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Red Ribbon Week to be Kicked Off in Big Cypress with a Parade

By Marilyn Tiger

BIG CYPRESS — The Big Cypress Reservation will kick off Red Ribbon Week Oct. 27-29 with their First Annual Red Ribbon community parade. The week will be highlighted with various drug prevention events. In addition to the parade, other events scheduled include a community wide door decorating contest, poster contest, community/ staff softball game and other drug awareness events.

The Big Cypress community will be doing their part in bringing drug prevention awareness to the youths of the reservation while getting the message to

the youth that today is the day we make choices for tomorrow - stay drug free!

The purpose of the Red Ribbon Awareness Campaign is to present a unified and visible commitment toward the creation of a drug-free America. The campaign was started when drug traffickers in Mexico City murdered Kiki Camarena, a DEA agent.

In 1985, this began the continuing tradition of wearing and displaying red ribbons as a symbol of intolerance towards the use of drugs.

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Brighton Celebrates Indian Day

By Emma Brown

BRIGHTON — This year's Indian Day was a two-day fun-filled time for the Brighton Community. Both young

and old came out to join in the activities, and most were in their traditional dress, which really captured the true meaning of "Indian Day."

The Brighton Reservation began their Indian Day festivities on Friday, Sept. 26, with a two-person scramble-blind draw golf tournament at Okeechobee's Golf & Country Club.

In the evening, tribal members gathered at Stardust Lanes for the Indian Day bowling tournament. Everyone entering the bowling tournament had to be in traditional dress to be eligible to bowl in the first game. On Saturday, Sept. 27, Indian Day activities carried on.

The day began at 5:30 a.m. for all of those early rising anglers and 5K walkers and runners.



Emma Brown

Log Peeling pro Howard Osceola.

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Council Meeting Coverage

By Alexandra Frank

HOLLYWOOD — On Sept. 29 the Seminole Tribe of Florida held a regular council meeting at the tribal auditorium. There were 29 New Items for the council to either pass, table, withdraw, or remove.

One item to be passed is the Per Capita Distributions of the Tribal Gaming Revenue for the fiscal year Oct. 1, 2003 through Sept. 30, 2004. The increase is slated to be raised to \$500 per tribal citizen. In addition, a pending review of loan request overflow will take place before any business loan's are approved.

On a more personal note Steven Bowers Liaison for the Governors Council on Indian Affairs introduced two individuals to the Tribal Council. Belinda Keiser is the President of the committee for Broward Days and she brought with her another committee member Elizabeth Bates.

Ms. Keiser was given formal introductions to Chairman Mitchell Cypress, Vice Chairman Moses Osceola, Brighton Representative Roger Smith, Big Cypress Representative David Cypress, Immokalee Representative Elaine Aguilar, Council Liaison from the Naples community O.B. Osceola Jr., Ft. Pierce Liaison

Sally Tommie, Tampa Liaison Richard Henry, Secretary Treasurer Priscilla Sayen and General Council Jim Shore and his Executive Assistant Agnes Motlow.

Ms. Keiser thanked Steven and she thanked Chairman Cypress, the Tribal Council, and Councilman Max Osceola Jr., for having Elizabeth and herself as their guests.

She continued with the fact that Broward Days was a success and that they were very appreciative for everything the Tribal Council and the Seminole Tribe has done for them.

Broward Days is a group of volunteers that have about 650 members and travel to Tallahassee to file issues that they believe are issues of concern. These issues are about the community, they deal with issues about children and the elderly. They can deal with issues regarding the economy of the state and ultimately our Everglades preservation and restoration.

Ms. Keiser wanted to again thank the Tribal Council for its leadership role in its strong support for Broward Days, which resulted in their ability to do good work in Tallahassee last year.

The tribe hosted a luncheon for the counties Senate President Jim King.

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Women's Wellness Conference: The Power of Prayer

By Melissa Sherman

MIAMI LAKES, FL — "With prayer, anything is possible," explained Yvonne Courtney, event coordinator. "As women, we must be well within ourselves. We are the strength of the community and to our families, and it all starts within us." After Yvonne's warm welcome, she introduced Rev. Bernie Goddard from Oklahoma who started off dinner with a prayer.

After dinner, the Republic of Tea representatives Barbara Graves and Kristen Onholt gave us a lesson in the different types of teas and how to prepare them. At our tables, we received different samples such as Red Tea, Ginger Peach, White Tea, Green Tea and Black Tea, just to name a few.

While we sipped, Barbara Graves explained about the medicinal values teas give us by releasing cancer causing free radicals. The White Tea has the

highest level of disease preventative antioxidants known as polyphenols; the downy white leaves are only harvested by hand two days out of the year, right before the leaf opens. Barbara passed the different teas around in a bowl for us to touch, smell, and to view their variety of colors.

After our tea and relaxation, Rev. Bernie Goddard spoke about the power of prayer. Bernie has had anything but an easy life. What helped her get through her adolescence? Her mom. When she was three, she accidentally swallowed glass and told her mom happily, "Momma, I'm going to go with the Lord." Bernie was raised in the fire and brimstone days of her daddy's preaching and was excited to go to heaven.

After explaining what happened to her mom, her mom replied, "Child, go

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Michael Kelly

Tous Young, Anahna Sirota, Tarina Young, and Dee Dee Tiger adorned with face-painting during Indian Day in Hollywood.

Indian Day at Hollywood Reservation

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Big Cypress Reservation to House Largest Illuminated Motocross Track in the World

By Ernie Tiger

BIG CYPRESS — The Big Cypress Motocross track made its debut for Motocross enthusiasts on Oct. 4, at the Big Cypress

Reservation. There was plenty of food and refreshments for visitors, live music supplied by the Cow Bone Band, and seven champion wrestling matches, including a Coffin Match featuring Vicious Vinnie. Guided swamp buggy rides provided by Billie Swamp Safari took visitors through the future Big Cypress Motocross grounds.

The 85-acre motocross facility, which will house the largest outdoor illuminated track in the world, will offer a 5,000-seat stadium throughout the 1.5-mile track for spectators. The outdoor track will be constructed and designed by one of South Florida's Top Motocross Track Designers, Greg Barker.

Barker, who is well known in the Motocross community for his challenging and exciting tracks, also designed the Super Motocross Track, Pepsi Air Dania, in South Florida.



Paula Cassels

Jason Metz catching some air during his practice run.

"I'm designing a pure outdoor motocross track that will be both a very competitive and safe track. Once we get the green light from everyone, it will only take me around six to eight weeks to complete the track," said track designer Barker.

The Big Cypress Outdoor Motocross track is a true "Outdoor Track" rather than other tracks found throughout the U. S. because of its unique fast-paced makeup and larger variety of challenging obstacles. Indoor tracks, which have jumps closer together and lower speeds, are far from what will be constructed here.

The 1.5-mile track will be a larger, faster track that enables riders to actually reach third and fourth gear speeds, whereas other tracks never give riders many opportunities to break second or third gear. The facilities will also come complete with a campground, large grass area parking, a quad sand drag strip, a pee wee track for youths, vendor huts, outdoor TV screens, and a gator pit for reptile enthusiasts.

"The practice track is fast

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All Around Cowboy and Cowgirl Award Won by Naha Jumper and Billie Tiger

By Emma Brown

Before the EIRA sends their finalists to California for the Indian National Finals Rodeo, a year-end banquet was held in their honor. Contestants, along with their families and guests, gathered at Sonny's B-B-Q on Saturday Oct. 4 to celebrate the 2002-2003 rodeo season.

The banquet room was completely filled as the year-end awards were given to champions and reserve champions of the Kids Rodeo events and the Open rodeo events.

Alex Johns, President of the EIRA, presented the champion and reserve champion awards, and presented appreciation plaques to those people that assisted the directors with making the association successful.

The last award given was for the All Around Cowboy and Cowgirl for the season. The All Around cowboy title went to Naha Jumper and the All Around Cowgirl title went to Billie Tiger.

Each of the EIRA directors were recognized and given a beautiful jacket for all of the long hours spent in making sure that the association is a great reflection of the Seminole Tribe and to the sport of rodeo.



Emma Brown

Alex Johns, Naha Jumper, Trina Bowers and Billie Tiger.

Good Luck to all of the contestants competing at the INFR in California. The EIRA greatly appreciates the support of the following people: Mitchell Cypress, Moses Osceola, David Cypress, Max Osceola, Roger Smith, John Wayne Huff, Alex Johns, Johnny Jones, Paul Bowers, David DeHass, and 5 Star Rodeo.

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Guests could visit the Seminole Tribe exhibit located on the second floor of the museum.

Michael Kelly

Seminoles Preview IMAX Film Lewis and Clark: Great Journey West

By Alexandra Frank

FT. LAUDERDALE, FL — The Seminole Tribe of Florida, in conjunction with the Museum of Discovery and Science, is co-sponsoring a new IMAX film entitled Lewis and Clark: Great Journey West. Tribal citizens and tribal employees were invited to the Great Journey West Gala following the movie preview.

The event featured two shows, one at 6:30 p.m. and another at 8:00 p.m. During the evening, a silent auction was held while the shows were on. A dinner was held following the movie. There was a live auction featuring ten items including: an island cruise, a trip to New York to see the Miami Dolphins play, a cruise for two on a ship, and a 14-day luxury South African Safari for two.

The Seminole Tribe of Florida was sponsor of the gala, along with the primary sponsor, Mercedes-Benz of Ft. Lauderdale, Wachovia, TC2000.com, City Furniture, Austin and Christine Forman, City National Bank, JM Family Enterprises, Inc., Giant Bank, Stiles Corporation, Vista Healthplan, Publix Supermarket Charities, Barry Angelo & Boldt P.A., and Sports Authority.

The movie Lewis and Clark: Great Journey West featured tribes that either helped during the journey or were depicted as caretakers of the lands Lewis and Clark traveled through to get to the Pacific Coast.

The movie shows beautiful scenery and the pitfalls of traveling in an unspoiled wilderness the expedition faced on their trek west.

