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Ahfachkee students singing to Summer Lovin' at the 2003 Spring Festival on March 6. Paula Cassels

Ahfachkee School Celebrates Spring Festival

By Paula Cassels
BIG CYPRESS — On March 6, the Ahfachkee school students and their parents were invited to attend the Spring Festival.

The theme for this year was Mardi Gras. Art teacher Linda Martin and co-worker Jessica William decorated the cafeteria in colorful purple, gold, and green party streamers and balloons.

The Mardi Gras party kicked off the upcoming spring break, which started a few days later.

When the students and parents entered the school, they received masks, hats and Mardi Gras beaded necklaces to wear. Gary the balloon man, clown and

face painter was on hand, painting hearts and butterfly Mardi Gras masks on the kid's faces.

The students experienced some Mardi Gras-style food: spicy sausage and seafood gumbo, shrimp kabobs, sweet potatoes and pineapple, and dirty rice with beans.

From the beginning of the school year, the Seminole culture program has been working with students on projects specifically for the night's Seminole Spring Fashion show.

After dinner, the Ahfachkee 7th grade students presented the Seminole Spring Fashion show. The students walked into the cafeteria one at a time

showing their traditional patchwork on baggy shirts and skirts. There were also potholders and small pillows.

The Seminole culture staff said the students are doing great and were very proud of all the students. The models in the Seminole Spring Fashion show were Stephanie Hall, Patricia Walker, Tiffany Billie, Lisa Tiger and Donna Cypress.

Later in the evening, the disc jockeys entertained the kids with Hip-Hop music and an assortment of musical games. The adults started the students in a conga line around the cafeteria as the 2003 Spring Festival ended.

WSBC Interviews Michael Moorer



Two-Time Heavyweight Champion Michael Moorer

HOLLYWOOD — On Mar. 12, Everett Osceola of Seminole Broadcasting interviewed two-time world heavyweight champion Michael Moorer for a short segment about good health habits, boxing and the Tribe that will air on the Seminole Broadcasting channel.

Moorer, who had a spectacular record of 22-0 with 22 knockouts as light heavyweight, relinquished his WBO title to move up to the heavyweight level where he won the WBA and IBF heavyweight titles.

Although Moorer was inactive for three years, he returned to the ring in 2001 and is now training at the Warriors Gym. His current record is 43-3 with 34 knockouts.

Moorer grew up in the inner city of Monessen, PA and was raised by his mother and grandfather, Henry Smith, who was a local boxing trainer. Initially, Smith refused to bring him along to the gym, but he saw Moorer's potential when he hit the heavy bag for the first time.

"My grandfather said he heard thumps on the bag," said Moorer.

Although Moorer regarded boxing as an extracurricular activity and never formally set any goals,

he progressed steadily through the regional, national and international levels.

"I just took it one fight at a time," said Moorer, "I did what I had to do and I was the best at it."

At 16, Moorer was training with grown men "and beating the pulp out of them," said Moorer, "To be the best, you got to train with the best and it made me a better boxer."

Throughout his career, Moorer has sought his motivation from within. "Everything in life is mental," said Moorer, "All problems

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BC Host Caregivers Appreciation Luncheon

By Paula Cassels
BIG CYPRESS — On Feb. 20, the Big Cypress Hot Meals hosted an appreciation luncheon for the caregiver employees of the surrounding reservations.

The Visiting Caretenders, Inc. provides caregivers for the elderly, sick or people in need of personal assistance on the Seminole Tribe Reservations.

President/Acting Chairman Mitchell Cypress, Health Director Connie Whidden, and Rose Williams and

Christine Offutt, supervisors of "Visiting Caretenders, Inc., presented tote bags and appreciation plaques to caregivers that have worked with the tribe for one year or more for their exceptional job performance and commitment. Special recognition to the other caregivers was presented with Certificates of Appreciation.

The plaques read, "Caregivers, God's Special Angels, Caregivers are one of God's blessing from above, God fills their hearts with compassion and love, a nurse is someone that is worth their weight in gold, she likes to give her time to the sick, the weak, the old, God created caregivers to have that special tough, they keep on smiling thou their days are long and tough, they are filled with compassion, loving and kind, when your love ones are left in their care, you can have peace of mind, so thank you so much God, for these angels you sent to us. They have earned our

respect and admiration and trust."

Entertainer Jonah Cypress played guitar and sang "Above All", one of several contemporary Christian songs played at the luncheon.

The Caregivers are Elisa Brown, Lou Ann Clarks, Nancy Fillingame, Shelda Gaskin, Margaret Hand, Merinda Hughes, Christine Johnson, Bernice Jones, Everlean Kimble, Ida McMurtry, Rolando Pequeno, Jessica Pope, Susan Rooze, Franis Moncivais, Evelyn Thompson, Cheryl Pierce, Irene Christle,

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L-R: Christine Offutt, Mitchell Cypress, Rose Williams. Paula Cassels

Tribal Wrestler Places Second in State

By Kenny Bayon
LAKELAND — Two points. Two lousy points!

That is all that separated Seminole tribal member Keith (Mitchell) Simmons from winning a high-school state championship at the 2003 FHSAA Wrestling Finals, held Feb. 27-March 1 at the Lakeland Center.

Mitchell, a 17-year-old junior at Brandon (located just east of Tampa) High, placed second in the Class 2A 275-pound weight class after losing 3-2 to Clay's Cyrus Wainwright.

Despite the season-ending loss, Mitchell can't be too upset. After all, he improved so much in the past year it's incredible: After finishing with a 26-15 record during the 2001-2002 campaign (his first year on varsity), this season Mitchell went an impressive 37-5 en

route to district and regional championships.

Even in defeat at Lakeland, Mitchell still came away a champion when the legendary Brandon program, coached by Russ Cozart, rolled to the Class 2A team title.

Brandon pumps out state cham-

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Kenny Bayon
Mitchell Simmons (center) places 2nd in FHSAA Finals.

Krystle Young, Seminole Artist

Krystle Young, 12, is the daughter of Brenda Cypress and Steve Young. She is from the Panther Clan and resides on the Hollywood Reservation with her mother.

Krystle recently won 1st, 3rd, and 4th place in the Tribal Fair Art Contest. All three of her drawings featured birds.

Krystle began drawing at age 7 at school and at home. The first time she drew, she liked it, and has stayed with it ever since.

DSO Librarian Michael Kelly has helped nurture Krystle's budding artistic skills as he has done with other Seminole children who display a talent for artwork.

Krystle is looking forward to art classes in high school and would like to further her art education beyond secondary school.

The inspiration for Krystle getting into art was from her grandmother and great grandmother on her father's



Alexandra Frank
Krystle Young and Michael Kelly share a smile.

side.

While Michael Kelly helps to keep her focused on her budding art career, Krystle says art will most likely be a hobby or a part-time project when she gets older.

Another one of Young's recent accomplishments was raising a 249 lb. hog that sold at the 4-H Steer and Hog Sale in Brighton.

Krystle wants to become a pediatrician, a job she seems well suited for. Good luck Krystle in your future endeavors and keep on drawing.

Naples Community Meeting Held

By Libby Blake
NAPLES — O.B. Osceola, Jr. hosted a community meeting for Tribal members living in the Naples area. The event was held on Sunday, Feb. 23, at the La Playa Beach Resort.

Gaming Department Director Jim Allen, Compliance and Regulations Director Edward Jenkins, and Division Operations Officer Dale Hipsh.

Edenso presented the goals of Seminole Tribe, Inc. and his role, for which he was specifically hired about a year ago, to diversify the entity. Tobacco still remains the largest enterprise for the Board with an annual budget of \$91 million per year and net profit between \$3 — 4 million per year.

Osceola provided everyone with a copy of the Board's by-laws of incorporation, including all current business enterprises under the Board's jurisdiction. Edenso also stated that the goals of the Board are to increase or enhance these businesses and to branch out into other businesses.



Libby Blake
Meeting attendees enjoy a buffet style dinner.

Corey Billie started the evening with a prayer. Osceola then introduced Tribal officials Mitchell Cypress, Max Osceola, Jr., and Sally Tommie, thanking them for all their work for the entire Tribe.

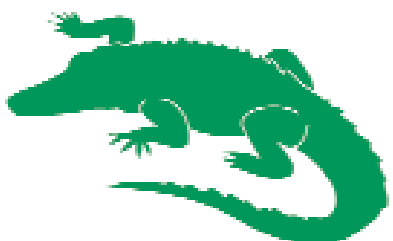
Invited speakers included Board Executive Administrator Jim Edenso and

Currently, the Board is looking at companies that will return a minimum of 25 percent profit to the Tribe before being considered as feasible for investment. Edenso said they are encouraging Tribal

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Moorer

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have a solution and if you put your mind to something, you'll do it."

While training, Moorer sticks to a combination of healthy habits: no sodas, no juices, no fried food, no junk food and plenty of water. "Three years ago, I was 275 pounds," said Moorer, "and I just curbed my eating habits."

Moorer said that, while he has not been affected, Diabetes runs in his family, and that he has focused on his own eating habits. "It's all about sacrificing," said Moorer.

Moorer is scheduled to fight on March 29 at the Coconut Creek Casino, and will also appear at the upcoming Big Cypress/Immokalee Youth Conference in April. He has agreed to share his knowledge and experience with the Seminole youth about the importance of healthy living.

According to Moorer, now is the highest point in his career, especially "being around positive people, great trainers and the whole Tribe," said Moorer, "It makes you want to perform better, makes you want to be the best."



Moorer prepares for March 29 fight at the Coconut Creek Casino.

Letters & E-mail

Hello,
I passed by the construction site on 441 and was happy to see the construction of the new Seminole Hollywood Hard Rock Casino and Resort. I hope you will be able to get full casino gambling. It would save me a lot of time in enjoying your casino locally, instead of going to Vegas and on the local boats. Do you think you can get full gaming? I'm excited and hope you can get it.

HNARTIST@aol.com

Myself and my family will be taking our summer vacation as we normally do in Orlando this August but as you can imagine you can only take so much Mickey Mouse! But, as we have come to love Florida, we wanted to find different things to do.

So after reading a little bit about the Seminoles, I have been surfing the net and have found your web site and would like to know some details about the above safaris and the museum.

The things are: How can I book for my wife and my 2 teenage sons? How much would it cost to do the safari stay the night in 2 of your chickees and see your museum? And finally, what time of the day would we need to arrive to do all of the above?

Thank You for your time
taylor1982@btinternet.com
Jim Taylor

Marketing Director Lucy Evanicki writes:

Thank you for your interest in the Seminoles and coming to the Everglades to visit this summer!

In order to book a reservation you may e-mail Yanet Valdes, our sales coordinator, at yvaldes@seminoletribe.com. Yanet has all activities, packages and pricing.

Billie Swamp Safari and the Ah

Tah Thi Ki Museum are both on the Seminole Tribe's website and if you click on activities and packages on the Safari site it will give you a full listing including prices. the Museum's site will also give the same.

A Day Package at Billie Swamp Safari is \$38 per person and includes an airboat ride, swamp buggy eco-tour and snake and alligator show. The chickees run \$35 per night. The Museum is \$6 per person.

