

# Styx Lights Up the Stage at Hard Rock Café Grand Opening

BY RACHEL BUXTON  
Staff Reporter

**TAMPA** — The red carpet was rolled out at the Tampa Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Jan. 12 as the Seminole Tribe, celebrity guests and Hard Rock enthusiasts opened the doors to the new Hard Rock Café.

The grand opening marks the 134th Hard Rock Café in the world, and Tampa did the name justice during the opening festivities with plenty of rock ‘n’ roll and, of course, guitar smashing.

Tampa Tribal resident Bobby Henry kicked off the event with the blessing followed by the Seminole Tribal Council taking the stage.

“We never thought that we’d be here on the stage at the Hard Rock Casino,” Chairman Mitchell Cypress said. “Back in the early ‘90s bones were discovered, and then we had a village and then we had a Bingo, then we had a casino, and now we have a Hard Rock.”

Brighton/Tampa Council Rep. Andrew J. Bowers Jr. thanked everyone for coming and encouraged them to come back.

“I promise you the food at the Hard Rock Café is great and the service is great,” Rep. Bowers said.

The Tribal Council lined up for the in-

famous guitar smashing making all Seminole Hard Rock events and venues official.

Tommy Shaw, the lead singer from Styx, and Joey Fatone of \*NSYNC joined the Council on stage for the smashing.

Shaw and the rest of his Styx band members took to the stage for a concert down memory lane performing hits from the ‘70s and ‘80s including “Come Sail Away,” “Lady” and “Too Much Time on My Hands.”

After the concert, guests partied until the wee hours with celebrity DJ Samantha Ronson.

Socialite Nicky Hilton, actresses Ali Landry and Stephanie Pratt, celebrity chef Steve Martorano and the first Hard Rock Café server Rita Gilligan made their way down the red carpet.

The new Hard Rock Café took the place of Floyd’s Night Club, but is twice the size at 17,500 square feet and 350 seats. The Tampa Hard Rock Café offers a bit more than most Hard Rock Café venues.

“We’re very proud to be a location where Hard Rock International has chosen

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Rachel Buxton  
Tribal Council along with Styx’s Tommy Shaw and \*NSYNC’s Joey Fatone line up for the infamous Hard Rock guitar smashing.

# Softball Player Mary Huff Continues Her Dream and Signs with UCF

BY RACHEL BUXTON  
Staff Reporter

**OKEECHOBEE** — It was a proud day for Brighton community members Jan. 30 as one of their Tribal students took the next step in her education career and toward one of her own personal goals. Mary Huff, a star softball player, signed a two-year scholarship to play softball with the University of Central Florida in Orlando.

Community members gathered at the Hampton Inn for a celebration and mock signing to congratulate the young athlete.

“A few years ago I kind of envisioned this scene right here,” said Brighton Tribal Council Rep. Andrew J. Bowers Jr.

Huff attended Okeechobee High School where she played softball all four years, and then headed off to St. Petersburg College in Clearwater for a year before transferring to Indian State River College for her last year at a community college level.

Huff said the University of Central Florida scouted her at one of her last games for IRSC and from there she went on to sign with the Division I School.

“I had a lot of other offers to Division II and Division III,” Huff said. “But I felt like I didn’t work this long and this hard to be second best.”

For the past 13 years, Huff’s parents John and Vickey Huff traveled around the country giving Huff the opportunity to hone her skills. Huff is a starting pitcher and owes it to her father who once was a pitcher himself. Her father said

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Rachel Buxton  
The autographs begin early as Mary Huff signs a few softballs in commemoration of her signing with the University of Central Florida girls’ softball team.



Briana D’Andrea  
Sixth through eighth grade students take in “The Three Soldiers” War Memorial located at the National Mall in D.C.

# Middle School Students Get a Close-Up Look at the Nation’s Capital

BY BRIANA D’ANDREA  
Contributing Reporter

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** — As Seminole Tribal students in grades six through eight walked the streets of Washington, D.C., they were entrenched in history and politics that have shaped today’s society. They were engulfed in the opportunity of a lifetime: the chance to travel with Close-Up, an organization dedicated to giving students an inside look at some of the nation’s most treasured monuments and memorials in the capital and in Philadelphia.

“All the history, all the knowledge that you can gain from this is quite amazing, it truly is,” said Apolonia Nunez, a sixth grader from Okeechobee. She’s 11 years old but understands the importance of the Washington Monument, a representation

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# President Obama Holds White House Tribal Nations Conference



Official White House Photo by Pete Souza  
President Barack Obama meets with Tribal leaders in the Roosevelt Room of the White House, Dec. 15, 2010.

BY MIRANDA MOTLOW  
Contributing Reporter

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** — President Barack Obama hosted the White House Tribal Nations Conference, which was the second annual conference for the Obama Administration, on Dec. 16, 2010.

“What I said then was that as President, I would make sure you had a voice in the White House. I said that so long as I held this office, never again would Native Americans be forgotten or ignored,” Obama said.

The original purpose of the Nations

Conference was not only to strengthen the nation-to-nation bond, but also to essentially build on government-to-government relationships. Leaders of the 565 federally recognized Tribes in attendance had an opportunity to directly interact with the President and the highest-level representatives of his cabinet. The conference consisted of open and closed sessions, as well as breakout sessions in order to give the Tribal leaders a chance to express the major concerns pertaining to their Tribe.

While other Tribes voiced concerns over poverty and high crime rates, the chief

concern pertaining to the Seminole Tribe of Florida was the issue of land use.

Tina Osceola, chief historic resource officer, traveled to D.C. to represent the Seminole Tribe on this issue. She states the Tribe is spending an ordinate amount of Tribal resources on what is inherently a federal function.

“When we develop our land we’re doing the work and paying for the work of the federal government, and we’re getting a lot of resistance from the eastern region B.I.A.

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# Senior Mabel Jim Retires after 36 Years of Working with Tribe

BY AIMEE HOYT  
Editor

**BIG CYPRESS** — Family, friends and co-workers filled the Herman L. Osceola Gymnasium Dec. 27 to celebrate Tribal senior Mabel Jim’s 36-year career working with the Seminole Tribe of Florida. The Johnny Cash-themed retirement celebration featured a “Walk the Line” video slideshow, reflections and dedications, and an award presentation followed by lunch.

Jim started her career as a receptionist at the Cattle & Range office in Big Cypress more than three decades ago. Over the years, she has worked within various departments of the Tribe where she said she enjoyed traveling and the opportunity to meet new people.

“I loved my job since I started. I didn’t know how to operate the telephone but I self trained myself,” Jim said.

Master of ceremonies and former Chairman James Billie said Jim has a very precious family, who were known for being hunters and medicine type people.

Family members joined Jim at the front of the gym during the party to support her. Her son, Lenny Jim, said while she is looking forward to her retirement, she will never retire from being his mother.

Since she began her career with the Tribe, Jim has worked with five Big Cypress Council representatives, six Board representatives and numerous presidents. She has also worked with former Chairman Howard Tommie to the current Chairman Mitchell Cypress.

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Aimee Hoyt  
After making her grand entrance riding in a horse-drawn carriage, Mabel Jim, center, enters her retirement celebration with Big Cypress Tribal Council Rep. Mondo Tiger, former Chairman James Billie, Chairman Mitchell Cypress, and President Richard Bowers Jr. and her grandchildren.





ective Officer and Tribal citizen Tina Osceola, which will hopefully delight and incite you every month from now on.

Tina's knowledge of Indian affairs and her extensive professional experience make her a strong voice in our community. She has been involved in various Tribal projects and has traveled extensively representing the Tribe.

As executive officer she oversees the award-winning Florida Seminole Tourism department and represents her region on the Southeast Tourism Society, working closely with its leadership.

Tina also serves as the Seminole Tribe's Chief Historic Resources officer, overseeing the Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum, the country's first tribally governed museum to receive national accreditation from the American Association of Museums.

Tina is responsible for the Tribal Historic Preservation Office, an office that assumed the role of the State Historic Preservation

## A Message from the Editor in Chief

As a reader of *Seminole Tribune* and as a Tribal citizen I have lately looked in the paper for articles commenting and analyzing current issues that concern the Tribe.

Now, as the new editor in chief, I am pleased to introduce to you a new column written by STOF Executive

Office in October of 2006 under the requirements of the National Historic Preservation Act. This office reviews more than 3,000 off-reservation projects and almost 4,000 land use applications for on-reservation projects.

An AIANTA member since 2005, Tina Osceola served as an at-large member and board secretary before being elected President in 2008. Under her leadership, AIANTA has continued to play a larger role in the national tourism industry. In the last two years, AIANTA has developed meaningful relationships with the White House, as well as federal and state agencies, and has expanded its reach internationally to become the respected voice of Indian Country tourism.

Tina is an active member on other national boards including the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian and the U.S. Travel Association. Prior to becoming an executive officer with the Seminole Tribe of Florida, Tina spent nine years as the Public Affairs Supervisor under Sheriff Don Hunter (retired) of the Collier County Sheriff's Office. She received her master's degree in Public Administration from Nova Southeastern University and her Bachelor of Science from Rollins College. Tina is a resident of her hometown, Naples, Fla., and is the proud mother of two children, Dakota and Brody. She is the daughter of OB and Joanne Osceola, and the granddaughter of the late Cory and Juanita Osceola.

Please welcome Tina's voice in the *Seminole Tribune*!

Thank you,

**Ciara Billie-Gurue**



Johnny Cash impersonator Keith Coleman, left, entertains Mable Jim, second from left, and her family and friends at her Johnny Cash-themed retirement celebration in Big Cypress' Herman L. Osceola Gymnasium on Dec. 27.



As a sign of appreciation, Mable Jim received the key to Big Cypress, courtesy of the Tribe.

Naji Tobias

## MABEL JIM

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Chairman Cypress joked, "She's seen a lot of changes, especially my hair that's turned to gray."

"I don't know a word to describe what you've done," the Chairman told Jim. "Retirement is the word today."

Other loved ones and officials came forth to reflect on Jim's accomplishments and to pay tribute for her steadfast dedication to the Tribe.

Brighton/Tampa Council Rep. Andrew J. Bowers Jr. told the crowd how he often went to Jim for help since she knew everyone and knew where everything was.

"She always steered me in the right direction when I first came into this [Tribe]," he said.

After paying tribute to Jim, Big Cypress Tribal Council Rep. Mondo Tiger presented her with an award for her hard work.

"Thirty-six years shows the dedication you have to the Tribe," Tiger said. "I'm very, very, very proud of you."

President Richard Bowers Jr. said that Jim won't stay away for long though.

"We call them senior trips and that's her favorite thing, so I'm sure she'll be hanging around here," he said.

While she will greatly miss the people she worked with, Jim said she is most looking forward to staying home and relaxing during her retirement. She said she also hopes to take vacations, spend more time with family and visit friends who live out of state.

Before closing remarks, Secretary of Tribal Council and Corporate Board of Directors Priscilla Sayen said she never had to worry when Jim was working because she always had everything under control. "Mabel, if you ever need a job, I still need you," Sayen said.

## OUR SEMINOLE VOICE

**Dear Readers,**  
*Welcome to my first column with the Seminole Tribune. It is my plan to write to you about timely issues and topics that will not only inform you about what is going on in Indian Country, our nation, and our world, but to also suggest why it matters. Some of these issues we may agree upon and others we may not and it is my hope that in those cases, the column will spark or provoke a dialogue that promotes healthy discourse.*

My first column focuses on the Seminole Tribe of Florida's nation-to-nation relationship with the President of the United States.

As a sovereign nation, the nation-to-nation relationship we have with the White House is and should be recognized as the cornerstone to not only how we consult or negotiate with those outside of the Tribe, but should be the image that we all see when identifying ourselves.

On Dec. 16, 2010, President Barack Obama invited representatives from the 565 American Indian Tribes and Native Alaskans to our nation's capital for the second annual Tribal Leaders Summit. Chairman Mitchell Cypress authorized me to represent our Tribe at this event. I went there with a job to do – to work as hard as I could to get our voice heard and to make the presence of the Seminole Tribe of Florida known.

When given the opportunity to speak to the cabinet members during the "Nation to Nation" breakout session we thanked the President for calling together the tribes of the United States and reaffirming their powers as sovereign nations. We asked that the President allow us to help further his agenda to help Indian Country become a stronger partner in efforts to advance programs that benefit every citizen of the United States.

