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Vanessa Billie was just one of many Immokalee award recipients.

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Students Receive Athletic and Incentive Awards

By Andrea Holata

TAMPA — On August 3, the Tampa community came together to recognize the Seminole students who excelled in academics and sports during the past school year. The students were treated to dinner, a motivational speaker, and of course, awards.

The night began with dinner provided by the Hard Rock staff. Everyone enjoyed the delicious food which included chicken, roast-beef, corn, rice, and several choices of dessert. After everyone ate, Danny Santiago introduced the motivational speaker, Howard Rainer.

Rainer spoke on the importance of literacy and how reading will help you to succeed. Although he didn't speak long, Rainer had some good advice for the students.

"Believe, read, and you will succeed," he said.

Thanks to Mr. Rainer for the encouraging words.

Next Mr. Santiago introduced Cindy Hughes, who is the director of education assistant. Hughes spoke about how she was excited about the Seminole students' achievements, and how they seem to be getting smarter and smarter every year.

Afterwards, it was time to recognize the students for all of their hard work. The sports awards were given first. All the athletes received awards for participating. Sierra Simmons, who is the daughter of Keith and Myra Simmons took home the most trophies from basketball, softball and many others. Congratulations athletes for all your hard work.

Finally, it was time for academics. The students were excited and very eager to be recognized. The students received awards for all A's, all B's, most improved, awards and certificate and for missing three days or less.

Many thanks go out to the education department for providing the students with backpacks and gift cards to help the students start their school year off right.

The academics awards were given to the following:

A Average: Brenna Walton, second grade, Andrew Henry, third grade, Dakota Henry, fourth grade, Ashley Santiago, eighth grade.

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Volunteers Lend a Hand to Ft. Pierce



Wanda Bowers

Moments before Hurricane Frances hit, (L-R) Allison Osceola, Tribal Treasurer Mike D. Tiger, Leoma Poore and Leona Tommie Williams, arrange relief efforts for the Ft. Pierce reservation.

By Michael Kelly

HOLLYWOOD — On Labor Day, Sept. 6, a convoy of tribal citizens from Hollywood made their way to assist the Ft. Pierce reservation following the destructive path of Hurricane Frances.

Some tribal citizens there suffered days without electricity, water damage, and uprooted trees just to name a few. Almost a dozen carloads of food, water, coolers of ice, and lots of baby supplies, helped to get the community, which suffered the most extensive damage of all the reservations this hurricane season.

Among the many volunteers included: Wanda Bowers, Sally Tommie, Leona Tommie-Williams, Leoma Poore, Jo North, Diane Buster, Mike and Judy Tiger, Gloria Wilson, Thommy Doud, Vivian Delgado, Alison Osceola, Ernie Tiger, Leah Osceola, Barbara Butera, Eugena Osceola, and Angie Margotta.

"Some people there in Ft. Pierce were without power for almost a week," said Leoma Poore. "A lot of the damage was done by falling trees."

The Seminole Tribe's housing department assisted as well, sending supplies to the Brighton community and to Ft. Pierce. As always, the Seminole Police Department provided support by taking car loads of food and other needed items to the community. Overall, it was a terrific display of teamwork and compassion.

The building and grounds department donated 30 cases of water, canned goods, snacks, bread, and lunch meats. They even added another \$400 worth of groceries on top of that.

This destructive hurricane season has taken its toll on many people here in the state of Florida. The Hollywood, Tampa, and Immokalee reservations have remained unscathed so far, and Brighton has been fortunate as well.

Unfortunately, there's still a chance Florida could be hit by yet another hurricane. August and September are peak months of the hurricane season, which lasts from June 1–November 30.

Ft. Pierce wasn't so fortunate, but it's good to know that their fellow tribal citizens were and will be there in their time of need.



Felix DoBosz

FAU's Jarrod Smith #72 (right) started his first collegiate game against University of Hawaii.

Jarrod Smith Shines in First Game for FAU Football Owls

By Felix DoBosz

HONOLULU, HAWAII — Jarrod Smith, Seminole Brighton community member and grandson of the late Fred Smith, played his heart out for the Florida Atlantic University's (FAU) Owls during the season opener at Aloha Stadium, in Honolulu, Hawaii.

The FAU team played a powerful game and rallied in overtime to beat the Warriors football team of the University of Hawaii 35-28 Saturday night, September 4. This exciting game was played at 6:05 p.m. local Honolulu time, which means that the game was on after midnight Sunday morning eastern daylight saving time in Florida.

While Hurricane Frances hammered the State of Florida more than 5,000 miles away, this game was being played out in front of more than 39,000 frenzied fans of the University of Hawaii Warriors football team. No more than 200 FAU alumni, relatives and friends were at the game to support their favorite home team.

Smith, playing left guard, had 26 relatives and friends who jetted all the way from the Brighton reservation to witness history being made with the first Seminole tribal member to be playing at this skill level.

The FAU defense held Timmy Chang, a Heisman Trophy candidate last year and his high-powered offense, a meager 302 yards of offense. Last year, the Warriors often averaged twice that number of yards.

This victory proved to be a huge win

for the FAU Owls in their new I-A division by beating Hawaii at their home in the first game of the new college football season.

Schnellenberger and his coaching staff did a remarkable job preparing for this big game. The team prepared relentlessly, even practicing in the middle of the night to get those bio-rhythms in sync with Hawaii's six-hour time difference.

Hawaii's head coach June Jones thought it was a great win for the FAU program.

"We had our chances to win this game, but they were a very good football team," Jones said.

Before the game, FAU was chosen by most experts as 22-point underdogs, but that didn't seem to deter these tough young Florida athletes. While ignoring those enormous odds and playing inspired football, they were slowly able to add points on the board while limiting the Warrior's attempts to get out in front early in the game.

This was the second time the Owls posted a shocking victory with an upset in a season opener. FAU defeated Middle Tennessee State in 2003 in the final play, for the first win over a Division I-A school after only 22 games. This was the quickest that any team had accomplished this feat in NCAA history.

FAU outplayed the Warriors who were coming off a 9-3 season, even though the Warriors had many chances to win this opener

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Tribal Council Holds Regular Meeting

Council welcomes two special guests, Jacqueline Johnson and Dave Nicholas

By Shelley Marmor

HOLLYWOOD — At last month's tribal council meeting, they welcomed University of Miami President Donna Shalala. This month was no different as the council welcomed Jacqueline Johnson, executive director of the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) and Dave Nicholas from the Bureau of Indian Affairs' (BIA) law enforcement services department.

Johnson briefly spoke about the up-coming NCAI conference that will take place in Hollywood the week of Oct. 10. She said the dates for this year's convention have been scheduled earlier than usual to correspond with the presidential election.

"Never before have we moved our meeting to have it before the presidential election," she said.

Johnson said the NCAI has extended invitations to both presidential candidates since it will be the largest gathering of Native Americans. She said "NCAI will be here in full force" and anticipates about 4,000 Native Americans attending this annual convention.

She said that Senator John Kerry's staff has given her "pretty good word" that he will attend. However, she said there has been no response from President George W. Bush's people.

Johnson then reminded the council that this year is the 50th anniversary of the U.S.'s federal termination attempts on Native American tribes. She said the NCAI provided immense support to the Seminole Tribe of Florida to fight termination.

Consequently, NCAI is attempting to raise money through donations from "the Seminole Tribe as well as other tribes that NCAI helped during that termination" to build a permanent NCAI headquarter building in Washington, D.C.

The council, as well as Tribal Treasurer Mike Tiger, thanked Johnson for bringing this to their attention. The council said they would consider her proposal.

Deputy Chief Will Latchford from the Seminole Police Department (SPD) introduced Dave Nicholas to the council. Floyd told the council that, while preparing for the arrival of Hurricane Frances, Nicholas contacted SPD to let him know the tribe had full BIA support.

"When Hurricane Frances was approaching we got a call from the Bureau of Indian Affairs law enforcement and they advised us that they were going to send out their mobile command vehicles down to Florida just in case Hurricane Frances makes a direct hit on any of the reservations," Latchford said.

Graciously, the BIA left the mobile command vehicles in the event that they would be needed during Hurricane Ivan.

Nicholas commended the professionalism of the Seminole tribe's department of emergency services—both SPD and the fire department. He added that the BIA officers who the tribe during Hurricane Frances said they were "very surprised, very impressed" with what they saw from these tribal employees.

Following these two special guests, the council unanimously approved the 12 items on their consent agenda. In addition, they unanimously approved four other resolutions.

These resolutions dealt with a purchase agreement with the Ford motor company, the development of 50 acres in Brighton, the approval of using PriceWaterhouseCooper, an international professional services firm for advisory services and an amendment to the Seminole Indian Casino's 401(k) plan.

New Native Employees at the Seminole Police Department

By Adelsa Williams

HOLLYWOOD — Recently the Seminole Police Department (SPD) added three new employees: Charlie Tiger, a member of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma, tribal citizen Gail Cypress and Cathy Frank from the Swinomish Tribe in Washington State.

Tiger attended Haskell University in Lawrence, Kan., where he studied electronics. After graduation, he lived in California for five years and was employed at Lawrence Radiation Laboratory and was also a diver for the California Sheriff's Department, where he became exposed to the law enforcement environment and gained motivation to pursue a career in the field.

He retired in 1991 from the Hollywood Police Department in Florida, where he served 17 years of duty as a police officer.

After his retirement and prior to joining the Seminole Tribe of Florida, Tiger toured the Caribbean as a judge of the Billfishing Xtreme Release League that is televised on ESPN2.

Tiger said that he was approached by Jack Chalphant of the Brighton SPD, who spoke to him in hopes to recruit him into the department. Chalphant told him that as a Native American, he would be a great asset to the department and the community, and Tiger eventually joined SPD in July.

"I was told by the community that they feel better to have someone in the department they can relate to," said Tiger. "It's more laid back here compared to Hollywood and the

department has treated me as if I've worked here for years."

Tiger is a proud father of two children he raised and is married to Abby, a sergeant with the Broward Sheriff's Office in the fugitive squad.

Cypress, Bird clan, was hired in May for the position of administrative assistant to Deputy Chief Will Latchford of the Hollywood SPD. Prior to joining the department, she was employed for several years as a clerk in the Seminole Tribe's purchasing department.

She said of the highlights of her new position is the opportunity she has to experience what happens "on the other side of the fence."

"Every day I went home after work I saw what goes on the reservation," she said, "I know the community because I live in it; now I get to know the officers as individuals."

Cypress currently attends Broward Community College and plans to further her education, majoring in psychology. She has been a foster parent for the past two-and-a-half years. She recently took on the responsibility of caring for a newborn girl whom she fostered until she was four months old.

After that experience, she decided to commence working full time again while attending college on a part time basis.

Frank is currently training at the Broward Community College police academy and is being sponsored by the Seminole Police Department. She was previously employed at Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami, where she worked for five years in the emergency room. Prior to that, she worked three years at the Cleveland Clinic Hospital, also in the emergency room.

Frank is married to tribal citizen Larry Frank, general manager of gaming operations at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino in Hollywood. They have seven children, two of which live at home.




Adelsa Williams

SPD Officer Charlie Tiger



Adelsa Williams

Administrative Assistant Gail Cypress



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Dear Editor,

On July 4, we visited Billie Swamp Safari and purchased a small alligator head. On returning to New Zealand, the head was seized and we were told by customs that under the CITES act the head required an export permit. Would you be able to send us the required paper work so we can sort this out and collect our alligator head from customs?

My residential address is 71 Maxted Road, RD3, Drury, Auckland, New Zealand. Or E-mail to coltom@quicksilver.net.nz.

Looking forward to hearing from you

Tom Austin

Dear Mr. Austin,

Hello again. I received response from our governing authority as copied below. I hope this will help. We have never encountered this problem before. Below is some information on why you ran into problems with bringing the alligator through customs.

Sincerely,
Debi Lee
Administrative Assistant
Billie Swamp Safari

Hi Mr. Austin,

The American alligator is protected by the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) and is on the CITES Appendix-II list. Unfortunately, New Zealand is one of the CITES parties that does not recognize the personal effects exemption under CITES. So even items such as the alligator head taken overseas as hand-carried accompanying baggage must have a CITES permit to go from the U.S. to New Zealand.