The movie is both educational and emotional. The route used to reach the pacific yielded plants

and animals not yet discovered. The terrain was charted and the elements noted.

The task of traveling with equipment through unknown territory and facing fierce weather did cause stressful situations and homesickness.

Sacagawea, who joined the expedition, is depicted throughout the film. She is characterized as an important part of the expedition because of her ability to lead the group through unknown terrain and her knowledge of some of the tribes they encountered.

The movie does a great job explaining the reasons why Lewis and Clark embarked on the expedition and what became of both explorers. The movie touches on Sacagawea's son, but was a little hazy on what happened to Sacagawea herself.

It movie does not however give insight into the results of the expedition and its findings, which resulted in a land grab explosion by hungry land seeking settlers. And it does not mention the negative impact the land grab forced on the Native Peoples of the region.

Max B. Osceola Jr., Hollywood Council Representative for the tribe upon learning about the new IMAX film thought this would be the perfect opportunity for the Florida Seminoles to share in their history and culture.

This has been accomplished through an exhibit of Seminole history by the Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum that is now on display at the Museum of Discovery and Science. On hand are a canoe, patchwork, and tools used by the Seminole. Historical photographs with brief descriptions of the subjects taken are given.

Ahfachkee Students Preview Lewis and Clark: Great Journey West Movie

By Alexandra Frank

FT. LAUDERDALE, FL — The Museum of Discovery and Science is showcasing a movie at its IMAX Theatre titled Lewis and Clark: Great Journey West. The movie officially opens Oct. 4th.

Special guests from the Seminole Tribe of Florida, the Ahfachkee students, were treated to a special preview screening on Oct. 3rd.

The 170 students were first treated to the sights and sounds of the museum. The students had a chance to explore the museum and get a hands-on feel for some of the exhibits created for just that reason.

The movie scheduled for 11:30 a.m. captivated the audience with its vivid imagery and soothing tone of Jeff Bridges, who narrates the entire movie throughout.

The students could be heard remarking on sites they found interesting like the panoramic view of the snow-covered mountains and the various animals

shown. Some of the older students recognized the names of the tribes that Lewis and Clark encountered on their expedition west.

Principal Lee Zepeda had this to say about the visit the Ahfachkee Students had to the museum to preview the movie.

"It's really a unique opportunity to come and be a part of it. The tribe sponsored this film to come to this museum and they (the Museum) invited us to preview the movie. We've enjoyed it and had a great time."

Zepeda added, "It shows the importance that the Native Americans played in the Lewis and Clark exploration journey."

It is with those thoughts that hopefully the movie will resonate with the viewing public. The students were without a doubt impressed by what they saw and gained an understanding on the two men who helped charter the western hemisphere of these United States.



Alexandra Frank

Ahfachkee students enjoy the sights and sounds of the Museum of Discovery and Science.



Halloween Candy Inspections

Now we've come to the best part of Halloween . . . CANDY! Halloween candy tampering is uncommon, but it's still a good idea to inspect your child's candy before they start to dig into all their treats.

- Closely examine each piece of candy, throw away the ones that are unwrapped, have tears or tiny pinholes in the cover, or look suspicious in any way.

- Toss treats that aren't commercially wrapped, such as home-made cookies and fruit, unless you know and trust the giver.

If you are unsure of any candy, throw it out! If you would like assistance in checking your child's candy, bring your treats to the Seminole Police Department and we will assist you in inspecting your child's candy.

Halloween Safety Tips from SPD

As we approach the Trick or Treating season, it's easy to overlook common holiday mishaps. Here are a few tips to protect your little ghosts and goblins on their big night.

- Falls are a major cause for injuries on Halloween. Masks and over-sized costumes make it difficult for children to see and maneuver. To prevent children from tripping on curbs, steps, and the hem itself, keep pants, dresses and capes to their costume above their ankles. If your child is wearing a mask, make sure it is the right size. The eye and mouth holes should be long enough for them to see and breathe through properly.

- Keep children away from jack-o'-lanterns and other open flames. If you're buying a costume, make sure it's labeled "flame resistant".

Flame Resistant **does not** mean burn proof, but the material of the costume won't catch fire as easily or burn as quickly.

- A parent or another adult should accompany children under 12. If you have a group of three or more children, consider bringing another parent or adult along. That way, one adult will be able to help out in an emergency, while the other stays with the kids.

- The number of children hit and killed by cars is four times higher on Halloween than on any other night. Therefore, carry a flashlight or "glow stick" when trick or treating with your child so you are visible to other trick or treaters and vehicles.

Remember to be safe and have fun.

What to Do about Increases in Insurance Cost

By Ken Goosens

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

This summer my automobile insurance company sent me a renewal notice increasing the cost of my insurance from about \$1600 to \$2100. That's a whopping 31% increase, despite having filed no claims, got no tickets, and not changed the coverage.

You probably have had large increases too, because in 2002-2003, the State of Florida has seen fit to grant auto insurance companies large increases in rates. Yet, when I was alone getting automobile insurance, I paid \$1300 – almost a 19% decrease instead of a 31% increase.

What can you do when your insurer wants to charge you much more?

First, get out your old policy and compare the costs to see exactly what went up. Then call your insurer and ask for an explanation. Minimally, make sure the information the insurer is using to justify the increase is true.

In my case, I confirmed that their records showed no claims and no tickets. The reason they gave for the increase was that the State of Florida had granted two increases in the last year, and the last one was an increase of 8.5%. However, the increase on my bill was far in excess of what the State allowed. How could that be? The State only approves an overall or average increase, and leaves it up to the insurer how to raise rates for individuals, which might be more or less than the average.

Then they said that they had changed underwriters, who are the people who decide how risky individuals are. Not much I could do about that, if the new underwriters thought I had not been paying enough for the risk I posed.

Next, treat the increase in costs as an opportunity to comparison shop by getting quotes from other companies.

You want to get quotes from other insurers who are less expensive not because they offer less insurance, but charge less for the same insurance. On your renewal offer, you will see a breakout of the

types of coverage by amount and cost. Use this to make sure you are comparing apples to apples.

You can get individual quotes from other insurers, but a more efficient way is to use a service that gets quotes from many companies. In my case, I went to an Internet site that is highly rated for its comparisons of different insurance companies:

www.insweb.com. The site gave me a quote from General Electric (GE) Auto and Home Insurance that was less than what I had paid last year.

I told the site to refer my inquiry to GE, who contacted me and completed the automobile insurance application. The agent even came up with a better quote \$100 less! GE guaranteed the rate quote for 60 days and would let me take out a one-year policy rather than a six-month policy. So I know my policy won't possibly increase for a full year, instead of having two chances to increase during a year.

The rate guarantee proved to be beneficial too. While I was still applying for the insurance, GE was granted a rate increase by Florida that didn't apply to me. However, I did ask GE what my insurance cost would have been with the increase, which was still significantly less than what I paid the year before.

What started out as a painful increase in insurance cost turned into a pleasant and surprising decrease. The moral of my story is that you don't have to accept higher charges for your insurance. You can and should look for better insurance.

The worst mistake you can make, however, is simply to pay the bill every year your insurance sends you. *Whenever you get a renewal bill, first compare cost and coverage to last year. If the cost jumps significantly or if you haven't looked at other insurers for a few years, comparison-shop.* You might save thousands of dollars – in my case, \$800 less in one year.

Actually, I owe my previous auto insurer a special and sincere thanks for hugely raising the cost of my automobile because when I hadn't done a thing to merit an increase.

So, thanks, Kemper Insurance. If you hadn't raised my bill, I wouldn't have looked elsewhere and wouldn't have found an even better insurance company.

❖ Red Ribbon

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Red ribbons will be made available throughout the reservation for community members so that they can show their support in living a healthy and drug free lifestyle. For more information, you may contact Marilyn Tiger at the family services office at (863) 902-3206.

Those interested in learning more about this campaign should request a copy of the free brochure for at-risk Youth Catalog, Red Ribbon resources.

To order your free Red Ribbon Resources catalog, write to the bureau for at risk youth, 135 Dupont Street, P.O. Box 760, Plainview, NY 11803-0760, or call (800) 99YOUTH or visit www.redribbonresources.com

“Red Ribbon Week” Begins Oct. 27!

Activities for “Red Ribbon Week” Oct. 27 - 31

Mon., Oct. 27 “Drug Free” Poster Contest will be held in the DSO from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Tue., Oct. 28 A Dinner and Talent Show will be held at the Tribal Auditorium. Dinner starts at 6: 00 p.m. Talent show will follow immediately after. Age groups are: (2-10), (11-17), and (18 and up). PRIZES will be awarded following the Show.

**Deadline for talent show applications is Oct. 21, pick up forms at Family Services or at the DSO.*

Wed., Oct. 29 Kids Group at 3:30 p.m. in the DSO

Thur., Oct. 30 Girl Talk group at 4:00 p.m. at Family Services

Fri., Oct. 31 Pizza Party at Family Services from 3 - 5 p.m.

Winners of the poster contest to be announced. PRIZES awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place!

For more information and registration, please call Family Services at (954) 964-6338.

Red Ribbon Week is sponsored by Family Services, Recreation Department, and the Seminole Police Department.

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Council

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He proudly has his gift in his office he received from the tribal council and the Seminole tribe. Mr. King remarked that the luncheon and the presentation of the gift was an event that he really appreciated.

The Broward Days committee forms small teams and they go up to talk to the legislator. The committee of Broward Days gives companies the opportunity to meet with the legislator in small groups and go to lunches with them. Sometimes later on after hours these groups can sit down and talk about things that they feel is in the best interest of the State of Florida.

Ms. Keiser mentioned that Broward Days is ready to bring us up to Tallahassee and the legislator and bring on issues to the Governor and Lieutenant

Governor.

Council member Max Osceola Jr. and Steven Bowers were given credit for guiding the Broward Days committee through the process of working with the Seminole Tribe. Ms. Keiser received applause for her speech and the resolution that brought before the tribal council to continue to support Broward Days is still under consideration.

