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PRINCIPAL CHIEF'S MESSAGE: Hensci, Seminoles

As we prepare for our annual Seminole Days celebration. We are excited to once again have an opportunity to visit and meet with our Seminole family and friends. Our Seminole Days 2025 is scheduled to begin on September 19 at 6PM with a Bingo. On September 20, 2025 we will have an Enchilada plate Supper. Our celebration will be held at the Saint John Missionary Outreach, 116 W. Crockett Street, Brackettville TX. On September 20, at 7 PM we will hold a General membership meeting. At 8 PM our keynote speaker Mr. Tom Ashmore, President West Texas Archeological Society, will speak.

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



SEMINOLE DAYS

Heritage Celebration - September 19, 20, 2025
Saint John Missionary Outreach
116 W. Crockett St.
Brackettville, TX

Sep 19

Bingo 6 PM – 9 PM

\$20 includes 2 cards for total of 20 prizes
Special \$1 per card, 3 games for non-winners
Snacks and drinks will be provided

Sep 20

5:00 PM

Enchilada Plate Supper

Enchiladas 2, Rice, Beans, & Drink (Tea/Water)
\$10.00 per plate

8:00 PM

Keynote Speaker: Mr. Tom Ashmore, President
West Texas Archeological Society

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CAMP MEYERS SPRING AND THE BLACK SEMINOLE INDIAN SCOUTS

Saturday, Sept 20th, 8:00 p.m.



Tom Ashmore, president of the West Texas Archeological Society, will give another update of their three-year archeological project of Camp Meyers Spring, located 125 miles west of Fort Clark.

Lieutenant John Bullis owned this property, which became a forward operating sub-post of Fort Clark for multiple cavalry companies and the Black Seminole Indian Scout detachment from the. It was occupied from mid-1870s to 1884

The archeological field work uncovered two periods of Scout camps: the early Bullis & Scout's camp, and the later official Scout camp. Their work covers an incredible 200 acres, detailing the camps and revealing daily life in this harsh environment.

For this talk, he will also take a look at some of the missions taken on by Lieutenant Bullis and the Scouts.



We are saddened from the passing on August 26 of an esteemed member: Louis B. Watson, (Country Lou Watson), was an original founder of ASTT and served 8 years as the assistant chief. He was a tireless worker and brilliant advisor. RIP Lou you will be missed by many. Condolences to his family and friends.



On August 24, Kathleen Watson Spain passed. She was a devoted member, who will be missed by many. Our condolences to her family and friends.



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Kathleen Deborah Spain

IN LOVING MEMORY

Please join us to remember and
celebrate a life well-lived.

Viewing at Beck's Funeral Home
Friday, August 29th from 6-8pm
1700 E Whitestone Blvd,
Cedar Park, TX

Service & repast at Mosaic Church
Saturday, August 30th at 10am
12675 Research Blvd, Austin, TX.

For more information,
please contact Randy at
512.484.3250.

TRIBAL IDENTIFICATION CARDS: Tribal Identification Cards are available for \$25, valid for 4 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.

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