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William Carl Madison and Chief Calvin W. McGhee named to Atmore Hall of Fame

By SHERRY DIGMON

The first seven inductees into the Atmore Area Hall of Fame have been named by the Hall of Fame committee, two of which are Tribal Members. Inductees are John M. Jones Sr., R.E. Hodnette, Carl Madison, William Maxwell, Woodrow McCorvey Sr., Chief Calvin McGhee, and Arthur "Tarzan" White. Carl Madison and Calvin McGhee are members of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians.

The seven inductees will be honored in a ceremony this fall.

William Carl Madison (1931- Present)

Born in Uriah, Carl Madison grew up in Atmore, graduating from Escambia County High School in 1949. At ECHS, he was an outstanding athlete, excelling in football and baseball. He was the tailback on Coach Herbert Barnes' teams that won 30 straight games in 1945, 1946 and 1947.

After graduation, he attended Texas Tech University on a football scholarship. After his freshman year, he entered the U.S. Army, serving from 1950 to 1952. He returned to Texas Tech in the fall of 1952, where he started four games at quarterback before an injury ended his season.

He enrolled at Troy State Teachers College in 1955 and was the starting quarterback for two seasons, serving as captain his senior season.

Upon graduation from Troy in the spring of 1957, Carl accepted a coaching position at Carrabelle, Florida, but moved on to Ernest Ward High School for the 1957 football season. He was at Ernest Ward for four years before going to Milton, Florida. At Milton, Carl won his first state championship and had a 34-game winning streak.

After seven years at Milton, Carl carried his coaching prowess to Forrest Park, Georgia, where he coached six years, and played for the Georgia State Championship in 1968, losing to perennial power Valdosta.

Carl returned to Florida in 1971, accepting the job at Tate High School in Gonzalez. His 1980 team won the Florida 4-A Championship. He left Tate in 1983 and served as an assistant coach at Pensacola High School from 1983 to 1985. In 1985, he was elected to the Florida Football Coaches Hall of Fame.

Carl took the head coaching job at Pine Forest High School in 1986. His 1987 and 1988 teams won Florida State Championships,

and his 1988 team was also the USA Today National Football Champions.

From 1989 to his retirement in 2005, Carl coached at Westover High School in Albany, Georgia, Pensacola High School, back to Milton High for 10 years, then finally to Jackson, Alabama Academy where he won two more state championships.

Overall, Carl coached 45 years and had 326 wins, 139 losses and 7 ties. He ranks in the top 30 nationally all-time in wins as a head football coach. Carl was the Coach of the Year five times in three states, and National High School Coach of the Year in 1988. He was the head coach of the East team for the first National All American All Star Game in Dallas, Texas.



Chief Calvin McGhee

Chief Calvin W. McGhee (1903-NA) Government leader

A poor dirt farmer, Calvin McGhee, in the 1940s, started the Poarch Creek Indians' movement for a better life. Chief McGhee's first recorded action was protesting the second-class status of the Creeks, especially in education. In 1947, he demanded equal education from the Escambia County School Board for the Poarch tribe, and it was soon granted.

Later, Chief McGhee led the fight for proper recognition of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians by the Federal Government. This began in 1962 with an ambitious lawsuit to get payment for lands taken from their Creek ancestors. Chief McGhee and the Creeks won the suit, and in 1972, the Indian Claims Commission paid \$3.9 million, or about 23 cents an acre, for the land taken by the Federal Government from the Creeks under an 1814 treaty. Checks for \$112.13 were sent to more than 7,000 Creek descendants.

Under Chief McGhee's leadership, the Poarch Band of Creek Indians expanded their influence, and through his organized efforts, improved the social and economic situation of the Poarch Creeks.

Chief McGhee set the stage for the Poarch Band of Creek Indians being acknowledged in 1984 by the U.S. Government as an "Indian Tribe" and a sovereign nation, leading to the establishment of government-to-government relations. The Poarch Band of Creek Indians is the only Federally recognized tribe in Alabama.

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13-Part Television Series Showcases Unique American Indian Cultures



Fargo, No. Dakota, August 28, 2006 – Production schedules have been set for *Indian Pride*, a 13-part cultural magazine to be aired on PBS stations in February 2007. *Indian Pride* will spotlight the diverse cultures of American Indian people throughout the country. Prairie Public Television of Fargo, North Dakota will produce the weekly magazine in cooperation with Circle of Nations Publishing of Grand Forks, North Dakota.

“This unprecedented series is the first venture of its kind to be produced for a mass United States audience, stated Bob Dambach of Prairie Public Television. “Previous attempts to tell the story of American Indian culture have been limited to one or two-part episodes that have only been able to provide a small glimpse of the rich history and culture of our Native peoples. We are very pleased to partner with JuniKae Randall of Circle of Nations Publishing to bring this historic event to the American public. As host for the magazine, JuniKae will bring an in-depth and personal perspective to the stories we tell.”

The 13-week magazine will focus on a specific theme each week that will be of interest to all people. Future programs will highlight Indian Treaties and Sovereignty, Spirituality, Health and Healing, Culture and Celebrations, as well as the coverage of critical issues of government, economic development, politics and education.

