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Paula Cassels

Tribal officials and Fort Pierce community members breaking ground at Hawks Landing, soon to be 30 new home sites.

Ft. Pierce Community gathers for Ribbon Cutting and Ground Breaking

By Paula Cassels

FT. PIERCE, FL — On Nov. 24, Ft. Pierce Liaison Sally Tommie hosted the open house for the new Ft. Pierce Tribal Satellite Office & Senior Center. The event was followed by the groundbreaking of Hawk's Landing. "Today marks a milestone in the day and the life of the Ft. Pierce tribal members," said Tommie.

"We are a small community of 68-70 tribal members. The Ft. Pierce community would like to say

Thank you, Mvto, and Sho-na-bish-sha. It's a great honor and big achievement for our seniors and community. Our aunts and uncles, whom we love and respect, will now have a new facility to enjoy and in the near future new homes," said Tommie.

Sally Tommie has devoted many hours of tireless efforts in heading up the new Ft. Pierce Satellite Offices and Hawks Landing projects.

The new Ft. Pierce Satellite Offices will be a direct link, where tribal members from surrounding

reservations can come, do business at the administrative offices, and work with the tribal members. They can hold classes to teach the Seminole language, culture arts and crafts, and more.

Ft. Pierce tribal elders Marie Tommie, Minnie Tommie, and Tribal Officials gathered as a group at the ceremony to cut the ribbon, followed with the Satellite Office tour. The Ft. Pierce Hawk's Landing ground-

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Macho Night at the Creek

By Nery Mejicano

COCONUT CREEK, FL — The thunderous rain storm did not deter the crowd from witnessing Hector "Macho" Camacho Sr. scoring a third-round TKO over Craig Houk on Dec. 5. at



Hector "Macho" Comacho

feet.

The next fight, for the NABA super bantamweight title, saw Celestino Caballero defeat Giovani Andrade, who was disqualified in the tenth round of a wild and crazy fight. Andrade's charades, wild swings, low blows and childish grimaces was no defense for the grace, speed and technical punches of Caballero, who appeared frustrated by the crazy antics of Andrade. The crowd cheered at the disqualification, but would have preferred seeing the fight end sooner.

In other fights, Ricky Quiles defeated Eloy Rojas in the lightweight division by a decision in 10 rounds. Jermell Barnes defeated Robert Daniels for the vacant NABO cruiserweight title.

This was a great night with an appearance by the Seminole Veterans Color Guard and the wonderful voice of young Spencer Battisti singing God Bless

America. This was the finale for the Backyard Brawl Series.

The Backyard Brawl Series, led by Warrior Boxing Promotions and the sponsorship of the Seminole Tribe of Florida, shows that for boxing fans all over South Florida, the sport is back!

For more information on upcoming

the Seminole Coconut Creek Casino. This completed the 2003 Back Yard Brawl Series at the Seminole Coconut Creek Casino.

Fighting as a middleweight, the former super-featherweight, lightweight and junior-welterweight champion, out-boxed Houk with a flurry of head shots that knocked Houk to the canvas twenty-five seconds into the third round. Camacho was knocked down early in the first round, but rebounded nicely. Referee Armando Garcia didn't even bother to count the opponent out. Camacho's self assurance and experience was no match for Houk, who ended up bloody and bruised under the fast and powerful lefts to the head by Camacho.

In the heavyweight division, Friday Ahunaya defeated Thomas Williams with a fourth round KO. The fight was totally dominated by Ahunaya, who knocked Williams down at the end of the first round. Williams bravely attempted to return, only to be laid out by Ahunaya in the fourth round. He required assistance to get back on his



ing boxing matches, please visit the Warriors Boxing website at www.warriorsboxing.com.



Garrett Anderson

Garrett Anderson Hits the Football Field . . . and the Books

By Michael Kelly

HOLLYWOOD — Even as a young child, 14 year-old Garrett Anderson always felt confident in his abilities to play sports. "I always liked playing sports and found that I had a natural ability to play them."

As an eighth grader attending American Heritage School, Garrett has not only excelled as an athlete, but as a student as well. "I plan on earning a scholarship to college in either academics or sports. I work hard at both," said Garrett.

"I started playing football in early grade school for the Hollywood Hills Optimist Team. We were called the 'Red Raiders.' I found out I really liked everything about football, the tackling, catching passes, and getting dirty. I now play center and defensive tackle on the junior varsity team at American

Heritage School," said Garrett.

He added, "I remember one game I grabbed the quarterback by the jersey and didn't let go; I almost pulled it right off!"

"What I really like about participating in sports is that I get to make friends and learn how to be a team player. And what teams does Garrett root for?"

"I've always liked the Miami Dolphins and Hurricanes because they're our home team, but I also like the Atlanta Falcons. My favorite players are Zack Thomas, Jason Taylor, Sam Madison, Ricky Williams, Randy Moss, Chris Chambers, and Michael Vick," said an enthusiastic Garrett.

Other sports Garrett enjoys playing are baseball, basketball, volleyball, track and field, and even extreme sports. In baseball,

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Brighton's "Light The Night" for Diabetes

By Emma Brown

BRIGHTON — On Thur. Nov.

20, the Seminole Health Department hosted the "Light the Night" walk and dinner on the Brighton Reservation. Community members, diabetics, non-diabetics, staff and the Health Department gathered at the Brighton gymnasium for the festivities.

The month of November is designated as National Diabetes Awareness Month. The Seminole Tribe Health Department works hard promoting diabetes prevention during this time.

Upon arrival, each person received a t-shirt, glowing necklace, and lighted balloons. Once the crowd was gathered and glowing, Health Director Connie Whidden led the group out of the parking lot and into the community. Traffic was stopped while the glowing walkers, wheel chairs, and strollers made their way down the street in support of diabetes prevention. There was a glowing line for at least ½ a mile as everyone completed

the walk at their own pace.

Once the group made their way

were out of sight, a very nice dinner was served as Jack Micco entertained the

crowd by playing his violin, setting the perfect tone for the evening.

Beth Skinner, the nutritionist for the Brighton Reservation talked to the crowd about a new medical term called prediabetes. She explained that doctors have found that prediabetes is more serious than thought to be. As a diabetic's blood sugar creeps up higher, the sweeter blood does damage to blood vessels (like those in your heart, kidneys, and eyes). This increases your risk of having a heart attack or stroke.

Everyone should have their blood sugar tested and know their numbers: *Ideally, your fasting blood sugar

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Emma Brown

Upon arrival attendees donned glowing necklaces and balloons.

back to the starting point, Pastor Wonder Johns asked a special blessing and everyone released their balloons together. Once the blessing was asked and the balloons



CHRISTMAS MESSAGE from the CHAIRMAN

CHRISTMAS.... the time of the year for families and friends to be together. This is an exciting time for our young ones and it gives us a warm feeling to see the smiles and excitement on their faces knowing Santa will soon be here.

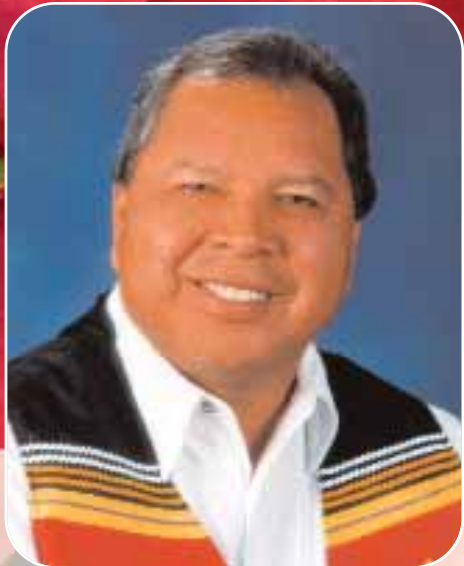
To all my people, I wish the joys of this season. The best present we can receive is to look forward to a safe holiday. If you are going to drink, have a designated driver.

While we are enjoying the Christmas season, we must remember our Armed Forces in Iraq and say a special prayer for their safe return.

As members of the Seminole Tribe, we all have so much to be thankful for so... enjoy the spirit of Christmas with your family and friends. Have a wonderful Christmas and a healthy New Year.

Mitchell Cypress

Mitchell Cypress
Chairman/Vice-President



President's Christmas and Holiday Message

To All Tribal Members, Employees, and Friends,
Christmas and the holidays are upon us once again! Where has 2003 gone? Anyway, I would like to take this opportunity to wish each of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

As always, we should count our blessings, and give thanks to God. I am thankful for the economic prosperity God has made possible for our Tribe. Let's just be sure to take care of it! As we take care of it, it will take care of us! If there are others less fortunate we can help, we should do so. It is always good to share our blessings.

Please remember our families who have just lost loved ones and continue to pray for them, as well as Arlene Johns and family.

Also, be sure to have a safe holiday season; watch out for the other drivers as you go about visiting family and friends. Don't forget to attend a Christmas and New Year's Program given by all of our community churches-remember that Jesus is the reason for the season!

My New Year's wish for everyone is that 2004 will be very good and successful for you! Enjoy your family and friends during the holidays, and again, have a very Merry Christmas!

Sincerely,

Moses "Moke" Osceola

Moses "Moke" Osceola
President/Vice-Chairman

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To my Fellow Seminoles

Merry Christmas to all my fellow Seminole Indians. From Big Cypress to Hollywood, Brighton to Trail. May all your dreams come true this holiday season. Everyone stay safe.

I love all my tribal members, especially: The Nelsons, Tigertails, and Osceolas.

In loving Memory of: Baby Angel, Ricky Ray Baxley, Little Tigertail, Malcom Tigertail, Ernie Bert, Theda Osceola, Wesley Frank, Hotdog, Annie Jumper, Wild Bill Cypress, My Baby Sister Malinda Sue Nelson, Jeff Msg, Strom.

You are and will never be forgotten; Christmas will never be the same without you guys.

I love you and miss you. My song to my loved ones is "Missing you" by Aaliyah.

Respectfully,
Carolee J Nelson

Preschool Department Thankful or Many Things

For many people, Thanksgiving is a time to reflect and acknowledge what they are truly thankful for. The Preschool Program would like to acknowledge those we are thankful for.

We are thankful for our families and friends who joined us for our Preschool Thanksgiving Dinners. As always, the dinners at all four centers were a gobbling success. It's wonderful to see the participation of the community during the holiday season, and all of our family and friends coming together to share a meal.

It is these activities that teach the youngest of tribal members the importance of being a part of a family and community. The sense of pride and the feeling of belonging will guide our children in the paths they desire. The memories of these gatherings may only last a moment in time, but the lessons learned will last a lifetime. It is the continued support and participation of the parents, grandparents, guardians, relatives and friends that reflects the true love and devotion for the children. And for that, the preschool staff is thankful.

We are also thankful for our tribal officials, who generously display their understanding of the importance of family

and community by giving all of us time to spend the holidays with our families. It is this generosity and their continued support and dedication to the community members and tribal employees that give us all a sense of belonging and equality. We thank you and appreciate your kindness.

We are thankful for the many departments that help us throughout the year. Programs like the Seminole Police Department, Family Services and the Health Department continue to provide our children with quality services. We thank you for your dedication.

The preschool staff is thankful for the preschool staff. Their continued hard work and devotion to the children they serve make gatherings both enjoyable and memorable. Keep up the hard work. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Last but not least, we are most thankful for your children. Their laughter and smiles bring cheer to the world and we are blessed to be part of their lives. **Thank you for giving us the opportunity to share their educational experiences.**

Preschool Department

Thankful and Grateful

I am so thankful and grateful for my family who has been the only ones this year to stand by me through my troubles. I just want to tell them that I love them and thank them, to Barbara Casanova, Kiel, Courtney, Greg, Nick, Catherine, Debo, and Clarissa.

And a very special thank you for never giving up on me, no matter how hard I've made life for you, and my mom Judy Ann Osceola.

Love each of you,
Rhonda Jumper

Thank You

There are many areas in my life I am grateful for. To start off, I would like to thank the Seminole Tribe of Florida for giving me a chance to work for them. I get to design our colorful newspaper and all of the other exciting projects that come through our department. I have made friends with so many Tribal members and employees. We all work in a beautiful building that is filled with state-of-the-art equipment and nice people.

The Council is always very gen-

erous to us, from days off to birthday luncheons and office parties. I am also thankful to the Seminole Tribe for employing my husband as a police officer, so he may serve the community. We all have a great health insurance and 401k Plan. Without these opportunities, it would be difficult to provide our family with a home, food and clothing.

Speaking of family, everyday I have to thank God for my two children. They're both healthy and full of personality, it was a wonderful blessing to see my husband and I become parents as our lives changed.

I am also grateful for my family; the way they unconditionally love us and give us a helping hand when we need it, especially my aunts who have family of my kids. We are lucky we watch both to care for them, and give them all of the individual attention they need. They take our place as parents to our kids when we are away at our jobs.

Last but certainly not least, I would like to thank God for all of our blessings and miracles that happen in all of our lives everyday.

Melissa Sherman

Correction

I am very excited that you presented such a nice picture of the "Unconquered" statue and wrote a nice article about the ceremony. I was nice enough to experience the ceremony in person and watch my husband get recognized (he is the second Seminole Tribe member to graduate from FSU).