I must say that I have watched sympathetically, but angrily, as the President's enemies – and, in some cases, his friends – seek to confuse, distort, and ignore the sweeping mandate of two years ago that our country be no longer divided. They allow the special interests and Washington insiders to put their agendas ahead of those who shared his election chances. They continue to put partisan politics ahead of those in our country who need this President's vision fulfilled. In some cases, they use the bureaucracy and red-tape he inherited to strangle progress.

In Indian Country we have long understood the barriers the President faces. We are indigenous peoples who are adjusting to a long history of silent genocide.

Problems that are pervasive within the United States are most often magnified in Indian Country; poverty and unemployment levels that reach 80 percent, poor access to



TINA OSCEOLA

quality health care and education, drug and alcohol abuse.

But, the overwhelming issue affecting the American Indian, – the Seminole, – is the threat to our sovereignty. Sovereignty is about self-definition and empowerment, about telling our own story our own way, and about taking control of our future.

We recognize that many tribes are facing crises. Some are facing economic crisis. Some are facing drug and alcohol crises. Some are facing state or federal ignorance of native culture and native rights. Some are facing battles over mineral rights. Some are facing the loss of the very land and civilization that has kept them alive for centuries. We have

faced fights with uncooperative and unrelenting opponents who care about neither the truth nor the greater good. We haven't been recognized for our unique and legal sovereignty or even given our rights as taxpaying Americans.

For far too many years, the Department of the Interior has stood between Indian Country and the highest seats of power. This barrier weakens the nation-to-nation relationship originally envisioned by American founding fathers and has been marred by generations of ineptitude, corruption and broken promise. For far too long, Indian issues were relegated to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, within Interior, but far, far from the direct consideration of a U.S. President.

We called upon the President to finally break the bureaucratic bounds that have kept Native Americans from just recognition as partners in America's future. We asked that the President consider creating a Department of Indian Affairs.

We respectfully asked that he allow us, finally, participation at the most important table in the U.S., the table that seats his cabinet, his trusted partners and advisors. As leaders of our respective nations, we share the humbling and difficult task of defending and protecting our people.

Protecting their rights. Keeping them safe from invasion. Educating them.

Keeping them healthy. Supporting them. The similarities provide a foundation for dialogue.

We called upon the President to appoint a Secretary of Indian Affairs so that we can be heard without filter. Without trying to figure out which Cabinet Secretary our issue falls under. Appointing a Secretary of Indian Affairs would be much more than a symbolic gesture.

I will continue to pursue this agenda and will be presenting many issues that affect our Tribe and our resources from this political framework. Talk to you next issue.

## CONFERENCE

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office," Osceola said.

Osceola said that even though she did not speak to President Obama in person, it was important to engage in dialogue with his cabinet members.

"It's important for the Tribal members to understand that what we did by showing up here is we carried our message to the White House. It was vitally important to the big picture and how we move forward in the future," she said.

The 12 leaders who met with the President represent the geographic diversity of

the country and were selected by their regional peers. The leaders are: President Shirley of the Navajo Nation; Chairman Black Eagle of the Crow Tribe; Chairman Smith of the Pala Band of Mission Indians; Chief Red Eagle of the Osage Nation; Chairperson Edwards of the Caddo Nation of Oklahoma; Chairman Barbry of the Tunica-Biloxi Indian Tribe; Chairman Hall of the Three Affiliated Tribes; Chairman Wright of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe; Chairman Hayes of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe; Chairman Cladosby of the Swinomish Tribe; President Thomas of the Central Council Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska; Chairwoman Diver of the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa.

## HUFF

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he taught her how to pitch after she came to him as a young girl asking for help.

"I told her if you want to go somewhere you're just going to have to stick with it," said Huff's father. "It's just been kind of like a dream come true."

Huff's high school softball coach Kim Hargraves was present for the momentous occasion and said she saw this happening from the first day she saw Huff step onto the field. She even went as far as to say that Huff is probably in her top five of most enjoyable players she has coached.

"She is a phenomenal person, phenomenal athlete," Hargraves said. "The thing is she is so driven and has a strong personality that some people just didn't know how to take her."

Huff's dedication has truly paid off as she headed to UCF Jan. 3 to meet with her new softball family.

"I'm just real excited," Huff said. "I feel like this is everything I've ever worked for and it's finally happening."



Rachel Buxton

Brighton Council Rep. Andrew J. Bowers Jr. says he foresees a bright future for Mary Huff.



Vickey Huff

Mary Huff shows off what she does best: softball.

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# Community

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The Site at the Seminole Casino Coconut Creek features 340 slot machines and 18 blackjack tables.

## Seminole Casino Coconut Creek Has More Room for Gambling, Dining and Partying

BY AIMEE HOYT AND ADINA LOOCHKARTT  
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**COCONUT CREEK** — In a festive décor and watched by the crowd and the media, Steve Bonner, general manager of Seminole Casino Coconut Creek and Seminole Casino Hollywood “The Classic,” hammered the wall that was sitting between the patrons and the new 16,000-square-foot gaming room.

Named The Site, the building offers 400-plus gaming positions, a new restaurant and a bar. Bonner calls this grand opening the first step—not the final step—to construction at the casino.

Tribal elder Paul ‘Cowbone’ Buster led a packed crowd in a traditional blessing at the Dec. 17 event.

“Seminoles have made long strides of accomplishments, and we couldn’t have done it without you,” Buster said.

The Site is expected to employ more than 200 people, in addition to the 114 dealers and managers recently hired when the casino introduced live blackjack on Aug. 13, 2010. The Site replaces the pavilion tent and got its name

from the facility’s theme, that of a construction site.

“What we’ve added today are 340 slot machines and 18 blackjack tables,” Bonner said.

The Site also features a non-smoking gaming area and The Whistle Stop restaurant, which contains an actual old time construction lunch wagon, and a Wrecking Bar with live entertainment and nine video slot machines. “We actually view this as a stepping stone for the future of the Coconut Creek Casino,” Bonner said about the grand opening of the gaming building.

The Site is a temporary building and the second step of a bigger project set to create an entertainment destination center, including a performing arts center, expanded casino space, a meeting/convention hotel, retail shopping and nightclubs. The Seminole Tribe and the City of Coconut Creek have been working together for five years on the casino’s master plan, according to Bonner.

Also part of the master plan are three new restaurants and an additional garage. The construction for the garage will start in the spring and is expected to open in early 2012. “We will be adding 30-40 tables, 700-800 slot machines, and over 1,000 new jobs,” Bonner said.



Adina Loochkartt

Steve Bonner, center, general manager of Seminole Casino Coconut Creek and Seminole Casino Hollywood, gets ready to tear down the wall that sits between the crowd and the new gaming room. Bonner was helped by two VIP casino patrons.



Adina Loochkartt

Paul ‘Cowbone’ Buster leads the blessing before the opening ceremonies.



Adina Loochkartt

Casino dealers await for patrons in the new gaming room.



Jessica Osceola

Under the watchful eye of Traditional Arts Specialist Jessica Osceola, Alexis Walden uses the sewing machine for the first time and pieces together patchwork.

## Juanita Osceola Center Presents Colorful Patchwork Party

BY JUDY WEEKS  
Freelance Reporter

**NAPLES** — The Juanita Osceola Center was a bee hive of activity on Jan. 7 when community members congregated for an evening that offered something for everyone regardless of age.

Traditional Arts Specialist Jessica Osceola planned the occasion as a kickoff for the Tribal Fair projects. She encouraged all Tribal citizens to submit an item of patchwork, basketry, beading, wood carving or traditional art based upon their age category for the upcoming competition.

“Lacking the necessary skills is not a justifiable excuse for failing to enter a project,” Osceola said. “We have orchestrated workshops, art and craft seminars throughout the year and continue to offer guidance. You are not too young or too old to start practicing the traditional skills of your heritage, and we are always happy for the opportunity to assist you.”

Osceola commented on the adults and seniors who have been frequenting the center to work together, while the children attend homework and tutoring class afterschool. Following their education requirements, the youngsters migrate toward the craft center and work on their own projects. The social atmosphere and learning experience is similar to the camp lifestyle of the past and all ages are benefiting.

Carefully picking out her own colors and design, 7-year-old Alexis Walden tried her hand on the sewing machine for the first time at the Patchwork Party. Before the evening was over, she had completed a full

yard of patchwork and was taking instructions in building an apron/potholder set.

Teenager Corrine Zepeda tackled the difficult job of making a skirt. Coordinating her fabrics, she created her patchwork, and by the end of the session incorporated it into a beautiful article of clothing.

A high school freshman, Marissa Osceola has become very familiar with the sewing machine during the past year and is working toward perfecting more difficult designs and exercising her creativity.

Sewing patchwork was the nucleus of the event; however, the forum was similar to most family gatherings and branched out into numerous directions. While not directly involved in creating patchwork, several community members attended the party to share in the camaraderie of the occasion.

Local musician George Colyer coordinated a small band of youngsters who practiced their newfound skills on the guitar, percussion instruments and keyboard. The majority of the group had participated in similar sessions during the previous year and looked forward to making beautiful music together.

The smaller children settled down in front of the big screen to watch cartoons and kid-friendly movies while munching on big bowls of popcorn. As the hours passed, they curled up in their blankets and drifted away into dreamland, accompanied by the steady rhythm of their mothers’ sewing machines just like their parents and grandparents had done generations before them.

## Tribal Citizen James Billie Teams with SUBWAY Franchise to Fight Diabetes

BY CHRIS C. JENKINS  
Staff Reporter

**HOLLYWOOD** — Former Tribal Chairman James Billie will be lending his support and voice to a new partnership and initiative with national food chain SUBWAY.

As part of its new Diabetes Friendlier Meal Choices campaign and menu, Billie spoke about his involvement with the international franchise at the Native Village Jan. 11 as its new Native spokesman.

“While we can still cure diabetes we should give it a shot,” Billie said. “I am very prime at my age to becoming diabetic. I only became aware of the disease

because of my own age and weight issues. This all shows that [Fred De Luca, President of SUBWAY International] and the franchise have confidence that something like this can work.”

The 66-year-old said his involvement with the partnership stems from him helping to spearhead the announcement of a new SUBWAY store to be opened on the Brighton Reservation, where he currently resides. It would be the first franchise in Seminole Country and is tentatively set for an April grand opening and will exclusively feature the new diabetic menu.



Chris C. Jenkins

**New SUBWAY Tribal pitchman James Billie with the diabetes friendlier meal choice menu and VITAZEST Water at the announcement of his partnership with the franchise at the Native Village Jan. 11.**

Kansas City, Mo. was the first city to test the new menu at 190 locations in Dec. 2009.

“It is fabulous seeing the SUBWAY brand growing all around the world with this new idea,” said De Luca. “This is a fairly easy menu to grow with.”

A new diabetes friendlier vitamin-enriched beverage called VITAZEST Water is also available for purchase with the items on the diabetic menu. The water comes in three flavors and has zero calories, sugar, sodium and carbohydrates. A portion of sales from the water will also benefit the Diabetes Research Institute Foundation.

According to studies by the American Diabetes Association, the facts of diabetes in the Native community are sobering: The likelihood of American Indians and Alaska Natives to have the disease is 2.2 times higher as compared to non-Hispanic whites, and there has been a 68 percent increase in diabetes from 1994 to 2004 in American Indian and Alaska Native youth, ages 15-19.

The SUBWAY franchise sells submarine sandwiches, salads and personal pizzas. It is owned and operated by Doctor’s Associates, Inc. As one of the fastest growing franchises in the world, it boasts more than 33,000 restaurants in over 90 countries/territories as of October 2010 and is the largest single-brand restaurant chain globally. Its main operations office is in Milford, Conn.

The franchise began with De Luca in 1965 after he borrowed \$1,000 from friends to start his first sandwich shop when he was 17 years old. He was trying to raise money to pay for college. He chose Bridgeport, Conn. for the location under the eventual name of Pete’s Subs. The name was later changed to SUBWAY with the restaurant decorated with maps of the New York City subway system, a theme that has continued to this day.

For more information, visit [diabetesresearch.org](http://diabetesresearch.org) or [subwayscoopit.com](http://subwayscoopit.com).



