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Inauguration ceremony ushers elected leaders into new terms

BY EILEEN SOLER
Staff Reporter

HOLLYWOOD — Witnessed by a crowd of nearly 500 spectators, the Tribe's newly elected leadership was sworn in June 1 during a reverent and proud inauguration ceremony at the Hollywood Reservation.

"I pray for the leaders that stand before us that they will lead with knowledge and wisdom," said the Rev. Paul Buster following an invocation in Mikasuki by medicine man Bobby Henry, of the Tampa Reservation.

The event marked an incoming era of possibilities with two prolific Tribal leaders at the helm.

Chairman James E. Billie was sworn in for a second consecutive term. Mitchell Cypress, the Tribe's newly elected President, resumed a leading role in Tribal government after a four-year break.

Chairman Billie's long and storied career began when he was first elected Chairman in 1979. He served 22 years building the Tribe's sovereignty and self-determination through gaming before he took a "vacation" from office in 2001 amid controversy. In 2011, he was reelected in a landslide win.

Chairman Billie is credited for establishing Native American gaming throughout Indian Country when he opened the first high stakes bingo hall in 1979. By 2011, Seminole Gaming covered operations in Immokalee, Tampa, Brighton, Hollywood, Big Cypress and Coconut Creek. Meanwhile, the Tribe was instrumental for the United States government's subsequent creation of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA) and then for the 1996 Supreme Court decision that, through IGRA, consented to substantial bargaining powers of Tribes with states over casino style gaming.

During his acceptance speech, Chairman Billie recalled his introduction to bingo in early 1979 while visiting a Native American reservation in Oklahoma.

"There was a bunch of numbers ... and



Beverly Bidney

Elected officials pose under the Council Oak after the June 1 inauguration ceremony on Hollywood Reservation. From left are Big Cypress Councilman Cicero Osceola, Hollywood Councilman Chris Osceola, Brighton Councilman Andrew J. Bowers Jr., Chairman James E. Billie, President Mitchell Cypress, Brighton Board Rep. Larry Howard, Big Cypress Board Rep. Joe Frank and Hollywood Board Rep. Steve Osceola.

someone would yell out, 'Bingo!' and what they won was a can of beans or sardines or something like that," Chairman Billie said. "Then somebody gave the idea that we could do bingo here and the prize money could be bigger ... With the help of several people in the state of Florida, and with attorneys, we achieved the level we are at today."

Cypress served in office from 1999

through 2011 first as President and then as Chairman. During his tenure, he helped strike the historic Hard Rock International deal that further propelled the Tribe toward financial prosperity. The global corporation now boasts more than 175 venues in 55 countries.

"It feels good to be back in the saddle again," President Cypress said. "The priority

will be to work with the state and getting Council and the Board to work together and set goals for the next four years."

The oaths of office for the Tribe's Chairman, President, three Councilmen and three Board Representatives were administered on the stage decked with

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NICWA honors head of Tribe's Family Services Department

BY EILEEN SOLER
Staff Reporter

PORTLAND, Ore. — Helene Buster's life is filled with the problems of others. Some days she finds resolutions. Some nights the director of the Tribe's Family Services Department goes to bed with the weight of concerns too heavy for rest.

Drug- and alcohol-addicted Tribal members and the children caught in the crossfire are her leading concerns.

"I know through my own meetings that I can't really control everyone. I can't survive for anyone or sober up anyone. I can only try to be an example of what sobriety is and what it could be," Buster said. "I have to believe in a higher power."

But she does not wait on divine intervention. A recent award bestowed on Buster for her role in developing a list of tribal programs to help proves it.

On April 19, at the opening of the National Indian Child Welfare Association's (NICWA) 33rd annual

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Tribe helps keep Haskell football program alive

BY EILEEN SOLER
Staff Reporter

LAWRENCE, Kan. — Football at Haskell Indian Nations University, under severe financial stress, has received an assist from Tribes throughout Indian Country, including a major Hail Mary from the Seminole Tribe of Florida.

On May 7, Tribal members and Haskell alumni Moses Jumper Jr. (1970) and Pete Hahn (2005) presented Haskell Foundation with a \$100,000 check to keep the endangered football program alive.

The gift was presented at the campus dining hall during the Lawrence, Kansas university's annual faculty awards lunch.

"Haskell means a lot to the people of Indian Country. In our Tribe alone we have many people in important roles who have come through Haskell schools ... right here, this is the hub, where we meet each other and produce the leaders of Indian Country," Hahn told the audience,

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Tribe wildland firefighters tackle blaze at Big Cypress National Preserve

BY BEVERLY BIDNEY
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BIG CYPRESS NATIONAL PRESERVE — Three days after lightning ignited a wildfire May 8 at Big Cypress National Preserve, nine wildland firefighters of the Seminole Tribe Forestry and Wildland Fire Department joined the effort to control the blaze.

About 349 personnel from eight firefighting units cooperated to extinguish the fire, which had grown by May 26 to more

than 35,000 acres located approximately 3 miles southwest of the Big Cypress Reservation.

"South Florida is a fire ecosystem," said Don Mitchell, Seminole Tribe Battalion Commander and Assistant Fire Management Officer. "Florida gets more lightning strikes than any other state in the nation. It's not 'if,' but 'when' and how bad it's going to be."

The preserve fire consisted of two main fires: the Square fire north of Interstate 75 and the Ellison fire south of

the highway. Additional smaller fires were also discovered. Smoke permeated the area between mile markers 60 and 73, about 10 miles east of State Road 29.

The Tribe's wildland firefighters — which included Mitchell, a member of the Eastern Shoshone Tribe, Nick Apostolopoulos, David Cline, Marisol Garcia, Chris Kemp, Mike Lightsey, Dane Martin, Grant Steelman and Keith Yeates — established fire lines and improved existing lines for operations as fires grew daily because of winds and dry conditions. They tackled the task by clearing vegetation near roads and off-road vehicle trails.

Additionally, two single engine AT-802 air tankers each loaded with 800 gallons of water flew out of Big Cypress Aviation to fight the preserve fires. The planes, owned by Fletcher Flying Service of Immokalee, are crop dusters built specifically for firefighting. The planes dropped water over the fire from an altitude of 100 to 200 feet.

The Tribe's Forestry and Wildland Fire Department has earned a national reputation in recent years and has subsequently been recruited by other Tribes throughout Indian Country and the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) to fight wildfires in northern and southern California, Arizona, Oregon, Wyoming and Michigan.

"It was totally different out there," said Martin, who fought fires in northern California's Klamath National

Forest last summer. "It's so dry there; we can get away with burning more things here than they can."

May through July is wildfire season in Florida, but controlled, or prescribed, fires are used to reduce hazardous buildups of fuel and create firebreaks that protect people, homes and wildlife habitat, said Mel Johnson, National Park Service (NPS) park ranger. The Florida Forest Service burns more than 2 million acres statewide annually in prescribed fires, according to their website; the Tribe's Forestry and Wildland Department burns 15,000 to 18,000 acres each year on the Big Cypress and Brighton Reservations, said Jeff Alter, the department's division chief.

Johnson said that even though this fire was not a prescribed fire, they will let it burn as long as it does not endanger homes or highways.

He believes the fire will burn until the arrival of the rainy season in June.

"When we get new lightning starts or old fires are brought back to life by wind, we send firefighters in to put them out," Johnson said. "We are using aggressive tactics and attacking fires as they start now."

He said decades ago, firefighters would have done everything possible to put out fires, but they now realize the benefits of them.

For example, sawgrass prairie fires release nutrients into the ground, Johnson said. Deer thrive on the fast-growing, fresh shoots, which sprout quickly after a burn. As a result, the Florida panther thrives on the abundance of deer. Other benefits of prescribed fires include disease control in young pines and habitat improvement. According to the National Park Service, panthers make dens in areas burned by fire less than four years before. Turkeys also like

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Smoke from the Big Cypress National Preserve fire rises north of Interstate 75 near mile marker 63 on May 19. The blaze, which grew to more than 35,000 acres, ignited May 8 just several miles southwest of the Big Cypress Reservation after lightning struck the area.

Big Cypress plays teaching role for United Nations' water institute

BY EILEEN SOLER
Staff Reporter

BIG CYPRESS — Big Cypress Board Rep. Joe Frank promised 26 master's degree and doctoral candidates from nations around the globe one thing during a tour May 22 of the reservation's wetlands: "You will be amazed when you look at Florida how the environment struggles to survive."

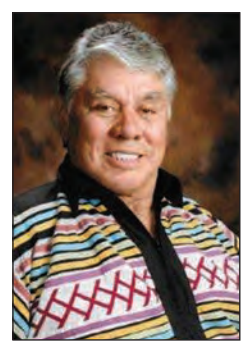
All hydrology system modeling students deemed the "cream of the crop" from the United Nations' UNESCO Institute for Water Education in Holland, the students were riveted by the beauty of the Everglades and by the threat of its end.

Part of their curriculum, since 2005 thanks to the Florida Earth Foundation led by executive director Stan Bronson, includes a trip to the United States to study water management models developed by the U.S. Department of the Interior, U.S.

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Editorial

Seminole Tribe 2015 General Election results



James E. Billie
Seminole Tribe of Florida
Chairman
44.64%
Marcellus W. Osceola Jr., 38.56%
Richard Bowers Jr., 11.23%
Tony Billie, 5.57%

Mitchell Cypress
Seminole Tribe of Florida, Inc.
President
60.90%
Tony Sanchez Jr., 39.10%



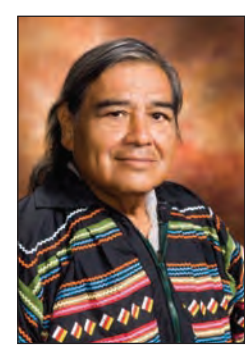
Cicero Osceola
Big Cypress Councilman
57.14%
Mondo Tiger, 32.03%
Mary Jean Koenes, 10.82%



Andrew J. Bowers Jr.
Brighton Councilman
55.78%
Diane S. Smith, 44.22%



Chris Osceola
Hollywood Councilman
78.20%
Douglas Smith, 21.80%



Joe Frank
Big Cypress Board Rep.
56.83%
Paul Bowers Sr., 43.17%



Larry Howard
Brighton Board Rep.
78%
Johnnie Jones Sr., 22%



Steve Osceola
Hollywood Board Rep.
52.45%
Gordon Oliver Wareham, 47.55%

The Rez of the Story: Season of Sundance

• Vince Two Eagles

This time of year (the summer months) is when we Dakotah like to powwow (social dance) and some Dakotah people do their traditional "Sundance" also at this time of the year. Many things have been told about these cultural and spiritual events held literally around the globe these days. There are powwows and Sundances held routinely throughout many European countries and therein lies the rub for many Indian people. Let's talk about the powwow first. Powwow is a universal term used by many Indian people throughout North America. Jack Utter's "American Indians Answers to Today's Questions" tells us that the word "powwow" is derived from the Algonquin-speaking Narragansett Tribe of the Rhode Island region. In its original usage, it meant a Native healer or priest. For example, in 1646, writes American anthropologist Edward H. Spicer, the Massachusetts Bay Colony defined "pawwows" as "witches or sorcerers that cure by the help of the devil." In 1674, another observer wrote: "Their physicians are Powaws or Indian Priests (Oxford English Dictionary 1989). Early on, the meaning of powwow was expanded by non-Indians to include ceremonies in which Indian healers or religious leaders participated. The word was later widely applied and accepted by Indians and non-Indians as a generic term to cover nearly all gatherings involving feasts, councils or inter-tribal conferences. Today the term is still applied to healers and spiritual leaders but that meaning is used by some of the eastern Tribes. In Indian Country, "powwow" currently means a tribal or inter-tribal dance, fair, rodeo, celebration or other gathering. These may vary in size from small social functions to the very large Gathering of Nations Pow-Wow, which annually draws people to Albuquerque, New Mexico from throughout the U.S. and Canada. In addition to their recreational value, powwows are socially significant for individual participants and are important to Indian solidarity, spirituality, cultural identity and exchange of social-political information." As far as I know, powwows are usually open to the public. There will not only be many different styles and types of dances and dancers but it is not uncommon to

see Indian Name-Giving, Wiping of the Tears, Honoring and other ceremonies. Additionally, it is quite common to see Giveaways (these are quite often "Memorial Ceremonies" remembering those have deceased). The Sundance on the other hand is a bird of a different feather, so to speak. Many traditional Indian people who still practice the old religious ceremonies believe it is disrespectful to allow non-Indians to either participate or observe the Sundance. This is, of course, their right. If, on the other hand, the dancers or the sponsor of the Sundance thinks it is alright to allow non-Indians to attend and/or participate then so be it. The bottom line is that you have to ask before attending or participating in this very sacred ceremony. I know the allowing of non-Indians to attend a Sundance, let alone participate in one, is highly controversial in Indian Country. Even among Indian people, I have observed a tendency to generalize ritual. This means that there are those who say one way of conducting a Sundance is right while another way is wrong. It is next to impossible, in my estimation, to win such an argument, especially when we know different *Tiyos'payes* (Indian families) have their own particular way of doing things. I don't believe this necessarily represents disunity among Indian people but allows for diversity in thought and individuality in religious practice. I understand that Indian people have always respected each individual's right to develop and explore their own personal relationship with the Creator without interference from someone else. If this is true then to each his own – some like it hot, some like it cold. There is very little room for criticism but plenty of room to support and keep alive our Indian ways; especially our ceremonial life. Once again, for you non-Indians, don't be afraid to ask and you can't go wrong. And now you know the rez of the story.

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How Jackson turned on his Cherokee allies

• David Treuer

Surely everyone knows, or should know, about the Cherokee Trail of Tears – an ordeal imposed upon thousands of Cherokees who, after fighting and winning a judgment in the Supreme Court against their removal from the Eastern Seaboard, were nonetheless dispossessed of their tribal lands and marched to Indian Territory in the early 1830s. The scale of the removal was staggering. Not only the Cherokee but also the Muskogee, Seminole, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Creek and many of their African American slaves were removed in one of the largest and most brutal acts of aggression ever committed by the United States. But not till now, with the coming of NPR journalist Steve Inskeep's magnificent book, "Jacksonland: President Andrew Jackson, Cherokee Chief John Ross, and a Great American Land Grab" (Penguin), has this episode in American history been rendered in such personal detail and with such a human touch. Inskeep begins his tale of dispossession in earnest at the Battle of Horseshoe Bend in 1814. By that time Jackson was already famous for his modest origins, his politics and his victory over the British at the Battle of New Orleans during the War of 1812. It was at Horseshoe Bend, in what is now Alabama, that what could be called the "war of settlement" truly began, when the U.S. military and its Indian allies attacked and demolished the Creek "Red Stick" separatists. And it was at Horseshoe Bend that John Ross – a young Cherokee statesman and fighter – fought for and became acquainted with Jackson. The two men's destinies became linked during the battle, and they remained linked through their long struggle for control of the American Southeast. What Inskeep shows us – through letters, first-rate historical research and able prose – is how the Cherokee (dispossessors and colonists of other neighboring Tribes such as the Creek, Catawba and Tuscarora) fought for the United States and then, after their destinies were intertwined, ended up fighting against the government, in court and through lobbyists and by any other

means except outright warfare. What emerges from the story of the two men is a bigger portrait of power and conflict in early America, which wasn't simply a matter of white transgression and Indian resistance. Rather, Indians and whites were sometimes allies, sometimes not, sometimes united in cause, sometimes not. And the map of power wasn't simply federal versus tribal. There was a complex web of relationships among Indian Tribes, the federal government and states (like Georgia) that wanted to dictate state sovereignty on their own terms. More than that, Inskeep – by focusing tightly on the public and private movements of the two antagonists and keeping his story confined to the events leading up to the removal rather than on the hardships of the removal itself – shows us that the Indian Wars in the latter part of the 19th century (what could be called the War of the West) really began in the East; the Cherokee removal marked the end of a policy of diplomacy and negotiation between the Tribes and the United States and ushered in a vast and bloody period that touched Tribes from the Plains to California. We can also see that the Civil War in some ways began in the 1830s over issues of sovereignty and control, and that at the bottom of all of it was a deep, almost insatiable quest for land. Perhaps no American president was more rapacious than Jackson. After the War of 1812, as a colonel in the Army responsible for fighting Indians in the Southeastern United States, he used his military conquests to buy huge tracts of land in Alabama and Tennessee for himself and his business partners. After "liberating" millions of acres of Indian land and bringing it into settlement, he used his government status to position himself and his friends as first in line at land auctions, to hire his friends as surveyors, and to make side deals with tribal leaders (complete with doctours – sweeteners, or bribes – to have some of the best parcels set aside for himself). Inskeep explains this kind of unseemly, if not illegal, dealing diplomatically: "In his abiding interest in land, Andrew Jackson was a reflection of his country, as well as his time. The settlement of land quite literally

underlay the entire project of building the United States. But Jackson's acute sensitivity to rumors about his real estate business revealed another layer to the story. While the speculator was not necessarily immoral or corrupt ... speculation was a morally fraught enterprise." But perhaps Inskeep is a little too diplomatic. While Jackson was, of course, a man of his time and culture, not all men were like Jackson. There were many others, inside and outside government, who deplored his greed and violence. Even by the measure of his time, he was a self-serving, greedy and immoral speculator who casually disposed of his Indian allies and friends in order to increase his own market share. As for Ross, his story is painful to read. We meet him in full flower: young, bilingual, articulate, literate. He has done everything asked of him by the U.S. government, and he expects the United States, and Jackson, to honor the sacrifices of his people. By degrees, his faith is undone. Yet still – by visiting Washington lobbying lawmakers, funding the first Cherokee newspaper out of his own pocket – he fights for his people with words, and he loses by force. After taking his fight to the courts and winning a victory against removal in the Supreme Court, he is rebuffed by then-President Jackson, who allegedly said: "That's their decision. Now let's see them try to enforce it." After that, the removal is unavoidable. So, too, is a major shift in federal Indian policy. Until that point the U.S. government had dealt with Tribes through – and often with – diplomacy. After that, the United States and Tribes across the country slide inevitably toward open conflict that doesn't end until the close of the century. The story of the Cherokee removal has been told many times, but never before has a single book given us such a sense of how it happened and what it meant, not only for Indians, but also for the future and soul of America. *David Treuer (Ojibwe) is a noted Native American writer, critic and academic. Interested in language preservation, Treuer and his brother Anton are working on an Ojibwe language grammar.*

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Dedicated patchwork artist emerges from Immokalee

Moleana Hall proves practice makes perfect

BY EILEEN SOLER
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IMMOKALEE — For Immokalee's Culture Department site coordinator Moleana Hall, patience and patchwork go hand in hand, but she didn't always practice what she preaches.

"Sewing just wasn't my thing. I didn't have the patience for it ... when I started working here I had to learn," Hall said while surrounded by sewing machines and tools to fashion patchwork strips, dresses, skirts, vests and shirts.

In a little over a year, the once reluctant seamstress has garnered a reputation as a patchwork artist. Her stitching is impeccable, her color blends are fluid and aligned, and her cuts are perfectly measured, said Jane Billie, one of Hall's biggest cheerleaders.

"I've seen Moleana come a long way, and it's still surprising to me how good she is and that she keeps getting better," Billie said.

Billie, a patchwork seamstress for nearly four decades, said Hall also stands out because she learned so quickly and at a more mature age than most first-time traditional crafters. Hall, 40, is the mother of eight children and grandmother of seven.

Her role at Immokalee includes planning craft sessions, teaching and keeping the culture room stocked. A wall is filled with plastic bins for beads in five different sizes and up to 25 colors. Another wall holds nearly 100 spools of flat and iridescent rickrack. A closet is stacked with dozens of reams of cotton fabric, solids mostly, but also seasonal, pop culture and athletic team prints.

Fifteen sewing machines are available for use, but Hall lugs her own Juki TL-2010 between home and work every day. At home, she tries to stop sewing and to be asleep by 1 a.m. but sometimes won't stop until the job is done.

