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Big Cypress Celebrates Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony for New Eight Clans Bridge



Members of Tribal Council and Board of Directors along with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Congressional, Federal Highway Administration and Florida Department of Transportation officials gathered for the ceremonial Snake Road 'Eight Clans' Bridge ribbon cutting on the Big Cypress Reservation March 22. The event comes as part of a scheduled multi-level 19.6-mile reconstruction project from the I-75 interstate highway toward the northern reservation boundary.

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Tribe Enhances Tribal Court Ideals Through Workshop

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BY CHRIS C. JENKINS Staff Reporter

HOLLYWOOD - A special workshop entitled "Separation of Powers: Enhancing the independence of Indian Tribal Courts for elected Tribal Council/Officials" gave the Tribal community and guests an up close perspective on the dynamics of the Tribal court system spon sored by the Blackfoot Nation of Montana.

The Hard Rock ballrooms hosted the April 8 event featuring speak ers in an open forum for discussion and review of recent federal court decisions involving Tribal authority and competency in the courts. Important topics also included the role of elected officials in strengthening the courts and the protection of Tribal sovereignty.

"We wanted people to have a clear idea on separating powers and how it is applied and put into operation," said Alan Parker, workshop moderator and professor of Advanced Studies in Tribal Government at Evergreen State College. "This type of workshop was also an important way to protect Tribal sovereignty.

Parker said the Tribe's status as a founder and current member of USET (United South Eastern Tribes) also played a major role in establishing the event. As a member of the Chippewa Cree Tribal Nation of Box Elder Montana, Parker and several other Tribes were a part of the day including members of the Mohawk Nation of New York State and the Fort Peck Assiniboine-Sioux Nation of Poplar, Montana.

"It was a very interesting workshop and very important for Tribal citizens to be aware of," said attendee and Tribal citizen Stephen Bowers. "These issues are going to be an integral part in the future of our own legal system.'

Helene Buster, family services director and chairwoman for the Seminole Court Committee, said the Tribe's own civil court system has

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Pemayetv Emahakv Charter Youth Participate in Chairman's Initiative to President Obama

BY CHRIS C. JENKINS Staff Reporter

School made a political and personal stand, while showing off the rich heritage of the Tribe, all the way to the White House.

As part of the ongoing Chairman's Native American Veterans Memorial Initiative, sixth through eighth grade classes packaged special gifts and personal letters to President Barack Obama and the first lady Michelle Obama on April 14 as Seminole Broadcasting and Fort Myers news affiliate WINK-TV had their cameras rolling.

The gifts and letters were yet another step toward the ultimate goal of honoring those Native Americans that have served in all branches of the U.S. Armed Services by adding another bronze statue of Native appearance and descent to the landmark Three Soldiers' (also known as The Three Servicemen) statuettes on the Washington, D.C. National Mall commemorating the Vietnam War.

"It would be very exciting and good to know that we (the students) helped put the statue there," said seventh grade Pemayetv Emahakv student Brydgett Koontz.

"The more people we have the better chance we can be heard," Puente said.

Pemayetv Emahakv Language Arts Teacher Crystal Drake BRIGHTON - Students at Pemayetv Emahakv Charter helped spearhead the lobbying process and said a response from Sen. Rooney's office denied the initiative request via a resolution passed stating that there will be no more new construction in the immediate area of the Mall at the present time.

However, in true Seminole spirit Puente said the fight will continue.

"We are going to continue to fight because that is just what we (as Seminoles) do," he said.

Drake said the experience has taught her a lot.

"Sometimes when you speak out for a race other than your own it takes more courage," she said. "To see the humility of those Native Americans who have served this country has been admirable to see.'

Estimates are that over 40,000 Native soldiers served in Vietnam War, with over 200 casualties. the

Three Soldiers' was created, designed and unveiled on Veterans Day of 1984 to complement the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, with the hopes of adding a traditional aspect and look. Created by American artist and sculptor Frederick Hart,



provide a sense of pride.

"It would make me feel accomplished and that I have done something," said Puente.

Their efforts date back to a mid-December 2010 trip several of the students took in the nation's capital as part of the Tribes Education Department-Close-Up Program. Their campaign lead them to the office of U.S. Republican Rep. Tom Rooney.

The process also involved the group writing to Florida Senator Bill Nelson, Senator-elect Marco Rubio as well as taking on the monumental task of writing personal letters to at least one Native middle school in each state for their support.

Eighth grade student Myrick Puente said the feat would it portrays three young soldiers completely dressed and outfitted in uniforms and equipment used by U.S. infantrymen in the Vietnam War.

Of the three fighting men, the lead figure (in the middle) represents a Marine. The man on the right displays combat equipment consistent with a U.S. Army Soldier. The man on the left is also a soldier. The three men are purposely identified as a Caucasian, an African American and an Hispanic and were based on three actual young male models, of which two (the Caucasian, and African-American) were active-duty Marines at the time.

For more information log onto www.dcmemorials.com.

Sixth grade Pemayety Emahaky Brighton Charter student Deliah Carrillo talks about deserving veterans related to her and their war efforts as part of the Chairman's Initiative on April 14. Sixth through eighth grade classes packaged special gifts and personal letters to President Barack Obama and the first lady Michelle Obama.

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Fort Pierce Youth Search High and Low During Easter Egg Hunt



Rachel Buxtor

Miah Osceola picks an egg out of the tree to place in her basket April 21 at the Fort Pierce Easter celebration held at the Chupco Ranch.

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Ahfachkee Students Take Their Scientific Talents to NAISEF Taylor Pratt, Mika Lopez place second overall in high school and middle school categories, respectively

BY NAJI TOBIAS Staff Reporter

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. – For the first time in the Tribal history, students from the Ahfachkee School (Big Cypress Reservation) were afforded the opportunity to showcase their science exhibits in the National American Indian Science and Engineering Fair.

And they came through in a big way, as Ahfachkee junior Taylor Pratt and eighth-grader Mika Lopez finished second in their respective Plant Sciences categories at the March 24-26

NAISEF competition in Albuquerque, N.M. Lopez's science entry, entitled "Roots Up," focused on whether water, soil or sand would be most effective in growing green bean seeds.

Lopez's hypothesis - the soil will allow green bean seeds to grow better because of its roots and nutrients to support plan life turned out to be wrong, as her conclusion actually worked out in favor of the sand.

That experiment landed Lopez second place among 16 total middle school level entrants throughout Indian Country.

Meanwhile, Pratt took home runner-up status for the high school level and won three other awards – two of which were specialty awards for his science experiment, entitled "Anthocyanins.'

He earned a certificate for outstanding achievement from the Society for Vitro Biology and a Botanist Award from Earth and Sky Floral Designs.

In addition, Pratt placed third in the NAISEF mathematics Competition for the 11th grade.

We entered into this event not just to participate, but to compete on a national level," Ahfachkee School science teacher Timothy Blount said. "I think it's important that students are exposed to a dif-



From left, Mika Lopez, Taylor Pratt and Leauna Billie were honored by the Ahfachkee School with a special award for their accomplishments at this year's NAISEF science fair competition at the End-of-Third-Nine-Weeks Awards Cer emony on April 8. A slideshow highlighted their time in Albuquerque, N.M. for the NAISEF event, which took place from March 24-26.

ferent level of thinking and intelligence. You need all that, plus a valid effort, to perform scientific investigations well in a competition of this caliber.'

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Happy Mother's Day!

Mother's Day is a special day for Mother's everywhere.

Although Mother's day is only celebrated one day a year, it should be celebrated every day as it is an endless joy and responsibility.

Without our Mothers we would not be here on this earth today with the ability to bring forth our own families

A Mother stands by you when times are tough, and just when you think there is no light ahead, she reassures you that brighter days are ahead. With comfort in her voice and tender hands, she nurtures you and gives you advice. She has laughed with you and sometimes cried with you while sharing stories of her own childhood, in hopes that you would learn something from it.

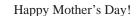
There are people in your lives that may have always been there for you to offer a helping hand, like your Sisters, Aunts, Cousins, Grandmothers and Great Grandmothers. These women play a very special and important role in our lives. To this day, many of you may have one or more of those Strong women in your lives who are there supporting you every step of the way.

Today, we must be thankful to all our mother's and celebrate them not just

today but every day. May God always Bless and Protect Mothers all over the world.

> Shonobish, Mitchell Cypress Chairman





I want to wish all mothers a very happy Mother's Day and thank all of the mothers who have watched over not only their own children but all children who have crossed their paths.

It has not been long ago that my mother has gone to be with the angels in heaven, but I still miss her and think about her every day. She is the encouragement I need when I feel like I am alone and need guidance. The values that she instilled in me still grows strong in my heart and helps me to move forward and to make a difference. If your mother is still with us, I encourage you to take the time to visit and let her know how much you love her and appreciate all of the sacrifices she endured to keep her family and children together.

As mothers of tribal children, you have the extraordinary job of teaching our young people the culture and traditions of our tribe. I am thankful that we have survived a number of years based upon the teachings of our elders and that we must continue to teach our children.

Being a mother is an endless, thankless position, but one that brings everlasting love.

Sho-naa-bish, mvto,

President Bowers

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Readers:

Change.... The human being resists change, yet within convenient political climates, human beings call for it. Which could simply point out the inherent hypocrite within most humans - we require from others what we resist or fear the most.

What does this mean for the Seminole? What does this mean for Tribes as a whole? How does this translate into tribal politics?

Let's start with the law. "25 CFR Part 83 Procedures for Establishing that an American Indian Group exists as an Indian Tribe" provides the mandatory criteria for federal acknowledgement of an Indian Tribe. The BIA's website summarizes the criteria as follows:

(a) The petitioner has been identified as an American Indian entity on a substantially continuous basis since 1900.

(b) A predominant portion of the petitioning group comprises a distinct

community and has existed as a community from historical times until the present.

(c) The petitioner has maintained political influence or authority over its mem-

bers as an autonomous entity from historical times until the present.

(d) A copy of the group's present governing document including its membership criteria. In the absence of a written

document, the petitioner must provide a statement describing in full its mem-

bership criteria and current governing procedures.

(e) The petitioner's membership consists of individuals who descend from a historical Indian tribe or from historian

Indian tribes which combined and functioned as a single autonomous political entity.

(f) The membership of the petitioning group is composed principally of persons who are not members of any acknowledged North American Indian tribe.

(g) Neither the petitioner nor its mem-

mined to be non-traditional and to be non-traditional is synonymous with being non-Indian. One important reason for historical preservation and education is to reinforce where we come from in the

bers are the subject of congressional legis-

lation that has expressly terminated or for-

bidden the Federal relationship. A reasonable person could make the

observation that the present identity of an

"American Indian Tribe" is deeply rooted

in historical record, therefore, a member of

an American Indian Tribe is also a reflec-

"Change"? I contend that it has everything

to do with change because we judge and

measure everything that is "tribal" against

what WAS not what IS. We also define

tradition with what was practiced in 1860.

Tradition is actually a by-product of evo-

lutionary change affected

by technology, language,

environment,

What does this have to do with

tion of what once was...

TINA OSCEOLA

hearts, souls and consciousness of our people. However, with that being said, it should not be our sole focus. If we continue to look behind us, we will, we can and in some cases we have, walked off a proverbial cliff because we've discounted the value of the present and the rewards of the future.

What we are doing right now will affect generations to come. Children will be born who will call us their grandparents. Will we leave a legacy or shame? I advocate for balance, logic, reason and caution when promoting change.

As a Seminole and as an American Indian, I advocate and promote Conscious Change. Here is where we can start... I suggest that we change our name from Seminole Tribe of Florida to "Seminole Tribe." As a Tribe we are not and should not consider ourselves as being part of any state. We are a nation with our own head of state, Chairman, whose peer is the President of the United States of America. This single change can begin our journey into the next phase of Tribal identity and politics in the United States.



Photo above, Jackie Parsons Blackfeet Nation Chief Appeals Court Justice answers questions on past court cases and the appeals process during a question-answer session.

Right photo, Helene Buster Family Services Director and Chairwoman for the Seminole Court Committee discusses plans for the upcoming Seminole Tribal civil court system while attending a special workshop sponsored by the Blackfeet Indian Nation of Montana for Seminole Tribal citizens and guests entitled 'Separation of Powers' Enhancing the independence of Indian Tribal Courts for elected Tribal Council/Officials held at the Hard Rock April 8.

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Tribal citizen Steven Bowers is interviewed by Seminole Broadcasting on his interest in the Tribal court workshop



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been in development for five years and will be based out of the Big Cypress Reservation. It is nearing its completion and will also have satellite courts on other selected reservations as well.

"I really wanted to understand this better and other ideas for my own knowledge. There needs to be a separation from Tribal Council and the court system, both are completely separate and our Tribal citizens need to continue to understand this," Buster said.

She said a court code and judicial commission are currently under review by Tribal Council. Work on a children's code and selection of judges is still yet to be finalized. Guest speaker and Chief Appeals Court

Justice Jackie Parsons of the Blackfoot Nation said the central topic of discussion in Native communities and in the courts continues to be sovereignty.

"Our sovereignty (as Natives) is being questioned every day," Justice Parsons said. 'Sovereign immunity and jurisdiction is very key here and people need to know that this is an important issue among Natives."

As a leader among the Native people, the Blackfoot Nation began its own court system in 1999. With 16,000 enrolled members, it is the largest Indian tribe in Montana and one of the largest in the United States. Its town and seat of government is in Browning, MT with a population of 3,500 and includes other surrounding areas and towns

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geography, encroachment of foreign cultures and many other factors. To change has been deter-

More photos from the Snake Koad Kibbon Cutting Ceremony



Big Cypress Trib-Council Rep. al Mondo Tiger unveils the new sign for the Snake Road Bridge. "We will treasure this bridge and it is going to be like one of our own," Rep. Tiger said.

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From left, Congressional member Alcee Hastings and Chairman Mitchell Cypress show off pieces of their ribbon after the ceremony.

Tribal and Bureau of Indian Affairs officials along with special guests stand under the new 'Eight Clans' Bridge side view. Eight Clans bridge sign.

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Community

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Tribal Council Holds Monthly Meeting in Big Cypress

BY NAJI TOBIAS Staff Reporter

BIG CYPRESS — The Seminole Tribal Council's monthly meeting convened in the Emergency Operations Center's conference room at Big Cypress on March 28. The Tribal Council approved a total of 33 items, including the following:

• Proclamation by the Seminole Tribe of Florida of Police Week

• Approval of agreement with Moss/Anderson for the construction of a parking garage, retail center and casino expansion at the Seminole Indian Casino Coconut Creek; limited waiver of sovereign immunity

• Approval of a lease agreement between the Seminole Tribe of Florida (tenant) and 6365 Taft, LLC (landlord) for office space at 6365 Taft Street, Suite 1008, Hollywood, Fla.

• Ready to rent rental car agreement, including vehicle use agreement, between the Hertz Corporation and Seminole Tribe of Florida D/B/A/ Seminole Gaming; ratification

Native American Veteran Memorial Initiative

• United States Department of Energy grant application for funding of the fiscal year 2012 Seminole Tribe of Florida energy program for all Seminole Indian Reservations

• Twenty Fourth Annual Work Plan submitted to the South Florida Water Management District by the Seminole Tribe of Florida

• PepsiČo Sales, Inc. National Foundation beverage sales agreement with the Seminole Tribe of Florida for its seven Florida gaming locations

• Approval of agreement with Seminole Construction and Development, Inc. for the Immokalee maintenance building

• Product and services supply agreement between Ecolab, Inc. and Seminole Tribe of Florida for its six gaming locations in the Florida counties of Broward, Hillsborough, Collier, Glades and Hendry

Tribal Council and Board Hold Joint Meeting

BY CHRIS JENKINS Staff Reporter

HOLLYWOOD — Tribal Council and Board of Directors met at the Tribal headquarters on the Hollywood Reservation for a special joint session April 7 passing two resolutions on the agenda including:

Tribal Council:

• Approval of voting list for general election - May 9, 2011

Tribal Board of Directors:

• Approval of voting list for general election - May 9, 2011

Tribal Council Holds Special Meeting in Big Cypress

BY NAJI TOBIAS Staff Reporter

BIG CYPRESS — The Tribal Council convened at the Big Cypress for a special meeting on April 11. They passed a total of one resolution, including the following:

Approval of certain documents related to corrective action plans
of the Native Learning Center Program for the United States Department

Tribe Becomes Part of Fort Lauderdale Centennial Celebration



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Tribal citizen Milo Osceola begins carving a custom-made spoon at one of the Tribal booths on hand as part of the Fort Lauderdale Centennial Riverfest celebration held in the downtown area on March 27. Chairman Mitchell Cypress, center, joined by Tribal citizens Ollie Wareham, left, and Richard Osceola, right, welcome guests to the Seminole portion of the Fort Lauderdale centennial celebration. The day featured several Tribal vendors displaying the culture and history of the Tribe with custom arts and crafts, as well as traditional foods, storytelling and alliator wrestling.

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Naples Community Embarks Upon a Pirate Cruise in Fort Myers

BY JUDY WEEKS Freelance Writer

FORT MYERS BEACH — Members of the Naples Community shouted "Anchors Away!" as they set sail for an adventurous afternoon aboard a pirate's ship on April 9. The Pieces of Eight Pirate cruise plied the waters of San Carlos Bay and then made a short excursion into the Gulf of Mexico off Fort Myers Beach.

The seafaring travelers were more than passengers aboard ship. Interactive pirate fun included family members of all ages in a wide variety of activities. Thrilling pirate stories were accompanied by music, games, secret maps and a mutiny against the captain organized by the crew and passengers.

For a brief afternoon, the members of the Naples Seminole Community traveled back in time to the days when real pirate ships controlled the Gulf waters of Southwest Florida, San Carlos Bay, Sanibel Island and Charlotte Harbor. Becoming part of the local history, these early renegades left behind local legends and artifacts that have included treasures, ship wrecks and colorful names that dot the coastal maps.

Prior to the ship's departure, the group shared a fabulous seafood luncheon at Salty Sam's and then cast off to sail amid the dolphins.



The Martin family, Connie, Eliska, Nicole, Martin Jr. and Martin Sr. gathered beneath seafaring memorabilia before sharing a meal at Salty Sam's and embarking upon a pirate cruise.

