



From left, Chairman Mitchell Cypress, President Richard Bowers Jr., Fort Pierce Liaison Sally Tommie, Margaret Wilcox, Hollywood/Fort Pierce Council Rep. Max B. Osceola Jr., Big Cypress Board Rep. Paul Bowers Sr. and Trail Liaison William Osceola mark the beginning of construction.

## Fort Pierce Community Center Becomes Reality with Groundbreaking

BY RACHEL BUXTON  
Staff Reporter

**FORT PIERCE** — More than a year after returning back home to Chupco Landing, the Fort Pierce community began the new expansion of their soon-to-be community center with a groundbreaking ceremony.

Tribal officials, Tribal citizens, local politicians and guests gathered Aug. 15 at Chupco Landing to break ground and to unveil the name of the LEED Silver state-of-the-art community center, named after the late Hope Tommie Wilcox.

“While we are just breaking ground today,” Fort Pierce Liaison Sally Tommie said, “today is far more from the beginning, far from the beginning of this project.”

The community center design and concept has been a year in the making with Tribal Council and the Fort Pierce community working with architects to ensure the quality of the center, and also considering the needs of the community.

The community center will be the first LEED certified building within the Seminole Tribe and the first LEED Silver building in St. Lucie County.

“This community, one has only to drive

through and see the way it’s been developed, the way it’s growing and the way it’s flourishing, to understand we have so much to learn from you,” St. Lucie Commission Chairman Charles Grande said.

During the ceremony, architects from Leoa Daly provided a PowerPoint presentation showing renderings of what the community center will feature, including a gymnasium, a pool, sauna, a walking track and cultural center that will offer sewing and language classes.

“It will make sure that they never forget

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## New Tribal-Wide Truancy Policy Enforced for Tribal Students and Parents

BY CHRIS C. JENKINS  
Staff Reporter

The Tribal educational system has taken one more turn for the better with the installment of a new Tribal-wide truancy policy now being enforced this school year.

The policy comes as part of a strategy to combat the increasing and precarious activity of missing school among Tribal youth and teens in grades kindergarten through high school. Educational institutions on the Big Cypress and Brighton Reservations, as well as other public and private schools will fall under the new rules.

The issue has been supported by the Tribal Council with the passing of Resolution 35 by unanimous vote at the Big Cypress Reservation meeting in July. Several other Tribal departments were also on board.

Compliance to the procedures involves a Truancy Committee created by Tribal citizens from representative departments and schools, including: Helene Buster, director of Family Services, Emma Johns, director of Education, Michele Thomas of the Pemayetv Emahakv Charter School, Andrea Jumper of the Ahfachkee School and Diane Buster of the Seminole Police Department.

“It has been a growing issue. Our business as a Tribe is dependent on this policy and we need to make sure these students get the best education possible,” said Family Services Director Buster. “The parents understand the seriousness of this issue, but some do not understand the importance of getting

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## Tribal Citizens Revive Tradition with Canoe Carving at Okalee Village

BY CHRIS C. JENKINS  
Staff Reporter

**HOLLYWOOD** — Ah-Tha-Thi-Ki Museum Traditional Arts Specialist Pedro Zepeda recently took the opportunity to illustrate the time-honored Seminole custom of wood carving, creating a canoe.

The Seminole Okalee Village hosted a multi-session event, with the first session running from Aug. 18-20, and allowed Tribal citizens to learn and partake in the fading practice.

“I hope this will spark an interest on some of the other reservations,” Zepeda said. “This is something you hardly see anymore. I have always taken an interest in our traditional crafts that are not seen as much anymore.”

Zepeda said



Pedro Zepeda, left, and Everett Osceola take level measurements before carving the bottom of the canoe.

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Following the tradition, the Tribes get together and stop their canoes at the shore to ask for permission to disembark.

## Tribal Students Embark on Second Annual Culture Exchange

BY RACHEL BUXTON  
Staff Reporter

**SEATTLE, Wash.** — Fourteen Tribal students from all reservations made the trek to Seattle, Wash., for a weeklong canoe journey with the Muckleshoot Tribe, as part of the second annual culture exchange program, organized by the Education Department.

Students, staff and volunteers traded in the hotel rooms for the great outdoors July 5-12 as they slept in tents on the Muckleshoot Reservation.

Director of Education Emma Johns said that experiencing the culture of other Native Tribes teaches students how fortunate the Seminole Tribe is.

“It was absolutely awesome,” Alex Buck said of the experience.

On their first day in freezing temperatures the Tribal students explored the waters in canoes with members of the Muckleshoot Tribe and Canoe Journey family led by skippers, to get accustomed to synchronized paddling. The students also did a little cold water training to learn how to get acclimated to the freezing waters. Each student had to jump in and out of the canoes into the water.

After their first few days of practice in the canoe, the real

journey began. Students canoed for hours each day visiting different Tribal communities. Each day they embarked on a new journey to exchange cultures with other Tribes.

Students learned the protocol of the western Tribes and how before anyone is permitted to come ashore they must announce themselves and request permission.

Their first stop was Squaxin Island where they enjoyed a night of Tribal singing and dancing.

“We thank you for the food you have fed us with and for sharing your culture,” Herbert Jim of the Tampa Culture Department said to the Squaxin village.

The next few days, the two Tribes, the Seminoles and the Muckleshoots, pulled together as one family visiting Nisqually and then Puyallup.

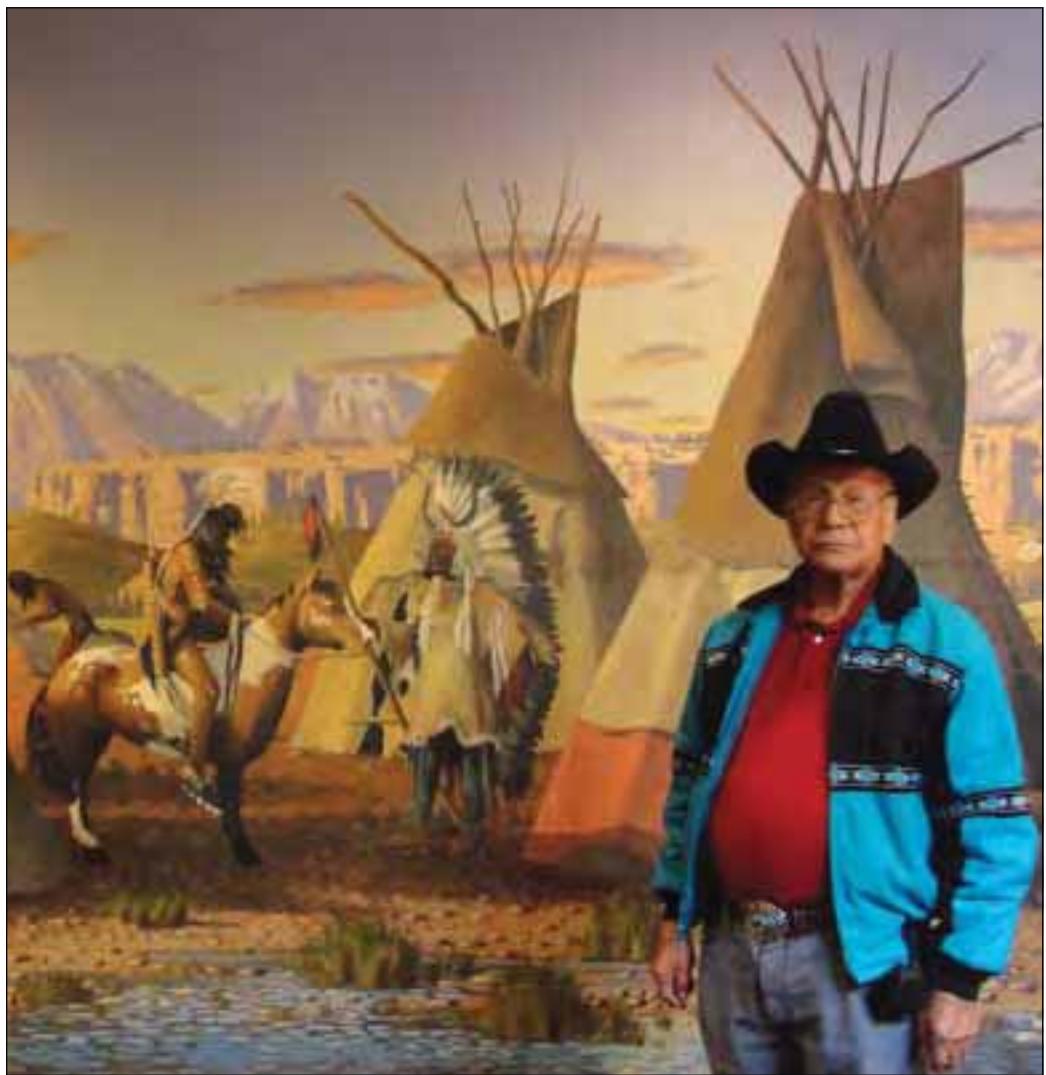
Once the Seminoles and the Muckleshoots returned to the Muckleshoot Reservation, they spent their final evening truly sharing their cultures.

Jim told old native Seminole stories and, accompanied by the Seminole Tribal students, he shared a Seminole Stomp Dance with the Muckleshoots.

Gifts were given on behalf of both Tribes with warmest appreciation.

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## Big Cypress Seniors Take Their First Trip to the United Tribes Pow-Wow



Big Cypress Senior Joe Osceola Sr. stands by a Native drawing at the Standing Rock Reservation's Prairie Knights Resort and Casino in Fort Yates, N.D.

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Rachel Buxton

The Brighton First Indian Baptist Church choir entertains the crowd in the Native Creek language.

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where they come from,” President Richard Bowers Jr. said. “They have a history, they have a culture and [they have] to keep teaching the next generation and to keep going.”

Tommie, with the help of Chairman Mitchell Cypress, unveiled the proposed name for the community center: The Fort Pierce Community Hope Center.

Tommie said the decision to name the building after the late Hope Tommie Wilcox came from the tenacity Hope Tommie Wilcox had as she left the boundaries of the reservation to meet new people and to learn different cultures.

“It’s our Fort Pierce Community Hope Center because when you come through these doors, we hope that you will find hope there,” Tommie said. “We hope that you will remember that there is hope for tomorrow.”

Following the ceremony, members of Tribal Council and Mary Margaret Wilcox, the daughter of the late Hope Tommie Wilcox, all clad in hard hats shoveled dirt marking the beginning of construction.

During a catered lunch, guests got a musical treat from Pastor Wanda Tommie’s praise group along with members of Brighton’s First Indian Baptist church singing in native Creek language.

“I think this community deserves it,” Chairman Cypress said about the center. “So, I’m happy we’re going to have a community center plus the other things that are going to be in there.”



Rachel Buxton

Shamy Tommie poses with the picture of his aunt, the late Hope Tommie Wilcox, and with her daughter, Margaret Wilcox.



Chris C. Jenkins

Kevin Osceola, left, and Pedro Zepeda chip away pieces of wood to create a smooth surface on the canoe.



Chris C. Jenkins

Pedro Zepeda measures the width of the cypress tree before the carving process begins.



Chris C. Jenkins

Brothers Darnell Osceola, left, and Devin Osceola watch during the early stages of the canoe carving.

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the idea will hopefully catch on as part of a series, and was a collaborative effort among Tribal citizens and departments.

He explained that the standard time for completion is based on the size of the piece of wood, usually involving cypress wood, and the carving process is generally a two- to three-month period.

“Doing this has always been like meditation to me,” he said. “You put a lot of yourself into doing this type of thing. When you finish, you think, ‘Wow, I made that with my own hands.’ There is also the connection you gain with your past and your ancestors.”

According to Seminole custom, fathers, uncles, or other family members teach the boys how to work with wood for construction in the family camps. Construction in the clan camps has always been considered a primary responsibility and duty.

The men often carve the dugouts for their canoes, which were also very important for family transportation.

“This practice just does not affect people’s day-to-day lives anymore,” Zepeda said. “Nowadays the younger generations are busier more than ever.”

Miccosukee Tribal youngsters Darnell and Devin Osceola attended the workshop with their grandfather. Devin said their mother encouraged them to attend.

“It all looked hard to me, but it was something that I think would be fun,” Darnell said of the method.

Tribal citizen Kevin Osceola aided Zepeda in the beginning stages and said it was an enjoyable first-time experience for him.

“It allowed me to get back to learning my traditions,” Osceola said.

The Hollywood resident said growing up with his father, Jimmie Hank Osceola, taught him about another popular Seminole ritual: chickee building. It has remained a steady practice among the Tribe even in modern days.

Zepeda said he learned canoe carving through father-figure and role model Ingram Billie Jr. at about the age of 16.

He said he hopes to join the likes of Tribal citizens Leroy Osceola of Trail, and George Billie of Big Cypress, in completing a carving. Osceola and Billie are the only two known living Seminoles to do so.

“I am hoping we can get enough built so we can make a trip out of it, to make use of them,” Zepeda said.



Atilano Nunez

Participants in the culture exchange program pose at the Hard Rock Cafe in Seattle.

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“It’s been an awesome week and an awesome journey and I think I can speak for all of us when I say that,” Johns said. “They don’t want to leave because you have changed and touched their lives.”

The Muckleshoots presented Johns with a native Muckleshoot blanket wrapping her in it as a way to say thank you for helping make the culture exchange happen.

“It’s much more than a culture exchange, it’s a way for our people to give back,” Muckleshoot canoe skipper Will Bill said to the Seminoles.

The night ended with both Tribes dancing and enjoying each other’s culture.

Before heading back to Florida, the Tribal students got to experience Seattle at its fullest.

Many got to see snow for the first time and a true fish market, and to top it off, they got a little taste of home at the Hard Rock Café.



Atilano Nunez

Seminole and Muckleshoot youth do some cold water training.

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these kids to school.”

According to the truancy policy and procedures, any situation arising will fall under a four-step process: Step one: the committee will meet, including a representative from the referral source, to staff the case and discuss presenting issues and efforts that have been made to address the situation and possible solutions. Step two: a letter with a meeting time, date, location and reason for the meeting with the parents; if the parents miss the first meeting, a second one will be scheduled and a letter will be hand delivered to the parents by SPD. Step three: at the meeting, parents and committee members will review the truancy issues and efforts that have been made to address it and the committee’s policy. Step four: any parent(s) referred to the committee will remain on probation for the remainder of the school year; a second referral to the committee will constitute recommendations for a noncompliant case.

“The intent [of the policy] is to allow schools and counties to follow through with their truancy policies and account-

ability measures before a referral will ever be made to the truancy committee,” Johns said. “This policy will help us deal with those situations that, for whatever reasons are falling through the cracks and causes a student to ultimately drop out of school, turn to drugs, or some other mischievous activity that could potentially destroy his or her life.”

Tribal mother of two Dora Tiger said she is in support of the policy and said she has been grateful in having an easy road regarding school attendance with daughter Shelli, 13, and son Michael Tiger, 11. Both attend the private Sheridan Hills Christian School in Hollywood.

“I get my kids to school as early as possible, and in my case it has been easy because they like to go to school,” Tiger said. “The only hard part for me is getting them up in the morning, once I do though, it is not a problem.”

Walt Swan, Principal of the Ahfachkee School in Big Cypress, said the issue is a community-wide problem.

“It was a large enough issue here [at Ahfachkee] where something needed to be done,” Swan said. “There are a lot of things we [as educators] can do better, and this is a step in the right direction.”



Atilano Nunez

The Seminole youth take a group photo on the Muckleshoot Reservation.

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## Tribal Council Convenes for Two Special Sessions

BY CHRIS C. JENKINS  
Staff Reporter

**HOLLYWOOD** — The Tribal Council convened at the Hollywood Reservation Headquarters Auditorium for two separate special sessions Aug. 24 passing a total of 48 resolutions and ordinances on the agendas including:

**Resolution 5:** Appointment of one Committee member to the Constitution Review Committee.

**Resolution 13:** Approval of Northern Ethic Consulting and Contracting, Inc., Service Agreement for Housing Services.

**Resolution 14:** Approval of Dreamcatcher Construction, Inc., Service Agreement for Housing Services.

**Resolution 37:** Southeastern Circuit Finals Rodeo Name Title Sponsor Agreement.

**Ordinance 39:** Seminole Tribal Procurement Code.

**Ordinance 40:** Seminole Tribal Records Code.

**Resolution 41:** Approval of funds to construct temporary improvements at the Seminole Indian Casino - Coconut Creek.

**Resolution 42:** Approval of funds to construct improvements for poker relocation and slot expansion at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino - Tampa.

**Resolution 43:** Approval of funds to construct a parking lot expansion and resurfacing improvements at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino -Tampa.

**Resolution 44:** Approval of funds for expansion, renovation and rebranding of Floyds restaurant and approval of agreement with Kraft Construction Company, Inc. for the Hard Rock Café at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino -Tampa.

## Seminole Coconut Creek, Hollywood Classic Casinos Add Blackjack Games

BY CHRIS C. JENKINS  
Staff Reporter

Amid swarms of media, excitement and enthusiasm filled the air on back-to-back weeks as the Seminole Casino Coconut Creek and Seminole Classic Casino Hollywood ushered in the much-anticipated debut of the table card game blackjack. Members of the Tribal Council, Board of Directors and invited guests attended the events.

Coconut Creek opened 12 tables for play Aug. 13, ranging from \$10-\$5,000 limits, in front of guest Singer/Musician David Cassidy, Rep. Jim Waldman of the Florida House of Representatives District 95, and in the

presence of Tribal Board President Richard Bowers Jr. and Hollywood/Fort Pierce Tribal Council Rep. Max B. Osceola Jr. The men took part in the first hand dealt, signifying the official start of game play.

"This is a step toward what we [the Seminole Tribe of Florida] saw in the beginning," Rep. Osceola said.

Seminole Gaming Chief Operations Officer James Allen said although the negotiation process has been long, it has been worth the wait creating new jobs, specifically 90 blackjack dealers (the majority from Florida) and dozens of managers and supervisors totaling more than 120 at the location.

"It is a great day. It is a continuing story which has created even more jobs and security for the Tribe," Allen said. "It has been so long coming, and the wait so long to bring this here to Coconut Creek."

New hire and Weston resident Chris Valdez said he has high expectations for his new work place.

"Management [General Manager Steve Bonner and others] did a very good job to get everything ready so all we [as workers] had to do was come in and go to work," Valdez said. "It has been a very smooth transition."

On Aug. 20 the Hollywood Classic Casino introduced the popular game with an 84 seat capacity, and \$5 minimum play. Invited special guests included: Zack Thomas, retired seven time Pro-Bowl linebacker of the Miami Dolphins, Alfonso Ribeiro host of the Game Show Networks "Catch 21" and star of the hit NBC



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**Big Cypress Tribal Board Rep. Paul Bowers Sr., second from left, enjoys a game of blackjack with other Tribal citizens at the game's premiere at the Hollywood Classic Casino.**

television sitcom "Fresh Prince of Bel-Air," as well as Jimmie "JJ" Walker comedian and star of the hit 1970s show "Good Times."

"Today you are a part of history," Rep. Osceola said to the guests and patrons in attendance. "Thank you for helping fulfill the history we [as Seminoles] envisioned."

The addition of the game has also created about 700 more jobs at the Hollywood location, according to Adrian Fox, Seminole Classic Casino General Manager.

Both facilities will also offer the game 24 hours a day, seven days a week exclusively.

The Hollywood Classic Casino will forever be known as the innovator in the gaming industry opening the first large stakes bingo hall in the U.S. in 1979. Years later it would expand into gaming machines and poker.

President Bowers and Big Cypress Board Rep. Paul Bowers Sr. were also in attendance.



