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## Council Passes Six Resolutions at Meeting

**By Felix DoBosz**  
**BIG CYPRESS** — On Sept. 6 the Seminole Tribal Council held a Special Meeting in Big Cypress. In attendance at the meeting were: Chairman Mitchell Cypress, Big Cypress Representative David R. Cypress, Hollywood Representative Max B. Osceola Jr., Immokalee Liaison Elaine Aguilar, Tampa Liaison Richard Henry, Naples Liaison O.B. Osceola Jr., Ft. Pierce Liaison Sally R. Tommie and Non-Resident Liaison Holly Tiger-Bowers.

Special guest Mary Kim Tila (D-AZ) of the San Carlos Apache Tribe made a pitch to the council for prayers and

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## Board of Directors Holds Special Meeting

**By Chris Jenkins**  
**HOLLYWOOD** — The Tribal Board of Directors met on the Hollywood Reservation on Aug. 23 for a special meeting. They passed the following eight resolutions on the agenda:

- Resolution 5:** Approval of Timber and Forest Products Harvesting Policy;
- Resolution 6:** Approval of legal services agreement with Trueblood Law Group, P.A.;
- Resolution 7:** School attendance priority in all Seminole Tribe of Florida, Inc., Programs and Services;
- Resolution 8:** Request to the Seminole Police Department for formation of an Agriculture Crime Unit and Agriculture Deputy;
- Resolution 10:** Approval of Ron Wherry (Agriculture and Food industry) as consultant;
- Resolution 11:** Approval of Buddy Levy (Financial advisor and attorney) as consultant;
- Resolution 12:** Authority to pursue sublease of the Seminole Okalee Village Gift Shop to the Seminole Tribe of Florida for Gaming; and
- Resolution 13:** Approval of an application to sell other tobacco products through Seminole Wholesale Distributors.



## Chairman Throws Out the First Pitch at Florida Marlins Game

**By Felix DoBosz**  
**MIAMI GARDENS, Fla.** — At the Sept. 10 Marlins vs. Nationals game Chairman Mitchell Cypress was honored by the home team, which allowed him the honor of throwing out the ceremonial first pitch.

Chairman Cypress, a southpaw, threw the baseball 66 feet to home base where catcher and Marlins mascot Billy the Marlin awaited the ball.

When Chairman Cypress was asked if he practiced throwing out pitches for this big event, he replied with a big smile, "When you're a natural born talent you don't need no practice."

Chairman Cypress added he has played baseball and softball and his favorite position is playing first base. But if he was playing in the majors, he would prefer to play left field.

When he was growing up, he had aspirations of becoming a baseball player. It was his dream, he said. But he never made it. When asked what team he wanted to play for when he was growing up, he answered jokingly, "Whoever paid the highest; maybe one of my three grandsons one day will play for the Marlins, Anthony, Jaylin, and Alex."

While waiting for the first pitch ceremony to start there was ample time to meet and greet some of the star Marlin players during their batting practices, like left fielder Josh "Hammer" Willingham, Catcher Matt

Treanor and Manager Freddy Gonzalez.

A small delegation of famous Christmas costumed dancers called the Rockettes, from the New York City's Radio City Music Hall, were also on the field to promote their Christmas show.

The JumboTron screen at Dolphin Stadium displayed a message for lucky Marlin fans letting them know that if their program was signed by Billy the Marlin, they won four passes to Billie Swamp Safari.

Cindy Malin, manager of Seminole Tourism, explained that the Chairman threw out the first pitch because Billie Swamp Safari is one of the Marlins' sponsors. She added that the JumboTron screen at Dolphin Stadium has featured Swamp Safari promotions since the All-Star break, also known as the second half of the season. This involves a ticket giveaway to promote the Billie Swamp Safari. If your program is signed by Billy the Marlin, you win passes to the Safari.

"They're also having a lucky row contest. During the game they'll announce a certain section and certain row that fans are sitting in and you win free tickets to Billie Swamp Safari," Malin explained. "Anytime a Marlin batter bats, Billie Swamp Safari logo will be up on the JumboTron for the remainder of the season."

Please see page 7 for more photos

## Sioux Ex-NFL Great Visits Boys & Girls Club



Felix DoBosz

Former NFL player Jim Warne shows the kids how to field a football.

**By Felix DoBosz**  
**HOLLYWOOD** — The Boys & Girls Club of the Seminole Tribe of Florida held a meet & greet with former NFL football player Jim Warne. Warne is an enrolled member of the Oglala Lakota (Sioux) Tribe.

After an entertaining motivational speech with positive messages to the youngsters, "Big Jim" went out on the field and tossed the pigskin around with the kids for some fun-in-the-sun exercise. He was happy to answer the kids' questions about his career and autograph photos and footballs.

Warne has also acted in movies and TV, and had an action/speaking part in the 1996 movie "The Substitute", starring Tom Berenger, which was shot in South Florida.

For more information on Jim Warne, please visit his official website, www.jimwarne.com.

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## Congressman Visits Pemyetv Emahakv Charter School Hosts Representative Mahoney



Susan Etzbarria

(L-R) Pemyetv Emahakv CEO Sandra Barker, Asst. Director of Education Emma Brown, Brighton Board Rep. Johnnie Jones, U.S. Rep. Tim Mahoney and Assistant Administrator Michele Thomas.

By Susan Etzbarria

**BRIGHTON** — On a tour of the 16th District of Florida, stretching from the East Coast to Highlands County, U.S. Representative Tim Mahoney visited the new Pemyetv Emahakv Charter School on Aug. 27.

The school, built and operated by the Seminole Tribe of Florida, is a state-of-the-art education facility serving kindergarten through fifth grade Brighton students. It offers a groundbreaking advanced immersion program to teach and retain the culture and language of the Seminoles.

Rep. Mahoney was on a whirlwind tour of the district during an August Congressional recess. At the last minute he made the trip to Brighton, even though it was not on his original agenda — and he said he was amazed.

"This blows me away," Mahoney told school administrators. "I don't know what I expected but this is very special. I commend the Tribe and everyone involved."

♦ See MAHONEY, page 9

## Trail Gets a Check-Up

By Chris Jenkins

**MIAMI** — The Tribal citizens of the Trail Reservation received a lot of beneficial information Aug. 28. Present and future plans were discussed for community improvements and upgrades as community members, Tribal representatives and employees met at the Micooskee Resort and Convention Center.

Trail Liaison William Osceola and Board President Richard Bowers were both joined by a host of Tribal departments in attendance including: Emergency Management, Housing, Family Services and Education.

According to Housing Director Troy Clay there are several issues and projects which continue to be addressed such as generator replacement, chicken development, housing property clearance and land policy issues. However, he said the evening presentation was a success.

"I think it went well for the most part," Clay said.



Chris Jenkins

Housing Director Troy Clay (L) and Trail Liaison William Osceola (R) discuss housing plans for Trail.



Lila Osceola-Heard

Oopsy the Clown Visits the Preschoolers on page 9.

## Photo Challenge



Do you know this man? His picture was taken in 1943. Please see the Oct. 12 issue of *The Seminole Tribune* for the answer.

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## Editorial

## The Big, Bad Wind

By Betty Mae Jumper

*[Editor's Note: This is a re-print of Betty Mae Jumper's article that appeared in the Sept. 4, 1992 issue of The Seminole Tribune.]*

I can say the Seminole and Miccosukee Tribes are lucky to go through the "Big, Bad Wind," as the Indians called it.

The Hollywood Seminole Reservation had trees knocked down and some damage to the houses, but not as bad as the Miccosukee Tribe out on the Tamiami Trail. Many homes were destroyed and there is no water or electricity. The Hollywood Seminole Reservation had no electricity for two days and two nights, but never lost any drinking water, as most places did.

At the edge of Miami, Homestead and other areas of Miami, the Big, Bad Wind took almost everything as it ripped across the edge of Florida. You don't know what it's like unless you've been through it, many people are finding out.

The first bad hurricane I went through was when I was around 2 years old. My great-uncle Jimmy Gopher cut down swamp cabbage palm trees and



Tribune Archive Photo

Bridge down in Brighton.

the water went down to about a foot deep. So when the sun came out she said the old rooster would fly to a table where they used to eat and start crowing away.

high as eight feet and the houses were carried off into broken pieces.

My great uncle told his family: "God knows we were here." We was on the southeast side of Okeechobee Lake. No Indians lost their lives, but, many, many non-Indian people did.

My mother said it was a sad story to have gone through the strongest and worst storm she had ever been through. They lost most of their clothes and food, but, what little they buried in the lard cans were safe, the few clothes they took with them under the tent they made out okay.

When I was a teenager I went through another hurricane storm making wind around one hundred miles per hour. We all went to a rock pit which was near our home. Then in 1947 we went through a 125 mile an hour hurricane wind storm, which put Davie under water. The only way we all got out of town was to go to Hallandale Road.

There have been more storms, but we've been getting only the edge of the storms, so, I guess we had it coming. I hope the rest stay out in the water and don't come out on the land again.

Another thing my great-uncle Jimmy did was, he would put two big axes in the ground, turned down so they would be facing the storm coming. My mother used to tell me that all Indians would know how strong the winds were going to be.

My prayers for the people who went through the storm and lost everything. Help will reach them and hopefully some way they'll get some place to stay.



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One little house was completely destroyed.

nailed boards across the plant logs, about six logs. Then he tied or chained it to big oak trees, and covered canvas over it, forming a platform. He nailed it down in front where he thought the storm was coming.

He then put a four foot long pole to stand in the middle of the flat barge he made. When the high winds started getting bad, he made us all get on it. I don't remember, but, my mother said, "We was on it." They cut the chickens down and put the dogs, chickens or whatever they had under it. My aunts, my grandmother, my mother and us kids were under this tent on this barge-type platform.

Uncle Jimmy was sitting at the edge telling us to sit still or lay down. My mother said in an hour or so the wind started blowing hard and the water started to get higher and higher. We started swinging back and forth. My great uncle said that if the chain broke we'll only be floating until we land on higher land, so don't be afraid.

It rained hard all night, but, the Big, Bad Wind passed over, breaking soft trees and some chickies. I don't know how my great-uncle knew the storm was coming, but he got things ready for his family to stay in.

The water got real high, about three feet, my mother said, but, at daylight

A few days later when the news came to them, they heard across the Okeechobee Lake thousands of people died and the water went into some places as

## Council

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financial support for her bid to serve Arizona's 1st Congressional district in the U.S. Congress. Titla has spent more than 20 years working as a TV News Reporter in Arizona. She is the publisher of *Native Youth Magazine* online.

The six resolutions the Council passed are as follows:

**Resolution 4:** Approval of Transaction Documents to be Executed in Connection with the Issuance of the Seminole Tribe of Florida's Special Obligation Bonds, Series 2007A and Series 2007B; Authorization for an Additional Nine Million Dollars (\$9,000,000) in Financing; Limited Waiver of Sovereign Immunity.

**Resolution 5:** Approval of Approval of KDL, Inc., Contract to Construct the Improvements to South Boundary Road on the Big Cypress Seminole Indian Reservation;

**Resolution 6:** Approval of KDL Underground & Development, Inc., to Perform Paving Improvements on the Existing Access Roads on the Immokalee Seminole Indian Reservation;

**Resolution 7:** Approval of Mindbank Consulting Group of Denver, LLC, Second Services Agreement for Tower Work on the Big Cypress and Immokalee Reservations;

**Resolution 8:** Approval of Bureau of Indian Affairs Big Cypress Seminoles Indian Reservation Roads Transportation Program Funds and Setting of FY 2007 Tribal Transportation Funds Priority List; and

**Resolution 9:** Approval to Contribute Towards a Settlement with the Internal Revenue Service and Enter Into an Indemnity Agreement with Power Plant Entertainment, LLC and Mutual Release with Other Contributors to Settlement with Internal Revenue Service; Limited Waiver of Sovereign Immunity.

## Letters: Naak-enchaok-hocheshfeeké Nakhoce Acentuthovyt

Dear Editor,

I seem to remember that the Seminoles did not sign a treaty with the U.S. until sometime in the 1950s. Could you tell me when it was finally signed?

Thank you,  
 Floyd

Dear Floyd,

Thank you for your inquiry. The Seminoles never signed a peace treaty; however the Seminole Tribe of Florida did become a federally recognized Tribe in 1957. This began a new era of political

identity for the Seminoles.

Sincerely,  
 Tina M. Osceola  
 Director of Museums

Dear Editor,

Thank you for sponsoring Amokura, who were spectacular. The show was an uplifting experience for all and much appreciated by my mother and me. You have chosen a wonderful means of sharing the rewards you are now receiving by ingeniously turning an unfortunate history into a well deserved present

and future. I hope you will use your good fortune to continue to bring us more fascinating and moving cultural experiences. I now feel obligated to lose at least \$100 at the Hard Rock!

Thanks again for Amokura who were also very generous with their time after the show.

Sincerely,  
 Howard Sher  
 Hollywood

Please see the story on Amokura on page 5.

## Corrections



Tribe's 50th Anniversary celebration.

In the Aug. 31 issue of *The Seminole Tribune*, a caption misidentified the Brighton Penametyv Emahaky students (pictured above) as the Brighton Preschool students. The Penametyv Emahaky students recited the *Mvntelv* (Pledge of Allegiance) in Creek at the press conference for the

In the story titled "4-H Youth Travel to Nation's Capital" from Aug. 31 issue of *The Seminole Tribune*, Brenda Toineeta Pipestem (Cherokee) was misidentified as Juanita Pipestem.



Billie Stewart and grandson Frances Osceola

## Community News



Veterans unfold the Sept. 11 flag that was lent to the Pequots for a pow-wow.

Iretta Tiger

## Princesses, Reps. Attend Schemitzun 2007

By Iretta Tiger

**MASHANTUCKET, Conn.** — On Aug. 23 the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation began its annual Schemitzun, or Feast of Green Corn and Dance, celebration. This four day event is the largest Native American pow-wow in Indian Country.

Every year, the newly crowned Seminole Princesses are invited to participate in Schemitzun's Grand Entry. Representing the Seminole Tribe were 2007-2008 Miss Seminole Princess Jennifer Chalfant and 2007-2008 Miss Brighton Amber Craig. Also attending Schemitzun were Trail Liaison William Osceola and Board President Richard Bowers.

This was the first time Chalfant and Craig had been to Schemitzun. Both princesses said they loved the Connecticut scenery and were enjoying the pow-wow.

Among the many vendors at the annual pow-wow were the Cooleys, Sculptor Bradley Cooley and his wife Linda displayed his numerous creations of Seminole warriors, including a life-size statue of Osceola.

This year, Schemitzun added a new category, Hand Drum, in their singing contest. In this category drum groups performed on smaller individual hand held drums instead of the usual



Iretta Tiger

Seminole princesses enjoy an inter-Tribal dance at Schemitzun.



Iretta Tiger

The princesses pose with Tampa Tribal citizens and Osceola at Schemitzun.

large group drum. The songs required for the competition were fast in tempo and complicated in drum beats. Bear Creek took top honors in this category.

During the Grand Entry on Aug. 25 a very special event happened. At a Massachusetts pow-wow earlier in 2007, the Pequot Tribe was presented with an American flag from the September 11 tragedy on loan for their pow-wow. All the veterans at Schemitzun were called on to unfold the flag and present it while a "Victory Song" was performed. The flag was presented in memory of those who lost their lives.

Schemitzun 2008 will be held on Aug. 21-24. For more information please visit [www.schemitzun.com](http://www.schemitzun.com).

## Tribal Citizens Teach Seminole Culture

By Susan Etchebarria

**BRIGHTON** — Josephine Villa sat in one corner of the Brighton Gym at a lunch table piled with fabrics on Aug. 31. There, she was teaching an ancient traditional Indian craft — turban sewing. Villa was one of many arts and crafts teachers working with new learners that filled the gym for Brighton's Culture Workshop, a three - day event running from Aug. 31 - Sept. 1.

"I am only teaching the basics," said Villa, who demonstrated a turban she had created. "They can add coins or feathers later."

"I taught myself how to make traditional clothing," she added. "I look at something someone made to see how they did it. I watched my mother for years and years and that's how I learned, too."

