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My Trip To New York City

I took eleven Brighton middle school students and chaperones to New York City on July 8 -11. This was a reward to the students that achieved a 2.5 GPA or better, and was sponsored by John Wayne Huff, Alex Johns, and President Mitchell Cypress. There were other students eligible for the trip, but couldn't go due to conflicts. I asked one of the students to submit a story. Read and enjoy!!
— Louise Gopher, Assistant Education Director.



Mary Huff and Stephanie Smith at the bottom of the Statue of Liberty.

Hi. My name is Mary Huff. Me and a few other kids had the opportunity to go to New York because of our great GPA. We had to have a GPA of a 2.5 or higher.

At first I wasn't going to go. But, I said to myself that it's not everyday that someone gets a chance to go to New York, so off I went. Our flight was at 9:30 a.m., but we had to wake up at 5:30 a.m.

Our flight was out of Orlando International Airport. We rode the airplane for 2 hours and 33 minutes. Later, we finally arrived in New York at LaGuardia Airport.

The sightseeing started immediately with our tour guide, Geri Richards, who is a New York City resident. On the TNT Motorcoach, we toured lower Manhattan.

Later that night, we went to the Rockefeller Plaza to tour the NBC Studios. While we were there, me and Reba Osceola made a tape of me, her, and Conan O'Brien.

After that, the group went and ate at the Hard Rock Cafe. It was good food, except the food had already been picked for us. After we got back to the hotel (Novotel), my family took a tour by ourselves.

The next day, we woke up around 6:00 a.m. and got ready and took a shower, then went to eat breakfast in the

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Alexandra Frank

Carrying the flags at the opening ceremony: (L-R) Austin Billie, Paula Bowers, Peter Hahn and John Jumper.

2002 North American Indigenous Games: Team Florida Wins 5 Medals

By Alexandra Frank

WINNIPEG, MANITOBA - For nine days, 25 teams participated in the 2002 North American Indigenous Games. The Seminole Tribe was represented by 127 participants in varied sports venues such as basketball, baseball, volleyball, archery, rifle shooting, canoeing, athletics, golf, and

wrestling.

The July 28 Opening Ceremony officially started off the Indigenous Games with an evening event at the CanadInn Stadium. 20,686 well wishers and athletes filled the stadium

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9th Annual Seminole Wellness Conference

By Alexandra Frank

MARCO ISLAND—During the week of July 15-18, the Marco Island Hilton Beach Resort served as the site for the 9th Annual Seminole Wellness Conference. The four-day conference encompassed several issues aimed at wellness and recovery for the 200 conference attendees.

This was the first time I had attended the conference, and I was under the impression that the conference was set up only for individuals with substance abuse problems.

On the contrary, the conference touched on subjects like health and fitness, divorce, low self-esteem, gambling, and diabetes. The classes on self-empowerment were well delivered and, in some cases, humorous and fun.

Seminole in "recovery" had a chance to hear testimonials from other Seminoles successful in their recovery efforts. This helped the newly recovering substance abusers see that they are not alone in their efforts to straighten up their lives, and that others know first hand what they are going through.

The testimonials often highlighted how the speaker started using drugs or alcohol and what type of lifestyle they lived at the time. They would then talk about the turning point in their lives; what made them decide to give up alcohol or drugs.

Hearing the personal side of substance abuse gave the testimonials a more human feel, as the speakers described a debilitating disease that wrecks the self, families, work, and society.

The conference also explored



Alexandra Frank

Show me the muscle: (L-R) Lisa Tiger and Mitchell Cypress

many other issues associated with substance abuse. One issue, gambling, had a four-person panel, all of whom suffered from the habit to various degrees.

The one common thread that linked all four individuals together was the realization that they had some sort of substance abuse problem personally, or suffered the effects of substance abuse

through family. This concept was eye-opening as, one by one, we learned the history of the four former gambling addicts.

As mentioned before, the four recovering gambling addicts suffered in various degrees of gambling. At least

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Brian Billie, Business Administration Graduate



Patsy Billie and Brian Billie on graduation night.

By Paula Cassels

SUNRISE—On July 26, the Keiser Career Institute held its Commencement Ceremony in the new Crowne Plaza Hotel at Sawgrass Mills. Tribal member Brian Billie, along with his class, received diplomas in business administration.

"The commencement exercise is the culmination of your hard work and intellectual effort," said Dr. Arthur Keiser, President of Keiser Career Institute.

The Keiser College and Everglades College Board of Governors, Administration, Faculty and Staff also congratulated the students on their very special day.

Brian Billie is the son of Patsy Billie in Big Cypress. Billie attended the

Keiser Career Institute in Cooper City during the spring semester.

He was awarded a certificate for a 3.0 G.P.A. in the 2001 academic year. His classes included Introduction to Computers, Accounting I, Accounting II, Business Administration, Economics, Macroeconomics, Business Law and Principles of Management.

Presently, Brian Billie is attending Keiser Career College in Ft. Lauderdale. For the next two years, he will work to achieve his (A.A degree) Associate of Arts degree in Business Administration.

Congratulations Brian, may all your dreams and wishes bring forth a prosperous future.

Princess Pageant

HOLLYWOOD — Everyone is invited to attend the Seminole Princess Pageant, which will be held at the Tribal Headquarters Auditorium on Saturday, August 17 at 7:00 p.m.

Come and support the contestants as they compete for the prestigious Miss Seminole and Junior Miss Seminole titles. Currently, the reigning titleholders are Miss Seminole Mercedes Osceola and Junior Miss Seminole June Jumper.

All are invited to come and enjoy the day at the Tribal Headquarters. The Hollywood Incentive Awards will be held at the Auditorium from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Afterwards, there will be a community dinner from 3:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Then, the Princess Contest will begin in the Auditorium at 7:00 p.m.



Big Cypress Incentive Awards

By Candy Cypress

BIG CYPRESS — It was time again to recognize and reward the students for completing another successful school year and the 2002 Big Cypress Incentive Awards ceremony was held at the gymnasium on July 23.

The gym was alive with colorful decorations. The students had sprinkled the gymnasium with multicolored balloons that floated from each chair, and richly-colored tablecloths covered the tables. Colorful pictures from the past school years were hung from the bleachers.

As the community members showed up to attend the ceremony, the students, led by high school student Nena Frias, handed out balloons to all who wanted them.

Dinner began at 6:30 p.m., after community member Junior Billie offered prayer. Our students served dinners of chicken, ribs, potato salad, baked beans, and desserts on colorful dinnerware.

After dinner, Joe Osceola Sr. opened the ceremony with a prayer. Councilman David Cypress started off the evening by congratulating the students for their hard work and effort. He also introduced and thanked the PAC committee (Linda Tommie, Jeanette Cypress, and Mary Jene Koenes) for their support.

Acting Director of Education Louise Gopher praised the students for staying on top of their schoolwork and not letting other activities distract them. She also commended the students on having a good year and stated, "...they will be our future leaders."

Board Representative Paul Bowers also complimented the students on their determination and stressed the importance of education. President Mitchell Cypress thanked everyone for coming out and supporting this event. Cypress recognized the efforts of college student Norma Tommie, who is majoring in Elementary Education at Haskell Indian Nations University.

Master of Ceremonies Brian Billie, a recent college graduate,

announced the recipients for the evening. The awards were given to Kindergarten through 12th grade students. In addition to the awards, President Cypress and Rep. Bowers handed out T-shirts.

The categories included Kindergarten A's and B's, Majority A's, A average, B average, Absent 3 days or less, Perfect Attendance, Academic Effort, and Graduation.

Many thanks to everyone involved in organizing this notable event. Congratulations to all the students for their continued effort and devotion. Also, a very special congratulations to Anthony Joe for being the only Pre-K student at Ahfachkee to have perfect attendance!

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National Museum Of The American Indian Hosts Inaugural Pow Wow

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The National Mall will come alive in a colorful expression of song and dance on the weekend of Sept. 14-15 when the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian holds the first-ever nationwide pow wow. Judges will pick winners in traditional competition categories such as "Men's Grass," "Women's Traditional," "Women's Jingle Dress" and "Men's Fancy."

Pow wows are social gatherings of hundreds of Native Americans who follow dances started centuries ago by their ancestors and that continually evolve to include contemporary aspects. Usually held between April and October, these events of feasting, drum music and dance are attended by Natives and non-Natives, all of whom join in the dancing and take advantage of the opportunity to see old friends and teach the traditional ways to a younger generation.

The Smithsonian's pow wow, an intertribal and, indeed, free public event, will be held on the Mall next to the site of the National Museum of the American Indian, now under construction on Independence Avenue at Fourth Street. The museum is scheduled to open in fall 2004 and this pow wow is one of a number of public events that the museum will host between now and the time it opens.

"The National Museum of the American Indian Inaugural Pow Wow will be a wonderful opportunity for the museum to introduce Washington-area audiences to a traditional Plains-style pow wow, with all the dancing and feasting - and coming together of many Indian people - that accompanies such events across Indian Country," says museum Director W. Richard West (Southern Cheyenne).

The audience will see dancers representing hundreds of

tribal nations in full regalia compete in several dance categories including Men and Women's senior (50 and over); Men's fancy dance, grass and traditional (Northern and Southern); Women's jingle dress, fancy shawl and traditional (Northern and Southern); Teens (13-17); Juniors (6-12) and Tiny Tot's (5 and under). More than \$77,000 in prize money will be awarded to the top five finishers in each category.

The drum groups are the heart of all pow wows and provide the pulsating beat that accompanies a dancer's every movement. They are led by two "host drums" that showcase two distinct styles of singing (Northern and Southern) and represent the best examples of each style.

The drum contest will highlight groups of 10 to 12 members each who frequently come from the same family and sing traditional songs that often have been written by family

members and are handed down from one generation to the next. The host drums are Black Lodge (Blackfeet) from Washington state and Cozad (Kiowa) from Oklahoma.

Each pow wow begins with the Grand Entry, which is a procession of all the dancers into the dance arena. This brilliant sea of color is scheduled to be led by the pow wow honorary chairman, Sen. Daniel Inouye (D-Hawaii) and an American Indian military veteran color guard.

Native foods such as Indian tacos, frybread and corn soup will be sold and authentic Native arts and crafts may be purchased directly from noted jewelers and artisans.

For additional information, call (202) 357-3164 ext. 159 for a recorded message or visit the museum's Web site at www.americanindian.si.edu.



Dancers on the National Mall (L-R): Jim Depper Red Cloud (Lakota); Suzanne Torchiani (Ho-Chunk), the Pepper Henry (Kaw), Dorothy Neconie (Kiowa-Pawnee-Otoe-Missouria), Dorothy Lippert (Choctaw).



Kowaaye Loochlake — Brown Horses

Thank You Everyone

*We would like to say
Thank You from the bottom of
our hearts to those who stood by
us and gave us support in our
time of need.*

*Thank You for all the
flowers and for the time and
effort put into feeding everyone
after the funeral.*

*In such a very sad time
we all appreciate each and every
one of your sympathetic hearts.
Our loss will take time to heal
but with such family members
and community members as*

*you've shown us we can make it
through.*

*Again, we thank each
and every one of you that sup-
ported us.*

*Those who traveled from
Trail every day to be with us and
help us, we appreciate it very
much.*

*Your prayers are greatly
appreciated.*

*Again, thank you,
**Harry Tommie
Earlene Osceola
Mona Osceola***

New York

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lobby. After breakfast, we toured Upper Manhattan for at least eight hours!

The tour included Ground Zero, the Statue of Liberty, a museum, and Ellis Island. We also went into Chinatown and Little Italy. After all of the sightseeing, we headed for Planet Hollywood to eat supper. Once again, our dinner was planned for us.

After dinner, we walked 8-9 blocks to the Broadway showing of the Lion King. It was a great show. Then we walked back to the hotel and everybody's feet were killing them!

The next day was easy. It was a free day, that meant we could do whatever we wanted to do. So me and my family took a cab to the National Museum of American Indian. It was so cool because over there I learned a lot about my culture.

After that, we took a cab to Macy's Department Store. My dad wasn't obligated to go in, but he went anyway.

Later, we walked to WWF New York. It wasn't anything like what the TV says. We ate at the restaurant, and my dad and I had the Hardcore Holly spaghetti while Mom ate the prime rib.

Next, we walked back to the

hotel, rested for awhile, then met up with the group and ate supper at a place called the Chop House.

The last part of the day, my Mom and Dad went back to the hotel and I went with the group to the Empire State Building. It was so high and it was really cold.