The Tribal Council also approved 22 New Items from a Consent Agenda the definition of a Consent Agenda is as follows:

The following items are of a routine, administrative nature and having been previously discussed by the Tribal Council need no further discussion. Therefore, these items constitute the consent agenda and will be presented and voted on as one item. The next scheduled Regular Council Meeting is scheduled for November 14, 2003.

Lester asked the attendees if they had children and how old they were. He offered a plan that parents could use to help their children. By the time they are 28 years old, they could be millionaires. If the child is eleven, they could be a millionaire by the time they reach their 30's. Surprisingly, not much money is needed.

Compound interest is the interest you get from putting money in the bank. It's the interest you make off of that interest. In other words, every time you put money in the bank, you get interest from it.

Lester continued that he could show participants how to look for banks that pay interest on a quarterly basis. If you get interest once a year, you're not making as much money as you could be making. But if you get interest on a quarterly basis, you'll get more money in return. These were just some of the objectives to be accomplished at the seminar.

"It doesn't matter how much money you make because there are people who live paycheck to paycheck. It doesn't matter how much money they have. Even if they make \$4,000 to \$5,000 a month, and you double that to \$10,000, they still live paycheck to paycheck," said Brown. This happens due to more expenses than income and mismanagement. It's their attitude towards money and the way they think about money.

The main object of the seminar is to leave with a plan where the participants will never be broke again as long as they live.

The plan laid out to the participants involved a changing of attitudes and breaking habits about money that are no longer relevant. It was about developing new attitudes about your finances that are necessary for a better way of life. Most importantly, it was about planning for a successful financial future.



Melissa Sherman

Women's Wellness Conference coordinator Yvonne Courtney welcomes the participants.

Wellness

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get the oil." Bernie was sad. She knew she was going to live now, once her mom anointed her with the oil. That wasn't the first time her mom saved her. She stayed home and prayed for her well-being as she caroused the town; escaped rape, murder and other curveballs life threw at her.

Before Bernie became a Reverend, she worked at a police department. When she applied for the job, they warned her that her family could be in danger from her career in law enforcement. She thought, "It would not happen to me." Then the unimaginable happened, her son was murdered because of her career. What got her threw this? Prayer.

Bernie also gave us a piece of advice, "Be very specific of what you pray for." She used to pray every day for this red Cadillac she saw around town. She asked God, "Why won't you let it be possible?" Finally, the Cadillac went up for sale, but after getting a closer look at it, it had many problems, and she was grateful not to have the car. Bernie revised her prayer.

After dinner, Sandra Dale, Mary Olitzky and Hanna Marchel from Hollywood Family Services handed out large construction paper stars and instructions to choose words to describe ourselves or how we would like to be, along with crayons, glitter, beads, and glue. We were instructed to play, create and have fun, something we rarely have time to do in real life. Once we finished, we marveled at our creations. We concluded the evening with a few door prizes and made plans to walk in the morning at 7 a.m.

After breakfast, our session began with Barbie Johnson, a certified fitness trainer, massage therapist and nutritionist with a lesson in "Climbing our own Mountains." Barbie told us to do five things: Keep it simple, break it into small steps, choose a starting point, monitor our progress, and redefine our goal if necessary, and set a realistic deadline. After a short break we learned about "Caring for your greatest asset - your temple."

The new improved food pyramid, vitamins, and the amount of calories needed for women, were a few of the topics discussed. For example, Barbie explained that, "M&M candies are like football

fields. To burn off the calories of one M&M, you must walk the entire length of a football field." We gasped in amazement. She also showed us how to take our heart rates and how to figure out our normal range during workouts.

When we returned from lunch we were unknowingly going to participate in a chair workout. After everybody donned two paper plates, Barbie cranked up the music and started the routine, "Fan your face, fan your friends, and fan your fanny," yelled Barbie as we fanned our faces, friends, and fannies. Those paper plates actually gave some good resistance, not to mention our legs marching stomping and kicking all while sitting down.

Later we learned about stress management through exercise and relaxation. In addition, the topic we all avoid, aging gracefully was discussed. We



Melissa Sherman

Attendees decorated construction paper stars with positive words.

talked about hormones and menopause, which vitamins can help and even about hormone replacement. Barbie shared a story about her near-death experience a year ago from a bladder infection that turned to toxic sepsis. She pulled out of it thanks to prayer from her family and encouraged us to be right with God. Yvonne Courtney closed the evening after dinner with a few last words from Rev. Bernie Goddard.

The next morning, we gathered for heart-touching testimonials at the Healing Circle, hosted by Candice Kranitz. After a lot of laughs, tears and hugs from the group, Yvonne gracefully made sure we all received facials and massages provided by the Don Shula Health Club.

We all left the conference a little smarter, with a touch more inner-peace, and were incredibly grateful for people in the Seminole Tribe like Yvonne Courtney.

The Tribal Council was so pleased with the outcome of the conference they granted Yvonne two more Women's Wellness conferences to honor women within the Tribe. A special Wellness Conference for foster families who have children in DCF placement will also be held in the near future.

If you have any questions, please contact Yvonne Courtney at (954) 964-6338 extension 116 or email her at courtney@semtribe.com.



Marla Dale

Yvonne Courtney (R) calls Helene Buster to pick up here patchwork doll.

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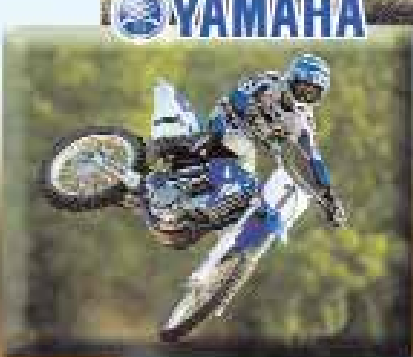
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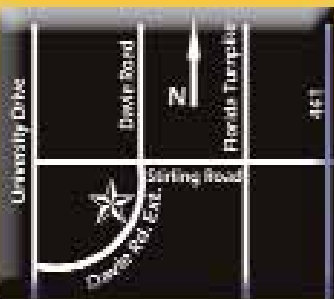
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(Front) Edna McDuffie, Chairman Mitchell Cypress, Martha Jones, (2nd row) Debbie Hamilton, Terry Hahn, Ladna Nilles, Nancy Motlow, Cornell Osceola, Mable Haught, Willie Gopher, David Cypress, Vicky Aquado, Barbara Boling, (3rd row) Jeanne Hatfield, Sally R. Tommie, Dale Grasshopper, Connie Whidden, Dorothy Tommie, Paul Bowers, Roger Smith, Lorene Gopher, Jack Smith Jr., Daniel Gopher, Moses Osceola, Clarence Johnson.

American Indian Elders Conference

By Jeanne Hatfield and Debbie Hamilton
OKLAHOMA CITY, OK — Tribal elders from all reservations attended the Fifth Annual American Indian Elders Conference Sept. 9-11, sponsored by the Chairman's Office and Health Department. The conference theme was "Elders Are the Difference."

The main goal of the conference was to recognize the differences American Indian elders make

very interesting subjects like: Alzheimer's Workshop, The American Cancer Society Workshop, and Tai Chi (a Chinese form of gentle movement exercise).

While regular conference participants had lunch on their own, the Seminole Elders enjoyed a well-balanced meal at Red Lobster. Connie Whidden, Health Department Director, offered welcoming remarks and health updates. Rev. Bill Barnett of Seminole Nation, special guest of Vice Chairman Moses Osceola, gave a prayer to bless the meal. Chairman Mitchell Cypress, Vice-Chairman Moses Osceola, Councilman David Cypress, Councilman Roger Smith, Representative Paul Bowers, and Council Liaison Sally Tommie then presented inspirational remarks.

Next, staff members gave health updates. Vicky Aguado (Fitness Instructor) discussed the importance of fitness and Jeanne Hatfield (nutritionist) talked about the importance of personal nutrition consultations. Next, Debbie Hamilton (Big Cypress Health Educator) discussed the Reservation Rally and upcoming events. Edna McDuffie (Community Out-Reach) followed up by encouraging the group to join all of her upcoming walks. Barbara Boling (Brighton Health Educator) discussed important lab values related to Diabetes, and Suzanne Davis offered additional healthy lifestyle suggestions. Chairman Mitchell Cypress gave closing remarks. After lunch, the group headed back to the Hotel for more conference sessions.

In addition, the Seminole participants traveled to the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum and Santa Fe Home Store, which everyone enjoyed.

That evening, the group dressed in Tribal attire to attend the outstanding Elder Awards Ceremony and Dinner. This was a very special evening. For their exceptional contributions to their Tribe, Chairman Mitchell Cypress and Health Director, Connie Whidden, were presented with National Outstanding Senior Achievement Awards.

The evening's special guest speaker was a USN NASA Astronaut, Commander John Bennett Herrington. NASA selected Commander Herrington in April of 1996. He served as a member of the Astronaut Support Personnel team responsible for Shuttle launch preparations and post-landing operations. In November 2002, he was aboard the STS-113 Endeavor as the first Native American in space. Commander Herrington provided the audience with a fascinating recount of his travels in space.



Chairman Mitchell Cypress stands with the first Native American in space, Commander John Bennett Herrington.

Thursday, Sept. 11 - The group met for the last walk in the morning before packing up and getting ready to head back home. The trip was a huge success and many seniors said they look forward to attending the conference next year.

Tampa Community Appreciation Event

By Randi M. Simmons
TAMPA — On Aug. 30, Seminole Tribe community members gathered together out at Jerry Henry's place, often referred to as Crazy J's Ranch, for a fun-filled afternoon of barbeque and horseshoes. The festive occasion, sponsored by Brighton Representative Roger Smith and Board Representative Johnny Jones, was a great way for the community to get together.

Both Roger Smith and Johnny Jones spoke about the progress the Tribe is making and thanked the community for their continued support. Community members applauded, returning the favor.

Speaking of applause, barbeque chef Jerry Henry's grilled ribs and chicken were quite the hit. The food went as fast as Jerry could grill it. And according to one tribal member, "It just tastes sooooo good when he cooks food on the grill."