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**Tribal Board President Richard Bowers Jr., left, and Hollywood/Fort Pierce Tribal Council Rep. Max B. Osceola Jr., third from left, join special guests David Cassidy, second from left, and Jim Waldman, former Coconut Creek Mayor and current Florida House of Representative member, for the first hand of blackjack in front of patrons and guests at the Seminole Coconut Creek Casino Aug. 13.**

## Article 2, Amendment Section 9 Passes in Secretarial Elections



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**Seminole Agency Bureau of Indian Affairs Superintendent Keith Neves and members of the Tribal Secretarial Office staff announce the results of the Secretarial Elections held Sept. 7 at the Hollywood Headquarters. The election was conducted through the U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Indian Affairs Seminole Agency with the passing of Article II, Amendment Section 9 to the Tribal Constitution, with 248 votes allowing individuals that are non-full blooded Seminoles to run for elected Tribal official positions within the Seminole Tribe.**

## SPD Explorers Program Unites Tribal Youth

BY CHRIS C. JENKINS  
Staff Reporter

**HOLLYWOOD** — The Seminole Police Department Explorers Program wants to bring Tribal youth and the community together.

Through respect, discipline and integrity, this new

Tribal-wide initiative began nine months ago, targeting youth and teens ages 6 to 17 for training in the realm of law enforcement and learning how the criminal justice system works.

"These are the future leaders of this Tribe," said eight-year SPD Officer Bobby Betz of the Tribal Youth and Elder Unit Division, who's also an Explorers Program advisor. "We see a lot of the funerals for these kids. We want to give them some rules of life to live by. This is the age where you can get them on the right track."

As a volunteer pilot project originating through (but not an official part of) the Boy Scouts of America, there are no fees to join the Explorers. The program members meet on the Hollywood Reservation twice per month on Tuesday evenings.

Enrollees follow a code of conduct, wear a specially designed uniform, and are aided and assisted by an SPD police officer/advisor. Community projects, field trips, guest speakers and hands-on experience are all a part of the learning and skill development process.

Advancement opportunities are available from trainee to explorer, sergeant and lieutenant. Requirements include good grades in school and maintaining a good attitude.

"They are also gaining a lot of respect for police officers with this program," said Bill Maynard, SPD Sergeant and Tribal



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**Tribal youth members of the Seminole Police Department Explorers Program, newcomers and department staff gather outside the SPD Headquarters in Hollywood.**

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## Naples Community Travels to Georgia's Stone Mountain

BY KRISSY FRANK  
Executive Assistant, Naples Tribal Offices

**STONE MOUNTAIN, Ga.** — The Naples community spent the Labor Day weekend, Sept. 3-6, at the Evergreen Marriott Resort at the top of Stone Mountain, Ga.

The weekend started off with an excellent buffet dinner in a private room at the hotel. Everything was served, from ham, crab claws, pasta dishes, and cheeseburger sliders, to a dessert bar with s'mores. After a long day of traveling and a tremendous dinner everyone went up to their rooms for some rest before the big day at Stone Mountain Park.

Stone Mountain is 825 feet tall and covers 583 acres. The top of the mountain is 1,683 feet above sea level and the entire carved surface of the Memorial Carving measures three acres, larger than a football field. The Memorial Carving depicts three Confederate heroes of the Civil War: Confederacy President Jefferson Davis, General Robert E. Lee and Lt. General Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson.

The following day everyone met in the lobby and took the tram to Stone Mountain Park for some fun. The day started off with a Duck Tour ride. The Duck vehicles are 1940s era Army DUKWs, converted into comfortable open-air vehicles. They

start off on land then splash into a lake. The drivers were very knowledgeable and funny; they also let all the kids have a turn at driving the duck in the water.

"I liked driving the duck. Can we go on it again?" asked Eliska Slavik. The drivers handed out duck lips so the group could quack along with them. The kids sure loved these. After returning from the duck ride, most of the group was able to meet for a train ride around the mountain.

This gave the Naples community members a chance to see how big Stone Mountain really is.

Serena Zepeda said her favorite part of the trip was the train ride.

After going around the mountain, the group decided to see what it's like from the top, and boarded the air tram. The view was amazing and everyone took some great pictures to prove it! "I loved going to the top of the mountain. It was really windy up there," said Nicole Slavik.

Later that evening everyone met back at the park for a country concert, laser show, and fireworks.

Members of Naples community were able to secure a spot on a terrace with chairs for everyone, popcorn and soft drinks too. The laser show was absolutely amazing. The kids were dancing to the music and families participated in the Chicken Dance. All in all, it was a fantastic day and an entertaining show.

The next day, the group met at noon for a six-hour bus trip, which started out by touring Stone Mountain Village and continued with some window-shopping. From there, they headed into Buckhead and admired the enormous mansions.

The bus dropped everyone off in Buckhead for shopping and lunch, then went to Atlanta's Underground for a tour and some more shopping. Next to a beautiful waterfall, they all managed to get a nice group picture.

Before heading back to the hotel, everyone stopped at the Hard Rock, to buy T-shirts and souvenirs. Since the Naples group was so full of energy, everyone met by the pool so the kids could go swimming. The hotel also has fire pits outside by the pool so it was a nice way to wind down after another fun-filled day.

Sadly, Monday came too quickly and it was time to head home. It was a great way for the Naples community to spend Labor Day and also a great way for all the families to spend time with each other.



Krissy Frank

**Participants in the trip to Stone Mountain, Ga., get a group photo.**



Krissy Frank

**From left, Angelina Osceola-Lugo, Joseph Osceola-Lugo and Dominic Osceola-Lugo pose with Duck, the mascot for the Duck Ride.**



Krissy Frank

**The Naples group rides the Duck; from left, Connie Slavik, Eliska Slavik, Martin Slavik, Ross Zepeda, Martin Slavik, Logan Walden, Jason Walden, Naomi Walden, Lee Zepeda, Wanda Zepeda, Brian Zepeda and Laurel Zepeda.**





Naji Tobias

Hollywood's Mailani Perez answers questions for the EIRA judging panel.



Naji Tobias

The EIRA Seminole Jr. Rodeo Queen Contestant Breanna Billie, of Brighton, gets ready to answer a set of five questions from the judges.



Naji Tobias

From left, EIRA President Josh Jumper, EIRA Vice President/Big Cypress Board Rep. Paul Bowers Sr., 2010-2011 EIRA Seminole Jr. Rodeo Queen Mailani Perez, 2010-2011 EIRA Seminole Sr. Rodeo Queen Jewel Buck and President Richard Bowers Jr.

# Brighton's Jewel Buck Crowned Seminole Tribe's 2010-2011 EIRA Rodeo Queen

*Hollywood's Mailani Perez captures top honors in EIRA Seminole Jr. Rodeo Queen competition*

BY NAJI TOBIAS  
Staff Reporter

**BIG CYPRESS** – Jewel Buck was visibly excited and shocked after being crowned this year's Eastern Indian Rodeo Association Seminole Rodeo Queen contest on Aug. 28.

As her parents, Emma and Jessie Urbina looked on at the awards presentation, the Brighton queen spoke about what the Rodeo Queen competition meant the most to her. The awards event took place during the EIRA Regional Finals at the Junior Cypress Rodeo Arena in Big Cypress.

"Without God, none of us are here," Buck said of the Rodeo Queen contest. "I give Him all the glory. I thank God so much for being with each and every one of us. Without Him, this competition would not have happened."

Brighton's Kasandra Baker was named the EIRA Seminole Rodeo Queen runner-up.

Meanwhile, Hollywood's Mailani Perez was crowned the 2010-2011 EIRA Seminole Jr. Rodeo Queen. Perez was selected by the EIRA judging panel over fellow contestants Justice Baker, Breanna Billie and Elizabeth Johns.

"It took a lot of dedication and hard work from all of us," Perez said. "It was a great sacrifice for the judges to be at the rodeo early in the morning just for us. I'm very grateful that they took time out of their busy schedules."

Entrants at the Seminole Rodeo Queen competition were judged on their introductions, horsemanship presentations around the Junior Cypress Rodeo Arena and question and answer sessions. The questions, fielded by a four-person judging panel, were primarily centered on the contestants' knowledge of the EIRA and the functions of a horse.

Johns, who finished as the third runner-up in the Seminole Jr. Rodeo Queen contest, offered her take on how the competition turned out for the field of six combined entrants.

"I think we all did a wonderful job representing ourselves out there," Johns said. "I would like to con-

## 2010 Seminole Rodeo Queen Results

EIRA Seminole Rodeo Queen Competition  
1. Jewel Buck - Brighton Reservation, 2. Kasandra Baker - Brighton Reservation.

EIRA Seminole Jr. Rodeo Queen Competition  
1. Mailani Perez - Hollywood Reservation, 2. Breanna Billie – Brighton Reservation, 3. Justice Baker – Brighton Reservation, 4. Elizabeth Johns – Brighton Reservation.

gratulate Mailani on her win. She is someone I look up to and she's such a sweet person. It couldn't have happened to a better person. And to the ones who didn't win, good luck next year."

Seminole Tribe President Richard Bowers Jr. and EIRA President Josh Jumper were among the speakers who offered well wishes to the Seminole Rodeo Queen contestants, with President Bowers saying that the title of Seminole Rodeo Queen carries a "great responsibility and opportunity to be an ambassador to the Tribe."

Perez said she's looking forward to traveling to different places around the country in the foreseeable future and to talking about what the Seminole Tribe has to offer.

"This helps get our name out," Perez said. "Even though we're a big Tribe, a lot of people don't know about us."

Meanwhile, Buck said she aspires to do her best and "go by the rules," as far as the Seminole Rodeo Queen is concerned.

"I want to be an inspiration to all the Native girls across the country and show them that by just being themselves, they can be successful," Buck said. "All I really want to happen is let Jesus shine through me as I represent the Tribe as its Rodeo Queen."

Perez offered some words of advice for all of the Tribal youth and to youngsters abroad.

"You don't have to give in to any peer pressure to do what you love," Perez said. "Always try your best because you never know what would come of it."



Naji Tobias

Seminole Sr. Rodeo Queen Contestants Jewel Buck, left and Kasandra Baker, right, embrace each other after the contest ends and wishes each other the best of luck.



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Brighton's Jewel Buck answers questions posed by EIRA Seminole Rodeo Queen judges.



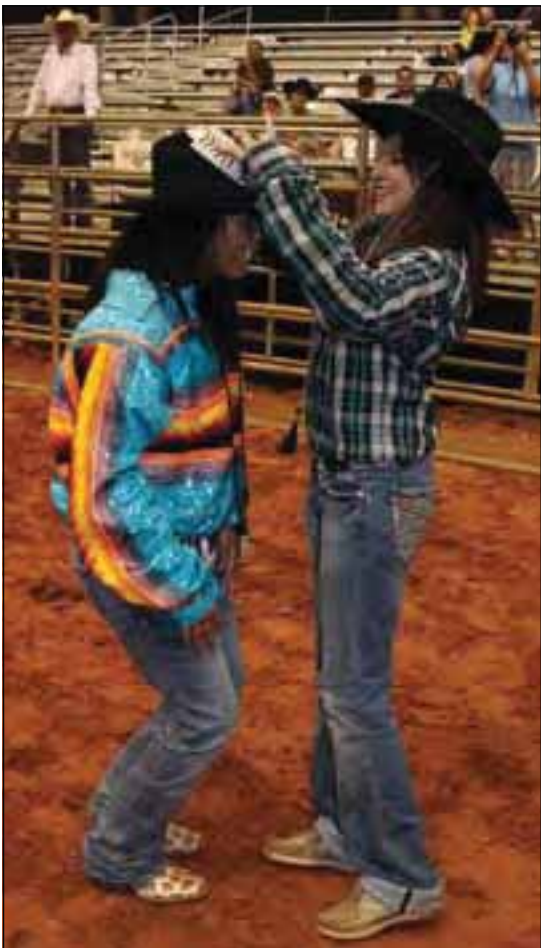
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EIRA Seminole Jr. Rodeo Queen Contestant Justice Baker shows her horsemanship skills.



Naji Tobias

Brighton's Jewel Buck waves to the crowd after being named the 2010-2011 EIRA Seminole Rodeo Queen on Aug. 28.



Naji Tobias

2010-2011 EIRA Seminole Jr. Rodeo Queen Mailani Perez, left, is crowned by previous Seminole Jr. Rodeo Queen Ahnie Jumper.



Naji Tobias

Brighton's Elizabeth Johns shows her horsemanship skills during the Seminole Rodeo Queen competition.



Naji Tobias

Outgoing EIRA Seminole Jr. and Sr. Rodeo Queens Ahnie Jumper and Ashton Baxley.



Chris C. Jenkins

Participants, judges and Tribal officials gather on stage at the conclusion of the annual Seminole Star Search Finale at the Seminole Oaklee Village, on Aug. 28. The event featured 10 Tribal acts from all reservations, judged by music industry professionals in three categories: youth, adult and elder. The grand prize winners will record songs on the upcoming Seminole Star Search Winners Grand Prize Vol. III album. Each participant already received custom-made Swarovski crystal studded wireless microphones emblazoned with the Seminole Star Search logo.

## Seminole Star Search Finals 2010 Crown More Champions



Top left, Spotlight Award winner Salina Dorgan performs; left bottom, Youth grand prize co-winner Shelli Tiger, shares a moment with her mother Dora Tiger after the show; above, adult category winners 'Unconquered Bird Clan' await the judges' critiques on stage with event co-emcee Micki Free, far right, after their performance; top right, Paul 'Cowbone' Buster and his band perform in the new elder category, taking home top prize; far right bottom, Spotlight Award winner Ted Nelson Sr. performs; right bottom, Big Cypress resident and 12-year-old youth grand prize co-winner Natomah Robbins on stage. – Photos by Chris C. Jenkins

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# COMMUNITIES SUPPORT NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME



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Tribal community youth and members of the Seminole Police Department, Fire Rescue, Recreation Departments and others participate in the third annual Seminole Night Out on the Hollywood Reservation.



Tom Riser

Even the rain couldn't keep the Brighton community from taking a stand against crime Aug. 24 for the third annual Seminole Night Out.



Judy Weeks

A light drizzle of rain didn't dampen the spirits of Immokalee residents during the community walk.



Rachel Buxton

The Fort Pierce Community teams up with the Seminole Police Department to take a stand against crime.

## SPD's Seminole Night Out Teaches About Unity in Fighting Crime, Protecting Tribal Communities

BY NAJI TOBIAS AND JUDY WEEKS  
Staff and Freelance Reporters

In an effort to strengthen community spirit and promote public safety, the Seminole Police Department organized its third annual Seminole Night Out on Aug. 24 at all six of the Tribe's reservations.

With an emphasis on protecting the Tribal and community youth, each reservation held a special event that showed the dedication SPD and its neighborhoods have in the prevention of drugs and criminal activity.

At the Immokalee Reservation, some of its youngsters came out to the gymnasium to spend some time with SPD officers and receive Seminole Night Out memorabilia, such as T-shirts, reflectors, key rings and highlighters.

The scattered showers forced the Immokalee residents to cut their walk vigil short, but didn't put a damper on their spirits. The Immokalee Recreation Department made up for the bad weather and assembled a game of kickball for the Tribal and community youth.

Big Cypress/Immokalee Family Services Prevention Specialist Fred Mullins spoke about the importance of exhibiting responsibility to the community and what it should mean to them.

"The word 'community' means people that grow up and live with each other," Mullins said. "You are the community. You have the potential to become great Seminole leaders. We are here to protect and guide you until you are ready to make choices and determine how you want your community to grow... You count and we care!"

Meanwhile, in Big Cypress, about 50 of its Tribal and community children gathered around the Herman L. Osceola Gymnasium to watch a K-9 presentation and hear some safety tips from SPD officers.

"How many of you know your address?" SPD Sgt. Lisa Bennis asked the youngsters, with the majority of them raising their hands.

"If you're going to leave your home for an extended amount of time, we'll send officers to your home and protect it," Bennis said to them. "Keep your lights on and lock your doors, especially at night. We want you to know we're here to protect you and keep you safe at all times."

Following those words, SPD Officer Carlin Coleman conducted the K-9 presentation in front of the youth. Using a quartet of chairs as a narcotics prop for drug detection, Glory, the K-9 female officer, quickly sniffed a sample device under one of those chairs and got a golf ball as a reward.

A series of dodgeball games concluded the Seminole Night Out at Big Cypress. The most popular game pitted the Tribal and community youth against officers from SPD and the Seminole Fire Rescue Department.

"The kids enjoyed themselves here," SPD Lt. Victor Madrid said. "Seminole Night Out sends a message to criminals, letting them know that our neighborhoods are organized in fighting back against their actions."

At the Tampa Reservation, SPD and Tribal citizens gathered for the Seminole Night Out at the Elder Affairs building, where SPD featured a K-9 and fire extinguisher presentation.

The Brighton, Fort Pierce and Hollywood Reservations each had a walk ceremony.

In Hollywood, Tribal community youth led the way, along with members of the Seminole Police Department, Fire Rescue, Recreation Department and others, com-

pleting a one-mile walk around the Reservation.

The rain couldn't keep the Brighton community from taking a stand against crime for the third annual Seminole Night Out.

Brighton Tribal citizens and members of the Seminole Police Department celebrated the national crime prevention campaign with a dinner in the Field Office kitchen, followed by a few raffles and ending in a community walk in the sprinkling rain around the Brighton Reservation horse shoe.

About 40 Tribal citizens, guests and Tribal employees came out in Fort Pierce in support of Seminole Night Out. The Fort Pierce community first gathered at the Chupco Youth Ranch for a dinner prepared by Shamy Tommie and Tomohawk Catering.

After dinner, members of the Seminole Police Department spoke on the meaning behind the evening, mirrored after the crime prevention event National Night Out.

"We want to let everyone know that you as a community with us are fighting back," Sgt. Baker said. Raffles were held for gift baskets provided by Fort Pierce Liaison Sally Tommie and SPD handed out T-shirts and Seminole Night Out bracelets. In effort to take a stand against crime, the community concluded the evening with a group walk throughout the Chupco Landing residence.

Residents from all six reservations took part in a Lights On vigil, with SPD officers Tribalwide asking them to keep their porch



Tom Riser

SPD Major Rowland speaks to the Brighton community about Seminole Night Out and what they can do to protect themselves.

lights on in honor of Seminole Night Out.

National Night Out, also known as American Night Out Against Crime, was initiated by the National Association of Town Watch. Founded by NATW Executive Director Matt A. Peskin, the participation in the annual event nationwide has grown from 2.5 million in 1984 to more than 35 million, which include U.S. territories and military bases worldwide.

This year's National Night Out was Aug. 3. However, SPD officials said they decided to host a Seminole Night Out exactly three weeks later, Aug. 24, due to scheduled events taking place on Aug. 3.

*Seminole Tribune Staff Writers Rachel Buxton, Chris Jenkins and Ryan Watson contributed to this story.*



Rachel Buxton

Members of the Fort Pierce Community and SPD walk in support of Seminole Night Out.



Chris C. Jenkins

Tribal citizens, community guests and SPD personnel gather at the softball fields on the Hollywood Reservation for a balloon release symbolizing the spirit of unity.



Naji Tobias

Big Cypress youth watch the K-9 presentation at Seminole Night Out on Aug. 24.



Naji Tobias

Mariah Smith, left, and Dayra Koenes, asked SPD officers about the meaning of Seminole Night Out.



Judy Weeks

Raymond James Mora runs up to give Linda Freeman of the Family Services Department a big hug at the Immokalee Seminole Night Out activities.



Photo above, The Big Cypress Seniors and its staff assistants pose at the Standing Rock Reservation's Sitting Bull Burial Site in Fort Yates, N.D. Photo left, the Big Cypress Seniors and its staff enjoy meal time at the Rock'n 50's Café, not long after attending the Pow-Wow ceremonies. - Photos by Naji Tobias



Native American children march in grand style at the Pow-Wow.



