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Kiwanis Club of Davie Honors Council Representative

By Adelsa Williams

DAVIE, FL — On March 23, Hollywood Councilman Max Osceola Jr. was invited to attend the weekly luncheon of the Kiwanis Club of Davie, which was held at The Ark Restaurant.

The luncheon began with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by prayer from various members of the club. After that, club members

spend time with such a great organization that concentrates on helping children," he said.

Osceola was then presented with a certificate of thanks to the Seminole Tribe of Florida for being a major sponsor of the 2003 Classic Golf Tournament. He also received a glass eagle trophy.

Thanks to the proceeds of the golf tournament, the Kiwanis Club of Davie was able to raise money to host a Christmas party for underprivileged children in the community.

Linda Walpole of Kovac Automotive, a member of the Kiwanis Club, announced that at the past Christmas party, the club was able to give away gifts to 249 children, including 109 bicycles. They also handed out gift baskets to all the families and donated 12 decorated Christmas trees.

When asked about Osceola's participation in the sponsorship, Walpole said, "Max is a wonderful person; he is someone especially fond of helping children."

Frank Schneider, Treasurer of the Kiwanis Club of Davie, reported that the club was able to make donations to the Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital, a local hospice, Horses in Handicap, and Key Clubs, for children's functions.

"What we get from the golf tournament we give back to the community," said Schneider, "We're looking forward to what we can do this year."



Adelsa Williams

Bob Oldham (left), President of the Kiwanis Club of Davie, gives award to Hollywood Council Representative Max Osceola Jr.

and invitees participate in a routine "Happy Dollars" collection. During this collection, everyone present donated a dollar and announced what they are happy for that day. Osceola also participated and gave his thanks.

"I'm thankful to be able to

Jennifer Billie Chadwick Earns Diploma



Adelsa Williams

Proud graduate Jennifer Billie Chadwick (right) gives a thumbs-up after receiving her diploma.

By Adelsa Williams

FT. LAUDERDALE, FL — The Art Institute of Fort Lauderdale held a graduation ceremony on Thursday March 25. Tribal citizen Jennifer Billie Chadwick, a member of the Wind Clan, was one of 10 students in the Culinary Arts field to earn a diploma in art of cooking. It was an exciting night for the students; sounds of screams, cries and horns filled the ballroom.

Chadwick started studying at the Art Institute of Fort Lauderdale in July 2003. She looks to further her education by earning a degree in culinary arts. She also desires to earn a bachelor's degree, and possibly even a higher level degree.

When asked what her highlights were of the course, Chadwick said, "When they taught us how to make salmon paupiette."

Chadwick is an advocate of the Seminole Tribe's Higher Education Grant Program. She mentioned that with the program's guidance, she learned about the benefits that are available to her as a tribal citizen. She thanks the entire staff for assisting her, in particular Dora Bell, Higher Education Advisor and

Vicky Ghassemi.

Chadwick's career objective is to open a café with her mother, Nancy Billie, on the Big Cypress Reservation. She intends to start enhancing her culinary skills by working at the Corporate, Board, and Gas Department in Big Cypress. She understands that the departments will offer a menu of hors d'oeuvres. She also envisions cooking at one of the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casinos.

"I want to make service fun," said Chadwick.

Chadwick thanked her family for giving her the support she needed, and for attending the graduation ceremony. She acknowledged her Grandmother Rosie Jumper Billie, Mother Nancy Billie, Aunt Lidia Cypress, Candy Cypress, Vera Herrera, Celesta Osceola and Sara Kirkland.

Chadwick offered a few words of advice to other young Seminoles.

"The Seminole Tribe has a lot to offer," she said. "If we use the benefits that are offered to us, we can go to school and educate ourselves, so one day we could become leaders of the tribe."



Judge Nelson Bailey

Cattle drive participants make their way down West Boundary Road, passing the Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum in Big Cypress.

8th Annual Junior Cypress Cattle Drive

By Emma Brown

BIG CYPRESS — On Saturday March 27, Paul Bowers Sr., Richard Bowers and Moses Jumper Jr., cowboys from Seminole Country, organized the 8th Annual Cattle Drive in Big Cypress. The cattle drive is held each year in memory of Junior Cypress.

Cowboys, cowgirls, and honored guests from various locations gathered together to honor Junior Cypress and the knowledge that he passed on to current

Seminole cowboys and cattle owners.

Cypress was educated in the life of raising cattle and shared his knowledge with those around him. For this, he is remembered and honored by this annual event.

This year's event was also held in memory of Jack Motlow, a veteran of the Big Cypress Cattleman's Association. Motlow went home to be with his creator recently, but his memory still lives in the hearts of family, friends, and cattle owners everywhere.

The day began with a hearty breakfast at the Swamp Water Cafe. Once the participants had a belly full of vittles, and the horses were saddled, they gathered at the end of West Boundary Road for the seven-mile ride to the Junior Cypress Rodeo Arena. The event was underway at about 10:30 a.m., after a word of prayer from Pastor Hummingbird.

It was a warm, dusty trail that led the way for the 60 head of steers and riders

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Tribal Council Honors Firefighters, Discusses Resolutions

By Shelley Marmor

BIG CYPRESS — The Friday March 19 Tribal Council meeting at the Herman L. Osceola Gym started a little differently than usual. The initial order of business at this meeting was to honor the first group of recruits from the Department of Emergency Services, Fire Rescue Division.

Ken Fields, Executive Administrator, introduced the 10 new firefighters. He commended their hard work and reminded everyone that Big Cypress and Brighton did not have a fire department that long ago. Now, they have the same emergency response team that other reservations have.

"About a year-and-a-half ago, the Tribal Council made the decision to provide professional full-time firefighting services on the Big Cypress and Brighton Reservations," Fields said. "Over the last year-and-a-half, we've developed a management team and bought the necessary equipment to provide that service on a 24-hour a day, seven-day a week, 365-day basis so the people in Big Cypress and Brighton could have the same kind of level of fire protection, first-responder, and emergency medical services that any other tribal member has anywhere else."

Armando Negrin, Director of Emergency Services, and Assistant Director of Emergency Services Manuel Diaz presented the new recruits with their badges. Shortly after, firefighters Ira Goodstat and Willie Vasquez presented Chairman Mitchell Cypress with a plaque of recognition on behalf of the entire department.



Shelley Marmor

Chairman Mitchell Cypress holding a plaque presented by Department of Emergency Services, Fire Rescue Division. (L-R) Ira Goodstat, Willie Vasquez, Manuel Diaz, Assistant Director of Emergency Services, and Armando Negrin, Director of Emergency Services look on as Chairman Cypress thanks their department.

"On behalf of the Seminole Tribe, I'd like to go ahead and say that these are the finest gentlemen that you can have... here or anywhere," Cypress said. "Go ahead and shake their hand and talk with them because

your house may be on fire; you never know."

Immediately following, Fields went through the Consent Agenda. The 21 items on

♦ See **COUNCIL**, page 3

Seminole Tribe Makes History With Cultural Exchange Program

By Michael Goodman

BERLIN, GERMANY — The Seminole Tribe of Florida played a lead role in "See Native America-One Nation at a

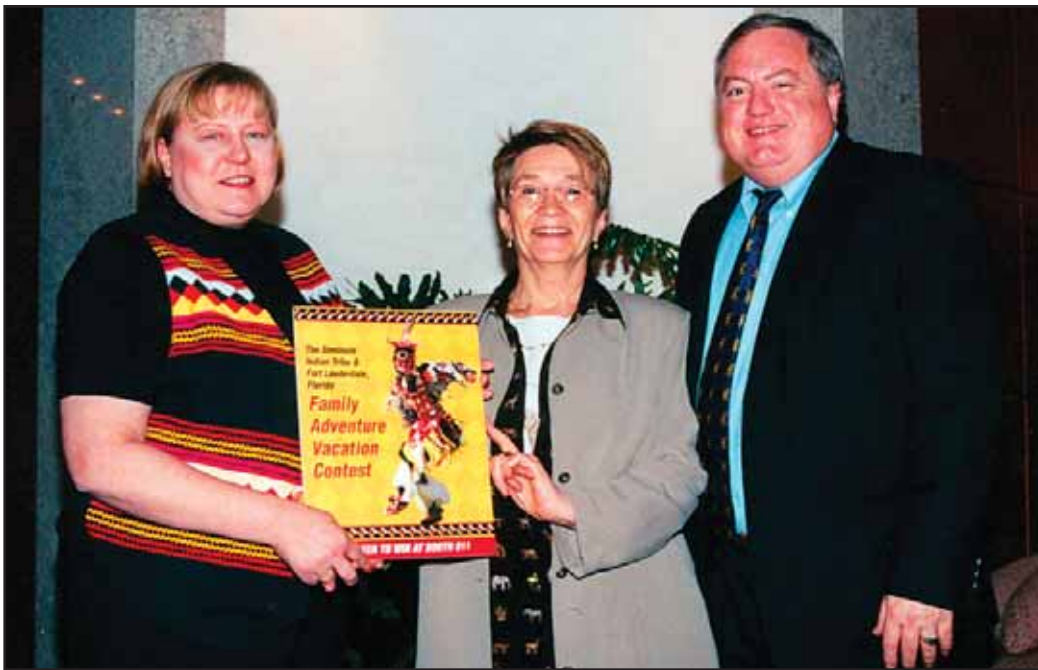
Time," a first ever cultural exchange sponsored by The United States Commercial Service and American Embassy in Berlin, Germany. This historic event educated

German children and their families about Native Americans. It also promoted travel to Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and other tribal nation landmarks during International Travel Borse (ITB), the world's largest annual tourism trade show.

The Seminole Tribe of Florida's stomp dancers, Victor Billie, Lucille Jumper, Scarlett Jumper Young and Herbert Rainey Jim, joined other traditional musicians, singers, dancers and storytellers representing ten Native American nations at the John F. Kennedy School in Berlin. The Kennedy School was chosen as the venue for this very special event because of its mission to embody the finest spirit of international cooperation and teach tolerance and respect for others.

The Cayuse, Umatilla and Walla Walla Tribes of Oregon, Pueblo Picuris, Navajo Nation and the Miccosukee Tribe joined the Seminole Tribe to share centuries of traditions. The program included a tribal flag bearing, storytelling, historic references and a variety of dances. The Seminole Tribe led the other tribal representatives and a majority of the audience in the Friendship Dance. The following day, the groups returned to the school and educated two large audiences about the Seminole Tribe.

"This was truly an enriching



Michael D. Goodman

Lucy Evanicki (left) and Tom Gallaher (right) stand with grand prize vacation package winner Doris Dolgner (center), from Berlin, Germany.

♦ See **GERMANY**, page 5

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Howard Tiger: Who Was This Legendary Seminole Tribal Citizen?

Editor's note: Please see page 12 for the Howard Tiger Memorial Basketball Tournament story.

Information compiled by Kenny Bayon

Life and career highlights:
Howard Tiger was a founding father of the tribe's athletic and social re-structure, and of the modern-day health programs for all Seminole reservations.

Tiger led the forum of Native Village Field Days, which gathered all the tribal citizens on different reservations for a social and athletic event.

He and his wife, Winifred, who still resides in Hollywood, helped start youth sports programs. In a time when the tribe had little to no money, they initiated donation drives for uniforms, equipment and transportation to competitions.

Born: Indian Town, Fla., on August 19, 1925.

Died: In a bulldozer accident on Jan. 15, 1967, while working in the Hollywood's reservation's rich agricultural fields.

School: Attended Cherokee Indian School (Florida, at the time, didn't allow any Native Americans to attend public school) and was part of the first generation of Seminoles to graduate from high school.

Sports: Well-known for his athletic, coaching and organizational abilities. Excelled in baseball, basketball, boxing, football and track, as well as coaching baseball. Later, he led the movement to organize tribal sports. As a prep basketball player, he helped lead his team to the state championships the last year he was at school. He also was a dominant boxer: He was the Brevard County heavyweight boxing champion in 1954, when he won four trophies in three Golden Gloves tournaments.

Howard Tiger was also the first Seminole to enlist in the Marine Corps, as a volunteer in 1944.



High school photo of Howard Tiger in 1942.

Schaghticoke Tribal Nation Acknowledged

WASHINGTON, DC — Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary — Indian Affairs, Aurene Martin, announced her final decision to acknowledge the Schaghticoke Tribal Nation as an Indian Tribe within the meaning of Federal Law on Thursday Jan. 29. The Schaghticoke Tribal Nation, as defined in the Martin's final determination, meets the regulatory requirements for a government-to-government relationship with the U.S.

The Schaghticoke Tribal Nation, has more than 300 members and is located near Kent, Conn., on a reservation established by the Colony of Connecticut in 1737 and confirmed in 1752, a period of 278 years.

The newly acknowledged tribe meets all the mandatory criteria under 25 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 83, the federal acknowledgment regulations. The Schaghticoke Tribal Nation has demonstrated continuous existence as an Indian tribe and a notice of the decision will be published in the Federal Register.

This decision is issued under a court approved negotiated agreement which supercedes certain provisions of the federal acknowledgment regulations. Several lawsuits concerning the Schaghticoke Tribal Nation are pending. The Schaghticoke Tribal Nation filed two lawsuits under the Non-Intercourse Act. A third lawsuit filed by the U.S. seeks to condemn certain lands on the Schaghticoke Reservation, under eminent domain, to become part of the Appalachian Trail. All three lawsuits involve the question of whether the Schaghticoke Tribal Nation is an Indian tribe under Federal law.

The State of Connecticut, through the Offices of the Governor and Attorney General, the Connecticut Light & Power

Company, Kent School Corporation, the Town of Kent, and the Housatonic Valley Coalition consisting of the City of Danbury and the Towns of Bethel, Brookfield, New Fairfield, Newtown, and Ridgefield, Conn., and others have participated in the administrative process before the Department of the Interior.

The Schaghticoke Tribal Nation evolved from the Weantinock and Potatuck tribes that existed at the time of the first sustained contact of the Indians of northwestern Connecticut with non-Indian settlers. Connecticut appointed an overseer for the group in 1757 and maintained oversight continuously until the present. The Schaghticoke have been identified as an Indian entity since the early 1740's to the present. The tribe has maintained a community exercising political influence over its members from first sustained contact with non-Indians to the present. Members of the newly acknowledged tribe descend from persons identified by state and federal records as members of the historical Schaghticoke tribe.

The Assistant Secretary — Indian Affairs has responsibility for fulfilling the Interior Department's trust responsibilities and promoting self-determination on behalf of the 562 federally recognized American Indian and Alaska Native tribal governments. The Assistant Secretary also oversees the Bureau of Indian Affairs, an agency with 10,500 employees nationwide, which is responsible for providing services to approximately 1.8 million individual American Indians and Alaska Natives from the federally recognized tribes, and the Office of Federal Acknowledgment, which is responsible for administering the Federal Acknowledgment Process.

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Barbara Dorr

Miss Seminole (right) at Denver's Grand Entry.

Dear Editor,

I live here in Orlando and I attended the Denver March Pow-Wow on March 19-21. I had permission to sit next to the arena during a grand entry. I took a picture of the Seminole Princess and wanted you to see it.

I'm sure you will have other pic-

tures of her, but I wanted you to have mine also. I have other pictures of the Pow-Wow if you would care to see them. It was an incredibly beautiful, large, and enjoyable Pow-Wow.

I met many, many nice people and can't wait to see them again. I have always attended Pow-Wows here in Florida, but ventured out to Denver, Colo. There were 73 drums, 90-plus princesses, and 1,729 dancers, not including the color guards or tiny tots. I have never seen that many Natives in one place before. Imagine how Custer must have felt (haha), except that he was afraid. I was in my element.