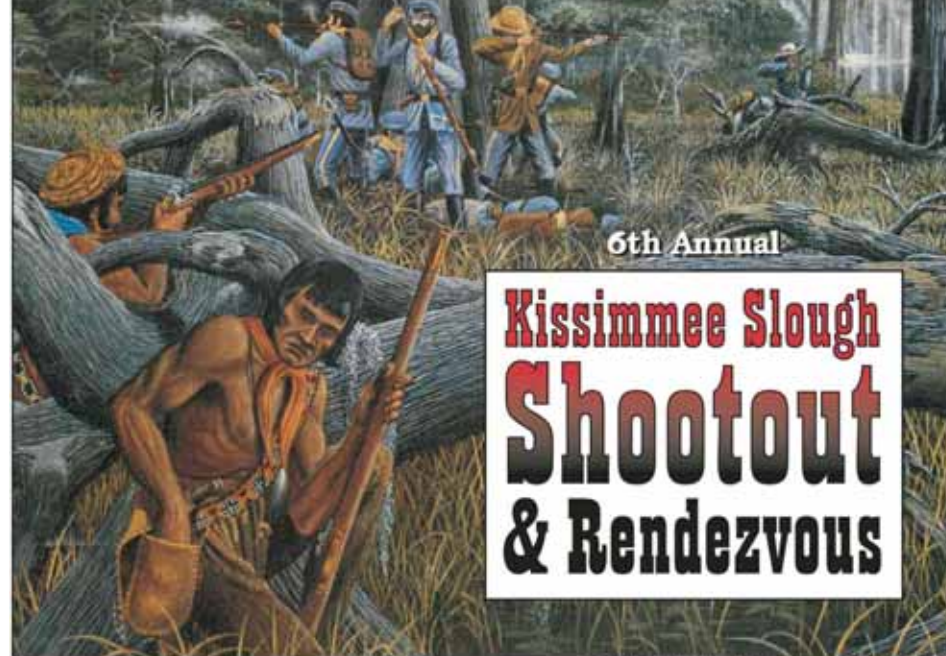
I would like to make a correction in your article concerning him. In your article you state that Pedro Zepeda was recognized as an alumni of Florida State, however, it is his older brother Douglas Zepeda who is the alumni.

Can you please make this correction because Doug has not been given credit for this wonderful accomplishment. Although I know he will not say anything, he was somewhat disappointed to be overlooked for his accomplishment. Thank you!

Once again, you have done a wonderful job with the article. My family and I enjoyed reading about the wonderful ceremony.

Courtney Robinson

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Cindy Jane Osceola Memorial Service

By Paula Cassels
HOLLYWOOD — On Nov. 26, a memorial service was held for Cindy Jane Osceola at the New Seminole Cemetery. One year ago Cindy Jane Osceola (Manriquez) lost her battle with diabetes. Jimmy Osceola and Betty Osceola opened the ceremony with the gospel hymn Amazing Grace, sung in the Miccosukee language, and later in English.

In memory of Cindy Osceola (Manriquez), her Uncle Jimmy Osceola asked family members and friends to share some of their memories of Cindy with attendees.

Cindy was the loving daughter of Maydell and Bobby Charles Osceola.

"Cindy was our first girl born to us, and the first granddaughter born in the Osceola (Bird Clan) family. This year was hard for me; I hope next year will be easier. I love her and I miss her," said Maydell Osceola.

Cindy was the big sister of Donna Turtle, Tate Osceola and Leslie Osceola.

Donna said, "I think about Cindy everyday. She was a loving and caring sister. I miss her smile

and her laughter. I thank God for the time I had with her," said Donna Turtle.

Victor Manriquez, Cindy's husband, said, "I love her. Cindy taught me a lot about her culture and I really miss her."

Cindy was a loving mother to three children Bobby Osceola, Morgan Frank, and her adopted daughter Kendra Frank.

Rosetta Jumper, a good friend of Cindy's said, "Cindy and I grew up together. Cindy was always playing in all kinds of sports and got me started playing basketball. I love her and I will always miss her." said Rosetta.

Jimmy Osceola, Cindy's Uncle, read scriptures from the Holy Bible and ended with a quote from the Lord Jesus Christ, "Who so ever believeth in me will not die. Our minds and spirits will live forever." Osceola added, "Thinks be to God's Amazing Grace."

The ceremony ended with a prayer from Cindy's Uncle, Moses Osceola and everyone sang Amazing Grace. Later, the Osceola family served a buffet lunch to attendees, and flowers were put on all the surrounding cemetery sites.

Immokalee Residents Enjoy Thanksgiving Feast and Activities

By Corinna Frank
IMMOKALEE — The Immokalee reservation had their community Thanksgiving dinner on Nov. 25 at 6 p.m. in the gymnasium. Once entering the gymnasium, participants received a raffle ticket, with a chance to win one of many door prizes.

Everyone could not help but gaze upon the tables covered with delicious Thanksgiving eats as well as a dessert table for all to savor. Before everyone could dig in, a prayer of thanks was given by Ms. Deloris Jumper.

There was also a pumpkin frybread making contest held in the back patio of the field office. The contestants were Elaine Aguilar, Edward Aguilar, Sylvia Marrero, Corinna Frank, and Virginia Billie.

Here are the winners of the pumpkin frybread contest: 1st Place - Sylvia Marrero 2nd Place - Elaine Aguilar, 3rd Place - Virginia Billie.

Our lucky judges were Garynole Police Officers Tom Faherty and Gamin Negrinelli, and Broadcasting's own, Ms. Angie Arreguin. Thanks for helping out!

Sho na bish sha to our Immokalee Representatives for making all of this possible.



Corinna Frank shows off her best pumpkin frybread.

Big Cypress Community Thanksgiving

By Nery Mejicano
BIG CYPRESS — On Wed. Nov. 26, the Big Cypress community and friends celebrated Thanksgiving with a wonderful and delicious luncheon. This was one day that calories weren't counted and everyone enjoyed a huge holiday feast. In addition to the satisfying meal, the music of Paul Buster Sr. filled the BC gymnasium.

The menu, provided by Kris Lawrence, contained an array of traditional American Thanksgiving fare, including turkey, ham, chicken, barbecue pork, stuffing, corn and an assortment of veggies. Desserts followed, with a variety of sweet treats such as pumpkin pie. Hopefully, we'll all be motivated to work off those extra calories.

A little history:
On June 20, 1676, the governing council of Massachusetts, held a meeting to determine how best to express thanks for the good fortune and blessings experienced by the community. June 29 was chosen as a day of "Solemn

Thanksgiving." Since then, Americans have celebrated this day as not only a day to give thanks for all the blessings and fortunes, but as a day to be with families and friends, and to share in those blessings.

Although the date has changed, the reason for Thanksgiving has not. Stan Frishman, the Recreation Department staff, Mabel Jim, Robin Hernandez and all those who contributed to make this event a tasteful and wonderful celebration.



Community members and friends gather for the Thanksgiving luncheon.

Brighton Seniors Gather for Thanksgiving

By Emma Brown
BRIGHTON — On Nov. 19, the Brighton Senior Center hosted their annual Thanksgiving dinner. The Senior Center staff prepared a wonderful lunch of turkey, baked chicken, stuffing, sweet potatoes, corn casserole and rolls.

There were seniors from every reservation, mingling with friends and family. After dinner, they enjoyed a fun-filled afternoon of darts, horseshoes, and door prizes. It was an enjoyable day for all who attended.

The Senior Center staff (as usual!) planned a delicious and pleasant event for the senior citizens of the Seminole Tribe.

Results of Brighton Senior Thanksgiving Activities;

Ladies Horseshoes: 1st- Edna McDuffie, 2nd- Alice Sweat, 3rd- Onnie Osceola, 4th- Rosie Billie, 5th- Madeline Tongkeamha, 6th- Agnes Bert, 7th- Jennie Snow, 8th- Lola Gopher, 9th- Nellie Smith, 10th- Addie Osceola.

Ladies Darts: 1st- Agnes Bert, 2nd- Tahama Osceola, 3rd- Josephine Villa, 4th- Lottie Huff, 5th- Onnie Osceola, 6th- Alice Snow, 7th- Alice Sweat, 8th- Rosie Billie, 9th- Edna McDuffie, 10th- Lola Gopher.

Men's Horseshoes: 1st- Wonder Johns, 2nd- Sammy Gopher, 3rd- Russell Osceola, 4th- Jack Micco, 5th- Howard Micco, 6th- Billy Micco, 7th- Archie Johns, 8th- Keeno King, 9th- John Pigeon, 10th- Jack Smith Jr.

Men's Darts: 1st- Howard Micco, 2nd- Keeno King, 3rd- Wonder Johns, 4th- Billy Micco, 5th- Russell Osceola, 6th- Sammy Gopher, 7th- John Pigeon, 8th- Jack Smith, Sr., 9th- Archie Johns, 10th- Jack Smith, Jr.



Sammy Gopher and Billy Micco.

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Higher Education Department Attends Lecture at University of Miami

By Dora Bell, Higher Education Advisor
MIAMI, FL

— The Higher Education Department was invited to attend a lecture by Victoria Vasques, Director, Office of Indian Education, recognizing Native American History Month at the University of Miami.

She gave encouraging words regarding the progress American Indians have made in education and pointed out that there is still a long way to go towards being self reliant. Ms. Vasques serves as the principal point of contact within the federal government for Indian Education and for the 32 Tribal colleges and universities across the nation.

She stressed the importance of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001. This landmark in education reform entitles four objectives: stronger accountability for results, greater flexibility in the use of federal funds, more choices for parents from disadvantaged backgrounds, and an emphasis on research-based



Paul Orehovec, Jo-Lin Osceola and Victoria Vasquez.

instruction that works. We enjoyed spending the day with Ms. Vaques, Paul Orehovec UM Vice President, and students from the Miccosukee Tribe.

I would like to thank the University of Miami for inviting me to the lecture; it was very inspiring. It's encouraging to know that the OIE is building stronger relations in Congress that will only benefit Tribal programs created to improve education opportunities for Indian students.

Recognizing that Max Osceola Jr. is a UM graduate (class of 74), Dr. Orehovec expressed to Dora Bell, Higher Education

Advisor, his desire to attract more Seminole students to his selective institution. Currently, there are two Seminole students enrolled, with an additional two for next year. Please contact Higher Education Advisor Dora Bell for more information about attending college, (954) 989-6840.

Seminole Tribe Attend Broward Days Luncheon

The Seminole Tribe of Florida was cordially invited to a luncheon hosted by Broward Days, honoring Toni Jennings, Lieutenant Governor (first female lieutenant Governor). Prominent business leaders and financial sponsors attended the Q and A luncheon.

She expressed the governor's goals regarding taxes, health insurance, and economic development. The Seminole Tribe of Florida is pleased to support Broward Days as a Governor's Diamond Sponsor. The Tribe is committed to working with the leaders of Broward County and the State of Florida to build a better future for everyone in the community.

Representing the Seminole Tribe of Florida were Stephen D. Bowers, Liaison - Governor's Council Indian Affairs and Jo-Lin Osceola, visiting student from Washington, DC and transferring to University of Miami.

Stephen worked with the Broward Days Committee during the legislative session under the

leadership of Belinda Keiser, Chair, Broward Days 2003.

The Broward Days 2004 Committee is working very hard for an even bigger visit to Tallahassee, FL during the legislative session March 29-31, 2004.



Stephen Bowers, Lieutenant Governor Toni Jennings and Jo-Lin Osceola.

Brighton Hires New Recreation Director

By Emma Brown
BRIGHTON —

There's a familiar face wearing a new hat at the Brighton Recreation Department. Congratulations to Richard Osceola for being hired as Brighton's new Recreation Director.

Richard is a Seminole Tribal member who's been a part of the Brighton community since he was a small child. Richard is married to Dana Smith Osceola and the proud father of one girl, Delaney and twin boys, Imillakiyo and Yopalakiyo.

Richard definitely has a special way with kids, which makes him a great addition to the department. We are very lucky to have him and look forward to what he will bring to our community.



New Brighton Recreation Director Richard Osceola

Emma Jane Urbina is Top PAC Seller

By Emma Brown
BRIGHTON —

Emma Jane URBINA earned was awarded the top seller prize in this year's Brighton Parent Advisory Committee AC 50/50 raffle. There were two raffles of \$2,000 with the winner of each drawing winning \$1,000.

Emma Jane sold 140 tickets, earning PAC \$1400. This is Emma Jane's third year in a row being the top seller, and the Brighton PAC feel she should be recognized for all her hard work and effort to support her children. Good job Emma Jane.



Emma Jane Urbina

Ft. Pierce

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breaking ceremony took place directly following morning activities.

According to Eric Habecker, Regional Manager for the Land Development Company Jordan, Jones, and Goulding, "Hawk's Landing is 60 acres of Ft. Pierce's beautiful woodland /wet lands; the development and excavation of this property started back in July, 2003. This development will include 30 home sites, with three different home models to choose from. Tribal members will also enjoy an environment protected wet land park that will remain untouched," said Habecker.

For the protection of tribal members and security reasons, Hawk's Landing will be one of the first communities to be gated. Looking ahead at the Hawk's Landing project, construction of a recreation area, an apartment complex and administration building are in the future plans.

Chairman Mitchell Cypress said, "The Ft. Pierce community has come a long way. We, the Tribal Council and Board Representatives, are here today to show our support to the Ft. Pierce community."

Cypress added that Tribal Officials would continue to improve future communica-

tions to insure that Ft. Pierce tribal members achieve their goals.

To mark the end of a truly significant day, tribal officials and Ft. Pierce tribal members put hands on shovels to break ground on the new tribal site.

The address of the new facilities is 4150 Okeechobee Road (Units E & F), Ft. Pierce, FL 34945.



Paula Cassels

Fort Pierce community members cut the ribbon for the new Satellite Office and Senior Center.

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Indian Arts and Crafts Board Introduces Toll-Free Number

WASHINGTON — Consumer protection assistance is now available at 1-888-ART-FAKE or 1-888-278-3253 in Washington, D.C. The Indian Arts and Crafts Board (IACB), an agency of the U.S. Department of the Interior, announces a toll-free telephone number for inquiries and complaint filings regarding the Indian Arts and Crafts Act of 1990 (the act), Public Law (101-644).

A truth-in-advertising law, the act prohibits misrepresentation in the marketing of Indian arts and crafts products within the United States. Under the act, it is illegal to offer or display for sale, or sell, any art or craft product in a manner that falsely suggests it is Indian produced, an Indian product, or the product of a particular Indian or Indian Tribe or Indian arts and crafts organization, resident within the United States.