Judy Weeks



of the Native Learning Center Program for the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

Tribal Board of Directors Hold Monthly Meeting in Big Cypress

BY NAJI TOBIAS Staff Reporter

BIG CYPRESS — The Tribal Board of Directors met at the Big Cypress Reservation's Public Safety Complex on April 12. They passed a total of seven resolutions, including the following:

• Corporate Clerk's policy and procedures for setting agenda items for regularly scheduled Board of Directors meetings

• Telephonic Board meetings; rescinding of Resolution No. BD-10-97

• Approval of joint venture agreement between Seminole Development, LLC [or wholly owned subsidiary] and Stiles Corporation

• Approval of management agreement to allow the construction, management and operation of SUBWAY sandwich store at the Brighton Reservation

• Approval to resume sugarcane farming at the Brighton Reservation

Naples Seminole Community members cast off aboard the "Pieces of Eight" for a pirate cruise on April 9 that carried them back in history.

Seminole Police Department Partakes in 22nd Annual South East Police Motorcycle Rodeo



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Max B. Osceola Jr., Hollywood/Fort Pierce Tribal Council Rep. and avid motorcycle rider, thanks the participants and supporters of the 22nd annual South East Police Motorcycle Training/Rodeo held April 9 at the Hard Rock in Hollywood.



MSPD Sergeant Mitch Van Sant participates in the skills course of the riding competition.

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Seminole Police Department Chief William Latchford welcomes those in attendance to the event. The event featured four Seminole Police Department officers as well as other officers from all over the Southeast U.S. including Broward, Dade and Palm Beach counties competing and training individually and in teams in proper motorcycle skill and performance drills, and riding/safety procedures with proceeds benefitting Concerns of Police Survivors (COPS).

Second Annual Family Fun Day/Family Olympics is Another Success in Fort Pierce Community



Chris C. Jenkins Hollywood/Fort Pierce Tribal Council Rep. Max B. Osceola Jr. race, a water balloon toss and a 3-point shoot-out. stretches prior to competition.

sponsored through the Family Services Department and created to enhance community relations. The day featured six teams competing for medals and a championship trophy in several categories including sack races, an egg toss, a relay

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Fort Pierce community members enjoy sack races during the Family Fun Day/Family Olympics.



First place medal winners Hope-Tommie Fly Girls are all smiles after winning the pass the apple competition.

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Brighton Seminole Princess Breanna Billie and Brighton Council Rep. Andrew J. Bowers Jr. congratulate Ty Huff on raising the Grand Champion Steer.





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EIRA Senior Rodeo Queen Jewel Buck presents Ahnie Jumper with a Silver The Intermediate Steer Showmanship Award is presented to Courtney Gore by EIRA Buckle and Ribbon for winning the Reserve Steer Grand Championship for 2011. Senior Rodeo Queen Jewel Buck.

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2011 Seminole Indian 4-H Livestock Show and Sale in Brighton Concludes 4-H Season

BY JUDY WEEKS Freelance Writer

BRIGHTON — The 2010/2011 Seminole 4-H season came to its conclusion on March 31 and April 1 at the Brighton 4-H Barn with the annual Livestock Show and Sale.

Seminole 4-H Director Polly Hayes complimented the youngsters that participated in the program and said, "Raising a 4-H project requires a lot of commitment and hard work. It is a full-time job from the selection of the steer or swine and weigh-in until the night of the sale. Whether or not they have met their requirements becomes apparent when they reach the show barn.

4-H Extension Agent Michael Bond remarked, "I am very proud of this fine group of young people. I have been working with many of them since they started in the small animal club. Their dedication to their project is defined by their success."

As the final day of the show arrived, the barn was a bee hive of activity. The animals arrived for weigh-in, shifting and division into weight classes for judging while their owners were separated into Junior, Intermediate and Senior Divisions. During the final hours, the livestock had to be washed and groomed and the pens cleaned.

During the opening ceremonies, Ringmaster Norman Johns received recognition for 30 years of service. He said, "I have been here for the children, grandchildren and now the great grandchildren. I wouldn't trade anything for the time that I have spent with these youngsters. The 4-H programs teach many valuable lessons and promote responsibility as well as family participation.'

Dir. Hayes thanked Donnie Robertson on behalf of the 4-Hers for his assistance in administering sonograms and her assistant Dione Smedley for her dedication to the program. Brighton Seminole Princess Brianna Billie and EIRA Rodeo Queen Jewel Buck were on hand to make the awards presentations.

The show began with an exhibition by the small animal club members, followed by the breeding heifer category. Thirty-four steer entries were separated into eight classifications. A total of 64 swine comprised the eight weight categories.

Steer Judge Allen Newsome and Swine Judge Justin Crosswhite had the difficult task of appraising the livestock and their owners. A diverse group of youngsters competed in each division and in the final count down, all reservations were represented in the winners' circle.

The 2011 Grand Champion Steer was raised by Ty Huff of Brighton and weighed in at 1285 pounds. The Reserve Grand Champion Steer belonged to Big Cypress resident Ahnie Jumper's and tipped the scales at 1138 pounds.

Out of the 64 swine exhibited, K. J. Davis of Immokalee produced the 291 pound Grand Champion. The Reserve Grand Championship went to Christopher Briscall of Immokalee and weighed 279 pounds.

Showmanship qualities are developed through months of hard work, dedication and perseverance. Many of the contenders exhibited the characteristics that determine showmanship, but there can only be one champion in each category. The Champions were as follows: Junior Steer - Dayra Koenes - Big Cypress, Intermediate Steer - Courtney Gore - Brighton, Senior Steer - Jessica Lopez -Immokalee, Junior Swine - Troy Cantu - Immokalee, Intermediate Swine - Trevor Thomas - Brighton, Senior Swine - Tyler Tigertail Big Cypress.

Tribal leaders, family members and friends participated in the Livestock Sale on the evening of April 1. Following the Buyers' Dinner, the animals were auctioned off during the strenuous bidding process and the youngsters were generously rewarded for their achievements.

Chairman Mitchell Cypress said, "Raising livestock requires diligence and responsibility. Looking at the livestock raised by these youngsters, it is obvious that they have what it takes to be successful in whatever career they choose. They represent the future of the Seminole Tribe of Florida.'

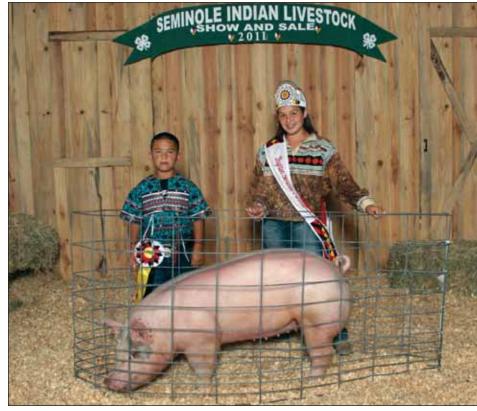


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K.J. Davis shows off his 2011 Seminole 4-H Grand Champion Swine to Brighton Seminole Princess Breanna Billie.

Small Animal Club Exhibitors

Creek Gopher-mini pony, Caleb Billie-mini ony, Dayco Billie-mini pony, Taden Santiagodairy calf, Corey Jumper-dairy calf, Quayton Bilie-dairy calf, Norman Osceola-dairy calf, Alice Osceola-dairy calf, SirMarcus Osceoladairy calf, Taryn Ösceola-dairy calf, Justin Gopher Jr.-dairy calf, Jarrett Beecham-beef calf.

Morgan Yates-beef heifer, Karlyne Urbinasheep, Marcos Reyna-goat, Jalee Wilcoxgoat, Harmony Cypress-goat, Nick Andrewspig, Denise Gonzales-pig, Ava Nunez-pig, Caniah Billie-pig, Pedro Martinez-goat, Dayne Billie-rabbit, Willie Smith-rabbit, Madison Martinez-rabbit, Heith Lawrence-chicken, Valholly Frank-chicken, Casey Ball-chicken, Dillon Ball-chicken, Dakoya Nunez-Guinea









Heifers Two Year Bred Heifer- 1. Kelton Smedley. Breeding Heifer: 1. Kelton Smedley, 2. Rosa Urbina.

Steers

Grand Champion: Ty Huff. **Reserve Grand Champion: Ahnie Jumper** 1st Class: 1. Kenny Davis, 2. Aaron Alvarado, 3. Justin Osceola, 4. Jessica Lopez. 2nd Class: 1. Blake Baker, 2. Rosa Urbina, 3. Kelton Smedley, 4. Dayra Koenes. 3rd Class: 1. Andre Jumper, 2. Brianna Nunez, 3. Justin Roff, 4. William Bearden, 5. Kiylier Baker. 4th Class: 1. Rosalinda Lopez, 2. Lahna Sedatol, 3. Kalgary Johns, 4. Sarah Deschennee, 5. Rayven Smith. 5th Class: 1. Ahnie Jumper, 2. Skyler Burke, 3. Erena Billie, 4. Drayton Billie. 6th Class: 1. Dalton Koenes, 2. Kailin Brown, 3. Kane Bettelyoun, 4. lvess Baker. 7th Class: 1. Jacob Cotton, 2. Preston Smith, 3. Quinton Smith, 4. Jaryaca Baker. 8th Class: 1. Ty Huff, 2. Ashton Baxley, 3. Courtney Gore, 4. Kenny Deschenee.

Swine Grand Champion: K. J. Davis. Reserve Grand Champion: Christopher Briscall 1st Class: 1. Jack Aguilar, 2. Troy Cantu, 3. Jillian Rodriguez. 2nd Class: 1. Cartaya Billie, 2. A. J. Tigertail, 3. Jaden Puente, 4. Zephaniah Roberts, 5. Edward Aguilar. 3rd Class: 1. Dennis Gonzales, 2. Kamani Smith, 3. Lois Billie, 4. Alexis Aguilar, 5. Keniya Yzaguirre. 4th Class: 1. Romeo Garcia, 2. Tyra Baker, 3. Ruben Burgess Jr., 4. Crystal Garcia, 5. Ricky Alumbaugh. 5th Class: 1. Geneva Garcia, 2. Deliah Carrillo, 3. Callie Joe, 4. Marissa Sanchez, 5. Issiah Alvarado. 6th Class: 1. Christopher Briscall, 2. Tavis Jumper, 3. Kaleb Doctor, 4. Jon Jimmie, 5. Brianna Brockman. 7th Class: 1. K. J. Davis, 2. Janessa Nunez,

3. Alexis Jimmie, 4. Ragan Tigertail, 5. Amber Alvarado. 8th Class: 1. Damian Escobar, 2. Trevor Thomas, 3. Kyle Alvarado, 4. Priscilla Alvarado, 5. Alphonso Alvarado.

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Troy Cantu receives the Junior Swine Showmanship Buckle from Judge Justin Crosswhite and EIRA Senior Rodeo Queen her entry in the Seminole 4-H Show. Jewel Buck.

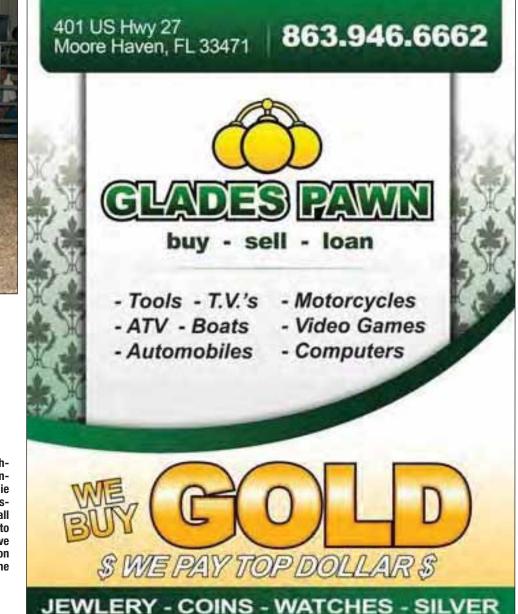
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Senior Steer Showmanship Champion Jessica Lopez grooms

Valholly Frank carries her chicken as she takes a practice trip around the arena for the Small Animal Club.



Right photo, Briahton Seminole Princess Breanna Billie presents Jessica Lopez with the Senior Steer Showmanship Award.

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Left photo, Brighton Seminole Princess Breanna Billie watches as Christopher Briscall says farewell to the 2011 Reserve Grand Champion Swine that he raised.

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From left, Tampa Tribal senior Bobby Henry, Brighton Tribal Board Rep. Johnnie Jones Sr., Hollywood Tribal citizen Richard Osceola and Brighton Tribal citizen Wildman David Snow meditate by a campfire site under a cooking chickee at the Brighton Reservation's culture camp on March 25. At the campsite, the logs near the fire are pointing in four different directions - east, north, west and south. According to Rep. Jones, chickee huts typically are faced in a north-south direction, with the cooking chickee being erected at the center of Brighton's culture camp. All other chickee huts in the camp face the cooking chickee. "It's built like that so everyone knows who is in that particular camp," Rep. Jones said. "Everybody's accounted for that way."

Brighton and Tampa Tribal Citizens Share Culture Storytelling Lessons about Seminole Life



At the Brighton Reservation's culture camp, Tampa Tribal citizens Bobby Henry, left, and Herbert Jim conduct a Seminole heritage presentation in the Mikasuki and English languages, respectively, for Tribal citizens young and old to understand. The two later held a Q-and-A session regarding the storytelling sessions they conducted, which placed a primary focus on preserving the Seminole culture.

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Brighton/Tampa Tribal Council Rep. Andrew J. Bowers Jr. gives an introduction to the Brighton and Tampa Tribal citizens about the roots of Seminole life in a special presentation.

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Brighton's Lorene Gopher asks a question about the ways of Seminole life at the culture presentation.

Naji Tobias Tampa Tribal seniors Peggy Cubis, left, and Nancy Frank conduct a Seminole culture storytelling presentation in the Mikasuki language at the presentation entitled "The Roots of Seminole Life."

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Brighton's Willie Johns asks a question to Tampa **Tribal presenters Bobby Henry and** Herbert Jim about the proper ways of maintaining the Seminole culture and lifestyle.



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Riders begin bringing in the cattle at the 15th Annual Junior Cypress Cattle Drive on March 26 in Big Cypress.

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Chairman Mitchell Cypress, left, and Eight-Time World Calf Roping Champion Joe Beaver talk about the importance of tradition and keeping history alive.

15th Annual Junior Cypress Cattle Drive in Big Cypress Draws Large Turnout



From left, Trail Bosses Stanlo Johns and Mary Tigertail, President Richard Bowers Jr. and Iris Wall greet riders at the halfway point on the Trail Drive of the 15th Annual Junior Cypress Cattle Drive, which attracted over 400 participants. The Drive was sponsored by the Big Cypress Cattlemen's Association.

BY JUDY WEEKS Freelance Writer

BIG CYPRESS — More than 400 people turned out with their horses, mules, buggies and wagons to participate in the 15th Annual Junior Cypress Cattle Drive on March 26. The event is sponsored annually by the Big Cypress Cattlemen's Association and coordinated by President Richard Bowers Jr., Moses Jumper Jr. and Big Cypress Board Rep. Paul Bowers Sr.

Mary Tigertail and Stanlo Johns shared the position of Honorary Trail Boss for the cattle drive.

The Tigertail family has been involved in cattle ranching in Big Cypress since its inception. Growing up with cattle, Mary took control of her own herd approximately 25 years ago and remains actively involved in their production.

A resident of the Brighton Reservation with an extensive background in the cattle industry, Stanlo Johns was the first Seminole to assume the position of superintendent of the Cattle Program for the Seminole Tribe.

Following a hearty breakfast at the Billie Swamp Safari, the cattle drovers gathered at the end of West Boundary Road to begin the 10-mile journey to the Junior Cypress Entertainment Center and Rodeo Grounds with a herd of long horn cattle.

Officiating at the trail head, Moses Jumper Jr. said, "This trail follows closely the route taken by many of the original Big Cypress cattle men during their semi-annual round up of the herds that "freeranged" the reservation. They spent weeks working their way through thick woods, swamps and cypress heads gathering up the cattle on their cracker horses. Driving the animals into the stock pens, long hours went into sorting, doctoring, branding and separating the ones to be sent to market."

"Fences and other changes have taken place over the years, but the basic principles of cattle ranching are still the same," concluded Jumper. "A lot of hard work goes into round ups and a cowboy's day is never done."

"This annual cattle drive was started in memory of my uncle, Junior Cypress," Chairman Mitchell Cypress said. "Cattle ranching was his business 24 hours a day. When I think of him, I see him on the back of a horse with his hat pulled down, sheltering his eyes

from the sun or driving around the Rez with a pickup truck load of kids, heading for the cow pens or the swimming hole."

The first leg of the cattle drive provided an opportunity for the riders to put their horses to work. The cattle spotted an opening and made a break for the woods. Within seconds the round up was in full swing and before long the herd had been collected.

Reaching the halfway point, the steers were pushed into a holding area for water and rest, while the riders gravitated toward the shade of a tent.

President Richard Bowers Jr. introduced the reigning Seminole Royalty: Jr. Miss Florida Seminole Lorelei Tommie, Miss Florida Seminole Cassandra Jimmie, Eastern Indian Rodeo Queen Jewel Buck and Jr. Miss Rodeo Queen Melanie Perez.

After paying tribute to the Trail Bosses Stanlo Johns and Mary Tigertail, Pres. Bowers continued, "This is our 15 year and we are happy to see so many familiar faces here today." He then recognized a select group of riders who have participated numerous times since the first drive in 1996.

Asking 81-year-old Iris Wall to come forward, Pres. Bowers presented her with a plaque denoting her 15 years of participation. He said, "Iris Wall is a member of a pioneer family that has been ranching at Indian Town for generations. Many of our fathers and grandfathers have helped work the round up on their ranch."

"I am proud to say that I grew up with many of your elders and your first lady chairman, Betty Mae Jumper, was one of my dearest friends," Iris Wall said. "It gives me great pleasure to be here today." A tribute to her sharp mind and wit, she then recited a lengthy poem about the process of aging in a clear, unfaltering voice.

Joining this year's cattle drive was Eight-Time World Calf Roping Champion Joe Beaver, who had come all the way from Texas for the event. He said, "It is my pleasure to be a part of this momentous occasion. I have participated in numerous drives across our country, but I have never been part of such a large group of faithful riders. You can pull anything off for a couple of years, but 15 years is definitely a tradition."

Returning to the trail, the group arrived at the Junior Cypress Arena in time for a delicious barbeque dinner. A great conclusion to a wonderful day on the trail was the evening performance of the Eastern Indian Rodeo Association.