I receive *The Seminole Tribune* and enjoy it immensely. There are always happy, good, heartwarming stories in your paper. Have a great day and I would love to visit you and your reservation if you would allow me to.

Thank you,
Barbara Dorr
Domestic Travel Industry Sales & Marketing

Dear Editor,

Thank you for giving our class a tour of the Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki museum. We really enjoyed the movie, learning about how the Seminole Indians used to live off the land, and going on the boardwalk and seeing the Seminole camp.

It was really interesting. The medicinal plants and culture was something we didn't know about before and

thought was neat to learn about. Our gratitude once again.

Sincerely,

Yienajye, Captain Prouty III, Lindsey, Robin, Liz Helaner, Kaila Fong, John, Kenny, Ivina, Evan, Princess Alycia Esq., Evan, Bal.

Dear Editor

Hello there! I am a 4th grade teacher at Palm Beach Public in West Palm Beach, Fla. I am interested in finding out if there is a Seminole Indian that would come to my class to speak about Florida history and the Seminole Indian tribe. Do you have speakers that will go to classrooms?

Thank you for your help in answering this question.

Sincerely,
Bonnie Strohl
Palm Beach Public

Dear Ms. Strohl,

The Seminole Tribe of Florida's Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum does have personnel who can make classroom presentations. However, there is a cost for this service. Please contact Peggy Osceola at the museum's development office on the Hollywood Seminole Reservation for particulars. The phone number is (954) 963-2424.

Sincerely,
David M. Blackard
Museum Director

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Native American Actress and Musician Attends Tribal Fair

By Nery Mejicano

DAVIE, FL — Born in Alaska, Irene Bedard now lives in California with her husband Deni, himself a Grammy-winning musician, and their eight month old baby. She is the daughter of a Canadian Cree Indian father and an Inupiat Eskimo mother.

Bedard is the most talented and prolific Native American actress today. She was the star of the 1998 film, “Smoke Signals,” and she was the voice of Walt Disney’s Pocahontas. Her initial debut as Mary Crow Dog in the movie, “Lakota Woman: Siege at Wounded Knee,” earned her a Golden



Well-known Native American actress Irene Bedard holding her eight-month-old baby.

Globe® award nomination, First American in the Arts award, and the American Film Festival’s best actress award.

Since then, she has appeared in more than 20 films and television series”. Her TV appearances include, Wildflower in 1999, Navajo Blues in 1966, Two for Texas in 1998; her films include, 1994s “Squanto: A Warrior’s Tale” and the one most people have seen, “Smoke Signals.” Bedard has been instrumental in changing the image of how Native Americans have been portrayed by Hollywood. Gone are the images of savages attacking innocent white settlers to be then chased by cowboys and soldiers.

The images that she brings to the silver screen are changing those old stereotypes. Her movie roles demonstrate Bedard’s ability to portray many diverse characters. Most of her roles have been portraying Native women, but she is just as comfortable and natural playing other non-native roles.

In addition to her being a great actress, Bedard is an accomplished musician. During her last visit to Florida, she attended the Seminole Tribal Fair to introduce her first CD, “Irene Bedard and Deni-Warrior of Love” that features original songs by her and her husband Deni. In 1995 Irene was named one of People’s Magazine’s 50 most beautiful people in the world. She is not only revered in America, but is well-known all over the world with many Internet sites devoted to her and her brilliant career.

Bedard is also very much involved in the promotion of Native American causes and is the founder of “Guardians of Sacred Lands,” a group dedicated to educating the public on many important Native American issues. She, along with her family, is presently living in Ojai, a small town north of Los Angeles, and expecting the release of her new movie “Tortilla Flats.”

Afghanistan-Bound Platoon Leader Sergeant Juan Maya Visits Tribe

By Nery Mejicano

TAMPA — Sergeant Juan Maya and his wife, Anika, were guests of Chairman Mitchell Cypress and Big Cypress Council Representative David Cypress at the grand opening of the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino in Tampa. He is presently stationed at the Scofield Base in Hawaii, and will be leaving March 23 on an 18-month tour of Northern Afghanistan.

Maya, 25, from Miami, is the leader of an Anti-Tank Platoon. This platoon will be part of the spring offensive program that will start a new sweep for insurgents and terror leaders in the mountainous area of Afghanistan bordering Pakistan.

His team, the “Wolfhounds” consists of six soldiers who will bring a new weapon system into use. Maya will be keeping *The Seminole Tribune* readers informed of what happens in his platoon, and says he would appreciate letters of support for his soldiers.

Their names and Army Post Office, or APO addresses, will be posted in the *Tribune* once they depart in late-March. He is also asking for your prayers and support for all the other young men and women risking their lives protecting of this country’s liberties.

Maya was recently recognized by the lead singer of Hootie and the Blowfish, Darius Rucker, during their concert at the opening of the Tampa Hard Rock. Maya received a great deal of support and encouragement from the audience.

To contact Sergeant Juan Maya, please write to Maya, Juan D., Aco. 2/27th, TF 2-273 BCT, APO AE 09355-9998.



Chairman Mitchell Cypress (left) with Sergeant Juan Maya, who has been deployed to Afganastan.

Aviation Director Les Howell Retires

By Jamie Restrepo

BIG CYPRESS — Friday March 26 was Les Howell’s last day with the tribe. Howell retired after almost three years of service. During that time

Since 1984, he has been a chief pilot or a director. All this knowledge and experience has benefited the tribe with regard to personnel additions and training.

Three of our Council Members were on-hand to bid a warm farewell to Howell. Chairman Mitchell Cypress, Big Cypress Council Representative David Cypress, and Brighton Council Representative Roger Smith, who were also joined by Howell’s lovely wife, Arlene, his staff, and other employees and friends to share a farewell lunch with him and bid him the best of luck.

As much as he loves to fly the skies, his new life in retirement will not leave him with empty hands. His favorite hobby, outside of flying, is the rebuilding and restoration of vintage muscle cars. This is something he wants to pursue more attentively.

Both he and his wife have prepared themselves for this new stage in their lives. Mrs. Howell expounded on the benefits of spending more quality time with her husband, including being able to do things together, like attending car shows, enjoying their beautiful home in Sarasota, Fla., and just plain enjoying each other’s company.

One thing’s for sure, that seven car detached garage in Howell’s home is fully loaded and ready to go. His beloved hobby will soon get his full attention.

Good luck Les Howell; we will miss you.



(Back, L-R) Clint El-Ramey, David Cypress, Ken Dunn, George Artigas, Billy Parker, Pedro Rodriguez, Chris McGinley. (Front, L-R) Roger Smith, Les Howell, Mitchell Cypress.

he has overseen the expansion and upkeep of the aviation fleet, providing valuable professional expertise and logistical support to the Seminole Tribe.

Prior to heading the Aviation Department, he accumulated 40-plus years of aviation know-how, half of which were with the U.S Army. Howell has flown in quite a few different types of aircrafts, but his favorite flying machine is the Gulfstream Jet.



Shelley Marmor

(L-R, standing) O.B. Osceola Jr., Naples Liaison, Armando Negrin, Director of Emergency Services, Manuel Diaz, Assistant Director of Emergency Services, Roger Smith, Brighton Council Representative, Elaine Aguilar, Immokalee Liaison, Lt. Bryan Stokes, Willie Vasquez, Max Osceola Jr., Hollywood Council Representative, Josh Bauer, David Cypress, Big Cypress Council Representative, Chairman Mitchell Cypress, President Moses Osceola, William Alanez, (L-R, kneeling) Lt. Josh Bauer, William Alanez, Ira Goodstat, George Asencio, David Harris, Ernesto Gutierrez, Gordon Sanders, Chris Campbell, Ricardo Fong, Todd Graham, Hans Melius.

Council

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this agenda are routine in nature, and were all previously discussed by the Tribal Council. All 21 of these items passed unanimously.

This was also the first Tribal Council meeting after splitting the Tribal Secretary/Treasurer position into two distinct positions. New Tribal Treasurer Mike D. Tiger was at the meeting. The council unanimously approved a resolution that will replace former Tribal Secretary/Treasurer Priscilla Sayen’s signature with Tiger’s signature on all tribal financial documents.

The Tribal Council also unanimously approved a resolution that will allow Keith and Schnars, a Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. engineering firm, to begin plans for the road construction that will take place on Snake Road in Big Cypress.

Susie Kippenberger, Director of Utilities, explained the current situation pertaining to the plans for construction on Snake Road. She said that beginning construction on this road has been difficult because the road is on both Seminole and Miccosukee land, and the two sides have not been able to sit down and discuss what should be done to this dangerous road.

David R. Cypress, Big Cypress Council Representative, asked Kippenberger if the construction will begin on the Seminole or Miccosukee side of the road. She said that ideally construction would start on the Miccosukee Reservation and work east toward the Big Cypress Reservation. However, if the two sides can not agree on the construction efforts, the construction will begin on the Seminole side.

Kippenberger estimates that construction will begin in July or August of this year. She said it will take some time to plan and secure the necessary permits to build a shoulder on Snake Road and make other necessary improvements. Cypress said that there will be a Big Cypress community meeting which will alert residents of what exactly they can expect during construction on Snake Road.

Elrod Bowers, Director of Special Events,

Seminole Health Depart Attends Miccosukee Health Fair

By Shelley Marmor

MIAMI, FL — On Wednesday March 24, Shannon McKeown, Health Educator and Jamie Schevis, Medical Social Worker, attended the 24th Annual Miccosukee Health Fair. The two representatives from the Health Department brought a tri-fold display board with them that contained information about health-related issues including diabetes, cancer, sexually transmitted diseases and maternal/child health.

McKeown and Schevis also brought a demonstration with them that showed the functions of a healthy kidney versus a diseased kidney. This demonstration was done with a cooking strainer, red water meant to imitate blood, and small colorful plastic beads.

“This [demonstration] shows how the kidneys function in relation to diabetes,” McKeown said.

Schevis poured the red water and beads into three different strainers. The first strainer strained all the red water, and left behind the beads. This was meant to show how the kidneys filter waste products from the blood, leaving behind only clean blood. The second strainer had large holes cut out in it, which allowed some of the beads to remain in the water after they were poured through the strainer. The final strainer had extremely larger holes and allowed all the beads to remain in the water.

The final strainer demonstrated that without healthy-functioning kidneys, the blood does not get cleansed of waste products. This will, of course, lead to greater health problems.

McKeown said that a high sugar diet is one of the main causes of kidney deterioration. She added that the demonstration, which her boss Connie Whidden, Health Director, came up with, helps people visualize how the kidneys actually work. McKeown said this is a better method than trying to explain kidney functions to people because “most people have no clue” about what the kidneys do.

In addition to the Seminole Tribe’s booth, there were many other health-related booths offering information on a variety of topics. These included back health, massages, women’s, men’s, teen’s, and children’s health, and cholesterol and blood pressure checks.

Co-organizer Alejandra Gonzalez from the Miccosukee Health Department said this was her fifth Miccosukee Health Fair, and added that it was “the best one we’ve ever had.” She estimated that about 200–300 people attended the fair, approximately 100 more than last year.

Gonzalez said all the children from the

presented a resolution to the council, which they unanimously approved, that will formalize a sponsorship agreement between professional billiards player Vivian Villarreal and the tribe. Bowers explained that the tribe has had an informal sponsorship agreement with Villarreal, however, nothing has been put in writing.

On March 10, Villarreal signed this contract with Chairman Mitchell Cypress at the Tampa Hard Rock Hotel & Casino. However, the contract was officially recognized after the Tribal Council approved the resolution at the meeting.

Tribal citizen Julie Driggers asked how this will benefit the tribe. Bowers explained that the tribe will make back the money they invest into Villarreal because essentially the tribe is paying for the use of her name. In this contract, Villarreal will have to adhere to provisions including wearing the Seminole Tribe of Florida’s logo at various functions, and attending tribal events.

“It’s just another form of billboard,” explained Representative Cypress. “It’s another form of marketing.”

After all the items on the agenda had been covered, Jim Allen, CEO of Gaming for the tribe, gave the attendees an update on the status of the Tampa Hard Rock Hotel & Casino and the nearly-complete Hollywood Hard Rock Hotel & Casino. Allen said the Tampa opening was his fourteenth career hotel grand opening, and called this one “pretty smooth.” He added that the Tampa Hard Rock Hotel was completely booked for the weekend of March 20–21, just as it had been the previous opening weekend.

Allen estimated the Hollywood Hard Rock Hotel & Casino will have its opening between April 29 and May 6.

“We are on schedule within a few days,” Allen said.

He said that the Hollywood hotel will have two times as many rooms as the Tampa Hard Rock Hotel, and because of this, tribal citizens should not have a problem getting a room for the grand opening ceremonies. He added that legendary Las Vegas entertainer, Wayne Newton, will perform at the opening for tribal members.



Shelley Marmor

Jamie Schevis, a Medical Social Worker for the tribe, demonstrates how the kidneys function using a cooking strainer, red water meant to imitate blood, and small colorful plastic beads.

Cheerleaders, Hennely Jimenez and Kim Mitchell, attended the health fair along with Shawn Wooden, the Miami Dolphins’ veteran safety. According to Gonzalez, this is the third year a member of the Miami Dolphins has attended.

“The Dolphins are very supportive,” said co-organizer and Health Educator Lea Osceola.

Osceola, who will be a co-organizer again next year, said that she hopes to improve the fair by getting the community more involved and possibly adding guest speakers. This was Osceola’s first year as a co-organizer, but she said she was pleased with the turnout.

Sign Up for First Annual Women’s Weekend Wellness Conference

The Seminole Tribe of Florida presents the First Annual Women’s Weekend Wellness Conference; the theme is Total Wellness. Female Seminole tribal citizens, limited to 100 participants, may attend this event, which will take place at Don Shula’s Hotel & Golf Club on Memorial Day weekend, May 28–31. Applications are available at

Hollywood, Big Cypress, Brighton and Immokalee Family Services. Please mail your application to 3006 Josie Billie Avenue, Hollywood, FL. 33024, or fax at (954) 967-5182. The deadline is May 7 at 5 p.m.

Facial/massage starting at 1 p.m. on the 28th; call Yvonne Courtney at (954) 964-6338, Ext. 116, for an appointment.

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End User Computer Training Begins in May

By Laura Piccolo, Change Management Project Manager
HOLLYWOOD — Beyond the “paperless” advantages of implementing new technology, are the benefits achieved for the individual and the organization during the training process. For example, a major benefit achieved for the individual is an increase in their skills set. For the organization, investments made in training are returned two fold in efficiency. Prior to training employees on the new system, is the need to provide basic Personal Computer (PC) skills training. When end user training begins for the new system in May, it will be easier for the individual if they already know how to use the PC. That way, they can then concentrate on just learning the new system. Future opportunities for basic PC skills training will be available for all employees once we have completed this first phase for the end users.

The PC skills training have been custom designed specifically for us at the Seminole Tribe of Florida. It will help the employee with their understanding of how to use their computer for many different applications, besides helping them with their job responsibilities.

The courseware was designed with the individual and the tribe in mind, that is, it needed to be comprehensive, customized, and convenient. The normal five day course was condensed into two, by utilizing only those topics that were absolutely necessary and would enable the employee to be ready to use a PC for basic usage of Windows, Microsoft Word, the Internet, Microsoft Outlook, to check e-mail, and Microsoft Excel.