After that, we walked to McDonald's and got something to drink, then we headed back to the hotel. Some of the group wanted to walk around, so we did. The streets were full of people walking around, flashing bright lights, and street vendors.

We got our names by an Oriental artist on the sidewalk and the most amazing part about that night is that we saw a guy who made pictures of the Twin Towers and the Empire State Building with spray paint and a gum peeler-offer. Next, we headed back to the



Front row (L-R): Kimberly Huffman (hodling Brittany), Erin Willie, Josie Snow, Jennifer Chalfant, Kholt Gopher. Back Row (L-R): Brittany Smith, Reba Osceola, Stephanie Smith, Mary Huff, Josh Girtman, Damon Bert.

hotel.

The next morning, we boarded the plane and headed back on the 2 hour and 33 minute ride back to Orlando. We landed, and I thought I was going to get some sleep when we got home, but no, I had to go to softball practice.

New York City is an amazing city, I just wouldn't want to live there.



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LAW: AHAKE
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Letters & E-mail

Questions about facilities at Big Cypress Campground....

Is there a cabin that sleeps 6?
Is one available for Labor Day weekend - Aug. 30, 31 and Sept. 1?
Is it air conditioned?
Total charge for that period - 6 adults and a dog.

Thanks in advance for the information.

Mary McArdle
Ronandmary72@hotmail.com

Lucy Evanicki writes:

Thank you for the inquiry regarding the Big Cypress Campground. The answers to the questions are as follows:

Yes, there are cabins that sleep

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six people; they have a kitchen, coffee pot and microwave.

Yes, one of these cabins is available Labor Day weekend. Yes, they are air conditioned. Cost: \$75 per night and no dogs are permitted.

Please call Sheila Barry at the Big Cypress Campground for further information and reservations (800) 437-4102 and visit our website <http://www.seminoletribe.com/campground>.

I learned about you guys tonight while watching television. I didn't even know of the existence of such an area in Florida. I've been living here in Jacksonville for a long time. Please give

me direction from Jacksonville to where all this Seminole historical sites are.

Keep fighting for your rights!!!!!!!
Dawan Yamini Mainmubia (May God's Blessing shine on you)
Pcordero1@aol.com

Hello. I'm a student in Denver, Colorado and taking a class of Native American culture. I have an assignment about the culture and I want to know the history of the powwow. I went to some websites but all I knew was it was about dancing. If you have any information, could you please tell me? Thank you.

Sincerely,
Noriko Kojima
kono4@hotmail.com

Debt Collection: Your Rights

By Travis Trueblood, LL.M.

Are you in debt—and avoiding ringing phones, ignoring your mail and only hesitatingly opening the door—all to steer clear of the dreaded bill collector?

No one likes dealing with these people. But the good news is that the law forbids repeated harassment by bill collectors—and gives you the right to sue for violations. If you complain loudly enough—and you've got proof backing you up—you have a chance to get the entire debt canceled.

A "debt collector" is someone who regularly tries to collect debts owed to others. They may contact you in person, by mail, telephone, telegram, or fax.

However, a collector may not harass you or your family, this includes contacting you at work when the collector knows your employer disapproves or at unreasonable times.

Within five days after you are first contacted by a debt collector, a notice must be sent telling you the amount of money owed. The notice must also specify the name of the creditor to whom you owe the money, and what action to take if you believe you do not owe.

You may stop a collector from contacting you by writing a letter to the agency telling them to stop. Once the

agency receives your letter, they may not contact you again except to say there will be no further contact, or to notify you if the debt collector or the creditor intends to take some specific action.

If you do not indicate you owe the debt, you may write to the collection agency within 30 days after you are first contacted saying you don't owe the money. The agency may not contact you after that unless you are sent proof of the debt, such as a copy of the bill.

A debt collector may not harass or abuse any person. For instance, a collector may not use threats of violence against the person, property or reputation, use obscene or profane language, advertise the debt, or telephone people without identifying themselves.

A debt collector may not use false statements, such as: falsely implying that they are attorneys, that you have committed a crime, or that they operate or work for a credit bureau or misrepresenting the amount of your debt, the involvement of an attorney in collecting a debt, or indicating that papers sent to you are legal forms when they are not.

Debt collectors may not tell you that you will be arrested if you do not pay, that they will seize, garnish, attach, or sell your property or wages, unless the collec-

tion agency or creditor intends to do so and has a legal right to do so, or that a lawsuit will be filed against you, when they have no legal right to file or do not intend to file such a suit.

As of January 1, 1994, most consumer collection agencies operating in Florida must be registered with the Florida Department of Banking and Finance.

If you have a question about whether the collection agency which has contacted you is properly registered, or if you wish to file a complaint against a collection agency, you may contact the Division of Consumer Services at (850) 488-2221 or (800) 435-7352.

You may also file complaints with the Federal Trade Commission, Correspondence Branch, Washington, D.C. 20580. You may file suit against the collection agency for violating state and/or federal law. If you prevail, you may be awarded your actual damages, attorneys fees and costs.

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Nicole Osceola and Krystle Young with 600-pound Sea Lion.

Recreation Kids Head To Miami Seaquarium

By Paula Cassels
HOLLYWOOD — On July 25, Recreation treated the Seminole youth with a trip to the legendary Miami Seaquarium. The recreation van was loaded with children of all ages, driver Kenny Descheene and two chaperones, Jose Herrera and Patrice McCrea, who

and part of his job was to drive the kids every year to Miami Seaquarium. A total of 17 children and 15 adults and three vans made the trip down to the Seaquarium.

The sun was shining until the vans pulled up to the Seaquarium, where they were welcomed with a morning shower, which lasted until the first Dolphin show. Which didn't hamper the show, because it seemed the dolphins' mission was to see how many people they could get wet before the show was over. Flipper the T.V. star and Loita the Killer Whale were the featured performers, and the children were also amazed and delighted by the exotic Pacific white-sided dolphins as they show off their grace and natural abilities.

The kids seemed to love the shows and all of the animals in the tanks. Near the end, the group stopped for lunch at Manatee Bay Café to cool off.

To end the trip, they watched the Top Deck Dolphin Show, which showcased the high-flying antics of the bottlenose dolphins as they performed leaps and rolls.

As the kids said good-bye to the dolphins, Josiah Bowers said that, when he grows up, he wants to work at the Miami Seaquarium and feed the animals. On June 6, Miami Seaquarium welcomed the birth of a California Sea Lion at the Golden Dome facility. The newborn weighs approximately 20 pounds and is 2 feet long. The Miami Seaquarium are pleased to say that both baby and mother appear to be doing great. If your looking for fun, try the Miami Seaquarium.



Kids show off catch of the day.

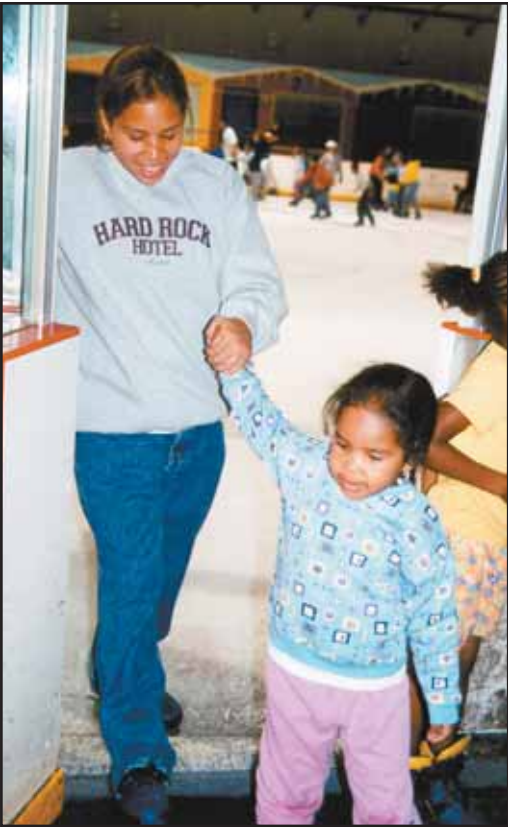
made the trip to the Seaquarium a lot of fun. Kenny said he has worked for Seminole Recreation Gym for many years



Cool day of summer at Pines Ice Arena.

Ice Skating In The Summer

By Paula Cassels
HOLLYWOOD — On July 30, Recreation took the Seminole community kids ice skating. As the summer temperatures heated up, 19 kids and adults chilled out at the Pines Ice Arena in Pembroke Pines. At the Pines Ice Arena, you can learn to Ice Skate in three weeks. They can also teach you to play ice hockey, and you can plan your Birthday Party there as well. A few of the Hollywood Seminole kids shared what they like about ice skating, Brian Osceola, 11 years old, likes ice skating because its fun and he likes to skate fast. Duelle Gore, 10 years old, likes to skate on the ice in circles and some times he falls down. He says he likes the floor because it is always cold, with ice pieces that you can pick up and hold in your hand. J.T. Osceola likes to ice skate backwards, and 4-year old Mi-Lyn Williams likes to skate with her mom holding hands. Everyone had a good time. If you decide to go ice skating this summer, make sure you bring a coat, since it gets very cold in the ice arena.



4-year-old Mi-Lyn and Mom.

Police Dispatcher Cindy McFarlane

By Paula Cassels
HOLLYWOOD — Meet Cindy McFarlane, the Seminole Department of Law Enforcement's Police Dispatcher. As Dispatcher, McFarlane's job is an important job within the Police Department. The Dispatcher must have talents that are not normally associated with a clerical position.

As a Dispatcher, McFarlane's position is an extremely stressful one, and this position is not for everyone. She has to be extremely accurate, maintain calmness and an even temperament at all times, in all situations.

A mistake cannot be redone, and a mistake could cost the life of or cause harm to, a Tribal Member, an officer or an innocent bystander.

Also, as a Dispatcher she is required to answer telephones and take calls from sometimes irate and/or very emotional persons, as well as handle the Teletype machine, not only for the Hollywood reservation, but for the other reservations as well.

McFarlane started

working for the Seminole Police Department of Law Enforcement in June of 1994. While working for the Seminole Police Department, Cindy has also earned a Bachelors Degree in International Business.

According to McFarlane, to become a Police Dispatcher you must be certified by FCIC (Florida Crime Information Center) within the first six months, then every two years. McFarlane has attended Hostage Negotiation, Domestic Violence classes and Managing Stress classes while employed with Seminole Police Department.

Cindy says the training experience and opportunity she received from the Seminole Police department has helped her provide the best service possible to the Seminole community. She has also helped out at the other reservations when they were short-handed.

Cindy is married, has three dogs, and her hobbies include reading, cooking and exercising. Glad to have you with us, Cindy!



Seminole Police Dispatcher Cindy McFarlane on the job.

Brighton Students Tour Southern California

Submitted by D. Michele Thomas, Chairman's Office

Seminole students Kyle Doney, Andrew Bowers, James Girtman, Jarrod Smith and Trina Bowers toured southern California on the week of June 25-30.

The students left Orlando on Tuesday, June 25 and landed in Los Angeles in time for dinner at the House of Blues on Sunset Boulevard. The students stayed in Santa Monica from June 25 to Thursday, June 27.

On Wednesday, they took a sightseeing tour through Hollywood, visiting the Warner Brothers Studio and lunching at the Hard Rock Café. Later, they watched the Dodgers play the Colorado Rockies at Dodger Stadium.

On Thursday, they visited Disneyland, Knott's Berry Farm and had dinner at the Universal CityWalk.

On Friday, the group picked up and headed for San Diego. First stop, the San Diego Zoo. The students then had some free time that night.

On Saturday, the group went on a historical tour of the city, lunching at Buster's Beach House and finished their West Coast visit with a trip to Tijuana.

Thanks to John Wayne Huff, Sr., Alex Johns and Mitchell Cypress. Without them, the trip wouldn't have happened.

We also would like to salute the 2002 high school graduates. Andrew Jordan Bowers- Brighton Resident, Holly Nicole Johns- Brighton Resident, Christopher Chad Huff- Brighton Resident, Kyle Richard Doney- Chinook, Montana, and Sonja Jean Buck- Oklahoma.



Andrew Bowers Jr.



Holly Johns



Sonja Jean Buck



Kyle Doney

Lazy Days Of Summer? Not In B.C.

By Libby Blake
BIG CYPRESS — "School's Out For Summer, School's Out For Summer!" Remember when Alice Cooper belted out those lyrics, which became an anthem for us Baby-Boomers? We couldn't wait for those lazy days of summer when school was out and we didn't have to do anything.