Mr. Austin has the option of submitting an application to this office for a retrospective export permit if the New Zealand CITES authority wants him to do that. He can request an application by contacting us at managementauthority@fws.gov.

While you do not have to be responsible for informing customers the requirements of their own countries, you can tell them that they risk confiscation of these items if they take them to their home countries and they arrive without the CITES permit. Unfortunately, it is not possible for the Fish and Wildlife Service to offer a quick turn-around on issuing CITES permits for such items as my office has a tremendous backlog and processing times can exceed 90 days.

An option for Mr. Austin, if he is willing, is to hold the item, obtain the CITES permit, and ship the item at a later date. The application form is <http://forms.fws.gov/3-200-27.pdf>.

Let us know if you have other questions on this matter.

Sincerely,
Monica Farris
Senior Permit Biologist
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Division of Management

Authority

Dear Editor,

Hi, I have a campsite in the Seminole campground and was wondering if anyone could tell me if there is any damage there. Tried calling but can not get though on the phone, it rings busy all the time. Please help me.

Thank you,
Heidi George

Dear Ms. George,

The Big Cypress RV Resort has not sustained any damage due to Hurricane Frances.

Dear Editor,

My name is Melinda Pash and I am a graduate student in history at the University of Tennessee. My dissertation topic is Korean War veterans and I am trying to locate Native American Korean War veterans to survey or interview. I very much want to include them in my study.

Can you please tell me if the *Seminole Tribune* is an appropriate place to put a little squib on my project and if so how I would go about putting one in? My contact information is (910) 223-0809, 2334 Colgate Drive, Fayetteville, NC 28304 and my email is blue5@mind-spring.com. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Melinda Pash

Hi Ms. Pash,

Your e-mail has been forwarded to me for a reply. The Seminole Tribe does not have any Korean War vets. We have one veteran that served during the Korean War, but not actually in Korea. I don't know if that counts in your dissertation, but let me know if it would.

As far as an article in *The Seminole Tribune*, submit one to the Editor-in-Chief Virginia Mitchell. Our newspaper goes all over Indian Country; someone may reply, but you would have to be patient.

Thanks,
Stephen D. Bowers
Liaison/Veteran Service Officer

Dear Editor,

I am writing in reference to a word. How do you pronounce Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki? What does the word unity mean in the Creek language?

Thank you,
divory@cmkds.com

Dear Sir/Madam,

Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki means "to learn." It is pronounced Ahh-Tahh-Thee-Kee.

Thank you,
The Seminole Marketplace

Dear Editor,

I am interested in trying a little alligator wrestling. Can you tell me where I can try my hand at it?

Thank you,
Alex

Dear Alex,

The American alligator is a federally protected species in the United States and you would need to check with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for exact regulations. Alligator wrestling is not something that we would recommend trying your hand at without extensive education and experience with reptiles and their environment, otherwise the alligator may end up trying your hand.

One of our reptile handlers did say that the American Zoological Association offers classes on crocodilians at the St. Augustine, Fla. Alligator Farm in North Florida.

Sincerely,
Debi Lee
Administrative Assistant
Billie Swamp Safari

Dear Editor,

My daughter's school is studying early Florida history for the first semester of school this year. I was wondering if your reservation offers any tours or educational programs for children?

Thank you,
Courtney Gonzalez
Tampa, Fla.

Dear Ms. Gonzalez,

The Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum is a wonderful place to learn about the culture and heritage of the Seminole Tribe of Florida. Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki means "things remembered, things learned "in native Miccosukee language. The museum is of five-star Smithsonian quality and features a film about the history of the Seminoles, rare artifacts, displays, a

nature boardwalk and even a living village.

Just down the road is Billie Swamp Safari, the Seminole's eco-heritage wildlife park. At Billie Swamp Safari you can glide through the river of grass or idle through a cypress dome on the airboat ride. Take a swamp buggy eco-tour out into the land where the Seminoles lived and visit a reconstructed authentic Seminole camp. Learn the history of the Seminoles; learn about medicine plants and the flora and fauna of the environment and even about the native and exotic wildlife that roams the area.

Many schools bring their classes out to the museum and safari while studying Florida history. The safari has even adjusted its buggy tour to share information that coincides with the curriculum of Florida history taught to fourth graders in Florida schools.

We hope you will come to visit the museum and the swamp safari.

Thank you,
Lucy Evanicki
Tribal Marketing Director
Seminole Tribe of Florida

Dear Ms. Virginia Mitchell,

On behalf of the committee members producing the Sixth Annual Crystal Vision Gala, we would like to extend our recognition and appreciation for the three color ads that you have provided us for use in your publication.

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Perrie Whidden-Brugh

Hyatt Brugh, a member of the Brighton community, proves you are never too young to lend a helping hand as he assists workers that were picking up donations for victim's of Hurricane Charley.

Lending A Helping Hand to Hurricane Victims

By Judy Weeks

IMMOKALEE — The Immokalee reservation has been threatened by three hurricanes in the past month. Charlie, Frances and Ivan have left minimal damage, heavy rains and loss of power for short periods of time. Other than being inconvenienced, our lives have been unaffected.

However our neighbors to the north and west have not been so fortunate. Many are not only homeless, but have lost their income.

Mario and Lorraine Posada, residents of the Immokalee reservation, were deeply concerned as they watched on television the extreme damage caused by Hurricane Charlie. As owners of Posada Tae Kwon Do, Inc. they saw an opportunity to assist. They started by approaching the parents of their students in an effort to raise funds for the less fortunate.

The response was over-whelming.

Gary Holloway of local radio station Fiesta Mexicana, WAFZ 1490 AM, is a close friend of the Posadas. He offered not only to spread the word over the air waves but his influence in the Immokalee community.

A door-to-door fund drive produced approximately \$2,000 from not only residents and businesses but the Seminole Pool League who made generous donations. Holloway managed to procure the use of a large refrigerated truck and one of the Mexicana stores provided a great deal of ice to help those persons who no longer had refrigeration.

The Posadas took the funds collected to Sam's Club® and purchased huge quantities of much needed supplies for the hurricane victims. They originally planned to make one trip to the ravaged area in a small truck. Between the items purchased at Sam's Club® and donated by local businesses, it was possible to make a few trips in the large truck.

The Salvation Army® and American Red Cross were hard at work giving relief at established distribution centers. Naturally, these were set up in

heavily populated areas to serve the greatest number of people. The Immokalee trucks selected Pine Island, Fla. and rural areas of Arcadia, Fla. for individual distribution. Both communities comprise a large number of people whose livelihood was destroyed along with their homes.

The residents of Pine Island predominantly work in the commercial fishing and/or tourist industry as a means of income. Both have been severely impacted by the devastation of Hurricane Charlie and heavy rains of Hurricane Frances.

Arcadia derives nearly all of its revenue from citrus, produce or cattle. Not only was the downtown historic district nearly leveled, but the large trailer population had their homes swept away. The crops in the fields were flooded, cattle ranches are under water, and the citrus trees lost their leaves and fruit in the high winds.

People are living in make shift tents as they attempt to salvage whatever possessions they can and build some sort of shelter for their families. Many of the residents do not have transportation or cannot spend all day obtaining ice and a few essential items. Their valuable time must be spent acquiring a home or trying to find some form of income.

It is impossible to express the joy and relief in the faces of the people when the trucks rolled in carrying ice, water, fruit drinks, milk, canned goods, meals in a box, bread, diapers, baby wipes, paper goods, coolers and so much more. It is hard for us to imagine the thrill of receiving a simple tooth brush, bar of soap or plastic tarp.

The delivery people were over-whelmed by the devastation they saw and the impact it had upon the people. You will never in your life time feel as rewarded as when you reach out to help someone in need. The Seminole Tribe is well known throughout Florida for their generosity in fund drives of all kinds and the reputation lives on in Immokalee.

Post-Hurricane: Is Mold A Threat To Your Home?

By Virginia Yarce, Environmental Health Program

After tropical storms or hurricanes, unwanted water can enter your home and where there is warmth and moisture harmful molds can grow. The good news is you can prevent mold by drying out leaks quickly and stopping added moisture from entering your home. That is why it is so important to check your home for slow leaks after the storms and hurricanes.

Mold is a fungus, like mushrooms and yeast. Mold grows by digesting, so it destroys what it grows on, whether it is dead leaves in nature or something you value in your home. It can grow on things like food, wood, paper, carpet and furniture.

It can spread through your home by producing tiny spores that spread through the air. You may smell mold before you see it—if you notice moisture and warmth, it is smart to suspect mold.

Besides being unsightly and destructive, it is important to stop mold because it can hurt your family's health. Allergic responses to mold include hay fever type symptoms such as sneezing, runny nose, red eyes and skin rash. It can also cause asthma attacks.

There are many different types of mold, and some are more hazardous than others. Regardless of what type of mold may be growing in your home, two things must happen; first, the mold must be stopped and second, all the mold must be removed.

Here are 10 tips for dealing with mold:

1. Check out areas in your home where humidity and moisture levels are high, this includes bathrooms, kitchens, or in walls where water from leaky pipes, windows or roofs may accumulate.

2. Open a window or use a fan when showering, and keep the humidity level in your house below 50 percent. Use an air conditioner during humid weather.
3. Act fast. Dry all leaks and spills as soon as they happen. Mold only needs 48 hours to grow when a leak happens.
4. When you touch mold, do not breathe in the spores that become airborne. Leave it alone until you have proper protection. You need long rubber gloves, eye protection, and a N95 dust respirator which you can get at a local hardware store for about \$10. Also, dress in long sleeves and open windows for fresh air.
5. Make sure to find the moisture source and stop it so mold does not continue.
6. Non-porous materials (like a metal object or ceramic tiles) can be scrubbed with 3 tablespoons of bleach in a quart of water. Porous materials (like carpet or ceiling tiles) must be removed and thrown away.
7. Don't just kill mold, because dead mold can also cause allergic reactions. Remove mold as completely as possible.
8. If the moldy area is larger than 10 square feet, get professional help.
9. You don't need to test mold. All molds should be removed.
10. Get mold information from trustworthy sources. The Office of Native American Programs has an excellent resource posted at www.codetalk.fed.us/MoldDetection.pdf and the Environmental Protection Agency provides information at www.epa.gov/mold.

Seminole Seek Shelter from Hurricane Frances at Hollywood Hard Rock Hotel

By Iretta Tiger

HOLLYWOOD — As Hurricane Frances slowly made its way to Florida, Seminole citizens braced themselves and sought shelter in an unusual place.

Thought not in the original emergency plans as a shelter, the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino became a second home to many tribal citizens including its seniors. Tribal citizens were not only given shelter, but they were also provided with food.

The hotel prepared its ball rooms should it become necessary to move the guests from their rooms.

The Hard Rock Hotel employees who did work during this time were also given rooms. Due to a limited staff those that did work were constantly on-call.

There were very few inconveniences during the storm. The Hard Rock Café and the Council Oak restaurants were closed and the pay-per-view movies were not available. At the worst part of the storm the

power flickered several times.

Many of the tribal youth wandered the hotel looking for entertainment. They were so bored some contemplated sneaking a game on the slots. Too bad many of them have no patience for reading; they don't know what they're missing.

The adults were content to try their luck at the slots from time to time. The hotel was functioning as it normally does so much so that when you were out and about in the hotel it was hard to remember there was a hurricane.

By Saturday night when the worst of the storm had passed the Hard Rock was filled with people. On Sunday, the place was packed. It seemed that everyone in the Hollywood area wanted out of their houses. Also on Sunday, the Hard Rock Café had reopened with a slightly limited menu.

A special thank you to the Hard Rock Hotel staff for making this frightening time a very comfortable one and thank you to Council Representative Max Osceola, Jr.

Images of Frances in Seminole Country



Ken Bonawitz

Hurricane force winds were able to bend the steel frame at the Micco airplane hanger in Big Cypress.



Wanda Bowers

Tribal employees closely monitored Hurricane Frances in the Hollywood conference room.



Wanda Bowers

Frances's strong winds rustled the palm trees at the entrance to the Hollywood Hard Rock Hotel.



Oliver Wareham

SPD kept a close eye on Hollywood tribal headquarters as the storm crept closer to Florida.