In addition to the PC skills training that is provided by Jason Thomas in Brighton and Richard Hendricks in Big Cypress, the tribe’s Change Management Project Manager, Laura Piccolo, has obtained the services of New Horizons Computer Learning Center, Inc. for the instructor-led PC Skills classes in Hollywood. The tribe’s Information Systems Department has turned the old TPA building (where Risk Management use to be located) in Hollywood, into a high tech learning center complete with flat screen monitors in a class room setting. Additional classes are also being provided for other locations to accommodate the needs of remote trainees.

The class schedule runs from now until the end of April. The total course is two days. Day one’s topics are: Computers made Easy, Windows, Intro to the Web, and How to use Microsoft Word. Day two’s topics are: How to use Microsoft Outlook (sending/receiving email and documents, managing the calendar/appointments/meetings/invitations) and How to use Microsoft Excel.

Some individuals started out only wanting to attend a half day session, but then decided to attend more in order to confirm their present level of understanding. Additionally, some students were surprised to learn more advanced skills in a basic course! Class schedules are flexible and the feedback has been so positive that the next two class sessions scheduled are already full. However, more classes are available.

If you are going to be an end user of the new system, and want to sign up for basic PC skills training, contact Laura Piccolo at (954) 966-6300, Ext. 1245.

Hearing Addressed Subprime and Predatory Lending

Native Americans are being overlooked

Submitted by the National American Indian Housing Council
WASHINGTON, DC — The subcommittee on Housing and Community Organizing and the Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a joint hearing Tuesday March 30 on “Subprime Lending: Defining the Market and Its Customers.” Subcommittee members listened to leaders from various walks of life testify on the advantages and disadvantages of subprime lending. However, the voice of Indian Country was missing, according to the National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC).

“Policy makers should be aware that predatory lending is a major issue for the Native community,” said NAIHC Chairman Russell Sossamon. “We are still trying to inform members of the mortgage industry, federal agencies and housing organizations how important it is to make anti-predatory lending a priority. With this being an election year, we need someone to stand up for the victims of these unfair and abusive lenders. We need someone to recognize that there are real people—of different levels and backgrounds—who are in need of adequate legislation in order to reduce the number of predatory lending victims.”

In a 2003 survey of tribes and tribal housing entities, NAIHC learned that 52.9 percent of survey respondents believed that lenders discriminated based

on race and identified predatory lending in their tribal area as a serious concern. The survey was conducted in partnership with the National Community Reinvestment Center (NCRC).

In the nation as a whole, subprime and manufactured home lenders made 19.5 percent of all the conventional home purchase loans to Native Americans in 2001, compared to only 9.6 percent of the loans to whites. While subprime loans may be a viable option for brokers lacking credit or with credit problems, they tend to be given to low-income and minority groups across the nation. Subprime loans, or loans that may have high interest rates and fees, often are predatory loans. Predatory loans typically have high interest rates and fees, plus abusive terms, sometimes resulting in foreclosure or bankruptcy.

In the survey, the most frequently-cited predatory lending practices included abusive loans for purchases of manufactured loans, 48.6 percent, and for first-time homebuyers, 35 percent.

“We have too many of our Native people being targeted for abusive and expensive mortgage loans. That is why NAIHC has embarked on two major initiatives, one to expand homebuyer education in Indian Country and one is a \$10 million campaign to boost Native homeownership and development,” said NAIHC Director Gary L. Gordon. “The severity of challenges facing the Native

community is nothing short of appalling, and we cannot have any more obstacles in the way of Native homebuyers, many of whom are first-time purchasers waiting for a chance to better their living conditions.”

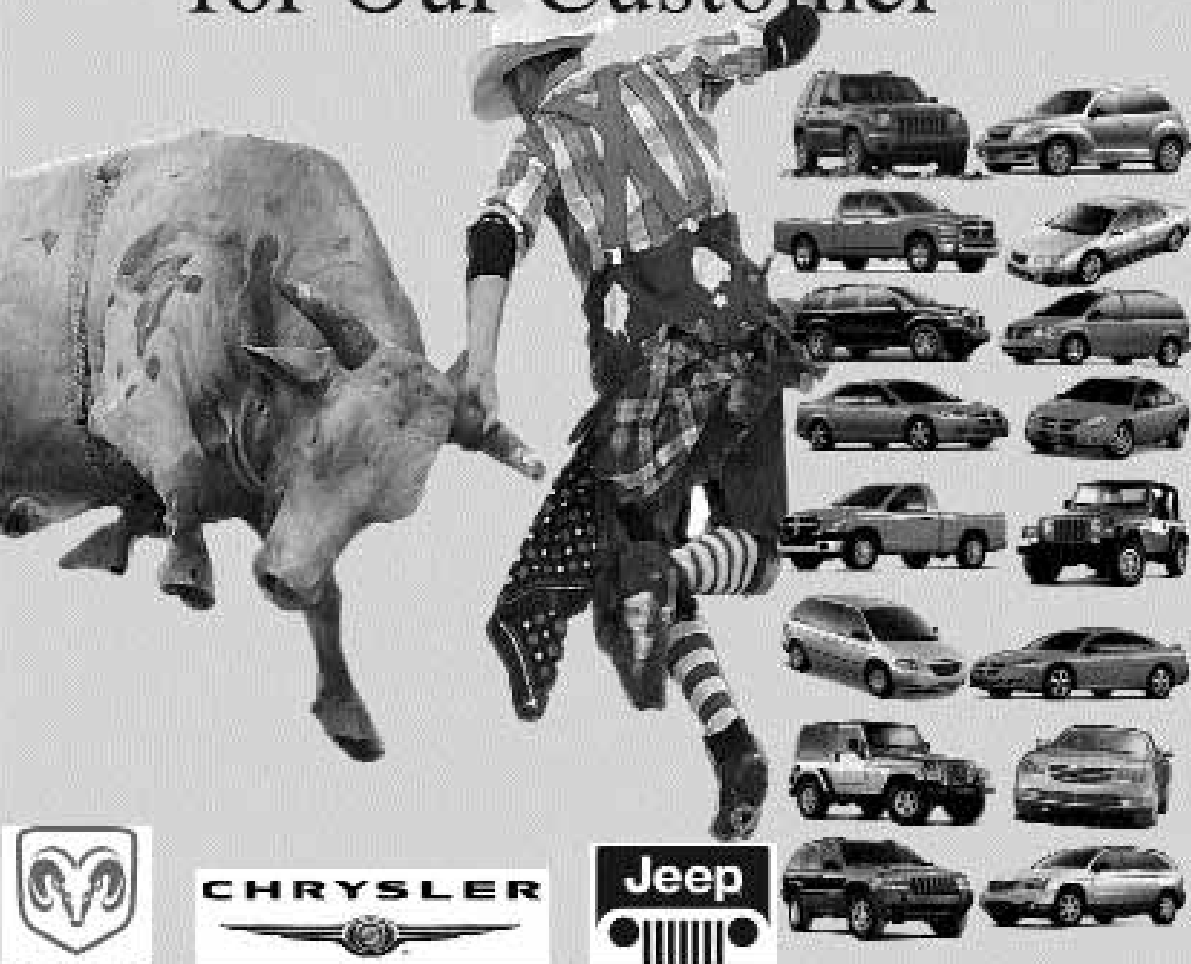
NCRC also devised a model anti-predatory lending bill to provide tribes with the means to prevent predatory lending practices throughout their communities. So far, the Navajo Nation Tribe of Michigan and the Navajo Nation have passed anti-predatory lending legislation.

“NAIHC will continue working with congress and any financial regulatory body to devise solutions to this problem and to ensure that these lenders are punished,” said Sossamon.

NAIHC did not have any part of the hearing, although it was held in time for Fair Housing Month, which is April.

Offering homebuyers education and financial literacy opportunities is one way to fight predatory lending, according to mortgage industry experts. For 30 years NAIHC has helped tribal housing authorities meet the needs of their tribal members, offering on-site trainings, technical assistance and research on Native housing issues. NAIHC also offers culturally relevant homebuyer education for its members to use on their reservations. For a copy of NAIHC/NCRC report on predatory lending, please visit www.naihc.org.

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Partners for the Native American Cultural Exchange Program: (L-R) Lucy Evanicki, Lucille Jumper, Bobbie Connor, Herbert Jim, Scarlett Jumper Young, Tom Gallaher, Michelle Liberty, Gosia Cups, Lee Tiger and Dawn Madahbee.

Germany

Continued from page 1

experience for all of us,” said Tom Gallaher, Director of Development and Promotions for the Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum. “The German families embraced us all as we colorfully demonstrated tribal diversity in Native American cultures.”

In addition to the well-received cultural exchange events, the Seminole Tribe was very visible during ITB. For three consecutive days, consumers had the opportunity to see Seminole dance performances in the See America Pavilion and to register to win a family vacation package.

More than 5,000 people visited the Seminole Tribe’s booth and registered to win a Seminole Tribe of Florida/Fort Lauderdale Family Vacation. This vacation package included a roundtrip airfare for a family of four to Fort Lauderdale compliments of Delta Airlines, 5-night stay at the Hollywood Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino, two-day/one-night stay at Billie Swamp Safari with passes to enjoy all tours, rides and shows,



Michael D. Goodman

Seminole stomp dancers and Tom Gallaher present Principal Chris Hanna (center) with a Seminole patchwork jacket at the John F. Kennedy School in Berlin, Germany.

Rock Hotel.”

Spree Radio 105.5, a popular radio station in Berlin, included the Seminole Tribe as part of a live radio show broadcast from ITB for three consecutive days. One week prior, the radio station broadcasted a special feature about the Seminole Tribe’s Everglades Experience as part of a Fort Lauderdale vacation. Also, colorful banners and posters throughout the halls of ITB and the cover and lead story of Florida Sun Magazine magnified the Seminole Tribe’s visibility at the world’s largest travel show.

“The Seminole Tribe of Florida has worked hard to preserve the natural environment and as a result, the wonders of the Florida Everglades. The Seminole culture continues to bring joy to visitors from around the world,”

said Evanicki.



Tom Gallaher

Stomp dance leader Victor Billie (left), along with Herbert Jim (center) and Scarlett Jumper Young (right), lead students in a Friendship Dance throughout the auditorium at the John F. Kennedy School.

including the Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum, \$1,000 Sawgrass Mills Mall shopping certificate, world famous Mai Kai dinner and show and complimentary car rental from Dollar Rent-A-Car. Doris Dolgner of Berlin was randomly selected as the winner of the contest.

“Knowing that the German market is one of the leading international visitors to Billie Swamp Safari and the museum, I was able to partner with the Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention & Visitors Bureau and other tourism partners for a very successful promotion,” said Lucy Evanicki, Marketing Director for Billie Swamp Safari. “Developing promotions like this one to reach out to potential visitors will continue to increase traf-



Tom Gallaher

A cameraman gets a close shot at the beginning of a Friendship Dance led by Victor Billie (center) at the ITB tourism show.



Tom Gallaher

(L-R) Michael Goodman of Bitner Goodman, Scarlett Jumper Young, and Marketing Director Lucy Evanicki hand out a few of the 4,000 goody bags that were given out.

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Temporary Detour of Turner Road and Closure of Monument Lake Campground

Submitted by the National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior
The entrance to the Turner River Road, County Road (CR) 839, off US 41, the Tamiami Trail, will be closed due to construction from April 4-11. Access for residents and other travelers in the area will be maintained via a detour that will be routed to Birdon Road, CR 841, and Upper Wagonwheel Road, CR 837.
Monument Lake Campground, located on US 41, 15-miles east of the Turner River Road, will be closed from April 12-19. During this closure, visitors to the area may find other camping opportunities at the Midway Campground, located on US 41, eight

miles east of Monument Lake, or at a privately owned campgrounds within Ochopee, Everglades City and Chokoloskee.
Closures may extend beyond the anticipated date due to unforeseen challenges of construction.
The detour and closure will allow for contractors to complete elements of the Tamiami Trail Scenic Highway improvements within the Big Cypress National Preserve. These projects, along with others currently underway within the preserve, will improve facilities in the area. Other projects currently under construction include boardwalks, canoe launches and picnic areas.

Miccosukee's Everglades Music & Crafts Festival

Submitted by Lee Tiger, Miccosukee Tribe of Indians
The Miccosukee Tribe will host the 29th Annual Everglades Music & Crafts Festival on Saturday April 17. This annual American Indian benefit helps the tribe raise funds for Miccosukee educational programs. The festival runs from 9:30 a.m. until 6 p.m.; however, gates close at 5 p.m.
This benefit celebrates South Florida's magnificent melting pot by blending American Indian culture with many ethnic communities of South Florida for a day of fun for the entire family in the Everglades.
The musical entertainment will be continuous throughout, along with a vast collection of arts, crafts, fashion and food. See the Miccosukees' famous Indian alligator wrestling and much more. Airboat rides are also available for an additional cost. No pets or alcoholic beverages, please.
Festivities will take place at the Miccosukee Indian Village, located in the everglades, approximately 25 miles west of Miami on the Tamiami Trail (US Hwy 41/8th St) and 70 miles southeast of Naples. For more information, please call Deborah Tiger at (305) 223-8380.
Here is a list of the events: 11 a.m. Let it Be, a Beatle Tribute band, 1:30 p.m. Miccosukee Indian Fashion Show, 2:30 p.m. World Classic Rockers, classic rock all-star band featuring former members of Steppenwolf, Journey, Lynyrd Skynyrd and Toto, 4:30 p.m. Johnny Winter Band featuring James Montgomery.
Admission is \$15 for adults, \$7 for children 7-12 years old, children 6 and younger are free.

Social Security Can Be Financially Critical for Widows

The Basics of Social Security Survivors Benefits

By Ginny Jordan, Public Affairs Specialist, Social Security Administration
Oftentimes government statistics can simply bore you; but there are some statistics that may surprise you. Here is one example: The Administration on Aging reported that in 2001 there were more than four times as many widows as widowers. And, perhaps even more surprising, the statistics show that almost half of all older women are widows.
As a Social Security manager, those statistics remind me why it is vitally important for all women to understand at least the basics of the Social Security survivor's insurance program.
Here are four of the most important facts about Social Security survivors insurance that every woman should know:
If your husband dies and you are age 60 or older, you can receive widow's benefits. If you are disabled, you can get widow's benefits as early as age 50. The amount of your monthly payment will depend on how old you are and on how much your deceased husband would have been entitled to, or was receiving, when he died.

If you re-marry before reaching age 60, you cannot receive widow's benefits based on your late husband's earnings record as long as that marriage remains in effect.
If you remarry after age 60, you will continue to receive benefits on your deceased husband's Social Security record. However, if your current husband is a Social Security beneficiary, you may want to apply for a wife's benefit on his record if it would be larger than your widow's benefit. You cannot get both.
If you are a widow with children, you may be eligible for a widow's benefit at any age when you are caring for a child who is under age 16 or who is disabled and entitled to benefits. Unmarried children may receive survivor's benefits on your husband's record until they are age 18, or until 19 if they go to school full time. If your child's nineteenth birthday occurs during a school term, benefits will usually continue until completion of the term, or for two months following the nineteenth birthday, whichever comes first. Also, benefits to your children will continue as long as they are eligible, even if you re-marry.
For more information about Social Security survivors benefits, visit www.socialsecurity.gov/women/ or call our toll free number, 1-800-772-1213, and ask for the booklet, "Social Security: What Every Woman Should Know."

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Charles Hiers Billie Attends Sixth Annual Pioneer Dinner

Billie's Volunteer Work Highlighted at Old Davie School

By Michael Kelly
DAVIE, FL — On March 6, the Davie Historic Society held their Sixth Annual Pioneer Dinner, honoring founding pioneer families the Hills, the Carsons, and the Stirlings. Also honored were the many volunteers who give their time at the Old Davie School, including tribal citizen Charles Hiers Billie.

