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BY DAMAN SCOTT Staff Reporter

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Brighton — The Seminole Tribe held a ribbon-cutting ceremony Sept. 2 on the Brighton Reservation to unveil its new residential development consisting of dozens of new homes.

When fully completed, the Flowing Well project will consist of 30 single-family homes on one-acre lots and 40 tribal homes on quarter-acre lots. At the time of the ribbon cutting, about 15 homes were still available for purchase and some tribal members received keys to their new homes.

Tribal Community Development (TCD) has seen phases of homebuilding in the pipeline as well.

Chairman Osceola said that when he was elected in 2017, the need for tribal housing was “just overwhelming.” He said there were tribal members from every reservation waiting for homes.

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Family, friends honor life of Justin Campos

BY BEVERLY BIDNEY
Staff Reporter

AVE MARIA — Family and friends paid tribute to the life of Justin Campos at the eighth annual Justin Campos Memorial Golf Tournament on Sept. 24.

The tournament is always a family endeavor. Holdiness’s step-daughter Priscilla Caseres, granddaughter Jasleen Chavez, and stepdaughter Priscilla Casares, granddaughter Jayme Chavez, and wife Brenda Holdiness.

Tony Sanchez hits a good shot during a golf trip in St. Augustine with his parents.

Friends from his days at Immokalee High School, Chairman Marcellus W. Osceola Jr. has supported the memorial tournament since before he became chairman. He and Holdiness worked and played ball together in their youth.

“I support the tournament in memory of a tribal member,” Chairman Osceola said. “It’s his family’s wish to keep his memory alive.”

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The Polaris XP Ranger Kinetik, an electric off-road vehicle.

Electric off-road vehicles gain traction

BY CALVIN TIGER

Electric vehicles aren’t just for the automotive market; it is also gaining more exposure and popularity with off-road electric all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), utility terrain vehicles (UTVs) and dirt bikes. Vehicles like these have been popular for a long time, especially with motorsports and in rural areas with agriculture and ranching, such as the Big Cypress and Big Bend reservations. The electric ATV and UTV market is expected to have a compounded annual growth rate of more than 20% and reach $4.7 billion in revenue by 2026, according to a study from BIS Research, is California global market intelligence and analysis firm.

Manufacturers such as Honda, Polaris and Yamaha have been heavily marketing themselves for the future of electric vehicle (EV) technology. The recently released Polaris Ranger XP Kinetik was such a big hit with customers that it sold out when it was launched last year. According to Polaris, the Ranger XP Kinetik offers twice the amount of torque when compared to other utility side-by-side models sold today. It is fitted with a 510 horsepower electric motor matched with an all-wheel drive system that can tow up to 5,000 pounds and can fully charge in less than six hours using a level two charger.

Volcon Epo xponents offers an electric UTV called the Volcon Stag. The Stag is equipped with a 42 kilowatt-hour (kWh) battery that produces 255 horsepower and 265 pound-foot of torque. The model for kids is the Volcon Runt, which utilizes the same frame and off-road oversized tires as the Stag. The adult model is the Volcon Grunt with four-wheel drive on demand that has a towing capacity up to 2,000 pounds and can be fitted with four people. The Volcon Stag has an estimated range of 100 miles and can fully charge in less than six hours using a level two charger.

Honda offers an electric dirt bike for kids called the CRF-E2 model. The off-road CRF model comes with a 48 volt battery that is equal to the same output of a 60cc gas bike, according to the combination engine. The CRF model has a standard charge time of four hours.

The benefits of electrical ATVs, UTVs and dirt bikes are much like EVs in general. It is much quieter compared to a conventional combustion engine. There is far less moving parts which makes general maintenance easier versus a combustion engine. And, of course, there is no need to fuel it. Being able to travel on your own electric ATV, UTV or dirt bike is fun can also be convenient compared to going to a station for fuel.

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Hard Rock Casino in Illinois breaks ground

BY DAMON SCOTT

Staff Reporter

Hard Rock International broke ground Sept. 28 on the Hard Rock Casino Rockford in Illinois, about a year after opening a temporary casino.

