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Chairman's Corner

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I was able to take a few days of vacation to visit with friends over the 4th of July holiday. I hope each of you were able to enjoy the annual fireworks show on the reservation and also at the casino.

I, along with the Tribal Council, attended a summit in Washington, DC, regarding the Carcierri decision. Along with NCAI and USET, several Tribes have been working diligently to reverse the Carcierri decision by asking that Congress amend the IRA to clarify that all federally recognized Tribes may have land taken into trust under that statute. We have also urged the Department of Interior to move forward with pending trust applications and issue guidance favorable to all of Indian Country concerning which Tribes were "under federal jurisdiction" in 1934.

Despite these efforts, more help is needed. Both Congress and the Obama Administration need to hear from Tribes all across the country about the importance of correcting the Carcierri decision. Communicating with Members of Congress in the next few weeks is particularly critical to having Congress pass a legislative fix this year, especially with November elections on the horizon and a shortened legislative calendar.



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We hosted the NAYO Tournament July 16th & 17th. As always our Tribal teams performed well and showed exceptional sportsmanship.

We hope to see each of you at the Annual Celebration which commemorates the 26th Anniversary of our Federal Recognition. This year the Annual Celebration will be held at Magnolia Branch Wildlife Reserve next month on September 4th.

Many blessings and best wishes to each of you for this upcoming month. Until next month, MVTO.



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Magnolia Branch will be closed from June 21, 2010 to September 3, 2010. Magnolia will open to the public on September 6, 2010.

Per the Tribal Council, the 2010 Annual Celebration has been rescheduled for Saturday, September 4, 2010 at Magnolia Branch Wildlife Reserve.

If you have a campsite reserved at Magnolia, please contact Billy Smith or Tracy Sells at (251) 446-3423. The campsites previously reserved for the celebration will be honored for September 4th.



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**DEADLINES TO REMEMBER.** The deadline for submission of information to be published in the Poarch Creek News is **5:00 p.m.** the 10th of the month prior to the month of publication. If the 10th falls on a weekend or holiday, the deadline will be extended to the next working day. **Birthdays/Anniversary** Wishes can be published the month before, the month of, or the month after the birthday/anniversary as long as established deadlines have been met. **Birth/Wedding Announcements** will be published as long as the birth/wedding announcement is received by the last working day of the month **immediately following** the birth/wedding. **Obituaries/Family Thanks** will be published as long as the information is received by the last working day of the month **immediately following** the death. **Photos**, due to space limitations, photos may be limited to one photo per article.

# Cokv-Walv Mvskoke

Article by James Treat, Muscogee Nation News

As an enrolled citizen of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation of Oklahoma, I write a monthly column on Mvskoke environmental issues for the Muscogee Nation News. I have just begun a year-long series exploring the traditional Mvskoke calendar and its ecological significance. While I realize there are some historical and cultural differences, this series may be of some interest to your readers. I would be happy to have you run these pieces in your tribal publication, at no cost.



If you subscribe to the Muscogee Nation News, then you've probably received one of the wall calendars produced by the Communications Department. The current edition is titled *Mvskoke Etlwv 2010 Nettv Vhvnkatv*, or "Muscogee Nation 2010 Day Counter." That's an interesting turn of phrase, "day-counter," and there are at least two other ways to express the English word "calendar" in the Mvskoke language. The term *hvse-onayv* combines *hvse*, which can mean "sun" or "month," and *onayv*, "one who tells (a story)." Of course, the sun and the (lunar) month are both related to how we keep track of the passage of time. So a colloquial translation might be "date-teller," another pretty good expression for calendar.

My personal favorite is *cokv-walv*, a contraction of *cokv* and *owalv*. *Cokv* refers to a book or some other form of written text, while *owalv* is a prophet or fortune-teller, one who can predict the future. So the literal meaning is "book-prophesier," though the phrase makes more sense in English if we translate it as "text that predicts the future." This strikes me as a reminder that any calendar offers only a prediction, not a promise, of days to come. It's easy to see something in print and assume it must be true. But there's no guarantee we'll be around tomorrow, which is why it's important to live each day as our last.

Incidentally, the English word calendar comes from the Latin *calendarium*, "moneylender's account book." So take your pick, *nettv-vhvnkatv* or *hvse-onayv* or *cokv-walv*, they're all more suitable than calendar. Better to live by a day-counter, a date-teller, or a text that predicts the future than according to a moneylender's account book.

Previous editions of *cokv-walv Mvskoke* reproduced photos of Mvskoke historical sites and ceremonial grounds. *Mvskoke Etlwv 2010 Nettv Vhvnkatv* features a dozen images of Mvskoke churches, including Butler Creek Indian Baptist Church, where I have family ties. It also shows Mvskoke names for the days of the week and the months of the year. This is helpful for those of us who did not grow up speaking the Mvskoke language, and these names can teach us about Mvskoke country as well. For example, the seven-day week is a cultural tradition from ancient Europe and the August 2010

Middle East—it has no basis in natural phenomena, unlike the lunar month and the solar year. Mvskokes adopted this periodic cycle in recent times to accommodate the dominant culture.

A century ago, the names for the days were mostly loanwords: Monday became *Mvntē*; Tuesday was either *Tustē* or *Mvntē Enhvvytke*, "the day after Monday." Today we also have descriptive terms based on each day's position in the weekly rotation: Wednesday is *Ennvrvkpvv*, literally "half of" (the week) or "its middle"; Thursday is *Ennvrvkpvv Enhvvytke*, "the day after the middle of the week." The names for the months, on the other hand, are much older and reflect Mvskoke familiarity with the natural world. They are listed here beginning with the month of *posketv* (Green Corn), the new year ceremony traditionally held around summer solstice:

- Hvyuce*, "Little Harvest"
- Hvyo-Rakko*, "Big Harvest"
- Otvwoskuce*, "Little Chestnut"
- Otvwoskv-Rakko*, "Big Chestnut"
- Eholē*, "Frost"
- Rvfo-Rakko*, "Big Winter"
- Rvfo 'Cuse*, "Winter's Younger Brother"
- Hotvlē-Hvse*, "Wind Month"
- Tasahcuce*, "Little Spring"
- Tasahce-Rakko*, "Big Spring"
- Kē-Hvse*, "Mulberry Month"
- Kvco-Hvse*, "Blackberry Month"

Six of the Mvskoke months are named for seasonal weather: frost and winter, wind and spring. The other six months bear names related to food production: berries, harvest, chestnuts.

Seasons and staples—our ancestors knew their environment and understood their dependence on the provision of nature. They survived by marking time with a system that rooted them in the annual round of subsistence.

Why bother with such things in a modern world of comfort and convenience?

Mvskoke terminology is much more than linguistic trivia or ethnic nostalgia. Our indigenous forebears were keen observers of earth and sky, and *cokv-walv Mvskoke* conveys some of their most vital agricultural insights. This is just one example of what scholars call "traditional ecological knowledge," the distilled wisdom of generations and the land-based way of life that generates it. As among other indigenous peoples, Mvskoke ecological knowledge addresses practical, social, and religious concerns. These are valuable traditions that can help us meet the challenges ahead.

Muscogee Nation News, June 2010

# ATTENTION!!!! ART SHOW AND EXPO

The **Calvin McGhee Cultural Management Authority** will host a combined Art show and Expo during the dates of September 7<sup>th</sup> through September 18<sup>th</sup>.

- Artist eligibility will be limited to certified artists only. Certification can be obtained upon delivery of art show entry(ies).
- September 7<sup>th</sup> – September 10<sup>th</sup> – Participants will bring their art show entries to the Museum (6477 Jack Springs Road, Atmore, AL 36502). There the art will be processed by a juried panel which consists of the staff and representatives of the Calvin McGhee Cultural Management Authority.
- September 13<sup>th</sup> – September 16<sup>th</sup> – Final judging will occur during this time.
- September 17<sup>th</sup> – Art Expo will be set up at the Pickrell House.

