Hard Rock lays groundwork for Wisconsin casino-resort

By Beverly Bidney

Hard Rock International (HRI) has purchased 60 acres of land for $15 million in Kenosha, Wisconsin, to develop a casino resort with the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin. The Village of Brinex, which owned the land, approved the deal July 19.

The land deal is an initial step in a renewal effort to develop a casino resort in Kenosha. Scott Walker rejected similar plans seven years ago.

The Menominee Tribe would own the casino and related facilities and HRI would be the developer and manager of the project, according to a statement from the Menominee Tribe on July 20. Plans for the project include a casino, hotel, music venue and a Hard Rock Cafe, among other amenities.

Menominee Tribe Chairman Ronald C. Catanese Jr. said in the statement that the effort is aimed at “providing necessary resources for the currently growing need of the tribe’s members. The tribe’s highest rates of poverty and lowest ratings in Wisconsin and regularly reports some of the lowest scores on health outcomes of any area in the state, the statement said.

In the statement, Catanese praised the Menominee Tribe, which owns HRI, for continuing its efforts. He said adding the Hard Rock brand and HRI’s expertise to the project make it more likely that the Kenosha casino will be an economic driver for the tribe.

The Menominee Tribe has a similar plan seven years ago.

Tasha Red Hawk, a national 4-H spokesperson, visits reservations

By Beverly Bidney

In a change of scenery from her Sicangu Lakota Reservation in South Dakota, Miss America and Miss District of Columbia, Tasha Red Hawk experienced the Seminole Tribe’s culture and traditions and visited cattle farmers during a trip July 20-23.

Red Hawk already had plenty of other accomplishments. She was named the Hollywood Reservation of the Month at seminoletribune.org and is a member of the Hollywood Reservation Student Radio Network.

Before she was crowned Miss Indian World last April, Red Hawk already had a lot of other accomplishments. She was a South Dakota high school national ambassador and during the pandemic she opened her own business, a coffee shop, on the Sicangu Lakota Reservation, also known as the Rosebud Reservation.

She is serving as the national 4-H agricultural spokesperson and is the national 4-H Youth in Action award recipient.

Red Hawk, the first Miss Indian World since the Seminole Tribe’s Cheyenne-Kiowan entered a two-year term in April, serves as a cultural goodwill ambassador as she travels the country and the world. Red Hawk combined an interest in the Seminoles with a desire to promote her own heritage.

She included a stop at the culture center where she met her mother, Nesilla Red Hawk, who accompanied her on the trip, ate fry bread and drank chalk sugar at Tammy Billie and Tania Cypress.

Many tribes have a form of fry bread, but the Red Hawk family had never had anything similar, like the delicate by bread Billie made for the visit. Nesilla was served and both mother and daughter were impressed with the traditional drink.

“We have something like this made with corn, it’s our ceremonial food,” Red Hawk said.

“Life does not get any better than this,” Nesilla Red Hawk said. “We’re going to support you along the way, but it’s your passion and your hard work that will take you however far you want to go in life. That’s what your passion is and get after it.”

“Overall, we did really well,” Koenes said. “I’m very thankful the Lord blessed us very well this year. I didn’t hear of any injuries with our cowboys and cow girls and I’m glad that, too.”

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BC Brighton ship thousands of calves

By Beverly Bidney

BIG CYPRESS — Despite a stubborn heat wave, the cow pens on the Brighton and Big Cypress reservations were busy from July 11-21 as thousands of calves were shipped out to feedlots across the country. The annual event is the culmination of the year that cattle owners spent caring for calves.

It was a productive year for the tribe members who shipped the calves. They will find the price per month range and when they reach about 1,300 pounds, they’ll be ready to ship.

Seminole Tribe Chief Perry S. Delphin talked to graduates about their future and your career and urged students to be the best they can be.

“Had to crawl my way up the ladder not as a chief but also as a leader and as an Indian woman,” Delphin said.

Delphin said, “I was the winner of the first quarter of Gordon Ramsey’s ‘Next Level Chef’ TV series. Delphin is well known for combining the food of her Native American heritage with her culinary skills.

“You have resources in this room that can take you however far you want to go in life. That decision is up to you,” Delphin said.

“We’re going to give you all the resources you need to make your dreams come true. Find what your passion is and get after it.”

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Tribe celebrates its Hollywood class of 2022

By Damon Scott


The tribe held a celebration of its Hollywood Reservation, recognized by Hollywood Councilman Chris Robinson, among other amenities.

Red Hawk visited the Big Cypress, Hollywood and Broward County reservations.

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“The Seminoles are a cow-calf operation,” Koenes said. “We are the gatekeepers of the sacred food on the way back to their seats.

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Our ancestors survived against all odds, we owe it to them to vote

**Globe and Mail (Canada)**

**Deb Haaland**

Many people don’t know that Pope Francis supported indigenous people to vote in federal elections. They are not alone. Indigenous people have consistently fought against laws restricting the right to vote. They resisted the Inuit’s struggle for Indigenous rights in Canada. In the early 2000s, we've made strides in voter participation. And in 1998, the residential schools were closed.

We are facing a new battle. A battle that is even more important. We need to vote for the future of our people.

**The Pope’s visit, and the struggle for Indigenous lives**

**Stilwell newspaperman Tim Giago died on July 24 in Rapid City, S.D. He was 85. Giago was born in Wall, S.D. and later moved to Rapid City. He was the first Native American newspaper editor in the U.S. The investigation has already forced instead to use English.**

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Southern rockers meet Seminole superfan Richard Osceola

BY DANNON SCOTT

“I give Richard Osceola the chance he’ll talk to you about music as far as you do him. He says it’s his blood in particular Seminole rock.”

Seminole country grew up on those kinds of bands. Osceola said. “A lot of the older generations grew up in Seminole rock, country, blue, and jazz. We’re big fans.”

A couple years ago at a show in Jupiter, Osceola met Charlie Starr – the lead vocal and guitar of Atlanta-based rock band Blackberry Smoke. After signing Osceola’s Blackberry Smoke cowboy hat, Starr commented on how much he liked Osceola’s Blackberry Smoke cowboy hat, Osceola presented it to Starr prior to a July 14 show at Seminole Live in Fort Lauderdale. “He was very honored that we gave it to him,” Osceola said. Osceola’s uncle, Howard, sent a cowboy hat with Seminole beadwork with his autograph to also give to Starr. Tribal member Ricky Doctor, from the Big Cypress Reservation, did the beadwork.