Under the act, Indian is defined as a member of a state or federally recognized Tribe, or a certified Indian artisan. The Act protects Native American artists and craftspeople, businesses, and Tribes, as well as consumers. It also protects the integrity of

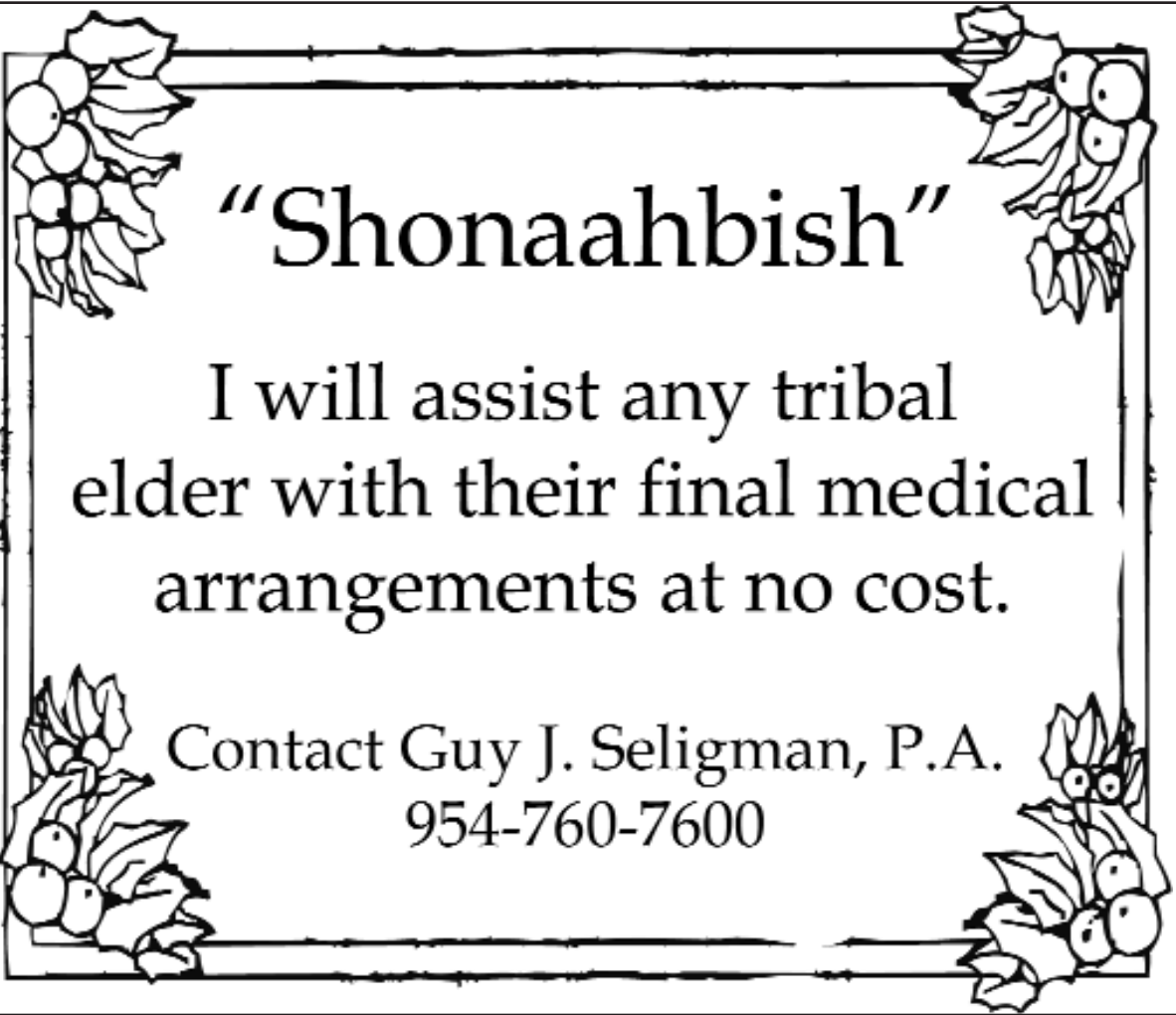
Native American cultural heritage and the economic livelihood of Tribes and their members.

The IACB is the federal agency designated by Congress to screen complaints of violations of the act and, when appropriate, refer for further investigation and possibly civil or criminal prosecution.

The new toll-free number allows both consumers and artists to dial 1-888-ART-FAKE or 1-888-278-3253 to request consumer protection brochures and related materials on the Indian Arts and Crafts Act. Those individuals who are aware of a possible violation of the act may also use the toll-free number to discuss the matter and/or file a complaint with an IACB staff member.

Information on the Indian Arts and Crafts Act, as well as other IACB related activities, is also available through the Internet at www.iacb.doi.gov, or by writing: Indian Arts and Crafts Board, U.S. Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, N.W., MS 2058-MIB, Washington, D.C. 20240.





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Dept: Travel
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Position: Maintenance Worker
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Position: Instructional Aide
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Position: Food Prep. & Service Assoc.
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Position Closes: 11-10-03
Salary: Negotiable with benefits.

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

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

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

Position: Elem. Music Teacher
Dept: Ahfachkee School
Position still available.
Salary: Negotiable with benefits.

Position: Maintenance Mechanic
Dept: Housing
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Position Closes: 11-3-03
Salary: \$23,920 annually with benefits.

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Position: Video Programmer, P/T
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Position: Sales Associate, F/T & P/T
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Position: Transporter
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Position: Counselor II
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Salary: Negotiable with benefits.

Position: Teacher Aide (3)
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Position: Heavy Equipment Mechanic
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Salary: Negotiable with benefits.

Position: Heavy Equipment Operator
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Position Closes: 11-24-03
Salary: \$21,840 with benefits.

Position: Bus Monitor
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Position Closes: 12-08-03
Salary: \$16,640 annually with benefits.

Position: Tribal Outreach Worker II
Dept: Family Services, Health
Position still available.
Salary: Negotiable with benefits.

COCONUT CREEK
Position: Surveillance Specialist
Dept: Gaming
Position Opens: 10-13-03
Position Closes: 10-27-03
Salary: \$19,760 annually with benefits.

Position: Surveillance Manager
Dept: Gaming
Position Opens: 11-3-03
Position Closes: 11-17-03
Salary: Negotiable with benefits

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Position: Sr. Counselor
Dept: Family Services, Health
Position still available.
Salary: Negotiable with benefits.

IMMOKALEE
Position: Counselor II
Dept: Family Services, Health
Position still available.
Salary: Negotiable with benefits.

Position: Field Project Supervisor
Dept: Housing, Construction
Position Opens: 11-3-03
Position Closes: 11-17-03
Salary: Negotiable with benefits.

Position: Commission Officer
Dept: Gaming
Position Opens: 11-10-03
Position Closes: 11-24-03
Salary: Negotiable with benefits.

Position: Cultural/Lang. Instructor
Dept: Culture Education
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Salary: Negotiable with benefits.

Position: Maintenance Worker
Dept: Recreation
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Salary: Negotiable with benefits.

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

Position: Operator Maint. Trainee (1)
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Position: Nutritionist /Health Educator
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Position: Counselor 11
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The Perfect Christmas Gift

By Kerri Descheene, RDH
HOLLYWOOD — The Holidays are approaching and everyone is in a frenzy trying to decide on just the perfect gift. But have you chosen a gift for yourself? How about the gift of a New Smile?

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So, if you think you'd like to give yourself a holiday gift, or even to make a New Year's resolution, keep your teeth in mind because a beautiful smile, when given away, keeps going on to others.

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Christmas Holidays

By Kenny Bayon C.PT
HOLLYWOOD — Unbelievable, the year has just flown by and it's my favorite time of the year again. Christmas, with all the shopping, parties and family gatherings, it's a wonder there's any time left to take care of ones self.

Remember, it should be a time of giving, so give yourself a bit of time. With lots of temptations around and less time to exercise, it's a fact that the average person gains 5 to 10 pounds during the holiday season. Avoid the holiday fat traps and hold on to your fitness by following these simple tips.

Flexibility is key.

Schedules will be getting busier and will offer you more diversity with extra chores such as holiday cooking, shopping, entertaining and visiting friends or family. Make the commitment to not totally abandon your workout no matter what the holidays bring. Abandon the mindset that exercise can wait till January 1st. There is no better time than now.



Make sure you take care of yourself. You will feel better and have more energy. Even if you have to cut your workouts back to just a half an hour, you will be far better off than if you did no exercise at all. Look at the examples below.

Be weary of drinks: Remember, drinks are not calorie free. A glass of wine or beer is at least 100 calories. A glass of spiked eggnog is about 300 calories. To make matters more complicated, alcohol actually stimulates your appetite. Yikes! If you choose to drink alcohol, or alternating spiked drinks with nonalcoholic ones, try even better, a glass of water.

Save Up For the Splurge: People believe that by skipping meals during the day they have actually made extra room and can go ahead and really splurge at parties. By arriving at the party famished, chances are you'll go overboard on high calorie goodies. Also, you will wreak havoc on your well trained metabolism if you go hungry during the day. What the solution? Lighten up your caloric intake during the day by about 500 calories, but don't skip any meals. Eat only half of what you normally would at each meal.

Don't Set Yourself Up For Failure: The Holiday Season is a great time of year to focus on maintaining your current weight. While it's definitely possible to lose weight during the holidays, for most people it's not a reality. If you are planning on avoiding all temptations through the holiday season, you may be setting yourself up for failure. Sometimes this mindset can backfire on you, resulting in going hog wild on holiday treats.

If you feel you've failed by giving in, allow yourself to enjoy festive foods during special holiday events, but keep your celebrating confined to the events only. Don't make the mistake of turning holiday splurging into a several week long event.

Time can be a factor during these joyful routines. That is why you must implement a workout routine that is fast, effective and efficient. Here are three 20-minute workouts that suit everyone, whatever mood you're in. These are sure to do the job.

Start each workout with a five-minute warm up: Jog on the spot, cycle, step up and down on a stair, skip or do star jumps. Be careful not to overdo it, especially if you've been sitting in your office or car for a long time before you exercise. Follow the warm-up by stretching your calves, quads and hamstrings. Try the stretches at the start and the end of the exercises.

The cardiovascular workout: Whether you use a stationary bike, walk, jog or skip, you can achieve fantastic results in just 20 minutes by using interval training while you work out. Alternate every two minutes from moderate effort to two minutes of harder effort (depending on your fitness level). Work at your own pace. If you aren't very fit at the moment and are using a stationary bike, alternate between low resistance and no resistance.

If you push your body too hard too quickly, you will be in danger of over-training, which can lead to soreness and injury. Whatever activity you choose in your cardio workout, try not to repeat it

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The Health Department

again for 48 hours to ensure maximum recuperation and progression. Complete the cool down and stretch above.

The strength training workout: Just because you're doing resistance work (strength training) it doesn't mean you won't be working your heart and lungs as well. By going from lunges to squats, doing inner and outer thigh work, one arm rows, press-ups, lateral shoulder raises, bicep curls and tri-ceps dip, followed by abdominal work (ordinary crunches with knees bent and reverse curls). You not only stimulate the muscles, but increase your heart rate. Work slowly - do one set of 10 to 20 repetitions of each exercise, but move quickly from exercise to exercise. Do not repeat this workout more than once every 48 hours. Complete the cool down and stretch above.

The cross training workout: If you can get to your gym but have only half an hour to workout, shower and change, try cross training. This is done by using different pieces of equipment to work different muscle groups. As well as giving you a thorough whole body workout, cross training is a great way to keep your exercise regime interesting and fun.

Start your cross training workout by warming up and stretching, and then do five minutes each on four different pieces of equipment. Begin with brisk walking on the treadmill, followed by rowing, stepping and cycling. If you are cross training at home, try going from skipping to stepping on the staircase, to jogging on the spot. Complete the cool down and stretch above.

Stretch bar: Looking for something to give a fitness enthusiast? Here are some gift picks at a reasonable price! These products (in no particular order) are undoubtedly going to be hot this holiday season. I Pod (MP3 player): This is the latest "must have gadget" to own. It's an MP3 player that allows you to store up to 20,000 songs in one player. Never will you need to keep changing CDs or worry about the songs skipping when you're taking that morning run though the mountains. Anyone who runs, walks, or does any other cardiovascular activity would love to have one of these to download workout motivating exercise music.

Talking Pedometer: The music starts to play when you start walking or jogging, increasing or decreasing in tempo along with your walking or jogging speed. At the touch of a button, a voice announces the number of steps walked, the distance walked and the current time. It has a built in talking alarm clock, an easy to use belt clip, and it measures in both miles and kilometers! I happen to own one of these and they are awesome!

Heart Rate Monitor Watch: The Polar 'A' Series was designed for the beginning to intermediate exerciser, new to heart rate monitoring. These models are designed to be easily integrated into everyday workouts, featuring a large, easy to read display, continuous heart rate and easy ON starting function. I also own one of these and they are essential.

NutriCounter: The NutriCounter makes monitoring your food intake a snap. You always know at a glance how many calories, fats, carbohydrates, proteins, sugar, etc. you have eaten at any time of the day. The daily totals (for the last 30 days) are stored into memory and are available at the touch of a button.

Body Fat Scale: Athletic people are more concerned with their body fat percentage than their actual weight. Here's an easy, convenient way to keep track of both!

Sneakers: The correct types of shoes are essential to all that want to exercise. It's important to have the right running shoes so that you don't hurt your feet. Just as important as needing the right type of high or mid tops for basketball so that you don't turn your ankle or just a nice, comfortable pair of walking shoes to take a nice walk. This is what makes shoes a great present. Finally, if all else fails, just purchase a gift certificate from Sports Authority.

I also would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday!

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Tribal Members, Employees Shed the Weight

By Kenny Bayon
HOLLYWOOD — The recent End of the Year Weight Loss contest was a success. After eight grueling weeks of sweat and hard work, participants enjoyed an awards luncheon. Over three hundred pounds were "dropped" during the weight loss contest. Hopefully, we can surpass that total after the next contest. Great job everyone!

The winners for the contest were:

Tribal Men: 1st Place Tracy Smith - 19.6 lbs, 2nd Place - Blake Osceola 19.2 lbs, 3rd Place -

Darren Osceola 2.0 lbs.