There will be a 3 piece limit per person, regardless of the number of categories entered.

We will award 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place prizes in the categories below, including one Best of Show Award.

Painting ◇ Drawing ◇ Sculpture (wood, clay, etc.) ◇ Basketry ◇ Beadwork ◇ Weaving (loom or finger) ◇ Patchwork ◇ Photography  
Traditional Utilities (tools, weapons, musical instruments, etc.) ◇ Mixed Media

**Prizes are ribbons/cash.** (1<sup>st</sup> \$200, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$100, 3<sup>rd</sup> \$75, and Best of Show \$250)

- Announcement of winners will be made September 18th during the Calvin McGhee Memorial.
- Trader's Market and Art Expo will be at the Pickrell House on the Pow Wow grounds during the Calvin McGhee Memorial.
- We will use the opportunity to seek out exceptional quality art to purchase or display and sell on consignment in the Museum/Gift Shop.

## Tribal Artist Certification

Note: Under federal policies established by the Indian Arts and Crafts Act (P.L. 101-644), certification as an American Indian artist can be obtained in one of the two certification areas:

- 1) Certification as *Tribal Member Indian Artist*. Applicant must submit a copy of their *Verification of Tribal Membership* letter (obtained through the Poarch Creek Tribal Enrollment Office) or a copy of their Tribal Member I.D. Card (obtained through Tribal Member Benefits Office) for verification purposes. To attain this certification you must be an enrolled member of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians.
- 2) Certification as *Non-Member Indian Artist*. Applicant must attach a copy of their *Letter of Indian Descent* from the Poarch Creek Tribal Enrollment Office. This category of certification is available only to individuals who of are proven Indian descent from the Poarch Band of Creek Indians and can verify this with a *Letter of Indian Descent* furnished by the Poarch Creek Tribal Enrollment Department.

# CALVIN M<sup>C</sup>GHEE MEMORIAL

SEPTEMBER 18, 2010

## POW WOW GROUNDS

LOOK FOR MORE INFO ON THIS EVENT AT THE ANNUAL CELEBRATION  
AND IN THE UPCOMING NEWSLETTER

## *America's Founding Fathers...How "Founding" were they?*

We all grew up dreaming of George Washington's voyage across the Potomac River to defend the newly-found United States. We studied Thomas Jefferson's strive for equality and creating a government who represented the people. We learned about the genius Benjamin Franklin and how he not only discovered electricity, but also democracy. Where did all this come from? Was it truly a new and innovative form of government?

Open up any grade-school history book and you'll find the history of our founding fathers that created democracy and the American form of government. What you won't read about amongst the 8 page maximum allowed for Native American history is just who assisted Thomas Jefferson and Benjamin Franklin in their search for the perfect form of representational government.

In the midst of the American Revolution, Thomas Jefferson himself sent emissaries to study and collect data from North American Indian tribes, particularly tribes from the Iroquois and Muscogee Creek Confederacies. These emissaries studied Creek government right here in the state of Alabama in the 1770's. They learned how the Mekko, or chief, looked over the entire tribal town. The Mekko had an Opunayv, or speaker, who spoke on his behalf and gave directions to individuals to carry out certain tasks. The Mekko also had a group of second chiefs called the Henehvlke that gave him council on difficult situations or decisions.



The tribal grounds itself was divided into three large arbors where the men of the tribal town sat. The first arbor, where the Mekko and his staff sat, was called the House of Kings. They together governed the daily operations of the tribal town. The second arbor was called the House of Warriors. This group was responsible for carrying out the wishes and decisions of the House of Kings and the Mekko. The third arbor was the law-making group. They decided punishments and repayments for crimes done to tribal-town members.

Do these three houses sound familiar? They are now the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial Branches of the United States Government. As one might guess, for Thomas Jefferson and Benjamin Franklin to admire and use our ancient forms of government as a model for America's, they must have been pretty effective and impressive! The Creek form of government still presides at ceremonial grounds in Alabama, Florida, and Oklahoma.

Today, it is important to teach our children that their ancestors were humble, intelligent, and loving people that took care of their community selflessly. MVTO!

## MVSKOKE CREEK LANGUAGE CLASS

TUES. & THURS. ♦ BEGINNING ♦ AUG. 3<sup>rd</sup> 5:30 pm

All Tribal Members, Descendants,  
and Tribal Employees are welcome.



Classes will be held at the Calvin  
McGhee Cultural Center.

For more info, contact Alex Alvarez, Cultural Educator @ 251-368-9136 ext. 2655 / Email: [aalvarez@pci-nsn.gov](mailto:aalvarez@pci-nsn.gov)

# Who's Having A Birthday??

*Birthday Wishes can be published the month before the birthday, the month of the birthday, or as a belated Birthday Wish the month after the birthday as long as the established deadline has been met. Please remember the established deadlines when submitting your Birthday Wish.*

## Phillip Bray

Happy Belated Birthday to Paul Michael Bray who was 11 on July 1, 2010. Paul is the son of Randy Bray and the grandson of Charles "Bo" and Debbie Bray. He is the great grandson of Willie Mae Bray, Louise Lowery and the late VR Bray and the late James R. Lowery.



We Love you Paul, Paw Paw and Granny Bray

## Helen Hallman

Mom,  
 Instead of counting candles,  
 Or tallying the years,  
 Contemplate your blessings now,  
 As your birthday nears.  
 Consider special people  
 Who love you, and who care,  
 And others who've enriched your life  
 Just by being there.  
 Think about the memories  
 Passing years can never mar,  
 Experiences great and small  
 That have made you who you are.  
 Another year is a happy gift,  
 So cut your cake, and say,  
 "Instead of counting birthdays,  
 I count blessings every day!?"



*By Joanna Fuchs*

Happy Birthday Mama! We love you! Cindy, Rodney, Ryan, Trent, Amber, Christopher, Jordan, Bailey, Bradley, Haley, Hayden, & Cliff.

## Mattie Daughtry Andersen

Mattie Daughtry Andersen celebrated her 96th birthday on July 17, 2010. Mattie is the daughter of Beth Daughtry and has two sons, Ramyond and Arthur, and one daughter, Deloris Porter.



Happy Birthday Mama! We love you!

## Macey Jones



Macey Jones celebrated her 1st birthday on July 27, 2010. Macey is the daughter of Frankie Jones and Jennifer Dellaccio and granddaughter of Kenny and Clara Jones and Mike and Diane Dellaccio. Macey's family would like to wish her a great big HAPPY BIRTHDAY. We love you Macey! Your big sisters, Bailey and Brooke.

## Adaline Dortch



Adaline Dortch celebrated her 4th birthday on July 27, 2010. Happy Birthday Adaline! We love you, Ronnie, Margie, Heather, Dempsey, Ronald & Alisha

## Charles "Bo" Bray



Happy Birthday to Charles "Bo" Bray, who turned 58 on July 29, 2010. You are a wonderful husband, and a super Dad and Paw Paw.

We Love You!!!! Debbie, Randy, Ann Marie, Regina, Steve, Paul Michael, Varon, Bri, GraceyAnn, Gabe, Chayla, and Leighanna.

## Hillary Rolin



Hillary Rolin will celebrate her 21st birthday on August 8, 2010.

Happy 21st Birthday, Hillary!!!!!!!!!!!!!! We love you so much!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Love, Dad, Micah, Megan, Josh, Nicole, Matt, Molly, and Evangeline



**Major Thomas**

He learned to laugh and squeal, then sit and stand, and he can walk now without holding his hand. But the fun has only just begun, look out world, Major's turning one!