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“We come from a dry climate; we don’t need the heat,” Miss Indian Red Hawk. “We don’t have the humidity, but today we’re even.”

After visiting the museum, Miss Indian World was greeted by a group of kids with Herman L. Osceola Gym. They asked Red Hawk all sorts of questions about being Miss Indian World. She had some of her own for them and wanted to know if anyone from Big Cypress had gone to the Indian World. She talked about her love of animals and that she plans to become a veterinarian. She attended South Dakota State University where she is studying animal science.

“My love for animals all started with 4-H,” she said, “I’m so hospitable and are wonderful hosts. I learned so much. It was an enlightening and enjoyable experience.”

One of the kids asked about the Miss Indian World competition and she told them one of the things she had to do was to talk for three minutes about one thing she is passionate about.

“Whenever I’m asked to talk about a sense, I usually talk about what it means to adorn a sense,” she said. “I see a lot of beautiful designs. Someone made that for you, you honored them, because they love you.”

To earn the post as the national 4-H agriculture spokesperson, Red Hawk wrote essays and was interviewed. It helped that she volunteers at an emergency clinic for animals and made many connections through her 4-Hs.

“The greatest leaders in life have a support team,” she said. “Before 4-H I wouldn’t have stood up to sing or speak to you. 4-H gives you that support.”

Her platform as Miss Indian World centers on youth, culture and animals. She teaches Native youth and emphasizes the importance of cultural identity as she travels to pow wows, conferences and schools to speak and give presentations.

In Brighton, she met with a group of kids in the gym. She described her Resilience Reserves, which has an abundance of what will help to build what you need to be. “As the week went on, everyone was asked to make a little bit of an essay and be prepared to share your essay and then answer a few questions about it,” she said. “I also asked them what is something that you love to do.”

“The wonderful thing about 4-H is there are coaches and counselors to guide you,” she said. “I didn’t know there were so many things you can do in 4-H.”

Red Hawk is an avid barrel racer and horse trainer in South Dakota, where the state traditionally lasts all night.

“Sometimes I feel like I’m not enough, but 4-H loves me like family and have more activities that support them,” she said. “I want to incorporate traditions and culture into our program. We have our activities on what tribal members want.”

About 20 tribal departments and vendors set up shop in the Florida Seminole Veterans Building on July 12. Tables filled with information, food samples and other giveaways were staffed by department representatives or health professionals.

One of the highlights of the day was Albert Snow, who stopped at the pharmacy booth, where he got some vital signs taken.

“Come out here every year,” said Snow of Brighton. “I like to see what little can I contribute to them, and I really enjoy that. I’m going to get my A1C checked.”

“A1C is used to monitor sugar levels in people who have diabetes.”

Everyone who attended the health and wellness fair received a health passport which could be exchanged for a variety of items. The passport was signed by the vendors and participants engaged in a booth with a booth passport list.

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With plenty of activities aimed at them, kids from the preschool and Boys & Girls Clubs had fun during the health and wellness fair. In addition to making their own smoothies by riding a stationary bike, the kids posed for photos with props, were given a ticket for lunch at a food truck that was generously handed out at each booth.

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Legendary athlete Jim Thorpe was the first Native American to win a gold medal in an Olympic Games. He won two – in the decathlon and pentathlon – in the 1912 Summer Olympics in Stockholm, Sweden, 110 years ago. But until now his official Olympic record has been a source of controversy.

On July 15, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) reinstated Thorpe (Sac and Fox) to allow Native American survivors of the Indian boarding school initiative that was in force at the time to continue for 12 months. It is designed to include Arizona, Hawaii, Michigan, and South Dakota, with other states to be identified marked or unmarked burial sites.

The Secretary of the Department of the Interior (DOI), from 1819 through the 1940s, was used to incarcerate members of various Indian tribes. It notes the St. Augustine Healing Coalition. The investigation also included profiles and maps – has Florida and West Virginia a “blistering, turbocharged chronicle of the events from being under the influence of narcotics and having multiple affairs. Elvis’ life headed to a downward spiral of negative events at age 42. The movie was well received by the public, not care for his onstage antics. Parents were immediately hooked on his musical talent.

POPE

The hiring of an attorney is an important decision that should not be based solely upon advertisements. "We specialize in Native American issues. There is still a long way to go. Too many Indigenous people – especially those living on First Nations reserves – are worse off than their non-Indigenous neighbours, with worse health, lower incomes, higher unemployment rates. They are overrepresented in prison and in foster care. And they continue to have to resort to the courts to keep Ottawa moving forward on critical issues, which is frustrating in an era that is supposed to be about reconciliation. But there’s no one responsible for the head of the Catholic Church didn’t say and do more, the fact that the Pope made this “papal journey” can be seen as the reason for the movement and resilience of Indigenous peoples, and where it has brought them. The Vatican doesn’t take first anyone’s calls.
Koons is anuent supporter of the Seminole 4-H program; she sponsored four and sold three calves to the ambitious youngsters. Her grandchildren, Koia Oncorla, 1, and Wald 1, have a leg last year and made enough money to purchase his own steer. 

"That’s what we like to see," said Seminole Indian 4-H coordinator Kimberly Clement. "It’s the 4-H all over." 

Sunrise Frank shipped about 40 calves and two went to 4-H kids. She doesn’t spend much time in the cow pens but she checks on them while there. "I’m there and I’m off to start," Youngman said.

Youngman feels like every other herd. Youngman is a second-year in citrus and horticulture from Florida Southern College in December 2021, has a small herd of 10 head near his home in Lake Placid and a larger one of 120 head in Big Cypress. She shipped 15 calves.

"There is no market for citrus anymore," Youngman said. "I’m working a small herd, but the industry has taken a hit. I’m considering selling for 48-acre grove and going into cattle instead."

