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TRIBAL ELECTION *Candidates*

There are ten candidates for this year's Tribal election. Of these ten candidates, three will be elected by the General Council to serve on the Tribal Council for a term of three years. The ten candidates are: Stephanie A. Bryan, Peggy Rolin Couch, Helen Hallman (Incumbent), Ronnie Jackson, "Poncho" Douglas Kelley, Keith Martin, Daniel McGhee (Incumbent), Fred L. McGhee, (Incumbent), John Arthur McGhee, "The Corn Man", and Garvis Sells.

The following are bios and statements submitted by the candidates.



STEPHANIE A. BRYAN

I, Stephanie A. Bryan, hereby declare my candidacy for the 2006 Tribal elections. I am the daughter of Julia Ann Stacey (McGhee) and Donald Ray Abney. My grandparents are the late Doris (Buck) and Lunie Mae McGhee (Presley). I am married to Keith L. Bryan and we have three children: Keisha, Brannon, and Nikki.

My decision to run for Tribal Council was solely based on my love for people. I feel I have the educational background to make good financial decisions in order for our Tribe to prosper. My experience and knowledge I gained while working for the Tribe numerous years ago will be an asset. While working for the Tribe, I was able to assist in writing grants, proposals, policies and procedures, and resolutions.

I would like for every Tribal Member to know that I am a person that can make decisions on my own, and I am definitely not easily persuaded by no one. I will make my decision with the General Council in mind at all times. If it were not for the General Council, there would be no Tribal Council. The interest of my people will always be the number one priority.

These are a few economical developments and issues I would love to see addressed if elected:

Nursing home/assisted living facility-If it were not for our elders, we would not be here today. Let's take care of them and support them.

Healthcare-I would love for the Tribe to be able to offer a universal health care plan for all Tribal Members, even those outside the five county service area. Some people choose to live in other states and counties due to great economic growth and opportunity to be successful so, therefore, they should not be punished. They are Tribal members too. (I feel this way about all programs that are available for Tribal Members such as Housing, etc.)

Credit Union-Let your own money work for your own society and community.

Indian Descent-They are allowed to play sports and have health

care provided until age 18, but it should not stop there. If they are Indian Descent (first generation) they belong to a Tribal Member, therefore, you are helping a Tribal family. They have NO assistance with education and that should be very important.

Lowering the age for the Senior disbursement.

Education-Educating our own people to be successful leaders is a must. I am thankful for the affluence in the department that has taken place this past year. But consider something for our Indian Descent children. It may not be equivalent to the Tribal Members, but something is better than nothing.

The above things are just a few things I would like to see happen, but what matters is what YOU, the General Council, would like to see happen. I am just one and cannot accomplish all these things alone so, therefore, it is important that we have a Tribal Council that will work together for the prosperity of this Tribe. So, in closing, I ask that you please consider me as one of your candidates on June 3rd. Thank you in advance for your vote and support.



PEGGY ROLIN COUCH

I, Peggy Rolin Couch, hereby announce my candidacy for the 2006 Tribal Council Election.

I am the daughter of Bessie Rolin and the late Eugene (Buster) Rolin. I have four sons and I have lived in the Poarch Community for the past fifty years.

I had the opportunity to serve in the early 90's on the Tribal Council. Since then I have for the last nine years served as Chairman for the Alabama Indian Affairs Commission representing our Tribe. I feel that with my past experience as a Tribal Council member and as the Chairman on the A.I.A.C. will help me meet the needs and concerns of all Tribal Members.

My goal as a Tribal Council member is to do the best that I can for all Tribal Members. I would appreciate your support and vote on June the 3rd, 2006. Thank you.

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HELEN HALLMAN

Actions Speak Louder than Words

Fellow Tribal Members,

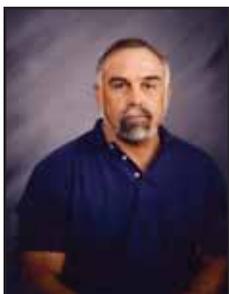
I would like to remind you to exercise your right to vote in the upcoming Tribal Council Election on Saturday, June 3, 2006 at the SAIL Center.

I am Helen Hallman, daughter of Levi and Treacy Walker McGhee. I am asking for your vote in the upcoming election. I have had the pleasure of serving as a member of the Tribal Council for a total of seven years. During these years of service I have attained valuable knowledge and experience in all aspects of Tribal government. I have had the chance to talk to many, many Tribal Members and have gotten to know you all well. You know that I will listen to what you have to say and listen to your every concern. I treat every member equally and take sincere interest in your needs. I make sure YOUR voices are heard at the council table.

In the past, I promised if elected I would strive to work for per capita compensation. I'm pleased to say that we are making significant progress in this area. A new category has been added to our discretionary funds which is the "Tribal Citizenship Fund". This is where monies will be allocated for disbursement to Tribal Members in the future. Your birthday card and \$100.00 check was the first transaction made from the Tribal Citizenship Fund.

ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS. It would be my pleasure to continue to represent each of you in the future. I would like to request that you pray for your Tribal leaders. Your Tribal Council Members are the voices to have your concerns heard. Vote Helen Hallman on Saturday, June 3, 2006.

Thank you in advance for your vote and support. May God Bless You!



RONNIE JACKSON

I, Ronnie Ray Jackson, hereby declare my candidacy for the 2006 Poarch Creek Indians Tribal Council Election. I am the son of Mrs. Mable Jackson and the late Alton Jackson. I have been directly INVOLVED and DEDICATED to the Tribe for the past 30 years.

RECREATION has always been very important to all Tribal Members, young and old. Continued growth of the Tribe has broadened the various types of recreation that all Tribal Members can participate in. This gift offers our youth an important outlet that allows them the chance to set goals, interact, and excel. Recreation has proven its best asset numerous times in the past: Scholarships! Opportunities are here for Poarch Creek Tribal Members to explore journeys few of us have ever done more than dream of.

I also endorse the need for the Poarch Creek Indians to expand and extend our many benefits as we continue to grow. The time has now come to address the need to service more of our members. Santa Rosa County, Florida is home to many of our fellow Tribal Members. The close proximity of this county to our Reservation should allow and include our many benefits

to be offered to our brothers and sisters. I hereby support the need for the Tribe to become a Six-County Service Area to include Santa Rosa County, Florida.

I will always continue to support EDUCATION FOR ALL! Services now offered for continued education are good. However, I strongly feel more research of the current usage of Educational dollars should be done immediately to include furthering education for ALL TRIBAL MEMBERS, regardless of age.

I would sincerely appreciate your vote.

"PONCHO" DOUGLAS KELLEY



Henci (hello), I am Tribal Member Douglas Kelley (nicknamed Poncho), and I represent the ordinary Tribal Member. I represent the person without a lot of money, the person who struggles to make ends meet, the single parent who is concerned about the education of their children, the person who is tired of favoritism, the Tribal Member whose voice has not been heard.