Happy 1st Birthday to Major Thomas!! He will celebrate his 1st birthday on August 20th. We love you, Daddy, Momma, Ashton, Brantlie, Mimi, Papa, Maw Maw, Paw Paw, Uncle Jake, Blaize and Mal Mal.

**Victoria Grace Vickery**

Happy 4th birthday to Victoria Grace Vickery on August 23, 2010. We love you very much, Aunt Connie, Mom, Dad, your brother Justin, and all your uncles!



**Kiah Parker**

Kiah Parker will celebrate her 9th birthday on August 24, 2010. Happy birthday baby, we love you!! Always remember that Maw-Maw is watching over you!



Love, Mama, Chris, Paw-Paw, Sissy & Aunt Danielle

**Logan Colbert**

Happy 20th birthday to Logan Colbert on August 24, 2010.

We love you very much, Mom, Hunter, Chloe', Sophia, and the rest of the family!



**Derrick McGhee**



Lordy, Lordy, Look Who's 40!! Derrick McGhee will celebrate his 40th birthday on August 24, 2010.

Happy Birthday Derrick!! We love you, Kristen, Darren, Sydney, and Noma

**Houston Emmett Daigle**



Houston Emmett Daigle will celebrate his 1st birthday on August 30, 2010. He is the son of A.J. and Amy Daigle and is the grandson of Anthony and Tanna Colbert Daigle. He is the great grandson of Houston and Charlotte Colbert.

Happy 1st Birthday Houston!!

# You Are Invited

*You are invited to join us in the celebration of our newly renovated Health Department by attending an OPEN HOUSE in the Pharmacy Waiting Room on Friday, August 20, 2010 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.*

*Refreshments will be served.*

*Please contact Cindy Martin at (251) 368-9136 x 2302 if you have any questions.*

*Summer LIHEAP Applications for age 55 and older, families with legal custody of children under age 5, and households currently receiving TANF benefits continues through September 15, 2010. Call Family Services for appointment.*



# VA Representative Speaks at Warrior Society Meeting

by Gayle Johnson



Johnny McGhee, VA representative Randy Smith, and Wayne Colbert

Randy Smith, Congressional Liaison for the Montgomery Veteran's Administration Office, was the guest speaker at the June meeting of the Warrior Society held at the fellowship hall of St. Anna's. Mr. Smith shared with those present the benefits available to veterans and their families through the Montgomery VA office.

"When contacting the VA office in Montgomery, most veterans are interested in one of two things, service connected disability compensation or non-service connected disability compensation. For the service related disability, you should start the process prior to discharge, if not, as soon as possible afterward." Smith stated. He also said that to be eligible for the non-service related disability compensation you must have served in the military during a war period and must have received any discharge other than a dishonorable discharge.

Mr. Smith also touched on pension benefits, VA loan guarantee, medical and education benefits, and burial benefits. He provided various forms needed to file a claim for benefits or services, and left numerous copies of the 2010 Federal Benefits for Veterans, Dependents & Spouses handbooks.

"Not all services are handled through the Montgomery offices," Mr. Smith stated; "for instance, educational benefits are handled through the Atlanta office. Contact numbers and web site addresses are included in the new benefits booklet."

Mr. Smith spent over an hour and a half with those at the meeting and answered all individual questions that were asked and promised to look into concerns that were brought to his attention. It is the hope of the Warrior Society that this meeting is the stepping stone that allows them to open the

link of communication between our local veterans and the Veteran's Administration.

The Warrior Society meets on the second Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at St. Anna's Episcopal Church; all Tribal Member and first generation veterans are encouraged to attend.

*Mr. Smith may look familiar to many of you. He is a frequent visitor to our annual Pow Wow and is often seen helping out at a couple of the vendor booths.*

## Tribe Considers Renewable Energy

by Gayle Johnson

The Tribe is always looking at new and innovative ideas that may improve the quality of life for Tribal Members. One of the newest innovated ideas to Indian county today is renewable energy. Renewable energy relies on the natural flow of wind, running water, sunshine, and the earth's internal heat. These concepts have always been a part of the American Indian's traditional ways. Top renewable energy development priorities are wind, solar, geothermal, and biomass, the earth's living matter-wood, garbage, straw and animal waste.

Members of the Tribal Council and CIEDA recently meet with representatives from the office of Indian Energy and Economic Development to discuss renewable energy and its benefits to the Tribe.

According to studies of our area, geothermal and biomass are the two most feasible sources of renewable energy available to the Tribe. Will the Tribe venture into renewable energy? Only time will tell; no commitments were made during the recent meetings.

These meetings are another example of how the Tribe is looking to the future and seeking all avenues open to them to provide for Tribal Members.



Representatives from CIEDA and the Tribal Council meet with Amanda John and Winter Jojola Talburt of the Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development

## 2010 Tribal Run-Off Election Notice

No candidate campaigning for the seats for Tribal Council Secretary or Treasurer received a majority vote during the regular Tribal Election held Saturday, June 5, 2010. There will be a run-off election between the top candidates for each position on Saturday, September 4, 2010.

Candidates for Tribal Council Secretary

Incumbent David Gehman

William Lawrence Bailey (Bubba)

Candidates for Tribal Council Treasurer

Incumbent Robert "Robbie" McGhee

Amy Nelson Bryan

Run-off Election Day - Saturday September 4, 2010 @ SAIL CENTER 8am-7pm

Walk-In Voting Begins - Thursday August 5, 2010 @ SAIL Center

Walk-in Voting Ends - Tuesday August 31, 2010 @ SAIL Center

***On the original Request for Absentee Ballot we asked the members if they wanted a ballot for the run-off election if there was one, the members who checked this box will automatically have a ballot sent to them. The members who did not check the box will have to request for another absentee ballot.***

Saturday, August 7, 2010

Debate 1:00 p.m. Family Services Auditorium\*

Tuesday, August 24, 2010

Last day to request Absentee Ballot

Friday, September 3, 2010

Absentee Ballots must be received by 5:00 p.m.

\*If you would like to submit questions for the debate, please submit them to Gia Rodriguez or email them to her at [grodriguez@pci-nsn.gov](mailto:grodriguez@pci-nsn.gov).



# ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST

## 2010 POARCH CREEK INDIAN TRIBAL COUNCIL ELECTION

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2010



I, \_\_\_\_\_, am an enrolled member of the Poarch Creek Indians, and will be at least eighteen (18) years of age on or before September 4, 2010. I am hereby requesting an Absentee Ballot because: **(please check all that apply to you)**

- I live outside of the five county Tribal service area;
- I have a physical illness or infirmity which prevents me from voting in person on election day or participating in walk-in voting;
- I work a shift that has at least 10 hours which prevents me from voting in person on election day or participating in walk-in voting; or
- I am enrolled as a student at an educational institution located outside the Tribal service area which prevents me from voting in person on election day or participating in walk-in voting.

I am requesting a ballot for the following election.

Run- off election on September 4, 2010.

Please send an Absentee Ballot to me at the address listed below:

\_\_\_\_\_  
 FIRST MIDDLE MAIDEN LAST

\_\_\_\_\_  
 STREET ADDRESS CITY STATE ZIP CODE

(\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
 TELEPHONE NUMBER DATE OF BIRTH TRIBAL ROLL NO.