The best time to come is around noon as there other activities to do and see that are free to the public (example-nature trail boardwalk through a cypress dome).

We also offer an overnight package for \$99 per person that includes the day package activities plus campfire storytelling and a night buggy tour plus the chickee.

I hope I've helped you learn more about what we have to offer to make a very fine visit for you and your family. We look forward to your visit!

Can you please let me know if you have any large rv sites available the first week of March, preferably full hookup pull thru if available

Also do you allow pets? two small dogs. Thanks.
edward whittaker
ewhittaker@desoto.net

Chairman's Assistant D. Michele Thomas writes:

The phone number to the Brighton Seminole Campground is 863.357.6644. The park manager will be able to answer your questions. I hope you have a nice visit.

I am a paraplegic, we will be touring Nov. 2003.

Would I be able to do the Eco-Tour and the Airboat tour? Thanks.

Margaret
loftus@zip.com.au

Marketing Director Lucy Evanicki writes:

We would be happy to accommodate you on both the swamp buggy eco-tour and airboat ride. Just let us know when you are coming so we can prepare a swamp buggy and airboat for you (800)949-6101 x105 or 100.

We look forward to your visit. Have a safe trip!

Can you print this on behalf of all the Seminoles here at the Mel Blount youth home? We haven't forgotten where we came from, we're just letting our parents and our people know that we're doing good

Dustin Osceola
ssolja@hotmail.com

I heard you were expanding the Tampa Casino. What is the progress of this and will you be adding more card games?

Susan Tower
suetower@comcast.net

Tampa Casino General Manager John Fontana responds:
Thank you for your interest in our project. We expect to open the first phase of the new facility in mid-June 2003 with the final grand opening of the entire new facility in April 2004.

There are no new card games planned at this time, but there will be many new gaming machines with titles you may have heard of like Double Diamond, Stars and Stripes, etc.

We have some of these in play right now. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Time Travel Tour: Next Stop, Cahokia Mounds

PLANTATION — At a post-Time Travel Tour luncheon at the Crab House, the Department of Anthropology and Genealogy staff met to discuss the next Time Travel Tour.

First, a short discussion centered on the recent Tour to Charleston, SC.

There were only a few complaints, and a lot of compliments.

The staff agreed that the hotel in St. Petersburg was uncomfortable and a little old, and decided to never use that facility again.

A suggestion was made to keep shopping ventures to 1 1/2 to 2 hours. Although the Tour participants like the

opportunity to shop, some felt anything over 2 hours was unnecessary.

The bright spots of the recent Tour were the shopping districts visited, the food prepared at the hotels, and the restaurants visited during the trip.

The featured stop on the next Tour will be the Cahokia Mounds, located in Illinois. The trip will take about 9 days via chartered bus.

Plans are already in discussion: what route will be taken to the mounds, what sites will be visited, and what cities to stop and shop in. A date has yet to be set, stay tuned for upcoming announcements.

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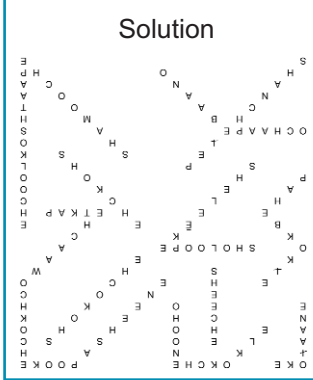
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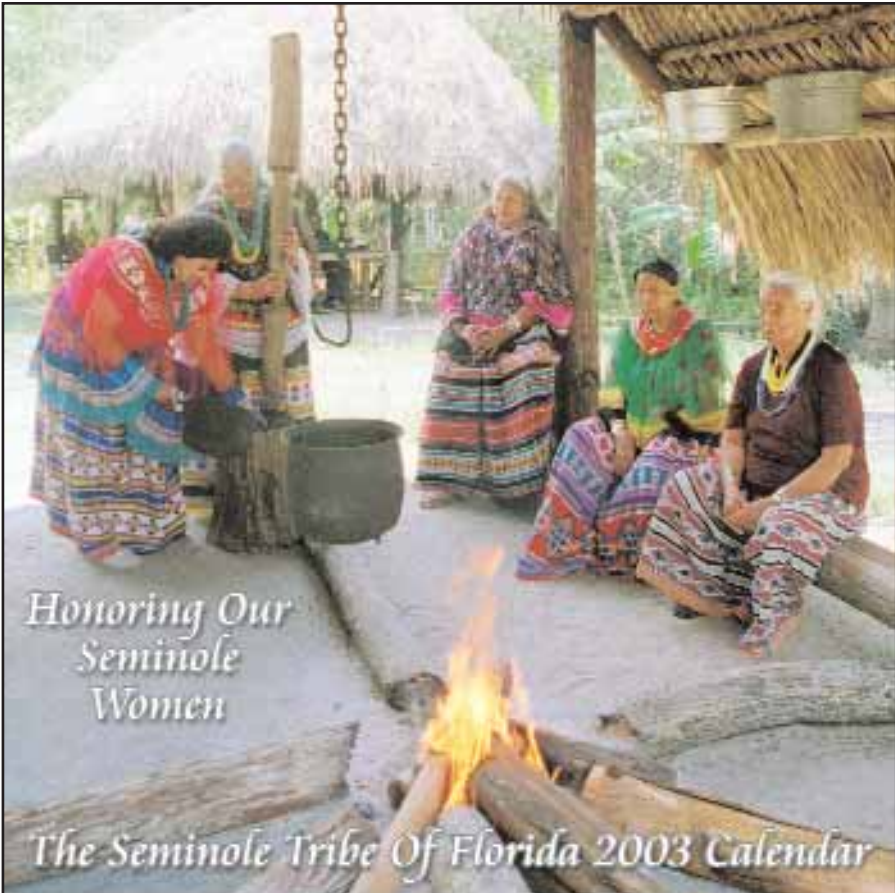
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The Seminole Tribe Of Florida 2003 Calendar

The Tribal Calendar Is Here!

The new Tribal calendar, entitled, "Honoring Our Seminole Women," is now here and available for purchase.

This year, the calendar features 12 Tribal members representing all of the Tribe's clans and the Brighton, Big Cypress, Hollywood and Immokalee reservations.

If you would like to purchase a calendar, please send \$10 to Seminole Communications, 6300 Stirling Road, Hollywood, FL 33024.

Tribal members will receive one free copy of the calendar. If you would like to pick up your calendar:

Brighton: Please contact the office of Brighton Council Representative John Wayne Huff, Sr.

Big Cypress: Please contact the office of President Mitchell Cypress.

Immokalee: Please see Elaine Aguilar at the Immokalee Field Office.

Hollywood: Please stop by the Seminole Communications office.

Other Tribal members can contact the Tribune offices at (954) 967-3416 and we can direct you to the nearest place where you can pick up your copy.



Former NFL Players At Hunting Adventure

By Libby Blake
BIG CYPRESS — Former NFL players Jim Kelly and Mark Rush recently hunted big game at the Big Cypress Hunting Adventure. The duo stayed for three days at the Billie Swamp Safari as guests of Naples Representative O.B. Osceola, Jr.

Osceola, who has been friends with Rush for some time, recently struck up a friendship with Kelly. When the two said they wanted to go hunting, Osceola invited them to come out to the tribe's Hunting Adventure.

During their stay, Kelly and Rush met with Tribal officials Mitchell Cypress, David Cypress, and Paul Bowers for a bar-beque dinner at the Safari "Big House." There they posed for pictures, auto-graphed footballs, and wrestled an alligator.

"This gator is meaner than the Gators we faced on the football field when we were at Miami," quipped Kelly.

Kelly and Rush played for the University of Miami Hurricanes

before going on to the now-defunct USFL and then the NFL. Both players ended their professional careers with the Buffalo Bills.

During their stay, Kelly and Rush bagged two gobblers and a 250 lb. hog. Neither player wanted to leave and said they would be back.

According to Osceola, "Mark had an appointment in Boca Raton at 2:00 p.m. on the day they were scheduled to leave, but he didn't even get out of B.C. until one o'clock and went to his meeting still dressed in camo-flage!"



Libby Blake

Former Hurricanes Jim Kelly and Mark Rush have fun with a different kind of gator.

Hollywood Casino vs. Coconut Creek Casino



Paula Cassels

Hollywood Casino Softball Team so far undefeated for the last three years.

By Paula Cassels
HOLLYWOOD — Once a year, the Hollywood Casino and Coconut Creek Casino employees get together to engage in a challenging game of softball.

Hollywood Casino General Manager Larry Frank enjoys the competition and said the Hollywood Casino softball team is doing very well this year.

Frank would like to extend an invitation(challenge?) to the Miccosukee Casino, Brighton Casino, Immokalee Casino and Tampa Casino to

participate in a game of softball. Coconut Creek Casino General Manager Steve Bonner said, jokingly, that win or lose, they were still number one.

The softball players were treated to a BBQ Rib buffet with plenty of ice cold lemonade and sweet tea.

Results: Game 1- Hollywood 9, Coconut Creek 6. Game 2- Hollywood 6, Coconut Creek 5. Game 3- Hollywood 13, Coconut Creek 1. Game 4- Hollywood 11, Coconut Creek 9.

New Officer Duane Pottorff assigned to Brighton

By Paula Cassels
BRIGHTON — Meet Officer Duane Pottorff, the new Law Enforcement Officer for the Brighton Reservation. Officer Pottorff started working with the Brighton Seminole Police Department in January 2003.

Officer Pottorff's responsibilities are to answer and investigate complaints on the Brighton Reservation during his tour of duty.

Pottorff said, as a Law Enforcement Officer, he has the opportunity to educate the citizens on safety issues in order to allow the community to feel secure on the streets and in their homes.

Officer Pottorff started his Law Enforcement career in 1989, when he was employed by the Hendry Correctional Facility in Immokalee as a Correctional Officer.

Officer Pottorff is a graduate of the Command Officers Developmental Course, University of Louisville, Southern Police Institute.

Pottorff moved to Lakeport in 1991, and worked with the Glades County Sheriff's office in Moore Haven as a Correctional Officer. He gained a

great deal of experience in writing grants and county ordinances while at the sheriff's office. Pottorff has a total of 2000 hours documented time in academy training and law enforcement training.

In 1992, Officer Pottorff transferred to the patrol division as a deputy sheriff. While in the patrol division, he was promoted to Corporal, Sergeant, Staff Sergeant, Lieutenant and eventually received the command as the Patrol Division Commander for three years.

Pottorff has attended several classes at Edison Community College and Indian River Community College and is currently working on his goal of receiving a degree in Criminal Justice.

Officer Pottorff is originally from Nebraska and was raised on his family's wheat farm. When Pottorff is not on duty he enjoys fishing and hunting with his dog Henry, golfing and computer applications.

Officer Pottorff said the best thing about his job is he has the opportunity to be in the community helping the citizens in need.



Seminole Hollywood Rez Hogs

By Paula Cassels
DAVIE — The Seminole Hollywood Rez Hogs, a group of twenty tribal members, participated in Davie's Annual Orange Blossom Festival Parade.