Special t-shirts in selected colors were given out, each with the phrase "Sho-Na-Bish / Council & Board", complete with a sporty baseball cap and tribal council logo.

Afterwards, it was time to work off the barbeque with a horseshoe throwing contest. In the Mens' group, Jimmy Osceola Jr. captured first place,



Andrea Holata waits her turn as Joanie Henry pitches her horseshoe.

followed by Ronnie Doctor, Bobby Henry, and Phillip Smith.
On the Women's side, first place belonged to reigning champ Joanie Henry, followed by Andrea Holata, Mayra Simmons, and Alana Henry.
The adults weren't the only ones having fun. The children got a chance to cool off on the water-slide play gym. Also on the menu were door prizes and Tampa Liaison Richard Henry calling numbers for some bingo games.
As usual, everyone a great time . . . except for those darn mosquitos!

Brighton Fire Rescue Open House

By Emma Brown
BRIGHTON — On Friday Sept. 19, Brighton's Fire Rescue team celebrated their open

house, serving hot dogs and hamburgers to community members and school kids. They shared demonstrations of their new equipment for everyone.

The children were able to climb aboard the new Fire Engine #7 and get a sense of what a firefighter's job is all about. The team also exhibited their new extrication equipment used to cut away pieces of a vehicle to free a trapped person.

The Fire Rescue team has also worked very hard making their station look like new with a new coat of paint, and some "fire house" touches.

Some may wonder what our firefighters do when they are not responding to an emergency call. We discovered that they are definitely great snake



Fire Engine #7 makes its debut to the Brighton community.

wranglers. They have assisted the community on many occasions with getting rid of the ground rattlers that have been around a great deal lately.
We greatly appreciate our Fire Rescue Team and all that they do. If you happen to see one of them in the community, please let them know that they are appreciated. The Fire Rescue Team, Keith Yates Supervisor, Mike Hopkins-Firefighter/EMT, Levy Pearce-Firefighter/EMT, Donnie Arnold-Firefighter/EMT, and Josh Evleth-Firefighter/EMT, wishes to thank Roger Smith and Johnny Jones for their assistance and support at making their open house a success.

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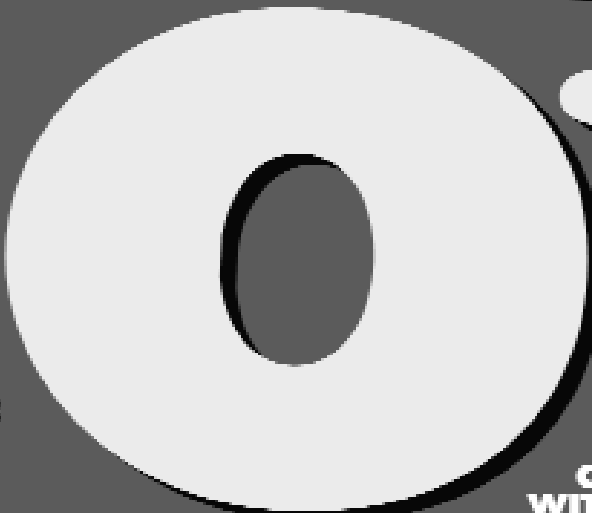
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❖ Motocross

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and is a TRUE motocross track. If the final track is anything like the temporary one that I tested today, it will likely be the top track in the Southeast," said 1995 Pepsi Air Dania Track Champion, Jason Metz after his trial run.

"The temporary motocross track was constructed when we saw that there was a need for something immediately. The only southern track (Air Dania) will be closing. We saw this as a great opportunity to introduce the practice Motocross track to enthusiasts. We are working diligently throughout the 85-acre land that the Seminole Tribe dedicated for this project. I want to leave the environment undisturbed as little as possible. I believe in doing things efficiently and environmentally friendly as possible. The less asphalt the better," said Brian Penick, owner of the Pepsi Air Dania track and now Consultant and Park Manager of the Seminole Big Motocross.

"One of my main concerns on this project is I want people to recognize and respect the Seminole land while they visit the park. A 25 mile per hour

speed limit means 20 to 25. Another concern includes people's safety while they are on the track. Full body gear will be enforced with youth safety courses provided by the park before they ride. I'm also glad to see that the tribe has showed much interest in the park. One hundred helmets custom painted by artist Jessie Vega were given to Seminole Ahfachkee School students who designed the helmets themselves. The kids were very excited to get on the practice track. Overall, I feel the turnout today for the walk through went very well. We had a large crowd of 100 to 150 people that showed up. It wasn't that we had a lot of people that made the turnout good, but we had the right kind of people from the Motocross industry attend the event, which is always good for publicity," said Big Cypress Motocross Park Director Jack Gorton.

The target date for completion of the track is Feb. 2004. The temporary practice track will be open to the public by early Nov. 2003.

For information on park membership, or weekend park fees, contact: **Seminole Tribe Motocross (863) 983-1894 Address Hc61 Box 46 Clewiston, FL 33440.**

Revival at Big Cypress New Testament Baptist Church

BIG CYPRESS — The Big Cypress New Testament Baptist Church will be having a Revival Oct. 15-19. Evangelist Clifford Springwater of Tulsa, Oklahoma will be preaching nightly. Service will be starting at 7:00 each evening.

You are invited to come and hear the Gospel. Pastor John Shomo

Big Cypress New Testament Baptist Church

Schedule:

Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.

Sunday Morning Worship - 11:00 a.m.

Sunday Evening Service - 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday Evening Service - 6:30 p.m.

New Addition to Brighton Cultural Education

By Emma Brown

BRIGHTON — The Brighton Culture and Education Department would like to welcome Shelly Walker to their staff.

Shelly is the new Pull-Out Program Director for the Brighton Reservation.

Shelly has a Bachelor of Science degree in Management of Human Resources at Palm Beach Atlantic College. She has been working in the education/human service field for the past 10 years as an education director for a substance abuse treatment facility and as a director in a training program for individuals with disabilities. She was even a junior/senior high school music teacher!

Shelly comes to us from Loxahatchee, Florida and was first introduced to the Seminole

Tribe many years ago when her family went on many occasions to visit Reverend Crenshaw and his family in Hollywood, Florida.

Shelly also spent several summers at the Brighton Reservation with the Crenshaw family teaching vacation Bible school. Shelly said some of her fondest memories are from the time she spent on the reservation. She also added that she is very impressed with the Brighton Pull-Out program, and is very happy to be given the opportunity to work with the staff and children of the Brighton Reservation.

Feel free to stop by or call the Education Department at (863) 763-3572 and introduce yourself to Shelly. She looks forward to working with the parents and community to ensure the well-being of the Seminole children.

Welcome aboard Shelly.



Shelly Walker

Conversations on Higher Education

By Dora Bell, Higher Education Advisor

HOLLYWOOD — Parents are the most influential people in children's lives. As parents of future higher education students, it is important that you are involved in their activities and in their school progress.

Planning for college is a process where students, schools and colleges work together. The Seminole Tribe of Florida offers the additional help of the Education Department that will assist interested Seminole students to find a good college match.

Even though high school juniors are very close to becoming adults, they still need their parent's support to go successfully through the college admission process. Sometimes high school counselors are overworked and do not give individual attention to each child. That is why it is so important to make sure that students take the necessary steps that will lead them to college at the right time.

It is important that students gain confidence and familiarity with test taking practice. The PSAT, the SAT practice test, is administered by high schools in the month of October to the junior class to practice

for the SAT exam. Be sure your child communicates with his/her counselor about this test and makes arrangements to take it.

High school seniors who aspire to be admitted to a four year college or university must take the SAT or/and the ACT test. Some schools prefer one over the other. It is best to take both. These tests may be taken many times and scores usually improve as the student becomes more comfortable with the test taking process.

The Education Department is planning to attend the NACAC/Broward County National College Fair on Wednesday, Oct. 22, 2003, where more than 200 institutions will be present. We also plan to organize a Campus Tour to the University of Florida (UF) and to Florida State University (FSU) in March. We hope students from all reservations will join us. High school students of all ages are welcome to attend.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (954) 233-9541. My office hours are the DSO Building in Building from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Thank you.

Ruben Burgess Is a Star Student

By Emma Brown

BRIGHTON — Congratulations to Ruben Burgess for receiving the Star Student award during September at Seminole Elementary.

Ruben, a kindergartener at Seminole Elementary, is from the Brighton Reservation and is the son of Charlotte Burgess, and Grandson of Willie and Lorene Gopher.

Congratulations Ruben for your award, and keep up the good work!



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Students who come prepared with 5 written questions for specific colleges will automatically be included in a raffle for a gift certificate. For help with questions, visit the following website: www.campustours.com

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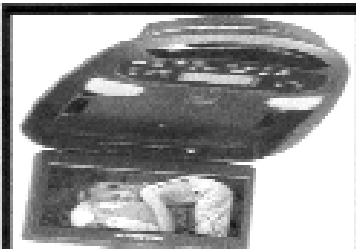



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Position: Career Firefighter/EMT Dept: Emergency Services Position Opens: 7-21-03 Position Closes: 8-4-03 Salary: \$31,500 annually with benefits	COCONUT CREEK Position:Surveillance Specialist Dept: Gaming Position Opens: 10-13-03 Position Closes: 10-27-03 Salary: \$19,760 annually with benefits
Position: Maintenance Worker Dept: Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Position Opens: 8-25-03 Position Closes: 9-8-03 Salary: \$16,640 annually with benefits	FORT PIERCE Position:Sr. Counselor Dept: Family Services, Health Position Opens: 12-9-02 Position still available Salary Negotiable with benefits
Position: Operator Maintenance Trainee Dept: Utilities Position Opens: 7-28-03 Position Closes: 8-11-03 Salary: \$18,720.00 annually with benefits	IMMOKALEE Position:Counselor II Dept: Family Services, Health Position Opens: 6-23-03 Position Closes: 7-7-03 Salary negotiable with benefits
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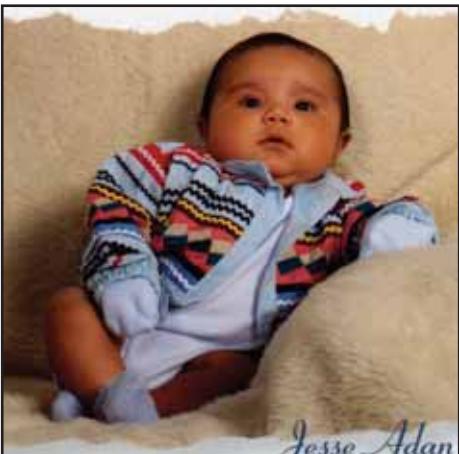
New Kid

New Addition to the Snake Clan
Yes, I finally did it... I finally had a Baby!

