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Seminole veterans celebrated in Tribalwide Veterans Day festivities

BY CHRIS C. JENKINS
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BRIGHTON — Although a few days early, war veterans young and old gathered to honor one another and to be honored in the first Tribalwide Veterans Day celebration at the Brighton Reservation Florida Seminole Veteran's Building.

In its 24th year, the annual commemoration of the nation's defenders held its usual significance and brought Tribal officials, citizens and community guests together on Nov. 7.

"Throughout our history (as Seminoles) we have always had warriors; all of these great warriors down the years are great to honor," said Moses Jumper, event emcee.

The event recognized more than 70 Seminole veterans living and deceased.

"They are the reason we have what we have," said reigning Jr. Miss Florida Seminole Jaryaca Baker. "Some don't realize what they went through for us as Americans to have the freedoms we have."

Former Tribal Council Chairman Mitchell Cypress of the U.S. Army National Guard said serving and protecting this country and Seminoles has always been a part of the backdrop of history.

"In my younger years I always admired them (serviceman in the military). It's ironic that I ended up serving myself," Cypress said.

A special tribute to Tribal U.S. Army serviceman Bert C. Jones also highlighted the day.

Jones (of Brighton) served as a helicopter mechanic the majority of his Army career and was honorably discharged in 1968 at the rank of Specialist E5. For his years of service he also received the National Defense Service Medal as well as the Expert (Rifle) and Aircraft Crewman Badge. He was married to Elizabeth Molly Shore and had two children, Stacy and Duane. Jones was tragically killed in an equipment accident near his residence in 1984.

"He left us too soon to what he knew best: hard work," said Andrew J. Bowers Jr., Brighton Tribal Council Rep. and former military veteran. "I felt privileged to make the presentation to his family. It was also great to be honored."

Special guest speaker Dr. Robert L. Primeaux, military vet, actor, athlete and talk show host, also shared his experiences on several issues including his stint in the Vietnam War and his



Seminole Tribe Color Guard members and volunteers stand ready before festivities for the annual Veterans Day celebration in Brighton.

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continued support of the 'Why aren't we there' Native American Veterans Memorial Initiative headed by veteran Steven Bowers, Tribal Liaison for the Governor's Council on Indian Affairs. The initiative maintains the goal of establishing a Native American soldier among the three existing soldiers at the world famous National Mall located in Washington, D.C.

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Tribal Citizens support 14th annual AIAC Festival



Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum Village Staff member Patsy Billie, left, teaches Immokalee Tribal citizen Rhonda Nunez about the art of creating Seminole beadwork at her booth during the AIAC Festival.

Naji Tobias

BY NAJI TOBIAS
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BIG CYPRESS — Tribal citizens from multiple reservations displayed a significant amount of support for the 14th Annual American Indian Arts and Culture Festival, held from Nov. 4-6 at the Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum Grounds.

Former Tribal Chairman/Big Cypress Tribal senior Mitchell Cypress spent time at one of the art booths to take a look at a print painting entitled *When The Time Comes*. He said he could visualize his late wife, Mary Ann Billie-Cypress, and his two late daughters, Michele and Angie Cypress, in

heaven.

Inspired and created by painter Guy LaBree, a longtime friend of many Tribal citizens, the Big Cypress Tribal senior explained – in his own words – the significance of the Seminole-style work of art that was featured at this year's festival.

"My wife is waiting for me to ride with her to the next level," Cypress said of the painting depiction. "When the eagle brings the hat back to me, it means I will be joining my wife and my daughters. All three of them are riding up there; they're waiting for me to see them again. That's what I dream about."

Cypress went on to talk about how

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Military discharge upgrade sought for tortured hero Charlie Gopher

BY PETER B. GALLAGHER
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BRIGHTON — As U.S. Army Staff Sgt. James E. Billie was leaving Vietnam, his tour of duty nearly over, he ducked out of a monsoon and entered a darkened tent looking for a bunk. Suddenly he heard a familiar voice: "It was unmistakable, a voice from home," remembered Billie. "Charlie Gopher had a distinct dialect and I called out, 'Gopher!'"

The voice came back: "That's Sgt. Gopher to you. Who are you?"

"(Charlie) was as surprised as I was," said Billie, now Chairman of the Seminole Tribe of Florida. "We were both the same age, but I was from the Hollywood Seminole Reservation and he was from the Brighton Seminole Reservation. I had heard many stories about him, however, attesting to his remarkable bravery and courage under fire during some of the Vietnam era's most violent conflicts."

The two men were on the same flight back to the States, first stop Seattle, Wash. Looking back, Billie recalled Gopher did not talk much about himself, so "I was not aware of what his military status was at the time." He remembered the two men drank vodka and orange juice on the flight before the pair split in Seattle. Billie figured Gopher's tour was also up and "he was heading all the way back to Florida."

In actuality, Gopher was AWOL on that flight. No one knew that the handsome military hero had just re-enlisted and, wracked by war-caused alcohol and mental problems, had simply walked off his post to head back to Brighton. He would return weeks later, then walk away again. It was a pattern he repeated many times over the next six years, culminating in his "less than honorable discharge" from the Army in July 1974.

"His commanding officers kept taking him back. They respected him for his heroism and achievements at war, the many lives he saved and enemy he brought down. They did not want to kick him out of the Army," said Marc McCabe, a Veteran's Affairs officer who counsels Tribal vets at Brighton. "They protected him, looked the other way and kept taking him back, you know, throw him in the brig for a couple days and put him right back on his post."

It couldn't go on forever. "Finally, a CO came along, an Academy grad who had never been in battle, who didn't understand a tortured hero like Charlie. And he took Charlie down," said McCabe, who has spent the past year assembling Gopher's military paperwork.

Gopher's military record showed 10 Article 15s and two Article 32s (court procedures) for drinking and unauthorized absences and 1,690 days (nearly five years) unauthorized leave.

His record also showed the National Defense Service Medal, Combat Infantryman's Badge, Vietnam Service Medal with five Bronze Service Stars, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Parachutist Badge with three Overseas Bars, RVN Gallantry Cross with Palm



Photo courtesy of Rita McCabe

Seminole veteran Charlie Gopher's military record includes honors such as the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal with five Bronze Service Stars and the Presidential Unit Citation.

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An M-60 machine gunner, Gopher participated in the Battles of Hoa Hoi, Kim Son and Ia Drang, the Vietnam Counter Offensive Phases II and III, Tet Counter Offensive, Vietnam Counter Offense I and IV. "These are among the fiercest battles during the Vietnam Conflict," McCabe said. "He risked his life many times to successfully save dozens of troops."

"Charlie was fearless in combat and admired by all of us for his courage," said Mike McCoy, of Highland, Calif., who served with Gopher in the third platoon of "A" Company 1st Battalion 12th Cavalry (Airborne) of the 1st Air Cavalry Division

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Willie Johns, Bobbie C. Billie address Viva La Florida leaders



Peter B. Gallagher

Seminole Tribal citizen Willie Johns represents Chairman James E. Billie on the Viva La Florida planning committee, which met for the first time in Ybor City on Oct. 24.

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TAMPA — Seminole Tribe Historian and Outreach Director Willie Johns and Independent Seminole Bobby C. Billie threw a little cold water on the warmly presented kickoff event of Viva La Florida, on Oct. 24. The planned five-year celebration commemorating Florida's discovery by Ponce de Leon (1513), hosted by Florida Secretary of State Kurt Browning at the packed Hillsborough Community College Ybor Room, proceeded smoothly until Johns' turn to speak.

Representing Chairman James E. Billie on the Viva La Florida Cultural Diplomacy Forum, Johns said he could not bring himself to "just sit here and be politically correct. This Viva destroyed a whole population of people on this continent. We have to tell the whole story and tell the truth. After all, we all are here to learn."

Stuffed gasps in the audience were heard

as Johns provided a different view of de Leon and other Spanish explorers who murdered thousands of Florida natives, ransacking their villages in the name of the Spanish King: "There are nine tribes who can't speak for themselves today. (The discovery of Florida) wrecked our society. I'm not coming in here with a chip on my shoulder. I'm here to talk and learn."

Make no mistake about it – Viva La Florida's main thrust is an anticipated gigantic boost in tourism, with dozens of Florida communities, museums, parks and agencies across the state participating. "Well, we've been into tourism since the early 1900s when Flagler first came here, and we started selling what we could make," Johns said. "We have been in tourism all along, even unto today. You want to know anything about tourism, ask us!"

Later, during a question and answer session, Bobby C. Billie rose from the

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Jerry Micco Sr. Memorial Bike Ride moves into its ninth year



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From left: Rita Micco, Max Osceola and Loretta Micco at the Seminole Gaming pit stop in Hollywood.



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Van Samuels embraces Joann Osceola, mother of Vincent Micco, at the Okeechobee Texaco gas station stop.



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The Jerry Micco Sr. Memorial Bike Ride participants pull out of the Okeechobee Texaco gas station as they trek west toward the Ortona Cemetery, where the late Jerry Micco Sr. was laid to rest in 2001.

BY NAJI TOBIAS
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BIG CYPRESS — The ninth annual Jerry Micco Sr. Memorial Bike Ride felt remarkably different this time around.

Held on Nov. 5, a somewhat somber vibe existed throughout the weekend experience as many of the motorcycle riders — friends and family members of the late Jerry Micco Sr. — talked about how they also missed Vincent Micco, who spearheaded the function over the course of eight years.

For Loretta Micco — wife of the late Vincent Micco who passed away in a motorcycle accident this past August — this year's ride was filled with a mix of emotions. Receiving a host of hugs and encouraging words from her fellow riders, Loretta Micco opened up on what the experience meant to her.

"Everybody feels it," she said. "We're still mourning, yet we want to carry on. It's been only two months, but I'm still heartbroken over what happened to Vincent. I have been thinking about him every day from the start. I'm pretty sure all of the riders do as well."

Loretta Micco said she never doubted that the Jerry Micco Sr. Memorial Bike Ride series would continue, despite the untimely loss of her husband. "The family said Vincent would want it to continue, even if he wasn't

here with us," she said. "They felt it would be a good way for their family and the riders to honor him."

Former Hollywood Tribal Council Rep. Max B. Osceola Jr., an avid motorcycle rider, spoke on the importance of keeping the tradition alive.

"This is a fun way to remember Vincent and his father," Osceola said at the Seminole Gaming parking lot. "Everybody here loved to ride bikes. Vincent wanted to remember his father by doing something that was fun and encouraged camaraderie. Vincent was always making fun of himself and other people. It's a beautiful day out here and I believe this is something Vincent and his dad would want us to do in their honor."

The starting point of this year's ride was at the Seminole Gaming Headquarters parking lot, located on the corner of North 64th Ave. and Sheridan St. in Hollywood for a pre-breakfast, followed by a meet and greet gathering.

That was followed by a pit stop at the nearby Hollywood Reservation and a visit to Vincent Micco's gravesite, located at the New Seminole Graveyard — just north of the Tribe's headquarters.

"The family wanted to honor Vincent by starting on the reservation and putting flowers on his gravesite," Loretta Micco said. "It's too hard for me to speak about Vincent without crying."

The two early stops were a stark contrast to last year's bike ride, when everyone involved met at and started the day-long function at Holiday Park.

All riders eventually trekked their way to U.S. 27, a long and winding road they traveled northbound from Interstate 75 to a key pit stop at the Valero truck stop/gas station in South Bay — a span of more than 50 miles.

The rest stop, one of several, allowed riders and family members to freshen up, get some laughs in and talk about a variety of happy moments that transpired from the 215.5 mile-long motorcycle ride.

The riders then continued on after the break, as they traveled through the Lake Okeechobee communities of South Bay, Belle Glade, Pahokee, Canal Point, Port Mayaca, Okeechobee, Buckhead Ridge, Lakeport and Moore Haven.

Stops were made at Port Mayaca for a group photo shoot and at an Okeechobee gas station before heading to the Ortona Cemetery, where the late Jerry Micco Sr. was laid to rest in 2001.

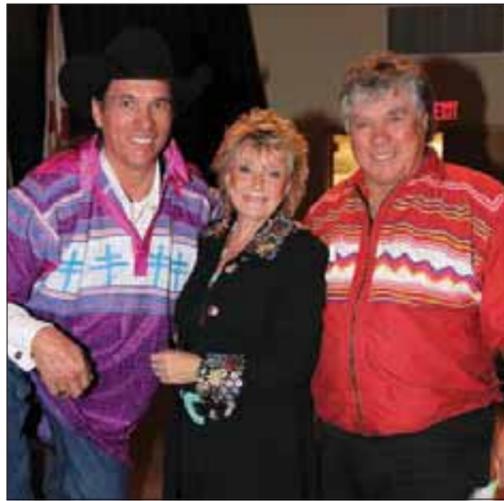
The brief gravesite stop preceded the ride's final two stops, which were at a gas station in Moore Haven and an end-of-ride dinner/gathering at the Billie Swamp Safari in Big Cypress.

"It was first time I rode down Snake Road since Vincent passed," Loretta Micco said as she fought back tears. "It was really hard, but God has given us strength each day to get through it. We're all still shocked that we're here without Vincent. But one thing I do know is that both Vincent and Jerry are in heaven together. It gives us hope because we'll get to see them again one day."



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Brighton Tribal preschoolers recite the Pledge of Allegiance in the Seminole Creek language in the backdrop of the Seminole Color Guard as part of the 24th annual Veterans Day celebration held at the Brighton Reservation Florida Seminole Veteran's Building on Nov. 7.



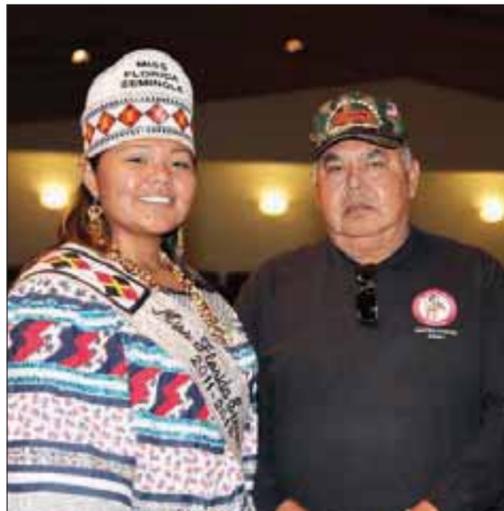
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Tribal Council Chairman James E. Billie, right, joined with special guests Dr. Robert L. Primeaux, left, and country singer Lacy J. Dalton, center.



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The Florida Seminole Veterans made a donation to the Raymond E. Darling VFW Post 6023 —Indiantown, FL Building Fund during the Nov. 7 celebration. L to R: John W. Huff Sr., Sammie Gopher, Billy F. Blake (VFW Post 6023), Jack Smith Jr., David Nunez Jr., David S. Shelton (VFW Post 6023), Stanlo Johns, Eddie Shore, Moses B. Osceola and Ted Nelson Sr.



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Florida Seminole Tribal Princess Jewel Buck and Tribal war veteran Sammie Gopher share a moment together during the Veterans Day celebration on Nov. 7 at the Brighton Veteran's Building.

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"It is vitally important to honor our (Native) vets because it's never really been done," Primeaux said. "To be here is a sign of respect among us as Native people. Being in the position I am in has allowed me to be able to reach out to a lot of influential people that can draw attention to Indian issues and the Initiative."

Songs and musical performances also included the Brighton Tribal preschool, the Charter School students singing songs in the Seminole Creek language along with songs by Grammy nominated country singer and songwriter Lacy J. Dalton.

In the U.S., Veterans Day falls annually on Nov. 11. The day is the anniversary of the signing of the armistice, which took place on the 11th hour, of the 11th day, of the 11th month of 1918 between Germany and the Allied Nations.

Their truce ended World War I hostilities between the two groups. An Act was then approved in May 1938, which made Nov. 11 in each year a legal holiday, formally known as Armistice Day and was originally intended to honor veterans of World War I. Years later, World War II required the largest mobilization of service men in the history of the United States and the American forces fought in Korea.

In 1954, veteran service organizations asked Congress to change the word "Armistice" to "Veterans." Congress approved the change and it became a day to honor all American veterans.

♦ GOPHER

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(AirMobile) from August 1966 through March 1967. McCoy allowed, however, "everyone gave him a wide berth when he was drinking," relating the story of a night when a whooping Gopher suddenly grabbed his machine gun and shot a large tent down. Warned that he might face a court martial, Gopher replied, "You can't court martial me. We're still at war with you S.O.B.s"

"Next morning I ask Charlie what the hell he was talking about saying we are at war. He tells me the story about (the Seminoles) never having made a treaty with the U.S."

At the Battle of Kim Son," said McCoy, a wounded, bleeding Gopher refused to retreat and singlehandedly provided cover for soldiers to escape a surprise ambush that caused more than 120 wounded. "I believe Charlie's actions kept the NVA from over-running us and killing us all."

"If it hadn't been for Charlie's bravery, I'm sure we would have lost many more men. Now when men speak of Charlie, let no one say he was without courage. When you speak of him, know that he is not forgotten and lives on in the hearts of many men who knew him."

Less than two months after his discharge from the Army, Gopher hung himself.

It was "five days before my second birthday and five months before the birth of my sister," said Rita Gopher McCabe (no relation to Marc). "It brings so much sadness over me when I think about my father's death . . . such a tragic ending to a life that had touched so many people and had so many more lives left to touch."

What happened? To Gopher's family, including wife, Louise, and to the VA's McCabe, it's a no brainer. "Charlie Gopher was a classic case of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)." A psychological disorder with a long recorded history of incapacitating hundreds of thousands of individuals who were in combat or traumatized by an event in their life, PTSD causes nightmares and flashbacks, sleep difficulties and feelings of estrangement.

"Everyone said Charlie was different when he came back home. He was described as belligerent, angry, wanting to be alone," said the VA's McCabe. "And he was an alcoholic. All signs of PTSD."

PTSD, however, did not exist in Gopher's day. Not by that name, anyway. The terms "shell shock" and "combat fatigue" had been around since the Civil War to describe a medical phenomenon that has impacted warriors for more than 2,700 years. PTSD wasn't accepted as a standard by the VA Medical Administration for psychiatric service related disability until 1986.

"If Charlie Gopher were alive today, he would immediately be granted a 70-100 percent disability. Even his suicide points directly to PTSD," McCabe said. (In 2005, the suicide rate among male Veteran VA users was 37.19 per 100,000, three times the non-VA rate. Studies also show that one of every four PTSD-diagnosed veterans have attempted suicide.)

McCabe will present a package to the U.S. Army Review Board in mid-December, asking that Gopher's discharge be upgraded to Honorable. "He should have never been allowed to re-enlist," McCabe said. "But the military provided no programs or treatment for PTSD back then."

The package includes a letter from Seminole Chairman Billie, letters from soldiers who served with Gopher in Vietnam, support from Tribal Vietnam vets, a detailed report by McCabe and a touching letter from daughter Rita, who points out that her father's discharge 37 years ago still has wide effect on his Tribe.

"My father, a Seminole warrior, went to battle for his people. The Seminole culture honors its warriors. As a warrior culture, there is a great deal of family pride associated with serving honorably. When a warrior is dishonored, either in combat or afterwards, it reflects not only on the individual but on his family as well. This tarnish is not easily polished and the family wears it for many years afterwards."

The Tribal family includes a clan system of hundreds, Rita pointed out. "My grandparents John Henry and Maude Gopher are no longer with us. I don't think that they ever fully understood what happened to my father," she said. "All they knew was that he was a different man when he came home from Vietnam than before he left. It saddened my grandmother. She may not have understood what happened to him. But she did have a feeling something wasn't right. She hoped for it to one day be corrected. I hope that this day will soon be upon us."