Held at the Old Davie School Historical Museum, the 200-plus attendees watched a presentation featuring the honored families. Also attending the event were Geneva Shore, Lottie Coody, and Clarence Harrell. All three lent their support to Billie, who is committed in preserving the culture of the Seminole Tribe of Florida.



(L-R) Geneva Shore, Charles Hiers Billie, Lottie Coody, and Clarence Harrell at the Sixth Annual Pioneer Dinner.

"It feels good working with the Davie community," said Billie. "They're close-knit just like the tribe."

The Davie Historical Society greatly appreciates Billie, who's continued support helps make the Old Davie School a special landmark here in South Florida.

"He [Billie] deeply cares about the history of his people and the history of South Florida," said Barbara McCall, Secretary of the Davie Historical Society.

Constance Savory, Executive Director of the Davie School Foundation is thrilled that Billie is able to give his free time at the Davie School, teaching the children and educating the community.

"It's the shared history that binds the community together, teaching the next generation the importance of family and friends," said Savory.

Billie will be on hand at the Old Davie School on April 20, 21, and 23 from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The Sawgrass Elementary School is scheduled to visit, and will no doubt have lots of questions about Seminole Indians.

For tribal citizens interested in volunteering at the Old Davie School, please contact the school at (954) 797-1044.



Charles Hiers Billie stands next to the Seminole exhibit at the Old Davie School Historical Museum.



Wyatt Webb looks on as a student examines a horseshoe.

Equine Specialist Wyatt Webb Holds Seminar

By Billie Napper, Counselor
IMMOKALEE — The Family Services Department hosted four days of equine therapy with Wyatt Webb. The sessions ran from March 22-25 at the Chickee Village near the Rodeo Arena in Immokalee.

"It's not about the horse," Webb said. "It's about facing your own fear and self doubt."

He says that people tend to develop a relationship with the horse using the same pattern and style they use when developing relationships with the significant people in their lives.

Webb is the founder and leader of the Equine Experience at Miraval Life in Balance in Tucson, Ariz. Webb has become one of the most sought after therapists in the country. He brings a unique blend of horse-sense and therapy. He tends to focus on how we can change our lives in order to be healthier and happier.

Some people think of the 2000 movie "28 Days" when they think of equine therapy or horse therapy. In the movie, Sandra Bullock's character has to learn to relate to the horse so she can improve the relationships in her life. Webb is much more supportive and encouraging than the segment in the movie.

One day of therapy was devoted to the clients and staff of the Miccosukee Treatment Center. Another day was devoted to Seminole tribal citizens who are in recovery. Most of the Family Services staff participated in the therapy.

While being a little skeptical at first, most of the staff is now excited and enthusiastic about the equine experience. Family Services is planning to bring Webb back so that more tribal citizens can participate in this therapy, which allows for healing of old wounds.

Seminole Police Department Crime Statistics

February 2004

Classification of Offenses	Total Number of Offenses	Total Value Property Stolen	Total Arrests	JUVENILES		ADULTS		RACE			
				Male	Female	Male	Female	White	Black	American Indian	Asian
Murder											
Sex Offense	1	0									
Robbery	1	1000				1				1	
Aggravated Battery	5		4			2	2	1		3	
Battery	12		7			3	4	4		3	
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Motor Vehicle Theft	3	9500									

Classification of Offenses	Total Arrests	JUVENILES		ADULTS		RACE			
		Male	Female	Male	Female	White	Black	American Indian	Asian
DUI	2			2		1		1	
Stolen Property									
Weapons Violation	2			1	1	1		1	
Liquor Law Violation									
Miscellaneous	11	1		8	2	5	2	4	
Drugs (Possession / Sale)	12	1		9	2	7		5	

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Drug Type	Amount	Value
Marijuana (grams)	11.65	\$126
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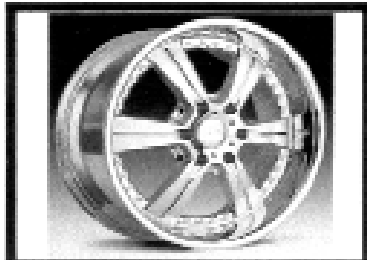
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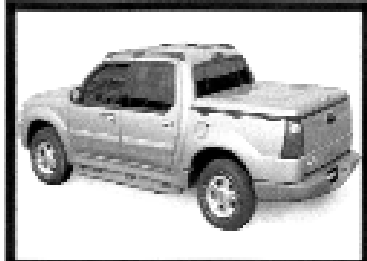
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Education



Emma Brown
Kim Arledge, 10th grade student from Brighton.



Emma Brown
Kari Kroeplin, 12th grade student from Brighton.

Brighton Students Plan for the Future

By Emma Brown
BRIGHTON— Meet Kimberly Arledge. She is the daughter of Shane and Arica Buck of Brighton, Fla. Kimberly is in the 10th grade at Okeechobee High School. She enjoys riding her four-wheeler in her spare time, and loves to chat on the phone with her friends.

After graduating, Arledge would like to attend college and major in cosmetology. She really enjoys practicing the art of cosmetology on her friends and family by styling their hair and manicuring and painting nails.

When Arledge was asked what advice she would offer to young Seminole students, she said, “Be very organized and keep your grades up and always hold your head high.”

Meet Kari Kroeplin. She is the daughter of

Rodney and Lisa Osceola of Brighton, Fla. Kroeplin is in the 12th grade at Okeechobee High School. Her favorite hobby is spending time with horses and participating in the sport of rodeo.

Kroeplin would like to attend college to earn a degree in accounting. She said she loves numbers, and working with them is something she has always enjoyed. It is Kroeplin’s dream to someday have an established family of her own and great job she can be proud of.

“Your freshman year is when it all starts, don’t mess up,” Kroeplin advised to other Seminole students.

She is very proud of her family, and contributes all of her inspiration and positive influence to the support and love that they have always given her.

Hollywood Preschoolers Learn About St. Patrick's Day

By Michael Kelly
HOLLYWOOD — On March 17, the Hollywood preschoolers were treated to a St. Patrick’s Day celebration, complete with stories, a game of hot potato, and even dancing the Irish jig, or something close to it.

Thommy Doud, Disability Services Coordinator with the Hollywood Preschool Department, read stories about St. Patrick’s Day, including “Hooray for St. Patrick’s Day” and “Jack and the Leprechaun.” All the children wore white t-shirts, which they painted in different shades of green.

Doud, who is Irish, enjoyed telling the young children about the legend of St. Patrick, and how he chased all the snakes out of Ireland. He asked the children if they knew what happens if you catch a leprechaun.

“You get a pot of gold,” Doud exclaimed in his best Irish accent.

There was even a pot of gold-wrapped candy treats for the children.

After listening intently to the stories, all the children danced to traditional Irish music. After getting a wee bit tired, everyone sat down and formed a



Michael Kelly
Tommy Doud demonstrates the Irish Jig at the DSO Library.

circle. There, the children passed around a “hot potato” as the music played. When the music stopped, whoever was holding the potato received a big laugh from everyone else.

Yudit Lam, Head Librarian at the Dorothy Scott Osceola (DSO) Library had asked Doud if he would like to read stories to the children for St. Patrick’s Day.

“He thought it was a great idea,” said Lam.

Lam’s goal is to also educate children about the different types of holidays celebrated around the world. A display in front of the library contained information about the history of Ireland.

“It’s important for the children to learn something about each holiday,” said Lam.

The next big event at the DSO Library is Easter. The library is planning some arts and crafts and a treasure hunt.

To find out what’s happening at the DSO Library, please call (954) 989-6840, Ext. 1225.



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Tommy Doud reads St. Patrick’s Day stories to the preschoolers.

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Education Attends NIEA Legislative Summit

By Emma Brown
WASHINGTON, DC — The 8th Annual National Indian Education Association (NIEA) Legislative Summit was held from March 21–23 at the Wyndam City Center in Washington, DC. Cindy Hughes, Assistant Director and Emma Brown, Brighton Education Advisor attended the summit on behalf of the Seminole Tribe of Florida’s Education Department.

There were representatives from Native American, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian Tribes in attendance. During the summit, attendees were updated on current legislation for Indian education, as well as, other education-related legislation that impacts Indian country. Some of the topics discussed at the Summit included Head Start, Impact Aid, Higher Education, Bureau of Indian Affairs appropriations, Office of Indian Education appropriations, Special Education Issues, No Child Left Behind, and much more.

There are many issues that were identified by attendees of the conference that pose a direct impact on tribal education programs. Some of the major items discussed by tribal participants were their concerns for school construction, which had a \$66 million decrease in the president’s Fiscal Year 2005 budget, and a \$6 million slash for Indian Education Facilities Improvement and Repair. These cuts will have a major impact for Tribal Educating facilities around the country, and were said to be an “unconscionable decision” by NIEA president Cindy La Marr since the backlog of critical repair needs is well known.

The administration and transportation budgets for many of these tribes will be directly affected

as funds will have to be pulled from these budgets to supplement the current decrease in school construction and repairs. This is just a couple of major issues that tribes are facing in this year’s presidential budget.

Attendees spent a significant amount of time meeting with members of congress and their staff on Capitol Hill. One of the most significant measures NIEA attorneys taught attendees before their meeting with congressional representatives was that the use of real-life stories. NIEA lawyers said this was the best strategy because these stories help to enhance arguments and points that need to be heard.

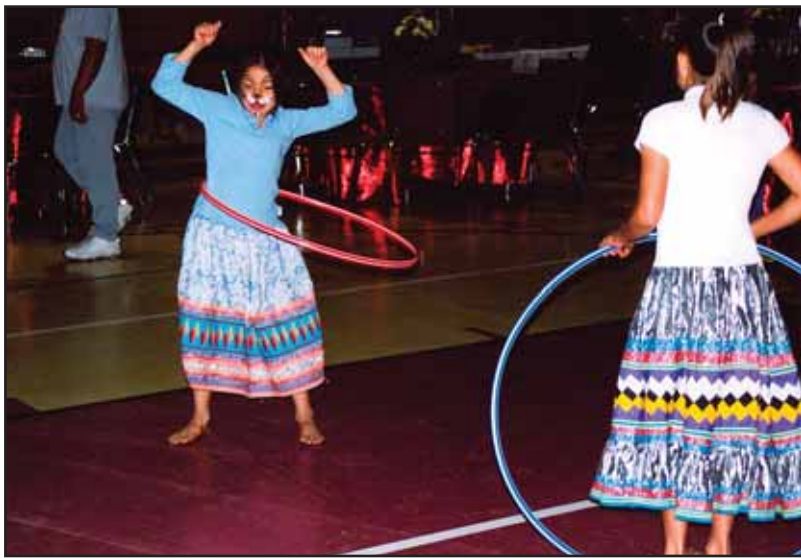
After meeting many of the attendees from different tribes, I knew that the sharing of real-life stories was undoubtedly the very best tool that could be used and would definitely be of great impact to those members of congress that would hear them. The Seminole Tribe’s Education Department made some very important and lasting friendships with members from other tribes, and was able to bare witness to the financial struggles that many tribes face and that will directly impact Native American youth and their learning environment.

I feel very fortunate to be part of the Seminole Tribe and encourage every tribal citizen to look around at all of the economical advances that the Seminoles have been able to achieve and continue to strive to ensure a positive, constructive future for our children. We should never take for granted the good fortunes that have been bestowed upon our tribe by the hard work and effort of our people and move into the future remembering that what we have today may not be what we have tomorrow.

Ahfachkee School Catches Spring Fever



Iretta Tiger
Ahfachkee students were limbo pros.



Iretta Tiger
Hooping it up at the Spring Festival.

By Iretta Tiger
BIG CYPRESS — The Herman L. Osceola Gym was decorated with lights, balloons, and beautifully set tables. There was even a little dance floor and a DJ. On March 11, the Big Cypress community came out to celebrate the Ahfachkee School’s Spring Festival.

Several classes had booths displaying their various projects. The exhibits included chickee models, bead work, and display boards narrating a Feb. 2 trip to Washington, DC. There was also face painting and a photographer taking portraits.

Everyone enjoyed themselves as the children hula hooped, played limbo, and danced both the Electric Slide and the Cha Cha. Most adults were shy about dancing but a couple of teachers decided to let loose on the dance floor. Even the caterers couldn’t resist dancing while they worked.

The limbo was particularly interesting. Everyone had their own method of going under the bar. The older kids, who are usually too cool for this, also participated. One guy had a little help with his skateboard.

The evening ended with a train working its way around the gym and the kids dancing into the night.

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Family Services

The Family Disease

By Mary Olitzky, Family Services Counselor

The best way to discuss alcoholism and the family is to relate the experiences of many families I have worked with. In these families, they never talked about problems with alcohol, hoping the problems would disappear. Counselors call this the “elephant in the living room” that everyone walks around, but never talks about.

Growing up in a family with alcoholism, many of them eventually married an alcoholic. Some of them found their way into Al-Anon. This is a group to help family members of alcoholics. They found this group very helpful in dealing with their own thoughts and feelings about alcoholism.

They learned some really important things in Al-Anon that they still use in their daily lives.

The following is a list of Do’s and Don’ts for anyone dealing with an alcoholic or drug addict in your family: DO take some time out to rest. DON’T stay on the merry-go-round.

DO find support in Al-Anon, or with a support group or counselor. DON’T let fear or distrust keep you from getting help. DO realize you did not cause anyone to use drugs or alcohol. DON’T blame yourself or feel guilty. DO get information about chemical dependency and family life. DON’T worry that you lack information. DO make an emergency plan. DON’T sit and wait for the other shoe to fall. DO learn to be more compassionate as we “let go”. DON’T bicker and nag and complain. DO live to learn one day at a time, depending on a Higher Power. DON’T ever give up hope.

If you need help for dealing with alcoholism or drug addiction in your family, call Family Services Department. Remember, you can change your life, even if the other person does not want to change.

The Substance Abuse Crisis

By Tony Bullington, Site Supervisor

Substance abuse has become a problem of epidemic proportion. It affects every race, culture, age group and social standing. It is a very serious issue for all Native Americans and the Seminole Tribe. The latest statistics are startling, particularly those gathered regarding Native American youth.

The average age nationwide among all races for initial substance experimentation is 12-years-old. Fifty percent of Caucasian, Hispanic and African American 12-year-olds have reportedly consumed alcohol or other drugs. The percentage of Native American teens is more than 80 percent, nearly double the national average. The same is true of the statistics for alcohol related deaths, with Native Americans scoring nearly double the national average.

This crisis is known all to well in Seminole Country. The loss of loved ones, criminal charges and family problems are daily reminders of the problem. Why does this happen? Who’s to blame? What can be done? These are all questions that arise frequently in the minds of many.

When we begin to try to answer

these questions or address the issues, we must remember that this is a complex problem. It will take some honest dialogue and discussion throughout all levels of the tribe and a multifaceted approach to turn things around from their present course.

In a recent *Tribune* article, Sydney Gore, a twenty-plus year addict stated that the answer is not primarily sending people to treatment centers. He said that the change has to come from within, that people have to decide that they want to change, to leave drugs and alcohol behind. As a supervisor for the Family Services Department, I agree with Gore.

I have been an alcoholic and have worked with people with addiction problems for the past twenty years. Change came for me and hundreds of others I have worked with when we “became sick and tired of being sick and tired” and decided to change. It took the support of family and reaching out to God, but the change began with the decision to change.