Chris C. Jenkins

**SUBWAY International President and special guest Fred De Luca enjoys the Tribal custom of alligator wrestling while visiting the Native Village for the announcement of new SUBWAY diabetes friendlier menu.**



Chris C. Jenkins

**Broward County SUBWAY franchise owner Tony Esposito talks about the new diabetes friendlier menu with local media.**

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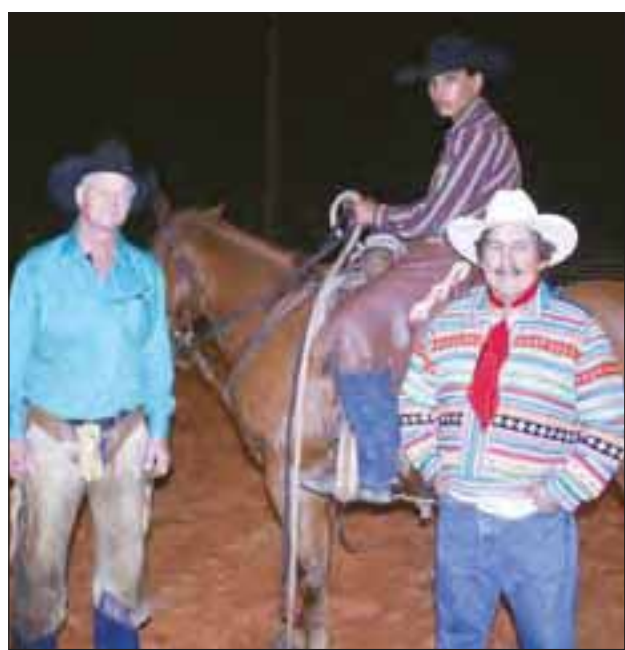
Judy Weeks

Seven-year-old Canaan Jumper carries the Seminole flag during opening ceremonies for the Wild Horse Ministry.



Judy Weeks

Paul Daily, left, of the Wild Horse Ministry and Andre Jumper use their horses to subdue a terrified wild horse during its first handling.



Judy Weeks

Paul Daily, Andre Jumper and Moses Jumper Jr. participated in the Wild Horse Ministry presentations in Clewiston, Big Cypress and Immokalee to kick off a New Year's tour.

## Wild Horse Ministry Returns to Seminole Country

BY JUDY WEEKS  
Freelance Reporter

**IMMOKALEE** — A warm and hearty welcome greeted Paul Daily and his wife, Joanna, when they brought their Wild Horse Ministry back to Seminole Country on Jan. 9 through 12. The Seminole Tribe of Florida and Big Cypress First Baptist Church jointly sponsored the seventh annual visit, which included activities in Big Cypress, Immokalee and Clewiston.

"We are honored to have become friends with so many members of the Seminole Tribe and always look forward to our visits," Daily said. "You make us feel like family; and together we have watched our children grow up and hopefully, they will follow in our footsteps."

An accomplished horse trainer, Daily has worked with horses his entire life and developed a gentle, gratifying technique for breaking and beginning the initial training process in a very short period of time. As a young man, he worked in the oil fields by day and tamed horses during the evenings and weekends using the old-fashioned rough and tumble method.

While working in his round pen one day, Daily realized that the horse's respons-

es to his actions were much the same as the way people react to the Lord. Inspired by this revelation, he developed a man/horse concept of life's lessons with Jesus Christ. His entire outlook on life immediately changed, and on Feb. 22, 1997, he held his first demonstration before his wife's Sunday school class. The reaction was overwhelming and the Wild Horse Ministry was born.

Their reputation grew rapidly and the Ministry began answering invitations from churches, fairs, schools, prisons and private individuals with their travels reaching farther and farther from their home state of Louisiana. Soon the Ministry became a full-time job. Home schooling their children, the Daily family has carried their nondenominational ministry to 31 states, and to Canada, Uruguay and South America.

"Our children, Dan and Lenora, regret that they couldn't come with us this year because they are both in college. However, they send you their best wishes," Daily said. "As you know, they were my right arm in the arena, but I feel privileged to have the grandson of Moses Jumper Jr. here to fill in for them. Fifteen-year-old Andre Jumper has grown up in the Eastern Indian Rodeo Association program and has become an excellent horseman."

The Wild Horse Ministry kicked off their program with an afternoon demonstration on Jan. 9 at the Clewiston arena, and then moved to Big Cypress and Immokalee for two full days of activities. Inviting Tribal citizens and residents of the surrounding counties to attend, Daily taught classes in horsemanship and worked on tackling issues involved in the breaking and training of horses.

During evening presentations, crowds watched as Daily employed his "horse whisperer techniques" to transform wild horses into man's best friend. Gentling the animal and gaining its confidence, he makes astute comparisons between mankind and their relationship with their Creator. As the horse learns and accepts its new role, the process closely resembles life's lessons and how they apply to all of God's creatures.



Judy Weeks

Members of the audience enter the arena to participate in a closing prayer following a Wild Horse Ministry presentation.

Working two wild Cracker horses belonging to Moses Jumper Jr., Daily wowed audiences at the John Jimmie Memorial Arena in Immokalee as he gained their confidence despite fear, bucking and kicking. Each horse evidenced personal issues and adverse personality traits that were overcome in the process. Using Andre Jumper in strategic situations, Daily had the horses responding to a lead rope, accepting a saddle

and submitting to a rider by the end of the evening.

Following an afternoon workshop at the Junior Cypress Rodeo Arena in Big Cypress on Wednesday, the Wild Horse Ministry were guests at a hog roast at the Big Cypress First Baptist Church and then participated in a campfire meeting with guest speaker Randy Johnson of Reality Ranch Ministry.

### More photos from Naples' Patchwork Party



Jessica Osceola

Photo above left and center, Corrine Zepeda fabricates a Seminole skirt from patchwork that she made at the Juanita Osceola Center. Photo above, from left, Nicole Slavik, Serena Zepeda and Logan Walden are engrossed in the story of a kid-friendly movie while their parents sew patchwork.



Photo left, Alexis Walden displays a yard of patchwork that she created during her first time at the sewing machine. Photo right, Marissa Osceola creates a roll of patchwork for inclusion in a future project.

Jessica Osceola



## The Home Escape Plan Can Save Your Life, and the Lives of Your Loved Ones — So, Plan It Now!

BY CHIEF DAVID LOGAN  
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Let's start the year with the right attitude for fire safety and prepare a Home Escape Plan if we have not done so already. Although Home Escape Plans and drills are basic, they are essential elements of fire safety because most structure fires and fire fatalities occur at residences. It is too late to start developing an escape plan when a fire strikes because three minutes is the average amount of time to get out safely before becoming incapacitated by the toxic smoke that it produces. Therefore, everyone needs to be prepared in advance. Smoke alarms are the number one safety items in your home because they send a warning signal when you need to escape from a house that is on fire. Also, studies show that a working smoke alarm increases a person's chance

of survival during a residential fire by 50 percent. Home escape planning and practice helps everyone know what to do in case of a fire. It only takes a few minutes to create a Home Escape Plan which should include the following:

1. A smoke alarm should function properly and can be tested by pressing the button on the front of the device until it emits an alarm. If this does not occur you should remove the dead battery and replace it immediately.
2. Teach children what the alarm sounds like, how to get low, crawl out and where to go for help. Many children will ignore the smoke alarm's warning signal, especially when they are sleeping. Some small children may hide in a closet or underneath their beds if they are not told where to go.
3. The batteries for smoke alarms should be replaced at Daylight Savings Time (once every six

months). Many of the investigations for residential fires that involve fatalities are attributed to smoke alarms that did not activate due to or dead/missing batteries or disconnection.

4. There should be two ways out of every room with exits that are not blocked. This may include a door and a window that is easy to open. Hurricane shutters can prevent escape or rescue during an emergency and should be removed.

5. Everyone needs to be aware of a meeting place that is located outside and at a safe distance from the house. This may be a driveway, mailbox, etc. Someone should provide the arriving firefighters with important information, such as a trapped person or the location of the fire.

6. Does everyone know the local emergency number? Show children when, how and what to say to the dispatcher after they have pressed the numbers on

a mobile phone. In addition, children should be taught their home addresses.

7. Is the address clearly visible from the road? This will make your residence easier to find.

If you have children, make it a fun family activity and use this article as a checklist to conduct a fire safety inspection of your home.

Remember, check for working batteries in the smoke alarms, identify all of the exits and create a meeting place outside. Sketch out a Home Escape Plan map that can be placed on the refrigerator door when it is done. Like school fire drills, Home Escape Plan drills should be practiced regularly. Time the drills and then meet afterwards to discuss ways for improvement. Also, purchase a fire extinguisher and learn how to use it. Do not store it directly next to the stove, but keep it nearby at an easily accessible location within the home.





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Kenny Descheenie Sr., center, works at building a sleeping cot before the lock-in.



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Isabel Tucker, left, and Marissa DeCarlo share some girl time.



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Donavin Tiger gets a workout during a game of dodgeball.

## SPD Sponsors First Tribal Youth Lock-In



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Tribal youth await the start of the next song during a game of musical chairs.



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Elizabeth Frank, center, shows her flexibility skills in a game of limbo during the first Seminole Police Department Lock-In held at the Seminole Recreation Gym Jan. 7. The fun-filled overnight event featured several activities including live music with a DJ, dodgeball, sack racing, musical chairs, movies, dinner and snacks for Tribal youth ages 5 through 18.



## Bigg E. Customs, Exclusive Barbers Host Car Show

Left photo, Judge Jason Landau inspects the engine of a custom-made Nissan Altima named God of War. Bottom left photo, Twenty-fifth street shows off hydraulics on this purple and black Chevrolet Impala. Photo below, this purple Dodge Charger will be judged as part of the Tribal citizen Eric Osceola's Bigg E. Customs/Exclusive Barbers sponsored car show held in Hollywood on Dec. 18. The event featured 13 categories with trophies given to the winners. Open to the public, the next event will be on Feb. 19 at the Mary Saunders Park in West Park.

Photos courtesy Chris Clark



## Taking the Mustang Challenge

BY ERICA M. DEITZ

The morning light starts to peek through the curtains over the mountain skyline; it has just turned 6:30 a.m. We should all be pulling the bedcovers over our heads and staying in our beds because it is summer time, but instead we are getting ready to take our son to football summer conditioning. This is the beginning of our summer with Eagle High School Football, which would take all summer. Wyatt Deitz's day started off with running 100 yards four to six times and was followed with calisthenics, weight lifting, pushups, sit-ups and offensive and defensive drills, which lasted for two to two and a half hours long. Our son started off excited and anxious, but he was ready for the work ahead of him because he just wanted to play some football.

It was just two years ago that Wyatt was playing football for Emmett Middle School, but the formula was all wrong for our son to succeed. His coaching staff didn't care about his grades, and he didn't get to play but two games due to extreme favoritism. The following year he didn't play and worked on his grades. Then we were able to move to Eagle, Idaho, with a great school district, which is focused on its students moving on to higher education and as an added bonus,

a great football program with a philosophy that everyone played with passing grades. We signed him up for Huntington Learning Center (HLC) and football. We enrolled Wyatt into the Huntington Learning Center during his eighth grade year of Eagle Middle School to help him be well rounded in his academics. This program has continued on through the summer and into the current fall semester of his ninth grade year. We all agreed, including Wyatt, that having him in the HLC program was a positive step into his future. Our schedule had to be flexible during the school year to accommodate picking up Wyatt from football practice and then taking him to Huntington after he had cleaned up and eaten a snack. Afterwards, he was picked up from Huntington and ready to eat dinner. The formula of our son succeeding was starting to take shape.

The rewards of constantly juggling our schedule was paid in full when our son wore his number 75 jersey proudly and played all during the football season, was a starter for the defensive line, a second string for the offensive line and was also picked captain by his coaches for one of his games. He also shed about 30 pounds during the process, grew taller – he's 5 feet 10 inches – and wearing a size 14 football cleat. Wyatt showed us he could handle his schoolwork,

keeping a 2.7 grade point average, attend Huntington and have a positive attitude while doing so. He often watches his favorite football movies; one in particular is the "Gridiron Gang" starring Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson. Wyatt took a saying that the character would say to his players and it was called, "taking the Mustang Challenge." This resonated with Wyatt because he felt he was challenging himself, and it just so happen that his football team mascot is the mustang, just like the team's mascot in the movie. One day after Wyatt had one of his grueling workout sessions in football, he said to me, "I sometimes feel like quitting, but something inside me just won't let me quit. Our coach told us football is hard, not easy; if it was, everyone would be doing it. I guess I'm 'taking the Mustang Challenge.'"



Submitted photo

Wyatt tackles Timberline player, as Eagle High School Mustangs win 59-36 over Timberline Wolves in their last game of the season.

It has not been an easy road, but it has been a fulfilling one. The football season has finished up and now Wyatt has signed up for

lacrosse. He wants to stay in shape for next year's football season.





Briana D'Andrea

Sixth through eighth grade students and Close-Up Organization staff members in front of the Capitol Building in Washington, D.C.

## CLOSE UP

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of first President George Washington, who fought for independence. "It was just amazing. A wonderful thing to see. A once in a lifetime experience," Apolonia said.