Each 30-minute episode will include three distinct segments: mini-documentaries shot on location at events held on reservations and around other parts of Indian country; in-studio segments featuring discussion of current issues by nationally-known American Indian guests; and original and cultural performances featuring traditional and contemporary artists, as well as storytellers.

Indian Pride is the vision of JuniKae Randall, founding director of Circle of Nations Publishing. Randall is a member of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa and grew up on the reservation in North Dakota. Randall left the reservation shortly after high school to follow her dreams. That journey led her to pursue a higher education to accomplish her goals. She holds a Masters Degree in Education Administration from the University of North Dakota and is a motivational speaker, songwriter and performer. Throughout her life experiences, she has always remembered and honored her *Indian Pride*.

As she perceived the role of media in our culture, she was disappointed to find no place in the endless coverage of news, entertainment and sports that included American Indians. “I wanted to change the landscape, creating a television program that would showcase the

562 Indian Nations and profile our rich heritage with current accomplishments,” Randall stated. “Innovative and in-depth content that would receive national distribution and fully integrate with schools via a website so teachers could share the knowledge with their students. *Indian Pride* was the natural title for this idea.”

The development and production of *Indian Pride* is a major undertaking on behalf of several prominent members of the American Indian community throughout the country.

Harold “Gus” Frank is the Chairman of the Forest County Potawatomi of Wisconsin. Frank has been selected to serve as Board Chairman of the *Indian Pride* Advisory Board. “The *Indian Pride* TV Series is a great opportunity for Indians, Native Americans, and Indigenous people to tell in their words why and how we got to be where we are today. With JuniKae’s vision, Prairie Public Television can use the media to share our history with the world,” stated Frank.

The Honorary Chairman of the Advisory Board, Chief Earl Old Person, Chief of the Blackfeet Nation, welcomes this broadcast opportunity because “...It is education and communication that builds bridges, open hearts and creates greater harmony among people. As American Indians, we are known for our strong value of sharing. It is a good time to share our beautiful culture from every corner of Indian Country with the world.”

Production schedules and locations along with more information on topics and guests will be announced within the next few months. The program will reach out to a number of reservations and tribes throughout the country as the segments are shot and produced for broadcast this winter. *Indian Pride* will be distributed to PBS television stations nationwide through NETA. The world premiere of the 13-week series is scheduled for February 3, 2007. Contact your local PBS station for broadcast dates and times.

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Indian Pride Chairman
Harold Gus Frank



JuniKae Randall
Indian Pride Host

From the Chairman

I thank you for taking an interest in our Tribe – YOUR Tribe.

I'd like to welcome you to this special "State of the Tribe" update. We're here today at your request. Back in February, we held our first "State of the Tribe" address for our tribal members. We covered a lot of information that day. So much, in fact, that many of you requested that we do an update in about six months. So here we are, providing this mid-year update, as promised.

As many of you know, my name is Buford Rolin. And I am proud and grateful to be the Chairman of the Poarch Creeks. I have been involved in the Tribe for 42 years, so I guess no one would call me an overnight sensation. And certainly, no one could call our Tribe's efforts to build a strong, financially secure nation an overnight success either.

It has taken us a long time and a lot of hard work and heartache to get to where we are today. And I think it is impor-

tant to remember where we started before we talk about where we are today.

I began working with Calvin McGhee back in 1964. When I first came to work for the Tribe in 1980 as Tribal Administrator, we only had a handful of employees. We were all crammed together into little offices in the old Indian school. Back then the Tribe was a "non-profit organization." And we had to compete with every other non-profit in the state for state funds. Lots of months, we were doing good just to make payroll. And sometimes we couldn't make



**Tribal Chairman
Buford L. Rolin**

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Prairie Public Television is a premiere broadcaster of public television, radio and on-line services throughout the prairie region encompassing the state of North Dakota, northwestern Minnesota, southern Manitoba Province, Canada, eastern Montana and northern South Dakota.

In addition to a roster of PBS programs, Prairie Public has been a leader in providing locally produced award-winning programs that examine important issues that affect the lives of viewers in the United States and Canada.

Atmore Resident Wins Ford Mustang at Creek Entertainment's "Diamond Summer Giveaway"

Poarch Creek Indian Reservation, Atmore, Alabama – September 7, 2006 – Wanda Smith drove home from the Creek Entertainment Center in a new Ford Mustang on Labor Day, courtesy of Diamond Game and Poarch Creek Indian Gaming. Smith won the car on after participating in the Diamond Games Summer Giveaway at the Creek Entertainment Center in Atmore, Alabama.

Poarch Creek Indian Gaming manages three gaming facilities in Alabama: the Creek Entertainment Center in Atmore; Riverside Entertainment Center in Wetumpka; and Tallapoosa Entertainment Center in Montgomery. Beginning June 12, 2006, guests at all three PCI Gaming casinos participated in the Summer Giveaway tournament by receiving random entries while playing Diamond Game's electronic bingo games, by requesting free entries on selected nights or by mail, and by receiving entries randomly distributed by Diamond Games representatives.

Three guest names were then drawn at each of the three PCI Gaming casinos: at Creek Entertainment on Friday, September 1, at Tallapoosa Entertainment on September 2, and at Riverside Entertainment on September 3. On Labor Day, September 4, a final tenth drawing was held at Creek Entertainment, and the ten winners then drew keys. The person with the key that opened the car door won the car. The remaining nine contestants drew for cash prizes from \$50 to \$1,000. Winners had to be present at both drawings.