Naji Tobias

Chairman Mitchell Cypress, left, United Tribes Dignitary Tommy Christian, center, and Big Cypress Tribal Board Rep. Paul Bowers.



Janice Osceola

Native American dignitaries place a buffalo coat on U.S. Senator Byron L. Dorgan (D-N.D.), center, at the United Tribes Pow-Wow.

## Big Cypress Seniors Take Their First Trip to the United Tribes Pow-Wow

BY NAJI TOBIAS  
Staff Reporter

**BISMARCK, N.D.** – For the Big Cypress Reservation's elders, it was all about connecting with Native Americans from other Tribes on their voyage to North Dakota from Sept. 9-13.

As the seniors took flight to the 41st annual United Tribes Pow-Wow in Bismarck, N.D., a few things immediately stood out to them: a tour bus ride of a variety of sites in North Dakota and the Pow-Wow itself.

Most of the 22 Tribal elders who went on the five-day trip said they visited North Dakota for the first time. A day after they arrived in Bismarck, North Dakota's state capital, the senior group spent some time at the United Tribes Technical Institute's Lone Star Arena to watch the Pow-Wow.

Jim Clairmont, the Pow-Wow's master of ceremonies, encouraged the scores of tribes in attendance – more than 70 from North America – to tighten up and help each other in Indian Country.

"As an Indian people, we got to step up to the plate and help our own," Clairmont said to the more than 50 North American Tribes in attendance. "We must educate our young people and go back to our ways. We must show them the traditional ways of life and encourage them... You have

to live a life to respect others, so people could respect you."

One of the Pow-Wow's top highlights was the grand march and entry of the myriad of Tribes. The march – which came after the drum roll call – featured Native dance and singing sequences that resonated with the Big Cypress Tribal elders.

Big Cypress Seniors Rep. and Elder Paul Bowers Sr. said he was happy just to see the action unfold from a distance. Bowers joked on why he decided not to walk in the grand march.

"I forgot to bring my feathers up here, so I'm just going to watch," Bowers said.

The seniors' tour bus ride took place on Sept. 11. While riding through Mandan, a town five miles west of Bismarck, LaDonna 'Brave Bull' Allard entertained the Tribal elders with a storytelling session and sightseeing experience.

The seniors paid a visit to the Standing Rock Reservation in Fort Yates, N.D., and they were instantly wired to Allard's Native stories.

"I think it's really important to keep our history to our own selves," the Standing Rock Reservation's Tourism Director said to the seniors. "We must know our culture, our land, our history. Nobody is going to save us or make changes for us; we must accept that fact."

Standing Rock Reservation is about 60 miles

south of Bismarck and Mandan. Two of the Reservation's top attractions are the Sitting Bull Burial site and the Prairie Knights Resort and Casino. At these stops, seniors gazed at the variety of scenic landscapes and sights to memorialize their experience.

"As a Native people, we understand each other," Allard said to the seniors, who shared laughs with the Lakota/Dakota Native American throughout the tour. "The stories of our lives are important. I believe all Indian people are in a stage of healing. If we know who we are, then we will be all right."

Almost immediately after the storytelling session, the seniors gave a thunderous clap to Allard, who referred to them as "brave warriors."

"She [Brave Bull] kept it interesting," Big Cypress Senior Center Site Manager Cecilia Guzman said. "This made the trip worth it for our seniors. They got a historical look at the Tribes they visited and an opportunity to learn about their backgrounds."

Chairman Mitchell Cypress, one of the 22 seniors on the trip, offered his take on how the North Dakota trip went.

"In God's Country, the East Tribe meets the West Tribe and we all come together in harmony," Cypress said.



Janice Osceola

Big Cypress Seniors Mable Jim, left, and Alice Tigertail, are sharing a moment at the Standing Rock Reservation's Sitting Bull Burial Site in Fort Yates, N.D.



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Special guest and Native gospel rapper Emcee One offers words of encouragement to the Big Cypress First Baptist Church youth.



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Dayra Koenes, left, and Ahnie Jumper are playing table tennis at the Unconquered For Christ Kick-Off event on Sep. 1 at the Herman L. Osceola Gymnasium. About 60 Big Cypress youngsters attended.



Naji Tobias

Unconquered for Christ begins with a basketball game for the Big Cypress Tribal youth.



Naji Tobias

Richard Billie, left, watches Emcee One disc jockey for the Big Cypress First Baptist Church's Unconquered For Christ weekly youth outing.



Naji Tobias

Big Cypress Tribal youth are in the middle of their first of two pickup basketball games.

## 'Unconquered For Christ' Youth Initiative Kicks Off Second Year with Special Guest Emcee One



Naji Tobias

A group of Big Cypress youth played a few games of pickup basketball shortly after Unconquered For Christ organizer Josh Jumper conducted the invocation.



Naji Tobias

Following Emcee One's 10-minute speaking session, the Oklahoma-based Native musical artist engaged in a freestyle game with the Big Cypress youth.

## Naples Community Members Visit Tropical Paradise

BY JUDY WEEKS  
Freelance Reporter

**MARCO ISLAND, Fla.** — Seashells, manatees, porpoises and Jet Skis were just a few of the highlights of the Naples community's trip to Marco Island, Aug. 13-15.

Twenty-six community members checked into the Marco Ocean and Beach Resort on the evening of Aug. 13 and then gathered for a fine dining experience at the Sale e Pepe.

Naples resident Connie Billie Slavik said, "Despite the fact that the majority of us live within a short distance of the Gulf of Mexico and Ten Thousand Islands, few of us have taken the time from our busy schedules to explore these Florida wonders with our children."

On the morning following their arrival, the group boarded the Calusa Spirit for an excursion to a shell island and sand bar at the mouth of a pass into the gulf. Hoping for a chance to collect a few shells, they were pleasantly astonished when they were surrounded by a school of dolphins. Dangling their fingers in the water, they made contact with these mammals of the sea.

Wading in the shallow water and strolling along the beach, the seafarers spotted some extraordinary shells and glimpsed live sea creatures in their own habitat. It was an outstanding

experience for both children and adults.

The final day of the trip found the adventurers on a Jet Ski eco tour of the Ten Thousand Islands. The group was dispersed on 14 Jet Skis for a guided journey through the mangroves, shallow bays, bird rookeries and fish nurseries unique to this part of Florida. Sharing the water with manatees and porpoises, they visited the land of the ancient Calusa Indians.



Jessica Osceola

Christina Billie, center, and her children, Aspen and Briar, went swimming in the Gulf of Mexico with the dolphins and collected seashells.



Jessica Osceola

Naples community members take a Jet Ski eco tour through the Ten Thousand Islands.

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## Tribal Senior Alice Tucker: A Lesson in Resolve

BY CHRIS C. JENKINS  
Staff Reporter

**HOLLYWOOD** — Tribal senior Alice Tucker, 57, has turned misfortune and heartache into redemption and perseverance.

Overcoming incarceration, alcohol and drug abuse and family tragedies throughout the years, the Bird Clan member and Miami native now maintains a steady path toward a positive lifestyle.

For Tucker, a modern world upbringing and the devastating deaths of several family members, including the loss of her mother, Anna Osceola Tucker, and older siblings, caused a downward spiral in her life.

Resistant to treatment and counseling, she said after always walking on the fringe of the law with short stints in jail, her rock bottom came when she received a 10-year prison sentence. She said the ordeal taught her a lesson in strength of character.

"I tried to take a bad situation and make something good out of it, but I kept repeating the same patterns for a while until I managed to learn from it all," Tucker said. "I want people to know you can make a change, no matter what you have been through. You can do it and become productive in your life."

She said her positive outlook developed through a family-oriented rearing of love and support from father, leader and medicine man Frank Tiger, known as Frank Tucker, stepfather, Henson Billie, and mother, Anna, as a part of a Tamiami Trail Miccosukee/Seminole camp. She is the youngest of eight siblings, having three sisters, Edna, Ruby and Mary, and four brothers, though only one, Johnny, is still alive today.

"We were a tight knit family and were raised to look out for each other," Tucker said. "There was a lot of love and people need that. There are a lot of people out there that do not have it nowadays. It makes me grateful I did and still do."

She maintains fond memories of her late parents and the indelible mark they left on her.

"My father took care of us and was a friendly, strong and good man," she said. "My mother was a hard-working individual. She was very supportive of us and let us do what we needed to do to find ourselves and

loved us unconditionally."

The Hollywood resident said she also owes some of her encouragement and growth to cousin, Janice Billie, during her years of turmoil. Both struggled together sharing jail time.

"She has been such a strong person in handling her own situations," Tucker said of her cousin. "I look at her and know she is such a good person and is very intelligent too."

As a model for change, the mother of two, Anna Rose and Alfred Roy Tucker, and grandmother of four, Kyreil, Breanna, Carissa and Arturo, said without guidance the choices of many of the Tribe's youth may lead them down disastrous paths.

"The problem is when you are not ready, you are just not ready and some of them will either learn from their mistakes or die from them," she said candidly. "We [Seminoles] need to regroup and are somewhat getting lost. The accomplishments are good, but there is a price to pay in the process by making the negative choices some of us are making."

Now a Tribal employee, assisting with the Tribal seniors for almost two years, her life continues to remain on a clean and sober track.

"I like my job and enjoy what I do," Tucker said. "I am always learning."

"Enough faith has been put in me that it has given me confidence," she added. "God has put certain people in my life now for me to know what I need to do to make it."



ALICE TUCKER

# Naples Community Comes Together to Share Traditions and Smiles at the Juanita Osceola Center

BY JUDY WEEKS  
Freelance Reporter

**NAPLES** — “It has been two-and-a-half wonderful years since we opened the Juanita Osceola Center on March 20, 2008,” said Naples Liaison O.B. Osceola Jr. “This is undoubtedly one of the best things that has ever happened to the Naples community.”

Liaison Osceola explained that as a matriarchal society, it is part of the Seminole culture to center life around the camp of the eldest Tribal woman. For more than 50 years his grandparents’ village was the center of the Naples/Collier County community. It was one big extended family.

After Juanita Osceola passed away in 1987, there was no longer a central location for meeting, learning and socializing.

“We are a very progressive community,” continued Liaison Osceola. “With the opening of the center, named for my grandmother, we created a gathering place and service center for our residents. It has become an agent to bring our community together and has the same appeal as the village gathering.”

Since its opening, the center has been a flurry of activities for all ages. The entire facility is making use of every available space. The younger generation congregate to do their homework, receive tutoring, music

lessons, traditional arts instruction, cultural inspiration and socialize in a healthy atmosphere.

Traditional Arts Specialist Jessica Osceola conducts an extensive program that incorporates sewing, patchwork, basketry, beading and cultural exchange. In addition to daily projects, she organizes workshops that provide an opportunity for the participants to learn from a variety of artisans that specialize in various traditional crafts.

Enrichment projects are geared to numerous age levels to ensure that every aspect is available for beginners to adults.

A monthly publication, the Naples Seminole News has become an important vehicle for distributing community information. It was created by staff at the center and features a calendar of events, historical data, special features and documents travel, education, cultural and personal accomplishments of community residents.

Health awareness has become a major objective of the center. Nutrition classes, organized walks, exercise, weight loss groups and diabetic programs are flourishing.

Community Outreach Specialist Sandy Osceola and Liaison Osceola voiced their concerns that the community is already outgrowing its facilities. In order to service the demands of the residents and provide for their future, it is rapidly becoming necessary to look

toward expansion.

“Future plans would need to include some of the capabilities as the older reservations,” said Liaison Osceola. “As a community and individuals we are utilizing our facilities to the maximum. We have an open door policy and all Tribal folks are welcome here. Our community is growing and it is important that we accommodate our members.”

O.B. Osceola Sr. shared a detailed history of the Naples community that encompassed more than 100 years.

“My parents were very traditional and deeply concerned about preserving our culture and heritage,” he said. “However, they recognized the need for education in order for us to fit into the future. They would be very happy to see us eating, working, learning and playing together as one family again. This is their legacy.”

Community members were canvassed regarding the ability of the center to meet their needs. It was a unanimous thumbs-up.

“We were all drifting apart and the center brought us back together,” said Connie Billie Slavik of Naples. “It has become a part of our daily lives. Our children are be-

ing exposed to their culture and language. The social and educational benefits go beyond description. The center has given us a means to recreate ourselves in a very positive way.”



Judy Weeks

Connie Billie Slavik creates a key ring during a Peyote beading class at the Juanita Osceola Center.



Photo above, from right, Marissa Osceola, Karie Jo Osceola-Lugo and Tammy Billie work on sewing projects. Photo above right, O.B. Osceola Sr. relates the history of the Naples community to an intent audience at the Juanita Osceola Center. Right photo, nutritionist Charlotte Porcuro conducts a class on healthy food choices, cholesterol and diabetes control for a few of the Naples community members. — Photos by Judy Weeks



Chris C. Jenkins

SPD Explorers Program members make their introductions to the booths on hand at the open house.

## Seminole Recreation Department Hosts Open House to Inform the Community



Photo above, Gabby Diaz takes a picture with McGruff, the crime dog. Right photo, Jason Feliciano of the Tribe's Fire Rescue Department, top right, helps Tribal youth Daniel Rodriguez gear up in a firefighter uniform. Photo below, Leslie Fish gets information from Mel Markward during the Seminole Recreation Open House held Aug. 23 at the gym on the Hollywood Reservation. The event featured several booths providing information on various Tribal departments and youth programs within the Tribe, and a community meeting with Hollywood Tribal Council Rep. Max B. Osceola Jr. — Photos by Chris C. Jenkins



## Seminole Police Officers Celebrate 20 Years of Service

BY LT. JERRY MEISENHEIMER  
Seminole Police Department

Tampa SPD Officers Dan McGillicuddy and Gary Rezendes recently passed the 20-year milestone by becoming the first police officers to have served the Seminole Police Department for that long.

They started on the same day in June of 1990. Their employee ID numbers are 1 and 2. Both are currently stationed on the Tampa Reservation.

McGillicuddy is from Georgetown, Mass., and Rezendes is from Royal Oak, Mich. They met while attending the Citrus County Police Academy in Inverness, Fla., in 1990. They both graduated on June 20 that year, and started as police officers for the Seminole Tribe the very next day.

Throughout the years, they have seen a lot of changes. They first served the Tampa community members who lived in townhouses on the reservation. At the time, the Tampa Reservation consisted of a bingo hall, an Indian museum, a wilderness area with a huge resident alligator and a Sheraton Hotel.



OFFICER GARY REZENDES

The SPD office was originally used as a vending booth to sell fresh fish out of. Today, the reservation is the home of the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino. The police station is built into the parking garage.

In addition to working in Tampa, both officers have been assigned at times to the other reservations, and have served in the rank of detective, sergeant and corporal.

McGillicuddy

has been heavily involved in combating drugs on the various reservations and was a member of the FBI Drug Task Force. Rezendes spent 10 years as the Tampa Evidence Custodian, in addition to his other duties.

Both officers share the distinction of having been awarded the Seminole Police Department Life Saving Award.

Rezendes prevented a casino patron from committing suicide in 2009. In 2004, McGillicuddy saved a 3-year-old child trapped inside an overturned vehicle. Again, in 2009, McGillicuddy received a second award for saving a person who was attempting to jump from the parking garage.

Where the two are not alike is in their hobbies. McGillicuddy is an avid motorcycle fan and has ridden on several organized out-of-state trips. He also enjoys martial arts, bodybuilding and golf. Last year he came in second at the Tampa Indian Day 5K event. Rezendes said he loves going to the movies and to Universal Studios. He enjoys all types of movies, but scary movies are his favorite.

Prior to joining SPD, Rezendes worked in the restaurant industry and the postal service. McGillicuddy served on active duty with the Army from 1985 to 1989.

Today, the Seminole Police Department has grown significantly, serving seven reservations throughout the state. It is the dedication of officers like Dan McGillicuddy and Gary Rezendes that contribute to the excellent reputation SPD has in Indian Country.



OFFICER DAN MCGILLICUDDY

## SPD Offers Tribal Community Back to School Tips for a Successful and Safe School Year

BY WILLIAM R. LATCHFORD  
Office of Police Chief

As we embark on this school year, there are things to consider to make it a successful year, including the following:

### Safety:

- When walking to school, take a safe familiar route. Young children should be escorted by a parent or guardian. Utilize the crosswalks that are provided.
- Bicycle safety is vital as well. Wear a helmet and obey all traffic laws.
- Parents, when dropping off or picking up your children, do not leave any valuables inside your vehicle. Please put them inside your trunk.
- Crossing Guards are available to assist.
- Parents be mindful of posted school speed limit signs and recognize all school zones.

### Time Management:

- It is an integral part of any successful routine for both students and parents. For example, laying out a child's clothing the night before school can make the morning

less stressful.

### Nutrition & Exercise:

- Nutrition and exercise are critical for a student to maintain top performance. Begin each day with a healthy and nutritious breakfast such as fresh fruit, eggs, juice and a low-sugar cereal. Allow time for your child to run around outside for at least 30 minutes a day to burn off some of the excess energy they have. This in turn will promote good health, as well as a better focus for schoolwork.

Without a doubt, prior to the school year beginning and throughout the year, Seminole Police Department and their staff met to discuss issues ranging from:

- Safety: At the onset of the school year, we will have more patrol around the schools to move traffic around smoothly.
- Traffic flow around the school throughout the entire school year.
- Any special issues from the School Board that should be passed along to children and parents that effect education and the community.



- Special incidents.
- Signage is checked periodically around the schools including those that may have changed so the officers and the community are aware.
- Parking issues. Seminole Police Department is honored to have School Resource Officers in all educational facilities.
- Darryl Allen is School Resource Officer at Pemayetv Emahakv Charter School in Brighton and Michele Short serves as School Resource Officer at the Ahfachkee School in Big Cypress.

They are available to assist both the children and parents in a variety of ways, including:

### Keeping the school safe:

- Facilitating traffic to run smoothly.
- Truancy issues and making sure students are in school.
- Assisting in getting students where they need to go within the school.
- Making sure everyone who enters the building has proper identification.
- Maintaining the security checkpoints within the school.
- Sounding board for parents.
- Monitoring lunch periods for our students. This also allows them to make positive contact with the children so they become comfortable with police officers.
- Great contacts within the school that students love to talk to. This interaction assists in building a good rapport between students and police officers.
- Attending sporting events and field trips.
- Parents even utilize the officers to ob-

tain information about what is going on within the school. The Youth & Elder Division at Seminole Police Department makes regular visits to the preschools to ensure the students' safety. They also facilitate many outstanding educational and fun activities being presented throughout the school year to students, including some of the following: National Night Out, Red Ribbon Week, Bicycle Safety Week and the Bicycle Ride, D.A.R.E., Safety City, Gun Safety and Stranger Danger. These lessons educate our children from a very young age about topics they will come in contact with during their lives. They are a great benefit to our children and community.

Parents, encourage your children each and every day to be successful in school. I am proud that the Seminole Police Department and the Seminole Tribe of Florida play an integral part of the success of our children. All Seminole Police Department Employees are here to guide them into a strong future.