Wow, what an experience. **Jesse Adan Sanchez** was due to arrive on July 24, 2003. After a visit and okay from my doctor, I headed to Orlando on Monday, July 7, 2003 for the Youth Conference at the Hard Rock Hotel.

After driving for five hours, going from Estero, to Immokalee, to Hollywood, then finally to Orlando, we arrived at the Hard Rock at about 1 a.m. On Tuesday July 8, 2003, I finally got to bed at 3:00 a.m., but then at 5:20 a.m., I woke to the realization that my water was leaking!

I called my Husband, Tony, who was due in Orlando that Tuesday afternoon, and told him what was happening.



approximately 10 hours of painful labor, it was finally time to "push."

All I can say is, "OH MY GOD, What an Adventure!" At 3:01 a.m. on Wednesday, July 9, 2003, Jesse Adan Sanchez finally came into the world weighing 7 Pounds, 9 Ounces. Unfortunately, he developed Pneumonia after swallowing Amniotic Fluid and had to spend the first 10 days of his life in the Infant ICU for Intravenous Antibiotic Treatments. I was a wreck and feeling very helpless, but look at him now!

Thank GOD for the doctors and nurses at Arnold Palmer especially Dr. Amosu, Jesse's Pediatrician. We would also like to thank Max Osceola, Pat Diamond, Aida Rives (in Travel), Elaine Aguilar, Sheila Aguilar, and O.B. Osceola for taking care of things and making it easier for us to focus on our little Angel. I want to thank my sister, Marcella for being there for me and helping out with the girls, even though she did get into trouble for missing some of the conference. We love you Cella and we are going to miss you, you will forever in our hearts.

Just one last thought ... life may throw us some curve balls, but with the love and support of friends and family, we can make it through anything!

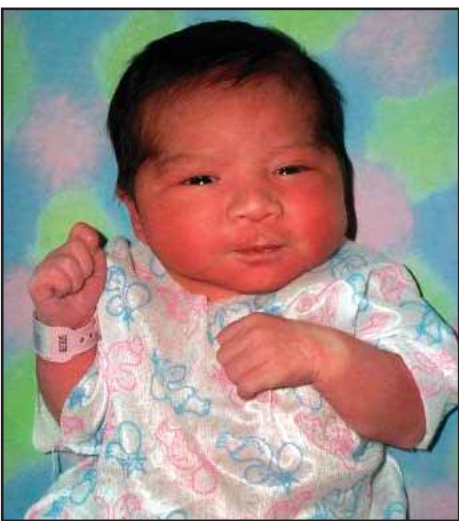
Finally a Mom
Paula Bowers-Sanchez



He jumped in his car and headed to Orlando! An ambulance transported me to Arnold Palmer Hospital for Women and Children. Thankfully, my sister was attending the conference and was able accompany me to the hospital. At about 12:30 p.m., the doctors gave me medication to help my labor "progress." After



Faith Little Bear Johns
Newborn: 2-13-03
Weight: 10 pounds 21 inches.
Parents: Marion and William Johns of the Hollywood Reservation



Caniah Rainee Billie
Born on Sept. 29, 2003, weighing 7 pounds, 2 ounces.
We love you so much you have brought us so much joy!
Love **Pete and Vanessa Aguilar**

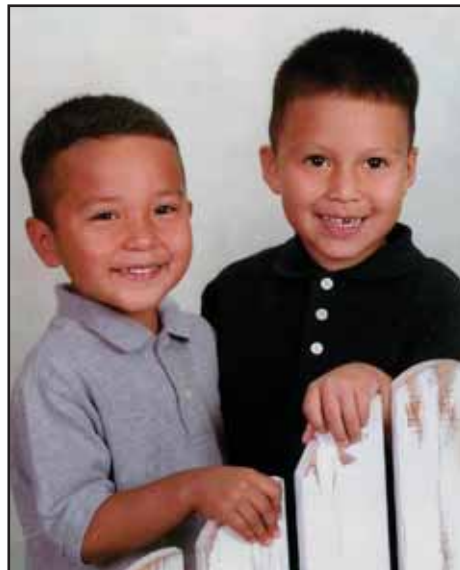


Happy 7th Birthday to Daija Rayann Baxley!
We love hearing your crazy laugh! Stay sweet.
Love **Mom, Dad, Chooqe, Teja, Fat Boy, Weezel,** and ALL your friends at Preschool!

Happy B-Day to Maria Moncada. Have a great one! From everyone at Preschool, **Janine** and family, and **Katie** and family!



Happy Birthday to Rickyjoe Alumbaugh (pictured with mother), who will be 8 years old on Sept. 20. We love you and wish you many more happy days.
Mom (Beverly) and Dad (Rick).



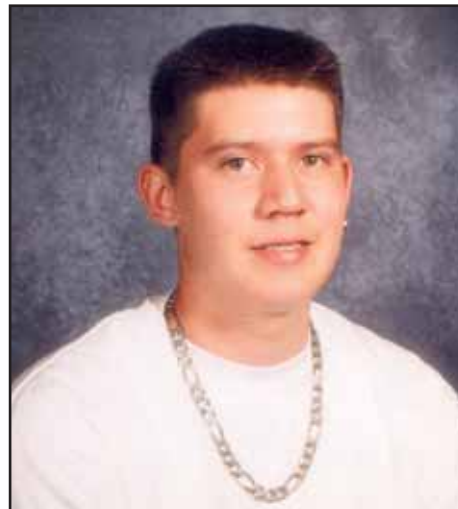
I want to wish a **Big Happy Birthday** to my two sons: **Michael**, who turns six on Oct. 12, and **Erik**, who will be five on Oct. 7. You are the two shining stars in my life.
I love you both and I wish you both a Happy Birthday!
Love always, **Mom**



Belated Birthday wishes to **Darwin Cypress** (center standing), who turned 10 years old on Aug. 21 and **Aileen Cypress** (right), who turned 8 years old on Aug. 23. I love you both, **Aunt Beverly.**

Happy Birthday to Mom and Grandma (Betty Osceola).
We just wanted to say happy birthday and that we love you. You mean the world to us.
Love **Heather, Ida,** and **Chassidy**

Six,
Baby boy, I wanted to let you know how much I love you and that I'm glad you're in my life. I want to thank you for being you and helping me grow to be a better woman.
Love always,
Heather Osceola

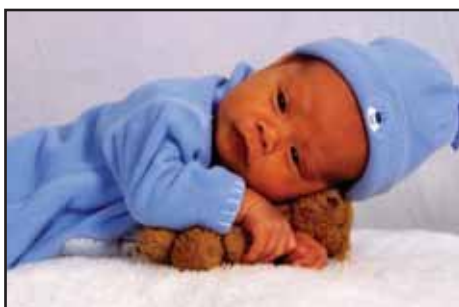


Happy "Sweet 16th" Birthday to Wesley Bishop!
You have made it a long way by striving to become successful! I am very very proud of you and I want you to keep it up.
We all wish you many more birthdays to come. We all love you very much! **Sharon, Karen, Lydia, Mom, Dad, Grandparents** and **Great Grandparents.** (Deer Clan)



We would like to wish our daughter **Melinda** a **Happy 2nd Birthday** on Oct. 23.
Love you always,
Mommy and Daddy

We would like to wish our little sister **Melinda** a **Big Happy 2nd Birthday.**
With love from your little brothers,
Anthony, Isiah, and **Kenyen**



We (**Jo-Lin Dawn Osceola** and **John Morales, Jr.**) would like to like to introduce **Tiger John Osceola Morales** to Seminole Country. Tiger was born September 12 at 2:07 a.m. weighed 7.1 pounds and was 20 inches long.



Poems

Behind a Giant Wall

*Behind a Giant Wall, there is a door.
But I didn't get the key.
The man who has it said "25 years."
I heard that gavel land.
I saw my city get smaller.
And then I went through into that Giant Wall.
I lost track of everything I knew.
Would they still remember me?
Up at 6:00 a.m., lunch at 12, dinner at 5:30 p.m.
Work detail, talk about the same sh--, different day.
I just wish that I wasn't there that day.
To be behind a Giant Wall.*

This is dedicated to those who are there, and those who've been.
— Cagey '97-03

Control

*One by one I took my pills eagerly.
Swallowing death and sorrow happily.
Uppers and downers, I knew the name.
Percs and bars, I knew all their names.
I didn't do coke, I didn't do weed, thought I was better.
I only took pills, nothing was the matter.*

*In and out of hospital wards
my family saying I'd gone overboard.
Who were they? They didn't know anything.
Cause I was in control of everything.
Said, I needed pills to stay healthy.
While making doctors and pharmacists wealthy.
It sounds crazy, but they loved me.
Why not? I paid the lease on their Mercedes.
Needed more than I could get.
Cost more than I'd already spent.*

*My mom crying, "Her little girl is all she needs!"
But I've got a pill addiction to feed.
My family begging me to stay,
My addiction pulling me farther away.
Now my family sees me laying there still.
Put there by my love for pills.
Their crying cause I lost my fight,
Unable to tell them that they were*

*right.
All that's left is my story to share.
So heed my warning, addictions don't play fair.*
— A.J. Williams

Mail Call

*Darkness and loneliness fill my cell
With pain and fear to great to yell.
I wait for the mailman to deliver to me
As I wipe away my tears that no one will see.
I pray so sincere with head raised above,
"Please God, soon send a letter of love."
I long to gaze upon pages so dear
With riches to bring my loves ones near.
Word of diamonds on pages of gold
A message from heaven as their story is told
"We love you, miss you, pray you'll be free."
A treasure – filled envelope just for me.
Please bring memories of joy I once knew
Family, friends and things I would do.
The darkness and pain of my cell will prevail
As my name, again, was not called at mail!*

By Quannah Bowera

Someone Write!