Seminole men wore colorful turbans in the late 1800s up to the 20s and 30s, she said. According to Villa, turbans were worn all the time, not just on special occasions. Turban sewing is rare and considered an art, with a turban usually selling for about \$200.

The workshop attracted many Tribal citizens who had the chance to work on one or more projects under the tutelage of some highly skilled artisans of the Tribe. Many of the teachers were elders. Tables were set up where the following crafts were taught: woodcarving, basketry, doll making, beading, sewing patchwork and Seminole clothing and turban sewing.

This is the second time a culture workshop was organized at Brighton by Holly Tiger-Bowers, non-resident liaison. She said that three - day workshops are very popular in Hollywood and she wanted to try it at Brighton. She encouraged Tribal citizen non-residents to participate.

"It makes them feel closer to the community and gives them a place to learn about the culture," she said. "Representative Roger Smith and I are trying to make people feel we are one community, not separate communities."

From the full parking lots and filled tables, it seems it was a big hit.

"Hopefully this workshop will spark an interest in learning how to create traditional arts and crafts and people will go over to the Culture and Education Department to finish their projects and learn more," said Tiger-Bowers.

She said she was also pleased to see so many children taking part.

"There are beginning sewers here and some with more experience that want to try something new," she said. "I am going to try to make a turban because I was taught differently than Josephine. I want to learn how to do it her way."

With the help of her staff, Tiger-Bowers piled tables high with an assortment of colorful fabrics, and rows of rickrack. Sewing machines were set up at several tables and with everyone sewing at once it created a buzz in the building.

At the opposite side of the gym, Diane Smith was teaching beading to diligent students, mostly children. They were learning to make beautifully pat-



Susan Etchebarria

Shula Jones teaches doll making.

terned bracelets with the help of a loom. Beading brings out creativity in the children, according to Smith.

"They create their own patterns and it improves their motor skills; that's for sure," Smith, the former preschool teacher, said. "You would be surprised how well the little ones at the preschool can bead."

Mary Jo Micco taught beading alongside Smith as well as helped out Judy and Shula Jones, who taught doll making. The elder Jones produced many perfect doll heads and torsos; her fingers always busy and steady, while impatient children jumped about. Doll making takes time, and she and her daughter patiently worked with the excited children coming by to try this craft.

All the participants could try any art or craft and if they did not finish their piece they could take it home, and get help later. Many people did finish more than one project, like Brooke Osceola who made two dresses in two days. She was assisted by teacher, Addie Osceola, who had little coaching to do with this already proficient seamstress.

There were other teachers helping out who should be thanked as well for their contributions. They were Joey and Michael Micco and Chris Jimmie teaching woodcarving and Penny Jimmie, Agnes Bert and Trisha Osceola teaching basket making. Nikki Urbina was just one of the students working on basket making, under the instruction of these three ladies.

"I told my mom [Stella Tommie] just the other day that this was something I wanted to learn to do and then they offered this workshop," Urbina said.



Susan Etchebarria

Cloe Chalfant (L) and Krysten Smith (R)



Susan Etchebarria

Diane Smith taught beading with a loom.



Susan Etchebarria

Ryanna Osceola, 3, concentrates on threading beads through the needle.

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## Community News



Oliver Wareham

(L-R) Chairman Mitchell Cypress, Sue Jane Bert, BC Board Rep. Cicero Osceola, BC Council Rep. David Cypress, Deacon Joe Osceola and Pastor Arlen Payne breaking ground for the fellowship hall.

## Fellowship Hall for New Testament Baptist Church

By Judy Weeks

**BIG CYPRESS** — It was another milestone for the New Testament Baptist Church at Big Cypress on Aug. 7, when Tribal officials and community members broke ground for the long awaited Fellowship Hall. Organized in 1966, the church has a lengthy, beneficial history of service to its community and recently celebrated its 40th Anniversary.

A local landmark, the church was founded by Frank Billie with the assistance of Pastor Bill Osceola from the Mikasuki Baptist Church in Hollywood in an effort to meet the needs of the growing community at Big Cypress. In the beginning, a chickee was constructed on the piece of ground designated for the church and it served the congregation well during the first years, drawing new members like the George Osceola family from as far away as the Tamiami Trail and other reservations.

The church and its needs grew steadily and a permanent structure was eventually built using volunteer labor during the early 1970s. That building has sustained a few face lifts over the years and still serves as the sanctuary for its congregation. The cooking chickee was replaced with a kitchen and dining room by the late 1970s. However, as time rolled on, so did this building and it eventually had to be demolished.

Many of the adults attending the groundbreaking ceremony had grown up in this church and consider it a piece of their history. However, no one could compare their membership to that of Deacon Joe Osceola, who has called this church his spiritual home for nearly 40 years. Unfortunately, former Pastor Frank Billie and his wife, Eddie, were unable to attend the ceremony due to advanced age and failing health, but were with their fellow parishioners in spirit.

Pastor Arlen Payne, who took over the helm of the church two years ago, had the pleasure of officiating on this most important occasion. Quoting from the Book of Acts, he described what the Bible had to say concerning sanctuaries of this kind and indicated that this building facilitates all of these things.

"Fellowship means people sharing life, breaking bread and eating with gladness," he recited. "I can tell you that we do all of these things with joy in our hearts."

Pointing to the site of the future Fellowship Hall, Suzie Kippenberger said: "As you can see from the architectural rendering, this will be a very attractive one story building comprised of 5,388 square feet under air conditioning. There are actually two projects in one.

"The Fellowship Hall will consist of 4,791 square feet and be divided into a lobby, kitchen, dining room, three classrooms and bathrooms. The addition to the rear of the church is 597 square feet and will provide a stage, baptistry, office and bathroom facilities. Concrete masonry with membrane roofing will be used in the construction. Future additions could possibly include a playground, outdoor seating area and pavilion."

According to Kippenberger, the project is "a joint effort" with support coming from many angles, including the Tribal Council, the Church Committee, Deacon Joe Osceola and Rev. Payne. She acknowledged the hard work of others as well.

"The general contractor is Seminole Design-Build, Inc. from Okaloosa," she said. "Tribal member David Nunez and his associate Brian K. Ward are here today representing the contracting firm and look forward to getting this project started as soon as possible."

Chairman Mitchell Cypress gave a brief



Oliver Wareham

Sue Jane Bert and Mitchell Cypress



Deacon Joe Osceola

Judy Weeks

explanation of the long term planning for a project of this magnitude.

"I know how much the Fellowship Hall means to the members of this church and how long they have waited to see it materialize," he said. "A quick glance at the proposed structure indicates that it will have been well worth the wait."

Councilman David Cypress remarked: "Church, recreation and school create an inherent, healthy community. Our society prospers when we all work together with total involvement. This is what creates a future for the generations that follow in our footsteps. I remember this church as a boy and what it has meant to its congregation and am proud to have a part in helping it to grow and continue to thrive."

Big Cypress Board Representative Cicero Osceola reminisced about the old hall that would frequently go underwater.

"This did not dampen the spirits of the congregation, who moved forward with a smile and broke bread together here for many years," he said.

Junior Miss Florida Seminole Alicia Nunez said: "I may be only 14 years old, but I recognize the importance of religion to every community. This undertaking is awesome and I feel sure that God is watching over us today. With His help this will further strengthen our people and be a building block to the future."

Deacon Joe Osceola spoke to the gathering briefly in Mikasuki about the importance of this project to the church and recalled its early history. Thanking everyone for their participation, he offered the blessing in anticipation of the groundbreaking event luncheon.

With members of the congregation gathered in the background, Chairman Mitchell Cypress, Sue Jane Bert, BC Board Representative Cicero Osceola, BC Council Representative David Cypress, Deacon Joe Osceola and Rev. Arlen Payne donned hard hats and taking their shovels in hand officially broke the ground for the new fellowship hall.



Judy Weeks

General Contractor David Nunez and his daughter, Junior Miss Florida Seminole Alicia Nunez.

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## Community News



Members of the Maori Tribe made faces like these to ward off would-be attackers. At the presentation, Amokura even taught these techniques to Hollywood Tribal Council Rep. Max B. Osceola Jr. (third from left).

## Ongoing Exchange of Seminole, Maori Cultures With Presentation by Amokura

By Elgin Jumper

**HOLLYWOOD** — On Aug. 22, the Seminole Tribe hosted representatives of the Amokura Performing Arts Group from New Zealand's Maori Tribe. The group performed at three South Florida locations, the Okalee Village, the Hollywood Central Performing Arts Center and the Hollywood Tribal Headquarters Auditorium.

Back in February of this year, members of the Seminole Tribe, including Robert North, Everett Osceola, Max Osceola III, Brandon Frank and Victor Billie, journeyed to Aotearoa, "The Land of the Long White Cloud," as honored guests of the Maori Tribe. Aotearoa is the most common Maori pronunciation for their homeland of New Zealand.

Robert North, director of the Boys & Girls Club, and the leading organizer for the event, said the members of the Maori Tribe were very hospitable when they hosted the Seminole delegation in February. He said the Maoris provided "day tours of traditional lands, villages, and sacred places."

"Many Maori families opened their homes and provided us with plenty of food and immersed us in their culture, Tribal languages and customs," North added.

At that time, the Maori hosts were asked to reciprocate in the near future, with a visit to Seminole Country. Their visit fortunately coincided with the Seminole celebration of 50th Anniversary of the signing of the Constitution and Corporate Charter.

At 4 p.m., a memorable VIP Reception was held for the Maori at the amphitheater on the water at Okalee Village, under the direction of Tribal citizen and event emcee Everett Osceola.

"It felt like home," Osceola observed, referring to the unique kindness received from the Maori Tribe while still in New Zealand. "Seeing all the different people, people that just came up to you and said 'Hi, how are you?' It was good to see that. Good to see a lot of people — and not just one or two, but a lot of people — who took us in."

Victor Billie, speaking in the Mikasuki language, thanked the Maori for their thoughtful visit with the Seminole people and expressed a deep concern for their care and well being. He also alluded to

the harmony and unity of the Seminole and Maori cultures, both in New Zealand and in Florida. Billie then showed the Maori VIPs with a sensational alligator wrestling demonstration.

After the reception, the Maori visitors, alongside their Seminole hosts, enjoyed an exceptional meal of Native American food provided by employees of the Okalee Village.

"We had asked the Okalee Village [staff] to

prepare a Seminole dinner for the VIP reception so that our Maori guests could sample some 'Indian Food' — food that the Seminole as well as other Native people enjoy," said Robert North.

There was a more formal, more traditional welcome ceremony at 7 p.m.

Maori hip-hop artist, Katrina, kept the growing crowd engaged, as she performed several tracks. Then came the brilliant, evocative songs of Tribal citi-

the inhaling of each participant's essence or being. Once this process is completed, the participants in the ceremony, according to the Maori, are considered 'whanau' which means family for life."

The audience was still increasing as the long-anticipated performance of Amokura was being announced. This traditionally-attired pan-Tribal group represented many different Tribes throughout New Zealand, with their faces and bodies prominently marked by black Tribal tattoos. They performed numerous Maori chants, implemented medleys, action songs and awe-inspiring dances for the crowd.

"Perhaps the dance that the Maoris are more famous for is the Kapa Haka, said Robert North, describing further the ways of the visitors. "This is the traditional war dance of the Maori. It was performed to ward off enemies, and put fear into their hearts; thus the contorted faces of the dancers, during and at the end."

Hollywood Tribal Council Representative Max B. Osceola Jr. expressed his gratitude to the Maori Tribe for looking after the Seminole group who traveled to New Zealand in February.

"On behalf of the Seminole Tribe, I want to thank you for a lot of things," he said. "Today you're blessed. With you coming here, sharing your culture, sharing your songs, sharing your knowledge. I think that's a reflection of native philosophy, of indigenous people. You know, wealth is not measured by what you accumulate, but by what you share. For coming from New Zealand to here, I want to say, thank you."

"You took care of our young men. For indigenous people, our children are our true treasure, so we left them in your care, and you made sure they were well taken care of. And that's close to my heart, because one of these young men was my son. So I want to say: Thank you, Sho-na-bish, Mvto."

"When you're here, we're going to take care of you, like you took care of us. Thank you."

The Maoris were extremely grateful to the Seminole Tribe of Florida for being such a powerful Tribal force. They put forth congratulatory sentiments on the Seminole Tribe of Florida's 50th Anniversary.

And so the ongoing cultural exchange between two distinguished Tribal groups residing on both ends of the globe, endures. Each group in turn encourages Tribal youth, culture, language and traditions; both Tribes furthering the great significance of Tribal unity and empowerment.

"Our collective youth can be proud of their Tribal history," said Robert North, "and know that they are world citizens with friends and relatives on the other side of the world!"



The members of Amokura instructing members of the Seminole Tribe in a traditional dance.

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zen and fast-rising singer/songwriter, RC North Jr. Performing beside North was Soni Moreno, a member of the Native American band, Ulali who were featured on a CD by Robbie Robertson (Mohawk).

When Seminole emissaries were visiting the Maori in New Zealand, noted Robert North, they too went through a "Traditional Formal Welcome Exchange," or a "traditional greeting process." This rare exchange of cultures and gifts would be but one of the remarkable highlights in an evening filled with ever-memorable moments.

"The Maori are known worldwide as being fierce warriors coming from strong warrior societies," said Robert North. "Today Maoris teach the traditional martial arts to the New Zealand Army. Everett [Osceola] has researched the Maori and has received some brief training there."

"Traditionally, before one can enter into a Maori community, it must be determined whether they are friend or enemy. The Maori call out to the visitor to see what the intentions are, and should the intentions be deemed as being friendly, then they are allowed to approach."

"The ceremony is consummated by the 'hongi' or rather 'the touching of the noses' and



Amokura traveled all the way from New Zealand as the Tribe's special guests.

Gordon Oliver Wareham



Members of Amokura on stage with several Seminole Tribal citizens.

Gordon Oliver Wareham

## Community News



## Native Book Review

### Indians in the Mean Streets

By Ramona Kiyoshk

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This book offers a look at urban "Indians" in the Big Apple, from the end of the 19th century to the present.

Native Americans have always lived in what is now called New York City. Delaware villages dotted the landscape when the Dutch arrived in 1626 and bought "Mannahatta" for a string of beads. Since Native peoples had no concept of land ownership, this transaction was obviously a misunderstanding; however, the rumor set a standard in

Manhattan Island real estate ethics that is still in vogue today.

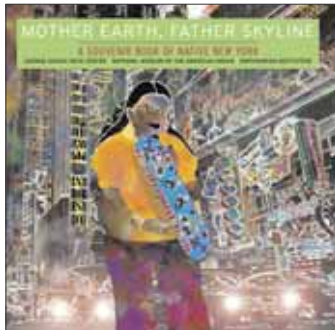
Duane Blue Spruce (Laguna and San Juan Pueblo), architect and facilities planning coordinator for the National Museum of the American Indian's George Gustav Heye Center in Manhattan, edited this collection of pictorial essays. Many of the black and white photographs are from archives and offer glimpses of families of iron workers, performers and artists living smack in New York City's bustling hub.

While the first Native Americans who came to New York City to perform dressed in war bonnets and beaded moccasins to please the crowds, the average working Indian who made NYC home blended right in wearing styles of the day.

There is a snapshot of the Tallchief sisters, Maria and Marjorie, hamming for the camera on the deck of an ocean liner in New York harbor, while Marjorie's children watch. Maria was the prima ballerina of the New York City Ballet, marrying and divorcing founder George Balanchine. She also danced in the American Ballet Theatre in the 1960s. During the 1950s, the Tallchiefs were just two of New York's stellar ballerinas of Osage heritage born in Oklahoma.

Coeur d'Alene Mildred Bailey was a gifted singer and pianist who helped Bing Crosby get his early break. Ms. Bailey performed in New York City's most prestigious venues to sold out houses, often sharing the spotlight with acclaimed musicians of the era.

Today, more than 90,000 Native Americans live and work in New York City. The American Indian Community House welcomes hopeful newcomers each year and represents 70 Native nations throughout the Americas. For a surprising glimpse of Native Americans who enhance the color and vibrancy of the New York City mystique, I recommend this little book, assembled by one of the city's native sons who also happens to be a Native American from New Mexico.