I am fifty years old and grew up in Canoe, Alabama. I am the son of Lillie Mae Colbert and John O. Kelley of Pollard. I am the grandson of Hattie and Owen Colbert of Uriah (on my mother's side), and Ida and Henry Kelley of Bratt, Florida (on my father's side). I was baptized when I was eighteen in Bethel Baptist Church in Flomaton. I follow the principles that my parents taught me as a child which include looking out for others and not only for self.

I am the father of three children, and the proud grandfather of two children. I am the proud parent of a son who served in the US Army in both Iraq and Afghanistan. On May 20, 2006, I will unite my family with Deidra Sawanee Dees' family when we get married in a traditional Muscogee wedding at the ceremonial stompdance grounds.

I have worked hard-labor jobs all my life, specializing in oilfield labor throughout the southeast, as well as offshore drilling rigs in the Persian Gulf. These jobs were often dangerous and instilled in me the importance of teamwork. I learned that when we work as a team, we produce a higher quality product which represents the whole group and not the individual, and we protect each other from harm while we work. I currently work as part of a ranch hand team at Perdido River Farms where I help take care of about 300 head of cattle. I have observed some positive and negative traits in the cows that our team takes care of. I have seen mothers that are very protective of their young, walking close beside them, providing them nourishment, never letting them out of their sight when coyotes are around. But I have also seen greed in some of the bigger cows that push other ones aside, so they can get more than their share of food from the trough. Sometimes humans show these same positive and negative traits. With your vote, I will work as a team member along with you, nurturing the positive traits of our community, keeping the fat cows from taking more than their fair share, so that our community can grow stronger and be protected from harm.

My family and I have shown our commitment to our community by spending time with our youth and by participating in community events such as our community meetings, our stompdance gatherings, and our education programs. For the past ten years I have demonstrated my leadership abilities in serving as Henehv (a Muscogee word meaning second chief) at our ceremonial stompdance grounds where our community members follow the ways of

those who came before us. In this leadership position, I am required to hear everyone's concerns, to not be partial, and to make decisions for the good of the whole community and not the individual. Many people have complained about favoritism in our Tribe which has harmed our community. I am not closely kin to any employees of our Tribe or any of our Council members, therefore, voters will not have to worry about me using favoritism to advance myself or my family. Instead, I will use the skills I have learned from my parents, on my jobs, and at the ceremonial grounds to represent the voices of our community in a fair, honest, and impartial manner.

Drugs and alcohol, enemies to Indians, have stolen the lives of so many of our team members, robbing them of their rightful place in our society as productive members. If part of our community is sick, our whole community suffers. What if a Tribal Member overcame drugs and became a medical doctor working along side of Dr. Parker Estvold at our clinic? What if a Tribal Member conquered alcoholism and discovered how to heal people from Cancer. Imagine the great benefit this person would be to us and to the world! As a person who has been free of alcohol for over fifteen years, I will support drug and alcohol abuse programs to help members of conquer these enemies. Then they could use their God-given talents to help heal our community as a whole and make our team stronger.

As a Tribal Council member, I will work to strengthen health-care benefits for our elders, to expand education programs for our youth, to develop economic opportunities for our members, and to examine the ways gaming profits are used in our community. Tribal Members need to know how our money is being spent. You need control over what is happening to *your money!*

In the old days, our elders on the Council sat around the council fire making decisions that impacted the whole community. Back then it was a distinguished honor to be given a place on the Council. I too would be honored for the privilege of serving you on our Tribal Council. I will represent your voice by listening to your ideas and by bringing your concerns before our Council and before our Tribe. I will give voice to those who have been unheard. You have voted for assimilated Indians before and nothing has changed. Why not vote for a traditional Indian this time? Douglas Kelley is the candidate who represents YOU.



KEITH MARTIN

I AM COMMITTED

I am Keith Martin, the son of Kenneth Ray and Florence Janette Beck and the late Henderson Robinson. I am married to Rochel Stewart and the father of four daughters. My grandparents are the late Willis McGhee and Elsie Martin Holland. I was raised on Indian School Road in Poarch, Alabama and I still live in the community. I am presently employed at a local dealership as Service Manager.

I made the decision to seek a seat on the Tribal Council after a great deal of serious consideration. I understand the potential for the Tribe to do great things and I would be honored if you will allow me to be a part of our Tribe's future success. After having served on the original Poarch Creek Indian Gaming Commission, I presently serve on the Board of Directors of PCI Gaming. I realize the time and commitment it takes to get things accomplished. I pledge to you, the General Council, the same dedication and commitment. It would be an honor to

represent the Tribe and be an instrument for the people. I feel that everyone has something important to say and that all advice and opinions should be considered.

I ask that you participate in the election process on June 3, 2006. If you see fit to elect me as your representative for the Tribal Council, I ask that you make a commitment to contact me on a regular basis to inform me of your concerns. I will listen!!!! This is YOUR Tribe and it is your responsibility as a Tribal Member to elect leaders who will be concerned for the Tribe as a whole and not a select few.

The current Tribal Council has done an astonishing job and I look forward to the opportunity to serve all of you this upcoming year.

Thank you.



DANIEL K. MCGHEE

Let me begin by saying, "Thank You." Thank you for the last six years you've allowed me to speak on your behalf as a Tribal Council Member. It has been six of the most interesting, educational, and enlightening years of my life.

If you do not recognize me by my picture, then maybe my first order of business if re-elected should be to correct that. However, for those of you who don't know me, let me introduce myself. My name is Daniel McGhee. I am married to Jaime McGhee and have three sons, Brice, Xan, and Daughtry. My parents are Bobby Lawrence and the late Doris Daughtry McGhee. My grandparents are the late Roy and Opal McGhee and the late Adam and Inez Daughtry. I am also the great grandson of the late Chief Calvin and Joyce McGhee.

After receiving my Bachelor's degree from the University of Alabama, I returned home and have been employed with the Tribe for ten years. I am currently pursuing my Master's Degree in Management from Faulkner University and hope to be completed in August of 2006.

As a current council member I am faced with many decisions that have sometimes made me feel proud, honored, and excited. Other times, I feel uncertain and disheartened. But with every decision I make, I also feel something else. ..YOU! The people of our Tribe are part of every decision I make and I hope this has been apparent in the many positive changes we have experienced together.

As a leader I always remember that I am chosen by the people I govern and in that regard must be dedicated to the needs and desires of my people. If re-elected, I will continue to "fight the good fight" using the same honest and fair methods I have demonstrated in the past.

These are some of the goals I hope we can achieve together:

Improved educational opportunities for all Tribal Members and their children.

Unmet health needs including insurance for Tribal Members.

Housing programs that benefit everyone and not just certain qualified members.

Economic Development that stretches outside the realm of gaming.

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Elderly benefits such as assisted living and nursing homes for Tribal Members.

Continued financial distributions to Tribal Members.

If you will let me, I will continue to make decisions that are led by my heart and the hearts of the people. I ask respectfully that you entrust your vote to me, Daniel McGhee.

Thank you for your consideration.