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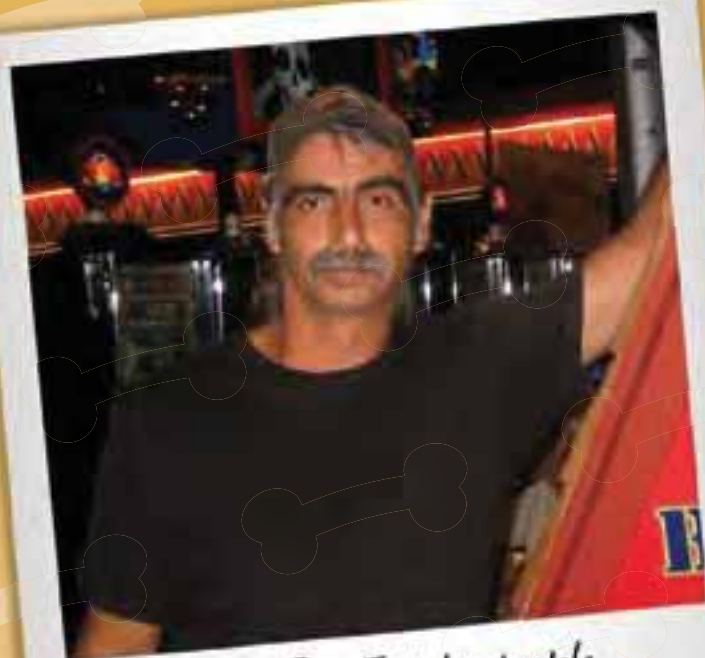
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**Tribal officials, royalty and members of the Glades County School Board join Charter School staff to cut the ribbon, thus making official the new addition to the school.**



**Richard Smith and mother Joni Smith Johnson receive information and a supply list from science teacher Ms. Bass.**



**Keyana Nelson, right, meets new member of the Charter School staff Ms. Drake.**



**Tara Robbins, in front, walks her two children, Sarah Robbins, center, and Mariah Smith, to the Ahfachkee School's front office, sending them off to their first day of school on Aug. 23.**

## Ahfachkee's School Year Begins With Open House



**Pre-K teacher Renee Barry teaches her students how to recite the seven days of the week early in the Ahfachkee School's first day of classes on Aug. 23.**



**Ahfachkee School ninth-grader Erica Mata receives her classroom portfolio from teacher aide K. Franklin during fourth period English class.**



**Chairman Mitchell Cypress welcomes the staff and students on their return to another year at the Ahfachkee School during the Aug. 19 Open House.**

## Pemayetv Emahakv Gears Up for New School Year

**BY RACHEL BUXTON**  
**Staff Reporter**

**BRIGHTON** — Teachers and students got reacquainted Aug. 19 at Brighton's Pemayetv Emahakv's open house.

Principal Russell Brown introduced the entire Charter School staff to parents and students during an orientation held in the school cafeteria prior to families visiting the individual classrooms.

With the addition of seventh and eighth grade, the Charter School also welcomed 14 new staff members, 10 of them being teachers.

"We have all veteran teachers," Brown said. "They may be new to us, but they've been in the school system for quite some time and so they're accustomed to the system we have in place here."

During orientation, new policies were discussed including a new tardy and absent policy along with a new school starting time.

Following the orientation, the Charter School held a brief ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the opening of a new building at the school, which brings more classrooms for students, including a couple science labs.

"Thank you all for coming out all you parents and children and joining us as we take another step in the school to try to keep doing what we were supposed to be doing," Brighton Tribal Council Rep. Andrew J. Bowers Jr. said.

Glades County Superintendent Wayne Aldrich was also present for the momentous occasion and stressed the importance of parent involvement.

After the ribbon was cut students raced to meet their new teachers and see their new technology-based classrooms.

"The science classroom is actually a high-tech lab,"

science teacher Renee Finney said. "We have tables that move up and down with electricity in them, so we can plug in microscopes. There's lots of technology that we can incorporate because everything is going technology now."

The Charter School continues to grow each year with its population rising and school premises expanding.

One thing that all teachers and students can agree on is how the Charter School has managed to set itself apart from other area schools.

"You know sometimes you hear teachers [say], 'We've got to go back,' but this is like a dream job it's like heaven here so it's not a job, it's a place we all love to come to," Finney said. "To be here is so much fun."



**Seventh-grader Dezmon Shore speaks with his new history teacher Mr. Pritchard.**

## Incentive Awards Are Offered to Tampa Seniors, Students for Scholastic Achievements

**BY RACHEL BUXTON**  
**Staff Reporter**

**TAMPA** — The Education Department honored students for their academic achievements at the 2010 Tampa Incentive Awards Aug. 19 at the Tampa Bay Florida Aquarium. Students received certificates, medals and backpacks for their hard work.

Tampa seniors Nancy Frank, Maggie Garcia and Linda O. Henry were also recognized for their academic excellence. The three seniors have been working extremely hard over the past year, educating themselves and improving their English skills.

"These are the one you want to look up to," Brighton/Tampa Council Rep. Andrew J. Bowers Jr. said to the youth. "You don't need professional athletes to look up to. Finish what you start."

Each senior received a medal and a plaque representing academic advancement.

"Don't be a slacker," Frank said. "I go to school and it's hard for me. It's never too late."

The seniors plan to continue their studies in the upcoming year.

Students also received trophies for their extracurricular activities in sports and music.

The Seminole Police Department gave recognition to the youth that are part of the Police Explorer program, recognizing their dedication and hard work in the program.



**Summer Smith receives her academic achievement certificate from Director of Education Emma Johns.**



**Allen Hernandez is congratulated by Brighton/Tampa Council Rep. Andrew J. Bowers Jr.**



**Director of Education Emma Johns presents Carlos Bermudez with his certificate.**



**From left, Maggie Garcia, Linda O. Henry and Nancy Frank receive academic achievement awards for their hard work, proving that it is never too late.**

**See recipients' names and more photos on 2B**

# Big Cypress Incentive Awards Honor Students for Past Year’s Scholastic Achievements



Naji Tobias

Big Cypress Tribal citizen Shani Billie, right, holds her 4-year-old son, Jody Cabral, as her other two children, 10-year-old Elisha Billie, left, and 5-year-old Akira Cabral, center, each receive backpacks and certificates at the Big Cypress Incentive Awards ceremony on Aug. 20. Held at the Herman L. Osceola Gymnasium, 285 Big Cypress students were awarded for academic achievements in the 2009-2010 school year, according to Big Cypress Education Department Office Coordinator Demita Ivey.



Naji Tobias

Lazzlow Billie, 5, jumps up and down on the Euro Bungy, supervised by his uncle, Heath Otero.



Naji Tobias

A.J. Tigertail, 10, rides the bull at the Big Cypress Incentive Awards ceremony.

## Big Cypress Incentive Award Winners

\*\*All award winners are listed in alphabetical order

### Effort Award

1. Bionca Acosta, 2. John Alvarez, 3. Cyiah Avila, 4. LiSandra Baker, 5. Anthony Balentine, 6. Lariah Balentine, 7. Tana Bear-Osceola, 8. Katherine Bert, 9. Ronnie Billie Jr., 10. Akol Billie, 11. Dannee Billie, 12. Darius Billie, 13. Dayne Billie, 14. Eliza Billie, 15. Jazmine Billie, 16. Jon Billie, 17. Justina Billie, 18. Lazzlow Billie, 19. Natasha Billie, 20. Redheart Billie, 21. Shawna Billie, 22. Tanoke Billie, 23. Thomlynn Billie, 24. Tyrus Billie, 25. Matthew Bluebird, 26. Abiaka Bowers, 27. Aiden Bowers, 28. Alanis Bowers, 29. Alyssa Bowers, 30. Sierra Bowers, 31. Alisa Brooks, 32. Akira Cabral, 33. Deforest Carter, 34. Jacob Cotton, 35. Billy Cypress III, 36. Stanley Cypress IV, 37. Adrienne Cypress, 38. Aileen Cypress, 39. Alexander Cypress, 40. Caitlin Cypress, 41. Dillion Cypress, 42. Ian Cypress, 43. Jalen Cypress, 44. Ja'vian Cypress, 45. Jaylee Cypress, 46. Kira Cypress, 47. Michael Cypress, 48. Michaela Cypress, 49. Mya Cypress, 50. Myron Cypress, 51. O'shaa'ne Cypress, 52. Quenton Cypress, 53. Sydnee Cypress, 54. Tai Cypress, 55. Terinna Cypress, 56. Kanavis Cypress-Williams, 57. Ashley Escobar, 58. Herschel Frank, 59. Bluesky Friday, 60. Charli Frye, 61. Romeo Garcia, 62. Nashoba Gonzalez, 63. Leslie Gopher Jr., 64. Daylyn Hall, 65. Micah Hargis, 66. Ko'Oshee Henry, 67. Katrina Huggins, 68. Bradin Jim, 69. Darren Jim, 70. Nathaniel Jim, 71. Rashaun Jim, 72. Susie Jim, 73. Michelle Jimmie, 74. Monique Jimmie, 75. Precious Jimmie, 76. Ramona Jimmie, 77. Jaiven Jim-Washington, 78. Anthony Joe, 79. Callie Joe, 80. William Jumper III, 81. Ka'ahna Jumper, 82. Kaylee Jumper, 83. Keith Jumper, 84. Kelcie Jumper, 85. John Lamb, 86. Robin Landin, 87. Reginald Ling, 88. Haden Littlebear, 89. Jessica Lopez, 90. Trevon Marks, 91. Natalia Martinez, 92. Dare'rick McInturff, 93. Jared McInturff, 94. Rodin Mercer, 95. Waylon Micco, 96. Jesse Mitchell, 97. Rayce Noah, 98. Keith Onco, 99. Tia Osborne, 100. Emmitt Osceola, 101. Mario Osceola, 102. Rowdey Osceola, 103. Sarah Osceola, 104. Whitney Osceola, 105. Thalia Pacheco, 106. Breanna Robbins, 107. Dylan Robbins, 108. Illiana Robbins, 109. Ignacia Rodriguez, 110. Leandra Rodriguez, 111. Rickardo Rodriguez, 112. Andrea Ryland, 113. Eric Sanders Jr., 114. Klayton Sanders, 115. Kory Sanders, 116. Mariah Smith, 117. Xavier Solano, 118. Kassim Stockton, 119. Martha Tiger, 120. Catlin Tommie, 121. Danni Jae Tommie, 122. Maria Villareal, 123. Nena Waggeberby, 124. Nigel Wells, 125. Reagan Whitecloud, 126. Jalee Wilcox, 127. Trinity Williams, 128. Troy Yescas, 129. Conray Yescas.

### Pre-K Award

1. Cyiah Avila, 2. Dayne Billie, 3. Darius Billie, 4. Lazzlow Billie, 5. Tanoke Billie, 6. Alisa Brooks, 7. Akira Cabral, 8. Ja'vian Cypress, 9. Jaylee Cypress, 10. Jaiven Jim-Washington, 11. Keithana Onco, 12. Miguel Reynosa, 13. Dylan Robbins, 14. Illiana Robbins, 15. Andrea Ryland, 16. Xavier Solano, 17. Kassim Stockton, 18. Maria Villareal, 19. Jalee Wilcox.

### Kindergarten Award

1. Cameron Alexander, 2. Nicholas Andrews, 3. Athena Bert, 4. Caleb Billie, 5. Keaton Billie, 6. Sontino Billie, 7. Talia Billie, 8. Evol Buck, 9. Leviticus Buster, 10. Evan Cypress, 11. Harmony Cypress, 12. Tauni Cypress, 13. Lauren Dector, 14. Gabriel Hendrickson-Porter, 15. Barbara Jimmie, 16. Jaiden Jim-Washington, 17. Angelie Melton, 18. Dar'rick Nelson-Williams, 19. Cale Osceola, 20. Charlie Osceola, 21. Dacia Osceola, 22. Daleen Osceola, 23. Daylon Osceola, 24. Edie Robbins, 25. Timothy Tigertail, 26. Chyler Villareal, 27. Anthony Wells, 28. Aujua Williams.

### GED Award

1. Alec Cypress.

### High School Diploma

1. Tianna Garcia, 2. Shelli Osceola, 3. Erik Wilson.

## Awards and Certificates

1. Shana Balentine, 2. Leauna Billie, 3. Talia Billie, 4. Sierra Bowers, 5. Harmony Cypress, 6. Kamari Ivey, 7. Kevin Ivey, 8. Janessa Jones, 9. Jason Jumper, 10. Kaptain Jumper, 11. Dar'rick Nelson-Williams, 12. Alyssa Osceola, 13. Charlie Osceola, 14. Juan Salazar, 15. Willie Smith, 16. Abigail Tigertail, 17. Abraham Tigertail, 18. Timothy Tigertail, 19. Derrick Toho, 20. Alonzo Wargolet, 21. Annabelle Whiteshield.

## Advanced Classes

1. Terance Hill.

## Honors Classes

1. Rayel Billie, 2. Jean Capricien, 3. Ahnie Cypress-Jumper, 4. Christopher Joe Jr., 5. Jason Melton II, 6. Justin Roff, 7. Tylor Tigertail.

## 3 Days or Less

1. Ethan Balentine, 2. Richard Billie Jr., 3. Alfred Billie, 4. Carlee Billie, 5. Corbin Billie, 6. Cypress Billie, 7. Elisah Billie, 8. Graysun Billie, 9. Sontino Billie, 10. Sierra Bowers, 11. Jathaniel Brooks, 12. Elise Brown, 13. Jorge Godden-Harden, 14. Jason Jumper, 15. Kaptain Jumper, 16. Kylen Jumper, 17. Tash-sho-tah-che Jumper, 18. Katheryn MacElroy, 19. Jason Melton II, 20. Alonzo Wargolet, 21. Chasyn Yescas, 22. Julian Yescas.

## Perfect Attendance

1. Rubi-Anne Alexander, 2. Eyanna Billie.

## Improved GPA

1. Charles Alexander III, 2. Levi Billie, 3. Troy Cantu, 4. Anthony Cypress, 5. Destiny Cypress, 6. Ryan Cypress, 7. Marely Herrera, 8. Anthony Joe, 9. Tash-sho-tah-che Jumper, 10. Bradley Osceola, 11. Starzie Vargas.

## 3.00-3.75 GPA

1. Charles Alexander III, 2. Cassandra Alexander, 3. Christian Alexander, 4. Christopher Alexander, 5. Ricky Joe Alumbaugh, 6. Malari Baker, 7. Terri Baker, 8. Ethan Balentine, 9. Rickard Berth, 10. Richard Billie Jr., 11. Akira Billie, 12. Alfred Billie, 13. Arnold Billie, 14. Asiana Billie, 15. Corbin Billie, 16. Cypress Billie, 17. Elisah Billie, 18. Eyanna Billie, 19. Graysun Billie, 20. Hunter Billie, 21. Jalcia Billie, 22. Leauna Billie, 23. Rayel Billie, 24. Stevie Billie, 25. Mahala Billie-Osceola, 26. Brianna Bowers, 27. Gloria Brooks, 28. Jean Capricien, 29. Darlah Cypress, 30. Darwin Cypress, 31. Dasani Cypress, 32. Destiny Cypress, 33. Nia Cypress, 34. Raini Cypress, 35. Darius Friday, 36. Leilani Gopher, 37. Chloe Hendrickson, 38. Nauthkee Henry, 39. Alison Herrera, 40. Marley Herrera, 41. Craig Huckabee, 42. Kevin Ivey, 43. Christopher Joe Jr., 44. Annie Joe, 45. Kylen Jumper, 46. Tash-Sho-Tah-Che Jumper, 47. Dalton Koenes, 48. Dayra Koenes, 49. Canadelario Landin III, 50. Andre Landin, 51. Mika Lopez, 52. Katheryn MacElroy, 53. John McInturff, 54. Jason Melton II, 55. Clayton Milicevic, 56. Bradley Osceola, 57. Chaska Osceola, 58. Kaitlin Osceola, 59. Ragan Osceola, 60. Shelli Osceola, 61. Symphony Osceola, 62. Evanne Pratt, 63. Taylor Pratt, 64. Cooper Rivers, 65. Willie Smith, 66. Alena Stockton, 67. Savannah Tiger, 68. Abigail Tigertail, 69. Derick Toho, 70. Skyl Tommie, 71. Samantha Vargas, 72. Stephanie Vargas, 73. Chynna Villareal, 74. Uriah Waggeberby, 75. Gianna Wargolet, 76. Karlito Wargolet, 77. Kaylie Yescas.

## 3.75-3.99 GPA

1. Rubi-Anne Alexander, 2. Shana Balentine, 3. Carlee, Billie, 4. Sabre Billie, 5. Hermoine Calderon, 6. Katrina Columbo, 7. Elijah Cook, 8. Osiana Crespo, 9. Ahnie Cypress-Jumper, 10. Valhobby Frank, 11. Terance Hill, 12. Kamari Ivey, 13. Canaan Jumper, 14. Hehchoo-ye Jumper, 15. Jason Jumper, 16. Kaptain Jumper, 17. Alani Marks, 18. Leo Osceola Onco, 19. Alyssa Osceola, 20. Brandi Osceola, 21. Ryanne Pratt, 22. Justin Roff, 23. Amaya Solano, 24. Tequesta Tiger, 25. Abraham Tigertail, 26. Alonzo Wargolet, 27. Annabelle Whiteshield, 28. Chasyn Yescas, 29. Julian Yescas.

## Straight As – 4.0 GPA

1. Elise Brown.

## More Photos from Tampa Incentive Awards Ceremony



Rachel Buxton

Cavan Guzman receives a backpack to help him get ready for the new school year.



Rachel Buxton

Desmond Miller is congratulated by Tampa Liaison Richard Henry.

### Adult Education

Nancy Frank  
Cavan Garcia  
Linda O. Henry

### High School Graduates

Phaydra Clark  
Tiffany Foret

### Perfect Attendance

Cavan Guzman  
Tyrek Lasane

### All As & Bs

Christina Clark  
Azaria Simmons  
Angel Dillon  
Caitlin Garcia  
Jessica Motlow  
Justin Motlow  
Deven Osceola  
Nigel Osceola  
Azaria Simmons  
Katie Smith  
Maya Smith  
Melody Urbina

### Three or less days absent

Christina Clark  
Phaydra Clark  
Caitlin Garcia  
Dante Henry  
Desmond Miller  
Azaria Simmons

### K-12 Awards and Certificates

Carlos Bermudez  
Anazette Billie-Saxton  
Anissa Billie-Saxton  
Sumer Carrol  
Christina Clark  
Carrisa Colon  
Shanda Cypress  
William Cypress  
Angel Dillon  
Julian Dillon  
Miguel Dillon  
Nicky Dillon  
Ricky Dillon  
Rathaniel Fewell-Jim  
Mason Foret  
Peter Foret  
Caitlin Garcia  
Christopher Garcia  
Cavan Guzman  
Andrew Henry  
Dakota Henry  
Dante Henry  
Ohana Henry  
Tyrek Lasane  
Desmond Miller  
Jessica Motlow  
Justin Motlow  
Deven Osceola  
Nigel Osceola  
Preston Osceola  
Jacob Santiago  
Azaria Simmons  
Corrina Smith

### Ethan Smith

Jacob Smith  
Katie Smith  
Maya Smith  
Nicholas Smith  
Stacy Smith  
Summer Smith  
Christina Clark  
Taryn Storm  
Trystyn Storm  
Danelle Thomas  
Ruby Thomas  
Ryanna Thomas  
Issac Urbina  
Melody Urbina  
Owen Urbina  
Jamie Walkingstick  
Kanika Walkingstick  
Brenna Walton  
James Williams Jr.

### Sports/Music Awards

Anazette Billie-Saxton – Cheerleading  
Christina Clark – Violin  
Carrisa Colon – Cheerleading  
Joel Foret – Football  
Cavan Guzman – Karate  
Andrew Henry – Football  
Ohana Henry – Basketball, Volleyball  
Jessica Motlow – Rowing  
Justin Motlow – Football, Soccer

### Deven Osceola

– Karate  
Preston Osceola – Music  
Jacob Santiago – Basketball  
Jeremiah Santiago – Basketball  
Jacob Smith – Basketball, Music  
Nicholas Smith – Basketball  
Summer Smith – Music  
Victoria Smith – Music  
Brenna Walton – Basketball, Volleyball

### Police Explorer Awards

Kimberlee Awonohopay  
Libby Awonohopay  
Regina Awonohopay  
Carlise Bermudez  
Carlos Bermudez  
Carrisa Colon  
Angel Dillon  
Julian Dillon  
Miguel Dillon  
Cavan Guzman  
Dante Henry  
Ohana Henry  
Tyrek Lasane  
Desmond Miller  
Damarion Murray  
Azaria Simmons  
Ruby Thomas  
Ryanna Thomas

## Brighton Preschoolers Learn Alphabet Through Art



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The Brighton 3-year-old preschool class proudly shows the letter 'B' artwork from the weekly alphabet assignment. Each week they create at home with their parents an art piece featuring a letter of the alphabet.