Gore also said that people need to change their associations and find something better to live for. He has been actively involved in talking to school age children,

encouraging them to make better choices than he did at their age. He also keeps himself busy with work, rodeo and by staying active in the recovery community. I have seen this personally in hundreds of people’s lives, including my own. People that find meaning, purpose and even mission in their lives are the most likely to leave addiction behind for good and become successful, productive people.

Prevention is important, and presently the Family Services Department is pursuing and developing prevention programs to help address the issues. Family intervention and participation in treatment is another area that could yield a tremendous impact in the lives of addicts. Communication, cooperation and united efforts need to be coordinated throughout the entire Tribe.

In this process, we must remember: this is not the problems of one person, one family or one department. It is the problem we must all face together and face in the spirit of the words on one of my favorite tribal T-shirts: “We fought too long to die by our own hands. Remain unconquered. Choose life.”

Dealing With the Reality of the Addiction Problem

By Eric Bricker, Addiction Program Manager

The horrors of addiction on the reservations seem to be well-known to us all. It appears that most of the tribal citizens who I have met have been affected in some way by this issue, regardless of whether the addicted person is a family member or a close friend. When the subject is raised, people seem to feel frustrated and sad. In many cases, people are still grieving about recent losses related to addiction problems.

The problem of substance abuse among Native Americans is well documented by national organizations such as the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Association. In their February 2002 report, it was noted that there had been an 11 percent increase in the number of Native Americans admitted to substance abuse treatment centers

between 1994 and 1999. The report included a staggering increase in Native Americans seeking help for dependence on street drugs such as crack cocaine; 9,000 in 1994 verses 16,000 in 1999.

Perhaps the most alarming statistic however, is the one that suggests how addiction may be affecting the tribe’s young people. Household Survey on Drug Abuse reports that Native American children ages 12–17 are almost twice as likely to abuse drugs as children from any other racial or ethnic group.

What we are dealing with here would be described by many as an epidemic. This is the type of problem cannot be solved by a handful of dedicated professionals and treatment centers alone. This is the type of problem that needs to be embraced by an entire community that is ready to find a way past the anger and into the solution.

Family Intervention: The Marchman Act

By Tony Bullington, Site Supervisor

One of the most frustrating things is watching a family member or friend struggling in the bondage of drug or alcohol abuse. Addicts and alcoholics have an entrenched system of defense mechanisms that insulate them from efforts to help.

Many substance abusers will continue their addictions for years until they become involved with law enforcement or develop health problems. Concerned family members, friends or professionals also have another means at their disposal to assist the addict out of the “downward spiral.”

The Marchman Act, Florida Statute 397.675, is for the involuntary evaluation and treatment of a person if there is a good faith reason to believe the person is substance impaired. A Marchman Act can be filed at any local courthouse by a blood relative, a spouse

or three unrelated people who have observed the behavior. It can also be filed by physicians, law enforcement or other professionals who have observed the behavior.

To file a Marchman Act you will need to present a picture form of identification at the local courthouse. You will be sworn in and given a Petition for Involuntary Assessment, Stabilization and Treatment form to be filled out for the Marchman Act. When you turn in the completed form, it will be presented by a clerk of the court for signature by the judge.

Once the judge signs the order, it will be sent to the sheriff’s office. A local deputy will be sent to locate the person, and if found will be taken to the nearest receiving facility for evaluation. The minimum stay is generally seventy-two hours. A court hearing will be set after the admission for the judge to

Family Services Department Hires Addictions Program Administrator

Submitted by Family Services

On March 8, Eric Bricker joined the Family Services Department to serve the Seminole Tribe in the position of Addictions Program Administrator. Over time, Family Services has come to recognize the necessity of streamlining its policies and methods of helping the tribe deal with its addictions problems. As a result, the Family Services Department created the position of Addictions Program Administrator in order to assist in the development of critical programs needed to address the addictions problems of tribal members.

Bricker is a Florida Licensed Mental Health Counselor and Certified Addictions Professional with more than ten years of addictions treatment experience. In addition, Bricker is an adjunct professor in Florida Atlantic University’s Counselor Education Department, where he works with graduate students who are pursuing a career in the addictions treatment field.

Bricker was interviewed in order to give him an opportunity to explain what he is doing.

Q: Your experience with addiction treatment has been mostly with mainstream population. Do you think those same methods are going to work with tribal members?

A: This is definitely different in

many ways. I think that we are all in an educational process while tribal members basically teach us what is working for them. Our responsibility is to find out what is working and make it available to tribal members that need it.

Q: What have you done so far?

A: I’ve been spending a lot of time in the different facilities where tribal members go for addiction treatment, and interviewing tribal members there to see if the facilities are helping them. If the facility is good, then we will continue to use it. On April 8, we are participating in National Alcoholism Screening Day and offering alcoholism testing to any tribal members that want to discuss whether they may be an alcoholic. We feel that it’s important for us to sponsor these types of events and find ways to reach out to the tribal community whenever we have the chance. We’ve also been working on developing an aftercare program for tribal members coming out of treatment centers. This is a key piece of the puzzle.

Q: What do you mean by aftercare?

A: Aftercare is just what it sounds like. It’s the continuing treatment that a person gets when they complete an inpatient program. What I’ve been hearing a lot about since joining Family Services is that tribal members with addiction problems often do really well in

treatment centers. However, problems start when the person goes back home out of the structured environment of the treatment center. We need to find creative ways to help these people get support when they return home.

Q: Do you think that all of this will make a difference?

A: I honestly do. It will probably be a slow process, but I think things have been changing and improving steadily really for a while before I came on board. I just think it’s a matter of implementing the programs and executing the plans that the people at Family Services have been developing over a long period of time. The problem has been that it requires a full time person to string all of these details together, so that’s why I was hired. I believe in the Seminole people. This is a proud and resilient tribe, and these folks have endured a lot over the years. I am certain that people will mobilize together to take on the addiction crisis that has been affecting so many tribal members, and I am very optimistic. I am also open to receiving feedback from any tribal members that want to talk to me about the addiction problem here. My office is at Family Services in Hollywood, (954) 964-6338. If you don’t want to come to my office, I would be happy to come to you.

Intervention: Taking the Bull By the Horns

By Crissie Carter, Director of Family Services

My dad became sober when I was nine-years-old. After that, it seemed as though somehow our family was regularly involved in interventions. It was not uncommon for my dad to “pour” someone, friend, family, neighbor, stranger—it didn’t matter, into the car and drive them to the local detox center.

As a kid, I wasn’t sure why it happened the way it did, but I knew those who needed the help were not able to do it alone, and I also knew that most times it was the family who had to take the bull by the horns and intervene. As an adult, I now understand that the alcoholic’s defense systems are so rigid that they can rarely be penetrated in a one-on-one situation, and a group of two or three people is best.

The goal of the intervention is to have the alcoholic see and accept enough reality so that, however grudgingly, the need for help can be accepted. I also now know that alcoholism is a progressive illness, meaning that it just gets worse and worse with time. That’s why the earlier the intervention, the less destruction to the alcoholic’s life and body. Early intervention also produces a greater likelihood of recovery.

Here are some of the basic principles of the intervention process:

Meaningful persons, family, friends, employers, must present the facts—the description of physical complications or behavioral patterns indicating the presence of the disease. Groups of two or three people are most effective. Interventions should not be attempted alone.

The facts must be specific descriptions of events which have happened or conditions which exist, such as saying, “I was there when you passed out on the front lawn.” Avoid opinions such as “I think you ought to quit drinking.” Also avoid generalizations such as “I think you drink too much.” These are worse than useless because all they do is to make the person more defensive and make the approach to reality more difficult.

The tone should be one of deep concern, and not judgmental. Say something such as, “We are really worried about what has happened to you and these are the facts available to us which will give you the reasons why we are so concerned.”

The evidence should be tied directly to the drinking whenever possible. “I saw you drink a 12-pack of beer and then drive 80-miles-per-hour down the highway.”

The evidence of behavior should be presented clearly, and in detail, to give the alcoholic person a panoramic view of his or herself during any given period of time. “Your eyes were glazed, you were slurring your words,” or, “You couldn’t walk straight.” Alcoholics are out of touch with reality and therefore do not and cannot have this view because of their delude condition. Home videos, pictures or tapes work well.

Offer available choices, such as, “We are worried sick about you. We want to help. These are the options: a treatment center, a hospital, or AA meetings. Which will you use?” Firmness here is necessary.

The drinkers’ defenses can and very likely will re-group quickly unless it is clear the interveners mean what they say. In fact, at this point, the group should have predicted what will be the alcoholics’ most likely excuses for not accepting the choices being offered and you must be prepared to meet them.

Some examples include: “I can’t go to treatment now because I have to attend my grandson’s graduation;” a possible answer could be: “We’ll video tape the ceremony.”

Another excuse might be: “I have car payments.” A good answer is: “You can pay two months in advance.” When the group is prepared in advance to answer such excuses, the likelihood of the alcoholics accepting treatment is greatly enhanced.

The goal of the counselors with the Family Services Department is to assist those people who can intervene most effectively by helping them through the process of the intervention.



Brighton Family Services

Harold Baxley, Substance Abuse Counselor at the Brighton Sober House.

Family Services

Family Services Visits Georgia Youth Home

By **Tony Roberts**
VIDALIA, GA — On Wednesday March 17, I had the privilege of driving several tribal citizens to Vidalia, Ga. to visit with family members who are currently residents of the Mel Blount Youth Home. Once we arrived on the program grounds, Clint Blount, the Executive Director, and Annie Jackson, the Assistant Director, met the group.



(L-R) Cooeey Frank, Donna Frank and Gary Frank at the Mel Blount Youth Home.



(L-R) Bonnie Motlow and Austina Motlow wait patiently for their food.



(L-R) Donna Frank, Gary Frank, Dr. Stokes and one of her patients from the Mel Blount Youth Home.

On Saturday March 20, we made a short drive to Uvalda, Ga. where a baptismal ceremony was held for 14 residents of the Mel Blount Youth Home. This was a great experience for the residents who were baptized. There were many pictures taken as parents wanted to make sure they were able to capture this special moment. Some of the families took this opportunity to have family counseling with Dr. Stokes, the program's therapist. In the afternoon, everyone headed over to listen to the residents participate in a youth choir engagement. The residents put on a wonderful display of gospel songs. As I looked around the audience, I noticed several tribal citizens with tears in their eyes at the sight of their family member singing. As the group finished their act, they were given a standing ovation. As the final activity of the weekend came to an end, several parents stood up and made speeches about how their child's experience at the Mel Blount Youth Home.

As I have known for a long time, through my own experience as a father, our children will always do better when we are involved. It is the same in school as it is with treatment. It is for this reason, that we at the Family Services Department always encourage loved ones to participate. As I watched the children interact with their parents, I could feel the healing that was taking place, and I will never forget that day.

Huge thanks go out to Clint Blount and his entire staff at the Mel Blount Youth Home.



(L-R) Sally Billie, Dane Billie and Rebecca billie hangin' out in Vidalia, Georgia.



Elizabeth Wolf takes a break from the group during their trip.

Health Corner

New Report: More Deaths Expected From Obesity Than Smoking

By **Shannon McKeown, Hollywood Health Educator**

HOLLYWOOD — Over the next decade, America's unhealthy lifestyle is expected to cause more premature deaths than smoking, according to a new report by the Center for Disease Control (CDC). The CDC reported in their March 17 issue of The Journal of the American Medical Association that diet, inactivity, and obesity together will be the leading cause of death if things do not change.

In the report, researchers provided a complex analysis of studies on risk behaviors and deaths published from 1980–2002, combined with mortality data for 2000. From this data, they have estimated the causes of preventable deaths during the year 2000 to include the following statistics: 18 percent of deaths were due to smoking; 17 percent were due to poor diet and lack of regular exercise, and four percent were alcohol-related. The American people need to understand there is a lot they can do to prevent these premature deaths.

When the last report was released a decade ago, tobacco was the leading cause of preventable death. There was a substantial gap between tobacco and poor diet and lack of regular exercise. They report says that in 2000, that gap has closed significantly, and at a threatening rate.

Other causes of preventable deaths were:

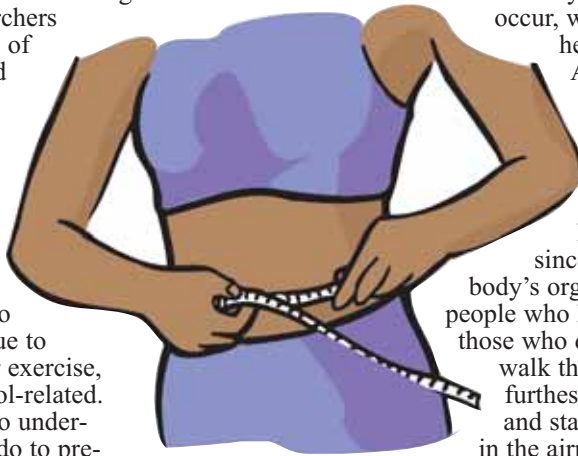
HIV/AIDS, flu and pneumonia; air pollution and other environmental toxins, car crashes, guns, sexual behavior, and illicit use of drugs.

The top seven causes of death in 2000 were: Heart disease, 710,760 deaths; cancer 553,091 deaths; stroke 167,561 deaths; lung disease 122,009 deaths; injuries from accidents 97,900 deaths; diabetes 69,301 deaths; flu/pneumonia 65,313 deaths.

With sedentary lifestyles and obesity, higher rates of hypertension and diabetes occur, which are risk factors for heart attack and stroke.

Although, the deaths related to diabetes look low—it is only because the diseases progression is very slow. Most diabetic deaths are from secondary causes like heart attack and stroke since diabetes damages the body's organs and cells. This is why people who have diabetes, and even those who don't, are encouraged to walk the dog, park the car in the furthest spot, walk the escalators and stairs, and walk the concourses in the airport while waiting for your connecting flight.

Most of all, it is important to make time for some regularly scheduled form of exercise. When people see their kids and teenagers becoming overweight, that should be a strong wake up call that obesity has become a life-threatening problem.



Weight Loss Contest Participants Leading Healthier Lives

By **Kenny Bayon, C.F.T**

HOLLYWOOD — The New Year's Weight Loss Contest ended successfully because everyone is a winner for trying to lead a healthier lifestyle. It's not just about weight loss; it's about wanting to better oneself, taking the time to make sure you are eating the right foods, and staying committed and not swaying towards those bad habits.

It's about taking 25 minutes out of your day for weight training. It's about taking a nice stroll though the park before the sunset to walk off those extra calories.

The key to making this contest successful is that everyone not only takes the weight off, but keeps it off as well. I see many of these people everyday training very hard to better themselves. As the trainer on the Hollywood reservation, it is very satisfying to see people showing so much more interest in their self-improvement. Let's remain on the right track and keep up the good work.

I want to thank Max Osceola Jr, Moses

“Bigg Shot” Jumper, Mitchell Cypress, Bo Young and the others who helped support this from the start so that both tribal citizens and employees enjoy a better way of life.

Here are the results of this New Years 2004 weight loss contest:

Senior Tribal Women

1. Christine Nevaquaya, 16.7 pounds; 2. Cornelia Osceola, 9.1; 3. Judy Jones, 8.2.

Tribal Women

1. Yvonne Courtney, 17.9 pounds; 2. Francine Osceola, 17.3; 3. Tina Lacey, 15.7.

Tribal Men

1. Chris Osceola, 23.4 pounds; 2. William Johns, 14.6; 3. Bobby Frank, 13.6.

Employee Women

1. Rhonda Moffet, 27.2 pounds; 2. Tina Wells, 19.7; 3. Lila Osceola, 13.4.

Employee Men

1. Joe Nemerof, 33 pounds; 2. Rafael Caberra, 26.2; 3. Sonny Nevaquaya, 24.8.

New Health Plan Cards

From the desk of the **Connie Whidden, Health Director**

Due to the relocation of the Health Plan/Insurance Office, new Health Plan identification cards must be printed to reflect the change of address. The new Health Plan ID cards will be distributed at each reservation on Dividend Day, May 3.