FRED L. MCGHEE

Hello, I am Fred L. McGhee and I would like to announce my candidacy for re-election for Tribal Council in the upcoming election. I am the son of the late Levi McGhee and Treacy (Walker) McGhee and the nephew of the late Chief Calvin McGhee. I have served on the Tribal Council for five years. During the

last year of my current term I have been serving as your Tribal Chairman. In 2001, I also served as Tribal Chairman for one year.

I am looking forward to the opportunity to serve another term on the Tribal Council with the support of you, the Tribal members. We have made some positive changes and are looking forward to more in the future. I will continue to keep Tribal Members informed on important issues such as: Education, Healthcare, and any other items that will effect Tribal Members. My goal is to meet the interest and needs of all Tribal Members.

Thank you in advance for your support. Your vote will be greatly appreciated on Saturday, June 3, 2006.



JOHN ARTHUR MCGHEE 'THE CORN MAN'

I, John A. McGhee, a former Council member, do hereby announce my intent to run for Tribal Council on June 3rd, 2006.

For those who don't know me, I'm John A. McGhee, son of the late Lunie Mae and Buck McGhee. I am married to Bernice McGhee. We have been married for 44 years and have four daughters, Brenda Johnson, Sherry Howell, Kim Dean, and Shelia Caraway. We have seven grand-children ranging in ages nineteen to two and a half years in age. Education is a high-priority in our household and I'm pleased to see my grandchildren excelling with A's or AB honor roll. I would like to see all our Tribal children have the same chances to excel.

I have served two terms on the Tribal Council before. This was when we were less successful and much smaller. And times were a lot harder.

I've worked very hard for this Tribe in many different ways. I've worked for the Best Western hotel for years. Some of you know me as the "Corn Man", because I've roasted corn for many years at our Thanksgiving Pow Wows and special events.

I've also served on the Best Western hotel board since the

day it was formed. And now after six years of pleading with our present Council to pay off the hotel they finally did! Although it took six years of payments, costing our people over 6 million dollars in interest to the First National Bank, "who is now one of our closest friends".

As a candidate for the June 3rd election I have several goals, which I would like to see our people reach. These goals are as follows:

An assisted living program

Working-intern programs-train our people to work in positions/jobs advertised through our Tribe.

Create educational internships

If elected on June 3rd, 2006, I will begin to present these ideas at the first board meeting. Things need to change, and if you'll let me, I promise to do my best for you.

GARVIS SELLS

I, Garvis Sells, declare my candidacy for Tribal Council. I am the son of the late Eugene and Roberta McGhee Sells. I'm married to Catherine Jackson Sells and we have two children, April Sells, who is employed with the Tribe, and our son Alton, who is deceased.

I, along with my brothers, own Sells Trucking, LLC; we are currently breaking ground for a new business in Uriah with a fellow Tribal Member, Ernest Rolin. My new business adventure, Broken Arrow Restaurant, will be opening soon.

If elected I will support the need for health insurance for Tribal Members. Using myself as an example, a majority of Tribal Members are self-employed or employed by small businesses which can not afford the high cost of health insurance. By the Tribe offering this service it will not only put needed income back into the family, but will lessen the strain on the current Tribal health care system. It will also allow those outside the immediate service area to obtain health care.

Another concern I have is the volunteer fire fighters. The Tribe should be more appreciative of those individuals who give time and put their lives at risk for the benefit and safety of our community. These volunteers are called out at odd hours, including nights and weekends and are expected to put in a full day's work at their respective jobs. Often these individual aren't given any support or a simple "Thank you". The community needs to be more supportive and aware of the dangers these fire fighters face when out on a call. It's a department one takes for granted until needed. For example, when my son was ill 911 was called-the department responded within minutes and for that my family was most grateful.

I also feel that it is time to have our Tribal service area re-evaluated. We have a large number of Tribal Members currently living in Santa Rosa County, Florida who would benefit for our existing Tribal services.

If elected, I will be fair and treat everyone equal. Thank you for your vote.

DRUG COURT MONTH MAY 2006

Submitted by **Keesha O'Barr, Tribal Court Director**

Please join the Drug Court Team and Tribal Court staff in celebrating National Drug Court Month in May. The Tribe's drug court has been in operation for approximately seven (7) years. The Court was funded through a three year grant in 1996 by the Department of Justice. The PBCI Tribal Drug Court was recognized in 1998 as a mentor court by the National Association of Drug Court Professionals. The federal funding was exhausted in 2003 and the Tribe has taken over all funding for the Drug Court Program since that time. The Tribal Drug Court Program has had 44 participants with 21 graduating, 14 terminated for violations of program procedures, and 9 current participants. To be considered a candidate for participation in the Tribal Drug Court a Tribal Member or first generation descendant must be charged with drug related crimes. After being accepted into the program, the participants are placed into an environment where they undergo treatment and counseling, submit to random drug testing, and regular appearances before the Tribal Judge and are monitored closely for program compliance. Sanctions are imposed for noncompliance including jail time, community service and fines. Incentives are also applied for continual compliance.

The Drug Court Team is very proud of the accomplishments that have been made in the last seven years and looks forward to many more accomplishments in the years to come. Current Drug Court Team members include; Kim Snow, Human Services Coordinator, Sandra Hiebert, Education Executive Director, Wes Hayles, Drug



Drug Court Team. From left, Paul Thomas, Wes Hayles, Keesha

Court Counselor, Paul Thomas, Tribal Probation Officer, Fred McGhee, Tribal Chairman, Charles Johns, Tribal Prosecutor, Regina Stabler, Tribal Court Specialist, Keesha O'Barr, Tribal Court Director, Larry Hammonds, Tribal Police Chief, and Ernest White, Tribal Judge.

House For Sale

Home located at 633 Sunset Drive, Atmore, AL
3 bedroom, 2 bath, dinette, kitchen, great room,
rec room; 1889 sq. ft.

Sold as is to the highest bidder
Minimum bid \$60,000

Bids will be taken until July 17, 2006 at 4:00 p.m.
Tribal Members only

*Interested bidders please contact
Stephanie McGhee or Housing Department
at (251) 368-9136*

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Pursuant to Article IX, Section 1 of the Constitution, the Tribal Council submits two proposed amendments to the Constitution for a vote by the General Council at the June 3, 2006 election.

The first proposed amendment relates to the Tribal Council's ability to amend and repeal ordinances and resolutions. Under the current Constitution, although the Tribal Council can enact ordinances or enact, amend, and repeal resolutions by a majority vote, the Tribal Council cannot make necessary amendments to ordinances or repeal outdated ordinances without a majority vote of at least thirty (30) percent of qualified voters at either the annual election or a special election. This restriction hinders the Tribal Council's ability to comply with changes in the law and respond to changes in circumstances. This language is also inconsistent with the way in which federal and state statutes are made, amended and repealed. (Because Congress enacts a federal statute, Congress can also amend or repeal a federal statute without a vote from citizens.) To keep the standard high for enacting, amending, and repealing ordinances but also enable the Tribal Council to make necessary changes, the Tribal Council proposes that Article V, Section 2(F) of the Constitution be amended such that the Tribal Council can amend or repeal ordinances by a two-thirds vote of the total membership of the Tribal Council. The proposed language would read as follows:

(F) All final decisions of the Tribal Council on matters of general and permanent interest to the members of the tribe shall be embodied in ordinances. The Tribal Council shall enact, amend or repeal an ordinance only by a vote of two-thirds of the total membership of the Tribal Council. The ordinances shall be collected and made available to tribal members and other affected persons upon reasonable request.