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Photo above, parents and youth enjoyed the festivities during the annual Hollywood-Fort Pierce Incentive Awards celebration. The Education Department hosted the event at the Seminole Recreation Gym Aug. 14 celebrating the best in youth and adult academic achievement with more than 300 students recognized. Guest speaker Jarrid Smith was also in attendance. Left photo, Tribal elementary student Arissa Cypress shows off her certificate of excellence with Miss Florida Seminole Princess Cassandra Jimmie, left, and Hollywood Tribal Council Rep. Max B. Osceola Jr. - Photos by Chris C. Jenkins

## Hollywood/Fort Pierce Incentive Awards Celebrate Adults in Academics



Photo above, bottom row, from left, Tribal youth Amya Baxley, Claireese Avila, Trinity Bowers, Chahechom Osceola and Valentino Ramos-Huggins celebrate their certificate of excellence awards for grade point average and effort with Hollywood Tribal Council Rep. Osceola, second from left, and Miss Seminole Princess Jimmie. Right photo, middle school award recipients Silver Wolf, left, and Neko Osceola, with Miss Florida Seminole Princess Jimmie and Hollywood Council Rep. Osceola. - Photos by Chris C. Jenkins



## Students Pampered at Back to School Spa Day

BY JUDY WEEKS  
Freelance Reporter

**IMMOKALEE** — Pooling their resources, service departments of the Immokalee community co-sponsored a Back to School Spa Day for students in preparation for the new school year.

Booths were set up in the Immokalee Gym on Aug. 19 and the youngsters formed long lines to sign up for a wide variety of activities. They also received a raffle ticket at each booth they visited with winners receiving Best Buy gift cards.

Immokalee Tribal Council Liaison Elaine Aguilar and the Department of Education provided each student with a book bag and numerous school supplies to enable them to begin their classes well prepared.

Four professional hair stylists from one of Immokalee's favorite salons, Eddie's Hot Shot Salon, remained busy throughout the day creating fashionable hair-dos for the first day of school. Boys and girls were eager to receive a new look, trim, bob, shave or Mohawk.

A quick once over by staff members from the Clinic discussed the prevention of communicable diseases, lice and cleanliness.

The Fitness Department pampered their young clientele with warm wax thermal baths to condition their hands and nails and provide a deep cleansing action. Taking turns in the chair, they received a back, neck and shoulder massage.

Housing, Community Care for the Elderly and the Education Departments teamed up to provide a full manicure comprised of nail trimming, artistic nail painting and adornment appropriate for boys and girls.

Advice on physical fitness, proper hydration and exercise came from the Recreation Department. Meanwhile, the Immokalee Seminole Ranch prepared a healthy, child-friendly lunch.

The Seminole Police Department gave an informative presentation on Stranger Danger, safety at the bus stop, emergency procedures in the event of an accident, and bicycle and pedestrian traffic rules. Officers were on hand to take fingerprints and update personal physical information records.

Dividing the group by gender, the boys and girls received instruction from members of the Family Services Department, focusing on personal hygiene, puberty, physical development and healthy choices, as well as combating undesirable peer pressure.

Students' parents were encouraged to look into tutoring programs and library opportunities. They were also advised to sign the necessary release forms in order to ensure a safe new school year.



Judy Weeks

SPD Officer Tom Faherty takes Carlize Bermudez's finger prints to update her security records.



Photo above left, boys and girls crowded around the manicure table for a trim and nail adornment. Above right, K.J. Davis gets a back to school hair cut from Eddie's Hot Shot Salon. Photo below, Immokalee Family Services Department Rep. Linda Freeman gives the girls personal hygiene instructions. - Photos by Judy Weeks



## Pemayetv Emahakv Students Prepare for Student Council with Representatives' Guidance

BY RACHEL BUXTON  
Staff Reporter

**BRIGHTON** — The students of Pemayetv Emahakv got a lesson on Tribal government as they prepared for the upcoming student council elections.

Brighton Tribal Council Rep. Andrew J. Bowers Jr. and Brighton Board Rep. Johnnie Jones Sr. dropped by the Charter School Sept. 13 and encouraged the students to have a say in how their school is run, by becoming part of the school's student council. Each representative spoke to the students briefly on what it takes to be part of Tribal government, at the Tribal and school level.

"Don't make promises you probably can't keep," Rep. Bowers said. "The key is to make promises you know you can make."

Jones encouraged the students to get involved with the government process early and not to be shy to take a stand.

"You really need to start learning what goes on in your Tribe," Rep. Jones said, "because you're going to be growing up to be the leaders."



Rachel Buxton

Brighton Board Rep. Johnnie Jones Sr. speaks to students at Pemayetv Emahakv school.



Chris C. Jenkins



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Hollywood/Fort Pierce Education Advisor Will Bacon welcomes students and parents.

## Youth Gear Up for School Year with Back to School Bash

Parents and youth wait in line for backpacks and other supplies as part of the Back to School Bash gathering at the Fort Pierce Chupco Ranch on Aug. 19. The event was sponsored by the Education Department, and featured face painting, music and dinner for the Tribal community and guests with more than 20 participants on hand.



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# Health

## Department's Fair Encourages Seniors to Focus on Health

BY RACHEL BUXTON  
Staff Reporter

**BRIGHTON** — The Seminole Health Department visited the Brighton Senior Center Aug. 18 to provide the seniors with important health information during one of their regular health fairs. “Everybody, no matter what age you are, needs to really focus on your health,” Health Education Coordinator Brenda Bordogna said. “It’s something that all of us have and all of us need to take care of.”

The Health Department had a variety of booths set up covering topics such as men and women’s health, hygiene, walking, tobacco, cardio and strength training, food comparison, diabetes and hydration.

The men’s health station, run by Health Educator Lance Vaz of the Big Cypress Health Department, educated men on important health issues such as prostate exams and testicular cancer.

“I encourage regular checkups, at least once a year so they are informed how their health is,” Vaz said. “As you get older, your body naturally has problems that you didn’t have 20 years ago and a lot of times these problems have no signs or symptoms, so they could be going for years with these problems and not even realize it.”

Handouts and goodies were given out at all the booths. Women received handouts on mammograms, osteoporosis and breast cancer, while everyone received a T-shirt and pedometer at the walking station to help them keep track of their daily steps. Seniors learned just how much of a difference there is in regu-

lar and diet/low-fat food products at the food comparison station. The Health Department also put on a cooking demonstration on how to make a quick and healthy meal. “Our seniors are our role models to all the people that look up to them,” said Bordogna. “They are our elders, so if they are good pictures of health, then it’s going to be a really positive thing for all of those that are looking to them for information.”



Rachel Buxton  
**Leah Minnick receives a pedometer to track her steps, from Health Education Coordinator Brenda Bordogna.**



Rachel Buxton  
**Amy Kimberlain educates Nancy Shore on staying hydrated.**



Rachel Buxton  
**Fitness Department's Joel Blomberg goes over cardio training with Jenny and Eddie Shore.**



Rachel Buxton  
**Nellie Smith receives information from Barbara Boling on women's health issues.**



Rachel Buxton  
**Mable Tichenor learns the difference between types of food from dietitian Lucy Barrios.**

## Seminole Recreation Department Hosts Community Wellness Fair



Chris C. Jenkins

**Tribal citizens gathered Aug. 12 at the Seminole Recreation Gym to participate in the Hollywood Community Wellness Fair. The annual event featured about 20 departments promoting health awareness. Tribal citizens and employees took advantage of the health screenings, literature, tips and raffle giveaways. Hollywood Tribal Council Rep. B. Max Osceola Jr., center, also attended the fair.**

## Diabetic Day Focuses on Fat Loss Monitoring

BY NAJI TOBIAS  
Staff Reporter

**BIG CYPRESS** – The Tribe’s most recent Diabetic Day event, held on Aug. 19, centered on the use of a fat loss monitoring system.

Big Cypress Tribal Senior Charlotte Bowers took part in the health clinic entitled Know Your Numbers, hosted by Big Cypress Dietician Jilian Guralski and Health Educator Lance Vaz.

Following her doctor’s appointment that morning at the Big Cypress Health Clinic, Bowers ate some breakfast and revealed how she maintains her health on a daily basis

In the clinic, Bowers said she keeps her cholesterol and blood pressure at a normal level. When asked how she does it, the 56-year-old Tribal elder said she regularly exercises with her four grandchildren and maintains a laid-back demeanor. It helps her maintain her diabetic level, she said.

“When I get stressed, it causes too many problems,” Bowers said. “I just prefer to be laid-back. That could be why I’m healthy.”

To find out how healthy Bowers actually is, Guralski and Vaz introduced her to the Omron Fat Loss Monitor, a device that takes into account an individual’s fat percentage and body mass index. According to Guralski, it takes up to 10 seconds for the individual’s results to show up.

Guralski explained to Bowers how to read the results. “Your numbers are good, but if you exercise a little more, they could be even better,” Guralski said to Bowers.

Bowers said she used to walk three miles each in the morning and evening, but said her time with the grandkids now forces her to spend all her energy on them for the most part.

Vaz offered some advice to Bowers.

“You’ll probably feel better about yourself if you start walking again,” Vaz said. “How about walking one mile each morning and night?”

“I’ll do that,” Bowers said with a smile, as she prepared to exit the health clinic after finishing her breakfast. “I appreciate the information you both gave me.”



Naji Tobias

**Tribal Senior Charlotte Bowers, left, takes a look at her results, with the assistance of Big Cypress Health Educator Lance Vaz.**

## Know What Contributes to Food Spoilage and Illness

BY NICHOLAS PERSAUD  
Environmental Health Program

Cross contamination is usually the first thought when it comes to food spoilage and illness. However bacteria are already present in food and can multiply if specific requirements and conditions such as time, pH moisture and temperature are abused. These factors can increase the risk of food spoilage and illness.

### Temperature Management

Keeping cold foods cold means storing them at temperatures between 0 to 40 degrees. Bacteria still multiply at these temperatures but they just do so slower. At freezing temperatures, bacterial growth slows to nearly nil. Freezing doesn’t kill them, it just inactivates them. Once you thaw a food item, any bacteria that were there before freezing will just warm up and start multiplying again.

**Keeping Hot Foods Hot.** Bacterial growth slows down once again at temperatures hotter than 140 degrees, so hot foods must be kept hotter than that at all times. Keep in mind that 140 degrees does not kill bacteria — it only stops them from multiplying. If you actually want to kill bacteria, you’ve got to heat them up to at least 165 degrees.

### Time:

Time works hand in hand with temperature and encourages the growth of bacteria at an exponential rate. Simply stated, the more time food is left out, the faster the growth of bacteria will occur.

### Moisture

Like all living organisms, bacteria need water to survive. Foods high in moisture such as meats, poultry, seafoods and dairy products and fruits and

vegetables, are prime breeding ground for harmful bacteria. Low-moisture foods, including dried grains and legumes such as rice or beans will typically keep for a very long time without spoiling or harboring bacteria.

### PH level (Acidity)

PH is a measure of how acidic something is. The ph scale is from 0 to 14. Anything lower than 7 is considered acidic and anything higher than 7 is considered basic or alkaline. A value of 7 would be considered neutral. Ordinary water has a pH of 7.

Bacteria can’t stand anything too acidic or too alkaline. For bacteria to thrive, the pH environment needs to be neutral. Foods that typically have a neutral pH include animal-based products such as sea-food, meat, poultry, eggs and milk.

By contrast, most vegetables and pasta have a very high pH when uncooked, but turn neutral after preparation. Therefore, they are more hazardous when cooked. Highly acidic foods such as citrus, tomatoes, apples, vinegar, berries and so on, are relatively unattractive to bacteria from a pH standpoint. They’ll grow; it just takes a lot longer.

It may seem like there are a lot of ways to control the growth of bacteria in our food.

However, we can’t control time because it keeps ticking away no matter what.

And while we can change the moisture and acidity levels of foods, temperature really is the most crucial element in controlling the spread of food-borne illness and spoilage.

*For more information, please contact The Seminole Health Department at 954-985-2330.*

## Find Out How Methamphetamine Affects the Brain

STOF Family Services Department

Methamphetamine or “meth” is a central nervous system stimulant drug that is similar in structure to amphetamine. Due to its high potential for abuse, methamphetamine is classified as a Schedule II drug and is available only through a prescription that cannot be refilled. Most of the methamphetamine abused in this country comes from foreign or domestic superlabs, although it can also be made in small, illegal laboratories, where its production endangers the people in the labs, neighbors, and the environment.

Methamphetamine increases the release and blocks the reuptake of the brain chemical (or neurotransmitter) dopamine, leading to high levels of the chemical in the brain—a common mechanism of action for most drugs of abuse. Dopamine is involved in reward, motivation, the experience of pleasure, and motor function. Methamphetamine’s ability to release dopamine rapidly in reward regions of the brain produces the intense euphoria, or “rush,” that many users feel after snorting, smoking, or injecting the drug. Chronic methamphetamine abuse significantly changes how the brain functions. Recent studies in chronic methamphetamine abusers have revealed severe structural and functional changes in areas of the brain associated with emotion and memory, which may account for many of the emotional and cognitive problems observed in chronic methamphetamine abusers. Repeated methamphetamine abuse can also lead to addiction—a chronic, relapsing disease characterized by compulsive drug seeking and use, which is accompanied by chemical and molecular changes in the brain. Some of these changes persist long after methamphetamine abuse

is stopped. Reversal of some of the changes, however, may be observed after sustained periods of abstinence (e.g., more than one year).

Long-term methamphetamine abuse has many negative health consequences, including extreme weight loss, severe dental problems (“meth mouth”), anxiety, confusion, insomnia, mood disturbances, and violent behavior.

Chronic methamphetamine abusers can also display a number of psychotic features, including paranoia, visual and auditory hallucinations, and delusions, including the sensation of insects crawling under the skin. Transmission of HIV and hepatitis B and C can be consequences of methamphetamine abuse. The intoxicating effects of methamphetamine, regardless of how it is taken, can also alter judgment and inhibition. Among abusers who inject the drug, HIV/AIDS and other infectious diseases can be spread through contaminated needles, syringes, and other injection equipment that is used by more than one person. Methamphetamine abuse may also worsen the progression of HIV/AIDS and its consequences.

In 2008, 850,000 Americans age 12 and older had abused methamphetamine at least once in the year prior to being surveyed. The National Institute on Drug Abuse-funded 2008 Monitoring the Future Study showed that 1.2 percent of eighth graders, 1.5 percent of 10th graders, and 1.2 percent of 12th graders had abused methamphetamine at least once in the year prior to being surveyed.

For more information about the effects or dangers of methamphetamine use please feel free to schedule a confidential meeting with a Family Services counselor on your respective reservation.

– Source: National Institute on Drug Abuse (2010)

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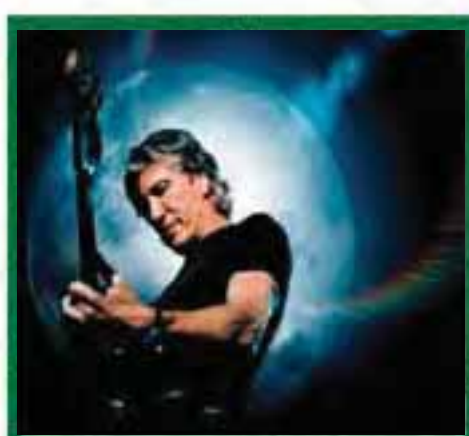
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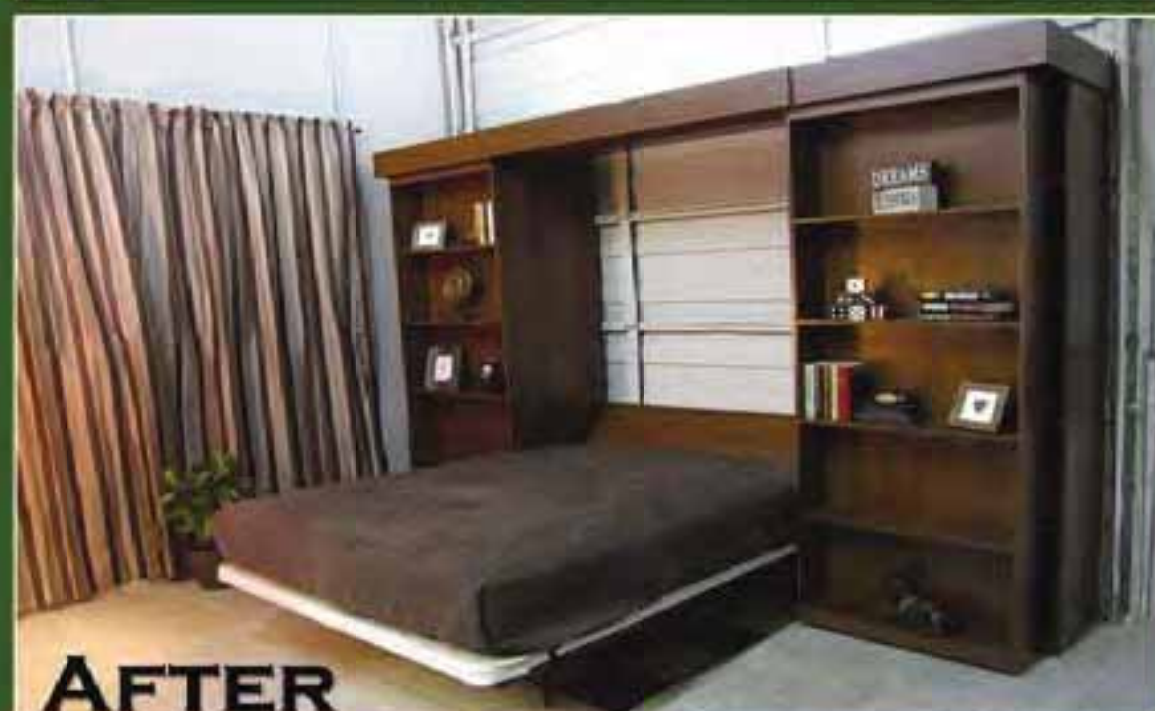


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# Announcements

## BIRTHDAY WISHES

**To: My Brother Lyle  
From: Your Younger Brother Ike**

Birthday too.

Remember all that I said to you Bro, Waache will always make sure you have yours. For as long as we have been living we have been nobody's fool. Bro, just continue to put your faith and trust in Waache. She has your back, just as we both have hers. We are unified in every way Bro, especially when it comes to Waache. Thank you for being on my team, much love and much respect. Happy Birthday, Bro!!!



Warrior 4 life,  
Sholooapathi Bolchuncagha  
Ike T. Harjo  
Koowaathi

**Happy Birthday to  
Dar'Rick Christopher Nelson-Williams on Sept. 7**

Wow, son, you're 8 years old, omg!!!! You're growing up so fast and you're so handsome, you make me so proud to be your mom. You are my angel from heaven and you're my world. I love you and always will. Mamma loves her bug-a-boo. Love you sexy boy.