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Community

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It's up to me to be drug free



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The Big Cypress seniors grab top honors in their Red Ribbon Week Billboard Contest during the Oct. 27 awards ceremony for Red Ribbon Week celebrations.

BY JUDY WEEKS
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Community members, employees and leaders of the Seminole Tribe of Florida make a concentrated effort throughout the year to combat the use of harmful substances and high-risk behavior. Their combined effort is making a positive impact Tribal wide and is influencing the future.

Once a year, they join millions of Americans in designating one week to raise awareness regarding the need for alcohol, tobacco and other drug and violence prevention, early intervention and treatment services.

Red Ribbon Week began after the kidnapping, torture and brutal murder of Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Agent Enrique "Kiki" Camarena in 1985. He angered leaders of the Mexican drug cartels when he was instrumental in the eradication of a multimillion dollar narcotics manufacturing operation in Chihuahua, Mexico, that was trafficking drugs into the United States.

The dramatic events that followed Camarena's disappearance and death were chronicled in national media and exposed the dark world of drug trafficking and its consequences. An outpouring of support in his hometown of Calexico, Calif., became a voice for prevention to reduce demand for illegal drugs and the use of legal drugs in America.

The following year, the California State PTA adopted the Red Ribbon Week campaign, and in 1988 it was recognized nationally with President Ronald Reagan and First Lady Nancy Reagan serving as the

first Honorary Chairs. This special week has become an important event for the Seminole Tribe and grows in momentum each year.

The Family Services Department on each reservation coordinates the activities which are sponsored by each of the service departments, community members, churches and youth organizations. Their combined effort produced outstanding results for the 2011 Red Ribbon Week.

"This is a whole collaborative community coming together," said Big Cypress Ahfachkee School Principal Lucy Dafoe. "The kids can see that it is important from the top down. They have pledged to stay drug and alcohol free. What the community has done of this magnitude is heartwarming to see. I hope that this keeps all our kids and communities safe."

Big Cypress kicked off this year's Red Ribbon with a Prayer Walk at the canal and Snake Road intersection. A record number of approximately 80 people participated in the early morning event following prayer and spiritual encouragement from Deacon Joe Osceola Sr., Pastor Arlen Payne of the B.C. New Testament Baptist Church and Moses Jumper Jr. of the First Baptist Church of Big Cypress.

An enormous amount of volunteer service, planning and creativity went into organizing the annual Red Ribbon Parades in Big Cypress and Immokalee. Marching bands, horse drawn carriages, the Color Guard, senior citizen cavalcade, fire trucks, Seminole

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Senior Profile: Marine Veteran Dan Bowers

BY JUDY WEEKS
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BRIGHTON — Celebrating his birthday on Oct. 22 with a host of family and friends, Dan Bowers reflected on a lifetime of memories that spanned 70 years and carried him halfway around the world.

A member of the panther clan, Dan Bowers was born on Oct. 24, 1941, in a camp near the site of the old Boehmer School House in Brighton. He is the eldest son of Dick Bowers and Marian Cypress Bowers. His grandfather, Wilson Cypress, was well known for his hunting skills from north of Lake Okeechobee through the heart of the Everglades to Smallwood's Store on Chokoloskee Island on the lower Gulf coast.

During his early years, the Bowers moved their young family to Dania in search of work and Dan began his education. "Dan and I attended Miss Wilson's first grade class together," said Florida historical, legendary and wildlife artist Guy LaBree. "He is one of my oldest Seminole friends, and I cherish the days we played together in the woods and shared our experiences."

"Dan returned to Brighton and we became classmates from the fourth grade all the way through high school in Okeechobee," said Alta Lee Thomas-Barber. "There aren't very many of us left from the old days, and I feel really privileged to share in celebrating this important occasion with Dan. Growing up, he lived life to the fullest between school work, his love of football and work at the U-Save, but he still found time for his friends."

Following graduation from Okeechobee High School, Bowers enrolled in technical school in Lawrence, Kan., to learn masonry skills. From there he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps on Oct. 4, 1964, in Kansas City, Mo., and went off to boot camp in San Diego, Calif.

"I always knew that I was going into the military," Bowers said. "In the 1950s I saw Roy Nash Osceola and Herbert Cypress when they were home on leave in their full dress uniforms. As a boy, they were my heroes and inspiration and I wanted to be just like them."

"You don't know what you are made of until you become a Marine," Bowers said. "They give you intensive training physically and mentally and then instill in you the enthusiasm and desire to realize your potential. The Marines helped me to discover who I am and shaped the man that I would become. They train you, train you some more and then retrain you until they make you the best that you can be."

At Camp Pendleton, Bowers focused on basic combat operations, rifle squad tactics, visual communication, land mine warfare and wire communication. His next stop was Okinawa for more intensive instruction in radio and wire communications in preparation for transfer to Vietnam.

Sgt. Dan Bowers, Communication M.O.S. 2511 and 2531 Wireman and Radio Specialist, arrived in Vietnam in 1966 for his first 18-month tour of combat duty. His service took him to Chu-Lai, Da-nang and several military offensives before returning him home for a 20-day leave. The Marines then sent him back



Photos courtesy of Dan Bowers

Sergeant Dan Bowers credits the U.S. Marine Corps with making him all that he could be.

for a second tour in Vietnam that terminated with the completion of his four-year enlistment on Oct. 5, 1968. He has received honors for the Vietnamese Campaign, National Defense Service, Vietnamese Service and Good Counsel Medals.

It has been 41 years since Dan and Agnes Osceola Bowers were married in 1970. They have three children, Erlod, Rosetta and Danette. Their descendants continue to grow with several grandchildren.

Following his military career, Bowers put his masonry and construction skills to work by joining the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and Development Corps of America (DCA) programs building houses in Brighton and then Hollywood, Sunrise and Miramar. During the 1980s he became director of the Seminole Construction Department and managed numerous major projects which included the Swamp Water Cafe, gift shop, restrooms and living quarters at the Billie Swamp Safari.

Since his retirement, Bowers has been an active member of the Seminole Veterans and participated in their Color Guard presentations for many years. "Our ancestors were warriors and fought to protect their homes and freedom," Bowers said. "There is great truth in the saying that 'freedom isn't free.' I thank God every day for sparing my life so that I could come home. It has been my privilege to become a Marine and fight to protect our freedom, and I encourage our next generation to strive to meet the challenge. There is no finer duty than to serve your fellowman."

Big Cypress wins its first Senior Trike Fest Crown



Naji Tobias

Big Cypress' Daisy Jumper celebrates her win in the ladder toss competition.

BY NAJI TOBIAS
Staff Reporter

BIG CYPRESS — The home team finally won it! For the first time in the Senior Trike Fest's seven-year history, the Big Cypress seniors outlasted all of their competitors to take home the 2011 Trike Fest crown on Nov. 3.

Held at the Big Cypress Aviation Hangar, Team Big Cypress (127 total points) blew past runner-up and last year's Trike Fest champion Team Brighton (91 total points), as well as Team Hollywood (48 points), Team Tampa (26 points) and Team Immokalee (0 points).

The Big Cypress seniors were visibly overjoyed by their overall victory, as many of them embraced each other and smiled broadly at their accomplishment.

"It's a great feeling for us to come out and win it the way we did," said Big Cypress Tribal senior Moses "Big Shot" Jumper, who won five medals at this year's Trike Fest, including Male Super Senior of the Year.

"We got motivated and dug in as hard as we possibly could," Jumper continued. "It really showed out there." Team Big Cypress (5:33.88) easily got by Team Brighton (6:14.94), Team Hollywood (6:24.40) and

Team Tampa (11:20.94) in the team relay races — perhaps the day's most exciting event.

The team relay race was different from years past, as the puzzle challenge was added to the team cone weave competition. Each team consisted of five people, with the first four teammates competing in the cone weave relay and the fifth one piecing together a puzzle to finish the relay. Team Big Cypress also came out on top in the cone weave, maze and puzzle challenge categories.

"It was our turn to be the champions," Big Cypress Tribal senior Minnie Tigertail said. "Brighton had it for so long."

Team Brighton did not go empty-handed, however, as Brighton senior Patty Waldron placed first overall in the Best Dressed Triker Contest. Fellow Brighton seniors Alice Sweat and Jenny Johns came in second and third overall, respectively.

Team Brighton outlasted its competition to take home top honors in the ladder ball and ladder toss categories.

Meanwhile, Team Tampa took home its third consecutive Trike Fest trophy for Most Participants by

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GNL focuses on Seminole history in Collier County

BY JUDY WEEKS
Freelance Writer

EVERGLADES CITY — Acting as ambassadors of the Seminole Tribe, Mary Jene Koenes and her granddaughter, Dayra, wowed an audience of 68 participants in their Greater Naples Leadership (GNL) history day session on Oct. 19.

The group met in the conference room of Everglades City Hall. Listed on the national registry of historical sites, the structure was originally built as the first Collier County Court House in the 1920s and stands within a few miles of many traditional Seminole campsites and the Smallwood Trading Post. It provided the perfect setting for a brief glance at the Native American influence on South Florida and the impact of Seminole history in the region.

In its 16th year, GNL acquaints new Florida residents, who are interested in volunteering their skills to nonprofit organizations, with a basic knowledge of the community in which they plan to serve. Hoping they will apply their leadership skills, talents and experience to assist programs in Collier County, GNL focuses on history, culture, communication, health care, education, environment, growth, human services, government and law.

Having recently purchased retirement or second homes in Florida, the audience learned during the introduction that they weren't the first immigrants to the area. The Florida peninsula has been home to Native Americans since archaic times and for centuries, it was the winter hunting grounds of the ancestors of the Seminole Tribe who originated in the southeastern region of North America.

Attempted domination by the European cultures forced the Seminole forefathers to emigrate southward from their permanent settlements as early as the late 1600s. Continued pressure by encroaching settlers and the Indian Removal Act of the 1800s resulted in three Seminole Wars and eventual withdrawal by survivors to isolation deep within the Everglades. The Seminole ancestors paid for their right to a Florida existence with their blood.

Dayra Koenes immediately captivated her audience by reciting the Mantele and then turned the floor over to her grandmother, Mary Jene, who addressed the gathering in Mikasuki during brief opening remarks. Acquainting the assembly with Seminole culture, she next supplied a background of Tribal history that covered the past 150 years in South Florida.

The majority of the group was surprised to learn that the region had remained an untamed frontier of natural resources inhabited, almost exclusively, by Seminoles until the past 85 years. With the arrival of speculators and developers, the area has been transformed forever.

Koenes also explored the transition of the



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The Greater Naples Leadership featured a history day presentation by Mary Jene Koenes and her granddaughter, Dayra, at Everglades City Hall.

Seminole economy and gradual evolution of the Tribal government with its sovereign status and constitution. Observing that their economy is more than casinos, she discussed their agricultural contributions, cattle industry, citrus, sugarcane and Hard Rock enterprises.

During a question and answer sessions, the Koenes women both fielded inquiries focused on education, youth and recreation programs, health care, citizenship, environmental concerns, cultural preservation and natural resources. Many of the participants expressed their astonishment when they learned that the Tribal members are self-sufficient, pay income taxes and are proud veterans and supporters of the U.S. Military.

"We may not have had money, but we were never poor," said Mary Jene Koenes. "The Seminoles have always been some of the richest people on Earth because of their heritage, culture, family traditions and love. We are devoting our energy into preserving and promoting these principles for our future generations. This will ensure our continued survival in an ever-changing world."

Judge No. 2 quits Smallwood Store Case

New judge sets Nov. 30 hearing

BY PETER B. GALLAGHER
Special Projects Reporter

NAPLES — Without offering any excuse, a second Collier County Circuit Judge has walked away from the Smallwood Store/Collier County v. Florida Georgia Grove LLP (FGG) case.

A descendent of a pioneer Collier County family, the Hon. Cythia Pivacek recused herself as the successor to Judge Hugh Hayes, the original case Judge, who walked away in October when FGG accused him of being partial to the County since the Courthouse Annex was dedicated in his honor.

The case has now been given to Judge Lauren L. Brodie, who is usually found sitting before Family Law and Juvenile Delinquency cases. Judge Brodie has set a hearing for 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 30. "I hope she doesn't step down. All of these delays are killing us," said Lynn Smallwood-McMillin, who manages the 106-year-old historical Museum at the southern tip of Chokoloskee.

The Smallwood Store was closed April 14 when FGG put up a fence and closed the only access road — Mamie Street — in a bold move to force permitting agencies to allow them to develop acreage they own

contiguous to the Store. Judge Hayes ordered FGG to replace the road, however, just before stepping down.

The replacement road — half as wide, unpaved and unevenly graded — is barely passable. "Most people pull up and turn around and leave. We are essentially still closed with no end in sight," said McMillin, who has emptied the Store's critical repair budget to pay for legal fees. "I don't know what we are going to do."

At the Nov. 30 Status Conference hearing, Judge Brodie will hear arguments on why FGG should (or shouldn't) follow Judge Hayes' order to put the road back like it was before it was torn up.

"It is really sad that these guys would rather pay for their attorneys than pay to put the road back so the Smallwood Store can resume normal operations," said Rachael Loukonen, of Naples, the Smallwood's principal attorney. "It's a shame for another precious part of Florida history to be burned away like that through legislation."

Store owner Ted Smallwood was one of the first merchants to trade with, and provide credit to, the Seminole Indians in the early 1900s when Seminoles began to emerge from their exile deep in the Everglades, where they hid during the Seminole Wars.

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Florida Humanities Council Executive Director Janine Farver and Independent Seminole Bobby C. Billie after the meeting.

Tribal Council holds special meeting in Brighton

BY RACHEL BUXTON
Freelance Reporter

BRIGHTON — Tribal Council held a special meeting Oct. 14 at the Brighton Veteran's Building and passed 43 resolutions, including the United States Department of the Interior U.S. Geological Survey fiscal year 2012 joint funding agreement for water resources investigation. Other resolutions passed included:

- Resolution 33: United States Environmental Protection Agency grant application for funding of the Hollywood water infrastructure project

- Resolution 38: Seminole Tribe of Florida filming permission letter granting Charlie Scott Osceola permission to film a music video on the Big Cypress Seminole Indian Reservation; Ratification

- Resolution 45: Grant of easement for right-of-way for BIA Road 1281 (aka Josie Billie Highway) Seminole Tribe of Florida (grantor) Bureau of Indian Affairs Branch of Roads (grantee) — Big Cypress Seminole Reservation

- Resolution 49: Approval of agreement with BMI for eating and drinking establishments music license for the Seminole Indian Casino-Immokalee; limited waiver of sovereign immunity

audience where he had been listening to speaker after speaker (including the Honorary Vice Counsel of Spain in Tampa and the Florida French Consulate) extolling the virtues of the massive state celebration. "Everyone's happy," Billie began, "but I'm not happy. I'm not celebrating. Before the Spanish came, it was paradise. It's not paradise anymore. They killed the whole state."

Billie passed out copies of a lengthy typed document from his "Council of the Original Miccosukee Simanolee Nation Aboriginal People" detailing his beliefs and opinions regarding Native oppression from Florida's Spanish Colonial period through current times. (See page 10A for excerpt of this document.) Rachel Porter, the state's lead Viva La Florida coordinator, said later that she welcomed the

participation and input of Florida's Indians. "Our hope is that we can explore all of the issues concerning the Florida Indians and make something positive happen. We want them with us every step of the way. We want to know what they want and what they want us to do."

The Ybor gathering, titled The Business of Viva Florida 500, was sponsored by the Florida Humanities Council and featured remarks from Second District Court of Appeals Judge E.J. Salcines, Secretary of State Browning, Dr. Michael Francis, University of North Florida; Susannah Costello, VISIT FLORIDA; Glen Hastings, St. John's County Tourist Development Council; and Bruce Neff, Key West Historic Marker Tours Inc.

◆ RED RIBBON

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Casino Immokalee and Seminole Police escort led the way for a multitude of floats prepared by the various departments based on this year's theme of "It's Up to Me to be Drug Free!"

Capt. Kipper Connell from Tampa's Seminole Police Department hosted a meaningful presentation for children and adults in Brighton concerning the importance of remaining drug free. The Wacky Drug Free Olympics for preschoolers and community youth further instilled this year's Red Ribbon theme.

The Hollywood Boys & Girls Club in conjunction with the Family Services Department sponsored a youth performance night featuring several Tribal musicians. The resonance of drums, guitars and pianos filled the Tribal Headquarters Auditorium for the benefit of parents and friends in this community's drug free activity.

The creativity held no boundaries in the poster, door and billboard contests held in Big Cypress and Immokalee. Each entry was based on this year's Red Ribbon theme and displayed enthusiasm

and ingenuity, making for very difficult decisions on behalf of the impartial judges. The Diana Yzaguirre Memorial Library in Immokalee pulled out all stops and won both the door and parade contest with their extraordinary "Don't Monkey Around with Drugs" entries that appealed to all ages. Big Cypress hosted a community dinner and awards ceremony for the contestants and their families.

The Kids' Fun Day in Immokalee left a lasting impression on the community that will display a year-round reminder for its residents. Groups of youngsters accompanied by an adult painted each of the community fire hydrants in bright colors, creative designs and drug free slogans. A Backwards Amazing Race and Community Campfire added to the festivities.

The Joshua Street Spiritual Singers from Stillwell, Okla., gave a Red Ribbon performance at The First Baptist Church in Big Cypress with Pastor Bruce Pratt and then participated in a Spirit Night presentation at The First Seminole Baptist Church of Immokalee with Pastor Josh LeadingFox. A special service of inspiration and recognition of a Remembrance Cross drew a full house for both occasions.



Rachel Buxton

David King races against the clock during Brighton's Red Ribbon Week Youth Wacky Drug Free Olympics on Oct. 20.



Rachel Buxton

Brighton's Tribal youth have a little fun being drug free on Oct. 20 during the Youth Wacky Drug Free Olympics held at the Charter School.



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Hollywood Tribal musical talents join together to complete their latest Boys & Girls Club and Tribal Family Services sponsored event in support of Red Ribbon Week festivities on Oct. 27.



Judy Weeks

Diane Yzaguirre Memorial Library won first place for its Red Ribbon parade float and also won the door contest in Immokalee's Red Ribbon celebration.



Judy Weeks

Immokalee Senior Center Manager Gale Boone decorates her door for the Red Ribbon contest.



Naji Tobias

The Hollywood Reservation's golfers hoist the 2011 Rez Cup after coming out on top in this year's Seminoles in Recovery Red Ribbon Classic Golf Tournament on Oct. 22.



Naji Tobias

The Big Cypress community takes a prayer walk down Josie Billie Highway during the Oct. 24 kickoff of Red Ribbon Week.