In order to clarify that the Tribal Council may continue to enact, amend, or repeal resolutions by a majority vote (as they have been doing under the current Constitution), the Tribal Council proposes that Article V, Section 2(G) of the Constitution be amended as follows:

(G) All final decisions of the Tribal Council on matters of temporary interest shall be embodied in resolutions. The Tribal Council shall enact, amend or repeal a resolution by a majority vote of the Tribal Council. The resolutions shall be collected and made available to tribal members and other affected persons upon reasonable request.

The second proposed amendment relates to the Tribal Council's ability to remove a Tribal Council member. The Tribal Council currently has no authority to remove a Tribal Council member under any circumstances. For example, even though a candidate in an election cannot have a felony conviction, the Tribal Council cannot remove a Tribal Council member if he or she is convicted of a felony while serving in office. The proposed amendment to Article IV, Section 4, of the Constitution would read as follows:

(Q) Remove any Tribal Council member convicted of a felony or enforce any order to remove a Tribal Council member for an ethical violation in accordance with the Poarch Band of Creek Indians Ethics Code and fill that position in accordance with Article 7, Section 8 of this Constitution.

If you have any questions regarding these proposed amendments, please contact the Tribal Chairman's office at (251) 368-9136. The Tribal Council appreciates your support and encourages you to vote yes on these two proposed amendments in the upcoming election on June 3, 2006.

Muskogee Metalworks Receives 8.8 Million Dollar Contract

By Gayle Johnson

Muskogee Metalworks, a subsidiary of Creek Indian Enterprises, has received an 8.8 million dollar contract with ITT Industries Night Vision Division to produce night vision goggle kits for the U.S. Army. According to Mal McGhee, General Manager, "This contract will go a long way in helping Muskogee get back into the black, because we have made a very significant investment in our plant, tools, and equipment. We look for this contract to be just the beginning of many with ITT Industries." "Lean and mean," Mal said, "this is how we are going to get ahead. We have recently lost some of our Administrative staff; but this has been a good thing, it has helped our overhead. As we go forward we will eventually bring these positions back on."

In the past few months I have spoken with Mal a couple of times about doing an article about Muskogee Metalworks for the Tribal Newsletter. It is a coincidence that I met with him on the day he made the contract announcement to his employees. Mal has always voiced an interest in doing an article; he says that Muskogee Metalworks has been exhibited at the Pentagon, featured in many local newspapers, and been highlighted on several local TV news programs, but that they have never been featured in the Tribal Newsletter. My trip to Muskogee was quite an experience. I am not sure about you, but I was not sure of exactly what MUSKOGEE does; I kept thinking "They make nuts and bolts." Well, needless to say, that is not exactly true; sure they produce some nuts and bolts, but that is a miniscule portion of the productivity of Muskogee.

The Tribe purchased Strader Manufacturing, located in Milton, Florida, in 1988. In January of 1993 the company relocated to Atmore and changed its name to Muskogee Metalworks. Muskogee moved to its current location when the Tribe purchased the Vanity Fair building, located in the very heart of Atmore, in 2003. Many of our local ladies are very familiar with this location, as many of them worked at Vanity Fair for many years. Mal McGhee has been with the company since 1992. He is proud to be a part of the company and has been excited to see it grow from its humble beginnings to the technologically advanced company it is today by being successfully competitive in the fields of kit production (night vision goggles, C-5 kits, etc.), metal working, (welding, water

cutter, etc.), and electronics (cables & harnesses).

Although there are still a couple of manual machines in the shop, Muskogee is increasing its number of CNC (Computer Numeric Control) machines, which uses computers to do the work that once was done by hand by a machinist. I met Todd Gookin at one such machine, he demonstrated the relative ease of operation of a CNC machine. I was very surprised to later find him in the Programmer's office. He is one of the Programmers for Muskogee! He laughed when I told him I was surprised to see him at his computer. He told me that you have to be a Machinist to be able to create the program. He patiently walked me through the MasterCam program, the software program used at Muskogee. Mal would like to encourage Tribal Members to use their educational tuition assistance funds to get a college degree in the field of technology, it is ever growing, always in demand, and is a degree that can be used right here at home.

When you enter the lobby of Muskogee, you will see their



Muskogee Metalworks



JASSM Missile Model U.U. Air Force



CNU 122 Bunker Buster Bomb Skid



Alice Gibson, Machine Operator



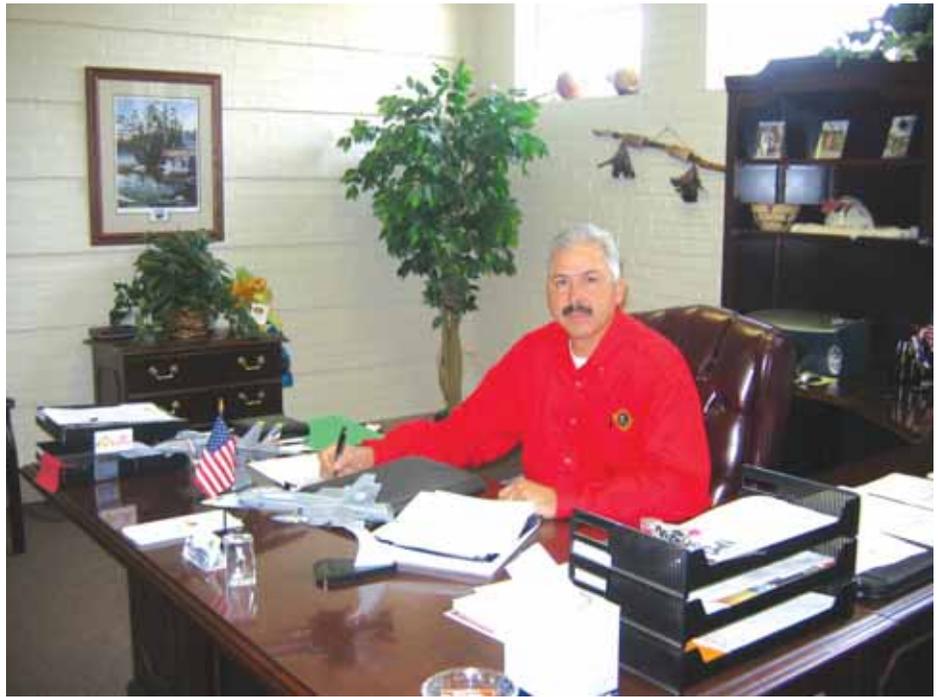
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“Wall Of Fame”, which displays various newspaper articles, commendations, and awards that has been duly earned by Muskogee in addition to samples of the products they produce. Entrance into the facility is secure due to governmental requirements; visitors must sign in at the reception area and receive a visitor’s pass before proceeding into the plant area. Muskogee has several governmental contracts which require a high level of security. A government safety inspector recently toured the facility and gave it high marks. The minor deficiencies have been addressed and Muskogee has been classified as an approved property control location. All welders at Muskogee are certified welders, which is a huge asset when making competitive bids.