The club participates in many local and national fundraiser functions, sometimes riding from Hollywood to Key West or as far as North Carolina.

The Seminole Tribe of Florida Color Guard, invited by Davie Board Representative Judith Paul a member for the Wings of Gold motorcycle club, also participated in the parade ceremony.

Before the parade, the Town of Davie held an honor ceremony in front of the Davie/Cooper City Chamber of Commerce building.

Tribal veterans Clyde Tiger and Charles Hiers presented the col-

ors and led the Pledge of Allegiance, the National Anthem, and a prayer was given to bless the United States for peace.

During the parade, Seminole Council Representative Max Osceola, Jr. led the Seminole Hollywood Rez Hogs motorcycle club. Riding beside them were the Wings of Gold, a motorcycle club that has been around for years.

Today's motorcycle clubs are nothing like those portrayed in the movie "The Wild Ones," starring Marlon Brando. The modern motorcycle clubs still ride the open roads for excitement, but now it's all for charity, Cancer Society and Toys for Tots fund drives.

Everyone had a great time and the club is looking forward to the next fundraiser ride.



Paula Cassels

Council Representative Max Osceola, leader of the Seminole Hollywood Rez Hogs Motorcycle Club.

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members to bring in entrepreneurial ventures for consideration. The ultimate goal of the Board is to provide a monthly dividend to all Tribal members.

Some ideas on the table for consideration include a 150-unit hotel in Immokalee, a discount service station (like those offered at Cosco) at the entrance of the new Hollywood Hard Rock Casino and Hotel, and incorporating the fairgrounds, Okalee museum, and the rodeo arena into the overall Hard Rock complex.

By way of introducing Jim Allen and the Hard Rock project, Hollywood Councilman Max Osceola, Jr. said, "We

first started considering enlarging our gaming operations because our current facilities were over-full. People have asked me about the costs involved and I tell them you've got to spend money to make money. And even though I'm elected from Hollywood, my responsibility, and that of all the elected officials, is to the Tribe as a whole. We have to do what we think will benefit everyone and weigh that against every expenditure."

Allen then presented, in detail, both Hard Rock projects and projected completion dates for all phases of each entity. He told the group that Native American casinos do more business than Las Vegas and Atlantic City combined — about two and a half billion dollars more per year.

Allen also said that the Tribe had

finally reached agreement with the state over the renovation of the U.S. 441 corridor. The deal will greatly improve the aesthetics of the area without costing the Tribe any money or land. Previous deals, rejected by the Council, were always contingent on the Tribe providing one or the other.

The floor was then opened to the community members for questions, after which dinner was served buffet style.

"I was really happy with the turnout and hope to have similar meetings on a monthly or every other month basis to keep our people informed. I'm also looking into obtaining office space in Naples where the people can come to get their dividend checks, ask questions, or get assistance as needed," said Osceola.

Rez Rally Appreciation Luncheon

By Alexandra Frank
PLANTATION — On Feb. 24, tribal leaders, program directors and employees gathered at the Renaissance Hotel for the Rez Rally Appreciation Luncheon, sponsored by the Health Department.

As reported in the Feb. 7 issue of the Seminole Tribune, the Rez Rally was

across. The Rez Rally came at the right time, the people who participated were motivated and competitive. All of the enthusiasm engineered by the Rez Rally will hopefully carry on to the March of Dimes walk, scheduled for March 15.

Another event the Brighton residents are involved in is the "Juvenile

words. Whidden said the Rez Rally was in its third year and had grown so much over the last couple of years that it amazed her. She said the reason the Rez Rally was started was to encourage people to get out and walk, even just for one day of the year.

Whidden felt that if it was a competitive event, people would come out to walk. Connie was glad to see the number the people who walk and appreciated the involvement of the programs who help out.

Mitchell Cypress wanted to congratulate Brighton for their community involvement. He said that Brighton has always been involved in sports and he has always admired that.

He felt that Brighton's involvement with the March of Dimes is positive for the tribe and Brighton. Mitchell congratulated the staff and Bo Young for their support of the event.

Mitchell felt that the teamwork shown at the events such as the Rez Rally should be applauded and given recognition.

Later, Whidden announced that some Big Cypress residents would be participating in a walk-a-thon at the Clewiston Sugar Festival.

Listed below are the programs, and individuals that participated by helping in Rez Rally. Let's hope they will help in next year's event until then keep on walking for better health.

Hollywood Seminole Law Enforcement, Brighton Board Representative Alex Johns, Tribal Council Liaison William Osceola, Immokalee Council Liaison Elaine Aguilar, Candy Cypress, Immokalee Board Representative Norita Yzaguirre, Anna Puente, Mario Hernandez, Richard Hendricks, Big Cypress Seminole Law Enforcement, Brighton Seminole Law Enforcement, Big Cypress Recreation, Hollywood Recreation, and Brighton Recreation.

Edna McDuffie, Debra Hamilton, Vicky Barogiannis, Kenny Bayon, Information Systems, Paul Bowers, Big Cypress Board Representative, Jeanne Hatfield, Suzanne Davis, and Sally Tommie.

Immokalee Family Services Program, Big Cypress Family Services Program, Travel Department, Maureen Vass, Hollywood Board Representative David Dehass, Billy Micco, Beth Skinner, Barbara Boling, Broadcasting Department, Seminole Tribune, Danielle Jumper Frye, Lonnie Gore, President's Office, Immokalee Recreation, Joann O'Connell, Shannon McKeown, and Terry Sweat.



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Program employees and directors with their certificate of appreciation.

held on the Hollywood Reservation. 608 tribal citizens and employees participated in the event.

The appreciation luncheon honored people and departments for the hard work that went into promoting and organizing the event.

President/Acting Chairman Mitchell Cypress, Hollywood Board Representative David Dehass, Big Cypress Board Representative Paul Bowers, Big Cypress Council Representative David Cypress, and Ft. Pierce Liaison Sally Tommie were on hand for acknowledgements.

Barry Wetselline of Hollywood, who was not present, was also given recognition for tying first place in the Men's Running Division of the Rez Rally.

Suzanne Davis, PA-C, CHES announced the awards that Wetselline earned, such as a First Place Ribbon and a cash award. Even though Wetselline was not present, Davis wanted to recognize his accomplishment.

Jo North, who was not present, has been working with Nike to be a sponsor for the Rez Rally. Her efforts throughout the year led to an agreement for Nike to be on board for next year's Rez Rally.

Suzanne was grateful for the work that Josephine did and said that Nike had sent T-shirts and water bottles as a good will gesture, these gifts were available at the luncheon for those who wanted them.

Davis then called up Michele Thomas, who spoke on behalf of the "March of Dimes" walk that the Brighton residents have been involved in for the past four years.

The Brighton residents have participated in the walk, held in Okeechobee, because of the "bad press" the Seminole Tribe has gotten in the past years. They wanted to do something positive by walking in the March of Dimes event.

The community also wanted to show that they care about the surrounding communities and that the Brighton Seminoles are not just involved with their own private concerns. Michele, and others, felt that participating in the March of Dimes would help to get this message

Diabetic Walk," which will be held in Tampa. Michele and others were instructed by John Wayne Huff, Brighton Council Representative to help the Tampa community out with that event.

Last year, Brighton residents cleaned house because of the help they received from John Wayne and Alex Johns for the March of Dimes event. They also held a Valentines Day flower sale and a Beanie Baby sale in order to raise funds for the charity event.

In total, they raised \$10,000 for which they received top honors for "Most Money" raised. They also received honors for the "Largest Number of People to Walk," 114 people representing the Seminole Tribe entered the event, and an award for the "Best T-shirt Design."

The March of Dimes is now on the minds of Brighton Seminoles, and Michele invited other reservations out to walk at the event.

Health Director Connie Whidden was credited as the individual who spearheaded the Rez Rally. Suzanne called Connie up to the podium to share a few



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Mitchell Cypress and his appreciation award.

B. C. Hunting Adventures Hosts National Wildlife Turkey Federation

By Ernie Tiger
BIG CYPRESS — On March 3, Grand National Calling Champions Jim Pollard and 2000-2001 Champion Chris Parrish filmed hunting shows at the Tribe’s own B.C. Hunting Adventures. Accompanied by videographer Brian Godfrey and National Wildlife Turkey Federation TV producer John Brown, the group set out early Monday morning into the 3,000 acre Big Cypress Hunting Adventures with guide Lenny Jim. The group trekked to a nearby area, where Lenny had roosted a set of turkeys the day before in hopes that they would capture a glimpse of the Osceola Turkey. NWTF currently airs “Turkey Call Television” on TNN and “Turkey Country Television” which was recently added to the Outdoor Channel’s lineup. The shows visit different locations across the United States, from the Big Cypress Hunting Adventures to the Rio Grande Hunt Camp, located in the volcanic mountain ranges of Hawaii. “This is the most unique place in Florida to bag your Osceola Turkey for a Grand Slam. There is just such a wide range animals to hunt on the Hunting Adventures, like the huge Russian Boar we saw today,” said Brown. “There is just such a large amount of Turkeys found here, plus the scenery and footage we got today was great,” said Pollard. The hunters returned from the successful hunt with one Osceola Turkey weighing 18 pounds and a beard measuring eight inches. “This is your average sized bird found here in the Hunting Adventures grounds, hunters can expect to see plenty of birds this size,” said Lenny, before turning the bird over to the meat locker, where it would be preserved. The NWTF staff was greeted with Seminole hospitality at the Billie Swamp Safari, where they enjoyed Seminole foods provided by the full service Swamp Water Café. There they captured more footage at the cypress dome boardwalk, through the historically recreated “Sam Jones Camp” and the swamp buggy and airboat rides through the wetlands and cypress heads. After taking advantage of the many exciting amenities at the Seminole Tribe's Eco Tourism attrac-



L-R: Brian Godfrey, Lenny Jim, John Brown, Jim Pollard, Chris Parrish.

tions, the crew went back to the Big Cypress Hunting Adventures. There, they captured additional footage that will air next year on either of NWTF's two turkey hunting shows. For listing of showtimes of future NWTF hunting shows, visit www.nwtf.com. For more information on the B.C Hunting Adventures and the Billie Swamp Safari, visit www.seminoletribe.com

Messiah in the Passover Demonstration

Messiah In The Passover, a sermonic demonstration showing how Jesus fulfilled the ancient feast of Passover, will be held on April 13th at Chickee Baptist Church. **Messiah In The Passover** will be conducted by Bruce Elmon, a representative of Chosen People Ministries, one of the world's most extensive ministries to God's Chosen People—the Jews. A traditional Passover Seder table is set complete with all the articles of Passover. The speaker will explain the symbolic meanings of the various items of the Passover feast and give special emphasis as to how they relate to the New Testament. . The unleavened bread, Passover wine, and entire program of Passover are instructive in understanding the Last Supper and the redemptive significance of the crucifixion. **Messiah In The Passover** gives the Christian community insight into Jewish traditions so that the Jewish roots of Christianity can be better understood. This program also helps the Jewish and Christian communities understand their common heritage. This meeting is open to the public, and Chickee Baptist Church would like to invite the Christian as well as the Jewish community to attend. The church is located at 2910 N 64th Ave, Hollywood. For more information please call (954) 894-5651. A love offering will be taken.