Hard Rock executives, city leaders and Cheap Trick guitarist Rick Nielsen attended the event. The activity comes after the Illinois Gaming Board gave the go-ahead in July for a temporary casino.

“I want to make a life worth living instead of just pumping out films. The world is driven by money, but I want to make a life worth living,” said Tome, who has been working on Native Reel for the past year.

“We want to show more films at Native Reel and Native Reel will continue to grow,” Tome said.

“We’re going to keep pushing the envelope,” said Tome.

The Seminole Tribe is the parent entity of Hard Rock International. More is at hardrockcasinorockford.com.
The American Gaming Association (AGA) is scheduled to recognize its gaming hall of fame class of 2022 at the Global Gaming Expo (G2E) in Las Vegas this November.

Three gaming leaders were chosen for their contributions to the industry. They are: Jim Allen, chairman and CEO of the Seminole Tribe of Florida, Michael Rumbolt, former CEO of Evendi Holdings LLC, and current executive chairman of Everi Holdings Inc.; Rumbolt is also a member of the board of managers of Seminole Hard Rock International LLC since 2008.

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"The gaming hall of fame is comprised of individuals that have pushed the industry forward through innovation, leadership and excellence. This year’s inductees are well-deserving additions to its ranks," AGA chairman Allen, Hard Rock International chairman, and Seminole Gaming CEO Jim Allen said in a media release Aug. 16. "I look forward to celebrating their contributions along with the entire gaming industry at G2E 2022.

This will be the 33rd hall of fame class that the AGA has hosted since 1989. Last year, the AGA added the Seminole Tribe’s Jim Shovin to its gaming hall of fame class of 2021 at an invitational event at the Aladdin Resort on the Las Vegas Strip with about 150 people. Shovin is the Tribal Council chairman.

Seminole Coconut Creek Casino

Records global entertainer Chris Young and research hospital. Multi-platinum RCA sales will be donated to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. Multi-platinum RCA sales will be donated to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. Multi-platinum RCA sales will be donated to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. Multi-platinum RCA sales will be donated to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. Multi-platinum RCA sales will be donated to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. Multi-platinum RCA sales will be donated to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. Multi-platinum RCA sales will be donated to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital.

Tampa concert to benefit hospital

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Tampa Bay Times

TAMPA — Music and sports will converge at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Hollywood on Dec. 7 at 8 p.m. Tickets are available at tampa.tickets.com. A portion of the ticket sales will be donated to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. Multi-platinum RCA sales will be donated to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. Multi-platinum RCA sales will be donated to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. Multi-platinum RCA sales will be donated to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. Multi-platinum RCA sales will be donated to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. Multi-platinum RCA sales will be donated to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. Multi-platinum RCA sales will be donated to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. Multi-platinum RCA sales will be donated to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. Multi-platinum RCA sales will be donated to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. Multi-platinum RCA sales will be donated to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital.

AGA to recognize 2022 Gaming Hall Of Fame class

STAFF REPORT

The Seminole Casino Coconut Creek at night.
Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki hopes to partner with Naples museum for long-term exhibit

By TARA BACKHOUSE

BIG CYPRESS. The Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum and the Holocaust Museum & Cohen Education Center’s purposefully named museum is to teach the lessons of the Holocaust to students, teachers, and families.

"This is by no means a small or insignificant mission. There are many stories and many people to educate about the Holocaust of WWII, but the museum is not there alone. They want to make sure that people know that this was not the only story of genocide, that this is by no means the only story of destruction, and they understand the understanding of genocide, as the fight against it is still in full swing," said Danuser.

There are stories that need to be told about the stages of genocide on the website that has inspired both the exhibition and the name of this year’s national event. It is critical to remember that the Holocaust is not the only story of genocide in history. Similar atrocities happen every day, and the fight against it is still in full swing.