Muskogee has major contracts with ATA, at Arnold AFB (Tennessee), NASA/Wind Tunnel Projects, the Defense Supply Center, U.S. Army, Northrup Grumman, Warner Robbins AFB, where they are producing Emergency Power Generating Upgrade kits for the C-5 Military Aircraft, Electronic Junction Boxes for the AC-130H Gunship, and Eglin AFB for whom they are making Bunker Buster Bomb Pallets. They also have commercial contracts with the Southern Company.

In closing, Muskogee Metalworks is more than you would ever expect. You can visit them on the web at www.mmwks.com. Mal contributes the growth and success to the hard work, dedication, and quality workmanship of the



Mal McGhee, General Manager

employees. “They are great.” Muskogee employs eleven Tribal Members, six spouses of Tribal Members, three Indian Descent, and one spouse of an Indian Descent. Muskogee is a Member of the Atmore Chamber of Commerce and participates with the Atmore Leadership program. In fact Atmore Leadership is scheduled to come on site in the near future and will be given a tour and presentation relating to Muskogee and its governmental and commercial contracts. “We strive to be professional and supportive of the Tribe at all times.” Mal said. “Everything we do is reflective of the Tribe and our Tribal Members.”



DOT Hazmat Package Certified



Administrative Office Staff Mal McGhee, Amanda McGhee, Amber Lisenby, Shavan Lee, Karmen Long, Jason Mims, and Murray Gonzales



Todd Gookin



Examples of cables, kits, etc. produced at Muskogee Metalworks



Night goggle kits to be assembled at Muskogee Metalworks

Along the Creek

Effective May 1, 2006 Magnolia Branch will open to the public; Tribal Members, with valid Tribal ID, will receive a 25% discount on all fees. No credit cards are accepted, checks with valid drivers license I.D. or cash will be accepted.

Entrance fees will be charged and are as follows:

All RV/Travel Trailers (Daily)	\$20*
All RV/Travel Trailers (Weekly)	\$125*
(Limit of 2 weeks per location)	
Tents/Primitive Camping (Daily)	\$10*
(No hook-ups)	
Picnic Pavilions (Daily)	\$10
(Reservations are required)	
Swimming/Picnicking (Daily/per car)	\$.5
(Tribal Members with valid Tribal ID will be admitted at no cost)	
Tube use	\$.2
(Plus \$2 deposit/returned @ tube return)	

* All of the above rates are for up to six people per site, \$2 per day for each additional person

Campground amenities (some amenities may not be available at present time), include: 27 campsites with water and electricity; primitive campsites; dump station; bathhouse with hot showers (under construction); laundry room (to be constructed); three group pavilions with tables, fishing, hiking trails; horseback riding; volleyball court; horseshoe pit; tubing and swimming in creek (at your own risk-no lifeguards on duty); and 50/30/20 AMP service.

Rules and general information (some amenities may not be available at present time):

OFFICE HOURS: Office hours are from 7:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Messages may be picked up at the office. Look for your name on the message board located on the front porch. Emergency messages will be delivered.

Reservations: All campers must register at the office on arrival. Rentals fees are payable in advance. Guests desiring to extend their stay should inquire at the office by 10:00 a.m. to see if accommodations are available; reservations take preference over change of plans. Call (251) 446-3423 or (251) 368-0819 for reservations and/or information.

CONDUCT: Persons guilty of disorderly conduct or vandalism will be asked to leave the grounds. Guests are responsible for losses, damage, or injury to persons or property caused by their negligence. Illegal drug use or alcoholic beverages are not allowed and will not be tolerated. We reserve the right to evict anyone violating the rules of good camping, destroying property, or creating disturbances. Parents are responsible for seeing to it that children obey all the rules at all times. Glass containers are not allowed on the beach or in the water.

QUIET HOURS: Quiet hours are from 9:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. Please be considerate of your neighbors at all times.

CHECK OUT: Check out time is 1:00 p.m. Please notify office upon departure. Refunds will be made at management's discretion.

SPEED LIMIT: The speed limit in the park is 10 MPH. Speeding will not be tolerated.

SITES: Keep your site neat and orderly. Please do not put nails in trees when hanging clotheslines. Campfires are allowed only in designated areas.

GARBAGE: Must be sealed securely and placed in provided dumpsters. Please dump Port-a-Potties, gray and black water, at dump station, not on our ground.

RESTROOMS: Please help keep restrooms and showers neat and tidy. Please do not clean pets, dishes, laundry, or recreation equipment in our restrooms. Children under the age of ten must be accompanied by a parent.

PETS: We feel your pet is part of your family, but please keep it on a leash, away from the swimming area, and out of restrooms, showers, and laundry room. Please clean up your pet's "poop". Quiet, leashed pets are "welcome".

VISITORS: Visitors are allowed at campsites with a pass only.



Monica Freeman puts finishing touches on gatehouse



Blue Bird Box on Gator Lake

In anticipation of public admission and the summer season, two new employees, Monica Freeman and Mike Bos, have been hired as Gate Attendants. In keeping with tradition, the gate house/entrance booth was made from lumber from juniper logs from Reserve property. The entrance area has been land-



Hawkes build a nest in a tree near the pavilions



Relaxing view of the creek

scaped and is very attractive. Billy Smith stated that they are hoping to purchase Master Camper software to help them manage the campsite rentals, etc.

The shower facility is under construction and should soon be completed. Twenty blue bird boxes have also been built from juniper logs and placed all along the roadway leading to the picnic area. Bill English, Tribal Member and Reserve employee, made and hung each of the boxes. More duck boxes are needed and will soon be built and placed around the lakes throughout the Reserve. Hawks are nesting and wild turkeys are abundant.

Stepping Stones, the first of the hiking trails has been completed. Stepping Stones is a three and a half mile hiking trail running from the entrance to the picnic area and through some of the back off-road areas. You can park your car at the entrance, or any of the parking areas along the way, and hike the trail by following the blue rings around the tree trunks or posts. The trail is circular so wherever you start, you will always end up in the same place, as long as you follow the trail.

Logging crews are working at clearing some of the trees damaged by Hurricanes Ivan and Dennis. It is the Reserve's long term goal to remove all debris and clear out the old undergrowth so that new undergrowth can come in. It is the goal of the Reserve to have its forest like a national forest and have it considered a "Treasured Forest".

There are still a great many plans for the Reserve, and we look forward to seeing you along the creek.