VA and HHS To Improve Health Care for Indian Veterans

WASHINGTON—Rural American Indians and Alaska Natives who served in the military will receive enhanced medical care as a result of a new agreement by the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Health and Human Services. Secretary of Veterans Affairs Anthony J. Principi and Secretary of Health and Human Services Tommy G. Thompson announced a formal agreement that will encourage cooperation and resource sharing between the two agencies to make sure veterans who are American Indians or Alaska Natives receive quality health care. “VA and HHS are setting the stage for an ongoing collaboration to provide optimal health care for more than 165,000 American Indian and Alaska Native veterans,” Principi said. “We are combining our strengths and expertise to improve health care for these veterans, particularly to increase access and enhance services.” While there have been localized efforts between VA health care facilities and Indian Health Service (IHS) clinics in the past, this agreement will encourage additional agency-wide cooperation, affecting all Indian nations. “Our two departments have a history of working together to care for America’s veterans and underserved communities,” Thompson said. “Under this new agreement, the Indian Health Service and VA will work to improve health care for our American Indian and Alaska Native veterans by sharing information, developing health promotion programs and allowing for joint appointments, financial reimbursements and provider certification.”

VA Deputy Secretary Dr. Leo S. Mackay Jr. and HHS Deputy Secretary Claude A. Allen formally signed the memorandum of understanding today at the National Congress of American Indians Executive Council’s winter session in Washington, D.C. In addition, the agreement between VA and HHS will improve communication between the agencies and tribal governments and create opportunities to develop strategies for sharing information and information technology. The technology sharing will include VA’s electronic medical record system, bar code medication administration and telemedicine. VA and IHS will co-sponsor continuing medical training for their health care staffs. VA operates the largest integrated health care system in the United States, providing a broad spectrum of medical, surgical and rehabilitative care for veterans. Nearly 4.3 million veterans received care in VA health care facilities in 2002. The mission of the Indian Health Service, an agency within the Department of Health and Human Services, is to raise the physical, mental and spiritual health of American Indians and Alaska Natives to the highest levels. The IHS operates a comprehensive health service delivery system for approximately 1.6 million members of federally recognized American Indian and Alaska Native tribes. For future information, contact: Indian Health Service, Office of Public Affairs, (301) 443-3593 Contact: Department of Veterans Affairs, Office of Public Affairs, (202) 273-5700.

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Simmons

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pions like a factory—the Eagles had six individual titleists this year alone—and Cozart expects Simmons to be standing on the winner’s podium at the end of next season. Of course, it won’t come easy. Wrestling is perhaps the most physically demanding high school sport, and between now and next season Mitchell will have to endure endless hours of grueling training in the wrestling room, in the weight room and on the track. Simmons also starts both ways as an offensive and defensive lineman on the Brandon football team. However, according to Cozart, Mitchell’s strong work ethic and hunger for success—along with his cleverness—should make him a favorite to win it all next year. “Mitchell is one of the best wrestlers in the state coming back,” Cozart says. “His ability to dedicate himself to the workload without hesitation, and his smartness both on and off the mat are some of the qualities that make him a champion. “Knowing him as well as I do, he will be working toward the one thing that eluded him this past year -- the state title. Beyond that, perhaps wrestling and/or football in college. He has great leadership skills that will help him shine in the future.” Mitchell’s outgoing personality is especially evident with regard to his Native American heritage (son of Mayra Osceola Simmons and Keith Simmons.) Cozart has noticed that Mitchell is very proud of his Seminole culture and that he’s not afraid to talk to anyone about it. Mitchell gets much of his cultural pride from his family—including brother, Clayton, who will be a ninth-grader at Brandon in the fall—and other tribal members, who attend all of his sporting events to offer their support. “They are on every match and football game to root him on,” Cozart says. “It is very important that the families are as involved as they are. They all do a great job being right there for him.” It must run in the family because Clayton, who has already been wrestling for a few years, will be making his debut for Team Florida at the 2003 Sunshine State Games, being held June 12-15 in Tampa. A few days after his runner-up finish at the state tournament, Mitchell took some time to answer a few questions about this past season, the role of his Seminole heritage in his sports career, and what lies ahead. **Kenny Bayon:** When we last spoke after the Indigenous Games this past summer in Canada, I asked you about your goals for the upcoming year. How do you think you did? **Mitchell Simmons:** I met some of my goals, such as winning the district and regional championships. It just burns inside that I lost by one point in the state championship match. To work so hard all year and lose by one point is only going to make me want it even more next year. I am on a mission. **Kenny:** Did your experience at this past sum-

mer’s North American Indigenous Games help your mental or physical preparation for the 2002-2003 season? **Mitchell:** Yes, it helped me get ready for my high school season. It felt awesome to win the gold medal. It was a stepping stone for me. It also helped me showcase my talent from our tribe to the world. The training was very intense, and I should always be training that hard. It proved to be helpful by dominating my opponents at the NAIG. This is one of the secrets of success. **Kenny:** At what point this year did you realize that you could contend for a state title? **Mitchell:** At the beginning of the season, I was beating everybody. Then I went to some statewide, out-of-town tournaments, which was where I received some of my first losses. That helped motivate me even more to win. My region is real tough, and if I could win that, then I knew I had a good chance for the ultimate prize. After my regional victory, I had a good feeling that the state championship was within my grasp. **Kenny:** I feel sorry for your competitors next season. What motivates you on the wrestling mat? **Mitchell:** The thought of losing is what gets me pumped up. This is what motivates me to go out there and try to dominate my opponent. I work extremely hard all year long to be a winner and nothing is going to get in my way. **Kenny:** How important is your Native American heritage to you? **Mitchell:** Very, very important because I’m in a unique position of showing that an Indian boy can have success in the white man’s world. I want to set an example to all of my tribal members that we can be successful if we are willing to put forth the effort and not be afraid of failure. If I can do it, than any one of my tribal members can as well. I want to also set an example for the youth -- that we can dominate as much as anyone. **Kenny:** Do you ever feel like you’re representing your entire family or tribe on the mat? **Mitchell:** I feel that I’m always representing my family and the tribe whenever I do anything. You always see my parents and tribal members at the matches encouraging me at all times. It makes me feel good when I can make them proud. I don’t want to disappoint anyone. **Kenny:** Well done, young man. What are your goals for this summer? **Mitchell:** My summer goals are to train hard, lift weights, eat well, stay positive and improve myself in every way. I will be trying to win a gold medal at this year’s Sunshine State Games in my backyard, Tampa. Then I’ll be getting ready for the upcoming football season, and to make it back to the state finals, where I’ll be seeking the championship that I let slip through my fingers. I’ll be seeking to be the first Seminole tribal member to win a Florida state high school wrestling championship. After that, I will be preparing for college to either play football and/or wrestle. My short list of schools includes USF, FSU, Duke and Georgia Tech.

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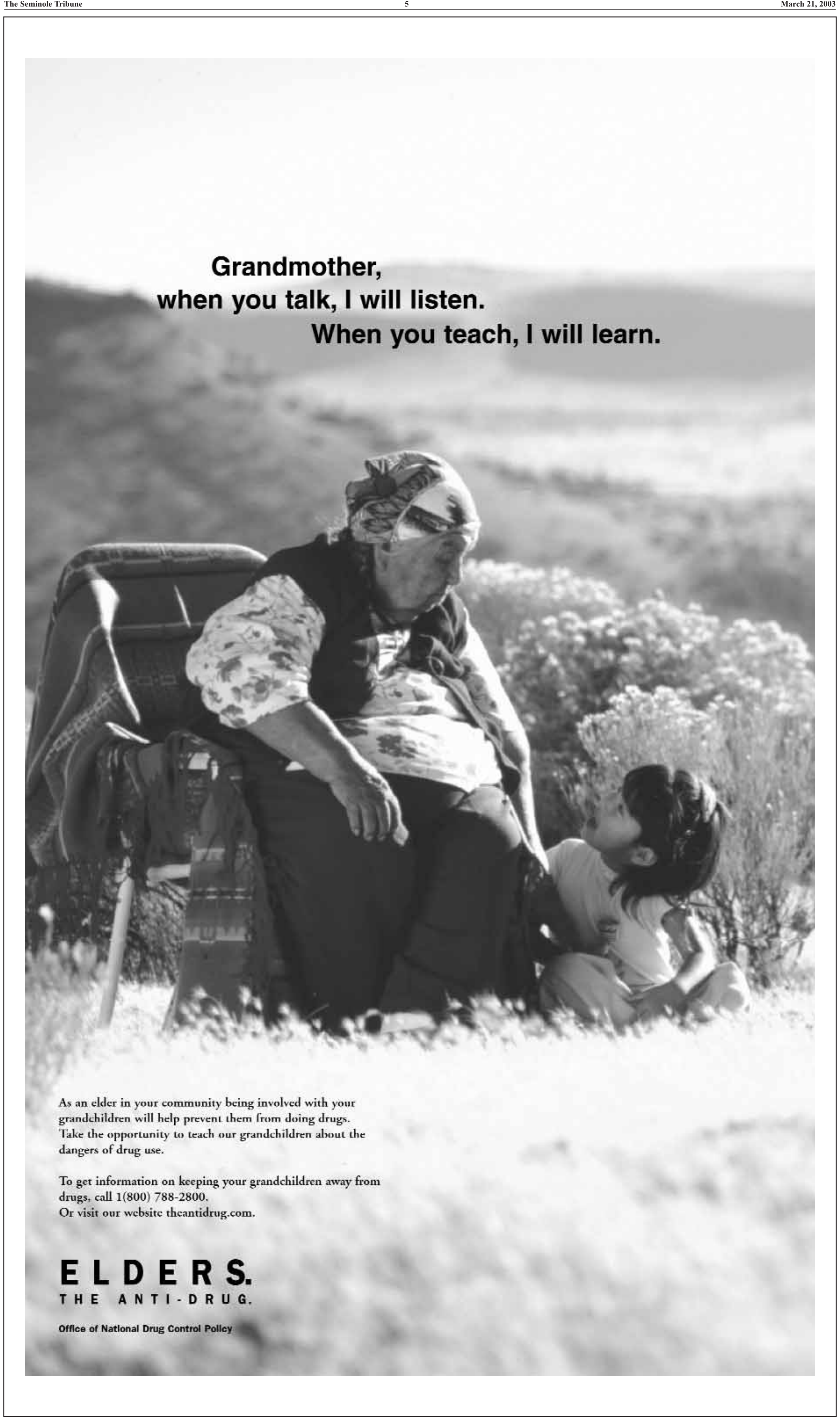
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The Bert C. Jones Tournament winners Brighton Recreation.

Bert C. Jones Memorial Basketball Tournament

BRIGHTON — On Feb. 21-22, the Brighton Gymnasium hosted the Bert C. Jones Memorial Basketball Tournament. The event featured five women's teams and eight men's teams.