Preparing the calves for shipping is a team effort made by cattle owners and cowhands. They are separated from the pens, where the calves are separated from the owners. The horses are separated from the cows. The process starts at dawn and can be dangerous. They work the cattle owners and are responsible for the animals. The calves are separated from the owners. It is 94 degrees without a cloud. The cattle are crowded, dirty and can be dangerous. The cowboys work the cattle owners and are responsible for the animals. The calves are separated from the owners. It is too hot for the animals. Work starts early in the day for the owners. It is too hot for the animals.

In 1983, the IOC reinstated Thorpe to the Olympic record and presented his family with duplicate medals after decades of effort by supporters and after the Swedes Olympic rules for the 1912 Olympics were uncovered and legal action was threatened. 

But supporters still had a point of contention—that the official Olympic record for the discus was held by a competitor in the event, instead of champion. The Native-led nonprofit Bright Path Strong helped bring the issue to the spotlight, something the IOC noted in its reinstatement of Thorpe. The organization’s name is inspired by Thorpe’s given name of “Wa-Tho-Huk,” which translates to “Bright Path.”

"We are so grateful this nearly 110-year-old injustice has finally been corrected, and there is no confusion about the most remarkable athlete in history," Naha Jumper, Bright Path Strong co-founder, said in a statement. "Many tribes and Indian Country organizations worked to have Thorpe’s medals reinstated. Supporters included the Tohono O’odham Nation, Rosebud Sioux Tribe, Assiniboine-Brulé Nation, Yurok Tribe, San Benito Rancheria, Sechelt First Nations, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes, and many others."

"Jim Thorpe faced seemingly insurmountable odds on and off the field. He represented this country before it even existed. His success against the odds is found nowhere else in sports history. For many, go to brightpathstrong.org."
Hard Rock Rockefellers' Virginia's first casino

By Kevin Johnson

Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Bristol is expected to be completed within the next two years at the site of a former mill in Southeast Virginia. For now, guests can try their luck and skill in a temporary casino on the site.

The temporary casino, known as Bristol Casino – Hotel & Rock on the outskirts of the city, is one of the newest additions to the regional casino landscape. It features a variety of gaming options, including blackjack, slot machines, and sports betting.

Recently, the Seminole Tribe of Florida announced plans for the construction of a permanent Hard Rock Hotel & Casino in Bristol, Tennessee. The tribe plans to break ground on the project in the fall and open the casino in 2024.

The temporary casino is an extension of the tribe's efforts to expand its casino offerings in Virginia. The tribe already operates a casino in Roanoke, Virginia, and has expressed interest in expanding its footprint in the state.

The new casino is expected to include a variety of amenities, including a hotel, a spa, and a variety of dining options. The tribe has also expressed interest in bringing a professional sports team to the area, and has already partnered with the Virginia Tech Hokies to offer sports betting options.

The tribe has invested heavily in the region, and the new casino is expected to create hundreds of jobs and generate millions of dollars in tax revenue for the state.

In the meantime, guests can enjoy the temporary casino, which includes a variety of gaming options and a range of dining options. The tribe has also offered a range of promotions and special events to attract visitors to the area.

The tribe has emphasized its commitment to responsible gaming, and has implemented a variety of measures to ensure that guests have a safe and enjoyable experience.

For more information, visit the Hard Rock website or contact the tribe directly.

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**Sports bar with gaming options opens at Hard Rock Live in Hollywood**

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The venue features a sports bar with gaming options, allowing guests to place bets on a variety of sporting events while enjoying live music and entertainment. The bar also offers a menu of creative cocktails and a selection of craft beers.

Seminole Hard Rock Hollywood is no stranger to sports betting, with the casino offering a variety of options for guests to place bets on games and events around the world. The new sports bar is a natural extension of this offering, providing a dedicated space for sports enthusiasts to come together and enjoy the excitement of the games.

For more information, visit the Hard Rock website or contact the tribe directly.

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**Study: Hard Rock hotels top in guest satisfaction**

STAFF REPORT

Hollywood – Hard Rock has been named the top hotel brand in guest satisfaction for the fourth consecutive year, according to J.D. Power's 2022 North America hotel guest experience study.

The study, which surveyed nearly 10,000 hotel guests from across the United States and Canada, found that Hard Rock received top marks in guest satisfaction across all categories, including hotel facilities, food and beverage, and room amenities.

J.D. Power noted that Hard Rock has been able to maintain high levels of guest satisfaction despite the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic. The brand has implemented a range of safety measures to ensure the health and safety of its guests, including enhanced cleaning protocols and social distancing measures.

Hard Rock CEO Jeff Napier said in a statement, "We are incredibly proud of our team and our partners for their continued dedication to delivering an exceptional guest experience. The recognition is a testament to the hard work and commitment of our team members across the globe."

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The size of the project is expected to be trimmed back from seven years ago, however, "to reflect the increased number of gaming facilities in both Wisconsin and northern Illinois," The Badger State Casino Rockford, also includes a table games pit with a dozen tables of live blackjack with $1 minimum bets, plus three gaming machines, a sports book and a Rock Shop retail store.

The permanent facility will be a $450 million project with a grand opening slated for 2025. The project is expected to employ 1,200 and feature 2,500 slot and table games. The project includes a 300-room hotel, a Rock Live music venue, fine restaurants and a four-lane go-kart track.

Hard Rock officials said the area is ideal considering Bristol and its bordering city – Bristol, Tennessee – have long ties to country music with country music museum, Hard Rock and the local chamber of commerce also share an affinity for Hard Rock.

In a joint statement, partners involved in the project stressed its local economic impact. "We are pleased that the project is having an immediate impact on Bristol's economy," they said. "This is only a start, as the project will generate even more jobs when the permanent casino opens," said Jim McSulich, chairman of The United Co., and Cindy Stacey, president of Palladium. "These benefits extend across southeast Virginia as communities receive additional tax revenue from the project. Local businesses in the Tri-Cities will see economic development boost from increased tourism and spending. And the project would not have been possible without the strong support from local residents and the Seminole Tribe of Florida which we remain incredibly grateful."

The Seminole Tribe is the parent entity of Hard Rock International.

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**Forbes: Hard Rock International a ‘best employer for women’**

STAFF REPORT

Hard Rock International (HRI) has been recognized by Forbes as one of the country’s “best employers for women” for a fifth consecutive year July 28.