Well, school may be out in Big Cypress, but there has been nothing lazy about the days for the youth of the community. Since June, the kids' weekdays have been filled with activities, thanks to the staff of the Recreation Department.

Between 30 and 60 youth have joined in the fun each day, whether four-wheeling on bikes or two-wheeling on skates (ice and roller), playing basketball or bowling, splashing in the pool or frolicking at the beach, slicing up the pizza at Chuck-E-Cheese or tossing back some popcorn at the movies.

"The response from the kids, and the parents, has just been great," said Assistant Recreation Director Jack Gorton. "This is probably the most kids we've had participate in our summer youth program."

"We have had so many kids on a daily basis that we had to borrow a school bus and driver from Ahfachkee just to make sure no one was left out that wanted to go."

The big finale of the summer took place Aug. 8 – 11 at

Busch Gardens and Adventure Island in Tampa.

"I blocked 60 rooms and they're all full. So far, I have about 260 total going, including parents and siblings," said Gorton a week before the trip.



Seats fill up quickly on the school bus as the youth leave the gym for an activity.

Gorton added that more rooms would be obtained to house the last minute sign-ups, and bus transportation would also be provided for those who do not wish to drive.

Deadline For ACT Exam Registration Is August 23

The next ACT Assessment will be administered on September 28, 2002. College-bound high school students must register for the college admissions exam by August 23 - the deadline for having the registration postmarked.

There is a late registration postmark deadline of September 6, but an extra fee is charged for late registrations. Students can get registration packets from their high school counselors or register online at www.act.org. ACT scores are accepted by vir-

tually all U.S. colleges and universities, including all Ivy League schools. The ACT is not an aptitude test - it is an academic achievement test that measures students on what they learned in high school.

Because it is curriculum-based, colleges use ACT scores for more than admissions decisions - they use scores to place freshmen into classes that the students are academically prepared to handle.

For admissions decisions, colleges use ACT scores along with a student's high school grade point average,

college prep courses taken, extracurricular activities and other information. The test fee is \$25 (\$28 in Florida).

ACT's website (w-vvvv.act.org) has helpful information, sample tests and the opportunity to order test prep materials such as *ACTive Prep*, an interactive CD-ROM that contains practice tests with instant scores and study plans to prepare for the real test. A free sample test is available from high school counselors in a brochure called *Preparing for the ACT Assessment*.

Birthday Bash Held For Big Cypress Councilman David Cypress

By Libby Blake
BIG CYPRESS — On Aug. 6, over 400 people packed the Big Cypress Gym to pay their respects and offer birthday wishes to Councilman David Cypress. Cypress, whose birthday was actually the day before, gratefully accepted birthday wishes from Tribal citizens, employees, and friends.
Guests started at 10:00 a.m., and seats were at a premium soon thereafter. Robin Hernandez and Louise Osceola, along with their usual festivities helpers, had the gym completely decorated in the Tribal colors.
The Paul “Cowbone” Buster Band provided gospel and country music. Cowbone’s band, with Chunky Buster on lead guitar, Solomon Cypress on bass, and Ira Buster on drums, recently added Paul “Don Helms” Hulahan on the steel guitar and dobro, giving the group added depth.
Around 11:00 a.m. the special entertainment began with performances by Rod Stewart, Patsy Cline, Reba McEntire, and the “King” Elvis Presley impersonators. Both Cline and McEntire led the crowd in singing “Happy Birthday” to Cypress.
Very special guest Roy Jones, Jr. was intro-

duced and graciously posed for pictures with anyone who asked. Jones is the current Light Heavyweight Champion in both the World Boxing Council (WBC) and International Boxing Federation (IBF) rankings.
For more information on Roy Jones, Jr. and his many activities, visit his website at www.RoyJonesJr.com. Jones is involved in various fields including music and producing.
After a bountiful luncheon of fried catfish, barbecue ribs, chicken necks, ham hocks and all the fixings, Councilman Cypress opened the numerous gifts from the well-wishers. During this, Cypress took the opportunity to make an important announcement.
“A lot of you have been asking me for some time if I was going to run for Chairman in the next election. I want to let everyone know that my brother Mitchell (Cypress) has decided to run for the Chairman position and I plan to support him in every way,” announced Cypress, adding that he will stay where he is and run again for the Council.
Cypress’s announcement was met by applause and congratulations to brother Mitchell. The festivities slowly wound down as the guests meandered out in high spirits and full bellies.



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Saving Money Through Refinancing

By Ken Goosens

[Editor's note. Ken Goosens works for the Tribe in Housing Finance and counsels Tribal members on loans and their credit. The opinions he expresses are his own.]

Did you realize that you may be able to save significant money on an automobile, home mortgage loan, or other loan, by refinancing it? Interest rates rise and fall, and when they fall significantly below the interest rate you are paying a loan, you may be able to pay off the loan you got earlier with a new one that costs you less.

The basic premise of refinancing is that you prepay an existing loan using cheaper money from a new loan. Money that used to go into paying debt now goes into your pocket. But there are some catches and pitfalls to avoid. Here's how to take advantage of the opportunity to save money through refinancing.

Know the interest rate you pay on any loan, and keep comparing it to current interest rates.

What interest rate are you paying on your car loan, your home mortgage, and your credit cards with balances? If you can't answer that question, you'll never know if you have an opportunity to save money.

Interest rates in July and August 2002 dipped to unusual lows. The best previous opportunity for refinancing occurred in March and late August in 2001. Before that, the great opportunity to refinancing occurred in 1998. You have to watch for those opportunities.

Read you loan contract to see whether it discourages or penalizes refinancing.

Most loans may be prepaid anytime. However, some loan contracts may not allow prepayment. Others may have prepayment penalties. Some become penalty-free only after a certain number of years.

The most common prepayment penalty is the interest payment due for a year, which could easily run thousands of dollars. Paying \$5,000 up front in penalties to lower payments \$50 a month, for example, will not make good sense financially.

Factor in the cost of refinancing.

Loans generally have "closing costs", which is money you must pay for a loan. The most common fee for refinancing is 1% of the new loan amount, but there may be additional charges for such things as a credit check or appraisal.

At some point the cost of refinancing outweighs the savings from the monthly payments. Figure how many years you have before you recoup the up front costs in savings.

For example, if you have \$3,600 in costs but save \$100 per month, three years will pass before you save enough just to get back the initial costs. **You may be able to include the costs of refinancing in the loan itself.**

There are two ways to include refinancing costs in the loan without having to pay anything up front out of your pocket.

First, you may be able to borrow the closing costs in the loan. For example, you may be getting a

loan of \$125,000 to pay off a loan of \$120,000. The closing costs are actually included in the loan.

Second, you may pay a higher interest rate. Commonly, a lender will "pay" the closing costs in return for bumping up the interest rate by 1/8%. For example, instead of a 7% interest rate, you pay 7.125%.

Whatever you do, ask the lender who offers you a "no cost" refinance loan if the principal will larger than the loan amount or how much higher the interest rate is.

Beware lowering your monthly payment by extending the loan.

You can lower your monthly payments just by taking out a longer term, but this is a false saving.

To pay less per month now, you pay longer on a loan, which greatly increases your interest payments.

Generally, don't extend the loan, but rather pay it off in the same, original time.

For example, if you originally had a 30-year loan and have been paying it for 10 years, you have 20 years more to pay. Don't pay off the 30-year loan with a new 30-year loan. Pay it off with a new 20-year loan.

Consider a term of 15 years or less on the refinanced loan.

Generally, loans with shorter terms have lower interest rates, giving you an additional break on the interest rate. On home loans, the break point where the interest rate drops an additional half percent is 15 years.

Even if you end up with the same monthly payment as the original loan had, you are saving money because you are paying much less interest over the life of the loan.

Don't borrow more than your collateral is worth on a loan, do make all your payments on the old loan on time and in full, and keep your credit history clean.

Else you may not be able to take advantage of refinancing. You often hear car dealers say they will pay off your old car loan. What is really happening is that they will loan you the money to pay off the old loan, which is called rolling over the old loan into the new.

Then you are "upside down," meaning that you owe more in your loan than your car is worth. As long as you are upside down, you won't be able to refinance with another car loan.

If you are delinquent on your old loan, don't expect to be able to get a new one. You've already shown lenders that they cannot rely on you to pay the debt.

Finally, realize that the low interest rates you may read about or see quoted are only for people with excellent credit and make a large down payment. If you have been 30 days or more late making debt payments, have bills that went into collection, or have too much debt, the interest rate you will get may be much higher.

If you can't refinance because your credit history needs to be better, don't despair. Clean up your credit history so that you can get out of that car loan with a 20% interest rate or that home mortgage with a 10.5% interest rate. Don't let the opportunity to save money by refinancing pass by you.

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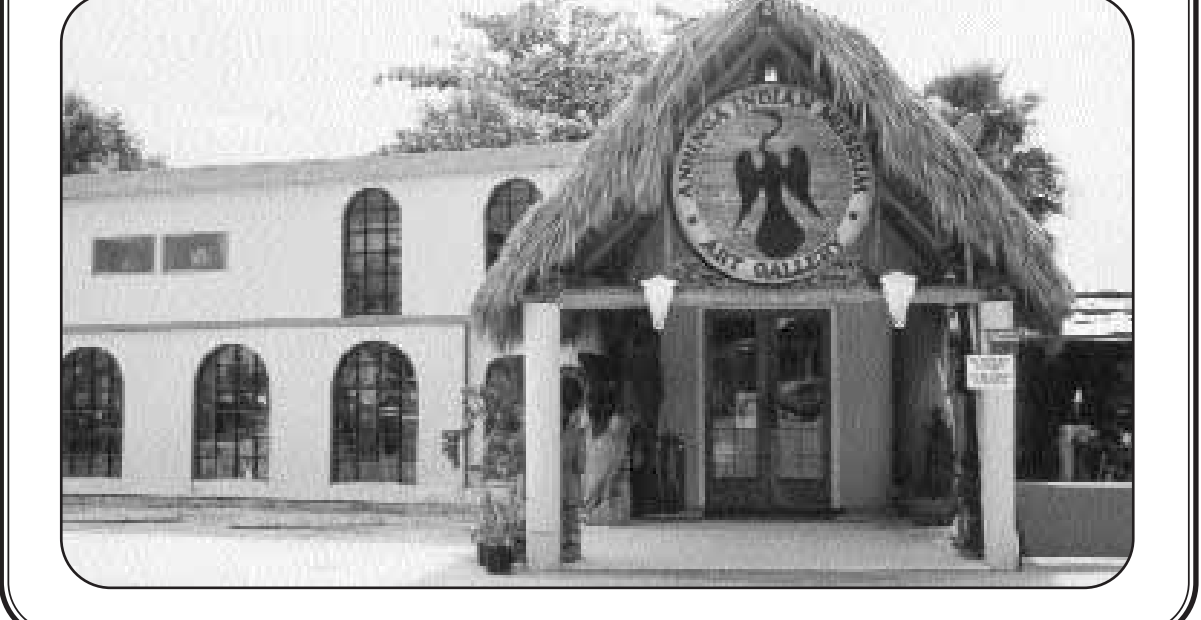
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Hollywood	
Billie, Chawndra , Freshman, Miami-Dade Community College, Miami, FL	
Billie, Christina , Freshman, Broward Community College Davie, FL	
Billie, Laura , Sophmore, Broward Community College Davie, FL	
Buster, Jessica , Freshman, Broward Community College Davie, FL	
Clay, Brande , Freshman Indian River Community College Ft. Pierce, FL	
Deitz, Erica , Sophomore ITT Technical Institute, Ft. Lauderdale, FL	
Emery, Nicole , Sophomore Oakland Community College,Bloomfield Hills, MI	
Frank, Anthony , Senior Florida Atlantic University, Davie, FL	
Frank, Brandon , Sophomore Broward Community College, Davie, FL	
Frank, Vanessa , Sophomore Florida Atlantic University, Davie, FL	
Green, Brett , Freshman Broward Community College, Davie, FL	
Hawk, Tommie , Sophomore University of Miami, Miami, FL	
Hiatt, Stephanie , M.A. University of Sioux Falls, Sioux Falls, SD	
Jim, Amber , Freshman Broward Community College, Davie, FL	
Nelson, Michael , Freshman Broward Community College, Davie, FL	
Nelson Sr., Theodore , Ph.D. Barry University, Miami, FL	
Osceola III, Max , Sen. The George Washington University,Washington, D.C.	
Osceola, Caroline , Freshman Bates Technical College, Tacoma, WA	
Osceola, Geraldine , Freshman Broward Community College, Davie, FL	
Osceola, Jimmy , Junior, Johnson and Wales University, North Miami, FL	
Osceola, Jo-Lin , Sophomore Johnson and Wales University, North Miami, FL	
Osceola, Mercedes , Freshman Stetson University, Deland, FL	
Osceola, Mitchell , Freshman The Gulf Academy of the South, Casselberry, FL	
Osceola, William , Freshman Broward Community College, Davie, FL	
Osceola-Branch, Emily , Senior Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL	
Osceola-Demayo, Melissa , Junior Nova Southeastern University, Ft. Lauderdale, FL	
Porter, Billie , Senior University of Florida, Gainesville, FL	
Sanders, Arlene , Freshman Broward Community College, Coconut Creek, FL	
Thomas, Jamenia , Freshman Johnson and Wales University, North Miami, FL	
Tiger, Eric , Senior Nova Southeastern University, Ft. Lauderdale, FL	
Tiger, Kashane , Junior St. Leo University, St. Leo, FL	
Tiger, Summer , Junior University of Miami, Miami, FL	
Zepeda, Pedro , Sophomore Stetson University, Deland, FL	
Big Cypress	
Billie, Bobbie , Freshman Black Hills State University, Spearfish, SD	
Billie, Corey , Freshman Full Sail Center for Real World Ed.,Winter Park, FL	
Bowers, Nadine , Freshman Broward Community College, Davie, FL	
Bowers, Toahooke , Freshman Broward Community College, Davie, FL	
Coppedge, Amy , Sophomore Lake Washington Technical College, Kirkland, WA	
Jumper, Cathy , Sophomore FL College of Natural Health, Pompano Beach, FL	
King, Lindsey , Freshman Broward Community College, Davie, FL	
Osceola, Ida , Freshman Miami-Dade Community College, Miami, FL	
Pacheco, Naomi , Junior, Colorado State University, Pueblo, CO	
Tommie, Danny , Freshman Broward Community College, Davie, FL	
Brighton	
Chalfant, Jack , Freshman South Florida Community College, Avon Park, FL	
Gopher, Carla , MBA University of Tampa, Tampa, FL	
Holata, Andrea , Freshman Hillsborough Community College, Tampa, FL	
Holata, Kevin , Junior Lynn University, Boca Raton, FL	
Johns, Alexander , Freshman Indian River Community College, Ft. Pierce, FL	
Johns, Emma , Grad. Florida Gulf Coast University, Ft. Myers, FL	
Josh, Lucinda , Freshman Coconino Community College, Flagstaff, AZ	
Stockton, La Shara , Freshman Indian River Community College, Ft. Pierce, FL	
Tirell, Timothy , Freshman Indian River Community College, Fl. Pierce, FL	
Tommie, O’Hara , Sophomore Keiser Community College, Ft. Myers, FL	
Youngblood, Suraiya , Junior Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, FL	
Immokalee	
Benson, Dorothy , Freshman Edison Community College, Ft. Myers, FL	
Pequeno, Cecilia , Freshman Edison Community College, Ft. Myers, FL	
Pequeno, Diane , Freshman Edison Community College, Ft. Myers, FL	
Plunkett, Christopher , Senior Palm Beach Atlantic College,West Palm Beach, FL	
Tampa	
Hageman, Chasity , Freshman Hillsborough Community College, Tampa, FL	