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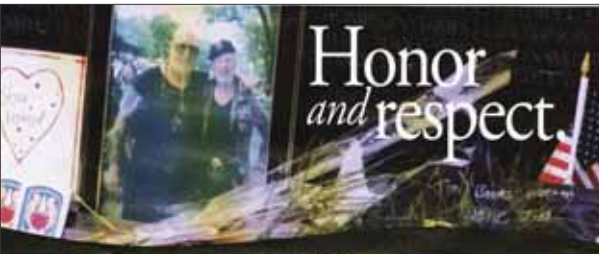
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## Motlow Family Wedding Celebration



The bride and groom, Bonnie and Gary Motlow.

By Iretta Tiger

**HOLLYWOOD** — The Motlow family proudly announces the union of Bonnie and Gary Motlow. The couple married on the luckiest day of the year, July 7, 2007, at the Seminole Okalee Indian Village.

"I wanted an outdoor wedding," said Bonnie. "And I liked the traditional touch the Village adds."

The trio of chickees at the Village fit perfectly for the wedding. One chickee was used for the ceremony, another was set for the reception and the entertainment was set up in the third. An added bonus was that guests could explore Oaklee Village



Bride Bonnie Motlow in her custom made gown.

and view the animals as the bride prepared for the noon wedding. Minister Paul Buster officiated the ceremony.

Austina Motlow, Bonnie's daughter, was the maid of honor, wearing a red and white traditional Seminole skirt. Bonnie's son Austin Motlow walked his mother down the aisle. The bride looked breathtaking in a vintage-inspired ivory corset gown, custom made for her.

Austin Motlow, Russell Severns, the best man, and groom Gary wore matching Seminole vests made by Mabel Doherty.

After greeting the new Mr. and Mrs. Motlow, guests moved to the reception chickee, where a delicious meal catered by Renegade Barbecue awaited them. Each table was set up with a centerpiece of fresh flowers and wedding favors of small framed photographs of the couple when they first began dating 12 years ago.

The Motlow's reception colors were purple, yellow and ivory. In keeping with this theme, the wedding cake, a three tiered creation, was decorated with fresh flowers in purple, yellow and ivory.

Tribal citizen RC North sang contemporary songs for the reception, and his father, Robert North, provided back up on the drums. Even the Okalee Village otters joined the celebration, coming out to swim during the reception.

The weather was favorable for the Motlows on their special day. It was bright and sunny for almost the entire celebration. Just as it was ending, the rain moved in.

Next on the Motlow's agenda; the honeymoon, right?

"Eventually," laughed Bonnie. "We're still trying to decide where to go."



Son Austin Motlow walked his mother down the aisle.

## Okalee Village Celebrates Indian Day

### Weekend Filled with Native Performers, Activities

Submitted by Bitner Goodman PR

**HOLLYWOOD** — Seminole Okalee Indian Village in Seminole Paradise is celebrating its Third Annual Indian Day on Sept. 29 and 30 from noon - 6 p.m. The event will feature traditional Native American songs, music, arts, food and activities.

The weekend's event will celebrate Native American culture through performances by Native American bands and a Native American dance troupe, in addition to wildlife shows, alligator wrestling, storytelling and Tribal arts and crafts vendors. Other Native American Tribes from throughout the U.S. will be represented as well during the weekend.



Leona Poore, general manager for Seminole Okalee Indian Village, said she expects this event to be even bigger and better than last year.

"This event is in its third year and has garnered greater awareness," she said.

"The family-friendly activities are expected to provide an educational, yet festive atmosphere conducive to learning about the Native American Cultures while delivering an enjoyable experience at the Village.

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## BCC Hosts Grand Opening for Seminole Chickee Study Area

By Elgin Jumper

**PEMBROKE PINES, Fla.** — Two Seminole chickees have been constructed on BCC's South Campus, thereby augmenting and enriching the already meaningful atmosphere of higher learning with a long overdue presence of Seminole art and culture. The official grand opening and dedication for the new chickee study area took place on Sept. 5, and as a Seminole, and member of the Otter Clan, I was so honored to be a part of it.

Those speaking at this event, not including myself, were: Dr. Kyra Belan, project director, Joe Dan Osceola, Panther Clan, Tribal citizen/chickee builder, Dr. Shouan Pan, provost, Dr. Hank Martel, academic dean, and Gordon Oliver Wareham, member of the Panther Clan and photographer/artist/musician.

According to Dr. Kyra Belan, project director, professor/coordinator of the visual arts department at South Campus: "The main purpose of this project — 'The Seminole Arts and Culture Project at Broward Community College, South Campus' — is to bring the arts, crafts, architecture, and the cultural history of the Seminole Tribe of Florida to the students who attend BCC at South Campus, and the surrounding community on an ongoing basis."

Around this time last year, Dr. Belan recalled, the Seminole Arts and Culture Project was still on her computer, still in its earliest planning stages, and it would take another few weeks before it became a reality on paper. The initial event of this ongoing cultural exchange took place on March 20 of this year, with "Seminole Presence at BCC South Campus," which featured Tribal citizens Sam Tommie and myself. However, obtaining the key elements of the project, the chickees — for the purpose of showcasing the Seminole Tribe all year round — would require grant funding.

The grants were acquired in April, and now there are two chickees built by Joe Dan Osceola, Panther Clan. He also arranged for two colorful, exquisitely-carved totem poles from his private collection, to be placed on permanent exhibition underneath each chickee and spoke at the grand opening for the



Joe Dan Osceola with Dr. Shouan Pan, BCC provost, standing next to a donated Totem Pole.

Seminole structures, constructed from cypress wood, and palmetto fronds, for relaxation, meditation, and study."

"There is beauty in the structures," she added. "Symbolic of the culture of the Seminole Tribe of Florida, and the chickees, in my opinion, were instrumental in keeping the Seminoles free and unconquered, as they protected families deep in the Everglades, a place inaccessible to the white man's reach."

Belan said the opening of the chickees on Sept. 5 was intended to coincide with the Tribe's 50th Anniversary of the Tribal Constitution and Corporate Charter on Aug. 21.

"These beautiful structures help mark the 50th Anniversary of sovereignty for the Seminole Tribe of Florida, which we are also celebrating here today, as we are making plans for more cultural events for the upcoming semester and on into next year," she said.

For my part, I delivered a few heartfelt words concerning the chickees, and their significance to South Campus, among other matters, and even recited a poem from my poetry chapbook, *Nightfall*. I recited my poem, "Hymn For The

Sacred Path" and was participant and witness, in this authentic spirit of cooperation.

After the opening addresses, those who came together for the occasion were invited to tour the chickees and ask questions or make any comments.



The new chickees, built by Joe Dan Osceola, at the BCC student study area.

two chickees. The totem poles were created by Native Americans from the west coast. Interestingly enough, Osceola also indicated he had lectured at South Campus years ago.

"It's a pleasure and honor to be here, and talk to you about the Seminole Tribe, about art and culture," Osceola said. "I want to thank Dr. Belan for making this whole project possible. This is a culture exchange between the Seminole Tribe of Florida and the BCC college. And it's also for the general public, as well, not just the college. They'll be coming to relax under here for many years to come."

"And it's a pleasure to see chickee huts going up in places like BCC. It's just opening it more, and I hope to see more Tribal members coming over here for learning because this is the backyard from our headquarters and reservation."

Also addressing the assemblage was Tribal citizen and Class of '99 BCC alum, Gordon Oliver Wareham. He played a flute song titled "Everglades" at the grand opening event.

"There's a museum at the Hard Rock called the Okalee Museum, and they have a picture of a man in a canoe, going home, and you can see he has all his belongings," he said. "And I started looking at this picture, and playing this song, then I started closing my eyes, and I started thinking and asking 'What sounds did he hear when he was going home? What kind of feelings?' Because he was going home to his family, and to us — as Seminoles — the chickee, that's home; that's our house. So when we see a chickee, we know we're home."

Wareham's song was mesmerizing, and magically transported the audience to the Everglades, back in time to untouched wildernesses, back to brighter eras of South Florida's unique eco-systems and rich natural history.

"The chickees will each be outfitted with benches for the students to utilize," Belan said. "Students can use the



Dr. Kyra Belan welcomes everyone to grand opening of the chickee study area.

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## Library Encourages Reading During Summer Break



Judy Weeks

Shyanna Escobar's first place book report is displayed on the wall in the library.

By Judy Weeks

**INMOKALEE** — The Diane Yzaguirre Memorial Library sponsored a Summer Reading Challenge to encourage the youngsters in the community to check out and read books during their summer vacation.

The program, which began the first of June and ended with the opening of the fall school session, was an overwhelming success. There were numerous entries in the contest with some reading only one book, while others tackled six or seven. In order to enter the book in the contest, the reader had to write a report about its contents.

In order to qualify, the entries needed to be age appropriate. Surprisingly enough there were several very young contestants, who read and interpreted their literature to a member of the library staff and for lack of an ability to write, they drew pictures to tell their stories.

Prizes were awarded to the following children: 1. Shyanna Escobar, 2. Jade Tapia and Ashley Faz, 3. Eliza Mora, 4. Larissa DeLaRosa.



Judy Weeks

Shyanna Escobar poses with the lady bug, whose story is told in her library book.

## ❖ Mahoney

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Mahoney, accompanied by an entourage of aides, was escorted around the school campus to see the many newly constructed classrooms, offices and cafeteria. The representative also was accompanied by the school's Assistant Administrator Michele Thomas, Assistant Director of Education Emma Brown, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Charter School Sandra Barker and Brighton Board Representative Johnnie Jones. Principal Russ Brown and Education Director Louise Gopher were in meetings elsewhere at the time of the unexpected visit.

Glades County lawyer and Tribal attorney Travis Trueblood brought the VIP to the reservation after Representative Mahoney expressed interest in a tour. Mahoney told his hosts that he is very fond of Brighton. He said he brought his daughter to Brighton's rodeo grounds on many occasions when she was attending barrel racing clinics for teen rodeo. He said he really enjoyed pulling in his horse rig and staying the day.

In the brief hour he had for a visit, Mahoney took time to speak with teachers and staff, especially culture class teachers and their aides. He saw Creek language letters and words on walls and heard from Tribal leaders how the crisis of losing their native language must be turned around. Thomas, and other adults, talked to him about how their grandparents speak the native tongue, but not many of their offspring. Resurrecting the language has become one of the major goals of the Tribe.

Michele Thomas also explained to the visiting politician that a high percentage of Brighton adults, and their parents, went through grade school and high school only learning English, and many went on to college. As youth they had to adapt to the other world and their Tribal language was forgotten. She poured out a persuasive speech tying the importance of teaching the native language to the survival of the Tribe.

"Our Tribe can't think of a better way to use Tribal resources than to educate our children," said Thomas.

Thomas explained that the Tribe's Culture Department and Education Department staff members attend special classes and workshops to be qualified to teach the language. The teaching of legends, tales, and traditional arts, passed on through sacred Tribal authority, are authentic, real and valuable, she said. "I really appreciate the opportunity to tour; I am very impressed," said Mahoney. "Your Seminole children need to be proud of who they are and where they come from. The Seminole Tribe has such a rich culture and history. You contribute much to the state of Florida."

Emma Brown told Mahoney that the students are very happy they don't have to board a 6:30 a.m. school bus and ride to Okeechobee. Now, the school bus comes at 7:30 a.m. Brown said about 95 percent of the Brighton Tribal youth are attending Pemayetv Emahakv Charter School and that the parents are very

excited.

Sandra Barker explained to Mahoney that the charter school is providing training at each grade level in computer usage. Older classes will learn how to do podcasting, a new and important skill in the internet world. Today people often podcast events and send them to the news desk at CNN, and other TV stations around the world. Podcasts are often found on social networking websites, like Facebook and YouTube. To be aired, though, a podcast must be high quality.

"Our children will be learning the best technology out there," Barker said.

In addition, Mahoney learned that the school also is utilizing a specialized reading and writing program that has recognition nationally for its excellence; and that physical education classes are held 45 minutes a day with swimming classes included in the curriculum.

Mahoney told the administrators and Brighton Board Representative Johnnie Jones that the school enriches not only Brighton, but Glades County as a whole. Mahoney promised to do anything he can on behalf of the school, and its students, including having a special awards ceremony at the Capitol Building or arranging a congressional tour of Washington, D.C.

Mahoney is getting used to cameras flashing in his eyes after serving eight months in his first term in Congress. Most of his stops on touring the district were political. He was asked many questions and what he is doing in Washington, D.C. to represent his constituents. However, the trip to the school was different. He didn't make speeches but listened intently to all the information he received.

Before leaving Pemayetv Emahakv, CEO Sandra Barker, presented Mahoney with a school T-shirt and the commemorative issue of *The Seminole Tribune* recently published in honor of the Tribe's 50th Anniversary. Then, he graciously agreed to stand out in the hot sun with his hosts for a photo of him with the school in the background. That final photo shot at the end of the tour was the idea of Board Representative Johnnie Jones.

"We are growing at Brighton," he said. "This is one big step. It is bigger and better for us than casinos."



Sean Etchabarra

Assistant Director of Education Emma Brown (C) and the school's CEO Sandra Barker (R) present Mahoney (L) with gifts.



Lila Osceola-Heard

The 4 year olds are on their best behavior with Oopsy the Clown.

Oopsy Welcomed into Candy Land  
Hollywood Preschool Orientation

By Lila Osceola-Heard

**HOLLYWOOD** — As a part of the orientation process, the Seminole Preschool staff put together a fun Candy Land experience night for the kids and parents. With one week of school under-way, parents attended orientation night; kids enjoyed the night with Oopsy the Clown and fellow classmates.

On Aug. 16, Dawna Bell, parent involvement coordinator, held a briefing at the Hollywood Preschool. Bell's presentation was intended for parents to get all information needed and paperwork signed for the new school year.

"As the Parent Involvement Coordinator, my duties for the upcoming school year will be to organize parent meetings and committee meetings which are necessary for parent involvement within the preschool program," Bell said about the 2007-2008 school year.

Oopsy the Clown went from class to class, painting an array of faces, room by room and kid by kid. By the end of the evening, the school was filled with lions, tigers, butterflies, Spiderman, dogs and cats.

As the night came to a close, food was prepared and served buffet style. Parents signed paper-

work and left with children in tow.

The Hollywood Preschool staff includes: Leona Tommie-Williams, director, Michelle Harris-Farrell, health and nutrition coordinator, Amber Hyatt, education coordinator and Dawna Bell, parent involvement coordinator.



Lila Osceola-Heard

Bailey Latchford is a princess with or without the paint.



Lila Osceola-Heard

Princess Susanna Osceola has fun while dad takes care of business in orientation.

Teachers for Hollywood Preschool:

Infant Class: Nidia Carusotti, Head Teacher, Shana Frank, Aide, Amber Munn, Aide, Syreeta Tanner, Aide

1 Year Old Class: Stacey Wyckoff, Head Teacher, Carmela Garcia, Aide, Olga Galdos, Aide, Ronda Byers, Aide, Joni Josh, Aide

2 Year Old Class: Dorothy Williams, Head Teacher, Gloria DeChamorro, Aide, Maria Moncada, Aide, Nicole Taylor, Aide, Rosmira Bunker, Aide

3 Year Old Class: Dario Guaioco, Head Teacher, Latoshia Huell, Aide, Tracey Gardner, Aide, Sheameza Majid, Aide

4 Year Old Class: Sherrelle Brown, Head Teacher, Caridad Silva, Aide, Corey Parker, Aide, Yuraima Perez, Aide

Kitchen Staff: Shirley Mequita, Head Cook, Tanya Gibson, Assistant, Juana Guaioco, Assistant, Dorothy Josh, Assistant



Lila Osceola-Heard

Oopsy rounds up all her little 1 year olds to say "Cheese."



Lila Osceola-Heard

Butterfly Arissa Cypress and tiger, Harmony Cypress love their new facials.



Lila Osceola-Heard

Alyssa Bowers gets Elmo on her arm.