"We are grateful to the Seminole Tribe of Florida for its continual support of History Fort Lauderdale during Native American Heritage Month and beyond," said curator Tara Chadwick. "Chelsee Blalock, Sprucing A New Era in Seminole Art, will showcase a variety of contemporary and traditional media including oils, acrylics, fiber, glass, metals, mixed media and digital art from 13 multigenerational Seminole artists. Tia Blais-Billie, Durante Blais-Billie, Nick DiCarlo, Jacob Ozcato, Larry Ozcato, Daniel Tommie, Samuel Tommie, Shonayeh O’Dea, Brian Zepeda, Corinne Zepeda and the late Jimmy Ozcato.

The museum is located at 219 SW 2nd Ave. in Fort Lauderdale. For more information, call (954) 463-4431 or go to historyfortlauderdale.org.

On Sept. 28, the Fort Belknap Indian Community in Montana commemorated three years of swift fox recovery program with the release of three swift foxes on tribal lands, bringing the total to 103 recovered to their pristine grasslands. Based on post-release monitoring efforts, the native swift fox is reproducing in the wild. This is a critical measure of success for a self-sustaining population.

"One way of measuring how successful this could be is to focus on the Swift foxes that were released in Wyoming. In addition to the three released at the Smithsonian's National Zoo and Conservation Biology Institute, 25 were scheduled to be released later in the summer. This project was made possible in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services Native American/Native Hawaiian Museum Service FY21 Program."
where books are sold.

and Indigenous Research, said in a book complicated by the dynamics of race and Jim Thorpe, a man who was not only ‘the American,” failed to improve his fortunes. film of his own life, 1951's "Jim Thorpe: All Man" and his later life was troubled by celebrities, he was one of a kind,” publisher world fame as a profound talent who excelled for Thorpe’s family and scores of supporters show he was the sole winner. and pentathlon at Stockholm – the first Summer Olympics in Stockholm, Sweden, 100 years ago. Thorpe was gold medalist in the decathlon and pentathlon in Stockholm – the first Native American to do so – only to have them stripped away by a controversial rule change. When Thorpe was named to the minor league baseball. The IOC would later induct him as an honour, but he supported always pushed for the record he was the sole winner.

The recent IOC decision was vindication for Thorpe’s family and cohorts of athletes who have advocated for the medals to be

Thorpe, who died in 1953 at 64, rose to world fame as a profound talent who excelled for Thorpe’s family and scores of supporters show he was the sole winner.

The Seminole Tribe’s 'Path Lit by Lightning' is available now by Simon & Schuster. Simon & Schuster published this year by Simon & Schuster. Simon & Schuster published this year by Simon & Schuster.

FROM PRESS RELEASE

Hollywood — As part of the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Hollywood’s “Pinktober” efforts, various pink-themed products will be sold on the property’s pink menu items with a portion of all proceeds going to the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Hollywood’s “Pinktober” cocktail, Bouquet of Rose, will be offered at all four fine dining restaurants (Abita, Cipresso, Council Oak Steaks & Seafood and Kuro), bar and Ultra Bar. At Council Oak, the cheesecake will be pink and served with seasonal garnish. Kuro will offer pink doughnuts with a pink fruit sauce, while Upstairs will serve a pink clam chowder. The Seminole Hard Rock’s “Pinktober” cocktail will also provide support for the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Hollywood’s “Pinktober” theme.

Editor’s note: “Pinktober” theme throughout October at Seminole Hard Rock Hollywood. The Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Hollywood’s “Pinktober” efforts, various pink-themed products will be sold on the property’s pink menu items with a portion of all proceeds going to the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Hollywood’s “Pinktober” efforts. The Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Hollywood’s “Pinktober” efforts, various pink-themed products will be sold on the property’s pink menu items with a portion of all proceeds going to the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Hollywood’s “Pinktober” efforts.
BASKETBALL BUDDIES: During a break in action, Virginia Osceola, left, and Shirley Clay enjoy a lighter moment in the bleachers at the Herman L. Osceola Gymnasium in Big Cypress. They played in the legends division at the 13th annual Tigertail Brothers Memorial Tournament.

PIN FOR A CAUSE: A 2022 “Pinktober” pin is available through Hard Rock’s Rock Shop. Hard Rock International’s “Pinktober” campaign supports breast cancer awareness and research, with proceeds benefitting American Cancer Society.