Tribal Women: 1st Place - Bonnie Motlow 15.0 lbs, 2nd Place - Missy Sanders 13.7lbs, 3rd Place - Francine Osceola 13.3 lbs

Senior Tribal Women: 1st Place - Judybill Osceola 14.0 lbs, 2nd Place- Virginia Mitchell 7.0 lbs, 3rd Place - Judy Jones 4.0 lbs.

Employee Women: 1st Place - Melissa Sherman 22.0 lbs, 2nd Place - Tina Mennella 14.7, 3rd Place - Amber Giehtbrock 14.1.

Pedometer Contest a Great Way to Exercise

By Paula Cassels
HOLLYWOOD — Health Educator Shannon McKeown held a luncheon ceremony on Dec.5, presenting awards to tribal members who participated in the Pedometer Contest. The contest featured two divisions, Junior and Senior walkers.

Tribal members were asked to take a 215

mile imaginary walk across the State of Florida. The walk originated on the east coast of Florida (Ft. Lauderdale), trailed across Alligator Alley, and finished on the west coast (Naples). Participants then made the return trip back to Ft. Lauderdale.

The Pedometer contest is a great way to see



Paula Cassels

Pedometer participants took an imaginary round trip walk to Naples.

how much actual walking a person does - at work and at home. The pedometer "reader" is a small devise that measures each participant's footstep, which can add up to many miles walked — and calories burned!

Most contestants agreed the walk was a great motivator to exercising, with several members losing between 7-10 pounds of weight.

Contest winners received T-shirts, gift certificates to Chili's and Publix, AM/FM Radio headsets, and fanny packs. In addition, the grand prize winners received heart rate monitors.

Tribal members said they can't wait until the next big exercising event, which will be the Rez Rally on January 17, 2004.

For more information on exercise programs, please call Shannon McKeown at (954) 962-2009, Ext.113.

Winner Results: Junior Division - First to Naples (20-49): 1st Place - Francine Osceola, 2nd - Marl Osceola, 3rd - Arnie Osceola.

Seniors Division - First to Naples (50 and older): 1st Place - Mabel Moses, 2nd - Mary Gay Osceola, 3rd - Naomi Fewell.

Grand Prize Junior Division - Arnie Osceola, 1st Runner up - Linda Jim, 2nd Runner up- Francine Osceola,

Grand Prize Senior Division - Mabel Osceola, 1st Runner up - Mary Gay Osceola, 2nd Runner up - Naomi Fewell.

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should be less than 110. * If it is a little higher, between 110-126, it is too high and you should be checked for prediabetes. * If you're fasting blood sugar is higher than 126, more than once, then you need to be tested for diabetes.

Beth went on to explain that, "Prediabetes is the warning light in your car that comes on when you are almost out of gas, and ultimately if you don't do something about it, you may run out before it is too late!" She said that with exercise and proper diet you can prevent this disease from attacking your body.

These two simple lifestyle changes have been shown to be twice as effective as a pill. The Light the Night program is very symbolic to diabetes prevention, and helps send a strong message to Seminole communities. The Health Department did a fantastic job with this year's Brighton Light the Night walk and dinner, and should be com-

mended for their continued effort at preventing diabetes in the Seminole communities.

If you have any questions about prediabetes or diabetes, please visit your local Seminole health clinic.



Brighton kids helped light the night.

"Light the Night Walk to Beat Diabetes"

By Alexandra Frank
HOLLYWOOD — On Dec. 2, the "Light the Night Walk to Beat Diabetes" took place at the Hollywood Gymnasium, featuring Native American Indy Race Car driver Corey Whitherill and his Indy Race Car.

Whitherill, a Navajo from California, was on hand to speak about diabetes and how to prevent and control Type 2 Diabetes. Using a race car and its four tires as a metaphor for treating diabetes, Whitherill showed how to care and manage diabetes.

Among information given, the four basics to fighting diabetes head on were: diet, exercise, teamwork, and commitment. Diet and exercise go hand in hand; knowing what foods turn into sugar and what foods provide proper nutrition were shown.

Teamwork is working with whatever medicines are needed to help control blood sugar levels and working with family, and medical personnel in caring for proper blood sugar levels.

Commitment involves all three basics to help ensure stable blood sugar levels are accomplished. Whitherill had a food game that resulted in

some surprising answers. Hats were given out to those individuals who gave the correct answer.

Whitherill not only spoke to tribal citizens about diabetes, but he also participated in the 1-mile walk around the reservation and partook in a balanced dinner provided by the Nutrition Department and Family Services.

All "Light the Night Walk to Beat Diabetes" participants received a free T-shirt, glow necklaces and bracelets, and a balloon with a glow stick inside. The balloons were released at the basketball courts following the 1-mile walk. A prayer was said for those who have passed on from complications of diabetes and for those still living with diabetes day to day.

The walk helps bring to light the need for education and continued education for our tribal citizens living with diabetes and those who may be at risk for diabetes. Let's continue to educate ourselves about this deadly disease and strive to help others avoid diabetes altogether.



Alexandra Frank

Center: Indy Race Car driver Corey Whitherill.



Alexandra Frank

The official Team Diabetes race car was parked at Hollywood recreation for all the Light the Night participants to see.

Seniors Diabetic Awareness Symposium

By Shannon McKeown
HOLLYWOOD — November was National Diabetes Month and the Health Department had many events and presentations scheduled on all the reservations to raise awareness and further educate tribal members on diabetes prevention and life management skills.

On Nov. 19th Suzanne Davis, Allied Health Manager and Shannon McKeown, Hollywood Health Educator, gave a special Diabetes presentation to the Hollywood seniors at the Senior Center. Special guest Shari Baer from the Broward County Area Agency on Aging attended and spoke to the seniors about their Community Outreach Project. She provided diabetic socks and many other diabetic resources the seniors could use.

The seniors got a short refresher on diabetes and medications, as well as the latest information on the new disease class called Pre-diabetes. Pre-diabetes just recently received the designation of a new disease class when practitioners began noticing when patients were tested and classified as borderline no education or interventions were being given to

patients. This caused many people to fall through the cracks, not taking seriously the potential to develop diabetes.

Now that Pre-diabetes has been given disease status, new guidelines and intervention methods are taking place and the new ranges for fasting blood tests are as follows: Below 100 mg/dl (Normal) 100-125 mg/dl (Pre-diabetes) Over 125 mg/dl (Diabetes).

Studies have shown that people who fall into the new disease category Pre-diabetes can prevent or delay the development of Type 2 Diabetes by up to 58% by making modest changes in their lifestyle. For some people who intervene or detect pre-diabetes early can even turn the clock back and return blood sugar levels to normal and not be considered high risk any longer.

The seniors enjoyed a healthy diabetic lunch served by the hot meals staff especially for this event. Additional, education was given on how stress, exercise, and diet can affect their diabetes. The presentation closed with Shannon leading the seniors through relaxation techniques and meditation as a useful tool to lower stress and increase inner focus.



Football Player David Anderson a Star on and off the Field

By Michael Kelly
HOLLYWOOD — Sixteen year-old David Anderson has been playing football since he was 11-years-old. "I started playing my first year at American Heritage in 6th grade. I'm now in 10th grade and play on the varsity team," he said.
David plays left offensive tackle and has played in every game except one. "The only game I missed was when I was injured," said David. As a star offensive lineman, David leads the way on many



David Anderson hopes to earn a football scholarship.

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In baseball, Garrett plays many positions, including pitcher, catcher, first base, and the outfield. "I think I have an advantage because I'm left-handed, especially when I pitch," said Garrett.
Garrett Anderson is a member of the

of the team's running plays and also excels at protecting the quarterback.
There are many reasons why David enjoys football, but the main one is he wants to earn a college scholarship. But there are other reasons. "When playing sports, you learn important lesson, such as teamwork, dedication, hard work and desire," said David.
When it comes to sports though, David prefers rooting for the home teams. "My favorite teams are the Miami Dolphins, Florida Marlins, and the Miami Hurricanes. I think my favorite player is Mike Alstott from the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. Even though he's a fullback, he plays like an offensive lineman," said David.
"As an athlete, one thing I would like to mention is that as you start getting older, sports can become a little less fun. You've got to study and practice a lot. As a varsity player, your coaches tend to want you to focus solely on just one sport," said David. "I also enjoy baseball."
David is a member of the Fellowship of Florida Christian Athletes and volunteers at soup kitchens and homeless shelters. And by the way, not only is David Anderson a finely-tuned football player, but he also plays the viola.
Barbara Billie, David's mother, thinks it's great that David has a keen interest in music too. "It's important for him to be a well-rounded person, not just an athlete," said Billie.
So if you don't see David on the gridiron, look for him at a concert hall near you. Stay tuned.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes, the Make a Wish Foundation, and does volunteer work at homeless shelters and yard sales.
"As an athlete, I don't want my abilities to go to waste. I know if I want to be good in school and sports, I know I'll need to work hard," said Garrett.
And he plans on doing just that.

Aaron, Kevin and Nick Frank Compete at Tae Kwon Do Championships

By Melissa Sherman
LAKELAND — What do you get when you mix panthers, known for there accuracy and speed, with Tae Kwon Do? A new breed of Panther-Clan fighting machine. On Oct. 18, Aaron, Kevin and Nick Frank (Panther Clan) participated at the 23rd Forth Worth International Tae Kwon Do Championships in Texas. All are trained by Master Ron Green at Yungho Tae Kwon Do School in Brandon, Florida.
Nick, Kevin and Aaron set off to the Fort Worth Convention Center Arena in Texas where the competition was held. The event was governed by the current United States Tae Kwon Do Union rules, regulations, and modified rules of the World Tae Kwon Do Federation. After two days of intense competition, Kevin won a gold medal. On Jan. 16 the Frank boys are up for their next Dan testing from deputy probation level at the Yungho Tea Kwon Do School.
Even though the boys live in Lakeland, their dad Sammie Frank happily travels to Brandon for



Nick Frank competes at 2003 Fort Worth International Tae-Kwon-Do Championships Oct. 18, 2003.

their training. Martial Arts is no stranger to the Frank boys. They have been training for almost 10 years. Formerly, they have been studying Tushen Do, but since 1999, they have studied The World Teakwondo Federation style Tae Kwon Do with Master Ron Green, which is Korean. Green has been a Master since 1975 and is a three-time grand champion at master level. At this level of expertise, he can no longer compete; he can only train others and "fight" through them.
Nick Frank, who is the youngest at 13, has already received his 2nd degree black belt. Because of his age, he is ranked in the Poom category (under 15), yet receives the same level of respect and recognition as the others. Aaron, at 19, is the oldest and is a 3rd degree black belt at Dan level. Kevin, 16, is also a 3rd degree black belt.
The Frank boys all attended the 2003 AAU Junior Olympics in Detroit, Michigan in July, which is how they qualified, and were invited to the Fort Worth International Tae Kwon Do Championships in Texas.
If any other Tribal citizens are interested in learning Tae Kwon Do, please call Master Ron Green at (813) 689-0798. The Yungho Tae Kwon Do School is located in Brandon, only 10 minutes from the Tampa Casino.



Aaron Frank wins with flying kicks at this years Fort Worth International Tae-Kwon-Do Championships.

All-Star Mitchell Simmons Plays in Hillsboro County Football Game

By Kenny Bayon
TAMPA, FL — Mitchell Simmons, a Seminole tribal member from the Tampa Reservation, played in the Hillsboro County All-Star football game. He was selected by a panel of coaches from around the county that recognized his stellar career.
The game was held in Raymond James Stadium, home of the Super Bowl champion Tampa Bay Buccaneers. The game was played on an unusually cold evening in Florida, where the temperatures reached a low of thirty degrees.
Chosen to play for the East squad, he played defensive end, which is not his usual position, as he

always plays defensive tackle. He accepted the challenge and excelled as he so often does, by registering four tackles and a forced fumble. He believes that his best position is offensive tackle, where he can use his strength to his advantage.
Mitchell, an All-State wrestler as well, wants to attend college to play football and to go to school so that he can give back to his tribe that has always helped him. He has narrowed his choices to Florida International University, Florida Atlantic University, University of South Florida, or Florida State University.