**Each person requesting an absentee ballot “MUST” sign his/her own request.**

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(This must be the signature of the Tribal Member to whom the ballot will be mailed)*

**RETURN THIS FORM TO: POARCH BAND OF CREEK INDIANS  
 TRIBAL ELECTION BOARD  
 5811 JACK SPRINGS ROAD  
 ATMORE, AL 36502**

**Requests for Absentee Ballots that are to be mailed must be received by the Election Board no later than the close of business on Tuesday, August 24, 2010. Requests received after the deadline will not be honored. Should you have any questions pertaining to the 2010 Tribal Council Elections, please feel free to contact Gia Rodriguez at (251) 368-9136 ext 2525.**

**AMY BRYAN**  
**Candidate for Treasurer**



**How is your money being spent? Does your opinion really matter? Are our budgets equally supporting ALL members of this tribe? Are you tired of being left in the dark? Have you ever wanted to be more involved but don't know how? Do you feel disconnected from what's happening?**

**Have you had enough???**

**THIS IS FOR YOU!!**

If elected as Tribal Treasurer, I want to show you that we as a tribe can spend our money effectively and every member be treated equally. It is my plan to immediately sit down with the leadership of this tribe and review all spending. I will set aside money in our existing budgets to fulfill our current obligations, which do NOT include outrageous salaries/bonuses for non tribal members; review all vendor contracts, and return focus to productive programs and ideas; ideas brought forward by you, the members of this tribe.

Our expenses need to be analyzed to ensure that all of the social needs of our people are being met, and stop any wasteful and unnecessary spending. This act alone will ensure a maximized payout on our birthday checks. We need to reanalyze signature authorities and set a limit on how much this tribe can spend without a vote of the people. The goal is to ensure maximized benefit for our people.

I strongly believe our money should be invested in members of this tribe to enhance the quality of their life. Apart from maximized per capita payments, I SUPPORT using economic development funds to earmark benefits for our tribal members, including; creating increased training for tribal members to teach skills required to acquire and advance in employment positions within the tribe; a mentor system to ensure that tribal member employees are being trained for supervisory and management positions; that work experience is considered equivalent to education in our hiring and promotion practices; development of tribal member owned businesses where current opportunities are being outsourced; availability the use of scholarship money for children and grandchildren of tribal members, when no other assistance is available; and more discretionary fund availability to meet tribal members needs that aren't funded by a current programs

or considered outside the box. I also commit to bringing any other issues to the table as requested by my constituents.

These ideas may be labeled ambitious by my opponent, but these same ideas are the will of the people. If we can institute cost control in the tribe's spending, replace failing businesses with profitable businesses, promote self-sufficiency in education and business, we will all win! This tribe needs to get back to the basics, back to the people, ensuring accountability in our financing and maximize benefits to our people.

Please exercise your most precious right as a tribal member and vote....YOUR VOTE DOES COUNT, SUPPORT AMY BRYAN TRIBAL TREASURER and let's make a change together. Walk in voting is August 5-31. Absentee ballots can be requested now. I can be reached at 251-583-0071 or my online Face book page (Amy4Treasurer).

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**ROBERT "ROBBIE" MCGHEE**  
**Candidate for Treasurer**



Dear Fellow Tribal Member,

I understand that the new run-off election has made an already stressful time longer for us all, especially for the voters who have received numerous mail outs, calls and personal requests for support. I am committed to making the next several weeks easier for you.

Prior to the June elections both my opponent and I talked of scandals, money, lawsuits, and salaries that only clouded the serious campaign issues. I am not making excuses but I will make a promise--**No More**. I will stand on my experience and qualifications to become your next Tribal Council Treasurer and hope that you decide that I would be the most suitable individual in making decisions that involve significant investments and financial expenditures. I have worked with Indian issues in some capacity since I graduated in 1992 with my Bachelors' degree. I worked in the Tribe's Court and Social Services department helping our tribal families cope with the difficulties of poverty, unemployment, and simply trying to live through troubling times. To enable myself to do more, I returned to school and received my second Bachelors degree in Social Work from the University of Alabama and a Masters degree from Washington University in St. Louis.

I then took a job in Washington DC in the Office of Tribal Services within the Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs. I later joined the staff of the United States Senate Committee on Indian Affairs working on Indian social welfare issues. During my time in DC, I learned much about how government works and how networking and relationships affected many of the

decisions that impacted Indian Country.

I wanted to come home and use this knowledge to benefit our Tribe. I first served as President of Creek Indian Enterprises and then served as Tribal Administrator. I now serve as the Governmental Relations Advisor. And I have been honored to serve as your Tribal Council member since 2004. Throughout this time, I have watched our services and benefits grow beyond many hopes and expectations.

- Today health coverage is available to every Tribal Member who needs it.
- Today payment for educational opportunities is available to every Tribal Member who wants it.
- Today we are able to supplement federal programs with Tribal funds so those services go further.
- The first ever Annual Report with Tribal wide financials went to every household.
- Birthday checks continue to increase and a Christmas check was added this past year.

With our success, however, other things, such as our sense of family and community, may have fallen into the shadows. **I pledge that if elected, not only will I continue to make decisions that help our tribe grow economically, but will make decisions that help our tribe grow as a family.**

Please know I am always available to each of you. This September, put your trust in me for another 3 years and **vote for me as your Treasurer.**

Sincerely,



**William Lawrence Bailey, Sr.**  
**Candidate for Secretary**

Hi fellow tribal members. I would like to ask for your support and vote for the Tribal Council seat of Secretary. I am the son of Verlie (McGhee) Bailey and the grandson of Lawrence and Mammie (Rolin) McGhee.



Everyone in the community knows me as Bubba Bailey or Mr. Bill. I am William Lawrence Bailey, a family man, I am married to Cheryl Lynn Bailey. We have been married for thirty one years. We have two sons, Jake Bailey and William Lawrence Bailey, Jr. We have five grandchildren. My wife and I are not just married, she is my best friend, where you see one, you see the other.

If elected I would like to see all tribal members treated with equality. The tribe has the capability of having our own assisted housing for our elders. This is what I would like to see happen. We also have tribal members are willing and capable of running our own businesses. I think that all tribal entities should answer to the tribal council and the council should answer to the general council. Everything that happens with the tribe should be transparent so that all the people of our tribe knows what is going on with all tribal affairs.

I was on the council before but had to resign because of having medical problems, but I am well now and would appreciate your vote. I will stand up for the people, truth, honesty, and equality.

William L. Bailey



## *Handmade Native American Retail Item Wanted*

- ~ *Moccasins*
- ~ *Jewelry*
- ~ *Baskets*
- ~ *Pottery*
- ~ *Art*
- ~ *Drums*
- ~ *Rattles*
- ~ *Textiles*
- ~ *Etc.*



***For consideration, please contact our Retail  
Manager at (251) 446-4321***



David Gehman; Len & Hettie Colbert McGhee; P.R. & Ruby McGhee Barnhill; Martin & Vernie Barnhill Gehman; David & Shyrell Gehman family

**"THANK YOU FOR YOUR VOTE!" I ask for your vote in the run-off election Saturday, September 4, 2010 As your Tribal Secretary, I will continue to stand for:**

- Sharing more Information with THE PEOPLE and allowing THE PEOPLE'S VOICE to be heard.
- Improving and increasing all services and benefits NO MATTER WHERE YOU LIVE!
  - ELIMINATING TRIBAL DEBT and building our future with our own funds.
  - Development of ASSISTED LIVING and SKILLED NURSING CARE.
  - IMPROVING EDUCATION Opportunities and funding.
  - DIVERSIFYING Economic Development.
  - FAIR CONTRACTING and JOB OPPORTUNITIES.

➤ We must always remember that We stand on the shoulders of all the brave Creek Men and Women who laid the foundation for our lives, but did not live to see their dreams come true. WE MUST NOT FORGET their sacrifices and struggles through hard times.