Four straight days, Dec. 12 through 16, were dedicated to visiting places like the nation's first capital, Philadelphia, where Independence Hall is located, to the National Archives in D.C., where the Declaration of Independence sits. The group also visited the Lincoln Memorial, a commemoration to the abolishment of slavery, and the National Museum of the American Indian. The students even had a chance to see the popular White House Christmas tree.

"There's a lot to see here, there's a lot of history that's in the books, that they can see first hand," Apolonia's father David Nunez said. "I think it's important to learn this type of government so that our future leaders can learn how to deal with the issues that come up and what avenues they have available to them."

Crystal Drake, middle school language arts teacher at Pemayetv Emehakv Charter School in Apolonia, couldn't agree more.

"One of the important things about the trip, is the students can gain background knowledge in workings of our government," Drake said.

Workshops were held for students to distinguish the difference between what was a right and what was a privilege, and even lobby bills to mock members of Congress.

"Our goal, our mission, is to inspire, inform and empower students to become more involved in our democracy; and our philosophy is that all students deserve access to civic education, because all students are living in a democracy," Close-Up Foundation Program Leader Jessica Cisneros said. "Decisions are being made everyday in government that affect students, and that happens whether or not they participate in the process."

Several students from Pemayetv Emehakv jumped on the opportunity to participate and paid a visit to Congressman Tom Rooney's office on Capitol Hill. With petitions and pictures in hand, they hope to add a Native American to The Three Soldiers memorial at the National Mall. According to the students, 42,000 Native Americans served in the Vietnam War, 90 percent of them volunteered and 226 of them died.

Seminole Agency BIA Superintendent Keith Neves, said it's imperative to have representation.

"I think it's critically important to have that monument to give and show homage to those individuals that were here before the colonization of this country and also acknowledging that the Tribes were here first, we're still here and we're always going to be here," Neves said.

Braceton King, an eighth grader has high hopes: "It would be really cool to have a statue there, so next time I come here I

could see that statue and know that I did it."

Michael Mahaffey, communications director for Congressman Rooney said that Rooney wants to do what he can to honor the Native heritage.

"Anything is possible on an issue like this," Mahaffey said. "I know how important it is to them, and we are going to look into this and see what we can do for them."



Briana D'Andrea

Erik Garcia, a sixth grader from Brighton, looks at the list of Vietnam Veterans at the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial Wall.

Luke Baxley, a sixth grader from Hollywood, said it has been a good experience because he learned new things that he didn't know about in the past.

"And you could tell your grandchildren about what you learned," Baxley said.

## Indian National Finals Rodeo

BY MELISSA GOPHER

Kelton Smedley  
AKA: K DAWG GOPHER  
Indian National Finals Rodeo, Nov. 9-13, 2010

**LAS VEGAS**—This year at the INFR Finals, they had added junior and senior events to the Jr. Steer Riding. In total there were 36 contestants. Kelton's first steer he rode scored 67 points. Later that evening he came back and rode his second steer and he scored 69 points. That gave him a sixth place average seat to come back Saturday afternoon for the final go round. Well, he covered his steer and they scored him 76 points with his combined scores of a total 212 points, placing him third in the INFR World!

Kelton is a 13-year-old Panther Clan. Mother Melissa Gopher, brothers Steel Gopher, Kelton Gopher and Cyrus Smedley reside on the Brighton Reservation. Kelton is also a fourth generation bull rider, for his great grandfather was Mr. John Henry Gopher. He is in the sixth grade and attends the Pemayetv Emehakv Charter School.

I would like to thank the EIRA for supporting him and all the youth and seniors that went to the finals this year. And I would also like to thank the Councilmen of the Seminole Tribe of Florida, and his grandmother Beulah Gopher for her support for him. He went out to the Finals and represented the Seminole Tribe very well.

I am very proud of my son; he has a strong heart and loves to ride bulls and rope. Kdawg is in many rodeo organizations, from the EIRA, wrangler division, All Florida Junior Rodeo Association and Christian Rodeo Association. And he strongly believes in the LORD. So, wherever his next rodeo may send us, that's where we will be. So, if you could do me a favor and the next time you see K-DAWG, give him some congratulations on a JOB well done!



## Tribal Career Development Program Trains Graduate in the Gaming, Hospitality and Food Industry



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Ervina Capricien, center, celebrates with family and supporters, from left, Tribal Career Development Program Director Betty Gossens, husband Jenn, Hard Rock Human Resources employee and trainer Sharon Ahl with Trainer of the Year Award, and Hollywood/Fort Pierce Tribal Council Rep. Max B. Osceola Jr.



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Trail Liaison William Osceola offers words of encouragement to past and present graduates of the program.



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Tribal Career Development Program graduate Ervina Capricien, left, receives her certificate of completion from James Allen, Seminole Gaming chief operations officer, on Dec. 17. Capricien was the 2010 graduate of the intensive Tribal-directed program, now in its sixth year, which introduces and teaches the gaming, hospitality, hotel and food industries from the ground up. Capricien will specialize in Human Resources Management. The Seminole Hard Rock event also featured Christmas gift giving, dinner and an awards ceremony.



Rachel Buxton

Styx entertains the crowd with classics from the '70 and '80s.



Rachel Buxton

Styx gets the crowd going with "Come Sail Away."

## HARD ROCK

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to do some of the greatest things they've done in their café lines," Tampa Hard Rock Hotel & Casino President John Fontana said. "A lot of high technology things, a lot of different designs from their café lines."

The café features touch screen interactive music memorabilia, including 15 in-booth experiences, an interactive rock wall featuring 82-inch dual screens and two single screens, and two interactive surface tables.

Also adding to the new technology, the Tampa Hard Rock Café is the first café to offer gaming inside the restaurant and an open kitchen.

Along with the new café additions, regular music memorabilia is on display sticking to the original Hard Rock Café theme.

"This particular café here is really a great palate of old and new," Hard Rock Café International President and CEO Hamish Dodds said. "This is really a testament of where we want to take our brand in the future."



# Fostering Good Relationships Between Parents and Teenagers

BY WILLIAM R. LATCHFORD  
Office of Police Chief

Being a parent of a teenager is a challenging task. However, if it is done wholeheartedly, it is highly rewarding for both the parent and the teen. Here are some helpful ideas to keep in mind as you travel through the journey together with your teenager:

- First, most teenagers complain their parents do not listen to them. Take the time to listen to what your teenager wants to tell you. Even if the topic seems trivial to a parent, it is still important to a teen. If you take the time to listen to the trivial matters attentively, kids will be more likely to come to you with the difficult topics such as drugs and teen pregnancy.

- Decide what the rules for your teenager will be in advance, as well as the punishments for breaking any of these rules. While kids need to have age-appropriate autonomy, they are also more successful when they are aware of what is expected of them in advance.

- Act interested in your teen's life without interrogating them. For example, ask them about their friends or their plans for the weekend and who they are spending time with. At first they will think you are just nosy. However, as they become acclimated to the inquiries, they eventually recognize parents are concerned about them and want to be sure they are safe. It helps to share a few thoughts about your own day. This in turn will open up dialogue between you and your teenager. Turning them away when they ask to speak to you sends the message you are too busy for them. Your teen may no longer take the time to come to a parent with anything. Also, keep in mind your response during these discussions will decide on whether or not they will come back to you for more advice.

- Monitor your teen on the Internet including social websites such as Twit-

ter, MySpace and Facebook. Teens tend to spend a great majority of their time communicating with their friends via these sites. Monitoring them can keep a parent in tune with what is going on with their teen.

- Discussing topics such as cigarettes, alcohol, sex and drugs is vital. If a parent does not discuss these topics and provide accurate information to their teenagers, most likely they will ask their friends. The information coming from their friends may not be accurate or what you want your teenager to know about a particular topic. Open communication is a key component to a good relationship. Having a parent as a good role model highly influences family values and the choices teens make when confronted with these topics. It is okay to be nervous when talking to your teenager about these topics and telling them you are is fine. It allows them to know you are human as well, but willing to be there for them in any situation even if the topic makes you uncomfortable.

- Without a doubt, most teenagers will take on the task of driving. With that in mind, please discuss with your kids about the ramifications of texting while driving, as well as talking on the phone while driving. Parents keep you and your family safe as well, and do not engage in texting or talking on the phone while driving. Teenagers emulate what they see.

Remember, put your Smartphone down, stop texting, and ask your teenager, "How was your day?" Really take the time to listen to their response. A teenager can tell when a parent is truly committed to their success and listening is a component they will take to heart. Show your teenager you care. Fitting in is very important to a teenager. They have so many pressures facing them. However, knowing they have a strong parent in their corner to revert back to with their concerns is helpful.



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Kenny Descheene cuts out patterns for making moccasins using deerskin.



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Pedro Zepeda measures the foot of Hunter Billie for custom-made moccasins.



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Quinajah Wilson shaves the edges off a piece of soap while sculpting.

## Hollywood Tribal Community Learns and Creates Traditional Crafts at Cultural Holiday Festival



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Tribal senior Mabel Osceola works on weaving a basket using palmetto fibers, as part of the Hollywood Reservation Cultural Holiday Festival held at the Seminole Recreation Gym Dec. 20-21. The two-day gathering brought the Tribal community, family and friends together for leisure time and practice in several traditional Seminole crafts including carving, beading, weaving and sewing.



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Tribal youth Chandler De Mayo shows off his two wood carved tomahawks.

## Big Cypress Reservation Answers 911 Calls, Improving Efficiency and Reducing Delays

BY MARY NEGREY  
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Beginning on Dec. 1, 2010 we implemented a "first" for the Seminole Tribe of Florida.

We began answering 911 calls for Police and Fire Rescue calls at the Big Cypress Reservation. This means that when you dial 911, your emergency call will be answered directly by Seminole Tribe Public Safety Dispatchers working out of the Jimmy Cypress Public Safety Complex in Big Cypress.

Throughout the past year, Seminole Public Safety staff has been working with Hendry County staff to obtain funding and approval for this project. Funding was obtained through a state grant obtained by Hendry County.

Throughout the year, equipment was purchased, agreements signed and Seminole

staff trained in preparation for this event.

Answering our own 911 calls will improve efficiency, reduce time-delays and increase the level of service we provide to our Tribal Community at the Big Cypress Reservation. It designates the Jimmy Cypress Public Safety Dispatch Center as a "PSAP" – Public Safety Answering Point.

Now, when you call 911 to report an emergency from your home, business, or from a cell phone on the Big Cypress Reservation, the 911 call will be sent directly to our staff at the Jimmy Cypress Public Safety Complex.

Having a 911 call sent directly to our staff will improve efficiency and service because 911 calls will no longer be answered by Hendry County and transferred to the Big Cypress Communications Center. Callers will not have to explain their emergency to several people before help is on the way – the 911 dispatcher at Big Cypress will be

answering your call and documenting your emergency while sending help when you are still on the phone.

### But you might be asking:

"Can I still call The Big Cypress Dispatch center directly?" The answer is YES! You can call our dispatcher directly by dialing 863-983-2285. You will get the same level of service as you always have. Our Dispatch Center is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and 365 days a year. But please remember, the dispatcher will answer any 911 call first and the direct dial number second.

"When do I call 911?" You should dial 911 anytime you are experiencing any kind of life-threatening emergency, and need police, fire or medical help immediately.

"When do I call 863-983-2285?" You should call the direct dial number if what you are calling about is delayed, not life-

threatening, or you have a question that is administrative.

"What if I dial 911 and I'm not on the Big Cypress Reservation?" You should dial 911 anytime you need emergency help no matter where you are. The 911 system will direct you to the closest "Public Safety Answering Point" and help will be sent to you. If you are off the Big Cypress Reservation, the city or county where you are calling from will be sent to your emergency.

"Are the other Reservations going to be able to answer their own 911 calls?" The Public Safety Staff has been working with other counties so that they will be able to answer their own 911 calls.

This process will take time, and each reservation's needs will be considered as we move forward. Providing the best level of service to our communities is our number one priority.



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# Education

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## College Admission Panel Returns for Tribal Teens in Hollywood

BY CHRIS C. JENKINS  
Staff Reporter

**HOLLYWOOD** — For the second year running, Tribal youth and teens across many of the reservations got a one-on-one opportunity to inquire about their academic futures as the Education Department sponsored a college admission panel at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino.

Five colleges and universities participated in coordination with Pine Crest School of Fort Lauderdale, including Dartmouth College, Emory University, George Washington University, the University of California, Berkeley and the University of Miami, the only returning school from the 2009 event. The Jan. 5 panel was aimed at freshman-through senior-level students.