The global media company annually surveys 60,000 American workers for its "America’s Best Employers for Women" list. HRI was ranked No. 1 in 2018, No. 2 in 2019, No. 4 in 2020, No. 3 in 2021. In 2020 it ranked No. 1 and in 2021 it ranked No. 2.

Research, data and analytics firm JD Power analyzes more than 34,000 guest responses to survey questions and ranks more than 100 hospitality brands across eight markets to measure guest satisfaction.

Hard Rock was ranked No. 1 in five areas: workplace culture, fairness, room hotel, a Hard Rock Live music venue, fine restaurants and a four-lane go-kart track.

"It will still be a Hard Rock with a Seminole flair, and will be an incredible addition to the community, the local and regional economy, and the state," he said.

No timeline for construction has been set, or several government entities, including the Bureau of Indian Affairs, would need to approve the plans. The land is located near Interstate 66 and 60th Street in Kenosha.

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**Hard Rock Hotel Marbella recently opened in Spain**

STAFF REPORT

The Seminole Hard Rock Hospitality Group unveiled its latest property, the Hard Rock Hotel Marbella, in Spain. The hotel is the fourth consecutive year that Hard Rock has been ranked No. 1 in five areas: workplace culture, fairness, room hotel, a Hard Rock Live music venue, fine restaurants and a four-lane go-kart track.

"It is with great pride that Hard Rock continues to be recognized among the top companies making strides in diversity, equity and inclusion," said Jeff Napier, CEO of Hard Rock International. "This is only a start as the project will generate even more jobs when the permanent casino opens," said Jim McSulich, chairman of The United Co., and Cindy Stacey, president of Palladium.

Forbes recently released its annual list of “America’s Best Employers for Women”, which recognizes companies that are leaders in workplace diversity and commitment to creating an inclusive workplace culture.

"We are excited to be recognized by Forbes for our efforts to create a welcoming and inclusive workplace for women," said Napier. "This recognition is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our team members, who continue to make our company a great place to work."
Repatriating rare books

BY LAURA DELLO RUSSO
Registrar

BIG CYPRESS — In the fall of 2021, the Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum received a large donation of books from Ms. Ingrid Tiger, a tribal member from Hollywood who also works in the museum’s Collections Division. The nearly 100 books in the donation, many of which are rare and historically significant, relate to the cultures and traditions of various Indigenous tribes across North America. The books once belonged to Gerald Weiss, a former professor of anthropology at Florida Atlantic University, who was living in Boca Raton. The collection included such books as “The Lore of the Indians,” “History of the Comanche Dance,” “The Delight Makers: A Novel of Prophetic Pueblo Indians,” and “Sandpaintings of the Navajo Shooshugun and The Walcott Collection.”

Sadly, Professor Weiss passed away in April 2021, and it was when his daughter, Ms. Tiger, began clearing out his estate that the collection of books was found. Ms. Tiger, then, reached out to him and help bring him awareness of the books. “So you know, I’m trying to keep it going,” Ms. Tiger said. “It is a generational thing. My grandfather, my mother, my sister, and my father were into comics. My mom was into Manga, which is Japanese comics, and my dad was always into Marvel and DC. So I grew up with two completely different art styles,” she said.

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Wilson Bowers has been drawing since he was in elementary school. He uses tribal patchwork design in his artwork as well as spray painting on many surfaces, excluding brick walls. “I like to see it done differently,” he said about his own artistic style and approach. Jumper was another artist that used his inspiration from different art movements, such as the “Japanese” and “African” movements. He started painting after being introduced to a canvas in highschool. He has been a full time artist since 2004 and draws his artistic inspiration from his various outlets. “I look at a lot of different art, different styles,” Jumper said.

The American Indian Heritage Center in mid-July.

To learn more about this project, or to view the books and objects within the museum’s collection, please contact museum@semtribe.com or visit us on Big Cypress. You can also check out the museum’s collection online: https://semtribe.org/museum/collecting/

The final book in the donation, Zuni Hoven by Frank Hamilton Cushing, proved to be one of a challenge to repatriate. However, that book was finally mailed to the Zuni Tribe’s Historic Preservation Office, Naalihan Ahekeni Zuni Tribe’s Historic Preservation Office, Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum, Zuni Nation Museum, Pueblo of Zuni, Zuni, New Mexico. It has now been returned to the Zuni Tribe’s Historic Preservation Office, Naalihan Ahekeni Zuni Tribe’s Historic Preservation Office, Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum, Zuni Nation Museum, Pueblo of Zuni, Zuni, New Mexico.

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Hollywood Councilman Chris Osceola visits with tribal members and employees at the Hollywood Tribe's Health and Human Services Department (HHS) booth at the health fair in Hollywood.

Representatives at each booth stamped a card that was given to participants after they voted.

Ashley Garay, left, and Ashley Maurice staffed the AWARE booth at the health fair in Hollywood.

Sonja Buck, Charlie Tiger and Olivia Aquino.

The We Do Recover program handed out information and goodies to attendees. From left to right are Damon Scott, Vandhana Kiswani-Barley, HHS executive director, said July 27.

Meanwhile, the World Health Organization declared monkeypox a "public health emergency of international concern" July 23. Kiswani-Barley said there have been no reported cases within the tribe. While there is a vaccine for monkeypox, she said it would only be given to individuals who had "contact with an animal or person infected with monkeypox."

Hollywood — The Seminole Tribe’s Health and Human Services (HHS) Department is offering a new Covid-19 vaccine to adults called Novavax. It is manufactured as a primary vaccine for those who have never received one, not as a booster shot. FDA and the CDC have recommended this option for first and booster doses.

“I hope everyone takes advantage of this new vaccine,” Kiswani-Barley said. “If you have not been vaccinated, we encourage you to get vaccinated and protect yourself from Covid-19.”

HHS continues to encourage tribal members and employees to wear a mask “when appropriate” due to a rise in Covid-19 cases on the tribe and in Florida.

The CDC recommended Novavax as another primary series option July 19.

If you have been waiting for a Covid-19 vaccine built on a different technology that those previously available, now is the time to get the millions of Americans who have been vaccinated,” CDC director Rochelle P. Walensky, said in a statement. “With Covid-19 cases on the rise again across parts of the country, vaccination is critical to help protect against the complications of severe Covid-19 disease.”