From right, Jr. Miss Florida Seminole Lorelei Tommie and Miss Florida Semi-



nole Cassandra Jimmie watch as President Richard Bowers Jr. presents a plaque to Iris Wall for her participation in all 15 Junior Cypress Cattle Drives.

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Tribal leaders and royalty welcome riders to the 15th Annual Junior Cypress Cattle Drive. From left, Big Cypress Board Rep. Paul Bowers Sr., Jr. Miss Florida Seminole Lorelei Tommie, Chairman Mitchell Cypress, President Richard Bowers Jr., **Miss Florida Seminole** Cassandra Jimmie, Junior Rodeo Queen Melanie Perez and Moses Jumper Jr.

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Co-Trail Boss Stanlo Johns, Big Cypress Board Rep. Paul Bowers Sr., Chairman Mitchell Cypress, President Richard Bowers Jr., and Iris Wall talk about raising cattle in Big Cypress.

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Seminole Police Department Hosts Inaugural Lock-In at Big Cypress Community Center





Family Services Prevention Specialist Fed Millis plays a selection of the Tribe's de facto anthem song 'Seminole Wind' with a group of the Big Cypress Reservation's youth at the inaugural SPD-sponsored lock-in on March 25. The overnight lock-in, which was conceptualized by the Big Cypress Y.O.U.T.H. Committee and assembled by five Tribal departments (Boys & Girls Club, Community Center, Family Services, Seminole Fire-Rescue and SPD), featured a spaghetti dinner, a set of bingo games, a Nintendo Wii competition, a dance segment, a movie watching segment and a talent show. Almost 50 youngsters stayed overnight at the Big Cypress Community Center.

Naii Tobias Big Cypress Tribal youngster Sarah Osceola, left, is being served pizza by fellow Big Cypress Tribal youngster Jason Melton at the lock-in sponsored primarily by SPD.

Hollywood Tribal Youth Enjoy a Week of Fun-Filled Activities for Spring Break



Joey Puente selects a briefcase while playing a round of the video game version of the popular game show 'Deal or No Deal'.

Buster's Entertainment Center for their last day of spring break activities as part of the Seminole Summer Program March 18. The group participated in a week-long schedule of outings and was sponsored by the Hollywood Seminole Recreation Department and Youth Center.

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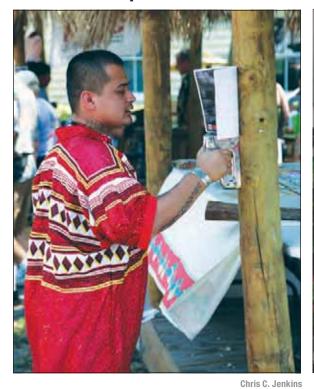
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Tribal citizen Richard Osceola and son Phillip, far left, together with Tribal citizens Frank Huff Jr., upper left, Mary Alice Smith, far right, and Bonita Springs Mayor Ben Nelson for the 12th annual celebration of the founding of Bonita Springs on April 2.



Richard Osceola, third from left, also joined by Mary Alice Smith, far left, Musician Jimmie Van Zant, second from left, and Bonita Springs Mayor Ben Nelson, far right, playfully 'breaking bread' at the Bonita Springs celebration.

More photos from Fort Lauderdale's Centennial Celebration





Tribal Chief Operations Office Intern Stephen Billie prepares Storyteller Ollie Wareham entertains the audience and a rundown of the activities for the centennial celebration.



Crew from the Okalee Indian Village answer audience questions about alligators.

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Chris C. Jenkins Victor Billie, left, demonstrates the intricate details involved in sewing custom Seminole patchwork designs to passing

Seminole Cigarette Launch Debuts at Hard Rock



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Seminole Premium Cigarettes co-owners Joe Dan Osceola, right, and Charles Fuller together celebrating the launch of the new brand at a private event at Bongo's Café in the Seminole Hard Rock Paradise April 7. The Firebird Manufacturing produced brand was officially launched in a southeast regional campaign ceremony last month in South Boston, Va. and are now readily available for purchase.



A customer purchases a pack of the new Seminole Premium Brand Cigarettes at the Seminole Store while at the Hard Rock.





Members of the Okalee Indian Village present a wildlife and alligator show to the dozens in attendance for the centennial celebration.



From left, daughter Randean Osceola and mother Geraldine practice weaving saw grass baskets at a special cultural demonstration vendor booth.



Troy Cantu leads his 1094 pound Brangus steer "Rascal" to a Junior Showmanship Award.

Immokalee's Troy Cantu Awarded Junior Steer Showmanship at Collier County Fair

BY JUDY WEEKS Freelance Writer

IMMOKALEE — Immokalee 4-Her Troy Cantu earned the Junior Showmanship



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Steer Judge Pat Hogue, left, talks with Troy Cantu about his steer and showmanship qualifications.

Award for the Steer Division at the Collier County Fair on March 22.

Troy has been raising 4-H projects for several years and first exhibited in the small animal division of the Seminole 4-H program. Moving up to swine and then steers, he elected to compete in both the Seminole and Collier County Clubs for two years in a row.

Last year, Troy's steer won the 2010 Grand Championship for Collier County and he returned this year to win the Junior Steer Showmanship Award. His project was a 1094 pound Blue Ribbon winning Brangus named Rascal

Steer Judge Pat Hogue of Okeechobee said, "Showmanship is based upon control, proper use of equipment, demeanor, appearance and presentation. Troy Cantu exhibits all of these qualities. As a junior he has made a remarkable beginning.

Troy attends the Big Cypress-based Ahfachkee School, where he is in the fifth grade. His future goals include a career in law enforcement.

Immokalee 4-H Program Assistant Melonie Hamlet said, "Raising a 4-H project takes a great deal of commitment and determination. Troy has shouldered the responsibility of not one, but two projects this year and never faltered. He is doing a terrific job of balancing his school work with outside activities.'

Tribal Teens and Adults Learn Financial Literacy in Series of Seminars Offered in Hollywood

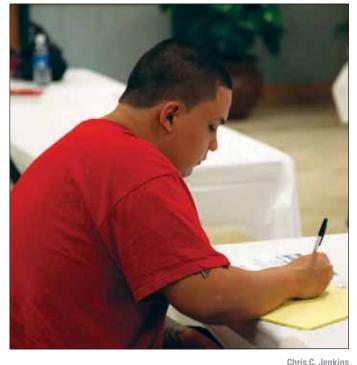


Tribal teens learn about money management and money problem-solving techniques in part three of a new three-part financial literacy seminar/program held at the Tribal Headquarters Auditorium March 26. The program is also available to adults and will rotate to each reservation as part of a three-month series of classes set to repeat beginning on April 30 on the Big Cypress Reservation. The series helps fulfill the Grantor's Trust Financial Literacy requirements. For more information call Rita McCabe at the Brighton Executive Administration Office at 863-763-4128 ext. 15403 or the Office of Trust Management at 954-966-6300 ext. 11432.



noag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah) Tribal member, advises Tribal

teens in attendance about their financial futures.



Jason Dodd completes an exercise on money distribution during the Chris C. Jenkins financial literacy seminar. Stephanie Duckworth, financial literacy advisor and Wampa-

Big Cypress Seniors Play Lounger Ball Games at Monthly Birthday Luncheon



Naji Tobias Big Cypress senior Alan Jumper is on the move as he gets ready to go for his lounger ball target at the March 30 Birthday Luncheon.

Big Cypress Tribal elder Lucille Jumper, who enjoyed her most recent birthday in March, celebrates her time with the seniors as she plays a game of lounger ball.

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Naji Tobias Big Cypress Tribal senior Mable Jim takes a turn at lounger ball during the seniors' monthly birthday luncheon.



the most Big Cypress Seniors Activity Points for the month of

March. She earned a Big Cypress Senior-high 15 points, which

were based on the following activities: walking, bike riding,

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Education

Immokalee Youth Learn About Camp Life During Culture Camp

BY JUDY WEEKS Freelance Writer

IMMOKALEE — Carrying a change of clothes and big smiles, Immokalee youth descended upon the cultural village at the Immokalee Seminole Ranch on the morning of March 24 for a twoday campout that highlighted their spring break from school.

Immokalee Culture Department Manager Geraldine Osceola and her assistants coordinated a series of activities related to the camp life shared by their mothers and grandmothers while they were growing up in the Everglades during the early 20th century.

Beginning with the basics, the youngsters learned how to start and maintain a fire, prepare raw and fresh ingredients and finally cook their dinner. As they worked, their teachers shared stories of their youth and some of the oral histories passed on by their ancestors to explain their heritage.

Fishing, hunting, gardening and gathering of wild food sources were topics of conversation, as well as storage and preservation of supplies. The boys and girls showed a great deal of interest with regard to the gathering and use of natural herbs and medicine plants.

Setting their work aside, the children played games and talked about the kind of toys, sports and activities that entertained past generations.

As night time descended, the campers gathered around the fire and listened to stories and shared their experiences. Nancy Motlow talked about life before the reservation and what it was like growing up at the old camp on the corner of State Road 29, going to school and working in the fields.

Dropping mosquito netting from the rafters of the chickees, the boys and girls crawled into their beds on the platforms and watched the glow of the fire as they drifted off to sleep.



Immokalee Culture Department hosted a campout for the community boys and girls at the village at the Immokalee Seminole Ranch during spring break from school on March 24.

See more photos on page 2B

Hollywood's Kaiya Drake is Named ACSI Spelling **Bee Champion**

BY DERICE LOUIS

With the memory of being eliminated on the first word last year, placing 16th in first grade and nervousness to rattle anyone, Hollywood Christian Academy's third-grader Kaiya Drake came away victorious at the annual 2011 ACSI Spelling Bee.

This year the 2011 ACSI Spelling Bee took place in March and was hosted by The Hollywood Christian Academy. The competition included eight other private schools with competitors ranging from first to fourth grade. Kaiya competed against 25 other students in her grade level.

Kaiya talked about how she prepared for her journey to becoming the third grade ACSI Spelling Bee champion.

"I wrote every word from the spelling list down every night and studied," Kaiya said.

She did not let her nervousness get the best of her and was able to persevere to victory.

"I was nervous when there were only four of us left, I thought I was going to lose, and I was nervous that I was going to mess up on a word," Kaiya said."I was really happy when I won. My mom was so proud of me."

Kudos to Kaiya Drake for a job well done! Her determination and hard work paid off.

Pemayetv Emahakv Charter School Students Learn about their Heritage at Old Johns' Camp

BY JUDY WEEKS **Freelance Writer**

BRIGHTON — Students from the Pemayetv Emahakv Charter School experienced a rare glimpse into the recent past of their culture on April 8 when they took a field trip to the site of the Old Johns' Camp. Located on Brighton Reservation within close proximity of the water tower, it is currently occupied by the residence of Connie Johns Whidden.

Upon their arrival, the boys and girls were greeted by a group of the men and women who once called Johns' Camp their home and eventually grew into the position of leaders of the community and the Seminole Tribe of Florida.

Cultural heritage tells us where we originated and this knowledge gives us strength and purpose to sustain our position in the current generation. We define who we are and our lifestyle and choices are a determining factor in who we will become. In order to underpast

Introducing the speakers, Connie Whidden passed out hand bills with a topographical map of the original camp that included photographs of its founder, Dolly Johns of the Panther Clan, and the extended family who called the Johns' Camp their home. She was known to everyone as Aunt Dolly.

her siblings and all of the numerous children who eventually would make Johns' Camp their home.

Willie Johns explained to the youngsters that their ancestors moved around the state at will. They followed the seasons and lived off the land until encroachment by the settlers began to limit their freedom. He said, "New laws established reservations for us and because of hardship, our folks were forced to come here to live. No one seemed to know who was in control, but we looked toward the Federal Government.'

A student asked why the reservation is called Brighton and Lorene Gopher responded, "There was a white settlement at the intersection of State Road 70 by that name and it was eventually applied to the whole area. Our people called this place Ta-rak-kvl-kv, which means 'Where the swamp cabbage are'. We identified a lot of the places by our reason for stopping there.'

'We were dirt poor, but we never went stand the future, it is important to know the hungry," said Timmy Johns. "We came here from the Okeechobee area when I was about four and moved to the site of Howard Micco's camp. They set up a little chickee craft shop here and Aunt Dolly would walk down to work every day. Eventually, she decided to save herself the walk and just moved."

Stanlo Johns recalled his family living around Blue Fields and moving a lot until As the Camp's current occupant, a short the late 40's or early 50's when he arrived at biography of Whidden established the Camp Brighton. The descendants of the Johns' girls, atmosphere for the young audience. She was Dolly, Lillian, Emma, Lois and Arlene, all Each of the residents took turns recalling



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Connie Whidden, center, talks to a group of Pemayetv Emahakv Charter School students during the April 8 field trip to the Old Johns' Camp. "Many Brighton adults called Johns' Camp their home when they were growing up. The original camp is gone and I now have my house on its site, but the Johns' Camp will live forever in the legacy of its descendants," Whidden said.



Elgin Jumper displays various forms of art that include portrait, landscape, still life, action scenes and contemporary to the youth of the Naples Community.

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Naples Youth Learn to Express Themselves Through Art Guided by Artist Elgin Jumper

BY JUDY WEEKS Freelance Writer

NAPLES — Seminole artist Elgin Jumper has been sharing the wonderful world of artistic expression by answering requests to tour various reservation libraries and community centers with a program that centers upon individual involvement.

Naples Community youth gathered at the Juanita Osceola Center on the afternoon of March 18 for their opportunity to learn how to transform a blank canvas into a beautiful explosion of color depicting one of Florida's glorious sunsets

Captivating his audience, Jumper provided a brief glimpse into the history of art. His listeners learned that for thousands of years, mankind recorded their experiences through various art forms prior to the advent of written languages. Due to their creativity with the raw materials at hand, these early artists have provided us with a valuable insight into their culture.

"Our ancestors have passed our culture down to the present generation by oral history, spiritual and artistic example and it is our responsibility to continue their legacy, said Jumper. "Art forms have undergone an evolution over time, but the basic concepts remain the same as we express ourselves through many media, such as story telling, poetry, music, painting, sketching, sculpting, basketry, carving or sewing."

Experimenting with the paint and brushes the young artists attempted to duplicate an Everglades scene as they developed their own technique for applying color and texture to the canvas. Regardless of age, the result was extraordinary and the excitement in the room was contagious.

Displaying their finished projects, the group was anxious to share their pictures with their families and everyone wanted to know when they would be able to have another lesson in painting.

See more photos on page 2B

Native Learning Center's Winter Symposium Highlights Native Country Issues



Left photo, guest lecturer and Native Attorney Jack Duran, of California, discusses motivation and team building practices.

Photo below, Human Resources Department staff members answer questions and offer give-a-ways for visiting guests during the first day of the NLC Winter Symposium.

Chris C. Jenkins



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NAISEF From page 1A

For the Ahfachkee students in this year's NAISEF competition - Leauna Billie was the other national entrant – it took quite a bit of fine-tuning and revisions to get their science project to national level status.

Prior to getting cleared to compete in the national competition, the students had to go through an extensive screening process, which started last September – the time they began working on their science projects - and continued through last November's local science fair.

From more than 40 science exhibit entries at the Ahfachkee School's fair - which was held on Nov. 16, 2010 - only three were selected to move on to the next level of competition.

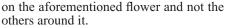
"The science projects had to be very meticulous, thought-provoking and inspiring," Blount 'We had to select based on facts and presentasaid. ' tion."

For Pratt, his project was inspired by a group of bees that were buzzing around a blue-colored flower at his home one sunny September afternoon. He said he was wondering why the bees were keying in



Vicki Pratt

Taylor Pratt is all smiles as he relishes in the moment with his "Anthocyanins" entry at the March 24-26 NAISEF competition in New Mexico.



'I thought it [the blue flower] had to do with the color," Pratt said. "It could have also been the pigment that's in the flower. I notice when the bees come around, they don't go to the flowers that are colored differently.'

With that information readily available to him, Pratt later came up with a problem, which keyed in on whether alkaline or acidic PH would extract bees more effectively.

Pratt then came up with a hypothesis. "Bees are attracted to anthocyanins more with alkaline PH," Pratt determined as his hypothesis.

Pratt's mother and science aide, Vicki Pratt, was there to assist him with the exhibit's design and layout, which featured the experiment's hypothesis and conclusion.

"It was a project that needed some re-

search," Vicki Pratt said. "He [Taylor] had to figure out what direction he wanted to go in. He had to prepare a hypothesis in the form of a question."

The project, which took about a week to assemble, ended up with a surprise that Taylor wasn't expecting.

"The answer was acidic PH," Pratt said. "I turned out to be wrong on that one. "The acidic part of the flower was red and the bees flew to it often, but I know that bees are blind to red. Maybe they just looked at the blue part of the flower and found it attractive.3

All of that impressed the national science panel, so much so that Pratt would earn the two specialty awards - primarily due to his extensive research on the project and his persistency.

Pratt credited his teachers for the accomplishment

"My math and science teachers taught me how to do the work and find my answer," Pratt said. "I learned how to investigate a problem and solve it.

Billie, who showed off a science project entitled "Vanishing Stains," said she was happy for how the Ahfachkee School represented itself in its first try at the nationals.

"It just shows that Ahfachkee could go places and we could succeed in anything we put our minds to do," Billie said. "If you have a question

Atilano Nunez



Vicki Pratt

Here's Mika Lopez with her entry "Roots Up," which placed second overall in the middle school's Plant Science category.

> and you want to figure something out, just keep working on it and keep asking that same questions when you go through you're project. You may have to go through many stops and mistakes, but keep trying until you find what you want."

> Blount, a first-year science teacher at the Ahfachkee School, credited former principal Walter Swan for laying down the foundation for the students to compete on the national level.

> "He [Mr. Swan] saw a lot of potential and quality in our students," Blount said. "It just needed to be driven in our students.

> Blount said he's hoping for more students to qualify for next year's competition, which is tentatively slated for March 2012.

> They drew inspiration from other students in this year's competition so they can improve for next year," Blount said. "It turned out to be a positive reinforcement experience for them. We're expecting to get better next time.'

> NAISEF was created in 1988 through an American Indian Science and Engineering Society partnership with the three established American Indian science fair initiative in North Dakota, Wisconsin and New Mexico, according to the AISES website. The annual NAISEF competition, hosted by AISES, is a learning endeavor for American Indian students that desire to apply their knowledge in the fields of science, math and engineering through the use of hands-on research.