*Quannah Bowers 967757
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In Memory



The Lord giveth . . . and the Lord taketh away
Those words rang true the morning of September 22nd, when I received the call that changed my life and the lives of my family forever. My sister... my friend... Jesse's Aunt Cella was gone.

I think of all the good times we shared, and that's what helps me through the rough spots. I am so thankful for the time she got to spend with my son. She helped bring him into this world, staying at the hospital for 23 hours and never once complained. She continued to help me with him when we came home, always available when I needed a sitter and those of you who knew her, knew that she was always willing to give a helping hand. That was Marcella, always ready and willing to help.

Even though her life was cut tragically short, she lived a fulfilled life with her boys (Quannah, Jeremy, and Brett), her grandchildren (Chesna, Quannah II and Luxie Simone), and finally

her nephew (Jesse). She was so happy and proud that I had finally decided to have a baby, and she fell in love with him the first moment she saw him. I think he was sent to bring our family closer and make the bond between her and I stronger. We miss you, Marcella, but we know you are in a safe place and you'll be watching over us for the rest of our days. I didn't say "Good-Bye", but rather "See you later, sis."

It's hard to let go and realize that you will never get another chance to see or talk to a loved one when they are taken so suddenly. Cherish each day you have and don't let little things get in the way of telling your loved ones just how much they mean to you and how much you love them.

And a special thanks from the family to everyone that helped us in our time of need.

Mother

*Within these walls, this prison
my mind and thoughts run free.
I think of Mom and days go by.
And of what she meant to me.
We were so much alike, the same
in more ways than one.
No one could change that.
We were mother and son...
I miss you Mom, I hope that you know
through the years my love for you
will continue to grow.
You will always be thought of
as the years go by.
I shed these tears for you,
as I sit here and cry.
Nowhere in the world
could you ever find a love like no other.
That is the love that comes from your Mother.
Mom, I love and miss you so much already!*

Love, your Son,
Quannah Bowers

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Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino on Schedule for Spring 2004

By Michael Kelly

HOLLYWOOD — Along State Road 7, passersby can't help but notice the towering hotel being constructed. Massive trucks kick up dust as they make their way to the unfinished hotel.

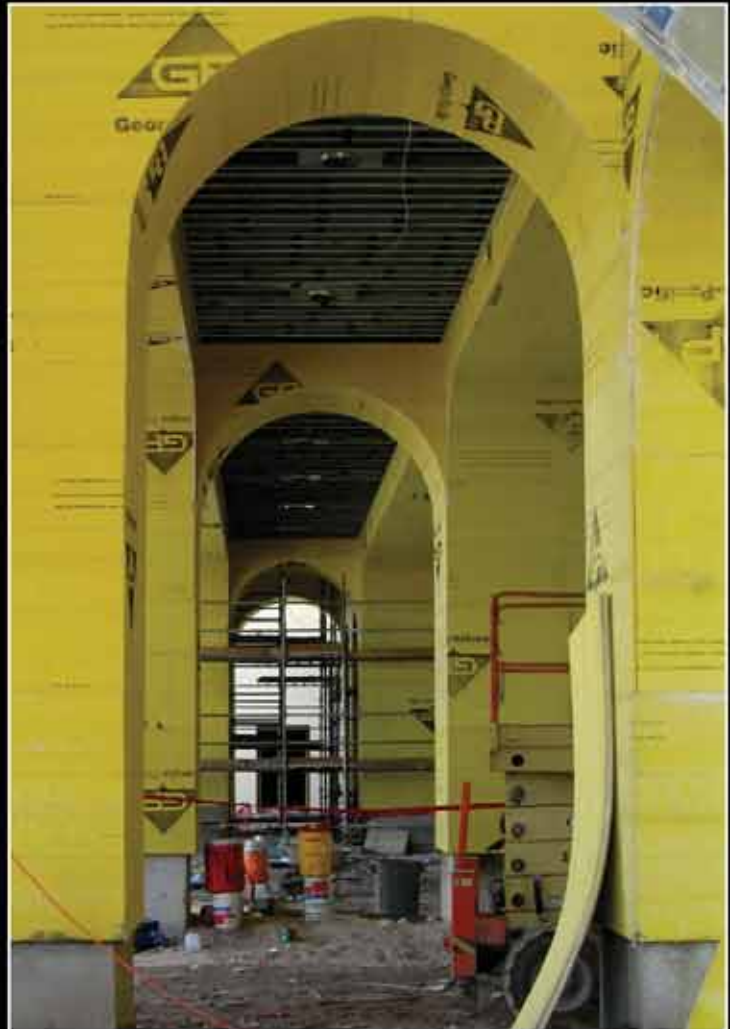
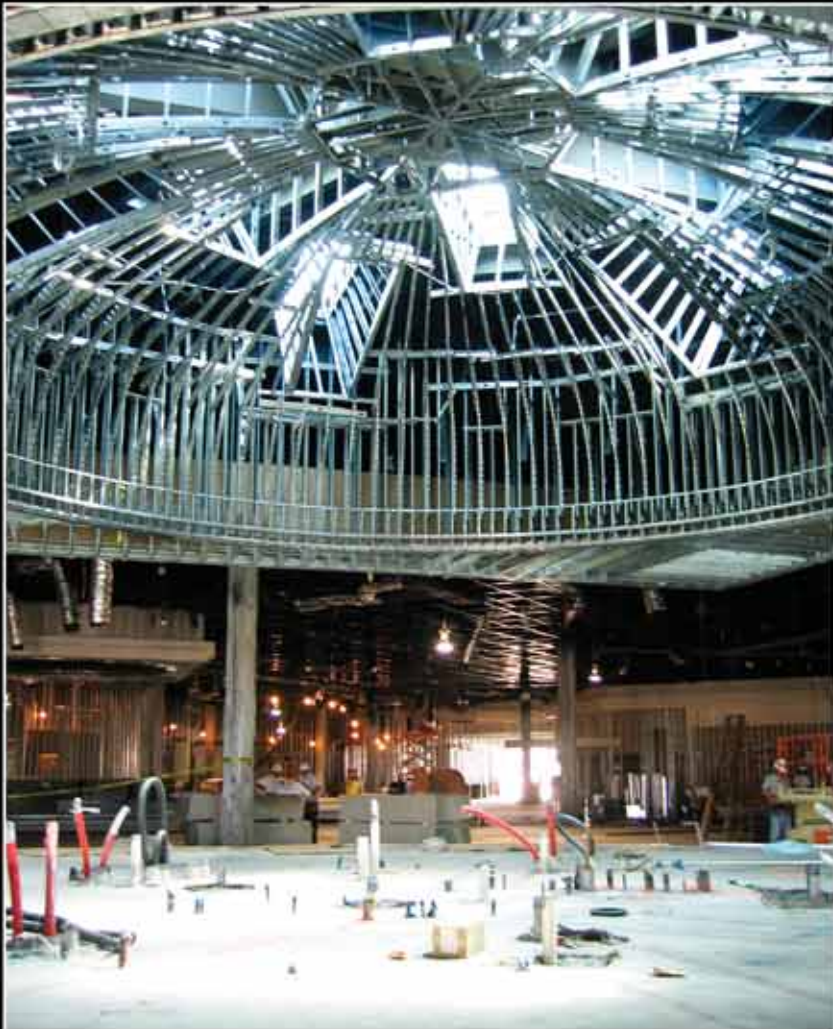
It wasn't that long ago bulldozers were merely leveling the acreage needed to start building. But now, the completion date for the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino moves closer each day as substantial progress continues.

Standing atop the 12th floor, you start to see how impressive the Hotel/Casino complex will be.

Construction workers are busy putting up sheet rock, metal framing, and wiring. Peering through dust tinted windows, you can see the Tribal office, partially hidden by trees. The enormous lake created on the corner of State Road 7 and Stirling Road can hold the Lock Ness Monster.

When completed, the 15-story hotel will offer guests 500 rooms, including 64 suites, a 115,000 sq. ft casino, a lagoon-style pool and spa, restaurants, lounges, over 40,000 sq. ft. of meeting space, retail shopping, and more.

Maybe I should start making reservations now.



Photos by Stephen Galla



Indian Day 2003

Indian Day Celebrated in Tampa

Yat-ke-to-she En-nok-ta-ke
By Randi M. Simmons

TAMPA — On Sept. 27, the Seminole community celebrated National Indian Day at Jerry Henry's Place in Riverview, FL. Many exciting events filled the day, beginning with the log-skinning contest for the men and the horseshoe competition for the women.

The arts and crafts were set up for display under one of the big tents. Culture Department employee Joanie Henry worked tirelessly to coordinate the event, assisting others with the wonderful variety of patchwork, beads, sweet grass baskets, Seminole dolls, drawings, woodcarving, chickee models and more.

All the participants received t-shirts and a certificate for entering. The winners received specially designed ribbons of the Seminole Tribe colors. In addition, a Seminole clothing contest would take place later in the day for all.

The dinner feast, prepared by the community members, consisted of many traditional recipes. Some observed a demonstration as John Wayne Huff and his wife Vicki as they fixed up a big batch of swamp cabbage.

Linda O. Henry made some delicious chicken and dumplings. While Annie Henry and Susie Doctor made fry bread and pumpkin bread, Nancy Frank cooked up some tasty beef noodles. There were many delicious choices of food.

Many of the Indian Day Events had some memorable moments. In the Women's Skillet Toss, people had to run for cover as two of the handles ended up breaking off pans. Jackie Smith took first place with a skillet toss of 43 feet, 8 inches. Education Advisor Lynn Himebauch surprised everyone, taking first place in the seniors skillet toss. Kaylin Henry took first in the girl's skill-

let toss division. It turned out to be a great day as the rain stopped by mid afternoon. Women entering the log-skinning contest competed against each other, hoping to debark half a log as fast as they could. Jackie Smith had an amazing score in the event, finishing in less than two minutes, 1.49 minutes to be exact!