The crowd gathered around the entrance of the Creek Entertainment Center shouted with excitement as Wanda Smith's key unlocked the door of the black Ford Mustang. Smith hugged friends, jumped in the car and cranked it, and then posed for photos with Creek Entertainment Site Manager Daniel McGhee. Smith was overcome with emotion and commented that she was particularly excited to have won the car in her home town.

- The following people won keys in the drawing:
- Brian Clark, Crestview, FL
 - Wanda Smith, Atmore, AL (Winner!)
 - Barbara Burkett, Atmore, AL
 - Virginia Godwin, Atmore, AL
 - Herman Sanders, Wetumpka, AL
 - Beverly Orozco, Wetumpka, AL
 - Leon Smith, Coosada, AL
 - Reginald Deppe, Phenix City, AL
 - Barbara Mitchell, Montgomery, AL
 - Ronald Thrash, Montgomery, AL



Drug Abuse Prevention Month

Submitted by Martha Gookin, Family Services Coordinator

October 2006 is designated as *Drug Abuse Prevention Month*. Statistics indicate drug abuse is a prevalent issue spanning all ethnic groups and cultures in the United States. Alarming, "among youths aged 12 to 17, the rate of current illicit drug use was highest among **American Indians** or Alaska Natives, **more than twice the overall rate among youths (26.0 vs. 10.6)**". (SAMHSA) It is obvious we have an obligation to protect our native youth and to provide a bright and hopeful future for our tribe by eliminating the destructive force of drug use and substance abuse amongst our people.

The task of preventing drug use and substance abuse appears to be impossible, but the results of simply giving up or denying the problems will result in the destruction of precious lives and the multitudes of talents those lives would have offered to our community. We first have to acknowledge the problems of drug abuse and then choose to do whatever we can individually and as a community to prevent the use and abuse of drugs.

Practical drug abuse prevention first begins in the home. If you evaluate all the studies done on drug abuse prevention, a strong family unit involving a close bond between parents and their children is clearly the fundamental basis for any drug abuse prevention. "Children's earliest interactions occur in the family; sometimes family situations heighten a child's risk for later drug abuse, for example, when there is: a lack of attachment and nurturing by parents or caregivers; ineffective parenting; and a caregiver who abuses drugs. But families can provide protection from later drug abuse when there is: **a strong bond between children and parents; parental involvement in the child's life; and clear limits and consistent enforcement of discipline.**" (*Preventing Drug Use among Children and Adolescents*)

There are key behaviors parents can monitor in their children that can indicate possible substance use. These indicators include but are not limited to: significant changes in mood or rapid mood swings; loss of coordination; loss of appetite or sudden increase in body weight; disorientation; violent behaviors; poor classroom behaviors; academic failure; withdrawal; association with drug-abusing peers; uncontrollable outbursts of anger; increase in hyperactive behaviors; sleeping too much or too little; or any significant change in behaviors that are abnormal. Basically, if you have any concerns about your child's behaviors, please get involved in getting the child help with a counselor who can assist in assessing the child for possible drug use.

I have spent the last ten years of my life working as a therapist in mental health programs. Over the course of my experience, I saw the average age of individuals beginning their experimentation and use of drugs drop from age 14 to around age 10 years or less. I have witnessed the destruction drugs cause for the individual and for their families and it is my prayer we will see our tribal community work hard to eliminate drug abuse and to save our children.

The Family Services Department has parenting programs designed to address substance use and abuse in children. Additionally, through Indian Health Services, the Family Services Department can assist in the placement of children under the age of 18 in a residential drug treatment program. We also offer drug assessment and counseling services. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us at any time. The phone number for the Family Services Department is 368-9136, ext. 2600.



RED RIBBON
WEEK
October 23-31, 2006



In celebration of Red Ribbon Week, the Poarch Creek Indians invite you to join us Wednesday, October 25th at 6:00 p.m. at the Wellness & Activities Center as we pledge to turn away from drugs & alcohol, and embrace our culture. We will have drug awareness presentations, a skit, door prizes, hot dogs and goody bags. Please come and show your support for sobriety and abstinence. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Keesha O'Barr or Sandra Hiebert at (251) 368-9136.



IN RECOGNITION OF
RED RIBBON WEEK THE
POARCH BAND OF
CREEK INDIANS
DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY
SERVICES WILL BE
OFFERING FREE DRUG
TESTING FOR TRIBAL
MEMBER CHILDREN AGES
13-17. PARENTS MUST
CONTACT KIM K. SNOW,
HUMAN SERVICES
COORDINATOR AT (251)
368-9136 EXT. 2309
TO SCHEDULE AN
APPOINTMENT.

Poarch Creek Tribe Partners in Increasing Law Enforcement



Tribal Officers were sworn in to uphold county law during a ceremony in Montgomery



Wetumpka City Police Officers were sworn in to uphold Tribal law during ceremony in Wetumpka.