For more information, go to www.aises.org.

HERITAGE

how the Camp grew in size and became a common meeting place for Seminoles from all over Florida as they traveled from one reservation or job to another. There was a chickee with a platform used by guests from Hollywood, Big Cypress and the Trail area

a drink of coffee, some clabbered milk, a hot meal or a place to spend the night," said Willie Johns. "We had a dairy cow, chickens, pigs and a big garden that kept food on the table. This hammock was my stomping ground where I walked, ran and rode horses until I was 17 years old."

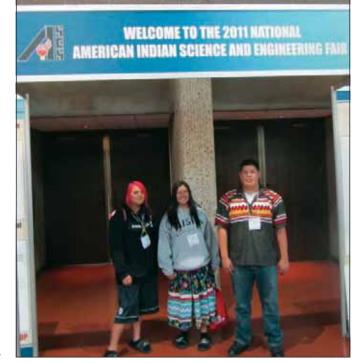
with obesity and diabetes," said Timmy Johns. "We lived life naturally in chickees and the first house was built out of cowpen lumber with only three sides and tar paper. If you could go back to our days, you would appreciate what you have now. It's a good

said Edna Johns McDuffy. "When they say that it takes a village to raise a child, they were talking about Aunt Dolly. We all lived here in chickees and learned by watching and example. We had platforms and tables, but no chairs. There was no indoor plumbing and we bathed and washed our clothes in the pond across the

Talk about the pond brought back many memories for the elders. As a small child, Norman Johns was bit by a snake and had to be taken to the hospital where he saw his first doctor, which he feared more than the snake bite.



Ahfachkee freshman Leauna Billie shows off her "Vanishing Points" science exhibit at the NAISEF competition.



Vicki Pratt From left, NAISEF entrants Leauna Billie, Taylor Pratt and Mika Lopez at the March 24-26 NAISEF competition in New Mexico.

The pond served as a bath tub, swimming hole, water for the livestock and source of fish, turtles and frogs. Clothing was washed in its waters and then hung on the fence to dry. A main fundamental of the Camp, it no longer exists due to improved drainage on the reservation. "When we were growing up, the school system would not

accept Indians. The Reservation finally set up the old school house known as the Brighton Day School, however we needed more than it could offer." related Stanlo Johns. "In order to receive an education, the children were sent to boarding schools in North Carolina until they finally allowed us to be enrolled in Okeechobee."

Whidden recalled that there were no paved roads or electricty when she started school in Okeechobee. Because of school districts and county lines, Brighton children were forced to attend the school in Moore Haven for a while and then returned to Okeechobee. Bus stops were at a great distance from the Camp.

"The Camp managed to have only one old car and education was so important that we drove it to the bus stop, where it sat all day long until we returned," said Whidden. "Families recognized the need for education to make a better life for their children and that hasn't changed. You need to stay in school, go to college and come back to become our leaders.'

PECS Administrative Assistant Michele Thomas said, "My family grew up in this camp with no electricity, indoor plumbing or alarm clock, but they knew the importance of education and managed to get to school on time. They set the bar high. Many of them have sought higher education or jobs that would benefit their community. It is your responsibility to carry on their goals for a better future for each generation.'



Cartaya Billie, left, and Jillian Rodriguez check out their mattresses during an afternoon rest period at the Immokalee Culture Camp on March 24.

From page 1B

This became a gathering place where you could always get

'Our health was much better then and we didn't have to deal life today, but it was a really good, healthy life then, too."

'The children who grew up here were fighting the odds," road.

More photos from Elgin Jumper's visit to Naples



Traditional Arts Specialist Jessica Osceola helps 3-year-old O.B. Osceola III steady his paint brush as he creates a tree during the art lesson from Seminole artist Elgin Jumper on March 18 at the Juanita Osceola Center.

More photos from Pemayetv Emahakv students participating in the Chairman's Initiative



Chris C. Jenkins Martina Herrera reads part of a personal letter written to the first Lady Michelle Obama.



Chris C. Jenkins



Naples Community youth display the pictures they painted during their first session with Seminole artist Elgin Jumper.



Tribal students get interviewed by Seminole Media Productions about their participation in the Chairman's initiative.

From left, seventh grade students Keyana Nelson and Brydgett Koontz talk about the gifts to be included in a special package to be sent to President Obama's daughters.



Tribal teens from Pemayetv Emahakv pack specially made Seminole clothing and crafts to be sent to the Obama family.

Brighton Tribal Board Rep. Johnnie Jones Sr. Speaks to Pemayetv Emahakv Charter School Students





Naii Tobias

Middle school students from the Brighton Reservation's Pemayetv Emahakv Charter School were treated to an early morning speaking engagement from special guest Brighton Tribal Board Rep. Johnnie Jones Sr. on March 23. Also known as the school's Culture Day, which happens one day out of each grad-middle school students about his experiences with Tribal medicine at the March 23 culture ing period, Jones gave advice to the students on how to effectively learn about the Tribal culture in the area of medicine. Following the hour-long speaking engagement at the charter school's culture classroom, Jones took the students on a day-long field trip to learn more about medicine.

speaking engagement in Brighton.

Pemayetv Emahakv Students Practice Cooking, Carving and Crafts at Culture Class



From left, Brooke Thornton and Sunni Bearden cook as Culture Director Lorene Gopher looks on during Pemayetv Emahakv Charter School's culture class on March 29.



Rodney Rise

More photos from the Native Learning Center's Winter Symposium in Hollywood



Chris C. Jenkins

From left, Tribal citizens and symposium attendees Herbert Jim and Jane Billie work together on a team activity to measure performance and effective team building as part of several classes offered at the Native Learning Center's Winter Symposium held beachside at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Hollywood March 15-17. The three-day event offered Natives and guests insight and training on topics including housing development, Seminole culture, grants, Tribal museums and social media.



about the curriculum of the Brighton Reservation's

Pemayetv Emahakv Charter School.



The girls' cooking class makes frybread in front of the cooking chickee.

Layne Thomas sands his turtle during the class.

Rodney Rise Rudy Juarez works on carving a canoe out of wood.

Chris C. Jenkins Symposium attendee Tara Pretends Eagle-Weber asks

Chris C. Jenkins

Native Learning Center Deputy Director Kyle Doney sits in on a presentation by Housing and Urban Development (HUD) personnel on procurement training and contract administration.



Instructor Jane Wood, left, talks about the strategies involved in positive management of work staff with Native symposium guests.

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Pemayetv Emahakv Charter School Students Get Pumped Up for FCAT at Pep Rally





A euphoric feeling overtakes the halls of the Pemayetv Emahakv Charter School in Brighton as students from All of the Pemayetv Emahakv Charter School students cheer aloud in unison as they show off their excitement at the FCAT Pep Rally in pre-kindergarten through the second grade line up on opposite ends to cheer for their older counterparts at the Brighton. April 7 FCAT Pep Rally.



Naji Tobias The kindergarten students of Brighton's Pemayetv Emahakv Charter School read a poem about being "Eggcellent" and gave out candies, Easter eggs with

"Smarties," to the test-taking students from Grades 3-8.

Dressed in a '70s-style wig and tight jeans as a humorous surprise, Pemayetv Emahakv Charter School day porter Harry Tewksbury shares some words of advice for the third- through eighth-grade students.

To conclude the pep rally, held in the Pemayetv Emahakv Charter School's cafeteria, Principal Russel Brown offers some words of encouragement to the test-takers. Students from Grades 3-8 were scheduled to take their FCAT exams April 11-21.



Naii Tobias

Pemayetv Emahakv Charter School reading coach Pam Hudson energizes the students as they get geared up for the pep rally.

Led by Mrs. Melody Brown, her second grade students of Brighton's Pemayetv Emahakv Charter School perform a cheering and enouragement segment for their third- through eighth-grade peers, saying that "We Believe in You."

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The first graders present an inspirational poem at the April 7 FCAT Pep Rally.

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Classroom

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School-wide

(3.0-3.4) Brian Bishop

Chloe Chalfant

Bly Davidson

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Jalynn Jones

(3.5-3.9)

Dyami Nelson

Chandler Pearce

Joseph Osceola

Camryn Thomas

(Straight A's)

Rudy Juarez

Jaden Puente

Martina Herrera

Dezmon Shore

Keyana Nelson

Jermaine Bennett

Kaylen Buster

Rumor Juarez

Diamond Shore

Aiyana Tommie

Middle School Effort

Middle School Citizenship

Layne Thomas

1st- Chloe Chalfant

2nd-Aiyana Tommie

3rd- Camryn Thomas

1st-Rudy Juarez & Chloe Chalfant

2nd- Camryn Thomas & Aiyana

3rd- Joseph Osceola & Brady

Tropicana Speech Contest

Fifth Grade Bronze Award

Fifth Grade Silver Award

Fifth Grade Gold Award

Submitted by Michele Thomas

Pemayetv Emahakv Charter School students take home PE Central Third grade students proudly display their silver awards they received for Third graders are happy to show off their citizenship awards during the ceremony. Challenge awards during the third nine weeks ceremony on April 1. making all A's and B's during the third nine weeks.

Pemayetv Emahakv Charter School Students Receive Awards at Third Nine Weeks Ceremony

Pemayetv Emahakv **Charter School Awards Recipients – 3rd nine weeks**

Kindergarten Effort

Austin Thomas Ysla Meras Javaris Johnson Jace Brown Lillian Garcia Cheyenne Lara Gabe Williams Shylynn Testerman Jason Haydon Tanier Gore Mariana Mora Lara Giselle Micco Caitlyn Olivarez Lucius Billie David King Deagen Osceola Pearcetin Trammell

Kindergarten Citizenship

Cheyenne Lara Lillian Garcia Dakota Fish Gabe Williams Leviticus Roberts Giselle Micco Mariana Mora Lara Shylynn Testerman Dwayne Billie Lupe Mora Lara Melina Steve

Kindergarten Improvement

Dvlan Johns Valentine Martinez Dakota Fish Iann Jimmie Shylynn Testerman Jason Haydon Sir Marcus Osceola Creek Gopher Mariana Mora Lara Gabe Williams Victor Parrilla Jrayko Billie Terald Garner Makya King Derrick Smith

First Grade Effort

Tadan Santiago Mariah Garner Ta-fv Harris Kenai Billie Jason Webber Leilani Burton Alice Osceola Elle Thomas Valek Martinez Lija Gore Jaime Smith Tammy Martinez Pherian Baker

Aujua Williams Ryanna Osceola Tehya Howard Kiowa Garcia Kalyn Hammil

Second Grade Effort

Jahbahn Arnold Davin Carrillo Melinda Gentry Alyssa Gonzalez Ruby Osceola Todd Pierce John Beck Destiny Elliott Caylie Huff Hyatt Pearce Daven Buck Jessie Webber

Second Grade Citizenship

Davin Carrillo Alyssa Gonzalez Ruby Osceola Todd Pierce Hunter Howard John Beck Ramone Baker Aubee Billie Haylie Huff Tanner Shore Heith Lawrence

Second Grade Improvement

Jahbahn Arnold Alyssa Gonzalez Todd Pierce Dalence Carrillo Laila Bennett Hunter Howard Jaylen Baker Morgan Yates Norman Osceola

Third Grade Effort

Edward Gaucin John Gore **Robert Harris** Madisyn Osceola Alex Valdes Luzana Venzor Jathan Tommie Sheldon Garcia Aleah Turtle Jenna Brown Nyah Davidson Silas Madrigal Tavis Jumper Tucker Johns Kamani Smith Kaleb Doctor

Kai Osceola Caillou Smith Mallorie Thomas

Third Grade Bronze Award

<u>(3.0-3.4)</u> Edward Gaucin John Gore Malcolm Jones Drake Lawrence Sage Motlow Madisyn Osceola Ozzy Ösceola Brienna Brockman Lance Howard Tucker Johns Tavis Jumper Burgundy Pierce Araya Youngblood Jacee Jumper Justina Martinez Mallorie Thomas Dante Thomas

Third Grade Silver Award

(3.5–3.9) Katie Beck Nyah Davidson Eecho Billie Kaleb Doctor

Third Grade Gold Award (4.0)

Shyla Gopher Jenna Brown Silas Madrigal Kamani Smith Aubrey Pearce

Fourth Grade Effort

Aidan Tommie Alicia Fudge Raeley Matthews Tyler Howard Krysta Burton Aleina Micco Billy Yates Lucas Osceola

Fourth Grade Citizenship

Raeley Matthews Oscar Yates Krysta Burton Kano Puente Aleina Micco BayRay Boromei

Tropicana Speech Contest Classroom

1st-Deven Tedders & Krysta Burton 2nd-Raelev Matthews & Lucas Osceola 3rd-Gage Riddle & Bay Ray Boromei

Fifth Grade Effort

Submitted by Michele Thomas

Brian Bishop Chloe Chalfant Bly Davidson Cheyenne Fish Marquis Fudge Morgan King Isaac Osceola **Chandler** Pearce Brady Rhodes Cyrus Smedley Layne Thomas Brooke Thornton Aiyana Tommie **Ivess Baker** Jalynn Jones Rudy Juarez Dyami Nelson Joseph Osceola Camryn Thomas Sunni Bearden **Richard Harris** Rylee Smith

Fifth Grade Citizenship

Brian Bishop Chloe Chalfant Bly Davidson Cheyenne Fish Marquis Fudge Morgan King Isaac Osceola **Chandler** Pearce Brady Rhodes Cyrus Smedley Layne Thomas Brooke Thornton Aiyana Tommie Logan Ortiz Krystal Toneges Ruby Buster Rudy Juarez Joseph Osceola Camryn Thomas

Tropicana Speech Contest

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Tropicana Speech Contest

Classroom 1st-Ruben Burgess & Trevor Thomas 2nd- Deliah Carrillo & Odessa King 3rd- Crysten Smith & Andrew Dobbs

Tropicana Speech Contest

School-wide 1st-Andrew Dobbs 2nd- Odessa King 3rd- Trevor Thomas

Middle School Bronze Award

<u>(3.0-3.4)</u> Odessa King Diamond Shore Ruben Burgess Martina Herrera Crysten Smith Boyd Brown Elijah Finney Jaron Johns Darlah Cypress Tatiana Herrera

Middle School Silver Award

<u>(3.5-3.9)</u> Sean Osceola Jaden Puente Keyana Nelson Kailin Brown Rumor Juarez Melany Williams Braceton King

Middle School Gold Award

(Straight A's) Andrew Dobbs Trevor Thomas Dylan Sheffield Zachary Hudson Layton Thomas

First Grade Citizenship

Dathen Garcia Jayton Baker Kyra Toneges LaShae King Jahcole Arnold Corey Jumper Diego Meras Karlyne Urbina Joss Youngblood Tayla Burns Kayven Emley

First Grade Improvement

Caleb Burton Jaytron Baker Kobe Jimmie



Aubrey Pearce Jacee Jumper Dante Thomas Waylynn Bennett Justina Martinez

Third Grade Citizenship

Blake Baker Katie Beck Shyla Gopher Malcolm Jones Sage Motlow Ozzy Osceola Luzana Venzor Jathan Tommie Myron Billie Araya Youngblood Lance Howard Brienna Brockman **Burgundy Pierce** Jarrett Bert Eecho Billie Anthony Gentry Donovan Harris

Tropicana Speech Contest School-wide

1st-Deven Tedders 2nd-Raeley Matthews 3rd- Krysta Burton

Fourth Grade Bronze Award (3.0-3.4)

Deven Tedders Aidan Tommie Alyke Baker

Fourth Grade Silver Award (3.5-3.9) Kano Puente Aleina Micco

Fourth Grade Gold Award (Straight A'S -4.0) Raeley Matthews

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Ahfachkee School Students Earn Academic Honors at End-of-Third-Nine-Weeks Awards Ceremony

AHFACHKEE SCHOOL'S THIRD QUARTER ACADEMIC AWARD RECIPIENTS

Chairman's Award (4.0 GPA) 1. Harmony Cypress

President's Award (3.5 - 3.9 GPA)

1. Chelsey Alvarado 2. Jonah Ålvarado 3. Nicholus Andrews 4. Athena Bert 5. Caleb Billie 6. GraySun Billie 7. Sontino Billie 8. Elise Brown 9. Leviticus Buster 10. Quentin Charging Cloud 11. Elijiah Cook 12. Destiny Cypress 13. Mikiyela Cypress 14. Ko'Oshee Henry 15. Janet Mata 16. Alyssa Osceola 17. Cale Osceola 18. Charlie Osceola 19. Daleen Osceola 20. Daylon Osceola 21. Leo Osceola-Onco 22. Evanne Pratt 23. Ryanne Pratt 24. Gregorio Reynosa 25. Amaya Solano 26. Tequesta Tiger 27. Chyler Villarreal 28. AnnaBelle WhiteShield

Councilman's Award (3.0 - 3.49)

1. Terri Baker 2. Dillion Ball 3. Arnold Billie 4. Carlee Billie 5. Eyanna Billie 6. Leauna Billie 7. Richard Billie 8. Sabre' Billie 9. Talia Billie 10. Thomlynn Billie 11. Hermione Calderon 12. Dasani Cypress 13. Les Gopher 14. Craig Huckabee 15. Janessa Jones 16. K'ahna Jumper 17. Kylen Jumper 18. Brandi Osceola 19. Kaitlin Osceola 20. Jose Perez 21. Celia Reynosa 21. John Robbins 22. Liberty Robbins 23. Mariah Smith 24. Willie Smith 25. Savannah Tiger 26. Chynna Villarreal 27. Anthony Wells 28. Reagan Whitecloud

Perfect Attendance - Pre-K through 6th Grade

1. Dillion Ball 2. Elisah Billie 3. Eyanna Billie 4. GraySun Billie 5. Richard Billie 6. Sontino Billie 7. Harmony Cypress 8. Peggy Sue Cypress 9. Kylen Jumper 10. Alyssa Osceola 11. Brandi Osceola 12. Charlie Osceola 13. Madasyn Osceola 14. Amaya Solano 15. Xzavier Solano 16. Chyler Villarreal

"Almost There" Perfect Attendance – Grades 7-12 1. Sabre Billie 2. Bradley Osceola

CULTURE AWARDS

PRE-KINDERGARTEN

Teacher: Eva Russell Students: 1. Casey Ball 2. Aaliyah Billie 3. Ezekiel Billie 4. Nayana Shee Billie 5. Jody Cabral, Jr. 6. Peggy Sue Cypress 7. Phoenix Kimble 8. Dyami Koenes 9. Adam MacElroy, Jr. 10. Madasyn Osceola 11. Niya Osceola 12. Tristen Osceola 13. Sarah Robbins 14. Johnnie Sue Russell 15. Tony "TC" Sanchez 16. Micah Stockton 17. Kadin Tommie 18. Kaley Zepeda

KINDERGARTEN

Teacher: Eva Russell Students: 1. Anthony Avalos 2. Mauro Avalos 3. Cyiah Avila 4. Dayne Billie 5. Keaton Billie 6. Lazzlow Billie 7. Ohitika Billie 8. Alisa Brooks 9. Evol Buck 10. Akira Cabral 11. Ja'vian Cypress 12. Jaylee Cypress 13. Chanon Frye 14. Keithana Ónco 15. Miguel Reynosa 16. Grace Robbins 17. Andrea Ryland 18. Xzavier Solano 19. Kassim Stockton, Jr.