The two dominant teams were the Hurricanes and the Lady Seminoles. The Lady Seminoles went undefeated throughout the tournament. The Hurricanes suffered only one loss, against Brighton Recreation Men's.

The Brighton Recreation Men's were the only undefeated team at this tournament. Brighton Recreation Women were in second place, having survived one loss bracket by winning their games.

This led to the championship playoff between Brighton Recreation Women vs. the Lady Seminoles. The two teams faced off with a strong defense and players with excellent 3-point shooting skills.

The B R Women put a lot of effort into staying a couple of points ahead of the Lady Seminoles. Both teams stayed within a 1-point range of each other throughout the game.

During the game, the Lady Seminoles began to lose players because of foul trouble. Toward the end of the game, there were only two players left to try to defeat B R Women.

The game went into overtime, and the score was still one point within each others range. The game came to an end with Brighton Recreation Women 44 to the Lady Seminoles 43.

Brighton Recreation Women are the champions of the Bert C. Jones Memorial Tournament for 2003. They received a trophy and jackets for their hard efforts to be champions.

The men's game was a look at who's coming up as the Brighton Boyz team played against veteran

teams Big Cypress Recreation, the Hurricanes, and Brighton Recreation Men's.

These young men, currently in high school or just fresh out of high school, put some pressure on the opposition in their games.

The Brighton Boyz stayed in the winners bracket until they faced the B R Men. They could not defeat the veteran team, the Brighton Boyz lost 50 to 60, a ten point difference from Brighton Recreation.

Even when Brighton Boyz faced off with the Hurricanes, in the loser's bracket, they put up a good fight. They had competent 3-point shooters and put defensive pressure on the Hurricanes when needed.

The Brighton Boyz must work on developing set plays, which will earn them a higher point return. The Hurricanes defeated the Brighton Boyz, 74 to 43.

B R Men and the Hurricanes now faced each other. The two teams got off to an even start in points. B R Men kept up with the Hurricanes during the first quarter.

The second quarter, however, was a different story. The Hurricanes tightened their playing skills and began to dismantle the B R Men.

The Hurricanes were soon passed the B R Men by 10, 20, and even 30 points. The lead proved to be insurmountable for B R Men.

The final score was Hurricanes 97 to Brighton Recreation Men 51. The Hurricanes are the Bert C. Jones Memorial Tournament Champions. Congratulations to all the teams that played and to the winners of this years tournament.

The Howard Tiger Memorial Basketball Tournament is the next big tournament to gear up for, good luck to you all in the upcoming tournaments.

Tribal Fair Bowling Tournament

DAVIE — On Feb. 7, a large crowd of late night bowlers participated in the Bill Osceola Memorial Bowling Tournament at the Don Carter Bowling Lanes.

Competition for the cash prizes was fierce, as many bowlers scored within a few points of each other and some bowlers tied.

Danny Tommie won all side bets and came in first place with Sonya Johns in the No Tap.

Joe Kippenberger and Lawanna Niles came in first place in the regular game and Blake Osceola with partner Dawn Fertitta taking first place in 3-6-9.

Regular: 1) (397) Joe Kippenberger & Lawanna Niles 2) (391) Hyde Gopher & Mary Jumper 3) (382) Eugene & Mary Bowers 4) (380) Bobby & Terri Frank 5) (369) Andrew Jumper & Salina Dorgan 6) (367) Philmon Bowers & Trisha Wilcox 7) (366) Danny Tommie & Jeanette Cypress 8) (357) Michael & Tommie Micco 9) (349) Jeremy Bowers & Monica Cypress 10) (342) John & Mahala Madrigal 11/12) (340) Rudy & Wendi Juarez, John & Dawn Fertitta

3-6-9: 1) (447) Blake Osceola & Dawn Fertitta 2) (437) Gary Sampson & Alma Johns 3) (432) Danny Jones & Linda Tommie 4) (431) Lawrence Ballentine & Monica Cypress 5/6) 426) Marcy Osceola & Jackie Thompson, Elton Shore & Cathy Jumper 7) (423) Jeremy Bowers & Tommie Micco 8) (420) Michael Micco & Diane Snow 9) (411) Toby Johns & Diane Smith 10/11) (410) Bobby Frank & Lawanna Niles, Ollie Wareham & Tommie Billie 12) (409) Kevin Tommie & Wendi Juarez

No Tap: 1) (451) Danny Tommie & Sonya Johns 2) (449) Bobby Frank & Bobby Billie 3) (444) Toby Johns & Trish Wilcox 4) (439) Ollie Wareham & Crystal Smith 5) (435) Michael Micco & Rose Jones 6) (434) John Fertitta & Alma Johns 7) (423) Roger Smith & Erin Buster 8) (416) Lawrence Balentine & Wendi Juarez 9) (414) Chris Osceola & Beverly Tommie 10) (413) Danny Jones & Mary Wilcox 11/12) (412) Eugene Bowers & Lawanna Niles, Duane Jones & Farrah Jones

1st Annual Tribal Fair Senior Pool Tournament Results

Men 60+ 1) Eugene Bowers 2) Joe Junior Billie 3) Harley Jumper 4) Alan Jumper

Women 60+ 1) Annie Jumper 2) Rosie Billie 3) Maydell Osceola 4) Alice Snow 5) Betty Osceola 6) Patsy Billie

Men 55-59 1) Sammy Nelson 2) Ronnie Doctor 3) Truman Bowers 4) Mitchell Cypress 5) David Jumper 6) Russell Osceola 7) Bob DeHass 8) Sammy Gopher

Women 55-59 1) Mabel Osceola 2) Ruby Osceola **Scotch Doubles-** 1) Joe Junior Billie/Annie Jumper 2) Sammy Nelson/Betty Osceola 3) Sammy Gopher/Rosie Billie 4) Harley Jumper/Maydell Osceola 5) Russell Osceola/Ruby Osceola 6) Bob DeHass/Alice Snow 7) Ronnie Doctor/Mabel Osceola



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Brighton Education News

Submitted by Jo Jumper, Education Coordinator

BRIGHTON — In January, four of our Seminole students—Mary Huff, Brittany Smith, Heather Peterson and Erin Willie—competed in the Okeechobee County Science Fair. Each student had to build a project in hopes to qualify for the Regional Science Fair.

The Regional Fair consisted of 120 students from the following counties: Okeechobee, Highlands and Desoto. Out of the four girls, Mary Huff's project qualified for the Regional Science Fair, which was held on Feb. 13, 2003. Congratulations, Mary on your success. Keep up the good work.

During the month of February, our Seminole Elementary students have been staying after school for tutoring on the FCAT testing that is to take place the first two weeks in March.

Tim Marin and Beverly Tommie, our bus driver and monitor, have been pulling double runs to help bus our children who have been staying for FCAT tutoring.

I would like to thank Tim and Beverly for the great work. Seminole Elementary would also like to thank you for being on time and helping out with tutoring the children.

Also, on Fridays, our Seminole Elementary students participate in the Culture Pull-Out Program.

We have Tribal members, who speak Creek, teaching traditional classroom academics by incorporating the Creek language. Dr. Stans, from Florida Gulf Coast University, helps the teachers with classroom preparations.

Right now, our students are working on planting a garden. Dr. Stans is teaching the students how to grow native food prepared by the Seminoles. The students progressively learn the Creek language when it is being incorporated into their academics.

Yearling Middle School and Freshman Campus students have been working hard on finishing the school year out. Several of our students have been studying for FCAT testing.

With the new laws and regulations handed down from the State, the FCAT testing has become the teachers' main focus. Our students have to pass the FCAT testing, or they are retained.

At Okeechobee High School, we have four seniors this year: Jarrid Smith, Hosea (James) Girtman, Nicki Osceola, and Zena Simmons.

Jarrid Smith has signed with Florida Atlantic University on a football scholarship. James Girtman has decided to attend the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Congratulations, Seniors!

Florida Indian Youth Program

The Florida Indian Youth Program is a 10 day program for students 14 to 17 years of age. This program is divided into four main components: Academic, Life Skills, Cultural, and Social. Students live in a residence hall near the campus of the Florida State University. It starts on Saturday July 12th and ends on Saturday July 26th.

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Submitted by Michael Kelly, Hollywood Reservation Librarian

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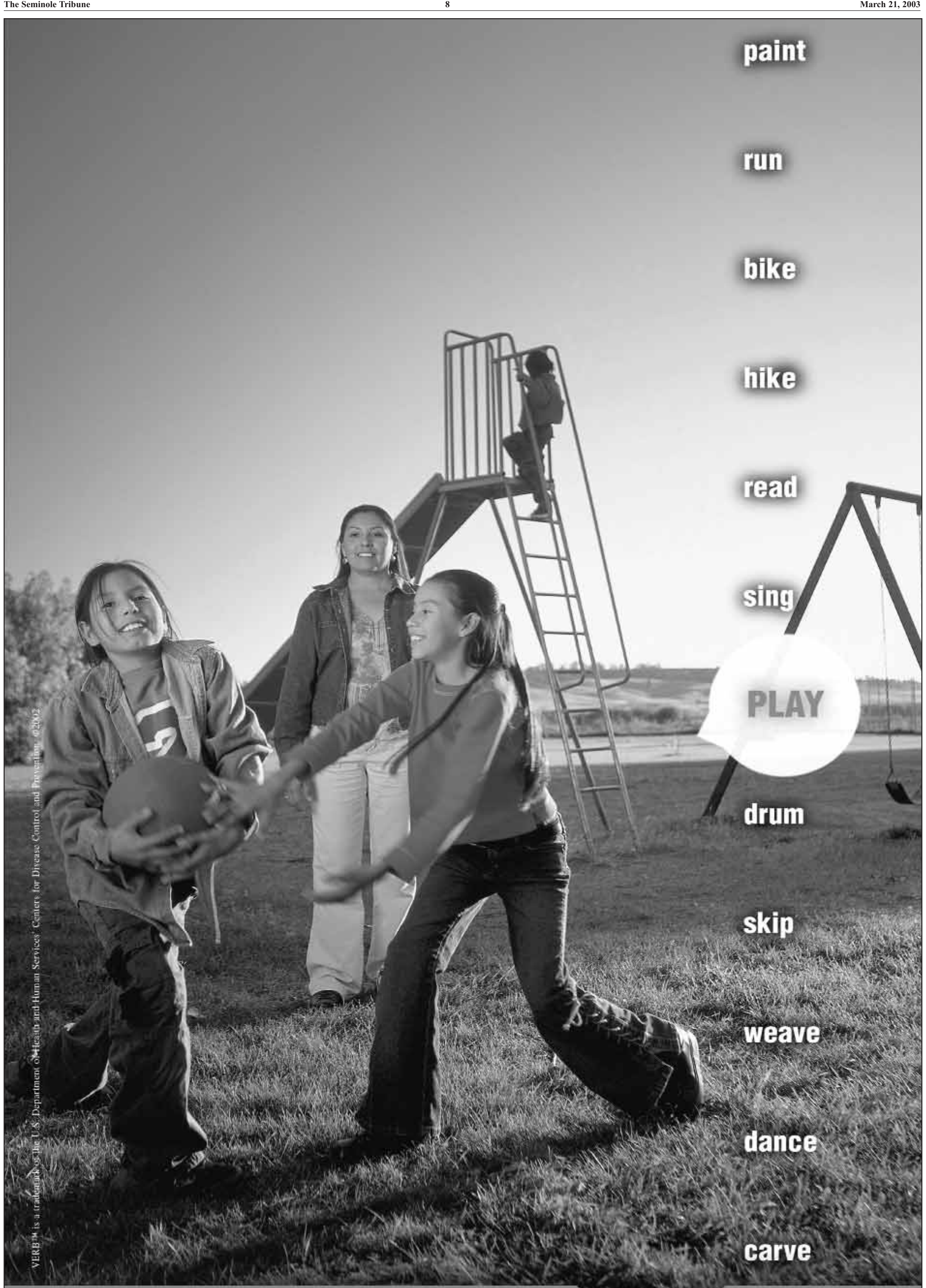
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Happy Birthday