Poarch Creek Indian Reservation, Alabama - August 22, 2006 - The Poarch Band of Creek Indians will dramatically increase the number of police officers in the Montgomery and Wetumpka area this week. The Poarch Creek gaming enterprise, PCI Gaming, is hosting a cross-deputization ceremony of tribal police officers by county and city officials Thursday, August 24, 2006.

Fifteen tribal officers will be sworn in at 9:00 A.M. at the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office "Muster Room". Ten additional officers will be sworn in by the City of Wetumpka at Alliant Bank at 11:00 A.M.

The officers, whose salaries are paid by the tribe, have received extensive training and were employed by tribal government prior to undertaking their new joint duties. The tribal officers have completed Alabama Peace Officer certification for state jurisdiction, and Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Office of Law Enforcement Services certification for federal jurisdiction.

"I think this is great for everyone involved," says Larry

Hammonds, Police Chief of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians. "By joining our departments together, we all benefit from increased manpower and coverage. We have had the same type of mutual law enforcement agreement in place with the Escambia County Alabama Sheriff's Office for over twenty years. We have great working relationships with both the Montgomery

County and City of Wetumpka departments. The tribe has hosted training in numerous law enforcement techniques and cross-jurisdiction for the departments we have mutual agreements with."

"These officers are some of the finest in law enforcement", said Buford L. Rolin, Chairman of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians. "We feel honored to be able to share their abilities and professional services with our neighbors. Safety and security of our communities is a top concern for all of us in Alabama and we

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Along the Creek



2006-2007 HUNTING SEASON RULES AND REGULATIONS

- No Sunday Hunting
- Bow season on all property will begin October 14, 2006 to January 31, 2007
- Gun season will begin November 18, 2006 to January 31, 2007 (Designated areas only)
- During gun season hunters are allowed to hunt with gun or rifle on the property North of Hwy 27 and south of Earl Johnson's property to the Eastside of Big Escambia Creek
- Turkey Hunting will begin March 15, 2007 to April 30, 2007
- Bucks killed must be 6pts or better. If a smaller buck is mistakenly killed, the hunter will have to pay a \$100.00 fine. The second offense will result in the permit being revoked
- One doe allowed per paying member
- One plot per member and spouse with the family designated to that general area
- Children under 16 must hunt with an adult
- No fall turkey hunting
- No hunting around camping sites
- Members are allowed to kill long beard gobblers 6 inches or better in size - no jakes or bearded hens
- Each member is limited to three gobblers per season
- Morning turkey hunting only; hunters may hunt until 12:00 p.m.
- No coon hunting permits will be sold or issued
- There are 38 days allotted for gun hunting (2006 - November 18th, 24th, and 25th, December 1st, 2nd, 8th, 9th, 15th, 16th, 18th through 23rd, and 25th through 30th, 2007-January 5th, 6th, 12th, 13th, 19th, 20th, and 21st through 31st
- A gun hunt for children 15 and under with one adult will be conducted November 11, 2006
- A spring gobbler youth hunt will be conducted March 10, 2007
- Vehicle traffic will not be permitted from daylight to 9:00 a.m. and from 3:00 p.m. to dark.
- No dogs are allowed
- No guns will be allowed in area on bow hunting days

Come Take a Scary Ride in a "Haunted Forest"



Poarch Creek Indians "Haunted Hay Ride"

Week of October 23-28, 2006
(specific dates to be
announced)

For more information and
to participate contact the
Recreation Department
at (251) 368-9136
extension 2246.



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are proud to have the resources to do our part in this effort."

"Being good neighbors is part of our culture," added Chairman Rolin. "If there is a need that we can help meet, we are always happy to do our part."

About the Poarch Band of Creek Indians

The Poarch Band of Creek Indians is the only federally recognized Indian Tribe in the state of Alabama, operating as a sovereign nation with its own system of government and bylaws. The Tribe operates a variety of economic enterprises, which employ hundreds of area residents. Poarch Creek Indian Gaming manages three gaming facilities in Alabama, including: the Creek Entertainment Center in Atmore; Riverside Entertainment Center in Wetumpka; and Tallapoosa Entertainment Center in Montgomery. The Poarch Band of Creek Indians is an active partner in the state of Alabama, contributing to economic, educational, social and cultural projects benefiting both tribal members and residents of these local communities and neighboring towns. The Tribe's Planned Giving Campaign includes significant donations to local schools, education scholarships, senior centers, youth athletics, and charitable organizations.

payroll on time because our grant money hadn't come yet.

But back then, we were just crazy enough to think that we could one day be a federally recognized Tribe. We were crazy enough to think we could have our own government and our own constitution that was recognized by the United States government and other Indian tribes. We were crazy enough to think that one day we could provide real jobs and real opportunity for our people, and we wouldn't have to wait for grant money.

We may have been crazy, but we were right. We finally got recognition in 1984, and the Tribe began changing overnight. We had to change too.

We had to envision how to grow our government and expand our services. There were offices and houses to be built, staff to be hired, political battles to be tackled, and economic enterprises to be developed. Still, as much as everything was changing, some things stayed the same.

There was always more work than we could do in a day, not enough staff, and not enough time. And it is the same to this day.

In the last 23 years, I have served as the Tribe's Health Administrator, and Vice-Chairman. And as I look around today at what we have built, I feel blessed to see many of our original employees from those little offices in the Indian school still working with the Tribe today. We have weathered much change together. Just think how much has changed just in the few months since our last "State of the Tribe" address.