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## Big Cypress Hosts Education Incentive Awards Program

By Judy Weeks

**BIG CYPRESS** — The Herman L. Osceola Gym had been elaborately decorated for the Big Cypress Education Incentive Awards Banquet on Aug. 23 when students, parents and community members gathered in recognition of the achievements of the 2006-2007 school year. Black, gold and silver accented the Tribal colors, producing a beautiful contrast to the enormous bouquets of flowers

**Pre-Kindergarten:** Shana Balentine, Carlee Billie, Jalycia Billie, Redheart Billie, Richard Billie, Elise Brown, Osianna Crespo, Savannah Fish, Lelani Gopher, Ko'Oshee Henry, Kylen Jumper, Tash-Sho-Tah-Che Jumper, Ricky Rodriguez, Alena Stockton and Martha Tiger.

**Kindergarten:** Charles Alexander III, Casandra Alexander, Eliza Billie, Alyssa Burnett-Osceola, Destiny Cypress, Mya Cypress, Romeo Garcia, Leslie Gopher Jr., Marley Herrera, Katrina Huggins, Precious Jimmie, Reginald Ling, Thoya Robbins and Nigel Wells.

**Students with Perfect Attendance:** Ethan Balentine, DeForest Carter, Caitlin Cypress, Christopher Joe Jr., Bradley Osceola, Kaitlin Osceola, Symphony Osceola, Savannah Tiger and Tequesta Tiger.

**Students with 3 Absences or Less:** Roderick Bert, Richard Billie Jr., Greysun Billie, Leanna Billie, Tiffany Billie, Alyssa Burnett-Osceola, Jean Capricien, Tyler Cypress, Colby Herrera, Tatianna Herrera, Hudson Jumper, Jason Melton II, Klaressa Osceola, Christina Wilson, Eric Wilson and Sabre Billie.

**Honors Classes:** Summer Billie and DeForest Carter.

**Advanced Classes:** Nauthkee Henry, Trent-Daryl McInturff, Jason Melton II and Travis Pacheco.

**4.0 GPA:** Terance Hill and Trisha Walker.

**3.76 to 3.99 GPA:** Ricky Joe Alumbaugh, Lariah Balentine, Katherine Bert, Roderick Bert, Eyanna Billie, Greysun Billie, Jazmine Billie, Jon Billie, Leanna Billie, Anthony Cypress, Kegan Cypress, Michaela Cypress, Stephanie Hall, Trevon Marks, John Robbins Jr., Destiny Robbins, Ignacio Rodriguez, Savannah Tiger, Demetria Tigertail, Jacob Cotton, Channey Curry, Steven Frank, Rodni Mercer, Justin Roff and Trinity Williams.

**3.00 to 3.75 GPA:** Christian Alexander, Christopher Alexander, Rubi-Anne Alexander, John Ross Alvarez, Malachi Baker, Mallari Baker, Ethan Balentine, Akira Billie, Alfred Billie, Asiana Billie, Chief Billie, Cody Billie, Corbin Billie, Cypress Billie, Justine Billie, Natasha Billie, Shawna Billie, Summer Billie, Tyrus Billie, Abiaka Bowers, Aiden Bowers, Kayla Bowers, Sierra Bowers, Alyssa Burnett-Osceola, Jean Capricien, DeForest Carter, Stanley Cypress IV, Adrienne Cypress, Caitlin Cypress, Charles Cypress, Darlah Cypress, Dasani Cypress, Dillon Cypress, Raini Cypress, Ryan Cypress, Sydney Cypress, Tyler Cypress, Ashley Escobar, Herschel Frank, Nauthkee Henry, Alison Herrera, Colby Herrera, Martina Herrera, Tatianna Herrera, Darren Jim, Michelle Jimmie, Callie Joe, Christopher Joe Jr., Kaylee Jumper, Haden Littlebear, Jared McInturff, Trent-Daryl McInturff, Jason Melton II, Bradley Osceola, Kaitlin Osceola, Sarah Osceola, Symphony Osceola, Thalia Pacheco, Travis Pacheco, Jonathan Robbins, Mazzy Robbins, Tequesta Tiger, Chynna Villareal, Nena Wagerby, Alonzo Wargolet, Gianna Wargolet, Eric Wilson, Troy Yecas, Billie Arnold, Sabre Billie, Jahaniel Brooks, Gloria Brooks, Troy Cantu, Cade Gibson, Duyra Koenes, Jessica Lopez, Mika Lopez and Tia Osborne.

**Improved GPA:** Jalen Cypress, Daylyn Hall and Kevin Ivey.

that highlighted the staging area and table centerpieces.

A face painting artist was surrounded all evening by youngsters waiting to transform their appearance into beautiful fairies, ferocious monsters and cartoon characters. A clown created balloon figures to their delight while they waited. With more than 50 possible choices, many of the youngsters selected air brush tattoos for body art. An extremely talented artist created caricatures of the students using chalk, ink and charcoal to produce keepsakes for the happy parents.

Acting as master of ceremonies for the evening, Christopher Mendicino introduced Pastor Salaw Hummingbird, who gave a brief invocation prior to dinner.

Big Cypress Board Representative Cicero Osceola welcomed everyone and briefly talked about the importance of education and the pride he felt standing before this room full of young scholars.

Tianna Hall Garcia remarked, "As you know, I recently represented you as the Junior Miss Florida Seminole. During the year of my reign, I had the wonderful opportunity of meeting many people. I cannot stress enough the importance of getting a good education and living a healthy lifestyle that includes sports and exercise. Be patient and keep a good heart. You are Seminole, be proud and unconquered!"

Irena Loleski of the Fitness Department introduced Tae Kwon Do instructor Master Rob McCarthy, of Big Cypress' Go Dragon program, who came to give a small demonstration. He began by showing the similarities of schooling and learning karate.

"Rule #1: Keep your eyes on the

teacher. In martial arts, we call this attention or focus," he said. "Rule #2: Show mutual respect. Rule #3: Employ a self defense system. Tell yourself that you can always do better than you think you can."

Using martial arts techniques, Roderick Bert, Greysun Billie, Savannah Tiger and Katie Bert performed some moves which demonstrated self-discipline, such as breaking a board with their hands and feet and encountering an opponent. McCarthy invited students from the audience and gave them some brief instruction on how to free themselves from a predator.

Higher Education Advisor Linda Iley congratulated Jeanette Billie Cypress, Desiree Jumper and Cherilee Hall for continuing their education and achieving their goals. Tashia Leach and Summer Billie were acknowledged for receiving their diplomas and Clayton Hall earned his GED.

Returning to the podium, Mendicino called the students forward to be acknowledged for their achievements, while Patrick McElroy of Higher Education distributed the trophies, medals and certificates.

Assistant Director of Education Emma Brown was also recognized for her efforts on behalf of the Seminole Tribe's Education Department and received a beautiful bouquet of flowers.

Each of the students had received a ticket which gave them an opportunity to receive one of the outstanding door prizes. Numbers were called throughout the evening for such items as a globe, backpack on wheels, electronic spelling game, cookie bouquet baskets, an iPod, DVD player and wide assortment of gift cards.



Students are applauded following the attendance awards.

Judy Weeks



Trinity Williams enjoyed a fantastic evening at the awards banquet.



Ashley Escobar traded in her winning ticket for a globe.

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Fifth grade teacher Rosalyn Lee watches as an artist face paints her daughter, Peyton.



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Kindergarten graduates are recognized.



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Assistant Director of Education Emma Brown was honored with a beautiful bouquet of flowers.



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Linda Iley talks about the importance of higher education.



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Students receive awards for academic achievement.



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The gym was filled with students, parents and community members for the 2007 Education Incentive Awards.

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# Ahfachkee Hosts Motivational Speaker Retro Bill

By Judy Weeks and Lariah Balentine  
BIG CYPRESS

Sept. 6 was a very special day at the Ahfachkee School. Bill Russ, AKA Retro Bill, came all the way from Hollywood, Calif., as a special guest. This nationally recognized expert on children's safety and self-esteem provided three presentations throughout the day and then met with the parents and community members during the evening.

School Resource Officer and DARE Advocate Kelly Taylor provided a very comprehensive background of Retro Bill's accomplishments by way of introduction at his performances.

Officer Taylor said: "Retro Bill is the official DARE Safety Buddy! You will probably recognize him from his appearances on all the major television networks, Nickelodeon and the award win-



Judy Weeks  
Chief Tiger and officers of the Seminole Police Department join Retro Bill in his presentation.

mation but gave it a fresh, new outlook each time. The audience was in awe of the number of nationally known celebrities that Retro Bill had met and worked with during his career, including movie director Steven Spielberg, California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and many more.

As the official host of the National Kids Day, he said: "I first performed my duties in front of the White House in Washington, DC in 2003. I have spent time with First Lady Laura Bush. Did you know that she has been both a teacher and librarian and is very concerned about your education opportunities?"

Encouraging the children to join him, they said the Pledge of Allegiance to the American and Seminole Flags. He then moved around the room interacting with his audience as he discussed the importance of self esteem, respect and reverence for our elders and ourselves.

Retro Bill spent considerable time discussing the adverse affects of drug, tobacco and alcohol use. Using Elvis Presley as an example, he pointed out that Elvis is no longer around because of his unwise decisions concerning these deadly temptations.

The children were delighted to see the helmet that he had received from skateboarder Tony Hawk and listened intently while he explained the importance of this safety belt for your brain.

As a member of the Department of Defense Drug Reduction Unit, he makes frequent presentations to all of the branches of the armed forces. He briefly remarked about the sacrifices being made by our military and suggested that we thank them for the job they do protecting us.

"With two ears you can do twice as much listening as talking and you must listen to learn," said Retro Bill. "You must give respect to receive it! Remember, the lower grades are looking up to you and you must set a good example."

Including Seminole Police Department Chief Charlie Tiger and Ahfachkee Principal Terry Porter in his presentations, as well as the teachers and Officer Kelly Taylor, he connected well with the children and made a very favorable impression upon them.



Judy Weeks  
Retro Bill uses Miss Tiger for an example during his discussion.

ning DARE Safety Tip DVD that has been shown here at your school. He has been brought here today by Big Cypress Council Representative David Cypress, the Seminole Police Department and your principal, Terry Porter. Please pay close attention, because he has a very important message to give you."

Addressing a different age group at each performance, he delivered the same valuable infor-



Judy Weeks  
Students in the Kindergarten, First and Second Grade join Retro Bill during his presentation.



Judy Weeks  
Retro Bill listens as Alyssa Burnett-Oscola says the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.



Judy Weeks  
Retro Bill moved around the room interacting with the students.

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To assess tribal needs, please complete the attached and return to Linda Iley, Higher Education Advisor, DSO Education Office, or at [eliley@semttribe.com](mailto:eliley@semttribe.com) by 10/1/07.

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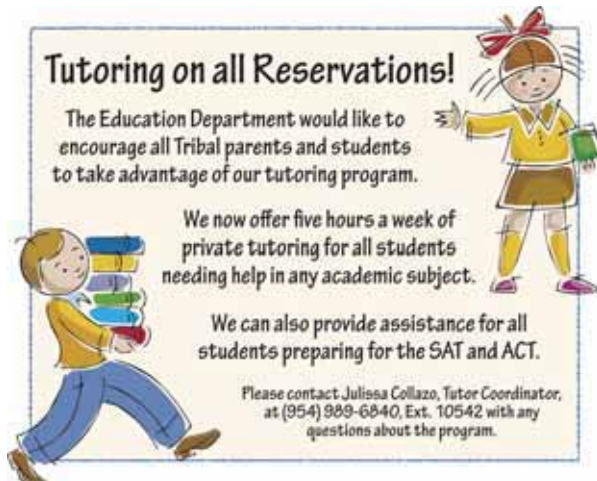
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Summer 2007

Dear Mom and Dad,

I want to tell you about my camp. I am having fun at camp. At first I was a little scared without you here, but I found some of my friends and now it is fun.

We do a lot of things. My Counselor is a little mean because he makes me wait in line, and obey the rules, like being on time, taking a shower and brushing my teeth before I go to bed. But mostly he is nice. He let us sneak out outside with a flashlight one time.

We go into the water a lot to get cool. We play games in the pool where we splash each other and we float down the river too. We jump onto this big blob, shoot up in the air and try to make the biggest splash when we hit the water. I've seen some people go so high – especially the Firefighters, they must have some special powers to go so high and climb over walls so fast. It must help them take care of people.

I am learning to buy things with my camp money. Be ready for me when I get home, I know how to write a check.

I learned that I am part of a team. Everyone here is on the team, even girls and big kids. One kid didn't know he was on my team at first and hit me with a stick. Grandpa Willie made him say sorry. Grandma Helene is the captain of the team. I know she's not really my grandma, but she makes sure we are taken care of and makes sure we behave right. She says she knows you guys. I believe her.

After we play and have fun we have to go to class. It's not my favorite part. I learned that I'm too good for drugs. Did you know walking and eating right can help keep away diabetes – The Simpsons said so. Sometimes I just sleep.

The hayride and campfire was fun. A lot of us did some singing on stage and then we ate s'mores. Hey, I get to drive a car at this camp. And we made soapbox derby cars to race in. Some of the older kids made a rad Seminole Hummer. We all worked hard on that and tried to win the race. I'm not sure if we won – our counselor said we are all winners.

I have to go now. I want to come back next year. Maybe you can come with me next year and be a counselor. It would be good to have you guys on this team with me.

Love,  
From Camp Kulaqua

## Big Cypress, Immokalee Youngsters Attend Camp Tribe's Annual Trip to Camp Kulaqua

By Judy Weeks

**HIGH SPRINGS, Fla.**— Tribal youngsters between the ages of 10 and 17 rushed to enroll in this year's Big Cypress and Immokalee Youth Camp, held in High Springs, Fla., northwest of Gainesville, at Camp Kulaqua, Aug. 5-10. Previous participants were eager to return to the place which brought back such fond memories, while first timers enthusiastically listened to their peers and couldn't wait to join in the fun.

For the first time, the camp opened its enrollment to any Tribal youth with an interest in attending. This high-spirited week of activity fosters positive relations among the Tribe's younger set.

Family Services Director Helene Buster coordinated the youth camp with Assistant Director Debbie Ray and input from Allied Health Manager Suzanne Davis. Their carefully selected staff included personnel from departments including Family Services, Health, Fitness, Recreation, Education, Housing, Fire and Rescue and the Seminole Police Department.

While there were many advantages to attending the camp, the main goal was creating awareness of the risk of diabetes among Native American youth and the means of its prevention. The camp also highlighted self-esteem topics and appropriate money management techniques.

Participants gathered at their local gym for a healthy breakfast on Aug. 5 before boarding charter buses in Immokalee, Big Cypress and Brighton for the trip to Camp Kulaqua. Arriving at their destination around 4:30 p.m., the group attended a short orientation and received their cabin assignments. The campers greeted new friends and familiarized themselves with the facilities during a few minutes of down time.

Then it was off to the cafeteria for the first of many healthy, nutritious and tasty meals that they would enjoy during their weeklong stay. Despite the excitement of anticipation, everyone welcomed lights out at 9:30 p.m.

Chaperones and staff members put together a comprehensive itinerary with multiple goals surrounding the basic issue of diabetes prevention. The importance of exercise and a healthy diet to accomplish these goals made participation in the activities, classes and games, mandatory. The campers were divided into two age groups ranging from 7-10 years and 11-17 year olds in order to give equal opportunity to each individual.

A program of this scope took months of planning and preparation but the end result was very rewarding. Whether dealing with diabetes, mental, physical, or social issues, the key to success is positive choices. This conference was aimed at helping the youngsters recognize their options and make positive choices while dealing with temptation and peer pressure. All staff members and chaperones participated in the activities and developed a bond with their youthful charges.

Nutrition was a key issue for the participants and their chaperones. A wide variety of menus offered healthy choices that proved to be delicious as well as beneficial. The days were filled with exercise and activities that created healthy appetites. In no time at all, junk food junkies found themselves loading up at the salad bar and craving main courses that included grilled chicken and vegetables. They discovered that snacks don't have to be loaded with sugar and fat to be delicious and satisfying.

As the Seminole Tribe has grown, its membership has formed separate communities and its young people were able to meet many of their counterparts scattered across the state. Acquaintances and friendships have begun to develop that will help the new generation mold a strong, influential future for the Seminole Tribe of Florida.

There is an old saying that "attitude is everything in life." The truth in this adage was apparent within just a few days at camp. The majority of the youngsters were thrilled to have an opportunity to participate in this wonderful adventure, but as always, there are a few, for whatever reasons, who do not wish to partake.