L-R: Working at cucumber shed; Len & Hettie McGhee family -Hettie seated, Lindsey, Narvie, Ida, Dorothy, Britt, Ruby. Len and Cobie were not in the picture. Photos by: Martin E. Gehman



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Proverbs 16:8 *"Better is a little with righteousness than great revenues without right."*

# VOTE ROBERT "ROBBIE" MCGHIEE TRIBAL COUNCIL TREASURER

Let me be  
**YOUR  
CHOICE!**



Let me be  
**YOUR  
VOICE!**

## *Public Service Announcement*

**WASHINGTON, DC:** Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar recently highlighted the importance of the Indian Arts & Crafts Act by recording a public service announcement in video and audio on the importance of buy authentic Indian art and craft products from members of federally recognized Tribes. The PSA can be found on the Indian Arts and Crafts Board's (IACB) homepage at [www.iacob.doi.gov](http://www.iacob.doi.gov). The transcript of the PSA is as follows:

*This is Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar.*

*Before you purchase Indian arts and crafts, make sure that you are buying an authentic Indian-made item. A seller with authentic goods will gladly provide information in a written guarantee that the product is indeed the authentic work by members of a federally recognized Tribe. To learn more call toll free 1-888-ART-FAKE. Be a smart consumer and buy authentic.*

*The IACB, a federal office under the U.S. Department of Interior, was established by Congress in 1935. Its dual mission is to promote authentic Native American art and craftwork of members of federally recognized Tribes, as well as to implement and enforce the Indian Arts and Crafts Act, which makes it illegal to fraudulently market art and craftwork as Indian made when it is not made by an Indian as defined by the Act.*

*For more information contact Joan Moody @ (202) 208-6416 or Meridith Stanton @ (202) 208-3773*

# USET Semi-Annual Meeting Great Success

As referenced in last month's newsletter, the Tribe hosted the semi-annual USET Meeting in Mobile, AL June 13-17, 2010. This is the first time the Tribe has hosted the event in more than twenty years. The event took more than nine months to plan and organize but the end result was a very successful meeting.

The week's activities began with a golf tournament at Timber Creek Golf Course in Daphne on Sunday, June 13, 2010. Over eighty golfers took part in this event which raised over \$30,000 for the USET Scholarship Fund. Temperatures were in the nineties, but the teams played the full 18 holes of the course. Barnes and Barnes placed first with a score of 60; Deno Rolin and Jerry Ordis placed second with a score of 63; and Delmar Weaver and Robbie Jay placed third with a score of 65. Bryan Fayard and Mike Young received a prize for coming in last place; not to be defeated, they accepted their prize with smiles, laughs, and outstanding sportsmanship. In the course specials, Robbie Jay had the longest drive for the men while Julie Wilkerson had the longest drive for the women; Donnie Walker hit the longest putt; Phillip Martin hit closest to the pin for the men while Emily Owens hit closest to the pin for the women.

At 6:00 p.m. the Tribe hosted the DCCC Native American Program Reception at the Renaissance Riverview Plaza Hotel. Congresswoman Betty McCollum (MN), Congressman Ben Chandler (KY), and Congressman Ben Lujan (NM) were in attendance as well as members of the Tribal Council, the USET Executive Committee, and other local government and business leaders. Congresswoman McCullum and Congressmen Chandler and Lujan were also speakers during USET's morning session on Monday at the Battle House Renaissance Hotel.

Monday was a long day for those working with the USET staff. We were there bright and early at 6:30 a.m. to help set up for registration, which started at 7:30 a.m. The morning session began with opening ceremonies at 8:30 a.m. Medicine Tail was there to drum for the ceremonies and members of the Warrior Society and Atmore's VFW Post 7016 were present to serve as the honor guard and carry in the Eagle staff and flags. After the opening session, the various committees went into break-out sessions to address the issues and concerns of their specific committee. At 6:00 p.m. on Monday night a welcoming reception was held in the Crystal Ballroom of the Battle House. This reception was an opportunity for USET participants to come together, meet, and network. The Azalea Trail Maids were in attendance that night; their dresses added a splash of color to the event.

Several of the committees toured the Reservation on Tuesday and joined the rest of the USET participants and community

members at the Pow Wow Grounds for Cultural night beginning at 5:00 p.m. A lot of work went into preparing for the night and it was a great success. We received nothing but positive feedback and lots of people said it was the first time they had eaten collard greens and that they loved them! Those USET members who were interested were later bused to Wind Creek for Casino night. Many were impressed with the casino, hotel, cooking studio, and spa.

USET concluded on Thursday afternoon with USET President Brian Patterson, thanking Buford Rolin, Tribal Chairman, and the Tribe for hosting the event and stated that the other Tribes will have a task before them to top the southern hospitality shown by our Tribe and Tribal Members.



*Golf Tournament winners shown left to right are Bryan Fayard, Donnie Walker, Emily Owens, Deno Rolin, Jerry Ordis, Robbie Jay and Delmar Weaver*



*Medicine Tail, Brice McGhee, Tom Rolin, Alex Alvarez, Chris "Ding Ding" Blackburn, Megan Young, and Amber Smith, perform honor song during opening ceremonies. Warrior Society members Johnny McGhee (USET flag) and William Vickery (Poarch flag) join members of the Atmore VFW Post 7016 Noah McBride (POW/MIA flag), Charles Thornton (American flag), Thomas McMurray (State flag) and Judson Stabler (Eagle Staff), in presentation of colors.*

# Poarch Band of Creek Indians Receive Forestry Honors

*A News Release from Natural Resources Conservation Services  
For more information contact Fay Garner, Public Affairs Specialist  
(334-887-4506)*

Leaders of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians (PBCI) in Atmore, AL, were surprised by the announcement that they had achieved three prestigious certifications for their stewardship and forest management activities on the Magnolia Branch Wildlife Reserve. At the June 16th United South and Eastern Tribe's (USET) meeting in Mobile, the PBCI received certification for the Alabama Natural Resources Council's TREASURE Forest Award, the USDA-Forest Service's Forestry Stewardship Program, and the American Tree Farm System's Tree Farm Program.

The TREASURE Forest award is a flagship program of the Alabama Natural Resources Council, a Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) partner. The program was developed in 1974 to recognize landowners who are practicing sound sustainable multiple-use forest management. To date, approximately 2,000 landowners have received the TREASURE Forest certification, representing just over 2 million acres in Alabama. There are over 400,000 non-industrial private forest landowners in the state; to be one of the 2,000 landowners to have achieved this status is quite an accomplishment.

In presenting the certifications, Linda Casey, State Forester with the Alabama Forestry Commission, said, "I want to recognize the hard work that has gone into receiving not only the TREASURE Forest Award but also the Tree Farm and Forest Stewardship certifications. This is the first time that a landowner has received all three certifications (at one time). I commend the Tribe for this achievement."

Dr. William Puckett, NRCS State Conservationist, said, "The PBCI are the epitome of good land stewards. They have put their commitment of preserving our natural resources into action. NRCS is proud to be a partner with the PBCI."

The Magnolia Branch Wildlife Reserve is mostly timberland and is used as a recreational area for the Tribe and their guests. By working with various state and federal agencies, the Tribe has sustained, protected, and enhanced 4,156 acres of timberland and 50 lakes. The PBCI partnered with NRCS to secure financial and technical assistance for site preparation on 800 acres planted to longleaf pine, and to install firebreaks and prescribe burn over 1,200 acres of pine plantation. The wildlife accomplishments included planting 30 acres of food plots to cool and warm season forages, building numerous wood duck boxes and bird houses, and



*Poarch Band of Creek Indians Receive Forestry TREASURE Forest, Stewardship, and Tree Farm Awards. (l-r) Escambia Co. Alabama Forestry Commission (AFC) Forester Madeline Hildreth, NRCS State Conservationist Dr. William Puckett, Escambia Co. AFC Wildlife Biologist Randall Seal, Poarch Band of Creek Indians (PBCI) Elder Billy Smith, NRCS Tribal Liaison David Elliott, NRCS Chief Dave White, CEO of PBCI Enterprises Tim Martin, AFC State Forester Linda Casey, NRCS State Staff Forester Tim Albritton, and PCBI Chairman Buford Rolin.*

thinning 1,280 acres to improve wildlife habitat.