CLASS DISMISSED: In preparation for Hurricane Ian, Pemayetv Emahakv Charter School closed school and cancelled volleyball matches.

CALM BEFORE THE STORM: A horse sips water in the grass on the Brighton Reservation on Sept. 28, two days before the arrival of Hurricane Ian.

20 Years Ago

ALL TRIBAL TEAM: On Sept. 4, 2002, an all-Seminole youth flag football team played its first game at the Pasadena Lakes football field in Pembroke Pines. The Seminole team was known as the Green Bay Packers and played against the Hollywood Panthers. Sponsored by Hollywood Recreation and coached by Kenny Descheene, the Packers consisted of 15 tribal members ages 5 to 7.
The Seminole Tribe of Florida and The Seminole Nation of Florida disagree on when the nation expanded. Under a treaty signed in 1835, the nation recognized the tribe's right to 10 million acres, which includes the current reservation near Fort Lauderdale. The Seminole Tribe of Florida claims the nation was never fully recognized and therefore lost the right to that land. The Seminole Nation of Florida argues that the tribe was not recognized at the time and therefore was never granted the land. The legal battle has been ongoing for years, with both sides seeking to assert their claims to the land. The issue is particularly significant because the land is home to the tribe's historic sites and cultural landmarks. A resolution to this dispute could have far-reaching implications for the tribe's sovereignty and the protection of its cultural heritage.

Cherokee Nation's case for recognition of its constitutionality in Canada's highest court

The Cherokee Nation has filed a constitutional challenge in Canada's highest court to seek recognition of its constitutionality. The tribe is seeking to challenge the constitutionality of a law that prohibits the tribe from voting in federal elections. The tribe argues that the law violates its rights as a sovereign nation and that it is entitled to have its constitution recognized in Canada. The tribe has filed a petition in the Supreme Court of Canada and is seeking to have the case heard as soon as possible. The case has the potential to set an important precedent for the recognition of Indigenous nations and their constitutional rights.
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HOLLYWOOD, FL
Hollywood Preschool celebrates Indian Day

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

STAFF REPORT

HOLLYWOOD — Youngsters from the Hollywood Preschool celebrated Indian Day on Sept. 20 in the Classic Gym on the Hollywood Reservation.

The Hollywood Education Department and Hollywood Community Cultural Center staff organized several activities for the preschoolers, including map-making, game of stickball, tossing, hatchet throwing, archery, beading and patchwork created out of construction paper.

After everyone had a chance to take part in the activities, the preschoolers gathered in age groups to show off their clothes for the judges who chose a king and queen in each age category.

They and their families were then treated to lunch.

Native American, Indigenous community takes shape at UConn

BY BEVERLY BIDNEY

Staff Reporter

BIG CYPRESS — The Ahfachkee School celebrated “Spirit Week” from Sept. 19-22 with a host of activities, including Native fashion day, “Our Past is Our Future” memory sharing, storytelling and a traditional game of stickball.

Ahfachkee Museum educator Van Samuels told traditional Seminole stories to students under the large chickee of the school’s culture camp. He described Seminole camps of old, including those in the middle of the Everglades surrounded by water, but with a fire always burning in the center.

“Stories have meanings and messages,” Samuels said. “The reason this story is told is to let kids know you are never too small to make a difference in the world.”

The fire was called the lifeline of the camp. “Stories have meanings and messages,” Samuels said. “There were no such things as video games, so in the evenings the children would gather around the fire and a storyteller would tell stories before bedtime.”

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Before Samuels told a group of second graders the story, he introduced “Willie,” a Seminole doll and the museum’s mascot. Some kids thought the doll was so cute that they asked for photos with it after storytelling time.

Ahfachkee ‘Spirit Week’ includes traditional Seminole stories

Van Samuels, an educator from the Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum, talks to Ahfachkee students during the school’s “Spirit Week.”