John Jimmie Dedication Rodeo

The John Jimmie Dedication Rodeo was held Sat. Nov. 22. This is the first E.I.R.A. (Eastern Indian Rodeo Association) rodeo for the 2004 season. The standings will be published after the second rodeo.
The results are as follows.
Steer Wrestling: Four contestants: 1st Place - Robbie Chalfant (Penalty included) Total Time: 18.24.
Calf Roping: Four contestants: 1st Place - Naha Jumper -Total Time: 23.70. **Womens Breakaway Roping:** Eight contestants: 1st Place - Boogie Jumper - Total Time: 3.64, 2nd Place - Billie Tiger - Time: 5.95, 3rd Place - Shelby Osceola (Penalty included) Time: 14.53.
50 & Over Breakaway Roping: Three contestants: 1st Place - Moses Jumper Jr. - Total Time:

3.9, 2nd Place - Paul Bowers - Time: 22.18
Team Roping: 17 Teams: 1st Place - Marvin Bowers and Naha Jumper (Penalty included) Total Time: 14.57, 2nd Place - Josh Jumper and Naha Jumper (Penalty included) Total Time: 15.01, 3rd Place - Joey Henry and Moses Jumper Jr. (Penalty included) Total Time: 34.04, 4th Place - Alfonso Tigertail and Mike Henry - Total Time: 34.68, 5th Place - Theresa Bowers and Pauletta Bowers (Penalty included) Total Time: 52.3
Womens Barrel Racing: Eight contestants: 1st Place-Tess Ducheneaux - Total Time: 18.764, 2nd Place - Boogie Jumper - Time: 18.858, 3rd Place - Shelby Osceola - Time: 19.594
*** Bull Riding Event: No Qualifying Rides. No Bare Back Riders. No Contestants in the Saddle Bronc.**

Eastern Indian Jr. Rodeo Results

IMMOKALEE — This rodeo had 36 contestants who signed up in one or two events. The point system begins with this rodeo for 2004 rodeo season. The results are for the John Jimmie Dedication Rodeo.
Mutton Busting: 4-8 Year old Barrels: 1st Place - Kalgary Johns. 2nd Place - Kelton Smedley. 3rd Place - Kenny Deschene Jr. 4th Place - Breyvns Jumper.
Pony Riding: 1st Place - Jacoby Johns, 2nd Place - William Bearden. **Calf Riding:** 1st Place - Andre Jumper, 2nd Place - Joshua Johns. **Jr. Bull Riding:** 1st Place - Ethan Gopher, 2nd Place - Justin Aldridge.
4-8 Year Old Barrels: 1st Place - Acealyn Youngblood, 2nd Place - Zane Ducheneaux, 3rd Place - Kalgary Johns.
9-12 Year Old Barrels: 1st Place - Nauthkee Henry, 2nd Place - Ethan Gopher.
13-18 Year old Barrels: 1st Place - LeAnna Billie, 2nd Place - Shyla Jones



Mutton Busting

Villarreal Finishes Fifth at Nationals

LINCOLN CITY, OR—Vivian Villarreal, who is sponsored by the Seminole Tribe, finished a strong fifth in the season-ending Cuetec Cues National 9-Ball Championship on Nov. 19-23.
Also known as the "Texas Tornado," Villarreal brought her exciting style of play to the Chinook Winds Casino, which is owned by the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians.
Villarreal's first loss came against the #3 ranked Helena Thornfeldt. She then played five loser bracket matches until she was eliminated by the #4 ranked Jeanette Lee in a match that ended at 2:30 a.m. Sunday morning.
Both matches were very close and were decided by only a few critical rolls. At a crucial moment during the Thornfeldt match, Villarreal made

a difficult bank shot, but the cue ball did not break up a cluster of balls that would have allowed her to run out.
Villarreal also lost 9-7 to Jeanette Lee in a close match. Although Lee missed three shots, each time Villarreal was left without a shot.
Despite finishing fifth in the tournament and ending the season at #6 in the world rankings, Villarreal feels good about the state of her game.
"I'm playing well, and I feel real good going into the next year," said Villarreal, "At this level, all that separates the top players is who gets the good rolls at the right time."
Villarreal's first tournament next season will be on Feb. 25-29 at Samstown Casino in Robinsonville, Mississippi.

Net Skins Tournament

By Alexandra Frank
ORLANDO, FL — On Nov. 23, a Net Skins Football was held at the Ritz Carlton Golf Club. Golfers from the previous day's tournament, the Max Osceola Senior Golf Tournament, tried one



Alexandra Frank

more time to win cash prizes.
The course was not as large as the Grand Cypress Golf Club, but it did prove to be just as challenging. There were about 40 golfers dedicated to playing on a slightly overcast day, but it was fun.
Listed below are the winners of the Net Skins Tournament.
Ladies Division: 1st Place - Terry Hahn \$1,000. 2nd Place - Linda Tommie \$650. 3rd Place - Jacky Thompson \$150. Ladies Senior Division: 1st Place - Lois Smith \$1800.
Senior Men's Division: 1st Place - Lawrence Osceola \$491. 2nd Place - Max Osceola \$253. 3rd Place - Ernest Riley \$249. 4th Place - George Grasshopper \$206.
5th Place - Joe Osceola \$183. 6th Place - Jimmy H. \$178. 7th Place - Bo Young. 8th Place Sandy P. \$103. 9th Place - Keeno King \$20.
Men's Division: 1st Place - James Tommie \$297. 2nd Place - Jerry O. \$284. 3rd Place - Marcy Osceola \$283. 4th Place - Dino Rolin \$256. 5th Place - Charlie Cypress \$186. 6th Place - Elliot Young \$180. 7th Place - Jason Tommie \$198. 8th Place - Jeremy Harrison \$164. 9th Place - Aaron Tommie \$145. 10th & 11th Place Tie - Charlie Frye and Mitch Osceola \$28. 12th Place - Ricky Doctor \$25. 13th Place - Maxie Tommie \$20.
Mitchell Osceola would like to thank Max Osceola Jr. and Richard Henry for sponsoring the Net Skins Tournament.

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a good time with what he did and one of the best things he did was to raise his children right. "I'm glad we're here to represent him for that; his sons, daughters and grandchildren," he said.



Alexandra Frank

Enjoying a relaxing day on the links.

Max Sr.'s bothers and sister, Dan Osceola, Jimmy Hank, and Annie Osceola Jumper, shared their memories of a brother who was independent, loyal to family, and a fun person who had a love of golf. He handed down his love for golf to a generation that has gladly taken up the sport as he had - for the fun and comradeship it generates.

Listed are the winners of the 2003 Max Osceola Senior Memorial Golf Tournament. The tournament is sponsored by Max Osceola Jr., Hollywood Council Representative.
A bit of trivia about one certain award, a revolving trophy, as told by Hollywood Recreation Director Bo Young. "When we used to play with Max Sr., the men would tank all those long drives out there. Max would always turn around and look at them and say, 'boy you got both cheeks into that one.' So we initiated this trophy ten years ago as the Two Cheek Award," said Young. This year's winner of the 2003 Two Cheeks Award is Charlie Cypress!

Results for the 2003 Max Osceola Sr. Memorial Golf Tournament:
1st Place Team Score 59: Max

Osceola Jr., Mitchell Osceola, Lawrence Osceola, and Marcy Osceola. 2nd Place Team Score 61: Moses Jumper Jr., Mike Granada Jr., Mike Granada Sr., and Harry Kennedy Jr. 3rd Place Team Score 63: Nick Hahn, Pierre Pearly, Jeremy Harrison, and Lois Smith. 4th Place Team Score 63: George Grasshopper, Jason Grasshopper, Joe Grasshopper, and Dino Rolin. 5th Place Team Score 64: Ernest Riley, Josh Harrison, Vince Micco, and Marl Osceola. Most Active Team Score 81: Roy Butera, Barbara Butera, Ciara Billie, and Joe Guerve.
Long Drive - Hole #1 South: **Senior Ladies** - Ethel Criswell. **Senior Men** - Max Osceola Jr. **Long Drive** - Hole #9 South: Men's - Charlie Cypress, Ladies - Terry Hahn. **Straight Drive** - Hole #2 North: **Senior Ladies** - Ethel Criswell. **Senior Men** - Bo Young, **Men** - Joey Micco, and **Ladies** - Barbara Butera. **Closest to the Pin** - Hole #4 North: **Senior Ladies** - Ethel Criswell. **Senior Men** - Ernest Riley, **Ladies** - Terry Hahn. **Men** - Raul Nunez. **Closest to the Pin** - Hole #8 North: **Senior Ladies** - No Winner. **Senior Men** - Mike Granada Sr., **Ladies** - Linda Tommie. **Men** - Daniel Anez. **Closest to the Pin** - Hole #3 South: **Senior Ladies** - No Winner. **Senior Men** - Max Osceola Jr. **Ladies** - Linda Tommie. **Men** - Drew Osceola. **Closest to the Pin** - Hole #8 South: **Senior Ladies** - No Winner, **Senior Men** - Keeno King, **Ladies** - No Winner, and **Men** - Jimmy Wayne Holdiness.



Alexandra Frank

Charlie Cypress captures the "Two Cheeks Award."

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Happy Birthday



Happy Birthday Ditooyo Billie (Nov. 21). We are so proud of you!
Love Mom and Dad

Happy 4th Birthday to my Daddy **Rugby Jumper**. I love you more than words can say.
Love always,
Lucinda and Aaron

Happy 14th Birthday to Maranda J.B. Osceola on December 1st. Hope you enjoyed your birthday with plenty more coming!
We love you baby.
Leo, Aunt Jamie, Chaska, baby Leo.

Happy Birthday to Teresa Jumper on December 11th. Hope you have a great birthday. Thanks for everything.
We love you mom.
Leo, Jamie, Chaska, baby Leo.

Happy Birthday to Joe B. Osceola on December 19th. Enjoy your birthday with many more to come! Thanks for everything.
We love you Dad.
Leo, Jamie, Chaska, baby Leo.



Happy belated Birthday to Michael H. Billie (Oct. 31). We love you!
Marnie & Ditooyo



We would like to wish our son, **Daylon S. Youngblood** a very Happy 12th Birthday.
We love you,
Mom, Dad (Kelly and Kim) and Everett Youngblood.

Poems

To David Cypress

*As long I have known you all my life,
You have always helped me out in bad times.
You are truly a remarkable man,
You truly have made me believe in myself,
Your honesty and tough love is more beautiful then any wealth.
I appreciate you and everything you have done for me and my son.
David, I love and respect you.*



*You have taught me to stand up to for what I believe in and also to have confidence.
I will never be able to repay you for giving me my self respect.
May God continue to bless our tribe as you continue to fight for our people and our rights.
You should know - 'You Are The Man.' Keep up the good work*

*Respectfully,
Ms. Carolee J. Nelson*

In Memoriam

Preschool Department Remembers Anthony Thomas

Submitted by the Preschool Department

The Preschool Program is deeply saddened by the loss of Anthony Thomas. Anthony was a true friend of the program who always had an answer when an emergency arose, no matter how big or how small.

From centers with no working water to a broken thermometer, he was always there for us. He had a solution. It was his knowledge, professionalism, and his meticulous work ethic that made him our first contact when we needed help. We often joked about his "by the book" approach, but it was that thoroughness that insured the safety and well-being of our children and staff.

Over the years, Anthony became a regular at our In-service trainings. He provided valuable information including food preparation courses, disease control, and other environmental health issues to our preschool staff.

We could always rely on Anthony to be there, even when it was short notice. His trainings were filled with important information, which truly educated us and made us all a

little better at our jobs. Anthony also coordinated our annual health inspections as well as arranging CPR training for our staff. His efforts and dedication to his job made our center a safe environment for our children to play and learn, and these efforts will not be forgotten.

Anthony was our co-worker and friend and he will be greatly missed. We are all blessed to have had the opportunity to work along side him and know him. We will keep him in our memories and his family and friends in our prayers.

Happy Birthday December Babies!

Mary Billie Louise Doctor Tigertail Jack Henry Motlow Louise Motlow Maude Geneva Frank Joe Dan Osceola Mildred Booth Bowers Mary Jane Robbins Lottie Mae Huff Guy Robert Osceola Raymond H. Cypress Patricia Ann Bowers Alice Tiger Freeman Joe Bowers Jack Smith, Jr. Teresa Jumper Joe Benjamin Osceola Sarah Ann Sampson Billy Joe Johns Bobbie Jennie Baker Frances Jimmie Pelkey Gary C. Billie Josephine Motlow North Mike Hall, Sr. Jesse Billie Robin Buster John Mckinley Osceola, Jr. Richard Lee Doctor Betty Ann King Diane Jim Snow Linda Sue Tommie Tom Tommie Daniels Boettner Roger Jumper Diane Osceola Carolyn Billie Ronnie Jimmie Timothy Henry Motlow Edmond Perry Billie Fred Hall John Hall, Sr. Donna Frank Johnny Jones Virgil Doctor Terrijo Denise Nelson Clifton Eugene Huggins, Jr. Stanlo Jeffery Johns Marla Henry Wilson Todd Kevin Osceola Joyce Jumper Donna Madrigal Turtle Fredona Jean Frias Karen Marie Tommie Jack Elliot Chalfant Mary Jane Billie Abelardo Edwin Garcia, Jr. Dollie Michele Thomas Dean Cameron Youngblood Michael Buck Henry Richard Lyle Osceola Helena Cypress	Halbert Ellis Morehouse Freddie Tommie Tina Lee Jim Israel Osceola Colon Laura Ann Billie Sam Charlie Micco Vinson Phillip Osceola Matthew Michael Haught Cornelius Theodore Cypress Rosavell Billie Shane Cypress Kashane Stephen Tiger Todd Christopher Peters Wayne Nelson Osceola Keith D Billie David Allen Stivers Carol Osceola Stacy Marie Jones Jessica Billie Buster Leah Joan Osceola Michele Cypress Gwendolyn Gay Isaac Gary Neal Wagerby, Jr. Kimberly Carol Willie Carmalita Betsy Osceola Marlin Rose Miller Sunny Hayes Frank George Barry Micco Marissa Kay Baker Carla Cypress Jodi Rene Clay Dawn Marie Snow Tony Lee Osceola Trishana Mary Storm Victoria Josh James Lester Holt, II David Earl Nelson Jana Rae Elizabeth Billie Roy Alvarado, Jr. Patricia Lynn Osceola Duane Shore Jones Vanessa Lynne Osceola Randolph Tucker Janine Catrina Cypress Markell Alan Billie Christopher Lee Plunkett Thomas McGown Storm, Jr. Natoshia REXANNE Osceola Chawndra Jo-Ellen Billie Latoyia Talacey Thomas Jeremiah Lee Sanchez Charlie Jackson Tiger, Jr. Camilla Adrienne Frank Justin Travis Osceola Crystal Leshun Sneed Kristin Marie Drake America Marie Ramirez Lansley King Daniel Lee Bullard Toahooke Billidine Bowers
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New Kid



We would like to wish a very Merry 1st Christmas to our now baby, Heith Britt Lawrence. Born: Sept. 1, 2003 (Labor Day) weight: 8lbs. 9oz. length: 21¼ in. Time: 12:55 p.m. at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

May this be your joyous Holiday Season with many more to come.
Loving you Always: Mommy and Daddy

Cowbone Mem'ries

By Paul Buster

I came back to your old house this morning to remember the good old days that we had. Things are not the same anymore, except the trees. The house looks the way it was when you lived here.

All I can feel is emptiness, sadness, loneliness, but somewhere deep in my feelings, I can sense your presence.

I can feel that you will be coming out your door to come with me; to play music somewhere like we always did about this time of the year. But I also feel the reality that you are gone and that you will not open your door and come with me, so I will be on my way.

But I will play a song for you, because you will always be in my mem'ries and my songs. Every now and then, I come back home to Big Cypress to reminisce and relive some of the old mem'ries. I would try to see you at your house before I left. There were times when you were home and sometimes you were gone.