Tribal elder Jimmie Hank Osceola reminisces on days as a barber

Big Cypress construction begins at Basin 4 for storm water treatment



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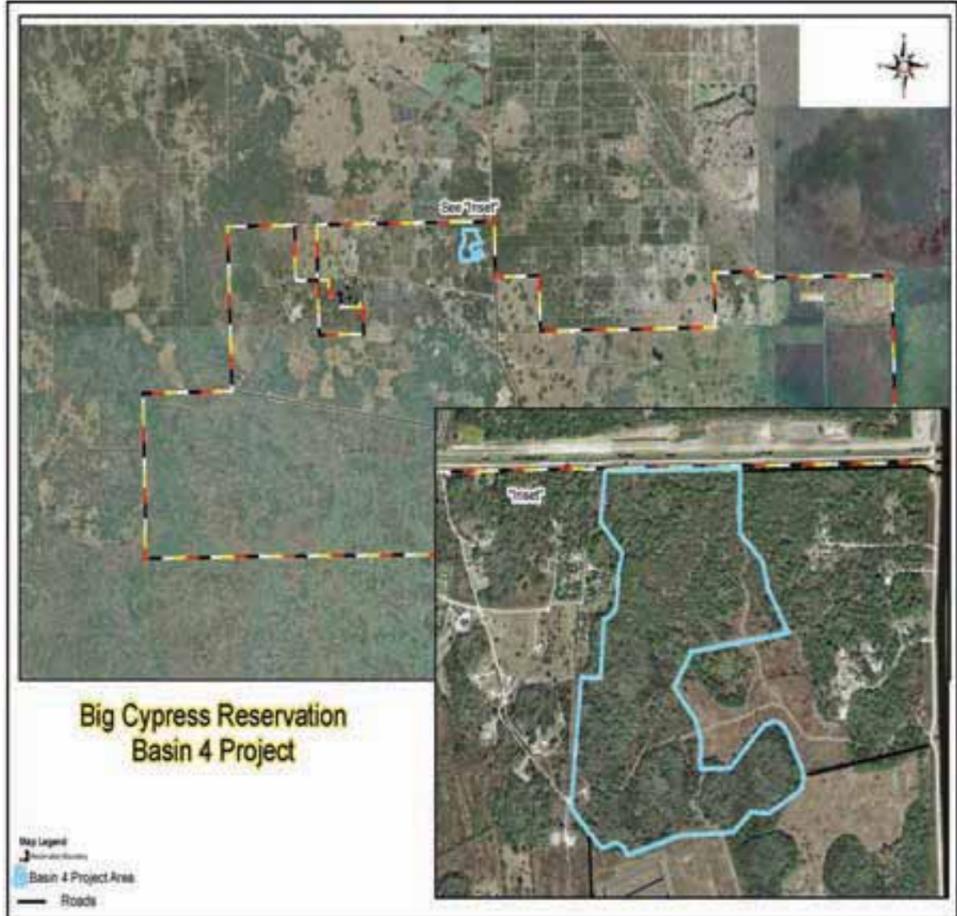
A youthful Jimmie Hank Osceola, longtime barber to many Tribal citizens at various locations in the early 1950s and 60s, became the first licensed Seminole barber in the area.

Former 10-year Seminole barber Jimmie Hank Osceola gets a hair cut from Jonny Yasso, three-year owner and master barber of Jonny B's barbershop at 6301 Stirling Road.



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Tribal elder and former barber Jimmie Hank Osceola, seated, joined by son Kevin Osceola, fourth from left, Hollywood Community Liaison Richard Osceola, third from left, and master barber and owner Jonny Yasso, far left, at his barbershop Jonny B's in Davie on Oct. 28. Known as a location for Tribal citizens to regularly get haircuts, the four casually gathered at the shop as part of an arrangement by Richard Osceola to add Jimmie Hank Osceola's picture to the wall of the shop.



SUBMITTED BY STEVEN H. LUFF
Environmental Resource Management Department

BIG CYPRESS — November marked the beginning of construction around the pastures and cypress heads just north of the new Waste Water Treatment Plant in Big Cypress. Basin 4 – the next in a series of four storm water treatment projects – will include 3.5 miles of canals, two pump stations and three access roads. The construction will be located at the north boundary of the Big Cypress Reservation just west of the North Feeder Canal. Construction is expected to continue through August 2012, so residents should expect to see some dust and hear some noise from the trucks and bulldozers working throughout most of next year.

the new drainage control to take effect. After Basin 4 operates, new area drainage ditches will need to be completed, so water from neighboring areas can be pumped away. The plans for the area drainage ditches are being developed, but Basin 4 needs to be constructed first.

In addition to improved storm water control, the system is designed to re-water the existing wetlands inside the Basin 4 footprint, plus remove phosphorus and other pollutants from the water before being discharged into the North Feeder Canal.

Remember, although construction work is interesting to watch, don't get close. The heavy equipment operators are focused on their work and are not expecting someone to show up suddenly. Stay safe – please stay a safe distance away.

When completed, Basin 4 will improve the control of flood water in the general area from Josie Billie Highway on the west and from the Big Cypress RV Resort on the south. But, it will take a few years for

If you have any questions, comments or concerns, call Steven Luff, Environmental Resource Management Department, at 863-902-3200 ext.13420.

TRIKE FEST

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Percentage, with a rate of 50 percent. Team Brighton (32 percent of Tribal senior participation), Team Big Cypress (28 percent), Team Hollywood (17 percent) and Team Immokalee (12 percent) placed second through fifth overall in Tribal senior participation category.

Team Hollywood came out on top overall in the Best Decorated Trike category to round out the Trike Fest's major awards.

Brighton Tribal Council Rep. Andrew J. Bowers Jr., who looked somewhat stunned that his team failed to take home top honors for the fifth consecutive year, summed up how the Trike Fest transpired in his own words.

"We had less people this time," Brighton Tribal Council Rep. Andrew J. Bowers Jr. said. "That's why we didn't win. We're going to get more people involved next year, so we can take the title back."



Naji Tobias

Brighton Tribal elder Connie Whidden participates in the maze trike race.



Naji Tobias

Hollywood's Charles Hires, left, leads the way for his squad in the Trike Fest team relays, as Tampa Tribal citizen/Fitness Specialist Nick Frank, right, looks on.



Naji Tobias

Tampa's Bobby Henry placed first overall in the senior men's category of the Best Dressed Triker contest.



Naji Tobias

Team Big Cypress celebrates their winning the Trike Fest traveling trophy for the first time.



Naji Tobias

Team Hollywood comes out on top in the Best Decorated Trike contest.



Naji Tobias

Brighton's Jenny Johns stands out in the Best Dressed Triker contest, as she places third in the senior women's category.

Battiest Brothers win best video at American Indian Film Awards



Peter B. Gallagher

Zach "Doc" Battiest, left, *The Storm* music video director Steven Paul Judd, center, and Spencer Battiest.

BY PETER B. GALLAGHER
Special Projects Reporter

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif. — *The Storm*, the song and video production starring Seminole Tribal citizens Spencer and Doc Battiest, and directed by Stephen Paul Judd, was awarded Best Music Video of 2011 at the 36th annual American Indian Film Festival. The Battiest Brothers performed live before a capacity crowd at the American Indian Motion Picture Awards on Saturday, Nov. 12 at the Palace of Fine Arts in San Francisco.

"It was a real honor to be honored by the American Indian Film Institute," said Zachary "Doc" Battiest. "We've been to award shows before and came close, but we never were able to bring one home. And the award we won was one of the most important!"

Performing live before Natives from around the

globe added to the joyous occasion. "We got one of the only standing ovations of the night, and I can't describe how great it was to hear all the different nations doing their calls," added Doc. "You could hear the Osage, the Sac and Fox, the Inuit from up near the Arctic Circle, the Pomo Nation, each one doing their Tribal calls. And the woman lu-lu-ing, you could hear them all! It was incredible: one giant applause with the whole place standing!"

Sponsored by the American Indian Film Institute, The American Indian Motion Picture Awards Show recognizes excellence in American Indian and Canadian First Nations cinematic achievement and is considered one of the most prominent Indian Country and Native Cinema showcases.

In addition to the Battiest Brothers' Hip Hop/R&B performance, others who performed live included Blues singer/songwriter Derek Miller, Punk/Indie band Miracle Dolls, comedian JR Redwater, and violinist Swil Kanim.

The Awards: **BEST FILM:** Shouting Secrets, Korinna Sehringer, director; **BEST DIRECTOR:** Andrew Okpeaha MacLean, *On The Ice*; **BEST ACTOR:** Chaske Spencer, *Shouting Secrets*; **BEST ACTRESS:** Michelle St. John, *Every Emotion Costs*; **BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR:** Tyler Christopher, *Shouting Secrets*; **BEST SUPPORTING ACTRESS:** Roseanne Supernault, *Every Emotion Costs*; **BEST DOCUMENTARY FEATURE:** *The Thick Dark Fog*, Randy Vasquez, director; **BEST DOCUMENTARY SHORT:** *Columbus Day Legacy*, Bennie Klain, director; **BEST LIVE SHORT SUBJECT:** *Search For The World's Best Indian Taco*, Steven Paul Judd, Director; **BEST ANIMATION:** *Amaqut Nunaat (The Country of Wolves)*, Neil Christopher, director; **BEST MUSIC VIDEO:** *The Storm, Spencer & Doc Battiest, Steven Paul Judd, director*; **BEST INDUSTRIAL:** *American Indian Actors*, Sterlin Harjo, director; **EAGLE SPIRIT AWARD HONOREES:** Everett Freeman (Posthumous Presentation), and (the late) Jessie Little Doe Baird.

FAIR

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important paintings and pictures are to the Tribe and its citizens.

"Pictures are the best way to tell our story," Cypress said. "They're like 1,000 words to us."

Cypress discussed in further detail the significance that paintings hold to the Seminole Tribe, specifically when it comes to how the Tribal citizens view a variety of aspects, such as nature, animals, the culture and the traditions they have within their Tribe.

"A lot of the paintings you see are of the clans we have here," Cypress said. "We have a lot of drawings of alligators, panthers, otters, snakes and others that represent our clans. You'll know that you're coming into our history when you look at the art gallery."

Seminole Princess Jewel Buck, who came out to the AIAC Festival on Nov. 4, said she was pleased to view the vast display of elements as it relates to her culture.

In Buck's eyes, features that stood out to her included Clint and James Holt's alligator show, the variety of Seminole patchwork, beadwork and arts at the booth stands and a special presentation from Dakota Tribe of South Dakota hula dancer John Locke, among several others.

"I'm very honored to meet and greet everyone out here," Buck said. "It's a great way to know my Tribe better. As Seminole people, we take time to honor our history and our culture. The arts festival lights up with color all around here. It's just beautiful to see."

Immokalee Tribal citizen Rhonda Nunez, who spent time with Big Cypress Tribal senior Patsy Billie at her beadwork display booth, said she learned a valuable lesson from the Tribal elder on how to create a daisy chain out of a beadwork design.

"I just love it," Nunez said. "It's just amazing what you could with the beads here. Our culture department in Immokalee is really involved with our people and is showing us the art of beadwork. I would really like to get back into it myself."

Meanwhile, Hollywood Tribal senior Wanda Bowers said she noticed the variety of Seminole arts, crafts and foods that were available for the public to experience.

Bowers spoke highly of the variety of Tribal member vendors who showed off their talents at the AIAC Festival. Some of the standouts, according to her, included booths such as the Naples community's arts and crafts display, Big Cypress Tribal citizen Almira Billie's Indian food booth and the Tomahawk Ribs food booth, owned by Fort Pierce Tribal citizen Shamy Tommie and his wife, Wanda Tommie.

"You've got your faithful Tribal member vendors



Naji Tobias

Kevin Locke, a Native hula-hoop dancer, performs at the 14th annual AIAC Festival on Nov. 4.

that love what they do," Bowers said. "They love to make their own stuff. We're the only Tribe that makes our patchwork, our beadwork and our traditional foods in our own expression. They love to get that out there to the public."

Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum Programs Officer Paul Perry summed up the AIAC Festival in terms of Tribal member involvement.

"The Museum is always happy to see good Tribal member turnout at the AIAC because that indicates they've 'bought into' this program," Perry said. "They have a real sense of ownership and pride. And it's that pride that validates the Museum's mission and goals."

For more information on the AIAC Festival and all Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum related initiatives, contact Perry at 863-902-3211.

Team Big Cypress emerges victorious at SPD Explorers Field Day event



Naji Tobias

During the Oct. 15 SPD Explorers Field Day event, Seminole Police Department Chief William Latchford, left, presents Big Cypress Tribal Council Rep. Mondo Tiger, right, with a special award for his contribution to the SPD's National Police Week trip to Washington, D.C. this past May.



Naji Tobias

Team Tampa places second overall out of five teams in the SPD Explorers Field Day event on Oct. 15. There were a total of four events, which included the penny toss, archery, axe throwing and the elephant trunk. A total of approximately 25 Tribal youth from five reservations participated in the event.



Naji Tobias

Team Big Cypress comes out on top as the home team outlasts four others in the inaugural SPD Explorers Field Day event.



Naji Tobias

Team Immokalee placed third out of five teams from the SPD Explorers Field Day event on Oct. 15.



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Team Big Cypress participant Jason Melton speaks about how it feels to help his home team place first overall.



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Hollywood SPD employee Diane Buster gets honored for helping plan the department's May trip to Washington, D.C.

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David Jumper receives commemorative Sports Illustrated Magazine



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During the Nov. 3 Senior Trike Fest at the Big Cypress Aviation Hangar, Tribal citizen David Jumper, left, was presented with a commemorative gift from members of the Tribal Council leadership: a 1965 Sports Illustrated magazine copy that features the former cross country Tribal athlete in the issue. Big Cypress Tribal Council Rep. Mondo Tiger, second from left, Brighton Tribal Council Rep. Andrew J. Bowers Jr., second from right, and Hollywood Tribal Council Rep. Marcellus W. Osceola, right, were on hand for the special presentation.

Big Cypress Tribal senior Rudy Osceola presented with saddle as special gift



Naji Tobias

The Big Cypress Councilman's Office presented Rudy Osceola with a specialized saddle as his retirement gift during a special presentation at the Big Cypress Community Meeting on Nov. 3. Osceola retired last month after 38 years of employment with the Seminole Tribe of Florida. He spent most of his working career in the Big Cypress Cattle and Range Department.

Annual Trail Fish Fry benefits 2012 Florida Native Recovery Convention



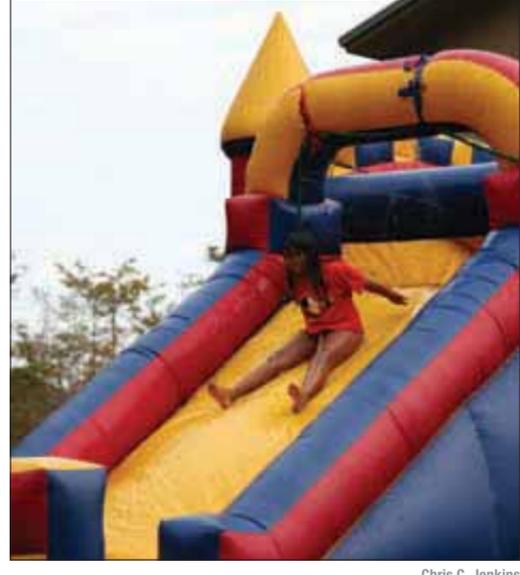
Chris C. Jenkins

Helene Buster, Tribal Family Services Department director, welcomes guests to the Seminoles in Recovery Trail Fish Fry held at the Trail Independent Baptist Church on Oct. 15. The event featured horse shoes, a 50/50 raffle, door prizes and other activities to raise funds for the 2012 Florida Native American Recovery Convention.



Chris C. Jenkins

Special Tribal guest speaker Norman "Skeeter" Bowers gives his own personal testimony in overcoming alcohol abuse to dozens in attendance during the third annual Fish Fry.



Chris C. Jenkins

Tribal youth Mary Pauline Cantu enjoys the water slide.

President Sanchez welcomes Native women's group



Chris C. Jenkins

President Tony Sanchez Jr. welcomes guests of the Family Violence Prevention and Services Program to the Hollywood Reservation and to the Hard Rock as part of their Tribal Grantee meetings held Nov. 8-10. FVPSA supports Native women with emergency shelter and related assistance as victims of domestic violence as well as their dependents. For more information, visit www.acf.hhs.gov/programs.

President Sanchez hosts Immokalee Community BBQ



Judy Weeks

President Tony Sanchez Jr. sponsored an Immokalee Barbecue on Oct. 15 as an opportunity for community members and Board representatives to reflect upon the first 120 days in office and get to know the concerns of their constituents. Chairman James E. Billie said numerous changes are taking place and the ground work is being laid for future projects. The President and Chairman look forward to serving the communities and will announce business meetings in the not too distant future.

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Seminole Tribe of Florida gets in the Halloween spirit



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Tribal citizen Susie Jumper in her costume attire during the Trail Seniors Halloween Party.



Naji Tobias

Tribal seniors Frances Osceola, Peggy Osceola and Joan Jim display their costumes during the Trail Seniors Halloween Party.



Naji Tobias

From left: Tribal Senior Halloween Party costume contestants Linda Billie, Judy Osceola and Susie Jumper show off their standout attire during the Oct. 20 event.



Judy Weeks

Fairy princess Shyanna Escobar waves her magic wand during the Immokalee Community Halloween Party on Oct. 31.



Judy Weeks

Immokalee seniors Rachel Billie, Linda Frank and Nancy Motlow participate in the Immokalee Senior Halloween Party costume contest.



Peter B. Gallagher

It was a great day at the Lakeland property for carving a pumpkin.



Peter B. Gallagher

Five-month-old Jazlynn Foster wins first prize in Tampa's costume contest.



Peter B. Gallagher

Tampa senior Bobby Henry carefully carves a pumpkin at the Tampa Reservation's Halloween celebration on Oct. 29.



Judy Weeks

The 18 to 35 year olds display their Best All Around costumes at the Immokalee Halloween Party on Oct. 31.



Chris C. Jenkins

Hollywood Tribal toddler scariest costume participants with their parents during the Oct. 29 Fall Festival in Hollywood.



Chris C. Jenkins

Princesses Mayli Tommie, left, and Maycee Holata, right, at the Hollywood community Fall Festival on Oct. 29.



Naji Tobias

The Big Cypress Human Resources Department was one of several Tribal departments that braved the pouring rain on Oct. 28 as they enjoyed themselves at the Big Cypress Reservation's Halloween Carnival under their booth.



Chris C. Jenkins

The Hollywood Tribal seniors joined by Hollywood Tribal Council Rep. Marcellus Osceola Jr. are all smiles with some donning costumes at their annual Halloween party held at the Hollywood Senior Center on Oct. 31.



Naji Tobias

Big Cypress Tribal youngster Janessa Jones shows off a purple-colored pumpkin.



Naji Tobias

Paul Bowers Sr., Charlotte Bowers, Rudy Osceola, Minnie Tigertail and Mitchell Cypress share a moment during the Oct. 19 Big Cypress Seniors Halloween Party.



Brett Daly

The Brighton Reservation's Halloween Carnival costume contest was a huge hit with Tribal youth on Oct. 29. Dozens dressed in their scariest and cutest costumes to impress the judges.



Rachel Buxton

Clarissa Randolph wins judges' choice in her age category in Brighton's pumpkin carving contest on Oct. 27 for her spider and web carved pumpkin.



Rachel Buxton

Happy Jones is pure rock 'n' roll with pink hair Oct. 31 as she joins her friends and family at the Brighton Senior Halloween Luncheon.



Brett Daly

Jaelle Weimann dresses as a ladybug at the Brighton Reservation's Halloween Carnival on Oct. 29.

Health

Tribal communities celebrate Wear Pink Day in support of breast cancer awareness



Naji Tobias



Photo courtesy of Barbara Boling



Brett Daly

In honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Tribal citizens, community members and employees gathered around the exterior of the Frank Billie Office for a "Wear Pink Day" photo shoot on Oct. 14.

The Brighton Reservation showed its support of Breast Cancer Awareness Month by wearing pink on Oct. 27. Men wore blue to raise awareness of prostate cancer.

Hollywood Tribal employees show support for Breast Cancer Awareness and the Seminole Youth Council, which will collect canned goods and toys over the holiday season to support Second Chance Society and the Broward County Urban League.

