation reared by her mother and father, the late Mary Osceola and Watts Billie.

Doctor spent much of her later childhood on the Big Cypress Reservation and learned the ways of Seminole culture from her parents. She was taught to make dolls, sweet baskets and beadwork designs. She also learned how to make sofkee and fry bread.

Doctor said she attributes her sense of resolve from learning those Seminole traditions early in life and gives a lot of credit to her parents for how she came up years ago.

“When I grew up, my stepfather [Watts Billie] accepted me as his own daughter,” Doctor said. “It makes me feel good that I had a daddy to look up to. But one day, my mother [Mary Osceola] told me that I am a Doctor. I didn’t understand why she would tell me that, but I learned then who my real father was. His name was Joe Doctor.”

With that family knowledge obtained, Doctor went on to Cherokee Boarding School in North Carolina with a group of Tribal citizens from Big Cypress

and Brighton. Though Doctor never reached the high school level, she was able to learn the ways of life in her teenage years, with her family later moving to Immokalee in the 1950s to live a farming lifestyle.

“All my parents knew was to work on the fields and make sure we had something to eat everyday,” Doctor said. “When we moved to Immokalee, it was a swamp back then. We used to live in a chickee at a Seminole camp and pick vegetables in the fields. That’s all we did.”

Doctor is the oldest of four children. She grew up together with her brothers: Nicky Watts Billie, Tommy Watts Billie and Joseph Watts Billie.

Doctor’s Seminole lifestyle would later trickle down into her later years, when she became a parent. Her children are Rhonda Bain, Maxine Motley and Ricky Ray Tucker.

After spending a few years in Hollywood as a maid, Doctor became a stay-at-home mother and taught her children the Seminole traditions she learned growing up.

“When my kids grew up, I made sure they learned a lot about the Mikasuki language and about our culture,” Doctor said. “It’s great that my kids know our language because many of the parents today don’t teach their kids about the Seminole way of life.”

The teachings would later provide comfort to Doctor and her family, as they were able to come together after the Immokalee pioneer suffered a stroke in 1990. Though Doctor couldn’t recall much of what happened in that time, she does remember having a positive mindset, which helped her through it.

“I can’t remember a whole lot of things anymore,” Doctor said. “After the stroke, it felt like I had to start all over again, like a baby. I had to learn how to walk, talk and eat all over again. But now I’m doing fine today. God has been with me and I thank Him for that.”

At 72, Doctor is an avid walker and health aficionado. She said she exercises often and eats mainly vegetables and fish to keep her diabetic condition under control and encourages others to do the same.

“Right after I eat, I go and walk down the street,” Doctor said. “I also walk on my treadmill so I could limit myself in the heat of the day. I do that to keep myself healthy.”

Doctor also enjoys working in her garden, something she said provides for a tranquil moment and memories of the past with her parents.

Now one of 12 seniors at the Immokalee Reservation, Doctor said she likes to use her warm personality and ability to communicate with other Tribal citizens in efforts to maintain the traditions she grew up on.

“The [Mikasuki] language is dying out, so it’s up to us seniors to keep it alive in our culture,” Doctor said.

Doctor, who attends the newly built Immokalee Seminole Indian First Baptist Church, said she’s happy with where she’s at in her life right now. The Immokalee pioneer added that she would like for all Seminoles to feel the same way.

“The good Lord is watching over us everyday,” Doctor said. “God is always there for us. Everything is going to be all right. We just need to put it all in His hands.”



Naji Tobias

At her home, Immokalee Senior Nellie Doctor Bain holds up a portrait of the late Jimmy Ray Tucker and Ricky Ray Tucker. Standing by a slew of family photos, the Immokalee elder takes some time out to remember the special times her son, Ricky and his father, Jimmy shared with her years ago.



Hells Canyon Raft Staff Member

August Cultural Exchange participants at the Confluence of the Salmon and Snake Rivers of Idaho.

Seminole Tribe Boys & Girls Clubs Sponsors Fifth Year of Cultural Exchanges

BY ROBERT CLOUD NORTH, SR.
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Boys & Girls Clubs of the Seminole Tribe of Florida

The 2010 Boys & Girls Club Summer Youth program celebrated its fifth year of Youth Cultural Exchanges and Wilderness Adventures, which included three separate summer trips to expose Seminole youth from Big Cypress, Hollywood and non-resident communities to other Tribes within North America. This year Seminole Youth interacted with the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation of Oregon, and the Ojibwe – Bkejwanong Territory of Ontario, Canada. Three separate and distinct camps were set up within the months of June and August on the Snake and Salmon Rivers in Idaho.

“The BGC’s Cultural Exchanges and Wilderness Adventures provided opportunities for youth and teens to challenge themselves physically, culturally, spiritually and socially,” said Thomas Doud, Big Cypress Boys & Girls Clubs Manager. “Participants made new friendships and strengthened old friendships, while building self respect and pride in who they are as Native people.”

Through the proper cultural instruction, Seminole youth were taught how to build a Umatilla tipi, throw and atlant, an ancient hunting weapon, and understand the significance of a Umatilla sweat lodge.

For the second time in the history of the Seminole BCG, youth, parents and staff participated in an International Cultural Exchange program with members of the Ojibwe Tribe of the Bkejwanong Territory of Ontario, Canada. The first International Cultural Exchange took place amongst the indigenous Maori Tribes of New Zealand and Seminole BGC in 2007. On the second day of the exchange a formal ceremony took place where introductions were made and traditional stories were exchanged. The day ended with a gift exchange, which signified a new partnership that was formed amongst the participant Tribes.

Throughout these BGC Cultural Exchanges, Tribal youth learn about other Native cultures, as well as their own Seminole culture. The youth were invited to participate in several ceremonies and learn about the customs, traditions and storytelling from the other various Tribal groups.

Non-resident Tribal youth citizen Ari Perlmutter was particularly impressed with the cultural interaction. “It was good to be exposed to other Tribes and the ways that they do things [culturally],” Perlmutter said.

The largest Seminole Summer BGC Cultural Exchange to date took place in August while navigating the Lower Salmon River on inflatable rafts. There were 28 participants, including the professional guides. One of the most significant ceremonies of the trip took place at the confluence of the Snake and Salmon Rivers. The group stopped at confluence of the two rivers where Toby Patrick, a Cultural Instructor of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation shared several stories and explained the sacred significance of the confluence. Patrick explained that more than 200 years ago, at that site, all warring Tribes would lay down their weapons form peaceful relationships, out of respect for the sacred area. Toby said these Tribes would conduct trade and share stories at the sacred site.

The participating Tribal youth were exposed to

many ancient tools of their Native Ancestry, including the ancient art of storytelling and peaceful negotiations.

When Seminole Hollywood youth participant Aaron Osceola was asked about the significance of the Cultural Exchanges, he responded, “I don’t really think...I just want to be on the river.”

At the end of the summer trips, a “proclamation” was delivered to the staff of the Seminole Tribe of Florida, by the Bkejwanong Territory Youth Coordinator, Steve Tooshkenig, which read: “To all your staff and people involved: On behalf of Bkejwanong Territory we say ‘megwetch’ (‘Thank you,’ in Ojibwe) for inviting us on this trip. When the Tribes meet and share stories, a powerful message is produced and the youth become the foundation for a better future. Dreams and goals can be formed and then acted upon, once the youth realize that anything is possible. The Seminole Tribe of Florida has a powerful message just waiting to be heard through the voices of your youth. Bkejwanong Territory will always welcome your Tribe to our Nation [Ontario, Canada]. Bkejwanong means ‘where the waters divide.’”

Officer Michele Daza of the Youth and Elder Welfare Unit/Crime Prevention with the Seminole Police Department, also participated in the Cultural Exchange.

“The Boys and Girls Club Summer River Trip/Cultural Exchange was like no other conference or exchange I’ve ever been to before. It was surreal,” Daza said. “The environment and the individuals that surrounded the youth put them in a position to dream, succeed, achieve, and learn the true meaning of respect and discipline for their elders, the earth, as well as respect for self.”

The Boys & Girls Clubs of the Seminole Tribe of Florida design all of their activities and trips around sound and safe principles that plan on consistent, positive and evidenced-based outcomes.

This year’s BGC Cultural Exchange included the following participating North American Tribes: Seminole Tribe of Florida, Ojibwe (Canada), Pottawatomi (Canada), Muscogee Creek, Winnebago, Ojibwe (U.S.), Navajo, Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla, Warm Springs and Walla Walla.

Prior BGC cultural exchanges have included Tribes from the Southwest, Northwest United States and several indigenous tribes of the Maori of New Zealand.

For more information on the upcoming activities of the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Seminole Tribe of Florida, call 954-964-5947 or visit www.seminolebgc.org.



Velma Osceola, Boys & Girls Club

“Water Wars” - Cultural Exchange group on the Lower Salmon River of Idaho.