It is never easy to lose a friend or a loved one, and it is particularly devastating when we lose the leader of a nation. The death of our former Chairman, Fred McGhee, on May 18, 2006 was painful – both personally and professionally. But I am comforted in the belief that he left this world doing the work he loved. I hope you are, too.

There have been many other changes in our tribal government in the last few months. We held tribal elections, and I'd like to welcome Stephanie Bryan and Keith Martin as our new Tribal Council members. Stephanie serves as our Gaming Commission Chairman. Keith also serves as our Gaming Board Chairman.

Robert McGhee, the former President of Creek Indian Enterprises, accepted the position as Tribal Administrator for Tribal Government.

On the Tribal Enterprise side, James T. Martin returned to the Poarch Creeks as our new President of Creek Indian Enterprises. Tim had served as the Executive Director of USET for eleven years. Prior to that, he was Tribal Administrator for the Poarch Creeks for ten years.

In addition to these organizational changes, there have been developments among our Tribal Government departments and business enterprises. After my remarks today, we will have four presentations covering Economic Development, Education, Health and Housing:

During the Economic Development presentation, Tim Martin and Stephanie Bryan will address important developments in gaming and land investments. Arthur Mothershed will have financial information on Tribal Government and our enterprises for mid-year.

I have to say, that the development of Magnolia Branch has been incredible. Those of you who attended this year's Annual

Celebration at Magnolia Branch know what I am talking about. This economic enterprise is fast becoming a place of relaxation and recreation for our Tribal members and community members. Magnolia Branch is expanding its camping facilities and plans to build cabins and a lodge.

Gaming is finalizing land investments from individual and city investors along I-65 Exit 57 and developing plans for expansion.

During the Education presentation, Daniel McGhee will address important developments in tuition assistance, adult and basic education, and future plans.

We recognize how important it is that our people understand our native history, culture and the Creek language. For this reason, the Education Department is now sponsoring introductory classes in cultural education. I invite you to contact the Education Department and learn more about these classes.

During the Health presentation, Jamie McGhee will discuss important developments in the Health Department. We are pleased to announce that Candace Fayard has recently accepted the position of Health Administrator.

During the Housing presentation, Susan Wicker will present information on the Tribe's Rental, Home-Ownership, and Rehabilitation Programs, and Tullis Manor.

There have also been developments in departments that will not be covered in presentations today, and we want to briefly update you on progress in these areas:

Our Wellness and Activities department has been busy with the opening of our new Tribal pool. They do a great job providing fun and safe year-round activities for our children. This is a sound investment in our future generations.

Our NAYO youth teams recently participated in inter-tribal baseball and softball tournaments in Choctaw Mississippi. The NAYO tournament gives our youth an opportunity to compete and to interact with youth from other tribes. Our youth played hard, and they played fair, and I am proud of how they represented our Tribe. Our NASA adult teams competed in Hollywood, Florida, and both the men's and women's teams placed third in their division.

We are also working on building teams with folks who live and work in the communities around us. As we develop business in other communities outside of Poarch, it becomes even more important that we establish positive working relationships and good will in these communities. For example, we have businesses in Wetumpka and Montgomery, and we must provide law enforcement coverage for them. In August, we cross-deputized our Tribal officers with police officers in Montgomery County and the City of Wetumpka. Thanks to this kind of teamwork, we were able to increase the number of police officers available to serve our businesses. We have had a similar mutual law enforcement agreement with the Escambia County Alabama Sheriff's Office for over twenty years. By sharing our resources with our neighbors, we can better ensure the safety and security of our tribal members and business interests, and be good neighbors in return.

It's Fall, and that means hurricane season. Thankfully, we have had no hurricanes or natural disasters this year, but we are working hard to ensure we are prepared in the event of an emergency. Our Emergency Management Department contin-

ues to coordinate planning with state and federal agencies. In August, we held an Emergency Planning meeting with the Escambia County Management Agency and others to address hazardous materials and other environmental safety regulations.

The Tribe will also receive one of only eight portable hospitals in the state. This portable hospital has 86 beds and can be activated by the Tribe to handle medical emergencies. We can also make this hospital available to any other tribe, community, or agency that may need assistance with a medical emergency. This is another way we can provide services for our tribal members and be good neighbors too.

"The Tribe is currently in the process of analyzing our options for creating a health insurance program for Tribal members. Since Tribal members are not employees of the Tribe, we do not meet the requirements for establishing a traditional group plan with an insurance provider. Therefore, we are obtaining the information and the process for creating a customized plan. Several other USET Tribes currently maintain their own plans and we are working with them to take advantage of their knowledge and experience.

After determining the benefits and cost of the plan, if the Tribe decides the plan is feasible, education of the plan and an enrollment process will take place. a decision on establishing a health insurance plan should be made by the end of the year."

That is a lot of change to deal with. But one thing never changes...and that is our vision for the future.

Let me lay out that vision – those plans for you.

We are going to continue to push for economic growth. We will invest in economic development that benefits our Tribal members, and partnerships that meet the needs of the Tribe and the communities where we operate.