When you pick-up your dividend, please see a representative from the Health Administration office to obtain your new Health Plan ID card and if needed, a copy of your Health Plan book. Non-resident tribal citizens will receive their new cards in the mail. One Health Plan ID card will be distributed to single adults. Two cards will be given to married couples and families with children.

If you are unable to pick-up your new Health Plan ID card on May 3, or if you are a non-resident and do not receive your card in the mail after May 3, please contact the Seminole Tribe of Florida Health Center in your area.

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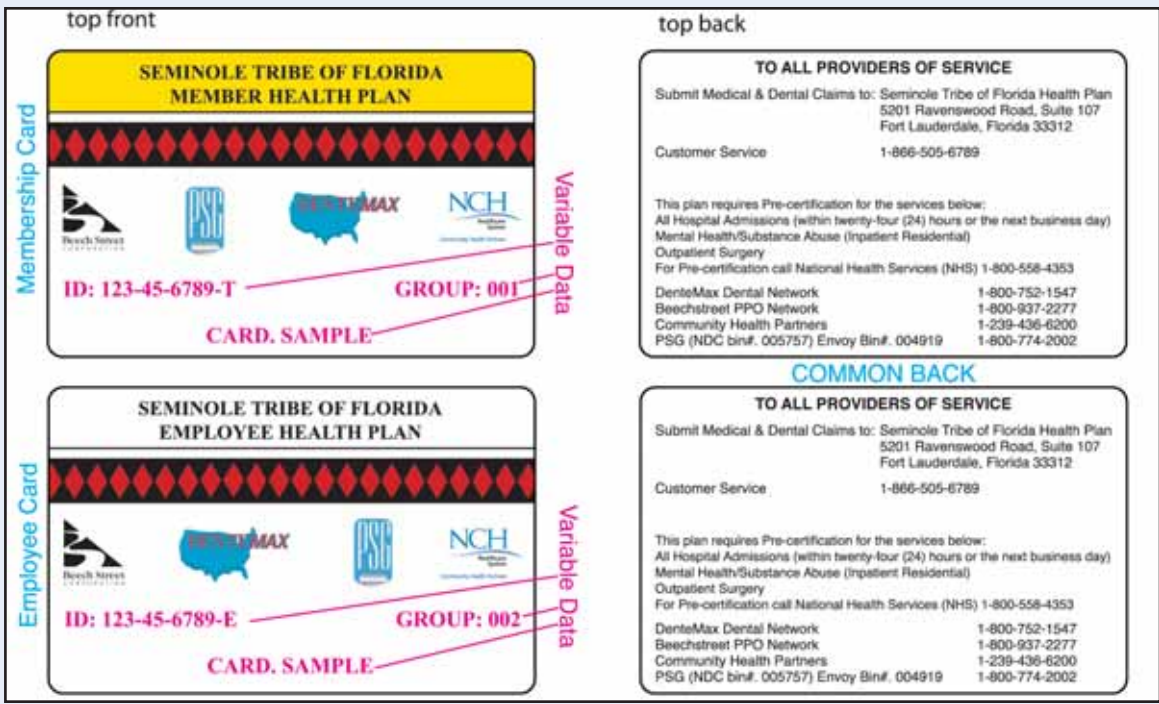
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EIRA Labelle Swamp Cabbage Festival Rodeo

By Emma Brown
LABELLE, FL — The Eastern Indian Rodeo Association (EIRA) held their Second Annual Labelle Swamp Cabbage Festival Rodeo on Feb. 27. It was an extremely cool evening, but this



GIDDY UP LITTLE MUTTON: Michael Garcia holds on tight during the mutton busting competition.

didn't keep the spectators away. Folks were bundled up with coffee in hand so they could enjoy the excitement of the EIRA.

The evening started off with the Kid's Rodeo at 6 p.m., followed by the Sanctioned Rodeo events at 8 p.m. The competition started getting tight as the cowboys and cowgirls battled for one of two spots to this year's Indian National Finals Rodeo.

As with many events, it came down to mil-liseconds that separated the first place finishers from the rest of the riders. This provided the crowd with a great deal of excitement, not to mention anxious moments.

If you have not been able to catch an EIRA rodeo yet this season, you are definitely missing out on true Native American talent at its best. There are still several rodeos left this season so come out and support your local Indian Rodeo Association.

Results for Kid's Rodeo
Mutton Busting: 1. Kalgary Johns; 2. Carson Knaby; 3. Michael Garcia; 4. Christopher Alexander.
Calf Riding: 1. JJ John; 2. Dylan Chalfant;
3. Josh Johns; 4. Frank Huff.
Steer Riding: 1. Adam Phillips.

Pony Riding: 1. William Bearden; 2. Timothy Bearden.
4-8 years old Barrels: 1. Acealyn Youngblood; 2. Reagen Whitecloud; 3. Kalgary Johns; 4. Courtney Gore.

9-12 years old
Barrels: 1. Zane Ducheneaux; 2. Nauthkee Henry; 3. Ethan Gopher; 4. Janae Braswell.

13-18 years old
Barrels: 1. Leanna Billie; 2. Jade Braswell.
Junior Bull Riding: 1. Ethan Gopher; 2. Justin Aldridge.

Results for Sanctioned Rodeo
Bareback: 1. Adam Turtle; 2. Shawn Best.

Steer Wrestling: 1. Naha Jumper; 2. Jeff Johns.
Saddle Bronc: 1. Shawn Best; 2. Robert Youngblood.

Calf Roping: 1. Naha Jumper; 2. Happy Jumper; 3. Josh Jumper.
Women's Breakaway: 1. Shelby Osceola; 2. Trina Bowers; 3. Tess Ducheneaux.
50 and Older Breakaway: 1. Rudy

Osceola; 2. Moses Jumper.
Team Roping: 1. Josh/Naha Jumper; 2. Billie Tiger/ John McCabe; 3. Moses/Happy Jumper.
Women's Barrel Racing: 1. Tess Ducheneaux; 2. Renee Smith; 3. Sheyanna Osceola.
Bull Riding: 1. Shawn Best.

Remaining 2004 EIRA Rodeo Schedule

Brighton Field Day Rodeo – Saturday April 10th
Cinco de Mayo Rodeo in Immokalee – Saturday May 1
Sports Festival Rodeo in Hollywood – Saturday May 2
Josiah Johns Memorial Rodeo in Brighton – Saturday July 3
Hollywood Rodeo – Saturday July 24
Clewiston Rodeo – Saturday August 7

NOTE: The times for all rodeos are as follows:
Kids Rodeo: 5 p.m.; Sanctioned Rodeo: 7 p.m.

EIRA Participates in Chalo Nitka Festival

By Emma Brown
MOORE HAVEN, FL— The Eastern Indian Rodeo Association (EIRA) was asked to participate in the 2004 Chalo Nitka parade held on Saturday March 6, in Moore Haven, Fla. The Seminole Tribe of Florida was once very involved in the Chalo Nitka Festival, which means "day of the big bass."

Although the Seminoles are not as involved as they once were, there were quite a few participants in this year's parade. The Brighton Princesses, elected officials, Brighton Emergency Medical Technicians, firefighters, and others, were represented in the parade.

The EIRA designed a float around the youngsters of EIRA, which are the future of our tribe and rodeo associa-tion. There were both male and female mutton busters, barrel racers, calf riders and ropers represented on the float.

Signs were hung from the float that displayed the EIRA's motto "The Tradition Continues," which is ultimately represented by the youth of the association. The crowd cheered as the float traveled

down the street and the kids gave demonstrations of their roping abilities by roping dummy calves and each other.

The EIRA is definitely proud of their youth and were honored to be able to show them off in this year's Chalo Nitka Festival parade.

Truck Pull in Brighton

By Susan Etxebarria
BRIGHTON — The Fred Smith Rodeo Arena at Brighton was filled with beasts of another kind on Saturday March 20. Instead of raging bulls crashing out of the gates, monster trucks snorted and snarled as they toiled and labored in the Truck Pull Competition. Instead of mounting saddles, deter-mined drivers sat behind the wheel of their trucks pushing their trucks' engines to surge forward with powerful drive toward the finish line.

Tribal citizens who competed in this event included Virginia Billie, Tanya Baker, Reno Osceola, Sampson Gopher, Lonnie Billie, Manuel Garza, Raymond Garza and Justin Gopher.

This sport, gaining popularity among Seminoles, is the classic contest between an immov-able object, the sled, and an irresistible force, the truck. The truck attempted to pull a weighted sled, also known as a weighted transfer machine, a set dis-tance. In this case, the full pull was 250-feet, but few drivers are actually able to accomplish this task. The contest is not a timed contest, but a measurement contest. The object of the contest is to come up with one competitor in each class who, given the rules of the contest, has pulled the greatest distance.

The weigh-ins of competitor's truck began about 3 p.m. The vehicle, with the driver in the seat, is weighed. To make the contest fair, standard weight classes have been established. For this competition the classes were 5,500 pounds or less, 5,501-6,700 pounds, and 6,701-8,000 pounds. Also, like vehicles compete against like vehicles.

At first the contest is easy because the weight transfer machine, the sled, is over the rear tires, but as the truck pulls the sled down the track,

the weight moves forward, creating more resistance for the truck to pull against. The weight on the sled begins to move directly over the front end of the sled causing enormous friction with the ground, which finally brings the truck to a halt. The sled weight at the top is 44,000 pounds.

Winning is the result of much work on the part of the competitor, whose truck must be main-tained and retrofitted at great expense of time and money in order to win, especially in the stock class.

Nearly 400 spectators, mostly families and fans, enjoyed watching the event put on by Florida Tough Trucks, Inc. of Fort Myers, Fla. The competi-tion started at 7 p.m. A lot of teenage boys present seemed to get a big kick out of watching the macho spectacle, despite the fact that the women won against the men just as often as not. Virginia Billie won first place in her class, racking up for the third time this year a first place victory.

"This lady can rock," said announcer Vicki Gogolin of Florida Tough trucks.

The promoters and sponsors of this night of fun and sport were Johnny Jones, Brighton's Tribal Representative, Marti Johns and the Seminole Casino at Brighton.

"We are trying to get more use out of this arena," said Jones. "We are seeing what's going on and what we can do to have more events for the com-munity, not only for the tribe, but for everyone around here. We have a nice facility and we might as well do something with it."

Other sponsors were President Moses Osceola, Paul Bowers, David De Hass, Roger Smith, Raymond Garza and Rich Henry, and the Seminole Tribe of Florida.

Billiards Star Vivian Villarreal Signs Sponsorship Contract

By Nery Mejicano
TAMPA —

Vivian Villarreal, one of the top five billiard players in the world, signed a sponsorship contract with the Seminole Tribe of Florida on March 10, at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino in Tampa.

Anyone who has seen Villarreal on ESPN knows she is one of the most popu-lar and exciting billiard players to watch. With her ever-present smile, Villarreal has brought a new level of liveliness to the sport, which is missing from some other billiard players. Her commitment to the sport of billiards and her continuing quest to be the best makes her an asset to the Seminole Tribe.

In addition to her energetic style and profes-sionalism, Villarreal, when in town, takes time to visit the different reservations and assist tribal citi-zens with their game. She has also spoken to several groups on how to succeed and maximize one's given skills. She is very involved in social issues, such as



Nery Mejicano

Vivian Villarreal (center) signs a sponsorship deal with the Seminole Tribe of Florida. (L-R) Chairman Mitchell Cypress, Tribal Attorney Frank Marley.

finding missing children. She plays in several charity events throughout the year, providing support for this cause.

Villarreal, along with some of the other top billiard players, will compete at the Florida Classic Tournament on Sept. 8-12 at the soon-to-open Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino in Hollywood. The Women's Professional Billiards Association Canadian Classic will be held from Oct. 6-10.

Texas Tornado Reaches Top Five Ranking in the WPBA



Elrod Bowers

"The Texas Tornado," Vivian Villarreal, placed seventh at the Delta Classic held Feb. 25-29.

By Elrod Bowers

TUNICA, MS — The "Texas Tornado," Vivian Villarreal placed seventh at the Delta Classic held at Samstown Casino on Feb. 25-29. Villarreal's finish vaulted her up one spot to fifth place in the Women's Professional Billiards Association (WPBA) rankings.

Villarreal, who is sponsored by the Seminole Tribe, ran through the first two days of competition undefeated. Villarreal defeated Rachel Hurst 9-2, Jane Fujinaga 9-2, and Sarah Ellerby 9-5.

However, on the third day of competition Villarreal lost a tough match to fourth-ranked Helena Thornfeldt. She then put on a dominating perform-ance, defeating Jennifer Chen 9-1.

Villarreal then lost to Korean sensation Ga Young Kim. Kim's break was working beautifully throughout the match and she consistently ran out from the break, a big advantage in the tournament's alternating break format. Kim eventually finished fifth in the tournament.

The winner of the Delta Classic was the "Duchess of Doom" Allison Fisher. Look for show

times of the tournament on the ESPN and ESPN2 networks.

Villarreal and the WPBA tour are scheduled to come to the new Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino in Hollywood Sept. 8-12. Come to the Florida Classic and cheer on the "Texas Tornado" and experi-ence the ESPN-televvised semifinals and finals.

Vivian Villarreal's April television appear-ances on ESPN-2:

April 14 at 11 a.m.—1998 WPBA Classic Tour Finals, Vivian Villarreal vs. Jeanette Lee
April 14 at 5:00 p.m.—1998 Tournament of Champions Finals, Vivian Villarreal vs. Allison Fisher
April 16 at 11 a.m.—1999 Tournament of Champions Finals, Vivian Villarreal vs. Jeanette Lee
April 16 at 12 p.m.—1998 WPBA Classic Tour Finals, Vivian Villarreal vs. Allison Fisher
April 19 at 5 p.m.—Gordon's \$50,000 9-Ball Finals, Vivian Villarreal vs. Loree Jon Jones
April 20 at 5 p.m.—Gordon's \$50,000 9-Ball Finals, Vivian Villarreal vs. Loree Jon Jones
April 30 at 12:00 p.m.—1998 WPBA Classic Tour Finals, Vivian Villarreal vs. Jeanette Lee

Gary Semics Motocross School Offers Lessons

By Mark Beamer

BIG CYPRESS — The Seminole Tribe Motocross Park on the Big Cypress Indian Reservation continues to provide off-road motorcycle enthusiasts the best riding facility by bringing in the most well known Motocross Instructional School in the U.S., the Gary Semics Motocross School.

This is the same riding school that trained and coached Jeremy McGrath, a seven-time American Motorcyclist Association (AMA) U.S. Supercross Series Champion, and numerous other motocross champions and stars of the sport.

Formerly a Factory Kawasaki-sponsored motocross racer, Gary Semics was an accomplished professional racer in the 1970s and 1980s, who has brought his experience, knowledge and skills into a

new era as one of the premiere riding coaches with instructional books and videos. The Gary Semics Motocross Schools that were held at the Seminole Tribe MX Park on March 16-17, and 23-24, were taught by Semic's stepson, David Kilgore, 22.

