



# Poarch Creek News

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## Native Language Act Ready for Bush's Signature Friday, December 8, 2006



*Alex Alvarez and Robbie McGhee with the Navajo Code Talkers.*

### **Submitted via email from Alabama Indian Affairs Commission**

A bill named in honor of a Native language teacher who died after receiving a national award for her efforts finally cleared Congress this week.

H.R.4766, the Esther Martinez Native American Languages Preservation Act, was approved by the Senate. With prior approval from the House, the bill went to President Bush for his approval.

Introduced earlier this year, momentum for the legislation to create Native language programs picked up after the tragic death of Esther Martinez. The 94-year-old language instructor and storyteller was killed on her way home to Ohkay Owingeh, a pueblo

in northern New Mexico.

The September 16th accident occurred just days after Martinez received the National Heritage Fellowship award in Washington, D.C. She had been honored for her role in teaching Tewa to generations of students.

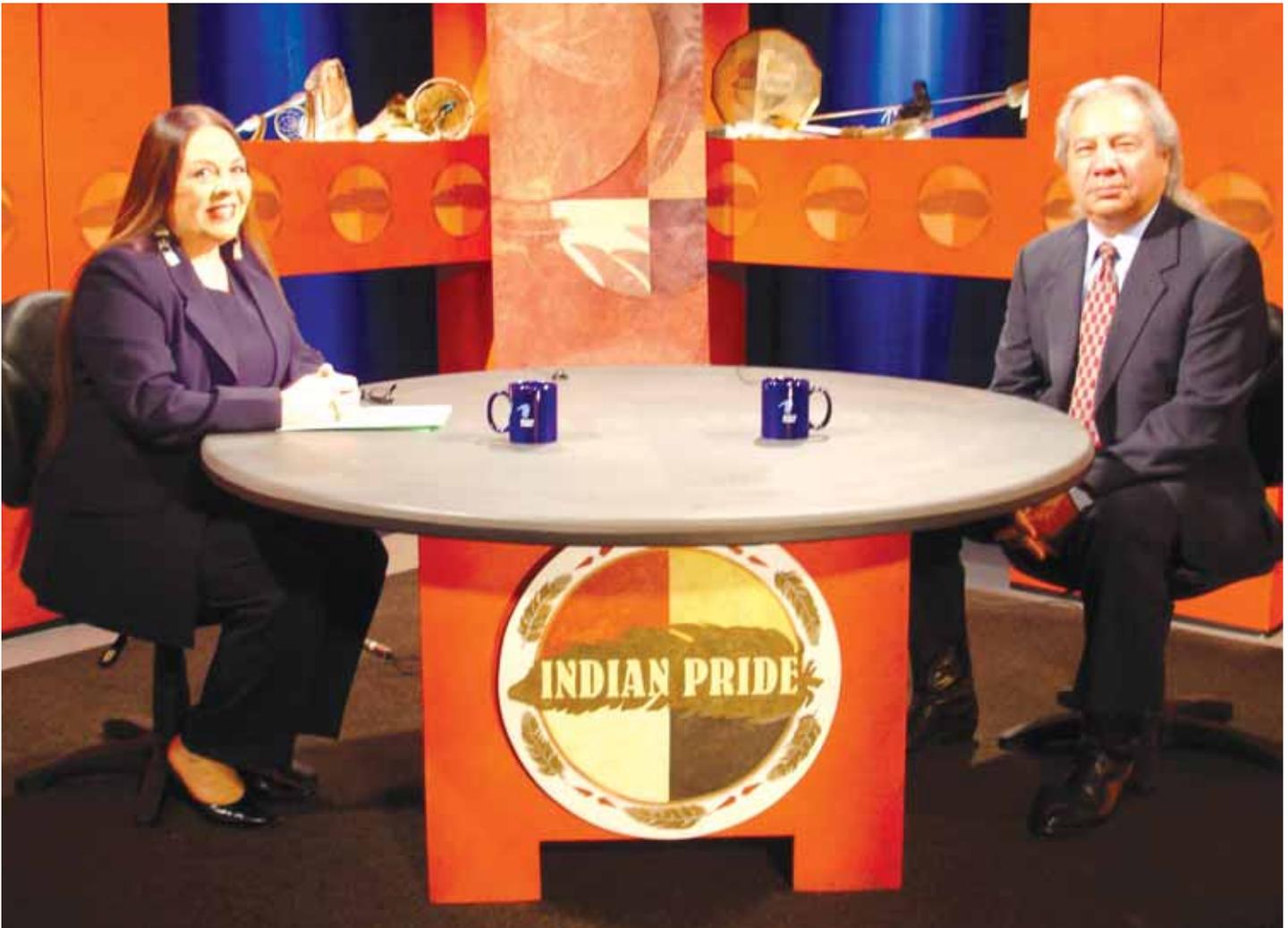
"Considering Esther's dedication to preserving her Native language, it is a fitting tribute that this legislation be named after her," said Rep. Tom Udall (D-New Mexico), whose district includes the six pueblos where Tewa is spoken.

Martinez was known by her Tewa name, Poe Tsawa, which means Blue Water. Among her former students, both young and old, she was simply referred to as Ko'o, or Aunt.

Supporters of the legislation said the work of people like

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# INDIAN PRIDE TELEVISION SERIES KICKS OFF PRODUCTION DURING AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE MONTH



Production is underway for the highly anticipated Indian Pride, a 13-part cultural magazine series to be aired on PBS stations throughout the United States in February 2007. Indian Pride will spotlight the diverse cultures of American Indian people throughout the country. Prairie Public Television of Fargo, North Dakota, is producing the weekly magazine in cooperation with Circle of Nations Publishing of Grand Forks, North Dakota.

As the nation celebrates American Indian Heritage Month in November, a full production crew at Prairie Public Broadcasting in Fargo, North Dakota was busy capturing the essence of Indian Country from in-studio guests for the television series. The first program showcases "A Historical Overview" of Indian Nations, and has a respected scholar from UCLA, Dr. Duane Champagne, as the in-studio guest. Champagne, an American Indian professor, is the author of over 100 articles and books on the history of Indian Country.

As Dr. Champagne shares his view of how American Indian history was passed down through oral and written forms of communication, he sets the record straight... "American Indian

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# From the Chairman

As I have shared with you in past newsletters, the National Steering Committee for the reauthorization of the Indian Healthcare Improvement Act (IHCA) has been working with the appropriate individuals and committees to address concerns relating to Senate Bill 1057, the reauthorization of IHCA. SB 1057 made it to the calendar for the lame duck session of Congress in December, but it was not heard. As a result this bill has been put on hold until the 110th Congress meets in 2007. We, the National Steering Committee, will continue our efforts in the reauthorization of IHCA.

As Chairman of the Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee, I attended a meeting in which we worked on the reauthorization of the Special Diabetes Funding, which is set to expire in September, 2007. As part of this meeting we also worked on the 2007 Report to Congress on Special Diabetes Funding. We also met with representatives from the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation and the American Diabetes Association for strategic planning purposes. I will keep you updated on any developments regarding these issues.