We are going to build our political power. This administration will continue meeting with legislators to promote our political interests. Alabama lawmakers will understand that our Tribal operations have a powerful economic impact in this state. We will confront politically motivated attacks on our integrity by speaking the truth.

We are going to run an honest government and I will also continue to provide sound leadership.

We are going to promote a positive, professional public image of the Tribe and its enterprises as a good neighbor.

We are going to educate the state about who we are and the importance of our history and culture to the settlement of Alabama and the nation.

We are going to make sure our elders have lives of dignity and that the healthcare they need is there for them.

We are going to ensure that our baby boomers have opportunities to work and that retirement here provides a great quality of life.

And we are going to make sure that our young people have the best education possible. For so many of us, going to college was something completely out of our reach.

I am happy to see so many of our young adults working hard, taking advantage of the Tribe's scholarships to get their degrees. I hope you will consider sharing your talents with the Tribe to lead our government towards a vision of the future.

As I look around at all the change that is happening here everyday, I am really encouraged to see the next generation

stepping up to the plate. Many of you have invested in education, and some of you have moved away or worked elsewhere. But you have come home. And it makes me proud to see Tribal members from the generation behind mine using their knowledge, experience, and hard work to benefit our Tribe.

With all the change I've seen since I began working for the Poarch Band of Creek Indians, I can only imagine what the future holds. But based on my experience, I believe good things will come to us if we ask "What can I do to help?" more often than we ask "What's in it for me?"

I intend to work hard for you. In return, I encourage you to take an increased interest in your history and culture, and your Tribal government. This government did not 'just happen'. And it wasn't 'always here'. Our government was created with vision and hard work, and a democratic government is only as strong as the citizens who get involved.

Perhaps the most important building we have is our little Indian School. In it, members of our Tribe were educated – but only up to the 6th grade. And for too many of them, that was as far as we could go. That building also housed the beginnings of what you see here today – a strong Tribal government and a strong economic enterprise that benefits our Tribe and the communities around us.

So I hope the next time you drive by that little school, you will see it as a reminder of dreams that didn't come true and dreams that did. It was our past and it was our future.

We know what we need to do to make our government strong, and make our future hopeful. The decisions we make today shape our future and the world your children's children will live in. I intend to continue doing whatever I can to make our future a good one. I hope you will too.

Mvto. Thank you.

Reminder

According to Tribal Council Ordinance 06:001, Section 3 (d), "Each member shall be responsible for providing current address information to the Census Office in accordance with procedures and instructions established by the Census Office. Members shall be responsible for providing address changes to the Census Office as they occur. The Tribe is not responsible for sending a per capita check to the wrong address if the Tribal member has failed to provide a current and correct address."

Please remember to keep your information current and up-to-date!!

October 2006 Education Financial Aid And Employment News

Submitted By Billie McGhee, Education Coordinator

We are happy to hear that Tribal members are taking the initiative and enrolling in college degree programs in preparation for the new job opportunities that are coming to the Poarch Creek Tribal Gaming facilities, Creek Indian Enterprises, and our Tribal Programs. Many are applying for the Federal Student Loan Program in order to pay for their classes. There is an old saying "*The early bird gets the worm*". The trained and ready to step into the job Tribal members will have first access to the new jobs. At the present time, Faulkner State Community College is the only local community college that accesses the Federal Student Loan Program. The Federal Student Aid Programs (Pell Grant and Loans) can be used to pay for on-line college classes.

The Eddie L. Tullis and Calvin McGhee Scholarship applications are available for Tribal members who are over the age of 25 and did not meet the age requirements for the Tuition Payment Program. The deadline is 5:00 pm, Tuesday October 31, 2006. All Tribal students can apply for other Native American Scholarship Programs to help cover the cost of their room & board and other college related expenses. If you need a list of Native American scholarship web sites, please email me at bmcghee@poarchcreekindians-nsn.gov.

BIA JOBS AT USAJOBS.COM

The Department of Interior and other federal programs advertise their vacancies at USAJOBS.com. The Education Department has received information about several positions that are listed at USA JOB such as Environmental Protection Specialist, Forester Firefighter, Forestry Aid, Civil Engineer, and Program Analyst. <http://www.usajobs.com>

CAREER DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) Career Grants assists women who hold a bachelor's degree and are preparing to advance their careers, change careers, or re-enter the work force. The applications are available until December 15, 2006. You can download an application at www.act.org/aauw/cdg/index.html.

Cornell University Department of Natural Resources

Cornell is seeking an Assistant Professor of Environmental and American Indian Studies. This will be a joint appointment between the American Indian Program (AIP) and the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. Applications will be reviewed beginning October 15, 2006. Applicants may send a letter of application, curriculum vitae, undergraduate and graduate transcripts, statement of teaching philosophy, statement of research interests and professional goals, and the names (including mailing and email addresses, and phone numbers) of three references to Professor James Lassoie, Search Committee Co-Chair, c/o Kelly Tillotson, klt8@cornell.edu. Additional information can be found at www/dnr.cornell.edu and at www/aip.cornell.edu.

FAULKNER STATE COLLEGE NURSING STUDENT IS SEEKING SOMEONE TO SHARE CAR POOL COST

Are you a Faulkner State College student that would like to share travel expenses with another student? If you are, please contact Mrs. Billie McGhee at (251) 368-9136, ext. 2243 for details. The student is attending Nursing classes in Fairhope and Bay Minette.

THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN ELK FOUNDATION WILDLIFE LEADERSHIP AWARDS COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

Ten \$2000.00 scholarships are awarded each year to outstanding juniors and seniors studying wildlife sciences. Additional information about the scholarship can be found at <http://www.rmef.org/pages/scholar.htm>. Interested students may contact the Rocky Mountain Elk foundation at P.O. Box 8249, Missoula, MT 59807-8249, to the attention of Sara Dexter. Her telephone number is 1-800-CALL ELK, ext. 548. Application deadline is March 1, 2007.

THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE COLONIAL DAMES OF AMERICA

American Indian Nurse Scholarship Program

Mrs. Thomas B. Van Antwerp, 7752-A Patrick Landing Rd Bay Minette, AL 36507

Ph. 251-580-8073

Fax: 251-580-8011

Email: gypsie@vanantwerponline.com

The American Indian Nurse scholarship average award is for \$1000 per semester and it must be used for academic purposes only. The applicant must be studying nursing or a related health field, health education at college or post-graduate level. An associate's degree may be obtained through this scholarship. Applicant must be ¼ American Indian. Fifteen-twenty scholarships are awarded per semester.

THE ENVIRONMENTAL CAREERS ORGANIZATION (ECO) INTERNSHIP DATABASE

The ECO is a national, non-profit organization that assists students to become professionals through paid environmental internships that provide on-the-job learning experiences for students pursuing bachelors, masters, or doctoral degrees or recent graduates. The paid internships are available at the Bureau of Land Management, Environmental Protection Agency, US Fish and Wildlife Service, US Forest Service, US Geological Survey, Nation Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Park Service, California, State & Local government (outside California) and Non-profit Internships (outside California). http://www.eco.org/site/c.dnJLKPNnFkG/b.938243/k.63DD/Read_Am. Internships provide work experience in your field of study. Valuable contacts for letters of recommendation for scholarships, other internships, job opportunities and entrance into a masters or doctoral programs are made thru this organization.

Land Purchase

Submitted by Troy Pierce, Life Scientist

The Tribe received a grant from the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service to purchase 40 acres of land to add to the Magnolia Branch Wildlife Reserve. On August 25, 2006, Tribal Chairman Buford Rolin signed the paperwork that purchased the 40 acres from Mr. Arthur Peacock. This land was acquired with the help of Mr. Billy Smith, Robert Thrower, and the Environmental Department. The 40 acres will be restored to long leaf pine and wetland habitat that is important for box turtles, gopher tortoises and the red cockaded woodpecker. This land will help expand the Tribe's efforts to ensure culturally significant species like the box turtle will still be around for generations to come. Additionally, the Tribe can now protect this property to help make sure that Big Escambia Creek continues to remain clean for swimming and other recreation.



Buford L. Rolin, Tribal Chairman, and Billy Smith, Magnolia Branch Wildlife Reserve General Manager, review and sign paperwork to purchase land.



Pictured left to right Buford L. Rolin, Tribal Chairman, Troy Pierce, Life Scientist, Laura Cook, Environmental Director, and Billy Smith, MBWR General Manager.

CRS Recognized at USET Consultation Event

CRS and its employees were recently recognized by the Louisiana Army National Guard and FEMA at the LAARNG/ USET government to government consultation held in New Orleans, Louisiana. The event took place at the Hotel Monteleone on August 29, 2006, the anniversary of Hurricane Katrina. In attendance were representatives from FEMA, USET (United Southeast Tribes), the Louisiana Army National Guard and the State and Federal Historical Preservation Offices. Community Recovery Services was recognized by the Louisiana National Guard for their quick response and outstanding performance of the debris removal contract at the historic Jackson Barracks Military Base. FEMA also recognized CRS for the careful handling of their demolition activities with respect to low impact demolition procedures and the consideration of the base as a federally recognized historic site with Native American cultural significance.

Some of the Poarch Creek Indian tribal members, employed by CRS, who participated in the Jackson Barracks Project were Gloria Krafka, Ernestine Rolin, Gordon McGhee, Garvis Sells, Shawn Rolin, Aubrey Rolin, Tony Sells Jr., Deno Rolin, Timothy Slate, Scott Griffey, and Hollis McGhee.

Community Recovery Services is a tribal-member owned company, which specializes in site preparation, disaster recovery, demolition, debris removal and remediation services. You can view their website at www.communityrecovery.net.



Amy Bryan, CEO of CRS and LT. Colonel Keith Kingston

Teens on A Mission

by Sherry Digmon

Six local teenagers did something really unusual this summer. No typical vacation for them. They spent two months of their summer on mission trips on the other side of the world.

Trent Lambert, 16, and Tyler Hochstetler, 14, went to Sicily. A.J. Beachy, 16, and Ben Hess, 16, went to Ethiopia.

As reported in *Atmore News* in August, Lacey Hochstetler, 16, and Tyler Lambert, 14, went on a mission trip to Malawi, Africa.

They all went as part of Teen Missions International, an organization that takes “young missionaries” into the field. From a boot camp in Merritt Island, Florida, the 180 teens from all over the country scattered to all parts of the world.