Kilgore is an accomplished racer in his own right, having competed at the Loretta Lynn's Amateur National Championships and is know racing the AMA Pro Nationals. New students enjoyed the two-day instructional riding school with high praise for both the lessons and the facility.

For more information on future Gary Semics Motocross School instruction and the Seminole Tribe Motocross Park, please go to www.seminoletribemo-tocross.com or call (863) 983-1894.

Eastern Indian Rodeo held in Big Cypress

By Tabitha Osceola

BIG CYPRESS — On March 27, Big Cypress hosted the Eastern Indian Rodeo at the Junior Cypress Memorial Arena. Professional Bull Rider Wiley Peterson attended the rodeo and was glad to lend a helping hand to Bull Rider Stephen Billie.

The rodeo results are listed below.

Mutton Busting

1. Jobe Johns; 2. Kenneth Descheene; 3. Kalgary Johns; Kalgary Johns; 4. Chastity Harmon.

Bareback Riding

1. Alex Johns; 2. Shawn Best Sr.

Steer Wrestling

1. Sydney Gore; 2. Naha Jumper; 3. Robbie Chalfant.

Pony Riding:

1. Timothy Bearden; 2. Jacoby Johns.

Saddle Bronc

No qualified ride.

Calf Riding

1. Zane Ducheneaux; 2. Andre Jumper; 3. JJ Johns; 4. Frank Huff.

Calf Roping

1. Naha Jumper; 2. JW Ball; 3. Happy

Jumper.

Beginner Barrels 4-8 years old

1. Acealyn Youngblood; 2. Ragen Whitecloud; 3. Andre Jumper; 4. Kalgary Johns.

Women's Breakaway

1. Shelby Osceola; 2. Lizzie Dixey; 3. Billie Tiger.

50 and Older Breakaway

1. Paul Bowers Sr; 2. Moses Jumper.

Barrels 9-12 years old

1. Zane Ducheneaux; 2. Nauthkee Henry; 3. Janae Braswell; 4. Ragen Osceola.

Team Roping

1. Garren Yazzie/Gabe Yazzie; 2. Sydny Gore/Amos Tiger; 3. Pauletta Bowers/Alex Johns; 4. Randel Osceola/Gene Edmo; 5. Joey Henry/Mike Henry.

Barrels 13-18 years old

1. LeAnna Billie; 2. Jade Braswell.

JR Bulls

1. Garren Yazzie; 2. Ethan Gopher.

Women's Barrels

1. Tess Ducheneaux; 2. Sheyanna Osceola; 3. Anna Bowers.

Bull Riding

1. Shawn Best Sr.; 2. Koty Brugh.

Howard Tiger Memorial Basketball Tournament

By Kenny Bayon
HOLLYWOOD — The 37th Annual Howard Tiger Memorial Basketball Tournament was held March 12–13 (Youth and Legends) and March 19–20 (Men’s and Woman’s) at the Hollywood Seminole Gymnasium. Here are the championship game results for each division:
Women–The Lady Seminoles used a high-tempo offense and full-court defense to defeat the Native Ballers 56-26. Mercedes Osceola, a 3-point sharpshooter, led the Seminoles with 21 points, and Lila Osceola added 20 points, including 15 in the first half. Sisters Tasha and JoJo Osceola both played strong defense, and Francine Osceola was the top rebounder. Phalyn Osceola, Janine Cypress and Atlanta Johns paced the Lady Ballers with six points each.
Men–Pete Osceola and Leon Wilcox scored 13 points each, helping the Hurricanes win 82-52 against South Central. Marl Osceola scored 12 points for the Hurricanes, which led 43-21 at halftime. Jerome Davis played a strong second half for the Canes. Talbert Cypress paced South Central with 21 points followed by Travis Osceola with 17 points.
Men’s Legends–The Men’s Legends final was between the Seminole Legends and Hollywood Rez. The game began as Sonny Nevaquaya hit a two-point basket to give the Hollywood Rez a 2-0 lead. Terry Tapish nailed a three-pointer to give the Seminole Legends a 3-2 lead. William Johns hit a basket to take a 4 -3 lead, giving the Hollywood Rez the lead throughout the first half. A couple of three-pointers by Moses “Bigg Shot” Jumper and Terry Tapish tied the score at 14, with two minutes left in the half. Then a few baskets made by William Johns and Eric Osceola helped give the Hollywood Rez a 20-16 halftime lead over the Seminole Legends.
The Hollywood Rez started the second half the same way they finished the first, by making some buckets led by William and Eric and playing tough defense to build a 30-17 lead with nine minutes left in the game. A couple of three

point buckets by Terry Tapish cut the deficit to seveni with two minutes left. William Johns makes a tough hook in the lane and a three-pointer, to go up by 12, and the eventual victory by a 39-29 count.
Boys 17-and-younger–Brighton dominated Hollywood, 53-19, behind the balanced offensive attack of Troy Billie with nine points, Kelsey Spencer 15 points and Bryan Aldridge with 13 points. Hollywood was paced by Tony Billie, who scored nine points followed by David Anderson and Joey Richardson with four.
Girls 17-and-younger–Tasha Osceola with 11 points and Demeta Tigertail with 13 points led Hollywood to a 36-21 triumph over Big Cypress. Atlanta Johns helped pace the Big Cypress girls by scoring nine points followed by JoJo Osceola with six points.
Boys 14-and-younger–Hollywood jumped to a 20-4 halftime lead over Brighton, and were never challenged in the second half, winning 31-12. Hollywood’s Joseph Osceola contributed a solid all-around effort, including six points in the first half, and finished with 10 points as well as numerous rebounds and a handful of blocks throughout. Curtis Osceola and Robert Osceola each scored f our points in the second half for Brighton. Justin Aldridge paced Brighton in the first half scoring four points, and Pierson Hunsinger paced the team in the second half.
Girls 14-and-younger–Hollywood defeated Brighton 28-13. The Hollywood girls were paced by Courtney Osceola with 12 points, followed by Ameer Osceola with six points, and Lacey Jordan with four points. The Brighton team was paced by Megan Jones with five points.
Co-ed 10-and-younger–Deforest Carter threw down 23 points, and Dylan Hall scored 16, to lead Big Cypress to a 51-31 victory against Hollywood. Big Cypress’s Katlin Tommie played strong defense to help slow down Hollywood. The Hollywood brother-sister duo of Hunter and Ariah Osceola led their team with 17 and eight points, respectively.

The 20th Annual Herman Osceola Memorial Basketball Tournament

By Jamie Restrepo
BIG CYPRESS — The Big Cypress Recreation Department, in cooperation with the Ruby Osceola family, organized and presented the 20th Annual Herman Osceola Memorial Basketball Tournament on March 25–26.

Brighton Recreation in the men’s division, while the Lady Seminole’s beat Hollywood.
As the tournament continued on Saturday, Friday’s losers had the same chance to make it to the finals due to double elimination rules. In the men’s division, South Central, Friday night’s losing team, defeated Brighton Boyz, which lost to the Canes the same night.
South Central went on to play against the Orangemen, which defeated Brighton Recreation. Meanwhile, in the men’s winner’s bracket, BC defeated the Orangemen while the Canes defeated the Brighton Boyz. Both BC and the Canes advanced to the semi-finals of the winner’s bracket while BC and South Central played their semi-final in the loser’s bracket.

South Central, which lost their first game to BC Friday night, came back and battled on to play against the Canes, which defeated BC in the semi-finals of the winner’s bracket. However, in a twist of fate, South Central had to play BC one more time to determine the finalist in the loser’s category. South Central pulled off a win against BC and earned a spot in the finals against the Canes, which were undefeated throughout the series.

The men’s division play ended as the Canes were crowned champions, defeating South Central. The mercy rule was applied as the Canes built a 30 point lead with less than 10 minutes left in the game.
Meanwhile, the women’s division proved to be just as entertaining. Saturday’s events began with team Miccosukee rebounding from its loss the previous night by defeating Hollywood to move on the semi-final round. Hollywood was eliminated due to its loss the previous night to Lady Seminoles. In another twist of fate, Ballin Outta Control, having defeated Miccosukee Friday night, was eliminated by Miccosukee on Saturday in the semi-final round.



The Ballin Outta Control Team from Big Cypress.

The event is held in memory of Herman Osceola, who, in 1984, gave his life in the line of duty, while serving in the Marine Corps. Osceola was well-known and liked in his community. He is remembered for his outgoing and caring nature and desire to help others. He was great with children and was a valuable asset in the Recreation Department when he worked in Big Cypress.
The tournament, open to all Native Americans, was held at the Herman Osceola Gymnasium. The first game began on Friday, March 26 at 7 p.m. with 15 more games that were played through Saturday.
The teams are divided into men and women’s divisions. All teams are formed “pickup” style, meaning individual tribal citizens formed a team to represent a reservation. Six teams represented the men’s division, while four teams played in the women’s division. In addition to Seminole tribal citizens, other tribal nations were represented, including the Choctaw and the Miccosukee Tribes.
The participating teams were: men: “BC” (Big Cypress), “South Central” (Hollywood), “Canes” (Miccosukee), “Brighton Recreation” (Brighton), “Orangemen” (Big Cypress), and “Brighton Boyz” (Brighton); women: “Miccosukee” (Miccosukee Tribe), “Ballin Outta Control” (Big Cypress), “Hollywood” (Hollywood), and “Lady Seminoles” (Hollywood).
All games were officiated under organized collegiate rules, with two professional referees on the court and as well as scoring officials. All losing teams received two chances to advance to the finals in accordance with double-elimination rules.
The first game began with the men’s division. BC defeated South Central in the first game of the tournament by a margin of five points with a score of 63-58. The women’s division played the second game with Ballin Outta Control putting the “control” on Miccosukee with a final score of 36-34. Later in the evening, the Canes handily defeated



A Ballin Outta Control teammate (center) tries to keep the ball away from the Miccosukee team during the Herman Osceola Memorial Tournament.

Ballin Outta Control experienced its first loss earlier in the day to Lady Seminoles Both Miccosukee and Lady Seminoles played in the finals with team Lady Seminoles decisively defeating Miccosukee by a factor of 30 points and with 10 minutes left in the game.
Players in both divisions were intense and appeared well-practiced. All players put forth a worthy effort and display good sportsmanship, win or lose.
The following prizes were awarded: jackets for first place, sweat shirts for second places and golf shirts for third place. All participants received T-shirts commemorating the event as well.
Congratulations and thanks to all the players for participating in this memorial event.

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National Conference for Community and Justice Honors Max Osceola Jr.

By Iretta Tiger
FORT LAUDERDALE — Longevity and commitment are the qualities Max Osceola Jr. has which have brought him to the attention of The National Conference for Community and Justice (NCCJ). On March 20 Osceola and nine other honorees received the Silver Medallion Award for their philanthropic works.

Osceola was nominated for the Silver Medallion after he made a presentation that impressed NCCJ's leadership. NCCJ also emphasized his humanitarian efforts for Broward County.

The Broward County Convention Center hosted the black tie award's banquet ceremony. NCCJ conducted a silent auction in the lobby. The tribe donated several items including Miami Heat tickets and a night at the Seminole Hard Rock resort for the auction.

NCCJ called upon Paul Buster for the invocation. Before presenting the award's, a video presentation was shown which celebrated each Silver Medallion recipient. In the video, Osceola recounted a childhood incident:

"When I was kid I, went to the water fountain," he said. "Back then they had two fountains, one with a sign that said colored and one that said white. I didn't know which one to use because I wasn't black and I wasn't white. So I asked my mom which one do I use and she said, 'Use which ever one is open.' "

Osceola noted the similarities between NCCJ's goals and the traditional teachings of the tribe.

Both groups strive to teach children tolerance and acceptance towards other races.

"I'm happy to receive this award," said Osceola. "To me, it's a reflection of the tribe's philosophy"

The NCCJ is an organization devoted to fighting bias, bigotry and racism.

Their programs are focused towards the youth. NCCJ stresses that the organization has never been a religious one.

Congratulations Max Osceola, Jr. for your award and thank you for all your selfless deeds. They go beyond the duties of Council Representative.



(L-R) Roy Butera, Barbara Butera and Max Osceola Jr. The Buteras came to support Max Osceola at the award ceremony.



The Osceola Family, (L-R) Max Osceola III, Marge Osceola, Max Osceola Jr. at the NCCJ ceremony.



Max Osceola Jr. (center, back row) with other 2004 Silver Medallion recipients.



Max Osceola Jr. (center) with his proud aunt and uncle, Dan Osceola (left) and Betty Osceola.

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 Position Opens: 3-15-04
 Position Closes: When filled
 Salary: Negotiable with benefits

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 Position Opens: 3-22-04
 Position Closes: When filled
 Salary: Negotiable with benefits

Position: Payroll Clerk I
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 Position Opens: 3-22-04
 Position Closes: When filled
 Salary: Negotiable with benefits

Position: Database Admin II
 Department: Information Systems
 Position Opens: 3-8-04
 Position Closes: When filled
 Salary: Negotiable with benefits

Position: Nutritionist
 Department: Health
 Position Opens: 1-12-04
 Position Closes: 1-26-04
 Salary: Negotiable with benefits

Position: Network Administrator
 Department: Information Systems
 Position Opens: 11-24-03
 Position Closes: When filled
 Salary: Negotiable with experience

Position: Counselor II (3)
 Department: Family Services
 Position Opens: 3-22-04
 Position Closes: When filled
 Salary: Negotiable with benefits

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BIG CYPRESS

Position: Tour Guide
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 Salary: Negotiable with experience, with benefits

Position: Environmental Health Facilities Management Representative
 Department: Environmental Health
 Position Opens: 3-22-04
 Position Closes: When filled
 Salary: Negotiable with benefits

Position: Instructional Aide
 Department: Ahfachkee School
 Position: Still available
 Salary: Negotiable with experience, with benefits.

Position: Building and Grounds Maintenance
 Department: Ah-Tha-Thi-Ki Museum
 Position Opens: 3-8-04
 Position Closes: When filled
 Salary: \$16,640 annually with benefits

Position: Elementary Music Teacher
 Department: Ahfachkee School
 Position: Still available
 Salary: Negotiable with benefits

Position: Counselor II
 Department: Family Services
 Position Opens: 3-22-04
 Position Closes: When filled
 Salary: Negotiable with benefits

Position: Maintenance Worker
 Department: Building and Grounds
 Position Opens: 2-9-04
 Position Closes: When filled
 Salary: \$16,640 annually with benefits

Position: Fuel Truck Driver/Line Person
 Department: Aviation
 Position Opens: 1-5-04
 Position Closes: 1-19-04
 Salary: \$18,720 annually with benefits

Position: Medical Assistant/Phlebotomist
 Department: Health
 Position Opens: 3-8-04
 Position Closes: When filled
 Salary: \$ 19,032–\$22,734 annually with benefits

Position: Assistant to Tribal Historic Preservation Office
 Department: Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum
 Position Opens: 2-23-04
 Position Closes: When filled
 Salary: \$20,800 annually with benefits

Position: Elementary Education Teacher
 Department: Ahfachkee School
 Position: Still available
 Salary: Negotiable with benefits

Position: Food Preparation and Service Associate
 Department: Corp. Board, Gas
 Position Opens: 10-27-03
 Position Closes: 11-10-03
 Salary: Negotiable with benefits

Position: Maintenance Worker
 Department: Corp. Board, Gas
 Position Opens: 11-3-03
 Position Closes: 11-17-03
 Salary: Negotiable with benefits

Position: Assistant Store Manager
 Department: Corp. Board, Gas
 Position Opens: 10-21-03
 Position Closes: 11-3-03
 Salary: Negotiable with experience, with benefits

Position: Operator Maintenance Trainee
 Department: Utilities
 Position Opens: 3-15-04
 Position Closes: When filled
 Salary: \$18,700 annually with benefits

Position: Sales Associate F/T & P/T
 Department: Corp. Board, Gas
 Position Opens: 10-21-03
 Position Closes: 11-3-03
 Salary: Negotiable with experience, with benefits

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Position: Assistant Store Manager
 Department: Corp. Board, Gas
 Position Opens: 10-21-03
 Position Closes: 11-3-03
 Salary: Negotiable with experience, with benefits

Position: Counselor II (1)
 Department: Family Services
 Position Opens: 1-5-04
 Position Closes: 1-19-04
 Salary: Negotiable with benefits

Position: Teacher Aide
 Department: Preschool
 Position Opens: 8-18-03
 Position Closes: 9-2-03
 Salary: Negotiable with benefits and education

Position: Dental Assistant
 Department: Health
 Position Opens: 1-26-04
 Position Closes: When filled
 Salary: \$19,968–\$26,291

Position: Water Resources Management Coordinator
 Department: Water Resources
 Position: Still available
 Salary: \$30,000 annually with benefits

Position: Kindergarten Teacher; P/T, Temporary
 Department: Education
 Position Opens: 2-23-04
 Position Closes: When filled
 Salary: \$18/hour; Monday–Friday 8 a.m.–1 p.m.