In an effort to provide for the needs of Tribal Members, the Tribal Council has decided to move forward with the development and implementation of various benefit plans designed to meet the existing needs of our members. Since all members have different needs, a variety of plans will be developed in order to provide the most appropriate benefit for each member. These benefits may provide for health insurance, medical reimbursement (co-pays, dependent coverage, etc.), child care expense, food program, long-term care insurance, educational expense, home repairs or any other need that may be identified.

The design and implementation of a program of this magnitude will require a thorough process for ensuring that all legal and financial aspects of each benefit are defined. Phase 1 will be the evaluation of each Tribal Member currently without health insurance. This will provide the necessary data to determine the

type of coverage that can be provided by the Tribe. Each benefit will be phased in a like manner.

The Council also met with representatives from CIE in reference to the Exit 57 Casino and Hotel project. Everything is on schedule and we hope for groundbreaking in early spring, 2007.

For those of you who may not know, President Bush is going to bestow the Congressional Medal of Honor on the Tuskegee Airmen. The Tuskegee Airmen were dedicated, determined young men who enlisted to become America's first black military airmen during World War II, when there were many people who thought that black men lacked intelligence, skill, courage and patriotism. I was honored to attend the reception in Montgomery on Monday, December 18th to honor and recognize this achievement. Of the 980 airmen, only 194 remain; those who are able will attend the event in Washington D.C., but most are confined to assisted living facilities or nursing homes.

On November 22nd an All Indian Rodeo was held at the Poarch Creek Indians Rodeo Arena, in conjunction with the Easter Indian Rodeo Association. The rodeo was well attended and enjoyed by all who were there.

As of December 31st, CIE will assume management of the Poarch Road Service Center. Georgia and Roger Griffey have done a great job and we wish them the best of luck in their future endeavors.

I would like to close by saying that we now have 2,408 Tribal Members on roll. I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and I wish you all a happy and prosperous new year.



**Tribal Chairman  
Buford L. Rolin**

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## Native Language Act Ready for Bush's Signature Friday, December 8, 2006

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Martinez will continue through additional funds for language nests, survival schools, and restoration programs. The money will be handled by the Administration for Native Americans within the Department of Health and Human Services.

"Native languages continue to diminish with each generation and the programs authorized by this bill will go a long way to restore this important piece of Native culture and bridge the gap between the old and young generations," said Sen. Tim Johnson (D-South Dakota).

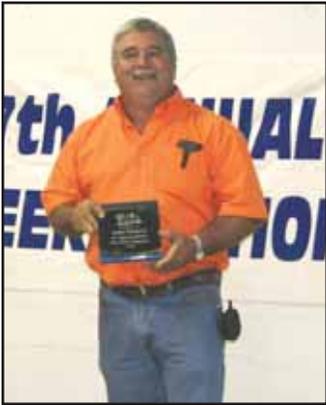
Tribal leaders and organizations worked feverishly this fall to get the bill passed. The National Indian Education Association brought Navajo Code Talkers, the World War II soldiers who used their language to create an unbreakable code, to the U.S. Capitol to lobby for the measure.

"The outpouring of letters, calls, faxes, and emails to members of Congress made an incredible impact and demonstrated Indian Country's huge support for the revitalization of Native languages," the organization said in a statement.

Tex Hall, the Chairman of the Board of the Inter-Tribal Economic Alliance and former president of the National Congress of American Indians, also hailed passage. "I hope that laws like this one help America to really understand just how much of a treasure our Native American cultures are," he said.

Appropriations for the programs are guaranteed through 2012 but an exact amount is not specified in the bill. Rep. Heather Wilson (R-New Mexico), one of the sponsors, said she would ask the White House to increase funding for the ANA, whose budget has remained level at \$44 million in recent years.

*On a side note; Alex Alvarez, Cultural Education Coordinator, and Robbie McGhee, Tribal Administrator, traveled to Washington DC to meet with Senator Jeff Sessions to lobby for the Language Immersion Bill ( H.R. 4766). Also lobbying were the Navajo Code Talkers, which the film Wind Talkers is based on.*



# Steers From Perdido River Farms Take Top Prizes



*John Flowers  
PRF General Manager*

Eight of the fourteen steers shown at this year's Greater Gulf State Fair in Pensacola, Florida were from the Perdido River Farms herd, including the Grand Champion, Home Grown Champion, and County Best.

Prior to the first steer being shown for sale, several individuals were recognized for their involvement in the steer program. John Flowers, Perdido River Farms General Manager, was one of these individuals; he was recognized for his work with the youth involved in the steer program and in the community.



*In observance of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the Health Clinic had lunch to discuss breast cancer related issues.*



*Julia Gordon shares information on cancer.*

## Poarch Road Service Center Management Change

Submitted by **Bridget Wasdin**

Creek Indian Enterprises (CIE) would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to Roger and Georgia Griffey for serving CIE as the management team over Poarch Road Service Center. As many of you may know, getting a new business venture off the ground requires long hours, hard work, and dedication. Regrettably, Roger and Georgia have decided to leave Poarch Road Service Center to pursue other opportunities. Beginning January 2007, CIE will take over management of the operation. We at CIE wish Roger and Georgia the best in their future endeavors.

## VITA and Tax Counseling for the Elderly Program

Submitted by **Michelle White, Economic Development  
Administrative Assistant**

The Economic Development Department's VITA and Tax Counseling for the Elderly program will begin on February 1st. There are a variety of new tax changes for 2006. You may call (251) 368-9136 ext. 2505 or 2289 for an appointment. Appointments will be scheduled Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The VITA & TCE Tax programs are a free tax service for the low income and elderly tax payers. Because these are low income and elderly tax services the IRS prohibits the preparation of the following:

- Schedule C (Profit or Loss from Business)
- Complicated & Advanced Schedule D  
(Capital Gains and Losses)
- Schedule E (Rents & Losses)
- Form SS-5 (Request for Social Security Number)
- Form 2106 (Employee Business Expenses)
- Form 3903 (Moving)
- Form 8606 (Non-deductible IRA)
- Form 8615 (Minor's Investment Income).
- Income of more than \$35,000.00.

If you have any questions or to schedule an appointment you can reach the Economic Development Department at (251) 368-9136 Ext.2289.



*Bottom Row: Participants Bernice Qualls, Geraldine McGhee, Zollie Mae McGhee, Peggy Johnson, and Savannah Daughtry. Top row Participant Savilla McGhee and Program Coordinators Dana Pickern and Kay Watson.*

## Walk Across America

The Wellness & Activities Department hosted the Walk Across America program from August 28th through November 27th. Thirty-two participants originally signed up to participate but only 15 finished the program with a cumulative total of 2,991 miles. Based on the number of miles, the participants walked from Alabama's state capital, Montgomery, to California's state capital, Sacramento.

