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PRINCIPAL CHIEF'S MESSAGE: Hensci, Seminoles Seminole Days Celebration – September 21, 2024

We are excited and looking to our annual Seminole Celebration. Excited because we will have an opportunity to visit with many of our Seminole relatives, friends and visitors. This year we have an outstanding speaker – Denys Vasquez-Welch, a 4x-Granddaughter of Wannah, the sister of John Horse.

On August 15, 2024, we traveled to Oklahoma and were honored to have attended an event where the Oklahoma Department of Transportation erected a highway sign commemorating John Horse. The event was hosted by the Dosar Barkus Band of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma. The 2 days of activities began on August 16 with a tour of the Oklahoma State Capitol. We then traveled to the Seminole Nation Museum at Wewoka, OK. The program was led by Phillip L. Barkus, Dosar Barkus Band Chief.

Speakers were: Senator Anastacia A. Pittman (Ret), Lewis Johnson Principal Chief, Seminole Nation of Oklahoma, featured speaker Denys Vasquez-Welch, Willard Tillman, Wewoka Historian, and Representative Ajay Pittman. On Saturday – August 17, we traveled to the Fort Gibson Museum, located at Fort Gibson, OK. We concluded the celebration by having a Seminole descendants and guests dinner in Oklahoma City on Saturday evening – August 17, 2024. The event was very well organized and a splendid opportunity for Seminole descendants from across the country to meet, and share our heritage with Seminole descendants.



SEAL OF THE SEMINOLE NATION



Oklahoma DOT erecting Seminole Warrior John Horse - Memorial Highway Sign



Cora Jefferson Bailey, Great Granddaughter of John Horse

September Birthdays

Jasmine Nicole Factor – Sep 1
Jeri Marie Factor – Sep 1
Reginald Scott Watson- Sep 4
Lawrence D. Watson - Sep 5
Tamyra M. Christian - Sep 6
Norman Hicks - Sep 6
LaTorya LeeAnna Watson – Sep 6
Nena A. Roland – Sep 6
Austin Lee Benson - Sep 7
Hardin Lee Ward, Jr – Sep 10
Stephanie Denise Young – Sep 12
Lisa Renee Stocker - Sep 12
William H. Watson Jr - Sep 12
Carter F. Vaughns – Sep 12

Dwayne Rose – Sep 15
Sidney Simone Polite – Sep 15
Jacquin M. Bridges – Sep 16
Leon C. Best – Sep 17
John Henry Daniels – Sep 22
Carl D. Young, II – Sep 22
Vanessa Lasha Juarez – Sep 23
Jimmy Elmo Blanks Jr. – Sep 26
Tanya M. Meza – Sep 27
Teenya M. Brooks – Sep 27
Scarlett S. Stokes - Sep 27
Margo D. Hicks – Sep 27
Linda Daniels Goodloe – Sep 29
David Rose – Sep 30



Spouse

Esther Watson – Sep 29

TRIBAL IDENTIFICATION CARDS: Tribal Identification Cards are available for \$25, valid for 5 years. The Tribal Identification Cards, are an official means to identify tribal members. Tribal Identification Cards do not replace any official government issued identification, they provide a means for members to proudly display their tribal enrollment.



TRIBAL IDENTIFICATION CARD RENEWAL

Tribal Identification Cards are beginning to expire – we will mail expiration notices. Everyone encouraged to check the expiration date on their Tribal Identification Cards. Renewal only requires submission of payment of \$25, payable to Absentee Seminole Tribe of Texas.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

If you change residence, get a new telephone number, new email address, or any other changes in contact information. Forward your new information to our office.

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FRIDAY – SEPTEMBER 20, 2024

MEET & GREET SOCIAL

6:00 PM – 10:00 PM

LOCATION: FORT CLARK SPRINGS

433 FORT CLARK ROAD – SOUTH OF POST THEATER

ASTT BANNER/SIGN DISPLAYED IN FRONT OF BUILDING

REFRESHMENTS ARE PROVIDED

ATTENDEES MAY ALSO BRING REFRESHMENTS AND SNACKS





SEMINOLE CELEBRATION

SEPT 21, 2024

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

DENYS VASQUEZ-WELCH



CEO/FOUNDER

Wannah and John Horse Seminole Descendants Alliance, Inc.

PROUD SEMINOLES UNITED

**SEPT 21, 2024
6:00 PM – 11:00 PM**

**FORT CLARK SPGS
SERVICE CLUB
BRACKETTVILLE TX**

REFRESHMENTS

RAFFLES

ITEMS FOR SALE

**PROCEEDS BENEFITING
SAINT JOHN MISSIONARY
OUTREACH**

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