This problem was tactfully handled, and within a very short time, a transformation to a positive attitude took place. Before the week was over, children who wished to remain on the sidelines had joined the groups and were in the thick of things.

Each morning at 7 a.m., everyone was encouraged to participate in a morning walk around the camp, before consuming a hearty breakfast. The activities on the morning of Aug. 6 began with a short welcoming presentation at King Chapel. Each of the youngsters received a camp backpack, visor, towel, personal hygiene kit and schedule. Flashlights, bug spray

and sun block were distributed to each cabin.

Big Cypress Recreation Director Stan Frischman provided a money management orientation program. A canteen had been established with much sought after healthy and unhealthy items with appropriate price tags. Campers in the 7-10 age range received camp play money of \$50 for the week, for use at the canteen. The 11-17 year olds received a camp check book of the same amount.

Wise campers took advantage of the opportunity to earn camp bucks by doing a good deed each day to increase their resources. It didn't take long for them to figure out the system and put it to work. By saving their money and making wise choices, they were able to purchase camp prizes on the final day.

Age appropriate classes were held throughout the week dealing with some very important issues. Self-esteem classes delved into how much an individual likes, accepts and respects himself as an overall person.

"Ask yourself, 'Who am I?' Are you fun, strong, loving and an Unconquered Seminole?" asked Counselor Charles Swindoll. "Say, 'I can be a winner. I can make positive changes in my life.' How we view ourselves and our lives is how we view the world around us and that is what shapes our world."

The "Who am I?" classes stressed personal identity.

"You are one of a kind, a fingerprint and God's signature," Swindoll said. "Tell five people 'I am somebody,' 'I am accepted,' 'I have unconditional love,' 'I have security' and 'I am worthy.'"

Using this concept, the youngsters learned that they are the ones who can make a difference in their lives.

A nutrition and diabetic management course was skillfully introduced. Using the familiar characters from The Simpsons, educators performed a skit to deliver the message that held the audience captive and laid the groundwork for a healthy lifestyle.

A hard-hitting substance abuse presentation made the children aware of the dangers of drugs, not only in use, but by association with the users.

With the group already involved in the money management program, the money processing presentation took them one step further. The participants learned that by careful planning and budgeting, they will be able to control their finances and have a possibility of achieving some of their goals. Money was compared with how Native Americans traditionally hunted or harvested in the proper seasons and saved toward the leaner times when these resources were not available.

Willie Johns gave a very impressive cultural presentation in which he told the youngsters about their heritage and deep roots in the Native American experience. He instilled pride in their ancestors and the strong values that they have passed down to the next generations.

"It is important that you learn about your culture and pass this on to your children and grandchildren in order for the Seminole Tribe to survive," said Johns.

While individual self-worth is important, life is a teamwork experience. Survival is dependent upon interaction with others. Constructive social relationships depend upon teamwork, whether in school, sports, careers, community, partnerships and marriage. Many of the activities throughout the week were built on this premise.

The low element ropes course began with the "Centipede," which placed teams on two boards with a rope handle for each participant. Only by working in unison could the team walk their board forward.

Each activity became more involved and required a building of trust with your fellow participants. During the "Climb" each team member joined in a human pyramid balanced precariously on a small platform. The "Island Hopper" was quite a challenge as they had to travel from one platform to another using a short board to bridge a long gap.

With team members weighing down the back of the board, one at a time they walked the plank and then jumped to safety.

By comparison, everyone agreed that the "Trust Drop" was the most difficult. Team members formed two rows and locked arms

below a platform. Each individual took a turn on the platform, and with their hearts racing and their stomachs in their throats, they fell backwards into the waiting arms of their teammates. Some took longer than others to muster up their courage, but shouts of encouragement bolstered their resolve and eventually, everyone survived the fall without mishap.

The climbing wall proved to be a special challenge, but the Tribal Fire and Rescue team showed them how it's done. Using each other to mount the wall, they formed a human ladder and scaled the obstacle. Team work can make a big difference during a life or death experience and you must remain calm and use your head to your advantage was the lesson learned.

Everyone looked forward to their daily swimming opportunities. Whether playing in the shallows or tackling "the Blob" — a huge blow up cylinder beneath the diving boards — everyone had a blast. Divers would jump onto one end of the Blob in an attempt to dislodge someone on the opposite end, sending them catapulting into the cold waters of nearby Horseshoe Springs.

On Aug. 9 they were transported off site to historic Ichetucknee Springs for a four hour tubing experience. Archeological findings at this location have proven the existence of Native Americans on the Florida peninsula more than 10,000 years ago. Braving the cold spring waters, they traveled in the footsteps of their ancient ancestors.

Each day provided a new opportunity for entertainment. On the evening of Aug. 6, the group traveled by hayride to the Miner's Campfire, where musicians entertained them as well as gave them an opportunity to participate. Camp employees offered a snake and raccoon presentation, followed by everyone's favorite — the making of s'mores.

The morning of Aug. 7 was the go-cart experience followed by an afternoon trip to the zoo and nature center. Here the group had an opportunity to see up close and personal the alarm clock that had been awakening them each morning promptly at 6:30 a.m. — the lion. His roar can be heard throughout the camp and he is truly the king of beasts.

There were daily trips to the gym for a variety of sports, which included soccer, basketball, dodge ball and tumbling. Aug. 8's shaving cream fight will live long in the memories of the youngsters, chaperones and staff members alike.

A lot of thought and creativity went into the poster making contest, which was conducted by cabin. The winning design was produced by the Isena and Oleeta Cabins and will be featured on next year's camp T-shirt.

By far one of the most difficult and complex projects was the building and racing of the soap box derby cars. Cabins were divided into groups of two and given a cardboard box and art supplies for the fabrication of a derby car. During the next two hours, the participants had to name, design and create their entry for use in an evening race on Aug. 8 through a very complicated obstacle course.

Working as a relay, the derby teams competed from inside their box car. Dodging obstacles, throwing a ball in a bucket, dropping a plate in a ring and arranging puzzle pieces were just a few of the challenges that they mastered with great skill. Everyone in the Box Car Derby was a winner; however the Red Girls triumphed over the Lady Bugs and Red, White and Blue teams.

A junior rodeo had been planned for the evening of Aug. 9, but was cancelled due to rain. This did not dampen their spirits after such a wonderful week and they quickly adapted by spending some down time at the gym and then grabbing some much needed Z's.

By the time the final morning of camp rolled around on Aug. 10, there were mixed emotions. It was time to clean up their cabins and the realization that their adventure was nearly over began to sink in. Gathering for a closing ceremony, camp counselors handed out certificates to each camper and told positive things about them. It was a time to reminisce, give hugs, exchange phone numbers and say good bye to many new friends.

Youngsters, chaperones and counselors all agreed that they were grateful for the opportunity to participate and would definitely come running back again.



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## Tribal Dental Program to Educate Pediatricians AAP Grant to Help With Education of Doctors Who Treat Natives

By Melissa Sherman

**HOLLYWOOD** — Thanks to a grant by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), the Seminole Tribe of Florida's Dental Program has organized an oral presentation to be given for pediatricians and other health care providers who care for American Indian/Alaska Native infants and young children. The program will also cover prenatal mothers of American Indian/Alaska Native babies.

The training, scheduled for mid-November, will focus on the awareness of oral disease in children with an emphasis on early childhood caries (ECC). ECC is simply tooth decay in a child between the ages of 0 and 3.

The Tribal Dental Program hopes that the training will lead those in the medical profession to provide a decay risk assessment on all American Indian/Alaska Native children between the ages of 0 and 3 at their well baby/well child exam or routine visit. During the well baby visit the doctor may

also paint the baby's teeth with fluoride varnish; or if any dental care is needed, refer the patient to the Seminole Dental Program for a visit.

A child's first dental visit should occur by at least 6 months of age, or no later than six months after the first tooth erupts, or

whichever comes first. The AAP recommends that all infants receive oral health risk assessments by 6 months of age. Infants at high risk of early childhood caries should be referred to a dentist as soon as possible.

Starting dental health care at a young age promotes positive dental health practices in the future, according to Tribal Dental Program Prevention Coordinator Kerri Cook.

"We do not want the first visit to the dentist to be uncomfortable," she said. "Many times a child's first visit to the dentist occurs after the cavity can be seen."



## Foodborne Pathogens: Your Family's Health is in Your Hands Celebrating National Food Safety Education Month®

Submitted by Patrick Peck, Environmental Health Program Manager

September is National Food Safety Education Month®. This marks the 13th year that the National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation's (NRAEF) International Food Safety Council has designated this annual campaign to heighten the awareness about the importance of food safety education.

Each year a new theme and training activities are created for the restaurant and foodservice industry to reinforce proper food safety practices and procedures. This year's theme is "Foodborne Pathogens: Your Family's Health is in Your Hands."

This year, the Tribe's Health Department is initiating a series of food safety classes open to Tribal citizens and employees involved in the food business. The food trainings are as follows: a three- to four-hour food handling class, covering food handling protocols, and an eight-hour food manager's class, covering food safety topics.

September is an opportunity for everyone to educate themselves on proper food safety and get the message out that food safety is not an option, but an obligation.

A recent article noted Florida as ranking No. 1 in reported food borne illness outbreaks.

Although taken for granted, food consumption is a daily activity that may pose potential short- and long-term negative health impacts when those ingested foods are not properly stored, refrigerated, handled, prepared or cooked.

Lately, there are reminders of how unsafe foods can be by the numerous publicized safety alerts and recalls such as the reported contamination of bagged spinach and tainted peanut butter. These recalls often get widespread attention.

However, very little attention is paid to the millions of individuals who get ill from their own food supply. Everyone needs to be reminded that the young, old and immuno-compromised are at risk from contaminated, adulterated, and improperly cooked foods.

Food safety is an important life skill that can be as much a necessity in a home setting as it is at a commercial food facility. Consumers need to know simple steps they can take to prevent food borne illness. One way is to reinforce the four basic messages: Clean, Separate, Cook and Chill.

The Health Department welcomes Tribal citizens and employees to these very informative food safety educational sessions. To register, simply call the Seminole Health Department at (954) 965-1300, Ext 10326.

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## The Benefits of Breastfeeding

### Submitted by Seminole Health Department

Having a new baby is one of the most joyous times in a parent's life, but it is also a time filled with many new decisions. One of the biggest decisions to make in regard to the health of your baby is whether or not to breastfeed. Breastfeeding has always been the natural choice, but here are a few great reasons why it may also be the most healthful choice you can make for you and your baby.

Almost everyone can benefit from breastfeeding in some way. Breastfeeding can help with health care costs, and less absences from work and school. This is because people who were breastfed generally are healthier and have less doctor visits. Also breastfeeding produces no plastic waste the way bottle feeding does, and that is better for the environment.

There are some considerations though for choosing to breastfeed. Breast implants can cause damage to nerves in the breasts, making breastfeeding difficult or impossible. Whether or not you can breastfeed after having implants can only be determined through attempts to breastfeed. The type of

breast augmentation surgery you choose to have can increase or decrease your risk of not being able to breastfeed after surgery.

Breastfeeding is a logical choice for many women because of the benefits listed above. Breast feeding is also a traditional practice.

Despite the benefits, some women will choose to bottle feed their babies. Factors such as pain or discomfort from breastfeeding, time constraints, fear, the inability to breastfeed or just personal choice can lead women to choose bottle feeding over breastfeeding. Whether to bottle feed or breastfeed your baby is one of the first important decisions a parent will make. Being educated on the pros and cons of breastfeeding and finding out what works for you as a parent will help you to make the best decision for your baby.

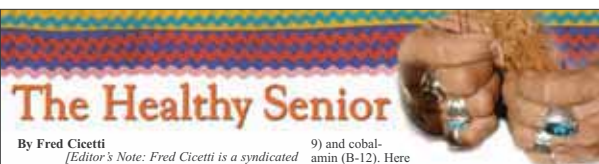
If you are interested in breastfeeding, speak to your obstetrician about contacting a certified lactation consultant or for more information about breastfeeding please visit your reservation's health educator or nutritionist, and visit one of these helpful websites: [www.4women.gov](http://www.4women.gov), [www.babycenter.com](http://www.babycenter.com) or [www.womenshealth.gov](http://www.womenshealth.gov).

### Benefits of Breastfeeding for the Baby:

- Breast milk is the most complete and well balanced nutrition for infants.
- Breast milk contains antibodies necessary to build babies' immune systems.
- Breast milk is easier to digest than formula for many babies.
- Breast fed babies tend to gain less unnecessary weight and are leaner. This may help in maintaining a healthy body weight later in life.
- Because it helps maintain a healthy weight, breastfeeding can help to prevent diabetes.
- Premature babies show better development on breast milk than on formula.
- Breast feeding also requires no sterilization, so there is no risk for contamination. Bottles that are improperly sterilized can harbor bacteria which can be passed along to the baby.

### Benefits of Breastfeeding for Mothers:

- Breastfeeding uses up extra calories, making it easier to get rid of those post pregnancy pounds.
- Breastfeeding also helps the uterus to get back to its original shape and can help lessen bleeding after giving birth.
- Breastfeeding can delay the return of ovulation and menstrual cycles. (This however, is not a 100 percent means of birth control).
- Breast feeding can help lower your risk for breast cancer and ovarian cancer.
- Some research suggests that breastfeeding may help prevent osteoporosis after menopause.
- Breastfeeding saves time and money. There is no formula to buy, measure or mix and no bottles to warm.
- A mother can feed a baby with very little delay when she chooses to breastfeed.
- Breastfeeding is a quiet moment for mothers to relax and bond with their baby.



## The Healthy Senior

By Fred Cicetti

*[Editor's Note: Fred Cicetti is a syndicated columnist who writes about issues concerning senior citizens' health. The opinions he expresses are his own. If you would like to ask a question, please write [fredcicetti@gmail.com](mailto:fredcicetti@gmail.com). All Rights Reserved © 2007 by Fred Cicetti.]*

Q: Does coffee kill the benefits of vitamins?

A: Any beverage or food containing caffeine such as coffee, tea, chocolate and some sodas, can inhibit the absorption of vitamins and minerals and increase their excretion from the body.

However, this raises a more important question: What are the benefits of vitamins?

It's very important to talk with your doctor before you take any vitamin and mineral pills, especially if you take prescription medicines, have any health problems or are elderly. Taking too much of a vitamin or mineral can cause problems with some medical tests or interfere with drugs you're taking.

Vitamins and minerals are "micronutrients" your body needs in small but steady amounts. Your body can't make most micronutrients, so you must get them elsewhere.

Vitamins are natural substances found in plants and animals. There are two types of vitamins: water-soluble and fat-soluble.

Water-soluble vitamins are easily absorbed by your body. Unlike fat-soluble vitamins, they don't have to be absorbed using bile acids (fluids used to digest fats). Your body doesn't store large amounts of water-soluble vitamins. The water-soluble vitamins you don't need are removed by your kidneys and come out in your urine.

Your body has to use bile acids to absorb fat-soluble vitamins. Once these vitamins are absorbed, your body stores them in body fat. When you need them, your body takes them out of storage to be used.

Here are some water-soluble vitamins: Vitamin C, biotin and the seven B vitamins — thiamin (B-1), riboflavin (B-2), niacin (B-3), pantothenic acid (B-5), pyridoxine (B-6), folic acid (B-9) and cobal-

amin (B-12). Here are some fat-soluble vitamins: A, D, E or K.

Minerals come from the earth or from water. Plants and animals absorb them to get nutrients. The "major minerals" are calcium, phosphorus, magnesium, sodium, potassium, sulfur and chloride. They are considered major minerals because adults need them in large amounts.

The "trace minerals" are chromium, copper, fluoride, iodine, iron, manganese, molybdenum, selenium and zinc. Your body needs them in smaller amounts.

It would be hard to "overdose" on vitamins or minerals that you get from the foods you eat. But if you take supplements, you can easily take too much. This is even more of a risk if you take fat-soluble vitamins.

Whole foods are your best sources of vitamins and minerals. They offer three main benefits over supplements including that:

1. They contain a variety of the micronutrients your body needs. An orange, for example, provides vitamin C but also beta carotene, calcium and other nutrients. A vitamin C supplement lacks these other micronutrients.