The highest individual miles were 541, followed by 429 miles, 372 miles, and 368 miles. (Oh me, I only turned in one mile!) The person that walked the most miles received a \$40 gift certificate from the Sports Academy; second through fourth place received a \$20 gift certificate from Sports Academy. Each participant also received other goodies, i.e. t-shirt, tote bag, etc., for participating.

I personally congratulate each of the fifteen who finished the program; it was more than I could do.



*Velma Amos walked  
429 miles.*



*Students from EvenStart and Shadaland Day Care haunted Tribal Offices on Halloween!*



*Freeze warning, bring in your pets, cover your plants and.....fruit!!  
Lena and Hubert Rackard are pictured with bananas harvested from their banana plant.*

# Haunted Forest

Recreation's first Haunted Forest was a success despite a shortened schedule due to rain. If you didn't get to come, here are some photos, but you won't get the full effect until you ride through at night, soooooooo maybe next year!



## Indian Pride Television Series Kicks Off Production During American

*Indian Heritage Month (continued from page 2)*

Nations had carried on the obligations to their sacred teachings for thousands of years before Europeans entered into this land.” What is now called “self-government” was a way of life for the Indian Nations... “A sacred moral code and Indian Pride purpose that fulfilled the sacred teachings and obligations, not only to the nation but, to all the beings and powers in the cosmic order.”

JuniKae Randall of Circle of Nations Publishing is the host of the 13-part series. Randall, a member of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa, has been traveling the country for several months to bring the stories and scenes of American Indian culture to the television screen. Each 30-minute episode includes three distinct segments: mini-documentaries shot on location, on reservations and around other parts of Indian country; in-studio segments featuring discussion of current issues by nationally-known American Indian guests; and original and cultural performances featuring traditional and contemporary artists, as well as storytellers.

Future programs will highlight Indian art, education, traditional healing, storytelling as well as coverage of critical and timely issues of government, economic development and politics. When the topic of “Treaties and Sovereignty” is aired, Randall’s special in-studio guest will be the founding director of

the Native American Rights Fund (NARF), John Echohawk. Echohawk is a major figure in Indian Country and he will share his perspective on the past and current state of sovereignty among Indian nations...the treaties that were signed by the United States Government...and the treaties now forgotten. He will share what these contracts mean between the United States Government and the Indian Nations.

“The Indian Pride television series will feature an educational component both on-screen and via the web. Its national broadcast distribution and website will fully integrate with schools so teachers everywhere can share the contents of the series with their students. This is a significant contribution because modern textbooks contain very little material on the culture, history and struggle of the American Indian. This program will help bridge that gap,” stated Randall.

Indian Pride will be distributed to PBS television stations nationwide through NETA. The world premiere of the 13-week series is scheduled to begin February 3, 2007. Contact your local PBS station for local dates and times.



*Tribal Council member Patricia Hodges views her poster.*

## NRCS Poster Distributed

Lori Sawyer was the winner in an art contest for the 2006 American Indian Poster which will be distributed by USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). Lori recently distributed signed posters to Tribal Council. The poster entitled, “Gifts of Mother Nature” features American Indian children playing in Magnolia Branch near Atmore, Alabama.

Each year, artwork from native artists from around the country is used to create the poster. Distribution of the poster is a part of the month-long event to celebrate the uniqueness and important contributions of American Indians and Alaska Natives. Approximately 20,000 copies of the poster will be distributed to NRCS offices and to Native American Tribes throughout the United States.



*Lori Sawyer distributes poster.*



*Tri-Community Dancers*



*Medicine Tail*

# 2006 Pow Wow A Great Success

This year's Pow Wow was a great success. There were great crowds (over 9,100 by official count), great weather, great food, and great fun for all that attended. If you were unable to attend, we will share some photos with you.



*Kennedy McGhee*



*Even the smallest participated in Tiny Tots.*



*Jerry Hough with WKRK Channel 5 in Mobile, AL, interviews Chairman Rolin about the festivities.*



*Pepsi anyone? Susanna Lambert, Sandra Hiebert, and Lena While man the Pepsi booth.*



*Hoop Dancer – Robert Tramper*



*Douglas Daughtry*



*Left to right: Elementary Princess – Hannah Gibson; Junior Princess – Taylor Wiggins; Senior Princess – Heather White*



*Students who attended the old Poarch Indian schools (Poarch Consolidated School, St. Anna's , etc.) gathered during Pow Wow for group photo.*



*Alex Alvarez and Tribal youth Language Class participants*



*Princesses All In A Row! Shelly White, 2003; Tamanek McGhee, 2004; Kaci Martin, 2005; Heather White, 2006.*



*Ding Ding*



*Pow Wow Committee member Robbie McGhee*



*Pow Wow Committee members Connie Vickery, Gloria Fowler, Robbie McGhee, Pug Roberson, and Daniel McGhee*



*Carla McGhee watches as Mandy Peebles enjoys roasted corn.*

# WINTER LIHEAP PROGRAM

## Submitted by Carolyn White, Family Services Executive Director

The Family Services Department will take applications for the **WINTER** Low Income Heat and Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) on the following days: **January 22 – 25, 2007**. Applications will be accepted at the Family Services Department located at 5811 Jack Springs Road, Atmore, Alabama between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. for payment of the January or February 2007 energy bill.

If you cannot apply during the dates provided, follow-up applications will be accepted Monday through Thursday of each week until March 15, 2007. After March 15, 2007, the Winter LIHEAP Program will end and all funds will be transferred into the SUMMER LIHEAP Program. The Summer LIHEAP Program will be announced at a later date, depending upon availability of funds.

NOTE: Priority assistance for the Winter LIHEAP Program will be given, as always, to the following applicants. Also, these priority applicants will be provided opportunity to be served first.

- **Seniors Citizens (Age 55 or older),**
- **Families with legal custody of children 5 and under, and**
- **Households currently receiving food stamps or TANF benefits.**

**Please adhere to the following schedule to make your LIHEAP application.** All applications will be accepted on a **FIRST COME FIRST SERVE** basis according to the following priority schedule (no appointment required). If eligible, you will be given time to bring in your **January** or **February** bill. NOTE: LIHEAP funds do not cover late charges on energy bills.

## WINTER LIHEAP APPLICATION WEEK (JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2007 ENERGY BILLS)

<b>Monday</b>	<b>January 22, 2007</b>	<b>All Tribal Seniors Citizens (Age 55 or older)</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>January 23, 2007</b>	<b>All Tribal families will legal custody of child 5 and under</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>January 24, 2007</b>	<b>All Tribal households currently receiving food stamps or TANF benefits.</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>January 25, 2007</b>	<b>All other Tribal households who wish to apply</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>January 26, 2007</b>	<b>No applications</b>

## FOLLOW-UP WINTER LIHEAP APPLICATIONS January 29 – March 15, 2007

**After the LIHEAP Application Week, Winter LIHEAP applications will be accepted by appointment only Monday through Thursday.**

**Please call the office for appointment times.**

To receive assistance from the Tribal LIHEAP Program:

- you must be a Tribal Member household,
- meet the income guideline of 60% of the State Median Income,
- and be responsible for payment of some type of heating or cooling bill.