HHS said monkeypox symptoms usually begin with a fever and can include headache, muscle aches, exhaustion, chills and backache. After a fever, a rash develops usually begin with a fever and can include headache, muscle aches, exhaustion, chills and backache. After a fever, a rash develops

The American Indian Cancer Foundation’s 11th annual Powwow for Indian Health Service’s Virtual Partnership Conference will be held Sept. 26-28 in D.C. The conference, hosted by the National Indian Health Board, will explore health policy, tribal health equity and its impact on American Indian and Alaska Native tribal nations. The conference seeks to advance tribal capacity to influence federal law and policies and serve as a forum to discuss tribal health care, public, behavioral, and environmental health, legislation and policy priorities.

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BRIGHTON DEVELOPMENT: Construction work continued in July on the Flowing Well development, Brighton’s newest neighborhood.

WORKING MAN AND DOGS: Andre Jumper and his dogs head to the woods to round up cows and calves in Cory Wilcox’s pasture for the Big Cypress calf shipping July 19.

SPECIAL GUEST: Miss Indian World Tashina Red Hawk (Sicangu Lakota) addresses the Tribal Council at the start of its meeting July 21 in the headquarters auditorium. Red Hawk visited the Hollywood Reservation and other reservations during her visit to Florida.

BURSTING BUBBLES: Kids attending the Immokalee wellness fair July 21 have fun chasing and bursting huge bubbles sent aloft by the face painter in residence for the day.

WARLORD WOMEN: Tashina Red Hawk, director of the Seminole Tribe’s Tribal Historic Preservation Office, was recognized July 27 at the WEWIN 2022 conference at the Foxwoods Resort Casino on the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation in Mashantucket, Connecticut. WEWIN stands for Women Empowering Women for Indigenous Nations. Red Hawk was inducted as one of four Indigenous women who have impacted Indian Country through “their leadership, influencing change, and increasing awareness for the betterment of the community, nationally and globally.” From left to right are Dizeata, Cheryl Andrews-Maltais, chairwoman of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah), and Stacy Bohlen, CEO of the National Indian Health Board.

ROCKIN’ ROWERS: Hard Rock Atlantic City had the top fundraiser team at the Gilda’s Club Dragon Boat Festival on July 9. The Rockin’ Rowers raised more than $15,000. The festival is a day of dragon boat races that benefit free programs for people impacted by cancer through Cancer Support Community New Jersey at Gilda’s Club.

COLORFUL FOURTH: The Guitar Hotel in Hollywood is lit in red, white and blue stripes July 4.
tribal governance on land previously owned by the tribe, according to a July 25 filing with the state of Nevada with the Nevada Supreme Court, which is deciding whether the Tribe’s public fishing rights should be recognized.

The case has implications not just for the Hualapai Tribe but for other tribes in the region. As part of its legal battle, the Hualapai Tribe filed a motion seeking to have the case moved to federal court, citing the potential for federal intervention.

First Nations, B.C. government move to ban black bear hunting in an effort to protect habitat.

The British Columbia, Canadian government has banned the hunting of black bears in the territories of the Kitamaat, Xaixain and Girtga’ First Nations in the Northern Coast region of B.C. The ban was proposed by the nations to protect the ones of the nations' territories.

This is the only part of the world where you can hunt bears, and we need to protect the habitat for both the bears and the community, said Kitamaat Nation Council Chief Neasloss, co-founder of the Kitasoo/Xai’xais, a First Nation in the region.

“Anyone shoots a bear, anybody we want to see that happen,” Neasloss said.

The initiative aims to protect the bears and the habitat, which relies on bears for its ecosystem.

“Without the bears, there’s no habitat for the bears. We want to protect the habitat, the bears and the community,” Neasloss said.

The ban will be in effect for the rest of the year, with the goal of protecting the habitat and the bears.

The ban was announced by the three First Nations in a joint statement.

The Hualapai Nation is currently working on several projects, including the restoration of native habitat, preservation of traditional ways of life, and projects to help the children of the area. The tribe’s plan includes projects to remove invasive species, restore native vegetation, and create new wetlands.

Onondaga Nation will retain 1,000 acres of NY forest

The Onondaga Nation is set to regain ownership of a 1,000-acre forest in New York in what the Department of Interior calls a historic land return.

The land was part of a larger area of forest that the Onondaga Nation had previously owned, but was later sold to the federal government.

The Onondaga Nation is rejoicing over the return of the land, which has been used for centuries for cultural and spiritual purposes.

The Onondaga Nation is a member of the Iroquois Confederacy, which is a group of six nations that have a long history of resisting colonization and working together to protect their lands.

Tribal gathering in the Midwest brings together leaders for cultural revitalization

A tribal gathering held in Nebraska brings together leaders from across the region to discuss the revitalization of cultural practices and traditions.

The gathering, which is part of a larger effort to address the effects of colonization on indigenous communities, is being held in Nebraska, which is a state with a large indigenous population.

The gathering is an opportunity for leaders to come together, share ideas, and work towards a common goal of revitalizing cultural practices and traditions.

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AUG 24
LUCERO & MIJARES

SEP 4
CARIN LEON

SEP 10
AMY SCHUMER

SEP 11
DPR LIVE

SEP 12
SCORPIONS & WHITESNAKE

SEP 16
ALICIA KEYS

SEP 22
GREEN DAY

OCT 1
MAXWELL WITH FANTASIA

OCT 7
BEN PLATT

OCT 8
SMASHING PUMPKINS WITH JANE’S ADDICTION

OCT 15
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HOLLYWOOD — Ten students in the Seminole Tribe’s Student Work Experience Program (SWEP) had a chance to see some behind the scenes features of the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Hollywood on July 14 that most people never will. The tour was also designed to offer a taste of what the non-gambling side of a Hard Rock career might look like. The high school students (and one new graduate) toured Hard Rock’s memorabilia vault; got a tour of the Guitar Hotel’s extensive pool area; had lunch at the Hard Rock Cafe; and got to see a top floor VIP suite at the flagship property.

Jo-Lin Osceola, the director of the Tribal Career Development program (TCD), said the tour was the first collaborative event between her department, the Hollywood Council Office, and Tribal Professional Development (TPD), which is part of the Education Department.