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First Shops and Restaurants Open at Seminole Paradise

Special entertainment scheduled, Friday–Sunday, Sept. 17–19

Submitted by Gary Bitner
HOLLYWOOD — A new shopping, dining and entertainment mecca comes to life this weekend with the opening of the first stores and restaurants at Seminole Paradise, adjacent to the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino in Hollywood.

To celebrate the openings, performers ranging from magicians to stilt walkers, airbrush artists, living statues, disc jockeys and live bands attended the opening festivities Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 17–19.

All-American diner Johnny Rockets is open and offers juicy hamburgers, hand-dipped

shakes and malts and freshly-baked apple pie. Johnny Rockets is joined by Bad Ass Coffee Company, one of the largest distributors of Kona coffee from Hawaii.

These are the first of 17 food and dining outlets slated to open at Seminole Paradise. Twelve retail shops are open, including Brats, Body Shop, Caché, Footworks, Funky Fish, Havana Shirt Company, Karma Men’s Salon, Marine Treasures, Plantazia, Quicksilver, Richie’s Swimwear, and Sunglass Hut.

The complex will ultimately include 24 shops, as well as 13 nightclub and entertainment venues.

For retail shops, hours of operation at Seminole Paradise are from 11 a.m.–9 p.m. Sunday–Thursday and from 11 a.m.–11 p.m. Friday and Saturday. For restaurants, hours of operation are from 11 a.m.–11 p.m. Sunday–Thursday and from 11 a.m.–2 a.m. Friday and Saturday.

Seminole Paradise and the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino are located on State Road 7 (US 441) north of Stirling Road in Hollywood. Parking is free.

For more information on Seminole Paradise, please contact Gary Bitner at (954) 730-7730, Ext.120 or (954) 849-7730.

Tina Marie Osceola Named New Director of Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum

By Michael Kelly
BIG CYPRESS — Displaying a great sense of purpose and determination, Tina Marie Osceola has set lofty goals for the Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum. She also realizes she has some immense shoes to fill, since she became director in August, replacing the late Billy Cypress.

Cypress, who passed away in May 2004, left an incredible legacy, sharing his passion and knowledge of Seminole history and culture for the rest of the world to see. In Miccosukee, the word Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki means “a place to learn.”

In addition to being named Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum Director, Osceola said she is also excited about visiting the National Museum of the American Indian, which opens in Washington, DC on September 21.

“Billy Cypress was greatly involved in the new museum,” said Osceola. “It’s going to seem strange when we visit it. [Billy] should be there.”

Prior to working at the museum, she worked for the Collier County Sheriff’s Office as a public affairs officer. One of her duties included making sure the communities worked hand in hand with the local government.

“It was vital to keep the sheriff up to date on all issues, especially after the 9-11 terrorists attacks,” said Osceola.

Although Osceola enjoyed her nine years working for the Collier County Sheriff’s Office, the demands of always being on call placed a strain on her home life. She said she loves the idea of working for the Seminole Tribe because she will be able to spend more time with family and friends.

“I’m very close to my family,” she said. “I wanted to be involved in my children’s lives as much as possible.”

She has two children, Dakota, 10 and Brody, 5, who both love basketball. That should come to no surprise as Osceola excelled in many sports in high school, playing basketball, softball, and volleyball.

“I’ve only missed one of Dakotas basketball games since she was five years old,” added Osceola.

Osceola is married to Arlo Hagen, whom she met while working at the Collier County Sheriff’s Office.

Her brother is Naples Liaison O.B. Osceola, and her grandfather, Cory Osceola, was very active in local politics. She said her grandfather was a spokesman for the independent Seminoles from the 1940s through the 1960s.

“My family has always been involved in the community, and even local politics,” Osceola said.

Osceola added that local government leaders in Collier County, out of respect, kept her grandfather up to date on important issues.

She is convinced that her grandfather inspired her brother O.B. to become an important community leader. She said she also drew inspiration from her grandmother, Juanita Cypress Osceola, a member of the Panther clan.

Osceola said she is thoroughly excited about her new job because she thinks it is an

of Rollins College was actually the former dean of Dartmouth.

Not only did Osceola value the importance of school, but also the need to learn her culture. In 1984, she was named Junior Miss Seminole and in 1986, earned the distinctive title of Miss Seminole.



Michael Kelly
Congratulations new Director Tina Marie Osceola.

Even with years of solid education under her belt, Osceola is eager to learn from the entire museum staff.

Among the many things Osceola enjoys about the museum is the vast collection of Seminole artifacts and crafts. Osceola has always had a special fondness for Seminole beadwork.

“When I was three or four, I got into beading,” she said. “My family and I grew up going from festival to festival, selling arts and crafts. You can really get creative with it.”

One of her favorite necklaces to make is the dime necklace, which requires the use of mercury head dimes. Another fun venture for Osceola is her annual trip to Milwaukee, Wis. for the Bead&Button (cq) show.

“For any bead maker, it’s heaven,” said Osceola. “There are hundreds of bead vendors to choose from.”

She looks forward to her trips to New York City to purchase new, colorful beads. Osceola often sells her creative necklaces here in Hollywood and at local festivals when she has the time.

“I took my father to New York for the first time,” said Osceola. “I thought he would hate it, but he absolutely fell in love with the city. He especially loves hailing cabs.”

Osceola mentioned that a new Seminole museum is being constructed next to the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino in Hollywood, which should open by the end of the year.

“I would like to add a museum in Brighton too,” said Osceola. “We’re so diverse with many stories to tell through each reservation.”

Osceola’s dream is that the Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum in Big Cypress will be the pinnacle for all Native American museums across the country. She hopes other tribes will look at this incredible museum and use it as a blueprint for future Native American museums.

With the foundation firmly established by the late Billy Cypress, and the obtainable goals set forth by Osceola, the Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum is in good hands. Billy Cypress understood the need to establish a superior Native American museum, dedicated to preserving the Seminole culture and rich history, and Tina Marie Osceola will carry that legacy on into the future.

Smith

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for the frenzied home crowd.

“This was another step up the ladder of greatness I hope,” said Schnellenberger. “We’ve got a long way to go, but this was a big step.”

In one of the most critical moments in the game, FAU trailed Hawaii 28-22 and staring at a forth and 23 with less than a minute left on the clock. Owls senior quarterback Jared Allen threw a Hail Mary pass to junior tight end Anthony Crissinger-Hill who turned quickly around just as the ball spiraled in perfectly into his out stretched hands. The clutch touchdown catch tied the game at 28. However, Hawaii managed to block the ensuing point after attempt to force overtime in regulation play.

In overtime, Crissinger-Hill made another amazing leaping catch over the defenders, followed by running back Doug Parker’s run into the end zone for the winning score. The Warriors had one more chance to tie the game, but the FAU defenders swatted away four futile pass attempts by quarterback Timmy Chang.

The FAU Owls stormed the field in total celebration after the game. Meanwhile, the Warriors and their fans silently emptied the stadium in total shock and disbelief.

About 200 FAU alumni members and friends of FAU cheered and hugged their players shouting out for the team’s thrilling victory. Players and coaches alike jumped and ran up and down the field like little kids, hollering and congratulating each other.

Jarrid Smith was exhausted after the game, he walked off the gridiron with a big grin on his face, looking up the scoreboard in disbelief and seeing a 35-28 FAU victory.

“This was my very first game and I hope to get even better,” he said.

Legendary Coach Howard Schnellenberger, who won a national championship while coaching the University of Miami Hurricanes in 1983, had high praise for Smith, who was making his debut as a starting left guard. “Jarrid is a pillar of salt for our team,” said. “He’s a quiet young man and very mature for his age.” Schnellenberger added that this is the first Native American player he has coached.

He was thrilled with his team’s great victory, as everyone from South Florida was. This young FAU team performed to a higher

level than most expected. Smith wanted to change out of his battered uniform and start celebrating with his teammates and spend some quality time with his friends and relatives from Brighton.

“He got his love of football from his grandfather Fred Smith. When Jarrid was 4 or 5 years old, he started to watch all the football



Felix DoBosz
Jarrid Smith #72 (center) pushes the defensive lineman back.

games on TV with his grandfather and uncles at his sides,” said Camellia Osceola, Smith’s mother.

His grandfather, Fred Smith would have been extremely pleased and proud with his grandson’s courageous game performance.

“He started playing center for one-year at the Driftwood Optimist football club when he was about 10-years-old,” said Camellia. He continued to play for Driftwood Optimist throughout seventh and eighth grade, and then graduated to

McFatter high school in Davie.”

During his tenth grade year, Smith’s family moved to Brighton where he played football for Okeechobee high school and won an award as the offensive lineman of the year. Although he played baseball and ran track, Smith’s favorite sport remained football. He applied to several colleges but the only school that offered him a football scholarship was Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton.

Camellia Osceola remembers the first meeting with Coach Schnellenberger that he and his staff took a lot of time to explain how Smith would benefit from attending FAU’s excellent degree program. Not only did she feel they cared enough about her son’s talents on the gridiron, but also his personal welfare and education.

Smith’s father, Curtis Osceola, made the trip with his family to see his son’s debut in Hawaii too. Smith’s solid performance in the game made him and his family feel so proud. They were all so glad they went on this long trip to witness a thrilling college football game.

The kids all seem to look up to Smith as a fine example of what you can accomplish if you are dedicated and motivated enough to reach out for your goals. He has always had his family there to support his dreams of playing college level football.

Smith comes from a big family; he has five sisters and one brother and they all look up to him. C.J., his 12-year old sister, worships her brother and dreams about him turning pro someday. Tommy Jackson his 10-year-old cousin wants to be a football player too, except he likes being a wide receiver or a running back. He liked the remark he overheard about Jarrid, “he might turn pro, but you never know.”

There are a lot more football games to play this year to showcase Smith’s immense talent. He has vastly increased his football skills; working with his FAU coaches, teammates, and through his own strong work ethic. After all, he is a positive role model for young Seminole kids.

Jarrid Smith’s love for football began as a little boy, but he dreamed big, and his dreams of success are being realized everyday he steps onto the football field.



Chairman Mitchell Cypress met with legendary singer/songwriter Carol Connors at the Greater Ft. Lauderdale Lodging and Hospitality Association meeting at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino on July 22.

Throughout the span of her professional career, Connors has been nominated for 10 major music awards, including Emmy’s, Grammy’s®, Golden Globe’s® and two Oscar’s®. She even co-wrote the theme “Gonna Fly Now” from the 1976 Sylvester Stallone film “Rocky.”

Attention Seminole Youth!

Boys & Girls of the Seminole Tribe of Florida Essay Contest

Subject:

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The winners will be asked to
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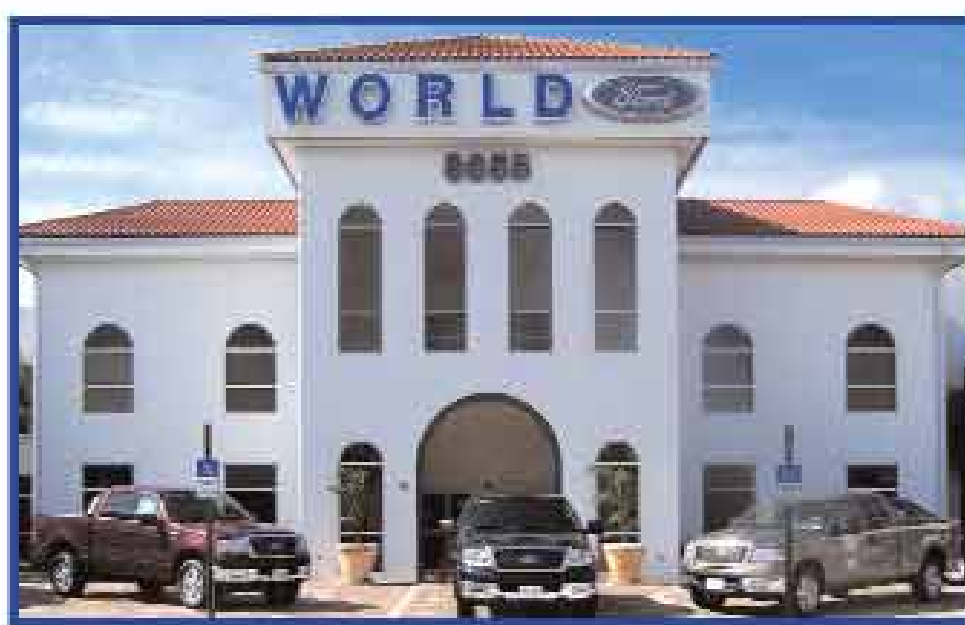
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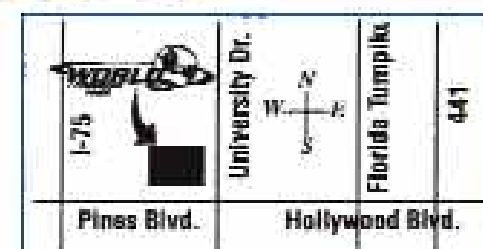
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Home Fire and Safety Education

By Jaime Restrepo
BIG CYPRESS — On Thursday August 26, various departments of the Seminole Tribe presented a home fire and safety education class for all homeowners and renters living in Big Cypress. Attendance was mandatory for all new homeowners.