Youth Rally Focuses on Spiritual Growth



Chris C. Jenkins

Left photo, Tribal youth Arianna Osceola reads spiritual hymns, as part of Youth Rally festivities at the First Seminole Indian Baptist Church in Hollywood on Sept 17. The gathering promoted spiritual growth and unity among Tribal youth and the community and included visitors from the Big Cypress and Immokalee Reservations. Right photo, Tribal citizen Shelli Tiger sings spiritual hymns with invited guests and church members.

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If You Want to Be the Wall, Be an ‘Improv’ Parent



BY FRED MULLINS
On behalf of the Be the Wall Taskforce

The message of Be the Wall is simple: parents are the main “wall” that separates or stand between harmful substances and their sources from children.

There are other resources available to help protect your family from these negative influences, but there is no force that is more effective than regular doses of good old positive parenting.

In some ways parenting is similar to theater. In the space of two hours, you can experience action, comedy, tragedy, or drama, depending on the age of your child. It can get so confusing that you’re not sure if you’re broadsided on Broadway or helpless in Hollywood.

There is however one critical difference: in parenting there is no script. Life sure would be easier if there were, but it just doesn’t work that way.

Try as you might, no scene you envision with your child will go exactly according to plan. This is because kids have an uncanny ability to shake things up, to bring about the element of surprise and to steal the scene from you.

This brings to mind a great TV show, “Whose Line Is It Anyway?” It is a show based on improvisational theater where the actors never quite know what will be thrown their way. Sounds familiar at your chickee?

The results are often hilarious and always unexpected. These professional actors make incredibly difficult tasks look easy up on stage. They are so creative, so calm, so talented. What you might not know is that they have all been well trained in the rules of improv acting.

These rules allow them to access their creativity and turn any scene, no matter how strange or unexpected, into something great. So, with that in mind, I thought it might be a good idea to take a look at a few of these rules and see how they might apply to what we do every day.

The Parents’ Rules of Improv

1. Keep the scene moving forward by saying, “Yes, and ...” rather than saying, “No!” The worst thing you can do in improv is to negate what someone brings to the scene. You are killing any chance of progressing the conversation. In parenting, this rule is particularly helpful for those times when your child is whiny or complaining.

When it’s chore time and your little darling moans about how disgusting it is to clean the bathroom, there is simply no point in negating them. They are right after all – cleaning the bathroom is unpleasant – so say, “Yes, and ...” “Yes, honey, cleaning the bathroom is awful, and I think the toilets are the worst part.” There’s no gauntlet for your child to pick up. There’s no battle to fight; there is just a bathroom to clean ... as disgusting as it may be. Good improv takes hard work and self-discipline.

2. Always check your impulses and retain focus. Improv demands intense focus and concentration. We

can’t do that if we allow ourselves to get sidetracked. Kids are masters at hooking us into arguments, and if we’re not careful here, we’ll end up functioning on their level of maturity. When you find yourself really wanting to lash out or throw your hands in the air, reign in your impulses. It’s OK to want to go ballistic; it’s just not ok to actually go ballistic. By staying focused on how you want to behave, you can quiet those impulses and allow your principles to say a few things.

3. Never enter a scene unless you are needed. Way too often, when our kids are complaining about something, we take that as our cue to jump in and fix the situation. We either set them straight and let them know just how easy they have it, or we lighten their load in order to help them out. But, just like in improv, that can kill the natural momentum of the scene.

Kids are just like us in some respects. Many times, they simply want to vent. Give them space and hang back a bit to see if they can work out the scene on their own. The same goes for sibling arguments. Encourage them to work things out without your intervention and they’ll become much more self reliant in the process.

4. When in doubt, break the routine. If you find yourself in a position where you’ve tried to keep the scene moving and nothing seems to be working – do something totally unexpected to shake things up.

If you’re having the same argument about getting dressed that you’ve had each morning for the past two weeks, I’ve got a newsflash for you: whatever you’re doing isn’t working. So do something totally out of character. Switch roles. Let them pick out your clothes and wear them, no matter what. Or better yet, you put on her clothes since they’re not getting much use in her room. Trying something different even if it is silly – maybe especially if it is silly – is a great way to break the monotony. After all, a good case of the giggles makes everything seem a little easier.

Some of the greatest scenes in movies come out of improvisation. Those actors who specialize in this form make their fellow actors look better and they make it all look easy. But, just because they make it look easy doesn’t mean that it is. As you can see, good improv takes hard work and self-discipline.

My experience of raising three kids during the 1980s and 1990s, along with two grandchildren in this new century has taught me that the same is true of parenting. So, this month, give a few of these rules a shot and I think you’ll have to agree with Joey Novick, comedian and improv teacher, that, “Spontaneity. Creativity. Increased intelligence. Emotional connections. Being in the moment. It is impossible for all these things not to be there when improvising.”

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Halloween Kids Are Such a Treat, Happy Trick or Treat

BY WILLIAM R. LATCHFORD
Office of Police Chief

The Seminole Police Department wishes everyone a safe and happy Halloween. We will have a full complement of officers on each reservation assisting Tribal citizens and their families during the festivities.

Please remember to consider the following during Halloween:

- Wear costumes with reflectors.
- Walk in groups as you trick or treat.
- Parents, be sure to walk with young children as the benefits are magnificent. First, you are able to enjoy the holiday with your children. Second, you are there to ensure their safety.
- Please secure emergency information including the name and telephone number of a guardian, inside the costume.
- Be aware of your surroundings.
- Safely cross the street.
- Do not under any circumstances go into a stranger’s home.
- Trick or treat in familiar areas.
- Parents, be aware of the route your child will take

during the event.

- Teenagers, tell an adult where you will be.
- Cellular phones are a great safety enhancement, and a good way to stay in touch.
- Drivers, please remain cautious during Halloween.

•Flashlights with fresh batteries, glow sticks and/or reflective tape are essential.

Please notify the Seminole Police Department if you see any suspicious activity. We are here to serve you and make Halloween a safe, memorable and fun experience.



HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

Dry Weather Season Here, but Storms Still Possible

BY CARL FOWLER
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Brighton, Fort Pierce & Tampa Reservations

The dry weather season began 13 days ahead of schedule this year, officially starting on Oct. 4 according to the Miami office of the National Weather Service (NWS). Along with the lower humidity and cooler temperatures that make fall and winter actually enjoyable here, we’re also in the second half of the Atlantic Hurricane Season, which ends Nov. 30. But that doesn’t mean we can forget about the possibility of a tropical storm or hurricane coming our way.

Statistically, our chances of getting struck by one of these storms will decrease during the next several weeks. But as I mentioned in last month’s column, over the years there have been numerous late season storms that occurred during the last few weeks of hurricane season. These include Hurricane Wilma in 2005, Hurricane Michelle in 2001, and Hurricane Irene in 1999. All of them caused serious problems with either hurricane or tropical storm conditions.

So, how is it that, as we head toward the end of hurricane season, we can still get hit by a tropical storm or hurricane? As I noted, the dry season brings cooler air with less humidity and less rain. That’s due to the presence of frontal systems that form to our south in the Caribbean, pushing drier air up into Florida as they move north. But sometimes these fronts stall, and when they do, there is the potential for tropical cyclones to develop on their ends. These cyclones, which often begin as a tropical depression, can grow into a tropical storm or even hurricane and then push up into Florida. In the past, these storms have caused serious damage and extensive flooding throughout our communities. Such was the case with Hurricane Irene, which was a

weak windstorm as far as hurricanes go, but very destructive in terms of flood damage with numerous areas lying underwater for several days.

The good news is that while these fronts will affect us on a regular basis between now and April, the potential for them to help spawn tropical systems diminishes as we head toward Nov. 30. The risk for flooding also decreases because there’s less rain. Rainfall totals in a typical South Florida dry season average 12-21 inches spread over the coastal and interior sections. But with all of these positive things, we still need to be prepared for any type of tropical system – whether it’s a tropical wave, tropical depression, tropical storm or hurricane – through the end of November.

By the way, as we say goodbye to the rainy season, how “wet” was it? Not really that wet, according to the NWS. This year it lasted 141 days, slightly shorter than the average of 153 days. The coastal communities of South Florida averaged around 40 inches total, while the interior and western parts of South Florida got a little less – around 31 inches. Lake Okeechobee levels actually fell from a peak of almost 15 feet in May to around 14 feet at the beginning of October.

The Department of Emergency Management is always available to assist with information. The 2010 All Hazard Guide is still available and contains helpful data.

Please visit the Department of Emergency Management website at <http://www.stofemd.com/> for an online version of the Guide and additional information. Or call any of the offices in Hollywood (954-966-6300, ext. 11773), Big Cypress (863-983-2150, ext. 12740) or Brighton (863-357-7620, ext. 15805).

The Department of Emergency Management can also be contacted outside of normal business hours at 1-800-617-7514.

BY LIEUTENANT JERRY MEISENHEIMER
SPD

If you’ve ever needed a copy of an SPD police report, or have spoken with the Hollywood SPD receptionist, you probably came across Records Manager Rhonda Rotton or one of her civilian staff members.