Tribal employees complete 3-day walk for Breast Cancer Awareness



Ryan Watson

Congratulations to Director of Education Emma Johns and Tribal employee Julissa Collazo on completing a 60-mile, three-day walk in Tampa Bay benefiting breast cancer research. Johns and Collazo completed the Susan G. Komen 3-Day for the Cure from Oct. 28-30. Both Johns and Collazo dedicated the walk to the late Rebecca Jimenez, the former Ahfachkee School administrative assistant who lost her battle with the disease last April. Collazo and Jimenez were first cousins.

Big Cypress Tribal women take part in Breast Cancer Awareness Luncheon



Naji Tobias

A total of 17 Big Cypress Tribal women, including staff from the Big Cypress Health/Wellness Department, enjoyed the Oct. 20 Breast Cancer Awareness Luncheon, which featured a special presentation from Margaret Taha, M.D.

Tampa community shows its support for Breast Cancer Awareness Month



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Tampa Tribal members and staff participate in the Oct. 22 5K Breast Cancer Walk in Tampa to show their support of Breast Cancer Awareness. Miranda Motlow, Broadcast Department, left, and Michele McCoy, Health Department.

Don't diet; modify instead

• Paula Bowers-Sanchez

Hello Everyone! Let me start by saying thank you for all of your comments and feedback. I really appreciate your support.

We've all heard that diet and exercise are the keys to good health. But, what does that really mean? First, I don't ever like to be on a diet because for me it sounds like I'm not going to be able to eat certain foods. So instead I tell myself, "We're gonna modify the foods I do eat."

For example, if I usually eat scrambled eggs, potatoes and bacon for breakfast...when I modify, maybe I'll have scrambled egg whites, grits and one slice of bacon. Or I just won't eat that kind of breakfast every day (save it for the weekend). The point is that making small changes can make a big difference.

Some people tell me that it sounds easy, but it's not easy to do. Look at it this way: this is the body we have been given; it's the only one we're gonna get. We can't trade it in for a newer model, so let's be good to it. If you need help with suggestions, we have nutritionists on staff in the Health Department. There are a ton of magazines with articles on eating healthy, too. Just start by setting small, realistic goals. You will surprise yourself!

Now, when it comes to exercise, I look at it this way: Our bodies were built for movement. Does it matter what kind of exercise you do? Yes, it does; it depends on your desired results. I will say this, if you want to make significant changes to your body, you must put in the effort. You have to get out of your comfort zone and get uncomfortable for a little while. It may take a little more effort for some of us because we all have different metabolisms.

When you're in your 20s, it's not as difficult to drop weight because your metabolism (the rate at which your body burns calories) is much higher. I've read articles that state our metabolism slows as we age.

But, there are other factors that contribute. For example, how often you eat plays a major role because your metabolism slows down to save energy the longer you go between meals. Water is also important because about 70 percent of all bodily functions occur in water, so it's crucial that we all get more water into our bodies on a daily basis.

Muscle tissue is important, too, simply because the more muscle tissue you have, the more calories you burn. So, it is important to incorporate resistance training into any exercise program. This can be with weights, bands or even your own body weight.

If you would like help with an exercise program, we have fitness centers located on each reservation with trainers ready to help. You can contact Suzanne Davis, Diabetes Educator, at the Hollywood Health Department at 954-962-2009. She has all the contact information for fitness centers and trainers.

Paula Bowers-Sanchez is a Seminole Tribal citizen, an accomplished actress (film, television, theater) and vocalist who is a lifelong fitness enthusiast.



Food safety during the holidays

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The recent Listeria outbreak involving cantaloupe has once again brought the topic of safe food handling to the national stage. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recently estimated that one in six Americans become sick from foodborne ("food poisoning") illnesses each year. The most common symptoms of food poisoning are stomach cramps, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea and fever. Most people recover completely, but some groups are at greater risk of serious health effects, such as kidney problems and even death. The greater risk groups include young children, the elderly, pregnant women and people with weakened immune systems.

Keep your family and friends safe over the holidays. Some of the most popular holiday foods (think buffet dinners, eggnog and hot cider drinks) can pose a food safety risk and it is a good idea to take extra care when preparing, cooking, serving and storing food during the holidays. You can stop foodborne illness from spoiling your holidays by following these basic food safety tips.

Before you start

- Always wash your hands with soap and warm water before and after handling food to avoid the spread of bacteria.
- Keep raw food separate from cooked and ready-to-eat foods to avoid cross-contamination.
- Keep all kitchen surfaces, utensils and dishes clean.

Preparing and serving holiday buffets

- When preparing food ahead of time, cook foods thoroughly to a safe internal temperature (145 degrees F for beef, lamb and veal steaks, roasts and chops; 160 degrees F for all cuts of pork, ground beef, lamb and veal; and 165 degrees F for all poultry).
- Reheat hot foods to 165 degrees F and keep at 140 degrees F using crock pots or warming trays. Cold foods can be maintained at 40 degrees F by nesting dishes in bowls of ice.
- Replace empty platters rather than adding fresh food to a dish that already had food in it. Many people's hands may have been taking food from the dish, which has also been sitting out at room temperature.
- Place serving spoons and tongs with all dishes, even finger foods. This will prevent contamination between the guests and different foods.
- Use disposable party and serving ware. Unless you have an ample supply of plates, cups, glasses and serving trays, disposable goods are more convenient and sanitary when serving large groups.
- Foods should not sit at room temperature for more than two hours. Keep track of how long foods have been on the buffet table and discard anything there for two hours or more.

Traveling to your holiday party

- Carry hot dishes in insulated containers, so the temperature stays higher than 140 degrees F. You may also wrap the food in foil or heavy towels.
- Store cold foods in a cooler filled with ice or freezer packs so that their temperature stays less than 40 degrees F. Fill up any spaces in the cooler with more ice to make sure the cooler stays as cold as possible and to prevent the food from sliding around the container and leaking or spilling.

Take-out foods

- Order meat trays in several smaller platters, rather than two or three larger ones. This allows you to keep extras refrigerated until needed.
- Foods arriving hot must be served within two hours, otherwise kept hot at 140 degrees F or refrigerated at 40 degrees F and reheated to 165 degrees F when needed.
- Cold foods that cannot be served within two hours should be refrigerated at 40 degrees F until serving.

Special holiday foods

Eggnog is a delicious holiday tradition, but it is made with raw eggs, not always a safe bet. Raw eggs may contain Salmonella bacteria. To be safe, use pasteurized egg products when making eggnog.

To prepare that special eggnog family recipe that is made with raw whole eggs, you must heat the eggnog mixture to at least 160 degrees F (when it coats a metal spoon). This also goes for other holiday favorites that contain raw eggs such as sauces and mousses. And while you may be tempted to let your children lick the spoon after making cookies, the raw egg batter can be a food safety risk for kids.

Apple cider is a popular holiday drink, but unpasteurized apple cider can be a safety risk. Your best bet is to choose pasteurized apple cider for the holiday punch bowl. It has already been heat-treated to kill harmful bacteria and has a longer shelf-life. If you are going to serve unpasteurized apple cider, bring it to a rolling boil (when you see large bubbles moving quickly) to kill possible bacteria.

Popular homemade holiday gifts include vegetables and herbs packed in oil (like pesto, sundried tomatoes and garlic oil). While these foods are a healthy and tasty alternative to chocolate and cookies, they can be a risk for food borne illness (like botulism). Homemade gifts that include fresh ingredients (garlic, fresh herbs or peppers) should be refrigerated right away. They last about a week and can be frozen. Gifts that include dehydrated ingredients (dried spices and herbs or sundried tomatoes) are safe to store at room temperature.

During the holidays, cooking for others takes on a new meaning, but the same rules apply for our families every day. Remember, "If in doubt - throw it out."

For more information, please contact the Environmental Health Office at 954-985-2330.

Editorial

More new business

• James E. Billie



With a little bit of squabbling over cattle owner requests, our Tribe's FY 2012 Budget is approved! Now I can concentrate on the many other pressing matters at hand. Nearly six months have passed so rapidly; I can't believe it is "turkey shoot" time already. And Christmas is at hand.

It has been my practice, over the years of being your Chairman, to bring new projects that would create added income for our Tribe. This is evident in the many hours this Council has spent reviewing and considering new projects during our first six months in office.

Recently, I was told by one of our accountants: "Why are you looking for other businesses when your casinos are bringing in such great income? Try to do more of them!"

That didn't make sense to me. My answer to that is, "Don't worry, I am not taking your advice! I will always look for other avenues of business and other income producing projects."

In this Budget, the Tribal Council has streamlined our many programs to be more efficient and to make sure they reach out to everyone in our Tribe. But, at the same time, we have new challenges to our present business that we must address. Our Legal Counsel Jim Shore and his associates are keeping a tight vigil on this matter.

Remember to put a leaf of "pulley" on the scalpkeeper before you eat it. He still carries a scalp of a human on his chest.

Sho-naa-bish.

James E. Billie is Chairman of the Seminole Tribe of Florida.

Breaking bread with Gov. Scott

• Tony Sanchez Jr.



The other day we had dinner with the Governor of Florida. To my knowledge, this was the first time Seminole Indians have ever been invited to break bread with a Governor at the Mansion in Tallahassee.

It was very interesting to me to find so many similarities in what Gov. Rick Scott is trying to address and what we are trying to accomplish at the Seminole Tribe. He is trying to create a workable budget for the State government and at the same time create jobs for State residents, all under the cloud of this stressful and trying economy.

At dinner with the Governor, we talked about what has been going on during our first 150 days in office. We have had to address Tribal government needs, as well as Tribal member needs, and do it in the most efficient way possible.

The other similarity had to do with getting to know each other, and this made it a welcome visit for both sides. It seems as if both the Tribal officials and the Governor were trying to figure out what the other is all about.

Of course, Gov. Scott is trying to figure out who we are, what we are all about and how we use our funds. We made sure he understood we were not dependent on government subsidy, a common misconception among non-Indians. Meanwhile, we were trying to figure out what kind of individual he is – not so much, as a governor, but as a man – to better understand his thought processes and willingness to discuss resolution to the gray issues that lie before the State and the Tribe.

We invited him to come down and visit us. As they say, a picture is worth a thousand words. A personal visit will be much more effective than for us to just sit there and describe our lives to him. That will help both of us understand because, after all, we have to maintain a relationship with the State.

If both sides understand what our collective needs are, we can both do a better job of coming up with solutions. I must admit I was very surprised at how reserved and respectful the Governor was with us. I was expecting more of a John Wayne type individual, but no, he was very respectful, and, I believe, genuinely interested in finding out all about the Seminole Tribe. You can't help but wonder about preconceptions and what state legislators may have told him about us!

On our way up to the meeting, I was expecting a much more confrontational affair – you know, drawing lines in the sand and saying, "This is what I want; This is what you can have." But it was not that way. It was very cordial. Neither side was made to feel uncomfortable. And everyone learned a lot.

Of course, we all knew that gaming would be discussed. We reminded him that the Tribe and State currently have a relationship – a compact – that works. We let him know that if he is planning to expand the scope of gaming in Florida, that we want to be at the negotiating table with him.

I am confident Gov. Scott understands the Seminole Tribe is an important part of Florida history. I believe he knows that we are a people of our word, despite what he is being told by certain state legislators. We directly told the Governor that we are committed to the compact, that we prove our commitment not only by our stated position but also by being current with our committed payments to the State.

He is a businessman; a business man has a special respect for the contract. As a businessman, it is dollar and cents. Gov. Scott knows he has to research and understand the true facts about what the gaming market is in terms of total revenue to be created. That won't be easy because every outfit has its own estimate. I've heard it said that new South Florida casinos will bring \$7.5-\$10 billion to the State. We figure that should be more like \$3.5-\$4 billion, a figure easily handled by our current Tribal casinos.

A lot of companies are making claims in terms of jobs and monies to be paid to the State. We can deliver on those same promises and we have. Gov. Scott has to measure between what he has today against what he may have tomorrow if widespread changes go into effect. The Seminole Tribe has a known record in the State of Florida. If we were to expand the scope of gaming, it WOULD mean more revenue to the State. We are already in place, and we are paying our bills.

I would caution Tribal members that we are staying on top of the proposed gaming expansions, as well as saving for a rainy day. We will do everything in our power to maintain what we have now, as well as continue to expand our businesses and revenues. I want Tribal members to understand that we are actively involved with the issue at hand, meeting with lobbyists, meeting with the appropriate legislative individuals and, of course, the Governor.

With all of this going on, we are still trying to take care of the day-to-day business, managing and reviewing Council and Board projects. As a former General Manager of the Immokalee Casino, I am very familiar with the gaming issues at hand. You can be sure, the interests of the Seminole Tribe will be protected.

Sho-naa-bish.

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Bobby C. Billie takes on National Park Service

BY PETER B. GALLAGHER
Special Projects Reporter

TAMPA — Independent Florida Seminole Bobby C. Billie became alarmed, then angry, recently, when he saw an Internet page about the Seminole Indians titled "New Comers." The page, produced by the National Park Service (NPS), was found on the website for the Castillo de San Marcos National Monument in St. Augustine.

The page was linked with other pages describing several Native American cultural groups associated with the 339-year-old Spanish fort. The page provided a curious unsourced "history" of the Seminole Indians that declared "The Seminole Indians are not an indigenous tribe originally native to Florida," and used outdated history in further declaring there were only "a handful of aboriginal natives left in Florida," during the "17th and early 18th centuries."

Billie, 68, a respected American Indian activist known across Indian Country, was familiar with this "faux history" of the Seminoles and the political implications of separating today's Seminoles from their aboriginal ancestors the Calusa, Timucuan and others. Once again he went into action, preparing an objection to the NPS page and mailing it to more than 75 public officials and foreign leaders (from President Obama to Queen Elizabeth to Miami Dade County Commissioners) and passed it out at the recent Viva La Florida gathering, hoisted by Florida Secretary of State Kurt Browning in Tampa.

Following a call from *The Seminole Tribune* to the Castillo de San Marcos park manager Gordie Wilson, the offending page was removed from the NPS site. Wilson, who said he was not aware of Billie's objections or any problems with the site's content, assigned a staff member to review the history.

Here are excerpts from Billie's lengthy colorful writing, published just as it was written (including spelling, capitalization and formatting) by Bobby C. Billie. The complete essay (and the NPS page) can be accessed on *The Seminole Tribune* website (www.SeminoleTribune.org).

Council of the Original Miccosukee Simanolee Nation Aboriginal People

Facts and Message to european american people and other immigrant people who came from the other countries illegally, and uninvited, and brutally forced themselves into our Aboriginal Indigenous Land (Indian Land)

Our Ancestors fought and struggled and died for us.

They never gave up the Land or the Rights that we hold on today.

In the 1700s and 1800s, we made an Agreement, Aboriginal Indigenous Simanolee Nation and the american government and the president of the american flag of the people. Which says: You are not supposed to be disturbing our Land: You are not supposed to be surveying or selling our Land. You are not supposed to be moving into our Land, and you are not supposed to be bringing your law into our Land.

Everything that was said at that time, we still hold on to it, to continue to pass it on, to the next generation. We didn't sign the Agreement in the early 1800's because it is easy to change the written papers. We only "shake hands," and with that, we remember, because it has been passed on from generation to generation to generation to generation, and nothing has changed towards that agreement, since the time

we "shake hands."

In the earlier days, before you called it Florida, when there were not too many newcomers in the one you call Florida, we lived our way of life, we hunted and fished and camped and lived through out the one you call Florida and beyond just as our Ancestors did. We still hold onto those Rights. It is the white people and the others who broke the Agreement.

Aboriginal Indigenous People, of their own Aboriginal Indigenous Land (Indian Land), have followed their Way of Life and the Natural Laws given to them by the Creator (God) Himself since the beginning of the Creation of Life.

There was no such thing as america until european americans and other immigrants came into our Land. They didn't have a law at that time, and they didn't have an understanding or Respect for the Creator's Law of this Land. Somehow, over time, they created their own man-made system of law - they call it under the american flag of the people. It is only 500 years or less, just a short time, just like five seconds to us.

The american system of government of laws under the american flag of people was created in opposition to the already existing Aboriginal Indigenous Natural Laws in Aboriginal Indigenous Land (Indian Land). Illegal, immigrant, european americans and other immigrants, created their own laws, constitutions, by-laws, regulations, rules, and agreements in order to govern themselves. That is why we call your laws man-made laws.

Later on, european americans and other immigrants created the labels: federally recognized tribes, government-to-government, tribal relations, consultations, agreements and memorandums of understandings.

The american system of government, under the american flag of people, federal, state, county, and local governments, national and state park service, national and state forest service, department of transportation, water management districts, u.s. army corps of engineers, archeologists, and all the others, continue to attempt to impose a system of man-made laws, created by european american immigrants and other immigrants, who came from other countries, and aggressively and forcibly settled illegally, and uninvited among Aboriginal Indigenous People living in harmony with the Natural Creations of Life, in Aboriginal Indigenous Land (Indian Land), following the Natural Laws created into them by the Creator (God) Himself at the beginning of the Creation of Life.

Aboriginal Indigenous People never went to other peoples' countries, and destroyed their culture and their lands. Aboriginal Indigenous People have always remained in their own Land where the Creator (God) meant us to be.

Our Elders Defended themselves against the aggressive attacks during the american wars against the Simanolee Nation. They Defended their Right to Live, as they have always lived, and right to follow the Natural Laws given to them by the Creator (God) himself at the beginning of the Creation of Life.

Our Elders Defended themselves, against the aggressive attacks, during the American wars, against the Simanolee Nation, and Defended the Right to Live, as they have always lived, and the Right to follow the Natural Laws of the Creator. We are those People and we are still Defending our Rights.

Our Land is not for sale or to be given away.

We know how the archeologists, anthropologists, historians, and the others write about our People in the history books, and other books about our People. What they write is wrong just imaginative stories – just fiction! Repeated and repeated, but not the truthful history. These people, the archeologists, anthropologists, historians, and the others are trying to change the history of our People. For example: They have written, in their books, that the Simanolee People come from the "Creek". The Simanolee People did not come from the Creek. They came from the Earth, and the Law we follow comes from the Creator (God) Himself at the beginning of the Creation of Life.

When the european american immigrants and other immigrants, came into our Land, they heard our language. They didn't understand what the people were saying because it wasn't their language, but they gave names to our people according to what they thought they heard. But it is not the way we talk, and it is not the language we call ourselves. It is not the true names.

These are just a few things. We have many untold, factual stories, what the European americans, and the other immigrants, who came from the other countries, have done to our People. The true history has never been talked about, what really took place, but the factual stories will come out – there are plenty of them.

Non-Indigenous People, people outside our Culture, do not have a right to tell about our People or to try to reenact our Way of Life because they are not born into our Culture, and never will understand. Our Culture is not your culture to take care of. Our Culture is ours to take care of.

European american immigrants and the other immigrants came forcibly, illegally, and uninvited into our Land and became the so-called americans. Because of the money, european americans took away the Future of the Unborn Life of generations yet to come.