The speakers included employees from the housing department, emergency services, Seminole police department and the Seminole health department. Hendry County and Gulf Building Corporation Coordinator Robin McClean, also attended.

McClean spoke about the development and evolution of the 911 system. Designed to facilitate emergency services to the caller, modern 911 systems have the ability to locate the caller in the event the caller cannot communicate.

In recent years, newer systems have been developed that can pinpoint the location of cellular phone to within several feet. There is one catch though—the telephone company must have the street address of the house making the 911 call. Given the outlying location of Big Cypress, most residents have accounts with rural delivery addresses, making location though this method difficult.

Other topics discussed were: fire safety, gun safety, mold and its harmful effects, 911 and how it works, and the use of fire extinguishers.

Project ChildSafe® Comes to Seminole Tribal Community
3,000 firearm safety kits to be distributed

By Sergeant Al Signore
The Seminole Police Department (SPD) will provide 3,000 free firearm safety kits to tribal citizens through a partnership with Project ChildSafe®, the nationwide firearms safety education program. The safety kits, which include a gun lock, will be distributed at all SPD offices.

Project ChildSafe®, a program developed by the National Shooting Sports Foundation, will distribute millions of firearm safety kits throughout next year. The program is funded by a U.S. Department of Justice grant, with additional funding provided by the firearms industry.

“We encourage residence to pick up a Project ChildSafe® kit so that they can securely store their firearm,” said SPD Chief of Police

Mike Stille, Job Manager from the Gulf Building Corporation, spoke about warranty issues and what to expect from the builder upon closing on a new home. Each department took a moment to explain the work and responsibilities it performs as well as illustrate how to make the home a safer place to live in by employing simple and minor modifications.

Some of the items worth noting about fires include that more than 4,500 Americans die each year in fires, and the number one cause of fires are kitchen fires.

Fire Department Spokesman David Logan discussed how and when to fight a fire, how to plan an escape route, and how to avoid fires. Health Department Manager Patrick Peck spoke about mold and how it can make a house a dangerous environment.

Mold requires moisture and humidity to thrive. It can grow on paper, cardboard, rugs, most anywhere in the house. Mold produces harmful spores that if inhaled, may lead to serious lung infections and other illnesses. If a mold spot is larger than 10 square feet, do not attempt to clean it yourself; seek professional help.

The Big Cypress Seminole Police Department spoke about gun safety and how a gun owner must ensure that children do not have access to firearms. Florida law provides for severe penalties to adults in the event a minor gains access to a firearm.

Mike Floyd.
Each kit contains a safety curriculum and a cable-style gun lock. The locks fit on most types of handguns, rifles and shotguns. The goal is to prevent a child or any other unauthorized person from accessing a firearm in the home.

By partnering with Project ChildSafe®, SPD is participating in a growing national effort to promote firearms safety education to all gun owners. Project ChildSafe® will distribute gun lock safety kits to all 50 states and territories, with 258,700 being distributed in Florida alone.

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Taking Care of Your Blood Sugar When You’re Not Feeling Your Best

By Shannon McKeown, Health Educator

Being sick can upset your diabetes management plan in a major way. Not being able to eat, or take the insulin or oral medications you normally take is serious. Also, when you are sick your blood glucose can go too high or too low, essentially on its own while your body is fighting the illness.

Do not wait until you are sick and then try to decide what to do—have a plan. This plan will help you to know what medicines to take, what to eat or drink, how often to test, and when to call your doctor.

Blood sugars will usually go up when you are sick so keep taking your diabetes medication.

If you are vomiting frequently, stop taking your pills until you can hold food in your stomach. Check your blood sugars between two and four times a day and also check your temperature at the same time. Good times to check both are before breakfast, after lunch, before dinner, and at bedtime. Keep a record of these readings.

Unless you have been told to restrict liquids you need to drink a lot of liquids like water, tea, soup broth, or sofkee. Try to

drink at the least eight ounces every hour. You may take over the counter medicines like aspirin, cold medicines, and cough syrup. Remember to check the label for alcohol content and hidden sugars. If you are not sure about the safe amount of alcohol or hidden sugar call your local clinic or doctor's office for guidance.

Call your doctor if you are experiencing: blood sugar levels are over 300 mg/dl, vomiting is for more than one day, there is a high or rising

fever, unable to eat for more than one day, sick for more than two days, there is pain in your stomach, there is diarrhea, there is fast breathing.

Remember flu season is right around the corner and its symptoms are worse than the common cold. Flu shots are highly recommended for people older than 65, people who have heart, lung, or kidney disease as well as diabetics. Come get your flu shots starting in October at your local clinic.

Attention all Diabetics

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Don't Delay; Get Your Flu Shot Today!

It's hard to believe the flu season is upon us already. It seems like only yesterday that we observed hundreds of people waiting in line to receive their flu shot. To their surprise and disappointment, many of them were turned away due to the shortage of the flu vaccine. The following guidelines can help you decide whether the flu shot is right for you.

Why should I get the flu shot? Medicare provides four reasons why:

1. The flu is serious business. The flu is not just a runny nose or upset stomach. It is a serious illness that can lead to pneumonia. At least 45,000 Americans die each year from influenza and pneumonia, the sixth leading cause of death in the United States. 90 percent of these deaths are among people 65 years of age or over.

2. The flu can be very dangerous for people 50 and older. People 50 years of age or over should get a flu shot, unless they are allergic to eggs. It's also important for those with a chronic illness, and for those who spend a lot of time around sick or elderly people.

Some of the most common symptoms of the flu are fever, chills, headache, dry cough, runny or stuffy nose, sore throat, and muscle aches. Unlike other common respiratory infections such as the common cold, the flu can cause extreme fatigue lasting several days to more than a week. The flu is spread easily from person to person primarily when an infected person coughs or sneezes, just like the common cold.

After a person has been infected with the virus, symptoms usually appear within two to four days. The infection is considered contagious for another three to four days after symptoms appear. Often times, the flu is mistakenly associated with what people call the “stomach flu.” While it is true that some children who suffer from the flu will sometimes experience nausea and vomiting, the flu mainly causes severe upper respiratory difficulty in adults. Plus, the flu cannot be treated with antibiotics because it's a virus, just like the common cold. The best treat-

ment for the flu is prevention.

3. A flu shot is safe and helps you protect others. Flu shots are safe and effective. And when you get a flu shot, you help yourself and those around you. By avoiding the flu, you avoid giving it to friends and family.

4. Medicare Part B pays for it. When you have Medicare Part B and you get your flu shot from a Medicare provider, you pay no co-insurance or deductible. Also, if the person giving the shot agrees not to charge more than the amount Medicare pays, you pay nothing.

Medicare Part B also pays for the pneumococcal vaccination. Ask your health care provider about both of these vaccines. (Note: Managed Care Plan members may be required to get shots from their Managed Care Plan. Ask your Managed Care Plan for more information.)

You can get a flu shot at your doctor's office. You may also be able to get a flu shot from your local health department or from other health-care providers. Medicare Part B will pay for the shot no matter where you get it, as long as the health care provider agrees not to charge you more than Medicare pays.

To find local health care providers who accept Medicare as payment in full for the flu shot, contact 1-800-MEDICARE or search Medicare's website at www.medicare.gov.

Other common questions about flu shots include:

When should I get the flu shot? Influenza is most common in the U.S. from December to April, so it's best to get the flu shot from October through mid-November. The vaccine begins to protect you after one to two weeks.

Do I need a flu shot every year? Yes. Although only a few different influenza viruses circulate at any given time, people continue to become ill with the flu throughout their lives. The reason for this continuing susceptibility is that influenza viruses are continually changing, usually as a result of mutations in the viral genes.

Each year the vaccine is

updated to include the most current influenza virus strains. The fact that influenza viruses continually change is one of the reasons vaccine must be taken every year. Another reason is that antibody produced by the person in response to the vaccine declines over time, and antibody levels are often low one year after vaccination.

Uh oh, I have the flu. What do I do? Once a person has the flu, treatment usually consists of resting in bed, drinking plenty of fluids, and taking medication such as aspirin or acetaminophen to relieve fever and discomfort. Children with the flu should not take aspirin because of the associated risk of a rare, but very serious illness called Reyes syndrome.

When should I call my doctor? Call your doctor if you have any signs of the flu. You should also contact your doctor if you have breathing or heart problems, or other serious health problems, you are taking drugs that fight cancer (chemotherapy) or weaken your body's natural defenses against illness, you feel sick and don't seem to be getting better, you have a cough that begins to produce phlegm and turns wet, and/or you are worried about your health and have other questions.

Medicare currently provides coverage for flu and pneumonia vaccinations. Medicare covers one flu shot a year, in the fall or winter. All people with Medicare are covered. You do not pay for a flu shot if the doctor or health care provider accepts assignment.

While Medicare strongly encourages people 50 years and older to get their annual flu shot, be sure to contact your physician if you are unsure if you need a flu shot. If a flu shot is recommended, don't delay; get your flu shot today.

Flu shots will be available in October through reservation clinics. To contact one of them, please call (954) 962-2009 in Hollywood, (863) 983-5151 in Big Cypress, and (863) 763-0271 in Brighton. You may also contact 1-800-MEDICARE or log onto <http://www.medicare.gov> to find a provider near you.

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Grandparents Day Brought Families Together

Families services offers tips to help kids cope and ‘weather the storm’

By Mary Olitzky
HOLLYWOOD
— On Friday September 10 family services held a Grandparents Day celebration. During the party, we were able to discuss how grandparents can help their grandchildren to “weather the storm” during hurricane season.

From our recent hurricanes, we have all learned lessons for physically preparing for a storm. But, a hurricane can be stressful for all family members whether before, during or after the storm. What can you do about the emotional stress that is part of the storm?

As parents and grandparents you can help kids to cope by staying as calm as you can and doing the following things:

Let them ask you questions. Children want to know what is happening and why.

Be honest.
Be prepared. This will help to relieve your anxiety as well as their anxiety.

Focus on the positive.
Have a plan. And let the kids be part of the planning.

Calm kids if they are afraid or anxious.
Have activities and games for fun. Have handy lots of toys, videos/DVD’s (if you have elec-



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tric), board games, and books to read by flashlight.
Talk to friends or family.
Get some sleep.
Eat healthy meals.
Most of all, give them lots of love and let them know that you will get through this together.

Effectively Dealing with Hurricane Anxiety

By Mary Olitzky
No, there’s not another hurricane out there named Anxiety. Thank heavens for that. However, as I write this article, there is Hurricane Ivan churning away in the Caribbean, and there is at least one wave, which could be a potential hurricane, coming off the coast of Africa. There may even be more storms this season.

This seems to be an especially active hurricane season for some reason. As weather patterns shift and water warms or cools, the number and intensity of hurricanes goes up and down. The oceanic and atmospheric conditions seem to be just right to breed a lot of large, powerful hurricanes.

Many of us get anxious when these storms are out there. The anxiety can be very specific. I hate being without electricity. Just ask my co-workers. They have listened to me complain at great length about being without electricity for five days after Hurricane Charley.

Fortunately for my co-workers, I did have water. About the only thing I hate worse than being without electricity would be being without electricity and water.

Now, don’t get me wrong. I appreciate the fact that my house is still standing and still has a roof. I am thankful that no one in my immediate vicinity was injured or killed by either storm. But I’m just not happy about having had to deal with two hurricanes this season.

So, what can be done about the anxiety? Well, there are a couple of things that do seem to help.