Have a fun birthday.  
Mom  
Carolee Anderson



## WELCOME!

We would like to welcome our baby girl Cherrish Maelynn Micco born on July 11th at 1:58 pm weighing 8lbs 3oz and 21.25 inches long. We love you already!  
George and Linda Micco



## POEM

**Fast**

Fast money, fast friends, fast lives  
Everything to excess  
Can we really call it success  
When we lose more than we gain  
Just look at all the pain.  
Downhearted people watching loved ones  
Throw themselves into the sacrificial fires of excess.  
Tequesta, Calusa, Seminole, say it ain't so  
No one rules forever  
Seminoles going extinct say never.  
Fast money, fast friends, fast lives  
Is money a new kind of ethnic cleansing  
A devious way to commit genocide  
A Tribal and cultural suicide  
For those with the heart to hear,  
Don't disgrace, protect the race.  
Fast money, fast friends, fast lives,  
Slow down people, time already moves fast enough.  
Don't forget our Tribal memories of generations past  
We are made to last.  
Fast money, fast friends, fast lives,  
Our greatest enemies against our iron will.  
Seminoles forever still,  
For those with the heart to hear  
Don't disgrace, protect the race.

JW Henry

**Happy 2nd Birthday** to our little girl Charisma Mary Micco. We Love you so much and are blessed to have you as our daughter!  
Love, Mommy and Daddy



**Happy Birthday Ricky Ray Baxley on Aug. 30**

To my Dad  
Although it's been 15 years since you were here, I still sit in disbelief. Asking why? Why did you leave me. I love you to the upmost and you are and always will be my hero. The love you had for me is close in my heart. You are never forgotten, one day my questions will be answered and until then I wait. I wait to see your face and once again hear you tell me you love me.

Dad, thank you for loving me to the every end. You're the greatest that has ever been.

I love you Rick B.  
Love always,  
Your #1 Daughter  
Carolee



## LETTERS

**To: Aawaache Jennie B. Harjo  
From: Your youngest Son**

It's written in Pechekche. I will make it happen for Waache and Chaaye. You two, as well as Pops know this unconditional love I have for you'll is second to none.

Waache I will always be there for you when no one else is. I know you feel it, my spirit is always prowling around you and will protect you by all means necessary. Remember as I always have?

Nakee Engelenomogah Chachonosh bun Chot-holenungahle. Waache stay strong and Affach Koo-chezkenugglummele.

Mahmitchen Chehenchogah Hethosha.

Waache Shonaabisha for everything you continue to do.

Eeh Chino Gotchumele, Ahhayake Waache.

Warrior 4 life,  
Sholooapathi Bolchuncagha  
Ike T. Harjo  
Koowaathi



## IN MEMORIAM

**In loving memory on Sept. 7  
Ricky Ray Baxley**

Daddy I love you and miss you. Your memory lives on. You're with me and Dar'Rick he is you, we love you. I am trying to maintain myself as years pass. Can't wait till I see you again.

Love,  
Your daughter,  
Carolee Nelson Anderson.

**Ms. Keltie Jumper,**

I just wanted to congratulate you on getting a scholarship to play basketball. I remember someone had told me a few years back, not long after your mom passed on, that you set your mind on going to college and playing basketball. Well, you made that come true. I know your mom would be very "proud" of you with what you have done! We know that she's looking down with a big smile from the Spirit World. Just like your mom, you go after what you want with all your heart. Keep doing what you're doing, strive to be the best in what you know you can be! Those who love you are proud, family and friends!

Keltie, I wish you the best and the future you have, "Sky's the limit!!!" Only the strong survive!!!

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**The 4th Annual  
"Tee It Up For the Troops"  
Charity Golf Tournament  
November 19, 2010**

On November 19, 2010, the 4th Annual "Tee It Up For the Troops" Charity Golf Tournament will take place at the beautiful Heritage Isles Golf Course in New Tampa. Our objective is to raise money and awareness to support the Fisher House, a "home away from home" temporary lodging facility for families of wounded military members and veterans being treated at the James A. Haley Veterans' Hospital.

The Tampa Fisher House, which opened in 2007, is a 16,000 sq foot, 21-bedroom home located adjacent to the hospital where these service members returning from combat areas like Iraq and Afghanistan undergo long, often difficult recuperation and rehabilitation. All money raised during the golf tournament will go directly to the Fisher House which depends on volunteers and voluntary support to enhance its operations and programs. Our financial support will provide numerous products and services to the family members visiting the Fisher House. Learn more about Fisher House at [www.fisherhouse.org](http://www.fisherhouse.org).

We invite you to participate in this wonderful event as a tournament sponsor and/or player. PowerWorks is the lead sponsor along with Operation Helping Hand and the Seminole Tribe of Florida. We also have the Coca Cola Company, The Mobile Cigar Lounge, Maggiano's Italian Restaurant, Starbucks Coffee, Treasur Kemler Attorneys, Timothy Muscare, D.D.S., Dallas Corporation, MillerCoors-Brewing Co., Fidelity Investments, Lutzmark, Florida Air Services, Dinn Electric and many more joining us on the course this year. Dinner this year will be co-sponsored by the great people at River of Grace Church and Saint James United Methodist Church in New Tampa.

If you decide to participate as a sponsor, your company name will be displayed at a tee, printed in the awards program, and featured in radio, magazine and tourney announcements. The cost is \$1000 for a corporate foursome. Individuals play for \$125. Golfers will begin the day with a catered lunch, and then proceed to a 12:30 tee time. All are invited to finish the day with an awards dinner and great prizes. The award winning Meat Minkys will be on hand to provide a competition style pork and chicken bar-b-que dinner.

If you don't play golf, but would like to sponsor a recovering soldier or sponsor a tee "In Honor of" or "In Memory of" a loved one please let us know. Any contribution would be greatly appreciated. If a tee sponsorship is not possible, please consider gift certificates or in-kind donations for golfers including gift bags, raffle items, etc.

Please make checks payable to Operation Helping Hand, and include a memo on the check, "FISH/HOUSE TAMPA." Operation Helping Hand operates under the nonprofit 501(c)(3) and receives funds destined for the Fisher House of Tampa.

Ultimately, our goal is to highlight awareness of the needs of servicemen and women returning from overseas. We hope you can help in some way; if so, please contact Valerie Casey at 813-317-8880 or via email [valcas92@gmail.com](mailto:valcas92@gmail.com). On behalf of all our wounded warriors - Thank You!

Valerie Casey



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Begin in total control means  
Begin behind the wheel of ur ship...`  
I have not yet to find my "ship."  
Lost pilot is what you call it.  
Control is far from my reach.  
How do I gain control of my life or do I  
plan suicide.  
"No" the easy way out is no way out.  
How do I gain control?  
Fast and quick.  
My best friend once told me,  
Have a plan and you will go far,  
Take control of your ship.  
Only you, behind the wheel of ur ship  
In the wide open waters of life,  
You must gain control in order to fight...  
And whatever you do, don't fall apart.

Carolee Anderson

“What I love about you”

I love the way you look at me,  
Your eyes so bright and brown.

I love the way you kiss me,  
Your lips so soft and smooth.

I love the way you make me so happy,  
And the way you show you care.

I love the way you say, "I love you,"  
And the way you're always there.

I love the way you touch me,  
Always sending chills down my spine.

I love that you are with me,  
And glad that you are mine.

X's or O's  
Alex Tucker  
Otter Clan

Desperate Days

Desperate Days are upon me  
Inflaming my soul into a blast furnace  
Of white hot rage  
My mind and body forged into metallic strength and coldness.  
Enjoyment of life is but a half-remembered dream  
A desperate life lived in desperate moments.  
I live in the future, exist in the present, the past means nothing.  
Never look back, keep grinding toward the future of my creation.  
Nothing matters, day after day, year after effing year,  
Nothing matters.  
I am dead inside, that's the only way to live through this thing,  
Except, walking the yard I think of you,  
Of all the love we once knew,  
All the things we used to do  
Letting your hair fall free, Your face I can see  
Feeling being Under The Bridge of time,  
looking for a Soul to Squeeze  
I can't wait till tomorrow...Stop it!!!!  
Nothing matters, day after day, year after effing year,  
Nothing matters  
Desperate Days are upon me.

JW Henry

“Inner Peace”

If you can start the day without caffeine,  
if you can get going without pep pills,  
if you can always be cheerful, ignoring aches and pains,  
if you can resist complaining and boring people with your troubles,  
if you can eat the same food every day and be grateful for it  
if you can understand when your loved ones  
are too busy to give you any time,  
if you can take criticism and blame without resentment,  
if you can resist treating a rich friend better than a poor friend,  
if you can conquer tension without medical help,  
if you can relax without liquor,  
if you can sleep without the aid of drugs,  
...then you are probably the family Dog! Get it now!

Alex Tucker  
Otter Clan

Against all odds

Against all odds justice is finally about  
to prevail,  
It's cruel in the U.S. of A.  
When you're not wealthy and you're  
on trial with a face that's not pale.  
  
That's the reality of it in this so-called  
Land of the Free,  
Every chance they can they will  
disregard the Constitution to discriminate  
against an unconquered Seminole Warrior  
like me.  
  
Me against the world, it's always been  
that way,  
But just like my ancestors, I fight and  
live to see another day.  
  
After three wars against their govern-  
ment of hate still we rise,  
The blood hat was sacrificed in those  
wars is what motivates me to not let this  
"L" be my demise.  
  
I am thankful and grateful to be blessed  
with this pure unconquered blood that runs  
through my veins,  
I will always honor my ancestors for  
their sacrifice and pain.  
  
Because of those strong women and  
fierce warriors I stand tall,  
With the world on my shoulders I  
smile because your courts are forced to give  
"Justice for All."  
  
I love you hate it but, that's the law of  
the land,  
You should have set me free in 1999  
instead of railroading this man.

But I thank you anyway because all  
this time has done me a world of good, no  
more thoughts of jackin and being a player,  
yet still throwing my set up for the home  
team in B.C. and Hollywood.

I am older, wiser, determined and  
focused to do it right,  
just to be back in the presence of my  
fellow true unconquered Seminoles will be  
a beautiful sight.

My generation and those before knows  
the struggle well,  
those after have the easy life, yet many  
fail.

As our ancestors, we found a way to  
live to see another day,  
Though times have changed, we can't  
forget the blood on that wealth and must  
appreciate it in every way.

Nothing is taking for granted anymore  
by me, to those that knew me well you will  
be surprised at this change when I get free.

Not a damn thing is impossible, one  
just has to have the will to succeed,  
What I was taught then I utilize now  
and pass on to my seeds.

Against all odds I will rise from within  
all this steel and stone,  
With my mind right and my spirit  
strong I will be coming home.

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## RED RIBBON WEEK



### Hollywood Event Schedule:

Poster and Slogan Contest \*

Location: Boys & Girls Club  
Date: Tuesday 10/12/10  
Time: 4:00pm

\*Contestant design and slogan to go on Red Ribbon T-shirt

Door Decorating & Banner Making and Pizza Party

Location: Boys & Girls Club  
Date: Tuesday 10/19/10  
Time: 4:00pm

Red Ribbon Community March and Field Day

Location: Meet on the Recreation Field  
Date: Monday 10/25/10  
Time: 4:15 to 6:00pm

Plant a Promise Community Service Project

Location: Boys and Girls Club  
Date: Tuesday 10/26/10  
Time: 4:00pm

Red Ribbon Plant a Promise Presentation

Location: Senior Center with the Preschoolers  
Date: Wednesday, 10/27/10  
Time: 9:30am

SPD Lock Your Med Box and K9 Demonstration

Location: Boys and Girls Club  
Date: Wednesday 10/27/10  
Time: 4:15pm

Red Ribbon Week Youth Performance Night & Dinner

Location: Tribal Auditorium  
Date: Thursday 10/28/10  
Time: 6:00pm



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# Sports



Judy Weeks

More than 50 people gathered to honor the Billy Bowlegs at a memorial golf shoot-out.

## Participants ‘Honor the Warrior’ at Golf Tournament

BY JUDY WEEKS  
Freelance Reporter

**NAPLES** — Prominent Seminole Warrior Billy Bowlegs was honored by members of the Seminole Tribe with a golf tournament on Sept. 10 at Heritage Bay Country Club in Naples.

“A direct descendent of Cowkeeper and Micanopy, Bowlegs rose to leadership dur-

ing the Second Seminole War and was head chief during the Bowlegs or Third Seminole War,” said his fifth generation granddaughter, Bess Bowlegs. “He fought beside Osceola, Wildcat, Sam Jones and numerous other valiant warriors in an effort to defend their homeland and fight relocation to the Indian Territory in the West.”

More than 50 people, wearing Seminole attire in honor of Billy Bowlegs, gathered for an early morning presentation and brief history provided by Bess Bowlegs. She was accompanied by her son, Chris, and Tampa resident, Linda Henry. Born and raised in her family’s adopted home of Oklahoma, she returned to their ancestral lands in the swamps of Florida a few years ago.

“Speaking on behalf of my family, I want to thank all of you for acknowledging our forefather and the many sacrifices that he made for his people,” said Bess Bowlegs. “It means a great deal to us. Many of you already know of the Bowlegs legacy in Florida, but I have brought

### Winning teams at the golf tournament

1. Charlie Cypress & Cicero Osceola, 2. Mondo Tiger & Marcy Osceola, 3. Jason Tommie & James Tommie, 4. Lawrence Osceola & K.B. Campbell, 5. Ray Garza Jr. & Gale Boone.

Closest to the Pin: Cornelia Doctor, K.B. Campbell, Vincent Micco, Marcy Osceola, James Tommie, and Virginia Billie.

Longest Drive: Mondo Tiger, Ray Garza Jr. and Shannon Rhodes.

you a short biography that will allow you to trace his life, as well as his final days in Oklahoma. I am one of his seven direct descendants and it is our mission to preserve his heritage.”

Big Cypress Tribal Council Rep. Mondo Tiger concluded the ceremonies by saying, “It is important that we take time out to learn about our ancestors and keep their memory alive. They are our heritage and from them we draw strength. They have made it possible for us to be here today.”

The Honor the Warrior Bowlegs Golf Shoot-Out got underway with a shotgun start at 9:30 a.m.. Divided into two man teams, the participants played 18 holes of golf before returning to the clubhouse cabana for lunch.

## Immokalee Seminole Ranch Rodeo Draws Competitors

BY JUDY WEEKS  
Freelance Reporter

**IMMOKALEE** — Contestants at the Immokalee Seminole Ranch Rodeo got a taste of the trials and tribulations of the cowboys and cowgirls who comprise the day worker crews of the South Florida cattle industry on Aug. 21.

Two days of heavy rainfall prior to the team events transformed the red clay arena into conditions very similar to working cattle in typical swampy pastureland. Taking matters in stride, the general consensus determined that it was nothing more than a normal day at the ranch and the show must go on.

As the chute door opened, the contestants sped into the arena, slipping, sliding and slinging mud in every direction. Bull riders and steer wrestlers were catapulted head first into the ooze, then flipped over and slowly pulled themselves out of the

mud looking like swamp monsters.

Both the participants and the crowd roared with laughter. By the end of the night, all of the riders and livestock were wearing a heavy layer of the local real estate and great big smiles.

Five teams representing local working ranches competed in the six events and then they were joined in the arena by children and adults from the audience in an effort to catch a miniature bull. Approximately 35 people threw their hats in the mud in hopes of winning the \$200 prize money.

The team representing the Need More Ranch took first place in the overall competition. First place team winners in the individual events were as follows: Saddle Bronc Riding-Immokalee Seminole Ranch; Team Roping and Branding-Shewmaker Ranch; Calf Tying-Need More Ranch; Barrels-Need More Ranch; Relay Race-Bronson Ranch; Buddy Pickup-Need More Ranch.



Judy Weeks

From left, Big Cypress Tribal Council Rep. Mondo Tiger, Bess Bowlegs, Chris Bowlegs and Linda Henry participated in a celebration of the life of the warrior Billy Bowlegs.



Judy Weeks

The Need More Ranch teammates and family members show off their first place buckles and commemorative spurs following the Immokalee Seminole Ranch Rodeo.

## Fort Pierce Seminoles Honor Tribal Council Rep. Max B. Osceola Jr.

BY NAJI TOBIAS  
Staff Reporter

**FORT PIERCE** — New name, new season, new team uniforms.

The Fort Pierce Seminoles youth football organization kicked off its 11th year of operations with a special presentation, followed by games against rivals Glades Youth and Miami Springs.

Formerly known as the Fort Pierce Buccaneers — the team name change was effective as of earlier this year — the Seminoles gathered at Fort Pierce’s Lawnwood Stadium to pay a tribute to Hollywood/Fort Pierce Tribal Council Rep. Max B. Osceola Jr. for his support of the organization.

“Mr. Osceola is an advocate of giving back to all types of people,” said Fort Pierce Tribal citizen Alexander “Head” Tommie, the Fort Pierce Seminoles president and chairman. “He’s a big fan of all youth sports. He says that without the youth, we could not go on in the future. Without his help, our program would not have been a success this year.”

Almost immediately after Tommie presented Rep. Osceola with a special plaque, the Fort Pierce Seminoles players, coaches, cheerleaders and parents cheered the Tribal Councilman on loudly and gave him a standing ovation on the football field.

Rep. Osceola encouraged the organization’s youth to do what they can to become productive citizens on and off the football

field. He added that “the only way you lose at anything is by not playing.”

“You young men and women are the future of this country,” Rep. Osceola said. “What you’re going to learn in sports today will apply to the rest of your life. To the young athletes, do your best and it will all be good. Rock on!”

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Naji Tobias

Fort Pierce Buccaneers President and Tribal citizen Alexander “Head” Tommie offers Hollywood/Fort Pierce Tribal Council Rep. Max B. Osceola Jr. a plaque at a pre-game presentation, on Aug. 21 at Lawnwood Stadium in Fort Pierce.

## OHS Junior Varsity Football Kicks Off Season at Home, Brahmans Defeat the Clewiston Tigers



Far left bottom photo and above, Dylan Chalfant, no. 51 takes over the field playing not only defense, but offense during the first Okeechobee High School junior varsity football game Sept. 1 at the Okeechobee High School stadium. The OHS Brahmans claimed their first win against the Clewiston Tigers, 8-2. Photo far left top and left top, Okeechobee High School junior varsity football quarterback Marshall Tommie, no. 4 receives a play direction from his coaches. Photo left bottom, Tommie, no. 4, waits for the snap. - Photos by Rachel Buxton

# 'Gibby' Bowers Remembered in Annual Memorial Tournament



Chris C. Jenkins

Photo above, family members of the late Gilbert 'Gibby' Bowers, including father Eugene Bowers, far left, with granddaughter Maya Bowers, mother Mary Bowers, far right, and brother Philmon Bowers with daughter Alyssa Bowers, gather for the 10th annual Gilbert Bowers Memorial Bowling Tournament at 'Sparez' Bowling Alley in Davie, Sept. 6. Family and friends came from the Miccosukee Reservation, Fort Pierce, Brighton, Hollywood and Big Cypress Reservations to celebrate the life of the Bird Clan member and ardent bowler. Photo below, Philmon Bowers sets aim for a strike during regular play action.

**Results**  
**Senior women:** 1. Dora Tiger, 2. Mary Gay Osceola, 3. Madeline Osceola  
**Senior men:** 1. David Jumper, 2. Moses Osceola, 3. Gary Sampson  
**Game 1 (Regular):** 1. Andrew Bert and Crystal Tortice, 2. Kevin Tommie and Beverly Tommie, 3. Kyle Doney and Tommie Motlow  
**Game 2 (3-6-9):** 1. Josh Sneed and Terry Frank, 2. Bobby Frank Sr. and Mary Jane Cantu, 3. Ken Doney and Chelsea Mountain  
**Game 3 (No Tap):** 1. Kevin Tommie and Jackie Thompson, 2. Ollie Wareham and Tommie Billie, 3. Moses Billie and Patricia Wilcox  
**Game 4 (Regular):** 1. Kevin Tommie and Crystal Tortice, 2. Kassim Stockton and Alfreda Muskett, 3. Philmon Bowers and Patricia Wilcox



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Judy Weeks

Vincent Micco sends his drive straight down the 12th fairway.



Judy Weeks

Ronnie Doctor shares memories of Sonny Billie before taking to the links.