Golden Eagles Intertribal Powwow

By Cedo Coon

On March 10-12, I attended the Fourth Annual Golden Eagles Intertribal Powwow, which was held at the University of Southern Mississippi campus in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. While enjoying the Powwow, dancers danced their hearts out to the beat of the drum. Medicine Tail, one of the top drum groups in the southeastern United States, hosted this event. There were approximately sixty dancers who participated in the powwow. This powwow was sponsored by the Mississippi Band of Choctaws' tourism fund, Choctaw Housing Authority and Drug Elimination Program, Southern Miss. Recreational Sports, School of Social Work, and Dr. Shelby Thames.

Spectators enjoyed gourd dancing, experienced intertribal dancing, the Oklahoma Two-Step, and many different contest events. They also had the opportunity to meet the reigning Choctaw Princess. In the evening all the dancers were treated to a meal provided by the college. Attending this powwow proved to be a learning experience and an opportunity to form new friendships with other native youth.

If you are interested in learning about or attending a powwow, please check out www.powwows.com on the web.



Cedo dancing the Oklahoma Two-Step



Cedo placed second in the teen boys fancy dance category

T-Ball Opening Ceremonies



Alia Snow makes first swing to open season

Saturday, March 25, 2006, was a beautiful day to play ball; it was bright and breezy. Such was the first day of the Wellness & Activities 2006 T-Ball season. Opening ceremonies started at 9:00 a.m. and was followed by a full schedule of games for all six teams.

Opening ceremonies included welcoming from Edie Jackson, Tribal Administrator, and Fred L. McGhee, Tribal Chairman. Melvin Rolin offered up a prayer and Kim McGhee sang the National Anthem. Brice McGhee and Darrin McGhee presented the flags. In his welcoming Fred revealed that the T-Ball park would be known as the Doris D. McGhee T-Ball Fields, in memory of Doris McGhee, a staunch supporter of t-ball and other Tribal sports activities. Daniel McGhee, Doris' son, acknowledged the honor of naming the field after his mother and made the statement that if possible she, and other loved ones, were watching from above and would be cheering at each game.

There are six t-ball teams, made up of approximately 76 participants. In the past the Tribe's t-ball league has been made up of Tribal Members and Indian Descent. This year the league was opened up to the local community, which attributes to the larger number of participants in this year's season.



Chiefs, sponsored by Wellness and Activities



Athletics, sponsored by J and J Hauling



Dodgers, sponsored by Wellness and Activities



Cardinas, sponsored by Martin Construction



Fred McGhee, Tribal Chairman, welcomes crowd to T-Ball open

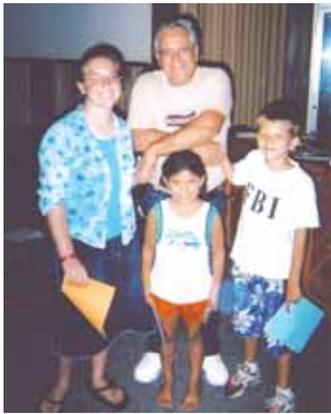


Braves, sponsored by PCI Gaming

DIABETES CAMP

Submitted by Sheila Odom

It's that time again!! Diabetes camp will be July 9th – 14th. All children aged 8 – 13 years of age are eligible to attend. To reserve a spot for camp, please call the Health Department at (251) 368-8630 and ask for Sheila Odom or Kay Watson. The deadline to sign up is June 23rd, 2006. This year, all parents must attend a mandatory meeting prior to camp. During this meeting, all rules and requirements will be reviewed. Failure to attend a mandatory meeting will result in the child not attending camp. Meeting dates are June 27th and June 29th at 6:00 p.m. and will be held in the Tribal Auditorium.



Happy Campers!



Craft Time



Fun Time



Classroom Time



Sugar Time!

Oprah & Breast Cancer

Submitted via Email (forwarded from Health Department)

NIEHS Sister Study-We have recently discovered that the Oprah Show is currently working on a breast cancer story. On her web site, there is a section call "Be on the Show" where you click and look for "Have you been diagnosed with Breast Cancer"-women who have been diagnosed are telling their story there. A few of our volunteers and recruiters have already written in, not just writing about their breast cancer story, but about how to get family involved in making a true difference for our future generations-these ladies have written to Oprah via the web site (www.oprah.com) to raise her awareness about the Sister Study. We encourage you to do the same if you are a survivor or you are a participant in the study! Please help us get the Sister Study on Oprah. We need big media to help us recruit all of the 50,000 women we need.

The Sister Study is the only long-term study of women aged 35 to 74 whose sister had breast cancer. It is a national study to learn how environment and genes affect the chances of getting breast cancer. In the next 3 years, 50,000 women whose sister had breast cancer, and who do not have breast cancer themselves will be asked to join the study. For more information on Sister Study, visit their web site at www.sisterstudy.org.

Looking For You!

The following Tribal Members are not accounted for in the TDR, which was last updated April 11, 2006. If you have any information on any of these individuals, please contact Mary Jane Tullis, Census Analyst, or have them contact Mary Jane at 1-877-276-2724. Please be reminded that Census office hours are Monday and Tuesday, 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.; and Wednesday from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon.

Chambers, Sandra Jean
Colbert, Richard Lee
Daughtry, Shanna L.
Dunn, Angela Lamm
Gibson, Jewel
Gibson Kimber Jean
Gibson, Larry Richard, Jr.
Gibson, Richard Wayne
Hobbs, Carl
Hubbird, Kelly G.
Hubbird, Robert G.
Hubbird, Ruby Ann
Hubbird, Shelby Ann
Lamm, Shane Hulan
McGhee, Dewey Thomas
McGhee, Justin Michael

McGhee, Miranda Nicole
McGhee, Tracy Dee
Reece, Barry Alan
Rigby, Darryl Leland
Seamans, Joyce Darlene
Seamans, Patricia Diane
Taylor, Walter, Jr.
Walker, Cherelle Jeanninne
Walker, Fred William, Jr.
Walker, Jesse David
Walker, Paul Douglas
Walker, Rance Wade
Walker, Ronald
Walker, Roy
Wilson, Troy Lee

Annual Easter Egg Hunt

“Rain, rain go away, come again another day!” Do you remember that old chant? With the weather we have had lately we need to change it to “Rain, rain, come our way, stay here for another day!” Saturday morning, April 8, 2006, started off with some well needed rain, but it didn’t stay and it barely sprinkled in the Poarch area. Approximately 30 kids participated in the 2006 Easter Egg Hunt at the Pow Wow Grounds that day, we figured that the rain in other communities, Huxford, Atmore, etc., kept the kids at home.

Despite the low turnout, a fun and exciting time was had by those who participated and there were plenty of prize filled eggs, drinks, and snacks for all.



3 - 5 year olds



6 - 8 year olds



9 to 12 year olds



0 - 2 year olds



Cornelia Miller entertains crowd



Hubert Rackard performs *You Win Again*



Toni Gibson performs *God's Will*

Relay Idol Auditions

“Jesus Take the Wheel” seems to be a favorite of the PCI Relay Idol contestants; it was sung by four different contestants, each one doing an outstanding performance. Believe me, the judges will have a very difficult time selecting one winner from each category. One of the highlights of the night was Cornelia Miller’s rendition of “I Love Food”; it had everyone laughing. The crowd seemed to have a good time, often standing and clapping along with the songs that were being performed.