BE PREPARED. It’s not just a scouting motto anymore. I was much better prepared for Frances than I was for Ivan, and my anxiety level was much less for Frances than for Ivan. I knew I had done all that I could do. I had stocked up on foods that need little preparation, I had plenty of water, I had bags of ice in my freezer, the laundry was done, I had plenty of flashlights and batteries, and outside items were secured.

REMEMBER THE POSITIVES. I can really wallow in the fact that I didn’t have electricity for five days, several appliances were ruined, we were without cable and DSL for a couple of weeks. And it was really inconvenient to live out of an ice chest for

several weeks. But as I said above, I am very grateful that my house is still standing, no one was hurt and our vehicles were okay. When I focus on those things, I feel much calmer and happier than when I focus on what I didn’t have.

TALK ABOUT YOUR ANXIETY.
Sometimes the hardest part of dealing with anxiety is even identifying that we have it. Sometimes is just

feels like something isn’t quite right. I’ve been feeling tired, like I need a lot more sleep than normal. In talking with other people around here, I’m hearing that a lot. We’ve decided it is a by-product of the anxiety.

GETTING THINGS BACK TO NORMAL. Okay, okay; waiting in line for gasoline is not normal. Some things take a while to get back to normal. But as soon as I started getting things back as close to my regular routine as possible, my anxiety level

decreased.
Sometimes it is something simple. I drink iced tea, which I make in the microwave. My microwave blew up when the electricity came back on. I hadn’t realized how much I missed that morning routine until I got a new microwave. Mornings feel much better now.

IDENTIFY WHAT SCARES OR BOTHERS YOU THE MOST. Are you afraid of high winds? Scared of lightening? Concerned about flood waters? I finally realized that at least some of my anxiety was due to worrying about my husband.

My husband is disabled and doesn’t get around as easily as he used to. After Hurricane Charley, our daughter insisted Al stay with them since they had air conditioning and we didn’t. I was amazed at the amount of stress that little gesture seemed to take off of me. So, identify your worry and then look at options that might relieve or reduce that concern.

There’s always going to be a hurricane season, and those of us who insist on living in Florida are always going to be at risk. However, there are resources available and it is obvious that people have survived these things for centuries. So, get prepared and then relax.

And, as always, if you need to talk or if you’re feeling really anxious, contact family services. We just might be able to help.

Family Services Has Gift Basket Drawing

By Family Services Staff
BRIGHTON — The Brighton family services office kicked off the month of September with a community booth packed with healthy goodies and handouts for the elderly. We had approximately 75 community members stop by for a visit.
Forth of those 75 registered for a gift basket

drawing. The lucky winner was Nadine Tommy who said she would use it during the hurricane.

The threat of Hurricane Francis hanging overhead did not dampen the spirits of the residents or staff members. The sun was still shining bright and the birds were singing providing a peaceful backdrop for the morning.

Native Wellness and Spirituality Conference

Norman, OK — Health Promotion Programs, part of University of Oklahoma OUT-REACH, proudly announces the upcoming Wellness & Spirituality XII Conference, to be held in beautiful, warm and culturally-rich Arizona, Nov. 1-4.

“Honoring Out Spiritual Ways... Many Faces, Many Paths,” is this year’s theme.

Everyone is invited to attend this powerful gathering as we again take the opportunity to share our cultures and traditions. Keynote speakers and workshop presenters have been chosen to allow participants to explore the diversity of spiritual ways across Indian Country, as well as celebrate how these ways continue to support us in a life of wellness.

Daily wellness activities and special evening events are planned to reinforce this life of wellness for all who attend.

This conference is a skills-based training opportunity for individuals working in helping roles, including counselors, educators, medical clinicians,

social workers, spiritual leaders, and community health representatives and advocates.

At the same time, we recognize the need to include and provide training opportunities for others who play critical roles in the spiritual development of their families and communities: elders, tribal and community leaders, youth and parents of all ages. Opportunities for professional development as well as for personal growth and healing of the heart, mind, body and spirit will be provided.

The Doubletree Hotel at Reid Park in Tucson, Ariz. will be the conference setting. A special room rate of \$89 single/double for \$99 triple/quadruple per night has been obtained for conference participants who make their hotel reservations by OCT. 11.

Call (520) 881-4200 or (800) 222-TREE, and be sure to mention you are a participant in the University of Oklahoma’s Wellness & Spirituality XII Conference in order to guarantee this special room rate.

SPD Poster Contest Participants

By Angie Margotta
ORLANDO, FL — While watching a video presentation from the Seminole Police Department (SPD), youth participating in the 3rd Annual Youth Conference in Orlando, Fla. on July 5–10, were asked to draw or write about what they learned.

These were turned into SPD, who would like to thank everyone for their submissions. Everyone did a great job with their drawings and stories.

Since you are all winners, you made choosing a winner very difficult. A T-shirt with the winning drawing will be created in the near future.

Historic Indian Memorial Book For Sale

Author and nationally known American Indian rights activist, Chauncey F. Whitright III, and Turner Publishing Company are pleased to announce a new and unique book memorializing the American Indians’ life-long struggle and significant victory at the Battle of Little Bighorn.

Whitright has invested 17 years of his life in establishing the Indian Memorial, and hard work for this book. This commemorative book will feature a large collection of photographs. It will also observe the 127th Anniversary of the Battle of Little Bighorn focusing on the very first federally funded Indian War Memorial in the U.S. This memorial honors those American Indians who fought and died in the Battle of Little Bighorn on June 25 and 26, 1876.

This historical book will depict the long sought struggle to maintain basic civil rights on native homelands, treaties and sovereignty, as Indian

nations and most of all recognition of their fallen loved ones, who died at Little Bighorn. This historical book will depict the Native Americans’ struggle to get recognition and the Indian Memorial at Little Bighorn.

More than 100 American Indian women and children died in the historic battle and “Peace Through Unity” will honor all children throughout the world. This book will be an 8-and-a-half by 11 inch, hardbound “coffee-table” volume, with hundreds of pages of photographs and historic facts.

This book will be available with dust jacket, at the pre-publication price of \$47.95 (available at www.turnerpublishing.com) if you buy it individually, or \$42 each if you order by the case.

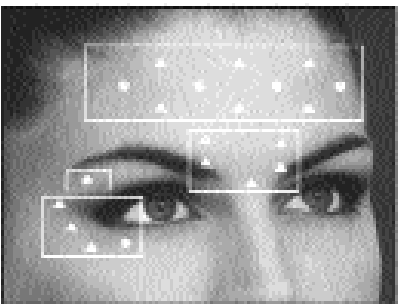
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Family Services Honors Grandparents

By Anne Stephenson, Family Services Counselor

HOLLYWOOD — In honor of national Grandparents Day, which took place on September 12, the family services department honored all grandparents by having a special celebration of food and fun. All grandparents, grandchildren, and family were invited to attend.

Family services provided delicious sandwiches, pizza, and cold beverages for everyone to enjoy. Additionally, the grandchildren were given special pictures to color for their grandparents. The kids loved the food and the pictures, and so did the grandparents. Everyone had a great time enjoying the food and the fun.

As always, the family services department is dedicated to the Seminole community, and extends a warm appreciation to all grandparents.

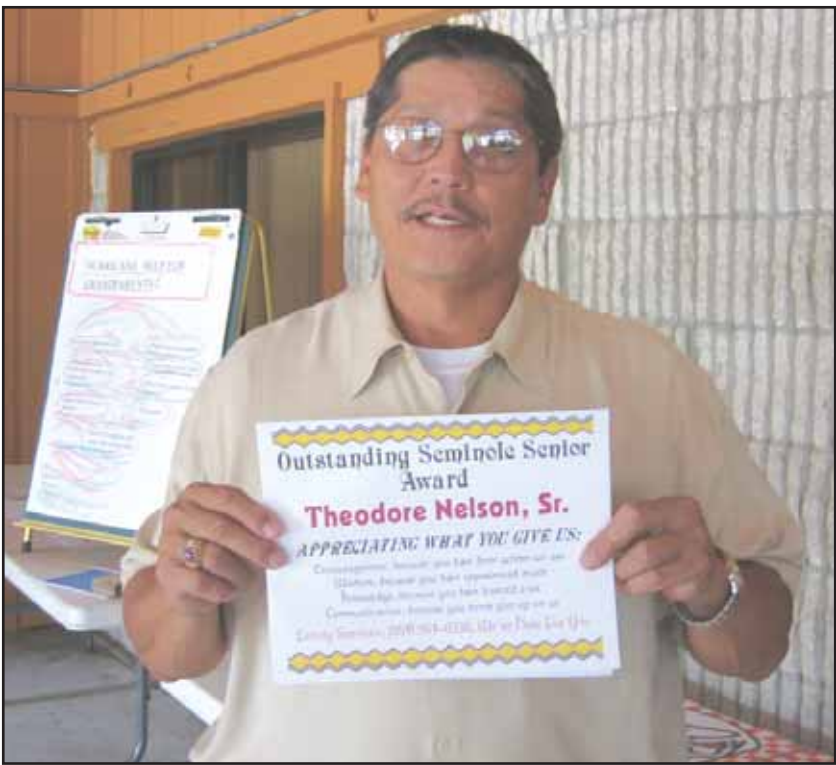


Photo courtesy of family services

Tribal senior Theodore Nelson Sr. proudly displays his award.



❖ Awards

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All A's and B's: Jennie Eagle, first grade, Brenna Walton, second grade, Jesse Caldwell, second grade, Jacob Santiago, third grade, Andrew Henry, third grade, Sumer Carroll, fourth grade, Dakota Henry, fourth grade.

B Average: Jennie Eagle, first grade, Kyle Henry, seventh grade, Trystan Storm, first grade, Sierra Simmons, eighth grade, Danelle Thomas, first grade, Clayton Simmons, ninth grade, Ricky Dillon, first grade, Ethan Smith, first grade, Jessie Caldwell, second grade, Jacob Santiago, third grade, Emmitt Caldwell, fourth grade, Samuel Caldwell, fifth grade, Dylanie Henry, fourth grade, Summer Carroll, fourth grade, Tiffany Foret, sixth grade, Devin Doctor, sixth grade.

Three or less days absent: Dakota Henry, Ashley Santiago, Andrew Henry.

Kindergarten Awards: Calamity Caldwell, Christina Clarke, Ohana Henry, Rachel Jumper, Ryanna Thomas, Kanika Walkingstick.

Awards and Certificate Winners: Kyle Henry, Jacob Santiago, Jeremiah Santiago, Joseph Santiago, Mitchell Simmons.

Improved GPA: Peter Foret.



Embracing a New School Year

By Officer Angie Margotta

A new school year has begun and I would like to remind all parents and guardians the importance of school attendance. Your children are the future of the Seminole tribe and education is very important to all of us.

Seminole Tribal Ordinance C-1-59 (Resolution C-66-75) and Florida state law requires all children ages six through 18 to attend school. Your child's everyday attendance is very important. Therefore, if your child is feeling ill or you are going

out of town, please remember to contact your child's school attendance department to advise them of your child's absence.

If the school is not contacted on that day, your child will be counted with an unexcused absence and considered truant. More than three unexcused absences results in parent contact from your child's school. So don't forget to call them; it only takes a minute.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at (954) 967-8900.

Brighton Pull Out Program Begins New School Year With a Contest

By Susan Etxebarria

BRIGHTON — The Pull Out Program starts off the first day of the 2004/2005 school year on Friday September 24 with a traditional dress contest as part of the week-long Indian Day activities at the reservation. The children will arrive at 8:30 a.m. and go to the nearby youth center for the contest judging. It will be a very enjoyable and proud event for all to see.

This popular program, organized by the culture/education department, offers many exciting activities that hold the interest of the approximately 80 children enrolled. One new activity this year is especially designed to help develop more knowledgeable tribal citizens.

The Pull Out Program staff plans to teach the children about the function and structure of traditional tribal government. One way to learn it is to live it.

"We will actually create a

school council styled after the tribal council, and hold an election from our student body to elect our own council members," said Program Coordinator Shelly Walker.

On Monday October 4, the parents are invited to attend a parent/teacher luncheon to be held at noon in the field office cafeteria. And plans are already underway for a Halloween costume contest on October 29.

Walker wishes to remind parents that children who are enrolled in the Pull Out Program must follow the Okeechobee School Board policy that states that the children must attend the Pull Out Program every Friday. Students are not allowed to go back and forth between the Brighton program and the public school program.