Ahfachkee students pose with the Seminole doll “Willie.”
The Department of the Interior announced Sept. 27 that the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) would create “Indigenous food hubs” for BIE-operated schools and BIA-operated detention centers.

According to a news release, the goal is to help source Indigenous foods, provide culturally based healthy nutrition education and boost training for healthy and culturally appropriate food preparation.

Florida has two BIE funded schools – the Seminole Tribe’s Ahfachkee School on the Big Cypress Reservation and the Miccosukee Indian School west of Miami. The announcement was made as part of the White House Conference on Hunger, Nutrition, and Health, which took place Sept. 28 in Washington, D.C. The conference’s goal was to help motivate the public and private sectors to “comprehensively address the intersections of food, hunger, nutrition and health to end hunger and increase healthy eating and physical activity.”

“Food is an integral cornerstone of Indigenous communities – it represents our connection to the earth and the customs that have been passed down through generations,” Interior Secretary Deb Haaland (Laguna Pueblo), said in the release. “Yet Indigenous communities face historically high rates of food insecurity and often lack access to affordable and healthy foods.”

Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs Bryan Newland (Ojibwe) said in the release that the initiative would provide healthier food to Indigenous communities and help to repair the damage to Indigenous food ways by “the harmful policies of the past, including colonization, relocation and assimilation of tribal communities.”

Officials said that for the first time, a nutritionist would be hired to support the BIE and BIA in developing culturally appropriate nutrition and training standards that draw from Indigenous knowledge. Special efforts would be made to identify and contact Native vendors and producers, as well as community-based systems such as tribal food sovereignty and health programs, the release said.

**PRESCCHOOL**

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Natalia was crowned queen of the preschool graduate class.

Interior Department to launch ‘Indigenous food hubs’
RESERVATIONS MARK INDIAN DAY WITH Full MENU OF EVENTS

BRIGHTON

The Brighton community gathered at the Fred South Brooks Arena at the Seminole Tribe of Florida’s Island Farms property to celebrate Indian Day for the first time in two years. The weeklong event culminated Sept. 23 with traditional activities.

Brighton Councilman Larry Howard believes the most important part of Indian Day is being together and sharing stories about the past.

“We should just sit around and talk,” Councilman Howard said. “I remember when we had a family.” That reminded us of telling stories about them unless their parents tell them.

The competitions and activities all stem from how Seminole lived in the Everglades. When slaves gathered the food for chicken, women got the rice (thatch) for the roof. The curved and skilful throw creates a story that’s spoken through this is good. I like to be able to see my kids. We have a great time together.

In July 2020, Manatee County shut down Covid-19, spent 18 days on a ventilator and two months in the hospital. Since then, she has been healing and getting stronger. She is able to go to church again and see people I haven’t seen in so long.

As the day came to an end, they were Indians every day with Native American music. “Back in the day, we didn’t have electricity. We didn’t have water. We didn’t have a toilet. We didn’t have running water. We didn’t have running water. We didn’t have running water. We didn’t have running water.”

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“You have to believe it,” Osceola said. “Billy Bowlegs tried to turn a storm with a gun,” added Ada Pearce, who is related to Bowlegs. “I heard he shot the gun so people could run for safety.”

During the archery competition, a few chickens which were supposed to be part of the chicken chase event for young children, escaped their cage and were running nearby. Councilman Howard challenged everyone there to go after the fowl and he would reward those who caught one. Havoc ensued as the adults chased the chickens. All were finally caught, which gave Howard the idea for a new competition next year.

The day after all the reservations’ festivities ended, Chairman Marcellus W. Osceola Jr. reflected on the meaning of Indian Day while competing in a golf tournament.

“We’re Indians every day and every day we practice who we are,” said Chairman Osceola. “Our culture is strong so we never forget where we come from. It’s great to see everybody back in person. We lost a lot of time by being separated for our own safety.”

HOLLYWOOD
Hollywood’s Indian Day week was full of activities that ran Sept. 16-23. The busiest day was Sept. 22 with events from sunrise to sunset; starting with a 7 a.m. walk on the streets around the Howard Tiger Recreation Center and concluding with a 5 p.m. dinner at the airnasium. In between, participants competed in field events such as hatchet throwing, log peeling, skillet tossing, archery and horseshoes.