Occasionally, she'll suffer a creative block and turn to beading for fun, but it's not long until she is re-inspired by memories of watching her aunt Lydia Cypress, with whom she lived for many years, sew into the night.

"I wondered why my aunt stayed up late all the time. You want to get it done," Hall said.

When she is not maintaining the culture work room, planning culture activities or teaching, Hall sells patchwork strips and clothing. Customers tell her what they want or they bring pictures which she studies, dissects in her head, redesigns on graph paper and refashions with her own touches in colors that define the design. Fire colors mixed with turquoise and pink and purple combinations make up her favorite color palettes, but Seminole colors are most frequently requested.

Juanita Martinez, who works part-time for Culture, said Hall's work is always more delicate, intricate and tedious than most patchwork.

"She takes on the difficult patchwork. Moleana is pretty unique that way," Martinez said.

If Hall makes a choice that is not what buyers exactly asked for, they either love it anyway or someone else buys it.

Billie said Hall is a perfectionist who

is eager to try new techniques or invent her own — and she is not afraid of starting over.

"Moleana does new, modern styles, so that's a lot of strips to cut and make sure the colors are aligned and perfect. If she gets it wrong, she's not afraid of ripping it out," Billie said.

Hall's busiest weeks so far have occurred before Indian Day, Brighton Field Day and Tribal Fair where her clothing and patchwork strips garnered a handful of clothing contest awards.

"But I don't sew to win contests," Hall said. "What I think about [when sewing] is life, how far I've come in sewing and how proud I am of myself. I wish my mom and dad were around to see it," Hall said.

In March, she made a wedding skirt

and blouse for her cousin Kathy Cypress and a matching wedding vest for the groom, Neil Prager. Hall layered a thin veil of lace over the skirt to create the look of romantic, impressionistic art. The entire ensemble was sewn in four days.

But the wedding attire wasn't Hall's most stressful and memorable success. For the Big Cypress 119th Anniversary Celebration in January, she fashioned vests for celebrity guests R.J. and Jay Paul Molinere, the Houma Native American father and son duo from television's "Swamp People" reality show.

Hall said the assignment was her first high-pressure job and admitted she took the vests apart and started over three times.

"Practice makes perfect," she said.



Eileen Soler

Moleana Hall concentrates on detail stitching April 30 in the Immokalee Culture Department.



Eileen Soler

Moleana Hall takes a break from sewing rows of patchwork strips to show some of her latest creations.



Photo courtesy of Anita Allen

Jason Don Billie navigates the Himmarshee Canal on a paddle board as part of the Paddle Up event to bring a stronger indigenous presence to the Las Olas Village area of Fort Lauderdale through art and cultural events.

Paddle Up on the Himmarshee Canal

BY BEVERLY BIDNEY
Staff Reporter

FORT LAUDERDALE — Seminoles have used the New River and its tributaries as a highway for trade with settlers in Fort Lauderdale since the early 20th century. On May 10, Tribal members and waterway enthusiasts paid tribute to Seminole culture and history as they embarked on the Himmarshee Canal in canoes, kayaks and paddle boards for the Paddle Up on the Himmarshee event.

Dressed in traditional and modern patchwork garb, Pedro Zepeda and Jerome Rockwell, of the Mohawk Tribe, used a replica dugout canoe from the Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum to navigate the canal, while Jason Don Billie used a paddle board.

"For me, it was a way to maintain the canoe culture for us," Zepeda said. "It's always good to share your culture with other people; it lets them know we are still here and still practice our culture."

About 15 people participated on the water, but spectators experienced pieces of Seminole culture on the banks of the canal throughout the afternoon. Larry Mike Osceola II displayed vintage patchwork clothing. Pumpkin frybread samples gave attendees a taste of a favorite authentic food. Photos from the W. Stanley Hanson collection were enlarged, colorized and displayed on bridges over the canal.

Tribal sponsors included the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Hollywood and Seminole Pride Noble Juice.

Paddle Up was conceived and organized by Robin Merrill, owner of the Upper Room Art Gallery, where Zepeda is carving a canoe to showcase the traditional art form. The event and canoe project are

part of the Tribal Arts Project, funded by a \$30,000 Knight Arts Challenge grant, which aims to bring a stronger indigenous presence to the Las Olas Village area of Fort Lauderdale through art and cultural events.

"I curated Paddle Up as an interactive public art performance piece for the public," Merrill said. "It wasn't meant to be a reenactment but a way to create contemporary art movements that bring in pieces of history. We focused on canoes and patchwork, which are totally unique to the local indigenous Tribe."

Twice a month Zepeda carves the canoe using hand tools and a chain saw at the Upper Room Gallery for passersby. He is creating it from a cypress log recovered from the Big Cypress Reservation after Hurricane Wilma toppled the 200-year-old tree in 2005. The canoe project began in February and Zepeda anticipates completing it by September.

"It's a small canoe, about 12.5 feet long, and the carving is going quicker than I thought it would," he said. "It's a lot different carving in a gallery space rather than outdoors. There are a lot of chips and shavings, but volunteers come in and clean it up."

At times, Zepeda said he lets gallery visitors use a small tool, like an adze, to carve a piece of the canoe.

When the canoe is completed and sold, Zepeda said he would like to see it displayed where people can learn about Seminole history.

"We brought it into the gallery to give it a new perspective," Merrill said. "This is a lost art and here is a modern-day artist doing it. It's a useful craft and a beautiful art piece. We've had a lot of interest in it."

Eagle Billie takes TCD program international

BY BEVERLY BIDNEY
Staff Reporter

PUNTA CANA, Dominican Republic — Seminole Gaming's Tribal Career Development (TCD) program has gone international. Eagle Billie, an intern at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Hollywood, spent 55 days as a trainee at Hard Rock Punta Cana in the Dominican Republic.

TCD Director Ervina Capricien said Billie was an ideal candidate to inaugurate the global internship program. She approved the Punta Cana internship and coordinated the details to broaden his knowledge.

"He got another view other than our Seminole casinos," she said. "Now he has an international perspective of operations and other team members. He did very well."

Billie, a TCD intern for more than two years, worked directly with Punta Cana casino general manager Jess Chavez from March 8 to May 11. They met in January at the Hard Rock International Global Conference in Mexico, where they discussed the possibility of Billie working in the Dominican Republic.

"Eagle got an incredible overview into the inner workings of a busy casino environment," Chavez wrote in an email to The Seminole Tribune. "He saw and was part of a dynamic and forward-thinking management team. He was taught a full and concise way to manage a casino. Eagle is a bright chap, and I felt that he understood

and absorbed the knowledge passed to him."

The Punta Cana casino only has about 300 slot machines and 30 table games compared to Hard Rock Hollywood's 2,200 slot machines and 173 table games, but it also offers craps and roulette tables. Billie's duties included coordinating with security and surveillance to ensure new cards were distributed and chips were counted properly.

He said he worked closely with other team members to keep games running smoothly and dealt with guest disputes.

"Everyone down there was open to me learning on the job," he said. "They were very excited for me to be there, and it made the experience much better."

Although he and the other team members were always the first ones at the casino and the last ones to leave, Billie proved he was up to the task.

"Eagle grew in stature and confidence during his time here," Chavez wrote. "It was great to have an extra pair of eyes and a fresh approach on the workings of the operation."

Twelve interns currently work in the TCD program, but Capricien has room for 25 in the full-time management training program. Paid trainees work in all gaming departments and learn on the job while being mentored by supervisors. The program, which began in 2003, is open to all Tribal members



Beverly Bidney

Eagle Billie is pictured outside Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Hollywood after returning from an internship at Hard Rock Punta Cana in the Dominican Republic.



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From left, Seminole Tribe wildland firefighters Mike Lightsey, Grant Steelman and Dane Martin are on site of the Big Cypress National Preserve fire May 19.

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the burned, clear environments; 62 percent of their nests are found in areas burned less than two years prior.

Fires also burn vines growing on tree trunks, preventing snakes from climbing them to feed on eggs of the endangered red-capped woodpecker.

Mitchell said the Florida ecosystem thrives on fire. Some plants need fire to provide sustenance to wildlife and domestic animals. Smutgrass, which grows wild in Big Cypress, Brighton and throughout the state, needs to be burned when it grows taller than 8 inches or cattle will not eat it. The Forestry and Wildland Fire Department regularly burns pastures to facilitate fresh growth. Only four days after a portion of the preserve fire was extinguished, fresh growth was visible.

“Cattle love it,” Steelman said. “It has high protein and nutrients. The new shoots are easier to digest and give them more energy.”

Native Americans have used prescribed fire for hundreds of years, said U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Forest Service historical analyst Gerald W. Williams. In a 2001 report, he wrote that “American Indians burned parts of the ecosystems in which they lived to promote a diversity of habitats, especially increasing the ‘edge

effect,’ which gave the Indians greater security and stability to their lives.”

To protect Tribe land from the spread of the Square fire, Mitchell’s men used bulldozers to clear the tribal boundary shared with the preserve. The heavy equipment allowed them to create a fire line by clearing the brush down to the soil, ridding the area of fuel for the fire.

The peak burning hours for a wildfire are between 3 and 6 p.m. when temperatures are high, winds pick up and humidity lowers, Mitchell said.

“I like the excitement of knowing we can manipulate the fires as we need to in controlled burns,” Cline said.

Fatalities are not uncommon in wildland firefighting. According to the National Interagency Fire Center, which coordinates the mobilization of resources for wildland fires nationally, 1,086 wildland firefighters died on the job since 1910.

“It’s damn dangerous,” Mitchell said. “Unfortunately people get hurt and killed doing it. But we know what we can and can’t do.”

The Tribe’s Forestry and Wildland Fire Department is overseen and funded by the BIA’s Branch of Wildland Fire Management. Mitchell said he believes the department is one of the best prescribed fire programs in the country.

“This is my lifetime goal,” he said. “The job is to take care of and protect the land; it’s what the Tribe has entrusted us to do.”

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18 and older who at least have a high school diploma or GED.

Capricien said she will allow other rainees to gain international experience as part of the program. She will coordinate details case by case, she said.

“When they go to these Hard Rock International events, they network,” Capricien said. “If a manager invites them over, it is totally doable.”

In addition to Punta Cana, Billie has

traveled to Cancun for the Hard Rock International conference, San Diego for the National Indian Gaming Association convention, Las Vegas for the Global Gaming Expo and New York City for an art gallery opening. He will travel to Barcelona, Spain in July for Hard Rock Rising.

“The program changed my life; it made me far less introverted. My first position was in slots as an attendant. I was terrified. But now I’m comfortable interacting with guests and team members,” he said. “It’s a great program; there is so much you can learn. When you find something you like or are good at, it can really take you places.”

◆ **BUSTER**
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Protecting Our Children National American Indian Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect in Portland, Oregon, Buster’s tireless dedication was acknowledged with NICWA’s inaugural Member of the Year Award.

“Helene is a cherished part of the NICWA community. When it came time to select our member of the year, it quickly became clear that she was the ideal candidate,” said NICWA’s executive communications manager Nicole Adams.

The award “recognizes outstanding individual service, contributions and leadership in Native American communities, as well as participation in the organization membership.” Started in 1983 in Portland, Oregon as the Northwest Indian Child Welfare Institute to develop teams of child welfare workers mostly for northwestern Tribes, the nonprofit organization evolved to serving as a voice

for children and families throughout Indian Country.

Membership is made up of tribal governments, urban social services and staff members who serve on the frontlines.

A registered nurse, Buster was named the Seminole Tribe’s head of Family Services in 2005 and has since been at the forefront.

She co-founded the Seminoles in Recovery support group and brought Alcoholics Anonymous meetings to the reservations; prompted diabetes support and awareness services by spearheading a diabetes and kidney research project; and led the creation in 2006 of John’s Place rehabilitation center in Fort Lauderdale, which integrates Seminole culture and tradition into residential drug and alcohol treatment.

Buster also established the annual Seminole Wellness Conference.

Recent accomplishments include the inauguration of the Seminole Tribal Court on Feb. 19, which Buster spearheaded with a team of Tribal members. She also led the creation of the Court’s soon-to-be adopted Seminole Children’s Code, which will enter into law the crucial steps for the removal of Tribal children from harm’s way but keep the children in the care of Tribal families.

“Protecting our children is the only reason I ever worked on the Tribal Court. The process is to keep problems out of state courts,” Buster said.

The children’s code will dictate how cases are handled from the very first telephone report.

In January, the Tribe opened the Seminole Youth Home, a 5,381-square-foot, eight bedroom home for children ages 10 to 17 who have been removed from parents for various reasons. Buster and her Family Services team worked on the project for a decade.

Adams, speaking for NICWA, said Buster’s life of advocacy for the welfare of others is practically unmatched.

“With an almost unparalleled list of accomplishments and a demonstrated lifelong commitment to service to her community, it is clear that the award is well-deserved,” Adams said.

For Buster, resolution lands in the hands of Tribal members to get treatment and find peace with their pasts in order to reunite and restore their families.

“I am heavy on the recovery 12-step program,” Buster said. “If we get people sobered up and off drugs, we will see a better community and that makes a better life for our children.”

Native Learning Center arms reach near and far

BY EILEEN SOLER
Staff Reporter

HOLLYWOOD — The Native Learning Center 2015 calendar is divided into quarters and color coded in eight shades of busy for the Hollywood-based staff members.

Marie Dufour Bonville, director of Training and Technical Assistance, said a 2014 cooperative agreement grant infusion of \$700,000 through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development’s (HUD) Office of Native American Programs puts the team in ambassador roles throughout Indian Country and strengthens its presence on the Seminole reservations.

“We are not just about where we go to help on the outside but how our work stays right here to help the [Seminole] Tribe,” Dufour Bonville said May 1 in the bustling office on Taft Street. “We always have our fingers on the pulse on what is happening here and now because first and foremost we are the Seminole Tribe NLC.”

The department is dedicated to the Tribe’s education needs directly and indirectly related to housing. But NLC also works as a fountain of knowledge for the Tribe and other Tribes to build, grow and secure their futures via strong communities.

According to the NLC’s recent calendar of events, the department had scheduled 16 webinars, available through Kerretv Online to Tribal members from April through June. In April, the webinars ranged from “Introduction to Home Buying for Native Americans” to “Identity Theft and Fraud Protection.”

“It’s home buying 101, but it goes past the home purchase to what happens next,” Dufour Bonville said.

The programs are videotaped and available online after the original live broadcasts.

In May, the scheduled Kerretv Online broadcast curriculum moved past the basics

of home buying and into the realm of strengthening business, both personal and tribal, toward financial sustainability for individual families and the community.

With topics that included “How to Improve Your Financial Picture: Budgeting, Saving and Credit” and “Motivating Employees in Today’s Tribal Workforce,” the classes picked up where lending institutions, like mortgage banks, leave off.

“Most buyers get help from the lending institutions about how to purchase a home, but they get no guidance with how to keep the home,” Dufour Bonville said.

The classes fall within categories that include financial wellness, grant writing, tribal government and technical assistance.

June’s online class schedule promises a focus on economic development opportunities, leadership for tribal professionals and financing affordable and sustainable communities. Three webinars will explore aspects of Indian Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs) and two will uncover substance abuse issues in Native communities.

Meanwhile, the NLC will offer simplified financial training for teenagers this summer at the Florida Indian Youth Program conference in Tallahassee and Camp Kulaqua in High Springs.

Some classes are held out of state, in compliance with the HUD cooperative agreement, to serve Indian Country at large. From July 7-9, the NLC will host the HUD Grants Management and OMB (Office of Management and Budget) Super Circular training at Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

The course will explain the document and indirectly help Tribes nationwide learn how to leverage grant money into greater value – in other words, how to get more bang for the buck.

In preparation, NLC’s grants compliance director Vincent Franco has reviewed, line by line, HUD’s new

103-page “super circular” requirement for federal award programs called the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards. He will present how changes can be implemented for the best advantage.

Franco is also leading the NLC through a \$2.1 million physical transition. The Hollywood building is undergoing a massive renovation, primarily HUD funded, that when completed in February 2016 will serve as a training hub for Tribal member and visitors.

“No longer will we have to use convention space to train. We’ll have it all right here,” Franco said.

Renovations include drop-down ceilings, fold-out television screens, retractable walls and touch screen smart boards.

Additionally, NLC’s curriculum design and development specialist Nathan Harris is reshaping the U.S. Small Business Administration’s Boots to Business program for veterans returning to civilian life.

Harris, a former Marine, said some transitioning vets yearning to start their own businesses have fallen victim to franchise schemes.

“Veterans come home thinking they will create their own jobs but instead they can be taken advantage of. We’re going to offer levels of protection. We’ll show them the red flags,” Harris said.

Dufour Bonville said all educational offerings provided by the NLC incorporate the bigger picture whether the learner is a Tribal member purchasing his or her first home or a Housing Department director seeking millions in funding for a multi-home community.

Text plucked from a May 21 seminar stated: “Healthy communities depend on small businesses and sustainable organizations for job creation and economic stability.”



Eileen Soler

Airboat captain Robert Davis gives master’s degree and doctoral candidates from nations around the globe a tour of the Big Cypress Reservation wetlands May 22. The students study hydrology at the United Nations’ UNESCO Institute for Water Education in Holland.

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Army Corps of Engineers and the South Florida Water Management District.

James Charles, an environmental lawyer with the firm Lewis, Longman & Walker that advocates for the Tribe’s environmental issues, arranged the first time visit to Big Cypress. Charles is the chair of the firm’s Indian and Aboriginal Tribes Industry Group.

“I thought, wouldn’t it be great if they could hear and see how hydrology affects the Tribe, Florida’s indigenous people,” said Charles, a former environmental law adjunct professor. “It’s a chance to see the Tribe’s stake in the matter and it tells a story not normally heard.”

Rep. Frank and former Big Cypress Councilman Mondo Tiger brought the issue home.

Rep. Frank told the students that the wetlands, steeped in Seminole history, culture and traditions, have been in danger for decades because of the negligence of government agencies who knew little of the land and its habitat. He said the Tribe has been left to contend with keeping water clean and safe for all the reservation’s 50,000 acres and providing clean water downstream.

“It’s getting worse because of a government that won’t even acknowledge climate change; politicians who are facing elections and don’t want to address the problem; and a dysfunctional legislation that hijacks funds and puts the money elsewhere,” he said.

An indicator of climate change is rising seawater levels that in South Florida are causing salt water intrusion from coastal environments into the freshwater Everglades. Birds that once lived in abundance in mangroves that thrive along

the coast are now found in Everglades National Park, where a line of struggling marsh prairies and juvenile mangrove is pushing further north. Peat soil levels are also negatively affected, Tiger said.

“The soil was the finest black soil in the state – 3 inches thick. Now it is only 1.5 inches of top soil. It’s scary that it will be gone in 50 years. Humans have done hellacious damage,” Tiger said.

To the students, airboat rides through the river of grass, a trek via swamp buggy through marsh and uplands, and an alligator wrestling demonstration punctuated the dependency of a culture that co-exists and thrives on water – and thus, harm to the Tribe if the water were to dry up.

Bronson said the tour illustrated how the Tribe continues use the environment to survive. Food, shelter, commerce, spiritual beliefs and medicine, all reaped from environment, are fundamental to Seminole life.

“It’s an amazing experience to have the engines of the boat cut off and to sit between the cypress trees. Wow,” said Marianne Scov, of Denmark. “We drove in from very dry land [in West Palm] that lacked water to here, an abundance. I understand now.”

The encounter brought sadness to Mina Hosseinpourtehrani, of the Islamic Republic of Iran, because of the loss of much of her country’s water resources during recent decades of war and political upheaval.

In particular, according to the United Nations Development Programme, Lake Urmia in Iran’s northwest region lost nearly 90 percent of its water volume to “rapid development, unsustainable agriculture and – and to a limited extent – the impact of climate change.”

“Sometimes we have no hope. Now it is Khuzestan [in southwest Iran] that is exposed to danger and damage,” Hosseinpourtehrani said. “I cannot answer what can be done, but I know I want to

make better communities.”