*Eligibility for the LIHEAP Program is based on the criteria of tribal membership, income, and need.* All applicants should bring to the interview: 1) verification of identity, 2) verification of tribal membership, 3) verification of monthly income, and 4) the current unpaid electricity or heating bill. If the utility bill is not listed in the name of the applicant, a signed statement from the person listed on the bill is necessary to establish resident's responsibility for paying the monthly utility expense.

**PLEASE NOTE:** If you are requesting gas assistance, you must have an established account with the gas company. Feaster Gas and South Alabama Gas in Atmore both require a gas tank check if you don't have an account with them. This is probably the standard procedure for all gas companies before they will put gas into your tank. When you apply LIHEAP funds and chose to have gas assistance, you will be required to furnish proof that your tank has been checked and/or the gas company will deliver gas to your home.

If you have any questions or need additional information about the appointment schedule or LIHEAP program requirements, please contact the Family Services Department at (251) 368-9136 Extension 2600.

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## Homes For Sale

The Poarch Creek Indians Housing Department has the following homes for sale.

**633 Sunset Drive**  
Atmore, AL 36502  
\$69,200.00

**2434 Ross Road**  
Atmore, AL 36502  
\$70,000

The above price does not include closing cost; the buyer will be responsible for all closing cost. The homes will be for sale as is, with no warranty. If you are interested in the above homes please contact:

Poarch Creek Indians  
Housing Department  
5811 Jack Springs Road  
Atmore, AL 36502  
(251) 368-9136 ext. 2257



*Disney Princesses*



*Frosty the Snowman*



*T'was the night before Christmas – Ma Deborah Strickland with Pap Ding Ding*

# Christmas at the Movies

The theme for this year's Christmas parade was "Christmas at the Movies" "Each float had a separate movie title, and titles chosen were from the traditional "A Christmas Carol" to the some of the newest releases, "Polar Express" and "Scooby Doo-A Nutcracker Scoob".

Each float was judged on four categories: theme, originality, creativity, and lights; prizes were awarded for the top three floats. Winners were as follows:

- First: Polar Express (Senior Services & Economic Development)
- Second How the Grinch Stole Christmas (Health Department)
- Third Scooby Doo-A Nutcracker Scoob (Tribal Court/ Environmental/ Education)

We would like to say thank you to the Escambia County High School Band, Northview High School Band, J.U. Blacksher High School Band, McCullough Fire Department, Kelley Ambulance Service, Snider Roofing, Friendly Holiness Church, Don Jackson with his antique car, and Modern Woodmen for participating in the parade as well.



*Nick the Reindeer*

# POARCH CREEK EDUCATION'S AND NEWS, FINANCIAL

## NEW EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY COMING SOON

Mal McGhee, General Manager at Muskogee Metalworks, has exciting news for Poarch Creek college students. If you have read the local news, you will know that Muskogee Metalworks has signed a contract with Boeing Corporation. Now, the good news for our students is that Boeing is interested in starting a Co-Op Program for our students who would be interested in working for Boeing. Boeing also provides internship programs. Their website is <http://www.boeing.com>. The types of careers that are available at Boeing are listed at <http://www.boeing.com/employment/college/careerPathing.html>.

Mr. McGhee stated that a Boeing representative would like to come to Poarch to meet with interested students. If you are interested in meeting with the Boeing Representative, please contact the Poarch Creek Education Department by email [bmcghee@poarchcreekindians-nsn.gov](mailto:bmcghee@poarchcreekindians-nsn.gov) or (251) 368-9136, ext. 2243. At this time, we do not know when the meeting will be scheduled; but we know that they would like to have the meeting as soon as possible. In order to get the information to you as soon as possible, we will place an announcement on the Poarch Creek web page and will call or email the students that have contacted our department.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

### AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY'S COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The American Cancer Society's Mid South Division has contacted Mrs. Sandra Hiebert about their scholarship program for young cancer survivors that live in Alabama, Arkansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee, and two counties (Floyd and Clark) in Indiana. The applicant must have had a cancer diagnosis before the age 21, and a GPA of at least 2.5. The applicant must be under the age of 25 at the time he/she applies for the scholarship. If you are interested in applying for the scholarship you can contact the American Cancer Society at 1-800-ACS-234 or visit [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org) for more eligibility details and the application packet. The deadline for the application is February 1, 2007.

### AMERICAN INDIAN COLLEGE FUND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

The American Indian College Fund awards scholarships to Native American Tribal members and Tribal descendants that attend Tribal and non Tribal colleges and universities. The Ford Motor Company and the American Indian College Fund Corporate Scholars Program was established to help Tribal members and descent students who have achieved sophomore status and will be pursuing a degree in accounting, computer, electrical or mechanical engineering, finance, information systems, marketing or operations management. There is a list of four year colleges on their website that participate in the program. The website is [www.collegefund.org](http://www.collegefund.org). The deadline for the scholarship is June 30, 2007.

### ASPEN INSTITUTE-WILLIAM RANDOLPH

### HEARST ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP FOR MINORITY STUDENTS

The William Randolph Hearst Endowed Scholarship is a grant-making program of the Aspen Institute in Washington, DC. The scholarship is awarded annually. The selected applicant serves as a summer intern as an assistant helping with general research and providing program support for the Fund's grant-making and outreach efforts. The program provides an opportunity for a diverse group of students to gain experience working with issues relating to philanthropy, voluntarism, and nonprofit organizations. Recipients may arrange with their colleges or universities to receive academic credit for their experience. In addition, interns receive scholarships (ranging between \$2,500-\$5,000), which is based on academic excellence and need. Both undergraduate and graduate minority students are eligible to apply. The program coordinator is Ms. Jill Blackford, and you can contact the program by email at [nsrf@aspeninstitute.org](mailto:nsrf@aspeninstitute.org) or visit their website at [www.nonprofitresearch.org](http://www.nonprofitresearch.org).