Walker also said the Pull Out Program is looking for volunteers. Anyone interested in volunteering can call Shelly Walker at (863) 763-7501.

Haskell Association of Alabama Reunion

Haskell Alumni Association of Oklahoma of the Haskell Indian Nations University invites all Haskell alumni and friends to join us at the annual reunion. The reunion will take place Oct 29-31 at the Biltmore Hotel, 1-40 & Meridian, Oklahoma City, Okla.



For more information please contact Leon Yahola at (918) 616-3757 or Kenneth Scott at (918) 628-0969. Golfers can contact Simon Mitchell at (405) 672-7923.

Please pass this information to all alumni and friends!

To All Seminole High School Seniors

The department of education invites you to a campus visit at Haskell Indian Nations University. Departing Date: Friday November 12 Returning On: Sunday November 14 We will attend a football game against Langston University

For more information please call your reservation education advisor or Dora Bell, Higher Education Advisor, at (954) 233-9541 or (954) 989-6840, Ext. 1311.



High Stakes for High Achievers: Immokalee Incentive Awards

By Judy Weeks

IMMOKALEE — The Immokalee education department held its Incentive Awards banquet at the gym from 4-9 p.m. on Friday Sept. 10. The slogan for the evening was High Stakes for High Achievers and had a carnival/casino night theme. An attractive arch in tribal colors displaying the slogan adorned the entrance to the gym.

Immokalee Education Advisor Norita Yzaguirre, put together a staff team consisting of Librarian Cris Marrero, Rhonda Nunez, Naples Education Advisor Gale Boone, Jaime Yzaguirre and Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) members.



Immokalee Education Advisor Norita Yzaguirre (far left) poses with the middle and high school incentive award winners.

The group spent weeks researching and compiling records, ordering awards and developing their theme. The Tribal Council of the Seminole Tribe of Florida and the recreation department joined the department of education in sponsoring the event.

The awards program began with an invocation by tribal elder Louise Motlow, who addressed the gathering in Miccosukee. Immokalee Council Liaison Elaine Aguilar translated for her. Before leading the group in prayer, Motlow told everyone how proud she was of their achievements.

However, Motlow then pointed out her disappointment when she sees a lack of community pride. She said that as a child, she would have been thrilled to have the opportunities available to the tribal citizens today. Motlow said it saddens her when she sees vandalism and disrespect for tribal facilities.

Motlow added that the young people are the future of the Seminole Tribe and should behave with the pride and respect they carry within them.

Aguilar addressed the group congratulating them on their achievements. She encouraged them to strive for a better education and be a benefit and pride to their people.

The presentation began with each student being recognized and receiving a framed Incentive Awards certificate, book bag and jacket embroidered with the Immokalee Education Incentive Awards emblem and a T-shirt.

The black T-shirt displayed the tribal colors and emblem on the front and a clever word search puzzle on the back. Upon close examination, the puzzle included the names of all the recipients and their schools. Incentive checks were distributed in accordance with their individual achievements.

The award recipients are as follows:

Pre-Kindergarten: John Jimmie, Zephaniah Roberts, Ethan Adams and Alicia Mora.

Kindergarten: Eliza Michelle Mora, Nehemiah Omar Jimmy Roberts, Damion Sinclair Frank,



An arch at the gym entrance announced the theme for Immokalee's Incentive Awards.

Destinee Elida Jimmie, Kenny Jo Davis Jr. (Attendance) and Lauren Dine Posada.

First Grade: GPA 3 OR 3.75, Alexis Jimmie-GPA 3.00:3.75, All A's and B's, Attendance, Jade Tapia-Improved GPA, Perfect Attendance, Awards and Certificates, Vanessa Billie-GPA 3.00:3.75, Attendance, Corrinne Zepeda-GPA 3.00:3.75, All A's and B's, Attendance, Tarra C. Boone-GPA 3.00:3.75, Perfect Attendance, Certificates and Awards, Alphonso Alvarado-Improved GPA and Attendance.

Second Grade: David Billie III-GPA 3.00:3.75, Attendance, Juliza Martinez-Improved GPA, Awards and Certificates, Christopher Briscall-GPA 3.00:3.75, Aaron Alvarado-GPA 3.00:3.75, All A's and B's, Awards and Certificates, Johnny W. Boone III-GPA 3.00:3.75, All A's and B's, Perfect Attendance, Awards and Certificates.

Third Grade: Selena Perez-GPA 3.00:3.75, Attendance, Alexis Martin Aguilar-GPA 3.00:3.75, All A's and B's, Awards and Certificates, Robert Yzaguirre-GPA 3.00:3.75, Le'Andra Mora-Perfect Attendance, Chad Motlow-GPA 3.00:3.75, Perfect Attendance, Awards and Certificates, Kaitlin Billy-GPA 3.00:3.75, Attendance.

Fourth Grade: Leonardo Yzaguirre-Attendance, Starz Sanchez-GPA 4.00, Bonus All A's, Attendance, Awards and Certificates, Taylor Boone-GPA 3.00:3.75, Perfect Attendance, Awards and Certificates, Jessica Osceola-GPA 3.00:3.75, All A's and B's, Awards and Certificates.

Fifth Grade: Mauro Perez Jr.-Attendance, Chelsea Bradford-Improved GPA, Perfect Attendance, Awards and Certificates, Michael Shaffer II-GPA 3.00:3.75, Cody Motlow-Perfect Attendance, Corey Garcia-Attendance.

Sixth Grade: Antonio Hernandez-GPA 3.00:3.75, Perfect Attendance, Awards and Certificates, Cassandra Jimmie-Attendance, Esmeralda Billie-GPA 3.00:3.75, Attendance, Awards and Certificates, Spencer Jock-Improved GPA, Perfect Attendance, Nikki Davis-Improved GPA.

Seventh Grade: Edward Yzaguirre-GPA 3.00:3.75, Attendance, Cheyenne McInturff-Improved GPA and Attendance, Joseph Rodriguez-GPA 3.00:3.75, Advanced Class, Awards and Certificates, Brittany Yzaguirre-GPA 3.00:3.75, Attendance, Demi Garza-Attendance, Allen Hernandez-Improved GPA, Attendance, Bonnie Davis-GPA 3.00:3.75, Perfect Attendance, Awards and Certificates.

Eighth Grade: Christian Benson-GPA 3.00:3.75, Advanced Class, Attendance, Courtney Motlow-Perfect Attendance, Josie Davis-Honor Class, Improved GPA, Perfect Attendance, Awards and Certificates.

Ninth Grade: Jonathan Rodriguez-GPA 3.00:3.75, Attendance, Efrain Marrero II-GPA 3.00:3.75, Honor Class, Perfect Attendance, Awards and Certificates, Allison Garza-Improved GPA, Attendance, Dorianne Garza-Attendance.

Tenth Grade-Curtis Motlow-GPA 3.00:3.75, Perfect Attendance, Marie Cruz Yzaguirre-GPA 3.00:3.75, Randi Willie-Improved GPA, Angelo Colon-GPA 3.00:3.75, Attendance.

Eleventh Grade-Daniel Yzaguirre Jr.-Improved GPA, Attendance, Lazara Marrero-Honor Class, Awards and Certificates, Clarissa Garza-Attendance.

Twelfth Grade-Demetrio Pulido-Perfect Attendance, Crystal Billie-Attendance.

Higher Education-Diane Pequeno-GPA 3.00:3.75, Perfect Attendance, associate of science degree, Jaime Yzaguirre-GPA 3.00:3.75, Perfect Attendance, Awards and Certificates, associate of science degree.



Vanessa Billie is all smiles at the 2004 Immokalee incentive awards.

Our small community is proud to acknowledge that we have two graduates of higher education this year: Jaime Yzaguirre and Diane Pequeno.

Yzaguirre attended High-Tech Institute in Orlando, Fla., where she majored in computer networking. She earned her associate's degree and an occupational license.

The presentations concluded on a sad note when Rebecca Martinez came forth to accept the higher education award for her sister, Diane Pequeno. Pequeno had tragically passed away one week prior to the awards ceremony. She was a beautiful and intelligent mother, who returned to school to complete her education when her children were grown.

Pequeno had received an associate's in accounting from Edison Community College in Fort Myers, Fla. and had taken a job with the Immokalee Seminole Casino. She should be remembered as an inspiration to others who want to complete their education.

The banquet dinner comprised many tribal favorites. Rachel Billie prepared a mountain of Indian burgers and Veronica Doctor supplied tribal hot dogs and fry bread. Angie Posada prepared a Mexican dinner of chicken, rice, beans and fiedo. The meal was served by the PAC Team.

To celebrate the students' achievements, a carnival had been set up outside the gym with something for everyone. There was a playground/activity area for the preschoolers and kindergartners. Carnival booths outlined the exterior of the gym with prizes of balls, stuffed animals, necklaces, bracelets, and candy. A water slide, bungee rope track and Velcro® wall trampoline were a big hit with the elementary and middle school crowd.

Meanwhile inside the gym, the older students and parents were treated to a casino night with the traditional games of chance for their pleasure. Blackjack, slots, craps and roulette were enjoyed by all. In addition, each student was given an opportunity to try for the money machine. They drew a Hershey® Kiss out of a concealed bag. Those who were fortunate enough to draw a gold kiss were able to enter the money



School award recipients pose with their certificates. Congratulations to you all!

machine and trap as many bills as possible to redeem for cash.

However, the real lesson was not about money. The lesson learned is: when it comes to education, apply yourself and you are always a winner.

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The Intertribal Agriculture Council Proudly Announces The Randy Bailey Memorial Horse Raffle