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Ricky Joe Alumbaugh <i>1st Grade – Ahfachkee School</i> B Average	Pauline Billie <i>Sophomore – Bachman Academy</i> Academic Effort	O’Shaa’Ne Cypress <i>1st Grade – Indian Trace Elementary School</i> B Average	Obadiah Osceola <i>Senior – Ahfachkee School</i> B Average High School Graduation
Malachi Baker <i>2nd Grade – Ahfachkee School</i> A Average	Ravel Billie <i>1st Grade – Ahfachkee School</i> A Average	Robb Cypress <i>Junior – Bachman Academy (Chattanooga, Tennessee)</i> Academic Effort	Owachige Osceola <i>Sophomore – Clewiston High School</i> Academic Effort
Malari Baker <i>Kindergarten – Ahfachkee School</i> All A’s & B’s	Shawna Billie <i>2nd Grade – Ahfachkee School</i> B Average	Ryan Cypress <i>3rd Grade – Ahfachkee School</i> Improved Grades	Quenton Osceola <i>1st Grade – Ahfachkee School</i> Academic Effort
Anthony Balentine <i>2nd Grade – Ahfachkee School</i> Academic Effort	Sonny Billie <i>8th Grade – Clewiston Middle School</i> Academic Effort	Terrina Cypress <i>3rd Grade – Eastside Elementary School</i> Academic Effort	Ragan Osceola <i>2nd Grade – Ahfachkee School</i> Majority A’s
JR Balentine <i>6th Grade – Ahfachkee School</i> Academic Effort	Stevie Billie <i>2nd Grade – Ahfachkee School</i> B Average	Tyler Cypress <i>1st Grade – Ahfachkee School</i> Majority A’s Absent 3 days or less	Ryan Osceola <i>6th Grade – Ahfachkee School</i> B Average
Jessalyn Balentine <i>8th Grade – Ahfachkee School</i> B Average Perfect Attendance	Summer Billie <i>7th Grade – Ahfachkee School</i> B Average Perfect Attendance	Ashley Escobar <i>3rd Grade – Ahfachkee School</i> Improved Grades	Sarah Osceola <i>Kindergarten – Ahfachkee School</i> All A’s & B’s
Josie Balentine <i>3rd Grade – Lewis Elementary School (Tampa, Florida)</i> Academic Effort	Tiffany Billie <i>6th Grade – Ahfachkee School</i> Academic Effort	Herschel Frank <i>6th Grade – Ahfachkee School</i> Academic Effort	Symphony Osceola <i>Kindergarten – Ahfachkee School</i> All A’s & B’s
LT Balentine <i>Freshman – Hidden Lake Academy</i> Academic Effort	Travis Billie <i>6th Grade – Admiral Farragut Academy (St. Petersburg, Florida)</i> Academic Effort	Gianna Garcia <i>4th Grade – Jonathan Elementary (Waynesville, North Carolina)</i> Academic Effort	Megan Otero <i>Junior – Brenau Academy (Gainesville, Georgia)</i> A Average Absent 3 days or less
Lariah Balentine <i>1st Grade – Ahfachkee School</i> A Average	Aiden Bowers <i>Kindergarten – Ahfachkee School</i> Academic Effort	Hali Garcia <i>4th Grade – Jonathan Valley Elementary (Waynesville, North Carolina)</i> B Average	Sawena Otero <i>7th Grade – Preston Public School (Oklahoma)</i> B Average
Maranda Osceola <i>5th Grade – Ahfachkee School</i> Academic Effort	Alanis “Emilee” Bowers <i>1st Grade – Ahfachkee School</i> Majority A’s	Ildy Garcia <i>Sophomore – The Gow School (New York)</i> Academic Effort	Thalia Pacheco <i>3rd Grade – Sunset Park Elementary (Pueblo, Colorado)</i> B Average
Tana Bear-Osceola <i>2nd Grade – Ahfachkee School</i> Academic Effort	Alyssa “Lauren” Bowers <i>5th Grade – Ahfachkee School</i> Majority A’s	Clayton Hall <i>4th Grade – Ahfachkee School</i> A Average	Travis Pacheco <i>6th Grade – Ahfachkee School (Pueblo, Colorado)</i> Academic Effort
Cody Bert <i>Freshman – Ahfachkee School</i> B Average	Kayla Bowers <i>6th Grade – American Heritage (Plantation)</i> Academic Effort	Daylynn Hall <i>3rd Grade – Ahfachkee School</i> B Average	Kaylynn Pewo <i>7th Grade – Admiral Farragut Academy</i> Academic Effort
Isaac Bettelyoun <i>2nd Grade – Ahfachkee School</i> Academic Effort	Toahooke Bowers <i>Senior – American Heritage (Plantation)</i> Academic Effort High School Graduation	Santa Fe Hall <i>7th Grade – Clewiston Middle School</i> Academic Effort	Cooper Rivers <i>2nd Grade – Ahfachkee School</i> A Average
Kane Bettelyoun <i>2nd Grade – Ahfachkee School</i> B Average	Wilson Bowers <i>Sophomore – Ahfachkee School</i> B Average High School Graduation	Stephanie Hall <i>6th Grade – Ahfachkee School</i> B Average	Destiny Robbins <i>Kindergarten – Ahfachkee School</i> All A’s & B’s
Megan Bettelyoun <i>3rd Grade – Ahfachkee School</i> Academic Effort	Daniel Bullard <i>Senior – Ahfachkee School</i> B Average High School Graduation	Jonathan Harjo <i>Freshman – Ahfachkee School</i> B Average	Jonathan Robbins <i>3rd Grade – Ahfachkee School</i> B Average
Myra Bettelyoun <i>3rd Grade – Ahfachkee School</i> Academic Effort	Meredith Bullard <i>Freshman – Ahfachkee School</i> B Average	Ayze Henry <i>Junior – Home-Schooled</i> Academic Effort	Tucomah Robbins <i>2nd Grade – Ahfachkee School</i> B Average
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April Billie <i>7th Grade – Ahfachkee School</i> Academic Effort	Gregory Carter <i>6th Grade – Clewiston Middle School</i> B Average	Darren Jim <i>1st Grade – Ahfachkee School</i> B Average	Dion Sanders <i>6th Grade – American Heritage (Boca)</i> B Average
Bonnie Billie <i>6th Grade – Admirall Farragut Academy (St. Petersburg, Florida)</i> Academic Effort	Nicole Coppedge <i>Junior – Coolidge Public Schools (Arizona)</i> Academic Effort	Susie Jim <i>3rd Grade – Ahfachkee School</i> Academic Effort	Ann Tiger <i>6th Grade – Ahfachkee School</i> Academic Effort
Brannon Billie <i>4th Grade – Lewis Elementary School (Tampa, Florida)</i> B Average	Aaron Cypress <i>5th Grade – Ahfachkee School</i> Academic Effort	Monique Jimmie <i>2nd Grade – Ahfachkee School</i> B Average	Derrick Tiger <i>Kindergarten – Ahfachkee School</i> All A’s & B’s
Byron Billie <i>8th Grade – Clewiston Middle School</i> Academic Effort	Aileen Cypress <i>1st Grade – American Academy</i> B Average	Christopher Joe, Jr. <i>1st Grade – Ahfachkee School</i> Majority A’s Perfect Attendance	Savannah Tiger <i>Kindergarten – Ahfachkee School</i> All A’s & B’s Perfect Attendance
Cody Billie <i>5th Grade – Ahfachkee School</i> B Average Perfect Attendance	Alex Cypress <i>6th Grade – Admiral Farragut Academy</i> Academic Effort	June Jumper <i>Senior – Ahfachkee School</i> B Average High School Graduation	Tequesta Tiger <i>1st Grade – Ahfachkee School</i> B Average Absent 3 days or less
Cypress Billie <i>1st Grade – Ahfachkee School</i> Majority A’s	Anthony Cypress <i>Kindergarten – Ahfachkee School</i> Academic Effort	Katinna Jumper <i>Kindergarten – Ahfachkee School</i> Academic Effort	Demetria Tigertail <i>6th Grade – Silver Palms Elementary School</i> Academic Effort
Dannee Billie <i>3rd Grade – Ahfachkee School</i> Academic Effort	Billy Cypress <i>5th Grade – Eastside Elementary School</i> Academic Effort	K’ahna Jumper <i>3rd Grade – Ahfachkee School</i> A Average	Kellie Tigertail <i>8th Grade – Clewiston Middle School</i> Academic Effort
Issiah Billie <i>Junior – Ahfachkee School</i> B Average	Charley Cypress <i>Senior – Ahfachkee School</i> B Average High School Graduation	Kaylee Jumper <i>3rd Grade – Ahfachkee School</i> B Average	Tylor Tigertail <i>2nd Grade – Ahfachkee School</i> A Average
Jon Ross Billie <i>4th Grade – Ahfachkee School</i> B Average	Darwin Cypress <i>3rd Grade – American Heritage Academy</i> B Average	Keith Jumper <i>3rd Grade – Ahfachkee School</i> Improved Grades	Catlin Tommie <i>3rd Grade – Ahfachkee School</i> A Average
Katherine Billie <i>8th Grade – Ahfachkee School</i> Academic Effort	Dawna Cypress <i>6th Grade – Ahfachkee School</i> A Average Perfect Attendance	Kelcie Jumper <i>4th Grade – Ahfachkee School</i> B Average	Danni Jae Tommie <i>2nd Grade – Ahfachkee School</i> A Average
LeAnna Billie <i>8th Grade – First Indian Baptist Academy</i> B Average	Ian Cypress <i>3rd Grade – Ahfachkee School</i> B Average	Korliss Jumper <i>1st Grade – Ahfachkee School</i> Majority A’s	Lorelei Tommie <i>1st Grade – Pine Crest School</i> B Average
Micco Billie <i>5th Grade – Ahfachkee School</i> B Average	Jalen Cypress <i>2nd Grade – Ahfachkee School</i> Academic Effort	Robin Landin <i>3rd Grade – Chesterbrook Academy</i> Academic Effort	Trisha Walker <i>6th Grade – Ahfachkee School</i> Majority A’s
Moses Billie <i>Senior – Ahfachkee School</i> B Average High School Graduation	Karen Cypress <i>7th Grade – Clewiston Middle School</i> Academic Effort	Jason Melton <i>2nd Grade – Eastside Elementary School</i> Majority A’s	Karlito Wargolet <i>2nd Grade – Jonathan Valley Elementary (Waynesville, North Carolina)</i> B Average
Natalie Billie <i>5th Grade – Lawrence Public Schools (Kansas)</i> Academic Effort	Kegan Cypress <i>3rd Grade – Ahfachkee School</i> B Average	Bradley Osceola <i>1st Grade – Ahfachkee School</i> B Average Absent 3 days or less	Reagan Whitecloud <i>1st Grade – Ahfachkee School</i> B Average
Nathan Billie <i>6th Grade – Admiral Farragut Academy (St. Petersburg, Florida)</i> Academic Effort	Kira Cypress <i>3rd Grade – Eastside Elementary School</i> Academic Effort	Klaressa Osceola <i>7th Grade – Ahfachkee School</i> B Average Perfect Attendance	