FIRST GRADE **Teacher: Wanda Billie**

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SECOND GRADE

Teacher: Wanda Billie Students: 1. Dillion Ball 2. Hermoine Calderon 3. Elijiah Cook 4. Precious Jimmie 5. Brandi Osceola 6. Charlie Osceola 7. Leo- Osceola-Onco 8. Jose Perez 9. Gregario Reynosa 10. Liberty Robbins 11. Willie Smith 12. Amaya Solano

THIRD GRADE

Teacher: Brian Tommie Students: 1. Carlee Billie 2. Red Heart Billie 3. Jalycia Billie-Valdez 4. Brianna Bowers 5. Elisa Brown 6. Mikiyela Cypress 7. Charli Frye 8. Geneva Garcia 9. Ricardo Garza 10. Leilani Gopher 11. Craig Huckabee 12. Reginald Ling 13. Thoya Robbins 14. Alena Stockton 15. Nigel Wells

FOURTH GRADE

Teacher: Mary Jene Koenes Students: 1. Issiah Alvarado 2. Eliza Billie 3. Destiny Cypress 4. Mya Cypress 5. Evanne Pratt 6. Celia Reynosa

FIFTH GRADE

Teacher: Mary Jene Koenes Students: 1. Alyssa Burnett-Osceola 2. Troy Cantu 3. Dayra Koenes



Naji Tobias

Harmony Cypress, right, was announced by Principal Grant Richardson as the Ahfachkee School's only Chairman's Honor Roll recipient for the third quarter, posting a 4.0 grade point average!

SIXTH GRADE

Teacher: Jeannette Cypress Students: 1. Jonah Alvarado 2. Roderick Bert 3. Corbin Billie 4. Dasani Cypress 5. Uriah Waggerby

HIGH SCHOOL - LEVEL I

Teacher: Danielle Jumper-Frye Students: 1. Levi Billie 2. Quenton Cypress 3. Savannah Tiger

4. Reagan Whitecloud

HIGH SCHOOL – LEVEL 2

Teacher: Danielle Jumper-Frye Students: 1. RickyJoe Alumbaugh 2. Taylor Fulton 3. Bradley Osceola 4. Tequesta Osceola 5. Danni Jae Tommie

TRIBAL ARTS Teacher: Mary Jene Koenes Student: Taylor

Fulton

Right photo, a group of students from Grades 7-12 earn **Councilman's Honor** Roll recognition at the End-of-Third-Nine-Weeks Awards Ceremony at the Ahfachkee on April 8.



Ahfachkee School principal Grant Richardson, left, presents Bradley Osceola, center, and Tequesta Tiger, right, with their third quarter Warrior Passes for making the President's Honor Roll at the April 8 academic awards ceremony.



Naji Tobias

Exuberance exists with the students from pre-kindergarten through the second grade as they were called up to receive their perfect attendance honors.



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Ahfachkee's pre-kindergarten students receive progress awards at the End-of-Third-Nine-Weeks Awards Ceremony on April 8.



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Health

Team Seminole Joins the Fight Against Cancer in Relay for Life in Immokalee



Judv Weeks

Members of Team Seminole took turns taking laps around the Relay for Life Track in Immokalee on April 1 and 2 and manning their booth in support of cancer research.



Submitted by Edna McDuffie

Team Seminole participated in the Relay for Life of Clewiston on March 26 at the Clewiston High School. Under the sponsorship of Big Cypress Councilman, Seminole Tribe of Florida, the team was very proud to be a part of this event to help the American Cancer Society in making a difference in the fight against cancer and helping to make sure cancer never steals another life.

BY JUDY WEEKS Freelance Reporter

IMMOKALEE Team Seminole pledged their support to the American Cancer Society at the Rock-n'-Relay for Life Walk at the Immokalee High School Athletic Track on April 1 and 2.

Composed of Tribal members and employees, Team Seminole was one of 12 organizations that made a commitment to fight against cancer and support its survivors.

"Cancer isn't prejudice and doesn't play favorites," Immokalee Liaison Elaine Aguilar said.

"None of us can afford to ignore this dreadful disease, which strikes at random without warning. It is your responsibility to yourself and your family to have preventive checkups and seek medical attention for abnormal growths, wounds or bodily functions.," she continued. "By heeding the warning signs, it is frequently possible to stop this killer in its tracks."

Opening ceremonies included the Immokalee High School Color Guard and the Survivors Lap. Each of the teams manned booths, which lined the track offering valuable information, nourishing snacks and fundraiser concessions.

Team Seminole donned yellow T-shirts and took turns carrying the spirit stick around the track in recognition of pledges to the American Cancer Society. Games, contests and relays were accompanied by a local radio disk jockey to provide activities throughout the evening.

Fundraising activities included luminaries, concession booths, donations and pledges. The proceeds are used to assist victims in their fight against the disease and support valuable research to develop treatments and a cure.



Team Seminole gathers at the Sun-N-Fun Lagoon Water Park in Naples to walk in support of Shy's Team in the fight against Cystic Fibrosis on April 9.

Team Seminole Takes Great Strides in Naples in the Fight Against Cystic Fibrosis

BY JUDY WEEKS Freelance Reporter

NAPLES — Taking steps toward a cure for Cystic Fibrosis, Team Seminole joined 15 other organizations at the Sun-N-Fun Lagoon Water Park in Naples on the morning of April 9.

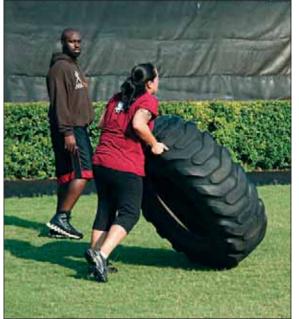
Participants in the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation (CFF) fundraiser represented Collier, Lee, Charlotte and Hendry counties with a generous addition of local tourists who were eager to lend their support. Seminole Walk Coordinator Edna McDuffie includes this important event on her annual schedule of charitable foundation walks

Seminole Tribal Descendent Shyanna Marie Escobar joined thousands of other patients fighting a daily battle for survival against this debilitating disease. Shy's Team of Immokalee community members, family and friends officially formed six years ago and with the support of Team Seminole, they continue to make a contribution to the effort for a cure.

As a strong willed, determined 9-year-old, Shyanna has been cheating death since infancy and continues to survive through the advances of the medical programs supported by the CFF. Every day is a struggle for her to achieve a lifestyle that most people take for granted. She attends public school and participates in community activities despite a feeding tube for nutrients, antibiotics and medications.

'Shyanna doesn't know how to say 'I can't' and greets every day with a smile," Immokalee Health Nutritionist Charlotte Porcaro said. "Her winning personality and generosity are an inspiration to others."

Hollywood Fitness Department Promotes Health Through Weekly Workout Classes



as part of her training.





From left, Tribal citizens Brande Clay and Melissa De Mayo push fitness sleds as part of their hour-long workout in the 'All-in Fitness Challenge' class April 12 at the Hollywood Reservation Fitness Studio. The weekly class is sponsored through the Tribal Fitness Department featuring trainers Jay Garland, Billy Marks Fitness Department Trainer Jay Garland, left, encourages and Dina Dolan and focuses on a variety of high-impact, total body fitness routines including tire flipping, Tribal citizen Brande Clay who is hard at work flipping a tire sprints, abdominal work and kickboxing. For more information call: (954) 931-2737, (954) 275-7198 or (863) 697-0224

Fitness Department Trainer Dina Dolan, center, leads Tribal citizens in abs exercises.

HURRICANE SEASON PREPAREDNESS

Chris C. Jenkins

Mosquito Control Program Helps Communities Prepare for Hurricane and Mosquito Seasons

BY PATRICK PECK

With warmer days, more rain and recent forecast predicting another active hurricane season, the start of mosquito season is right on our door steps. We may well be witness to another year plagued by Arboviral Encephalitides such as Western Equine Encephalitis, West Nile virus, and St. Louis encephalitis not to mention Dengue fever. The just mentioned mosquito borne diseases are endemic to Florida and contributed in 2010 to significant illnesses and even death in some areas of Florida.

For your personal protection, the wearing of an effective mosquito repellent on potentially exposed portions of the body remains the best solution. Staying indoors or wearing long pants and sleeves is also an option when possible. For individuals with outdoor roaming pets, brush their coats with your hands before they enter your home as they may be harboring mosquitoes.

Mosquitoes go through four life stages: eggs, larvae, pupae and adulthood. There are dozens of mosquito species residing in Florida. They typically fall under two categories: flood water mosquitoes and standing water mosquitoes. Their ultimate survival and ability to lay their eggs and hatch depends on the presence of flood waters or availability of standing water.

Considering that our reservations mostly sit or are surrounded by low lying, flat and often wet areas, one can envision the extent of the problem. It is said that between 0.7 and 1.3 million eggs can be present per acre. Yes- per acre. With those astounding numbers, these blood sucking insects can certainly wreak havoc. Then there is the problem of containers filled with water around the home. This also can also contribute significantly to the overall mosquito population.

In summary, the flooding of lands and containers caused by active rain fall, tropical storms and hurricanes present the ideal breeding mechanism for both types of mosquitoes. Like the mosquito life cycle, we Floridians must also endure a seasonal cycle when the water eventually drains and cooler and shorter days prevail which eventually halts mosquito breeding (at least temporarily).

The mosquito control program has its hands full and counts on the good graces of residents to drain vases, cans, pet dishes, tires in order to control the mosquito population in and around homes. For large or uninhabited water prone areas, the Tribe's mosquito control program remains actively engaged in terms of surveillance, monitoring and control. For personalized service or if the mosquito problem around your home becomes unmanageable, please do not hesitate to seek the Tribe's mosquito control program at 561-371-5643.

Tampa Seminole Pathways Participants Celebrate Their Weight Loss Success



Tampa Seminole Pathways Program Results

First place Pathways points winner: April Simmons Pathways over 100 points: Nancy Frank, Gladys Guzman, Peggy Cubis Weight loss challenge winner: Nancy Frank Other weight loss winners: Mayra Simmons, Tina Smith, Linda O. Henry

Ryan Watson

From left, Tampa nutritionist Korin Deitch, Tribal members Tina Smith, April Simmons, Mayra Simmons, Nancy Frank, Linda O. Henry and Peggy Cubis celebrate their achievements in the Seminole Pathways program with a luncheon in the Tampa Elder Affairs building on March 22 hosted by the Tampa Health/Nutrition Department.

Learn Information About Your New Health Plan Card And Book

BY CONNIE WHIDDEN Health Director

A new Health Plan card and Health Plan book were mailed to you in January 2011. If you did not receive this mailing please contact the Patient Services Coordinator at one of the Seminole clinics so that a new card and book can be given to you. It is very important that you show your new card to medical and dental providers and to the pharmacy beginning February 1, 2011.

On February 1, 2011 we began using a new company to manage your prescription drug benefit called Express Scripts. Your new card contains the Express Scripts logo along with other information that the pharmacy needs in order to fill your prescriptions. It is important that you show your new Health Plan card at the pharmacy when getting prescriptions filled beginning February 1, 2011. If you do not show your new card at the pharmacy, the pharmacy will not be able to process your prescription.

In addition, beginning January 1, 2011, there were changes to your Health Plan book. Some of the changes to read over include:

Children's Center for Diagnostics & Therapy contact information was added (see inside cover of Book)

Outpatient services for Mental Health, Alcoholism, Drug Abuse, and other Behavioral Health Treatment (page 10)

Pediatric (birth to 21 years of age) Physical, Speech, and Occupational Therapy (page 10)

- Eyewear benefit increased (page 10)
- Smoking Cessation Prescription Medication (page 11)

Diabetic and Orthopedic Shoes (page 14)

Please review the book and keep it on hand.

Please contact the Health Plan Office if you have any questions about your benefits at 1-866-505-6789. If you did not receive your new Health Plan card and book in the mail, please call the Patient Services Coordinator at one of the Seminole Clinics:

Big Cypress Health Clinic: 863-983-5151 Hollywood Health Clinic: 954-962-2009 Brighton Health Clinic: 863-763-0271 Immokalee Health Clinic: 239-867-3400 Tampa Field Office: 813-620-2860

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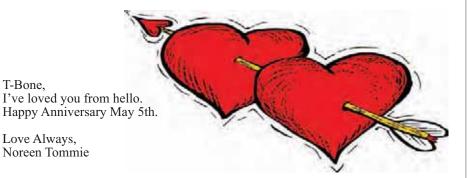
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POEMS

"My True Ride or Die"

Salena you are my true ride or die. Baby you keep it gutter, I done bust me a lie to have a woman so fly. I will love you for this lifetime the second and the third. You're so beautiful, Especially the way those apple bottom jeans hug your every curve When we go out I see a lot of dudes do throw shade. Its all good though, Cause this young stallion they will never faze. Your love and loyalty are so real Will you marry me, You penetrated a heart that I thought was made of solid steel. I know you love to dance.

"The Thrill is Gone"

The thrill is gone as B.B. said, Twenty-one gun salute for What now is dead.

It wasn't a waste but I wouldn't turn back the Hands of time, because I am a better man today With the right frame of mind.

I washed my hands clean and moved on from that Awhile ago, "Still I Rise" is the motto of this Unconquered Seminole.

As I said my mom and big sis ain't raise no fool, Though my evil mentality has changed what can't Is I'm from the old school.

So when the game is winding down I look you In the eye and take the last shot, I always enjoy Seeing the agony of defeat on ones face when There's no time on the clock.

Let me take you out, Better yet lets stay home and enjoy the romance. You know you so sexy riding in that sitting on 22's Baby you got me feinin

But I'm a soldier I'ma ride for you baby boo.

I love you baby you will see. Your heart matches mine, We are soulmates you feel me. I'm a true "G" not some ol' square. When it comes to you,

Man I'm just a big ol' teddy bear. Thank you for a love so true. My most beloved, I know God took a little bit more time when he made you.

> One love, Myron Cypress

fun,

Remember me smiling when I let it fly Representing the Panther and Unconquered Ones.

Loved by few, hated by many it's always been That way, just as back then I pay it no Mind today.

I live one day at a time and my every move is a

Calculated one, it always has and always will

Be that way for this Native son. This warrior laughs at what makes most

cry, The only tears are tattooed under the Eye.

It is what it is and that's written in stone, It's just a matter of time one will see how Much you grown.

As the great warrior Sitting Bull said it's а

Good day to die, will you embrace your fate Standing like a warrior and try?

IN MEMORIAM

"Daddy"

You've been gone a year now & your Birthday & Easter is coming soon!

I wish you could be here to help me hunt my Easter eggs like you used to.

Daddy I miss all the time we spent together laughing and having fun everywhere we went. And I wish you could be here to watch me and cheer me on at my ball games! I miss and love you very much. Also, love you for all that you did for me. I know you're in heaven with grandma Louise!

Daddy I will see you in heaven too one day.

I love you to the moon and back and to the stars and beyond Love Julia C. Smith

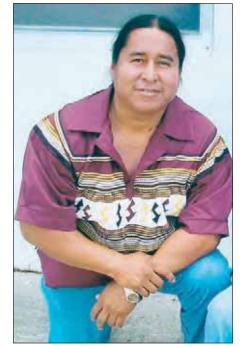
HAPPY EASTER

Happy Easter! To mom and dad. Buddy & Alice Thank you for all that you do for me. I love you very much! Alaina Sweat



BIRTHDAY WISHES





In memory of our brother Mike

April 19th would've been your birthdav! I would've had family together to celebrate like always. A year has passed and there isn't a day that goes by that I don't miss you or think of you! I cry so much at times I drive and look at all the chickees you've built for many people on different reservations. I see all the talent you had. Most of all we're very blessed to have your daughter Julia in our lives because she's a part of you. She looks and acts like you in so many ways! I'll always miss you knocking on my door so early in the morning, the smell of your coffee and you cooking breakfast when leaving you would say "Neva" I put your food on the table! I'm headed out for work "I love you" I'll call you later! Cause you never liked being late for anything. But you're in "God's hands" now. With that I know you're watching over us still.

We both love you and miss you dearly **Oneva** and Tracey

THANK YOU

The Seminole Police Department thanks Family Services for generously funding the SPD Spring Break Camp on March 14 to 17 and the Seminole Tribe of Florida **Boys** & Girls Club for kindly assisting with transportation during the week.

Both departments go above and beyond each year in offering time, resources and funding, which enables Tribal youth to experience a week filled with educational lessons, tours, fun activities and much more.



"Seminole"

I am a Seminole warrior down for whatever. A strong spirit, The story of our Grandfathers I will hold dear forever. Don't let the outside world deter you from our powerful beliefs. Remember our unity, Talk I will listen if you need relief. We have been blessed by the great spirit. Haters will come, But all the riches we will inherit. Don't look down on a man unless you're picking him up. Remember we've been there, Ain't no if's and's or but's. We are proud people deep down to our

souls.



I been there, done it and mastered that back in The day, I didn't forget the game I just retired As one of the best that played.

Belonging feels good but having respect that feels Even better, your name is written in that Beautiful letter.

The world is yours enjoy it and have

CONGRATULATIONS

No guts no glory isn't that the saying? No need for begging as well as any Praying.

The thrill is gone now this is in the wind, We all make our own choice for the world One lives in.