Judy Weeks

Ricky and Eushica Doctor hosted the seventh annual Sonny Billie Golf Tournament.

## Annual Golf Tournament Honors Memory of Sonny Billie

BY JUDY WEEKS  
Freelance Reporter

NAPLES – Seminole Tribal members met at the Bonita Bay Private Golf Course on Sept. 11 for the seventh annual Golf Tournament in memory of Sonny Billie.



Archive photo from the Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum Collection

Sonny Billie prepares to perform a social dance in 1999 at the Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum.

A medicine man and spiritual leader, he dedicated his life to preserving the traditions and culture of the Seminole people.

Even though Billie considered the Tamiami Trail region his permanent home, he worked for several years as a heavy equipment operator in Homestead to supplement his income. He was a former leader of the Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida and a leading bundle carrier for more than 30 years.

The father of eight children, Billie leaves a legacy of numerous descendants to carry on the traditions that meant so much to him in his quest to preserve his heritage. His son, Ricky Doctor, organized the tournament as a memorial to his father.

Tournament play comprised a Two Man Scramble in which both players tee off. The best drive determines the location of the next shot for both players, who then continue to compete. The best score between the two players is tabulated for the team per hole.

Each of the participants received a

### Tournament Winners

1. Mondo Tiger & Marcy Osceola, 2. Charlie Cypress & K.D. Campbell, 3. Allen Huff & Brett Green, 4. Raymond Garza, Sr. & Virginia Billie, 5. Cicero Osceola & Lawrence Osceola, 6. Gale Boone & Johnny Boone, 7. Ricky Doctor & Raymond Garza, Jr., 8. Ronnie Doctor & Trey Boone, 9. Loretta Micco & Vincent Micco, 10. Miguel Mata & Mabel Doctor, 11. Jeremy Bowers, 12. Cornelia Osceola & Cindi Adair.

**Closest to the Pin:** Allen Huff (2), Mondo Tiger (2), Jeremy Bowers, Marcy Osceola, Raymond Garza, Sr., Gale Boone (2), Virginia Billie (2), Mabel Doctor (2).

**Longest Drive:** Allen Huff, Raymond Garza, Jr., Cindi Adair, Mabel Doctor.

cooler container commemorating the event.

Following the tournament, players congregated at the Hampton Inn for a memorial luncheon and distribution of awards. The participants shared personal memories of Sonny Billie and his remarkable contribution as a spiritual leader.

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Shortly after the presentation, the Seminole Stadium's 50-yard line for a pre-game Seminole chant, firing up the fans in the bleachers.

Rep. Osceola also announced that the Fort Pierce Seminoles cheerleaders will be receiving new uniforms this season, much to the young girls' delight.

"You have to work for a goal, especially in team sports," he said. "Never give up on anything."

Just before the Fort Pierce Seminoles 75-pound team got ready to play in their season debut against the Glades Youth Panthers team from Belle Glade, Fla., Tommie spoke on how the youth organization focuses on its youngsters and their education.

"We don't give up on our kids, but we talk to them and give them a chance to showcase their talents," Tommie said of the players. "We may get some rambunctious kids, but we don't judge them on their past. I remember my grandmother telling me not to quit when I was a kid. I always had that stuck in my head and it's been with me for a long time."

To play for the Seminoles youth football organization, each player must maintain at least a 2.5 grade point average and attend a study hall session at least

once per week, according to Tommie. Last season, at least half of the program's 110 players registered a 3.0 GPA or higher.

It's something that caught the eye of Rep. Osceola, who expressed interest in sponsoring the entire program for this current season, courtesy of the Seminole Tribe of Florida. Last season's program was funded by Fort Pierce Liaison Sally R. Tommie.

What lies ahead for the organization's future, meanwhile, is the implementation of a college scholarship fund. At least for this season, Tommie said he's looking at the possibility of five players to earn a \$250 savings bond, which will help toward the cost of books when the youngsters head off to college.

Tommie said he hopes with sponsorships, all players will be able to receive the aforementioned scholarship amount in the near future, courtesy of the Seminoles organization.

"It's about unity," Tommie said. "We're just here to lay down the foundation for our kids."

The Fort Pierce Seminoles 75-, 90- and 130-pound teams each won their season debut games, moving to a 1-0 record as of Aug. 21. The 120- and 140-pound teams, meanwhile, did not play in the program's season opener.

For more information on the Fort Pierce Seminoles youth organization, call Tommie at 772-519-2458.



Naji Tobias

Fort Pierce Seminoles President Alexander 'Head' Tommie, top, third from left, Hollywood/Fort Pierce Tribal Council Rep. Max B. Osceola Jr., top, center and Fort Pierce Seminoles Vice President John Britt, top, second from right, announce during the pre-game ceremonies that the cheerleaders will be receiving new team uniforms this season, courtesy of the Seminole Tribe of Florida.



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Fort Pierce Seminoles President and Tribal citizen Alexander "Head" Tommie, top left and Hollywood/Fort Pierce Tribal Council Rep. Max B. Osceola Jr., top right, shared some time with the Fort Pierce Seminoles 75-pound team before their 2010 season began on Aug. 21 against the Glades Youth Panthers.



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The Fort Pierce Seminoles 75-pound team scored its first touchdown of the season in the first quarter against the Glades Youth Panthers team from Belle Glade, courtesy of a 10-yard touchdown run by quarterback David Brown.



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Fort Pierce Seminoles fans are in jubilation after their team scored its first touchdown of the season against the Glades Youth Panthers.

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# Two EIRA Competitors Have Each Other's 'Bare' Backs As They Qualify For 2010 INFR Finals

BY NAJI TOBIAS  
Staff Reporter

**BIG CYPRESS** — Going into the 2010 Eastern Indian Rodeo Association's Regional Finals on Aug. 28, Jacoby Johns and Freddy WarBonnet were tied for first place in the bareback category.

With 170 overall points apiece after seven EIRA events, it was clear the winner would move on to this year's Indian National Finals Rodeo in November.

In the end, WarBonnet outlasted Johns to take home the EIRA Regional Finals and year-end bareback titles.

WarBonnet finished the final EIRA event of the season with 73 sanctioned points (243 overall), while Johns failed to add to his sanction point total, leaving him with 170 for his year-end score.

Though Johns finished in the runner-

up position, he will join WarBonnet as the qualified bareback entrants for the INFR National Finals.

The INFR Nationals is scheduled for Nov. 9-13 at South Pointe in Las Vegas.

Johns, who has competed against WarBonnet in the bareback for the past three years, reacted on how the bareback final turned out for him.

"I wasn't at my best physically when I fell down," the 19-year-old Brighton Tribal contestant said of his bareback finish. "It's the roughest and toughest event, but I find it the most exciting. Rodeo is a tough sport, so you gotta just cowboy up and bare down. It takes a lot of grit to be in it."

WarBonnet, 39, talked about his year-end win in the bareback.

"It took a lot of physical, spiritual and mental preparation," WarBonnet said. "You gotta have all of that to be a competitor. And when you're facing the best, it makes you want to step up a lot harder."

Johns, who met the Yakima Tribal contestant from Seattle, Wash., six years ago, at the Josiah Johns Memorial Rodeo in Brighton, recalls the moment WarBonnet inspired him to give it his all in the bareback.

"I remember Freddy as my mentor back then," Johns said. "He helped me learn everything I know about the bareback and it's made me into a better competitor out on the rodeo."

Johns and WarBonnet share a special bond, as the two say they enjoy their time together behind the rodeo shoots during practices and in competitions. They root for each other's success even when they're going head-to-head against one another in a given rodeo event.

"We [got to] have fun and feel good about ourselves out there," Johns said. "You never know, people may want to get involved just by see-



Naji Tobias

**Freddy WarBonnet, left and Jacoby Johns are all smiles after they both qualified for the Indian National Rodeo Finals competition in the bareback category.**

ing how we ride. You gotta keep your chin up, for better or worse."

Despite the fact that the bareback championship came right down to the finish, WarBonnet said he's proud of how far Johns has come in the bareback throughout the years.

"I was more nervous in this race than any one I've ever been in," WarBonnet said. "I'm so proud of Jacoby because he carries a good feeling around the rodeo and has a good attitude about him."

The camaraderie they share could be a determinant in how they fare in this year's National Finals. The keys to being an INFR champion, they said, are to have a display of composure on the rodeo circuit and a sheer focus on the event at hand.

"It's gonna be a whole new rodeo in the finals," Johns said. "We're [going to] have to put it all on the line and be all in. It takes all of that to be a world champion."



Chris C. Jenkins

**Tribal citizens, employees and community members set out as part of the first annual 5k Sprint/Stroll for Recovery held at Topeekeegee Yugnee Park on Aug. 28. The 3.1-mile event was sponsored by Seminoles in Recovery with race proceeds benefitting the third annual Florida Native American Recovery Convention to be held in early 2011.**

## Seminoles in Recovery Sponsor First Annual 5k Sprint/Stroll at Topeekeegee Yugnee Park



Chris C. Jenkins

**Runner Norman Bowers, right, tries to maintain his pace with Cathy Cypress behind him in the last stages of the 5k run.**



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**Second place adult runner Jackie Thompson Osceola, left, with Family Services Counselor Fred Mullins.**

## Ahfachkee School's New Athletic Program Aims at Increasing Interest in Sports

BY NAJI TOBIAS  
Staff Reporter

**BIG CYPRESS** — Several years ago, Ahfachkee School officials conceptualized an athletic program that has now become a reality.

The Big Cypress community celebrated this milestone at the school's Open House ceremony on Aug. 19.

"We're excited to see something new here," Big Cypress Tribal Council Rep. Mondo Tiger said. "The whole community is behind it. Hopefully, within a few years, we'll see some state champions out of the Ahfachkee School."

Ahfachkee School Physical Education Teacher Randall Cleckler, who's been tapped by Principal Walter Swan to be the athletic program's student activities coordinator, said last year the students took a survey to see if there was an interest in the athletic program initiative.

He said the results revealed more than half of the 160 students last year did have an interest.

Recently, the Ahfachkee School's athletic program has been approved and sanctioned by the Florida High School Athletic Association to compete in team and individual sports.

Beginning with its golf and cross country program this fall, the Tribal school will be playing in several meets against other area programs. It will then continue with boys and girls basketball, followed by boys weightlifting, softball and track in the spring of the 2010-2011 academic year.

"What's been requested is now here," Cleckler said. "Once the kids see that these programs are actually happening, I think the interest in sports will grow here."

With the Ahfachkee School considered an all-Native academic entity, it is the first-ever FHSAA-sanctioned athletic program of its kind — something not taken lightly within the Tribe.

"We now have a little piece of history in Florida," Cleckler said. "Being a recognized entity on the state level in high school athletics, there's a lot to be said for that."

Cleckler credits Swan for being the primary liaison between the Tribal Council and the Ahfachkee School in this effort. He said Swan was able to get the Tribe's support in having this initiative move forward.

"It's just the fact of Mr. Swan making this available to the students," Cleckler said. "It's given them a new sense of excitement here at the school. They now have something to look forward to."

In the past, Tribal and community students from the Big Cypress Reservation would have to enroll at non-Tribal public and private schools to play high school sports. The Tribe's youngsters can now participate in athletic program they can truly call their own.

"We're hoping that nothing but good things come out of this," Cleckler said.

## Brighton Super Seminoles Earn Another Championship

**ATMORE, Ala. —** The Brighton Super Seminoles softball team took home the championship at the Native American Youth Organization softball tournament in Atmore, Ala. July 16-18. After losing the first game to Cherokee, the Brighton Super Seminoles won the next four games, and earned the grand title. Team members are Reina Robinson, Kirsten Doney, Jara Courson, Jessie Osceola, Janet Smith, Trista Osceola, Elizabeth Johns, Cheyenne Nunez, Jaide Micco, Breanna Billie, Delaney Osceola, Darla Cypress, Brooke Osceola, McKayla Snow and coaches Kim Hargraves and Heather Gillis. - Rachel Buxton



Peggy Nunez



Michele Thomas

**The Warriors 10U team members show off their USSSA's UFC plaque after a weekend tournament held at the ESPN Wide World of Sports resort in Orlando ending in a championship title Aug. 15. Team members, front, from left: Trevor Thomas, Scott Hamilton, Jan Martinez, Javier Rosario and Seth Hamilton. Back, from left: Michael Warner, Dyami Nelson, Sean Osceola, Dayvon Terry, Tay Williams; Back coaches, from left: Gene Thomas, Michael Warner and Larry Howard. - Rachel Buxton**

## Seminole Warriors 10U Claim Championship Title



Michele Thomas

**The Warriors 10U travel baseball team holds up Dyami Nelson after he hits his first grand slam during the USSSA's UFC tournament Aug. 14 held at the ESPN Wide World of Sports resort in Orlando. - Rachel Buxton**



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**The Ahfachkee School Warriors logo was revealed at the Aug. 19 open house ceremony.**

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# Ahfachkee Warriors Make History as First-Ever Tribal Golf Team

BY NAJI TOBIAS  
Staff Reporter

**CLEWISTON** – For the first time in Native American and Seminole Tribal history, a Florida High School Athletic Association sanctioned sporting event took place at the Clewiston Golf Course on Sept. 2.

With the Ahfachkee Warriors golf team taking its four golfers to the course against the Clewiston Tigers, a spirited matchup ensued between the two schools.

Despite Ahfachkee's best efforts from the foursome of Stevie Billie, Ryan Cypress, Quenton Cypress and Taylor Pratt, the Clewiston golf team shot past them, 200-252. Pratt, one of Ahfachkee's four high school golfers, said he had a phenomenal start to the nine-hole match. As for his last six holes?

"It all went downhill from there," Pratt

said. "I just got to work on one thing at a time and get better at my game."

Ahfachkee Warriors Head Golf Course Bruce Pratt agreed with his son's assessment of how the match went, attributing that to the entire golf team.

"I told them to learn from their opponents and watch them, so they could get better the next time," the Ahfachkee Warriors golf coach said to his golfers before the match began. "The kids want to make the efforts necessary to improve their game. They're finding out that it's a hard sport to play, but I believe you'll see a lot of improvement from them as the season goes on."

In high school golf, teams can play up to six golfers for any given team match. In this meet, Clewiston had six entrants, while Ahfachkee brought four of their own out on the course.

The nine-hole match featured five par-4s, two par-3s and two par-5s at the Clewiston Golf Course. For example, on a par-4, a golfer must convert on the given hole in four shots to score par. To earn a birdie, meanwhile, the golfer must make the conversion in three shot attempts.

A bogey means the golfer converted the hole in five shot tries, while a double bogey score indicates the entrant making the hole in six shot attempts.

Throughout the nine holes, Pratt scored a 61, 25 over par. To

break par for the match, a golfer must score a 36. Pratt said his goal is to improve to at least a 54 in match play.

"I'm looking forward to getting better at this," he said.

Clewiston Golf Head Coach Mike Kemp said he sees the Ahfachkee golf program as a "real credit" for the Seminole Tribe. Though Kemp believes the Warriors may struggle a bit in its first year of operation, he said he saw some promising things with the [Ahfachkee] kids, and some really good shots from them.

"We've got some new competition out here," Kemp said. "It's a great honor for the Seminole Tribe to put the kids out there and give them an opportunity to compete with the other high schools in the area. Some of them are still learning the rules of the game, but as they get a better feel for it, their scores will start getting better."

Both golf coaches said the keys to improving in golf are to be honest with the scorekeeping and to simply have fun with the game. Pratt said he was encouraged to see that from his golfers, even though they showed signs of fatigue in their loss to Clewiston.

Regardless of the outcome, the two coaches said they like what they're seeing from the Ahfachkee Warriors golf program so far.

"The kids here are our future," Kemp said. "Just the fact that the Ahfachkee School put together a high school golf team is a victory in itself. I think it could only get better from there."

The Ahfachkee Warriors played their second match of the season on Sept. 23 at the Glades Country Club and Golf Course in LaBelle. Ahfachkee's next and final two golf meets of their inaugural year are scheduled for Oct. 4 and 14 at the Clewiston Golf Course.



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Stevie Billie attempts to shoot for par in Ahfachkee's meet against Clewiston on Sept. 2.



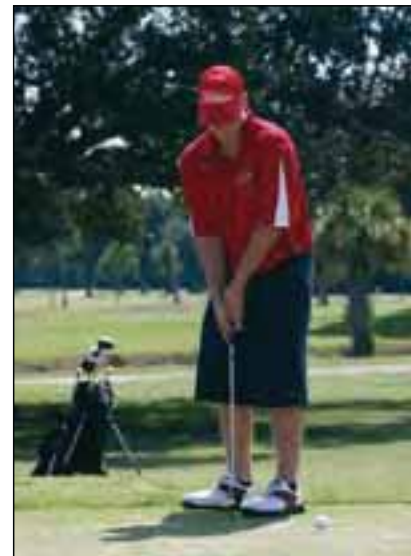
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Taylor Pratt swings off his first shot attempt on the game's fifth hole.



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The Ahfachkee Warriors pray before entering the program's first-ever team golf match against the Clewiston Tigers on Sept. 2.



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Ryan Cypress practices a tee shot prior to the start of match play.



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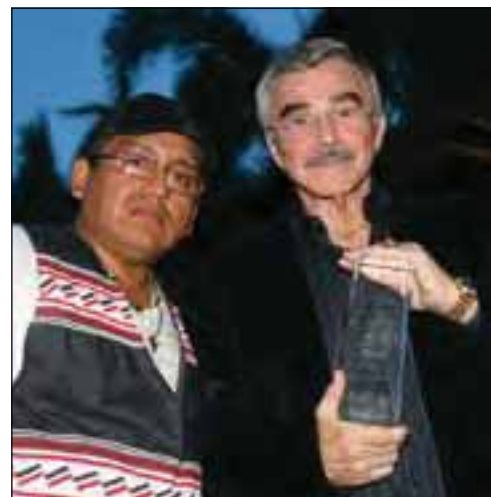
In a pep talk, Stevie Billie, left and Ahfachkee Head Golf Coach Bruce Pratt go over some highlights of the Tribal program's first golf match.



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Tribal citizen Richard Osceola, left, with former Florida State University gridiron greats Charlie Ward, second from right, and William Floyd, far right, as well as film legend and FSU alum Burt Reynolds. Osceola joined the three at the FSU Casino Night-Football Kickoff Fundraiser held in West Palm Beach Aug. 20 to raise funds for the athletic department. He presented Ward and Reynolds with commemorative crystal sculptures on behalf of the Tribal Board of Directors and President Richard Bowers Jr. in recognition of the Hollywood Classic Casino blackjack event.

## Tribe Makes Presentation at FSU Fundraiser



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Tribal citizen Richard Osceola and film star Burt Reynolds.



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Tribal citizen Sunshine Frank, left, and son Phillip Joel Sampson Frank, with Florida State football great Charlie Ward.

## Tribal Junior High Football Players Begin Their Season at American Heritage-Plantation



Naji Tobias

In the American Heritage (Plantation) Patriots first junior high football game of the season, eighth grade fullback Neko Osceola, no. 36, began the contest with a 3-yard run on Calvary Christian's defense. That play started at Calvary Christian's 48-yard line. Unfortunately for the two junior high teams and their fans, it would be the only play of the Sep. 7 game, as a series of thunderstorms and torrential downpours later forced the contest to end with 6:42 left in the first quarter. Neko's Tribal teammates are Andre Jumper, Blevyns Jumper and Devon Bowers.

## Tylor Tigertail, Chebon Gooden Face Off in High School Football Season Opening Matchup

BY NAJI TOBIAS  
Staff Reporter

**PLANTATION** – The season opening matchup between the American Heritage-Plantation Patriots and the Clewiston Tigers on Sept. 3 had been on the minds of Tylor Tigertail and Chebon Gooden since the summer began.