Other highlights during the week included contests in arts and crafts, bread, clothing and language. The Culture Camp hosted the bread contest and breakfasts. A canoe race was held on the pond across from the entrance to the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Hollywood. The week ended with an evening of dinner, music and fireworks at the rodeo arena. Brothers Spencer Battiest and Doc Native along with The Osceola Brothers and Paul Buster were scheduled to perform.

TRAIL
It’s not every day that someone can go for a train ride, mountain climb and enjoy gourmet food in the Everglades. The Trail community Sept. 22 hosted all of those – and more – at its Indian Day, which was organized by Council Liaison Caryn Billie and office manager Mercy Perez.

Kids enjoyed taking a train ride from a vendor around Huggins Camp, which was full of activities, including a wall-climbing set up, a giant water slide, a dunk tank, a photo booth, face-painting, and a human balloon maker. Food trucks provided gourmet sandwiches, pizza and ice cream.

A giant white tent was home to the clothing contest for youngsters and adults. The stage featured festive décor decked out with flowers and balloons in Seminole colors. The community also participated in contests, including bingo, skillet tossing and fry bread making.

FORT PIERCE
Residents of the Fort Pierce Reservation celebrated Indian Day on Sept. 22. Fort Pierce liaison Crystal Sneed and Fort Pierce council special assistant Kirsty Smith set up an area just south of the Chupco’s Landing Community Center for what members to congregate and enjoy activities.

Activities included corn hole, horseshoes, archery, pan tossing, hatchet throwing, and cooking by fire under a chickee. Children were given games and fun and lucky raffle ticket holders were given photos throughout the day.

INNOMALEE: From left, Andy Tuggle, America Martinez, Juanita Martinez and Susan Danks share a laugh as they make fry bread in the Immokalee Culture cooking chickee.
BIG CYPRESS: Cherelee Hall gives it her all as she peels a log.

BRIGHTON: Marilyn Doney, left, shows her determination as she competes in the thatch race.

IMMOKALEE: Cecilia Garcia, left, and Susan Davis transfer a pot of spaghetti to a warming pan for the reservation’s luncheon.

HOLLYWOOD: Taka Jones competes in horseshoes.

TRAIL: Kenny Joe Davis gets ready to launch a long throw in the skillet toss.

BRIGHTON: Councilman Larry Howard carries logs on his shoulders as he competes in the cypress run.

HOLLYWOOD: Kenny Tommie smiles after finishing the archery competition.

BRIGHTON: In the clothing contest, from left, are Rylee Smith, Myron Billie, Layton Thomas, Layne Thomas, Randy Shore and Malcolm Jones.

TRAIL: Juelz Billie chops up brisket at Huggins Camp.

BRIGHTON: Marilyn Donay, left, shaves her determination as she competes in the thatch race.

INNOCALÉE: Cecilia García, left, and Susan Davis transfer a pot of spaghetti to a warming pan for the reservation’s luncheon.
BIG CYPRESS: Terinna Cypress, left, and Sydnee Cypress paddle past Seminole firefighters as they compete in the canoe race.

HOLLYWOOD: Indian Day included the hatchet throw on the ballfields.

TRAIL: From left, Teagan Osceola-Barlett, Kaylen Osceola, Megan Osceola in the clothing contest.

TRAIL: Birdie Osceola-Bartlett, left, and Nahkayma Haines enjoy Italian ice.

HOLLYWOOD: Council Liaison Raymond Garcia Sr. holds his canoe wood sculpture, which was first place in the arts and crafts contest.

FORT PIERCE: Antonio Timothy lines up his shot at the archery competition.

HOLLYWOOD: Clothing contest participants line up on the gymnasium floor at the Howard Tiger Recreation Center.

TRAIL: “J.R. the Brisket Man” cooks on a large grill at the Huggins Camp.

FORT PIERCE: From left are Knowlden Ervin, Jeyvan Wyatt, Treonan Timothy and Jamarion Foxx.