> Ike T. Harjo Sholoopahthi Bolchuncahga Koowaathi

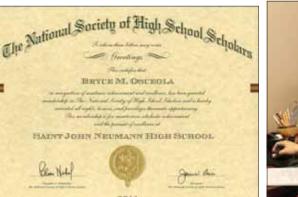


I would like to wish my son, Burton Lee Harjo Jr., "A Happy 6th Birthday" on May 12th. Sorry about not being there now, but I will make it up to you when I get home! I love and miss you, son! Love, Your Dad



Happy 1st Birthday Daliyah Kay Nunez April 12th, 2011

We love you very much, Mom, Dad, Courtney, Daniel Jr., Cheyenne and Joleyne



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ATLANTA, GA - March 30, 2011 - The National Society of High School Scholter (NSHSS) today mnounced that Saint John Neumann High School student Bryce M. Osceola from Naples, FL, Inv. been selected for membership. The Society proggaues top scholars and invites only those atudents who have achieved scademic excellence. The announcement was made by NSI8 incement was made by \$2026 ider and Gaurman Gaes Nobel, a senior member of the family that established the Nobel

"On behalf of NBHSE, I am benored to recognize the hard work, sacrifice, and consumment that Bryce has demonstrated to achieve this kerel of academic excellence," soid Mr. Nobel "Bryce is now a mericher of a unique community of scholars — a community that represent our very be sope for the future

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Cara was selected to be 2011-2012 Wichita Tribal Princess by descendancy.

Cara Renae Osceola is the newly selected Wichita Tribal Princess, she is the daughter of Curtis Osceola Sr and Tara Tartsah, her grandparents are Teri Tartsah, Maggie Osceola and the late Jack Osceola.

Unique in every way. Powerful in our traditional robes. The stoic look of a warrior which everybody fears. Lets take it back to our roots, This message I hope you hear. We are people with so much power. Embrace our culture, The Seminole Tribe will bloom like a beautiful flower. We've lost so much over the years so we should make them known. Remember the old ones, Fearless warriors — The Seminoles. All I ask is that you hear my speech. Take is upon yourself, Cause all I did was plant the seed.

> Myron Cypress -Seminole-

"Message from my heart"

Seminole country the home of powerful people. Beautiful in character, The love we share is all equal, We salute the warriors who fell. I won't ever forget, The skins locked in the white mans jail. We've been through a lot but we still wear our true face. So don't get it twisted, Because our hearts ain't never pumped Kool-Aid Lend an ear for the younger generation. Cherish your existence, Remember we once were on a list for termination. We are Gods people don't ever forget that. Material things are small, We need our tradition back With the culture gone we lose our identity Learn your language, Cause when its gone its lost for all eternity Indigenous people with so much power. I remember who I am, Please don't wait until the last hour. Money is good but its followed by greed. Make the money, All I ask is that you take heed. Let the Seminole Tribe shine like the most brightest star. Please remember me,

This message came from my heart. Soft words from a hardened heart, Myron Cypress - Otter Clan



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Sports





A one-time exclusive group moment between the Ahfachkee Lady Warriors and members of the Big Cypress community after their April 12 game against Glades Day concludes at the Big Cypress Softball Field.

Lady Warriors Complete Inaugural Softball **Season with Strong Finish At Home**

Ahfachkee's 15-4 road loss to Moore Haven precedes a 15-11 loss to Glades Day, dropping them to 0-4

BY NAJI TOBIAS Staff Reporter

Cypress home for Ahfachkee's second run of the inning.

BIG CYPRESS — It's all about the finish. Despite the fact that the Ahfachkee Lady Warriors finished their inaugural FHSAA-sanctioned softball season with a 0-4 record – a 15-4 road loss to Moore Haven on April 6 and a 15-11 home loss to Glades Day on April 12 that sealed the deal – it was still a successful experience for the program.

All one needs to do is look at what the Tribal softball program has to build on for its future, as evidenced primarily by Ahfachkee's first-ever



However, as Ahfachkee would go into the third with just a 6-2 run deficit, Glades Day's

bats opened the scoring floodgates once again, as the Gators tacked on four more runs in the third and fourth innings for a seemingly insurmountable 10-2 lead.

With the 10-run mercy rule in effect – a team that has a lead of at least 10 runs after five innings automatically wins the game, according to FHSAA softball rules - Ahfachkee was not about to let Glades Day extend that lead any further, as the Lady Warriors started a rally in the bottom of the fourth inning.

Glades Day pitcher Kendra Johnson, who allowed just two runs through three innings, showed some signs of fatigue on the mound as she walked Chelsey Alvarado on four pitches to start the bottom of the fourth. It was followed by Caitlin Cypress's hit by pitch, which put two runners on base.

Tommie's ground-rule RBI double sent Alvarado home, which cut Glades Day's lead to 10-3.

And the hits kept coming, with Dasani Cypress laying down a timely bunt for an extra-base hit. Both Caitlin Cypress and Tommie would score on that squeezer, cutting the Gators lead to 10-5 at that point.

Dasani Cypress later stole both second and third bases to advance to home plate, as the Lady Warriors to 10-6. Sarah Osceola, however, struck out to end Ah-

Hollywood Christian Lady Eagles Compete at ESPN National High School Invitational



Photo courtesy of Joe Faraoni/ESPN Ariah Osceola dribbles through the defense of the Lady Blazers at the ESPN RISE National invitational on March 31 to April 2.

Tribal Citizens Remember Legacy of Herman L. Osceola at Memorial Tournament

Staff Reporter

BIG CYPRESS — There are two blown-up portraits of the late Herman L. Osceola inside the Big Cypress gymnasium that's named after him.

In the athletic facility, one life-size picture was put on display between the gym's bleachers. The other one is placed above the gym's exit doors.

Featuring Tribal players from the Big Cypress, Brighton, Hollywood and Immokalee reservations, the 27th annual Herman L. Osceola Memorial Basketball Tournament - held from March 24-26 – focused primarily on the legacy of the late Tribal citizen

Brighton's Norman "Skeeter" Bowers, who played in this year's Legends tournament for the We Do Recover men's team, placed his thoughts squarely on the Tribal honoree shortly after Legends play concluded.

The 2011 Men's Legends Tournament MVP, standing on center court of the Herman L. Osceola Gym, pointed toward

BY RYAN WATSON Contributing Writer

BETHESDA, Md. — Following their historic and exhilarating run to the Class 1A FHSAA State Championship, the Lady Eagles of Hollywood Christian embarked on one final challenge before their epic 2010-2011 season would come to an end.

Following their thrilling 72-65 victory to clinch the school's first girls' basketball state title on Feb. 24, the ladies took their talents to the national stage at the ESPN RISE National High School Invitational.

This national tournament, which took place March 31 to April 2, featured eight boys' high school teams and four girls' teams by invitation only, and would be the final battle ground for the Eagles.

The results, however, were not nearly as exciting. The Eagles would be defeated in the semifinals of the invitational by the Murray Bergtraum Lady Blazers (Manhattan, N.Y.) with a score of 63-56.

"It was an amazing experience, whether we came here and lost or won the whole thing, second year coach Carlos Adamson said. "I think it was a great opportuni-ty for the kids to come and see this. This has been an amazing season for the kids. I know the girls wished they could have played a little bit better but we are satisfied.

The game, which was televised on the ESPNU network, would see the Eagles sprint out to an 11-2 lead in the first quarter on 4-for-6 shooting from the field. But the Lady Blazers, who came in with a 22-3 record and fresh off winning their 13th straight city championship, did not crumble to the Eagles impressive start.

"This is a team that is accustomed to winning, so I knew they lay down after our fast start," said Adamson.

The Lady Blazers would fight back to end the first quarter trailing by just two points, behind five points from senior

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Naji Tobias

Ahfachkee's Nauthkee Henry gets a hit in the fifth inning against Glades tightened Glades Day's lead Day in the April 12 home game.

home game - and season-finale - against the fachkee's scoring frenzy in the fourth. gritty Glades Day Gators.

second inning – Lady Warriors starting pitcher Dasani Cypress allowed six runs on three hits, a walk and a hit by pitch in the first – Sabre Billie kicked things off with a walk that energized her team and the home crowd.

Following that walk - Billie would later advance to second base on a steal – teammate Caitlin Cypress smacked in a two-out RBI single that sent her to home plate for Ahfachkee's first score of the game.

Danni Jae Tommie, who relieved Dasani Cypress on the mound, further energized her squad with an RBI bloop triple, sending Caitlin

Despite Glades Day's lead extension to 13-6 Facing a 6-0 deficit to Glades Day in the in the next inning, Ahfachkee was still hungry for that improbable comeback, as they put their

bats to work in the fateful fifth inning. Nauthkee Henry's two-RBI double sent Caitlin Cypress and Tommie to home plate again, as Ahfachkee cut Glades Day's lead to 13-8 at that juncture. Savannah Tiger also came up big later in the bottom of the fifth, as she connected on a two-out, two-RBI single of her own, sending Dasani Cypress and Henry home to squeeze Glades Day's lead to 13-10.

That's as close as Ahfachkee would get, however, with Glades Day scoring a run each in

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one of Herman's blow-up photos, which shows him in his U.S Marine Corps dress uniform.

"He's pretty big to this community, so it's always good for us Tribal members to play a tournament like this in his honor," Bowers said. "Keeping Herman's name alive within the Tribe is a great thing. He served our country well when he was here; that's what I remember about him."

Herman, who was best known in the Big Cypress community as an advocate for the Tribal youngsters' participation in sports, played an integral role in the 1980 erection of the Big Cypress gymnasium.

After serving as a Big Cypress Recreation Department employee for a few years, Herman, who helped ignite the Tribalwide interest in the game of basketball, decided to enlist in the military in 1983.

In 1984 – just a year after Herman served full time in the armed forces - the Tribal military veteran, then-24, was tragically killed in a U.S. Marine Corps helicopter crash while on a mission to Japan.

The gymnasium, where Herman played a lot of basketball, Please see LEGACY on page 2C Naii Tobias

Brighton's Norman 'Skeeter' Bowers makes it a point to honor the legacy of the late Herman L. Osceola after the conclusion of the Legends Tournament on March 25.

No Pressure and Brighton Rec. Outlast Competition at Herman L. Osceola Basketball Tournament Big Cypress, We Do Recover top field in Legends version of the 27th annual memorial tourney

BY NAJI TOBIAS Staff Reporter

BIG CYPRESS - Swish!

The feeling and sound of it came courtesy of No Pressure star JoJo Osceola, who hit a three-point shot from the arc with just 3.4 seconds left in the women's title game against The Funky Monkeys.

Held at the Herman L. Osceola Gymnasium on March 26 in Big Cypress – the 27th annual Herman L. Osceola Memorial Basketball Tournament was held in the facility named after the late Tribal U.S. military veteran - No Pressure was facing a 35-33 deficit with less than 10 seconds left in the championship game.

But JoJo Osceola (eight total points, including two 3-pointers in the second half) was able to navigate her way through The Funky Monkeys feisty defense, finding that open lane to position herself from the top of the key for a chance to win the title for No Pressure.

It happened – by a championship-winning score of 36-35 in favor of No Pressure.

"I just shot it," JoJo Osceola said of her gamewinner.

For No Pressure, which won its second consecutive women's title in this year's Herman L. Osceola Basketball Tournament, it seemed as if the team hit their stride at just the right time, overcoming a 14-6 halftime deficit to mount a furious comeback.

No Pressure's deficit was as much as 10 points in the second half, with The Funky Monkeys mustering a 24-14 lead with 12:57 left in the game, courtesy of a Meaghan Osceola lay-in.

But The Funky Monkeys started to wear down after that, as No Pressure mounted a game-changing 15-2 run over the next five minutes and 27 seconds in the second frame

In that pivotal stretch, No Pressure's Mercedes Osceola (team-high 11 points - all in the second half) applied the smooth shooting touch she's known for, making two timely free throws and two longrange jumpers that swung the momentum toward her team's way.

No Pressure's Destiny Whitney grabbed an offensive rebound and muscled her way in for a putback lay-in with 7:30 left, giving her team a 28-26 lead. Whitney's free throw completed the remarkable run, putting No Pressure up 29-26.

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In the second half of the Big Cypress-The Other Guys men's semifinal game of the Herman L. Osceola Basketball Tournament on March 25, Hollywood's Tony Billie of The Other Guys attempts an acrobatic mid-range jumper, serving as one of the best visual highlights of the entire tournament.

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was dedicated to him shortly after he died. "Herman represented what most of us would love



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Leslie Osceola, center, spends a moment with Caroline Osceola, left, and mother Ruby Osceola, right, after she receives women's MVP honors at the Herman L. Osceola Memorial Basketball Tournament – Legends Edition – on March 25.

to see our kids do," Big Cypress Tribal Council Rep. Mondo Tiger remembered about the Tribal honoree. "I'm very proud of Ruby (Herman's mother) and her family for having a very, very brave son to defend this great country of ours. As young men like him that gave up his freedom for us, there are no words that could express what his family has gone through ... We

love the family and what they stand for." Tiger went on to discuss the strength of Ruby Osceola, who hosted a special remembrance dinner for her son on March 24 at the Herman L. Osceola Gymnasium.

"Ms. Osceola said 'I remember this very day at 7:15, when he was born," Tiger said. "It was very heartwarming and touching to hear. When you have a son like she did, you will never forget him because no tournaments will ever bring him back. For [Ruby Osceola] to keeping fighting like she is and to have a good spirit, it's an honor for myself and the community to be invited to come over and share her son's birthday. It was a beautiful thing for her to do and I'm glad I got to come out."

According to Tiger, a bronze statue of the Tribal war veteran will be erected in front of the facility within the next several months. If all goes according to plan, the monument will feature Herman decked out in his full military rig.

Caroline Osceola, the sister of Herman, expressed her appreciation for all of the support she and her family have received from the Tribal community.

"It was nice to see people enjoying themselves throughout the tournament," Caroline Osceola said. "It made us feel better when people were praying for our family. We bless his heart and he will live on with us forever."

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guard Ashley Gomez.

The second quarter featured a back and fourth battle between two of the marquee players in the game. Both Gomez and Eagles junior guard Rebecca Lyttle exchanged baskets for the majority of the second quarter before the Eagles would close the half on a 7-0 run leading 25-21.

The second half would see the penetration of Murray Bergtraum overpower the normally stingy Hollywood Christian defense.

"We just couldn't keep them out of the paint," assistant coach Marl Osceola said. "Their penetration really put a ton of pressure on our defense and we just couldn't keep up.

The Lady Blazers shot a blistering 63 percent from the field during a third quarter, which saw the Eagles trail by as many as 12 points.

"They are an excellent team and they have pretty much all guards," Adamson said. "They forced me to keep my big girl on the bench."

The fourth quarter would see the Lady Blazers wear down the Eagles with their penetration, never allowing the Eagles to get back closer than five points.

It should be noted that Hollywood Christian had extended time off following their state title championship and appeared to run out of gas in the second half, while the Lady Blazers finished their state season just a week prior in New York.

"I think our quick start showed that we

weren't intimidated by being on the national scene," Osceola said. "But in the second half I think our lack of conditioning really got exposed. Sometimes you have to take your hat off to the better team. They deserved to win."

"When you start the season you dream about winning state. This was something extra. It's a bummer that we lost but that's basketball" Osceola said.



Photo courtesy of Joe Faraoni/ESPN

Hollywood Christian head coach Carlos Adamson gets his team ready for the second half versus Murray Bergtraum at the ESPN RISE National invitational.

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the sixth and seventh innings to essentially end any real hope of a Lady Warriors comeback triumph.

"We didn't think we were going to get as many turns as we did," Savannah Tiger said of her team. "We thought our game was going to get cut short like our last one (Moore Haven), which we had to forfeit. But we fought, pulled together and came up with what we had. It was a good ending for us."

Ahfachkee Lady Warriors softball head coach John Gallegos talked about the challenges his team faced in their first season and how they used them to help rally from that huge early deficit.

"It shows a lot of character on their part," Gallegos said of his girls. "[The Lady Warriors] could have easily quit, but when they're up against everything, they came together and played some good ball as a team."

Gallegos gave a brief evaluation of the team's progress through their four-game season.

"Given what we had to work with, they grew up a lot toward the end of this season," Gallegos said. "The girls learned to accept each others' difference and come together as a team. They put all of that aside and this game proved it. It's a good stepping stone for next season."

Big Cypress Tribal Council Rep. Mondo Tiger, who appeared at the Lady Warriors season-finale game, discussed the historical aspect of what had transpired.

"Something like this will never be repeated again," the Big Cypress Tribal Council Rep. said. "To see these girls come out and compete in front of our community for the first time is an awesome thing for us. I wish their inaugural season didn't come to an end, but we have something going on here. Hopefully, we'll see more girls out on the softball team next year."



Ahfachkee's Danni Jae Tommie scores the first of her three runs against Glades Day in the second inning of a 15-11 season-ending loss on April 12.



Ahfachkee's Savannah Tiger connects on a hit against Moore Haven on April 6. Ahfachkee's Savannah Tiger connects on a hit against Moore Haven on April 6. Day to make the final s in Big Cypress.









Ahfachkee's Caitlin Cypress hustles her way home in the fourth inning.

Naji Tobias Ahfachkee Lady Warriors softball head coach John Gallegos gives his girls a pep talk in the top of the first inning against Glades Day in the April 12 home-opener and season-finale.

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Ahfachkee Lady Warriors starting pitcher Dasani Cypress warms up on the mound before her team's April 12 home-opener against Glades Day begins at the Big Cypress Softball Field.





Ahfachkee's Taylor Fulton hustles her way toward home plate in the top of the third inning against Moore Haven on April 6.

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Ahfachkee's Nauthkee Henry makes her pitching debut in relief during the fourth inning of a 15-4 road loss to Moore Haven on April 6. STETSON © LUCCHESE © TONY LAMA © JUSTIN © WRANGLER © ROPER

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Tribal Hoopster Courtney Osceola Honored at University School Sports Awards Banquet





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Courtney Osceola, left, shows off her Coach's Award plaque with University School Suns Women's Head Basketball Coach Greg Farias.

Courtney Osceola, second from left, with teammates and Head Basketball Coach Greg Farias, far right, show off their regular season basketball district championship plaques during the annual University School Sports Awards Banquet honoring individual and team accomplishments in cheerleading, junior varsity and varsity basketball at the University School Upper School Dining Commons April 6. Osceola also helped lead the Suns to a 20 win season and a regional-finals post season appearance.