Future shows are as follows:

May 6, 2006	7:00 p.m.
(Elimination night)	
May 20, 2006	12:00 – 4:00 p.m.
(Elimination night)	
(In conjunction with Darren Norwood concert)	
June 3, 2006	5:00 p.m.
Finale	



Judges Laura Cook, Mark Spruill, and Paula Smith



The crowd enjoys the show

Tribal Business Review

This month’s featured business...A1 Specialists

A1 Specialists of Atmore is located at 9112 Hwy 31, Atmore, Alabama. A1 Specialists specializes in Landscaping, Irrigation Systems, Yard Maintenance, and Tree Pruning.

The business was founded by Rosemary Gibbs Powell and



Christopher Moore, Zack Thomas, Kim Flurnoy, Eddie Fore, and Harold Corey

David Gibbs, in 2005. It has proved to be a profitable business with 5 employees currently on staff, 4 of whom are tribal members. The employees are Harold (Slick) Corey, Licensed Landscaper, Larry Flurnoy, Eddie Fore, Christopher Moore, and Kim Flurnoy.

A1 Specialists is currently working on a landscaping project at the PCI Health Department. They

have also done the landscaping at Riverside Entertainment Center. So if you need a tree planted, your yard mowed, or a flowerbed planted, they can do it. If you would like more information, you may call A1 Specialists of Atmore at (251) 368-8060 or (251) 253-3333.

If you are interested in having your business featured in the Business Review, please contact the Economic Development Department at (251) 368-9136 ext. 2289.



Rosemary Gibbs Powell and David Gibbs

Poarch Education's May News

Submitted by Billie McGhee, Education Coordinator

ATTENTION: POARCH CREEK DISCRETIONARY TUITION PAYMENT PROGRAM STUDENTS

You will be required to complete a new personal information page for the 2006 – 2007 School year. The 2006-2007 applications will be available on June 3, 2006 at the Poarch Creek Tribal Elections. To request an application to be mailed to you, contact Ms. Sheila Stallworth at (251) 368-9136, ext. 2241 or ssallworth@poarchcreekindians-nsn.gov. Now would be a good time to tell your Tribal Council members how the Tuition Payment program has helped you. You can address your letters to Mrs. Sandra Hiebert, Education Executive Director, Poarch Creek Indians, 5811 Jack Springs Road, Atmore, AL 36502.

POARCH CREEK EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS, EDDIE L. TULLIS SCHOLARSHIPS, AND CALVIN MCGHEE SCHOLARSHIPS

The new application release date has been delayed until further notice.

POARCH CREEK EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

The Education Department provides referral services and financial aid services to all Tribal members. For those Tribal members who live outside the five county service areas, the Education Department can provide you with information about a Native American Work Force Investment Act Program (WIA) that is located in your area or state. We can send you information about minority and Native American scholarships, internships, and summer programs that are available to Tribal members and their children.

Mrs. Clara Jones, WIA Coordinator, (251-368-9136, ext. 2245) can assist you with the Native American WIA Program information.

Ms. Sheila Stallworth, Education Administrative Assistant, (251-368-9136, ext. 2241) can provide Tribal members with Tuition Payment information for Tribal Members who are 10 -25 years old.

Mrs. Billie McGhee, Education Coordinator, (251-368-9136, ext. 2243) can provide information about minority and Native American scholarships, internships, and summer program information.

POARCH CREEK EDUCATION GED CLASSES

The Classes begin on April 3, 2006 and will end on June 21, 2006. Mr. Alex Alvarez will be the teacher. Mr. Alvarez is an Education graduate of the University of West Florida and a member of the Oklahoma Creek Tribe. The classes are scheduled to be held from 6 – 8 p.m. on each Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday night. If you are interested in attending the classes, you may contact Mrs. Clara Jones at (251) 368-9136, ext. 2245.

ACCENTURE AMERICAN INDIAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Accenture will award three types of scholarships to high-achieving American Indian and Alaska Native students seeking degrees and careers in the teaching, social services, high technology or business fields. High school senior (Accenture Scholars) scholarship deadline is May 2, 2006, graduate (Accenture Fellows) scholarship deadline is June 1, 2006, and (Finalist Scholarship) two undergraduate scholarships for four years and one graduate scholarship for two years. The applications and more information is available at <http://www.aigc.org>

AMERICAN INDIAN SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING SOCIETY

The society offers scholarships, internships, resume service, job opportunities and more for students studying science and math fields

of study. Go to <http://www.aises.org> for more information and an application. The scholarship deadline is June 15, 2006.

FREE STUDENT NURSING PROGRAM

The University of the District of Columbia is offering free tuition, free books, a \$250 monthly stipend, and a guaranteed job placement as a nurse at Providence Hospital upon graduation with a starting salary of \$40,000 to any one who is 18 – 28 years old. If you are interested in working in the Washington DC area you can contact Ms. Beshon Smith at (202) 266-5481.

KFC COLONEL'S SCHOLARS PROGRAM

The student who applies must be graduating from high school this academic year (between 12/1/05 and 8/31/06). The program will pay selected applicants up to \$20,000 toward a bachelor's degree. The funds from this program can be applied toward room and board. <http://www.kfcscholars.org/>.

BUREAU OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS NURSING SCHOLARSHIP FOR 2006 - 2007

The applications will be available online on April 17, 2006 and the deadline is May 16, 2006. If you are interested, you can view the eligibility requirements at <http://www.bhpr.hrsa.gov/nursing/scholarship>.

COLLEGE LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAMS AVAILABLE THROUGH THE MILITARY

<http://www.military.com/Resources/ResourcesContent/0,13964,44245—,00.html>

MELLON MAYS UNDERGRADUATE FELLOWSHIP

The program is for students entering PhD programs in Mellon designated fields students can apply for repayment of their undergraduate loans up to a maximum of \$10,000.

<http://www.mmuf.org/pages/loan.htm> The fields of study covered are listed at http://mmuf.org/pages/mmuf_fields.htm.

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE STATE LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAMS

http://nhsc.bhpr.hrsa.gov/join_us/slrp.asp

NURSING EDUCATION LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM

<http://bhpr.hrsa.gov/nursing/loanrepay.htm>. The deadline has past for 2006; however, you can sign up for an email notice for the 2007 loan repayment application.

TEACHER LOAN DEFERMENTS AND LOAN FORGIVENESS PROGRAMS

<http://studentaid.ed.gov/PORTALSWebApp/students/english/teacher-cancel.jsp>

SUMMER PROGRAMS FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

2006 Native American Youth Entrepreneur Camp

The camp is scheduled for July 9 – 14, 2006. The purpose of the camp is to help encourage Native American high school juniors, seniors, or recent high school graduates to develop skills to develop their own businesses in the private-sector. There is a \$25 application fee, and a deposit payment. The camp cost \$650 but aid may be provided. The registration deadline is June 23, 2006. Additional details can be found at

<http://www.niea.org/events/calendar.php?action=&type=&month=7&year=2006&jsFormEle=&showAll>. Contact Rose Chischillie or Monica Agar at nni@email.arizona.edu or (520) 626-0664 to request an application.