TRAIL: Grant Osceola, left, and Doc Nation compete in a horseshoe match.

BRIGHTON: In the clothing contest, from left, are Clarissa Urbina, Shyla Jones and Holly Fulkard.

FORT PIERCE: Patricia Wilcox enjoys lunch with her grandson Neko Osceola Jr.

HOLLYWOOD: Charlie Tiger, front, and Vince Billie head toward the finish line in the canoe race. It was held at the pond across from the entrance to the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino.

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Moore Haven volleyball players earn accolades

**STAFF REPORT**

Three Seminoles were recently featured as “Athletes of the Week” at Moore Haven High School.

For the week of Sept. 5-9, Miley Jimmie from the varsity volleyball team was named an Athlete of the Week.

The following week it was her teammate Summer Gopher who received the honor.

Marilyn Jimmie, Miley’s sister, was named the JV team’s “Athlete of the Week.”

The selections are made by coaches at the school.

Moore Haven varsity, which is coached by Mona Baker, heads into October with a 6-6 record. Its regular season is scheduled to conclude Oct. 14.

F1 racing returns to Hard Rock campus next May

**STAFF REPORT**

The Formula 1 Crypto.com Miami Grand Prix will be held May 7-9, 2023, at Miami International Autodrome on the Hard Rock Stadium campus in Miami Gardens.

The race made its debut earlier this year.

The track features 19 turns as it winds around Hard Rock Stadium.

For ticket information go to f1miamigp.com.

Powerful JV team

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The tribe is represented on the OHS varsity volleyball team for Giselle Micco, left, and Nena Youngblood.

Giselle Micco, a senior, led the team in assists (186) and service aces (25) and was third in kills (111). As of mid-September, a year ago she notched 11 kills.

Before attending OHS, Micco and Youngblood played for Pemayetv Emahakv Charter School’s volleyball team.

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Giselle Micco sets the ball during Okeechobee’s varsity match against South Fork on Sept. 7.

Moore Haven High School/Facebook

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Tigertail tournament resumes with support from Indian Country

BY KEVIN JOHNSON
Senior Editor

Each year the annual Tigertail Brothers Memorial Tournament rekindles the fond basketball memories Minnie Tigertail has of her two sons.

This year was no different as 21 teams came to the Herman L. Osceola Memorial Gymnasium on the Big Cypress Reservation to play in the tournament’s 13th edition named in memory of Duane and Malcolm Tigertail.

“I like seeing people playing basketball, it takes me back to when my sons played ball,” Minnie Tigertail said Sept. 8, the first night of the three-day tournament. “It’s good to watch it and remember how they enjoyed playing. We get so excited for this tournament, we want them to enjoy it. Whoever wants to play is welcome, we never get tired of it.”

The tournament resumed after being sidelined the past two years due to the pandemic. Indian Country showed its support as teams and players from the Dakotas, Minnesota and Oklahoma joined Seminole and other local teams to vie for the championships.

The men’s division had by far the most teams with 13; the legend’s and women’s divisions each had four.

DeForest Carter, one of the most successful athletes in the history of the Seminole Tribe, starred for Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University from 2011–15. He holds several school records, including most career assists and steals. His love of basketball as a youngster was fueled by watching his uncles Duane and Malcolm play. Carter organized this year’s tournament.

“There will be great competition here, I try to get the best people I know,” Carter said on the first night. “People who play in a lot of tournaments say this is one of the best competitions. All of them have a shot to win.”

Seminole basketball world is small, Carter said. “I know a lot of talent out there. I met a lot of people at the Native American Basketball Invitational and maintained those relationships over the years. It’s about respect and love of the game.”

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Taylor Johns carries the U.S. flag during the opening ceremony for the Extreme Seminole Showdown rodeo in September at the Fred Smith Rodeo Arena in Brighton.

Pros come to Brighton for first Extreme Seminole Showdown

BY KEVIN JOHNSON
Senior Editor

If Shane Proctor needed a good luck charm, the students at Pemayetv Emahakv Charter School provided it.