It's All About A Stretch

By Kenny Bayon C.PT

Think about the last time you stretched. Really stretched. If that hands-over-head, mid-afternoon super yawn was your best effort, you're far from alone.

It's a conundrum. We spend hours exercising in order to lower our body fat, increase our muscularity and expand our cardiovascular capacity. Yet when it comes to improving our flexibility through stretching — which is crucial for peak performance and injury prevention, and should be the shortest and easiest part of a workout — we avoid it like a trip to the in-laws.

We're talking about making *gains* in pliability, not just going through the motions as part of a warm-up. Whether you're as stiff as a titanium shaft or as supple as grass, and no matter what your activities of choice, increased pliancy is always a good thing. And static (also known as traditional) stretching, which involves gently easing muscles past their normal range of motion, is the simplest ticket to a more limber physique.

Unlike active stretching, which we covered in a recent article, static stretching is not a warm-up in itself. It shouldn't be performed until the body's been in action — walking, jumping rope, jogging, biking — for at least 10 minutes. And for maximum results, wait until you're entirely finished with a workout or activity before digging in; by then, your muscles should be in their warmest and most supple state.

When executed properly, static stretching, besides increasing pliability, might help alleviate soreness after a strenuous workout; can reduce stress and tension; and is an excellent post-exercise cool-down mechanism (after playing 18 holes, for instance).

We've detailed 12 static stretches that cover the major muscles used in training: chest, arms, back, legs, hips, shoulders and abdominals. While this isn't a comprehensive flexibility routine, it offers a solid base. And for those who are more supple, we've included some advanced techniques.

All stretches should be performed at least every other day, but preferably daily. Aim for weekly improvements until you reach your goal, then maintain. If running short on time, perform stretches that apply to your problem areas. Do 2-3 sets of each stretch, holding for 20-40 seconds each time until you feel mild tension, but no pain. Stretch under control (no bouncing) and maintain deep breathing, which promotes relaxation.

Full-Body Stretch

Muscles Stretched: Legs, back, abdominals, chest, shoulders.

Starting Stance: Either lying flat on back or standing; legs straight and hands extended above head.

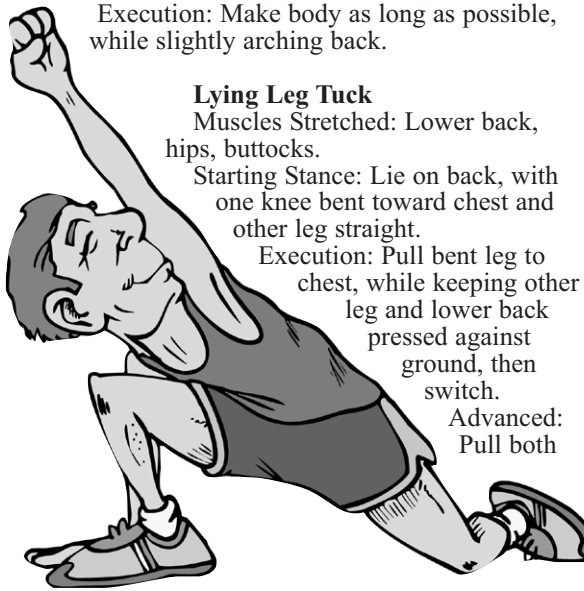
Execution: Make body as long as possible, while slightly arching back.

Lying Leg Tuck

Muscles Stretched: Lower back, hips, buttocks.

Starting Stance: Lie on back, with one knee bent toward chest and other leg straight.

Execution: Pull bent leg to chest, while keeping other leg and lower back pressed against ground, then switch. Pull both



knees to chest.

Lying Trunk Twist

Muscles Stretched: Abdominals, butt.

Starting Stance: Lie flat on back with right knee bent over the left, keeping left leg straight.

Execution: Pull right leg across with left hand and look in opposite direction of stretch. Do same stretch with other leg. Advanced: Keep leg straight while pulling it over.

Kneeling Bow

Muscles Stretched: Quadriceps, mid and upper back, shoulders.

Starting Stance: Sit on heels and drop chest to knees.

Execution: Extend arms in front and push down on floor with heels of hands.

Lying Abdominal/Back Stretch

Muscles Stretched: Abdominals, lower back.

Starting Stance: Lie on stomach with elbows pulled in by side.

Execution: Elevate upper body by pushing off elbows. Advanced (only if free of lower-back problems): Push off hands.

Lying Hamstring Stretch

Muscles Stretched: Hamstrings.

Starting Stance: Lie on back.

Execution: Keeping legs straight and back flat, lift one leg at a time and pull toward chest. Alternate to other leg. Advanced: Use towel or rope for extra pull.

Corkscrew

Muscles Stretched: Hips, lower and mid back, abdominals, legs.

Starting Stance: Keeping back straight, sit with left leg straight and cross right foot over left leg. Place right hand on floor behind body, and left arm outside right leg.

Execution: Turn and look toward right hand. Without changing feet position, turn and face other direction. Repeat with opposite leg.

Elevated Lunge

Muscles Stretched: Groin, quadriceps, hip flexors, buttocks.

Starting Stance: Place one foot flat on knee-level (or lower) bench, step or chair; keep back foot planted on toes about two feet behind body.

Execution: Dip body down so chest touches front knee and back knee almost touches ground. Make sure front knee remains behind front toes. Switch legs.

Standing Quadriceps Stretch

Muscles Stretched: Quadriceps and hip flexors.

Starting Stance: Stand facing a wall or other solid object (to be used for balance).

Execution: Bend leg backward, grasp ankle and pull heel toward butt. Alternate legs. Advanced: Hold ankle with both hands, which also stretches the chest and shoulders.

Seated Butterfly

Muscles Stretched: Groin, inner thighs.

Starting Stance: Sit up straight with back against wall. Put soles of feet together

Execution: Place hands on insides of thighs and push down. Advanced: Pull heels closer to groin, grab feet with hands and use elbows to push down thighs.

Bending Chest Stretch



Muscles Stretched: Chest, upper back, shoulders, triceps.

Starting Stance: Stand few feet away from any solid object (table, desk, counter), feet shoulder-width apart. Extend arms and lean on object, bending forward at waist. Don't round back or shoulders.

Execution: Continue bending forward until arms and back are parallel to floor, keeping knees slightly bent. Push chest and head toward ground. Advanced: Squat deeper or place hands on higher surface or wall.

Doorway Stretch

Muscles Stretched: Chest, shoulders, biceps.

Starting Stance: Stand between doorway with hands posted palms forward (shoulder level) on either side of frame.

Execution: Lean forward and stick out chest. Advanced: Place hands at various heights and walk forward a couple of steps.

Here are some more tips about training:

• **It's actually far more beneficial (& safer) to stretch AFTER your workouts than before them.** Warm muscles are more flexible than cold one's. So a stretch can be more complete and done more patiently. The words 'hurry' and 'stretch' never belong together. A good, patient warm-up should gradually stretch you enough PRIOR to any session.

Furthermore, Dr. Ed Burke (formerly of the US Cycling Federation Center for Science, Medicine and Technology) states that stretching in the post-exercise period also "helps to circulate nutrients to muscle tissues and to carry waste product away from the muscles".

• **Stretching should feel good.** If you're stretching 'til you feel the burn'.....you're on thin ice and are an injury waiting to happen. View your stretching as a reward to a workout completed.

I'm often asked, "How long should I hold a particular stretch?" My reply is usually....."Don't time it. Don't count. Don't have any predetermined length of time for which you stretch any muscle."

Instead, practice *listening* to the body and it's muscles for them to tell **YOU** when enough is enough. That period of time should vary depending on the muscle you're stretching and the workout that the stretching proceeds. But the key is to treat it as a 'feel-good' practice where you **develop a sense of intuition** about what your body needs to facilitate recovery.

• **Never bounce.** I realize that most of us know this one by now so I may be 'preaching to the choir'. Bouncing is termed 'ballistic stretching' and can actually induce a muscular response that causes muscles to contract (shorten) and become even **more** tight. Sorry to include the 'now-obvious', but no recommendation on stretching is complete without a word on this.

• **Stretch the muscles you've used.** I find that stretching the back, shoulders, chest and triceps **FEELS** the best after a swim session because I've just used those same muscles. Likewise, stretching the glutes, thighs, hamstrings, and calf muscles **FEELS** best after a run or bike workout.

You can develop your own stretch sequence and routine. Again, how you move from one to another is totally up to you **based on what feels best.** Just slow down and listen.

One of the best times to stretch is in the midst of a weight-training session. We'll have athletes stretch a muscle right after they've done a lift that fatigued that muscle. For instance, after a bench press lift..... you can stretch your chest, shoulders, and triceps. After a leg-press lift.....you should stretch your glutes and thighs.

• **Stretch alone.** Recently I read an article (by a very popular coach) who suggested that an athlete should stretch (while assisted by another) to a point of maximal stretch and then contract the muscle pushing back against the "helper".....sequencing this way several times.

As a coach, I cringe when I hear of partner-assisted stretching.

The primary purpose of stretching is: **to increase a range of motion for sport-specific movements (like swimming, cycling, and running) that allow the muscles to optimally function *within* that range.....thereby reducing the likelihood of injury in the process.**

I've had as many people injured due to 'partner-assisted stretching' as I have because they were inflexible in the first place. Because, by nature, has a very high "return" on the 5-6 minutes you 'invest' in it after each workout.

Adding a mate to the process means always having to have a partner available to stretch with (which will lead to inconsistency) and adding an element of risk to our 'return-on-investment' equation.

• **Use the 5 to 6 minute rule.** If a stretching session begins to last longer than six minutes, it's less likely to be viewed as a 'reward'..... and more likely to be seen as, yet, another workout.

Keep it short and to the point. Stretch muscles **groups** (rather than individual muscles) as often as possible. After a run or ride, you should have about 4 basic stretches that you sequence through. After a swim, you should have a separate 4 stretches. **When a sequence goes longer than 5 to 6 minutes.....it's not very likely that you'll repeat it after every workout.** And consistency is the key to it all.

• **Stretch shallow.** Once I had an athlete e-mail me distressed because she couldn't touch her toes.....like her training partners (of course). I asked her, "How often do you touch your toes in a race?"