### ENID HALL GRISWOLD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Enid Hall Griswold Memorial Scholarship is a \$1000 award that is awarded to juniors or seniors who are enrolled in an accredited college or university in the United States. The applicant must be pursuing a major in political science, history, government, or economics. <http://www.dar.org>

### DR. AURA-LEE A. AND JAMES HOBBS PITTENGER AMERICAN HISTORY SCHOLARSHIP

The Dr. Aura-Lee A. and James Hobbs Pittenger American History Scholarship is for graduating high school students who will pursue an undergraduate degree with a concentration in American History and American Government. The \$2000 award is renewable. Additional details for the scholarship are available at <http://www.dar.org>

### FRANCES CRAWFORD MARVIN AMERICAN INDIAN SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is awarded once a year to one student. The student selected for the scholarship must be enrolled full time at a 2- or 4-year college or university. You can find additional information at <http://www.dar.org/>

### INDIAN HEALTH SCHOLARSHIPS

These scholarships are available to part-time and full-time students. The scholarship funds cover tuition, books, fees, and a stipend for living expenses. If you are interested in applying for an Indian Health Service scholarship, you will need to contact your area coordinator at [http://www.ihs.gov/JobsCareerDevelop/DHPS/Scholarships/SCoordinator\\_Directory.asp](http://www.ihs.gov/JobsCareerDevelop/DHPS/Scholarships/SCoordinator_Directory.asp). The scholarship deadline is February 28, 2007. All federally recognized Native Americans who want to study in one of the health fields are eligible to apply for the I H S scholarships. We encourage you to do so. When you complete your training, there is a service payback obligation connected to the scholarships. Your salary and benefits will be yours to use as you choose. The time you are required to spend working at a Native American Health facility is considered your payback obligation. You will be assisted in locating an Indian Health facility or Native American Program to begin your payback obligation. You can

# AD OPPORTUNITIES, JOB OPPORTUNITIES

find additional information about the I H S scholarships and the I H S Loan Repayment Program at [www.ihs.gov](http://www.ihs.gov) by clicking on the "Jobs and Scholarship" link.

## **INTERTRIBAL TIMBER COUNCIL'S TRUMAN D. PICARD SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

The deadline for the application is March 23, 2007, at 5:00 p.m. Pacific Standard Time. The scholarship is for Native American students who are studying for a degree in Natural Resources. All applicants must be enrolled member of a federally recognized Tribe and be able to furnish a copy of their enrollment card. The award pays \$200 for college students and \$1,500 for graduating senior high school students. High school students must furnish a copy their letter of acceptance for college. Additional details for the application are available at <http://www.itcnet.org>.

## **SUMMER PROGRAMS AND INTERNSHIPS**

### **SUMMER MEDICAL AND DENTAL EDUCATION PROGRAM (SMDEP)**

The Summer Medical and Dental Education Program is a free six week summer medical and dental school preparatory program. Tuition, housing, and meals are provided. There is also a scholarship available to help pay for travel to and from the site. The program provides enrichment for organic chemistry, physics, biology, pre-calculus/calculus, writing, oral presentations, and current topics in health. There will be clinical exposure and clinician seminars for you to attend. A financial aid planning workshop is included in the program. The eligibility details are available at <http://www.smdep.org/eligible.htm>. The deadline for the application is March 1, 2007. The program would be a good reference for your application for Medical or Dental school after your graduation. You can participate in this program during or after completing either your freshman or sophomore year. I would recommend that you apply for another health internship after your junior and senior years of college.

### **MIT SUMMER RESEARCH PROGRAM**

MIT is seeking applicants for science and engineering for their summer research program. The program will run for ten weeks. Participants will receive a weekly stipend, round trip travel expenses, university housing, access to campus facilities, and they will receive a certificate of merit and attendance in the program. Students will be responsible for their food expenses. Additional details for the MIT summer program and an online application are available now at [web.mit.edu/gso/admissions/summer.htm](http://web.mit.edu/gso/admissions/summer.htm)

### **MINORITY ACCESS-INTERNSHIP PROGRAM**

The Minority Access Internship Program was developed to provide students the chance to work and experience the wide range of opportunities of employment available in the federal government and its entities. Both undergraduate and graduate students of all majors and with a minimum 3.0 GPA are eligible to apply. Full-time internships are available in the summer, and full and part-time internships are available in the spring and fall semesters. All internships are paid positions and most include round-

trip travel. If you are interested you can contact the Internship Program Coordinator at Minority Access, Inc. by telephoning (301) 779-7100 or visit their website at <http://www.minorityaccess.org>.

### **NATIONAL CANCER INSTITUTE-HEALTH COMMUNICATIONS INTERNSHIP PROGRAM**

The National Cancer Institute in Bethesda, MD will offer six-month paid internships in the areas of health communications and science writing. These internships provide students who are completing their Master's degree or Ph.D. with an opportunity to be a part of vital health and science communications projects. Students who have experience in public health, health education, science, biostatistics, epidemiology, communications, marketing, public relations, news writing, or science writing are urged to apply. The selected interns receive a monthly training stipend based on their years of relevant work experience and undergraduate grade point average. The average monthly stipend is \$2,170. You can contact Ms. Kristie Dionne, Internship Director at Tel: (301) 496-4394 or obtain more information at <http://internship.cancer.gov>.

### **U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION-SUMMER TRANSPORTATION INTERNSHIP PROGRAM FOR DIVERSE GROUPS**

The Summer Transportation Internship Program offers interns a ten-week program consisting of transportation research, work experience, and field trips to introduce interns to the many employment opportunities in the field of transportation. The goal is to promote the entry of women, persons with disabilities, and minorities into transportation careers where these groups are underrepresented. Students of various fields of study will work on current issues facing the transportation industry. The selected interns will receive a stipend, housing, and roundtrip travel to placement site. Applicants must be college sophomores, juniors or graduate/professional students, and must be returning to school at the end of the program. Additional details and an application are available at

<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/education/stip.htm>.

### **NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN (NOW)**

NOW offers full and part-time unpaid internships throughout the year for undergraduate and graduate students. Academic credit can be arranged. Prospective interns should be hard working, enthusiastic, and flexible individuals who possess or seek a working knowledge of women's issues and feminist organizing. Interns should also be committed to continuing the struggle for equality and justice once they leave the internship program and return to their campuses and communities. Additional information about this internship can be obtained by calling Ms. Karen Johnson, Executive Vice President, at (202) 628-8669 x125 or at their website <http://www.now.org/organiza/intern.html>.

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### **NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY (NSA)- UNDERGRADUATE TRAINING PROGRAM**

Their Undergraduate Training Program will provide college-bound students with the opportunity to learn from NSA professionals. Selected applicants will attend classes full-time at their college and then work during the summer at NSA in areas that are related to their course of study. Participants will receive four years of tuition at the college of their choice, reimbursement for books and certain fees, housing and travel entitlements during summer employment, an annual salary, and a guaranteed job with the NSA after graduation. The program is open to all students, particularly to minorities, but only a select few of the nation's finest high school students will be chosen. You can telephone (800) 669-0703 or visit their

website: [www.nsa.gov/programs/employ/utp.html](http://www.nsa.gov/programs/employ/utp.html)

## **FELLOWSHIPS**

### **2007 PUBLIC POLICY & INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS (PPIA) FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS**

The program was developed for students who are interested in serving the public good (Easter Seals, Red Cross and similar types of programs) and for graduate studies in Public Policy or international affairs. To apply for the fellowship, an applicant must successfully complete a PPIA Junior Summer Institutes. It is a paid internship (room & board, books, & travel are covered plus the intern receives a stipend. The intern will receive a minimum \$5000 scholarship when enrolled in a graduate program focused on public service. Interested applicants can find more details about the fellowship and an on-line application at <http://www.ppiaprogram.org/app/>.