Bronson said many of the graduates go on to head important positions in water management in their homelands.

Philip Padi, who attended the inaugural class in 2005, is now a system planning engineer for the Volta River Authority in Ghana. Others hold offices in the ministerial branches of government also tied to environmental concerns.

“It’s hard for our people to maintain our culture and belief system when it is so tied to an endangered environment, but we are grateful for people who are concerned,” Rep. Frank said. “With all the challenges we have, we have opportunities to get it right. We’re just running out of time.”

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– Joe Frank, Big Cypress Board Rep.



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National Indian Child Welfare Association (NICWA) Executive Director Sarah Kastelic and NICWA Board President Gil Vigil flank Helene Buster, director of the Seminole Tribe Family Services Department, in Portland, Oregon on April 19 for achieving the organization’s first Member of the Year Award.



Beverly Bidney

Newly elected President Mitchell Cypress delivers his acceptance speech June 1 during the inauguration ceremony on Hollywood Reservation.



Beverly Bidney

Judybill Osceola shakes hands with the newly inaugurated Council and Board members after the ceremony.

◆ INAUGURATION

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Seminole, American and Florida flags by Bureau of Indian Affairs Acting Eastern Regional Director Johnna Blackhair.

The 2015 election marked the first that required Tribal members to register to vote. Of 2,146 eligible voters, nearly 1,300 Tribal members registered by the Jan. 31 deadline, and 988, or 77 percent, of all eligible voters cast ballots in the May 11 race.

True to reservation demographics, Hollywood residents accounted for the most votes for the Chairman and President positions but not by significant numbers. For Chairman, Hollywood residents cast 253 votes, while Brighton cast 243 votes and Big Cypress, 227. Non-resident, resident absentee and non-resident absentee voters accounted for 265 votes in the Chairman race.

Chairman Billie retained his position with 44.64 percent of the vote. In the vote for President, Cypress won with a nearly 22 percent margin.

The election night announcement of Big Cypress Councilman by Tribal Secretary LaVonne Kippenberger proved to be a major upset among those gathered at Tribe Headquarters: Cicero Osceola ousted Mondo Tiger by capturing 57 percent of the vote.

All other incumbents retained their positions. Joe Frank remained Big Cypress Board Rep. after securing nearly 57 percent of the vote. In Brighton, Andrew J. Bowers Jr. was reelected Councilman with 55.78

percent of the vote, and Larry Howard remained Board Rep. with 78 percent of the vote. Chris Osceola was reelected Hollywood Councilman with 78.20 percent of the vote, and Steve Osceola returned as Hollywood Board Rep. with 52.45 percent of the vote.

Board and Council members offered positive expectations for coming years during the inauguration.

“Everyone up here has proven that when we work together, we can do good things,” Rep. Frank said. “And we have a lot of potential. We can get a lot more done.”

Rep. Howard agreed: “We have one Chief, but it takes the whole Tribe ... I’m going to say this: We’ll pull together. We have to be head to head, whether we’re one Clan, no Clan ... we’re all one – we’re all the same Tribe.”

Children from Pemaaytv Emahakv Charter School in Brighton recited the Seminole Pledge in Creek followed by children from Ahfachkee School in Big Cypress who delivered the pledge in Mikasuki.

Two choirs provided moving hymns: Native Voices from the Brighton Reservation and *E-La-Push-Ne-Cha-Thi* from the Hollywood Reservation.

Chairman Billie, President Cypress and all the newly sworn-in officials pledged to continue building the Tribe’s communities and businesses.

“We have a long way to go for the next four years, but we’re going to see a tremendous change for the Tribe for the better. Better than you’ve seen before,” Chairman Billie said.



Eileen Soler

Nichele Brandy Cypress finds a cozy way to stay close to dad, President Mitchell Cypress, during tribal inauguration ceremonies.



Beverly Bidney

President Mitchell Cypress and Chairman James E. Billie share a moment together before the inauguration ceremony in Hollywood.



Eileen Soler

Pemaaytv Emahakv Charter School teacher Jade Braswell Osceola leads school children in the Seminole Pledge during the inauguration ceremony.



Beverly Bidney

President Mitchell Cypress, Big Cypress Board Rep. Joe Frank, Brighton Board Rep. Larry Howard and Hollywood Board Rep. Steve Osceola recite the oath of office administered by Johnna Blackhair, Bureau of Indian Affairs Acting Eastern Regional Director.



Peter B. Gallagher

Chairman James E. Billie and former Miccosukee Tribe Chairman Billy Cypress pose for a photo after the induction of the Seminole Tribe’s new leaders.

Special days honor Seminole Tribe mothers



Mary Tommie Robinson gives her love to her grandson Travelis Timothy, 3 months, May 4 during a Mother's Day dinner at Chupco's Landing Community Center in Fort Pierce.



Missy Tommie, Virginia Tommie, Genevieve Sanders, Kory Sanders and Ezme' Sanders pose for a loving family portrait May 6 at the Big Cypress Mother's Day luncheon.



Aliyana Torres, 2, is held by mom, Sherrie Jones, May 7 during the Brighton Mother's Day lunch at the Florida Seminole Veterans Building.



Angel Young and her daughter Alanah Gadson, 5, of Hollywood, top waffles during a Mother's Day brunch at Council Oak restaurant.



Tiffany Reese is surrounded by love at the Fort Pierce Mother's Day event.



Jennifer Osceola enjoys a playful moment with her children, from left, Emanuel, Teo, Amalia and Miguel, during the Mother's Day lunch in Brighton.



Edna McDuffie basks in a pampering manicure at the Big Cypress Mother's Day luncheon.



The Henry women gather for a photo May 9 at the Tampa Mother's Day celebration at Ruth's Chris Steak House. Bottom row, from left: Annie, Suzie and Avery; top row, from left: Jamie, Amanda, Barbara and Linda.



Maggie Garcia takes her turn holding the newest generation of Florida Seminole, young Kingston Hughes, during the Tampa Mother's Day celebration at Ruth's Chris Steak House.

BY EILEEN SOLER
Staff Reporter

Manicures and pedicures, flowers and gifts were outward signs of appreciation bestowed on scores of moms at Mother's Day events tribalwide throughout May.

Brunches, lunches and dinners brought families together to fill bellies with comforting food.

But, though baubles and banquets were sweet, the ultimate gift was not delivered on plates or presented in ribbon-tied bags – it was given from the heart.

"There are many words we can say but 'thank you' for giving us life ... for the discipline and whooping we needed to get us to this place ... for washing our clothes when they were dirty and sewing them when they were tattered," said former Big Cypress Councilman Mondo Tiger to mothers and children, young and old, May 6 at the Herman L. Osceola Gymnasium.

The best gift was love, said Tiffany Reese, of Fort Pierce, at Chupco's Landing Community Center.

"It's all we mothers can think about for Mother's Day. It makes me proud," Reese said.

The Fort Pierce celebration on May 4 included a catered meal featuring crab, shrimp and chicken plus a children's arts and crafts project that garnered beaded key chains and homemade Mother's Day cards.

In Big Cypress on May 6, mothers were

treated to mani and pedi spa treatments with a side of intense back massages and an Asian hibachi buffet. Hollywood's celebration on May 9 delivered three separate morning to midday seatings at the four-star Council Oak restaurant at Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Hollywood.

Tampa and Brighton also celebrated Seminole mothers.

Brighton's luncheon May 7 transformed the Florida Seminole Veterans Building into a banquet room. Flower centerpieces decked tables and Roman columns set the scene for the grand meal.

On May 9, at Tampa's event, two guys and 33 females came together for a feast at Ruth's Chris Steak House. Tampa Reservation administrator Richard Henry greeted the guests of honor, most decked in colorful Seminole fashions. The other "guy" was 1-month-old Kingston Hughes who spent the evening being cuddled by nearly every woman in attendance.

But no matter the place or time for specific Mother's Day events, every day brings an opportunity for mothers to feel proud and loved, said Mary Tommie Robinson, who is the mother of seven sons and 22 grandchildren – so far.

"Mother's Day is like every other day to me because they always treat me special," Tommie Robinson said.

Peter B. Gallagher and Kevin Johnson contributed to this article.

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Indian Country unites at Gathering of Nations

BY ISHMA FRAY
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ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Native American tradition prevailed during the 32nd annual Gathering of Nations Pow-Wow April 23-25 in Albuquerque, New Mexico, as more than 700 Tribes from the U.S., Canada and Mexico stormed "The Pit" on the University of New Mexico campus.

A river of feathers, beads, moccasins and indigenous solidarity signaled the start of the grand entry ceremony. Thousands piled into the arena, dancing in unison, flanked on all corners by drum groups who provided the songs and rhythmic cadence used to bring together 568 Tribes and 220 Canadian First Nations Bands.

"You've been waiting 364 days for this," said announcer Vince Beyl, of the Ojibwe Tribe. "You've been beading, you've been sewing for this moment."

While the music of The Luna Blues Machine band echoed through the arena on opening day, the stands were filled with pow-wow dancers putting the finishing touches on their regalia. Announcers, guest speakers and musical performers were underscored by the sounds of jingle dresses being adjusted, bells being fastened to the moccasins of Grass Dance competitors,

and the rustling of cloth and feathers as polychromatic head dresses were being adorned atop Fancy Dance competitors.

North America's largest event of its kind featured pow-wow competitions with more than \$200,000 in cash and prizes; around 800 Native American vendors offering authentic Indian arts, crafts and jewelry at the Indian Trader's Market; and dozens of musical performers at Stage 49.

In addition, 21 talented Native women took to the stage in the capacity-filled Kiva Auditorium at the Albuquerque Convention Center to compete for the 2015 Miss Indian World crown.

Miss Florida Seminole Brianna Nunez, who made her fourth trip to the pow-wow but her first as a competitor in the pageant, said the camaraderie shared between the competitors was "amazing."

"I've never experienced anything like it," she said. "I've created this big sisterhood filled with 20 girls, and I couldn't have asked for anything else to be more perfect than how it has been going."

Nunez, of the Brighton Reservation, shared the creation story for her talent and answered impromptu questions for the judges. Although she said her schedule was chaotic while attending the pageant, she said it was worth it.

"I wouldn't have it any other way," Nunez said. "This is what I'm here to do. I'm here to represent [the Seminole Tribe of Florida], and I'm having a great time doing it."

Cheyenne Brady, of the Sac and Fox, Cheyenne and Tonkawa Tribes, went on to win the title. She will act as a goodwill ambassador for Native peoples at various gatherings throughout 2015-2016.

"I encourage you to go out and share

your stories, share your knowledge with all the people around you, especially the younger generations; for our existence as a people, this is all important," she said to the crowd during the competition.

The Native American tradition of honoring past and present veteran warriors was also prevalent throughout the event. A special tribute was paid to Iwo Jima survivor and Navajo Code Talker Thomas H. Begay on the final day of Gathering of Nations. As he greeted the crowd, the 87-year-old veteran, encouraged by the drum beat playing in the background, broke out into dance, which was immediately met with thunderous cheers from the crowd.

Seminole Tribe member Stephen Bowers attended the event to solicit support for the American Indian Veterans Memorial Initiative. The Vietnam War veteran is working to raise funds for a permanent exhibit to be built at the Education Center at The Wall near the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. The exhibit will highlight the sacrifices of the Native American, Native Alaskan and Pacific Islander military servicemen and women who served their country.

During the past 32 years, Gathering of Nations has grown from "an early, simple dream to one of the world's most recognized annual festivals," according to its website. The event strives to provide a place where Native people can come together each year to celebrate and share culture and where singers and dancers can feel confident that competition is fair.

"This is what it's all about ladies and gentlemen: coming together as one, as a family," said Derek Mathews, Gathering of Nations founder, during the final grand entry ceremony April 25.



Various Native performances are demonstrated throughout the three-day Gathering of Nations Pow-Wow in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

President Obama to Indian Country: committed to youth

BY ISHMA FRAY
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ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — During the final day of the 2015 Gathering of Nations Pow-Wow April 25 in Albuquerque, New Mexico, President Barack Obama addressed thousands of Native American attendees through a video recorded specifically for the 32nd annual event.

The president's video message, displayed on two large monitors perched high in the arena, focused on the importance of Native youth within their tribal communities and throughout the country.

"Michelle and I have had the privilege of getting to know some extraordinary Native youth," he said, referring to his visits to various reservations throughout the past year. "Their resilience, pride and optimism in the face of incredible obstacles moved us deeply, and I know that many Native youth share the same experiences. That's why we are so committed to investing in them."

Obama said that his office, in conjunction with United National Indian Tribal Youth (UNITY) Inc., will host the first White House Tribal Youth Gathering on July 9 in Washington, D.C.

"We want young leaders to share their stories with our country and to have opportunities to turn their talent and passion into strong leadership for the future of tribal nations and America," he said.

The event will give Native American and Alaska Native youth the chance to address problems that exist in their communities and become better acquainted with U.S. government officials who directly influence indigenous people.

The president also called on youth to join the Generation Indigenous Native Youth Challenge, an initiative he hopes will empower Native youth and improve their lives by removing the barriers that stand between Native youth and their opportunity to succeed.

The challenge is a partnership between the White House, the Aspen Institute's Center for Native American Youth and the U.S. Department of the Interior that encompasses four steps (Act, Capture, Share and Participate) to help achieve the goal of ensuring "that all Native youth reach their full potential," Obama said.

For more information about the White House Tribal Youth Gathering or the Generation Indigenous Native Youth Challenge, visit www.WhiteHouse.gov.



David Diaz

Miss Florida Seminole Brianna Nunez tells the creation story April 23 during the Miss Indian World Pageant talent portion.



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Natives from more than 700 Tribes from the U.S., Canada and Mexico converge at 'The Pit' on the University of New Mexico campus for grand entry ceremonies.

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Bandolier bag from Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki on display at National Constitution Center



Photo courtesy of Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum

Pictured is a view of the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

SUBMITTED BY MARLENE GRAY
 Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum

As Seminole Tribune readers may remember, James Powell, the Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum's registrar, shared his experience of couriering a beaded sash in 2013 to the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The sash and other objects from the Museum's collection were displayed for one-year intervals at the center as part of an ongoing loan project between the two organizations.

This year, a pair of moccasins will return to Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki and a bandolier bag will take its place at the National Constitution Center's main exhibition, "The Story of We the People." Rotation of rare artifacts in the exhibition provides an engaging look at the history of the U.S. Constitution. The bag will be featured in the display focused on the Trail of Tears and the Indian Removal Act of 1830.

The center will also showcase a bandolier bag of Creek origin dating to the 1830s for one year. The bag was purchased by Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum in 1999 from the Donald Ellis Gallery, but not much else has been documented about the item.

In her 1995 book, "Art of the Florida Seminole and Miccosukee Indians," Dorothy Downs wrote that bandolier bags were introduced to the Southeastern Indian culture by Europeans and were used to carry shot, tobacco and other items. Through the 18th century until the early 1900s, the shoulder bags were worn by both British soldiers and Creek and Seminole warriors. The decoration and strap designs of the bags indicate who made and/or owned them.

Women embroidered intricate glass bead designs on the shoulder bags, which were made from traded fabrics like wool or baize. Downs hypothesizes that Creek women learned bead embroidery techniques from Moravian missionaries in Georgia who taught the craft to Cherokee children. Southeastern groups, like the Seminole, Cherokee and Creek people, created designs from nature or religion that held special meaning for the owner or maker of the bag. Other decorative beadwork designs may also have stemmed from the influences of artistic traditions brought to the Indians by Africans in the Southeast. The colors of the beads selected for the bag were also carefully chosen based on the image to be represented. Bandolier bags were not used for everyday attire after the beginning of the 20th century, but a revival of 19th century Seminole traditional dress in the recent decades for commemorative occasions renewed an interest in the practice of bead embroidery on shoulder bags.

The design of the bandolier bag on loan to the National Constitution Center has an abstract facial feature on the flap and floral motifs on the blue wool pouch. White beads outline the structure of the bag and some of the beadwork designs. White beads are thought to have spiritual connotations.

What is interesting about the bag is the characteristic elements it does not contain.



Photo courtesy of Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum

Pictured is an early 19th century beaded bandolier bag loaned from the Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum to the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (ATTK Catalog no. 1999.52.1). The bag is being test-fitted on a custom-made mount. National Constitution Center registrar Stephanie Wiener and Will Bucher hold two metal hooks that support the pouch on the mount.

Most bandolier bags have decorated straps created in the finger-weaving technique with different designs throughout and lobes that connect to the pouch. Tassels are also normally attached to the bag in various spots, but over time fall off because of their fragility. This bag in particular has no tassels left and the strap is a different color fabric from the pouch. This is often a sign that the two parts were not made together. The green baize sash also does not have the lobes that attach at the top of the pouch, but the sash has straight edges that are sewn to the back of the bag.

While the meaning of the bag's design and construction may not be known, it represents an important craft technique

in Seminole history and a physical representation of a troubled period in America's history.

If any Seminole Tribune readers have more information about the bandolier bag and its design, contact Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum at 863-902-1113. To see other bags in the Museum's collection and more objects that tell the Seminole story, stop by the Museum and ask to see someone from the Collections Division.

Over the course of this year and next, it is also well worth a trip to Philadelphia to visit the National Constitution Center and see the bandolier bag on a custom-made mount in person. For more information, visit ConstitutionCenter.org.

Betty Mae Jumper

Wisdom from the past

Reflections on school days gone by

The following column was written by Betty Mae Jumper and printed in the March 14, 1990 issue of The Seminole Tribune.

As the clouds were passing over us and the hot sun was beating down on us, we sat listening and watching the ground breaking ceremony of Ahfachkee Elementary School soon to be turned into a high school.

While sitting there my mind began taking me back to the early '40s. It was a cool, breezy January day, my cousin Mary, my brother Howard and I took our first step toward education, leaving our family and loved ones to go away to school. We had to stay away for nine months at a time.

All schools were closed to us in Florida because we were Indians. Then I thought again, if all these things happened in my days how wonderful it could have been and I wouldn't have to spend eight and a half years away from my home.

My first time away from home was a disaster. I think Mary and I spent most of our time wishing we were home and crying – but as the days passed, we all got used to it and made the best of it.

I didn't know that one day I would be sitting and watching a school ceremony up in the middle of the Everglades, which was once underwater. Back then all our people were so against school. The white man's books, they told us, are not for the Indians. Many of our people were mad at us for going off to school and many were on my family for letting us go to school. Everyone was saying we were breaking the tribal rules.

The first time the tribal rule was broken was by some Indians moving to live on reservations, which is put up in the trust of government land which was bad enough but then going off to school made it worse. When I saw Big Cypress Elementary School kids coming up all dressed alike and singing for the people, I was thinking what would the people think today who were against school. Seeing the kids singing away

today in white peoples' language. My people have come a long way since the 1940s. Changes have turned our lifestyle over into a different world of living. Our people once lived the easy way into a rat race world. People used to live by the sun ... day break they all got up. In the middle of the day they all ate lunch. The sun goes down and the evening meal is prepared. Then the children begin to get ready for the early bed. Older people did many things throughout the day so they are tired and returned as the sun went down. If visitors came around they would set up and talk to them for hours, drinking sofkee or coffee, telling tales of what happened around their camp or other news from other camps that they had heard throughout the Everglades.

Yes, many changes in the Seminole lifestyle of yesterday. No more space to roam and it seems like living swallowed up by the concrete jungle instead of lots of forests. We once knew lots of birds signing away and the animals roaming around here and they are all gone. So we have to turn and learn to live a life like the outside world.

When I first went out to Big Cypress Reservation there were no roads, only trails to follow and lots of time you would get stuck in mud or sand. Many Indians who live out in BC didn't speak English – very few. When people needed to come to the store they used big trucks to bring them into towns. Today we have good roads that go into the Big Cypress Reservation, which you can get to from Hollywood Reservation in one and a half hours – instead of three to four hours like we use to back in 1940s to 1950s.