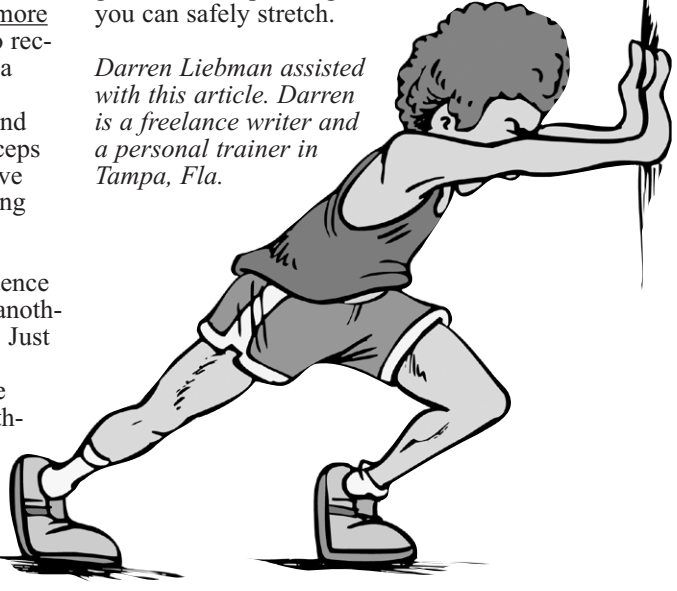
Remember that our goal with stretching is to increase flexibility **WITHIN** the range-of-motion for the event we're preparing for. Now a gymnast should be able to touch their toes. But how many gymnast-coaches suggest that **their** athletes do 10mile runs off the bike? Zero. The run to the pommel-horse just isn't **THAT** long. It's not 'sport specific', right?

Well, neither is the need to be hyper-flexible for a triathlete.

Once you can stretch past the point of the range-of-motion that approaches what you'll actually use in an event, the benefits cease while the risk begins to climb.

So how far do you go? Again, use/develop an 'intuition' for what **FEELS** good.....**and then stop.** With time, you'll find that what 'feels good' IS a deeper range that you can safely stretch.

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Wellness

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three had abused substances before turning to gambling. They likened gambling to the substance they abused. The high they got from gambling was like the high they got from the abused substance.

The fourth panelist explained that he was a late blooming gambler and, while he was not a substance abuser, he did come from a family that abused various substances.

All four panelists said that their gambling addictions had wrecked their marriages, broken up their families and even put one of them in jail. The similarities between individuals living with a gambling disorder and the substance abusers were striking.

The havoc spawned from gambling addiction, such as stealing, lying, getting arrested for embezzlement and suffering from a wrecked economic environment closely resembles a drug addict's or alcoholic's lifestyle.

In fact, the four panelists agreed that problem gambling is similar in all aspects to substance abuse, it just goes by a different name with the same type of results. They have the same dependency, a quick high with equally devastating results.

And like some substance abusers fed up with living a life addicted to drugs or alcohol that gives way to depression,

suicide seems to be a choice a gambling addict is willing to take.

The similarities between gambling addiction and substance abuse was eye opening and made one realize how easy it is to go from one bad habit to another if a person is not careful.

Although the conference was geared for helping the adults, the Seminole youth were not ignored. There were classes available for youngsters aged 7-18 years old. The younger Seminole youth were able to attend a "kids camp" offered through the hotel.

The Seminole youth ages 7-18 were able to attend culture classes involving arts and crafts, as well as issues resulting from living with a family member with a substance abuse problem.

Many of the youth classes were smaller versions of the adult classes. This format helped to cover everyone in the family structure.

There was one speaker in particular who seemed to reach everyone. Lisa Tiger, a Shawnee/Cherokee/Seminole from Muskogee, OK held a forum on HIV/AIDS. Lisa has been on the conference circuit for many years.

Lisa told everyone how she became infected with HIV. Her now deceased ex-boyfriend was not particular to a certain sex.

In fact, one of Lisa's male friends confessed to having sex with her boyfriend. This prompted Lisa to seek testing for HIV.

Lisa began to realize how unfaithful her soon to be ex-boyfriend was. This was also at the hardest point in time for Lisa, who had, for the past two years, suffered the tragedy of losing her younger brother. Lisa's brother had been murdered during an argument with another young native male outside a bar. This was probably the saddest day in

Lisa's life, and the most trying time for her.

When Lisa went for the HIV testing, she resolved to deal with the outcome the best that she could. Lisa said she was more concerned with the outcome of the trial of the man who had killed her brother.

Lisa must have found the strength of a thousand people to cope with the test results that would undoubtedly cause anyone else to go into shock, or worse, over the edge with grief.

Perhaps it was focusing on the outcome of the trial that helped Lisa to remain strong when she learned about her test. It was only after the disappointing sentencing of manslaughter charges against the murder and his time to serve (28 years) that the reality of Lisa's predicament hit her.

Lisa, who did not use alcohol, thought of doing so only to make the loss of her brother less painful. Due to an incident involving alcohol in her early twenties, Lisa had stopped using the substance.

She resolved not to go that route. Instead, with steely resolve, Lisa chose a path not always easily taken by most people. Lisa chose to stay sober and worked at staying healthy by exercising, eating right and living alcohol and drug-free.

Lisa discovered that the best way to cope with the disease was to help educate other people about the disease. Lisa began to attend conferences and workshops catering to Indian communities across the United States.

Lisa promotes living a healthy lifestyle and staying away from alcohol or drugs, which can cause poor judgement. Lisa warned that, when one abuses substances, their judgement about sex is clouded and they may practice unhealthy sex practices, like having unprotected sex.

An individual may also enter into an unhealthy relationship that involves abuse or pick up other habits involving other types of substance abuse.

There were plenty of questions for Lisa after she spoke about the story of how she contracted HIV. She also spoke about how she has continued to live the disease for the past 10 years.

Her message did not fall upon deaf ears and it was great to see so many people interacting with Lisa, learning more about a disease many people still do not fully understand.

The Wellness Conference is

about gaining information that is critical to help make one's road to recovery a little more easier. When the disease of alcohol and drugs are in your life everyday, it is hard to comprehend the dangers that can result from substance dependency.

Some of these dangers are ignoring health problems, whether they are mental or physical. When a person enters into a questionable relationship, they can find themselves being abused or turned on to more hardcore drugs, thus making it harder to get help when they need it.

I was glad to have attended the Wellness Conference. I learned that there are many factors affected by substance abuse, such as health, self, and peace of mind. These are all under duress when a person lives a life abusing alcohol or drugs.

It was great to see so many tribal citizens participating in the many activities offered. One activity in particular brought everyone together on the last night of the conference.

Thursday was "Mexican Night", they had food, decorations and music with a Mexican theme. Individuals were asked to dress in their best Mexican outfit so that the spirit of the evening could be enjoyed by all.

I know a lot of parents were probably grateful for this night, many young Seminoles danced to music provided by a DJ long into the night. I can imagine that there were many sleepy heads at the hotel on this night!

Also there were three birthdays during the conference week. Robin Osceola, Rowdy Osceola, and Dillion Osceola all received recognition for their birthdays.

Another form of recognition took place during the certificate awards ceremony. Suzanne Davis, Allied Health Program Manager, was given the



Suzanne Davis, Allied Health Program Manager was given the "Employee Of The Year" Award.

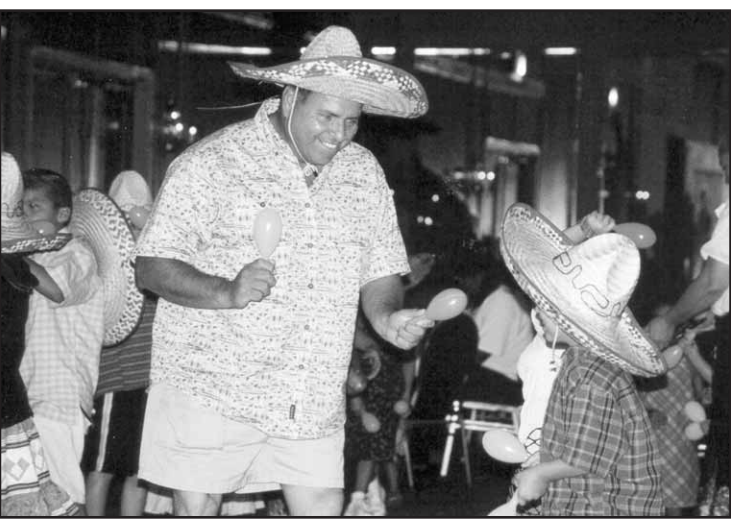
"Employee of the Year" award. Health Director Connie Whidden, along with President Mitchell Cypress and Helene Buster, all spoke kindly of Suzanne, who is a hard worker and friend to the Seminole communities.

The award could not have gone to a more dedicated individual than Suzanne; she is the perfect candidate for such a momentous award. Congratulations Suzanne, on earning such a well-deserved token of appreciation, you have earned it!

This year's conference was a success. Helene Buster, committee member, announced that next year would be the 10th anniversary of the Wellness Conference. The last evening will feature a prom theme dance to mark the 10th anniversary of the conference.

The prom theme will give some of the conference attendees who missed their high school prom a chance to relive the event. Since some people may have missed their high school prom due to various reasons, the committee thought the dance would be a great way for them to go through the high school prom experience.

If you ever thought of attending the Wellness Conference, next year may be the perfect time to go. Who knows, you may learn something new and, in the process, get reacquainted with people you kind of know and get a chance to hang out with those you do know. So make plans to attend, because the applications are done on a first come, first serve basis. See you there!



Willie Johns celebrates during "Mexican Night."

Alexandra Frank

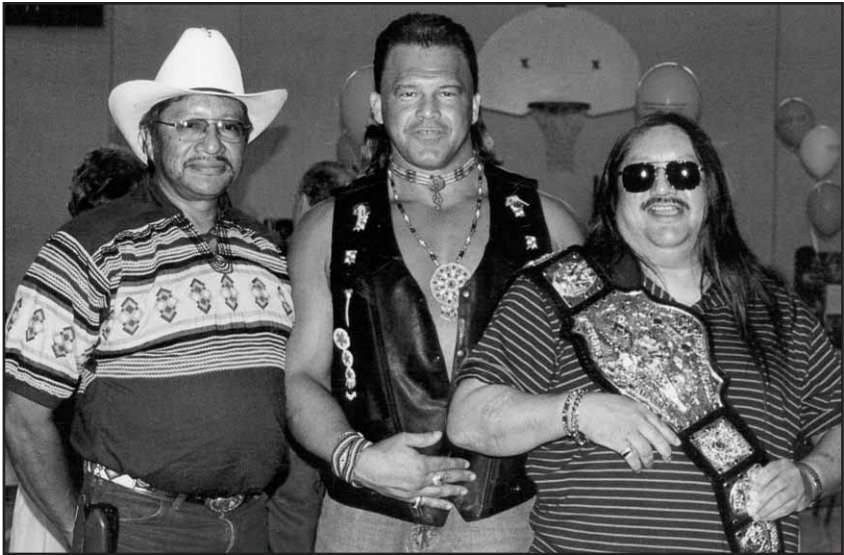
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Tribal officials Mitchell and David Cypress with Native American Wrestling Federation Champion Thunderheart Joe Gomez.

Florida Championship Wrestling Anniversary Show

BIG CYPRESS —The Seminole Tribe of Florida and Florida Championship Wrestling will celebrate its third year of working together with a big Anniversary show on August 31 at the Big Cypress gymnasium.

FCW shows have continued to grow into great nights of entertainment, with fans coming in from all over the state.

Florida Championship Wrestling would like to thank the following people for working tirelessly to promote these shows: Mitchell and David Cypress, Jack Gorton, the Broadcasting staff, Virginia Mitchell and the Seminole Tribune, and the staff at the Big Cypress reservation.

Some of the stars already signed for the upcoming event are: Kevin Sullivan; FCW Heavyweight Champion The Warlord, accompanied by Pretty Boy Greg Farley; Mayor of Davie Hardcore Harry Venis, with his political strategist Vicious Vinnie Scarpo; Mr. Technical Barry Horowitz and

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NAYO Girls 13-17 year old Brighton Seminoles: Front row (L-R): Ehricka Osceola, Clarissa Randolph, Audrey Snow, Stephanie Smith, JoJo Osceola. Back row (L-R): Juanita Jo-Jo Osceola, Sherrie Jones, Kelly Tommie, Phalyn Osceola, Dixie Tommie, Dallas Osceola, Missy Huff and Coach Chris Goodwin.

Brighton Girls Compete At NAYO

CHEROKEE, NC—The Brighton Seminoles’ 9-12 year old and 13-17 year old softball teams competed at the July 19-20 North American Youth Organization (NAYO) fast-pitch softball tournament.

The 9-12 year old girls team finished in third place with a 4-2 record. They played the Lil’ Travelers of Mississippi in the first game, crushing them 16-0.

Megan Jones led the offense, hitting 2 for 3 with a home run. Melanie Jones, Brianna Harjochee, Chelsea Mountain, Jewel Buck and Jeanne Osceola all hit singles.