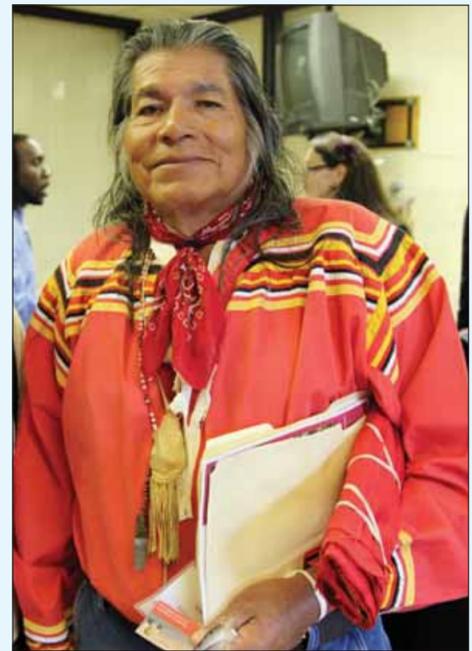
If all the Natures and Natural Systems are destroyed the money is not going to help you, the technology is not going to help you, and there will be no running water for your house anymore. There is no other place to go. There is no other place like the Mother Earth.

We see you going up and down in the space hoping to find water and another place to live. All that junk you sent up in the space will come back down on us. We understand that the space program has been stopped and we were glad to hear that, because, that is what needed to happen.

When the illegal, immigrant, european americans first saw our Land they said: "It is like a Paradise".

But later on they destroyed our Paradise. You started cutting all the trees, and you slaughtered animals for recreation and you started building houses, high-rise buildings, shopping malls, new towns, roads and highways, vehicles, trains, railroads, airplanes, bullets, and guns. And you drilled deep into the Mother Earth for oil and gas, and dug deep into the Mother Earth and into the Mountains for materials: coal and uranium for electricity and weapons, and steel to make the vehicles, airplanes, trains, and space ships.

Developers drained the Wetlands to build more and more houses and more and more golf courses and by draining the Wetlands, whole Ecosystems were changed forever. You changed the course of Rivers and used them for dumping sites of toxic chemicals and sewage, and you dammed up Rivers and flooded



Peter B. Gallagher

Independent Seminole Bobby C. Billie.

Lands to cool the nuclear reactors of the big nuclear power plants, and you dammed up the Rivers for hydroelectric power, and you dumped waste, chemicals, and all kinds of things into our Oceans, and you started piling up all your waste and garbage on our Land.

And just think about what you have done in the so-called "Protected Lands" and "Wilderness Lands":

The Mother Earth is getting older and will die out if we do not take care of her.

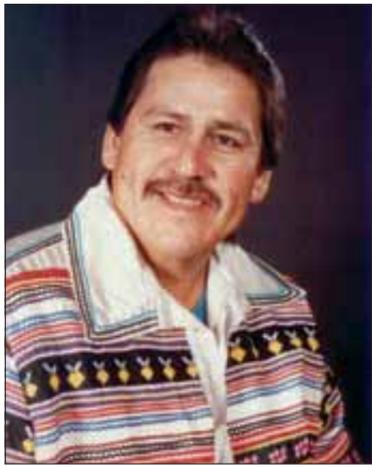
What you call *invasive species* – that is *YOU* – the illegal immigrant european Americans and other immigrants. You have invaded this Land and damaged, destroyed and desecrated, what was planted here, by the Creator (God). You are just like the other invasive plants and animals, and fish that have caused damage and destruction to the Natural Creation.

All Creation has been disturbed, either the Plants, either Rivers, or Mountains, and Trees, and all the other Creations have been disturbed by some people who have the minds focusing only on the material things, or their own comfort, or their own benefit – only thinking of themselves. Those People are destroying all the Sacredness and Holiness, the Natural Way that was suppose to be Healing the people of the Earth. It is disappearing. It is going faster than you think.

Aboriginal Indigenous People, that follow the Natural Laws created into the Aboriginal Indigenous People by the Creator (God) Himself at the beginning of the Creation of Life, were born into and have Rights that go way beyond these words created by the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. This Declaration is considered a "minimum standard" for non-indigenous people to begin working towards fulfilling their obligation to Aboriginal Indigenous People.

A personal insight into the importance of Veterans Day

• Moses Jumper Jr.



By the time this gets to print, I'm sure Veterans Day will have come and gone. For years now, I have always been asked to be part of the Tribal Veterans Day program with a poem or being master of ceremonies. I have never turned the invitation down because this ceremony means a lot to me. Not because I am a Vet, but because of two men in my life who played a big part in my personal growth.

As a youngster, I would look up to these guys as my heroes. They were the roughest and toughest men I knew. They could hunt and fish. They rode horses and could jump tall buildings with a single bound! These guys were my Supermen!

My Dad, Moses Jumper Sr., was in the Navy and he fought in the Pacific.

And my Uncle, Howard Tiger, was a Marine and was part of the brave men who fought on Iwo Jima.

Not until later in life did I understand the significance of what they had really done. First there were racial barriers they had to break down. Technically, the Seminole Tribe was still at war with the U.S. so they didn't have to go. They were just two Indian boys born in the 'glades and, really, this wasn't their peoples' war. They were still facing oppression and survival themselves.

My Aunt Laura Mae Osceola, my father's sister, told me my dad was under age! Their mother, Katy Jumper, at the time could not read or write, so he told her to just put an X on his papers. My Aunt said the next thing they knew he was in the Navy!

My Uncle Howard was actually at the top of the mountain when they raised the American flag and the famous photo was taken. The story goes that Howard was asked to be part of the photo, but he declined because of fatigue and the desire of many men that day to just find a place to rest.

There are many stores of what these men did and had to do to get to where they were at. All the stories I've heard would make for a good movie probably along the lines of *Wind Talker*, the story of the Navajo code talkers.

I am very proud of my Father and Uncle and I am very proud of all our Tribal veterans I grew up with during the Vietnam years. My cousin Max Osceola Jr. and I were in Junior and Senior High School and James Billie, our Tribal Chairman, was like an

older brother to us and upon his return from Vietnam, he would tell us of his exploits.

Many of my relatives and friends were drafted and were sent to Vietnam. I went on to college and played sports. During my college days, it was turbulent times. It was a time of civil unrest. There was Black Power, Red Power, the Black Panthers, the KKK, skin heads and the American Indian Movement (AIM).

I guess I got caught up in AIM and at that time I felt there was no way I was going to fight a war with so many of our people under oppression. Most of my college professors were no help because they were as radical as I was. My war was not in Vietnam. It was right here in our own country standing up for our Native Rights.

One year AIM came to Florida during the Democratic Convention on Miami Beach and convinced some of our Tribal members, including me, to demonstrate at the Convention Center. We went to the Convention gate and tried to break in. Guns were pointed at us as we demanded to be heard. It was a tense moment.

Today, I am still proud of our Veterans. They have fought and died for a country that is still the best country in the world. A country where we can express our rights and beliefs no matter what they are. A country where a small Native Tribe in Florida can test the terms of sovereignty and become one of the greatest Native Nations in America.

God bless America.
Sho-naa-bish.

Moses "Big Shot" Jumper Jr. is director of Hollywood Recreation for the Seminole Tribe of Florida.



Identifying the Pas



Cuffney Tiger, left, Medicine Man for the Big Cypress Seminoles, and Major Henry Nornabell during a visit in 1941.



Group shot of Seminoles, Stanley Hanson (middle row right of center) and several local dignitaries visiting the tower during one of eight events.

If you have additional information on these photographs including participants and the occasion for this event, please contact the Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum at 877-902-1113 to share your knowledge.

Seminoles at the Singing Tower

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If you're ever in Central Florida you may want to make a stop in Lake Wales. On Aug. 30, 2011, I visited the Bok Tower and Gardens to view a collection of photographs and documents involving Seminole visits to the popular attraction in the late 1930s and early 1940s. The archives have about 20 pictures (with some of the negatives) of the group as well as some individual pictures of Tribal members.

From 1935 to 1942, Bok Tower hosted large groups of Seminoles from Big Cypress for an annual festival. These events ended during the Second World War when gas rationing made it impossible for the large group to travel widely. These trips were all organized by W. Stanley Hanson, a non-Native adviser to the Seminoles, and Bok Tower Sanctuary's director Major Henry Nornabell. For the festival, Seminole representatives were asked to choose their favorite pieces of music to be played on the Singing Tower's carillon. In addition, Minnie Moore Wilson, a Seminole rights advocate, also provided John Jumper's Song to be played on the carillon. John Jumper's Song was an Oklahoma Seminole version of a church hymn. The 20 historical photographs and negatives

of the event depicted many recognizable people from Seminole history. A few were Cuffney Tiger, Billy Osceola, Ingraham Billy, Jacob Osceola, Charley Osceola and W. Stanley Hanson.

The festival (later called a "progress") was meant to commemorate the "Sun Dance" which local legend claimed was practiced on Iron Mountain, the geological formation on which Bok Tower is located. Descriptions of the fabled ceremony sound much like a combination of the Green Corn Ceremony of the Seminoles and the sun worship of earlier Florida tribes. Nornabell insisted there was truth to the legend, writing that the Seminole medicine men "recognize Iron Mountain as old tribal place of worship to the Rising Sun, and after their tragic history it was inspiring to see their desire to come to it again."

The Tribal members I have consulted with were unaware of any cultural relationship to Iron Mountain and there doesn't seem to be any recollection of such a ceremony to Seminoles today. My guess is that the unusual elevation of Iron Mountain and the long history of Native American occupations made it fertile ground for a fanciful story. This seemed to be confirmed in a newspaper clipping where one O.H. Ohlinger refutes this legend by confessing that he and his friends

created a pile of rocks on the hill during a picnic when he was a child (turn of the last century). The rocks remained there until the area was cleared for the tower and that is probably the source of the legend that Indians once used the area for an annual Sun Ceremony. Ohlinger confirmed that Seminoles did occasionally hunt there when he was growing up but further inquiry with Seminole Tribal members will have to be conducted to discover if there is any truth to the legend.

Edward W. Bok's mission was to create a sanctuary for humans and birds alike. Even though Bok would not survive to see the Seminole festivals, his legacy lived on in the celebration and continues to do so at Bok Tower and Gardens. For seven years in Florida, his staff was able to bring two peoples together once a year in a gesture of friendship and understanding. As you can see the relationship between the Tribe and the Tower is quite unique and we seek further information from *Tribune* readers on the Tribe's visits to the Tower and the identities of the people pictured. Please phone the Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum at 877-902-1113 if you can help us in any way. If you would like to view any other objects in the collections please do not hesitate to make an appointment.

We are here for you.

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BY PETER B. GALLAGHER
Special Projects Reporter



Many Seminoles remember the late Florida songwriter Will McLean, whose large Florida folk song catalogue contains some of the best historical songs written about the Seminole Indians. Known as the Father of Florida Folk Music, Will was born in 1919 near Chipley and spent most of his life traveling, writing songs and camping in wilderness areas, visiting friends and holding court as Florida's legendary "Black Hat Troubadour." He was a familiar sight on the Brighton and Big Cypress Reservations, picking his guitar and singing with Chairman James E. Billie, Paul Buster and others around the cookfire. Will McLean's songs have been recorded by many national artists, most notably by Pete Seeger, who considered Will a close friend. He was awarded the Florida Folk Heritage award in 1989 and inducted into the Florida Artist's Hall of Fame in 1996. Will McLean crossed over in January 1990, and his ashes were scattered on the banks of the Oklawaha River at Gore's Landing. Each spring a festival is presented under his name in

North Florida.

Perhaps his most famous song, *Osceola's Last Words*, captures, in just a few lines, the compelling history, tragedy and courage of the famous Seminole warrior near the end of his freedom. You can hear *Osceola's Last Words* on *The Seminole Tribune* website at www.SeminoleTribune.org. This version is sung by the late folksinger Bobby Hicks, another great friend and supporter of the Seminoles.

Osceola's Last Words

In a dungeon deep in St. Augustine, Chief Osceola wept
For his people and his golden land, his body had not slept
Then Wildcat said "O Chief I beg you to go
With me to stand against our mortal foe"
But Chief Osceola raised his proud head high
And said "Do this ere I die.
Wildcat brother to the grassy water
Lead the Seminole
Where no white man can invade to leave you
Lying dead and cold

I shall not live among such evil men
Those who mock the sign of truce this flag of white
And honor not their given sacred word
My name shall be the light
The light that shines in every warrior's heart
In dark and hidden reaches
They shall never drive us from our land
Nor drain our blood like leeches

My spirit walks with those of you who die
And those of you who always will remain
Upon this bloodstained blessed flowered land
Must fight and fight again.

— Will McLean

Research findings for the Smallwood's Trading Post Project



BY JONATHAN MCMAHON
Research Coordinator for the Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum

On Aug. 1, 2011 Anne McCudden, director of the Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum, formally submitted the Internal Research Request Form for a project that Danny Jumper, COO of STOF, is working on with the Smallwood's Store in Chokoloskee. The purpose of the project was to gather necessary information which would combine a number of topics to tell the story of Seminole economic lifeways in South Florida and how the Smallwood's Store served the Seminole community and the appreciation and significance it holds today with the living descendants of the people who traded there.

Methods

Much of the information needed for this project has already been incorporated into past exhibits such as Postcards and Perceptions and From Surviving to Thriving. Therefore, most of the research had been finished previous to the submission of this request. I combined all this previous information into a single report for this upcoming endeavor. Other information was compiled from library research on a range of topics primarily dealing with the hide and plume trade of the 19th and early 20th centuries, and biographical information on a Seminole who had first-hand dealings with the Smallwood's Store. I also audited our archival collections for photographs and documents pertaining to the historical store.

A Seminole History of Smallwood's Trading Post

At the turn of the last century, the Seminole Indians, after surviving three bloody wars with the United States, lived in relative isolation in South Florida. Their main contact with outsiders was through trade with a network of trading posts that stretched from the Gulf of Mexico to the Atlantic shores. It was in this unique environment that Ted Smallwood opened a store and post office on the small island of Chokoloskee in 1906. The business endeavor allowed two groups of people, once separated by the bitter revulsions of war, to come together in an amiable

business relationship.

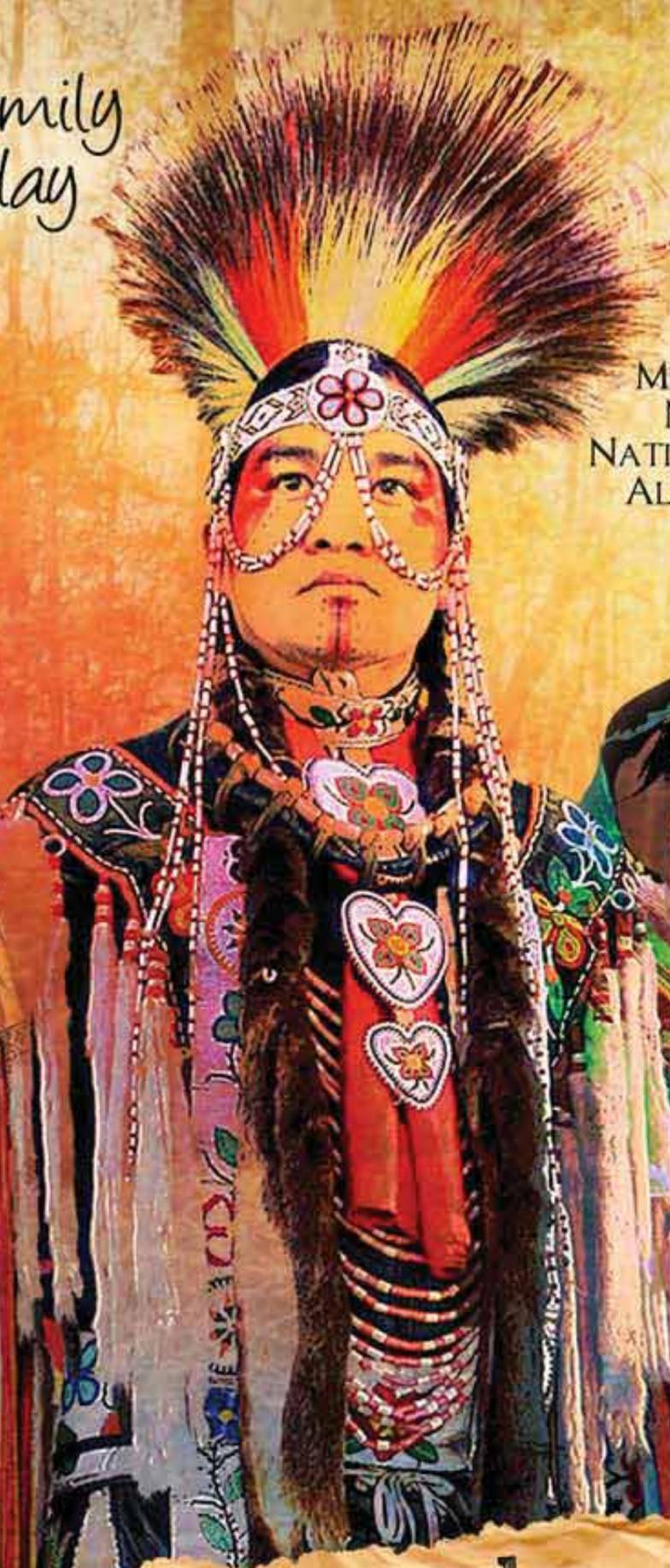
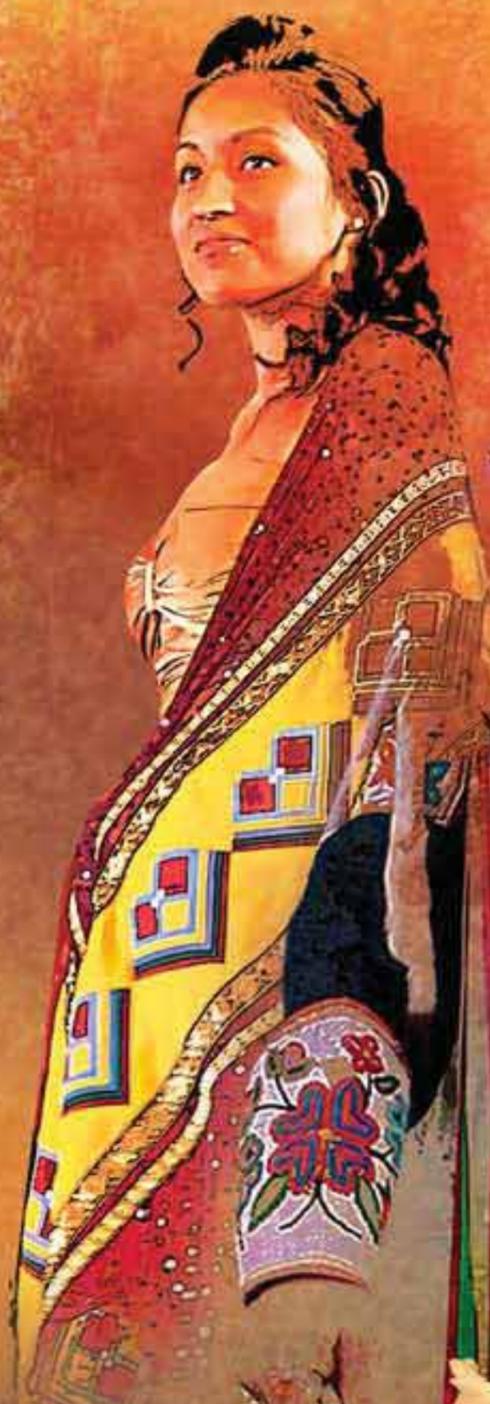
During the period the trading post was opened, Seminoles made most of their income through the trapping, selling and trading of animal skins, bird feathers and agricultural crops that they raised in their camps (Covington 1993:158). The leaders of the various bands led the men into the Store, followed by the women and children. They made their selections without much conversation, and then the men and Smallwood would bargain for the proper amount of venison, meat and skins to be exchanged for the chosen items (Covington 1993:159). Women generally wanted dyes and dress materials. At first they used natural dyes but later began to use the manufactured dyes which they used in their copper and iron kettles to dye clothing. Many Seminole men traded for western-style clothing such as hats, vests, shoes, neckties, trousers, dress shirts and coats while the women seemed to wear their traditional dresses (West 2002:50).