Chairman Buford Rolin accepted four plaques to display in Tribal offices and three signs to post in the Magnolia Branch Wildlife Reserve to demonstrate the Tribe's commitment to land stewardship. Chairman Rolin said, "The projects that we have worked with NRCS on have really been rewarding to the Tribe. I encourage all of the USET Tribes to take advantage of this agency, because they have a lot to offer." When addressing the USET board members, Chairman Rolin said, "We just want everyone to know how much we appreciate this recognition, but more importantly, we want to share with our other Tribal people to take advantage of NRCS. They have a lot to offer. They are our friends."

Additional information on the TREASURE Forest Award, Forest Stewardship Award, and the Tree Farm Certification can be found at:

[http://www.forestry.alabama.gov/tree\\_farm.aspx](http://www.forestry.alabama.gov/tree_farm.aspx)  
<http://www.forestry.alabama.gov/stewardship.aspx>  
[http://www.forestry.alabama.gov/treasure\\_forest.aspx](http://www.forestry.alabama.gov/treasure_forest.aspx)

*NRCS is celebrating 75 years of helping people help the land in 2010. Since 1935, the NRCS conservation delivery system has advanced a unique partnership with state and local governments and private landowners delivering conservation based on specific, local conservation needs, while accommodating state and national interests. Visit [www.al.nrcs.usda.gov](http://www.al.nrcs.usda.gov) or contact NRCS Tribal Liaison David Elliott at 251-368-0826 to learn more about NRCS programs.*

Poarch Creek Indians  
Wellness & Activities Department

447 Lynn McGhee Drive  
Atmore, AL 36502



**Pool Hours**  
**Monday - Friday**  
**5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.**

For more information contact the Wellness & Activities Department  
(251) 368-9136 Extension 2248

Anyone interested in the following classes that will be held at the Gym should contact Trina Rackard, Activities Coordinator, at (251) 368-9136 x 2248.

- \* Dance Classes (ballet, tap, jazz, hip hop, etc)  
Developing classes for Senior Citizens and Pre-K + to Adult
- \* Alabama Boaters Course  
Taught by Alabama State Marine Police Dept.

The Wellness & Activities Authority is looking for Tribal Members with the skills and abilities to teach classes such as dance, exercise, and other related activities. If you have the knowledge and ability to teach such activities, please give Trina a call.

The Tribal Council has cancelled the Special Called Tribal Council meeting for Monday, July 19, 2010. All board/committee appointments will now take place after the run-off election in September. Therefore, all terms will continue until that time. Please let me know if you have any questions. Thanks.

**POARCH CREEK INDIAN**  
**FOOTBALL & CHEERLEADING**

**REGISTRATION:**

FEE: \$35.00

(EQUIPMENT AND UNIFORMS PROVIDED)

**\*\*\*COACHES NEEDED\*\*\***

(MUST GO THROUGH A BACKGROUND CHECK)

Applications can be picked up at Poarch Gym beginning August 2, 2010

FOR QUESTIONS ABOUT THE AGES OR THE LEAGUE PLEASE CONTACT EDDIE JACKSON OR JACOB MCGHEE AT 368-9136 EXTENSION 2256

Applications available at the Gym and on-line at  
[www.poarchcreekindians-nsn.gov](http://www.poarchcreekindians-nsn.gov)

# NA Meetings

*NA meetings will be held every Tuesday & Saturday night @ 7:00 p.m. at the Turning Point Facility located at 936 Martin Road, Atmore, AL. The meetings are open to any person suffering with addiction. The only requirement for membership is a **DESIRE** to stop using.*

*Contact Wes Hayles, Certified Drugs & Addictions Counselor, at (251) 368-9136 x 2652 if you have any questions or need more information.*

# Wedding Announcements

## Holland & Sanchez To Wed

Mr. J.T. Holland and Mr. & Mrs. Randy Martin announce the engagement of their daughter, Crystal Alexis Holland to Jerry Allen Sanchez, Jr.



Crystal is the granddaughter of the late Elsie Holland and Pearline McGhee and the late Curtis McGhee of Atmore.

Jerry is the son of Jerry Sanchez of Houston, TX and Sherry Phillips of Atmore. He is the grandson of Joyce Melvin of Pensacola, FL and the late Charles Gregson and Daisy Belle Rolin.

The wedding will take place on August 14, 2010 at 7:30 in the evening at the Wind Creek Casino & Hotel Amphitheater with the reception to follow in the ballroom.

## Melvin & Marty Rolin To Renew Wedding Vows

The families of Melvin and Marty Rolin would like to wish them a happy and bountiful 25th wedding anniversary.



They will be renewing their vows at Poarch Baptist Church August 8, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. with a reception to follow.

Everyone is invited to join the celebration!

## Welcome to the World Little One!!

*Olivia Anne Daigle*



*Johnathon and Sarah Daigle are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Olivia Anne Daigle on June 10, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. At birth Olivia weighed 7 lbs. 6 ozs. and was 20 inches long. Olivia is the granddaughter of Anthony and Tanna Colbert Daigle and the great granddaughter of Houston and Charlotte Colbert.*

*Kinzley MaKae DuBois*



*Chadd and Ashley Colbert DuBois happily announce the birth of their daughter Kinzley MaKae DuBois on June 21, 2010 at 11:08 a.m. At birth Kinzley weighed 7 lbs. 2 ozs. and was 18.5 inches long. Kinzley is the granddaughter Anthony and Tanna Colbert Daigle, Charles "Bo" and Ramona DuBois and Roxanne DuBois. She is the great granddaughter of Houston and Charlotte Colbert.*

## Ellis & Wagner Unite in Marriage

*Submitted by Glenda Ellis*



Davis Glenn Ellis and Krista Joy Wagner were united in marriage on June 19, 2010, at The Church On The Ridge, in Frostproof, FL.

Davis is the son of Glenda Henson Ellis, grandson of Thelma

Henson, and the late Glenn Henson, and great grandson of the late Littles McGhee.

## Poarch Band of Creek Indians Utility Authority Employees Recognized on National Level

Submitted by Ashley Lowe



Silas "Bill" Holmes (l) completes USET Operator Certification Program and Shaun Livermore (r) was appointed to the National Tribal Water Council.

Silas "Bill" Holmes our Chief Utilities Operator was recently appointed to the USET Certification Board. The USET Operator Certification Program was developed for Tribal utility personnel as an alternative to state certification. The program and its governing Bylaws are largely based on the certification program in the state of Georgia, a program that is both EPA and Associate Board of Certifications (ABC) approved. Once the applicant has successfully passed an exam and received certification through a state or other EPA approved Tribal Drinking Water Operator Certification program, he or she may apply to USET for certification through reciprocity. Bill has been selected for this board to help review and improve this program.

Shaun Livermore, our Utilities Operator, has been appointed to the National Tribal Water Council. The National Tribal Water Council is a technical and scientific body created to assist the Environmental Protection Agency, federally recognized Indian Tribes, including Alaska Native Tribes, and their associated tribal communities and tribal organizations, with research and information for decision-making regarding water issues and water-related concerns that impact Indian and Alaska Native tribal members, as well as other residents of Alaska Native Villages and Indian Country in the United States. Shaun was selected to help improve the national perspective for the improvement of water quality in Indian Country.