We would like to wish a **Happy Birthday** to our baby girl **Mi-Lyn Williams**. She turned five years old on February 17. We also want to wish a **Happy Birthday** to our baby boy **Brandon Williams**. He turned three years old on March 2. We love the both of y'all sooooo much! Y'all both mean the world to us.
Love,
Mommy and Daddy

May 1st
To my Beautiful Otter babe **Dominique Osceola**
I love you and I am very proud of you. You're always in my thoughts and you fill my heart with joy. Have a Happy 16th Birthday! I Love You, **Kim -Mom**



Happy B-Day to Luke Baxley Jr. (Chooge) on March 24th. We love you and hope your B-day is as special as you are to us!
Love **Dad, Mom, Daija, Amya, Teja, Weezel, and Fat Boy.**

Happy B-Day to Chooge! Love Reina, Joey, Aleina, and Jaide Micco.

Birthday Wish
May 17th
To my Mother **Doris Osceola**
I love you Mom and want to thank you for being there for me and the kids. You're the best in the world. I do hope you have a wonderful Birthday! Loving you always and 4EVER **Kim and the Otter bunch**

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Captain responsible for proof of team average
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Notice

Final Notice Of Claims And Disposition

In compliance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act of 1990 and 43 CFR 10.6. (c), Fort Benning, Georgia hereby gives final notice of claims and disposition of five American Indian burials intentionally excavated in advance of the expansion of the Black Ramp aircraft-parking apron at Lawson Army Airfield at site 9Ce1, otherwise known as the Kasita Town site, and a single burial from 9Me395, otherwise known as Upatoi Town. Subject to this notice, Fort Benning transfers custody of the human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, or objects of cultural patrimony with respect to traditional customs and practices to the federally recognized Indian tribes who represent the Muscogean Peoples affiliated and in consultation with or invited to consult with tort Benning as listed below:
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Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida
Muscogee (Creek) Nation of Oklahoma
Poarch Band of Creek Indians
Seminole Nation of Oklahoma
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Thlopthlocco Tribal Town
The set of 5 burials are 18th to early 19th century in origin and were Indian inhabitants of Kasita Town as determined through archeological assessment. The burials are of 1 infant, 1 adult male, 1 young adult female, 1 female of indeterminate age, 1 individual of indeterminate age and gender, and cultural items. The single burial from Upatoi Town is an infant of indeterminate gender with cultural items. Fort Benning will safeguard the preceding human remains and cultural items at its curation facility until transfer of custody to the Tribes for reinterment. With this notice, Fort Benning solicits any further claims to custody of the above burials and their contents. All claims must be made within 30 days of the last publication date of this notice. The point of contact for any claims may be reached at telephone number (706) 545-2377 or by mail at: Garrison Commander
U.S. Army Infantry Center
Attn: ATZB-ELN-E (Dr. Hamilton)
Fort Benning, Georgia 31905

Births



Balholly (Fi) Frank
Born: Dec. 22, 2002
Weight: 7 pounds 10 oz.
Parents: **Rhonda Roff and Joe Frank**
Big Cypress Reservation



Adakai Robbins
Now 10 months old
Born: April 21, 2002
Parents: **Sherri and Bernard Robbins**
Big Cypress Reservation



Martha Tiger
Born: 7-7-02 Now: 8 months old
Parents: **Angie Tiger and Isaac Bettelyoun**
Big Cypress Reservation



Shana Valentine
Born: Nov. 24, 2001
Parents: **Tasha Bowers and Jerry Valentine**
Big Cypress Reservation



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Britney Buster, 1st Place winner in 10-17 Art Painting Contest.

Tribal Fair Arts and Crafts

By Paula Cassels
HOLLYWOOD — During the 32nd Annual Tribal Fair, talented 11 year old Britney Buster won first place in the 10-17 youth art contest. Britney who has a passion for painting attends art classes in Okeechobee and was very excited when the first painting she entered won first place. Britney had entered one of her best painting, Seminole Indians in the Everglades and a chickee, which took two weeks to complete. Britney lives with her mother, Salina Dorgan, and attends South Elementary in Okeechobee. Britney's artistic tal-

ent must run in the family, because her mother won first place in the Tribal Fair beaded art contest. Salina was born and raised on the Brighton Reservation and there she learned the art of beading. She started a series of five beaded medallions in 2000; her first medallion took five months to make. The medallions are made of many colors and different sizes of beads. Salina said she isn't sure how many beads it takes to complete a medallion, but she is getting faster, her latest creation for the Hollywood Tribal Fair only took her one month to complete.

HOLLYWOOD — Feb. 6 was the first day of 32nd Annual Seminole Tribal Fair Pow Wow. The Pow Wow, a gathering of some of the best and drum groups across North America and Canada, was held in the Laura Mae Osceola Stadium. For four days, the dancers competed in 29 categories to win prize money. The Pow Wow contest is the undying cultural practice of getting together and sharing in good-natured competition. Pow Wow dancers traveled from across North America and Canada to share music and dance routines that have survived centuries of cultural changes in Native American society. The Pow Wow is a chance to honor elders, youth, veterans of foreign wars, and tribal officials. Fellow Pow Wow veterans know that the decision to become a dancer is a choice not easily made because of family responsibilities, educational obligations, military activity, and financial situations. Another factor to consider when entering into the Pow Wow culture is obtaining the regalia needed for the different dance categories. Feathers are another concern, eagle feathers are passed down from generation to generation of dancers. The Pow Wow is a long-standing tradition in Native Peoples culture. The music and dancing has survived centuries and, by the looks of how the younger generations are carrying on the Pow Wow traditions, the future looks secure. This year's event showcased some of the Pow Wow Trail's best and talented dancers. It was a sight to see the dancers wearing their full regalia with bright colors and fancy beadwork. The music provided by drum groups such as Cozad and Elk Whistle complemented the beautiful dancing and wonderful weather of the weekend. **Drums Southern:** 1) Cozad 2) Young Bird 3) Sizzortail 4) Earth Shadow. **Northern:** 1) Midnite Express 2) Elk Whistle 3) Whitetail 4) Two Guns. **Adults Golden Age Men:** 1) Darryl

Moore 2) Luis Cozad 3) Wilson Roberts 4) Rockland Allen Gates. **Golden Age Women:** 1) Sylvestine Shields 2) Dolores Goodeagle 3) Linda Tsonetokoy 4) Charlene Cozad. **Men's Grass:** 1) Julius Not Afraid 2) Rusty Gillette 3) Randall Paskemin 4) Terrence Goodwill. **Women's Fancy:** 1) Gina Hindsley 2) Bonnie Tomahsah 3) Rose Track 4) Josette Wahwasuck. **Women's Northern Buckskin:** 1) Tisa Pinkman 2) Denise McKay 3) Salina N. Todome 4) Stephanie Maney. **Women's Southern Buckskin:** 1) Jacquie Tsonetokoy 2) Danita Cornelison 3) Delaine Alley Show B 4) Tonya Moore. **Women's Cloth:** 1) Sunny Rose Yellowmule 2) Yvonne Sadongei 3) Dalynn Alley 4) Mia Cozad. **Winners of Specials (Hosted by William Osceola):** **Chicken Dance Special** - Randall Paskemin, Consolation Winners - Julius Not Afraid & Darrel Goodwill. **Men's Fancy Special** - Spike Draper, Consolation Winners - Wayne Silas Jr., Courtney Yarloharr, Jerry Cleveland Jr. **Women's Jingle** - Rebecca Roberts. **Teen Boys Fancy** – 1) Christian Leveau. **Teen Boys Grass** – 1) Hawk Poncho 2) Casey McCall 3) Alex Love. **Teen Boys Straight** – 1) Nashoba Simmons 2) Henry McCellan Jr. **Teen Boys Traditional** – 1) Julian Hunter 2) Corey Hubbard 3) John Printup. **Teen Girl's Traditional** – 1) Tiffany Ahgoon 2) Tamara McKay 3) Amanda Bennett. **Teen Girl's Fancy** – 1) Samantha Shore. **Junior Girl's Traditional** – 1) Leandra Wind, **Junior Girl's Jingle** – 1) Manquel Roberts 2) Ok'Tusha Roberts. **Junior Girl's Fancy** – 1) T'ata Roberts 2) Alicia Scholsield 3) Cindi Adair. **Junior Boys Fancy** – 1) Chance Roberts 2) Shaundai Poncho. **Junior Boys Grass** – 1) Peanut Roberts 2) Jonathan Hubbard 3) Joseph Salisbury. **Junior Boys Traditional** – 1) Daniel Moore 2) Briar Lebeau 3) Michael Salisbury. **Men's Northern Fancy:** 1) Cortney Yarholar 2) Douglas Scholfield 3) Wayne Silas Jr. 4) Jerry Cleveland Jr. **Men's Southern Fancy:** 1) Spike Draper 2) Gabe Bullock 3) Tyson Draper 4) Daniel Tramper. **Men's Straight:** 1) Wahkeen Hamilton 2) Ron Goodeagle Jr. 3) Chadwick Toehay 4) Sean Spencer. **Men's Traditional:** 1) Pat Moore 2) Osceola Red Shirt 3) Bera Roberts 4) Will Tushka. **Women's Jingle:** 1) Rowena Roberts 2) Rebecca Roberts 3) Meredith Hedgepath 4) Yolanda Poncho.



Some of the best drum groups in North America attended the Tribal Fair.