"We try to select [panelists] based on the school's expertise, years of experience, by the admissions directors and by feedback from Pine Crest on how good the school presents their material," said Linda Iley, Education Department higher education adviser.

Hollywood Tribal Council Rep. Max B. Osceola Jr., a 1974 University of Miami graduate, also attended the event. He has always placed a high emphasis on education within the Tribe.

"To me education is always important, and it does not matter what school you go to," Rep. Osceola Jr. said. "The investment in our Tribal students is an investment in our Tribe. I used to say our elders would hunt deer for a living, but now our young Seminoles are hunting deals — we are in the business world now."

Tribal citizen and Pine Crest School student Braudie Blais-Billie said that as she enters her senior year and narrows her college choices, the panel feedback was important.

"I wanted to see what the panel would say to me, and see if they could answer any questions I have been thinking of," said Blais-Billie, who was a second year attendee. Her college interests include UC Berkeley.

"We [at Berkeley] definitely wanted to engage in uplifting those communities that are striving for more, and the Seminole community is clearly a community on the move," said Walter Robinson, UC Berkeley assistant vice chancellor and director of undergraduate admissions.

Of the five participating institutions on the panel, Dartmouth College has the highest Native population enrolled per year, currently at about 4 percent, according to Dartmouth Native American Program statistics.

As a private Ivy League university, Dartmouth has a liberal arts college, medical school, school of engineering and school of business, as well as 19 graduate programs in the arts and sciences. It is located in Hanover, N.H., and also ranks in the top 20 toughest schools to get into, according to the Princeton Law Review.

Emory University is a private research university consisting of nine academic divisions located in the metropolitan Atlanta area of Druid Hills, Ga., but was founded as Emory College in 1836.

George Washington University is a private, co-educational comprehensive research university in Washington, D.C., and is the largest university in the nation's capital. The university was founded in 1821 and is renowned for programs in international affairs, political science, law and medicine.

Founded in 1925, the University of Miami is a private, non-sectarian university with its main campus in Coral Gables. It also consists of a medical campus near downtown Miami and has a school of marine and atmospheric science on Virginia Key in Biscayne Bay.

The University of California, Berkeley is a public research university in Berkeley, Calif., on San Francisco Bay. It is the oldest of the 10 major campuses affiliated with the University of California. The university was founded in 1868 in a merger of the private College of California and the public Agricultural, Mining, and Mechanical Arts College.

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Rachel Buxton

Third grade students read Flat Stanleys that were returned and make new Stanley characters to send out for more journeys.

## Pemayetv Emahakv Students Travel the World Through the Eyes of Flat Stanley

BY RACHEL BUXTON  
Staff Reporter

**BRIGHTON** — Author Jeff Brown's character Flat Stanley came to life for Pemayetv Emahakv's third graders as they took part in the Flat Stanley project.

"We start off and read the book 'Flat Stanley.'" [Then] the kids make up their own Flat Stanley dolls, which is just a paper doll," third-grade teacher Sarah Williams said. "They want their Flat Stanley to represent them and who they are here in Brighton."

After the students cut out and decorated their individual Flat Stanley, they pick a relative or friend living out of state to send their character to. The goal of the project is for students to receive their Flat Stanley back with information from the recipient and to learn about the state that person lives in.

Once the Flat Stanleys were mailed off, students waited with anticipation.

Williams described the children's reactions when the Flat Stanleys began to be returned as comparable to Christmas morning. More than half of characters sent out were returned. However, this year the project turned into something much greater than anyone had expected.

"This year was very special because not only did they go to the first location, which was somewhere in the United States, but then those family members or friends took it upon themselves to send Flat Stanley on a second journey," Williams said.

Many of those second journeys included crossing international waters.

"They went all across the world. It went to the point where my regular Flat Stanley map of the United States

wasn't sufficient anymore," Williams said. "We then had to get out a globe and a world map so we could track where Flat Stanley was going."

Shyla Gopher's Flat Stanley started in North Carolina and later made a trip all the way to Paris and visited places like the Louvre Museum.

"I was like pretty amazed that it would go some place like that," Gopher said.

Gopher received a hefty package in return with postcards of the Mona Lisa and of several works of art and places within Paris. She also received a very special picture of Stanley next to King Tut's mummified display within the Louvre.

"That just made it come to life for her," Williams said. "That she wasn't just learning about him in a book, but it was something real and maybe even something she could go and see herself one day."

Student Aubrey Pearce learned about Alaskan Indians after sending her Flat Stanley to her cousin in Texas.

"They were on an American tour, and they sent [Flat Stanleys] back from Alaska and Mount Rushmore," Pearce said.

Another Flat Stanley traveled all the way to the Netherlands and visited the beach and went ice skating.

Williams said their main goal through the Flat Stanley project is to bring as much culture into the classroom as they can.

"What happens is it just opens up these students' eyes," Williams said. "That it's more than just a book we're learning about, but it really is real life."

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Hollywood Tribal Council Rep. Max B. Osceola Jr., left, with esteemed college admission panel members at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino on Jan. 5.

## Tribal Citizen Jarrid Smith Honored with Graduation Party



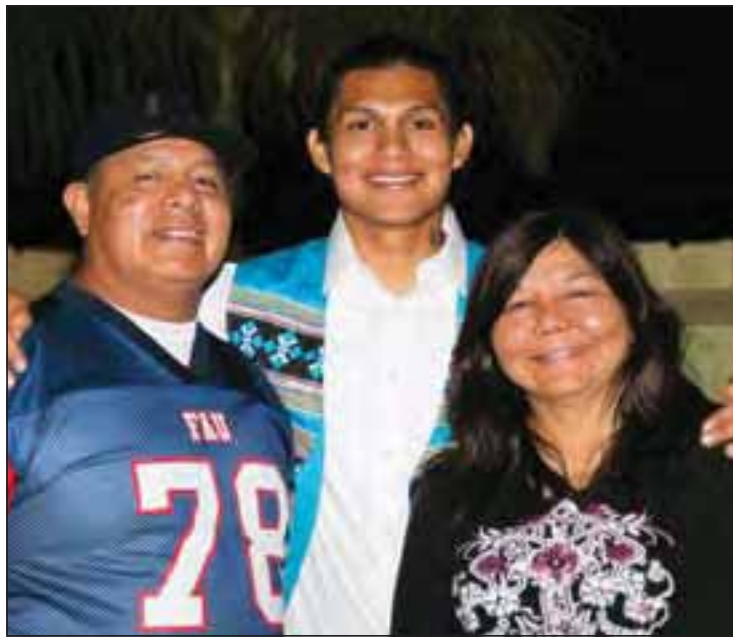
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Smith, third from left, is joined by fellow FAU friends.



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Jack Smith Jr., great uncle of Jarrid, right, congratulates him on all of his accomplishments.



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Father Curtis Osceola, left, and mother Camellia Smith-Osceola, right, celebrate their son's graduation from FAU. The 26-year-old will begin work as part of a one-year commitment with AmeriCorps in Miami-Dade County beginning Jan. 10.



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Stephanie Smith gives an emotional congratulation to her brother Jarrid.



Chris C. Jenkins

Jarrid Smith, center, is joined by family and friends on Dec. 29 at the Smith-Osceola residence in celebration of his graduation from Florida Atlantic University. Smith received his master's degree in Communication and Multimedia Studies on Dec. 10.



## More photos from the College Admission Panel in Hollywood



Photo above, Tribal citizen Joe Frank, from Big Cypress, asks the panel about transfer policies for their respective universities. Right photo, Okeechobee student Kirsten Doney asks the admissions panel about their architecture programs.

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Hollywood Tribal Council Rep. Max B. Osceola Jr., fifth from the left, with admission panelists from various colleges and universities after they take questions from Tribal students during the question-and-answer session of the evening.

## More photos from Pemayetv Emahakv students' adventures with Flat Stanley



Rachel Buxton

Brienna Brockman reads her Flat Stanley that traveled from New Jersey all the way to the Netherlands and spent the day on the beach and then went ice skating.



Rachel Buxton

Third grade teacher Leslie Pryor reads the book "Flat Stanley" and introduces the character to her students.

## Little Mr. & Miss. Seminole 2011

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Contestants must be an enrolled tribal member, between the ages of 5 – 7 years old by February 7, 2010 and reside in the state of Florida. NO EXCEPTIONS.

Registration deadline is Monday, February 7, 2011 at 5:00pm. All contestants must be preregistered. There will be no applications taken on the day of contest.

Confirm that your applications have been received by fax, Committee member, or walk-in's to the Secretary's office. Call Wanda at (954) 966-6300 ext. 11468 or Liela at ext. 11463, Salina Dorgan at (863) 763-3866, Charlotte Burgess at (863) 634-8924 or Alice Billie (863) 902-3200 ext. 13314.

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Tribal Council has approved a resolution to increase the size of the Board from seven to nine representatives. It has also required a minimum of five of the representatives be members of the Seminole Tribe of Florida so that the Tribe always maintains a majority of the board. Therefore, we need to fill two vacancies.

In addition to certain requirements set forth in the operating agreement governing Holdings, the minimum qualifications to be considered for one of the vacancies on the Board of Managers include the following:

- Must be a member of the Seminole Tribe of Florida in good standing
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If you are interested in this opportunity to represent the Tribe on this board, please pick up an application at your Council Office, and submit your completed application to Mr. Jim Shore's office (Seminole Tribe Headquarters 6300 Stirling Rd. Hollywood Fl, 33024). All interested applicants must submit their application by February 7, 2011.

Sincerely,

James F. Allen, President & CEO





The Seminole Tribe of Florida has again arranged for RSM McGladrey, Inc. to assist Tribal Members in the preparation of their 2010 Individual Income Tax Returns. The tax accountants will be at each reservation per the following schedule:

Location	Time	Dates
Big Cypress	9:30am to 5:00pm	February 1 <sup>st</sup> , 23 & March 17 <sup>th</sup>
Brighton	9:30am to 5:00pm	February 1 <sup>st</sup> , 22 <sup>nd</sup> & March 16 <sup>th</sup>
Ft. Pierce	9:30am to 3:30pm	February 4 <sup>th</sup> & March 21 <sup>st</sup>
Hollywood	9:00am to 5:00pm	January 31 <sup>st</sup> - February 4 <sup>th</sup> February 7 <sup>th</sup> - April 18 <sup>th</sup> MWF
Immokalee	9:30am to 5:00pm	February 3 <sup>rd</sup> & March 18 <sup>th</sup>
Tamiami	9:30am to 3:30pm	February 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 24 <sup>th</sup> & March 17 <sup>th</sup>
Tampa	9:00am to 5:00pm	February 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> , March 21 <sup>th</sup> & 22 <sup>nd</sup>

If you have any questions or need any additional information you can contact Frank Lucas of RSM McGladrey, Inc. at: (561) 712-4808.

RSM McGladrey, Inc. will be providing same day preparation with E-filing for most returns.

Please bring the following information that pertains to your tax return with you when you meet with the accountant:

1. A copy of your 2009 tax return (Form 1040) if we did not prepare your 2009 tax return.
2. Any correspondence received from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) during 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010.
3. Form W-2 from all employers.
4. Form W-2G for gambling winnings and related receipts for losses.
5. List of children (dependents) with their birth dates and social security numbers.
6. Both forms of 1099-Misc showing income and benefits received during 2010 from the Seminole Tribe of Florida.
7. Form 1099R, if you are receiving any funds from a pension plan.
8. Name, address, and tax identification number of the person or company to which you paid child care expenses.
9. Form 1098 showing the amount of interest you paid to a bank or mortgage company.
10. Social security statement, if you are drawing social security.
11. List of charitable contributions.
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13. Any additional documentation you feel is pertinent to the preparation of your return.

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# Health

## Seminoles in Recovery Group Presents Sixth Annual Gratitude Dinner in Clewiston

BY ERIC BRICKER  
Family Services Department

CLEWISTON —On Dec. 13, the Seminole in Recovery group gathered at the John Boy auditorium in Clewiston in order to celebrate their sixth annual Gratitude Dinner. The self-supporting Seminole in Recovery group hosts many such events throughout the year in their attempt to provide drug-free alternatives to the many recovering addicts and alcoholics within the Seminole Tribe of Florida. One of the group's founding members, Helene Buster states, "It's important for us to spread the message of recovery to the community and to let them know that there are people out there making it in sobriety."