Many Seminoles recorded their memories of Smallwood's Store. The Store was built on pilings as protection from flooding. Only 10 years ago elderly Seminoles, who camped near the building as youths, remembered leaving things underneath and coming back several days later to retrieve them (West 2002:53). Before he passed away, Henry John Billie vividly remembered the day-long canoe journey his family would take once a month to trade animal skins for staples such as flour, salt and lard with Smallwood. Today, Seminoles recognize the impact Ted Smallwood's trading post had on the Tribe. Danny Jumper, the Seminole Tribe of Florida's COO, has said that Smallwood's Store and Chokoloskee served as a "downtown" for Seminoles living in Southwest Florida.

Ted Smallwood died in 1951 but the store remained open until 1982. In 1974 it earned a spot on the National Register of Historic places. While the building itself now serves as a museum, the Seminole Tribe of Florida remembers Ted Smallwood as an ally and business partner. He and his store's legacy will continue to live in the memory of the Seminole Tribe of Florida.

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Education Director Emma Johns sets example with master's degree



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Education Director Emma Johns, fifth from left, joined by family and Education Department staff after graduation ceremonies from Ashford University in Clinton, Iowa, at its South Campus Athletic Complex on Oct. 22. Johns graduated with her master's degree in public administration.

BY CHRIS C. JENKINS
Staff Reporter

CLINTON, Iowa — Tribal Education Director Emma Johns has added to an already impressive resume of educational accomplishments, this time completing her master's degree in public administration online from Ashford University. She walked in her graduation ceremony on Oct. 22 in Clinton, Iowa.

Family and members of her staff joined Johns at the graduation ceremony, which had the largest graduating class in Ashford's history with more than 1,000 graduating students on hand representing 49 of the 50 states at the South Campus Athletic Complex.

"I achieved a goal I set long ago and since the day I graduated high school," said an emotional, butterfly-filled Johns. She finished with an impressive 4.0 GPA. "I can't talk to students and tell them to do something if I have not done it. I have to be able to walk the walk as they say."

Formally named education director in May 2008 through Tribal Council, Johns, only 36, is no stranger as a leader for her

people.

The Brighton resident has worked for the Tribe in different capacities for more than a decade (a freelance reporter for *The Tribune*, an education adviser, a counselor for the Family Services Department and employee with the Health Department) but most recently worked as assistant education director before finally moving up to director after Louise Gopher retired. She said she did not expect the Tribe to present her with the opportunity to accept such a pivotal position so quickly, all coming just short of her 30th birthday.

She said staying focused and keeping a positive perspective toward her job and graduation have helped her get through the tough times.

"The end results have always outweighed the bad," she said. "There were so many times just over this

past year that I wanted to quit (school), but I didn't. I have thought to myself that I have a child (daughter Kaitlin Brown, 14) that is 100 percent dependent on me. Ultimately though, I have a creator who has given me all of these resources and support available to me to allow me to try and help make our Tribal members' lives better."

The journey, however, toward her most recent achievement started some years back as she attended Santa Fe College in Gainesville for two years before finishing her undergraduate studies at Florida Atlantic University with a bachelor's degree in sociology as well as continuing education courses in student counseling while earning a certificate of completion in a women studies program.

"It has been a real struggle for her over the years," said proud mother Carolyn Johns. "She has had to quit school and go back. Seeing her over the years, I could not be more proud of her now. We (with father Timmy Johns) have always instilled in them

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Pemayetv Emahakv students thank veterans with special program



Rachel Buxton

Pemayetv Emahakv Charter School Student Council leads the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance during the school's tribute to veterans on Nov. 11.

BY RACHEL BUXTON
Freelance Writer

BRIGHTON — It was an emotional day for many as students of Pemayetv Emahakv Charter School thanked veterans for their service to their country during a special Veterans Day program Nov. 11 held at the Brighton Veteran's Building.

The Charter School's Student Council began the program by leading the audience in the Creek and American Pledges of Allegiance. Everyone continued standing for the National Anthem.

"The words 'land of the free' are just as true today as they were before," Principal Brian Greseth said. "Today, it is our privilege to thank today's veterans."

Prior to the program middle school students took part in a Veterans Day essay contest. Middle school Language Arts teacher Crystal Drake recognized the runners-up of the contest: Melany Williams, Bailey Tedders, Im Osceola, Martina Herrera, Tyra Baker, Shae Pierce and Rudy Juarez.

The top three winners read their winning essays for all to hear.

Sixth-grade winner Brady Rhodes took to the podium first. Rhodes gave a very heartfelt reading about his two older brothers who currently serve in the military. His oldest brother has already served one tour of duty in Afghanistan and his other brother just deployed for basic training on Nov. 8, leaving a very emotional Rhodes.

"I am proud to say I'm from a family with lots of servicemen," Rhodes said. "Freedom is never free."

Following Rhodes, seventh-grade winner Deliah Carrillo presented her

Carrillo's essay focused on a story that Chairman James E. Billie shared with her about his time in the military during the 1960s.

"He believes wars are senseless," Carrillo read.

Wrapping up the essays was eighth-grade winner Zachary Hudson who shared his thoughts from his essay, "War is an insane reality that many veterans have seen."

Principal Greseth congratulated all students on a job well done and shared a related story from his past, causing him to become quite emotional also. Principal Greseth spoke about how his father is a retired Lt. Col. from the United States Air Force. He recalled how when he was a young boy he remembered having to say goodbye to his father for long stints at a time while having to stay with his grandparents in Minnesota.

"I know the feeling of not knowing if your family is coming back," he said.

A moment of silence for all the servicemen unable to make it home was also held.

Veterans in attendance, Chairman James E. Billie, Brighton Council Rep. Andrew J. Bowers Jr., Billie Micco, Eddie Shore, Timmy Johns, Kenny Doney and Craig Gopher were acknowledged and thanked once again for serving their country.

"Thank you for taking time out of the classroom to put on this program," Rep. Bowers said. "I think I speak for all of us when I say thank you. The military will teach you a lot of things that will stick with you. I would encourage any one of you young folks wondering what do I do next, consider the military."

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Brighton community comes together to help family member and friend

BY RACHEL BUXTON
Freelance Writer

BRIGHTON — The Brighton community has come together to help one of their very own during what might possibly be the most difficult time 13-year-old Richard Harris and his family will ever have to endure.

Known for his great big smile, Harris, a sixth-grader at Pemayetv Emahakv Charter School, was diagnosed on Oct. 1 with acute myelogenous leukemia (AML).

"He was here at school and passed out and went to the hospital and it started from there," Harris' mother Cheryl Fish said.

Harris was immediately transferred to St. Petersburg All Children's Hospital where he was diagnosed and began chemotherapy just four days after arriving.

The Brighton community along with the Charter School have held several benefits to raise money to help Harris' family with medical expenses and any other expenses accrued as they travel back and forth from Brighton to St. Petersburg to be with Harris during his treatments.

"I appreciate it all," Fish said. "It's not something we ever expected."

The benefits started with a rib dinner put on by the Gopher family. Dinners raised more than \$3,000.

As soon as Harris was diagnosed and admitted into St. Petersburg All Children's Hospital, faculty of the Charter School brainstormed on how they could lend support to Harris and his family.

"It was such a left field blow to our community that in the beginning we all felt so helpless," Tribal member and Charter School Administrative Assistant Michele Thomas said. "We immediately started a Facebook page because we wanted a way for the students to keep in touch with Richard and even faculty."

The students of the Charter School spoke up and said they wanted to hold a car wash to help raise money.

On Oct. 24, a teacher workday, students came to school on their day off to wash car after car to help their classmate and friend.

"I've known Richard for a lot of years and he's my friend," sixth-grader Sunni Bearden said. "I just wanted to help him."

The students raised a total of \$827 for Harris and his family through the car wash.

"It means so much to me and my mom and family," Harris' younger sister Ta-fv said. "It's so kind of them to use their money to donate to Richard. It breaks my heart sometimes that people use all that money just on Richard but he needs it and that's just great of them."

Another fundraiser idea the Charter School came up with was to set up a collection for students, teachers and community members to donate to by placing money in canisters for the faculty member they wanted to see in the Culture Education's dunk tank during the Halloween Carnival on Oct. 29.

The school collected \$641 from the dunk tank benefit with



Rachel Buxton

Michele Thomas, left, and Chastity Harmon, right, participate in the Richard Harris Car Wash Benefit.

Principal Brian Greseth ending up in the tank.

"It warms my heart as a community member raised in this community," Thomas said. "It makes me very proud that we are such a giving community and that these are the types of things we can do when someone is in need."

Students from the Charter School and community members have made cards, left messages on his Facebook page, called on the phone and even driven to St. Petersburg to visit Harris.

"It uplifts him a lot and keeps his spirits up," Fish said. "It keeps him motivated to not let it get to him. Even just the phone calls. I handed out his number at school and the kids will call and that gets him through the days. And he's still got that great big smile."

Harris is expected to undergo chemotherapy treatment for six months, a total of four treatments lasting for 10 days at a time. After each treatment, Harris will take a break to let everything clear out of his system at which point he will return home for a few days.

In order to keep Harris on track and up to date scholastically, teachers Ryan and Stephanie Tedders have offered to homeschool Harris during his hospital stay.

"He was really happy about that because he didn't want someone he didn't know to come and start doing work with him," Fish said. "They are going to do everything they can to keep him caught up so he can go on to the seventh grade next year."

The Charter School as well as the community is continuing to find ways to help Harris and his family get through this tragic ordeal. An account was setup for Harris at the Harbor Community Bank in Lakeport with the nickname Richard Harris Supporters.

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Rachel Buxton

Students shake hands with the veterans offering their appreciation for their hard work in helping keep the United States free and safe.

Pemayetv Emhakov students excel during first nine weeks



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Middle School Achievement and Effort Award recipients smile for a photo.



Rachel Buxton

Kindergarten recipients show off their Improvement Awards during the Halloween-themed event on Oct. 31.

BY RACHEL BUXTON
Freelance Writer

BRIGHTON — Pemayetv Emhakov Charter School students were honored for their academic achievement during the first nine weeks at an awards ceremony held at the Charter School on Oct. 31.

Students, some dressed in costume to celebrate Halloween, received awards for their accomplishments in their Creek, Seminole history and arts and crafts classes. They also received awards for their core curriculum in their regular classrooms.

"I don't usually dress this way, so don't expect to see me like this next nine weeks," Principal Brian Greseth dressed as a Viking joked.

Parents, grandparents and friends attended the awards ceremony to support the students and capture the moment with pictures.

"We are very excited about how well our students performed this first nine weeks," Greseth said. "Each of the previous schools I had the pleasure to work at achieved an 'A' grade. I feel our school is on the right track to also be an 'A' school."

The program began with students receiving their culture awards from Creek language teacher Myra Gopher. The Culture Department presented awards including: Best Creek Speaker and Most Improved.

Following culture, students were awarded certificates for effort, citizenship and improvement.

Fifty-one students between third and eighth grade received the Bronze Award with a GPA of 3.0-3.4. Twenty-six students earned the Silver Award with a

GPA of 3.5-3.9 while 12 students received straight As earning the Gold Award with a 4.0 GPA.

"I feel their pride every time they come to me and show an A on a test or quiz, and I love the fact they want to show me and get that 'Good Job' and a hug," Guidance Counselor Jeanine Gran said. "I know the content is getting more difficult and I see many of my children reaching the same heights as they have in the past and I also see those not settling for mediocrity and pushing themselves to do better."

The Charter School has added new elements into their classroom curriculum to help foster the students' academic excellence.

"We are using several different assessments to show us when students are mastering specific skills," Greseth said.

A monitored independent reading time was implemented this year by the Reading Leadership Team. Each day, students are given 20 minutes of monitored reading to help increase fluency, vocabulary and comprehension.

For kindergarten Kateri Smith, the new curriculum addition has paid off. Smith was the only kindergartner to enter into the 100s Club in the first nine weeks.

Teachers and faculty will continue to raise the bar for students, Gran said, and they hope in the next nine weeks, the number of award recipients will increase even more.

"We hope to fill in even more of the academic gaps during the upcoming nine weeks," Greseth said. "We are very blessed to have the combination of strong students, excellent teachers and caring involved parents."



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Davin Carrillo is presented the Bronze Award for his hard work during the first nine weeks.



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Principal Brian Greseth presents Nena Youngblood with the Citizenship Award for her courteous behavior in and outside of the classroom.

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Hollywood Tribal departments celebrate Halloween with preschoolers



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Tribal preschoolers pet a tortoise named Herman provided for show by Otter Bob of the Seminole Okalee Village.



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Little Frankenstein King Calisce enjoys an apple.

Brighton preschoolers fill up on candy at Preschool Trick-or-Treating event



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Yani Smith, disguised as Supergirl, trick-or-treats with mom, Suraiya, and baby sister Ciani on Oct. 27.



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Superhero Keanu Bert receives tons of candy during the Brighton Preschool Trick-or-Treating on Oct. 27.



Chris C. Jenkins

Native Learning Center staff members pass out candy and treats as part of the Hollywood preschool Halloween party on Oct. 31 inside the Seminole Recreation Gym.



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Brighton preschoolers hold their bags open during the Brighton Preschool Trick-or-Treating on Oct. 27 where several departments set up booths to hand out candy under the preschool chickee.



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Cyndi Purvis dons her Miss America costume as she visits the Brighton Treasury Office's booth during the Brighton Preschool Trick-or-Treating.

Big Cypress preschoolers enjoy Halloween Trick-or-Treat event



Brett Daly

Randy Rueda Jr. poses during the costume contest with father Randy Sr. on Oct. 31.



Brett Daly

Savannah Cypress shows off her first-place prize for the 3-year-old division of the costume contest during the preschool's Halloween party on Oct. 31.

Immokalee preschoolers don Halloween costumes for Trick-or-Treating party



Judy Weeks

Sisters Kallie and Jezebel Yzaguirre trick-or-treat the Immokalee Seminole Police Department office on Oct. 31.



Judy Weeks

Remy Rodriguez donned her magical red shoes and transformed into Dorothy from the Wizard of Oz for Halloween.



Brett Daly

Eldeen Tecumseh, who manned the Tribal Board's table during the event, hands Tatum Billie candy while she trick-or-treated around the Big Cypress Gymnasium on Oct. 31.



Brett Daly

Terrance Robbins enjoys a lollipop as Scooby-Doo during the Big Cypress Preschool Halloween Trick-or-Treat event on Oct. 31.



Judy Weeks

Students from the Immokalee Preschool gathered for a group photo in their costumes before trick-or-treating the various service departments of the community on Oct. 31.

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Anyone wanting to make a donation can stop by and give the bank Cheryl Fish's name or say Richard Harris Supporters and be able to help.

Fish said Harris is doing extremely well with his first round of chemotherapy and that so far he has had very few side effects. He recently had to cut his hair but Fish said once he decided to do it he dried his tears and started joking about it.

Fish thanks the community for all the love and support they have offered during this difficult period. "If I didn't have everybody around and people around to talk to, I would have probably lost it," Fish said. "I think it was kind of like an eye opener for Richard. He didn't realize in the beginning how many lives he was touched. It's just amazing and he knows everything that they're doing for him and it just helps him out."



Rachel Buxton

Donovan Harris joins his classmates to help raise money for his brother, Richard.



Rachel Buxton

Brighton's Fire Rescue Michael Dolnick joins in to help raise money.



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Students, left to right, Brydgett Koontz, Sunni Bearden and sister Ta-iv Harris try to stay dry while washing cars.

More photos from Veterans Day Program on page 1B



Rachel Buxton

Students take turns acknowledging veterans for their service to their country during the Nov. 11 special program.



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Zachary Hudson shares his speech on veterans during the Chart School's annual Veterans Day program.



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Brighton Council Rep. and veteran Andrew J. Bowers Jr. speaks to the students on how the military teaches leadership and confidence.

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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA)
ACTION: Notice of Availability (NOA)

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) is issuing a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for approving the construction and lease for trust property for Barbara Bowers, Clara Dille, Jessica Osceola and Karie Osceola. The homes, sites and access roads will be constructed on approximately 7 acres of undeveloped land located at Township 48 South, Range 33 East, Section 12, Hendry County, Florida, which is located on the Seminole Tribe of Florida's Big Cypress Reservation. The BIA has approved and adopted the Environmental Assessment (EA), dated September 2011, prepared by the Seminole Tribe of Florida Environmental Resource Management Department and entitled "Northwest Area Canal Proposed Home Site Lease". This EA has been adopted and a FONSI issued for the approval of the home construction and lease of trust lands in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969.

NOTICE: This is a Notice of Availability (NOA), that the EA and FONSI for the Federal action of approving the proposed home construction and lease of trust property are available for public review. The BIA has approved and adopted the above referenced EA which addressed this proposal. The FONSI determination was based on review and analysis of the information in the EA. Based on the EA, it has been determined that the action will not result in significant impacts to the quality of the human environment, therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement is not required. You may obtain a copy of the EA and FONSI from the BIA Eastern Regional Office at the Environmental Resources Management Department of the Seminole Tribe of Florida, 6365 Tall Street, Suite 3008, Hollywood, FL 33024, telephone (954) 965-4386.

APPEALS: "Any person who may be adversely affected by this decision may appeal the decision to: Regional Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs Eastern Region, 343 Marroot Drive, Suite 700, Nashville TN 37214 in accordance with the regulations set forth at 25 CFR Part 2. The notice of appeal must be signed and mailed within thirty days of the date of this decision. The notice should clearly identify the decision being appealed, and a copy of the decision should be attached to the notice of appeal. Copies of the notice must be sent to the Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, MS 4100-MIE, U.S. Department of the Interior, 18-49 C Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., 20240, as well as to my office and to all other interested parties known to the person appealing the decision. The notice of appeal to the Regional Director must also certify that the appealing party sent copies to each of those parties. The Regional Director will notify an appealing party of further appeal procedures. If no appeal is timely filed, this decision will become final for the Department of the Interior."

For further information please contact Chet McEwen, Environmental Protection Specialist, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Eastern Regional Office, 545 Marroot Drive, Suite 700, Nashville, TN 37214, telephone (615) 364-6839

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BIRTHDAYS



Submitted on behalf of Dan Bowers by Judy Weeks

More than 75 family members and friends joined Dan Bowers in a celebration of his 70th birthday on Oct. 22 with a cookout, band and trip down memory lane that spanned a lifetime of service to his family, the Marine Corps and his community.



Submitted on behalf of Linda Frank by Judy Weeks

Gale Boone presents Linda Frank with a surprise cake for her 60th birthday as her fellow seniors congratulate her on her special day.

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Seminole Police Department Thanks Ms. Jo Motlow North, Etiquette Training

From: Office of Your Police Chief, William R. Latchford

Our gratitude goes out to Ms. Jo Motlow North for extending an invitation to Seminole Police Department to attend the Seminole Tribe of Florida Etiquette Training recently held at the Boys & Girls Club in Hollywood, Fla. My staff enjoyed the presentations throughout the training and returned with valuable information. The consensus of those who attended was a deeper appreciation after ascertaining the knowledge given by you and other Tribal members at the event would only enhance how we perform and interact within the Tribal communities. We look forward to future presentations about the culture and proper etiquette embraced by the Tribal members within the Seminole Tribe of Florida.