Tribal Fair Canoe, Archery and Log Peeling Contests

By Paula Cassels
HOLLYWOOD — On Feb. 7, Hollywood Recreation held the Tribal Fair Canoe, Archery and Log Peeling contest in the field next to Big Sign lake. Naha Jumper entered the Log Peeling Contest wearing his lucky cowboy boots. Although he is a top EIRA rodeo cowboy who can wrestle a steer to the ground in less than 10 seconds, Jumper found that wrestling a log was a little tougher. Herbert Jim, a rough, tough culture man from the Pre-School Language department, peeled his way into first place. The Canoe races took place on Big Sign lake; the team of two that paddled one way for 150 meters down the lake in the fastest time was declared winner. Herbert Jim and Marcy Osceola had planned out their canoe paddling strategy

beforehand, but once on the water, one of the team changed sides too quickly and the canoe rolled over. The pair could only shake their heads as Steven Young towed the canoe to shore. Special thanks to Steve Young and the Hollywood Recreation Department for presenting the canoe races and Archery and Log peeling contest. Below is a list of the results for the Archery, Canoe and Log Peeling contest. **Log Peeling Contest** **Men-** 1) Herbert Jim 2) Chris Osceola 3)Naha Jumper **Women-** 1) Tammy Osceola 2) Barbara Billie 3) Yvonne Courtney **Archery Contest Winners** **10 & Under Co-ed-** 1) Nathan Gopher 2) Huston Osceola 3) Kristy Johns **11-13 years Co-ed-** 1) Garrett Anderson 2)

Roy Stewart 3) Joshua Cypress **14-16 years Co-ed-** 1) Jasper Thomas 2) Joseph Richardson 3) David Anderson **17 & Over Women-** 1) Rose Jones 2) Farrah Jones 3) Ginger Jones **17 & Over Men-** 1) Parker Jones 2) Chris Osceola 3) Naha Jumper **Canoe Races** **1 1-12 years Co-ed-** 1)Krystle Young & Kristy Johns 2) Roy Stewart & Jackson Richardson **13-16 years Co-ed-** 1) Joshua Cypress & Garrett Anderson 2) Joey Richardson & Jasper Thomas **17 & Over Women-** 1) Sandy Osceola & Keyah Osceola 2) Tammy Osceola & Barbara Billie 3) Sunshine Frank & Samantha Mowatt **17 & Over Men-** 1) Kevin Osceola & Chris Osceola 2) Moses Jumper & Naha Jumper 3) Marcy Osceola & Herbert Jim



Marcy Osceola and Herbert Jim swimming with canoe.

Job Opportunities

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Position: Administrative Ast. Department: Family Services Position Opens: 2-24-03 Position Closes: 3-10-03 Salary: negotiable with experience	BRIGHTON Position: Commission Officer Department: Gaming Position Opens: 3-3-03 Position Closes: 3-17-03 Salary: \$28,000 with benefits	Position: Water/Wastewater C Operator Department: Utilities Position Opens: 12-9-02 Position Closes: 12-23-02 Salary: \$35, 500.00 annually with benefits	Position: Tour Guide (1) Department: Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum Position Opens: 9-30-02 Position still available Salary: \$15,184.00 w/benefits	Position: Receptionist Department: Health Position Opens: 1-06-03 Position Closes: 1-20-03 Salary: \$20,800 - \$22,880 annually w/benefits
Position: After School Tutor K-12(P/T) Department: Education Salary: \$25.00/hr	Position: Firefighter/EMT Department: Emergency Services Position Opens: 3-10-03 Position Closes: 3-24-03 Salary: negotiable w/experience w/ benefits	Position: Bus Driver, P/T Department: Education Position Opens: 2-10-03 Position Closes: 2-24-03 Salary: \$9.95 hourly	Position: Cultural/Lang. Instructor Department: Culture Education Position Opens: 2-24-03 Position Closes: 3-10-03 Salary: negotiable with benefits	Position: Surveillance Operator Department: Gaming Compliance Position Opens: 2-24-03 Position Closes: 3-10-03 Salary: \$19,760 annually with benefits
Position: Asst. Environmental Health Manager Department: Health Position Opens: 1-6-03 Position Closes: 1-20-03 Salary: Negotiable with benefits	Position: Licensed Practical Nurse Department: Health Position Opens: 3-3-03 Position Closes: 3-17-03 Salary: negotiable with benefits	Position: Skilled Carpenter Department: Housing Position Opens: 2-17-03 Position Closes: 3-3-03 Salary: \$ 29,120 – 33,280 annually with benefits.	Position: Maintenance Worker Department: Ah-Tha-Thi-Ki Position Opens:3-10-03 Position Closes: 3-24-03 Salary: \$16,640 annually with benefits	Position: Nutritionist /Health Educator Department: Health Position Opens: 1-6-03 Position Closes: 1-20-03 Salary: Negotiable w/benefits
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Tommy Wildcat, Flute Artist

Entertainer Tommy Wildcat flutist of the Year

By Paula Cassels

HOLLYWOOD — Tommy Wildcat (Cherokee), of Tahlequah, OK, played soothing and comforting flute music for four days to the attendees of the Seminole Tribal Fair Pow Wow.

Wildcat is a self-taught flute artist and flute maker; he also makes a variety of flutes.

One of Wildcat's newest recordings "The Fire People" is played with a six-hole lightning-struck wood flute and is accompanied with natural sound of night crickets for a soft melody.

Tommy Wildcat has performed all over the United States as a featured flute artist for major colleges and musical events.

Wildcat was voted Flute Artist of the Year 2002 at the Indian Summer Days Festival and 5th Annual Native American Music Awards in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Wildcat said that he has always been involved with his Cherokee culture, his main interest is famous Indian warrior chiefs. All the flute songs are originals and dedicated to honor the Native people.



Mike Bailey wrestles with Igon, The One-Eyed Alligator

Tribal Fair Bear/ Panther / Reptile Show

By Paula Cassels

HOLLYWOOD — On Thursday, Feb. 6, groups of children from the local public schools and private organizations came to visit the 32nd Annual Seminole Tribal Fair.

During the Tribal Fair, many of them enjoyed a wildlife demonstration that included a panther, bear, alligator, raccoon and snake show.

Mike Bailey, who handles and feeds the reptiles at the Seminole

Okalee Village, demonstrated the art of handling poisonous snakes.

Bailey showed the children a variety of poisonous snakes. Most of the snakes that were shown were from south Florida: a Red Rat snake, Pygmy Rattler, Water Moccasin, and a 25-foot Albino Burmese Python. Bailey also wrestled Igon, the one-eyed alligator.

Narrator James Peacock explained to the children that snakes are dangerous, and whenever encountering a poisonous snake, they should never try to catch or touch it.



Wind Dancer, a Florida Panther

Lynn Fenimore and Tony Steele, of Talons & Tails, showed the children a 120-pound Florida panther named WindDancer.

Peaches, a Florida Black Bear, made an appearance for the children accompanied by trainer Dexter Osbourne of the Seminole Okalee Village.

It was an entertaining and educational experience. Special thanks to the Native Village employees Supervisor Mike "Skeet" Johns and James Peacock, animal caretakers, and volunteers, Pebbles and Mary.



Peaches, a Florida Black Bear

2003 Seminole Tribal Fair Clothing Contest

HOLLYWOOD — On Feb. 8, the Seminole Tribal Fair clothing Contest was held at the Laura Mae Osceola Stadium. Tribal citizens of every age and reservation came out in their finest clothing sporting patchwork. The varied categories ranged from Traditional to Modern.

This year, the judges had their work cut out for them as age groups were called out. Some groups had a large number of entries, which made it harder for the judges to choose a favorite outfit.

The clothing contest helps keep alive the artwork of Seminole patchwork. Because there are so many categories to work with, the styles ranged from the 1800's to the present.

The clothing contest is also a great time for clothing designers to obtain new clients and garner business by showing off their skills and creativity. Listed below are the winners by age and category.

Boys: 1 & under: 1) Chandler DeMayo 2) Sheldon Osceola 3) Lance Howard 4) Edward Gaudin 5) Malcolm Jones 6) Ozzy Osceola 7) Brendan Osceola Latchford 8) Adakai Robbins.

Boys 2, 3, 4 years old: 1) Rudy Juarez 2) Donovan Osceola 3) Eric Garcia 4) Jonathan Boromei 5) Ivess Baker 6) Mathew Osceola 7) Layne Thomas 8) Alonso Wargolet.

Boys 5, 6, 7 years old: 1) Cameron Osceola 2) Michael Garcia 3) Nathaniel Bert 4) Daniel Nunez, Jr. 5) Imalaykiyo Osceola 6) Echo Wolf 7) Yopilaykiyo Osceola 8) Layton Thomas.

Boys 8, 9, 10 years old: 1) Darin Bert 2) Karlito Wargolet 3) Tacoma Robbins 4) Justin Osceola 5) Wade Micco 6) Nathan Gopher 7) Randy Shore 8) Micheal Billie.

Boys 11-17: 1) Lee Stuart 2) Robert Frank III 3) Adam Osceola 4) Jordan Osceola.

Girls: 1 & under: 1) Jaya Osceola 2) Alena Stockton 3) Charli Frye 4) Jayilyn Mocenth 5) Julia Smith 6) Dana Osceola 7) Janessa Nunez 8) Jamie.

Girls 2, 3, 4 years old: 1) Luzana Venzor 2) Caleb Wolf 3) Ateina Micco 4) Eliza Billie 5) Destinay Jimmie 6) Ashlee Gopher 7) Raylene Stuart 8) Mi-Lyn Williams.

Girls 5, 6, 7 years old: 1) Gianna Wargolet 2) Jaide Micco 3) Kalgary Johns 4) Justice Baker 5) Alexis Jimmy 6) Bridgett Koontz 7) Danyelle 8) Cheyenne Nunez.

Girls 8, 9, 10 years old: 1) Alicia Nunez 2) Tianna Young 3) Cassandra Jimmie 4) Brittany Cox 5) Kaylan Osceola 6) Amelia Nunez, Danni J. Wilcox 8) Ariah Osceola.

Girls 11-17 years old: 1) Shyla Jones 2) Cindi Adair 3) Rhiannon Tiger 4) Shawna Billie 5) Katherine Billie 6) Chelsea Mountain 7) Tianna Hali Garcia 8) Shelby Dehass.

Women Old Style Traditional 50+: 1) Martha Jones 2) Frances Osceola 3) Agnes Cypress 4) Elsie Smith 5) Lorene Gopher 6) Rosie Billie 7) Josephine Villa 8) Onnie Osceola.

Women Old Style Traditional 18-49 years old: 1) Jo Leigh Johns 2) Farrah Jones 3) Paula B. Sanchez 4) Dollie M. Thomas 5) Emma Johns 6) Vivian Delgado 7) Alice M. Billie 8) Rose Jones.

Women Modern Traditional 50+: 1) Louise Osceola 2) Connie Whidden 3) Theresa Jumper.

Women Modern Traditional 18-49 years old: 1) Emma Johns 2) Jo Leigh Johns 3) Perrie Whidden 4) Laverne Thomas 5) P. Bowers 6) Debbie Dehass 7) Alice Billie 8) Alicia Sanchez.

Women Modern 50+: 1) Onnie Osceola 2) Judybill Osceola 3) Agnes Cypress 4) Agnes Motlow 5) Betty Osceola 6) Mary F. Cypress 7) Alice Snow 8) Lorene Gopher.

Women Modern 18-49 years old: 1) Paula Sanchez 2) Holly Tiger 3) Oneva Jones 4) June Jumper 5) Mercedes Sanders 6) Nikki Osceola 7) Ginger Jones 8) Jo Leigh Johns.