The men competed at log skinning, spear and tomahawk throwing, and archery with targets. There was a whole variety of skilled events for people of all ages. Some women decided to try the spear throwing for distance. Regina Ranamneh (Tribal guest) threw a stunning spear throw that everyone will remember for many Indian Days to come.

The smaller children were happy to play in the water slide gym or jump around in the bounce house. Some of the boys decided to play football with Randy Santiago (Hard Rock Gaming) or do some archery with Christopher Jimmie. Many of the younger girls were content to making daisy bracelets and other beaded necklaces.

Meanwhile, Scott Sgt. Dan Harris (S.P.D.), Scott Love (Goodyear Tire and Auto), Lynn Himebauch (Education, Big Cypress) had the fun yet difficult task of selecting winners in the arts and crafts contest. The winners posed for pictures, along with their work.

Richard Henry (Tampa Liaison) and his crew selected the door prizes. There were all kinds of neat gifts ranging from kids toys to handy items for the home or to wear. The finale was the clothing contest and awards.

It was a great time of being together. In fact, everyone wished for more than just one Indian Day a year.



Colleen O. Henry
Roger Smith models Nancy Frank's medicine shirt.



Colleen O. Henry
Barbara H. Cypress pitches horseshoes.



Colleen O. Henry
Amanda Sisneroz skillet toss.



Colleen O. Henry
Kaylin Henry with Colleen O. Henry's prize-winning Seminole doll.



Colleen O. Henry
Angel Dillon: being cute is serious business.



Colleen O. Henry
Alana Henry shows off her first sewn dress.



Colleen O. Henry
Carmelina Machevelli log peeling contest.



Colleen O. Henry
Dylan Henry and Danelle Thomas show off their beading skills.



Joanie Henry
Clothing Contest (L-R): Trystyn Storm, Kesiah Osceola, Carris Colon, Christina Clark, Danelle Thomas, and Ryanna Thomas.



Colleen O. Henry
Archery Competition: Richard Henry looks on as Jimmy Osceola takes aim.



Colleen O. Henry
Bobby Henry demonstrates wood carving.



Joanie Henry
Just Chillin' Out: Ryanna, Ruby, and Danelle Thomas.



Colleen O. Henry
Jamie Walking Stick and Kanika Walking Stick brave the rain.



Colleen O. Henry
Boys Spear Competition: Ricky Dillon, III.

Indian Day 2003



Michael Kelly
Careful with the hat, son. I made it!
Tammy Osceola with son Sheldon.



Michael Kelly
Vivian Delgado winds up.. and hits the target.



Michael Kelly
Having fun in the rain.



Michael Kelly
Huston Osceola just loves rabbits.



Michael Kelly
Sisters Taylor and Jessica Osceola preparing frybread.

Hollywood Reservation Celebrates Indian Day

By Michael Kelly

HOLLYWOOD — Rain turned to sunshine as the Hollywood Reservation celebrated Indian Day in grand fashion, complete with a thunderous fireworks display.

Held on Sept. 26, hundreds of tribal members participated in a wide variety of events. Inside the gym, an arts and crafts show displayed Seminole art, such as: beading, dolls, wood carving, patchwork, dresses, skirts, and more. Artists of all ages enjoyed showing off their creative drawings and paintings.

Jessica Osceola made a pencil drawing of one of her favorite subjects, a Seminole doll. Other proud artists included Allison Billie and her color-pencil drawing and Trevor Osceola, who created his very own Seminole vest. His mother, Melissa Osceola got in the act too, carving a knife out of cypress.

For the younger children, a bounce house, inflatable slide, and merry-go-round were set up on the outdoor basketball court. The fearless children cascaded down the slide, sometimes tumbling down, as parents watched anxiously. Of course, the children simply got up, laughed, and looked forward to doing it again.

Outside, the light drizzle of rain couldn't dampen the enthusiasm of the stickball and ball throwing contests. Different age groups took aim at a peeled target on a standing cypress tree. The men took aim at the small target using the traditional stickball sticks while the women threw a leather-wrapped ball.

Vincent Micco displayed his stickball marksmanship as he was the first person to hit the target square on. Ronnie Doctor followed by connecting, as did Hollywood Representative Max Osceola Jr.

Max added a twist to the contest by flipping the ball backwards... and hitting it too! Soon other tribal members made attempts at the backwards throw, but to no avail. Max may need to give lessons!

On the ladies side, Mabel Osceola, Maydell Osceola, Rosetta Jumper, and a host of others displayed their throwing skills and accuracy at hitting the target. Marlene Smith was the first woman to hit the thin cypress tree. If the Florida Marlins need more pitching, they'll know where to look for talent.

After lunch, the charcoal gray skies were replaced by bright sunshine. Dozens of people gathered around a chickee, located by the baseball field, and watched Betty Osceola, Cornelia Osceola, Annie Jumper, and Iretta Tiger create both fry bread and pumpkin bread. Lighting the fire under the chickee proved to be not only a chore, but potentially dangerous, as flames almost reached the top. The cold bottles of water were a welcomed relief from the sweltering temperatures in the



Michael Kelly
Things get hot under the chickee.



Michael Kelly
Even the ladies find it appealing!



Michael Kelly
Betty Osceola with her collection of beaded necklaces.



Michael Kelly
Ready.. Aim.. Bullseye!



Michael Kelly
Max Osceola, Jr., stickball star.



Michael Kelly
Annie Jumper displays her pride.



Michael Kelly
Kesera Cypress is trasformed into a smiling tiger.



Michael Kelly
Trevor Osceola created his own patchwork vest.



Michael Kelly
Tribal Seniors display traditional Seminole dresses and skirts.



Michael Kelly
Cornelia Osceola and Betty Osceola are frybread professionals.



Turtles.. Start your engines!

Emma Brown

❖ Brighton

Continued from page 1

Over 40 walkers and runners turned out to the Indian Day 5K Walk & Run. Once the fish were all weighed in, lunch was served and door prize tickets were given to any tribal member wearing traditional clothing.

After lunch, the activities resumed with the men and women's log peeling contest and the kids fishing tournament. Under the tent, the Senior Citizens played bingo, while out in the open field, the men's archery contest was underway.

In the late afternoon, activities such as coed horseshoes, turtle races, pumpkin and fry bread contests, and regular bingo took place. In the evening, a great supper completed the festivities. The hard work and dedication by community leaders and members made this year's Indian Day perfect.



Emma Brown

The Baker children are full of smiles on Indian Day.



Emma Brown

Alex Johns peels away at the cypress.



Emma Brown

Sammy Gopher presides over the turtle races.



Emma Brown

Kevin Tommie is all business in the Log Peeling contest.



Emma Brown

Paulette Smith and Sandy Osceola ready their turtles.



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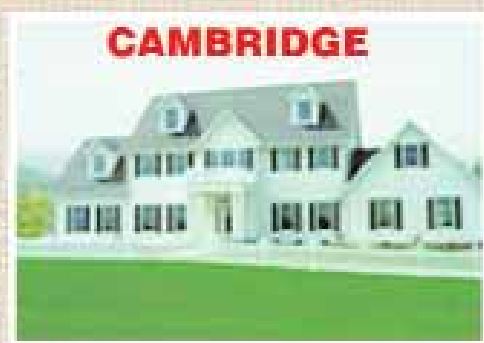
The crowd anxiously awaits for the outcome.

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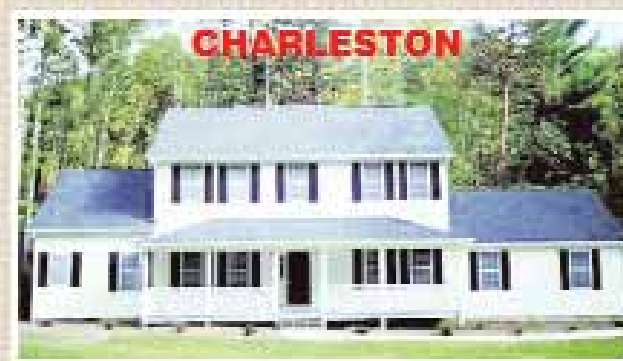
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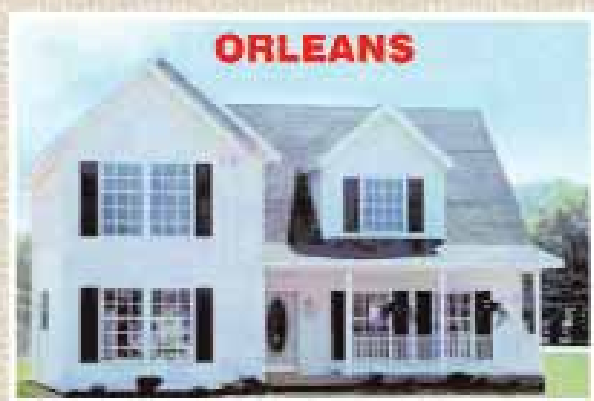
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Big Day in Big Cypress for Incentive Award Winners

By Holly Billie
BIG CYPRESS — It was a proud day for parents and community members of the Big Cypress Reservation as several students were recognized for their academic and community achievements. The awards ceremony/dinner was held Aug. 14, 2003 at Big Cypress Recreation Center. Leroy "Keno" King, who emceed the event, introduced the students to much applause.
Big Cypress Board Representative Paul Bowers Sr. and Big Cypress Council Representative David Cypress were on hand to congratulate the students and thanked them for the great

work they do for the community. Among the students highlighted were: Timmy Cypress Billie, Walter (Junior) Tommie, Jr., and Bertha Ballentine. Each received awards for Social Skills Development, Community Involvement, and Academic Improvement.
Both Walter and Timmy were singled out for their compassion and service to the community by delivering meals to elders and to those homebound in the community of Avon Park through the "Meals on Wheels" program. They participated in the work program at ARC (Association of Retarded Citizens),

worked on lawn maintenance sprinklers, and assisted in making T-shirts for the Brighton Youth Conference.
Bertha created arts and crafts to sell at community functions and Clewiston to help raise money for the Sunrison Community outings. She also visited elders and hospitals with the staff and participates in local church programs.
All three also are contributing members of their communities and represent the Seminole Tribe in a positive way. We should be very proud of their personal accomplishments as well as their contributions to the Seminole Tribe.