University School Suns Women's Head Basketball Coach Greg Farias speaks to attendees at the awards banquet.

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And then No Pressure went to work, allowing JoJo Osceola to seal the deal in this one.

'We just had to keep hustling and not give up," JoJo Osceola said of her team's comeback plans. "We expected a close game because they (The Funky Monkeys) are like that too. I'm just glad we pulled it out.'

In Brighton Recreation's 74-68 men's championship win over Big Cypress, it was clear from the opening tip as to who the winning team would be.

Less than two minutes into the championship contest, Brighton Recreation was up 9-3, thanks to a wide-open 3-pointer from Brighton's Adrian Baker (14 total points in the title game).

Later on in the first half, Big Cypress went on a 9-2 scoring tear over a five-minute long span as they closed a 20-12 deficit to just one (22-21) with 7:53 left.

Josie Balentine (22 points, including five 3-pointers) hit that key shot -a3-pointer from the top of key – setting the stage for a momentum shift in favor

Big Cypress took a brief one-point lead on Brighton Recreation after Issiah Billie (game-high 23 points) hit a 3-point shot with 6:26 left in the first half. The 27-26 lead was short-lived, however, as Brighton Recreation's Greg Carter (18 points, including four 3-pointers) connected on his own -pointer with 4:53 left.

From there on, Brighton Recreation, which had a 29-27 lead at that point, accelerated their scoring pace and never looked back.

A 35-34 halftime lead for Brighton Recreation turned into a comfortable 54-44 lead with 11:45 left, as Brighton's Elton Shore (11 total points) scored on an easy lay-in.

Big Cypress came within two points twice more in the second half, but never got any closer as Brighton Recreation took the title home.

Teamwork is the main thing that helped us pull it off," Brighton Recreation's Howard Jimmie (18 overall points) said. "We just tried to swing it in with our shooters and execute on our 3-point shots. That's all there was to it."

The Herman L. Osceola Memorial Basketball Tournament's Legends edition, played a night earlier on March 25, featured a best-of-three women's matchup between Big Cypress and Young Legends.

It went to the maximum three games, as Big Cypress won Games 2 and 3 against Young Legends to take home this year's title - this after Young Legends eked out a 19-18 win over Big Cypress in Game 1 for a 1-0 series lead.

The men's title game pitted We Do Recover against Woody's, a rematch of their first-round matchup that was won by Woody's, 23-20.

We Do Recover certainly did that after blasting Woody's, 36-19, to snag the men's Legends championship.



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Josie Balentine of the Big Cypress Team converts on one of his title game-high five 3-pointers in the second half against Brighton Recreation in a loss. Balentine finishes with 22 points in the final.

PARTICIPANTS IN THE 27TH ANNUAL HERMAN L. SCEOLA MEMORIAL BAS-**KETBALL TOURNAMENT LEGENDS PLAY - WOMEN Big Cypress** Nadine Bowers **Carlene Dicarlo** Carla Gopher Myra Jumper

Leslie Osceola Mary Tigertail Young Legends

Marcia Cypress Marlin Miller Geraldine Osceola

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Rob Landin Eric Osceola Charlie Tiger Mahokin Tiger

Woody's Preston Baker Sandy Billie

Richard Osceola Travis Trueblood

Charlie Cypress Jeremiah Hall William Jumper Cicero Osceola Mondo Tiger Daniel Tommie Wovoka Tommie

ADULT PLAY – WOMEN

No Pressure Alice Osceola Courtney Osceola JoJo Osceola Mercedes Osceola Destiny Whitney

The Funky Monkeys Juanita Osceola

Terror Squad Angel Billie Crystal Billie Cassandra Jones Leslie Osceola Maggie Puente

Charlie's Angels Bonnie Billie June Jumper Charlie Osceola Geraldine Osceola

Justine Osceola **Dillon Thomas** The Other Guys Anthony Balentine Byron Billie Tony Billie

Gregory Carter Howard Jimmie

Elton Shore

Big Cypress

Josie Balentine

Jesse Berry

Issiah Billie

Julius 'Juice' Billie

Stevie Billie



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Big Cypress Women's Leslie Osceola, center, scores on a hustle play with 26.3 seconds left in the first half to give her team a 10-3 halftime lead over Young Legends in the rubber match of the best-of-three Legends series on March 25.

Krystal Young

of Big Cypress.

Janice Osceola Jennifer Osceola Michelle Osceola

Big Cypress Brian Billie

Kendra Osceola Meaghan Osceola Phalyn Osceola

Adrian Baker Preston Baker Koty Brugh

Rebecca Osceola

ADULT PLAY - MEN

Brighton Recreation

Kory Dion Sanders

27TH ANNUAL HERMAN L. OSCEOLA MEMORIAL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

LEGENDS PLAY – MARCH 25

Women: Big Cypress (2-1) defeated Young Legends (1-2), 20-8, in Game 3 of the best-ofthree competition.

Big Cypress wins women's Legends tournament. Men: We Do Recover (2-1) took down Woody's (2-1), 36-19, to win men's Legends championship game.

Most Valuable Players Women: Leslie Osceola - Big Cypress Men: Norman 'Skeeter' Bowers - We Do Recover

> FINAL RECORDS – WOMEN 1. Big Cypress (2-1) 2. Young Legends (1-2)

FINAL RECORDS - MEN 1. We Do Recover (2-1) 2. Woody's (2-1) 3. Big Cypress (0-2)

ADULT PLAY – MARCH 26

Women: No Pressure (3-1) defeated The Funky Monkeys (2-1), 36-35, to win the women's title Men: Brighton Recreation (2-0) defeated Big Cypress (1-2), 74-68, to go undefeated and earn the championship in men's play

Most Valuable Players Women: Alice Osceola – No Pressure Men: Howard Jimmie - Brighton Recreation

> **FINAL RECORDS - WOMEN** 1. No Pressure (3-1)

2. The Funky Monkeys (2-1) 3. Terror Squad (1-2) 4. Charlie's Angels (0-2)

FINAL RECORDS - MEN 1. Brighton Recreation (2-0) 2. Big Cypress (1-2) 3. The Other Guys (1-2)





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Brighton Recreation took the men's title at the 27th Annual Herman L. Osceola Memorial Basketball Tournament in Big Cypress on March 26.







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The ladies of No Pressure won their second consecutive Herman L. Osceola Basketball Tournament championship in a comeback win over The Funky Monkeys on March 26.

The Big Cypress women's team in Legends play won this year's championship in the Herman L. Osceola Basketball Tournament on March 25, besting defending titlist Young Legends in a best-of-three format.

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2nd Annual Cindy and Bobby Osceola Memorial Basketball Tournament Is Another Success



Family members of the late Cindy and Bobby Osceola together before tip of the 2nd Annual Cindy and Bobby Osceola Memorial Basketball Tournament held at the Hollywood Seminole Recreation Gym April 8-9. The event featured double-elimination tournament play, a 'Legends' division and included teams from Oklahoma, Mississippi and North Carolina with T-shirts, plaques and cash prizes to the winners.





Osceola Matriarch Maydell Osceola, fourth from left, with First Place Women's Legends winner - Young Legends.





Judy Weeks

Team Roper Josh Jumper turns a steer as his brother, Naha Jumper, comes in for a 12.5 second catch at the 15th Annual Junior Cypress Memorial Rodeo on March 26.

Tribe Commemorates Junior Cypress at 15th Annual Memorial Rodeo in Big Cypress

BY JUDY WEEKS Freelance Writer

BIG CYPRESS — Participants in the 15th Annual Junior Cypress Cattle Drive on March 26 were treated to an action packed evening of entertainment provided by the Eastern Indian Rodeo Association following their day on the trail.

The annual trail drive and rodeo takes place each year in memory of Junior Cypress. A founding father of the Seminole cattle industry, Cypress was a strong advocate of rodeo and family values. When he wasn't riding the woods and pasture lands doing ranch work, he always found time to share with the youngsters of Big Cypress.

Rodeo is a tradition with Seminole cowboys, and Junior Cypress inspired and encouraged the boys and girls to try their hand in the competition. The formation of the EIRA and the Junior Rodeo represent a final achievement of one of his goals.

year our Junior Rodeo Division draws a bigger enroll-

ment, and they are working hard to develop the skills necessary to carry them into the adult competition. I look forward to watching these youngsters compete in the Indian National Finals Rodeo someday.'

A special guest for the evening was eight-time World Champion Calf Roper Joe Beaver, who entertained the audience with a running commentary about the events and the skill of the participants.

He said, "I see a lot of talent in this arena. Rodeo success requires commitment and these contestants have the drive to reach for the top." "Dealing with livestock is an unpredictable situa-

tion, especially when the weight ratio of man to animal can exceed three to 15 times the difference." continued Beaver. "It's all about technique. When you are a light weight, you have to use leverage to your advantage. It is obvious to me that you have found the key and are passing it on to the next generation.'

With 134 entries in 13 events, the Junior Cypress Moses Jumper Jr. said, "Junior Cypress always felt Memorial Kid's Rodeo got underway at noon and continthat our youth should be our priority and we agree. Each ued until after 5 p.m. The adult sanctioned events kicked off following the cattle drive barbeque dinner.

Results of Junior Cypress Memorial Rodeo

Bareback Riding: 1. Freddy WarBonnett, 2. Jacoby Johns. Steer Wrestling: 1. Ivan Bruised-Head, 2. Dayne Johns.

Calf Roping: 1. Josh Jumper, 2. Ivan BruisedHead, 3. Cort

Herrera. Breakaway: 1. Shelby Osceola, 2. Theresa Bowers, 3. Ayze Henry.

50 & Over Breakaway Roping: 1. Alton Matchet, 2. Joe L. John. Team Roping: 1. Josh Weekly/ Jobe Johns, 2. Josh Jumper/ Naha Jumper, 3. Marvin Bowers/Cort Herrera, 4. Jeff Johns/ Todd Johns, 5. Jeff Johns/Nor-

man Johns. Ladies Barrel Racing: 1. Shelby Osceola, 2. Clarissa Bowers, 3. Kalgary Johns.

Bull Riding: 1. Casey McDonald, Koty Brugh.



First place Men's Tournament Champion - Big Town

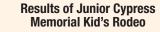
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Family member Donna Turtle, second from left, with Legends Tournament First Place winners - Past Prime



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Chute Dogger Drayton Billie dashes to catch the horns on his steer.



Mutton Bustin: 1. Diamond Osceola, 2. Wren Bankston, 3. Creek Gopher, 4. Justin Gopher Jr. 5. Dwayne Billie Jr. Calf Riding: 1. Jaylen Baker, 2. Myron Billie, 3. T-Bone Baker. Steer Riding: 1. Jobe Johns, 2. Tripp Edgar, 3. Drayton Billie. Junior Bulls: 1. Andre Jumper, 2. Ernie Courson. Chute Dogging: 1. Ernie Courson, 2. Jobe Johns, 3. Tyler Tigertail. Barrel Racing: 4-8 Years: 1. Brighton Bauman, 2. Abigail Tigertail, 3. Diamond Osceola, 4. Layla Petrillo. 9-12 Years: 1. Dayra Koenes, 2. Ahnie Jumper, 3. Amaya Kalgary Johns, 2. Nauthkee Henry, 3. Harley Maggard.

Jumper. Steer Undecorating: 1. Andre Jumper, 2. Blevins Jumper, 3. Ahnie Jumper, 4.

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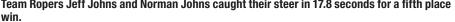
Junior Breakaway Roping: 1. Andre

Kalgary Johns, 5. Jobe Johns.

President Richard Bowers Jr. drops his loop over the steer's head in the Breakaway Roping.









Seminole Lightning Softball Team Competes in Season Opener Game vs. Howell Oil



Seminole Lightning's Leilani Gopher, left, shows off her defensive skills in the infield as she tags a Howell Oil player out during the fifth inning of their April 11 game - played in Clewiston.



the Seminole Lightning's season-opening Seminole Lightning's Alyssa Osceola, 7, was softball game, which lasted for five innings, Dillon Ball of Big Cypress connects on a clean hit in the fourth inning.

chosen by her teammates and coaches as the game ball recipient.

SEMINOLE LIGHTNING'S 2011 SEASON SCHEDULE

Seminole Lightning head coach Josh Jumper, center, gives his girls - who are all 7 and 8 years

Note: All games will be played at the Clewiston Parks and Recreation Department's Ball Field Complex

Monday, April 11: Seminole Lightning lost to Howell Oil, 13-11

played against Sunshine Family Medicine Coach Pitch Friday, April 22: Seminole Lightning

Salon

Tuesday, April 26: Seminole Lightning played against Howell Oil

Pitch - 5:30 p.m.

Rayz Craze Tanning Salon – 5:30 p.m. Monday, May 9: Seminole Lightning vs. Howell Oil - 5:30 p.m.

vs. Sunshine Family Medicine Coach Pitch - 5:30 p.m.

ning vs. Rayz Craze Tanning Salon – 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 24: Seminole Lightning

Tuesday, May 31: Seminole Lightning vs. Rayz Craze Tanning Salon - 5:30

p.m. Thursday, June 2: Seminole Lightning vs. Sunshine Family Medicine Coach

Kanan Jumper gets a hit in the Seminole Lightning's season-opening 13-11 loss to Howell Oil on April 11. Jumper is one of 14 softball players who are competing this season in the Clewiston Parks and Recreation Department's Coach Pitch Girl League.



The Seminole Lightning's players and coaches share a group moment after their season-opening game against Howell Oil

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Friday, April 15: Seminole Lightning

played against Rayz Craze Tanning

Monday, May 2: Seminole Lightning

vs. Sunshine Family Medicine Coach

Friday, May 6: Seminole Lightning vs.

Monday, May 16: Seminole Lightning

Thursday, May 19: Seminole Light-

vs. Howell Oil

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The field of anglers came together one last time just minutes before the conclusion of this year's Howard Tiger Memorial Fishing Tournament.

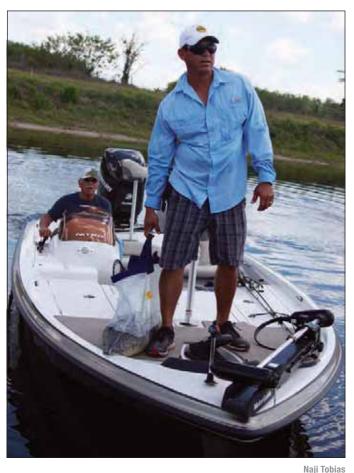


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Ted Nelson Sr. and Sonny Nevaquaya team up to capture this year's top honors at the 11th annual Howard Tiger Memorial Fishing Tournament in Big Cypress on March 26.

Ted Nelson Sr., Sonny Nevaquaya Team Up To Win 11th Annual Howard Tiger Fishing Tournament

Winning tandem catch 8.59 pound bass to highlight first leg of Seminole Bass Fishing Triple Crown Series



Chris Osceola, in front, heads to the weigh-in dock with his bass in the bag, as Sam Nelson, in back, parks their team's fishing boat.

BY NAJI TOBIAS Staff Reporter

BIG CYPRESS – In what was a relatively close battle for this year's Howard Tiger Memorial Fishing Tournament trophy, it essentially came down to one thing.

A tournament-record 8.59 pound bass caught by the fishing team of Ted Nelson Sr. and Sonny Nevaquaya was the difference maker in this one, as they held off the tandem of Frank Marrero and Mario Posada – in addition to nine other teams – to win the March 26 competition.

At the tournament's weigh-in station – the fate of all 11 fishing teams is decided at the Big Cypress L-28 canal waterway's dock – Nelson Sr. and Nevaquaya's five bass came in at a combined 22.30 pounds, while Marrero and Posada brought their fishing bags to the weight table for a combined total of 21.81 pounds.

The difference between top prize honors and the runner-up status was just .49 pounds, thus underscoring the importance of the huge catch from the team of Nelson Sr. and Nevaquaya.

For the winning team, it was a relatively interesting start, as Nelson Sr. discussed the challenges of overcoming some early morning dense fog conditions traveling to the tournament and as they navigated through the canal waters.

"We almost ran over a couple of alligators when we got here," Nelson Sr. said. "But eventually it got out of our way and we ended up catching some nice fish."

Nelson Sr. credited his teammate for how they pulled out the tournament win.

"Sonny was very instrumental in helping me man that [8.59 pound] fish," Nelson Sr. said. "It was the sweat that helped us get in the right direction. That got us in the right spirit."

Posada was brief when asked about his thoughts on the competition results.

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"Next time, we just have to catch the big one," Posada said. "We just fell a little short. That's all there is to it."

Seminole Recreation Director Moses "Big Shot" Jumper, founder/organizer of the Seminole Bass Fishing Triple Crown Series, gave some detailed insight on how the winning team pulled it off.

"Well, with Sonny, I think that there was some kind of attraction between a flute and a fish," Jumper said of the avid flutist. "He might have used his flute music to bring the fish to his boat. The flute is such a sensitive instrument with us Native Americans, so I think that's what gave Sonny and Ted an advantage in this one."

The 11th annual Howard Tiger Memorial Tournament, known as the first leg of the Seminole Bass Fishing Triple Crown Series, is geared primarily toward the remembrance of the late Tribal honoree and World War II veteran. Tiger, according to Jumper, was an avid fisherman who loved the outdoors.

"He was big on sports all his life and was an instrument to my own life," Jumper said about Tiger. "[The fishing tournament] is a good tribute to him."

The Triple Crown Series will move on to its second of three legs on April 30, where anglers will be vying for the 31st annual Seminole Recreation Fishing Tournament's championship honors.

"It's going to be hotter, but the fish are bedding right now in the water," Jumper said. "I'm expecting the teams to catch a lot of fish in the next tournament."

After that, the teams will prepare to battle in the Bass Buster Fishing Tournament on May 28.

The final leg of the Triple Crown Series will go a long way in determining the team that takes home this year's Sonny Dicarlo Trophy and Clyde Tiger Big Bass Award.

11th Annual Howard Tiger Memorial Tournament Results – First Leg of Triple Crown Series

Note: Results from this competition are counted toward team placement in the overall Seminole Bass Fishing Triple Crown Series.