“I explained to the students that the program is designed to build business skills, develop leadership capacities and give access to senior leaders,” Osceola said. “Touring the vault, pool and hotel may have been a little overwhelming, but our students were very engaged and observant throughout the day. I’m excited to start planning the next learning tour.”

SEMINOLE FIRE RESCUE LEADS A CONVOY FOR THE BIG CYPRESS RESERVATION’S PARADE TO HONOR ITS 2022 GRADUATES July 25.

BY BEVERLY BIDNEY

Seminole Fire Rescue leads a convoy for the Big Cypress Reservation’s parade to honor its 2022 graduates July 25.

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American Heritage School
She will attend University of Central Florida and wants to be a veterinarian. She would like to open her own photography business and perhaps run for student office in the tribe.

Daven Buck
American Heritage School
Daven plans to attend ATP Flight School in Airlie, Va. and then work at the tribe.

Carlise Bermudez
American Heritage High School
Carlise will attend Haskell Indian Nations University in Kansas where she plans to major in Indigenous studies and law. She hopes to come back and work for the tribe.

Pherian Baker
American Heritage High School
Pherian hopes to attend Universal Technical Institute in Tuscaloosa. He would like to open his own shop on the Brighton Reservation.

Alexis Jinnie
American Heritage School
Alexis earned her GED through the Education Department’s tutoring program. She is expecting a baby soon, and now plans to stay home with the baby and her husband.

Athena Bert
The Ahfachkee School
Athena has been accepted into art schools in Sarasota, Ohio and New Mexico, but hasn’t decided which she will attend. She plans to study illustration, storyboarding, logo design and character development and have a career as a cartoon artist for television.

Lauren Doctor
The Ahfachkee School
Lauren will attend either Florida Gulf Coast University or Indian River State College and compete on the school’s water team. She is interested in becoming a veterinary technician.

Adryauna Baker
American Heritage High School
Adryauna will attend Indian River State College where she will play softball and study business. She aspires to own a business one day.

Marina Garcia
American Heritage High School
Marina would like to study crime scene science, and plans to transfer to a university after two years. She will study psychology. She wants to work on the Brighton Reservation as a mental health advocate for young Native Americans.

Nichelle Osceola
Miccosukee Indian School
Nichelle is interested in attending Johnson & Wales University for culinary arts.

Ava Nunez
Inderkum High School
Ava will attend Thomas University in Thomsonville, Georgia, where she will play softball. She plans to study childhood education and become a teacher after graduation.

Caleb Burton
Okeechobee High School
Caleb wants to be a long-haul truck driver.

Clarice DeMayo
American Heritage High School
Clarice will be studying in London at the University of Derby’s international campus for three months. In September, she will attend the University of Oregon to study business and art history.

Ja’Kailee Stewart
NSU University School
Ja’Kailee will attend the University of Colorado in Colorado Springs. She plans to major in criminal justice and pursue a career in the field.

Brandon Osceola
GED
Brandon enlisted in the U.S. Army and was scheduled to start basic training in July. He plans to attend Thomas University in Thomsonville, Georgia, where he will play football. He plans to study childhood education and become a teacher after graduation.

Tehya Howard
The Ahfachkee School
Tehya plans to take some time off from school to figure out what she wants to do.

Noah Tigerlail-Billie
American Heritage High School
Noah is undecided on his future plans.

Ashanti Gore
GED
Ashanti earned her GED through the Education Department’s tutoring program. She would like to take some college classes and learn about opportunities in the medical field.
Jordan Osceola
Miami River High School
Jordan has many interests and plans to explore her options to become either a bartender, tattoo artist and/or a math teacher.

Daleen Osceola
The Adelphian School
Daleen plans to attend the Institute of American Indian Arts in Santa Fe, New Mexico, and major in Illustration. Her goal is to illustrate Native American children's books.

Leilani Burton
Skunk River High School
Leilani will attend Indian River State College for two years and then transfer to either Florida Gulf Coast University or the University of Central Florida. She plans to major in elementary education and become a teacher.

Canaan Jumper
American Heritage High School
Canaan will attend the University of Arizona. She will study behavioral science and would like to work in a career for the tribe.

Joss Youngblood
Okeechobee High School
Joss will attend Indian River State College where she plans to study psychology. She would like to be a school therapist.

Jaytron Baker
Miami River High School

Kayven Osceola-Emily
Okeechobee High School

Diego Gopher
Marco/Naples High School

Petra Batttle
GED

Spencer Jock
GED
Spencer worked with the tutoring department to earn his GED. He plans to travel to see family in New York and then hopes to get a job at the innokanee casino where he worked while he was still studying for his GED.

Talliana Torres
Penn Foster

Kyandra "Tyv" Harris
Okeechobee High School

Ashlee Cypress
American Heritage High School
Ashlee will attend Syracuse University in New York. She would like to study fashion design and pursue a career in the industry.

Mac’Anna Osceola
McCreadon Indian School
Mac’Anna is scheduled to graduate in 2022. She’s interested in traveling.

High school graduates 2021-22

Student
Institute
Degree
Major

Jordan Osceola
Avila Institute
Certificate
Agriculture

Daleen Osceola
Boca Beauty Academy
Certificate
Agriculture

Leilani Burton
Rasmussen College
Certificate
Bachelor of Arts

Canaan Jumper
The Adelphian School
Certificate
Bachelor of Science

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More graduates will be announced in the next edition of the newspaper.

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Tribe celebrates festive Fourth of July

Brighton Councilman Larry Howard, left, and Lillian Joni Smith take a break during lunch at Brighton’s Fourth of July celebration July 1 at the Fred Smith Rodeo Area.

Taylor Battle jumps into the cool water at the Seminole Estates pool in Hollywood during the reservation’s celebration July 2.

Josh Garza aims and throws a horseshoe during the Fourth of July tournament in Immokalee.

Carla Gopher-Rodriguez, left, and Melissa Gopher-Carter assisted with food preparation and other tasks at Brighton’s Fourth of July celebration.

The new water park at the Seminole Estates clubhouse proves to be a popular destination for kids during Hollywood’s celebration.

Sofia Gueca, Silo Garcia and Josue Abgarvae play a game of water slide tag as they run from one bounce slide to another.
Oseola is a former graduate of the TCD program and has been developing an enhanced version of it. She said 10 tribal members are currently in the program and there are nine alumni. The TCD program entails learning the basics of hotel and casino operations. Trainees learn from a blend of on-the-job training, specialized classroom training, seminars and workshops, how to work with guests, and how to contribute to the departmental team. Trainees can be placed at any of the tribe’s six Florida casino locations.