We have lot of good homes in Big Cypress instead of chickees like they use to live in. Tribal buildings are coming up for offices of business like one that is a beautiful school building where people dream of taking part for the passed few years and work hard at it. This school will be standard and will measure up to any school in the outside world – it will train all our young people so they won't be scared to face a higher education.



HASKELL

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which included teachers, department heads, administrators and school President Venida Chenault.

Mike Tosee, an American Indian Studies teacher at Haskell, who played football for the college with Jumper in the late 1960s, said the gift was among many received from several Tribes in the nick of time. Last year, when the football program was forecast to die at the cash-strapped university, Tosee was charged with resurrecting the near defunct Haskell Foundation with at least \$250,000 to keep the program breathing.

The Chickasaw, Creek Nation, Sac and Fox, Citizen Band Potawatomi, Cherokee and Choctaw Tribes also came through with funds and services to help cover the costs of equipment, on-the-road meals, lodging and transportation. Tosee said the Seminole donation put the immediate fundraising goal over the top.

"To us, it means survival," Tosee said. "The money will go to pay coaches and keep football alive."

Chenault (Prairie Band Potawatomi), called the combined Tribes' help "bundling the arrows," a reference to the Haudenosaunee, or Six Nations, way of building Native strength.

"When we bundle, we stand strong for sovereignty and self-determination for the long term," Chenault said.

During the luncheon Jumper presented the ninth annual Howard Tiger Memorial Coaching and Teaching Award. Jumper said the honor, named for the Haskell graduate and Seminole leader who created the Seminole Recreation Department, is granted to those whose work encourages success through sports, academics and leadership among Haskell athletes.

"We try to honor those people who make a difference – the ones that stand out and give it all to the students," Jumper said.

This year's recipient is fourth-year women's volleyball coach Nana Allison-Brewer (Navajo), whose team pulled off two upsets in the Midlands Collegiate Athletics Conference tournament last season before being ousted in the semifinals.

"To be able to stand as one of the nine winners so far is humbling to me," Allison-Brewer said.

The former Division I player holds a bachelor's degree in statistics from the University of New Mexico (UNM) and a

master's degree in higher education from the University of Arizona. At UNM in 1998, she was named the Western Athletic Conference "Defensive Specialist of the Year" and in her senior year ranked eighth in service aces and digs.

She was part of the coaching staff at Arizona in 2006 when the team reached the Elite Eight in the NCAA Tournament.

As a Native American, she remembers what life was like growing up poor, stereotyped and often the subject of racist ridicule in largely white Farmington, New Mexico.

"Sports gave me no boundaries to show my skills and to give an elbow, during competition, to players who usually liked to put me down. That gave me strength to be a role model and to succeed and to create success for others," Allison-Brewer said.

In 2010, the Howard Tiger award went to Benny Smith (Cherokee), who joined the Haskell faculty in 1971 as a football coach. Before his retirement in 2007 as the director of student counseling, Smith spent decades working with students in track, basketball, the rodeo club and with Native language fluency.

"Receiving the award is recognition; it's like a hug. And to get it from people you've known and worked with for so many years makes it really great," said Smith, who lives just a few miles from the Haskell campus. "It's a great testimony to the family atmosphere at the university."

For the Seminole entourage that traveled to the event, including Haskell graduates Laquita Jumper, Gale Boone and Johnny Boone, the visit was like a homecoming. Other Tribal graduates include Chairman James E. Billie and Brighton Councilman Andrew J. Bowers Jr.

Seminole Tribe athletes currently enrolled at Haskell include volleyball player Kaitlynn Osceola and Duelle Gore, a starter for the men's basketball team.

Past notable graduates include Ernie Stevens Jr. (Oneida), chairman and national spokesman for the National Indian Gaming Association; George Tiger, Chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation; Navajo Nation judge Evelyn Bradley; 1964 Olympic gold medal winner Billy Mills (Oglala Lakota); and more than a dozen professional football players.

"Haskell is a great place to go to school not just because it's Native American, but because you make friendships with people that last a lifetime and it produces people who move on to do great things," Jumper said.



Eileen Soler

Tribal Treasurer Pete Hahn and Moses Jumper Jr., both alumni of Haskell Indian Nations University, pose with fellow Seminole Tribe members, Haskell President Venida Chenault and others May 7 at the school in Lawrence, Kansas.

Health



Adults sought for new water safety program

SUBMITTED BY BOB LAMENDOLA
Florida Department of Health in Broward

Designated drivers protect the community. Designated hitters in baseball protect pitchers. Why not have designated adults to protect kids who are swimming?

Now we do. Child safety groups in South Florida are making a push to enlist adults as designated "Water Watchers" who agree to pay undivided attention to children in or near the water.

Water Watchers are crucial in an area of the country with a high risk of drowning. Broward County, home to 130,000 backyard pools and miles of waterways, lost nine children under age 4 last year.

"The No. 1 thing you can do to prevent drowning is have a qualified adult watching the children at all times," said Cassie McGovern, drowning prevention program manager at the Florida Department of Health in Broward County.

Water Watchers do not need special training but must be able to swim and ideally should be able to perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). They wear a badge around their necks to show everyone who is responsible for watching the kids.

"Too often, many adults are in the area where children are swimming, but no one is really watching them," McGovern said.

"A drowning can occur in as little as two minutes."

Water Watchers agree to:

- Face children in the water at all times
- Never engage in distractions such as texting, talking, drinking, eating, Internet browsing or socializing while watching children
- Never leave children alone, not even for a brief moment, and leave the area only if relieved by an adult Water Watcher
- Continually scan the surface and bottom of the water. Check each face every 10 seconds
- Have a throwing device, reaching device, signaling device and a phone at hand
- Be positioned to reach every child within 20



- seconds
- Think ahead, know pool safety rules
- Wear swim attire and be ready to launch a rescue

Remember that a personal flotation device does not substitute for adult supervision. In larger groups of children, more than one Water Watcher may be needed. If the group is very large, consider hiring a lifeguard for the event.

For more information, call the Health Department at 954-962-2009 or DOH-Broward at 954-467-4700, ext. 5695, visit www.SemTribe.com/Services/Health.aspx or email cassie.mcgovern@flhealth.gov.



Members of the Brighton Youth Council prepare to walk the Brighton Reservation April 24 in support of National Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Brighton Reservation walks to help combat child abuse

BY EMMA JOHNS
Freelance Writer

BRIGHTON — April, National Child Abuse Prevention Month, serves as a time for families and communities to acknowledge the importance of working together to prevent child abuse and neglect. It is a time dedicated to promoting the social and emotional well-being of children and families.

On April 24, the Brighton Family Services Department spearheaded a community rally and walk through the Brighton community.

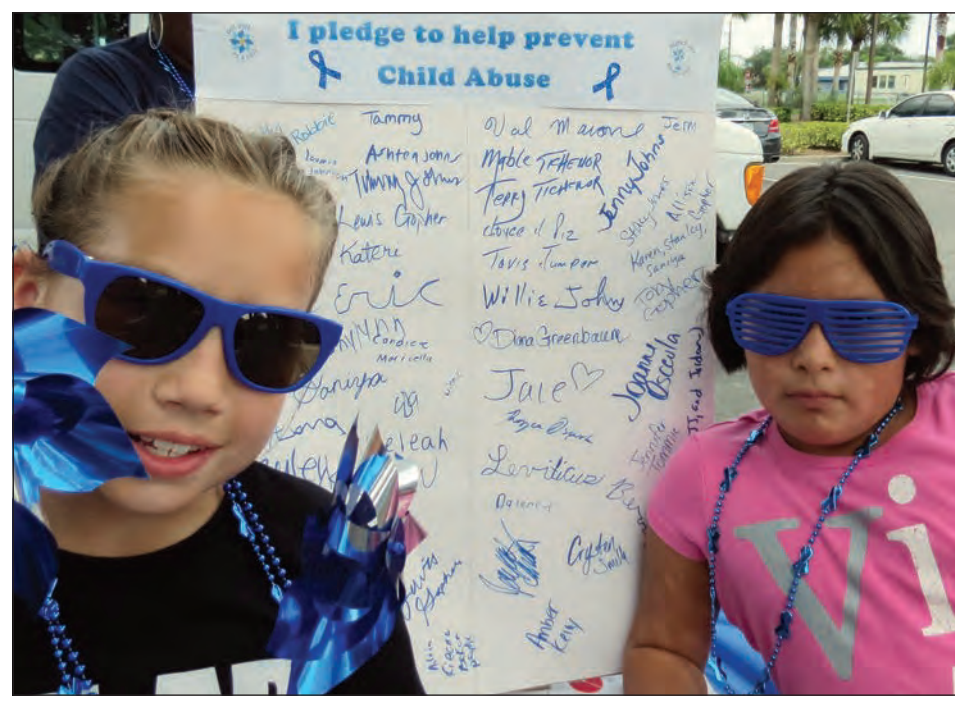
Members of the Boys & Girls Club, S.W.A.M.P., Tribal Youth Council, Tribal Court System, Brighton Council Office and the community gathered at the Brighton Field Office to walk together in support of child abuse prevention and awareness.

Local student Angelie Melton was excited to participate.

"We should all matter to our parents, and I am participating because I want to see child abuse end," she said.

Tribal Youth Council member Lewis Gopher Jr. led his group in the walk. He said he feels strongly about the need to promote awareness in Seminole communities.

Gopher said he believes that being a member of the Tribal Youth Council will allow him to accomplish the goal.



Brighton community members pledge to prevent child abuse during a walk sponsored by the Family Services Department.

The walk wound through the reservation where walkers placed blue pinwheels in yards to represent the child abuse awareness and prevention initiative. The walk ended at the gym where participants enjoyed snacks and ice cream.

Reducing risk with nutrition

BY MALLORY BLACK
Native Health News Alliance

Obesity and diabetes are among the most controllable risk factors for cancer. The two diseases, common in American Indian communities across the nation, are contributing to some of the highest rates of cancer in American Indians compared with previous generations.

Research shows diet and nutrition can play a major role in reducing the lifetime risk of cancer and its risk factors, such as diabetes and obesity.

Stacy Hammer (Lower Sioux), a registered dietician and diabetes program coordinator in Minnesota's Lower Sioux Indian Community, works with the American Indian Cancer Foundation to bring awareness to diet and lifestyle risk factors for cancer.

Over the years, she said, most Tribes have lost their traditional foods.

"If you look at what our traditional diet was before we were placed on reservations and the commodity foods began, our diet [had] so much lean protein sources," Hammer said. "We did have a higher fiber diet. We didn't have any of these refined carbohydrates that were given to us. When we were placed on reservations, physical activity pretty much ended because we weren't foraging for our food."

In 2015, nearly 1.7 million new cancer cases will be diagnosed in the U.S. along with 589,000 cancer deaths.

One-third of those deaths could be prevented by maintaining a healthy weight, eating the right foods and physical activity, said Christine Zoumas, director of the Healthy Eating Program at the Moores Cancer Center at the University of California-San Diego.

"We're very educated in knowing how cigarettes affect cancer, but your lifestyle now really has an impact on your risk of cancer," Zoumas said. "They're seeing this more and more, especially [with] weight. We're getting heavier and heavier as a nation."

In Indian Country, access to healthy foods depends on a Tribe's location and resources. Deserts are common. The rural Lower Sioux Indian Reservation, also known as the Mdewankanton Tribal Reservation, is located two hours southwest of Minneapolis and is marked with some local grocers and food retailers.

"Access is not really an issue here, but it's choices," Hammer said, describing the typical food habits of the estimated 850 people living in the community.

She said most of the Tribe's elders enjoy 'comfort foods' – heavy dishes like casseroles, pastas and soups – that use a lot of processed starches and boxed foods.

"Now today, it's a lot of the same. In talking to kids, asking what are you typically eating at home, again it's prepackaged mac and cheese. It's Chef Boyardee," Hammer said. "It's things that are in a can or in a box. There's not a whole lot of cooking going on."

But one of the biggest things a person can do to cut their cancer risk is cook with bold-colored fruits and vegetables, whole grains and lean proteins, said Zoumas, who teaches monthly cooking workshops for cancer patients and their families.

Research has found colorful fruits and vegetables, such as red bell peppers, berries and dark leafy greens like spinach and kale, hold phytochemicals, which have the potential to slow the growth rate of cancer cells and prevent DNA damage.

"The phytonutrient is actually a color," Zoumas said. "It is a plant's defense system. So when you're seeing the red, you're seeing the lycopene. When you're seeing the green, you're seeing the lutein. When you see orange, you're seeing the beta-carotene. These chemicals are bioactive, and when we eat it, it has that protective effect on us."

Phytochemicals also act as antioxidants, blocking the activity of chemicals called free radicals that have the potential to damage cells, which can lead to cancer.

However, studies show phytochemicals aren't proven to have the same protective effect when extracted from the plant and taken as a vitamin or supplement.

Curtiss Hemm, a chef in Peru, New York, specializes in recipes for breast cancer nutrition. He said excess weight can produce higher levels of hormones such as estrogen in women, which can increase their risk for breast cancer.

"I don't care which culture you're from, increasingly we're sedentary, and there is an obesity epidemic that is present," Hemm said. "If you look at breast cancer in particular, a known risk factor for breast cancer is obesity."

In his community, he said seven out of 10 women with cancer or who are cancer survivors are clinically overweight or obese.

"Their prognosis is more challenged than someone who is not obese or overweight, taking out genetic risk factors," Hemm said.

While he's careful to note that there is no one food that can cure cancer, simple lifestyle modifications can play a huge role in reducing a person's risk for the disease and fighting it off during treatment, Hemm said.

In 2005, after his wife was diagnosed with breast cancer, Hemm founded Pink Ribbon Cooking, which focuses on healthy cooking for breast cancer patients with recipes that use whole foods.

His recipes incorporate items like walnuts, oats, rice, vegetables and chicken, among many other cancer-fighting foods.

For most dealing with cancer, he said, it's hard to say how a patient's body and diet will respond to treatment. That's because it depends on how advanced the cancer is, the type of treatment prescribed and its potential side effects.

Surgery can sometimes remove tumors and resolve the cancer; other times treatment requires chemotherapy or radiation, which can result in a loss of appetite, nausea, vomiting and in some cases, weight loss.

"In that case, you're going to really want to respond with protein," Hemm said. "You're going to want to have high protein foods that are lean that allow your cells to replenish and rebuild properly. Protein is a building block for everything that we are as a human being."

Nutrition guidelines by the American Cancer Society recommend opting for lean proteins like chicken and turkey and limiting processed and red meats as a way to maintain a healthy weight.

Frequent miles accumulated in Brighton pedometer event

STAFF REPORT

BRIGHTON — About 30 Brighton Pathways participants racked up 2,552 miles in the Poker Run Pedometer Challenge sponsored by the Health Department's Allied Health Program.

At the beginning of the program, participants received pedometers that were clipped near hips to record the amount of steps taken daily.

The pedometer readings were recorded by the participants at the end of every day. Once weekly, the walkers met at the Brighton Field Office for a group walk and for program leaders to ledger steps.

Each walker who met a certain number of steps received a poker card. Adults ages 18 to 54 had to walk 40,000 steps weekly for a card. Seniors (55 and older) walked 28,000 steps to take a card. At the end of the six weeks, hands were compared to determine winners from each age group.

Best poker hand winners were Claudia Olivarez (adult category) and Louise Gopher (senior category). Winners for most steps were Mable

Tichenor (senior), Stacy Jones (adult female) and Duane Jones (adult male).

Dedicated to health promotion and disease prevention, the Allied Health Program (one of eight programs under the Health Department) uses the Pathways Program as an umbrella delivery system



Stacy Jones, left, winner of the most steps in the adult female category, poses with Arnie Gore (third place) and Claudia Olivarez (fifth place).



The senior category's most steps winner Mable Tichenor, left, is joined by Connie Whidden (fifth place) and Elsie Laura (fourth place).



Adult male most steps winner Duane Jones, right, is joined by runner-up Joe Olivarez.

for Allied Health's main goals: provide health education and activities in schools, within the community, for the sick and to the Tribe's employees.

SEMINOLE SCENES



Eileen Soler

SEWING SOLACE: Lenora Roberts sews patchwork in the serenity of the Immokalee Cultural Village.



Beverly Bidney

TURNING THE PAGE: Brighton preschoolers are kept busy reading a story as they wait backstage May 13 for their graduation to begin.



Beverly Bidney

LIL' RASSLER: During a skit showcasing career options at the Brighton Preschool graduation May 13, Liam Berry shows he may have what it takes to wrestle alligators when he grows up.



Eileen Soler

GOLFERS EXPRESS: Members of the Haskell Indian Nations University golf team and entourage gear up May 6 for a ride in a swamp buggy at Billie Swamp Safari during a visit to Big Cypress Reservation. From left, first row: William Wilson, Raquel Butler. Second row: Trevor Pueblo, coach Gary Tanner, Josiah Kurley. Back row: Deryk Speck, Joshua Little Axe.



Eileen Soler

MO' LEARNIN': Immokalee kids study hard during an afterschool homework and tutoring session at Diane Yzaguirre Memorial Library. From left are Curtis Smith, Jay Martinez, tutor Lama Gallegos and Josia Ortega.



Photo courtesy of Renee Barry

PROMPT POTATO PROGRAM: Kindergarten kids in teacher Renee Barry's class at Ahfachkee School pose with their third completed Tardy Tater, a Mr. Potato Head incentive to promote arriving at school on time every day. The classroom sets a goal for how many students will be prompt. Each time they achieve the goal, the children get a new piece for creating a whole Mr. Potato Head. When the head is finished, the class wins a lollipop or has a bubblegum party.



Eileen Soler

TO BE OR NOT TO BE: Construction is underway on an open-air stage complete with backstage rooms, lighting and sound features on the Fred Smith Rodeo Arena grounds in Brighton. Existing covered bleachers that horseshoe the stage create an amphitheater setting.



Beverly Bidney

NAP TIME: Charleigh Carter, 7 weeks, sleeps soundly in her grandmother Nelda Carter's arms May 13 while her sister Lindi Carter graduated from the Brighton Preschool.



Photo courtesy of Sunny Ploch

CAMPFIRE TALK: Jennifer Izquierdo, Melody Osceola, Jemma Jane Osceola, Mordekai Osceola, Jane Osceola and Colleen Osceola Henry smile for the camera during the Tampa Community Campout held April 18-19 on the Lakeland property.



Photo courtesy of Photos by Renee

CLASSY CLASSMATES: Longtime friends mug for the camera during the Ahfachkee School prom May 9 at Herman L. Osceola Gymnasium.



Photo courtesy of Photos by Renee

ROYAL PROMENADE: Ahfachkee School prom queen Kaitlin Osceola and prom king Eden Jumper are dressed to the nines May 9 for an evening of music, dancing and dining.



Photo courtesy of Sunny Ploch

IT'S IN THE EYES: Youngster Jamma Jane Osceola takes it all in during the Tampa Community Campout held April 18-19 on the Lakeland property.

NATIONAL NATIVE NEWS



Ancient pit home unearthed in suburban Utah park

SANDY, Utah — When spear points and other artifacts were found by utility company workers in a 1,500-year-old pit home recently, Dimple Dell Park was turned into an archaeological dig.

While state law doesn't require utility companies to report archaeological finds on non-federal land, Questar Corp., which sent workers out there to replace a gas line, brought in archaeologists to investigate. The company eventually rerouted the pipeline so it wouldn't disturb the ancient pit home — a dwelling that includes a fire pit, animal bones and spear points presumably used by Utah's indigenous peoples.

Pit houses, relatively common in ancient times, were built to withstand extreme temperatures and featured laddered entryways, hearths and ventilation air holes, as well as dug-out living areas fitted with a flat roof.

Archaeologists note the home's location on a south-facing slope indicates the residence was used during cold months. However, because of the large number of indigenous Tribes who once traversed the area, it is difficult to identify who called the pit home.

Given recent acts of vandalism at other historically significant sites in Utah (i.e. the anonymous squatters who disturbed an ancient habitation in Nine Mile Canyon), archaeologists plan to cover up the location to keep it secret from curiosity seekers or those who would plunder it for monetary gain.