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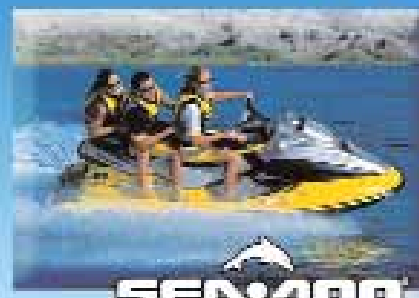
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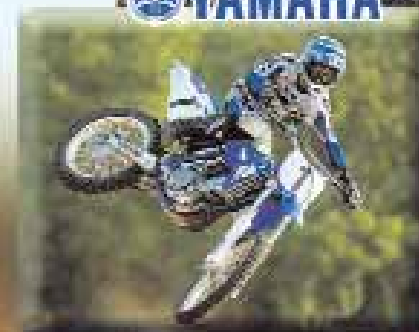
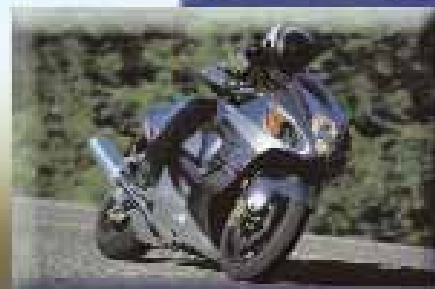
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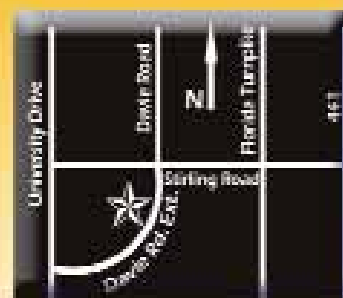
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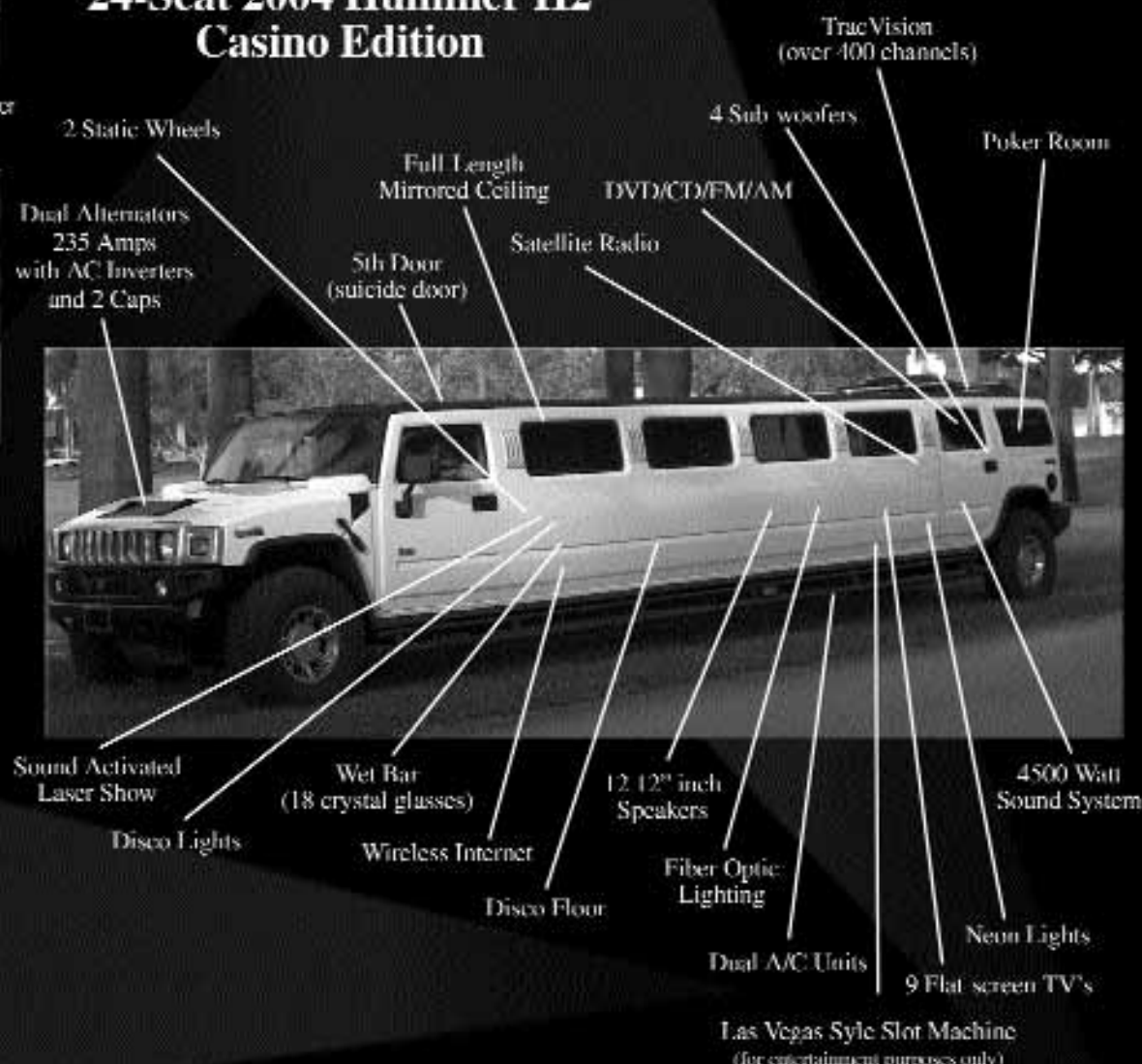
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Youth Athletic League Summer Games

By Felix DoBosz
BIG CYPRESS — On Saturday August 28, under a beautiful hot sunny South Florida sky, a couple dozen youths and their families and friends from Immokalee and Big Cypress participated in some fun sports activities.

At the big softball field in Big Cypress, local youths competed in punt, pass and kick competitions as well as a softball throwing competition. They also ran in the 40-yard dash to try and beat the best time in different age and group categories. This was the first annual Youth Athletic League Summer Games sponsored by the Seminole Police Department in conjunction with the Big Cypress (BC) recre-



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it was time for the big rope, Immokalee kids and BC kids in a tug of war, which Immokalee won in a heated tiebreaker as friends and relatives and SPD personnel cheered them on wildly.

After the final sports competition was completed, Sergeant Al Signore of the Tampa SPD crime prevention unit presided over the festivities by announcing the winners. Signore called out each winning name, and handed out shiny gold medals with tribe's seal on them to the happy kids. The 3-foot high shiny sports trophies were also given out to the best overall rankings.

Congratulations to all the winners and those who played and took the time to play and have a fun filled sunny day. Here are the final results of the Youth Athletic League Summer Games 2004 as compiled by Stan Frischman and his staff at the BC recreation department:

Punt, Pass and Kick: 8-9 year old boys: 1. Johnny Boone; 14-15 year old boys: 1. Justin Willis, 2. Antonio Hernandez, 3.

ation department for kids from six months old to 17 years old.

Mike Floyd, Seminole Police Department (SPD) director of law enforcement said, "This is a wonderful event created to gather everyone together to participate in youth sports activities. We hope to get more kids and families to come out every month at a different reservation to enjoy this type of wholesome family fun."

"These types of community events help to bring our citizens together to enjoy each other's friendly company as we get to know one another and share our sports enthusiasm through this fun competition for the kids," Floyd continued. "Next month we will try to have a diaper derby added to the scheduled activities."

Everyone enjoyed a delicious barbeque grilled lunch consisting of hamburgers, hotdogs and navy beans under the shade of a big white tent. Then



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Tommy Benson; 12-13 year old girls: 1. Cassandra Jimmie.

Softball Throw: 1. Justin Willis, 215-feet-five-inches, 2. Tommy Benson, 150-feet-six-inches, 3. Mark Arriaga, 127-feet.

Tug-of-War: 1. Immokalee, 2. Big Cypress.

40 Yard Dash: 1. Justin Willis, 5.68 seconds, 2. Antonio Hernandez, 6.83 seconds, 3. Allen Hernandez, 6.93 seconds.

Overall Team Rankings: 1. Immokalee (won by tie breaker), 2. Big Cypress.



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The Strays bowling team show off their championship jackets and plaques. (L-R) Marcy Osceola, Crystal Perry, Tiger "Marlon" Tommie, Bill Osceola and Ciara Billie. Alternate teammate Philmon Bowers is not pictured.

Hard Rock Bowlers Win Big

By Shelley Marmor
DAVIE, FL — On Thursday Sept. 9, the bowlers from the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino's bowling league began their new league play. But first, Karen Woodgate from the finance department had to hand out the awards to the winners from the previous season.

The big winners were the Strays team, consisting of Ciara Billie, Tiger "Marlon" Tommie, both work in the Tribal Career Development Program, Marcy Osceola, who works with limousine transportation, Crystal Perry, a poker supervisor, and alternates Philmon Bowers from the gaming compliance department and Bill Osceola, a TAD floor supervisor.

Marcy Osceola, from the Strays team, also bowled the highest average out of all the players on the league—a 164. Osceola, along with the highest scoring female Joan Thomas, received Storm brand bowling balls as prizes.

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Marcy Osceola received a Storms brand bowling ball for his 164 average, the highest average of all males in the league.

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Iretta Tiger

In loving memory of Randolph Clay. He is pictured here playing his favorite sport.

Randolph Clay Remembered

By Iretta Tiger

HOLLYWOOD — For Randolph Clay, pool was not only a sport; it was how he supported his family.

"Before leaving he would say, 'Ok, I'm gonna go to work now'," remembers former wife Cheryl Paikin.

His pool skills were so good that he sometimes had to travel out of town to find a game. Often the only people who would play against him were the professionals. Though Clay didn't get to play against Minnesota Fats, he did get to meet the legendary pool player.

During Clay's pool career he was a member of many leagues and was usually the MVP. Because of his talent Clay achieved local fame and has met numerous celebrities.

Clay's friend since childhood, Roger Pickney, introduced him to a lot of people in the world of boxing. Clay bore such a strong resemblance to Roberto Duran that he was often called Duran.

When the two finally met Duran said, "Hey, you look like me" to which Clay responded, "No, you look like me!"

Clay also gave Duran a Seminole jacket made by his mother Betty Osceola.

Throughout the years Clay was given numerous custom-made pool sticks from friends and admirers. Clay was also known for being one of the first people to own a pit bull dog, which was given to him by a friend.

He was so well liked that it was these friends and even the famous that came to pay their respects at his funeral.

It was Pickney who conceived the idea for the tournament and helped Clay's family to organize it. Clay's daughter Brandy oversees every detail of the tournament from the rental of the pool tables to the designs of the t-shirts and trophies.

The tournament has become the premier billiards contest among the tribe and has grown to include a category open to non-tribal people.

This year's two day tournament started with the seniors and the youth. The winners are as follows:

Senior Women 50-59: 1. Linda Billie, 2. Juanita Osceola, 3. Deloris Jumper.

Senior Men 50-59: 1. David Bowers, 2. Steven Bowers, 3. Mike Tiger, 4. Ronnie Doctor, 5. Texas Billie.

Senior Women 60 and older: 1. Mabel Osceola, 2. Annie Jumper, 3. Augustina Gore, 4. Maydell Osceola, 5. Betty Jumper.

Senior Men 60 and older: 1. Joe Billie Jr., 2. Russell Osceola, 3. Joe Dan Osceola, 4. Bobby Clay.

Girls: 1. JoJo Osceola, 2. Erica Mata, 3. Nicole Osceola, 4. Nina Frias, 5. Lacey Jordan.

Boys: 1. Pierson Hunsinger, 2. Miguel Mata, 3. Casey McCall, 4. Tommy Benson, 5. Morgan

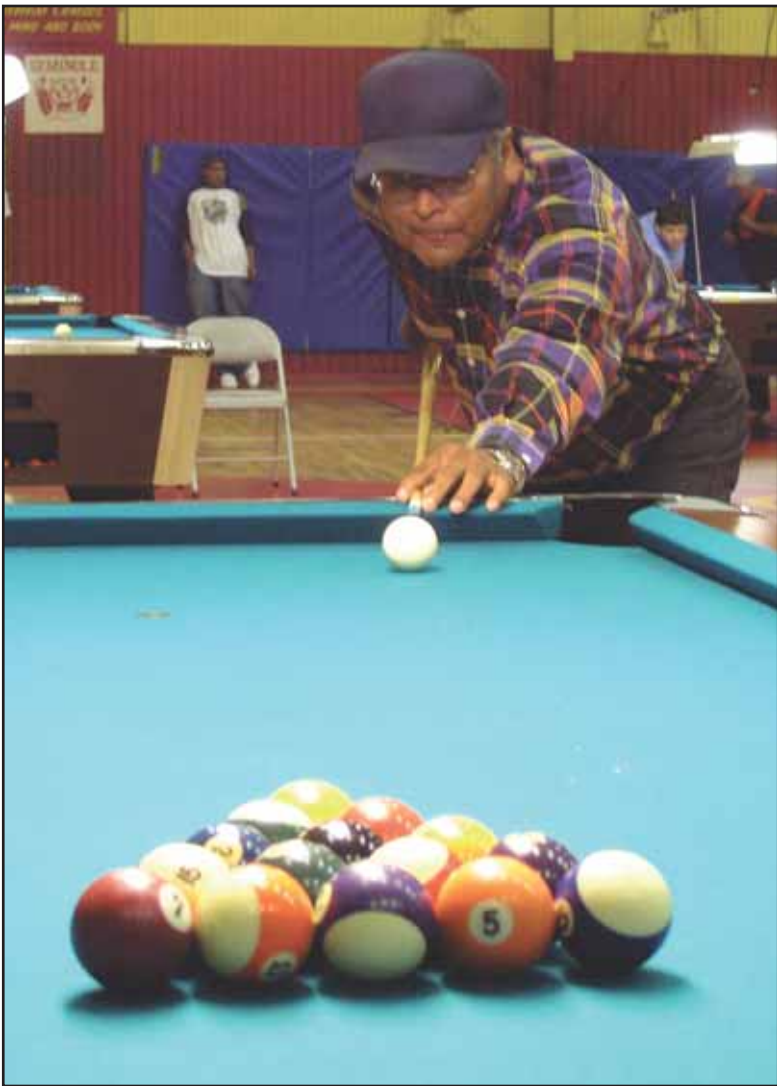
Frank.

Seniors Scratch Doubles: 1. Betty Jumper and Jimmy, 2. Juanita Osceola and Russell Osceola, 3. Mike Tiger and Linda Billie, 4. Annie Jumper and Joe Billie Jr., 5. Mabel Osceola and Ronnie Doctor.

Men's 8-ball 18-49: 1. Ray Yzaguirre, 2. Danny Billie, 3. Randy Clay, 4. Boogie Nunez, 5. Eugene Tiger.