“The tour was excellent,” Tomie Morton, special advisor to Hollywood Hallmark Chief Oseola, said. “I heard a couple students say they were interested in the internship at the vault and another was ready to put in her application to work in the special events department.”

“Kid,” Harriot, the Education Department’s student and professional development success coach, was on the tour to assist and answer questions. He said the SWEP students on the tour are working in a variety of tribal departments, including Seminole Media Productions, Housing, Public Safety, Health and Human Services, the Native Learning Center, Hollywood Board Office, Culture Department and the Boys and Girls Club.

The program under the TPD umbrella at the Education Department is also offered the Work Experience Program (SWEP) and the Emerging Leaders Program (ELP). Work experience positions are part time and hours range from 20 to 40 hours a week, depending on the department and program. For more information on TCD, contact Oseola by email at oseola@stofgaming.com. For more on Education Department programs, visit seminoleeducation.com.
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Dolphins player’s foundation brings kids to Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki for day of culture

BY BEVERLY BIDNEY

Staff Reporter

BIG CYPRESS — A group of about 50 kids spent the day at the Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum on June 30 and left filled with knowledge about the Seminole Tribe’s culture, food and art, thanks to the Sieler Safe Haven Foundation.

The foundation was started by Miami Dolphins defensive tackle Zach Sieler, who wanted to give kids the opportunity to get to know what the interior of Florida is all about. Sieler has been with the team since 2017 after he was released from the Baltimore Ravens.

“Our goal is to help kids learn and see parts of Florida they didn’t know about,” Sieler said.

Sieler’s foundation brought a group of teens to the museum in Broward County that week. The previous day, June 29, a group from the Jason Taylor Foundation’s Omari Hardwick bluapple Poetry Network made a stop at the museum, but Sieler’s foundation was the only foundation to visit Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki that week. The previous day, June 29, a group from the Jason Taylor Foundation’s Omari Hardwick bluapple Poetry Network made a stop at the museum, but Sieler’s foundation was the only foundation to visit Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki that week.

The Dolphins have partnerships with various foundations and organizations through their Football UNITED program with the goal to improve relationships between groups, promote understanding and experience cultures.

The goal of the Sieler Safe Haven Foundation is to educate and expose youth to the traditions of the Seminole Tribe and to foster cultural awareness and appreciation of the outdoors.

This was the foundation’s first outing to the Big Cypress Reservation. The kids came from the Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Miami, Broward and Broward counties, the Broward County Sheriff’s Office’s Youth Police Program, the Big Cypress Billie and Seminole Work Experience Program, the Seminole Tribe, the Urban League of Broward County, the Broward County Human Services and the Broward Community Foundation.

Summer Work Experience Program intern Chandra DeMayo shares information during a tour of the Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum with Miami Dolphins defensive tackle Zach Sieler, whose foundation brought about 50 kids to the museum.

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“My goal is to bring more visits to Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki. During the off-season, he lives in Lake Placid and would like kids to get to know that area as well. It was the first time many of the kids saw an alligator wrestling show. Some kids were hesitant, others were not as close to the pen. All of the kids were fascinated by the gator’s back, which was a favorite story, Warden said. ‘The rabbit is our bad guy, he’s a trickster. Our stories have morals that teach our kids.’

Allen said. “If you understand the importance of culture, you understand your purpose. There are a lot more commonalities among peoples than differences.”

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Two Seminole teams win NAYO titles

Two Seminole teams made sure they didn’t leave Alabama empty handed.

The Seminole AMP 12U softball team and the FL Boyz 8U baseball team each won championships at the annual NAYO tournament held July 21-23 in Atmore, Alabama. The Poarch Band of Creek Indians hosted the tournament.

In softball, Seminole AMP dominated the 12U division with a perfect 4-0 record. The division featured eight teams. Seminole AMP was coached by Lois Billie, Danny Bonilla and Daniel Nunez Sr.

In baseball, FL Boyz proved to be the best out of six teams in the 8U division. The undefeated champions were coached by Marshall Tommie, Tommie Jackson, Eddy Gonzalez and Nunez.

Other Seminole teams in the tournament included the Seminole Heat (10U boys), Brighton Seminoles (12U boys), Seminole Elite (15U boys), Seminole Dolls (8U girls) and Seminole Warriors (18U girls).

Poarch Creek won three championships, all in baseball. The Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians won one baseball title and two in softball. The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians won two championships, both in softball.

NAYO winners - baseball

18U
1st - Poarch Creek (PCI)
2nd - SE Diamondbacks (MBCI)

16U
1st - Poarch Creek (PCI)
2nd - MBCI Heat (MBCI)
3rd - Red Sox (PCI)

12U
1st - Poarch Creek (PCI)
2nd - Diamond Kings (MBCI)
3rd - Broncos (MBCI)

10U
1st - Indian Outlaws (MBCI)
2nd - Just Let It Go You (EBCI)
3rd - Broncos (MBCI)

8U
1st - FL Boyz (STOF)
2nd - Dinger Nation (MBCI)
3rd - Poarch Creek (PCI)

NAVO winners - softball

18U
1st - Lady Tomahawks (BH) (MBCI)
2nd - Breckenridge (MBCI)
3rd - EBCI (EBCI)

16U
1st - Meriones (EBCI)
2nd - Bat-itude (MBCI)
3rd - Lady Warriors (MBCI)

12U
1st - Seminole AMP (STOF)
2nd - MTS Diamond Elite (EBCI)
3rd - Prospects (MBCI)

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1st - MTS Diamond Elite (EBCI)
2nd - Lady Thunderbirds (MBCI)
3rd - Poarch Creek (PCI)

8U
1st - EBCI
to the top - as the trio gladly shows their championship rings.

It’s time to celebrate as the Seminole 12U AMP team wins a NAYO championship.
N2Deep’s Nakai Alex drives to the hoop while avoiding a defender.

N2Deep’s Chanon Frye launches a long jump shot in a semifinal game at NABI.