—Source: *Smithsonian.com*

Montana bill to protect Native American languages

HELENA, Mont. — A bill written by Native American lawmakers that aims to boost vanishing Native languages through grants to Native American language educational organizations faced little resistance or criticism in its recent journey through the Montana Legislature.

The bill reflects a language preservation program considered essential in many tribal communities and will protect the cultural histories and languages of 13 Native American Tribes in Montana. The program encourages schools to create programs that teach about the culture of Montana's Native inhabitants and create immersion classes for their languages.

Montana Gov. Steve Bullock spoke with inspirational words at the signing of the bill, according to ForceChange.com, saying that language is more than just a grouping of words and phrases; it is an identity and a history. He went on to say that Native identities and histories represent the entire state and not just its Native peoples.

The emergency nature of the legislation was earmarked by one legislator who estimated that all firsthand speakers will have died in as little as 15 years, essentially erasing the tongues from existence.

—Source: *ForceChange.com*

Miccosukee Tribe fires general counsel

MIAMI — Four months after U.S. District Judge Marcia G. Cooke ordered Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida general counsel Bernardo Roman III and the Everglades-based Tribe to pay more than \$1 million in sanctions, calling the attorney's behavior "egregious and abhorrent" in a failed embezzlement case against the Tribe's former chairman Billy Cypress, the Tribe fired Roman and his firm.

The Miccosukees have appealed both the sanctions order and suit's dismissal to the Eleventh Circuit. According to transcripts viewed by Law360, Roman told Circuit Judge John Thornton at the start of a telephonic hearing in a Miccosukee-related lawsuit against its former accountant that the Tribe had just informed him of its decision that morning.

"We have been notified this morning, a few hours ago, that we no longer represent the Miccosukee Tribe and that I am no longer their tribal attorney," Roman said, adding that he and his associates would file a motion to withdraw to give the Tribe an opportunity to decide upon new counsel.

—Sources: *South Florida Lawyers, Law360*

Tribes, county adopt police deal for South Dakota sacred land

RAPID CITY, S.D. — Commissioners of Pennington County signed off May 5 on a cooperative law enforcement agreement with four Tribes of the Great Sioux Nation. The agreement covers 3 square miles of sacred land famous as a ceremonial site because of its role in tribal creation stories.

The land was purchased in 2012 by the Great Sioux Nation, which raised \$9 million to buy land the Tribes call *Pe' Sla*, located in western South Dakota's Black Hills. The Tribes hope to put the land,

also known as Reynolds Prairie, in trust with the federal government. If the land is put into trust, tribal jurisdiction would apply. But the agreement would allow the county, the Bureau of Indian Affairs and Tribes to handle law enforcement. If a Tribal member is cited or arrested for a crime at the site, he or she would be prosecuted in tribal court, but non-Tribal members would be prosecuted in other courts belonging to the local jurisdiction.

None of the Tribes has a headquarters closer than a four-hour drive from *Pe' Sla*, the Rapid City Journal reported. They also plan to reintroduce bison to the site.

—Source: *Yankton Daily Press & Dakotan*

Lakotas invoke 'bad men' treaty on pipeline

LOWER BRULE, S.D. — The Great Sioux Nation (Oceeti Sakowin) has pressed further in its fight against the Keystone pipeline, invoking a clause from the Fort Laramie Treaty of 1868 wherein the U.S. government agreed to "proceed at once to cause the offender to be arrested and punished according to the laws of the United States."

The accused "offender" in this case: foreign tar sands pipeline company TransCanada.

The Sioux Nation calls for the enforcement of this treaty clause against TransCanada and also states that "roughly 40 percent of South Dakota is off limits to TransCanada."

Although the "bad men" clause has been utilized in only a handful of cases over the past 150 years, success for the plaintiffs has been rare, according to a historical analysis in the Harvard Law Review. The report, titled "A Bad Man Is Hard To Find," claims that only in one instance, albeit recently, has the clause been deployed successfully. Lavetta Elk is the only known victor in a "bad men" case, though the report suggests that the instance could set precedent and pave the way for more victorious applications of the clause in the future.

In 2009, Elk won her action for damages under the Fort Laramie Treaty of 1868, recovering a judgment in the Court of Federal Claims of almost \$600,000 from the United States government. Elk is the first and only plaintiff to take a "bad men among the whites" action through trial and win on the merits.

Nine treaties concluded between the United States and various Indian Tribes in 1867 and 1868 each contain what is known as a "bad men" provision. Within each of these provisions is a clause in which the United States promises to reimburse Indians for injuries sustained as a result of wrongs committed by "bad men among the whites or among other people subject to the authority of the United States."

These "bad men among the whites" clauses remain the source of a viable cause of action for Indians belonging to those Tribes that signed the nine treaties of 1867 and 1868.

The Sioux have been at the forefront in the fight against the Canadian tar sands projects, as well as the fourth and final leg of the Keystone pipeline project.

—Source: *AL.com, EnviroNews*

State seeks Creek bailout for casino shutdown

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Even though Attorney General Luther Strange has a pending lawsuit to try to shut down the Poarch Band of Creek Indians casinos, Alabama legislative leaders want the governor to seek an agreement with the Tribe for a state budget bailout.

According to Jennifer Ardis, spokeswoman for Gov. Robert Bentley, a preliminary meeting between the governor's office and representatives of the Poarch Band was held April 30. The Republican caucus in the House of Representatives recommended an agreement with the Poarch Creeks as a key part of its plan to close a budget shortfall estimated at \$200 million next year.

Senate President Pro Tem Del Marsh has also endorsed the idea of a deal with the Poarch Creeks, but the attorney general opposes a Poarch Creek agreement, claiming the Tribe is eager to negotiate with the state to help legitimize its gambling operations.

"There are a lot of legal issues out there involving the Poarch Creeks and it's very clear why they're trying so hard to reach a deal so they can remove those challenges," said Strange, who has worked for several years to try to shut down the Poarch Creek casinos, alleging the electronic bingo machines in Poarch Creek casinos in Atmore, Wetumpka and Montgomery are illegal slot machines.

Sharon Delmar, spokeswoman for the Poarch Creeks, said their electronic bingo machines are legal according to National Indian Gaming Commission and disputed Strange's accusations.

"None of our efforts to assist the state with the budget deficit is related in any way to any pending litigation," Delmar said.

In fact, a federal judge dismissed the state's case last year, and the 11th Circuit

Court of Appeals has yet to rule on the state's appeal.

The Poarch Creeks contributed to Strange's Democratic opponent, Joe Hubbard, in last year's general election.

Poarch Creek Vice-Chair Robert McGhee said the Poarch Creeks could help the state avoid projected layoffs of state troopers and court employees and cuts to services like Medicaid and mental health. McGhee said the court case should not stop the state and the Tribe from working on a deal that could benefit both.

"We can't stop moving forward and trying to be good neighbors with the state just because this is there," McGhee said.

Shortly after the Alabama House Republican caucus released its budget plan that includes a deal with the Poarch Band of Creek Indians, other lawmakers announced a bill to make it illegal for gambling interests to contribute to a political candidate's campaign.

"I am not for legalizing gambling in Alabama," bill sponsor Rep. Danny Garrett, R-Trussville, told Truthout.org. "However, with the recent discussions about possible legislation to expand gambling in the state, I believe it is important to prevent gambling lobbyists from influencing legislators through political contributions."

Garrett's bill would make it illegal for a gambling interest, or a person or agent acting on behalf of a gambling interest, to make contributions to a politician's campaign or to a Political Action Committee.

Those contributions are currently allowed under current Alabama law, and the Poarch Band of Creek Indians are known to provide large contributions to political campaigns.

—Source: *Truthout.org*

Jewell to Haskell: committed to tribal sovereignty

HASKELL, Kan. — Despite lower enrollment, less funding and more competition from other colleges than decades past, Haskell Indian Nations University is as relevant today as ever, if not more, especially for shaping well-rounded future tribal leaders. That's what U.S. Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell told graduates at commencement.

"The priority of this school has really been around bringing this diverse group of students together from all these different Tribes with all these different backgrounds into one place," Jewell said in her keynote address May 8.

Jewell told the class of 2015 that it represented 65 Tribes and 40 states. She encouraged students to take care of themselves, get outside and find strength and pride in their Native heritage.

Jewell noted that Haskell's beginnings as an Indian boarding school were during a time that was "dark" and damaging to Indian pride.

"Kill the Indian to save the man was the philosophy in those days," she said. And later, to cheers, "assimilation is no longer the law of the land."

Jewell said she and President Barack Obama are committed to tribal sovereignty, including in the area of Indian education, which she claimed had been underfunded for decades. She said Obama has put forth an "aggressive" budget for 2016 that includes significantly more dollars for Indian education.

"We really need Congress to step up and support the budget for Indian education and Indian Country in general, as we are obligated to do by our trust and treaty obligations," Jewell said.

—Source: *LJWorld.com*

Southern Cherokees seek federal recognition

WEBBER FALLS, Okla. — After 12 years of research and documentation on their cultural heritage, a group of local Southern Cherokee Indians recently mailed three boxes of paperwork to the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Washington, D.C., hoping to be "re-recognized" by the U.S. government.

"We began our research at the Library of Congress," Southern Cherokee Chief Steve Matthews said. "We visited numerous historical societies, state archives and read books to make sure we got our story right. We also went through three computers in the process."

Matthews said recognition by treaty did not put the Tribe on the Federal Register.

"We are kind of a forgotten people," he said. "We were first recognized by the government with the (Cherokee) Treaty of 1866."

The review process by the Bureau of Indian Affairs could take two years or as much as 40 years. Federal recognition will allow the local Tribe to receive federal benefits, including health insurance and housing.

However, Chief Matthews said that even more important would be the ability to pass down the Tribe's heritage to the next generation.

"We got to talking," he said, "and thought how could we look at our grandchildren and say, 'We didn't try?'"

As Chief Matthews and a core group of Southern Cherokees combed through genealogies and other historical records over the last decade, they discovered a lot of history they didn't know. Their name comes from the fact that they fought with the South during the Civil War. After the war, the Cherokee Nation split; some stayed on their land in the South while others moved west of the Mississippi River. The Southern Cherokee eventually settled in Missouri. However, they were not welcomed there.

At the time, Missouri had laws to prevent Indians from moving into or hunting in the state without a pass from a government Indian agent. Indians could not purchase or own land in the state. The state militia was called out to remove Indians when they were found on white landowners' property.

"Our ancestors didn't talk about our heritage," Southern Cherokee council speaker Bill Tyler recalled. "We were here illegally — not allowed in the state of Missouri. When we were kids, we were taught not to be seen or heard from strangers because we would be found out."

—Sources: *Rolla Daily News, SouthernCherokeeNation.com*

Navajo firm lands \$21M defense contract

FARMINGTON, N.M. — An award-winning information technology company owned by the Navajo Nation has won a new contract with the Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA) in Ogden, Utah. The NOVA Corp. will provide system, security and database administration technical support for the DISA, as well as work on hardware and software applications processing, database administration, computer performance analysis and system automation.

The contract is worth \$21 million, according to an April 30 press release which indicated that Unisys Corp. and Woodbury Technologies will assist NOVA with the work. The contract is expected to take one year with an option for two additional years if needed.

"The best compliment we can get is repeat business because of a job well done," NOVA CEO John Snider said. "I'm proud of our team for continuing to provide such high quality and multifaceted support. As always, one of our main goals is to provide complex problem management and streamline processes to help the government function as efficiently as possible, and our team in Ogden is getting it done."

—Source: *The Daily Times*

Plan unveiled for Native museum in Oklahoma

OKLAHOMA CITY — State House Speaker Jeff Hickman unveiled a plan May 11 to finally finish the long-delayed American Indian Cultural Center and Museum along the Oklahoma River in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Hickman's plan includes a \$25 million bond issue, to be paired with matching funds, to complete the project along Interstates 35 and 40.

The American Indian Cultural Center and Museum will serve as an anchor tourism destination for other cultural attractions throughout Oklahoma and the Bricktown and Deep Deuce districts. The state will hold title to the 67 acres used by the museum. The rest of the 210-acre site would be turned over to the city of Oklahoma City to be used for development. Revenue from commercial leases on that land will help pay for museum operations.

The city would operate the museum, or contract with an organization to run it. "This is the last chapter," Hickman said. "This is the last piece of the puzzle. Everybody wants a happy ending to this story, so hopefully this is what gets us there."

The monies the state already pays (\$1.9 million) on yearly operating expenses at the center will instead be used to retire the additional \$25 million in bonds. The yearly state expenditure on the project would not grow. The organization that will run the museum will pick up operational costs.

"When all is said and done the state will have over \$100 million invested in the facility," Hickman said. "Our members are confident that this is a plan that will allow the museum to successfully open and allow Oklahoma City to control the destiny of the surrounding area and for Oklahoma City to determine the management and operation of the museum."

—Source: *NewsOK.com*

Scholarship created for Native construction students

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Flintco LLC, perhaps the oldest multicultural construction firm in the United States with Native American roots, is putting dollars toward the search for the best and brightest Americans Indians interested in the construction industry.

The company is giving the American

Indian Graduate Center (AIGC) \$5,000 toward scholarships for an undergraduate or vocational student in the construction field. This is the first time that Flintco has partnered with AIGC, a national nonprofit that awards scholarships to Native American undergraduate and graduate college students. Flintco has awarded more than \$25,000 in scholarships since 2007 but primarily worked with individual Tribes.

"AIGC is excited that Flintco has stepped forward to establish a scholarship for construction management students," Center Director Sam Deloria said. "AIGC funds all fields of study, so this will definitely add to the mix, and Indian Country has a growing need for this type of profession."

—Source: *NativeNewsOnline.net*

Indian Affairs announces \$2 million in grants to build education departments

WASHINGTON — Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs Kevin K. Washburn announced May 15 that grants ranging from \$25,000 to \$150,000 per fiscal year are available for federally recognized Tribes and their education departments. The grants are designed to help Tribes assume control of Bureau of Indian Education (BIE)-funded schools in their communities, promote tribal education capacity and provide academically rigorous and culturally appropriate education to Indian students on their reservations and trust lands.

Eligible tribal governments may apply for these grants by responding to the Request for Proposals that the BIE published on May 15, 2015 in the Federal Register.

"This grant program reflects President Obama's commitment to tribal self-governance and self-determination and will support tribal educators who best understand the unique needs of their communities as they strengthen their capacity to assume full control of BIE-funded schools on their reservations," said U.S. Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell, who chairs the White House Council on Native American Affairs. "It is a critical step in redesigning the BIE from a direct provider of education into an innovative organization that will serve as a capacity builder and service provider to Tribes with BIE-funded schools."

"With this announcement, we are taking the next major step in our efforts to return the education of Indian children to their Tribes," Assistant Secretary Washburn said. "We understand that tribal leaders, educators and parents have the greatest need to ensure that their children receive a world-class education, and with this effort, we will see to it that Tribes can assume total control over the BIE-funded schools in their communities to improve the educational outcomes for their students. We're grateful Congress understands the importance of this process and appropriated funding to support this effort."

BIE Director Dr. Charles M. "Monty" Roessel said the grant solicitation carries out recommendations of Secretary Jewell and Education Secretary Arne Duncan's Blueprint for Reform to transform the Bureau of Indian Education from a school administrator into a capacity builder and service provider to support Tribes in educating their children and youth.

The Blueprint for Reform, issued in June 2014 following consultation with tribal leaders, is an initiative of the White House Council on Native American Affairs, chaired by Secretary Jewell.

President Obama established the Council as part of his commitment to engage in a true and lasting government-to-government relationship with federally recognized Tribes in a more coordinated and effective manner, including promoting and sustaining prosperous and resilient tribal communities.

Jewell then issued a Secretarial Order to begin restructuring BIE from solely a provider of education to a capacity builder and education service provider to Tribes. The goal of this transformation is to give Tribes the ability themselves to provide an academically rigorous and culturally appropriate education to their students, according to their needs.

The Blueprint made several recommendations regarding the BIE's budget. Interior should invest in the school system's infrastructure, including new school construction, and align its budget to support tribal self-determination by requesting and increasing Tribal Grant Support Costs for tribally controlled grant schools.

Grants will range from \$25,000 to \$150,000 per fiscal year depending on the project, number of educational programs impacted, project design and expected outcomes.

Subject to the availability of appropriated funds, grants will be provided for three years and, depending on performance, may be renewed for additional two-year terms.

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Education



PECS kids cook, clean, play and learn at Culture Camp

BY EILEEN SOLER
Staff Reporter

BRIGHTON — Living Seminole is more than eating frybread and Indian hot dogs. Just ask any child after a day at Pemayetv Emahakv Charter School's annual Culture Camp.

"It feels like you are really taking part in something bigger than you," said eighth-grader Conner Thomas.

That's when being PECS Seminole gets real and speaking Muscogee Creek, the language of the ancestors, is the only way to communicate.

Divided into groups, children in grades kindergarten through eight participated in outdoor experiences that summoned the past on three separate days in May. During age-appropriate activities, they prepared foods gleaned from earth and beast, cooked over an open fire, carved tools and listened to timeless legends that for generations taught the lessons of life.

Games like cornhole, watermelon roll and skillet toss provided plenty of laughter and more chances to practice the Native language.

For cooking, the youngest children focused on simple tasks like kneading flour for frybread then tossing it into boiling pots of oil. The middle grades made frybread, but they also performed ancillary cooking tasks like feeding the fire after choosing just the right wood, slicing scores of vegetables and fruits, and carving whole chickens using sharp blades.

"*Tolose eturpv hececv* (do you see the chicken wing?)" asked Creek teacher Marcus Briggs displaying a fresh, fat chicken to fourth-graders. The children responded: "*Ehe tollose eturpv hecis* (yes, I see the chicken wing)." Through this activity, the children learned all the chicken parts in Creek and later, how to cut the carcass into parts that would be cooked and eaten for lunch.

In 2014, Creek was adopted as a foreign language course of study by the Florida Department of Education and is accepted at all Florida colleges.

Students in grades seven and eight completed similar activities but at higher levels. For example, they slaughtered, butchered and cooked a whole pig, which included fried crackling.



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Pemayetv Emahakv Charter School students and teachers gather around an open flame in the cooking chickee to make Indian hot dogs, frybread and hamburger with tomatoes May 15 at the Brighton chickee village near Fred Smith Rodeo Arena.

Some eighth-graders, such as Alyke Baker, Aidan Tommie and Conner, further participated by presenting younger students with traditional stories.

Alyke's lesson explained why no tigers live in Florida. Aidan used a tale about twin brothers to teach the origins of thunder and lightning, which further reinforced why children should shelter during a storm in the safety of a chickee. Conner warned the children to "never provoke an owl."

Mollie Jolly, a cultural language instructor with Brighton Culture, said the eighth-graders' presentations showed that

they had learned well to retell the legends, and she encouraged the younger ones to pay attention because one day it would be their turn to pass along the legends.

Tribal elder Alice Sweat said all the camp experiences were geared to give children hands-on exposure to traditional ways.

"A lot of our children are not growing up under the chickees where we ate, slept and cooked. We're trying to get them to understand that life was once very hard," Sweat said. "By learning, they know how to survive."

Sweat, who has served the Tribe in many capacities through recent decades, took over the role of the school's traditional language and history program director upon the passing last year of Brighton's leading cultural program and Creek language advocate Lorene Gopher.

Sweat said PECS students learn literally from the ground up about Seminole life, so they can choose later how to carry on the traditions and culture.