The Gratitude Dinner planning committee, headed up by Brighton and part-time Big Cypress resident, Helene Buster and daughter Jodi King arrived at the John Boy Auditorium at 8 a.m. to begin preparations for the dinner, which started promptly at 6 p.m. The meal itself was made entirely from

scratch and prepared on the premises. Several members of the Family Services Department's Aftercare Program and other Tribal employee volunteers were involved in the planning and promotion of the event. Recently promoted Aftercare Program Administrator Tommy McGee states, "Fellowship is an important part of the recovery process. People in recovery, especially newcomers need to feel as though they are not alone and that they have support."

At the conclusion of dinner, the attendees gathered for an Alcoholics Anonymous speaker meeting, during which a recovering Tribal Member shared his experience, strength and hope with the audience in the form of his story of addiction and recovery. His story includes several admissions to treatment centers and failed attempts at recovery in the past. However, this time he states that he was ready to surrender his will to Alcoholics Anonymous and accept his powerlessness over addiction. Once he was ready to do these things, his sobriety followed. Now, he has over a year clean, which he considers to be a miracle. The audience of about 50 attendees gave an enthusiastic applause and made a great show of support for the speaker, whom many in the audience had known personally over a life time. At the end of the meeting, Helene Buster stated, "We're glad all of you all could come. Next year bring a friend, or better yet, bring a newcomer in recovery, so that they can see what we have here and what can be possible for them to achieve in sobriety."

Seminole in Recovery, in conjunction with the Seminole Tribe of Florida Family Services Department's aftercare team continues to be committed to the growth of the Tribe's recovering community and works diligently toward that end. In January of 2011, Seminole in Recovery will be opening a sober house at the Taft Street offices just south of the Hollywood



Submitted photo

Frank Billie Jr. and Larry Tiger socialize with guests at the Gratitude Dinner.

Reservation. This long awaited acquisition will serve as a drop-in center and meeting place for recovering individuals from the Tribe's Alcoholics Anonymous and other 12-step recovery programs.

In March of 2011, Seminole in Recovery will be hosting its third annual statewide Native American recovery convention at the John Boy Auditorium in Clewiston. The convention is open to the public and dates are scheduled from March 3 through March 6. Planning is underway for Seminole in Recovery's third statewide recovery event, which promises to bolster the relationship between the Tribe's recovering community and the various outside recovering fellowships at large. For registration information, please contact any of the following:

Jodi King 863-634-2763 jodiking@semtribe.com

Tommy McGee 954-964-6338 tommymcgee@semtribe.com

Bruce Duncan 863-763-7700 bruceduncan@semtribe.com

Ray Yzaguirre 239-867-3480 raynaldoyzaguirre@semtribe.com

Thank you for your interest and support. From the Family Services Department and Seminole in Recovery, we wish you all a happy, healthy, sober and safe New Year.



Submitted photo

Andy Buster band performs at the sixth annual Seminole in Recovery Gratitude Dinner Dec. 13 at the John Boy auditorium in Clewiston.

## Protect Your Environment, and Protect Yourself

BY AVA JOHNN  
Environmental Health Department

Each of you has a personal environment that can greatly influence your lifespan and how healthy you feel and are—your surroundings, your exposures, your diet and your health habits—by learning about hazards in your personal environment, you can take charge of your health and help clean up the earth at the same time!

*Read the label on house and garden chemicals...*

Before you point that spray can, read the label for directions and warnings. In fact, before you even buy a household or garden chemical, you can compare labels to be sure you're buying the safest product for your intended use. Likewise, read drug labels for warnings; prescription and nonprescription drugs often get new warning labels when a new risk shows up during use. Food labels are more informative about fats and calories, but don't forget to read labels for ingredients that don't agree with you.

*Turn down the volume...*

Occasional loud noises may reduce your hearing temporarily; however, continuous exposures can cause permanent damage. With the advances in personal audio technology, kids are listening to and enjoying music at high volumes for extended periods of time, which has the potential to cause hearing loss, so keep the volume down and limit listening time.

*Put a carbon monoxide alarm in your home...*

Carbon monoxide—an odorless, colorless, and toxic gas—from cars in garages, space heaters and other home heating sources can be deadly, as well as cause serious damage to the environment. It is recommended that all homes install at least one carbon monoxide detector equipped with loud alarms easily heard inside the home and garage; these alarms are designed to warn occupations if CO levels accumulate to dangerous concentrations.

*Put drugs and chemicals out of kids' reach...*

Prescription and nonprescription drugs like aspirin or other pain relievers can kill kids who think

they're candy. Lock them up (no, not the kids) or put them out of reach. Same with detergents, drain openers and other yard and home chemicals.

*Test for radon...*

Radon is an invisible radioactive gas that has no taste, smell, or color. Because radon is a gas, it seeps out of rocks and soils and enters building through openings or cracks in the foundation. Although certain areas of Florida are more likely to encounter radon problems than other areas, radon is a house-to-house issue. You may live in an area of low radon potential yet your house can have elevated radon while your neighbor's house has no radon. Exposure to radon is a preventable health risk and testing radon levels in your home can help prevent unnecessary exposure.

*Don't get badly overheated...*

Exercise is a great way to keep fit, but don't get overheated during workouts. Heat exhaustion comes when your body can no longer sustain the pace, the heat, the humidity or the loss of fluid. So exercise early or late, drink plenty of water, slow down your pace and wear light breathable clothing.

*Wash your hands...*

Whether you've been sneezing, handling raw chicken, have been to the bathroom or changed a diaper, hand washing is easy to do; and it's one of the most effective ways to prevent the spread of many types of infection and illness in all settings—from your home and workplace to child care facilities. Clean hands can stop germs from spreading from one person to another and throughout an entire community. Washing hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds is the best way to reduce the number of germs on them. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60 percent alcohol. Alcohol-based hand sanitizers can quickly reduce the number of germs on hands in some situations, but sanitizers do not eliminate all types of germs.

The Environmental Health Department requests that you call the Health Department with any environmental health issues. The department can be reached at 954-985-2330.

## Synthetic Marijuana Causes Increasing Concerns

BY ERIC BRICKER  
Family Services Department

In 2004, synthetic marijuana became legally available for sale and has been marketed under the name Spice or K2. This drug has grown in popularity over time mainly among young users because it had been so widely available and inexpensive. A pack of Spice could be purchased at a local gas station or tobacco shop for less than \$20.

As surprising as this may sound, it was perfectly legal until very recently as different states began to enact legislation to make the drug illegal. Finally, in 2010, the Drug Enforcement Agency or DEA used its emergency powers to classify all synthetic forms of marijuana as schedule one illegal drugs.

Part of the problem with Spice is that it exists in over 200 different chemical strains, each of which was considered a different compound. States had been scrambling to apply legislation to the drug only to have a different strain come onto the market, which would then require brand new legislation in order to make that strain illegal. The new federal legislation enacted by the DEA should put a stop to this pattern nationally.

Another aspect of the drug that is seen as problematic is that it does not cause users to test positive for marijuana, so it became undetectable on standard drug testing panels. Now, more specific drug testing is available to detect Spice or K2. However, this specific testing tends to be a bit more expensive, which could create a barrier to drug treatment programs and community control officers who are attempting to monitor a client or offender's substance abuse status via drug testing.

Currently, there is very little known about the long-term impact or potential dangers that could be caused to users of synthetic marijuana, although the negative effects are at least very similar to those associated with marijuana use.

The following was quoted from the American Office of Poison Control Centers in a recent New York Times article written by Malcolm Gay:

"The American Association of Poison Control Centers reports that so far this year [2010], there have been 567 K2-related calls, up from 13 in 2009. But investigators add that no one is really certain what is in K2, and

people are arriving at emergency rooms with symptoms that would not normally be associated with marijuana or a synthetic form of the drug."

Dr. John Huffman, a chemistry professor at Clemson University is credited with the discovery of the first synthetic marijuana strains in 1984. His original university-sponsored research was related to the use of synthetic marijuana in the treatment of multiple sclerosis, AIDS, and chemotherapy.

Huffman's research does not appear to have been intended to be used to develop recreational drugs. However, it was noted in 2004 that two of the 240 strains that Huffman developed were present in Spice and K2 that was being sold in Germany.

About his discovery and its recreational use, Huffman has been quoted as saying "It bothers me that people are so stupid as to use this stuff" and "If you go around paying \$40 for a packet of leaves that contains who knows what and smoke it, you are not a very responsible person. This is akin to playing Russian roulette."



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# Announcements

## BIRTHDAY WISHES



Naji Tobias

Landell Blaine Osceola-Turtle, center, who just turned 3 years old, celebrates his birthday party at the Big Cypress Preschool on Jan. 7 with mother Sarah Osceola, left, and grandmother Janice Osceola, right.

Happy 3rd Birthday to **Landell Blaine Osceola-Turtle!** You are such a good boy and we love you so much. God bless you always.

From your family,  
Great-grandpa Joe Osceola Sr.,  
grandma Janice Osceola, mom and  
dad, Sarah Osceola-Turtle and Philip  
Turtle and the rest of the crew.



Happy 1st Birthday to Our Daughter **Jahcelin Lysandra Calisce**. It seems only yesterday you were just a baby. Now you are turning 1! You are such a beautiful and happy child and we wish nothing but the best for you in life. We love you so much baby girl. Love Always Daddy, Momma, and King

Happy birthday to late **Devin Cypress-Kimble** on Jan. 15.  
Devin,  
I want you to know that I love and miss you very much, and I wish that you were still here with me and the family, so I'm wishing you a happy birthday,  
Love  
Always, your cousin,  
Carolee Anderson



Happy Birthday to **Mary O. Moore!** We love you.

From your granddaughter **Ciara** and your great granddaughter **Melinda**.

## POEM

“Flagrant sorrows”

When the laughter stops, reality settles in. That, your  
foes wasn’t your foes, and your friends wasn’t your friends.  
That you confused love with infatuation, and the whole  
relationship was a scheme-  
That growing up is learning to cope, that life isn’t always  
what it seems.  
That knowledge is the key, but at the same time is a  
curse-  
That your best instinct is always your first.  
Then you start to feel hatred, really you have to blame  
yourself-  
Because you allowed everything to happen to you in the  
game, when the whole time you was the ref.  
So when the hatred stops, and reality settles in-  
Remember, that everything that happen to you, you in-  
vited it in.

Dakotah Cypress

## MARRIAGE

**Patrick Doctor Sr. and Anna Hikin** will be married on January 29 at the First Baptist Seminole Indian Church.



## IN MEMORIAM



In Loving Memory **Malachi Brandon Baker**  
1994-2010  
Malachi

You were my very first born grandchild. My sweet grandson, the eldest of them all. Why did you have to leave so soon, that’s a question I often ask myself. I recognize daily how your presence is missed. The radiance of your eyes. Your beautiful smile.

Your death was so unexpected, I wished that I could have erased all your pain. Your death remains difficult to accept, However we continue to Honor and celebrate your life, like a whispering wind death came upon you, However your spirit and soul was set free from this world. And from dust we are created and dust we must return. May we meet again.

I love you — Patsy Cypress (Grandmother)  
Otter clan

## OBITUARIES

**Leanne Osceola French**, age 29, died Mon., Dec. 20, 2010, in Troy, Ohio.  
She was a native and resident of Okeechobee for 21 years just recently relocating to Ohio.

She is survived by her husband John French; sons, Donovan Osceola, Landon French, Logan French; daughters, Keira French, Shaela French, and Janaya French, all of Troy, Ohio; parents, Larry and Joanne Jones Osceola; sisters, Nicki Osceola, Trista Osceola;

grandmothers, Shule Jones, Louise Cypress, all of Brighton; and a host of aunts, uncles and cousins.

Services will be held graveside Thurs., Dec. 23, at Ortona Cemetery at 10:00 am.

All arrangements are under the care and direction of Matthew and Paul Buxton of Buxton-Seawinds Funeral Home & Crematory, 4550 Hwy. 441 N., Okeechobee, FL 34972. 863-357-7283.

**Victor C. Johns**, age 54, died Sunday, Jan. 9, 2011, at Lawnwood Regional Medical Center.

He was a native and life-time resident of Okeechobee and a member of the 1st Indian Baptist Church. Golf was his favorite pastime. Since high school graduation, he was actively involved in community service in hospitals, nursing homes, and other patient care facilities. He was employed with Okeechobee County as a fireman for 18 years.

He is survived by his parents, Wonder and Mary L. Johns of Brighton; sisters, Cynthia (Juan) Rodriguez of Okeechobee, Theresa (Marvin) Bowers of Brighton;

nephews, Clint Bowers, Zachary Willie, Nicholas Rodriguez; nieces, Trina Bowers, Alyssa Willie, Erin Willie; great-nephew, Urijah; and great-nieces, Ashlynn, Rylee, and Bailey.