These employees have helped bring recognition to the Poarch Band of Creek Indians on the national level. We are proud to employ professionals that care about improving life in Indian Country.

## Legal Update

Submitted by Venus McGhee Prince, Attorney General

I wanted to take this opportunity to update you on several legal matters affecting your interests as tribal members. If you have any questions regarding any of these matters, please feel free to contact any of your Tribal Council members at (251) 446-1140 or me at (251) 368-9136 Ext. 2525.

### **Recent Tribal Legislation**

The Tribal Council recently enacted a Records Management Ordinance which (1) establishes an Office of Archives and Records Management and (2) requires all Tribal entities to participate in a Records Management Program. This Ordinance will take a significant amount of time to fully implement. Once implemented, the Ordinance should ensure that all historical Tribal documents are adequately protected and should improve the access of all Tribal members to these documents.

### **Legal Services Program**

As mentioned in last month's newsletter, the Tribal Council is currently considering a new tribal member benefit—the establishment of a Legal Services Program that would provide certain types of legal services to individual tribal members regardless of his or her location or income. Again, we need **your help** in determining what types of legal services are most needed by tribal members. If you have not done so already, please contact your Tribal Council members or Lori Findley, Legal Coordinator, at (251) 368-9136 Ext. 2530 or [lfindley@pci-nsn.gov](mailto:lfindley@pci-nsn.gov) to share your thoughts.

### **Significant Court Cases**

Alabama Department of Transportation v. Poarch Band of Creek Indians d/b/a Wind Creek Casino & Hotel, PCI Gaming, CIE et al. On April 15, 2010, the Alabama Department of Transportation ("ALDOT") sued the Tribe, PCI Gaming, CIE, and each entity's Chairman in Escambia County for alleged illegal advertising on the Tribe's water tower located next to Interstate 65. ALDOT wants the Tribe to remove "Wind Creek Casino and Hotel" from the signage on the water tower. The Tribe filed a motion to dismiss based on sovereign immunity. The hearing on the motion to dismiss was rescheduled from July 6, 2010 to August 3, 2010.

# Tribal Member Submissions



## Gipson Deployed To Afghanistan

*Submitted by Carol Gipson*

Marine LCpl Nathaniel Gipson has been deployed from Camp Pendleton to Afghanistan. He is the son of Doug and Carol (McGhee) Gipson. Nathan is the grandson of the late Luther McGhee and the great nephew of Thelma Henson.

*(LCPL Gipson celebrated his 20th birthday in Afghanistan on June 21st.)*

## Ward Named Corporate Safety & Health Supervisor for Alabama Power

*Submitted by Dee McGhee Ward*



Dee McGhee Ward was recently named the new Corporate Safety and Health Supervisor for Alabama Power Company. In this role, Dee will manage Safety & Health services for the Customer Service Organizations and the Industrial Hygiene services for Alabama Power Company.

Dee joined Alabama Power in 2003 as a Sr. Industrial Hygienist in Safety and Health. She has a BS in Biology from the University of Alabama and a MS in Public Health from UAB where she graduated Magna Cum Laude. Dee is also a Certified Industrial Hygienist. Prior to joining Alabama Power, Dee worked in industrial hygiene, safety, and safety and health management positions for seven years.

Dee is the daughter of Sharon and James Sanborn, and Mary Jane and the late Raymond McGhee. Dee lives in Alabaster with her husband, Jeff, and 2 children, Alex and Cristiana.

## Maynard Places Third With Bust of Chief Calvin McGhee

*Submitted by Ben Maynard*



Jessica Maynard of Orange County, California placed third in the Native American Arts Contest with a bust of Chief Calvin McGhee. Jessica is the granddaughter of Ben and Margaret Ann Reed Maynard, and the great granddaughter of late Arthur Reed and late Agnes Rolin Reed of Uriah.

*Jessica is shown above with her bust of Calvin McGhee and Kirk Ellis, President of Title VII Native American Education Program.*

## St. Anna's Youth Participate in Holy Eucharist Service at National Cathedral

*Submitted by Lavan Martin*



*Back row l-r; Douglas Mitchell, Kortlan Peebles, Nathan Smith, Andrew Daughtry, two of National Cathedral's Bishops that participated in the morning service, Halle Ra Peebles, Dallas Lindsey, and Elizabeth Mitchell. Front row l-r, Brantlee Thomas, Ashton Thomas, and Alia Snow.*

The youth group from St. Anna's Episcopal Church recently visited Washington D.C. They had a great time touring the White House, the Capital Building, and the Washington Mall with all its museums. Their favorite part of the trip was on Sunday, June 20th when they were recognized as visitors and took part in the Holy Eucharist service at the National Cathedral. St. Anna's and the youth group would like to thank the Endowment Committee as well as all others that assisted them in the fund raising activities that made this trip possible.

## Raybon Competes In National Jr. Beta Spelling Competition

*Submitted by Tammy Raybon*

Sydney Raybon recently competed in the National Jr. Beta Convention Spelling Competition in Louisville, Kentucky on June 26, 2010. She is the daughter of Jeremy and Tammy Raybon of Excel and granddaughter of Dewey and Peggy Fowler of Bratt. Although she did not place in this competition, she is a veteran of competing in Spelling Bees.



Sydney placed 3rd in the Alabama Jr. Beta Convention Spelling Competition in Mobile earlier this year. She has won the Excel School Spelling Bee 4th through the 7th grade and went on to win the Monroe County Spelling Bee in the 4th grade. Winning the county Spelling Bee in the 4th grade made her the youngest student from Monroe County to compete in the State Spelling Bee in Birmingham. Sydney also won 4th place in the 6th grade and 3rd place in the 7th grade in the Monroe County Spelling Bee. She will begin the 8th grade at Excel School in August.

## Holsonback Graduates from Bethlehem High School

*Submitted by Laura Abbott*



Meagan Nicole Holsonback graduated from Bethlehem High School in Bonifay, FL on June 7, 2010. Meagan is the daughter of Rev. Mitchell and Doreen Holsonback. She is the granddaughter of Kendall and Laura Dewise Abbott and the great granddaughter of Frank Dewise, Sr.

Meagan was a high school cheerleader and a member of Youth for Christ. She taught the 1st & 2nd grade Sunday School Class, serves on the Senior Visitation team and works in the church nursery. She will be working with the Lifeway Baptist Children's camp that summer and is going on the Holmes County Baptist Association Mission trip to Derry, New Hampshire.

Meagan plans to attend Enterprise Jr. College in the fall to start her education in radiology.

Congratulations Meagan, we love you and are very proud of you! Daddy, Moma, sisters Morgan & Macie, aunts, uncles, Mema & Papa.

## ATTENTION TRIBAL MEMBERS!!!

**The General Council Voice (GCV) organization continues to meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at the Family Services Resource Auditorium. There are still many issues to discuss, so GCV members please put these dates on your calendar to attend.**

**GCV also invites all tribal members to join the organization and participate in a community-action approach to discussing and developing positive solutions to tribal issues and communicating these to Boards, Committees, and to Tribal Council.**

**Carolyn M. White, Chairman  
Ann Brooks, Vice-Chairman  
Martha Gookin, Secretary  
Terri Watkins, Treasurer**

## Five Generations of Hensons Gather

*Submitted by Glenda Ellis*



*Five generations of Hensons: Back row l-r: Candice Luke, Glenda Ellis, Brenda Pruitt. Front row l-r: Kaleigh Luke and Thelma McGhee Henson*

## HIPPY

## Information

*Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters*

Do you have a three (3) and/or four (4) year old child? Do you want your child to be **successful** in school? Are **you** willing to spend 15 minutes every day with your child? **Yes? ...**

...then HIPPY is for you! This FREE program will provide you with:

- \* Children's books, crayons, scissor, and shapes
- \* Weekly lesson packets to help you teach your child
- \* Meetings once a month for parenting, budgeting, cooking, and many more topics
- \* Special events such as picnics, etc.