Played at Heritage Field, Patriots sophomore middle linebacker Tigertail and Clewiston senior offensive/defensive lineman Gooden – both from Big Cypress – lined up against each other in what proved to be a surprisingly close game in favor of the home team.

Tigertail, who registered seven tackles in Plantation's 26-21 win against Clewiston, helped anchor the Patriots defense in this game. Gooden, meanwhile, recorded two tackles as a defensive lineman for the Tigers, who nearly overcame a 14-0 first-quarter deficit.

Both football players saw extensive time on the field, as the two provided a lift for their respective teams with their play.

But it was something special for the friends, especially in the light that they never played against each other before – until this game.

"For a long time, Chebon said to me 'Hey, I'm gonna run you over and put you on your back.' I did everything I can to prove him wrong," Tigertail said.

And how did Tigertail do that?

"To - night, I put [Chebon] on his back once; I think I reached my goal," he said. "I tried to do what I had to do to execute."

American Heritage-Plantation's Isaiah McKenzie began the game with a 77-yard kickoff return for a touchdown, giving the Patriots an

early 7-0 lead against Clewiston. In that sequence, Tigertail provided some key blocks to help clear the way for McKenzie's sprint to the end zone.

Plantation's lead was extended to 14-0 after running back Sony Michel scampered his way into Clewiston's end zone for a five-yard touchdown run later in the opening frame.

The Patriots would later have to find a way to overcome three Clewiston rushing touchdowns later in the game – two from Tigers running back Virthavious Robinson in the second quarter and one from fullback Fred Washington in the fourth.

Despite Clewiston's two second quarter rushing touchdowns, American Heritage zoomed its way to a 26-14 halftime lead with two more scores of their own.

Clinging to a 26-21 lead late in the game – Washington pulled Clewiston to within five points early in the fourth quarter – Tigertail and the Patriots defense shut down Clewiston's passing attack, as they forced them to use all four of their downs before sealing the win.

"We got a little hyped up in the second quarter and we had some nice drives, but we just couldn't pull it off," Gooden said of his Clewiston Tigers team.

Regardless of the game's outcome, Tigertail and Gooden were able to pull off a moment to remember in Tribal sports history. It was the first time, according to Alfonso Tigertail, Tylor Tigertail's father, that two Big Cypress high school football players played against each other in a game.

"It was a good opportunity for these two young kids to show their talents on the field," Alfonso Tigertail said of his son and Gooden. "It was like a rivalry going on between them."

Gooden, who teammates say is a playmaker on the Tigers line, called it a fun experience.

"We're both talking, but now he has the bragging rights," Gooden said of Tylor Tigertail.

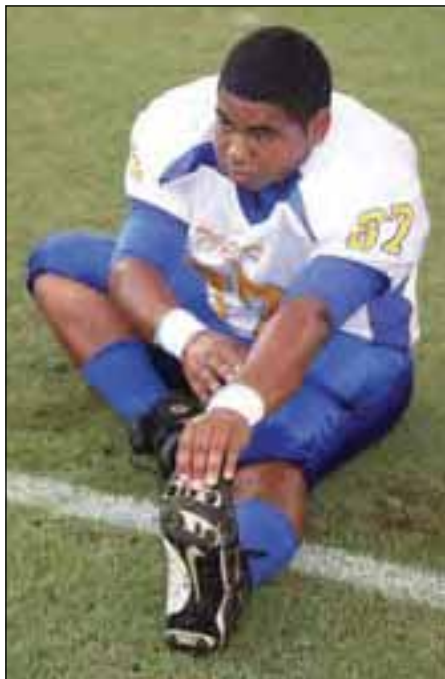
Still, the game did nothing to alter their friendship.

"No matter what, I'm proud that we both played a good game for our teams," the American Heritage linebacker said. "We're going to go back to church on Sunday mornings and love each other like we have before."



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American Heritage-Plantation sophomore middle linebacker Tylor Tigertail cools off after seeing significant playing time on the field.



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Clewiston's Chebon Gooden stretches during warm-ups prior to his team's road game against American Heritage-Plantation.



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Tylor Tigertail and Chebon Gooden.



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Clewiston Tigers senior offensive/defensive lineman Chebon Gooden, no. 67, notches one of his two tackles late in the fourth quarter against the American Heritage-Plantation Patriots.

# Youth Kick Off School Year with Back to School Bike Race



Rachel Buxton

Kano Puente crosses the finish line.



Rachel Buxton

Yopallakilyo Osceola gets his time as he finishes.



Rachel Buxton

The Brighton Recreation Department organized their first-ever Back to School Bike Race Aug. 21 in effort to get the youth ready to head back into the classrooms. Five male youth made the early morning 3.2-mile bike ride following the trail throughout the woods that was cleared for the 2010 Rez Rally. All five finished strong with impressive times. The Back to School Bike Race was created to mirror the Thanksgiving Bike Race that is held in the fall for the Tribal adults. – Rachel Buxton

### Results

9-10 Age Division:  
First place: Kano Puente  
– 25:29

11-12 Age Division:  
First place: Imillakiyo  
Osceola – 11:37  
Second place: Jaden  
Puente – 14:27  
Third place: Yopallakiyo  
Osceola – 15:07

13-14 Age Division:  
First place: Isiah Thomas  
– 16:10



Rachel Buxton

Isiah Thomas finishes without breaking a sweat.



Rachel Buxton

Imillakiyo Osceola rides in taking first place.



Rachel Buxton

Jaden Puente snags second place.



Adina Loochkartt

Kidstuff defeated YDWI (You Don't Want It) team in the men's tournament 64-56.

## Tribal Citizens Gather for Annual Adam C. Billie Memorial Basketball Tournament



Adina Loochkartt

JoJo Osceola shoots freethrows for the Lady Warriors team in the women's finale at the 10th annual Adam C. Billie Memorial Basketball Tournament organized Sept. 3 and 4 at the Hollywood Gym. The Lady Warriors lost to Southern Smoke with a tight score of 47-45.



Adina Loochkartt

The Southern Smoke team takes a group photo after winning the tournament.



Adina Loochkartt

Kidstuff team player Bill Osceola, number 33, fights to score in the men's finale.



Adina Loochkartt

Jason Billie hands out awards to the winning teams at the end of the tournament.



Judy Weeks

Lawrence Osceola does a short warm up of stretches and swings before entering the Immokalee Skins Golf Tournament.

## Immokalee Skins 2010 Golf Tournament Brings Tribal Citizens to Naples

BY JUDY WEEKS  
Freelance Reporter

**NAPLES** — The Immokalee Skins 2010 Tournament culminated a three-day weekend of golf at the Heritage Bay Golf and Country Club on Sept. 12.

Tee time began at 9 a.m. with an all-Indian Blind Man's Draw. During a pre-game introduction, Immokalee Recreation Director Johnny Boone explained the rules of play.

He said the term "skins" implies that every participant plays their own ball. After turning in their scores, the competition takes a twist as players draw to determine who they have been "blindly" partnered with throughout the day. Their combined effort becomes a surprising conclusion that no one could have anticipated and the winners are decided

by the luck of the draw.

"I have an important message for my fellow Tribal members," said Lawrence Osceola. "It is time to say 'I can' instead of 'I can't'. For many years I battled failing health because of diabetes, alcoholism and severe weight gain. My doctors told me that I was on the path to destruction if I didn't turn my life around. Golf helped me reshape my life."

"No matter how hard I tried, I always slipped back into my old habits," continued Osceola. "My counselors told me that if you find yourself in a hole, you have to stop digging. They suggested developing a hobby to stimulate my mind and body."

Osceola is a walking testimony to success. Wearing knee braces and therapeutic stockings for increased circulation, he loosened up before the game by swinging a weighted club for a quick

workout and muscle stretches. As he exercised he described his transformation from a sedentary lifestyle in front of the television and refrigerator to long hours of light exercise, fresh air, good companionship and wholesome competition.

When Osceola takes to the course, he gets a cardiovascular workout, burns up unwanted calories, helps balance his cholesterol ratio and refuses to let his diabetes get the upper hand.

"When I turned my life around, I began beating the odds," concluded Osceola. "I now have 19 years of sobriety and I want to encourage other Tribal members to take the first steps toward a healthier lifestyle. Your life depends upon it."

*The Immokalee Skins winners were: 1. Charlie Cypress, 2. Marcy Osceola, 3. Brett Green, 4. Virginia Billie, 5. Raymond Garza, Sr., 6. Ricky Doctor.*

# EIRA Regional Finals Competition Sends Several to November's INFR Nationals

BY NAJI TOBIAS  
Staff Reporter

**BIG CYPRESS** – In the final meet of the 2010 Eastern Indian Rodeo Association's season, about 50 Native rodeo entrants competed in a series of categories at the Junior Cypress Arena. A host of winners emerged and qualified for November's Indian National Finals Rodeo competition in Las Vegas.

EIRA President Josh Jumper and teammate Preston Williams qualified for this year's INFR Nationals after snagging the year-end victory in the team roping category. Williams will also represent the Seminole Tribe in the calf roping event at the INFR rodeo meet in less than two months.

Freddy WarBonnet took home the year-end title in the bareback riding category, outlasting Jacoby Johns for the overall win after entering the EIRA final in a first-place tie at 170 points. Both bareback entrants qualified for the INFR National meet.

In the saddle bronc-riding category, Tyler Humble won this year's EIRA over-

all crown and will represent the Tribe in the INFR Finals. Meanwhile, Quinn Campbell muscled his way past the competition in the steer wrestling category, as he advances to November's national rodeo meet.

Mindy Fish took home top year-end honors in the lady's breakaway roping category, while Carrera Gopher steered her way to the summit, winning the EIRA's year-end championship in the lady's barrel racing event.

The 2010 EIRA year-end bull-riding winner was Warren Rubio, who will vie for the INFR crown in the same category this November.

"Second place is nothing here in the finals," Jumper said. "Everyone had their game face on in the finals. You could tell that they all wanted to win. It was a great season to be in this competition."

The EIRA Champions Banquet is scheduled for Oct. 16 at the Brighton Reservation's Veterans Memorial Building, with the INFR Nationals taking place from Nov. 9-13 at South Pointe in Las Vegas.



Naji Tobias

**Mark Holmes snags the EIRA Regional Finals and year-end titles in the calf riding category.**



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**Brighton's Hilliard Gopher tightly wraps up a calf as he completes the calf roping challenge in 16.6 seconds.**



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**Outgoing Seminole Rodeo Queen Ashton Baxley leads the way in the grand march.**



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**Brighton's Taylor Johns, left, makes a grand entrance, with EIRA announcer Norman Edwards, looking on.**



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**Tylor Tigertail, 15, attempts to catch a calf in the Jr. breakaway event.**



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**Brighton's Kalgary Johns catches a calf in the Jr. Breakaway Roping event.**



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**The EIRA Regional Finals competitors ride in style and they circle the Big Cypress Rodeo Arena for the grand march.**



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**Big Cypress Board Rep. Paul Bowers Sr. wins the 50 and over breakaway roping category, a time of 4.3 seconds.**



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**Josh Weekly, left and Alfonso Tigertail, collaborate in the team-roping event to catch a steer in 11.6 seconds.**

## Randolph Clay Memorial Pool Tournament is in its 14th Year



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**Betty Osceola, center, mother of Randolph Clay, along with sisters Shirley Clay, left, and Laura Clay, together before action during Day 2 of the 14th annual Randolph Clay Memorial Pool Tournament held Aug 20-21 at the Seminole Recreation Gym in memory of the billiards aficionado. The event featured youth, adult and senior divisions, competing in eight and nine ball and scotch-doubles games. Winners received trophies and cash prizes.**



Chris C. Jenkins

**Tony Billie takes aim at a bank shot in senior men's action.**

### Results

Youth Girls: Cheyenne Nunez, 2. Amya Baxley, 3. Danyelle Boromei  
Youth boys: 1. Neko Osceola, 2. Daniel Rodriguez, 3. Colton Cypress  
Women's 8-Ball: 1. Virginia Billie, 2. Phalyn Osceola, 3. Laura Clay  
Men's 8-Ball: 1. George Grasshopper, 2. Ildy Garcia, 3. David Cypress  
Women's 9-Ball: 1. Theresa Nunez, 2. Virginia Billie, 3. Laura Clay  
Men's 9-Ball: 1. George Grasshopper, 2. David Cypress, 3. Jimmie Bert  
Senior women's 8-Ball: 1. Jane Freeman, 2. Dale Grasshopper, 3. Bess Bowlegs  
Senior men's 8-Ball: 1. David Cypress, 2. George Grasshopper, 3. Tony Billie  
Scotch-Doubles: 1. Daniel Gopher and Phalyn Osceola, 2. Carl Yazzie and Evelyn Yazzie, 3. Tony Billie and Teonna Rock

### Labor Day Skins Tournament Results

1. Mondo Tiger, 2. Cicero Osceola, 3. Jason Tommie, 4. Raymond Garza, Sr., 5. Miguel Mata, 6. Marcy Osceola, 7. Allen Huff, 8. Virginia Billie, 9. Elliot Young, 10. Gale Boone, 11. (tie) Lawrence Osceola & Raymond Garza, Jr., 12. Charlie Cypress, 13. Ricky Doctor.  
Closest to the Pin: Women's Division - Virginia Billie; Men's Division - Raymond Garza, Sr. & Marcy Osceola; Senior Division- Mondo Tiger (2).  
Longest Drive: Men's Division - Jason Tommie; Senior's Division - Mondo Tiger.



Judy Weeks

**Seven-year-old Nariah Mata joins her grandmother, Virginia Billie at the Labor Day Golf Tournament.**

## Big Cypress Recreation Department Organizes Labor Day Golf Tournament

BY JUDY WEEKS  
Freelance Reporter

**NAPLES** – Tribal citizens, spouses, employees and Native Americans gathered on the morning of Sept. 6 at the Heritage Bay Golf and Country Club in Naples for an early tee time in celebration of Labor Day. The competition was strenuous and all the players worked hard to keep their scores low, while their enthusiasm ran high.

Recognizing this as a family day, the younger generation was welcomed on the links.

Raymond Garza and Virginia Mata made room in their cart for their 7-year-old granddaughter, Nariah Mata. Toting her own set of miniature clubs, Nariah has come a long way since she took her first steps while visiting a golf course when she was only 1 year old. She may be young, but she shows a great deal of potential as she adjusts her stance on the driving range.

Fourteen-year-old Trey Boone gave the golfers a look at their future competition as he demonstrated his skills on the course. He recently came in 35th out of 175 entries in his age category in North Carolina at the U.S./World Kids Golf Championships.



Judy Weeks

**Allen Huff tees off on the 14th hole during the Labor Day Golf Tournament at Heritage Bay Country Club.**

## Seminole Lightning Softball Team Holds Awards Ceremony



Naji Tobias

**Seminole Lightning Softball Head Coach Josh Jumper acknowledged his Tribal female athletes for showing teamwork and dedication in their first season of operation, as they finished with an 11-0 record in the City of Clewiston softball league. During the Sept. 8 awards ceremony at the Herman L. Osceola Gymnasium in Big Cypress, Jumper encouraged the girls to "put God first" in everything they do, on and off the softball field. "God will give you your heart's desire," Jumper said to the softball players just before he handed out their awards. "We're looking forward to a great season again next year." Right photo, Seminole Lightning Softball head Coach Josh Jumper gives a trophy to Nashoba Gonzalez. Photo above, top, from left: Ry- anne Pratt, Sabre' Billie and Ahnie Jumper and from bottom left: Nashoba Gonzalez, Katie Bert and Eyanna Billie.**



Naji Tobias



# CONGRATULATIONS!!

Seminole Heritage Events and Promotions is proud to announce the winners of Seminole Star Search Finale 2010. It was an electrifying night full of panache and brimming with star studded performances.

The red carpet event was held at the Seminole Star Search Headquarters in Seminole Paradise in Hollywood. In attendance were Seminole Tribal members and family members in support of their favorite performers. Also attending were Hollywood Councilman Max Osceola and Trail Tribal Liaison William Osceola.

The competitors were judged on Vocal Ability, Star Quality, Stage Presence and Appearance and were separated into three categories: Youth (10-17), Adult (18-54) and Elder (55 and over).

The event was hosted by Grammy Award Winner and SHEP Director, Micki Free. This year's cast of judges included Jon Brant, former bassist for Cheap Trick; Prince Markie Dee, formerly of the Fat Boys; Shea Keck, Seminole Wind CD/ DVD artist and George Noriega, Grammy Award winning producer and songwriter for Nickelodeon, Shakira and Ricky Martin. The event was co-hosted by 2009 Seminole Star Search Grand Prize Winners Tori Osceola and Preston Osceola, who also performed at the event.

Up for grabs was the highly coveted chance to record songs on the upcoming Seminole Star Search Winners Grand Prize Volume III album. Seminole Star Search VOL II is in production and should be released by Oct-Nov 2010. Seminole Star search VOL I is available for downloading worldwide on iTunes.com and Amazon.com. The Grand Prizes are a fabulous Swarovski crystal studded wireless microphone kit emblazoned with the Seminole Star Search logo. Similar microphones have also been designed for superstar performers Rihanna and Kelly Pickler.

The event opened with a breakout performance by Spencer and Zachary Battiest from Hollywood, of Panther Clan descent, with their new hit, "The Storm". The crowd was ready for what judge George Noriega called "an inspirational evening full of talent and entertainment, all with a sense of a community coming together to pave a positive road for their youth."

After a tie breaker that wowed audiences and judges alike, the youth category brought two grand prize winners this year. Twelve year-old Natomah Robbins from Big Cypress, daughter of Bernard Robbins (Panther clan) and Sherri Robbins (Ashii – Navajo), participated in music camp in June and took the stage singing "Seminole Wind". Thirteen year old Shelli Tiger from Hollywood, daughter of Dora and Rufus Tiger of the Big Town Clan, competed in 2008 and 2009 competitions and participated in music camp in June. Shelli sang "Imagine Me Without You". Both ladies charmed the audience with diva-esque stage presence, and powerful voices.

The adult category winner was the Unconquered Bird Clan, a rap group from Fort Pierce. Brothers Derrick "Low Key" Timothy (25) and Travelis "Wiggy" Timothy (23), sons of Mary Tommie of the Bird Clan, performed with fellow group member Travis "Po' Boy" Thompson (29). The group participated in both music camps earlier this year, and treated the crowd to an original song, "Seminole".

The elder category winner was Paul "Cowbone" Buster (60), whose band members include bassist and son, Paul "Chunky" Buster, and drummer and son in law, Jesse Metcalf. Cowbone, a descendant of the Otter Clan, has participated annually in the competition since 2008. With their performance of the original, "Seminole Will Never Be Gone", the group finally won the grand prize in the elder category.

In addition to Grand Prize Winners, Spotlight Award Winners in each category were awarded crystal microphones on marble stands and are encouraged to participate in upcoming music camps and in the next Seminole Star Search Finale. This year's spotlight award winners were: Corinne Zepeda, age 12 from Naples; Salina Dorgan, 46, from Brighton; and Ted Nelson, Sr., 62, from Hollywood.

Judge Jon Brant said, "This year's roster of Star Search candidates was among the most talented ever! Not only were they all incredibly talented, but those returning stars were motivated to succeed as well. The growth and development of all who participated in the workshops was evident and I believe they were rewarded for their hard work."

Shea Keck, whose version of "Seminole Wind" was performed by the young Natomah Robbins, summed up the evening best: "It was obvious that each one of the grand prize winners put an effort toward their performance – each one focused to win. I was very impressed with the hard work and determination the winners displayed throughout the competition. I'm very honored to be part of Seminole Star Search and look forward to the great thing to come from this program."

Stay tuned for the new Seminole Star Search Music camp schedule coming soon.

For information on the Seminole Star Search program, please call 954-797-5467 or visit our website: [seminolestarsearch.com](http://seminolestarsearch.com).