Rotton is in her 22nd year of serving the needs of the Seminole Police Department. She began her career in 1989 as a police dispatcher. Back then, dispatchers also handled much of the record keeping for the police department.

In 1991, Rhonda was promoted to communications supervisor and coordinated the daily operations of the communications center, which included overseeing the Hollywood and outlying reservations.

In 1991, SPD’s central records were transferred from the Big Cypress Reservation to Hollywood and were added to the list of duties performed by Rotton. Finally, in June of 1994, she was again promoted and named the records supervisor. Her title was recently elevated to records manager.

Today, Rotton’s staff consists of four full time records clerks and a records supervisor. They keep busy filing police reports, filling requests for copies, keeping accurate records of crime statistics and submitting traffic citations to the state.

One clerk acts as the court liaison and provides copies of reports to the State Attorney’s office and coordinates the police officers’ court appearances. Another clerk scans all the police reports into the archives.

Any police-related document has to be stored for many years before it can be shredded. These documents are tracked and often are retrieved for various investiga-

tions. All litigation paperwork is provided to the Seminole Tribe’s legal department for review. The records staff has to be well trained on Tribal policy and procedure.

Along with the daily record keeping, Rotton has been one of the key players in setting up a completely new computer system used by the police officers on the road.

A computer-aided dispatch system generates a call for service. The officer then types his/her report on a laptop inside the police vehicle and submits it electronically for approval. Once approved by a supervisor, the report is forwarded to the Records Department. Rotton was instrumental in setting up the standards and working out the problems of this records management system.

At home, Rotton enjoys spending time with her husband of 21 years, Peter, who owns a commercial electrical company. They have two boxers, Prince Joxer and Chief. A native Floridian, Rotton has lived in Hollywood for 42 years.

She loves the outdoors and taking nature walks, going to the beach, and bike riding. She also stays in shape playing racquet ball and basketball.

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 1:15-2:15 Martha Redbone
 2:15-3:00 Alligator Wrestling Show
 3:00-3:10 Raffle and Announcements
 3:15-4:00 Hank Nelson Jr.

Saturday – November 6, 2010

11:00 Introduction and National Anthem
 11:15-12:00 Yellowbird Apache Dancers
 12:00-12:45 Critter Show
 12:45-1:00 2009 Star Search Winner Tori Osceola
 1:00-1:45 Martha Redbone
 1:45 Raffle and Announcements
 2:00-2:45 Hank Nelson Jr.
 2:45-3:30 Alligator Wrestling Show
 3:30-3:45 2010 Star Search Winner
 3:45 Raffle and Announcements

Sunday – November 7, 2010

11:00 Introduction and National Anthem
 11:15-12:00 Seminole Stomp Dancers or Yellowbird
 12:00-12:45 Critter Show
 12:45-1:00 2009 Star Search Winner Preston Osceola
 1:00-1:45 Martha Redbone
 1:45 Raffle and Announcements
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 2:45-3:30 Alligator Wrestling Show
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EducationB

Big Cypress Education Department Hosts Open House

BY NAJI TOBIAS
Staff Reporter

BIG CYPRESS – The Big Cypress Education Department hosted an Open House event for the Tribal students and their parents on Oct. 5, at the Family Investment Center.

Tribal families took the time to learn about the host of educational features offered to them. Courtesy of the Education, Culture and Library departments, the staff gave the youngsters a tour of the Willie Frank Library and of the Learning Resource Center.

Sam Tommie, the father of 2010-2011 Jr. Miss Seminole Princess Lorelei Tommie, said he felt comfortable seeing the staff at the function, making for a worthwhile experience.

“We have a great support system here,” Tommie said. “[The staff] show you that they care about our students and their jobs. I hope our kids appreciate their culture and language the Tribe has to offer them.”

Seminole Education Director Emma Johns said the open house was geared toward showing the Tribal youngsters and their parents that the departments will do everything they can to help them become successful in their education.

“The students have gotten acclimated to the school year,” Johns said. “They’ve been in school for four, five weeks now. We’re here to offer our students and parents all the information and supplies they need to succeed academically, whether it be tutoring, books, higher education or employee training.”

Lorelei Tommie, a sophomore at the American Heritage School in Plantation, said the open house is “a good way of presenting all the different opportunities” that are available to Tribal citizens, as far as education is concerned.



Naji Tobias

Big Cypress Tribal citizen and parent Mariann Billie, second from left, accompanies Rylen Billie, 3, Mahala Billie, 7, Destiny Cypress, 9 and Thomlynn Billie, 10, to the Learning Resource Center, to pick up a set of brochures and an array of school supplies.



Naji Tobias

Shana Balentine, center, and Sierra Bowers grab notebooks, a bag of school supplies and brochures from Big Cypress Education Advisor Carine Eugene, left, as they learn about the features of the Big Cypress Education Department

“[The Open House] has opened my eyes to all the privileges I have as a Seminole,” Lorelei Tommie said. “It makes me want to be more involved in my education.”

About 60 Tribal youngsters and adults received notebooks, school supplies and an array of prizes.

Traditional foods, such as fry bread, pumpkin bread and sofkee, were offered to the open house attendees, courtesy of the Culture Department. It was part of the dinner course made available to the participants, as they were treated to a catered meal by Char-Hut.



Naji Tobias

Lorelei Tommie and her father, Sam Tommie share a bonding moment as they read about Seminole history.



Rachel Buxton

Pemayetv Emahakv students look through hundreds of books at their first book fair of the school year, organized Oct. 4-8.

Pemayetv Emahakv Promotes Literacy

BRIGHTON —Students of Pemayetv Emahakv enjoyed their first book fair of the school year Oct. 4-8.

With the theme of superheroes, students came and went from the classroom filled with books, spending more than \$8,000.

Sixty percent of the money collected will go back to the school to help purchase books for the Brighton Library.

The school is looking to hold a second book fair in the spring.

-Rachel Buxton



Rachel Buxton

Deliah Carillo browses through books during Pemayetv Emahakv's book fair.

Spirit Week at Ahfachkee School Shows Off Seminole Traditions



Naji Tobias

Students and staff from the Ahfachkee School bow their heads for a word of prayer at the conclusion of the See You at the Pole function on Sept. 22. According to www.syatp.com, See You at the Pole (SYATP) is an annual gathering of Christian students of all ages at a flagpole in front of their local school for prayer, scripture reading and hymn singing, during the early morning before school starts. The American SYATP events occur on every fourth Wednesday of September each year. This annual gathering, according to the website, began in 1990 as a vision from a group of teenagers in Burelson, Texas.



Naji Tobias

Ahfachkee teacher Mr. Dominique Troadec pays a surprise visit to Mrs. Huckabee's kindergarten class on Sept. 22, as he wears a Seminole skirt in honor of Show and Tell/Swap Day, an event part of the Tribal school's Spirit Week activities. The kindergarten students embrace Troadec for his outward support of Seminole culture.



Naji Tobias

Ahfachkee's Alisa Brooks shows Mrs. Statira Huckabee and her fellow kindergarten classmates a Seminole dress made by her grandmother during a Show and Tell session as part of the school's Spirit Week activities on Sept. 22.



Naji Tobias

Trail Seminole Joe Cypress, center, shows an Ahfachkee School student how to play stickball, before the competition on the culture field.



Naji Tobias

As part of the Ahfachkee School's Spirit Week festivities, Ahfachkee School Culture Teacher Mary Jene Koenes, center, tells students a story about a deceiving rabbit.



Naji Tobias

Students and staff round up together at the Ahfachkee School's flagpole for the See You at the Pole function on Sept. 22.

Students Dress to the Nines for Traditional Dress Competition



Rachel Buxton
Conner Thomas, left, and Aidan Tommie go head to head for first place.



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Sixth grade boys, from left: Drayton Billie, Erik Garcia and Ruben Burgess.



Rachel Buxton
The third grade boys show off their patchwork.

BRIGHTON — Boys and girls of Pemayetv Emahakv Charter School dressed in their very best Seminole capes, skirts, shirts and jackets for the school's annual traditional dress competition held Sept. 23 in the cafeteria. Members of the Seminole Police and Fire Rescue Departments were on hand to judge the fine clothing as students took turns by grades showing off their Seminole outfits.

-Rachel Buxton



Rachel Buxton
The second grade boys line up for the judges.



Rachel Buxton
The first grade girls show off their fashionable Seminole attire.



Rachel Buxton
The sixth grade winner, from left, Raylon Eagle, Deliah Carillo and Sydnee Cypress.