The 2011 world champion bull rider was in Brighton for the debut of the Extreme Seminole Showdown on Sept. 17-18 at Fred Smith Rodeo Arena.

Proctor and the other riders received beaded items, including necklaces, made especially for them by PECs students.

“Thank all at Pemayetv Emahakv Charter School for making every contestant a beaded necklace for good luck. It must of worked!” Proctor, who is from Washington State, posted on social media.

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“Felt good to be home and see so much family and friends. Blessed to have my whole family there with me today including my dad, grandmother and mother-in-law. Also had my Coach Justin Gopher on the chutes with me,” Courson said on social media.

Gopher is a longtime rodeo standout from the Seminole Tribe who competed in bull riding.

Matthew Smith of Alabama won the bareback riding. Chase Brooks of Montana captured the saddle bronc riding and all-around cowboy.

“Was lucky enough to get the win in Okeechobee last weekend and come home with this shiny new guitar from Seminole Hard Rock & Casino,” Brooks said on social media.

Brighton Councilman Larry Howard, left, and Brighton Board Rep. Helene Buster take part in the presentation of a Seminole vest to PRCA judge Fritz Brewer at his final rodeo.

Bull riding: 1. Shane Proctor, $50 points on five-star rodeo’s Yogi Bear, $3,150; 2. Trevor Reason, $2,527; 3. Lukenoe Morris, $1,790; 4. Ennis Courson Jr., $1,518; no other qualified rides.


Seminole veteran Paul Bowens Sr. salutes during the opening ceremony.

Taylor Johns carries the U.S. flag during the opening ceremony for the Extreme Seminole Showdown rodeo in September at the Fred Smith Rodeo Arena in Brighton.

Professional bull rider Ernie Courson Jr., from Okeechobee, has plenty of support behind him as he rides a bull at the Extreme Seminole Showdown in Brighton.
No matter the sport, Pemayetv Emahakv Charter School teams are usually among the top in the region. This year is no different as the volleyball team has had an impressive start.

“Right now we’re just trying to stay strong in more ways than one. We’ve had a really good season so far and I think our only difficulty will be keeping that momentum,” said PECS varsity coach Elizabeth Tauchen.

This year’s roster, including varsity and junior varsity, was announced in August with the roster consisting of Melaine Bonilla, Bailey Bowers, Amalia Estrada, Bobbi Johns-Osceola, Kulipa Julian, Jaliyah Kroeplin, Daliyah Nunez, Joleyne Nunez, Tehya Nunez, Caysie Platt, Hannah Platt, Mattie Platt, Ciani Smith, Jalene Smith, Ila Trueblood, Harmany Urbina, Azariah Washington and Delilah Young. Hurricane Ian forced the cancelation of games during the last week of September.

The remaining schedule is:
- Oct. 4 at Yearling 4:30 p.m.
- Oct. 6: home vs Osceola at 4:30 p.m.
- Oct. 11: at Moore Haven 4:30 p.m.
- Oct. 12: home vs West Glades 4:30 p.m.
- Oct. 13: at Labelle 4:30 p.m.
- Oct. 15: playoff tournament at PECS.

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Winnipeg Jets have hired their first Indigenous woman as collegiate scout

BY LAURA SCIARPELLETTI

The Winnipeg Jets have hired their first Indigenous woman for a scouting role, announcing the hiring of Melissa Chapa Wednesday.

Chapa will be responsible for all hotel assets in the resort's expansion. She also spent several years in the Las Vegas market at the Venetian Palazzo Resort, including hotel manager – beach house programming had risen to an unprecedented level.

Chapa will be working with departments property wide to implement resort operations strategies and processes.

Chapa is a member of the Hardrock Hotel and Casino in 2018 and was recently hired as an event coordinator for Hard Rock in Hollywood, Florida.

Her hire is thought to be integral in the pre-opening and opening of all hotel assets in the resort's expansion.

"It's a really big win for our team," said Aguayos. "With Melissa's background in event management and her role as a cruise director, she will bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to our team. We are excited to have her on board and look forward to seeing what she can accomplish in her new role."