For Conner, who has attended every

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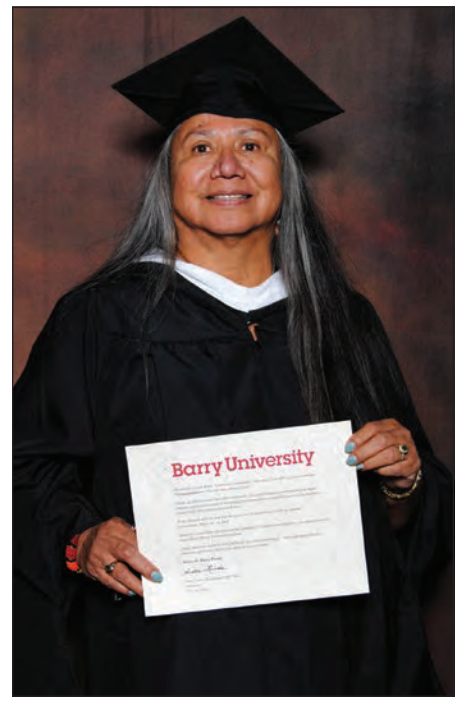


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Agnes Motlow, of the Hollywood Reservation, graduates from Barry University May 9 with a Master of Arts degree in administration. She plans to continue her education with a doctorate in organizational leadership.

Agnes Motlow graduates with Master of Arts from Barry

BY BEVERLY BIDNEY
Staff Reporter

MIAMI — At 64, Agnes Motlow isn't close to slowing down. The Hollywood resident earned her Master of Arts in administration from Barry University May 9 and is applying for a doctorate in organizational leadership.

Motlow completed the degree while working as executive assistant to General Counsel Jim Shore and caring for her late husband, David Motlow Sr.

"David was a real advocate for education and always wanted me to continue," Motlow said. "After he got really ill, I saw my grades slip because I couldn't concentrate. I worked at his bedside on my computer while he was in the hospital."

Motlow earned her bachelor's degree from Barry University in 2011 and began her master's degree in 2012. It took her a year longer than anticipated to complete the program, but she received her diploma during graduation with her son, daughter-in-law, granddaughters and sister in attendance.

"I'm really proud that I was able to do this. I challenged myself to complete it and I did," Motlow said. "I saw my granddaughters' shiny eyes as I walked down to get my diploma. I want them to have positive role models. If they see grandma doing this, then they know they can do it. Age is no barrier."

Her classes focused on leadership, administration, communication and teamwork; all valuable attributes for a management position in the workplace. A requirement for earning her master's degree was completing a capstone, a detailed project in which students take what they learned during the graduate program and apply it to examine a specific idea.

Motlow's 30-page capstone project explored mentorship of Tribe members in tribal government for administrative positions. She surveyed college graduates and learned they all thought they could perform the job if they had the chance to learn how. She said she was thrilled to have earned an 'A' for the project.

"I've always felt that we needed more of a Tribal member presence in the administration of tribal programs," she said. "We should advocate for young people to get their degrees and we, as a government, need to provide positions for them when they graduate."

Motlow believes when students graduate from college, they should have the opportunity to work underneath a department director to learn what the position entails. She believes the Tribe has the resources to identify graduates who might be interested in pursuing an administrative career within the Tribe.

"When you come out of college you don't have the skills or experience that's needed," she said. "But you do have passion. In this day and age, jobs are hard to find that you have passion for."

Motlow loves her job — she's held the executive assistant position since 1989 — and enjoys serving the Tribe. She isn't sure where her degree will lead her, but she is thankful for the opportunity to pursue education.

"You're never too old to learn," Motlow said. "Every day's a learning experience."

Ahfachkee School fifth-graders pledge to lead drug-free lives

BY BEVERLY BIDNEY
Staff Reporter

BIG CYPRESS — Just before the annual Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) commencement ceremony May 14 at Ahfachkee School, two 2013 graduates said that what they learned in the program has helped them navigate through their adolescence.

"Drugs can really mess up your life," said Leilani Gopher, a seventh-grader who was chosen to mentor the graduating fifth-grade D.A.R.E. class. "They make you an ugly person."

Leilani and fellow mentor Ricky Garza have witnessed drug use on the reservation and have steered clear of it. Ricky said he has heard people talk about their regrets.

"They look back and say they wish they had graduated high school and not done drugs," Ricky said. "Drugs are addictive. They wish they never made that choice."

Founded in Los Angeles in 1983, D.A.R.E. is now a worldwide law enforcement-driven effort that teaches children how to resist peer pressure and live productive drug- and violence-free lives. Police officers teach lessons to students from kindergarten through 12th grade.

Seminole Police Department D.A.R.E. Officer Michele Harbin runs the Ahfachkee program and organized the recent graduation, which included kindergartners, third-graders and fifth-graders. Fourth-graders attended to know what to expect next year.

"The D.A.R.E. program has evolved over the last two years and focuses more on bullying topics, including making responsible and healthy choices," Harbin said.

The curriculum also includes conflict resolution, responsible decision making, verbal and non-verbal communication and drug resistance.

"I remember being in D.A.R.E. class in elementary school," said acting principal Jillian Wilson. "Now it addresses new



Beverly Bidney

Ahfachkee D.A.R.E. graduate Jeremiah Pickup shakes hands with Seminole Police Department Capt. Rhett Rowland before receiving his program completion certificate at the D.A.R.E. graduation May 14 in Big Cypress. Lt. Jeffrey Heintz and Sgt. Karl Furman look on.

dangers in society and the times we live in. Ahfachkee is privileged to have this program. Our mission is to provide a safe place to learn and be drug free."

Fifth-graders wrote essays on lessons they learned through D.A.R.E. Edie Robbins read her winning essay.

"What I learned in D.A.R.E. was to do the right thing and make good choices," she read. "I plan to use my information the right way and share it with friends and family."

Harbin said she chose Leilani and Ricky because they are responsible and will serve as role models for younger students.

The mentors shared their simple message with the fifth-graders.

"Stay drug free and stay in school," Leilani said.

♦ See more D.A.R.E. photos on page 4B

Tous Jumper Young Sr. is Harvard-bound

BY BEVERLY BIDNEY
Staff Reporter

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — This summer Tous Jumper Young Sr. will fulfill a childhood dream when he attends Harvard University.

A sophomore at Central New Mexico Community College in Albuquerque, New Mexico with a major in abnormal psychology, Young will take four psychology courses at the Ivy League university in Cambridge, Massachusetts and earn 16 credits toward his degree.

“My dad used to tell me the worst anyone can do is say no, so I applied,” said Young, 39. “I would have never known if I hadn’t taken a chance and shoot for the stars. No risk, no reward.”

Young will live in a dorm on campus during Harvard’s summer session, which runs from June 20 to Aug. 8. He will take classes in abnormal psychology, memory, cognition and trauma, and post-traumatic stress disorder.

With a goal of working with the Tribe as an addiction and trauma counselor, Young also hopes to someday open a residential substance abuse center for all Native Americans. He has firsthand experience with substance abuse and plans to use his education and his knowledge to help others.

Young’s first attempt at college ended when he dropped out because of alcohol and drug abuse. He spent the next 15 years as an addict.

“It separated me from my wife and kids and alienated me from my Tribe,”

he said. “I became a social pariah and an outcast. I knew there was a better way.”

Through hard work Young overcame his addictions in part by getting rid of unhealthy relationships and accepting encouragement from those who really cared about him.

“I got out of the dark period through a lot of prayer. I prayed the Lord would free me from that bondage,” he said. “Looking at the glass as half full instead of half empty and falling back on my family who loved me really brought me out of that.”

Young believes his intimate understanding of addiction will be an asset to others. As someone who overcame it, he can offer hope and serve as a role model.

“Getting back to my roots and culture got me out of the black hole of self-doubt,” he said. “I can help others who are going through it and guide and encourage them to get out of that hole their lives may have taken them to.”

No longer hampered by a sense of failure or lack of self-esteem, Young now enjoys a deep appreciation for life.

“I have an attitude of gratitude,” he said. “I am thankful for those dark times that helped me grow and experience life as it was meant to be.”

Although his path to Harvard was untraditional, Young is ready to tackle the experience of a lifetime.

“It’s taken me a roundabout way to get there, but it doesn’t matter how old you are or what you’ve been through,” he said. “If you have confidence and believe in yourself, you can always overcome challenges.”



Eileen Soler

Apolonia Nunez, 16, marches with other graduates May 2 after commencement exercises at Indian River State College.

‘Apple’ is first college grad in family tree

BY EILEEN SOLER
Staff Reporter

FORT PIERCE — Apolonia Nunez will never forget the first few minutes of her first day of college in 2013.

“I walked into the classroom and a girl looked at me funny and asked, ‘What are you doing here? Why are you here, and how old are you?’ I said ‘13’ and the girl just kind of giggled,” Apolonia, now 16, said.

But no one laughed when Apolonia’s first English test came back with one of the highest scores in the class.

“That was the first moment people saw me as an equal,” she said.

Fast forward to May 2, 2015 — graduation day for Indian River State College (IRSC) at Havert L. Fenn Center in Fort Pierce — when the daughter of David and Anita Nunez, of Okeechobee, became the youngest Seminole Tribe of Florida member to graduate from college.

Home-schooled through 12th grade while simultaneously enrolled at IRSC, Apolonia walked across the stage dressed in a graduation robe and mortarboard to collect her Associate of Arts degree even

before her high school diploma arrived in the mail.

Her proud parents wiped away joyful tears during the ceremony as they watched the first member of their family to receive a college degree.

Anita Nunez said her daughter, nicknamed “Apple,” practically skipped high school. In fact, her first two college English classes were mastered when she was still technically in ninth grade.

Long story short: Anita Nunez knew many years ago that her daughter would succeed academically — she was previously assessed as intellectually gifted — but when Apolonia was an eighth-grader facing a traditional high school path, her mother focused on finding a more efficient and personalized education route.

Anita Nunez discovered that her daughter could test through grade levels at her own pace while enrolled in college if she was home-schooled.

“I brainstormed about what to do and then it occurred to me: I could be my own daughter’s principal,” Anita Nunez said.

With Nunez in charge, mandatory testing and subsequent grade progressions occurred as Apolonia was ready.

“It all happened in the blink of an eye,” Apolonia said. “It’s overwhelming how far I’ve come in two years and how it’s paid off, but I’m certainly not done. This is an amazing stepping stone.”

The journey so far has been fun and exciting, often challenging and sometimes difficult, she said.

The diligent student thrived in philosophy and criminal justice classes, and yearned for more. Her once hate relationship with mathematics is now “kind of enjoyable.” And the first essay she thought she “bombed” turned out to be a 94.

Socialization had a wobbly start. Classmates who did not know Apolonia’s age wondered why the friendly and outspoken student turned down invitations to hang out. Instead of driving off campus with them for lunch or dinner, she ate alone at the school’s pingpong tables.

“At first I was like some 13-year-old with a Barbie doll in her back pocket. But I engaged in class and I gave people a chance to see a side of me that no one expected,” Apolonia said. “They saw my intellect. I earned my way in the class like everyone else and they respected me more for it.”

At age 15, when an unwitting 19-year-old asked her to call him on the telephone, she gracefully turned him down. Eventually, a few classmates began bringing lunch, too, and meeting her at the pingpong tables.

For fun, the teen learned boxing

and kickboxing and currently serves as Okeechobee’s Miss Speckled Perch and Miss American Legion.

She recently built a birdhouse and hopes to someday learn Seminole traditional crafts.

Her mother is her hero.

“She is the kind of mother who believes in you more than you believe in yourself. She pushes me and motivates me. She showed me what I could do and that I am capable of it,” Apolonia said. “And when I was successful, she was not surprised. She knew I could do it all along.”

Apolonia is mature beyond her years. Her personal philosophy for success, described a week before graduation, was nearly echoed during the commencement address by U.S. Marine Lt. Col. Curtis Carlin, an IRSC alumnus.

Both advocate living fully in the moment and in deliberate awareness that choices made in the present have and affect later.

“Don’t seek instant pleasure. When you want cake and you eat it, it’s gone. Seek joy instead. Joy is different. When I trained for the Marine Corps it wasn’t pleasant. There was dirt, grime, yelling, lack of sleep ... but at graduation? That was joy,” Carlin said. “Like you, the hotter the fire and the more pounding you take, the stronger the core.”

“Whatever you decide to do in the moment must be based on what pleasures you most, like, if it pleases you in the moment to go to the beach,” Apolonia said. “But going to the beach does not please me more in the long run than walking across the (graduation) stage. If you want to take a semester off or quit school, you will not experience the overwhelming joy of being proud of yourself ... hard work and dedication brings joy, not just satisfaction, real joy.”

David and Anita Nunez’s other daughters are also motivated to succeed.

Airianna, 18, graduated from high school as a home-schooled student in November and is on track to receive an associate degree from IRSC by fall 2015. Alicia, 21, a student at Santa Fe College, plans to become a doctor of nursing practice. Amelia, 20, owns a landscaping company.

For Apolonia, the future includes pursuing a bachelor’s degree in criminal justice followed by law school. She envisions landing in a high-ranking position with the FBI or the CIA — or maybe opening her own paralegal firm.

“Hopefully, by the time I am 30, I will be all settled in with a lot more experience than other people my age,” Apolonia said. “I will have built up my name and my empire.”

Charter School April students of the month



Photo courtesy of Michele Thomas

Pematv Emahkv Charter School elementary students of the month: Devon Mitchell, Airo Tommie, Rylee Bowers, Hinton Anderson, Alyssa Madrigal, Kashyra Urbina, Neela Jones, Jaydence Urbina, Akeelah Mitchell, Taryn Osceola, Jana Johnson, Sydney Matthews, Valek Martinez, Bryce Ward, Makya King, Elle Thomas, Karey Gopher, Aleah Pritchard and Caleb Burton.



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Middle school students of the month: John Beck, Jenna Brown and Isaac Urbina.



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Apolonia Nunez, 16, daughter of David and Anita Nunez, leaps for joy following graduation from Indian River State College in Fort Pierce. Apolonia is the youngest Seminole to graduate with an Associate of Arts degree.

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Nova grad proud of Seminole ties

BY EILEEN SOLER
Staff Reporter

DAVIE — Before Sheyanna Osceola marched down the aisle at Don Taft University Center as a 2015 Nova Southeastern University (NSU) graduate, she topped her head with a mortarboard bejeweled in Seminole colors.

Afterward, she placed the cap on her 2-year-old daughter as if she glimpsed the future.

"If I have one hope, it is that my daughter, Nayelea, will remember this and be proud. For everything I tried to do, and whatever happens, she'll know that I went to school and studied hard and did what I needed to do for us," said Osceola, 24.

For Osceola, earning a bachelor's degree in paralegal studies with a minor in business, cum laude, are two steps in the right direction toward what's next. In a few months she will take the Law School Admission Test (LSAT) and then apply to law school.

Meanwhile, Osceola will fill the wait for law school to begin in fall of 2016 by earning a nursing degree.

Ellen Kracoff, who Osceola credits as one of her most inspirational paralegal professors, is not surprised that her former charge would expand her legal career options via nursing. Nurse paralegal is an emerging career hybrid and growing in demand.

"A nurse paralegal can read the medical reports, understand them and interpret them. Others look at a medical report and

it's like reading a foreign language," Kracoff said. "But Sheyanna? She is so bright and learns like a sponge. She will be able to do both."

Osceola, the daughter of telecommunication analyst Tabitha Osceola and housing regional manager William Osceola, said she wanted to be a lawyer since she was a freshman at Hollywood Christian School. But she was also a big fan of science and medicine television shows like "CSI" and "House."

"The best part of law is the argument whether you believe it or not, or if you believe what the other side is thinking," Osceola said. "I also like to prove when I'm right and get others to agree with me."

During her years at NSU, Osceola interned with the Tribe's Legal Department under General Counsel Jim Shore. In her teens, Osceola was an accomplished barrel racer with the Eastern Indian Rodeo Association and a competitor at the 2005 Indian National Finals Rodeo.

Tabitha Osceola said her daughter's drive and determination to finish on top were obvious since kindergarten when she excelled in reading and was sent by her teacher to read books for first-grade classes. In high school, she was accepted into the faith-based People to People Student Ambassador Program that fosters peace worldwide through intercontinental travel.



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Sheyanna Osceola, of Hollywood, and her daughter, Nayelea, 2, enjoy a playful moment after graduation at Nova Southeastern University.

"She just always achieved what she put her mind to. She finishes what she starts," Tabitha Osceola said.

William Osceola called his daughter "amazing."

"Sheyanna knew all along what she wanted to do and that she would have to work to get it. With us, it was grade point average. Keep up the GPA and everything follows," he said.

One of 7,500 NSU graduates this year from 45 nations worldwide, Osceola is the first in her family to earn a college degree. But she will not be the last.

Her sister Shelby Osceola, 26, is majoring in veterinary medicine at Troy University in Alabama, while Tabitha Osceola is earning an Associate of Arts degree from Broward College.

Kracoff said Sheyanna Osceola's choice to bounce off her paralegal degree into nursing and then law school at NSU further solidifies her future. All her credits, since starting in business then switching to law, bolster the next degree.

"It's a reverse domino effect. It's graduating with a degree that will earn money right away and then building on that," Kracoff said. "Like Sheyanna, any student who continues in the excitement and passion of learning is a sponge."



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Ke'Yhara Tommie, daughter of O'Hara and Sherrita Tommie, will attend the 2015 Congress of Future Medical Leaders in Boston, Massachusetts from June 24-26. The Fort Pierce Central High School sophomore wants to be a cardiovascular surgeon.

Student profile: Ke'Yhara Tommie, future physician

BY BEVERLY BIDNEY
Staff Reporter

FORT PIERCE — Ke'Yhara Tommie is a hard-working teen who set a high bar for her future; she wants to be a cardiovascular surgeon. The Fort Pierce Central High School sophomore is doing whatever it takes to achieve her goal, including pursuing dual enrollment at Indian River State College.

"My goal is to graduate high school with an associate degree," said Ke'Yhara, 16. "The fact that I'm able to go to college while I'm still in high school and graduate with a college diploma is extraordinary."

Her grade point average and PSAT score attracted the attention of the National Academy of Future Physicians and Medical Scientists. She was invited to attend the 2015 Congress of Future Medical Leaders in Boston, Massachusetts from June 24-26. Because Ke'Yhara has completed all her high school science credits, she wasn't surprised the organization reached out to her.

A high achiever, Ke'Yhara completed honors anatomy, physiology and biology classes, among others, online at Florida Virtual School.

She enjoys science but her favorite subject is math.

"You get the formulas and have to plug them in to find the answers," she said. "You always have to work for it. I like the challenge."

Ke'Yhara would like to attend Harvard, Stanford, Brown or Florida A&M University. She said she always wanted to

be a doctor when she was a young child and said she pays more attention to achieving the goal as she gets older.

"I love learning about the human body," she said. "The heart keeps everything moving. It's important that it's strong and if I can help people get a strong heart so they can enjoy life, I will do that."

Ke'Yhara looks forward to the experience and knowledge she will gain at the Congress. The program includes presentations by the director of the National Institutes of Health, four Nobel Prize laureates, a former U.S. Surgeon General, the dean for medical education at Georgetown University and a Harvard Medical School professor. Notable patients, including the recipient of the first face transplant, and young science prodigies round out the agenda. Speakers will field questions and mentor students during the conference.

"I can't wait; it's exciting," Ke'Yhara said. "I've gotten awards but this is different for me. This is not the same as getting on the 'A' honor roll."

Ke'Yhara is inspired by her parents, O'Hara and Sherrita Tommie, who will attend the Congress with her.

"My dad always wants me to stay ahead of the game and make history someday," she said. "My mom teaches me never to give up."

A well-rounded student, Ke'Yhara also plays on her school's varsity basketball and track and field teams. She plans to volunteer this summer at Lawnwood Regional Medical Center and Heart Institute in Fort Pierce.



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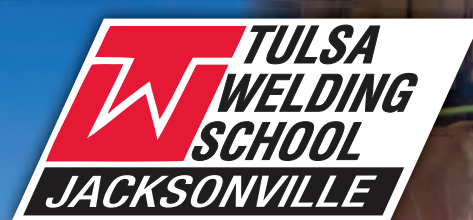
Sheyanna Osceola sits among peers during commencement ceremonies at Nova Southeastern University. Osceola wore the Seminole colors on her mortarboard when she graduated May 8 with a degree in paralegal studies and a minor in business.