Visitation will be held Tuesday, Jan. 11, from 5-7 p.m. at Buxton-Seawinds Chapel at Abundant Blessings Church with a graveside service and burial at Ortona Cemetery on Wednesday, Jan. 12, at 11 a.m.

All services are under the care and direction of Matthew and Paul Buxton of Buxton-Seawinds Funeral Home & Crematory, 4550 Hwy. 441 N, Okeechobee, Florida. 863-357-7283.

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# SportsC

## Ahfachkee Warriors Basketball Program Goes into Home Stretch of Inaugural Season

BY NAJI TOBIAS  
Staff Reporter

**BIG CYPRESS** – For the Ahfachkee Warriors basketball program, there's no place like home.

Players, coaches and fans witnessed history unfold as they watched the Ahfachkee Warriors girls' and boys' basketball teams play at the Herman L. Osceola Gymnasium on Jan. 4, 6 and 7.

Before the games began, the Big Cypress Council hosted a special bonfire pep rally at the Big Cypress Softball Field on Jan. 3 to get the teams and fans revved up for the week of home games that followed.

### *Warriors Take on Grace Academy in First-Ever Home Opener*

Ahfachkee's Jan. 4 home game against Grace Academy International (Opa Locka) – a 59-39 home loss for the boys – marked the first time a Seminole Tribal school's basketball team competed in a Florida High School Athletic Association-sanctioned contest on Tribal land.

Taylor Pratt (11 total points) scored the game's initial bucket on a nifty behind-the-back layup with 6:52 left in the first quarter, giving the Ahfachkee boys' team a 2-0 lead – their first lead of the season.

Ahfachkee's lead grew to five, with 3:44 left in the first, after Ryan Cypress (12 total points) followed an offensive rebound with a driving lay-in to put the Warriors up 7-2.

But Grace Academy would score the final eight points of the first quarter to give them a 10-7 lead.

"As we started playing, we got really excited because we never had a lead before," Ahfachkee Warriors junior center Stevie Billie said. "We didn't know what to do, so we got a little too cocky."

Cypress briefly talked about what transpired after the Warriors lead suddenly evaporated toward the end of the first quarter.

"We did a pretty good job for the first eight minutes, but we broke down and got tired," Cypress said.

A layup by Cypress pulled Ahfachkee to within one point – a 10-9 margin with 6:52 left in the first half.

However, the Warriors would not get closer than that the rest of the way, as Grace Academy stormed to a 23-5 run that saw Ahfachkee go into halftime with a 33-12 deficit.

"We made a lot of silly passes and missed a lot of open shots in the paint," Ahfachkee Warriors Head Coach Antonio Wright said about the first half.

The second half was somewhat better for the Warriors, as they began the third frame on a 9-0 run, highlighted by two easy buckets from Cypress and a 3-pointer from Pratt. With 3:47 left in the third quarter, Ahfachkee climbed their way out of a 19-point deficit to cut the Grace Academy lead to 33-21. But the Warriors couldn't keep up with Grace Academy for the rest of the game. By the end of the third quarter – a 44-26 Grace Academy lead going into the fourth – the contest was essentially over, with the home team failing to get within single digits the rest of the way.

"Me personally, I think we were out of shape and I think that played a part in how the game turned out," Cypress said. "Overall, we tried our hardest and I think we'll get better from here."

Chairman Mitchell Cypress, who appeared at the Jan. 4 game, offered his take on the game's outcome.



Janice Osceola

**Rev. Bruce Pratt gives the invocation at the Ahfachkee Warriors first-ever bonfire pep rally on Jan. 3 – the day before the Warriors boys play their first home game against Grace Academy International.**

"I think it's a good start we have here," Chairman said. "It's not always about them winning or losing, but it's about their participation and effort on the basketball court. We have some talent here, so if we continue working with them, then we'll have a fantastic team in the future."

### *Lady Warriors and Warriors Face Off Against Cape Coral Christian at Home Base*

A packed crowd came out to see the Ahfachkee Warriors Jan. 6 games against the Cape Coral Christian Crusaders, showcasing both the girls' and boys' teams at home for the first time.

The Lady Warriors played first, with the Ahfachkee girls securing an easy 58-11 win over the Lady Crusaders that was essentially decided in the first quarter.

As the Lady Warriors opened the game on a 21-0 run – the first quarter ended with them taking that 21-point lead. The bulk of the scoring came from freshman guard/forward Terri Baker and senior forward/guard Tia Osborne.

Baker, who notched two steals in one minute of play (7:00 left in the first quarter), opened up the scoring floodgates with a fast-break layup that the Lady Crusaders failed to contest. Baker finished with 14 first-quarter points to lead the early scoring for the Lady Warriors, while Osborne added three of her own.

The Lady Warriors kept the fast pace going, as they went to halftime with a 29-8 lead and never looked back. They finished the game on a 29-3 run, which turned out to be their most lopsided win to date.

The Lady Warriors moved to a 4-1 official record heading into their next game against the St. John Neumann Celtics (Naples) on Jan. 7. The two scheduled games against Grace Academy International were canceled because the opposing team could not field a girls' squad of their own.

Meanwhile, the Warriors game against the Crusaders turned out to be very different from their female counterparts. A layup by Billie tied the game up at 2-2 with 7:08 left in the first. Cape Coral Christian followed with a serious scoring crusade against the Ahfachkee boys, as they went on a 39-5 run to end the first quarter with a 41-7 lead.

The Warriors second home game ended in a 68-23 loss to Cape Coral Christian, which dropped their season record to 0-6 at that point.

### *Lady Warriors Compete in Close One Against St. John Neumann*

The first week of home games at the Herman L. Osceola Gymnasium hit a climax on Jan. 7, when the Lady Warriors played against the St. John Neumann Celtics (Naples). In what turned out to be a game decided by momentum and endurance – a 32-31 loss for the Lady

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Rachel Buxton

**Elijah Finney works to get around Joshua Madrigal Jan. 4 during the boys' match up against Yearling Middle School.**

## Pemayetv Emahakv Goes Head-to-Head with Basketball Rival Yearling



Rachel Buxton

**Pemayetv Emahakv's girls' and boys' basketball teams faced their biggest rival, Yearling Middle School, Jan. 4 in a head-to-head match up at the Brighton gym. The girls took hold of the home team advantage with Darla Cypress scoring a layup, and beat the Yearling girls 40-19. Pemayetv Emahakv's boys however gave it their best shot but fell short, ending the game 32-50.**

□ See more photos on 5C



Naji Tobias

**The Ahfachkee Warriors and the Grace Academy International boys basketball teams tip off in their Jan. 4 matchup – a 59-39 loss for Ahfachkee.**

## Fort Pierce Seminoles End 11th Season with Awards Banquet



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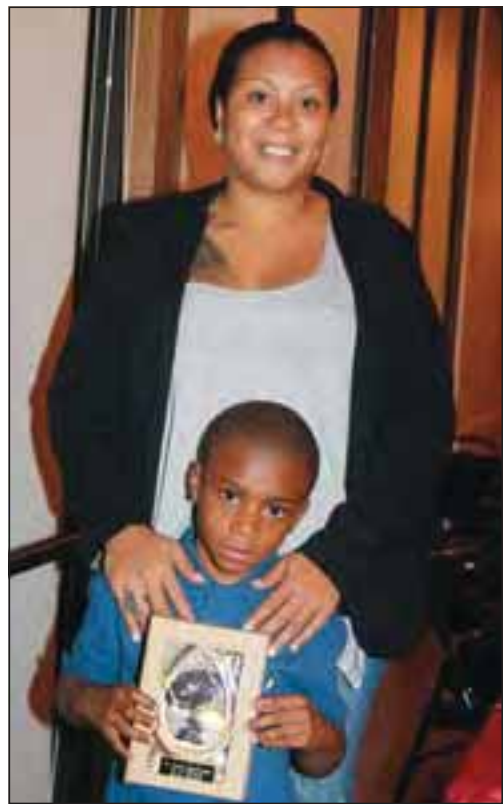
**Fort Pierce Seminoles President/Tribal citizen Alexander 'Head' Tommie accepts an award for Hollywood/Fort Pierce Reservation Tribal Council Rep. Max B. Osceola Jr., who sponsored the Fort Pierce Seminoles Youth Football Organization's 11th season.**



Naji Tobias

**Fort Pierce Seminoles 140-pound head coach Alexander 'Head' Tommie, left, and his players receive their end-of season football awards.**

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**During the awards banquet, Fort Pierce Tribal citizen Sheree Sneed shares a moment with her son, 6-year-old Roger Walters, who starred as line-backer, running back and quarterback for the Fort Pierce Seminoles 75-pound team this season. "It was a great experience for my son," Sneed said. "He and all the kids played hard. A lot of time and dedication went into the success of this season for the Fort Pierce Seminoles."**









Judy Weeks

Whitney Osceola, No. 24, center, hands the ball off to her American Heritage teammate Raigyne Moncrief, No. 11, who scores two points with a layup shot.

# American Heritage Takes Runner-Up Trophy in 2010 Basketball Brothers Invitational

BY JUDY WEEKS  
Freelance Reporter

**FORT MYERS** — American Heritage High School's Lady Patriots basketball team earned the Runner-Up Trophy for the Emerald Division of the 2010 Basketball Brothers Invitational Tournament in Fort Myers where they competed on Dec. 28 through 30. Tribal citizens Kristen Billie, No. 3, and Whitney Osceola, No. 24, are key players on the team.

Following the trophy presentation, Kristen Billie was acknowledged for her outstanding performance and named to the All Tournament Team.

Both young Tribal members are 17 years old and attending their senior year at American Heritage High School in Plantation. Avid sports enthusiasts, they reside in Hollywood.

One of the premier girls' basketball tournaments in the nation, the Basketball Brothers Invitational has 72 teams from around the country participating in nine divisions of eight teams each. The event took place in the gymnasiums of five Lee County high schools with games being played simultaneously at Dunbar, Fort Myers, Cypress Lake, North Fort Myers and Lehigh.

"American Heritage has a strong girls' basketball program and finished as the 2010 State Region 4 Champions, and they were district champions in 1998, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010," head coach Natasha Kossenko said. "Our team is made up of a fine group of young ladies dedicated to playing a strong game while maintaining a high level of sportsmanship at all times. We stress that winning isn't the only objective. It is how you play the game that really counts."

During the Patriots first game against Rickards of Tallahassee, they displayed a strong defense with exceptional recovery skills. They immediately took the lead in the first period with their opponent repeatedly tying up the score throughout the second quarter. Pushing ahead in the second half, they slowly widened the gap and triumphed with a 61 to 50 final score.

The Patriots confronted the Haines City Hornets on the second night of the tournament. Competition was fierce throughout the game with both Billie and Osceola contributing heavily to the winning score of 53 to 41. Osceola was tearing up the other team on the rebounds and at the hoop while Billie made several baskets and a 3-point shot.

For the final game, American Heritage met Washington of Pensacola on the court. Matched up with an extremely aggressive team, the Patriots were ahead through the first half of the game, but the score was close. Washington took the lead toward the end of the third period and then relied heavily upon foul shots to gain their advantage during the final time period. The Patriots put their heart into the game and repeatedly narrowed the gap on the board, but the clock ran out with a final score of 54 to 47 in favor of Washington.

Snake Clan Kristen Billie is the daughter of Esther Gopher and John Billie. An American Heritage student since the third grade, she began playing basketball when she was 14 and holds a guard position on her team. Billie also excels on the softball field, which has given her the opportunity to compete throughout Florida, the Southeastern circuit and as far away as Arizona. She is currently exploring her options following high school and considering application to Florida Gulf Coast University.

Wind Clan Whitney Osceola is the daughter of Carmalita Osceola and granddaughter of Ruth Osceola of Immokalee. She has been playing basketball since she was 9, and puts her heart into the game. Off the court she enjoys studying science and government and is planning to further her education with a business degree.

"Basketball has played an important role in my life and allowed me to set goals for myself that I can only achieve through hard work and dedication to the game," Whitney Osceola said. "Since coming to American Heritage and joining the Patriots, I realize the importance of an education and the doors that it will open for me. All young Tribal members need to accept responsibility for their lifestyles and build the skills necessary to contribute to the future of the Tribe."



Judy Weeks

From left, Whitney Osceola, American Heritage Head Basketball Coach Natasha Kossenko and Kristen Billie are all smiles after triumphing over Rickards of Tallahassee with a score of 61 to 50.