The HIPPY program is open to Tribal Member, Indian Descent, and community children age 3 & 4 within the Poarch Community.

For more information contact  
*Sandra Hiebert, Education Director*  
(251) 368-9136 x 2020  
[shiebert@pci-nsn.gov](mailto:shiebert@pci-nsn.gov)

HIPPY participants must be three (3) years old by September 1, 2010.  
Applications available through the Education Department or on-line at [www.poarchcreekindians-nsn.gov](http://www.poarchcreekindians-nsn.gov).

### Huntingdon College's Adult Degree Completion Program



Here's what you need to know about Huntingdon College's Adult Degree Completion:

- ✓ Classes are one night a week – 5:30pm-9:30pm
- ✓ Classes are in five week sessions
- ✓ Bachelor's Degree in Business Management
- ✓ We offer a positive classroom environment where your Professors will know your name and help you reach your educational goals.
- ✓ Huntingdon College is SACS Accredited

**Look for us on the Faulkner State Community College Campus in Bay Minette starting August 1<sup>st</sup>!**

**Bay Minette office: 251-580-4908**

**Daphne office: 251-626-0877**

**Interested in Healthcare Management? Call us or go to [huntingdon.edu/adcp](http://huntingdon.edu/adcp)**

# Ethics Corner

By: Carrie Martin, Ethics Chair

Greetings to everyone. It has been a while since I have submitted an article. I recused myself from the Ethics Board during the tribal election and the Tribal Council in December of last year decided that the Ethics Board can only provide an article for publication every three months (other than publishing advisory opinions). This month the Ethics Board would like to address an issue which we feel has caused some disgruntlement among tribal members. **GREED**



Members of the Ethics Board have tribal members contacting them all of the time with ethics complaints. However, we are unable to respond other than to tell them they must file an official ethics complaint form and submit it to the Ethics Officer, Chuck Johns, for review and investigation. The Ethics Board must follow the rules of the ethics code as written. Unfortunately many will not pursue the process because they fear retaliation (*which is an ethics violation*). Anyone should feel safe in the fact that if they knowingly are aware of a violation occurring they can file an ethics complaint without retribution or fear of losing their jobs.

Many of the complaints we hear about, revolve around one main subject, GREED, which is defined as an excessive desire to have more than one's share of something. I am sure we have all known someone who was "greedy". As children we watched as someone took 3 pieces of chicken not because they needed it, but wanted to have more than everyone else. A greedy person does not think of others, they just think of themselves and what benefit they can receive from a particular situation. They ask the question "How can this benefit me?" rather than asking "How can this benefit everyone?" Even though money does play a significant part in a greedy person's desire, it does not mean that every act of greediness will result in money being put into their pockets. It could be the receiving of services, products, entertainment, etc. that is not available to the general population. Let me assure each and everyone, any time someone offers you something that just sounds too good to be true and the individual would not be able to obtain these services on his or her own otherwise, the giver of these services wants something from you in return for these acts of preferential treatment.

Tribal Officials and Key Employees have an obligation as part of their position to put the tribal members' needs before anyone or anything else. These positions were acquired due to appointments, elections, hire or promotions within the

organization whereas it was felt that the individual was of a character that was deserving and who was capable of doing the job at hand with respect, dignity and to be a faithful steward for the Poarch Creek Indians.

In closing the Ethics Board encourages each and everyone that knowingly knows of ethics violations that are occurring to submit an ethics complaint which can be obtained from the Chairman's Office, Legal Department, or Tribal Court.

***Change cannot occur unless someone stands up and takes action.***

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# The Hard Road to Federal Recognition

Over the past few years we have had inquires from Tribal Members wanting to learn more about the Tribe's Federal Recognition process and the historical information that was provided to the Federal Government for Federal Recognition. The Tribal Council would like to share this information with you. It will outline the struggles and hardships that as a community we have experienced. However, as you will see in future articles, it was these struggles and hardships that kept our community together which was essential in our Federal Recognition.

The year 1540 marks the beginning of the historic record for the aggregation of indigenous peoples in the Southeastern United States who have come to be known as the Creeks. This was the year in which the Spanish explorer, Hernando De Soto, travelled the area with a small expeditionary force among whom was his chronicler, the unnamed "Gentleman of Elvas." The documents and accounts which he left comprise the first ethnographic descriptions of the Creek Indians. The name "Creek" is attached to these indigenous peoples because they were best known for living upon a river, the present Ocmulgee or Ocheese Creek. The native term for Creek is *Muskogee* or *Muscogee*.

The Creek were not a homogenous people, but were a confederacy, a alliance of separate and independent tribes that gradually became, over a long period, a single political organization. The social structure of the pre-contact Creek confederacy was built around a town-village system, with the town occupying a central role in relation to its outlying villages. The towns were then divided into a basic two-part system comprised of "White" or peace towns and "Red" or war towns; these two types of town were said to be of different "fires." Leadership and governmental power were bestowed in a *micco* and the town council. The *micco* was head of civil authority and there existed as well a war chief or leader whose authority was applicable only in military matters. The civil administration, headed by the *micco*, also had local precinct officials, *heniha*, who directed public works, and the town's "beloved men" (and women), who had achieved a position of respect and leadership through their accomplishments. All these combined to form the town council, at which legal and other governmental decisions were made.

The economy of the pre-contact Creeks were varied, combining horticulture with hunting/gathering in a semi-sedentary lifestyle. The trading system was well established and proved to be a natural and adaptable point of interaction with the similar interest of European traders in later years.

*Additional information will appear in next month's issue*

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1	2 Tribal Court Tribal Court Room 9:00 a.m.  CMCMA Meeting Welcome Center/Museum 5:00 p.m.	3 Weight Watchers Gym 5:00 p.m.  NA Meeting Turning Point 7:00 p.m.	4 Housing Authority Meeting Building 400 Conference Room 3:00 p.m.	5 Tribal Council Meeting Council Chambers 4:00 p.m.  Walk-In Voting Begins SAIL Center 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	6 CIEDA Meeting CIEDA Office 8:00 a.m.	7 Run-Off Candidate Debate 1:00 p.m. Family Services Auditorium  NA Meeting Turning Point 7:00 p.m.  Electronic Recycling Fire Station #1 8:00 a.m. - 12 noon
<p><b>Summer LIHEAP Applications for age 55 and older, families with legal custody of children under age 5, and households currently receiving TANF benefits continues through September 15, 2010. Call Family Services for appointment.</b></p>						
8	9 Wellness & Activities Authority Meeting Gym 4:00 p.m.  Warrior Society Meeting St. Anna's 6:00 p.m.  4-H Meeting Education Department 6:00 p.m.	10 Weight Watchers Gym 5:00 p.m.  TERO Meeting 3:00 p.m. TERO Conf. Room NA Meeting Turning Point 7:00 p.m.  5:00 p.m. Deadline To Submit Information For September Newsletter	11	12 General Council Voice Meeting 5:30 p.m. Family Services Auditorium	13	14 NA Meeting Turning Point 7:00 p.m.
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The Retailed Hawk pictured above was spotted near the pecan orchid in Poarch. This is just another example of nature's beauty that surrounds us that we often miss because we are "in a hurry." Photo by Stella Rutherford

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