### **INSTITUTE FOR HUMANE STUDIES-CHARLES G. KOCH SUMMER FELLOW PROGRAM**

The Charles G. Koch Summer Fellow Program will provide students with the opportunity to work in policy research, media relations, and opinion writing. The intern will work for a market-based policy institute and work with top policy experts, journalists, academics, and their peers while studying critical issues involving public policy. The selected applicants will receive a \$1,500 stipend, free housing, roundtrip transportation, and attend career workshops. For more information you may telephone Mr. Charles G. Koch at (800) 697-8799 or visit the website at <http://www.theihs.org>.

### **NATIVE AMERICAN PUBLIC SERVICE FELLOWSHIP (NAPSF), JOHN F. KENNEDY**

The John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University is recruiting candidates for the 2007-2008 Native American Public Service Fellowship. The fellowship provides full tuition and a stipend to enroll in a John F. Kennedy School of Government Master degree programs. The fellowship funds a \$7,500 annual stipend and Kennedy School Summer Program fees if they are required. The fellow will be required to be employed in some form of public service for three years immediately after completing their masters program. Additional information can be found at <http://www.ksg.harvard.edu/financiaid/>.

### **WILDLIFE CONSERVATION SOCIETY RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM**

The grants are to support Native American post-graduates who are conducting research that relates to the conservation of threatened wildlife and wildlife habitat on native lands. The grant awards can range up to \$25,000. Post-graduate students can present their proposals for two annual cycles. The first cycle deadline is March 1, 2007 and the second cycle is September 1, 2007. You can find additional information and guidelines for submitting a proposal at <http://www.wcs.org/international/rfp>.

### **WILDLIFE CONSERVATION SOCIETY GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM**

To be selected for the Wildlife Conservation Society Graduate Fellowship program you must be endorsed by one of the programs field staff. You can find the WCS staff member in your area by emailing [gfp@wcs.org](mailto:gfp@wcs.org). The award will cover the costs of graduate school application fees, preparation and fees for exams for graduate school. The Graduate Fellowship Program will provide \$30,000 towards tuition, room, board and a stipend. The program is looking for students with potential to become conservation leaders. You will need to make contact with your local WCS staff member as soon as possible. You must have their endorsement to qualify for the fellowship. The staff members will make their endorsements by March 1, 2007. You can find a list of the graduate programs and higher education institutions that have participated in the program at <http://www.wcs.org/international/tcbp/gfp>

If you are an undergraduate student interested in pursuing your graduate degree in Wildlife Conservation, your participation in summer internships with AISES, WINS, or other Natural Resource summer programs (Morris Udall Internship) will show your interest, involvement in wildlife conservation and reflect your leadership potential when you are applying for graduate school or fellowships and help the WCS staff member make their decision on which student to endorse. They will be looking for the students who are active in Wildlife Conservation programs.

### **MASTER OF SCIENCE IN CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION OR MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATIONAL ADMINISTRATION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SCRANTON**

Teachers who wish to earn their Master's Degree can earn their masters on line at The University of Scranton. The multimedia curriculum is available online 24/7. Students are provided interactive stimulus to enhance new skills. Choose from two nationally recognized master's degrees from an accredited university. You can find information at <http://www.universityalliance.com/?source=6127zu3&univ=us&gclid=>

**ACADEMY FOR EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (AED)**

Undergraduate and graduate student internships paid (based on experience and training) or unpaid (receive academic credit). Interns are provided an insight into the types of programming that exists within an organization focused on global education and communication technology. Interns are involved in a variety of activities such as research and writing, coordination of itineraries and meeting schedules for consultants, visitors, and students; and proposal preparation and production. Internship applications and resumes are accepted on an on-going basis. You can obtain additional information at their website at [www.aed.org/employ\\_interns.html](http://www.aed.org/employ_interns.html).

**JOB OPPORTUNITIES**

**THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

The Bureau of Investigation (FBI) is interested in recruiting Native Americans. If you are interested in working with them, you can visit their employment section on their website at <http://www.fbi.gov>.

**GENEALOGY INFORMATION**

**NATIVE AMERICAN GENEALOGY ARCHIVES**

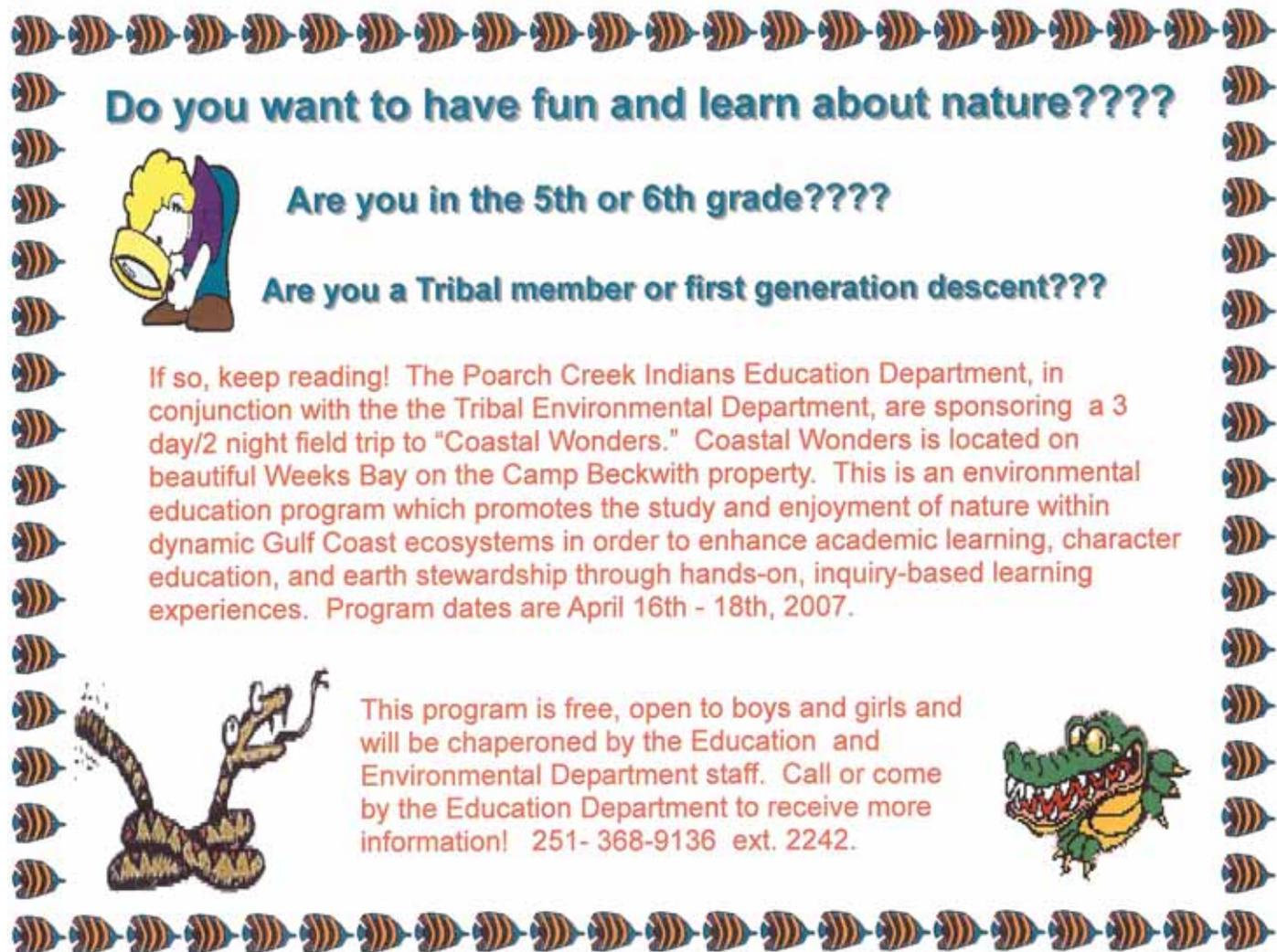
<http://www.archives.gov/genealogy/heritage/native-american/index.html>