Women's 8-ball 18-49: 1. Theresa Nunez, 2. Emma Urbina, 3. Virginia Billie, 4. Connie Williams, 5. Teonna Roch.

Adults Scratch Doubles: 1. Janel Billie and



Iretta Tiger

David Bowers lines up the cue ball and gets ready to break.

Tony Billie, 2. Frank and Minnie Billie, 3. Emma Buck and Jack Billie, 4. Alexandra Sanchez and Ray Yzaguirre III, 5. Connie Williams and Chunky Buster.

The next category was open to non-tribal people, but it was Seminole citizens who took the top places.

Women's 9-ball: 1. Juanita Osceola, 2. Linda Jones, 3. Teresa Nunez.

Men's 9-ball: 1. Charles Osceola, 2. Jack Billie.

Congratulations to all the contestants! See you next year.



Iretta Tiger

Russell Osceola takes aim. He placed second in the senior men's 60 and older division.

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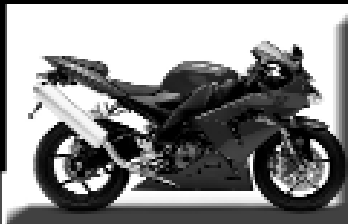
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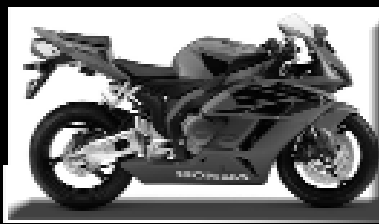


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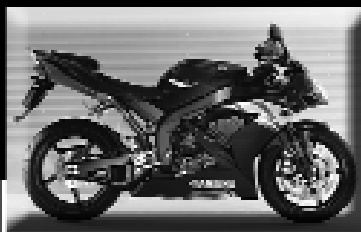
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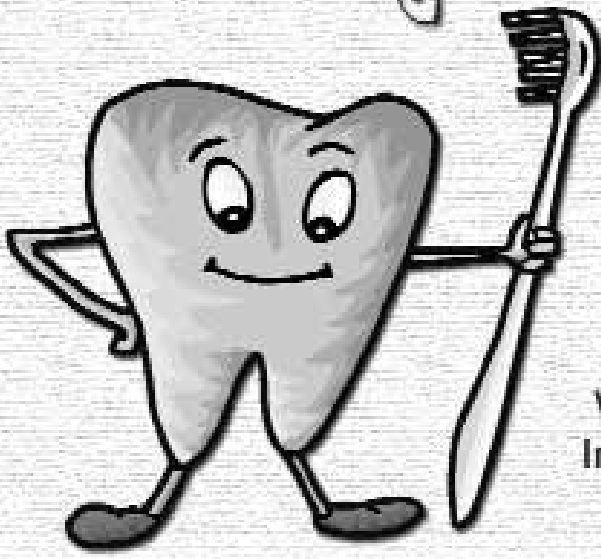
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4-H Club Kicks Off New Season

By Judy Weeks

IMMOKALEE — Throughout the month of August, the 4-H steer participants have been examining livestock to select and purchase for this year's project.

On Saturday Sept. 11, the Immokalee 4-H club held its initial steer weigh-in. The youngsters who will be doing a steer project are listed below with their animals' weight: Deidra Hall, 13, 600 pounds, Michael Shaffer II, 14, 595 pounds, 4-H club steer, 15, 660 pounds, Alexis Martin Aguilar, 16, 575 pounds, Lazara Marrero, 17, 676 pounds, Cheyenne McInturff, 18, 576 pounds.

While working with the cattle, the 4-H club members learned how unpredictable livestock can be, making it necessary to exercise caution. Justin Villareal's steer number 12 managed to escape during the process and had to be rounded up and

weighed later in the day.

Benny Motlow, director of the Immokalee Seminole Youth and Livestock Ranch, handled the weigh-in with the assistance of Gary McInturff, Greg Betancourt, and Lupe Cepeda. Youth Ranch Secretary Michelle Osceola was in charge of the paperwork. In addition to the weigh-in, the cows were wormed, tagged and received a growth hormone implant. Future plans include a visit from Mary Jean Koenes of the Big Cypress 4-H club, who will do a seminar on cow showmanship.

Work continues on the new steer barn where the roof has been sheeted. The electric and water installation is in progress. The 4-Hers look forward to transferring their livestock to the new facility by the end of September.



Greg Betancourt (left) assists Chad Motlow and Justin Villareal at the cattle weigh-in.

Judy Weeks

Ducheneaux Offers Horsemanship and Barrel Lessons to Tribal Citizens

By Judy Weeks

IMMOKALEE — The Immokalee Seminole Youth and Livestock Ranch announced

Tess has held barrel racing championships in the EIRA for the past five years and most recently triumphed over the competition in San Jacinto, Calif.

Classes began a couple of weeks ago and usually draw approximately 10 students. They are encouraged to bring their own horses, however, it is not necessary. The Immokalee Seminole Youth and Livestock Ranch has recently purchased four barrel horses and is acquiring eight well-groomed trail horses.

Ducheneaux brings three of her barrel horses to insure that each student gets plenty of quality riding time. She began the program with basic horsemanship lessons and will move the individual students along at their own pace.

Safety and understanding of the animal along with the proper place upon its back are a primary concern. These standards are stressed over speed and agility in the early learning phase.

All tribal citizens are encouraged to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to improve upon their riding skills.



Judy Weeks

Alexis Aguilar enjoys learning to ride on Chris at the Immokalee Youth Ranch.

horsemanship and barrel racing lessons for tribal citizens. The classes are being conducted at the John Jimmie Memorial Arena every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday beginning at 3:30 p.m.

The classes are being taught by Shireen Ducheneaux of Ocala, Fla. Though some may not know her, she has a very impressive resume. Her husband and children are long time members of the Eastern Indian Rodeo Association (EIRA).

Ducheneaux began teaching her children, Tess, 15 and Zane, 9, how to ride and then compete at a very early age; and what a great job she's done! Tess won the 1999 Josey Jr. World Championship in Marshall, Texas.

It doesn't end there.



Judy Weeks

Shireen Ducheneaux (right) with her daughter Tess get ready for a horsemanship class at Immokalee Youth and Livestock Ranch.

Immokalee Seminole Youth & Livestock Ranch Coming Soon

By Judy Weeks

IMMOKALEE — The Immokalee reservation proudly announces a new program to benefit, not only the youth, but community members as well. Initial planning for the proposed facility started in May 2004 and a proposal was presented to the Tribal Council in early-July.

After careful consideration, the Immokalee Seminole Youth & Livestock Ranch (ISY&LR) came into existence with Benny Motlow as its new director.

The ISY&LR is designed to produce programs to occupy and help in the development of Seminole youth. Its goals include responsibility, self-respect, personal hygiene and constructive interaction between all age groups.

Immokalee Council Liaison Elaine Aguilar sponsored the program by okaying the land use of the recently renovated John Jimmie Memorial Arena, surrounding pastures, barns and a field for agricultural development.

The 4-H pig barn and newly constructed steer barn are both located on the property. The 4-H participants will benefit from some of the proposed projects, which will encompass all members of the community.

Motlow immediately examined the existing facilities and began renovation where necessary. He hired staff to assist in the operation of the new programs. He has purchased some horses and is acquiring more along with tack and hired an equine professional to teach horsemanship and barrels. Fifty new roping steers have joined the livestock.

A field has been prepared and planted for the 4-H agricultural project and a youth ranch garden will be next. Future plans include: roping practice, clinics, ranch rodeos as well as East Indian Rodeo Association and Professional Cowboy Association (PCA) rodeos, team roping, and there is also the possibility of a BMX off-road bike trail and skateboard park.

Ground has been broken and a new pad installed for the construction of a petting zoo. The 50-foot-by-40-foot pole barn, comprising 10 stalls, will become the new home for a variety of animals. The proposed farm setting will include chickens,

guineas, small birds, rabbits, a miniature horse, dairy calves, baby goats and sheep. This should be a big success with the toddlers through elementary school age group.

ISY&LR is designed to operate with the cooperation and volunteer services of the entire community. Meetings were held on August 25 and 31 to establish a committee which will provide manpower to handle the planned events for the benefit of ISY&LR.

The following individuals make up this committee: Virgil Benny Motlow, Chairman, Norita Yzaguirre, Vice-President, Michelle Osceola, Secretary, Cris Marrero, Treasurer, and Rhonda Nunez, Public Relations. They will get together with Immokalee Council Liaison Elaine Aguilar, Immokalee Board Liaison Raymond Garza, Jaime Yzaguirre, Edwin Montanez, Gary McInturff, Sylvia Marrero, Juan Tapia, Greg Betancourt, Ray Yzaguirre III, Virginia Billie, Amy Yzaguirre, Rebecca Martinez, Jennie Martinez, Angie Arreguin from the broadcasting department and Judy Weeks, freelance writer for *The Seminole Tribune*.

Plans were announced for the First Annual PCA Rodeo and BBQ/Chili Cook-Off to be hosted by ISY&LR. Proceeds will benefit the youth ranch with 15 percent being donated to the hurricane relief fund. The two-day event took place on Friday Sept. 17. Noe Anzualdo with Latin Country provided live music at 6 p.m. Followed by a hot dog eating contest and foot race for the kids at 6:30 p.m. and the PCA Rodeo at 8 p.m.

A full day was planned for Saturday Sept. 18 with slack being run at 9 a.m. and the BBQ/Chili Cook-Off taking place from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. The PCA rodeo ran again at 8 a.m.

Sponsors for the event were: Tribal Council and Board, Immokalee Seminole Casino, B & L Hardware and Tire, Jack Queen Construction, Inc., Spooner Insurance Agency, Inc., Langford Ford, Buddy's Home Furnishings #3 Immokalee, Florida Community Bank, Florida Drilling, Inc. and Taps Automotive.

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Date Set For ‘Bridging the Gap’ VA Summit

Submitted by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

OKLAHOMA CITY, OK — The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs is sponsoring the second annual Bridging the Gap Summit to promote veteran, minority, and Native American business development. The summit will take place Oct. 12 at the Reed Center in Midwest City, Okla.

The focus of the summit is connecting agencies, contractors and enterprises for new business. Lectures and interactive workshops will address business strategies, contracting opportunities, and financing options. Veterans, tribes, business owners and interested individuals are encouraged to attend. The event also includes a trade show with booths to provide additional resources.

Registration is \$50 per organization, and additional information is available through the Busey Group at (405) 721-7776.

This year’s summit, presented by White Hawk Group and the Busey Group, will have key speakers representing various government and private sector organizations. The event will highlight advantages in contracting for Native American and veteran owned businesses as provided by such legislation as the Native American Incentives Act and the Veteran Service Disabled Act.

The presentations and hands-on workshops during the Bridging the Gap Summit will feature many experts including: Scott Denniston, Director of the VA’s Small & Disadvantaged Business Utilization Office in Washington, DC; Neal McCaleb, former Interior Department Assistant Secretary for the Bureau of Indian Affairs; Yolane Hartsfield of the

U.S. Army Corp of Engineers; Lynda Speller of Metro Technology Centers; Ross Hill of Bank2; Bill Strecker of the Bank of Oklahoma; Billy Jefferson, retired Small Business Specialist at the Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center; Debra Ponder-Nelson of the Oklahoma Minority Supplier Development Council (OMSDC); and other experts in small business topics.

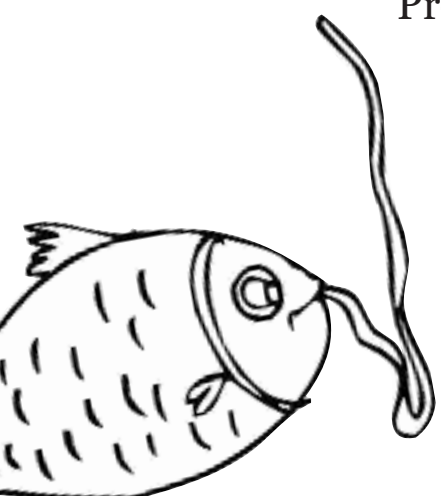
Event sponsors include the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, the Oklahoma Department of Commerce, Bank2, the Oklahoma Minority Supplier Development Council (OMSDC), the American Indian Chamber of Commerce of Oklahoma (AICCO), Southwestern Oklahoma State University, and the Bank of Oklahoma.

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