Pemayetv Emahakv Tradition Dress Contest Winners		
Kindergarten Girls 1. Makya King 2. Pearcetin Trammell 3. Melina Steve	Third Grade Girls 1. Jacey Jumper 2. Madisyn Osceola 3. Luzana Venzor	Sixth Grade Girls 1. Sydnee Cypress 2. Deliah Carillo 3. Raylon Eagle
Boys 1. Jrayko Billie 2. Dwayne Billie 3. Ian Tommie	Boys 1. Ozzy Osceola 2. Dante Thomas 3. Lance Howard	Boys 1. Drayton Billie 2. Erik Garcia 3. Ruben Burgess
First Grade Girls 1. Karlyne Urbina 2. Leilani Burton 3. Jahcole Arnold	Fourth Grade Girls 1. Krysta Burton 2. Alicia Fudge	Seventh Grade Girls 1. Keyana Nelson 2. Tyra Baker 3. Kalgary Johns
Boys 1. Kobe Jimmie 2. Caleb Burton 3. Jaytron Baker	Boys 1. Aidan Tommie 2. Conner Thomas 3. Ridge Bailey	Boys 1. C.W. Ortiz 2. Richard Smith
Second Grade Girls 1. Caylie Huff 2. Melinda Gentry 3. Aubee Billie	Fifth Grade Girls 1. Aiyana Tommie 2. Jalynn Jones 3. Chloe Chalfant	Eighth Grade Girls 1. Breanna Billie 2. Justice Baker 3. Darlah Cypress
Boys 1. Jahbahn Arnold 2. Hunter Howard 3. Tanner Shore	Boys 1. Layne Thomas 2. Dyami Nelson 3. Richard Harris	Boys 1. Layton Thomas 2. Myrik Puente 3. Braceton King



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From left, Kalgary Johns, Keyana Nelson and Tyra Baker clad in traditional patchwork and capes.

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Graysun Billie and Roderick Bert work on a set of memory-based continuous patterns at the Math Fair, with the help of Ahfachkee Teacher Aide Wandretta Gibson, right.



Naji Tobias

Nine Big Cypress Reservation departments participate in the Ahfachkee Warriors 500 community race around the Herman L. Osceola Gymnasium.



Naji Tobias

The Ahfachkee School's second and third grade classes combined to take the Best in Show honors at the Ahfachkee Warriors 500 race for best car design in the school category.



Naji Tobias

Sandra Koenes, left, parent of Dyami Koenes, 4, center, receives information from Big Cypress New Testament Church Pastor Rev. Arlen J. Payne about the dangers of drug and alcohol use at the "Be The Wall" Math Fair station.



Naji Tobias

Ahfachkee kindergarten Tanoke Billie, 5, dresses a bear in warm clothing after he picks a cold setting, while teacher Vicki Rudolph assists him. The Ahfachkee kindergarten Math Fair booth is entitled "Temperature."



Naji Tobias

Mariah Smith, left, spins the "Wheel of Health" and lands on "Exercise," as Seminole Youth Health Specialist Amy Kimerlain advises her to exercise on a daily basis. Smith is encouraged by Kimerlain to exercise at least one hour per day.



Naji Tobias

The Big Cypress Education Department wins the community category in the Ahfachkee Warriors 500 race at the Math Fair on Sept. 30. Celebrating the win are Higher Education Recruiter Luis Yeguez, left, Education Assistant Advisor Angie Hurt, center, and Education Advisor Carine Eugene.



Naji Tobias

Big Cypress Council Rep. Mondo Tiger makes an appearance at the Ahfachkee School's Math Fair.



Naji Tobias

Ahfachkee School sixth grade teacher Barbara Klammer, left, helps Craig Huckabee to place paper-laminated car tire numbers that are lower and higher than the imaginary No. 9 race car. This is an exercise in the Ahfachkee School's fifth and sixth grade "line estimation" Math Fair station.



Naji Tobias

Ahfachkee's Charlie Osceola, left, works on a temperature worksheet, as Ahfachkee kindergarten teacher Statira Huckabee, right, shows her the difference between hot and cold thermometers through two different cups of water.



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Eleven Ahfachkee School entrants made their way to the Ahfachkee 500 race at the Math Fair.

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Health

Seminole Pathways Begins Second Year of Morning Fitness Walk

BY NAJI TOBIAS
Staff Reporter

BIG CYPRESS – The second year of the Seminole Pathways walking program began in the morning hours of Oct. 5 at the Big Cypress Fitness Trail.

As Big Cypress Tribal citizen Marilyn Jumper prepared to walk and run three laps around the fitness trail, she briefly talked about her exercise.

“I want to keep myself in shape,” Jumper said. “It’s a good time to work out here. Exercising is something I love to do every day.”

While Jumper was walking two laps, later running the last one, fellow Big Cypress

Tribal citizen Alice M. Billie was heading toward the trail. She walked the fitness trail for three laps before heading to work at the Family Investment Center that morning.

Meanwhile, Beverly Alumbaugh took to the fitness trail for a different reason. Alumbaugh, a diabetic, said this walk was important to participate in because it will help her control her condition and it could ultimately get others to join her in the Seminole Pathways walks.

“Someone told me about this a few days before it started,” Alumbaugh said of Seminole Pathways. “I made sure I got up early enough to get in on this walk. I feel really good about myself and in my body right now.”

Alumbaugh said she plans on walking the fitness trail at least three days per week as a way to maintain her weight and health.

While Alumbaugh was a visible force on the trail, Big Cypress Tribal elder Violet Jim conducted her three-lap walk at about 6:30 a.m., an

hour before the rest of the Tribal participants. All of these happenings impressed Seminole Pathway Coordinator and Big Cypress Tribal elder Edna McDuffie.

“Our main focus here is to keep moving forward with our health program,” McDuffie said. “We want to have more people to come out to our weekly walks. But for now, I was happy with the turnout we had here. They enjoyed the nice weather and took advantage of the opportunity that was made available to them.”

Seminole Pathways, which launched last September, is geared toward giving Tribal citizens a chance to walk their way toward a healthy lifestyle. With Tribal citizens getting their blood pressure and weight checked on a regular basis, it gives them an incentive to enjoy the 12-week walk season.

Weekly walks will be held at all of the Tribe’s reservations, McDuffie said.

Seminole Pathways II actually began on Sept. 27, when Tribal citizens walked about three miles down the Big Cypress Canal walkway on Indian Day. The walk season ends on March 12, 2011 at Nova Southeastern University, for the Broward County Heart Walk.

According to McDuffie, a variety of prizes will be awarded through the program for points earned and winners will be announced at next spring’s Seminole Pathways II awards ceremony.

For more information, call McDuffie at 863-983-5798.



Naji Tobias
Beverly Alumbaugh, left, and Edna McDuffie walk on the Big Cypress Fitness Trail Oct. 5. Alumbaugh goes around the trail for three laps, while McDuffie walks for a total of nine laps – the equivalent of three miles.



Naji Tobias
Alice M. Billie signs up for the Seminole Pathways II walking series.



Naji Tobias
Big Cypress Tribal citizen Marilyn Jumper takes a jog along the fitness trail.



Naji Tobias
Six Tribal citizens from Big Cypress participated in the first walk of the Seminole Pathways second season on Oct. 5. From left: Beverly Alumbaugh, Edna McDuffie, Alice M. Billie, Marilyn Jumper and Janice Osceola. Big Cypress Tribal elder Violet Jim is not pictured, as she concluded her mile walk before the rest began theirs.



Naji Tobias
Big Cypress Tribal citizen Alice M. Billie walks three laps, which equals 1 mile.



Naji Tobias
Seminole Pathways Coordinator Edna McDuffie takes the blood pressure of Tribal citizen Beverly Alumbaugh.

Big Cypress Preschoolers Team Up with Seminole Fitness for Get Fit Day



Naji Tobias
Seminole Fitness Trainer Liz Pickering, left, guides Thelma Tigertail, 1 and William Bevenue, 2, through the roller relay race course at Get Fit Day on Oct. 15.



Naji Tobias
Laylah Billie, 3, navigates her way out of the tunnel, while Louis Billie, 3, jumps over hula hoops.



Naji Tobias
Seminole Fitness Trainer Gina Allardyce and 1-year-old McKinley Turtle work on their quadriceps and hamstrings on the roller relay race course. The preschool youngsters participate in four stations at the Oct. 15 event, held at the Herman L. Osceola Gymnasium: the Tunnel Tube, the Circuit (featuring hula hoops, a road map, tunnels and cones), the Castle Tunnel and the Roller Relay Race Course.

What Is Red Ribbon Week?

BY ERIC BRICKER
Family Services Department

In 1985, the National Family Partnership sponsored the first Red Ribbon Week, after the tragic death of DEA Special Agent Enrique Camarena.

Agent Camarena was killed in the line of duty while trying to keep drugs off of our streets and out of the hands of our children. Since that time, the Red Ribbon campaign was dedicated to Special Agent Camarena to keep his memory alive by committing one week every year to drug abuse prevention. Through the Tribe’s various youth prevention programs, Red Ribbon Week is observed on each of the reservations through various community activities. The National Family Partnership has the official Red Ribbon week occurring from Oct. 23 through Oct. 31 annually. All Tribal organization are free to schedule the activities at any time. The 2010 theme is “I am Drug Free.”

Who is Enrique Camarena?