2. They provide dietary fiber, which is important for digestion and can help prevent certain diseases such as cancer, diabetes and heart disease. Adequate fiber intake can also help prevent constipation.

3. They contain other substances such as antioxidants which slow down the natural process that leads to cell and tissue damage.

If you depend on supplements rather than eating a variety of whole foods, you miss the potential benefits of these substances.

For some people, including those on restrictive diets, multivitamin-mineral supplements can provide vitamins and minerals that their diets often don't. Older people and pregnant women have altered nutrient needs and may also benefit from a supplement.



Photo Courtesy of Bitner Goodman PR  
(L-R) Community Blood Centers of South Florida staffers Dahlia Steele-Huey, Lenny Dellarocca, Juan Nunez and Bunny Phelps beside one of two donor buses with Seminole Casino Coconut Creek General Manager Steve Bonner.

## Seminole Casino Coconut Creek Motivates Blood Donors with Offers Casino Provides Donors Fresh Harvest Gift Certificates

### Submitted by Bitner Goodman PR

**COCONUT CREEK** — Nearly 70 people donated their blood at the Seminole Casino Coconut Creek on Aug. 19, considered to be a great turnout by the Community Blood Centers of South Florida.

"Only five percent of the population donates," commented Bunny Phelps, director of donor recruitment of the organization's North Broward area, as Steve Bonner, the casino's general manager stepped into line to donate his blood.

"Steve has been and continues to be a big believer in what we do," she said.

The casino has participated in the drive for the past two years, placing ads in newspapers and radio to get more people involved. They host one of two annual drives on their Employee Appreciation Day during which management serves lunch to the other employees.

Phelps attributed the great turnout mostly to the employee participation and \$25 Fresh Harvest restaurant gift certificate given to all blood donors. Fresh Harvest is the casino's new 290-seat market-style restaurant.



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## Tribal Citizen Appears in FSU Campaign

Kyle Doney, FSU 'Unconquered' Team

By Chris Jenkins

TALLAHASSEE — Being recognized in full billboard style is quite a rarity. Kyle Doney, Panther Clan, is in that elite group, as the new face of Florida State University.

In commemoration and in celebration of the Tribe's 50th Anniversary, Doney was chosen earlier this month as part of a new yearlong campaign entitled "Unconquered." It was designed by the university to heighten awareness for FSU's academic programs, faculty, students and alumni.

The goal of the campaign according to the official website at [www.unconquered.fsu.com](http://www.unconquered.fsu.com) is to encourage and teach about the history and tradition behind the unconquered spirit of the Seminole Tribe and FSU's commitment to this goal.

Interstates 10 and 75 have been the major focus for the "Unconquered" campaign, which will also include billboards within Tallahassee's city limits. In the advertisements, Doney wears authentic Seminole apparel appearing on 11 billboards and in television spots.

FSU Assistant Vice President of University Relations Frank Murphy says the idea to involve Doney came through maintaining a good relationship with faculty and staff at FSU and through many of the Tribal related functions.

"Kyle is a great young man and [FSU] saw him as a prominent figure," Murphy said. "We want to

continue to emulate the spirit of the unconquered. We want people to know and understand our relationship with the Seminole people better."

University President Dr. T.K. Wetherell also said he was excited.

"Through this campaign, we are announcing to the world that we at FSU share the 'Unconquered' spirit. We never quit; we never give up, whether it is in the classroom, in the game or in life," he said.

At 23, Doney has accomplished a lot to get where he is. The Brighton resident can hang his hat in part on his education, completing his undergraduate degree in political science with a minor in criminology this past April.

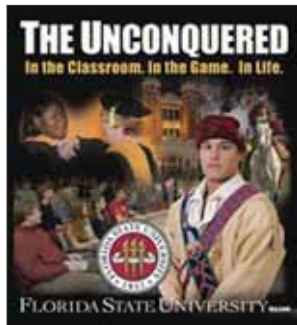
"It all starts with education," Doney said.

He said the Seminole Tribe's legacy and heritage is of great importance to him in agreeing to do the campaign.

"Being a Seminole Tribal member, we cannot forget our past," he said. "We don't want to forget any of our past because once we lose that, we lose our identity."

Doney said FSU was always on his short list of choices to attend college. He has been a long time fan of the football team and legendary coach Bobby Bowden.

"It's a very honoring experience," he said. "Hopefully all of the younger generations can look up to me."



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# Tenacious Tiger Takes Two Tae Kwon Do Trophies

By Irena Loleski

MELBOURNE, Fla. — Excitement was palpable in the air as competitors from all across the state gathered to vie for the prestigious Florida Cup, held at Family Tae Kwon Do in Melbourne, Fla. on Sept. 8. The cup is a nationally renowned Tae Kwon Do tournament, well known throughout the martial arts community for its demand for excellence.

Coming all the way from Big Cypress Reservation was 10-year-old Go Dragon student, Savannah Tiger. Tiger was set to compete in two separate categories; board breaking and point contact fighting, both within her 10-11 year old age group in the yellow-orange belt division.

In board breaking, Savannah took fourth place, and in the point contact fighting, she captured first place.

In an unprecedented turn of events, Tiger was approached with the opportunity to compete in the division above her own, the 12-14 year old division. She eagerly agreed, even though she would be facing a competitor four years her senior who outweighed her by 30 pounds.

Her 14-year-old Tampa opponent believed he had an easy match ahead of him. Little did he know Savannah "The Growling" Tiger is no ordinary 10 year old.

Despite the fact that her much larger opponent towered over her, she baffled onlookers by giving him the fight of his life. The very close match went the full distance to a judge's decision where Tiger came short by only two points.

*"I'm tickled with how far Master Rob has brought not only my child, but all the kids in the time he's been there."*

— Cara Tiger

In all, Savannah took home two trophies in point fighting. One was for her first place win in her own age bracket and the other was for her second place win in the 12-14 year old division.

Savannah's cheering section included her father Mondo, mother Cara, sister Tequesta and of course, her coach and instructor Master Rob McCarthy — founder of the Go Dragon Modern Martial Arts Self Defense System.

"I'm really proud of her," McCarthy said. "Savannah's dedication to martial arts really shows. Her family is extremely supportive and encouraging to all of our children ... I believe I speak for all of us when I say that Savannah has a very bright future ahead of her in whatever she chooses to do."

Fitness Director Vicky Barogiannis brought the Go Dragon Program to Big Cypress. The program's blend of self defense techniques, discipline and fitness has made it consistently popular with kids and adults alike and will start in Brighton within the month.

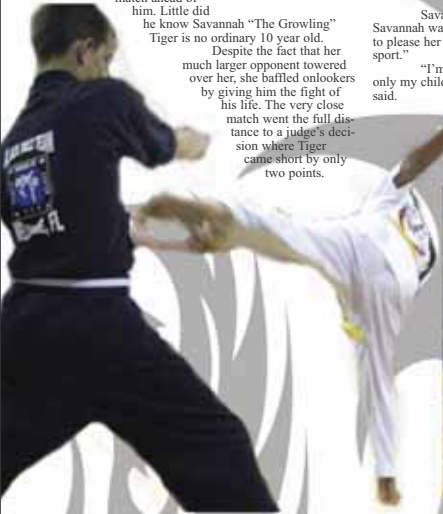
Savannah's mother, Cara Tiger, said she believes Savannah was able to achieve this goal because of an "eagerness to please her father Mondo and Master Rob" and "her love of the sport."

"I'm tickled with how far Master Rob has brought not only my child, but all the kids in the time he's been there," she said.



Savannah spars much larger Tampa opponent while judges look on.

Irena Loleski



Savannah splinters wood to come in fourth in her board breaking division.

Irena Loleski



Savannah Tiger warms up before her match with Master Rob.

Irena Loleski



Proud sister Tequesta poses with Savannah after her first win of the day.

Irena Loleski



Savannah patiently waits for her match to be announced.

Irena Loleski



Mondo, Cara and Tequesta Tiger pose with trophy winning Savannah

Irena Loleski



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## Good Basketball, Good Fun in Honor of Adam Billie

### Big Town, Arizona No Skillz Take Top Honors

By Tony Heard

**HOLLYWOOD** — It's that time of the year again for family and friends to gather and remember someone who was taken before his time. Adam Billie was a kindhearted person who loved to compete, especially when it came to basketball.

Adam's brother Jason Don Billie hosted the Adam C. Billie Memorial Basketball Tournament at the Hollywood Recreation Gym, Aug. 31-Sept. 1. This was the seventh year in a row this tournament has taken place.

"It just keeps getting better every year," said Dodd. "The talent level increases each year too. It's a good gathering for family and friends; good food, good ballin' and overall a good time."



Jason Don Billie (R) poses with the 2007 men's champs, Big Town.



AZ No Skillz takes the 2007 Championship back to Arizona.

Within the native basketball circuit, the Adam C. Billie Tournament has become one of the most known memorial tournaments. With 10 men's teams and six women's teams, one may think this is not a huge tournament.

The relatively small number of teams can be misleading. However the level of play is extremely intense with natives traveling from Oklahoma, California, Washington, Canada, North Dakota, South Dakota, Oregon, Wisconsin, Arizona, Mississippi and Alaska.

The tournament tipped off at 5 p.m. on Aug. 31 with Below the Rim (BTR) and New Edition facing off. BTR came away with the victory and the tournament was underway. Game after game, men and women competed hard, having fun at the same time. This is what the Adam C. Billie Tournament is all about.

The games on Aug. 31 finished up at close to 1:30 a.m. with many teams being thrown into the loser's side of the bracket including Janine's team, Trail and Native Ladies. Arizona No Skillz and Elizabeth's Team were the only two ladies teams without a loss.

At the conclusion of the men's games, Trail Kings, Ballin', Messed Up, New Edition and Dem Boyz all found themselves in the loser's bracket. Shockers, Big Town and BTR all found themselves on the upside of the things.

On Sept. 1, the final day of the tournament, teams were tired, hurt and sore but ready to get in the gym and compete for the first place prize money and bragging rights for the year. The games started at 8 a.m. and continued steady with a few teams on the men's and women's side being eliminated before lunch was served.

BTR advanced to the championship game facing off against Big Town by defeating New Edition, a team from Arizona, who went home with third place honors. On the women's side Native Ladies climbed their way back in to the championship game by capturing a close win over Trail, which ended their run giving them third also.

In the "game-for-it-all" on the women's side, Arizona No Skillz and Native Ladies were battling each other and neither team was backing down. There were big plays from both teams and the action was eye popping. With about 4:20 left in the game, No Skillz began to pull away with back to back three pointers and a steal from some tough defense. This team effort gave No Skillz a bit of a cushion at a critical time.

The cushion would prove to come in handy when Native Ladies tried to make a comeback but fell a bit short. Arizona No Skillz held them off by keeping up the defensive pressure and taking care of the ball. The final was 55-62, with Arizona No Skillz claiming another championship.



Janine Cypress (L) returns to the court just a few months after her baby Janine was born.

On the men's side of the bracket, Big Town found themselves in a heated battle against BTR in the championship game. The game was a perennial roller coaster ride, with steals, dunks, long range bombs, and players sacrificing their bodies for the good of the team.

Neither team was in control of the game until 1:30 before halftime when BTR hit four three-pointers on four straight possessions; only two of which were answered by Big Town. This display of shooting gave BTR the 37-36 halftime lead.

Big Town came out ready to defend and sink some shots of their own. It was a back and forth game the entire second half just as in the first. Both teams fought hard and with 1:29 remaining, Big Town had a five point lead after two made free-throws by Big Town.

One defensive stop would close the curtains on BTR when Pete Osceola hit a contested three pointer on the next possession to make it a two point game. Big Town made more free-throws and played solid defense to create a turnover in the final seconds to capture another championship.



Talbert Cypress (R) gets past his defender and creates a tough lay up.



Tasha Osceola (L) attempts to steal the ball from Lorri Osceola (R).



Pete Osceola, #20, makes a tough move to the basket.

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## Youngsters Get Schooled in Water Safety

Submitted by David S. Duda

The Brighton and Hollywood Aquatics centers provide the American Red Cross Parent and Child Aquatics Programs. These help children, ages 6 months to 5 years, become comfortable in and around the water so they are ready to learn to swim. The program is not designed to teach children to become good swimmers or even to survive in the water on their own. Rather, Parent and Child Aquatics gives parents information and techniques to help orient their children to the water and to supervise water activities in a safe manner.

The foundation of American Red Cross Parent and Child Aquatics is a set of basic skills that prepares young children to become comfortable in the water so they can be ready to learn how to swim. These basic skills include getting adjusted to the water environment, showing comfort while maintaining a front or back position in the water and demonstrating breath control (i.e., blowing bubbles or voluntarily submerging underwater).

Statistics show that children under the age of 6 are at greater risk for death by drowning than any other age group, except young adults. Most drownings of young children occur in unsupervised water situations involving bathtubs, residential pools and hot tubs. Parents need to be aware that even if their children have learned to move in the water, they still lack the judgment to recognize dangerous situations and the ability to swim to safety if necessary.

The American Academy of Pediatrics has issued the following policy statement:

Infant and toddler aquatic programs provide an opportunity to introduce young children to the joy and risks of being in or around water. Generally, children are not developmentally ready for swimming lessons until after their fourth birthday.



Preschool water babies learn to float.

Submitted by Hollywood Aquatics

July and August 2007. The program taught parents information and techniques to help orient their children to the water and to supervise water activities in a safe manner. The program provided 20-30 minutes of quality instruction time for each child.

Some of the objectives of the program included increasing knowledge of water safety and practices; providing an opportunity for water adjustment and swimming skills; and demonstrating supported floating and kicking on front and back.

Aug. 3 was the last day of the program and parents were invited to a swim party and cook out. Parents, children and instructors were in the water for the children to show their new skills to the parents. Achievement awards were also given to all the children who participated in the program.

## 2003 Drowning Statistics from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention

Native Americans as a group are at increased risk of injury, but Native American males are at even greater risk for many types of injuries. Compared to their female counterparts, Native American males ages 20 years and older are five times more likely to drown. Native American drowning rates were nearly three times that of whites and more than twice that of blacks. The Seminole Tribe of Florida Preschool Department has made a commitment to stem the tide of these statistics by providing swimming instruction to the children enrolled in its program.

Many young children love being in or around water, whether it's a backyard pool or a local beach. But without proper safety measures, water can be dangerous for young children.

Drowning is one of the leading causes of death among children aged one to four years. Babies and toddlers drown most often at home, either in bathtubs or swimming pools.



Layla Petrills looks before she leaps into the pool.

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Aquatic programs for infants and toddlers have not been shown to decrease the risk of drowning, and parents should not feel secure that their child is safe in water or safe from drowning after participating in such programs. Young children should receive constant, close supervision by an adult while in and around water.

The term "Parent and Child Aquatics" describes the program; however, preschool teachers accompany and teach the child; with directions provided by the master instructor. Parent and Child Aquatics classes require an adult to participate in the water with each child. Therefore, the teacher becomes more of a facilitator of parent-child interaction than an instructor for the child.

The program was conducted June,



Dario Cypress (R) give Aniya Cypress (L) a helping hand.

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Billy Nelson leads the pack out of the gate at the Air Nautiques AMA Amateur National Championships.

## Nelson Competes in Motocross Championship

By Ted Nelson

**HURRICANE MILLS, Tenn.** — From July 30-Aug. 5, Loretta Lynn's Ranch was the place to be for the top amateur motocross riders in the U.S. The track at the ranch is only raced on once each year for this race only — the Air Nautiques AMA Amateur National Championships.

Thousands of race hopefuls compete from February through June to be one of only 42 riders at the championship starting gate. One of the final 42 riders was Tribal citizen Billy Nelson.

As the race was about to begin, Nelson lined up at the starting gate for the Motocross A Pro-Sport Class; his hands sweaty from the hundred-plus degree temperature made even hotter from his heavy gear. His eyes were riveted on the gate waiting for the drop, as the engine screamed in anticipation of the release of the clutch: Nelson's.

Finally, the starter's card was dropped and the 20 minute plus two lap race was underway as 42 dirt bike riders roared off hoping to reach the first narrow turn in front.

Nelson was determined to get a good start and he sped to the front with five other riders.