LEGAL NOTICE

On March 14, 2006, Community Recovery Services, Inc. ("CRS") filed a complaint against PCI Gaming in Tribal Court. CRS asserts, among other things, that PCI Gaming breached its contract with CRS with respect to improvements at Riverside Entertainment Center by refusing to pay in full or at all certain invoices and demands over \$2.1 million in damages. In October 2005, PCI Gaming hired an independent firm to conduct a preliminary audit regarding construction costs related to the Wetumpka Project, including certain costs submitted by CRS. The preliminary audit showed that PCI Gaming may have been overcharged in an amount that exceeds CRS' demand, but the auditors needed additional information from CRS. PCI Gaming requested earlier that CRS provide the additional information, but CRS failed to respond. Instead, it filed this lawsuit.

PCI Gaming believes that CRS' complaint has no merit, especially given the preliminary audit findings, and filed an answer and affirmative defenses against CRS' claims on April 3, 2006. In its pleading, PCI Gaming also asserts counterclaims against CRS. PCI Gaming alleges that the June 11, 2004 contract and subsequent change orders are not valid and enforceable because an agent, servant, or employee of CRS who was also an officer, agent, servant, or employee of PCI Gaming improperly attempted to enter into and/or execute them, and seeks damages for PCI Gaming's overpayment of CRS for actual work and/or labor performed. In the alternative, PCI Gaming asserts that CRS breached the contract by failing to build the improvements at Riverside in accordance with the terms of the contract and seeks damages for that breach. Finally, PCI Gaming asserts a fraud claim against CRS for misrepresentations made regarding the work and labor performed and amounts due and seeks compensatory and punitive damages against CRS.

On the same day that PCI Gaming responded to CRS' complaint, PCI Gaming also served discovery requests on CRS to obtain the information that PCI Gaming needs to complete its audit and to gather additional factual information for its defense against CRS' claims and the litigation of its counterclaims. PCI Gaming will continue to defend against CRS' claim and to attempt to recover any and all damages suffered by PCI Gaming with respect to the Wetumpka Project.

Poarch Creek Indian Documentation for Minority Status

Gale Thrower, Cultural/Archives Director, and Anita Glass, Tribal Cultural Assistant, can assist Tribal members with acquiring their Poarch Creek Tribal Card and they can prepare notarized documents for Tribal members and Tribal descendants to use for minority status for employment, entrance into minority education programs, or for other purposes that someone may need to prove their Native American heritage. The contact number for the Cultural Center is (251) 368-9136, ext. 2281.

Happy Birthday

Olan Drew Albritton celebrated his first birthday on March 13, 2006. His is the son of Olan and Geri Lynn Albritton, and little brother to Addison. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Johnson and Leonard Jr., & Hazel (McGhee) Albritton. Drew is blessed with a loving group of extended family and friends who joined him for this special day.



Drew Albritton



EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER

Melanie Boatwright, Site Manager of Riverside Entertainment Center, is proud to announce the selection of Larry Lucy as "Employee of the Quarter" for Q1 2006. Mr. Lucy has been employed as a CSR supervisor at Riverside since October 2002. He is an asset to our casino and is loyal to his job. He maintains a good rapport with employees and customers. Larry is dependable and willing to give a helping hand when needed, and well deserving of this honor. Congratulations Larry Lucy!



Daniel McGhee, Site Manager of the Creek Entertainment Center, announced Kathy McDuffie is the "Employee of the Quarter" for Q1 2006. Ms. McDuffie, a Back Ops Supervisor, was recognized for her willingness to take responsibility for new job functions, and for her excellent analytical and problem-solving skills. Kathy McDuffie has been a part of the Creek Entertainment team since February 2003.

!! NOTICE !!

TRIBAL MEMBER FAMILIES ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DISTRIBUTION EVENT OF A LARGE TRUCKLOAD OF HOUSEHOLD AND PERSONAL ITEMS. (Income Eligibility is not a requirement!)

PBCI FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER WAREHOUSE DISTRIBUTION EVENT

Located at POW WOW FOOD PAVILION

Saturday, May 20, 2006 (8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.)

Rain cancels and event will be rescheduled for Saturday, May 27, 2006.

PLEASE BRING ALONG PLASTIC BAGS FOR CARRY OUT. WE ALSO ASK FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE TO MAKE THIS AN ORDERLY AND PLEASANT COMMUNITY EVENT. PLEASE FOLLOW THE SIGNS AND ADHERE TO STAFF INSTRUCTIONS FOR DESIGNATED PARKING AND PICKUP.

A self-declaration form will be completed to determine a voucher amount for each Tribal Member family; therefore an adult household member from each Tribal Member family must be at the site to complete the form and receive donated items. Also, please have your Tribal enrollment number handy to add to the form.

Exceptions have been pre-approved for elderly and disabled (homebound) Tribal Members. These members will be contacted by the Senior Services Department and Family Services to complete paperwork, fill orders, and deliver on Friday, May 12, 2006.

A SPECIAL thank you goes out to the Tunica-Biloxi Tribe who redirected the donated items from the National Relief Organization to our Tribal community—which has made this event possible. There are many items in the shipment that can help us prepare for the upcoming hurricane season as we also continue to recover from Hurricane Ivan, Dennis and Katrina.

We hope the household and personal supplies you receive at this event will help your family. The Family Services Department looks forward to providing more items to the tribal community as our Family Resource Center gets fully established and operational!!

**Poarch Band of Creek Indians - Family Services Department
(251) 368-9136 Ext. 2600**

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
Diabetes camp will be July 9th - 14th. All children aged 8 - 13 years of age are eligible to attend. To reserve a spot for camp, please call the Health Department at (251) 368-8630 and ask for Sheila Odom or Kay Watson.	1 MAY 2006	2 Tribal Council Meeting 2:00 p.m.	3	4 Walk-in Voting begins Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Building 200 Tribal Auditorium	5	6 PCI Relay Idol Show 7:00 p.m. Wellness & Activities Center (Gym)
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 Family Services Warehouse Distribution Event 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Food Pavilions @ PowWow Grounds PCI Relay Idol Show/Darren Norwood Concert 12:00 noon - 3:00 p.m.
21 Tribal Council Meeting 2:00 p.m.	22	23 Last day to request Absentee Ballot be mailed out Last day for Candidates to name observers	24	25 Brown Bag Bingo** 12 Noon	26	27
28	29	30 Walk in voting ends 5:00 p.m. Last day to walk in and request Absentee Ballot	31	June 1	June 2 Deadline to receive Absentee Ballots- 5:00 p.m.	June 3 Tribal Election -Voting at the Community Services Building (new SAIL Center) from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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