Position: Tribal Outreach Worker II
 Department: Family Services, Health
 Position: Still available
 Salary: Negotiable with benefits

IMMOKALEE

Position: Counselor II (2)
 Department: Family Services
 Position Opens: 3-22-04
 Position Closes: When filled
 Salary: Negotiable with benefits

Position: Operator Maintenance Trainee
 Department: Utilities
 Position Opens: 3-15-04
 Position Closes: When filled
 Salary: \$18,700 annually with benefits

Position: Transfer Station Operator Trainee (2)
 Department: Utilities
 Position Opens: 2-23-04
 Position Closes: When filled
 Salary: \$18,720 annually with benefits

Position: Cultural/Language Instructor
 Department: Culture Education
 Position: Still available
 Salary: Negotiable with benefits

Position: Maintenance Worker
 Department: Recreation
 Position: Still available
 Salary: Negotiable with benefits

Position: Teacher I
 Department: Preschool
 Position Opens: 11-24-03
 Position Closes: 12-08-03
 Salary: Negotiable with experience, with benefits

Position: Nutritionist/Health Educator
 Department: Health
 Position: Still available
 Salary: Negotiable with benefits

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If you would like more information, please call the *The Seminole Tribune* at (954) 967-3416.

BIA Seminole Agency Sponsors Training

Submitted by the Bureau of Indian Affairs

HOLLYWOOD — On March 22, the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Seminole Agency held training for the Seminole Tribal and BIA staff on hazardous materials. Tribal staff from the Seminole Police Department and the Water Resources staff attended. BIA had the Tribal Relations Specialist, Forestry staff, and all the Roads staff in attendance.

The morning session was about hazardous communications in the work place, which was taught by Tiffany Holmes from Total Environmental Solutions. This Right to Know is in accordance with 29CFR and included what to do in case of emergency, protective clothing when working with chemicals, and safety in the work place.

The next session was an overview of the Florida wetlands taught by Mary Billie, a Seminole staff member. It included what to look for and how to identify the inhabitants. The afternoon session was about the danger of fuels. It included how to properly store and dispense fuels; safety factors to look for and follow; potential hazards and emergency procedures to follow. We had a total of sixteen attendees that completed the training.

The Seminole Agency Superintendent,

Emergency Services

Position: Fire Inspector/Public Education Specialist
 Location: Big Cypress and other reservations
 Salary: \$38,000 (negotiable), with benefits

Responsibilities include: Fire safety inspections of fire suppression and notification systems, new construction, existing occupancies and hazardous material sites. Manage Hazardous Material Program. Provide presentations on fire safety to educate the public and employees of the tribe. Accept other duties as required. Essential for satisfactory performance are: good communication skills (verbal and written), the ability to work with the public in a courteous manner, the ability to work in a “self directed” environment, a working knowledge of the National Fire Protection Agency’s Life Safety Code, State Building Codes including the rules and regulations of the State Fire Marshal’s Office and the ability to research and comprehend technical material. Ability to travel between all reservations (statewide) is mandatory.

Minimum Qualifications: Current State of Florida Fire Inspector Certification, experience conducting Fire Inspections and working with the public.

Preference will be given to candidates possessing State of Florida Firefighter Certification, relevant college degrees and certifications plus extensive Fire inspection/public education experience. Other Requirements: high dchool diploma,valid Florida Driver’s License, Ability to pass an extensive background investigation and drug screen.

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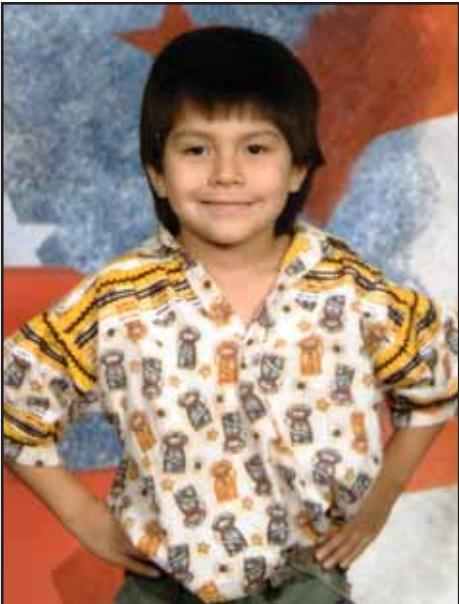
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Happy Birthday



Jada Sky Holdiness will be 3-years-old on April 4th. We would like to wish Jada the best and let her know that we love her and she is very special to us. Love, **Mommy (Ada Campos), Jelica, Nana, Broder, Lilo and Mantha**



Happy 8th Birthday on April 3 to **Everett Youngblood**. Keep up your high spirits and the sunshine you bring to our lives. We love you. **Mom, Dad, and Brother (Kelly, Kim and Daylon Youngblood)**



Lions, tigers, and bears, oh my! It's **Claireese Avila's** 4th Birthday on April 16. We wish you a Happy Birthday and many more. Lots of love and laughter, **Family and friends**



Wishing **Eden Dorothy Billie** a happy first birthday on April 20. We thank the creator for bringing her into our lives. With love, **Mom (Rachel), Elliott, Grandpa Steve O. and Jackie, Grandma Rita and Rosco, Uncle Stephen, and Great-Grandma Polly and Joey**

Thank You

The family of Mary Frances Billie Johns would like to take this moment to thank every-one, including the Chairman's Office, President's Office, Roger Smith, Johnny Jones, all the cooks (we especially thank), the various departments, and all the friends and family (some we haven't seen in a while). It was good to see and visit with you. The flowers were just beautiful; you know she loved them! We never thought that we would be writing this note. We are taking things day-by-day. Thank you all, **Archie H. Johns, Sr., Monica Johns, Archie H. Johns, Jr., Anthony H. Johns.**



Birthday Lunch for Eugenia Osceola By **Adelsa Williams** **PEMBROKE PINES** — Family and friends gathered up to celebrate tribal citizen Eugenia Osceola's birthday on Monday, March 15. Everyone enjoyed a delicious Japanese meal at Nami in Pembroke Pines, Fla. Eugenia currently attends Tulsa Community College in Oklahoma, where she studies business administration. When asked how often she comes down to Florida to visit with her family, Osceola responded, "Every break I get." Happy 30th Birthday Eugenia "Gino" Osceola.

Congratulations



Marlys Primeaux Baptized

On March 20, 16-year-old Marlys Primeaux, from the Bear Clan, was baptized at the Shiloh Baptist Church in Uvalda, GA. We want to say that we are proud of you; you've come a long way. We love you and will always be supportive, whatever you choose to do in life. **Mom (Darline Buster) and Dad (Mitchell Primeaux)** "It's a new beginning and also an end to my old way of living. I always wanted to get baptized, so I joined Mount Calvary Baptist Church. I was baptized and I feel proud about the choice I've made. I want to thank my wonderful parents and my brothers and sister for supporting me and for never leaving my side." Love always, **Marlys Primeaux**

PR Department Throws Baby Shower for Shawna O'Kane

By **Adelsa Williams** **HOLLYWOOD** — On Tuesday Feb. 17, the Public Relations Department hosted a baby shower for fellow employee Shawna O'Kane at the old Hotmeals building. Invitees enjoyed a catered lunch from Scrubby's Barbecue. O'Kane expects to deliver a baby boy in early-April. This will be her second child. She also has a five-year-old daughter. "Shawna is just glad it's almost over," said O'Kane's co-worker and fellow proud mother, Carol Collier. Congratulations go out to Shawna O'Kane on the new addition to her family.



The Miccosukee Tribe will host the 29th Annual Everglades Music & Crafts Festival on Saturday April 17. The festival runs from 9:30 a.m. until 6 p.m.; however, gates close at 5 p.m. Festivities will take place at the Miccosukee Indian Village, located in the everglades, approximately 25 miles west of Miami on the Tamiami Trail (US Hwy 41/8th St) and 70 miles southeast of Naples. For more information, please call Deborah Tiger at (305) 223-8380. Admission is \$15 for adults, \$7 for children 7-12 years old, children 6 and younger are free.



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Poems

My Little Angel

God blessed your mommy with your birth
The greatest gift that's here on Earth
Like the silence of a falling star
Then all of a sudden, there you are
What a beautiful sight you were to see
My life-long dream had become reality
The sound of life from your tiny voice
Sounded like, "thank you mommy"
You were my number one choice
Now God wasn't sure if you should stay
And all I could do was hope and pray
Then with His blessing, he granted my plea
And allowed me to take you home with me
From that day forward me routine would change
From late night movies to baby games
The changing of diapers and a now-and-then cry
I'd comfort you with Walt Disney or a soft lullaby

My darling, darling little son
Oh too quickly you turned one
From baby size booties to a six shoe size
I can't believe you are now two
Just remember for always in your years to come
Your mommy loves you
Her number one son

This was written for my son, Jay, for his second birthday. He is now 23-years-old, but will always be my little angel.

— *Spirit Seneca Tiger*

Prisoner of Love

An Ode to the Native American Woman
The sweet sounds of the heavens
Come out of her mouth
And slide past her lips
As I reach into her soul
And I take a smooth, slow sip
It was indeed a natural high
I was content with death at this point
'Cause I knew it was true
Without her love, I would die
It was fate, it was heavenly
Her beauty strangled my heart
In my mind she was and IS the Lord's finest creation
A masterpiece of art
As I looked into the deepest depths of this creature of seduction thinking
I began to feel whole
Out of control, my soul was filled to the brim
I wanted to be the hymn to her
The warmth of her body, like a fox's fur
Still a vision of blur and words of slur
It was so for real
It was like...damn
It was meant to be
Captured by love I am
And I wish to never be set free
Inmate number one, Mr. Markell Billie

— *Markell Billie*

Humanity

I saw your smile in the sky
In billows of white
And hues of purple
It was no angel face that I saw
No halo
Or Wings
Or spotless perfection
No heavenly perfection at all
In your smile I could see
The goodness of humanity
A beauty to which even angels aspire
Leaving them envious
And empty
That ray of divinity in each soul
Which can take the heart back
To its prefect moment
Back to creation itself

— *Marshal Priest*

In Memory

Just to be With You

Just to be with you was all I wanted. As a juvenile, I would run away from home just to be with you.
Eight years old, riding in the back of a stranger's truck to get to the Everglades, just to be with you.
I slept under a chickee in a mosquito net in the black nights of the everglades, surrounded by sounds of wildlife, just to be with you.
I've walked hand in hand with you, through the dark paths of the everglades, not knowing what creature will cross our path, just to be with you.
I would be so scared in the night, but you would always comfort me by saying, "If you believe in God, you don't have to be scared." So I stayed comforted, just to be with you.
You were my guide, my strength, my hero. I did everything I could just to be with you.
Years blew by like dust in the wind. I watched you age gracefully. The wrinkles on your face told history. I'm so grateful that I was part of your history because all I wanted to do was just to be with you.



Your presence left this earth, but your spirit still remains. Grandma, all I wanted to do is just be with you.

I turned my life over to God and he whispered to me in the wind and said, "All she wanted was just to be with you too."

I love you Grandma

— *Melinda Jimmie*

Upcoming Events

NTEC to Bring Together Top Professionals and Leaders on Tribal Environmental Issues
Submitted by NTEC
A diverse group of tribal leaders, environmental professionals, and government representatives will convene to discuss serious environmental issues at the National Tribal Environmental Council's (NTEC) 11th Annual Conference, to be hosted by the Catawba Indian Nation of South Carolina next month. With a theme of "Conserving Harmony in Creation; Empowering Tribal Nations," conference topics will range from climate change to economic development that impact the native nations across the country, including Alaska. Astronaut John Herrington of the Chickasaw Nation has been invited as a keynote speaker, and others will be participating representing such organizations as the Native American Rights Fund, Council of Energy Resources Tribes, and the National Congress of American Indians.

Set for **April 19-22**, the conference will be held at the Springmaid Beach Resort and Conference Center at Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. More information may be obtained by going to NTEC's website at www.ntec.org, or by calling Karen Ware at (505) 242-2175.



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❖ Cattle Drive

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with one stop along the way for cold drinks and snacks. Joining this year's cattle drive were celebrity guests such as Professional Bull Riders star Wiley Peterson, who was kind enough to drive the drink wagon, Miami Commissioner Joe Sanchez, and Hendry County Commissioner Bill Maddox. Doc King, the tribe's favorite veterinarian, also joined the ride in case any emergency medical assistance was needed for the horses.

Chairman Mitchell Cypress, President Moses Osceola, Board Representative Paul Bowers Sr., Board Representative Johnny Jones, and Councilman Roger Smith also attended the cattle drive. It is men like these that help make up the epitome of the Seminole Tribe's Cattle Industry.

This year's Honorary Trail Boss was Agnes Cypress, who took her seat on the lead wagon and helped guide the way.

"We are proud to have Agnes as honorary trail boss and to recognize her as one of the very few Seminole women cattle owners," Chairman Cypress said.

Along the way, spectators stopped on sides of the road to capture pictures of such a unique event. Even though the Junior

Cypress Cattle Drive is only for recreation, cattle drives are unique in history because they represent an unsettled west that is now filled with homesteads, barbed wire protected fields and established communities.

The American cowboy is a symbol of the Western Frontier and our rich heritage. The life of the cowboy, whether on the ranch or on the trail, is a story of rough adventure. When most people think of cowboys they think of the Hollywood movie depiction that glamorizes the career of a cowboy.

"So many people have misconceptions of what cowboys did, what they wore and how they lived," Galen Arnett, a Lead Cowboy Interpreter said. "It was not as glamorous as most people think."

Most cattle drives took two to three months to move several thousand heads of cattle and typically moved 15 to 20 miles on a good day. This was to ensure that the cattle maintained as much weight as possible so that they would bring a better price at the market.

On the trail, life was rough, monotonous, and often dangerous. This year's Eighth Annual Cattle Drive offered up a great time of fun and laughter for all that attended. The cattle drive came to an end at the

Junior Cypress Arena with a good old fashioned barbecue for the exhausted cowhands.

Not only did this cattle drive allow us to remember the valuable skills taught by legends like Junior Cypress, Jack Motlow, and Agnes Cypress, but it also was a commemoration to the American cowboy, and a unique piece of history.