The National Archives holds information about American Indians who maintained their ties to Federally-recognized Tribes (1830-1970). Most records are arranged by tribe. We know that Tribal members are interested in researching their genealogy. We hope this site will help you in your search to learn more about your genealogy.

**NATIVE AMERICAN CRAFTS AND ART**

**AMERICAN INDIAN COLLEGE FUND ONLINE STORE**

The proceeds of sales will help fund scholarships for Native American students and some of the purchase prices may be tax deductible. If you are interested in purchasing authentic Native American blankets, jewelry, and other types of Native American art work, you can visit their on-line store at <http://store.college-fund-store.org/>. If you would like to learn more about the American Indian College Fund and their scholarship program, you can visit their website at [www.collegefund.org](http://www.collegefund.org).



**Do you want to have fun and learn about nature????**

**Are you in the 5th or 6th grade????**

**Are you a Tribal member or first generation descent???**

If so, keep reading! The Poarch Creek Indians Education Department, in conjunction with the the Tribal Environmental Department, are sponsoring a 3 day/2 night field trip to "Coastal Wonders." Coastal Wonders is located on beautiful Weeks Bay on the Camp Beckwith property. This is an environmental education program which promotes the study and enjoyment of nature within dynamic Gulf Coast ecosystems in order to enhance academic learning, character education, and earth stewardship through hands-on, inquiry-based learning experiences. Program dates are April 16th - 18th, 2007.

This program is free, open to boys and girls and will be chaperoned by the Education and Environmental Department staff. Call or come by the Education Department to receive more information! 251- 368-9136 ext. 2242.





## Birth Announcement

Here are some pictures of the newest edition to the Daniel and Jaime McGhee family. His name is Jamison Keith.

He weighed 10lbs, 14oz. He was 22 inches long.

Mom and baby are doing well. Dad is making also. The big brothers are doing their job well and are adjusting to the new member of the family.

You can view his hospital picture and leave a message at [growingfamily.com](http://growingfamily.com). The password is McGhee. He was born at Springhill hospital in Mobile, AL.



*Jonathan as a youngster*



*Jonathan with Mom, Barbara*

## Happy Birthday

He'll always be my baby! Happy birthday wishes from Mom & Dad to Jonathan Richard Stephens who turned 20 on December 17, 2006.



*Jonathan with wife Rachel, married August 12, 2006, spent their first Christmas together as a family this year.*

## Birth Announcement

Loretta Floyd and Heath Hoomes are happy to announce the birth of their daughter Brooke Ashlyn Hoomes on November 4, 2006. Brooke was born at 9:27 a.m., weighed 7 lbs. 2 oz. and was 20" long.

Brooke is the granddaughter of Ann & Lonnie King, Jack & Bonnie Hoomes, and the great granddaughter of Willie Mae Bray, all of Pensacola, Florida



## A Real Indian Hunter

Annette King of Pensacola, Florida has killed two nine point bucks this season; both were killed with a bow & arrow.



*Annette killed this 9 point buck on the Indian Creek Preserve in Monroe County, Alabama the day after the season opened.*

*Annette killed this 9 point in Kansas*



# Calvin McGhee

Submitted by Barbara Stephens

I would like to share the speech I made when my grandfather was inducted into the Atmore Hall of Fame (please see the December 2006 newsletter for the feature article on this event).

I am honored to have the opportunity to speak tonight on behalf of the family of the late Chief Calvin W. McGhee, more affectionately known by me as "granddaddy". It is with sincere gratitude that we say thank you to those who have made this event possible. Many of you knew Calvin or know of him. What I tell you will not be new to you. My goal however tonight is that you see him as the true man and not just the facts that get presented.

Calvin William McGhee was born March 20, 1903, one of ten children of Ida Rolin and Lee McGhee of the Hog Fork community. He was the great-great-grandson of Lynn McGhee, guide for General Andrew Jackson in the War of 1812; great-great-nephew of William Weatherford-famous Chief Red Eagle, and great-great grandson of Sam Manac who signed the Treaty between the representatives of the United States government and Chief Alexander McGillivray, representative for the Creek Nation.

At the age of 18 Calvin married his childhood friend, Mary Joyce Ingram. Together they had five sons and worked very hard on a seventy acre stretch of land the family owned. This provided all the amenities of a home that was richly blessed; he provided well for his family and for other families in the community. Their wealth came from the recognition that hard work, determination, family joining together, friends, and a Higher Power than himself, would always make things work out alright. He was loved and respected as a friend, father, husband, and leader, even before he himself realized the task that was to be his legacy.

Calvin's formal education ended with the 5th grade, not for lack of motivation to learn, but for lack of fairness in the realms of bureaucracy. As Calvin grew older this bothered him more and more. He knew that adequate education was not being afforded his people, when he had his own children he knew something had to be done. Under Calvin's leadership, with assistance from several Tribal Members, meetings to address the issue were organized; Indians took a stand. The School Board would not budge, even through boycotts, roadblocks, and appeals directly to the board. In 1948 Calvin and other loaded in a pulpwood truck and headed for Montgomery to demand changes. Then Governor Jim Folsom found Calvin to be a man with a passion for his people who would not quit until the issue was resolved in his favor. Calvin was advised to get a lawyer. Calvin took this advise to heart and soon after the Indian people won the right to be transported to Escambia County High School. As a result of this movement, a new elementary school, Poarch Consolidated School, was built in Poarch for the younger children.

Through his involvement with the education movement for his people Calvin realized that there was more he could address; specifically land claims that were wrongfully taken from the Creek Indians during and after the War of 1812. Prior to this realization, the Creeks had been a nation without a voice; Calvin became the voice.

Calvin led his people in filing suit against the Government in 1951 for land compensation. However, the Indian Claims Commission believed that no Indians were left in Alabama. At this proclamation Calvin and his people began to work once again, this time for recognition as an Indian Tribe. The first Tribal Council was made up when Calvin began recruiting members. They chose him to formally lead them as their "Chief"; they were ready to prove that there were Indians still living in Alabama.