Women Modern Contemporary 50+: 1) Agnes Motlow 2) Frances Osceola 3) Lucille Jumper 4) Louise Osceola 5) Jenny Johns 6) Wanda Bowers 7) Betty Osceola 8) Pat Bowers 9) Addie Osceola.

Women Modern Contemporary 18-49 years old: 1) Sara Osceola 2) Linda Jones 3) Sherrie Jones 4) Jo Leigh Johns 5) Alicia Sanchez 6) Theresa Nunez 7) Alice M. Billie 8) Alexandra Frank.

Men Old Style Traditional 50+: 1) Moses Jumper 2) Parker Jones.

Men Old Style Traditional 18-49 years old: 1) Dallas Nunez 2) Herbert Jim 3) Elton Shore 4) Naha Jumper 5) Daniel Nunez 6) Danny



Girls 5, 6, 7 year old division.

Jones 7) Jeff Osceola.

Men Modern Traditional 50+: 1) Jimmie Osceola 2) Willie Gopher 3) Steven Bowers 4) Thomas

18-49 years old: 1) Cody Bert 2) William Osceola 3) Bob Dehass 4) Bob Frank 5) Sandy Billie 6) Danny Osceola.

Men Modern 50+: 1) Thomas Billie 2) Joe Osceola 3) Parker Jones 4) Billy Micco 5) Jimmy Smith 6) Wilmeth Dehass 7) Sammy Gopher 8) Willie Gopher.

Men Modern 18-49 years old: 1) Ronnie Billie 2) Naha Jumper 3) Dallas Nunez 4) Danny Jones 5) Herbert Jim 6) Joey Micco 7) David Nunez 8) Albert Snow.

Men Modern Contemporary 50+: 1) Willie Gopher 2) Thomas Billie 3) Parker Jones 4) Joe Osceola 5) George Billie 6) Billy Micco 7) Moses Jumper 8) Steven Bowers.

Men Modern Contemporary 18-49 years old: 1) Jeff Osceola 2) Kassim Stockton 3) M. Osceola 4) Sandy Billie 5) Elton Shore 6) Bob Dehass 7) Ronnie Billie 8) Dallas Nunez.



Boys 5, 6, 7 year old division.

Billie 5) Wilmeth Dehass 6) David Motlow 7) Parker Jones 8) George Billie.

Men Modern Traditional



Women Old Style Traditional 30+.



Men's Old Style Traditional 18-49 years old.



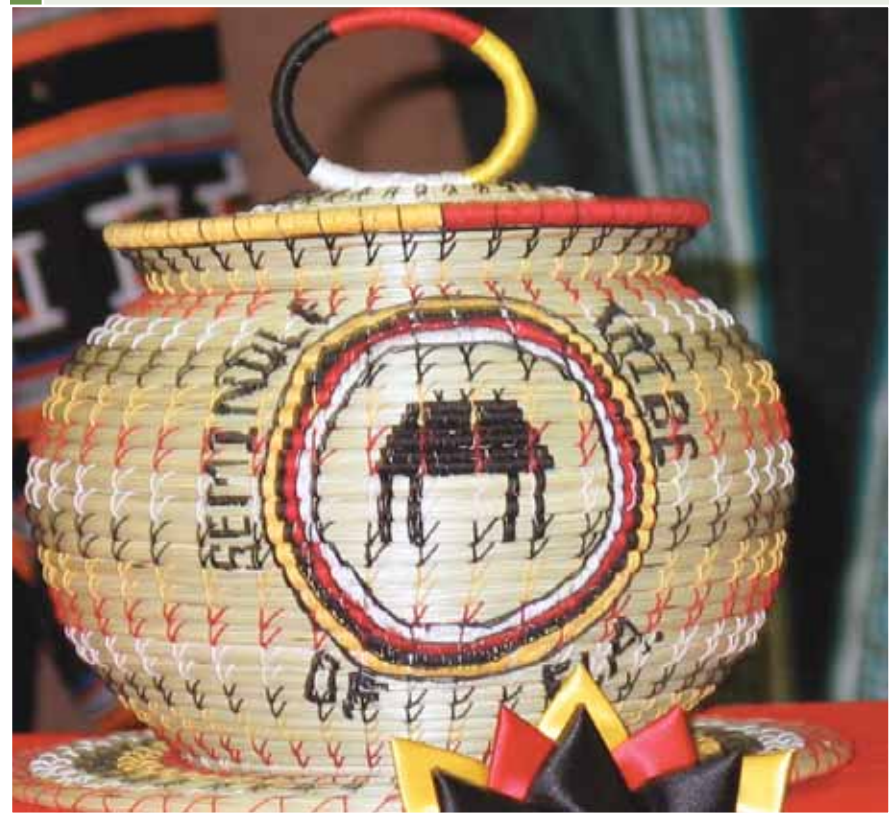
Women Old Style Traditional 18-49 years old.



1st Place Winner Salina Snow, Adult Beadwork

Brighton Field Day Arts & Crafts Contest

Beadwork: 1) Salina Snow 2) JoLeigh Jumper 3) Jenny Johns
Baskets: 1) Martha Jones 2) Jenny Shore 3) Madeline Tongkeamha
Sewing: 1) Ethel Gopher 2) Shula Jones 3) Jennifer Jones
Patchwork: 1) Jenny Shore 2) Arnie Osceola 3) Madeline Tongkeamha
Dolls: 1) Bessie Tommie 2) Alice Snow 3) Mahala Madrigal
Woodcarving: 1) Vinson Osceola 2) Frank Huff Jr. 3) Albert Snow
Fine Arts
K-2: 1) Stevie Brandley 2) Daniel Nunez Jr. 3) Cameron Dorgan
3-5: 1) Stephanie Smith 2) Ty Huff 3) Melanie Jones
6-8: 1) Brittany Dorgan 2) Ceejae Smith 3) Brittany Smith
18-54: 1) Daniel Nunez Sr. 2) Vinson Osceola
55-Older: 1) Onnie Osceola 2) Mary Johns 3) Shula Jones



Basket Contest



Happy Jumper in Calf Roping

Brighton Field Day EIRA Rodeo

By Paula Cassels
BRIGHTON — On Feb. 14, the excitement began when the young cowboys and cowgirls were called to the Fred Smith rodeo arena for the Mutton Busting event.
The crowd cheered and clapped their hands as little Yopilaykiyo Osceola held on for the winning ride in the Mutton Busting event.
In the Teen Barrels, Jade Braswell came in with a fast score of 16.56 in the youth 13-18 event, but not fast enough to beat Nauthkee Henry.
Henry showed her competitive ability, finishing in with the unbelievable time of 16.47 in the kid's 4-8 year old category.
Although barrel racing may look less exciting than other rodeo events, it surely isn't the case. The horsemanship skills and competitive drive in this fast event makes it a crowd favorite.
In barrel racing, the contestant and horse enters the arena at a fast speed, as they start the cloverleaf pattern the horse and rider triggers an electronic eye that starts the clock.
The racer rides the cloverleaf patterns around three barrels in the arena. The contestant can move or touch the barrel, but receives a five-second penalty for each barrel they knock over.
The young contestants showed outstanding

horsemanship skills. Congratulations, cowboys and cowgirls.
Mutton Busting- 1) Yopalakiyo Osceola, 12.73, 10 pts 2) Nicholas Dehass, 8.09, 9 pts 3) Kelton Smedley, 7.14, 8 pts 4) Jobe Johns, 5.56, 7 pts 5) Jayce Smith, 4.59, 6 pts
Pony Riding- 1) Ethan Gopher, 68 points, 10pts 2) Seth Randolph, 64 points, 9 pts 3) Justin Aldridge, 63 points, 8 pts
Calf Riding 1) Craig Whiting, 2.45 sec, 10 pts 2) Josh Johns, 2.19 sec, 9 pts 3) JJ Johns, 1.79 sec, 8 pts
Steer Riding- 1) Ethan Gopher, 72 points, 10 pts 2) Justin Aldridge, 64 points, 9 pts 3) Randel Osceola, 3.50 se, 8 pts
Jr. Bull Riding- 1) Jerome Davis, 3.92 sec, 10 pts 2) Marlin Foster, 1.53 sec, 9 pts
4-8 Barrels- 1) Nauthkee Henry, 16.47, 10 pts 2) Zane Ducheneaux, 17.58, 9 pts 3) Acealyn Youngblood, 20.09, 8 pts 4) Andre Jumper, 20.26, 7 pts
9-12 Barrels- 1) Ethan Gopher, 18.88, 10 pts 2) Shyla Jones, 19.28, 9 pts
13-18 Barrels- 1) Jade Braswell, 16.56, 10 pts 2) Kari Kroeplin, 19.40, 9 pts
50 & Over Breakaway- 1) Moses Jumper, 4.46, 10 pts 2) Rudy Osceola, 5.67, 9 pts



Victor Billie assisting 1st Place peeler Juanita Osceola.



Billy Walker

Brighton Field Day Log Peeling and Kids Sack Race

By Paula Cassels
BRIGHTON — On Feb.15, during the 65th Annual Brighton Field Day, the log peeling and kids sack races were held behind the amphitheater.
On a bright and warm Saturday afternoon, with no wind or rain in sight, the contestants in the log-peeling contest were breaking a serious sweat. The contestants were huffing and puffing and one minute must have seemed like an hour, because that day happened to be the hottest day in a long time.
In the men's log-peeling competition, Victor Billie showed good sportsmanship by helping first place winner Dwight Cypress, turning his log after each peel. The two men scored close in this event.
In the women's division, Juanita Osceola of Hollywood took first place.
In 1937, Fred Montsdeoca started the Seminole Brighton Field Days races; the contests were 50 and 100-yard dashes for the men and women.
There was also a three-legged race and the fat man's race, where the contestants had to weigh over 175 pounds.
The prizes in 1937 were flour, sugar, bacon, coffee and candy, and the first place prize

was a Barlow Folding Knife.
Pole Peeling
Men
1 Dwight Cypress 1:29.54
2 Victor Billie 1:38.00
3 Johnny Jones 4:15.25
4 Danny Jones 4:18.95
5 Shane Buell 4:30.59
6 Elton Shore 4:32.19
7 Howard Osceola 4:34.84
8 Billy Walker 4:35.37
Women
1 Juanita Osceola 2:11.87
2 Gennie Billie 3:31.59
3 Polly Walker 3:41.19
4 Farrah Jones 3:46.47
5 Salina Dorgan 5:25.59
6 Reina Micco 14.12.60
Sack Races
Boys 6-9
1 Cameron Doctor
2 Randy Shore
3 Isaac Billie
Girls 6-9
1 Alissa Buster
2 Sheila Jones
3 Minnie Osceola.
4 Justice Baker
Boys 10-12
1 Justin Chalfant
2 J.T. Osceola
Girls 10-12
1 Brittany Buster
2 Melanie Jones
3 Ceejae Smith
Girls 13 -17
1 Jennifer Chalfant



Kids Sack Races



Jr. Steer Riding



Mutton buster



Youth Barrels 4-8 year olds