According to the National Family Partnership, Enrique “Kiki” Camarena was a Drug Enforcement Administration Agent who was tortured and killed in Mexico in 1985. Camarena worked his way through college, served in the Marines and became a police officer. When he decided to join the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, his mother tried to talk him out of it. “I’m only

one person,” he told her, “but I want to make a difference.”

According to the DEA website, Camarena’s efforts resulted in the seizure of a major drug processing plant and distribution network in Chihuahua, Mexico. The kidnapping and murder of Camarena was allegedly an act of vengeance by the cartels whose operations were disrupted.

The tradition of wearing red ribbons was started in Camarena’s hometown of Calexico, California after Camarena’s death. The National Family Partnership became involved shortly after.

According to the DEA, approximately 80 million people participate in Red Ribbon events every year.



Health Department, Library Host Nutrition Workshop



Naji Tobias
On Sept. 15, the Seminole Health Department and the Big Cypress Library staff organized a nutrition workshop for the Big Cypress Tribal youngsters at the Family Investment Center. Youth Health Specialist Amy Kimberlain, center, discussed with the Tribal youth ways to choose healthy foods for breakfast. The group was encouraged to eat foods high in fiber, low in sugar and high in vitamins and minerals. Kimberlain advises to check the food labels for the aforementioned items. “When choosing a breakfast, they should include grains, fruits and milk to make a balanced meal,” Kimberlain said. Following that was a game of Healthy Hurdles, which showed the youth how to properly choose a balanced breakfast meal. The Boys & Girls Club also participated in the workshop.

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Announcements

2010 Native Women & Youth in Ag Annual Writing Competition

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- ✓ Quality of Grammar
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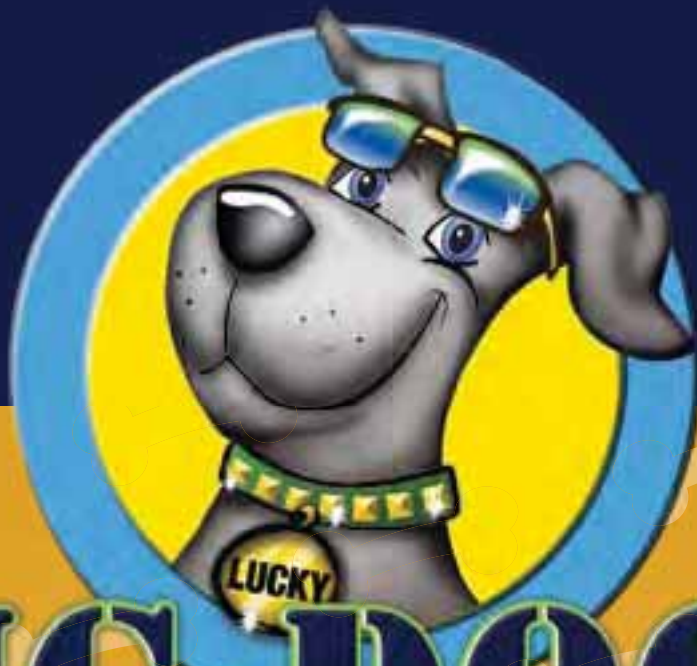
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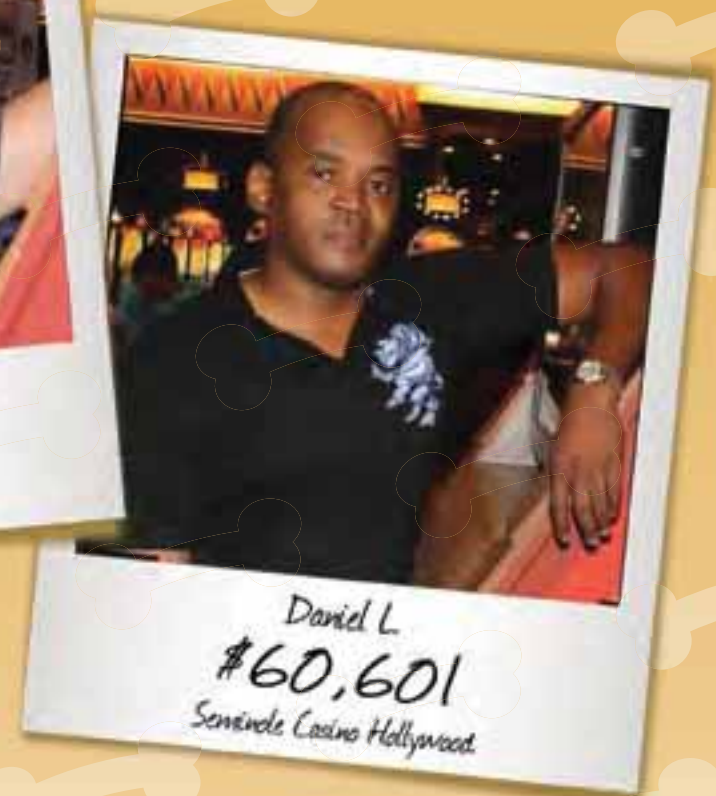
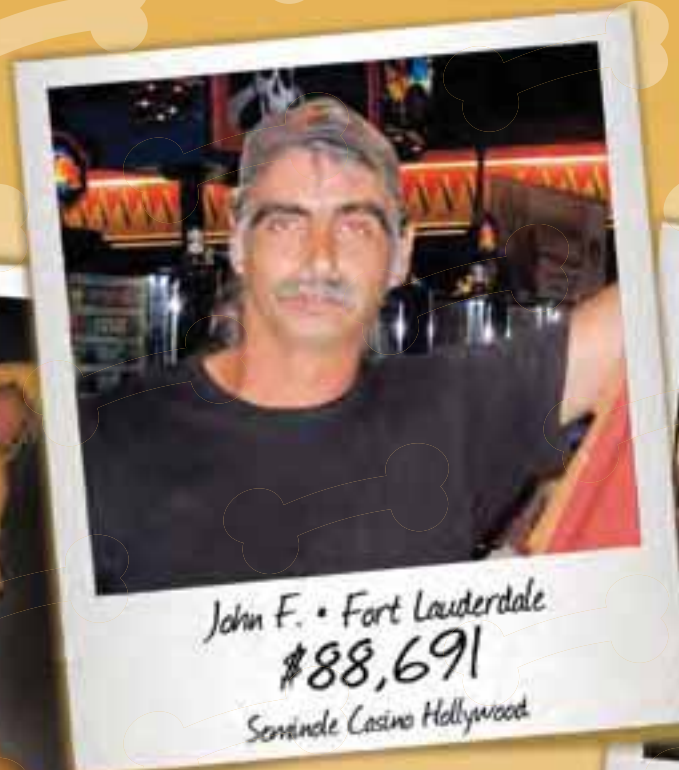
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The 'Seminole Pride' gymnastics team shows off their fifth place team championship trophy at the 2010 Penguin Invite held at the Park Avenue Gym in Cooper City on Sept. 25. The seven competitors participated and placed in four events including floor exercise, uneven bars, balance beam and vault. It was the first of four scheduled meets this year for the team.

'Seminole Pride' Gymnasts Place at Penguin Invite



Chris Jenkins

Alyssa Osceola prepares to dismount in her balance beam performance.



Chris Jenkins

Charlie Osceola and Harmony Cypress show off their individual medals at the award ceremony.



Chris Jenkins

Valholly Frank on the uneven bars.



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Caitlyn Cypress in the floor routine.



Chris Jenkins

Trinity Williams during her balance beam routine.

Indian Day Golf Tournament Takes Off at Grande Oaks

Indian Day Golf Tournament Results

First place
Charlie Cypress and Mitch Osceola

Second place total
Elliot Young and Ronnie Doctor

Third place total
Jason Tommie and Steve Osceola

Fourth place
John Madrigal and Virginia Billie

Closest to the pin hole
Hole #5 Steve Osceola;
Hole #7 Raymond Garza;
Hole #11 Steve Osceola;
Hole #17 Mitch Osceola;

Longest drive:
Hole #8 Loretta Micco and Lawrence Osceola
Hole #15 Elliot Young



Adina Loochkartt

Loretta Micco prepares to shoot.



Adina Loochkartt

Steve Osceola made a hole in one, at hole no. 11, par 3, 142 yards, with his no. 8 iron club, at the Indian Day Golf Tournament held Oct. 7 at Grande Oaks Golf Club in Davie. Hollywood/Fort Pierce Tribal Council Rep. Max B. Osceola Jr. praised Steve's hit and called him an "ace."



Adina Loochkartt

Mitch Osceola takes his turn while Lawrence Osceola, far left, John Madrigal, middle, and Jason Tommie watch.

Charter School Girls Volleyball Team Adds One More Win to Season Record

BRIGHTON — The Pemayetv Emahakv volleyball Seminoles added one more win to their overall record Oct. 11 as they dominated against Glades West during their match up in the Brighton gym.