If you were gone, I would write a note and leave it on your door, letting you know that I was at your house. Today, I am writing this note, but I will not leave it on your door, because you are not here.

Solomon, we've been through many miles in life and in music. You were an athlete in high school and college and from what I hear, you were one of the better ones on the field, or on the mat in the sport of wrestling.

You were also a father, a husband, and a grandfather. You were a brother and one hell of a bass guitar player. You were a fine musician – you will be in the music hall of fame in the Seminole Tribe when someone comes around and establishes it.

In the meantime, we'll keep your mem'ries alive in our hearts and in my music. There will be a Memorial Dinner and Concert for Solomon Cypress at the Junior Cypress Rodeo Arena in Big Cypress on January 10, 2004. Everyone is invited.

John, Sr. & Louise Billie's

Annual Christmas Party Sunday, December 21, 2003 Big Cypress Reservation

Breakfast 8:00 A.M.
Dinner 4:00 P.M.
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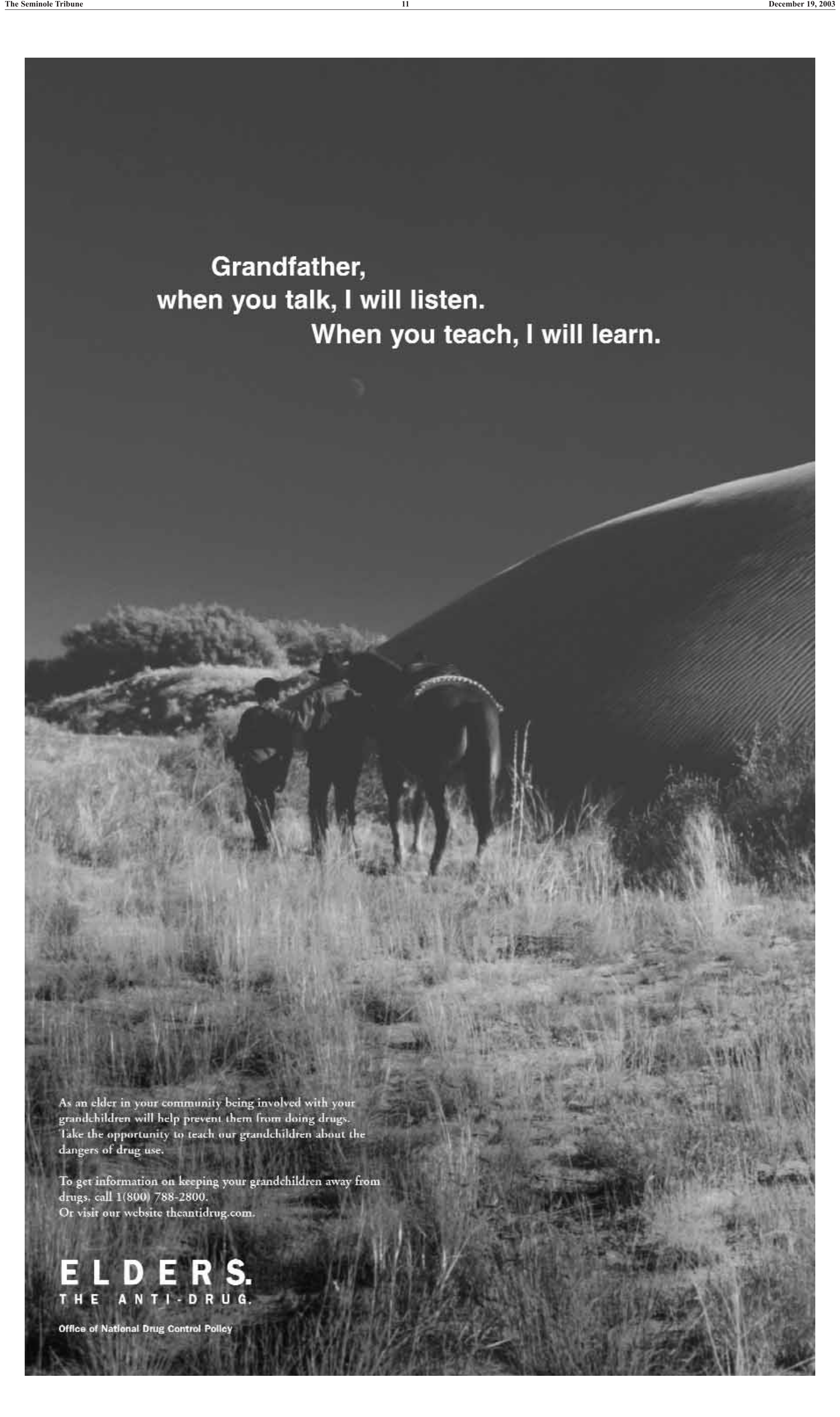
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Brighton/Tampa:	Terry Hahn, Patty Waldron, Amanda Smith, Lonnie Gore
Hollywood/Ft Pierce/Trail:	Bo Young, Jo North, Holly Tiger, Diane Buster
Immokalee/Naples:	David Billie, Maria Billie

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Holiday Safety Tips

By Seminole Police Department

As we approach the end of 2003, we sometimes forget the little things that are very important. Here are a few safety tips to keep in mind for the holidays and all year long.

Buckle Up - During the holiday months, people travel more than ever. Drive defensively and maintain the speed limit. Wear your seat belt. It's more than a law; it's proven to reduce fatalities. Ensure that all passengers are wearing safety belt too.

Designate a Driver - When attending a party, designate a non-drinking driver. If you are hosting a holiday gathering, be sure there are non-alcoholic beverages for guests who are driving. Don't drive under the influence and never permit someone else who has been drinking to drive.

Park in well-lit, open areas - Have your keys ready when approaching your car. Do not leave shopping bags exposed and unattended in your car. Place packages in the trunk or back seat where they can be covered. Make sure your vehicle is locked and secured. In the United States, a vehicle is stolen every 21 seconds! Hold your children's hand while walking through parking lots; this will avoid them from darting out into busy parking lots.

Christmas Trees - Purchase green, moist Christmas trees, never old or brittle. Check the water level daily. Do not over load outlets or extension cords. Turn off the Christmas lights when you sleep or when leaving your home. Never use indoor extension cords outside.

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Seminoles Join Kyle Petty in Charity Ride Across America

By Ernie Tiger
HOMESTEAD, FL — Nov. 17 making their way across America with 1994 Winston Cup Champion Kyle Petty, Seminole Tribal members and others motorcyclist from all over the United States



Chris Osceola and Jacob DeMayo leave Homestead to Key West.

gathered together at the Homestead-Miami Speedway to embark on the second annual Key Lime Ride. The season ending Key Lime Ride, which is part of the Kyle Petty Charity Ride Across America, took riders to Homestead, Key West, and then onto their finish line in Naples to raise proceeds for the Victory Junction Gang Camp.

The Kyle Petty Charity Ride Across America, which is broken up into eight other rides across the United States, starts in California and then bikers make their way across America to their final event ride, which began in Homestead. The Charity Ride got its start in 1995 and has since covered more than 24,000 miles. It has raised more than \$13 million dollars of its \$24 million dollar goal for the Victory Junction Gang Camp.

The racetrack themed facilities are being constructed on a 75-acre camp, housing 36 buildings, complete with a medical center, a seven-acre lake, 16 camper cabins, a dining hall, a performing arts center and a therapeutic equestrian center. The main building will resemble a front stretch grandstand. Participants of the camp can be escorted via tram onto the midfield as they first enter. The camp will actually resemble a speedway!

“We started the camp when

we visited Paul Newman’s Boggy Creek Gang Camp in Orlando and saw there was a need for more places for youths to participate in activities that we saw there,” commented Kyle Petty, founder of the North Carolina based Victory Junction Gang Camp. The Victory Junction Gang Camp will open its doors in the summer of 2004 for children with chronic and life-threatening diseases. It will enable youths to enjoy one of the many activities at the camp while still interacting in a safe and medically sound environment.

Such positive experiences with others are hoped to enrich the youth’s lives by participating in one of the many outdoor and indoor activities including boating, swimming, and horseback riding, just to mention a few.

“Youngsters literally race to the finish line of recovery in a fun-filled facility,” says Benefactors of the Camp.

In addition, the charity ride has raised \$3.2 million dollars for various other charities and children’s hospitals and brought more than 3,000 charity rides together for the Ride Across America.

“At first, I was the only biker from the tribe to participate in the ride. It’s just good to see other tribal members getting involved in the fund raiser,”



Bikers make their way through Naples.



Seminole bikers gather at Homestead Speedway for picture.

said Hollywood Council Representative Max Osceola Jr.

“The Charity Check that the Seminole Tribe donated to the camp was more than generous.” “We’re very happy to have the Seminole Tribe participating in the ride,” commented Kyle Petty after being presented with a charity check of \$10,000. Founders Kyle and wife Pattie Petty were then presented with authentic hand-made Seminole jackets.

“The Naples Community and Collier County Sheriff Office were very happy to assist in the Charity Ride. The ride is a great way to bring awareness for these youths and the camp that is being built. It’s also good for the Seminole Tribe and other sponsors of the event for their awareness,” said Tina Osceola, Public Information Officer of the Collier County Sheriff Office.

She spoke of the Sheriff Department’s participation in the event by providing traffic safety assistance for the approximately 150 bikers while traveling through Naples.




Chris Osceola, Kyle Petty, and Max Osceola.

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Your Money

Saving on Gasoline

By Ken Goosens

HOLLYWOOD — Life is full of small decisions that can make a big difference over time. Making our money go farther by holding down expenses is one of the best things we can do. For example, when making purchases, consider not just initial cost, but the operating costs as well.

The cost of gasoline to run automobiles is an expense that adds up to big money. Suppose your family drives 30,000 miles a year. If gasoline averages \$1.50 per gallon and your vehicles average 20 miles per gallon, the yearly cost of gasoline is (1.50 x 30000 / 20), which comes to \$2,250 per year.

What can you do to reduce that expense?

The single most important thing you can do is to buy vehicles with higher fuel efficiency. Most vehicles in the United States come with ratings for gas mileage. This does not mean that you should buy the vehicle that uses the least gasoline. Vehicles that get more miles per gallon tend to be lighter in weight, smaller, and have slower engines, so there may be trade offs for gasoline efficiency.

For the type of vehicle you want — given its size, performance, styling, and repair record — be sure to look at gasoline efficiency as one of several important factors. For example, the Honda Odyssey is a large two-wheel-drive van with ample power, good design, and an excellent repair record. It has a smooth ride, and seats 7 people very comfortably with room to haul plywood 4'x8'. The 2004 model averages about 22 miles per gallon. If you get a Ford 4-wheel-drive Explorer, the fuel efficiency drops to around 17 m/g. A Hummer will get only 12 m/g. For the same driving as before, the yearly gasoline expenses for these three would be \$2045, \$2647, and \$3750 respectively.

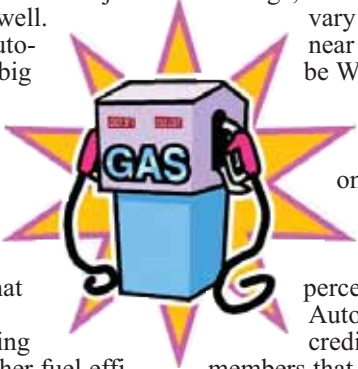
The second thing you can do to save money is shop for less expensive gasoline. Higher or premium grades of gasoline do not get more miles per gallon, so stick with regular and save 10 to 20 cents per gallon. Name brand gasoline's do not get any better mileage, so do not pay more for a name. Prices also vary by station and location. For example, near Brighton, the low price leader tends to be Wal-Mart. Near Hollywood, the Marathon station in Davie, on Davie Road, not only consistently has low prices, but usually lowers the price on Sundays by 3 cents per gallon.

The third thing you can do to save money is purchase your gasoline with a credit card giving you at least a 5 percent rebate. For example, the American Automobile Association offers a general credit card with no annual fee to its members that credits you with 5 percent off on all gasoline purchases paid at the pump. The savings show up as credits on every monthly statement and the card is good everywhere, as opposed to just one brand of gasoline.

If you figure \$1.60 per gallon for a premium gasoline and you save ten cents per gallon using regular, 6 cents per gallon shopping wisely for the lowest price, and 7 cents per gallon with a credit card rebate, your yearly costs at 30,000 miles per year and 20 m/g drop from \$2,400 to \$2,055.

Saving money on gasoline is just as easy as spending more. Simply buy vehicles with better fuel efficiency, find and stick with a gasoline station that consistently has low prices for regular grade gasoline, and get and use a credit card with a gasoline rebate that works everywhere.

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.



National Native American Youth Initiative Program June 2004

OKLAHOMA CITY, OK — The Association of American Indian Physicians announces the 7th Annual National Native American Youth Initiative (NNAYI) program to be held June 19-27, 2004 in Washington D.C. The program is an intense academic enrichment and reinforcement program consisting of mini-communication courses teaching leadership, mini-communication, study, and testing skills, plus assertiveness, networking and professional behavior, interactive learning and time management.

Courses are designed to increase the student's background and skills so he/she is better prepared to remain in the academic pipeline and pursue a career in healthcare professions and/or biomedical research. It is the goal of AAIP to prepare these students for admission to college or professional school, and empower them to utilize these skills.

Topics will be presented in a series of lectures, field trips, and tutorials. The summer program will inform students of the variety of health careers available to Native American youth. AAIP members, health professionals, and traditional healers will provide special lectures regarding personal experiences

toward a health career and the collaboration between western and traditional medicine.

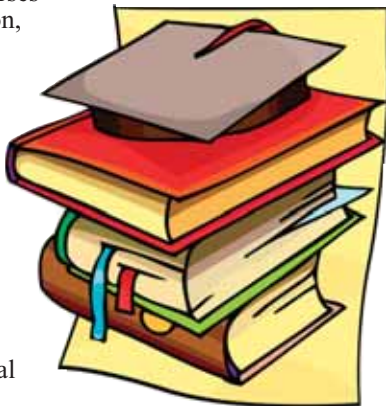
Native American high school students planning to enter the health professions between the ages of 16 through 18 years old are eligible to apply. Students must have a minimum cumulative 2.0 GPA (A = 4.0).