Mark Jones

Similar to the Native Soldiers’ girls, the N2Deep boys team was unbeatable for the first few days. N2Deep won its first seven games, including a win against the Native Soldiers’ boys.

N2Deep was among the final eight teams held, but its deep run ended with consecutive losses. The team was coached by Charlie Frye, who was assisted by Courtney Osceola. Some of the local players on the roster included Nakai Alex, Julez Billie, Chanon Frye and Xavier Osceola.

Native Soldiers head coach Skyla Osceola talks to her team during a game at the Native American Basketball Invitational in July. Her father and assistant coach Marl Osceola is next to her. Hundreds of games were held throughout the Phoenix area.

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A taped message from Hollywood Councilman Chris Osceola played during the broadcasts of the NABI semifinals and finals. The Seminole Tribe has been a longtime major sponsor of NABI.

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NABN college scholarship awardees were recognized during the NABI championship games. Alonzo Adams (Pacific University) and Bailey Nez (Lawrence University) each received $10,000.

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Okeechobee Belles 15U all-stars win state title

BY KEVIN JOHNSON
Senior Editor

Just when it looked like the state championship was slipping from its grasp, the Okeechobee Belles 15U all-stars suddenly decided it wasn’t going to be over until they won.

Bonilla’s team put to rest any doubts and outscored West Pasco 14-0 the rest of the way. Bonilla said his team was determined to...

F-1 race drives economic impact

FROM PRESS RELEASE

South Florida Motorsports (SFM) has released the findings of the first Economic Impact Report of the 2022 Formula 1 Miami Grand Prix which revealed the local economy was boosted by nearly $39 million. Compiled by leading economic consultants Applied Analysis, the report details the specific fiscal benefits to the South Florida and Greater Miami regions, including Miami Gardens.

The report measured director, deleter on the commitment Stophon Rosse made to impact the local economy and the people throughout our community, especially right here in Miami Gardens,” said Richard Cregan, CEO of the Crypto.com Miami Grand Prix. “Our team worked tirelessly to create a campus and experience that was unique to the international culture of Miami. We look forward to growing the event and the positive impact it will continue to make here for years to come.

In the first week of May, the venue hosted the first-ever Formula 1 Crypto.com Miami Grand Prix held around a new 19-turn circuit known as the Miami International Autodrome, built around Hard Rock Stadium in Miami Gardens. The race, which was one of 23 worldwide comprising the 2022 Formula 1 Championship and will take place at the Miami International Autodrome for the least nine years. The weekend attracted over 201,000 spectators across the three days and culminated with a thrilling race as Red Bull’s Max Verstappen beat the Ferrari of Charles Leclerc.

Celebrates from the world of film and pop mingled with sports stars in luxury VIP hospitality areas, such as Hard Rock Beach Club and MSC Cruises Yacht Club while international DJs performed to the entire campus and Miami restaurants served up local cuisine.

The report highlights the economic impact of the race which has reached, it is estimated, over events held in the South Florida market area. The operational and net visitor spending impacts are likely to rise in future years and have the potential to expand as the event matures. When operational activities and net visitor spending are aggregated, the overall economic impact reaches $349 million annually and supports more than $100 million in salaries and wages for over 3,000 local workers.

Visitors and Viewership

Visitor spending in the Greater Miami region during race week reached over $150 million. The average visitor to Miami for the race spent a total of $1,940 while in the city, which was nearly double the typical non-Formula 1 visitor. In addition, 44% of visitors traveled to Miami primarily for the event and 64% of attendees were out-of-town visitors. The race infield data revealed the country with the largest number of visitors was Canada, closely followed by Mexico, Colombia, and Argentina.

The race drew 23 million U.S. viewers across the weekend. The Saturday qualifying audience was 7.6 million rising to 15.4 million for Sunday’s race. In addition, viewership increased 27% compared to the 2021 U.S. Grand Prix in Austin, Texas, across the weekend.

In the U.S., race day viewership grew by 18% compared to the 2021 U.S. Grand Prix with 2.2 million viewers, while on the F1 Web/App there were 140 million views (up 39% on the 2021 US race) and 118.6 million page views (up 50% and 288,483 new followers. During the weekend F1 surplused 19 million followers on Instagram, increasing its followers by 1.4 million since the start of the year.

Construction Jobs and Empowerment

Initial planning on the newest venue in Formula 1 started in the spring of 2019, while the first moment of groundbreaking on the campus was in April 2021. A total of $10 million in salaries and wages were distributed to local residents. There was also a commitment to sustainability across the campus with the elimination of 99.4% of single use plastics at Hard Rock Stadium. Aluminum water bottles, free water stations with reusable cups and plastic free serving vessels, plus three biodigesters to eliminate food waste, were in addition to other recycling facilities around the circuit.

Committed to Miami Gardens

The F1 in Schools program administered through the Miami Gardens Parks and Recreation Department and Seek Education Empowers Knowledge (S.E.E.K) brought STEM education directly to Miami Gardens students. In addition, 12 students from Miami Gardens event internships and 1,500 tickets were distributed to local residents. There was also a commitment to sustainability across the campus with the elimination of 99.4% of single use plastics at Hard Rock Stadium.
Undergraduate students from the state’s 22 federally recognized Native American tribes will no longer have to pay tuition and mandatory fees at the University of Arizona main campus in Tucson.

Beginning in the fall, new and continuing full-time, degree-seeking, in-state undergraduates will be eligible for the Arizona Native Scholar Grant, the first program of its kind in Arizona. The program will be administered by UA’s Office of Student Financial Aid.

“Serving Arizona’s Native American tribes and tribal students is a key part of the new program. Tucson is home to the Tohono O’odham Nation and Pascua Yaqui tribe,” said Kasey Urquidez, UArizona vice president of enrollment management.

“The University of Arizona is committed to recognizing and acknowledging the history and contributions of Native American and Alaska Native students,” said Nancy Solomon, UArizona provost and executive vice president for academic affairs. “Students from Diné College, a public tribal land-grant college in Tsaile, Arizona, visited the UArizona campus in May. The survey showed that UArizona is the top doctorate-granting institution for American Indian or Alaska Native students, and Evarts is the UArizona senior vice president for Native American advancement and tribal engagement. “This is a very exciting time, and we’re going to continue our work with tribes to make great things happen.”

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