The girls volleyball team started off strong in the first game winning 25-14. Glades West fought back during a nail-biting second game tying the match-up with a 25-22 win. The Seminoles didn't back down however. Breanna Billie served 10 winning service points helping the Seminoles capture the third game and taking the match. The Seminoles' win against Glades West gives them an 8-2-season record.

-Rachel Buxton



Rachel Buxton

Breanna Billie serves 10 straight service points.



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The Seminoles work together to keep the ball alive.



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Kailin Brown runs to save the ball.



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Chasity Harmon dives for the ball.

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Dawn Marie Snow Fertitta Remembered at Annual Bowling Memorial

BRIGHTON – The annual Dawn Marie Snow Fertitta bowling tournament brought Tribal citizens from surrounding reservations Oct. 9. The memorial tournament in memory of the late Dawn Marie Snow Fertitta was held at Lucky Lanes bowling alley in Okeechobee. The participants played four games enjoying friendly competition and fellowship.

-Rachel Buxton



Tom Riser

McKayla Snow, daughter of the late Dawn Marie Snow Fertitta, throws out the first ball of the tournament using her mother's bowling ball.



Tom Riser

A cake was made to memorialize the life of the late Dawn Marie Snow Fertitta.



Tom Riser

Recreation Director Richard Osceola took a break from work to remember Dawn Marie.

Seniors Come Together at Annual Martha Tiger Pool Tournament

BY NAJI TOBIAS
Staff Reporter

BIG CYPRESS – Tribal elders competed in pool tournament play in memory of the late Martha Tiger.

The ninth annual Martha Tiger Pool Tournament was held on Sept. 30 at the Big Cypress Billiards Center.

Just before the seniors began 8-Ball play, Big Cypress Senior Center Site Director Cecilia Guzman offered them some words of encouragement.

"Play with your hearts and have fun out there," Guzman said to the Tribal elder participants. "I know Martha is among us right here at this pool tournament. She will always be in our hearts. We pray for here everyday, even when she's not physically present."



Naji Tobias

Esther Buster puts a set of balls in place as she gets ready to compete in women's 8-Ball play.



Naji Tobias

Rudy Osceola sets himself up for a pool shot in 8-Ball play at the ninth annual Martha Tiger Pool Tournament on Sept. 30.



Naji Tobias

Ruby Osceola checks for her pool ball as she prepares to hit a practice shot before the tournament begins.

Results from the Martha Tiger Pool Tournament

Senior Women – 8-Ball: 1. Louise Billie, 2. Ruby Osceola, 3. Esther Buster, 4. Louise Billie;
Senior Men – 8-Ball: 1. Joe Billie, 2. Joe Frank, 3. Rudy Osceola, 4. George Billie, 5. Jonah Cypress;
Scotch Doubles: 1. Rudy Osceola/Esther Buster, 2. Joe Billie/Louise Billie, 3. Ruby Osceola/Joe B. Osceola, 4. George Billie/Louise Osceola.

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Big Cypress Tribal Youth Attend NFL Punt, Pass and Kick Competition



Naji Tobias

Big Cypress Recreation Department Aide Carlton Banks, left, Big Cypress Recreation Coordinator Eddie Redd, second from left, Roderick Bert, 11, second from right, and Kylen Jumper, 8, stretch before the two Tribal youngsters go out on the Big Cypress softball field to show off their football skills at the NFL Punt, Pass and Kick function on Oct. 2.



Naji Tobias

Big Cypress Recreation Coordinator Eddie Redd, left, watches Kylen Jumper, 8, throw a pass at the NFL Punt, Pass and Kick function on Oct. 2. Jumper's throw went 23 feet in the air, with his combined punt, pass and kick total to later be recorded at 39'1" – good enough for the sectional NFL Punt, Pass and Kick competition, held Oct. 16 in Miami, with the Miami Dolphins being the NFL team representative.



Naji Tobias

Roderick Bert sets up for a kick, which ends up traveling 36 feet in the air. Bert's combined punt, pass and kick total measures up at 155'8.5".



Naji Tobias

Roderick Bert punts the football at NFL Punt, Pass and Kick event in Big Cypress on Oct. 2. His punt is good for 22'8.5'.



Naji Tobias

Brothers Roderick Bert and Kylen Jumper move on to the NFL Punt, Pass and Kick sectionals. Jumper said the event reminded him of flag football, but less kids. "This is the first time I've done something like it," he said. "It was a good experience for me and my brother. We had a good exercise out there."



Naji Tobias

The families of Cameron Osceola, Raini Osceola and Alonzo Wargolet come out to show their support and love to the three Tribal athletes in the Sept. 15 home game against Ransom Everglades. They are in jubilation after pulling away with a 28-12 win over their opponent.

Tribal Youth Play Football for American Heritage Patriots



Naji Tobias

American Heritage-Plantation Patriots sixth graders Alonzo Wargolet, no. 88, and Cameron Osceola, no. 54, represent the Seminole Tribe on the gridiron during their Sept. 15 game against Ransom Everglades in a 28-12 home win. Wargolet, left, lines up at wide receiver for the team, while Osceola plays on the defensive line for the Patriots.



Naji Tobias

American Heritage-Plantation sixth grader Raini Osceola cheers on for the Patriots football team in its Sept. 15 home win over Ransom Everglades.

Marcella Green Golf Tournament Remembers Cherished Tribal Citizen



Adina Loochkartt

Leah Mayersohn, a friend of the Green family, Marcella and Bob Green's grandchildren, Chesney Bowers and Quannah Bowers, and Marcella's widower Bob Green.



Adina Loochkartt

Byron Osceola, 6 years old, proves that children can be pros too.

"Every year I try to play in as many [tournaments] as I can, it's a good thing to get together and remember them." "Marcella Green was an athlete, a fine Tribal member and mother. [This tournament] is a reflection of her. The women are the strength of the Tribe; her lessons have carried on in the life of her children, so she still lives."

— Hollywood Council Rep. Max B. Osceola Jr.



Adina Loochkartt

Conchade Osceola, 7 years old, is ready to hit.



Adina Loochkartt

From left, Hollywood/Fort Pierce Tribal Council Rep. Max B. Osceola Jr., Destiny Whitney, Ken Campbell and Lawrence Osceola participate in the Marcella Green Memorial Golf Tournament Oct. 9 at Hillcrest Golf Course and Country Club in Hollywood.



Adina Loochkartt??

From left, Marcellus Osceola Jr., Brett Green, Jeremy Bowers and Jackie Thompson. Green and Bowers are Marcella Green's sons, who have participated in each tournament in the memory of their mothers. Green, Tribal citizen from the Hollywood Reservation, said, "We play every year in the golf tournament. [Our mother] enjoyed playing golf. She started playing toward the last years. We used to play as a family, so now we want to keep the tradition going in her memory."

Marcella Green Memorial Golf Tournament Results

First place: Team 58: Elliot Young; Jeremy Harrison; Mark Steve Osceola and Curtis Allen Osceola
Second place: Team 61: Ronnie Doctor; Mabel Doctor; James Wade and Brian Conley.
Third place: Team 64: Ray Garza Sr.; Virginia Billie and Josh Harrison.
Fourth place: Team 64: Max Osceola, Jr.; Lawrence Osceola; Ken Campbell and Destiny Whitney.
Fifth place: Team 65: Pete Russo; Ernest F. Riley; Jay Maxwell and David Anderson.

Closest to pin winners

Hole # 3: Pete Russo (Sr. men); David Hickey (Men); Destiny Whitney (women)
Hole #5: Fred Hopkins (Sr. men); Jeremy Harrison (men); Destiny Whitney (women)
Hole #11: Pete Russo (Sr. men); Elliot Young (men)
Hole #14: Lawrence Osceola (Sr. Men); Brett Green (men); Virginia Billie (women)

Longest Drive

Ernest Riley (Sr. men)
Fred Hager (men)
Destiny Whitney (women)

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Indian Day

Fort Pierce Honors Native Americans with Indian Day Celebration



Rachel Buxton

Mallorie Thomas holds on for eight seconds on the mechanical bull ride. The Fort Pierce community kicked off their Indian Day activities with a pool tournament held at Ultimate Billiards Sept. 17 in Fort Pierce. They carried their celebration through Sept. 18 at the Chupco Ranch with carnival rides, face painting, clothing contests and traditional competitions including pole peeling, horse shoes and axe throwing. -Rachel Buxton



Rachel Buxton

Sisters Leeonna Bichardo, left, and Jezza Bichardo from Hollywood enjoy the swings at the Fort Pierce Indian Day.



Rachel Buxton

The little ones dressed to the nines for the traditional clothing contest.



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Edgerrin Billie, left, and Redheart Billie carve soap during the carving demonstration.



Rachel Buxton

Byron Billie tries his luck at axe throwing.



Rachel Buxton

Daniel "Boogie" Nunez takes first place in the pool tournament held in conjunction with the Fort Piece Indian Day celebration.