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- Photograph

Selected scholars will receive all expenses paid. Each participant will be provided with room, board and travel during the week-long program. It will be necessary for individuals to bring extra money for items (i.e. souvenirs) they may wish to purchase during their stay.

Applications are also available for download on the AAIP web site at www.aail2.com/student/nnayi.html. Only a limited number of students will be accepted.

Early application is encouraged. Deadline is May 14, 2004.



First Baptist Seminole Church Honors Veterans



Paula Cassels

Betty Clay thanks veteran Billie Cypress at Sunday morning mass.

By Paula Cassels

HOLLYWOOD — Over the Veterans Holiday weekend, the First Baptist Seminole Church and Pastor Paul Buster recognized and honored attending Seminole veterans Billie Cypress and Bob Motlow at Sunday morning mass.

In appreciation of both veterans, the First Baptist Seminole Church treated the veterans, their families and attendees to a steak and ribs lunch.

It was special way to say thanks to the brave Seminole Veterans.

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American Indian Arts Celebration Breaks Attendance Record

By Michael Kelly
BIG CYPRESS — Cool temperatures, blue skies, and the music of Indian reggae band Native Roots provided the background to the most successful American Indian Arts Celebration the Seminole Tribe of Florida has ever held. Brian Zepeda, Operations Manager at the Museum said, “This festival has grown tremendously. It used to be small, but now you see lots of vendors, music, arts and crafts, and more. On Friday, we had 600 children here enjoying the museum and all the activities outside,” said Zepeda.

The three-day celebration, held across the street from the AH-TAH-THI-KI Museum, featured traditional Native American clothing, arts and crafts, homemade Seminole food, music and dance. The Seminole Tribe of Florida played host to what is becoming a very popular

November event in South Florida.

For three days, more than a thousand visitors roamed the festival grounds, encountering the natural beauty of Big Cypress. Behind the museum, visitors observed various native Florida plants, including tall palms, palmettos, and pines. The temperature seemed to drop 10 degrees as the lush green forest shielded tourists from the sun. To the right of the museum, vast open fields of growing eggplants basked in the sun.

There were a handful of Tribes participating, including members of the Ojibwa Tribe from the Great Lakes region in Canada, the Western Cherokees from Tahlequah, Oklahoma, the Choctaw Tribe, also from Oklahoma, and of course, the Seminole Tribe.

Paul Buster and the Cowbone Band started off the festival with a flavor of South Florida country music, followed by the Indian/reggae influenced songs of Native Roots, traveling all the way from Albuquerque, New Mexico. The smooth bass lines even had the alligators dancing.

Also performing throughout the festival: Red Baffalo (Seminole Pow-wow Dancers, William Cypress), the Southeastern Dancers, featuring Choctaw native Gary White Deer, and more. Visitors were asked to



Visiting Girl Scouts enjoyed the Seminole necklaces.

vation said, “The Seminoles are top of the line when it comes to assisting vendors. They make you feel at home.”

Janie Zah, a member of the Choctaw Tribe in Oklahoma, said the Seminole people were just like the weather in South Florida, “warm and friendly.”

AH-TAH-THI-KI Museum employee Paula Theodore, who is a member of the Athabaskan Tribe in Alaska, demonstrated Seminole hospitality by transporting visitors (and reporters) in a golf cart to and from the museum, ceremonial grounds, and to the performance tent area. “I love working here for the tribe. Everyone is so friendly out here in Big Cypress; it just makes you want to assist visitors anyway you can,” said



Devin Cypress displays traditional Seminole beadwork.



Choctaw Tribe dancers.

participate, but while most adults were a little shy to join in the dancing, children didn’t hesitate holding hands and following the lead dancer.

At the Amphitheater, storyteller Herbert Jim offered visitors stories about the rich culture and history of the Seminole people.

What seemed to be a recurring theme from vendors, dancers, and musicians was that Seminole hospitality was exceptionally gracious.

Greg Southland and Megan Handy, from Kentucky, participated at the Celebration, selling leather goods, wood-carvings, and other forms of art. They said, “Seminole hospitality is A-plus. We’ve done the Kissimmee Shootout for years and as always, we’re treated very well.”

Another vendor, Leo Jordan, Jr., making his first trip to the Seminole reser-

Paula.

“When I turned 18, I decided to do something bold and move to somewhere a little warmer. I still visit family in Anchorage, but I love the warm weather here. I wouldn’t trade it for anything,” said Paula.

The American Indian Arts Celebration attracted foreign tourists, as well as individuals from both the east and west coasts of Florida.

Visitors were treated to a special ceremony as members of the Billie family honored their late father Sonny Billie, a medicine man from Big Cypress. Billie, who passed away in August 2003, was instrumental to the museum, providing information about native Florida plants and Seminole culture.

David Blackard, curator of the AH-TAH-THI-KI Museum, described to the audience, and to the remaining Billie family, how important Sonny Billie was to the museum, to Seminole culture, and in preserving the history of the Seminole people.

“He was the one who provided

4th Annual Okeechobee Battle Re-Enactment

By Shawn Henderson, President Friends of the Okeechobee Battlefield

In the summer of 2000, the Okeechobee Battlefield was listed by the National Trust for Historic Preservation as one of America’s historic endangered sites, due to encroaching development. The battle of Okeechobee, fought on Christmas Day, was the largest and fiercest battle in the Seminole Wars. As an effort to preserve the remaining portion of the Battlefield site, and to commemorate this historic battle, the Friends of the Okeechobee Battlefield coordinate an annual re-enactment, which will be held on February 28 & 29 from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

The Friends of the Okeechobee Battlefield would like to express our sincerest gratitude to the Seminole Tribe of Florida for their continued sponsorship and commitment to the preservation efforts and annual re-enactment.

Many special thanks to: Chairman Mitchell Cypress for his sup-

port and dedication in making the re-enactment a success, President Moses Osceola, sponsorship of senior vendors, Council Representative Roger Smith, sponsorship of Alligator demonstrations and dinner/dance, and Executive Director Billy Cypress, AH-TAH-THI-KI Museum, sponsorship of Southeastern Stomp Dancing and many others throughout the Seminole Tribe who support and participate in the re-enactment.

In addition to sponsorship of previous years, President Moses Osceola will sponsor Seminole senior arts & crafts vendors who are interested in participating in the Okeechobee battle re-enactment.

Leading up to the 2004 commemoration, the Friends of the Okeechobee Battlefield will be supporting a Logo contest and the winner will receive a \$100 savings bond from the First Bank of Indiantown. The logo should include a Seminole Indian, a Soldier, and Lake Okeechobee as its

theme. Logos should be submitted on 8 1/2 x 11 paper and turned into the Okeechobee Public Library or the Brighton Reservation Library.

The logos can also be mailed to the Okeechobee Public Library at 206 S.W. 16th Street, Okeechobee, Florida 34974. January 30, 2004 is the deadline to submit a contest logo. The winning Logo will become the symbol of the Battlefield event. The Okeechobee Public Library will also be hosting a living history or passion play to commemorate the Battle of Okeechobee on Monday, Feb. 23, 2004, at 7 p.m.

In the upcoming issues of the Seminole Tribune, there will be additional information listed with a map of the exact location of the battlefield site. For further details, please contact Shawn Henderson at (863) 634-2126 or Gary Ritter at (863) 634-4857. Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to the Seminole Tribe!



Billie family members recieved a plaque honoring the late Sonny Billie.

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Victor Johns Honored as "Firefighter of the Year"

By Carol Johns
OKEECHOBEE COUNTY
— Victor Johns, Seminole Tribal Member from Okeechobee, was honored as Okeechobee County's "Firefighter Of The Year" in an award ceremony held in October 2003.

Victor was honored for his years of dedication and service as a Firefighter/EMT for the county. As a firefighter, he was praised for his performance in going beyond the call of duty for risking his life for the safety and well-being of others.

Okeechobee Fire Rescue Nick Hopkins presented Victor with a plaque and certificate of service. Chief Hopkins also surprised Victor by present-

ing him with his smoke-stained and marred fire-helmet while recalling one of many occasions where Victor fearlessly carried an elderly man from a burning building, saving the gentleman's life.

Victor has now retired as a firefighter and is enjoying playing golf and spending time with his family, as well as managing his businesses, ProMed Walk-In Clinic, which are located in Okeechobee and Moore Haven. Victor is the son of Wonder and Mary Johns from Brighton, and is married to Carol, with two children, Ryan and Jill.



Victor Johns

Paul and Megan Buster's 10th Anniversary Celebration

By Paula Cassels
MICCOSUKEE RESORT
— On Nov. 29, Paul and Megan Buster renewed their marriage vows, with close family and friends attending at the Miccosukee Resort.

The ceremony began with Paul and Megan's grandchildren spreading rose pedals over the bride's path. Megan's two daughters, Jessica Buster and Melissa Metcalf, stood as her bridesmaids, as Megan walked down the isle. Megan, as pretty as the day Paul met her,

wore an antique white, lace over lace ankle dress and matching hat.

After pastor Noel Turner said, "You may kiss the bride," Paul and Megan kissed not just once, but sealed their love with two kisses.

Paul and Megan met 10 years ago at the First Baptist Seminole Church. "That's where my children and myself have attended church for over 20 years now," said Megan. A long time Pastor for the First Baptist Seminole Church, Paul Buster, knows the importance of making commitments, both with God and to his wife Megan.

Congratulations to Paul and Megan Buster on your 10th Anniversary. Good luck on the next 10 years.



Paula Cassels

Megan and Paul Buster

Seminoles Participate in Broward County Pioneer Days held in Davie

By Alexandra Frank
DAVIE, FL — On Nov. 1, the City of Davie hosted the Broward County Pioneer Days. Since 1973, the Broward County Historical Commission has sponsored Pioneer Days, an annual event that pays homage to Broward County pioneers and commemorates the inception of Broward County on Oct. 1, 1915.

The celebration is held over a two-day period with some events taking place at the Old Davie School Museum. Pioneer Days features historical and informational exhibits, educational programs, entertainment, a ceremony honoring Broward County pioneers, and other activities.

The Seminole Tribe participated in the event by submitting a float featuring current Miss Seminole Cherelee Kristen J. Hall, Junior Miss Seminole Stephanie Lee Ann Hall, and Chairman Mitchell Cypress. All three tossed Mardi Gras style beaded necklaces to the parade attendees.

President Moses Osceola, Hollywood Broad Representative David Dehass, Big Cypress Board Representative Paul Bowers, Hollywood Council Representative Max Osceola Jr., and an entourage of Seminole motorcycle riders participated in the parade.

The float representing the Seminole Tribe of Florida not only transported the Seminole Princesses and the Chairman, but it also featured a chickee and stuffed alligator. In fact, it was so original, it won First Place in the float contest.

Max Osceola Jr. was given special recognition for donating a chickee to the Old Davie School grounds, and for his work within Broward County.

David Dehass and sister Debra Dehass were given special recognition by the Broward County Historical Society for their positive contributions to their com-

munity. Both were under the impression that their family would receive the recognition presented by the BCH Society for their part in developing Davie. But once

sponsors the Kids Summer Series. It is both of the communities working together, which is why the two were given awards. They are carrying on the tradition of the Dehass family.

The Dehass Paternal grandfather served as a Mayor of Davie back in the 1950's for two terms. Their grandmother started a Women's Auxiliary in Davie and the family also helped develop the rodeo in Davie and helped to start the Orange Blossom Festival.

It was a surprise to receive such an impressive award for both David and Debra. Both were only trying to assist the tribal children and the town of

Davie's rodeo arena. They saw the importance of working together towards future endeavors.

The 2004 Tribal Pow-Wow will be held at the Bergeron Rodeo Arena; the Town of Davie committee has wholly accepted the idea of having a pow-wow (and a parade) there.

The Town of Davie also wants to have a Pioneer Day as part of the festival for the best dressed pioneer family. They would like it to be with Davie residents.

The Pioneer Day's Society will handle that part. It's possible tribal leaders will judge the event and vice versa when it comes to the tribal fair events.

The Town of Davie went out of its way in helping plan the Tribal Pow-Wow. Due to the hard work David and Debra have done for the kids by including Davie, the town has been critical in helping set up water lines to the Hard Rock Hotel/Casino by offering reasonable prices.

The siblings and Recreation Department have helped with the Davie Boys Club, because of a new gym that Davie has built. Even though David and Debra grew up in Davie, they now live on the Hollywood Reservation, the two communities see the need to take care of their children regardless of city boundaries.



Alexandra Frank

Jr. Miss Seminole Stephine Hall, Chairman Mitchell Cypress (head down), Miss Seminole Cherelee Hall and Gator ride the winning float through Davie.



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From left to right: Loretta Micco, Vincent Micco, Max Osceola Jr., Mitchell Cypress, Ronnie Billie, and Raymond Garza Sr.

they received the award, they realized the award was for them.

The award cited the contributions the siblings made towards the community with their involvement in the Horse Club, which is held in Davie every Wednesday night. Also during the summer, the tribe

Workshops Teaches Empowerment, Confidence, Motivation to Education Staff

By Alexandra Frank
ST. AUGUSTINE, FL — Usually when a person hears that they are going to attend a staff development workshop, their first thoughts may range from, "Oh great, another boring four days, when do we start?," or "I wonder what the food will be like?"

The Education Staff Development Workshop proved to be a different story, with workshops focusing on subjects like: Empowering One Another with your Native Power, Building for the Betterment of the Seminole Tribe, Motivation and Confidence Building, and Learning to Lead, and Attitude: Your Most Priceless Possession.

It was hard not to get anything positive out of the workshops, which were meant to benefit the Education Staff of the Seminole Tribe. The individual who accomplished this task and who deserves a pat on the back is Howard Ranier.