Nelson stayed up with the front pack as he approached the Ten Commandments — a very technical "whoop" section of the track consisting of several mini-jumps. Right after passing the Ten Commandments, he heard and felt his shoulder pop out of socket, causing him to slow down to pop it back

in while grimacing in pain. This happened two more times during the race, in which he placed 28th.

Before the second day's racing got underway, Nelson consulted the on-track sports medicine support team. They taped him up, which Nelson said felt restricting, however he continued with the race. As a result of the taping, Nelson didn't get off to a great start and struggled to control his bike throughout the race. He finished 25th of 42 riders.

Since the tape was only hindering Nelson's performance, he opted to ice down and rest his shoulder. In the third race, he competed without tape or a shoulder brace, however still didn't get a good start, finishing in 26th place.

Overall, Nelson finished in 25th place of the three races he competed in.

He said he learned a lot from this national event. Even at 50 percent, Nelson competed — and more importantly, he completed the race. He said he knows that if he were operating at 100 percent he could have given the nation's top riders more than they could handle.

Nelson would like to thank Hollywood Council Rep. Max B. Osceola Jr., Chairman Mithcell Cypress and Seminole Sport Management for their support, his mechanics JR and Pop, Doug Harvey Racing, Greg Baker, Jack Gordon, and all his family members including aunts, uncles, cousins and grandmas.



Photo Courtesy of Ted Nelson

Billy Nelson, #32, at Loretta Lynn's Tennessee Ranch.

## Bowers Memorial Bowling Results

## Regular Game:

1. Elton Shore/Farah Jones, 445
2. Michael Micco/Jackie Thompson, 377
3. Philmon Bowers/Trisha Wilcox, 374
4. Greg Kelly/Mary Alice Huff, 371
5. Amos Billie/Alfreda Muskett, 363
6. Leon Wilcox, Jr./Monica Cypress, 358
7. Bobby Frank/Terri Frank, 354
8. Emory Fish/Monica Johns, 347
9. Rufus Tiger/Dora Tiger, 344
10. Danny Jones/Crystal Huff, 343
11. Ollie Wareham/Jackie Thompson, 340
12. (tied) Jamie Smith/Alfreda Muskett, 339
12. (tied) Miguel Cantu/Mary Jane Cantu, 339
14. George Micco/Trisha Osceola, 337



Chris Jenkins

The tournament was held in remembrance of Tribal citizen Gilbert Bowers.

## No Tap Game:



Chris Jenkins

Danny Jones

## 3, 6, 9 Game:

1. Ollie Wareham/Alfreda Muskett, 451
2. Kenny Doney/Dora Tiger, 421
3. Miguel Mata/Monica Cypress, 418
4. Dean Stokes/Jackie Thompson, 410
5. Elton Shore/Virginia Billie, 409
6. Moses Billie/Denise Billie, 406
7. Bobby Frank/Marilyn Doney, 403
8. Marcie Osceola/Terri Frank, 386
9. (tied) George Micco/Rosetta Bowers, 382
9. (tied) Rufus Tiger/Crystal Huff, 382
11. Danny Jones/Terri Frank, 378
12. Derrick Thomas/Mary Wilcox, 373
13. Mitch Osceola/ Mary A. Huff, 372
14. Michael Micco/ Trisha Osceola, 371



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## Seminole Run In the Midnight Sun

By Judy Weeks

**ALASKA** — Runners from 17 foreign countries, 48 of 50 states and two members of the Seminole Tribe of Florida formed a group of more than 20,000 who competed in the Mayor's Midnight Sun Marathon, beginning in Anchorage, Alaska.

Representing the Seminole Tribe of Florida were sisters, Amy Yzaguirre and Cecilia Pequeno of Immokalee. Both young women have been involved in a rigorous exercise program during the past year that encompassed a daily walking routine. When they learned about the possibility of taking part in the marathon, they quickly increased their daily goals in preparation.

Flying into Anchorage, Alaska, on June 18, they were accompanied by Amy's husband, Frankie DeLaRosa and their daughter, Larissa. The first day was spent getting over the jet lag from traveling and becoming accustomed to the Pacific Time Zone. This, however, was the least of their problems. During the summer months the sun never sets and it is continual daylight around the clock.

Wisely setting an achievable goal, Amy and Cecilia entered the Half-Marathon. On the day of the race, they were off and running on a course that began on the pavement of a residential and business district in downtown Anchorage.

As they traversed to the outskirts of the city, they circumvented the airport and then began the uphill climb to the rocky bluffs along the Pacific coastline. The trail changed from pavement

to gravel to dirt, rocky promontories and then back to gravel before they eventually reached the finish line.

The marathon covered approximately 13.1 miles with lots of uphill grades that really got the old cardiovascular system pumping. The daily temperature fluctuations in Anchorage at this time of the year range from 46 to 85 degrees. It was perfect weather for the marathon and left the runners feeling invigorated.

The event was well organized with adequate rest areas and plenty of nourishment along the way. The Alaskan landscape is awesome and a new breath-taking view confronted Amy and Cecilia at each turn of the trail. They were accompanied by runners from many walks of life, with a wide variety of capabilities, and felt very fortunate to finish with the upper half of the competition.

With the race behind them, it was time for a little sightseeing adventure. Boarding the Alaskan Railroad, the travelers took a four hour trip through some very rugged country, which made them feel as though they had walked into the pages of *National Geographic*.

Arriving at a small coastal town, they transferred to a boat from which they could observe killer whales, seals, sea lions, massive schools of fish and rookeries filled with birds. At one point, they traveled so close to a glacier that they were able to hear the loud roar created when a large sheet of ice broke loose and dropped into the bay. While on board the ship, Larissa participated in a Junior Wildlife Program and was awarded a certificate for her accomplishments.

An avid fisherman, Frankie enjoyed the experience of a lifetime when he went fishing for salmon in a cold Alaskan river. Due to stringent regulations that govern both commercial and sport fishing, he was only allowed to catch and keep one king salmon. Capturing a real whopper, he had it processed to take home.

Cecilia, Amy, Frankie and Larissa all put on their hiking shoes and headed for the summit of Flat Top Mountain. The trek is more than four miles each way and took the hikers through dense woodlands, open grassy meadows and up the steep slope of the mountain. Eventually arriving at the summit, they had a bird's eye view of the top of the world. Taking in the panoramic landscape, they took a short rest and then began the slow descent to the valley floor.

Even with 24 hours of daylight, one can only squeeze so much into a seven day trip that includes so much travel time. All too quickly, the epic journey was over and the weary tourists slid into their plane seats for the long flight home. They said they will be forever grateful to the Seminole Tribe for providing them with this golden opportunity.



A small portion of the 20,000 participants in the Alaskan Marathon.

Amy Yzaguirre



Frankie DeLaRosa poses with the King Salmon that he caught in an Alaskan river.



Larissa DeLaRosa rests with her aunt Cecilia on Flat Top Mountain as her father, Frankie, begins the steep descent.



Amy Yzaguirre waits with her husband, Frankie and daughter, Larissa, to climb aboard the Alaskan Railroad.



Amy Yzaguirre waits at the starting line of the Midnight Sun Marathon in Anchorage, Alaska.

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(L-R) John Robert Gomez, Kenny Joe Davis, Gabriel Acosta and Bear Weeks. Youth Ranch Director Kenny Joe Davis and his assistant Gabriel Acosta congratulate the saddle winners at the Labor Day Round Robin.

## Labor Day Round Robbin Rounds Out Summer at Seminole Ranch

By Judy Weeks

**IMMOKALEE** — Labor Day weekend was a grand finale for a summer full of activities at the Immokalee Seminole Ranch. From the minute the last school bell rang in June until the first weekend in September, the Youth Ranch was a bee hive of opportunities for members of the Immokalee Reservation to enjoy a happy, healthy summer.

Uproarious laughter and screams of delight filled the air as adults joined the youngsters on the water slides and played like fish in the pools with their little tadpoles. The welcoming smell of hamburgers and hot dogs on the grill lured them to the picnic area for some well deserved relaxation under the oak trees.

Happy children came running with big smiles to climb aboard the open air bus that circulated up and down the streets to transport them to and from the organized events at the ranch. Among their favorite activities were horse back riding and trips through the woods in the covered wagon.

A field trip to see a theatrical performance of *My Little Pony* was a highlight for many of the children. In addition to an outstanding presentation at the



The seniors take a ride in the Seminole Ranch carriage.

Triad rating, which provided an equal opportunity to a wide base of roping enthusiasts.

Tribal elder Rudy Osceola gave his heeling horse Smoke quite a workout and together they scored several good catches throughout the evening. Unfortunately, "team" is the operative word and it takes a header, heeler, two horses and one cow to score in each run.

Marvin Bowers was making beautiful head catches all night long, but his heelers weren't nearly as fortunate and it cost him at the end of the night. However, both of these gentlemen are great sports and congratulated the winners with a big smile. You can be sure they will be tough contenders at the next competition.

A wide variety of ropers showed up to try their skills ranging from 7 to 70 years of age. With his signature bandana around his forehead, Doc Shoemaker was cheered on by the crowd as he took every run in stride. Seven-year-old Kal Fuller was dynamic on his white appaloosa, holding his own as a header and did a great job of setting up the cow for his heeler.

Two gorgeous trophy saddles were awarded to the high point winners. Taking first place and winning the saddles were Header John Robert Gomez and Heeler Bear Weeks. Second place went to Alfred Fuentes and Damian



The water slide was a blast for both children and adults.

Valdera. Mike Sanders and Luis Suarez took third, while Santee and Dennis Blakely captured fourth place. Fifth and sixth places went to Machete Garcia and Lee Blakely and Miguel and Devin Olette, respectively.



Heeler Rudy Osceola catches doubles with seven-year-old Kal Fuller

## Tiffany Doctor Memorial All-Girl Rodeo Series

By Elgin Jumper

**DAVIE, Fla.** — Cowgirls, rodeo enthusiasts and volunteers gathered on three separate occasions, July 21, Aug. 11 and Aug. 25, for the Tiffany Doctor Memorial All-Girl Rodeo Series at the Bergeron Rodeo Grounds. The weather for the series was marvelously sunny, with only a scant showing of dark blue clouds and rain on the final day of Aug. 25.

The yearly rodeo event acknowledges the memory and accomplishments of the late Tiffany Doctor, daughter of Colleen Osceola and Virgil Doctor, who passed away in a car accident on Snake Road. The rodeo was organized and presented by the Seminole Tribe of Florida, along with the assistance of the Davie Rodeo Association.

Announcer Michael Barnes gave the opening prayers and thanked the Seminole Tribe of Florida, particularly President Richard Bowers Jr., for the contributions made on behalf of the rodeo series.

There were 116 cowgirls from throughout Florida participating in the rodeos, including Seminole cowgirls Billie Tiger and Shelby Dehass.

"Billie Tiger attended the first rodeo and did well placing in the breakaway calf roping and in team roping," said scorekeeper Leanne Sullivan. "Shelby Dehass attended all rodeos and placed in various events."

The events in the rodeo series included 3D Barrel Racing, 3D Pole Bending, Team Roping, Goat Tying, Breakaway Calf Roping and Steer Riding. Buckle winners in the Tiffany Doctor Memorial All-Girl Rodeo Series were:

All Around Cowgirl: 12 and under: Kaylee Peardon; 13-19: Amanda Norman; 20 and over: Stephanie Sullivan.

1 D Barrels: Michelle Nessel; 2D Barrels: Amanda Norman; 3D Barrels: Tyler Murphy; 1D Poles: Laverne Jones; 2D Poles: Heather Katz; 3D Poles: Kristen Phillips.

Team Roping Header: Sara Sparks; Team Roping Heeler: Amanda Norman.

Goat Tying: Stephanie Sullivan; Breakaway Calf Roping: Breanne Lee; Steer Riding: Amanda Norman.

Tiffany's mom Colleen Osceola was present in the stands for the rodeo competition.

"I think it's a good thing they're putting this on because the girls need to show what skills they have and it's an inspiration to the younger girls as well," she said.

Reflecting on the memory of her daughter,

she added: "Tiffany loved to ride bulls. She was working at the rodeo arena on the reservation and a bunch of kids were involved with the rodeo back then and she was dared into it. That's how she got into bull-riding. She loved the adrenalin. She rode for four and a half years and no matter how painful it was for her, she still loved it."

Tiffany Doctor, a member of the Seminole Tribe of Florida, was also actively involved in "Hollywood Horse Club" and in the advancement of women's bull-riding.

The judges were club president, Albert Gomez and Tom Karpinski. Prizes included precious belt buckles, and though the series has no bearing on the other competitions during the rodeo year, it is absolutely conducive to staying in good practice over the long summer months. Other top cowgirls were: Stephanie Sullivan, Lanie Culligan, and Diamond Bergeron.



Shelby DeHass during the 3D Pole Bending event.

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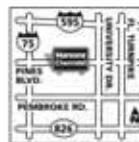
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# Emergency Management

## The Unconquered Seminoles: Protecting People, Property Is Priority One

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**HOLLYWOOD**— Leaders of the Seminole Tribe of Florida aren't gambling on disaster preparedness. They're counting on unrivaled, forward-thinking strategies to lessen the impact of hurricanes and other disasters on Tribal citizens and their property.

"A disaster can paralyze a community," said Curt Sommerhoff, emergency manager for the Tribe. "It should come as no surprise that a Tribal government has gone to great lengths, particularly when that Tribe is the unconquered Seminoles."

As a sovereign nation, the Seminole Tribe is not required to follow the disaster-resistant building restrictions or standards set by the State of Florida. However, Tribal leaders decided to follow the state's building codes because Florida's are among the most stringent in the nation.

"The Florida Building Code is a minimum standard," said Bill McHattton, the Tribe's building official and inspector.

Six reservations comprise the Seminole Tribe's territory: Big Cypress, Brighton, Hollywood, Tampa, Immokalee and Fort Pierce. While only Miami-Dade

and Broward counties are required to follow Florida's most demanding building codes, the Seminole Tribe adopted the same demanding standards throughout its territory.

"The high velocity hurricane zone subsection, which is enforced in Broward and Miami-Dade counties, requires even tougher building than other areas," McHattton said. "The Tribal Council decided that this should be enforced on all of its reservations, regardless of what each neighboring county actually required. The Tribal Council has gone over and above what the minimum standards are for Florida."

The building techniques implemented by the Seminoles are considered "code plus," or above code. They are most prominently featured in the dozens of homes in the Fort Pierce reservation community. Each house was built to withstand 140 mph winds using concrete and steel construction. In addition, each home was fitted with impact-resistant windows and shutters, along with a 15,000-watt generator that could power the entire house.

"Prior to the 2004 hurricane season, many residents would go to shelters," said Pete Russo, of the Seminole Tribe

Housing Department. "But, a lot of the elderly Tribe members want to stay in their own homes. So, the Tribe decided to focus on making them safe where they are. Any home built with the enhanced code, especially after 2002, is going to be a well-built structure and will provide a greater degree of hurricane protection."

The Seminoles' efforts to make Tribal citizens and their property more disaster-resistant go beyond strong building techniques. Several critical services are available to Tribal citizens at no cost. For example, the Tribe secured a number of large fuel tanks with separate containers for diesel and gasoline. The tanks are constantly maintained, keeping fuel for emergency needs accessible—even in times of shortage.

Working closely with the South Florida Water Management District, the Seminoles also keep a close eye on Lake Okeechobee and other nearby bodies of water for signs of possible flooding.

We handle flood mitigation through an extensive maintenance program," Sommerhoff said. "We make sure all the canals and waterways are kept clear of debris, and we're constantly monitoring water levels and regulating holding areas."

The Seminole Tribe has its own television station and satellite TV reception is provided to all Tribal citizens. Prior to a hurricane or other disaster, the station broadcasts advisories and updates. The Broadcasting Department has produced a hurricane-preparedness TV program that regularly airs during hurricane season.

The Tribe began work on a number of other programs that will help maintain its high level of preparedness. The Tribe aimed to be compliant with the National Incident Management System, which is a uniform structure that allows all responders to follow the same procedures and ultimately improves communication and overall effectiveness in disaster response. In addition, the Seminoles began establishing Community Emergency Response Teams for each of their reservations, and planned to participate in the National Weather Service's StormReady program.