Sonny Dicarlo Award Standings - After First Leg

1. Ted Nelson/Sonny Nevaquaya – 22.30 pounds

2. Frank Marrero/Mario Posada – 21.81 pounds

3. Fred Habermann/Chuck Osceola – 20.95 pounds

4. Naha Jumper/Eric Johns – 18.27 pounds

- 5. Kassim Stockton/Leon Wilcox 16.45 pounds
- 6. Chris Osceola/Sam Nelson 13.20 pounds 7. Arlen Payne/Vincent Micco – 12.28 pounds
 - 8. Tony Tommie/Bryan Courtney 9.44 pounds

9. Amos Tiger/Marvin Hines – 7.33 pounds 10. Michael Tiger/Ernest Tiger – 4.71 pounds

11. Moses 'Big Shot' Jumper/Chebon Gooden – 4.56 pounds

All results are tabulated after each team is weighed in with a maximum of five bass caught.

Seminole Pride Gymnastics Team Places Second at Leprechaun Classic in Lake Mary





The young ladies of the Seminole Pride gymnastics team proudly show off their individual medals as part of an overall second place finish at the 2011 Leprechaun Classic gymnastics meet held in Lake Mary, Fla. March 12. All five placed in the top five in several categories including vault, bars, beam, allaround and floor.

Submitted by Gina Allardyce



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Big Cypress Seniors Take Golfing Lessons at Boomer's Miniature Course in Dania Beach



The Big Cypress Seniors embarked on their second golf outing, this time at Boomer's miniature golf course in Dania Beach on March 31. Those who made the trek east from the Big Cypress Reservation to Dania Beach were, from left: SPD Police Service Aide Dee Touring, Big Cypress Tribal seniors Ricky Doctor, Violet Jim, Claudia Doctor and Lucille Jumper, Big Cypress Tribal citizen Nadine Bowers and Big Cypress Senior Center Director Cecilia Guzman.

Seminole Fire Rescue Team Competes in Boca **Burn Firefighter Charity Softball Tournament**





Big Cypress Tribal citizen Nadine Bowers putts on the first of 18 holes at the Boomer's miniature golf

BY JORGE VALDES Team Coach

BOCA RATON — On April 2nd and 3rd, The Seminole Tribe Fire Rescue Softball Team competed in the Boca Burn Firefighter Charity Softball Tournament, benefiting the Children's Burn Foundation. The team competed with some of the top fire department teams in the state. After a two-day tournament the team came in second place falling short of a championship. This is the highest placing the team has had in this tournament. The MVP for the tournament was Jason Camardese, No. 12. The STFR Team will be playing in the Florida Firefighter Olympic Games in May and will be competing again against the top teams in the state.



The Seminole Tribe Fire Rescue Softball Team members show off their trophy from the Boca Burn Firefighter **Charity Softball Tournament on April** 2 and 3. From left, standing row, Bryan Russo, OJ Price, David Lugo, Jorge Valdes, Robert Curtis, Jesus Lizarraga, Jason Camardese, Stephen Luongo, David Coosaia, kneeling row, Kevin Pinkerton and Frank Montenegro.

Submitted by Jorge Valdes





three elders who traveled to the Boomer's miniature her accurate aim on one of the 18 holes at the outing. golf course for some golf lessons.

Big Cypress Tribal senior Lucille Jumper was one of Big Cypress Tribal senior Claudia Doctor shows off



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Big Cypress Tribal senior Violet Jim goes for a hole-in-one on one of the Boomer's miniature golf course's 18 holes.

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Easter

Big Cypress Seniors Celebrate Easter with Egg Hunt and Luncheon Party



Big Cypress Tribal elder Jonah Cypress provides the entertainment for his fellow senior peers at the April 13 Big Cypress Senior Easter Luncheon Party.

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Immokalee Youngsters Hunt for Eggs at the Easter Celebration



Carlese Bermudez helps her little sister, Curmya Smith, take third place dur-Judy Weeks ing the 2- to 4-year-old egg hunt in Immokalee on April 23 at the ball field. Senior Champion egg gatherer Nancy Motlow attributes youthful tomato picking to giving her an

See more photos on page 4D

The Big Cypress Seniors hosted an Easter bonnet contest, with three elders that came out on top: Mary Robbins, left, Virginia Mitchell, center and Violet Jim, right.

> **Brighton Youth Take Off in Search of Eggs to Celebrate Easter**



The Easter Bunny Stops By the Juanita **Osceola Center in Naples to Dye Eggs**



edge over the competition.



to take partake in a free-for-all Easter egg hunt April 22 during the Brighton Community Easter celebration complete with a visit from the Eater Bunny



Judy Weeks 0. B. Osceola III lowers his Easter egg into the cup of dye during Corrina Zepeda and the Easter Bunny share a dance during the the egg decorating activities at the Juanita Osceola Center.

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Tampa Community Decorates Eggs for Easter



Chris C. Jenkins





Natasha Axdahl holds all of her eggs after the Easter egg hunt.

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Photo above, Tampa Senior Annie Henry decorates Easter eggs at the Tampa Easter Party. Right photo, Tampa Tribal Member Clarissa Guzman takes a swing during the closest to the pin youth contest.

Ryan Watson



Photo above, Tampa Seniors Maggie Garcia, left, and Linda O. Henry, right, decorate Easter eggs at Tampa's Easter **Celebration April 24.**

Ryan Watson



Tribal youth Keith Osceola and brother Elijah Osceola together with the Easter Bunny at the Hollywood Recreation Gym on April 20.

Naples Community Easter Party.

Trail Community Celebrates Easter Gathering at Miccosukee Golf and Country Club



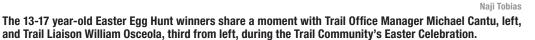
pick up the most eggs in the Easter Egg Hunt contest.

The Trail Community's 10-12 year olds are racing each other in their quest to



The 13-17 year-old Easter Egg Hunt winners share a moment with Trail Office Manager Michael Cantu, left, and Trail Liaison William Osceola, third from left, during the Trail Community's Easter Celebration at the Miccosukee Golf and Country Club on April 9.





Trail Tribal citizen Chawndra Billie, left, with her daughter right next to her, center, and Carla Cypress, right, are chasing after eggs in the adult category of the Easter Egg Hunt contest.

Trail's Easter Egg Hunt Results

Seniors - 55 years old and up 1. Joan Billie (38 eggs), 2. Peggy Osceola (28 eggs), 3. Ted Billie (9 eggs) 0-4 years old 1. Maya Bowers (27 eggs), 2. Camden Cypress (26 eggs), 3. Alyssa Bowers (22 eggs) 5-8 years old 1. Jocelyn Lopez (32 eggs), 2. Billie Cypress (31 eggs), 3. Dion Bert (25 eggs) 9-12 years old 1. Gabriella Jim (87 eggs), 2. Lelitia Gonzalez (57 eggs), 3. Brisa Gonzalez (55 eggs) 13-17 years old 1. William Jim (40 eggs), 2. Margie Tortice (37 eggs), 3. Eden Jumper (29 eggs) Adults - 18-54 years old 1. Chawndra Billie (63 eggs), 2. Ericka Osceola (57 eggs), 3. Isabel Frank (56 eggs)

group of Trail youngsters are enjoying themselves inside of the bounce house at the Trail Community's Easter Celebration Gathering in Miami on April 9.

Hollywood Seniors Easter Party Features Bingo, Bowling and Basket Decorating

Hollywood Senior's Easter Contests and Egg Hunt Results

Easter egg hunt (Women): 1. Mary Gay Osceola, 2. Juanita Billie, 3. Judy-Bill Osceola Golden Egg winner- Louise Osceola Easter egg hunt (Men) 1. Ricky Doctor, 2. Mike Tiger, 3. Paul Buster Golden Egg winner (men)- Paul Buster Best decorated basket (men)- Johnny Tucker Best decorated basket (women)-Lawanna Osceola





Chris C. Jenkins Best decorated basket winner Lawanna Osceola enjoys her door prize gift basket.



Big Cypress Preschoolers Attend Easter Festivities with Egg Hunt and Luncheon





Left photo, the Easter Bunny greets a group of Big Cypress Preschool students at the April 21 Easter Luncheon, with the supervision of 3-year-old teacher Melissa Rittenberry.

Naii Tobias



Chris C. Jenkins

A jubilant Betty Osceola shows off her Easter basket during the Seniors Easter party held at the Senor Center April 19. The day featured an egg hunt, cash bingo, bowling, door prizes, and lunch with special appearances by Tribal Board President Richard Bowers Jr., Hollywood Tribal Council Rep. Max Osceola Jr., and Hollywood Tribal Board Rep. Marcellus Osceola Jr.

Chris C. Jenkins Tribal Pastor Paul Buster talks about the true meaning of the Easter holiday to quests in attendance.

Photo above, Abigail Green, 3, holds up some valuable eggs at the Big Cypress Preschool's Easter Luncheon.

Left photo, The Easter Bunny, left, greets 5-month-old Terrance Robbins, center at the Big Cypress Preschool's Easter Luncheon on April 21 as Tribal mother Tara Robbins, right, gets ready to feed her baby some luncheon at the holidaythemed function.

Naji Tobias

Fort Pierce Youth Search High and Low During Easter Egg Hunt





Blade Fanning peeks to see what he won for having one of four prized eggs during the Fort Pierce egg hunt April 21 held at the Chupco Ranch followed by a community dinner.

Rachel Buxton Tavaria Moss shows off her colorful eggs during the Fort Pierce egg hunt.





Photo above, Isaiah Henmy, left, and Shamerion Tommie decorate crosses in honor of the meaning of Easter.

Right corner photo, Analysse Stockton finds an egg in the plants on the Chupco Ranch grounds during the Fort Pierce celebration.

Right photo, Beverly Tommie and daughter Harmony spend some quality time together during the Easter celebration where the kids participated in arts and crafts followed by an egg hunt.



Rachel Buxton

Big Cypress Community Celebrates Easter Fun Day





Jose Perez, 7, left, guesses the amount of jelly beans in a jar at the Aviation Department's Easter Fun Day booth, as Aviation's Cheryl Russell, center, and Santiago Rodriguez, right, are giving him guidelines on how to compete in the contest.



Naji Tobias During the Easter Egg Hunt festivities for the 0-3 year old category, Halley Balentine, 3, picks up some eggs at the Easter Fun Day's Easter Egg Hunt at the Big Cypress Rodeo Grounds on April 20.



Naji Tobia The Education Department is picked by the judging panel as the Easter Fun Day's best Tribal departmental booth. From left, Education's Angie Hurt, Sheila Billie and Carine Eugene.

Brighton Preschoolers Get a Visit from the Easter Bunny





Naii Tobias Face painting specialist Lucianee Unger, left, works on the face of Evol Buck, right, as she crafts a butterfly drawing.



At the Environmental Resource Management Department's booth, Eyanna Billie, right, plays an "Egg-cellent" matching game that features a variety of birds and their eggs, with Environmental Protection Specialist Elizabeth Letts, left,

helping her out.

Naii Tobias

Naii Tobias At the Family Services Easter Fun Day booth, Fred Mullins, left, dressed as a bunny, shows Levi Billie, right an array of services the Tribal department has to offer its Tribal citizens.

Brighton Seniors Celebrate Easter Holiday with Egg Hunt, Games and Fellowship

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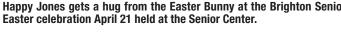
Ila Youngblood shows off her pretty pink egg April 21 during the Brighton Preschool Easter egg hunt where the Easter Bunny made a special appearance and helped the kids look for eggs.





Brooke Osceola helps Grandmother Jennie Snow during the Easter egg hunt.



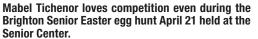




Left photo, Shirley Sampson gets festive with bunny ears and chicks at the Brighton Senior Easter luncheon.

Rachel Buxton









Alice Sweat shows off her handmade Easter bonnet and earrings.

Norman Johns takes part in the Brighton **Senior Easter festivities**

More photos from Naples Community Easter Party

Right photo, Angelina Osceola-Lugo picks out decorations for her Easter eggs at the April 21 celebration.

Judy Weeks





Left photo, Lola Veliz makes friends with the Easter Bunny at the Juanita Osceola Center.

Judy Weeks



Right photo, Karie Jo Osceola and her chil-dren, Dominic, Angelina and Joseph share a family moment with the Easter Bunny.



Judy Weeks

More photos from Brighton's Community Easter





More photos from Hollywood Youth's Easter Celebration



Tribal youth wait anxiously to hop on the bounce house as part of Easter community dinner festivities at the Hollywood Recreation Gym April 20. The day also included an Easter egg hunt, dinner Easter baskets and an appearance by the Easter Bunny.

Chris C. Jenkins An excited Sugarfoot Stewart with his Easter basket.

More photos from Big Cypress seniors egg hunt and luncheon

Chris C. Jenkins



Hollywood senior Jane Freeman, left, receives an Easter-themed plant as a door prize, with fellow Hollywood senior Laura Clay, right, looking on.

BIG CYPRESS SENIORS EASTER EGG HUNT AND LUNCHEON PARTY – RESULTS

Most Eggs 1. Betty Osceola – Hollywood Reservation (154 eggs)

Bingo Game 1 – Louise Osceola Game 2 – Carol Cypress

Jelly Beans – Guessing Contest

Charlotte Tommie (Big Cypress Reservation) and Sally Billie (Hollywood Reservation) both guessed 850 jelly beans.

NOTE: Of all the Tribal seniors, they guessed the closest to the actual jelly beans in the jar without going over, as there were a total of 970 jelly beans in the jar.



Caroline Osceola and her mother, Big Cypress Tribal senior Ruby Osceola, count up the captured eggs at the



Big Cypress Tribal senior Janice Osceola, right, helps Hollywood Tribal senior Betty Osceola, right, count up her eggs, as fellow Hollywood senior Maggie was later revealed that Betty Osce

The Brighton youth line up April 22 to search for eggs during the Brighton Community Easter held at the gym.



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Elle Thomas ends the Brighton Easter egg hunt as the big winner walking away with two-prized eggs.



Howard Micco takes time out to enjoy the Brighton Easter

celebration by saying hi to the infamous Easter Bunny.

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Big Cypress Senior Center on April 13.

the most eggs in this year's Easter Egg Hunt competition with 154 in total.

More photos from the Easter Bunny's visit to the Immokalee community



Judy Weeks

Nehemiah Posada shares his Mickey Mouse basket with the

Easter Bunny.

Judy Weeks Jaila Yzaguirre hurries to the far end of the field to zero in on the most eggs.



Judy Weeks Denise Gonzales gets a helping hand from the Easter Bunny as she collects eggs.

Results of Immokalee East Egg Hunt

0 to 1 Year Olds: 1. Riley Yzaguirre, 2. E.J. Yzaguirre, 3. Curmya Smith 2 to 4 Year Olds: 1. Angelina Yzaguirre, 2. Tito Martinez, 3. Denise Gonzales. 5 to 8 Year Olds: 1. K. J. Davis, 2. Kaden Grimaldo, 3. Carlese Bermudez. 9 to 12 Year Olds: 1. Jon Jimmie, 2. Shyanna Escobar, 3. Dacia Osceola. 13 to 17 Year Olds: 1. Kenny Joe Davis, Jr. 2. Ashley Faz, 3. Lily Mora. 18 to 35 Year Olds: 1. Peter Martinez, 2. Cecelia Pequeno, 3. Ray Yzaguirre, Jr. 36 to 54 Year Olds: 1. Ray Yzaguirre Sr., 2. Becky Martinez, 3. Mark Jock. Seniors: Nancy Motlow.

Alex Valdes stops by the balloon booth set up in the Brighton gym during their community Easter celebration April 22.

Rachel Buxton

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Upcoming Elections Your Tribe, Your Vote

GENERAL ELECTIONS

Seminole Tribe of Florida Election Candidates List

In accordance with the Constitution and the Bylaws of the Seminole Tribe of Florida and the Corporate Charter and Bylaws of the Seminole Tribe of Florida, Inc. a General Election is called for the following offices on Thursday, May 9, 2011. Candidates who have qualified for each office are listed.

TRIBAL COUNCIL

CHAIRMAN: James E. Billie Mitchell Cypress (Incumbent) Holly Tiger

BRIGHTON REPRESENTATIVE: Andrew J. Bowers Jr. (Incumbent) Roger Smith

BIG CYPRESS REPRESENTATIVE: David R. Cypress Manuel M. Tiger (Incumbent)

HOLLYWOOD REPRESENTATIVE

William Johns Marcellus W. Osceola Jr. Max B. Osceola Jr. (Incumbent) Gordon O. Wareham

TRIBAL BOARD

PRESIDENT: Richard Bowers Jr. (Incumbent) Amy Johns Moses B. Osceola Tony Sanchez Jr.

BIG CYPRESS REPRESENTATIVE:

Paul Bowers Sr. (Incumbent) Joe Frank Clifton L. Billie

Big Cypress Cont.

Cypress Robb Damon Cypress Roy Henry Cypress Sadie Tommie Cypress Shane Jimmie Wendy Carolyn Johns Mary Louise Johns Sr. Billie Jumper Andrea Kay Jumper Annie Pocahontas Jumper Cathy Myrna Osceola Mario Marc Osceola Mary Ann Osceola Mornin Ann Osceola Obadiah Osceola Patricia Lynn

BRIGHTON REPRESENTATIVE: Johnnie Jones (Incumbent) Larry Howard

HOLLYWOOD REPRESENTATIVE:

James Holt Jason Don Billie Christopher Osceola Joe Dan Osceola

Those members voting "ABSENTEE" will be furnished upon request in writing. If voting by mail, please request an absentee ballot at once to allow enough time for ballots to be mailed to you and be returned to the Secretary's office, 6300 Stirling Road, Hollywood, Florida 33024 on or before May 9, 2011. Mark your ballots at once and return them so they can be included in the count for this election. All eligible voters are requested to cast their ballots at established polling places on the three (3) reservations or by absentee ballots.

VOTING LOCATIONS

BIG CYPRESS RESERVATION: Senior Center Big Cypress, Florida

BRIGHTON RESERVATION: Cattle & Range Office Brighton, Florida

HOLLYWOOD RESERVATION: Executive Office Auditorium Hollywood, Florida

Polls will be open 8:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Eligible members are urged to exercise their right to vote in this election.

Osceola Marcus Joel Wilcox Cory Brookes Osceola Mario Marc Williams Constance Osceola Mary Ann Williams Olivia Ann Osceola Mornin Ann Osceola Obadiah **Drighton**

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Approved Voters List for the May 9, 20ll General Election Seminole Tribe of Florida and Seminole Tribe of Florida, Inc.

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