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◆ CULTURE CAMP

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PECS Culture Camp since first grade, graduating this year from PECS means this camp was his last – maybe.

He hopes to return when he is an adult to help keep the traditions alive.

“When I was a little kid, the camp was about running around and having fun. Now, it’s about responsibility and leadership,” Conner said. “It’s still fun, but it’s serious fun. It reminds me of who I am every day.”



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Girls toil at the cleaning station to prepare bowls and tools for more cooking May 15 during Pema'yev Emahakv Charter School Culture Camp for fourth-, fifth- and sixth-graders.



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SirMarcus Osceola whittles a stick of wood into a knife during a tool carving lesson.



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Preston Baker teaches Jarrett Beecham the best way to hold a hatchet for tossing at a target during PECS fourth-, fifth- and sixth-grade Culture Camp.



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Kneading dough into frybread is like cooking 101 during PECS Culture Camp.



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Teachers have a little fun, too, during PECS Culture Camp May 15. Here, Tracy Mendez and Melody Smith dash to the finish in a watermelon race.



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Winnie Gopher gears up for a skillet toss contest. The camp experiences were geared to give children hands-on exposure to traditional ways.



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Derrick Smith, left, and Austin Thomas toss bean bags during a cornhole game at PECS Culture Camp on the Brighton Reservation. The boys lost to the opposing team *epeken* (6) to *hvmken* (1).



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PECS teacher Suraiya Smith watches student Giselle Micco toss a skillet with all her might in a traditional game during the school's annual Culture Camp Days.

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Seminole Police Department D.A.R.E. Officer Michele Harbin listens as fifth-grader Edie Robbins reads her winning essay May 14 at the Ahfachkee School D.A.R.E. graduation.



Beverly Bidney

Seventh-grade D.A.R.E. mentors Ricky Garza and Leilani Gopher address the fifth-grade class during the D.A.R.E. graduation at Ahfachkee School.

Student profile: Future scientist John Osceola

BY BEVERLY BIDNEY
Staff Reporter

SOUTHWEST RANCHES — John Osceola's dedication to academics hasn't gone unnoticed.

The Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy High School sophomore was recently invited to attend the Congress of Future Science and Technology Leaders from June 28-30 in Boston, Massachusetts where he will receive an award of excellence.

"The event is an inspiration. It's a big motivation to keep working harder in school," John said.

John, 16, is a member of the National Honor Society. A 4.15 grade point average is proof of his hard work in the classroom. Every night he spends about five hours completing homework.

Managing his time poses a challenge, so John uses a white board to stay organized. He sorts his assignments by the amount of time it will take to complete them. He said math and science are much easier than history.

Natural sciences and physics intrigue John, but Chemistry 1 and Algebra 2 are his favorite subjects. Recently, he was honored for having the highest overall average of any Chemistry 1 student at McCarthy.

"Chemistry is my best class," he said. "I love anything involving math and knowing how the world works."

John has always been inspired by Albert Einstein because he viewed the world differently than most people, knew things weren't always as they appeared



Beverly Bidney

John Osceola, a sophomore at Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy High School, is a member of the National Honor Society and will attend the Congress of Future Science and Technology Leaders in June.

and learned to think outside the box. He also admires physicist Stephen Hawking, astrophysicist Neil deGrasse Tyson and former astronaut Buzz Aldrin.

John said he is eager to meet the world-class intellects at the Congress, which will be attended by his parents, Gem Osceola and Linda Jones. The program includes presentations by renowned scientists, two Nobel laureates, recipients of the National Medal of Science and the National Medal of Technology and Innovation, the dean of Harvard School of Engineering and Applied Sciences, and young science prodigies.

After high school, John plans to attend college and pursue a field he enjoys. Schools that he is considering include the University of Miami, Florida International University and Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

John understands the important role education plays in today's society.

"Doing well in school benefits you for the rest of your life," John said. "It helps you deal with basic problems you may encounter, learn how to socialize with people and express yourself the way you please."

“Doing well in school benefits you for the rest of your life.”

— John Osceola,
Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy
High School sophomore



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Kian Madrid poses for photos with his mother, Larissa Tucker, and sister, Kiori, after being inducted into the National Junior Honor Society May 5.

Hollywood teen inducted into National Junior Honor Society

BY EILEEN SOLER
Staff Reporter

DAVIE — Fourteen-year-old Kian Madrid likes playing video games, caring for his dog, Snow White, and helping out at the Hollywood Reservation Boys & Girls Club.

But the eighth-grader, who attends University School at Nova Southeastern University in Davie, knows that fun is also learning something new every day, earning high grades and being part of an elite group of academic achievers called the National Junior Honor Society (NJHS).

"It's a good thing to be part of something with other kids like me who are also in the honor society and it's something that will help me later in high school and college," he said.

Sitting among hundreds of his peers and an audience filled with parents and family members, Kian was one of 98 students inducted into the 86-year-old organization May 5 at the school's Epstein Center for the Arts. Additionally, 25 students were inducted into the National Junior Art Honor Society.

Kian, the son of Larissa Tucker, a single mother and full-time aide in the Tribal

Secretary's Office in Hollywood, said her son is simply "a good person." He mentors younger children daily at the Boys & Girls Club, performs plenty of chores around the house and keeps a watchful eye out for his little sister, Kiori, 6.

Tucker said her son's education is the most important thing in his life and the scholarship that comes from the Tribe to pay for the private school is a blessing and a gift.

"A student has to be smart to go to University School," Tucker said. "It's hard, but he's doing it fine. He turned down tutoring and told me he'd prove that he doesn't need it — which he does over and over."

She worried though that rumored cuts in the Tribe's education budget could threaten the future of education for successful students like Kian. Two other Seminole Tribe teenagers, Jaden Bankston and Xiora Osceola, are also current members of the University School chapter's NJHS.

"For kids like this, who do so well, the threat of losing their scholarships is very scary," Tucker said. "We have to get the word out that the program is working."

Kian's grandmother Laura Billie-Shannon and Billie's husband, Richard

Shannon, who Kian calls his grandfather, also attended the NJHS induction. Both gushed with happiness after the ceremony while posing for family photographs.

"This is what grandparents live for," Shannon said.

Billie gave credit to her daughter — and she thanked God.

"It's a chaotic world we live in. To raise kids in this day and age is hard work ... but let the glory go to God," Billie said.

Kian said he likes attending University School. He daydreams about someday being a medical student at NSU's College of Osteopathic Medicine and then becoming a surgeon.

Meanwhile, the overachiever is fine with keeping his grades up, assisting at the Boys & Girls Club and helping his mother with chores — which lately have included creating a front yard garden complete with flowers, bird feeders and decorative rocks.

Tucker said her son insisted on complementing the white garden rocks and the black soil with red mulch and yellow accents to symbolize the Seminole medicine colors.

"It makes sense to me, living on the reservation where the Seminole flag waves. It's patriotic," Kian said.

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The deadline to file a claim has passed. **There is no new claims process.**

Who is included?

The Class *includes* all Native American farmers and ranchers who:

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The class *does not include* individuals who:

- Experienced discrimination only between January 1 and November 23 1997; or
- Complained of discrimination only between July 1 and November 23, 1997.

Proposed use of the Funds

There are several competing options for how to distribute the funds.

First, Plaintiffs propose to modify the Settlement Agreement, subject to Court approval, to distribute the funds as follows:

- \$342 million distributed by a Trust, overseen by Native American leaders, to non-profit groups to serve Native farmers & ranchers over a 20 year period.
- \$38 million be distributed quickly to non-profit organizations serving Native farmers & ranchers, identified by Class Counsel and approved by the Court.

The Trust would make grants to organizations providing business assistance, agricultural education, technical support, or advocacy services to Native American farmers and ranchers, including those seeking to become farmers or ranchers, to support and promote their continued engagement in agriculture. The USDA has agreed with this proposal.

Second, Marilyn Keepseagle proposes to distribute all remaining funds as additional damages paid to successful Track A claimants alone. The USDA opposes this proposal.

Third, other class members have asked to use the funds to pay claims that were initially denied or to permit new claims to be filed.

Fourth, the Choctaw Nation has argued that no changes should be made.

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Sports



Seminoles step up so Haskell can tee up

BY KEVIN JOHNSON
Copy Editor

PORT ST. LUCIE — As a golfer for Haskell Indian Nations University, Joshua Little Axe was always puzzled about why his team did not compete in a national championship tournament for minority colleges.

"I watch the tournament on TV all the time and I always wondered how come we're not there playing," Little Axe said.

The main culprit behind Haskell's absence had been a lack of funds.

"They've been trying to get us to come;

we just haven't had the budget to come," said Haskell golf coach Gary Tanner.

Just when it looked like Haskell would be spending May 8-10 at home in Lawrence, Kansas with their season over and Little Axe's college career finished, up stepped the Seminole Tribe of Florida.

The Tribe provided the financial support needed to get the Haskell men's golf team to Florida for the 29th PGA Minority Collegiate Golf Championship.

"Mondo Tiger took us under his wing and said that he would support bringing us," Tanner said. "We're real appreciative of all the people. He spearheaded it, but I know all the Seminole people like to see us come down and do well and represent because we've got a lot of Haskell people within the Tribe. We want them to represent them. We want them to feel proud that we're here."

After Haskell's five golfers completed a solid first round at PGA Golf Club in Port St. Lucie, they expressed gratitude to the Tribe for making their trip possible.

"That's huge we could get enough funding to come down here and participate in this big event," said William Wilson, a Cherokee from Oklahoma. "This is probably the biggest thing Haskell has got to do in 20 years or so."

As the team's No. 1 player, Wilson was first off the tee. He started on the Ryder Course's 10th hole with playing partners Guido Vidotto from Edward Waters College and Vance Edwards from the University of Houston-Victoria.

"I hooked it pretty far left, almost in the bushes," Wilson said about his first drive. "Then I had enough room to where I could get a swing on it and I stuffed it to 7 feet. Then I lipped out the birdie putt and tapped in for par."

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Kevin Johnson

Haskell Indian Nations University golfer Deryk Speck hits a chip shot May 8 during the first round of the PGA Minority Collegiate Golf Championship at the PGA Golf Club in Port St. Lucie.

BC student-athletes praised at banquet

BY KEVIN JOHNSON
Copy Editor

BIG CYPRESS — Proof of a successful sports season isn't always unfurled in the form of a championship banner.

Triumphs can be found elsewhere, like Edie Robbins making a pair of 3-pointers in an elementary basketball game, or Chelsey Alvarado improving her golf score by 20 strokes, or Nashoba Gonzalez personally recruiting players to save a volleyball season.

Those were among the highlights mentioned at Ahfachkee School's annual sports banquet May 14 at the Herman L. Osceola Gymnasium in Big Cypress.

A few days shy of his 30th birthday, Ahfachkee teacher and former Florida Atlantic University football standout Jarrid Smith began the evening with a keynote address that encouraged the approximately 35 student-athletes to make good choices. He shared his experience of making poor choices at age 12 after the death of his grandfather Fred Smith.

"When he passed away I was kind of lost," Smith told the audience. "When

you're lost, you tend to make poor choices." At 15, Smith said his choice to play football proved to be a decision that helped pave his path to a list of accomplishments that nearly filled a page in the banquet program and to where he is now as a teacher contributing to the Ahfachkee community and the Tribe.

"I believe my purpose here is to serve my community, to help make it better, to help make it better for my children, our next generation," he said.

The former lineman, who was an all-conference player at FAU and earned multiple degrees, told the students that each of them has a purpose.

"If you don't know your purpose, if you're not sure, I want you to know that you do have a God-given purpose," he said. "You cannot change things that happened in the past, but you can make choices today that will change your future."

After Smith's speech, Ahfachkee's past sports season and its players were recognized. Coaches from the elementary basketball and cheerleading teams and varsity basketball, golf and volleyball

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Kevin Johnson

Ahfachkee elementary basketball coach Joseph Orukotah joins his players on stage during the school's annual sports banquet May 14 at the Herman L. Osceola Gymnasium.



Kevin Johnson

DeForest Carter chats with youngsters May 15 during the DeForest Carter Basketball Clinic. About 40 kids attended the second annual event at the Herman L. Osceola Gymnasium.

Role model returns to Big Cypress

Youngsters attend second annual DeForest Carter Basketball Clinic, learn from Embry-Riddle standout

BY KEVIN JOHNSON
Copy Editor

BIG CYPRESS — Brian Johnson drew plenty of attention from youngsters who tilted their heads back to look up at the 6-foot-7 basketball player. Although the eyes were focused on the tallest person in the Herman L. Osceola Gymnasium May 15, the hugs belonged to DeForest Carter.

The record-breaking point guard from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (ERAU) received a warm hero's welcome upon his return to the reservation and gymnasium where he spent part of his youth.

"I couldn't tell you how many hugs I got when I walked into the gymnasium," said Carter, 22. "It's just a blast being able to get so many young kids into the gym."

About 40 youngsters, all wearing blue T-shirts from the Recreation Department, filled the basketball court for the second annual DeForest Carter Basketball Clinic. Carter ran the three-hour camp with instructional help from his brother Greg, former high school teammate Kyle Simmons, friend Dillon Thomas, and Johnson, who was Carter's teammate at ERAU. Big Cypress Recreation coordinator Dessie Thomas also assisted, including providing the inscription on the back of the shirts: "How you train today determines how you perform tomorrow."

In the year that elapsed since the clinic's debut, Carter shattered records as a senior point guard while leading ERAU to its best record (35-2) and an appearance in the NAIA Division II semifinals. He set team records for most assists and steals in a season and in a career. He garnered a bevy of awards, including First Team All-American, Sun Conference Player of the Year and NAIA All-Star.

Despite the accolades, Carter was more interested in talking about how the kids at the clinic — such as Ahfachkee School's Ricky Garza — have improved.

"Ricky has gotten so much better, even since last year's camp," Carter said. "That's another thing I like, coming out here and seeing how good they've gotten since last year."

The youngsters were broken up by age categories into a handful of stations



Kevin Johnson

Ezekiel Hill eyes the basket during the DeForest Carter Basketball Clinic at the Herman L. Osceola Gymnasium in Big Cypress.

"It's just a blast being able to get so many young kids into the gym."

— DeForest Carter

that rotated so everyone had a chance to practice rebounding with Carter, shooting with Johnson, dribbling with Simmons and sprinting and moving without the ball with Thomas and Greg Carter.

At 6-feet, Corbin Billie, 17, was the tallest youngster at the camp. The Ahfachkee student said DeForest Carter is a role model for him and many other kids.

"I'm really inspired to be just like him," said Billie, who won a competition award presented by the instructors during a ceremony at the end of the evening.

Giving great passes to teammates is one area that the youngsters know Carter excelled in during his college career, but giving back to his Tribe also ranks high with them.

"It's real nice," Billie said. "I'd say

everybody appreciates it. There's not really that many people out here that do that. I think he's one of the people I can say that made it."

Brighton Recreation site manager Dallas Nunez brought nine kids to the camp, including several who attended one of Carter's games during the season.

"He's the next Kobe," declared Pemayetv Emahaky Charter School student Jaylen Baker, alluding to NBA star Kobe Bryant.

Although being the "next Kobe" might be out of his reach, Carter said he has decided to give professional basketball a shot, but not until he earns his degree from ERAU. He hopes to finish his academic

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Jumper, Martin help Heritage rack up 25 wins

State final loss does not dampen young team's outlook

BY KEVIN JOHNSON
Copy Editor

VERO BEACH — American Heritage's young softball squad departed Historic Dodgertown with every intention of returning next season and beyond.

"We're going to be back the next two years, I'll tell you that," said Heritage sophomore catcher Ahnie Jumper.

Despite losing four players from last year's state championship team to Division I college programs, Heritage reloaded this season. Buoyed by young talent, including the Tribe's Jumper and Kiauna Martin, the team didn't skip a beat as it generated another stellar campaign. The Patriots won district and regional titles, shutout opponents 15 times, compiled a 25-2-1 record and finished as a state runner-up.

It's no surprise expectations will remain high next season for the Plantation powerhouse.

"Our younger kids are getting better. We're still a young team. We're a very young team, so I plan on being back here next year," Heritage coach Marty Cooper said after his team fell to Baker County, 1-0, in the Class 5A state championship game May 7 at the former spring training complex of the Los Angeles Dodgers in Vero Beach.

In an intense, evenly played game, Baker County and Heritage battled through six scoreless innings before Baker County pushed across the game's only run in the top of the seventh inning. Heritage was held to three hits.

"Heartbreaking" is how Jumper, who caught all seven innings and batted out of the No. 7 spot, described the loss, but she still took away plenty of positive vibes from the season.

"We had fun. It was a great ride," she said.

The journey began with a 16-game winning streak as Jumper and Martin settled into full-time roles after being used less frequently a year ago. Jumper was behind the plate for several games and helped the pitching staff compile a remarkable 0.54 ERA. On days Jumper didn't catch,

she played in the outfield, which is where Martin was stationed.

"They contributed," Cooper said. "Ahnies was great behind the plate. She's versatile. She's played some outfield for us. Kiauna, who is young, did a nice job. I plan on them being even better next year. They're both good athletes."

Jumper, who compiled a 15-game hitting streak that started on opening day, was among Heritage's most productive batters. She finished with a .361 batting average and tied for the team lead in doubles with six. Her 16 RBIs tied for fifth on the squad.

Jumper notched one hit and one RBI each in a district semifinal win against Cardinal Gibbons, district championship victory against Archbishop McCarthy and regional quarterfinal win against Bayside. She also had a hit in the regional semifinals against Suncoast.

Martin, whose eight stolen bases were second highest on the team, missed a handful of regular season games due to injury but was busy on the basepaths in the postseason. She scored two runs and stole one base each against McCarthy, Bayside and Suncoast. She smacked a single and scored a run in a 4-0 win against Boca Ciega in the state semifinals. In the state final, she played right field and batted ninth.

"I loved my season. I couldn't have asked for anything better," said Martin, a left-handed batter who hit .272. "I worked on my hitting a lot. I started to put more balls in play."

Jumper and Martin were joined by a third Seminole late in the season when seventh-grader Analyse Jimenez was promoted from the junior varsity team. Jimenez didn't play in the state semifinals or final.

With only three juniors this season, Heritage will still be young next year. The Patriots will have to replace one of their pitching aces — Georgia Tech-bound Jenna Goodrich — but nearly everyone else will be back to pursue a state title.

"We're going to work hard and do what we do best," Martin said.

"We're going to be back the next two years, I'll tell you that."

— Ahnie Jumper, American Heritage sophomore catcher



American Heritage sophomore catcher Ahnie Jumper eyes a Baker County base runner in the Class 5A softball state championship May 7 at Historic Dodgertown in Vero Beach.



American Heritage sophomore Ahnie Jumper makes contact against Baker County in the Class 5A softball state championship.



American Heritage's Kiauna Martin covers right field during the Class 5A state championship game at Historic Dodgertown in Vero Beach.



American Heritage freshman Kiauna Martin tries to reach base on a bunt attempt against Baker County in the state championship.

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Showdown within a showdown as Seminoles meet in high school playoffs

BY KEVIN JOHNSON
Copy Editor

MOORE HAVEN — Regardless of the final score, Seminoles were guaranteed to be winners when Moore Haven hosted Admiral Farragut in the Class 3A softball regional final May 1.

With six Seminoles on Moore Haven and three on Admiral Farragut, the Tribe couldn't lose.

"What a coincidence. They both play softball for different teams and then they meet up here at the end of the year in a do-or-die situation," said Norman "Skeeter" Bowers, who was among dozens of Tribal members who watched Moore Haven edge Admiral Farragut, 1-0.

To a certain degree, Moore Haven coach Darryl Allen couldn't lose either way. All nine Seminoles played for Allen when he was Pematv Emahakv Charter School's softball coach. Seeing the kids he coached as middle schoolers compete against each other in a high school regional final was a proud moment for him.