According to Sommerhoff, the Seminole Tribe leaders are constantly thinking ahead. He said their focus on emergency management and disaster preparedness demonstrates a passionate concern for the well-being of their fellow Tribal citizens.

## How Have You Prepared for this Hurricane Season?

"Nothing yet, I need to fill my five gallon water jugs and split my fire wood."

**Barbara Billie**  
Bird Clan  
Hollywood Resident



"This time I'm going to shop for can foods early when we see it coming this way."

**Dora Tiger**  
Big Town Clan  
Hollywood Resident



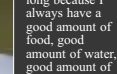
"A couple of days before it would hit I'm going to by propane, batteries, flashlights and candles."

**Paladine Willie**  
Bird Clan  
Hollywood Reservation



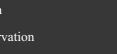
"Well it seems like I'm prepared all year long because I always have a good amount of food, good amount of water, good amount of canned food I might add, and also I have my batteries, my outdoor lights. I'm always prepared because since I volunteer for the senior citizens building and I have to spend a lot of my time there I have to make sure my children are ready, so I'm always more or less prepared all the time. So I have all the stuff I require at my house already, all year long."

**Virginia Osceola**  
Bird Clan  
Hollywood Reservation



"I've gathered extra water, stocked my cabinets with food. I made sure our shutters are working and the car is ready if needed to travel in."

**Anthony Frank**  
Panther Clan  
Hollywood Resident



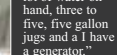
"I always have a lot of water on hand, three to five, five gallon jugs and a I have a generator."

**Dawn Bowman**  
Real Estate Department  
Davie Resident



"You name it, I have it, food, propane, I'm all ready to go!"

**William "Bill" Abell**  
Real Estate Department  
Palm Beach Resident



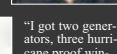
"I got two generators, three hurricane proof windows in the front of my house, and a lot of gas cans. We bought a bunch of water, got lots of food to survive for about two months."

**Jay Charles Stewart**  
Big Town Clan  
Hollywood Resident



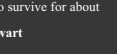
"I haven't put too much thought into it to be honest, but we will be stocking up on can food items, batteries, flashlights, etc when the time comes."

**Kyle Doney**  
Panther Clan  
Brighton Resident



"I haven't done anything as of yet, I'm not. I know what I'll have to do and get. When that time comes, I'll know what I have to do."

**Darlene Primeaux**  
Bear Clan  
Hollywood Resident



## Tribe's Community Emergency Response Team

By Amy R. Howard, Emergency Management Planner, Emergency Management Department

The Federal Emergency Management Agency, or FEMA, began promoting the nationwide Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) in 1994. Since then, CERTs have been established in hundreds of communities around the country, including Tribal communities.

CERT training promotes a partnering effort between emergency services and the people that they serve. The goal is for emergency personnel to train members of neighborhoods, community organizations or workplaces in basic response skills. CERT members are then integrated into the emergency response capability for their area.

If a disastrous event overwhelms or delays the Tribe's professional response, CERT members can assist community members by applying the basic life support response and organizational skills that they learned during training. These skills can help save and sustain lives following a disaster until help arrives.

CERT members maintain and refine their skills by participating in training exercises and other activities. They can attend supplemental training opportunities offered by the sponsoring organization or other agencies to further their skills and knowledge base. Finally, CERT members can volunteer for projects that improve the Seminole Tribe's emergency preparedness.

CERT training is designed to cover: disaster preparedness, fire safety and suppression, disaster medical operations (triage and treating life threatening injuries), disaster medical operations (head to toe assessment), light search and rescue,

team organization, disaster psychology, terrorism and a final exercise or drill. Training usually consists of 20 classroom hours and can also be tailored to fit the community's need.

CERT training will teach each participant to: describe the types of hazards most likely to affect their homes and communities, describe the function of CERT and their roles in immediate response, take steps to prepare themselves for a disaster, identify and reduce potential fire hazards in their homes and workplaces, work as a team to solve different problems, apply techniques for opening airways, controlling bleeding, and treating for shock, conduct triage, perform a head to toe assessment, select and set up treatment areas, identify planning and size-up requirements for search and rescue situations, use safe techniques for debris removal, victim rescue and describe ways to protect rescuers during the search and rescue effort.

The Big Cypress Reservation was the first to host this program and this class was completed in February 2007. There were 12 participants who attended training twice a week for four weeks. All of these participants were employees of the Tribe and two were Tribal citizens.

Each CERT trainee that completed the training received the following: CERT KIT (containing tools to use as a CERT member), two CERT T-shirts, a Certificate of Completion, CERT helmet and a safety vest. The classes are free of charge and are taught by the Tribe's Emergency response personnel.

For more information please contact the Seminole Tribe Office of Emergency Management in Big Cypress at (863) 983-1996.

**New and Improved Ways to Obtain Information from the Disaster Hot Line**

You now have two options to obtain information from the Seminole Tribe of Florida's Disaster Hot Line. Option One is to call the hot line phone number. Option Two is to send an email message.

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## Info About Tribe's Hurricane Evacuation Shelters

Submitted by Andrea L. Ward, Interim Emergency Management and Sandra Fox, Emergency Management Planner, Emergency Management Department

As part of the Office of Emergency Management's continuing effort to provide for the safety and well-being of Tribal citizens, a shelter survey was completed on each hurricane evacuation shelter at the start of hurricane season. In addition to these surveys, each facility was visually inspected by an Emergency Management staff member, a Department of Elder Affairs member, the facility manager, and American Red Cross personnel.

The survey and visual inspection noted important factors such as kitchen and restroom facilities, fire safety, and building construction. A few small recommendations were made regarding storage of equipment and usage of dining and sleeping areas. Overall, each one of our shelter facilities was found in excellent condition.

A hurricane evacuation shelter should be used as a last resort. While every effort is made to accommodate shelter residents, there are several things you can do to make you and your family more comfortable.

Bedding will not be provided, so please bring something to sleep on, such as a blow up mattress, pillows, sheets and blankets, as needed. Meals are cooked and served on a regular schedule, so remember to pack a few of your favorite snacks for in between meal times. You should also pack extra clothing and hygiene supplies such as toothbrush, toothpaste and deodorant, for example.

If you are on any prescription medication, ensure that you have enough

for at least two weeks. If any of your medication requires refrigeration, tell a shelter staff person as you register to check in at the shelter. If you have children, pack any items such as diapers and formula and also a few small toys to help them feel more at ease while at the shelter.

If you bring anything electronic with you such as a cell phone, handheld game, or a blood sugar monitor, make sure it is fully charged before you check in at the shelter and bring a few batteries for back-up. Each of our shelters is equipped with generator power, however it's better to be prepared for a power loss just in case!

In addition to evacuation shelters, there is also a special needs shelter program which is coordinated by the Health Department. In order to be eligible for the special needs shelter, patients must need medical equipment which require continuous power such as tube feeding pumps, oxygen concentrators, specialized hospital beds or people who require continuous oxygen.

Other patients, who have current medical conditions of which the Health Department is aware, are reviewed on a case by case basis to determine if there is a need to place the person in the special needs shelter. The Health Department has a pre-registration form for special needs which every Tribal citizen needs to complete.

If you have any questions about the shelter program, please contact Sandra Fox at (863) 228-2119. If you have any questions related to the special needs shelter, contact your local health center.

Prescription Medications: Have at least a two week supply of all medications.

**Diabetic Patients:** Have at least a two week supply of all medications. Have at least a two week supply of insulin, insulin syringes, and lancets to poke your finger. Also prepare glucose tablets or paste in case your blood sugar goes low. Insulin or Byetta will be okay left un-refrigerated.

**Dialysis Patients:** Contact your dialysis center or the clinic to find out if your dialysis schedule has changed. Keep the fluids you are drinking to the recommended amount. Follow your recommended diet carefully. Avoid foods high in potassium such as oranges, pota-

## 2007 Hurricane Season Evacuation Shelters:

**Brighton**



Brighton Preschool

**Big Cypress**



Senior Center

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Hollywood Senior Center

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toes, bananas, tomatoes, etc.

**Pregnant Patients:** Contact your doctor's office for instructions. If you are unable to contact your doctor's office and are 36 weeks pregnant or more or a high risk pregnancy, go to the hospital when the hurricane warning is issued.

**Asthma Patients:** Make sure you have a two week supply of medications including inhalers. Check your nebulizer to make sure it is working properly. If you have a battery operated nebulizer, remember to charge it before the storm. If you are using your nebulizer regularly, please call the clinic to discuss your needs.

## Hurricane Preparation for People with Special Needs

## Housing News

### Housing Department Completes Generator Installations



Submitted by Seminole Housing Department  
As we come into the peak of the Hurricane season, the Housing Department would like to update everyone on the progress of the Generator project.

As of Sept. 14 all seniors and special needs members have had their generators installed. On Sept. 6, Tradewinds, the manufacturing company was on the Hollywood reservation servicing the Diesel generators. A diesel fuel distributor was in place and they were also able to top off all generators on the Hollywood reservation.

Generator installation for seniors and special needs members in Big Cypress, Brighton and Immokalee has also been completed.

The Housing Department has tried to make sure that everyone has their tanks topped off and any maintenance issues have been corrected if not, contact the Housing Department. Going forward, our hope is to have a "scheduled maintenance" plan in place very soon to further insure Tribal members' comfort and safety should we be faced with any inclement weather.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Housing Department at (954)967-3800.

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## Happy Birthdays

I am wishing **Leslie John Gopher Jr.** a happy belated birthday on Sept. 13. It seems like only yesterday I held you for the first time. Now, seven years later, you're growing into a beautiful person.

I see in you the love and care of a kind, gentle heart. A treasure only a few are fortunate enough to truly possess. I hope and pray you continue becoming the man I never was. Despite my absence, we will always be one inside our hearts, Son. We have the gift of memory (I share one in the poem I wrote for you). Enjoy your day Baby Les.

Love always,  
**Dad (Leslie J. Gopher)**

### The Yellow Bus

One morning while mom slept, I woke up, for it was true  
Today was special. Yes, it was one-of-a-kind  
Hard to believe mom's little six pounder is about to begin school  
Yet, there you were getting dressed all calm and cool  
As we waited we had a father-son conversation  
I asked that you listen to your teacher and with others have good relations  
A ride came and for you, it was time to go  
I gave you a kiss and you walked away slow



Reaching the door and looking back with an awesome smile, you gave a great big wave  
To that moment, forever I'll gladly remain a slave  
As I write, emotion finds its peak  
How I stood there that morning watching as tears slid down my cheek  
You and your sisters are by far my heart's greatest treasures  
Nothing will compare or even begin to measure  
Until I return I'll hold close to the memories of us  
This is the one of you, me and the yellow bus

I am very proud to be one of the selected few called senior citizens — even though I am just a "junior senior" — as I enter The Golden Age. I am happy to have family and friends to celebrate my Aug. 28 birthday with me.

I am glad I stayed home from Schemitzun to celebrate with my daughter Christine McCall up in Tallahassee, where she is a junior at FSU.

When I came home to

Hollywood after my week vacation, I was also able to celebrate again with family, who are also my friends: Tribal President Richard Bowers, my cousin, his wife Anna Bowers, my friend and boss Priscilla Sayen, my co-worker, cousin and friend Verna Billie, my other co-worker, cousin and friend Genevieve Shore, and my daughter, who is also my best friend.

— **Wanda Bowers**



We would like to wish **Aniya Sadie Cypress** a very happy 3rd birthday on Sept. 26. You are a big girl now!  
Love,  
Mom,  
Cameron, Arissa, Mayli,  
Papa Marvin and Uncle Marvin

Happy belated August birthday wishes go out to: **Minnie Starr Osceola** on Aug. 6; **Delaney Osceola** on Aug. 13; **Cady Osceola** on Aug. 29 and **Cody Osceola** on Aug. 20.

Belated September birthday wishes go out to: **George Osceola** on Sept. 8; **Imillakiyo Osceola** on Sept. 8; **Yopalakiyo Osceola** on Sept. 8 and **Richard Osceola** on Sept. 13.

We love each and every one of you!

Love,  
**Dad and Mum (Johnny and Faith Osceola)**



I am wishing **Kaylee Brianna Jumper** a happy birthday on Sept. 28. It's been a blessing being able to take part in your life. I've seen a special little girl grow into a beautiful young lady. I doubt you'll ever know the impact you've had in my life.

May happiness be found in all your days. Set your goals and dream big! You can achieve what you set out. Always remember with every obstacle lies a much deserved reward. You can do it, Kiddo.

Love,  
**Les (Leslie J. Gopher)**

### Believe

Be strong as I know you are  
Set your sights to that afar  
To each challenge, openly greet  
You will face many before you reach that which you seek  
In darkness, shine forth as the day  
Carefully choose the path you make way  
Be patient Kaylee, knowing the goals you set, you will achieve  
There is nothing that is impossible for those who believe

### Thank You

The Brighton Senior Center is very grateful to Norman "Skeeter" Bowers for the wonderful bass fish that he donated to the site.

Thank you very much,  
**Leah Minnick**  
Director of Elder Affairs



## New Kids

**Essence Jazmine Young** was born on Aug. 9, weighing 6 pounds, 7 ounces and measuring 18 inches. Essence's proud parents are Elliot and Jessica Young. Maternal grandparents are Victoria Stipanovich and Alex Rodriguez. Paternal grandparents are Scarlett Jumper-Liebowitz and Audris "Bo" Young.

Essence is the fifth child for Tribal citizen, Elliot Young, whose children include: Lena, 10, Jade, 9, Malacci, 4 and EanJay 1. She is the first daughter for mother, Jessica Young.

"At first I thought I would birth only boys, but God finally blessed me with my baby girl," mom said. "At 6 pounds, 7 ounces, she was the smallest of all our children."

Grandmother Scarlett Jumper-Liebowitz now celebrates her "Sweet 16th" grandchild born of her three sons, Elliot, Tous and Anthony Young.



Proud parents **Deidra Hall** and **Zeke Yzaguirre** of Immokalee welcome their new baby girl **Angelina Jade Yzaguirre**. She was born on Aug. 19 at 8:50 p.m., weighing 5 pounds, 2 ounces and measuring 19 inches.

## Another Addition to the Osceola Family Welcome Anthony William Gopher Osceola

**Story and Photos By Lila Osceola-Heard**

**HOLLYWOOD** — On Aug. 16, proud new parents, Jessica Turtle and Ethan Gopher, shared their brand new baby in time to be showered with gifts. Turtle gave birth to a healthy baby boy on Aug. 11, weighing 9 pounds and measuring 20 inches long.

First time mothers have many new challenges and things to learn and at an early age of 16, Jessica takes things in stride.

"Being a mother is great, but my advice to other young girls is to wait," she said with a laugh.

Maternal grandma Donna Turtle, maternal great-grandma Maydell Osceola and aunt Leslie Osceola-Runnels, hosted a baby shower on the Hollywood Reservation. Lots of family and friends

attended and brought gifts for baby boy Anthony William Gopher Osceola, Bird Clan.

The décor featured a baby blue room and baby shower games started the night off with a bang. Of course, the family brought in the "professional" bingo players with great-grandma Maggie Osceola and Betty Osceola winning all the bingo games.

Paternal grandma is Melissa Vanessa Gopher.



## In Memoriam



One year ago, on Sept. 3, 2006, my son **Casey Dean McCall** passed away on Sunday morning. He would have been 19 years old and in college this year.

I thank the Lord for every year that I had with him. I know he knows that he was loved by me, his sister Christine, uncle Steven, all his friends and anyone who met him in his lifetime. We will always miss him.

I will always remember, he would walk into my room do a turn and ask "How do I look?" He would bend over to me and ask "How do I smell?" — he loved his cologne. He would come into my room and say "Don't I dance good?" then do a spin. Even down to his tennis shoes; "Which ones should I wear?" he would say.

I will never forget his smile. I will never forget his hug; his kiss on my cheek ... "Bye, mom I love you, see you tomorrow."

— **Wanda Bowers**

## Job Opportunity

The Seminole Police Department (SPD) is looking for a Police Service Aide in Immokalee. A qualified candidate should be a U.S. citizen, 19 years old or older, with a high school diploma or GED. Tribal citizens are preferred. For applications call SPD at (954) 967-8900.



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