The girls lost their second game to Bok Chitto, 4-1. The team gave up three unearned runs in the third inning, which put the game out of reach.

Jewel Buck hit a triple, Chelsea had an RBI, driving in Ravenne Osceola. Brianna pitched a great game, striking out 11 batters.

In the loser’s bracket, Brighton eliminated the S & B Choctaws with a sound 17-3 whipping. Megan Jones led all the batters with her second home run of the tournament.

Brighton then played another Choctaw team. They squeaked by with a last inning, two-out RBI single by Melanie Jones to score Ashley Spencer for a 3-2 win.

Brianna and Megan each hit singles, while Chelsea and Shyla Jones hit RBIs. Brianna pitched another tough game, striking out nine batters.

In the next game, Brighton eliminated the Poarch Creek of Alabama team, 12-7. Brianna pitched a terrific game, striking out 14 batters. Megan and Chelsea each hit singles.

Brighton’s final game was a rematch against Bok Chitto in the Semi-final Championship game.

Again, they had a bad third inning, giving up seven runs.

Brighton staged a last inning rally, but fell short 8-6, leaving two runners on base at the end.

Megan once again led the offense, hitting her third home run of the tournament. Brianna struck out eight batters, bringing her tournament total to 50 strikeouts, setting a tournament record.

Coaches Chris Goodwin and Parker Jones were pleased with Brighton’s third place finish.

Meanwhile, the 13-17 year old team was looking to make amends for last year’s tournament, in which they did not score a run. This year, they scored 12 runs.

Brighton played Cherokee in their first game. Brighton led the whole game until the final inning, when they lost the lead, and the game, 10-9.

JoJo Osceola led the team, hitting 2 for 3 with a double and two RBIs. Osceola also struck out five batters.

Sherrie Jones had three RBIs, Phalyn Osceola scored a double and Audrey Snow and Onnie Cypress each had singles. Clarissa Randolph scored two runs, but suffered a tournament ending injury while sliding into home. The injury wasn’t serious and Randolph was fine.

Brighton lost its second game to Poarch Creek of Alabama. Trying to stage a rally, Brighton scored all of its runs in the last inning. JoJo and Phalyn had back to back doubles, Audrey Snow and Sherrie each scored singles.

Coach Chris Goodwin was extremely proud of the team’s effort.

“They always hustled, never gave up and worked as a team,” said Goodwin. “I would like to thank all of the parents for their help and support.”



3rd Place Winners, 9-12 year old.



NAYO Girls 9-12 year old: Front Row (L-R): Ashley Spencer, Christine Billie, Melanie Jones, Shyla Jones, Ke-ya-le Osceola, Ravenne Osceola. Back row (L-R): Coach Parker Jones,Chelsea Mountain, Megan Jones, Emily Cortez, Nikki Urbina, Jewel Buck, Brianna Harjochee, Jeannie Osceola and Coach Chris Goodwin.

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Position Opens: 8-5-02
Position Closes: 8-19-02
Salary: \$ Negotiable w/experience, w/Benefits

Position: Skilled Carpenter (3)
Department: Housing
Position Opens: 6-6-02
Position Closes: 6-20-02
Salary: \$ 29,120 – 33,280 annually with benefits.

Position: Skilled Laborer (2)
Department: Housing
Position Opens: 6-20-02
Position Closes: 6-20-02
Salary: \$ 20,800 – 29,120 annually with benefits.

Position: Snake Handler
Department: Okalee Village
Position Opens: 9-10-01
Position Closes: 9-24-01
Salary: \$20, 800 with benefits

Position: Working Superintendent (2)
Department: Housing
Position Opens: 6-6-02
Position Closes: 6-20-02
Salary: \$35,360 – 37,440 annually with benefits.

Brighton

Position: Cultural Language Inst.
Department: Cultural Language
Position Opens: 2-7-02
Position Closes: 2-21-02
Salary: \$ 24,960 annually with benefits.

Position: General Manager
Department: Seminole Campground
Position Opens: 7-15-02
Position Closes: 7-29-02
Salary: \$Negotiable with benefits.

Position: Medical Assistant
Department: Health
Position Opens: 3-14-02
Position Closes: 3-28-02
Salary: \$ 20,800 annually with benefits.

Position: Education Coordinator
Department: Education
Position Opens: 8-5-02
Position Closes: 8-19-02
Salary: \$Negotiable w/exp.w benefits

Big Cypress

Position: Assistant Cook Mgr.
Department: Preschool
Position Opens: 3-14-02
Position Closes: 3-28-02
Salary: \$ 18,000 annually with benefits.

Position: Varying Exceptionalities Teacher
Department: Big Cypress
Position Opens: 7-29-02
Position Closes: 8-12-02
Salary: Negotiable with experience with benefits.

Position: Counselor
Department: Health
Position Opens: 6-27-02
Position Closes: 7-11-02
Salary: \$Negotiable with benefits.

Position: Exhibition Specialist
Department: Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki
Position Opens: 7-15-02
Position Closes:7-29-02
Salary: \$20,800 annually with benefits.

Position: Finance Manager
Department: Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum
Position Opens:7-15-02
Position Closes: 7-29-02
Salary: \$ 26,000 annually with benefits.

Position: Physical Ed. /Health Teacher
Department: Ahfachkee School
Position Opens: 7-22-02
Position Closes: 8-5-02
Salary: \$Negotiable with Benefits

Position: Receptionist
Department: Broadcasting
Position Opens: 6-6-02
Position Closes: 6-20-02
Salary: \$ 15,600 annually with benefits.

Position: Utility Clerk
Department: Utilities
Position Openxs:3-21-02
Position Closes:4-40-02
Salary: \$18,700 annually with benefits.

Immokalee

Position: Maintenance Worker
Department: Recreation
Position Opens: 12-19-01
Position Closes: 1-2-02
Salary: \$ 14,500 with benefits.

Position: Operator Maint. Trainee
Department: Utilities
Position Opens: 6-6-02
Position Closes: 6-20-02
Salary: \$ 18,700 annually with benefits.

Position: Teacher Aide 1 & 3 yrs.
Department: Preschool
Position Opens: 1-16-02

Position Closes:1-30-02
Salary: \$18, 150 annually with benefits

Position: Receptionist
Department: Field Office
Position Opens: 5-2-02
Position Closes: 5-16-02
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Position: Video Programmer
Department: Broadcasting

Police Jobs

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Poem

*I thank God from beginning to end,
Came along way, but still got along way to go,
ya never know, things might stop,
then again things might flow.
I'm talking bout our heritage,
our culture and language,
if we don't listen to our elders,
it just might extinguish.
I'm trying out just keep movin forward,
And don't look back,
its not where you come from its where your at.
I think and hope time will just make it better,
but how when I take the time to
write letters to the ones
I love in correctional and just
regular treatment centers.
I think about all the time we
wasted dying by our own hands,
and not take the time who created all of this land.
Why can't we just understand?*

*Sometimes I think and easedrop into the light,
about how many fights or OD's
that might happen to our people tonight.
I say our people cause its mines and yours,
lets not get it one sided or just kick it to the curb,
I know I had a few disagreements now and again,
but I'm sayin I'll always love my people from now
until the end.
And now I thank God from beginning to the end,
for creating a unique and special tribe called,
The Seminole Indians.*

By Tony A. Tommie
7-23-02

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Happy Birthday



Happy First Birthday to **Aleah Ray Turtle**. From your mom, dad, your two brothers Seth, Ryan, and the rest of your relatives. Love you Baby Girl.



To **R.L. Osceola**, Happy Birthday on Aug 20 to our Egoosh wa tehke – We love you, have a great day. One Love, The Otter Gang in Hollywood, Doris, Cheyanna and Kids.

Happy Birthday **Uncle Nick** from the Otter Gang! Have a goot one! One love, Doris and Kids.

Happy Birthday Aug 16 to **Ellen Marie Grant Eads**. Have a good one with mom. One Love, Aunt Doris and kids.

Happy 14th Birthday Aug. 29 to our son, brother, uncle and grandson **Michael Ronnie Doctor**, with much love always, Mom, Chuck, Dad, MaryAnn, Pammy, Maleah, Teajo, Jason, Minnie, JoAnn and from Heaven above, Tiffany and Paigeo.*



Happy Birthday **Aunt Rose** Aug 21. To our “Ole” friend, **Rosie Lucy Billie Grant “Otto.”** We’ve enjoyed being with you the first century (ha, ha), hope to see you the next! One Love. Doris and Gang.



Happy Birthday to **Franklin Amos**, born July 9, 2000. To my little wild one, lots of love from your Momma, Carla Lena Cypress. Once my baby boy, now I can hardly keep up with you!

Happy Birthday **Michael L. Onco Jr.**, Aug. 5. We love you, Jamie, Chaska, Baby Leo.

Happy Birthday **Tana Wind Bear Osceola**, Aug. 27. We love you, Leo, Jamie, Chaska, Baby Leo.



Happy Belated Birthday to **Marlon Foster**, July 21. Be good and have fun. Love you, Grandma and Egoosh.

Happy Birthday to my son **Dayne Gary Billie** on Aug. 14, 2002. I thank God for you and for giving us another year. You are becoming a young man now and I know you’ve been working hard and I am so proud of you and may all your hopes, dreams, and plans become real for you one day.

You and Allyson fill my life and you make me so proud, just know that wherever you are, you can call on me and “I’ll be there” right behind you. We love you **Dayne!** Rebecca Billie

Notice

Attention Tribal Members

Beginning June 2001 the Tribal Clerk’s Office began issuing and renewing the Seminole Indian License plates by the applicant’s birthday. Any issuance, renewal or transfer of these plates are to be done by their office.

The Department of Tallahassee (DMV) has been sending out renewal notices to Tribal Members in error. **All renewals are to be done through the Tribal Offices.** They will be happy to assist you in getting your renewal. Make sure you have your insurance card with you and if you’ve received a renewal card bring that with you also.

If you have any questions please call Suzanne Palm, Tribal Clerk’s Office, at (954) 966-6300 x1162.

New Kids



Jaya Lee Osceola
Born June 15, 2002 at 1:38 p.m., 7 lbs., 9 oz, 21 inches. Parents are Jamie and Jeffery Osceola. Grandparents are Linda Jim, Hank Osceola and Arika Buck.



Gordon Anthony Jumper born June 5, 2002. He is the 4th baby boy born to Carla Lena Cypress and dad Blue Jay Jumper. He was born at 4:03 a.m. and was 10 lbs and 8 oz at birth. Love you baby boy!

Krishawn Drayton Henry 7 lbs., 7 oz, 19 ½ inches, June 10, 2002. I’m truly blessed to have you in my life. Love you lots, Mom.

Great Job!



Congratulations **Eden Donovan** on graduation for Big Cypress Pre-School on June 11, 2002. We had fun with you on your day. With kisses and hugs, your Momma, Carla Lena Cypress.