Calvin and dedicated members of the Community came together and painstakingly spent hundreds of hours identifying and recruiting descendants that were eligible to take part in the suit. I ask you to imagine the magnitude of this task; it was 1951 and they did not have the methods of modern communication that is available to us today. The community rallied, from young to old, and support was there for the effort in any way they could give it. One of his brothers kept a new car for trips to Washington D.C.; others would drive them wherever they needed to go to get the message out, to get the information in.

The community raised money through many different events such as bake sales, cooking, singing, etc. This went on for years and sometimes it just wasn't enough; Calvin and Joyce borrowed money against their farm to finance many of the trips to Washington D.C. The need to be heard was so great that some felt the sacrifices were not such a burden. The government continued to ignore their efforts and did not want to pay what the land was worth even by 19th century standards, but Calvin would not give up. He continued to fight until his death on June 10, 1970; however, he lived long enough to see the first of the land claims paid by the government. Many struggles were ahead for those who were left behind that believed in him and carried on his work. As they say, that is another story in itself.

Calvin McGhee became a powerful and charismatic leader; he could speak with a child and turnaround and have conservation with the President of the United States. He was respected nationwide for his actions and accomplishments. He spent his life from young adulthood until his death in the leadership of his people and with the help of many, who are now deceased as well, who have succeeded in giving better education opportunities to Indian children. The two main goals, other than raising his family, were to make life better for his people, from the young children to the Elder adults. Believers in his work continue to carry on his legacy today.

During his lifetime Calvin had been greeted by Presidents, Congressman, U.S. Senators, Governors, the Attorney General and Vice President. Upon his death the telegrams came from each of these, and from across the nation, expressing heartfelt sympathy for a true friend and fellow leaders. I guess the reason I want to mention this is because it is part of the wealth I mentioned earlier. He may have been a farmer, but one only had to know the man and his dedication and devotion to his mission in life to know how truly wealthy he and his family were. This wealth continues to be shared by his descendants today. I am proud to have known him and to call him my grandfather. Long live his memory.

# Tribal Members Take Top Two Spots In Miss Indian Alabama Competition

**By Gayle Johnson, Medial Specialist**

In last month's issue we published the press release that announced Meagan Young, Poarch Creek Indian Tribal Member, as Miss Indian Alabama. It was my pleasure to attend the competition. There were five contestants, Jessica Anderson of the Long Hair Clan of the Echota Cherokee Tribe of Alabama, Inc.; Katie Godwin of the MaChis Lower Creek Tribe of Alabama, Audra Oliver of the United Cherokee Ani-Yun-Wiya Nation, Megan Rolin of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians, and Megan Young of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians.

The event began when the contestants, in evening gowns, were introduced and escorted into the auditorium by their father, uncle, or significant male figure in their life. Talent competition followed introductions, with talents ranged from storytelling to singing of Amazing Grace in Creek and English. (On a side note, to me the most unique talent was a basketball routine by Katie Godwin. The routine was set to music and she never missed a beat; it was unusual, but very interesting.) Following the talent portion of the competition each constant appeared in their native dress and explained to the audience the significance of their regalia; this was followed by a brief interview period in which the contestants answered miscellaneous questions selected at random. The judges had a very difficult job selecting the winner; each contestant was beautiful, intelligent, talented, and represented themselves and their Tribes well.



*Megan Young performs Amazing Grace in English & Creek*

Society. During her time at Faulkner Megan was involved in many school activities and was crowned as Miss Faulkner. Megan was escorted by her father, Raymond Rolin, and performed a human video to the song "Jesus In Me" for her talent. Her randomly selected interview question was "Would you run for political office and why?"; her answer "Yes, if this would give me the opportunity to change things here and abroad...and help my voice be heard.... help me make my place in the world..."

Megan Young, Poarch Creek Indian Tribal Member, was chosen as Miss Indian Alabama. She is the daughter of Denise and Phillip Young of Andalusia, Alabama. Megan was Salutatorian at graduation from Straughn High School and has earned her Associate of Arts Degree, with honors, from Lurleen B. Wallace Community College in Andalusia. She plans to attend Auburn University to pursue a degree as a doctor of pharmacy. Megan was escorted by her great uncle, Jack Allen McGhee and performed Amazing Grace in English and Creek as her talent. Her randomly selected interview question was "Is it important to vote?"; her answer, "Yes...how can you complain if you don't vote? ...this is how you can help make things change...." As Miss Indian Alabama Megan will receive a \$5,000 scholarship donated jointly by the Alabama Indian Affairs Commission and the Alabama-Tennessee Trail of Tears Corridor Association.



*Megan attends 6:00 p.m. Grand Entry on Thursday, November 23, 2006; her first public appearance as Miss Indian Alabama*

Megan Rolin, Poarch Creek Indians Tribal Member, was chosen as First Alternate and will serve as Miss Indian Alabama if the reigning Miss Indian Alabama cannot fulfill her duties and responsibilities. Megan is the daughter of Mary and Raymond Rolin of Atmore, Alabama. Megan has an Associate of Science Degree from Faulkner State Community College; she is currently attending the University of Alabama Capstone College Of Nursing where she is a member of the Golden Key Honor



*Megan Rolin performs human video to "Jesus in Me"*

I say congratulations to both Megan Young and Megan Rolin; their accomplishments are to be commended and they both have great futures ahead of them.

Please Note: Any group or organization wishing to have Miss Indian Alabama participate in their activities may contact the Alabama Indian Affairs Commission at 800-436-8261 to make the appropriate arrangements. Miss Indian Alabama will be an annual event to be held in Montgomery during late October or early November. Please visit [www.aiac.state.al.us](http://www.aiac.state.al.us) for more information. We strongly encourage all eligible Tribal Members to participate.

*Megan Rolin, escorted by her father, Raymond Rolin*



*Megan Young, Miss Indian Alabama, and Megan Rolin, First Alternate*



*Megan Young, escorted by her great uncle, Jack Allen McGhee*



*Megan Young crowned as Miss Indian Alabama*



*Contestants left to right Jessica Anderson, Megan Rolin, Audra Oliver, Katie Godwin, and Megan Young*

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
	1 <b>Tribal Offices Closed</b> CIE assumes management of Poarch Road Service Center	2 <b>Tribal Council Meeting 4:00 p.m.</b> (The 2007 schedule has not been released at this time, please check with Chairman's Office to verify meeting schedule.)	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 <b>Tribal Council Meeting 4:00 p.m.</b> (The 2007 schedule has not been released at this time, please check with Chairman's Office to verify meeting schedule.)	22	23	24	25	26	27
<b>Winter LIHEAP applications available</b>						
Tribal Members 65 & up		Tribal Members with legal custody of children 5 and under	All Tribal household currently receiving food stamps or TANF benefits	All other Tribal households who wish to apply		
28	29 January 29- March 15, 2006 Follow-up applications for Winter LIHEAP	30	31	<b>JANUARY 2007</b>  February 1, 2007 VITA and Tax Counseling for the Elderly Program Begins		

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