— Will

CONGRATS

In addition to Princess Committee Chairwoman Wanda F. Bowers, Vice-Chairwoman Charlotte Burgess and Secretary Christine E. McCall who were all elected to their positions last month, Priscilla Sayen ran unopposed for the Secretary position. She joins the women on the Princess Pageant Committee.



IN MEMORY

R.I.P VINCENT MICCO

By Henry Battiest
Saturday, August 27, 2011 at 12:06pm

I had a great day of business meetings yesterday, went to longhorn with the family for dinner, we talked about our day, we laughed & had a awesome time together, went home for the evening, listening to my favorite jazz jus relaxing, I saw a missed call from my xmotherlaw, so I returned her call, a close friend of mine was in a bike accident on snake road coming home from a ride out to big cypress, Vincent Micco loved to ride his bike, I remember when he first bought an Indian bike, he and Loretta came over to the house, then he wanted to give me a ride so I hopped on, he said hang on, I told him to what?... lol...he said, me...I said no way...lol...people mite think were gay...lol...so he gave me his helmet, lol... we rode like the wind...it was awesome!!!...then he took Zach for a ride, he gave June a ride... lol... we all had a blast!!!

Vincent always had something funny to say, he was always smiling, he knew where the best place to eat, he would wear funny hats,

I remembered his shoes...lol...the shoes made with toes...lol!!!...I don't see how Loretta put up with him, lol.....but if u see Loretta, there be Vincent u see Vincent there b Loretta....I always saw them together.....

they were made for each other.... the reason why I know, once married to each other, then they divorced, but then they remarried.....true love does exist....

I don't know why God seems to take some of us home early, but He must have His reasons, but I guess when my time comes to go, then I'll understand....

Last night before I went to sleep I said a prayer and I asked the Lord to tell Vincent that we were going to miss him down here, but we will see him soon....

Yesterday, Vincent Micco rode his bike into the evening onto heaven.....

R.I.P my brother!!!

My Heart Goes Out To You

I would like to express my deepest gratitude to everyone that have sent me cards, texts, and emails in the loss of my dear husband, Vincent.

Your messages have touched my heart and have been a great encouragement and inspiration to me during this time of loss and grief. I have been encouraged.

I am so grateful to know you care and to know I am in your thoughts and prayers. You have been a blessing to me, to know that I am not alone.

I also know that your hearts were saddened too and I thank you for weeping with me.

This is a foreign journey, one without Vincent, but God is good and God's hand was in it all. God called Vincent and Vincent's departure to Glory hopefully causes all of us to think of our departure. We, the ones who know Jesus, will one day be called to Glory. What a reunion that will be!

I would like to thank the ones that helped in one way or another at my husband's accident. Thank you.

It has been more difficult than I could have ever imagined but I appreciate your continued prayers, support, visits or just you're presence. It speaks volumes to my heart.

Blessings on you,
Loretta Micco

THE BROKEN CHAIN

We little knew the day that God was going to call your name, In life we loved you dearly, in death we do the same.

It broke our hearts to lose you, but in God we put our trust, In times as difficult as this, faith is such a must.

You left us peaceful memories, your love is still our guide, And though we cannot see you, you are always at our side.

Our family chain is broken, and nothing seems the same, But as God calls us one by one, the chain will link again.

— Ron Tranmer

"For I will turn their mourning into joy." Jer 31:13

The Seminole Tribune does its best to place all announcements received. However, we may need to limit a person's submissions (if more than one) depending on the number received that month.

BEST WISHES



To: Poshe (Lena H. Billie)

From: Your Grandson

You have every reason to continue holding your head high with great pride. Your tree is growing and is very strong with many branches, with many beautiful leaves. Poshe you are the only grandparent I know.

Grandpa was already in the Spirit World. Shonaabisha for the teachings, the loving, the caring, the memories and this unique strength to withstand the tests of time. Poshe, Waache, Ekooshe Judy and Chaaye are the greatest. This Warrior will always represent where I come from and I will continue to better myself as life goes on. Poshe just know that I honor and praise you until I breathe my last. I will always have the utmost respect and loyalty to your tree Poshe. I love you Poshe. This is in the wind.

To: Waache (Jennie B. Harjo)

From: Your youngest Warrior Son

Every day I am thankful and grateful for you. 100% unconquered Seminole woman, pure love and pure strength. You are all around greatness Waache. Continue taking care of yourself staying stress free. There is no need to be concerned for anyone that is "grown." They supposed to be man enough or woman

enough to take of they own self. Waache it's your right to enjoy yourself the best you can and it's my duty to make that happen. This Warrior will always put your wellbeing first. One thing and two for sure, Waache you know this Warrior always shows appreciation for your every day. It will be that way until I breathe my last, when you bury me AG. Smile Waache this Panther is always near. This is in the wind/ Waache stay strong. I love you.

To: Chaaye (Paula A. Harjo)

From: Your youngest Warrior Brother

Happy birthday!!!! You already know I didn't forget you. Chaaye not in my life time will I do that. Every day I am more happier because it is one more day closer for me being reunited with you. Waache and you raised a Warrior. The same way I embrace life I embrace my last breathe. Chaaye you can be proud of your son Pedro Fuentes Jr. He is a great young man that has morals. He is very respectful and loyal to blood. He takes great care of his own little family as well as makes time for Waache. Remember? You would always say to me, "Lil Bro its always been just us." Chaaye you were right. So when I plucked that leaf from the tree I know you stand with me. Because our bond is strong like that/ Waache and I will always make sure you have flowers/ One think and two for sure we understand what respect and loyalty is. Chaaye happy birthday!!!! Waache and I love you. This is in the wind.

To: My daughter Susie

From: Your dad

Happy birthday!!!! Since day one you have been a blessing to me. It has always been that way. I know it's easy to think different, just as it's easier for people to point a finger at me. Because they don't have the courage to own up when they fall short. One thing and two for sure, if I was there as I should have been, all would definitely be as it supposed to be. But rest assure this Warrior will make things right just as soon as that opportunity presents itself. You're my daughter and I will personally do my duty. Grandma told me what you asked her to tell me. "Tell my dad I love him." It took me awhile to earn that. Every chance you allow me, I will continue to prove that I have loved you since the day you was born. Happy birthday Susie!!!! I love you, grandma loves you, we love you. This is in the wind. I am very proud of you.

To: My niece Delia Harjo

From: Your uncle

I just wanted to let you know that grandma and I are very proud of you. When you was a little baby and I held you for the time, I knew you would be successful and you will continue to prosper. You been blessed with that unique strength of great-grandma and grandma. Continue to blaze your own trail all the way to the top. Be your own person, think for yourself, stay focused on all that is positive. True friends are "only" those that encourage you to continue making

the right choices. Negative, silly, fools, let them live in their misery, alone. You are an unconquered Seminole from the Panther Clan. We stand our ground and that's what you do anytime anyone needs understanding of the word respect. It's great you chose to go to an all native school. I know you are representing us Seminoles of Florida to the fullest with great pride. Deila keep striving to be one of the greatest of our people. This Warrior is very proud of you. I love you, grandma loves you, we love you. This is in the wind.

To: My daughter India

From: Your dad

Happy Birthday!!!! It seems as if the years are going by faster and faster. As life goes on you continue to look more and more like your sister Susie too. It's great, you both are beautiful. I am very proud of both of you and it makes me happy that you two know each other well. May that bond continue to grow. Always know that I love you, grandma loves you, we love you. Remember you have the opportunity to live in two worlds. Whenever you get tired of living in the world you was raised in, you are always welcomed to learn to live with us Seminoles. Happy birthday India!!!! This is in the wind.

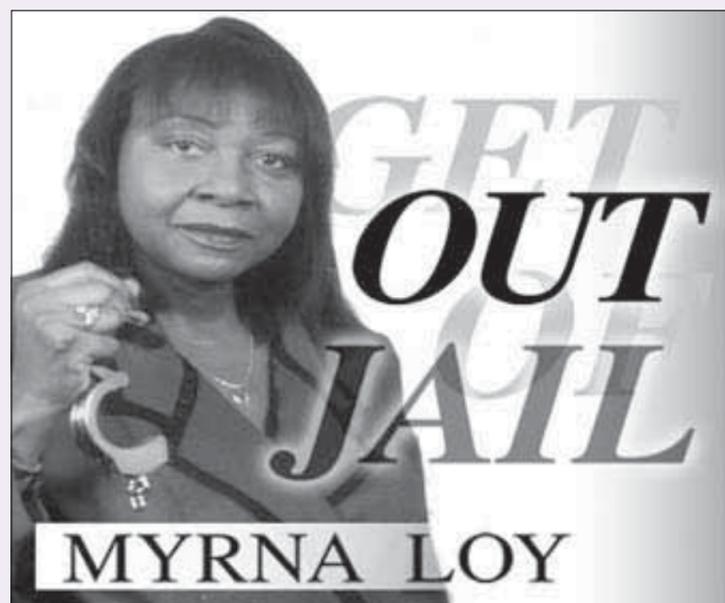
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Hey Rick,
I just wanted to let you know that I'm so proud of you. You are doing so good in the 2nd grade, and always remember never to give up. You're growing up so fast and so handsome. Stay focused and remember mom loves you so much as we gonna make it son, "together."

Love always,
Your mom
Carolee Anderson



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Sports

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Tribal youth competes among best divers in regional and state competitions

BY CHRIS C. JENKINS
Staff Reporter

PLANTATION/ORLANDO — Tribal youth Carson Knaby of the Davie University School swimming team is a hidden gem ready to shine bright in the coming years.

As an eighth-grader she has made strides as an underclassman competing with the best of the class 1-A as a diver.

At close to four years competing, her dedication has brought her three straight district crowns and she reached her goal of going to the state championships, an accomplishment which eluded her last year because of a strained tendon in her foot.

This year's journey began Nov. 3 at the Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA) swimming and diving regional-four finals held at the City of Plantation Parks and Recreation Building.

Among seven other competitors, Carson finished fifth leaving fate and her scores as the decider with only the top two automatically qualifying for state competition.

In the end, a personal best score of 377 (28 points off the school record of 405) in the 11-dive championship format on the one-meter springboard was enough to make the trek to Orlando to participate among 24 of the state's best on Nov. 11.

"She has gotten better every year," said father Doug Carney of her progress. "She is a consistent diver. You will see some that will be on and off of their game; she isn't."

Sally Hansell, longtime University School head diving coach and Florida Gold Coast Diving Association president, believes Knaby can become even better with more hard work.

"Carson has had the willingness so far to take on a sport with tremendous parameters," Hansell said. "She just keeps knocking on the door though. I like her ability to continue to challenge herself. I tell her and her teammates to not let fear interfere."

"She is taking the proper steps up the ladder," she continued.

Knaby went on to make the finals at state finishing 14th and is the first female diver in more than a decade to achieve such an honor for her school, according to Hansell.

She also currently owns the six-dive school record for total points in one meet.

Sports are a part of the family with Knaby also running track and field and past participation in gymnastics, with older brother J.J. playing football.

"I have liked meeting new people and feel good about what I've done and doing my best," Knaby said. "It does make me nervous though knowing that the other competitors are older or may be better, but it also makes me feel good knowing that I'm competing against them."

Swimming seems to be a natural for Knaby as she competes year-round (also with the help of a private coach), despite having no ties of participation in the sport by any other family member including mother, Joletta John-Carney, or father, Doug.

"She had a lot of training this past summer. Her work ethic



Chris C. Jenkins

Knaby approaches one of her 11 dive attempts during the regional competition at the City of Plantation Parks and Recreation on Nov. 3.

has been great and she wanted it. She's a big competitor and has always stayed in the hunt throughout the year," Joletta said.

All agree the sky is the limit for the talented novice.

Knaby said competing is all in good fun and her future plans remain open for now.

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Johnny Boone III makes golf history at IHS



Photo courtesy of Gale Boone

Johnny Boone III, center, receives the Gold Medal for Golf at the Indigenous Games.

BY JUDY WEEKS
Freelance Writer

IMMOKALEE — The marquee in front of Immokalee High School read "Congrats Trey Boone Golf Regional" on the morning of Oct. 20. Immokalee Tribal citizen Johnny Boone III, known to everyone as Trey, had just earned the right to represent his school's team, The Immokalee Indians, in the Golf Regional Finals being held at the Hideout Golf Club in Naples.

"Immokalee freshman Johnny Boone became the first Indian in years to advance to the Regional as an individual, shooting a 79 to tie for eighth overall," said Naples Daily News reporter Greg Hardwig. "Boone is just the third boys player in school history to get to the Regional — Jerrod Carver in 2000 and 2001, and Matt Turcotte in 2005 were the others."

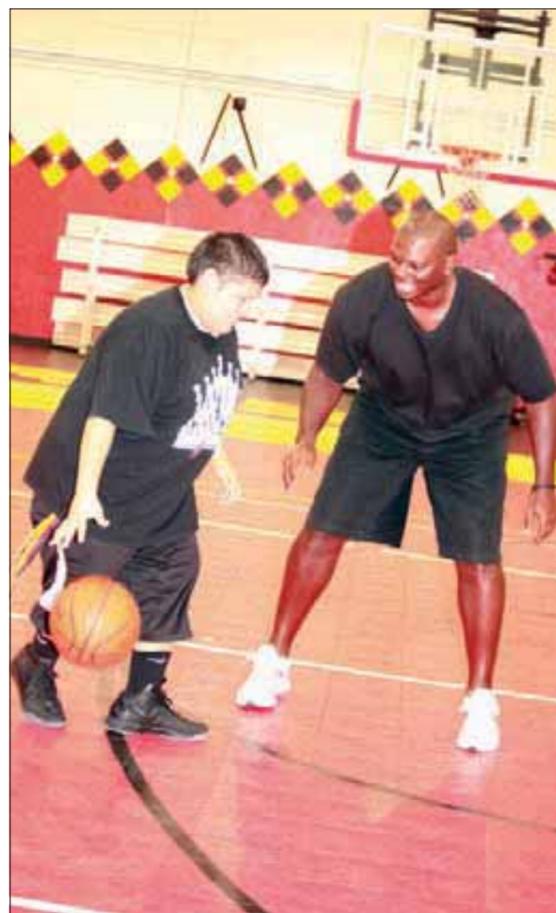
A member of the Panther Clan, 15-year-old Trey is the son of Johnny Boone Jr. and Gale Motlow Boone. He is far from a newcomer to golf, having taken his first lessons at age 8. Showing remarkable promise, he competed in the U.S. Kids Tour in Scotland when he was 10, and most recently earned the Gold Medal in Golf at the 2011 Indigenous Games.

Boone's record for the school season was 7-0 and he aced his position in the Regional lineup with the lowest score in school history with a 35 for 9 holes at the Valencia Golf Club.

Lely High School Coach David Johnson told the Daily News, "Immokalee looks like a great group of up and comers with a stunning performance by Boone."

"I love golf and grab a club every chance I get; however, I didn't get here alone," Trey Boone said. "I owe a lot to my dad, Johnny Boone Jr.; Coach Tom O'Brien of the Rick Smith Golf Academy at Tiburon; Golf Professional Woody Doherty; and most importantly God, who gave me the talent. I plan to try very hard not to disappoint any of them."

Tribal youth participate in Jamal Mashburn's Seminole Basketball Skills Clinic



Naji Tobias

Big Cypress Tribal youngster Nathan Anderson, 14, faces off against former NBA All-Star and basketball clinic host Jamal Mashburn at the Oct. 8 basketball clinic in Big Cypress.

BY NAJI TOBIAS
Staff Writer

BIG CYPRESS/BRIGHTON/ HOLLYWOOD — Run, dribble, jump, shoot.

Scores of Tribal youth from the Big Cypress, Brighton and Hollywood Reservations made their way to their gymnasiums last month to take part in Jamal Mashburn's Seminole Basketball Skills Clinic.

Co-sponsored by Jamal Mashburn and Seminole Sports Management — a branch of Seminole Media Productions — Mashburn's mentor, Reginald Kitchen, along with clinic trainers Sudan Ellington and Hanif Hill, took the Tribal youngsters through a host of dribbling, shooting and conditioning drills geared toward honing their basketball fundamentals and skills.

In addition, Kitchen, Ellington and Hill rounded the group of youth after a lunch break to talk about a slew of concepts primarily centering on the importance of making positive decisions in all facets of their lives.

"Every day, you should evaluate and assess yourself," Ellington said. "It doesn't matter whether it's good or bad. You just want to make sure you're in line with whatever your priorities are. You should always want to practice the concepts of self-assessment, self-governance and self-improvement. You should want to better yourself every day of your life."

Hill said he learned a lot from the Tribal youth and noted the excitement that transpired throughout the course of the day-long basketball clinic.

"It's excellent for us to get the opportunity to come out here," Hill said. "It was great to show these kids on the reservation a set of fundamentals they can take to apply it to other parts of their lives. With this clinic, they got to see different avenues of how to play basketball. They saw how motivated we are in the game. It was a fun experience."

The Jamal Mashburn Seminole Basketball Skills Clinic took place in Big Cypress on Oct. 8; took place in Brighton on Oct. 15; and took place in Hollywood on Oct. 22, giving youth from many reservations the chance to learn from an NBA All-Star. Dozens turned out to participate on each day.

Brighton Tribal citizen Philip Jones, 18, was among the enthusiastic Seminole basketball campers who actively got involved with the initiative.

"It was great to come out here to learn some more fundamentals," said Jones, who is slated to start as a junior point guard for the 2011-2012 Okeechobee Brahms varsity basketball team.

"I'm just trying to improve my skills and get better as a basketball player," Jones continued. "I was really excited about the opportunity to spend time and get advice from Jamal Mashburn. He was one of the top NBA players when he came out. It's great that he takes his time out for my people in the Tribe."

Jonathan Robbins, a prospective senior basketball player for the Ahfachkee Warriors, said he felt great to have a person of Mashburn's caliber to help him and his fellow Tribal youngsters improve on their basketball craft.

"I liked the dribble sideline-to-sideline drill we did," the 18-year-old Big Cypress Tribal youngster said. "That was my favorite one. You had to dribble waist up and with your knees. It's a drill that focused on ball control and fundamentals."

Robbins, a high school senior at the Ahfachkee School, talked briefly about the opportunity to play for the Warriors Tribal basketball team.

"It's really motivational for those that don't participate in athletics," Robbins said. "With this camp I participated in, it's going to help me stay in shape for the season and keep me healthy in the long run."

Mashburn, who briefly spoke to the Tribal youth participants before handing out medals and certificates to them at the clinic's conclusion, offered his assessment on how the camp transpired.

"There are a lot of things you can learn in life through sports, such as discipline, sacrifice and time management," the former NBA All-Star/clinic organizer said. "Basketball allows kids to develop skills that can help them beyond the game. Kids are innocent and they genuinely want to seek knowledge. I enjoy being out here to share my life experiences and help them get better in basketball."

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Eastern Indian Rodeo Association hosts Year End Banquet



Judy Weeks

Moses Jumper Jr., EIRA President Paul Bowers Sr., Vice President Mackenzie Bowers, Senior Rodeo Queen Erena Billie and junior Rodeo Queen Calgary Johns present buckles to Jonah Cypress and Esther Buster for their sponsorship of the Junior Cypress Memorial Rodeo.

BY JUDY WEEKS
Freelance Writer

BRIGHTON — Members of the Eastern Indian Rodeo Association (EIRA) gathered at the Brighton Veteran's Building on the evening of Oct. 14 for the 2011 Year End Banquet and Awards Ceremony.

Competing in rodeo competitions throughout the past year, the members have worked hard to accumulate sufficient points to become EIRA Champions, Reserve Champions and Qualifiers for the Indian National Finals Rodeo (INFR) which will be held in Las Vegas, Nevada, in the beginning of December.