August Birthdays

Mary Bowers
Shula Snow Jones
Lottie Johns Baxley
Mary Billie
Minnie Tommie Howard
Mary B. Bille
Dorothy Osceola Tommie
Coleman Jerome Josh
Annie Mae Tiger
Henry Jim Gopher
Augustina Gopher Gore
Edna Lane Frank
Martha Mae Jones
Joe Junior Billie
Elsie Johns Smith
Nancy Jane Willie
Carol Frank Cypress
Elaine Aguilar
Ginnie Bowers
Frances Jumper Teele
Linda Joyce Billie
Alice Johns Sweat
Max Bill Osceola, Jr.
David Roger Cypress
Lois Smith
Wanda Faye Bowers
Ralph Conley Billie
Charles Billie Hiers, Sr.
Rosie Lucy Grant
Nancy Billie
Robert Paul DeHass
David Lester Snow
Theodore Billie
Hannah Billie
Victor Morgan Frank
Jim John Osceola
Roger J Billie
Mary Lucy Tommie
Scott Lee Baxley
Deborah Carter
Stanley Cypress, Jr.
Martha Ann Doctor
Anita Marie Osceola
Rosetta Ann Jumper
Loretta Jean Micco
Donna Sue Turtle
Don Billie
Catherine Madrigal Huff
Anthony Frank
Marilyn Sandra Billie
Ramsey Harjo
Anita Lou Yates
Ruth Marie Stewart
Vincent Billie
Tate Charles Osceola
Monica Sue Johns
Cynthia Ann Willie
Naomi Pacheco
Beverly Kay Alumbaugh
Martin Royce Johns
Julie Balentine Tucker
John Harjo
Donnie Wayne Gore
Danny Billie
Diane Yzaguirre Pequeno
Norman Lee Tommie
Helena Jimmie
David Bruce Osceola
Helen Osceola
Guy Robert Osceola II
Lisa Jay Dodd
Robert Donald Cypress, Sr.
Tina Devito Lacey
Bryan Kelly Youngblood
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Evelyn Bowers
Jimmy Wayne Holdiness
Nadine Bowers
Rita Michelle Youngman
Mitchell Buck Osceola
Loraine Billie
Mornin Ann Osceola
Michelle Nina Ford
Alicia Annette Josh
Connie Margaret Haught
Melissa Victoria Gopher
Kelley Rene Smith
Sheila Kay Aguilar
Emma Jane Urbina

Angela Susan Tiger
Juliet Alice Jim
John Billie, Jr.
Craig Darrin Gopher
Veldenia Osceola
Janelle K. Robinson
Mayra Enid Osceola
Susan Renea Davis
Davina Marie Motlow
William Lee Jumper, Jr.
Daniel Nunez, Sr.
Joel Matthew Frank II
Eldean Jo Billie
Bryan Scott Bratcher
Shannon Beth Gopher
Christopher Lee Billie
Ellen Marie Eads
Mary Ella Gercak
Sampson Julian Gopher
David Billie, Jr.
Iris Tiger
Holly Leigh Tiger
Madelyn Caldwell
Pittman Jason Sampson
Myra C. Jumper
Marlon Lorenzo Tommie
Stephanie Lorraine Osceola
Brande Elicia Clay
Michael Leo Onco, Jr.
Joey Wade Micco
Trisha Ann Osceola
Isabell Garza
Carradine Billie
Blossom Rosanna Billie
Ericka T. Cypress
Sara Mea Jumper
Jaime Lyn Yzaguirre
Eugenia Gayle Cypress
Jason Richard Grasshopper
Clarissa Monique Jones
Leslie John Gopher
Tremaine N. Timothy
Karilee Bowers
Melissa Ann Metcalf
Kassim Artemus Stockton
Luke Baxley
Prima Sue Primeaux
Henry Samuel Nelson III
Juanita Pequeno
Cassandra Jones
Shaun Cody Osceola
Ronald James Drake
Annie Pocahontas Jumper
Theodore Scott Nelson Jr.
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Elliot Chon Alvarado
Brandi Katrina Jones
Dusti-Jo Ann Bert
Christopher Allen Jimmie
Danette Pearl Bowers
Derrick Smith
Billie Roberts Garcia
Rachel Ann Billie
Jaime Renee Osceola
Michael Ian Alvarado
John Hall, Jr.
Alana Nicole Henry
Leon Sam Tommie
Miranda Emogene Cypress
June Ashley Jumper
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Donte Osceola- Tiger
Aiden Ulysses Bowers
Neko Miuulu Osceola
Raina Kay Robinson
Vanessa Mariah Billie
Baylee Mykah Micco
Hannah Laray Billie
Kaitlin Marie Osceola
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Kathlyn Jo Kippenberger
Tai Niure Cypress
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Jobe Billie Johns
Victoria Celine Tucker
Jeremiah Osceola Santiago
Morgan Drew Bert
Mason Caleb Foret
Alexus Autum Osceola- James
Ross Magnus Zepeda
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Richard Joseph Primeaux
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Cady Lashaun Osceola

Notice

Economic/Community Development and 4-H Program Extension Agent I or II #?????- Grant Fund Seminole Tribe, Glades County(South Central District) Brighton Reservation, FL

The Agent will organize and implement a comprehensive extension education program for the Seminole Tribe of Florida, Inc. The economic/community development portion (about 50%) will consist of identifying resources, providing technical assistance in writing grant proposals and securing assistance for tribal staff to improve and/or expand their agricultural economic development programs.

The Agent will coordinate with tribal staff to provide technical assistance to tribal members regarding agriculturally related concerns such as management, marketing and financial management. Fifty percent of the position is devoted to 4-H Youth Development, emphasizing 4-H programming in Entrepreneurship for Youth.

In addition to conducting Youth Entrepreneurship programs, the Agent will teach and provide leadership, management and coordination in the planning, implementation, evaluation and reporting the entire 4-H Youth Development program for the Seminole Tribe.

The Agent is required to provide leadership in writing grant proposals that support the programming as well as maintaining the current USDA-EIRP grant. The Agent will report to the Director of the South Central Extension District and to the Tribe’s Director of Natural Resources. She or he will also work in very close cooperation with the Tribe’s 4-H Coordinator.

A Bachelor’s degree with emphasis in agricultural economics, community development, marketing, finance, business, agricultural education, human resource development or closely related field is required. Master’s degree and experience in community/economic development preferred. The Seminole Tribe of Florida, Inc. will provide agent a vehicle for work to include travel to and from home.

The Seminole Tribe has a population of approximately 3,000 including about 560 youth, ages 5-18. There are 12 active 4-H clubs and a total 4-H membership of 141 youth representing the 5 Seminole Indian Reservations. The Seminole Tribe Extension program operates on reservations in 5 different counties: Glades, Hendry, Collier, Hillsborough and Broward.

Brighton and Big Cypress are rural reservations with 34,000 and 94,000 acres, respectively. They are composed of large agricultural areas with cattle, citrus, and sugar cane operations as well as large tracts of native pasture and forest. Immokalee is a small town reservation while Tampa and Hollywood are urban reservations. The Seminole Tribe Extension Office is based on the Brighton Reservation in Glades County, 28 miles southwest of the town of Okeechobee.

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Indigenous Games ❖



Seminole Teams Fall Short At NAIG Volleyball

By Travis Trueblood
WINNIPEG, CANADA — Representing one of 24 teams, Team Florida traveled more than 2,300 miles to compete in the Senior and Midget Women's volleyball competition at the 2002 North American Indigenous Games (NAIG), held on July 25 through August 4.

The NAIG volleyball competition consisted of male and female teams in the bantam, midget, juvenile, junior and senior age classifications. A team won a set (game) by scoring 25 points via rally scoring and with a minimum lead of two points. Teams won matches by winning three sets.

Team Florida Senior Women's volleyball squad, led by Coach Beverly May, played 24 sets over a stretch of two days. Kasey Baker, Danette Bowers, Jessica Buster, Carla Gopher, Rita Gopher, Oneva Jones, Dana Osceola,

Stephanie Osceola, Loretta Peterson, Diane Smith, Michele Thomas and Laverne Thomas took the floor for Team Florida.

Team Florida started shaky, losing matches against Team New York, Bronze medalist Alberta, British Columbia and Gold medalist Manitoba on the first day. The Senior Women found their rhythm during the second day of competition with a guaranteed shot in the semi-finals within grasp.

After dropping the day opener to Team Ontario, the Senior Women tied a set with Maine, but lost the match. Hopes at a semi-finals rally slipped away when the Senior Women lost remaining matches to Quebec and Silver medalist Saskatchewan, allowing Maine to edge Team Florida for the remaining playoff berth by one game.

Coach May also led Team Florida's Midget Women volleyball in

their 12 sets over four days. After posting a no-show and forfeiting the first match, the Midget Women had two days to prepare for their debut.

The Midget Women dropped their opener against Team Alberta and the following day against Manitoba. On the final day of competition, the Midget Women came alive with hopes of a shot at bringing back the bronze, but lost their closest match against North Dakota.

Team New York took the Gold, Saskatchewan stole the Silver and Ontario walked away with the Bronze medal in the Midget Women's division.

Although neither Team Florida's Senior Women or Midget Women brought back precious metals, both will cherish memories from the tournament.

"It was a good experience," said Team member Michele Thomas. "Everyone had fun competing and representing Florida at the Games."



NAIG

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for the welcoming remarks from the Prime Ministers of local provinces and prayers from the elders of local tribes.

Opening Ceremony attendees were treated to some of Canada's best performers in singing and dancing. The event was festive and gave the games an air of excitement over the next seven days.

The seniors baseball and volleyball competitions marked the beginning of the Indigenous Games and were the main highlight for three days. Team Florida had a Women's Volleyball team that consisted mostly of Brighton residents.

The volleyball team had to play for two days that lead up to the third day which were the games that lead to the finals. Unfortunately, the women's volleyball team did make the cut to go to the finals. They did, however, put in the effort to play their best, which is commendable.

This can be said for the Midget Girls volleyball, the Juvenile Girls Volleyball, the Boys Junior Basketball and the Midget Girls Basketball.

In Athletics (track and field), two individuals made it to the finals. Velma Osceola and J.D. Bowers fared well in the Seniors division 100 meter run.

The two made great time in order to make the finals. However, they were no match for the second 100 meter heat. They did well, the two finished 4th and 5th place, respectively.

The Midget Girls Basketball team had to overcome some last minute setbacks. First, they had only five girls to play during the games, which was the minimum. Also, during one of the games they had an injured player who stayed on the court despite her injury. They finished the game 20 points ahead of their opponent. Good job!

Although they did well, the Midget Girls Basketball team did not make to the finals. However, a pat on the back goes out to these young women, and to the Midget Girls and Juvenile Girls Volleyball teams as well, for their effort while competing in the Indigenous Games.

The Juvenile Boys Basketball Team faced the same odds as the Midget Girls Basketball Team. They too had only 5 players. When you do not have any substitutes during a game of basketball, it can

be tiring and stressful.

These young men put all they had into the games they played, and should receive recognition for their efforts and perseverance during the games.

Other athletes who deserve recognition for the effort they put into playing other sports are: Charles Hiers - Canoe & Kayak; Kyle Doney, Terri Hahn, Charlie Cypress, Jim Osceola, Scarlett Young, Leroy King, Jonathan Rodriguez, and Joe Junior - golf; Justin Campos, Paula Bowers, John Jumper, Larnee Ballentine, John Osceola Jr., Thelma Bowers, Helene Buster, Courtney Sanchez, and Tony Sanchez, Josie Snow, Patty Waldron, and Travis Trueblood - athletics; and Reese Bert, Amy Ashley - Rifle Shooting.

The five medals that Team Florida brought home were won in four separate sports: wrestling, baseball, archery, and rifle shooting.

Wrestling featured Austin Billie - Hollywood, Tyrel Osceola - Trail, Mitchell Simmons - Tampa, and Peter Hahn - Live Oak. The wrestling event lasted three days, enough time for all four to prove themselves on the mat.

The competitors they faced were tough, many had competed in high school and college. During the event, the winner was decided by the number of points earned or by pinning an opponent to the mat.

Out of the four wrestlers who participated, two won medals, Tyrel Osceola won a Bronze Medal and Mitchell Simmons won the only Gold Medal for Team Florida. Way to go, guys! We hope to see you at the 2005 games winning at least two gold medals!

In the Archery competition were three Seminole men: Joel Frank Sr., Chris Osceola, and Clinton Holt, all from the Hollywood reservation. The three men faced a course that featured both a wooded exercise area and an open field setting.

They had to hit life-like targets such as deer, cougar, bear, moose, etc. The men were in teams of four; the event tested stamina, vision, and patience. All

went through the course over two days and it was not an easy course.

Clinton Holt won the Bronze Medal. Holt will add this accomplishment to his list of rodeo wins earned over the past three years.

Gregory Osceola, 15, from Hollywood, is the son of Marcellus Sr. and Eteau Osceola. Gregory won a Bronze Medal in the Rifle Shooting competition. Way to go Gregory, it is great to see a young person win such a prestigious award, keep it up!

The Midget Boys Baseball Team was a mix of tribal citizens from the Hollywood and Brighton reservations. They played well on the first two days of the baseball event to get to finals, where they faced Team Manitoba for the Gold Medal.

Team Florida had a chance to win, but some questionable calls and missed fouls and outs, they had to settle to play for the bronze medal.

In order to win the bronze, the boys had to play Team Alberta. They were ready to go but a strange thing happened. Team Alberta was a no show!

You would think that a team that had played so hard to make the finals would want to play to win the bronze.

Thus, Team Florida won the bronze. However, they had wanted to play for the bronze. However, they did stick around the ball field to watch Team Wisconsin defeat Team Manitoba.

Team Wisconsin were the Gold Medal winners for the Midget Boys Baseball at the 2002 North American Indigenous Games.

The five medals won by Team Florida were well deserved. We could not have asked for a better group of individuals to represent the Seminole Tribe with honor and respect.

Congratulations to the winners. Hopefully, you'll be able to compete again in three years, when the games take place in California. Congratulations to Team Florida, you have proven yourselves worthy once again.