Sixth Annual Indian Days Entertains Tribal Citizens at Okalee Village



Chris C. Jenkins

Alligator wrestler James Holt performs one of several stunts for guests, as part of the sixth annual Indian Day event held at the Oaklee Village in Hollywood Sept. 24-25.



Chris C. Jenkins

Tribal citizen and hip-hop artist Stephen Billie entertains guests during the opening day of the festivities.



Chris C. Jenkins

Storyteller Gordon "Ollie" Wareham narrates traditional Seminole tales.



Chris C. Jenkins

Tribal citizen Taylor Osceola, fourth from left, along with audience guests perform a group dance with members of the Three Feathers Dance Group.

Brighton Comes Together As a Family for Indian Day Celebration

Even with several other events going on, the Brighton community still came together to celebrate Indian Day as a family with fun and friendly competition Oct. 15-16. The night of Oct. 15 guests from other Tribal reservations joined Brighton residents for the clothing contest held in the gym. Everyone dressed in traditional attire representing their late ancestors. The next day the real competition began with field events for the kids and horseshoes and archery for the adults. The seniors and children cheered for their turtle during the infamous Indian Day turtle races. Friends and family enjoyed a dinner and fellowship following the day's events. Right photo, the ladies showed off their traditional attire, meaning no designs just stripes. -Rachel Buxton



Rachel Buxton



Rachel Buxton

Billie Micco enjoys a friendly horseshoe competition.



Rachel Buxton

Elle Thomas picks her turtle for the turtle races.



Rachel Buxton

Deagen Osceola shows that boys can throw skilletts too.



Rachel Buxton

Timothy Bearden impresses everyone with his archery skills.



Rachel Buxton

Brighton young ladies model for the judges.

Big Cypress Indian Day Results

Archery
7-8 years old – Female: 1. Shana Balentine; 7-8 years old – Male: 1. Lee Onco, 2. Richard Billie Jr., 3. Willie Smith; 9-11 years old – Female: 1. Mazzy Robbins, 2. Katrina Huggins, 3. Crystal Garcia; 9-11 years old – Male: 1. Chaska Osceola, 2. Corbin Billie, 3. Reginald Cypress; 12-14 years old – Female: 1. Nia Cypress; 12-14 years old – Male: 1. Tyrus Billie, 2. Derick Toho, 3. Troy Yescas; 15-17 years old: 1. Stevie Billie/Jason Melton, 2. Bradley Osceola, 3. Ricky Joe Alumbaugh; 18-25 years old: 1. Rowdy Osceola, 2. Ronnie Billie Jr.; 36-54 years old: 1. Charlie Cypress; 55-64 years old: 1. Joe Frank.

Axe Throwing Contest
15-17 years old: 1. Ryan Cypress; 18-25 years old: 1. Rowdy Osceola; 36-54 years old: 1. Charlie Cypress.

Canoe Races
13-17 years old: 1. Caitlin Cypress/Aileen Cypress, 2. Darwin Cypress/William Kortiss Jumper; Adults: 1. Julius Billie/Nathan Billie, 2. Wesley Garcia/Clifton Billie, 3. Charlie Cypress/Ryan Cypress.

Crafts Contest
6-8 years old: 1. Shana Balentine; 9-12 years old: 1. Janessa Jones, 2. Thomlynn Billie; 13-17 years old: 1. Katianna Jumper, 2. Alisia Billie, 3. Sierra Bowers; 26-35 years old: 1. Alice M. Billie; 36-54 years old: 1. Brenda Tommie, 2. Carolyn Billie; 65 years old and up: 1. Sadie T. Cypress.

Fry Bread Cooking Contest
Youth – Female: 1. Nia Cypress, 2. Caitlin Cypress, 3. Sierra Bowers; Youth – Male: 1. Ricky Joe Alumbaugh, 2. Derick Toho, 3. Thomlynn Billie; Adult – Female: 1. Beverly Alumbaugh, 2. Janice Osceola, 3. Brenda Tommie; Adult – Male: 1. Charlie Cypress, 2. Wovoka Tommie.

Log Peeling Contest
15-17 years old: 1. Ryan Cypress; 18-25 years old – Female: 1. Ayze Jo Henry, 2. JoJo Osceola; 18-25 years old – Male: 1. Byron Billie Sr.; 26-35 years old – Female: 1. Georgina Bert, 26-35 years old – Male: 1. Wovoka Tommie; 36-54 years old – Female: 1. Brenda Tommie; 36-54 years old – Male: 1. Charlie Cypress, 2. Clifton Billie; 55-64 years old: 1. Mike Cypress, 2. Joe Frank; 65 years old and up: 1. Junior Billie.



Naji Tobias

Big Cypress Tribal youngsters have some fun at Indian Day.

Big Cypress Community Participates in Indian Day Festivities



Naji Tobias

Elijah Billie, left, and Thomlynn Billie take the top two places in the Traditional Girls Clothing Contest for the 9-to-11-year-old category.



Naji Tobias

Canoe race coordinator Lenny Jim, left, clocks the time for the team of adult winners Julius Billie, in front, and Nathan Billie.

Clothing Contest

Family Division
1. Virginia Garcia-Sanders, 2. Thomas M. A. Billie, 3. Melissa Billie.
Traditional - Female
0-1 year old: No entries; 2-4 years old: 1. Sarafina Billie, 2. Mayli Tommie; 5-8 years old: 1. Harmony Cypress, 2. Micah Stockton, 3. Hayzen Balentine; 9-11 years old: 1. Eliza Billie, 2. Thomlynn Billie; 12-17 years old: No entries; 18-25 years old: 1. JoJo Osceola, 2. Jaunalupe Nina Frias; 26-35 years old: 1. Clea Billie, 2. Alice M. Billie, 3. Tommi Billie; 36-54 years old: 1. Virginia Garcia-Sanders; 55-64 years old: 1. Janice Osceola; 65 years old and up: 1. Frances Osceola.
Traditional - Male
0-1 year old: 1. Kai Tommie; 2-4 years old: 1. Byron Billie Jr., 2. Micah Stockton, 3. Hayzen Balentine; 5-8 years old: 1. Dwayne Billie, 2. Kassim Stockton Jr.; 9-11 years old: No entries; 12-17 years old: No entries; 18-25 years old: 1. Byron Billie; 26-35 years old: 1. Kassim Stockton, 2. Wovoka Tommie; 36-54 years old: 1. Sandy Billie Jr., 2. Billy Walker; 55-64 years old: 1. Michael Barry Cypress, 2. Thomas M. A. Billie; 65 years old and up: 1. Joe Osceola Sr.
Modern Traditional – Female
0-1 year old: 1. Mohayla B. Billie, 2. Shylah Walker; 2-4 years old: 1. Sarafina Billie, 2. Madasyn Osceola, 3. Adrianna Ramirez, 4. Tahnia M. A. Billie; 5-8 years old: 1. Arissa Cypress, 2. Charlie Osceola, 3. Jaylee Cypress; 9-11 years old: 1. Janessa Jones, 2. Alyssa Osceola, T-3. Thomlynn Billie, T-3. Eliza Billie; 12-17 years old: 1. Sierra Bowers, 2. Cooper Rivers, T-3. Gianna Wargolet, T-3. Allison Herrera; 18-25 years old: JoJo Osceola; 26-35 years old: 1. Alice M. Billie, 2. Melissa Billie; 36-54 years old: 1. Beverly Alumbaugh; 55-64 years old: 1. Lucille Jumper; 65 years old and up: 1. Frances Osceola.
Modern Traditional – Male
0-1 year old: 1. Kai Tommie, 2. Adrian Cypress-Ramirez, 3. Asah Jumper; 2-4 years old: 1. Byron

Billie Jr., 2. Zechariah Stockton, 3. Wyatt Bruised Head; 5-8 years old: 1. Dwayne Billie, 2. Kassim Stockton Jr., 3. Micah Stockton; 9-11 years old: 1. Jason Deere Jumper, 2. Alonzo Tristan Jumper; 12-17 years old: 1. Ricky Joe Alumbaugh, 2. Klayton Saunders, 3. Troy Yescas; 18-25 years old: 1. Byron Billie Sr.; 26-35 years old: 1. Kassim Stockton, 2. Wovoka Tommie; 36-54 years old: 1. Sandy Billie Jr.; 55-64 years old: 1. Ronnie B. Billie Sr., 2. Thomas M. A. Billie, 3. Michael Barry Cypress; 65 years old and up: 1. Josiah Alan Jumper, 2. Joe Osceola Sr.
Modern Contemporary – Female
18-25 years old: 1. Jaunalupe Nina Frias, 2. JoJo Osceola; 26-35 years old: 1. Marianna Billie, 2. Clea Billie, 3. Alice M. Billie; 36-54 years old: 1. Virginia Garcia-Sanders, 2. Beverly Alumbaugh, 3. Almira Billie; 55-64 years old: 1. Janice Osceola; 65 years old and up: 1. Frances Osceola, 2. Edna McDuffie.
Modern Contemporary – Male
18-25 years old: 1. Byron Billie Sr.; 26-35 years old: 1. Kassim Stockton, 2. Wovoka Tommie; 36-54 years old: 1. Sandy Billie Jr., 2. Randall Osceola; 55-64 years old: 1. Ronnie B. Billie Sr., 2. Michael Barry Cypress, 3. Thomas M. A. Billie; 65 years old and up: 1. Joe Osceola Sr.
Skirts – Female
18-25 years old: 1. JoJo Osceola, 2. Jaunalupe Nina Frias; 26-35 years old: 1. Clea Billie, 2. Melissa Billie, 3. Alice M. Billie, 4. Tommi Billie; 36-54 years old: 1. Esther Gopher, 2. Virginia Garcia-Sanders; 55-64 years old: 1. Janice Osceola; 65 years old and up: 1. Frances Osceola, 2. Edna McDuffie.
Jackets/Vests – Male
18-25 years old: 1. Byron Billie Sr.; 26-35 years old: 1. Kassim Stockton, 2. Wovoka Tommie; 36-54 years old: 1. Sandy Billie Jr., 2. Jon Billie Jr.; 55-64 years old: 1. Michael Barry Cypress, 2. Ronnie B. Billie Sr., 3. Thomas M. A. Billie; 65 years old and up: 1. Josiah Alan Jumper, 2. Joe Osceola Sr.