"We have just completed our 13th season," said EIRA President Paul Bowers Sr. "During this time it has been my pleasure to work with some of the finest people in EIRA history, and I want to thank you, the members, directors, stock contractors, secretaries, pick up men, arena crew, announcers and judges for making this possible. I do not see tonight as an end, but instead, it is a beginning to a new year."

EIRA Vice President Mackenzie Bowers and Secretary Melissa Gopher acknowledged the participants and staff that made it possible for the organization to grow and prosper since its inception in 1998. "As we head to the INFR, remember that we have proven our talent. Even though the competition from across the country will be tough, I have no doubt that we can bring home the gold," Bowers said.

Marki Rodeo stock contractor Marty Johns expressed his gratitude to everyone that contributed to another successful year. "We have worked hard to energize our stock and create an equal playing field for all of the contestants," he said. "It has paid off because we have been asked to take 19 of our animals to compete in the INFR and two of our champion bulls will be going to the World Championships at the National Finals Rodeo this year."

Following the invocation, Moses "Big Shot" Jumper Jr. said, "This year's youth rodeo is the largest that we have ever had and comprises more than 100 families. The non-sanctioned events are providing our youth with a teaching experience and create a feeder system for the next generation of rodeo contenders. During the past few years, the INFR has added several Junior Rodeo events and we have a fine group of youngsters to represent

◆ Please see EIRA on page 4C

Meredith Bullard's Gold Coast Derby Grrls Squad hosts first exhibition



Naji Tobias

Naji Tobias

Big Cypress Tribal citizen/Gold Coast Derby Grrls jammer and blocker Meredith Bullard gets ready to hit the roller derby circuit during the Oct. 15 exhibition split-squad bout at the Herman L. Osceola Gymnasium.

Meredith Bullard helps lead her team in a roller derby bout on Oct. 15. The exhibition match featured members of the Gold Coast Derby Grrls squad, with Bullard – also known as Pow Pow Panther – serving in her role as both a jammer and blocker for the team.



Naji Tobias

The Big Cypress Community and Meredith Bullard's Gold Coast Roller Derby Grrls share a final group moment as the Oct. 15 exhibition match comes to a close, marking the first time that a bout is played on a Seminole Reservation.

Tribal youth take first place in travel softball division



Photo courtesy of the Naples Daily News

The Tropic Wave 10U travel softball team won the Plantation Fall Classic ASA Championship Game on Nov. 6. Team members: Veronica Benitez, Carly Campbell, Chelsea Dumas, Riley Ennis, Hannah Gormly, Anna Hahn, Kelsie Martel, Hannah Morales, Kali Napolitano, Tribal youth Ava Nunez (first row, 4th from left), Madison Owen, Tribal youth Jillian Rodriguez (first row, fifth from left) and Megan Tice. Coaches are Tribal member Armando Nunez (back row, first from left), Mike Beal, Ray Campbell, Joe Napolitano and Lori Greco.

SUBMITTED BY RHONDA NUNEZ

NAPLES — Tribal youth Ava Nunez and Tribal youth Jillian Rodriguez played on the Tropic Wave 10U travel softball team, which won the Plantation Fall Classic ASA Championship Game with a score of 10-3 on Nov. 6.

The ASA travel league consisted of five weeks of competition, and the TW 10U team was undefeated for the season, including the final weekend of tournament play. Tribal member Armando Nunez was the team's head coach.

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NAYO/NASA Conference held in Hollywood

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Moses Jumper, Hollywood Recreation director, welcomes guests to the NAYO and NASA Conference on Oct. 18.



Chris C. Jenkins

Guest speaker William Floyd, NFL standout player, autographs a playing card for fans after speaking about the importance of sports for Native youth at the conference.



Chris C. Jenkins

Hollywood Recreation staff, along with members of the Native American Youth Organization (NAYO) and Native American Sports Association (NASA), join together for a group photo as part of their annual Board meeting at the Hollywood Community Center on Oct. 18. Five Tribes and states were represented in the meeting discussing rules, regulations, budget reports and other business.



Rachel Buxton

Krysta Burton practices her dribble down the court Oct. 15 at the Jamal Mashburn Basketball Clinic held in Brighton.



Matt Snowberger

Hollywood youth play head to head during the Jamal Mashburn Clinic in Hollywood on Oct. 22.



Naji Tobias

Jamal Mashburn Basketball Clinic trainer Hanif Hill and Big Cypress Tribal youngster Charlie Osceola during a conditioning drill.



Rachel Buxton

Coach Sudan challenges Jennie Eagle with her footwork during the Jamal Mashburn Basketball Clinic in Brighton on Oct. 15.



Matt Snowberger

Hollywood youth participate in basketball drills to learn fundamentals during the Jamal Mashburn Clinic in Hollywood on Oct. 22.

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Tribal golfers participate in annual STOF Classic Golf Tournament



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Tribal citizen Elliott Young chips a shot on the first hole of the Seminole Tribe of Florida's second annual Golf Classic on Oct. 21.



Naji Tobias

Hollywood Tribal Council Rep. Marcellus W. Osceola tries for the longest yard on Hole 4 during the second annual Seminole Tribe of Florida Golf Classic Tournament on Oct. 21.



Naji Tobias

Hollywood Tribal senior Ronnie Doctor swings at Hole 16 during the Golf Classic Tournament on Oct. 21 at Plantation's Lago Mar Golf Course.



Naji Tobias

Off-resident Liaison Kevin Osceola, left, STOF Golf Classic Promoter Imena Pacheco, center, and Native golfer Steve Tooshkenig take a break at the Oct. 21 competition.

EIRA

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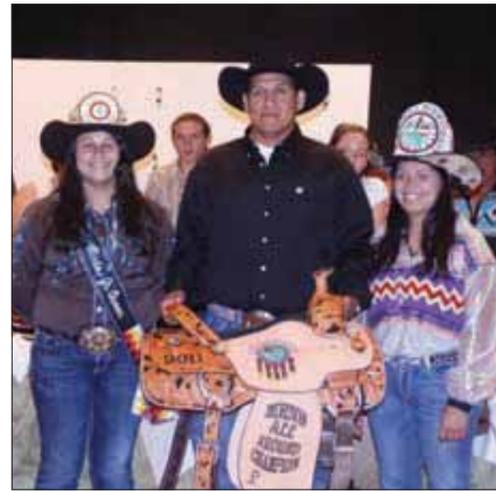
us.”
 “All of the people who took part in this year's rodeo competition deserve a round of applause,” said EIRA Champion and INFR President Richard Bowers Jr. “The four rodeos hosted this year by the EIRA have been recognized by the INFR as two of the major events of their year. Your participation has gone a long way toward the advancement of Native American rodeo athletes.”

The Junior Cypress Memorial Rodeo is held each year in conjunction with the Big Cypress Cattle Drive. Junior Cypress was a strong advocate for the reservation youth and rodeo sports. Thanks to a sponsorship in their father's memory, Jonah Cypress and Esther Buster made this rodeo one of the season's biggest events. Association members awarded them engraved gold and silver buckles for their generosity.

The auditorium filled with laughter and cheers as the audience viewed a 20-minute pilot known as “Biggs Bloopers” that included blunders and wrecks that occurred in the arena during the past year of EIRA rodeo.

The Year End Awards Banquet signified that the red dust of the arena had cleared, the points had been tabulated and the time had arrived to announce the winners. Senior Rodeo Queen Erena Billie and Junior Rodeo Queen Calgary Johns assisted the event directors in presentation of awards. Tooled and engraved breast collars and monogrammed rough stock bags were presented to the Grand Champions. Reserve and Regional Finals Champions received engraved gold and silver buckles.

Josh Jumper and Shelby Osceola participated in



Judy Week

Junior Rodeo Queen Calgary Johns and Senior Rodeo Queen Erena Billie present Josh Jumper with a commemorative saddle as the All Around 2011 Men's Champion.

as many events as possible throughout the year and their skills, determination and hard work paid off when it was announced that they had accumulated the most points for the year. As Men's and Women's All Around Champions, they were presented with commemorative saddles. All Around Boys and Girls Champions, Jobe Johns and Calgary Johns received tooled breast collars.

2011 Eastern Indian Rodeo Association Awards

EIRA CHAMPIONS: Bareback Riding: Jacoby Johns, Saddle Bronc Riding: Duffy Ducheneaux, Steer Wrestling: GrayWolf Herrera, Calf Roping: Ivan BruisedHead, Lady's Breakaway Roping: Shelby Osceola, Team Roper Header: Marvin Bowers, Team Roper Heeler: Cort Herrera, Barrel Racing: Calgary Johns, Bull Riding: Casey McDonald.

MEN'S ALL AROUND CHAMPION: Josh Jumper

LADY'S ALL AROUND CHAMPION: Shelby Osceola

BOY'S ALL AROUND CHAMPION: Jobe Johns

GIRL'S ALL AROUND CHAMPION: Calgary Johns

EIRA RESERVE CHAMPIONS: Bareback Riding: Freddy WarBonnet, Steer Wrestling: Ivan BruisedHead, Calf Roping: Josh Jumper, Lady's Breakaway: Theresa Bowers, Team Roping Header: Josh Jumper, Team Roping Heeler: Naha Jumper, Barrel Racing: Boogie Jumper, Bull Riding: Jay Garza.

REGIONAL FINALS CHAMPIONS: Bareback Riding: Jacoby Johns, Saddle Bronc: Duffy Ducheneaux, Steer Wrestling: GrayWolf Herrera, Calf Roping: Ivan BruisedHead, Lady's Breakaway Champion: Leanna Billie, Team Roping Header: Marvin Bowers, Team Roping Heeler: Cort Herrera, Barrel Racing: Mackenzie Johns, Bull Riding: Koty Brugh.

EIRA NON-SANCTIONED CHAMPIONS: Mutton Busting: Creek Gopher, Pony Riding: Jaylen Baker, Youth Pony Riding: Blevyns Jumper, Calf Riding: Mark Holmes, Steer Riding: Mark Holmes, Jr. Bull Riding: Kelton Smedley, 4-8 Barrels: Brighton Bauman, 9-12 Barrels: Dayra Koenes, 13-17 Barrels: Calgary Johns, Jr. Breakaway Roping: Jobe Johns, Chute Doggin: Dylan Chalfant, Jr. Steer Un-decorating: Andre Jumper, 50 & Over Breakaway Roping: Richard Bowers Jr.

EIRA NON-SANCTIONED RESERVE CHAMPIONS: Mutton Busting: Bryce Baker, Pony Riding: Mark Holmes, Youth Pony Riding: Kelton Smedley, Calf Riding: T-Bone Baker, Steer Riding: Jobe Johns, Jr. Bull Riding: Andre Jumper, 4-8 Barrels: Budha Jumper, 9-12 Barrels: Ahnie Jumper, 13-17: Ashley Parks, Jr. Breakaway Roping: Blevyns Jumper, Chute Doggin: Josh Johns, Jr. Steer Un-decorating: Blevyns Jumper, 50 & Over Breakaway Roping: Rudy Osceola.

INFR 2011 QUALIFIERS: Jacoby Johns, GrayWolf Herrera, Ivan BruisedHead, Josh Jumper, Naha Jumper, Marvin Bowers, Cort Herrera, Casey McDonalds, Jay Garza, Shelby Osceola, Leanna Billie, Mackenzie Bowers, Calgary Johns, Dayra Koenes, Budha Jumper, Jobe Johns, Andre Jumper, Blevyns Jumper, Kelton Smedley, Richard Bowers Jr., Paul Bowers Sr., Rudy Osceola, Joe L. John, Norman Johns.

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Team Seminole participates in diabetes walk for the tenth time



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Team Seminole participates in the American Diabetes Association's Step Out to Stop Diabetes Walk.

SUBMITTED BY BRENDA BORDOGNA
Health Education Coordinator

SUNRISE — To commemorate November as National Diabetes Month, Team Seminole once again stepped out together to stop diabetes. For the 10th year in a row, Team Seminole walked proudly as part of the American Diabetes Association's Step Out to Stop Diabetes Walk 2011 at the Bank Atlantic Center in Sunrise, Fla. Beginning in 2001, Team Seminole has brought as many as 30 to 50 participants each year to the event. This year, the Seminole Tribe of Florida also sponsored a booth highlighting diabetes information, Seminole history and culture, and Hard Rock Casino promotions.

The following Tribal members, their families and STOF employees attended this year: Edna McDuffie, Marilyn Jumper, Mark Billie, Francine Osceola, Stephen Bowers, Elizabeth Bates-Bowers, Judy Tiger, Dorothy Tommie, Karen Twoshoes, Suraiya Smith, Grace Koontz, Brydget Koontz, Kami Smith, Yani Smith, Ciani Smith, Juanita Osceola, Rachel Jumper, Carlene Osceola, Marina R. Tigertail, Brenda Bordogna, Nickie Munson, Nancy Koshik, Jillian Guralski, Suzanne Davis and Elizabeth Guzman.

To find out more about Team Seminole and other walking events, contact Edna McDuffie, walk coordinator, at 863-983-5798.



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Left to right: Grace Koontz, Yani Smith, Brydget Koontz, Rachel Jumper, Kamani Smith and Suraiya Smith — several generations of family — came together at the Diabetes Walk to show their support and commitment to their own health and the health of their family.

Men's Walk of Life helps unite community

"There was no political agenda involved; this was just a good way to start off the day and enjoy it," said President Tony Sanchez Jr.



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President Tony Sanchez Jr. thanks those who participated in the men's walk. Other Tribal officials participating in the walk included: Hollywood Tribal Council and Board Rep. Marcellus W. Osceola Jr. and Christopher Osceola as well as Non-resident Liaison Kevin Osceola.



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Walk participants Steve Young of the Seminole Recreation Department, left, and Non-resident Liaison Kevin Osceola, right, celebrate completing the 2.7-mile Men's Walk of Life event, which featured a walk from the Seminole Recreation building to the Hard Rock Lucky Street garage.



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Tribal Community Liaison Richard Osceola, left, along with special guest musical performer Paul Buster, right, welcomes participants to the first Men's Walk of Life community walk held atop the Lucky Street Parking garage at the Hard Rock on Oct. 29. The walk was organized by Osceola as a way to create unity, fitness and camaraderie in the community.



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Tribal citizen Mitch Osceola, left, and Hollywood Tribal Board of Directors Rep. Christopher Osceola, right, approach the finish of the Men's Awareness Walk held on Oct. 29.

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American Heritage Tribal teens pick up comeback win at home

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Players and cheerleaders for the American Heritage Plantation football teams get ready to take the field for action on Oct. 12.



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American Heritage defensive leader Andre Jumper looks for the ball carrier to make a tackle in first-quarter play.



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American Heritage running back Neko Osceola, right, blasts over a defender from Columbus (of Miami) in the third quarter in route to a 20-9 home comeback win for the Patriots in their junior varsity high school football game Oct. 12.



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Osceola also celebrates after his American-Heritage Plantation varsity teams' last-second 22-21 home victory versus Dillard High School for the district championship on Nov. 4. As an underclassman, Osceola celebrated the win as the newest member of the varsity squad.



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Knaby makes her approach attempting a front double dive at the City of Plantation Parks and Recreation Nov. 3.



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Carson, middle, joined by her mother, Joletta John-Carney, and father, John Carney, at her fifth-place Class 1-A regionals finish at the Plantation Parks and Recreation Center.



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Knaby dives her way into a fifth-place Class 1-A regionals finish at the Plantation Parks and Recreation Center.

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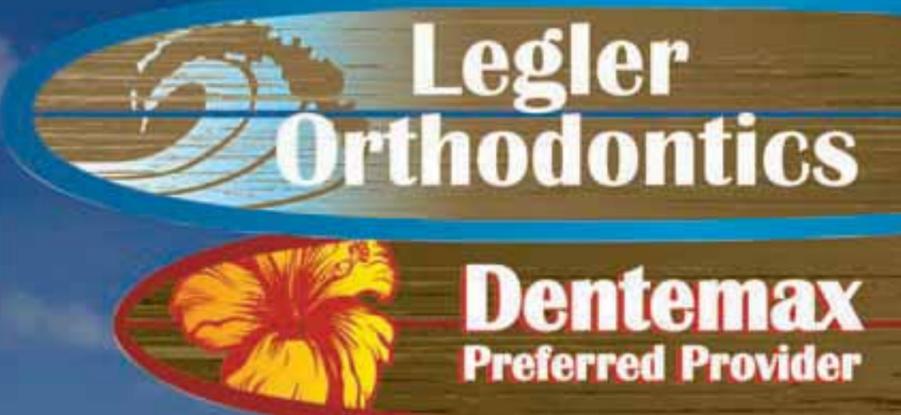
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Brighton holds fifth Mini-Triathlon Race on Nov. 5



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Senior female competitor Patty Waldron finishes the one-mile walk/run.

Reina Micco tries to gain ground at the finish of the 200-meter swim.

Carla Gopher begins the bike portion of the triathlon at an estimated five miles.



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Adult Mini-Triathlon participants Carla Gopher and Reina Micco together after competing as part of the fifth annual Brighton Recreation Tribal only Mini-Triathlon Race held on Nov. 5.



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Senior male and female competitors Willie Johns and Patty Waldron relax after completing their events. The senior division featured a 100-meter swim, one-mile walk/run and two-mile bike ride.

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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA)
ACTION: Notice of Availability (NOA)

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) is issuing a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for approving the construction and lease of a home on trust property for Ryan Wayne Osceola. The approximately 2.3 acre lot is located off of Henry Osceola Blvd at Township 48 South, Range 33 East, Section 12, Hendry County, Florida, which is located on the Seminole Tribe of Florida's Big Cypress Reservation. The BIA has approved and adopted the Environmental Assessment (EA), dated October 2011, prepared by the Seminole Tribe of Florida Environmental Resource Management Department and entitled "Ryan Wayne Osceola Proposed Lease, Seminole Tribe of Florida, Big Cypress Reservation, Hendry County, Florida". This EA has been adopted and a FONSI issued for the approval of the home construction and lease of trust lands in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969.

NOTICE: This is a Notice of Availability (NOA), that the EA and FONSI for the Federal action of approving the proposed home construction and lease of trust property are available for public review. The BIA has approved and adopted the above referenced EA which addressed this proposal. The FONSI determination was based on a review and analysis of the information in the EA. Based on the EA, it has been determined that the action will not result in significant impacts to the quality of the human environment, therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement is not required. You may obtain a copy of the EA and FONSI from the BIA Eastern Regional Office or the Environmental Resources Management Department of the Seminole Tribe of Florida, 6365 Tall Street, Suite 3008, Hollywood, FL 33024, telephone (954) 983-4330.

APPEALS: Any person who may be adversely affected by this decision may appeal the decision to the Regional Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs Eastern Region, 343 Marriot Drive, Suite 700, Nashville, TN 37214 in accordance with the regulations set forth at 25 CFR Part 2. The notice of appeal must be signed and mailed within thirty days of the date of this decision. The notice should clearly identify the decision being appealed, and a copy of the decision should be attached to the notice of appeal. Copies of the notice will be sent to the Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, MIB-4140-MIB, U.S. Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., 20240, as well as to my office and to all other interested parties known to the person appealing the decision. The notice of appeal to the Regional Director must also certify that the appealing party sent copies to each of these parties. The Regional Director will notify an appealing party of further appeal procedures. If no appeal is timely filed, this decision will become final for the Department of the Interior.

For further information please contact Chet McGhee, Environmental Protection Specialist, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Eastern Regional Office, 343 Marriot Drive, Suite 700, Nashville, TN 37214, telephone (615) 548-0832.

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