Ranier is a Taos Pueblo from Taos Pueblo, NM, which is located about a half-hour away from Santa Fe, NM. He lives in a town that has been around since about 1600 A.D., and is probably the only town in America with a five-story pueblo.

Ranier's tribe is about 5,000 strong and is an active pueblo like Acoma, which is also located in New Mexico. Ranier, as you may have come to expect, uses traditional mannerisms and teaching techniques, using examples, singing, and being a hands-on instructor.

Ranier introduced his teaching technique by opening up the workshop with a five minute sermon that helps to introduce his ideals about empowering ones self for the sake of both child and educator. The following are excerpts from this five minute sermon that you may find helpful.

"Here's the reason why we are going to face one of the most challenging things we have today by young people is that they don't like themselves: True or false? Tonight I'm going to show you how to empower your kids, because many of them have hang-ups. They have a self identity crisis. They have a culture crisis and they have a traditional crisis," said Ranier.

"They have all kinds of things going on, and boy do we suffer. In order to get what you want out of them, you must feel good about yourself. So here is one question, how many of you are smart? How many are creative? In this course, I am going to show you how to be creative with power. So I'm going to give you a five minute sermon and away we go."

"Write down these three words: Empowering- How many of you are good at empowering people? What does it mean to empower? You give them some of your power. Let me show you how powerful you people are today. It's very simple." "You have always had these



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Inspirational speaker Howard Ranier.

powers. Some of you are using them and some of you could use this workshop, because if you start using this, you will notice a change in your kids by Monday when you get back."

Ranier continued, "So this important power you have; what do you think this power is? It is you they see. They already have these perceptions of you. They want to be like you and they don't want to be like you. They want to dress like you and they don't want to dress like you."

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"But you're shaping images. Kids see you everyday and image is powerful, because if it has anything to do with self identity and how your kids are acting, behaving, and how they're thinking and how they're evolving their self image today. They're set in all that."

"We don't think about this. It's called T & T. You teach with the talents you have. How many of you are talented? How many were born with some talent. Somebody give me some talents that you have. Some of you speak the language, some of you are into sports, some of you sing."

"You teach with your talents! Is that powerful? You're giving all the time. You're sharing, kids are learning from you and hear what you have to say - so teach

with your talent."

"Here comes the next one - your spirit. You have a powerful spirit. You people say, 'Well, how do you know that, how do you know I have a powerful spirit?' Did you know that kids take this at a young age? They want to be like David because they remember David, or I want to be like you, or you, or you," stated Ranier.

"Our spirits are powerful because we're thinking all the time. We're telling people things without even talking. So tonight, I'm going to show you how to increase your power over this (talent), this (spirit), and this (creativity)."

"If I can get you to think about how powerful you really are, when you go home and start using this, it's going to be awesome. Now in any workshop that I have, guess who comes to them, any one of them, whether it's in Florida, or South Dakota, New Mexico, or Arizona?"

"We always have doubters. What is a doubter? Someone who doubts an idea. This stuff will just not work down here in Florida. What is another sign of a doubter? Someone who says, 'it's a waste of time' Tonight it will not be a waste of time. I will gladly show you how powerful you really are."

Ranier continued, "So we have doubters here, there's a couple of them, but we have thinkers here also. What is a thinker? They're the ones that say, 'You know what, I like it, but I don't like it' They're thinking about how they're going to apply some of this stuff that I'm going to give you."

"We also have in here people that are very creative, true or false? True. You are very creative; some of you have not been given permission to be creative. In this workshop, we're going to allow you to be creative. Here's another one that's in this workshop."

"This is one that is really cool - that you are a visionary. You will not admit it to your co-workers, but some of you are way ahead of 2004. You are already at 2010. You're here, you're in this room. They are everywhere I go. The visionaries - they're here!"

"And you know what people? You're in the right group today. You are in the right group tonight, because those of you who are visionaries, this is gonna click, and you're gonna say, 'Yeah, I can see how this can work for me.'"

"Then you have the people right here, they're talented, but they haven't

used it. Why don't we use our talents? Why aren't our young people using their natural abilities? What do they fear? They fear failure and so do some of you, because if you try, people, if I can get you to consider what I am giving you tonight, some of you use it somebody will be impacted."

"Somebody's gonna turn around to how you've been teaching. Okay, here's another thing if your heart is open: What's most likely to happen tonight? A lot of things, if it resists, what happens? Nothing."

"Your heart has to be receptive."

"They hear they are the leaders of tomorrow, but they don't care."

It has to take in, it has to consider, and if you don't do this, it's just another boring workshop. Watch this with kids. Can we afford to do this?"

"Did you know your kids hear that all the time and they don't even listen to you? They hear they are the leaders of tomorrow, but they don't care. People, when you get them to consider and then you get them to be receptive and then, here's the best part, then you get them to react."

"When you consider you're

because you got mad? Are you in education because you had a good experience? Or are you in education because you had a bad experience?"

"See, it all comes from when something happens - somewhere when you considered you were receptive, and you reacted. And when that happened, some of you fixed in. The reason why learning is limited in kids is why? Their attention span. They watch a lot of television, play video games and everything is mega seconds. We bore them to death."

"In education, school is boring people to death. When is boring parent-teacher events, we bore the parents; no wonder they don't come to those things. We have a hard time just getting the parents in there excited."

"Why should they come in and hear a boring lecture and then go home. So tonight, I am going to give you the power to consider, to be receptive, and then to react."

The five minute sermon set the stage for Ranier to teach his perspective on using the four powers an individual has, talent, spirit, creativity, and vision, when it comes to dealing with youth and education. Although there were two other individuals speaking at the workshop, Ranier proved to be the favorite.

The information given to workshop participants was well received and talked about in a positive manner. The teaching techniques will be without question used when it comes to reaching our youth. We can use the techniques Ranier has generously given out to the tribe's benefit and for the benefit of the youth of tomorrow.

Workshop attendees were also able to tour the historic city of St. Augustine; they took trolley tours, visited a wax museum, took a tour of Castillo De San Marcos, and took a boat tour.

There were plenty of shops to visit, and boy did some of the workshop attendees appreciate the wide selection of vendors to choose from. I know there will be some surprised people come Christmas time!

Besides all the learning and having fun, the Education Staff Workshop proved it is still about the children and the education Department, and its staff. They have been given the reigns to help ensure empowerment through talent, spirit, creativity, and vision.



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Lynn Himebauch B.C. Education Advisor speaks to attendees.

receptive, and you react, what happens? It doesn't have to be big. It can be little changes, or it can be big changes, or it can be a mighty big change. When you can get kids to change, what happens?"

"They learn and it's lifelong. Are you in education because someone inspired you? Are you in education

Tribal Citizens Take Hard-Hat Tour of Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino

By Michael Kelly
HOLLYWOOD — On Dec. 4, hundreds of Tribal citizens beamed with excitement as they enjoyed their first glance inside the massive Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino. The media event included a tour of hotel accommodations, casino, pool area, and a luncheon. The grand opening is slated for late April or early May, 2004.

The model penthouse suite and 2nd floor room gleamed with comfort and style. Unlike some

high-priced hotels, the rooms showcased an elegant yet uncomplicated design, featuring light wood furniture, a large television, CD player, and marble countertops.

Tribal citizens echoed how they could hardly wait until the opening in late April. Donna Turtle summed up her thoughts about the Seminole Hard Rock & Casino in one word, "Wow!"

Seminole Council members, Representatives, and Liaisons addressed the enthusiastic crowd.

Chairman Mitchell Cypress expressed all the positives the hotel/casino will bring to State Road 7 and the Hollywood area.

"This facility is for the future generations of the Seminole Tribe. Not only are we making improvements for our Tribe, but as the community as well. It's going to create over a thousand jobs, right here in Hollywood," said Cypress.

"It really is unbelievable. We've come so far; to think, it all started from the small casino on 441 almost a quarter-century ago," said Cypress.

Max Osceola Jr., who addressed both the construction crew the day before and tribal citizens said, "Our elders had a vision. Everything just evolved from them decades ago. We've always been self-sufficient. We sold arts and crafts and wrestled alligators to survive. Indians have always taken care of each other. The entrepreneurial spirit has always been with us too, even back in the 1930's," said Osceola.

Moses Osceola, President and Vice-Chairman for the Tribe stated, "We started from nothing. We had to borrow to build our first casino here in Hollywood. Look at the progress we've made. We have worked hard for all of this."

Addressing to both the Chairman and President, the current casino building will remain intact, with possible renovations taking place.

William Osceola, Trail Liaison for the Tribe, remembers the first time the Council discussed building the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino. "We got together to see a model of the Hard Rock. It was impressive. Now here we are, only a few months away from completing it. It's incredible."

Osceola recalled about how this all came about. "The seniors really laid the groundwork for the success we are enjoying today."

Leona Tommie Williams, Director of Preschool for the Seminole Tribe, said, "All this has helped the Education Department out greatly. Our children are able to attend any type of school, from private schools to universities. As more of our tribal citizens earn degrees, they can obtain better jobs."

Anthony Maus, a tribal citizen and co-owner of Panther Steel, has a special interest in the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino. "I've traveled all over the U.S. building hotels and casinos like the MGM Grand. We always do a great job, but we're taking extra pride in this project. As a Seminole, it's good to

be part of the building process."

Jim Allen, Head of the Seminole Tribe Gaming operations, described the enormity of the project and what it will mean to the surrounding area.

"To see something start from ground zero to its near completion has been a special experience for me," said Allen. "This four-star/four-diamond facility will make a substantial impact to South Florida. I would like to recognize both the city of Hollywood and Davie for their efforts in assisting us," added Allen.

On Dec. 3, over 600 construction crew workers were treated to a barbeque lunch, courtesy of the Seminole Tribe. It was a way to thank the construction crew for all their hard work. The luncheon, held in the Club area of the casino, will eventually be used for concerts and dining once the casino is completed.

Omar Thomas and Cecil Turner, both plumbers, have worked on the project since January 2003. "It's amazing being here and working on such a huge project. We're working on every floor of the hotel," said Thomas.

As with all construction sites, safety is always priority one. "They're extremely concerned with safety here, which is good," said Turner.

Allen addressed the construction crew, thanking them for all the terrific work. "So far, we have been extremely fortunate that no one has been injured. Safety is obviously important here," said Allen.

Ralf Northstrom, installing the raised computer floors throughout the casino, was impressed with the magnitude of the project. "I've done work in Las Vegas, Atlantic City, and in New York, but you can tell this is going to be a great facility," said Northstrom.

Allen remarked that 150-175 designers have worked on the project, with anywhere between 600-1000 construction crew members working on-site. Some may work at the facility for a week and then move on to other projects.

Bob Murphy, Mechanical/Electrical Manager with Perini/Suitt is confident with the completion date, saying, "We will hit that target date. Not completing it on time is not in our vocabulary."

Perini/Suitt is the joint venture of two highly successful companies constructing the state-of-the-art Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino. The Perini Building Company specializes in building casinos while Suitt Construction focuses on building hotels. Industry trade publications have consistently ranked both Perini and Suitt among the top contractors and design-build firms in the nation.

Added Murphy: "The tribe has chosen extremely well in picking these two builders. Everything has been well thought-out."

For the Seminole Tribe of Florida, it's been a long time coming. Back in 1979, the Seminoles introduced gaming as a way of creating income, laying a foundation for other tribes

to follow. While other tribes have successfully built high-rise casinos, the Seminoles were denied the opportunity to advance their casino business, but that's history.

The Seminole Tribe of Florida is now only a few months away from fulfilling a vision Tribal elders saw decades ago. As Max Osceola Jr. said, "The entrepreneurial spirit has always been with us," and also the spirit to succeed.



Construction crew views the finished product.

Michael Kelly



Tribal citizens get their first view of the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino.

Michael Kelly



Tribal citizens enjoy the tour.

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Rotunda area in casino nearly completed.

Michael Kelly



Anthony Maus, co-owner of Panther Steel and Elden "Sonny" Osceola.

Michael Kelly



Better wear your hard hat!

Michael Kelly



Chairman Mitchell Cypress addresses the crowd.

Michael Kelly



Leona Tommie-Williams wants a room overlooking the pool.

Michael Kelly



Wanda Bowers tests out the Hard Rock Hotel room.

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The Seminole Tribe of Florida made tremendous strides in 2003. A historic change in leadership emerged as Mitchell Cypress was officially elected Chairman, while Moses Osceola was voted in as President. The highly touted Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino neared completion.

Many accomplishments by tribal citizens occurred throughout the year. From preschool to college, the Seminole Tribe sent a message to each and every student that a good education was vital for the Tribe's success. Many excelled in sports, art, music, and have taken a greater interest in their culture.

"Looking Back at the Seminole Trail" offered Seminoles from the Hollywood reservation a chance to look back into their distinguished past, visiting the historic grounds of Fort King, Castillo de San Marcos, and the infamous Dade Battlefield. It was a chance for children and adults to learn about the Seminole Wars, but to also understand all the tribe has fought for, and the brilliant leaders who sought freedom.

On the campus of Florida State University, a nearly two-story statue of Osceola was unveiled, paying tribute to the unconquered spirit of the Seminole Tribe.

In August, Cherelee Kristen J. Hall and Stephanie LeeAnn Hall were crowned Miss Seminole and Junior Miss Seminole at the 46th Miss Seminole Princess Pageant.

Trina Bowers earned the title of Miss Seminole Rodeo Queen, and was recognized as a hardworking cowgirl who competes with her father in team-roping events. She is also one of the Eastern Indian Rodeo Association's best ropers.

The Veteran's Day Celebration in Big Cypress honored all Seminoles who served in the military. In a moving ceremony, the Seminole Tribe also paid tribute to Lori Piestawa, the fallen Hopi Indian soldier.

The Seminole Tribune is dedicated to reporting the events that shape the Seminole Tribe of Florida. We look at these news stories as historic and are honored to cover each and every one. There is only one Seminole Tribe of Florida; we are privileged to be your newspaper. Sho-na-bish-sha, Mvto, and Thank you.





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