Judy Weeks

Kristen Billie picks up two points for American Heritage when she sinks the ball twice after being fouled in the game against Washington of Pensacola.



Judy Weeks

Whitney Osceola, No. 24, sinks a 3-point shot for American Heritage, increasing their advantage over Rickards of Tallahassee.



Judy Weeks

Whitney Osceola, right, makes a strong offensive play after recovering the ball, evading her opposition and then handing the ball off to her teammate Brandi Teague, No. 25, who sinks a 3-point shot.



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American Heritage Lady Patriots accept the Runner-Up Trophy in the Emerald Division of the 2010 Basketball Brothers Invitational in Fort Myers.



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# Brighton Seniors Spend Time Fishing on the Edge of the Waters at Lake Port Locks



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Weems Buck reels in the big one of the day at the Lake Port Locks.



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Seniors bundled up Jan. 13 as they headed to the Lake Port Locks to fish for speck or anything edible right off the Brighton Reservation. Most seniors used traditional cane poles and patiently waited for the fish to bite. Agnes Bert was the lucky fisherwoman of the day reeling the speck in one after another.



Rachel Buxton

Senior Center's Donna Turtle baits a hook.



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Onnie Osceola tries to stay warm during the senior fishing trip.



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Norman Johns spends some quiet time and waits for the fish to bite.



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**More photos from Pemayetv Emahakv  
Going Head-to-Head with Yearling**



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Sydney Cypress attempts to score during Pemayetv Emahakv's match against Yearling Middle School.



Rachel Buxton

Demetrius Clark attempts a free throw for a point against Yearling Middle School played in the Brighton gym.



Rachel Buxton

Lahna Sedatol-Baker tries to get by Maude Gopher of Yearling during their match up.



Rachel Buxton

Nothing but net for Myrick Puente as he follows through with a layup for two points during the rivalry game.



Rachel Buxton

Myrick Puente continues at full force down the court during their game against Yearling.



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Layton Thomas shoots a foul shot trying to close the score gap.

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# New Year's Classic Basketball Tourney Crowns Two Champions



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The annual New Year's Classic Youth "All-Indian" Basketball Tournament took place on Jan. 8 at the Seminole Recreation Gym. There was also a champion crowned in the 13-and-under coed division and a 9-and-under coed category. Photo above, the 17-and-under boys' champions — Hollywood.



Chris C. Jenkins

13-and-under coed champions — Hollywood.



## WARRIORS

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Warriors – the Ahfachkee girls coasted to a 12-0 early lead toward the end of the first quarter.

Osborne (seven points – all in the first quarter) went on a scoring tear at the beginning of the game as she converted on a layup and followed with a 3-pointer to give the Lady Warriors a 5-0 lead with 6:47 left in the first.

Baker, who scored three points in the first quarter, contributed significantly to that big early 12-point lead as she grabbed five rebounds and a steal to help out the Lady Warriors.

Following a layup by Reagan Whitecloud, which put the Lady Warriors up by 12 with 3:56 left in the first, the Lady Celtics started to methodically chip away at Ahfachkee's lead as they cut the lead to 12-4 by the start of the second quarter.

The second frame was primarily highlighted by Naples Tribal citizen and St. John Neumann point guard Bryce Osceola, who notched six steals in the first half (10 overall for the game).

Though Osceola didn't score in the game for the Celtics, she helped set the tone for her team as they showed patience and a sense of mental toughness that sent a message to the Lady Warriors.

The game went into halftime with Ahfachkee up, 19-8. But the game seemed as if it were much closer than the score indicated at that point.

Ahfachkee Lady Warriors head coach Kristin Stoots provided an analysis of the game's change of pace in the first half against St. John Neumann.

"We took an early lead because our offense works best against a zone defense," Stoots said. "St. John Neumann saw this and switched into man defense. This sort of threw off our style of play because we haven't yet been in a situation with so much pressure and coverage."

All of that really started to show in the second half of play, as the Lady Celtics clamped down on defense, holding the Lady Warriors to just three third-quarter points – all of which were scored by Baker (19 points overall).

By that juncture, the Lady Warriors lead was just 22-17 – a five-point margin.

The fourth quarter proved to be a dogfight for both teams, as the Lady Celtics found a way to wear down the Lady Warriors and put a claim on their scoring attack.

With 2:28 left in the game, tied at 25-all, Baker fought her way through St. John Neumann's man-to-man defense and converted a 3-pointer to put the Lady Warriors up 28-25.

But Ahfachkee couldn't hold on to it, as St. John Neumann later took a 29-28 lead with 1:25 left.

It wasn't over for the Lady Warriors, who benefitted from a Baker free throw with 1:15 left to tie the game up at 29-all. With a key assist from Osceola, St. John Neumann found their way back up, 31-29, with just 1:00 left in the game.

Following that was a floater from Baker, who tied the game up at 31-31 with 46.4 seconds left.

Unfortunately for the Lady Warriors, they ended up fouling St. John Neumann, as they closed the game out with a game-winning free throw with 25.3 seconds left in the contest.

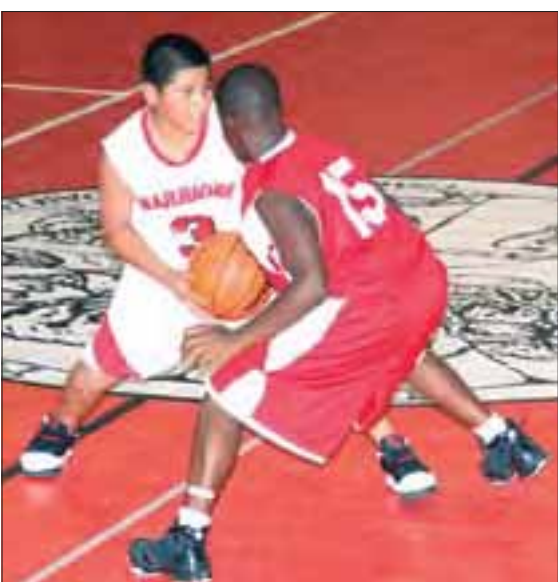
"Some of the girls were very nervous and it showed when they were playing," Stoots said. "At the end of the game, they were completely worn out. It wasn't the outcome we would have liked to see, but nevertheless, I was extremely proud of the effort and heart that my girls played with."

The Lady Warriors fell to a 4-2 record as of Jan. 7. They, along with the boys, finished their inaugural season with home games against Moore Haven (Jan. 18) and LaBelle (Jan. 20 – girls; Jan. 25 – boys).



Janice Osceola

Charlie Cypress lights up the bonfire in preparation for the Ahfachkee Warriors first-ever basketball pep rally on Jan. 3 at the Big Cypress Softball Field.



Naji Tobias

Ahfachkee's Roderick Bert, No. 3, tries to dribble his way past a Grace Academy International defender in the second half of the Jan. 4 home game for the Warriors.



Naji Tobias

Ahfachkee Lady Warriors star Tia Osborne, No. 21, attempts an open 3-point shot in the second quarter of her team's 32-31 loss to the St. John Neumann Celtics on Jan. 7.



Naji Tobias

St. John Neumann sophomore point guard and Naples Tribal citizen Bryce Osceola, No. 10, wrestles the ball away from Ahfachkee Lady Warriors Tribal player Caitlin Cypress during the first half of their Jan. 7 game at the Herman L. Osceola Gymnasium in Big Cypress.



Janice Osceola

The Ahfachkee Warriors boys' and girls' teams share a moment in front of the bonfire as the Jan. 3 pep rally at the Big Cypress Softball Field reaches its climax.



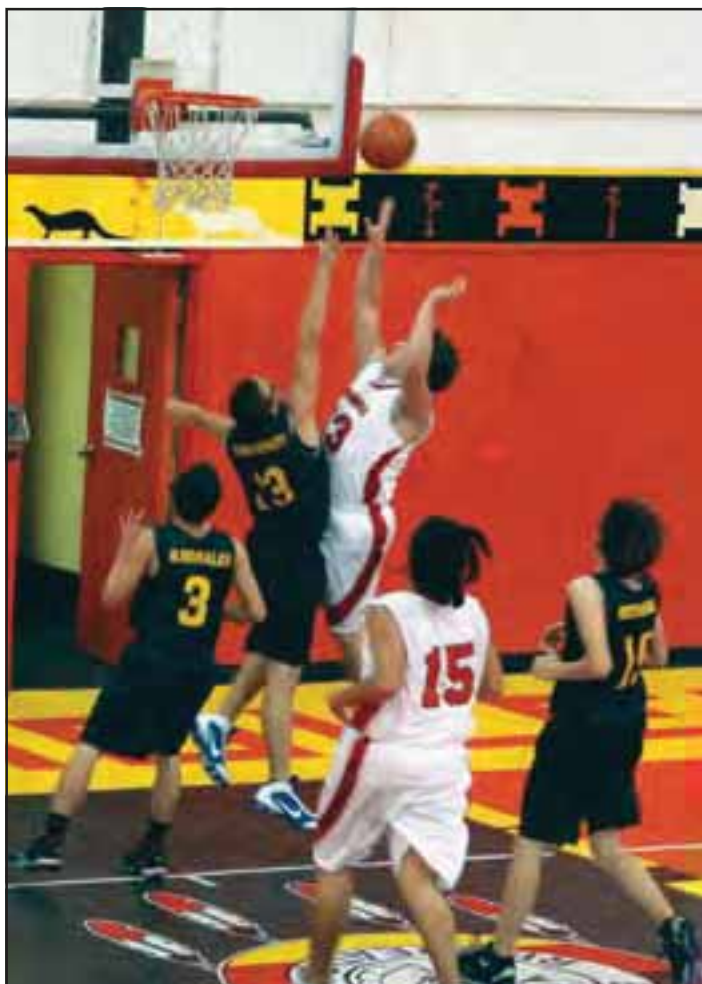
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Ahfachkee Warriors assistant head coach Cicero Osceola, center, gives a pep talk to the Tribal players at halftime of their Jan. 4 game against Grace Academy International.



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St. John Neumann sophomore point guard and Naples Tribal citizen Bryce Osceola, No. 10, leads her team to a 32-31 win over the Ahfachkee Lady Warriors on Jan. 7.



Naji Tobias

Ahfachkee's Ryan Cypress, No. 33, muscles his way in for a driving lay-up during the second half of his team's Jan. 6 home game against the Cape Coral Christian Crusaders.



January 12, 2011

Native American Veterans Memorial Initiative Launched for Nation's Capital; Support Sought from Tribal Leaders and Military Veterans around the Globe.

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Seminole Tribe of Florida Chairman Mitchell Cypress today called on Tribal leaders, all military veterans and individuals around the globe, to join him in supporting the Native American Veterans Memorial Initiative. The recently announced Initiative will honor Native Americans who have served in all branches of the Armed Forces of the United States of America, including Native Americans who have served in World War I, World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Gulf War and the current conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan.

A Vietnam-era veteran of the U.S. Army, Chairman Cypress is seeking the support and involvement of all veterans in order to make the strongest possible case for recognition of Native American veterans. Chairman Cypress said, "This effort will include lobbying and public relations programs to impact key individuals, including U.S. Senators and Representatives, their staffs, officials within the Obama Administration, and members of the National Capital Planning Commission, the governmental entity that oversees the design and placement of memorials in Washington, D.C."

"As Native Americans, we have served in every branch of the military, and we would like the same honor and acknowledgment as our other military brothers," Chairman Cypress exclaimed.

Chairman Cypress noted he would like to see a fourth soldier, a Native American, added to the three soldier likenesses that are part of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial on the National Mall. "We were there during the conflicts, fighting for our country as Native Americans," said Chairman Cypress. "When we look at the beautiful statue that depicts true and brave warriors, we wonder why we were not included. We were there, too."

A Web site has been established for the Native American Veterans Memorial Initiative at thenavmi.com. All interested supporters of those that have sacrificed for our freedom, can sign up by submitting their e-mail addresses on the Web site's home page.

Please join forces with us and help with this initiative to get the fourth statue added for all Americans that have fought and are fighting for our nation's freedom. We need your help!



**More photos from Fort Pierce Seminoles Awards Banquet**



Naji Tobias

The Fort Pierce Seminoles Youth Football Awards Banquet, held on Dec. 19 at the Fort Pierce Community Center, begins with a dance sequence from Angel Fuse.



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Center photo, the Fort Pierce Seminoles 130-pound team gets its end-of-season awards. Photo above, the Fort Pierce Seminoles 90-pound team receives the end-of-season awards.

**Photo Extra from Ahfachkee Warriors and Lady Warriors Halftime Show**



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