Naples Community Gets Together for Indian Day



Judy Weeks

Right, teaching a class of all ages in the Naples Community, Tammie Billie said, "Frybread, lapali and sofkee were an important part of the daily diet of the Seminole people, who often depended upon these staples for survival. They grew and prepared the corn, traded for wheat flour, whenever possible, or made their own flour from the coontie roots."



Judy Weeks

Demonstrating the skill of gigging fish to the Naples Community, Corey Billie said, "Our forefathers would stand as still as a pond bird and patiently wait for their target to swim past. With speed and accuracy they speared their catch and then returned with it to the camp for cleaning and cooking. Tools like this often stood between a full belly and the rumbling of an empty stomach."



Judy Weeks

Left photo, celebrating Indian Day, Naples Community members waded through the crystal clear waters rushing out of the cypress swamp while on a fish gigging expedition with their instructor, Corey Billie. Clockwise, Solomon Veliz, Samanthia Veliz, Marissa Osceola, Kennedy Huggins and Jessica Osceola. Right photo, the campfire grill was laden with Seminole specialties as Karie Jo Osceola-Lugo retrieved a batch of fried chicken from the skillet to add to the Indian Day menu that included ribs, fried deer, garfish, rice with tomato gravy, fried bananas, beans, corn, sofkee, a fresh vegetable salad and fruit.



Judy Weeks

Tribal Citizens Compete in Big Cypress Indian Day Pool Tournament

Right photo, Hollywood Reservation's Juanita Osceola wins the senior women's 8-Ball competition at the Big Cypress Indian Day Pool Tournament on Oct. 1. Osceola was one of 17 Tribal citizens from the Big Cypress, Brighton, Hollywood and Immokalee reservations who competed in the holiday tournament at the Big Cypress Billiards Center.



Naji Tobias



Naji Tobias

Joe Billie wins the senior men's 8-Ball division at this year's Big Cypress Indian Day Pool Tournament.



Naji Tobias

Jessica Osceola from Hollywood aims for a pool shot.



Naji Tobias

Immokalee's Raymond Garza Jr. places third in the men's 8-Ball competition.

Indian Day Youth Basketball Classic Kicks Off Annual Event



Chris C. Jenkins

Photo below, the Brighton Seminoles proudly show their 17-and-under boys championship trophy as part of the Indian Day Youth Basketball Classic Tournament at the Seminole Recreation Gym Sept. 18. The event also featured two other divisions, 17-and-under girls and 13-and-under co-ed, with Miccosukee winning the best of three series 2-0. Photo above, the champion Lady Seminoles from the girls division.



Big Cypress Tribal Citizens Stay Fit on Indian Day, Participate in Walk/Run



Naji Tobias

Big Cypress Indian Day Walk/Run Participants

1. Beverly Alumbaugh, 2. Georgina Bert, 3. Almira Billie, 4. Loraine Billie, 5. Louise J. Billie, 6. Pauletta Bowers, 7. Shirley Clay, 8. Caitlin Cypress, 9. Candy Cypress, 10. Charlie Cypress, 11. Ryan Cypress, 12. Ko'Oshee Henry, 13. Edna McDuffie, 14. Cicero Osceola, 15. Janice Osceola, 16. Rudy Osceola, 17. Brenda Tommie.

Left photo, Big Cypress Tribal Elder Rudy Osceola walks past the finish line at the Indian Day Walk/Run on Sept. 28. Osceola walked the 2.5 miles in less than 55 minutes. Right photo, Louise Billie completes the 2.5-mile Indian Day Walk/Run trek.



Naji Tobias

Hollywood/Fort Pierce Indian Day Features Great Food and Diverse Entertainment



Adina Loochkartt

Left photo, Keith Osceola pampers a calf and other animals, brought to entertain children during the Hollywood/Fort Pierce Indian Day celebration, on Oct. 16 at the Hollywood Reservation.



Adina Loochkartt

Tribal citizen Jo Motlow North, organizer of the festivities, makes fry bread to be served for dinner, along with ground beef with gravy, Spam over rice, corned beef with potatoes, chicken tenders, beefaroni and vegetables. The festivities included a variety of events, such as skillet toss for women, log peeling for men, clothing contest, entertainment for children and more.

Indian Day Brings Tampa Tribal Citizens Together



Miranda Motlow

Tampa Tribal citizens and employees participate in the annual Indian Day Run/Walk, as part of Indian Day Festivities organized Sept. 25 at the Lakeland Property. The event was divided in two categories: runners and walkers.



Miranda Motlow

Tribal citizen Wilson Bowers competes in the Indian Day log skinning event.



Miranda Motlow

Tampa Tribal citizens and employees runners take off in the Indian Day Run/Walk.

Results from Hollywood/Fort Pierce Indian Day

Skillet Toss for Women

First place: Francine Osceola
Second place: Tammy Osceola
Third place: Patricia Wilcox
Participants: Bonnie Motlow, Juanita Osceola and Rosetta Rhodd.

Log Peeling for Men

First place: Eric Osceola
Second place: Travis R. Osceola
Third place: Jay E. Holata
Participants: Austin Billie, Elrod Bowers, Mingo Jones.

Clothing Contest

Modern, 25 to 35 age group
First place: Melissa Demayo

Traditional, 35 to 44 age group
First place: Elrod Bowers

Second place: Holly Tiger Bowers

Modern, 35 to 44 age group
First place: Elrod Bowers

Modern outfit only, 45 to 54 age group
First place: Marlene Smith
Second place: Dora Tiger

Traditional, 55 to 65 age group
First place: Juanita Osceola

Modern, 55 to 65 age group
First place: Scarlett Jumper
Second place: Juanita Osceola

Traditional, 65 and older
First place: Frances Osceola
Second place: Betty Osceola

Modern, 65 and older
First place: Betty Osceola
Second place: Frances Osceola

Non-Residential Indian Day Brings Big Crowd to Okeechobee



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The women compete in the clothing contest.



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Layne Thomas plays the guitar and Jalynn Jones taps the drums while Randy Shore watches.



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Brighton Board Rep. Johnnie Jones Sr. teaches Cameron Dorgan about archery.

OKEECHOBEE — Tribal citizens made the trek to Okeechobee's Agri-civic Center on Sept. 25, to participate in the Non-Residential Indian Day festivities, such as the popular clothing contest, which had numerous categories.

Women competed in the traditional skillet throw while the men showed off their archery skills. The women and men teamed up for the horse-shoe competition all vying for those lucky ringers.

The youth competed in the Nintendo Wii and Rockband video game tournament, while the little ones enjoyed a big inflatable bounce house.

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The men line up for the judges.



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Jay Holata takes part in the horse-shoe competition.



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The young women dazzle the judges in their traditional attire.



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Alice Sweat helps grandson Josh Boromei get ready for the dress competition.



Judy Weeks

Zephaniah Roberts, left, and Damion Escobar coordinated their paddling skills to take first place in the 6-to-11-year-old canoe races in Immokalee.



Judy Weeks

Immokalee Board Liaison Delores Jumper said, "I believe that the clothing contests are among the most important events during the Indian Day celebration. They encourage creativity and inspire the next generation to learn the sewing techniques that have become a trademark of the Seminole people. By sponsoring an additional jacket division, I hope to provide an opportunity for more people to participate."

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The age old tradition of turtle racing was a new experience for Alice Jimmie.



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Josh Garza's got first place in the Cook-Off.



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Susan Davis, center, found herself competing against her nieces, Nikki and Josie Davis, in the contemporary classification for the Women's Clothing Contest.



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2010 Miss Florida Seminole Cassandra Jimmie and her sister Destinee served a traditional feast to Immokalee Tribal citizens.



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