"Watching players you've coached grow and develop and not be stagnant, and know that some of the things you taught them, they're utilizing them on the field — whether it's with you or against you — is an unbelievable feeling," Allen said.

The Tribe's contingent on Moore Haven included starters Kalgary Johns (designated hitter), Delaney Osceola (second base), Sunni Bearden (right field), Darlah Cypress (shortstop), Sydnee Cypress (left field) and Diamond Shore (substitute), while Admiral Farragut's lineup featured starters Deliah Carrillo (center field), Alicia Fudge (shortstop) and Martina Herrera (right field).

The families of the Admiral Farragut trio were able to watch their loved ones play 15 miles from the Brighton Reservation rather than making the two-hour trek to the school's home field in St. Petersburg.

It was fitting that two Seminoles figured in the game's decisive play. After four and a half scoreless innings, Delaney sparked Moore Haven with a one-out double into the right-center gap. It was the game's only extra base hit. Kalgary followed by choosing the same route. She poked a single that brought home Delaney with the game's lone run.

"I had faith in her that if I got it in play, she would score," Kalgary said.

"Tonight, Delaney Osceola and Kalgary Johns, those are our heroes," Allen said. "Delaney is a kid who spent three years in Okeechobee and never really got an opportunity to play, came here to Moore Haven and just said, 'Coach, give me an opportunity to show you I can play,' and tonight, walks in at the biggest moment and hits a double. Kalgary, who I've been working with unbelievably in the (batting) cage, tonight gets inside of a pitch and hits it to right field and one run wins the game."

Moore Haven's dugout was confident that Kalgary would come through in a clutch moment.

"She gets pretty solid hits when we need them most of the time," Darlah said. "So it's good she came through for us and brought 'D' around."

Highlights for the Tribe on Admiral Farragut's side included Deliah, Alicia and Martina with one hit each. Even though his former players reached base, Allen didn't seem to mind too much. He enjoyed seeing how the fruits of his coaching days at PECS have ripened.

"It was neat," he said. "It was heartwarming to watch how much they have grown since they left me, and the fact they were playing for a regional final and just three years ago we were all playing together in middle school and we were talking about development ... I'm extremely proud of them."

Martina would have had another hit but her line drive in the third inning was snagged by Darlah, who made a diving catch to her right in her final home game for the Terriers. The defensive gem brought a roar from the hometown fans as did Darlah's performance two days earlier in a 2-0 regional semifinal win against St. John Neumann when she had two hits, scored one run and stole two bases.

Moore Haven finally breathed a sigh of relief in the regional final after its ace pitcher Olivia Everett retired the side in order in the seventh to finish a hard-fought battle. Seminoles from both teams correctly figured the game would be close.

"I just thought it would be a good game because we've all grown up together and played together. We all know how they can play. We knew it would be a good game," Kalgary said.

Even though her team's season ended, Deliah departed the field in an upbeat mood. "It was a privilege to play against our



Kevin Johnson

Seminoles join Moore Haven coach Darryl Allen in the pitcher's circle at Moore Haven High School after they faced off in a Class 3A softball regional final May 1. From left, the players from the Moore Haven Terriers and Admiral Farragut Blue Jackets are, front row: Diamond Shore, Deliah Carrillo and Delaney Osceola; back row: Kalgary Johns, Alicia Fudge, Darlah Cypress, Sydnee Cypress, Martina Herrera and Sunni Bearden. Allen coached all the players when they were in middle school at Pematv Emahakv Charter School in Brighton.

own people that I've been growing up with since I was in middle school," she said. "To be able to play them this far into regionals, it was a privilege. I liked it. I enjoyed it."

Playing against her friends only became a reality for Deliah when Admiral Farragut and Moore Haven both won their first two games in regionals.

"I didn't even know we'd play them until my mom told me if we win [a regional semifinal] then we play Moore Haven," Deliah said. "I was like, 'We've got to win this game. I want to play Moore Haven so bad.'"

Deliah said she enjoys attending Admiral Farragut, where she boards. She

hopes to be on her way to a career as a military nurse.

"It's a naval academy/preparatory school. They help you get ready for college. It's just like college life. It's really awesome. We wear uniforms," she said.

Deliah was productive at the plate in regionals with five hits and two RBIs in three games.

Admiral Farragut coach Linda Derk was glad that three Seminoles wore softball uniforms for her team this season.

"They're just really good kids to have on the team," she said. "Our team really gets along. It's fun to see. We have one senior and all the rest are underclassmen. For us,

we just keep getting better and better every year, but we have good kids that make that happen."

Deliah and Martina, both sophomores, covered two-thirds of the team's outfield all season.

"Deliah and Martina have been steady in the outfield the whole time," Derk said.

Martina delivered two RBIs and a hit in a regional semifinal win against Northside Christian.

Alicia, an eighth-grader, made the most of her first season on the softball team. She joined after finishing her basketball season and promptly batted over .300, which included two hits and three runs scored in a regional quarterfinal win against Calvary Christian.

"Being in eighth grade and not getting a whole lot of practice, it took her a little more time to get her feet wet," Derk said. "We put her on the left side (at the plate) and worked on her slapping, and she's done a tremendous job as the No. 2 batter."

After the final out was recorded and postgame handshakes concluded, Allen and the Seminole players from both sides met in the pitcher's circle to share hugs and laughs, just like old times.

"Each one of them played a role tonight that was instrumental in their team having an opportunity to win," Allen said.

Admiral Farragut headed back to St. Pete with a 15-7 record. Moore Haven advanced to Vero Beach for the state semifinals for the second straight year.

The Terriers fell to Miami Westminster, 11-3, on May 5. It was the final game for Darlah and Delaney. Both seniors went out swinging. Darlah was 2-for-4, scored a run and stole two bases; Delaney had a single and a stolen base.

Moore Haven, which won its district championship in mid-April, finished 23-6 in Allen's first season at the helm.



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Admiral Farragut shortstop Alicia Fudge tags out Moore Haven's Kalgary Johns at second base during a Class 3A regional final at Moore Haven High School. Moore Haven advanced to the state semifinals with a 1-0 win.



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Admiral Farragut base runner Martina Herrera stands on second as Moore Haven's Darlah Cypress plays shortstop.

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T-Ball World Series brings blast of team spirit to BC

STAFF REPORT

BIG CYPRESS — Three teams competed in the all-reservation third annual T-Ball World Series held at Billie Johns Sr. Ball Field in Big Cypress.

Though Brighton and Hollywood Recreation departments did not have enough children to make up separate full teams for the April 25 competition, true

intra-tribal spirit prevailed. They combined players to form one team, which was then dubbed for the day as Hollywood/Brighton.

The tournament also featured teams named Big Cypress 1 and Big Cypress 2.

After intense and exciting games on the new ball fields, Hollywood/Brighton captured first place, Big Cypress 1 landed in second and Big Cypress 2 finished in third place.



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T-ball players from the combined Hollywood/Brighton team pose April 25 for a first-place field photo after the all-reservation T-Ball World Series.



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Players and coaches from the Big Cypress T-Ball Allstars, dubbed Big Cypress 1, are thrilled to come in second place in the third annual T-Ball World Series at Billie Johns Sr. Ball Field in Big Cypress.



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The Big Cypress T-Ball Allstars, dubbed Big Cypress 2, pose with a trophy almost as big as they are after the third annual T-Ball World Series at Billie Johns Sr. Ball Field in Big Cypress.

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squads introduced their players on stage, handed out awards and summed up their seasons.

"I think the kids had more fun than I did coaching them, and I had more fun watching them grow," said elementary basketball coach Joseph Orukotah. "This year we made a statement. We won some games, had fun doing it and I hope to be back next year."

Elementary most valuable player awards were doled out to Jeremiah Pickup (basketball) and Sarah Robbins (cheerleading).

The golf season marked the 56th year that Amos Mazzant has been involved in the sport. For some of his players on the six-member team, it was their first year.

"It is a sport that is [for a] lifetime. What they have learned this past year, they're going to carry on for the rest of their life," he said.

Mazzant praised his team's work ethic and noted that practices started in sweltering August.

"It's out in the hot sun, putting up with the rain and lightning and mosquitoes, but the kids came out and practiced, and that means a lot," said Mazzant, whose young team was led by freshman captain and MVP Troy Cantu.

With five middle school players and only two high school players, varsity boys basketball faced an uphill battle all season against older and taller opponents.

"They started out kind of slow, ended up getting a little stronger in the end," said

coach O'Bryan White, whose team was led by captain and MVP Issiah Alvarado.

Dessie Thomas served double duty as girls basketball and volleyball coach. Eyanna Billie was named MVP for basketball.

"She would put up a good fight. She would stay in the game. She would hustle. Every time I would tell her to do something on the court, she would look back and say, 'Yes, ma'am,'" Thomas said.

On the volleyball side, Leilani Gopher captured the MVP award, serving as evidence that hard work pays off.

"You can find her in the gymnasium after school every day," Thomas said. "She is really good. She practices. She's smart. She has a lot going for her, and I hope she continues on the path that she is on."

Thomas said the volleyball team almost didn't exist this season, but Nashoba Gonzalez came to the rescue.

"We did not have enough girls for volleyball. Nashoba recruited. She called parents herself. She went to houses. She did whatever it took to make sure we had a volleyball season. I thank her so much for that," Thomas said.

Gonzalez was recognized with an award for being the team's captain. Later, she received the evening's final honor: the Warrior's Award as the school's overall most valuable player in any sport.

Rookie of the year awards went



Kevin Johnson

Nashoba Gonzalez holds the Warrior's Award she earned at Ahfachkee School's annual sports banquet May 14 at the Herman L. Osceola Gymnasium.

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Wilson shot a team-low 74.

After his opening round 82, Deryk Speck, Haskell's No. 2 player, explained that the Seminole Tribe's assistance hit home with him.

"It's kind of hard to find the words to explain how it feels, but I'll forever remember this trip because I'm an Oklahoman Seminole, so it's nice to be down here with the origination Tribe and it was real meaningful to have somebody back us up like that," he said. "I'm forever grateful to the Seminole Tribe of Florida."

The tournament features teams from NCAA Division I and II and the NAIA. This year's field included 36 NCAA teams. Four NAIA schools, including Haskell, competed in their own division.

While most of the other teams represented predominately Hispanic or African American colleges, Haskell was the only Native American squad.

"We were a minority at the minority dinner," Tanner said.

"Not only are we the only Native team here, but we're probably the only Native school with a golf team," Speck said. "It does put a little more pressure and expectations, but I think we all do pretty well. We all have something to play for: family members, relatives. It's more than just going out here and playing golf; it's representing a group of people. I find that real special."

Playing alongside fellow minority teams carried added significance.

"A lot of different backgrounds, a lot of diversity, and I really like that because no one has treated us differently like they do at other courses," Speck said. "Everyone here has been real nice and I've really enjoyed that."

Just how much did playing in the tournament mean to the Haskell golfers? On the day he was supposed to walk with his classmates, Little Axe opted to walk with his teammates. The senior, from Tecumseh, Oklahoma, bypassed his graduation ceremony, which took place back in Lawrence on the morning of the first round.

As if to bring a little piece of the ceremony with him for 18 holes, Little Axe played with his graduation sash draped across his golf bag.

"The guys wanted me to wear it while I was playing, but I couldn't do that, so coach tied it on my bag," Little Axe said. "I'm glad I came. It's a great experience."

As he watched the first round scores be perfectly penned in marker on a giant

scoreboard, Tanner was thrilled with what he saw. His players had never played golf in Florida, let alone in a national tournament.

"All these other schools have been to this tournament; this is our first time," he said.

Haskell's top four scores on day one produced a total of 316 shots.

"From what we were shooting at the beginning of the year to now, they've really made me proud of just improving. We were shooting in the 340s," Tanner said.

Haskell proved it could compete on a national stage; all it needed was a chance.

"Just even being here with all my teammates, we're proving everybody wrong. Natives can golf and we can do a lot of things instead of just being stereotypes and punch lines," Speck said.

Even though Haskell competed in a different division than the NCAA schools, Tanner noticed on the big board that his team shot a lower score than some Division II teams.

"We're beating some of these Division II schools. 333, 352, 319," he said. "We're representing Haskell well. I think the Seminole Tribe of Florida has made a good investment in sponsoring us because we're representing them, too, and a lot of people know that's how we got here."

Tanner's connections with the Tribe go back decades. He's known Moses Jumper Jr. for many years and coached Johnny Boone — "way long ago" — on the Haskell football team.

to Liberty Robbins and Franklin Jumper. Eyanna Billie and Jonah Alvarado received academic awards for having the highest grade point averages.

"He was my quarterback," Tanner said. "His freshman year was my second year and it was the first winning season our football had. Good player, good kid, good memories."

Haskell's first few days in Florida spawned plenty of good memories. After arriving by plane in Fort Lauderdale, the team was treated to a trip to the Big Cypress Reservation where it soaked in all the rural sights and sounds.

"It was real interesting to see just how the Seminoles live and just to see another Tribe and their ways. I didn't realize it was such a big cattle industry," Speck said.

"We rode the air boats, saw a couple gators, water buffalo," Wilson said. "There was a lot of stuff I didn't know about, like different trees and what grew on them and how everything connected."

Day two of the tournament wasn't as kind to Haskell as the first round. The team's score was eight shots higher. Scheduled to be a three-day, 54-hole tournament, poor weather forced the third round to be canceled.

Haskell shot a two-day total 640 and finished fourth in the NAIA division, which was won by the University of Texas at Brownsville.

Despite the abbreviated golf, Haskell's first trip to Florida proved to be memorable thanks to the Tribe.

"We couldn't afford it if they didn't help us," Tanner said. "We would not be here if it wasn't for them."



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Haskell Indian Nations University golfer Trevor Pueblo hits a shot from a fairway May 8 during the first round of the PGA Minority Collegiate Golf Championship at PGA Golf Club in Port St. Lucie.

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work this winter or in early spring 2016. "My coaches told me to finish school first. That's important. My education is important to me," Carter said. "I'm going to finish, then I'll go anywhere. As long as there is a basketball and an orange goal, I'm going to go play."

Turning pro means Carter could end up just about anywhere on the globe. In addition to the U.S., the professional landscape is dotted with leagues from Argentina to China to Italy and beyond.

As for his clinics, no matter what path Carter's future takes him, he welcomes the chance to come back to Big Cypress.

"All they have to do is ask me and I'll say yes," he said.



Kevin Johnson

Brian Johnson provides shooting instructions to Peyton Hill during the DeForest Carter Basketball Clinic at the Herman L. Osceola Gymnasium in Big Cypress. Johnson was a teammate of Carter's at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.



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DeForest Carter works with kids May 15 during the DeForest Carter Basketball Clinic.

Ke'Yhara Tommie ends winning season with Fort Pierce relay squad

BY KEVIN JOHNSON
Copy Editor

FORT PIERCE — When the Fort Pierce Central High School girls 4x100 relay team first assembled at the start of the track and field season, coach Al Nevarez figured his squad could be a work in progress.

"When they first started, they barely knew each other," he said.

By the conclusion of the season in early May, Nevarez's concerns had evaporated.

"They had a phenomenal year," he said.

It didn't take long for the squad, which includes Ke'Yhara Tommie, to convince Nevarez that 2015 would be a special year.

At just about every meet, the 4x100 team finished first, and often did so in dominating fashion, including a romp to the winner's circle at the Class 4A-District 9 meet in April. With Ke'Yhara in her usual spot running the second leg, the four Fort Pierce girls completed the one lap in a fraction over 48 seconds. The runner-up team crossed the finish line more than four seconds later, an eternity in a 100-meter race.

"It was awesome. We won significantly. We had a 20- or 30-yard lead. It wasn't close," Nevarez said.

Ke'Yhara, a sophomore from the Fort Pierce Reservation, ran in the second spot throughout the season because Nevarez knew she wouldn't lose any ground.

"She's got that explosive speed," he said. "If we get her the baton first, there's no one that's going to catch her."

Ke'Yhara's relay teammates included Morena Cruz in the leadoff spot, Ashly Rodriguez and Pamela Salmon as the anchor.

After districts, the team's pile of relay victories, which also included wins at the St. Lucie County Championships, Vero Beach Relays and Jupiter Warrior Invitational, continued to grow.

A victory in the Class 4A-Region 3 meet at Jupiter High School vaulted the team into the state final May 2 before injuries halted the momentum.

Nevarez said Ke'Yhara battled a hip injury for part of the season.

"She ran when she was injured. She gave it all she got. She's got heart," he said.

But when the state final arrived, Nevarez said the injury forced Ke'Yhara to the sideline. Without her, Fort Pierce wasn't the same and finished near the bottom.

"It was obvious in the state final that

we missed her," said Nevarez, who added that his squad also suffered a setback when one of the relay runners pulled a hamstring in another race earlier in the day.

In addition to relay, Ke'Yhara also excelled in individual events during the season. Although she didn't qualify for the state final in the 100- and 200-meter dashes, she racked up top three finishes in those categories at most meets.

"She earned us a lot of points this year," Nevarez said.

Nevarez said Ke'Yhara's outstanding season helped her earn the most improved player award out of about 50 girls on the track and field team.

Considering all four 4x100 runners are sophomores or juniors, next season could be another memorable one. This year's squad — the one which started with question marks — ranks among the best Nevarez has seen in his seven years as a coach at Fort Pierce Central.

"This is the best relay team in terms of chemistry," he said. "They should be in the top four next year in the state."



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Fort Pierce Central High School's 4x100 girls relay team gathers with coach Al Nevarez for a photo. The runners are, from left, Pamela Salmon, Ashly Rodriguez, Ke'Yhara Tommie and Morena Cruz. The squad won county, district and regional championships this spring.



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DeForest Carter, at the center of the back row, is joined by fellow instructors and youngsters at the DeForest Carter Basketball Clinic in Big Cypress. This was the second year the Recreation Department has organized the event.


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*If roses grow in heaven Lord
please pick a bunch for me
Place them in my Mother's arms
and tell her they're from me
Tell her I love her and miss her,
and when she turns to smile,
Place a kiss upon her cheek
and hold her for awhile
Because remembering her is easy,
I do it everyday
But there is an ache within my heart
That will never go away.*

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**STATE ROAD 7/US 441 IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT
IN HOLLYWOOD, WEST PARK, AND MIRAMAR**

FROM SW 25TH STREET TO FILLMORE STREET

Project Timeline
January 5, 2015—Spring 2018

Project Contractor
Marks Brothers, Inc.

Project Cost
\$30,674,813.08

Project Improvements

- Add one lane in each direction for a total of six lanes with left turn lanes
- Add raised medians to separate northbound and southbound lanes
- Construct new storm sewer system and retention ponds
- Install new water and sewer lines
- Construct bus bays at current bus stop locations
- Construct curbs and gutters
- Add or replace sidewalks with ADA compliant ramps on both sides of the road
- Upgrade existing signalized intersections with mast arms and add pedestrian countdown timers at Pembroke Road, Washington Street, and Hollywood Boulevard
- Improve street lighting along the corridor by installing new lighting system along the west side of SR 7 / US 441
- Add Intelligent Transportation System components including digital message signs and traffic monitoring cameras
- Resurface the roadway

FROM FILLMORE STREET TO SOUTH OF STIRLING ROAD

Project Timeline
Spring 2015—Summer 2018

Project Contractor
Community Asphalt Corp.

Project Cost
\$29,568,100.00

Project Improvements

- Add one lane in each direction for a total of six lanes with left turn lanes
- Add raised medians to separate northbound and southbound lanes
- Construct new storm sewer system and retention ponds
- Install new water and sewer lines
- Construct bus bays at current bus stop locations
- Construct curbs and gutters
- Add or replace sidewalks with ADA compliant ramps on both sides of the road
- Upgrade existing signalized intersections with mast arms and add pedestrian countdown timers at Johnson Street, Taft Street, and Sheridan Street
- Improve street lighting along the corridor by installing new lighting system along the west side of SR 7 / US 441
- Add Intelligent Transportation System components including digital message signs and traffic monitoring cameras
- Resurface the roadway

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