L-R: Jr. Miss Stephanie Hall, Bertha Ballentine, Board Rep. Paul Bowers Sr., Junior Tommie, Timmy Cypress Billie, Councilman David Cypress, Miss Stephanie Cherelee Hall

- Academic Effort**
Bionca Acosta 3rd Grade Ahfachkee School
Anthony Balentine 3rd Grade Ahfachkee School
Jessalyn Balentine Freshman Brenau Academy - Gainesville, GA
L.T. Balentine 10th Grade Hidden Lake Academy
Lariah Balentine 2nd Grade Ahfachkee School
Tana Bear-Osceola 3rd Grade Ahfachkee School
Isaac Bettelyoun 3rd Grade Ahfachkee School
Megan Bettelyoun 3rd Grade Ahfachkee School
Myra Bettelyoun 4th Grade Ahfachkee School
Affred Billie 4th Grade Ahfachkee School
April Billie 8th Grade Ahfachkee School
Natalie Billie 6th Grade Clewiston Middle School
Nelson Billie 3rd Grade Ahfachkee School
Tiffany Billie 7th Grade Ahfachkee School
Alex Cypress 7th Grade Calvary Christian School - Rapid City, South Dakota & Ahfachkee School
Anthony Cypress 1st Grade Ahfachkee School

- Caitlin Cypress** Kindergarten Ahfachkee School
Darlah Cypress Kindergarten Eastside Elementary School
Tatiana Herrera Kindergarten Ahfachkee School
Nathaniel Jim Kindergarten Ahfachkee School
Michelle Jimmie Kindergarten Ahfachkee School
Anthony Joe Kindergarten Ahfachkee School
Dorian Jumper Kindergarten Ahfachkee School
Candelario Landin Kindergarten Ahfachkee School
John McInturff Kindergarten Ahfachkee School
Kaitlin Melton Kindergarten Eastside Elementary School
Jason Osceola Kindergarten Ahfachkee School

- Pre-Kindergarten Awards**
Christopher Alexander Ahfachkee School
Akira Billie American Heritage School
Tyrus B. lilies Ahfachkee School
Sierra Bowers Ahfachkee School
Michaela Cypress Ahfachkee School
Tai Cypress American Heritage - Boca/Delray
Bly Davidson Ahfachkee School
Callie Joe Ahfachkee School
Eden Jumper Ahfachkee School
Natomah Robbins Ahfachkee School
Ignacia Rodriguez Ahfachkee School
Nicholas Zepeda Grace Lutheran Pre-School

- All A's & B's**
LeAnna Billie Freshman First Indian Baptist School - Brighton
Dawna Cypress 7th Grade Ahfachkee School
Tyler Cypress 2nd Grade Ahfachkee School
Herschel Frank 6th Grade Ahfachkee School
Christopher Joe 2nd Grade Ahfachkee School
K'ahna Jumper 4th Grade Ahfachkee School
Katinna Jumper 1st Grade Ahfachkee School
Jason Melton 4th Grade Eastside Elementary School
Ragan Osceola 3rd Grade Grand View School - Talleguah, Oklahoma
Sarah Osceola 1st Grade Ahfachkee School
Travis Pacheco 1st Grade Pitts Middle School, Pueblo, CO
Savannah Tiger 1st Grade Ahfachkee School
Catlen Tommie 4th Grade Ahfachkee School
Trisha Walker 7th Grade Ahfachkee School

- Absent 3 Days or Less**
Rashaun Jim 1st Grade Ahfachkee School
Kaitlin Osceola Kindergarten Ahfachkee School
Klaressa Osceola 8th Grade Clewiston Middle School
Symphony Osceola 1st Grade Ahfachkee School
Megan Otero Senior Brenau Academy - Gainesville, GA
Savannah Tiger 1st Grade Ahfachkee School
Tequesta Tiger 2nd Grade Ahfachkee School
Demetria Tigertail 7th Grade American Heritage School
Kellie Tigertail 9th Grade Brenau Academy - Gainesville, GA

- Perfect Attendance**
Christopher Joe 2nd Grade Ahfachkee School
Anthony Joe Kindergarten Ahfachkee School
Bradley Osceola 2nd Grade Ahfachkee School
Owachipe Osceola Junior Ahfachkee School & Pinellas County Schools

- Improved GPA**
Jessalyn Balentine 9th Grade Brenau Academy - Gainesville, GA
Tiffany Billie 7th Grade Ahfachkee School
DeForest Carter 4th Grade Eastside Elementary School
Robert "Junior" Cypress 7th Grade Ahfachkee School
Ryan Osceola 7th Grade Clewiston Middle School
Kellie Tigertail 9th Grade Brenau Academy - Gainesville, GA

- Advanced/Honors Classes**
Ayze Henry Freshman took this course at Edison Community College while enrolled at Ahfachkee School: American Cinema
Megan Otero Senior took these courses at Brenau University while enrolled in Brenau Academy's High School: 1. First-Aid 2. College Algebra 3. Pre-Calculus

- A Average**
Dawna Cypress 7th Grade Ahfachkee School
Megan Otero Senior Ahfachkee School
Catlen Tommie 4th Grade Ahfachkee School

- B Average**
Kane Bettelyoun 3rd Grade Ahfachkee School

- Akol Billie** 3rd Grade American Heritage School
Danee Billie 4th Grade Ahfachkee School
Issiah Billie Senior Clewiston High School & Ahfachkee School
Jackson Billie 9th Grade Pinellas County Schools
Jon Ross Billie 5th Grade Ahfachkee School
Justina Jo Billie 4th Grade Mel Blount School - Vidalia, Georgia



Megan Otero

- LeAnna Billie** 9th Grade First Indian Baptist School - Brighton
Shawna Billie 3rd Grade Ahfachkee School
Aiden Bowers 1st Grade Ahfachkee School
Alanis "Emilee" Bowers 2nd Grade Ahfachkee School
Meredith Bullard Sophomore Ahfachkee School
DeForest Carter 4th Grade Eastside Elementary School
Jalen Cypress 3rd Grade Ahfachkee School
Tyler Cypress 2nd Grade Ahfachkee School
Herschel Frank 6th Grade Ahfachkee School

- Jonathan Harjo** Sophomore Ahfachkee School
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Katina Jumper 1st Grade Ahfachkee School
Kelcie Jumper 5th Grade Ahfachkee School
Andre Landin 4th Grade Eastside Elementary School & Ahfachkee School
Dare'Rick McInturff 1st Grade Ahfachkee School
Jason Melton 4th Grade Eastside Elementary School
Klaressa Osceola 8th Grade Clewiston Middle School
Mario Osceola 4th Grade Ahfachkee School
Ragan Osceola 3rd Grade Grand View School - Talleguah, Oklahoma
Ryan Osceola 7th Grade Clewiston Middle School
Sarah Osceola 1st Grade Ahfachkee School
Symphony Osceola 1st Grade Ahfachkee School
Thalia Pacheco 4th Grade Sunset Park Elementary School - Pueblo, CO
Travis Pacheco 7th Grade Pitts Middle School - Pueblo, CO
Cooper Rivers 3rd Grade Ahfachkee School
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Tucomah Robbins 3rd Grade Ahfachkee School
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Tyler Tigertail 3rd Grade Grand View School - Talleguah, Oklahoma
Catlen Tommie 4th Grade Ahfachkee School
Danni Jae Tommie 3rd Grade Ahfachkee School
Trisha Walker 7th Grade Ahfachkee School

- Special Awards and Accomplishment**
Ryan Osceola 7th Grade - Clewiston Middle School Web Wonders Science Program
Megan Otero Senior - Brenau Academy Varsity Letter - Volleyball Salutatorian Senior Class President Governor's Award
Kellie Tigertail Freshman - Brenau Academy Community Award

- Graduation Award**
Issiah Billie Ahfachkee School
Robb Cypress Bachman Academy
Megan Otero Brenau Academy



Symphony Osceola

- Billy Cypress** 6th Grade Clewiston Middle School
Dillon Cypress 3rd Grade Ahfachkee School
Ian Cypress 4th Grade Ahfachkee School
Kira Cypress 4th Grade Eastside Elementary School
Michael Cypress 4th Grade Eastside Elementary - Clewiston, FL
Reggie Cypress 4th Grade Ahfachkee School
Robb Cypress Senior Bachman Academy - McDonald, Tennessee
Robert (Junior) Cypress 7th Grade Ahfachkee School
Robert Cypress B. 7th Grade Clewiston Middle School
Ryan Cypress 4th Grade Ahfachkee School
Terinna Cypress 5th Grade Eastside Elementary School - Clewiston, FL
Ashley Escobar 4th Grade Ahfachkee School
Ildy Garcia Junior The Gow School, South Wales, NY
Stephanie Hall 7th Grade Ahfachkee School
Rashaun Jim 1st Grade Ahfachkee School
Keith Jumper 4th Grade Ahfachkee School
William "Korliss" Jumper 2nd Grade Ahfachkee School
Maranda Osceola 6th Grade Ahfachkee School
Bradley Osceola 2nd Grade Ahfachkee School
Owachige Osceola 11th Grade Pinellas County Schools
Kaylynn Pewo 8th Grade Admiral Farragut Academy - St. Petersburg, FL & Osceola Middle School, Okeechobee, FL
Ann Tiger 7th Grade Ahfachkee School
Lorelei Tommie 2nd Grade Summit Montessori School - Broward County
Regan Whitecloud 2nd Grade Calvary Christian School - Rapid City, South Dakota & Ahfachkee School

- All A's & B's**
Christian Alexander Kindergarten Ahfachkee School
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Chief Billie Kindergarten Ahfachkee School
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