Trent Lambert and Tyler Hochstetler

ISPICA, SICILY

Trent and Tyler went to a Christian camp in Ispica, Sicily, a camp connected with the only evangelical church in the country.

Their journey took them from Miami International Airport to London. From London, they continued on a connecting flight across France, Corsica, and the Tyrrhenian Sea before landing in Catania, located on the island of Sicily, the largest island in the Mediterranean Sea. They traveled by bus along the Mediterranean, through Syracuse, a city founded by the Greeks in 743 BC, and on to Ispica, population about 15,000, where their project was located.

Their work included landscaping, building a sidewalk and installing metal roofing over the small camping trailers at the Christian camp. Tyler and Trent spent most of their work time mixing and pouring concrete for the 130-yard walkway. This is difficult work under any conditions, but consider that they had to hand mix much of the concrete, and the temperature was 120 degrees or higher each day.

During off time, members of the team had the opportunity to visit areas where the Apostle Paul walked and ministered.

When the team members walked through the city, they handed out Christian tracts in Italian, and sometimes they sang. Perhaps they couldn't share Jesus with words, but they could in other ways.

For Tyler, the best part of the experience was seeing the culture and being able to share the Gospel.

For Trent, the best part was the work itself, learning to do things a different way.

Both agreed the worst part was having to walk everywhere. The trip to church was especially grueling. They walked five miles. The road to church was up hill, so by the time they got there, they were pretty sweaty. Fortunately, the downhill walk back wasn't so bad.

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Going to church at boot camp

From left, front, A.J. Beachy, Tyler Lambert, Lacey Hochstetler, back, Tyler Hochstetler, Trent Lambert, Ben Hess.



Tyler and Trent



The walkway Trent and Tyler helped build

Lacey Hochstetler and Tyler Lambert

CHIPOKA, MALAWI, AFRICA

After attending the Lord's Boot Camp, Lacey and Tyler left from Orlando International Airport to Washington D.C. Then they flew across the Atlantic Ocean and Western Europe to Addis Ababa, the capital of Ethiopia. A shorter flight took them over Kenya, the Equator, Mount Kilimanjaro and Tanzania for the final landing in Lilongwe, the capital of Malawi. A two-hour truck ride took them to the Teen Missions Bible, Missionary & Work Training Center base in Chipoka, on the shores of Lake Malawi.

This team worked at a mission's AIDS orphans rescue unit.

Lacey and Tyler went halfway around the world to wash children's feet. To put their first pair of shoes and socks on them. To show them Christ's love.

They played games with them, did Gospel presentations for the children, using puppets, drama, music and balloons, and gave personal testimonies.

When they signed up for this team, they were instructed to begin collecting new or good used closed-in shoes or tennis shoes for these destitute children. Because of all the shoes and socks that needed to go, team members were allowed to take only a sleeping bag and air mattress in their duffel bag. All of their personal items had to fit into a Teen Missions issued carry-on bag.

[Portions of the following were published in *Atmore News* August 2.)

The kids had never had socks and shoes on their feet before. The teens washed the children's feet, then put on their socks for them, then their shoes. Some of the kids ran to show their friends. Some of them had shoes that lit up and they stomped their feet, delighted with the light show.

Lacey and Tyler were among the teens who washed the children's feet in Malawi, Africa. They spent four weeks there this summer.

In Africa, Lacey and Tyler worked with AIDS orphans. They are orphans in the truest sense of the word. They live in villages with adults, but each family of children who has lost their parents lives by themselves. Lacey said that sometimes the oldest child might be 10 years old, taking care of his younger brothers and sisters, providing food and shelter.

TMI has four rescue units set up in Malawi. Twice a week, kids come from the villages to get a meal. Usually between 100 and 200 kids come.

Tyler and Lacey experienced culture shock when they came back to the States.

"The hardest thing about coming home is seeing people who have so much and are not thankful for it," Tyler said.

"They could be in this situation in Africa."

Lacey agreed.

"America has so much and nobody realizes it," she said.

Their diet consisted mainly of nsima (flour and water boiled), beans and greens, but they did have American food occasionally. Lacey said she's had a hard time adjusting to meat since she's been back in the States, because she had so little meat while she was gone. Tyler said he got sick if he ate too much when he first got home.



Tyler and Lacey

In Malawi, they circulated to four rescue units. At three units, the weather was warm during the day but very cool at night and early morning so cool, in fact, that they wore sweatshirts and jackets.

One of the units was in the mountains, and it was very cold there. When they left Malawi, they left all their warm clothes with the kids.

Since TMI is a Christian mission organization, each area has a church with weekly services.

"We went to a different church every Sunday," Lacey said. "They all love to sing and dance. It was so beautiful."

So now that they're back from their mission trip, Lacey and Tyler are on a mission of their own. They want to raise \$11,000 to build another rescue unit in Malawi. Two native adults live in the unit. They raise chickens and goats, and they furnish the meals for the orphans twice a week. If you're interested in fund-raisers or donating, get in touch with Lacey at 368-5722.

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Washing feet

Community

Thanks

Submitted by Misty Rolin

I would like to recognize both Community Recovery Services (CRS) and FS Advisers, two local Tribal Member owned companies who sponsored me during my recent trip to Miami to play in the NASA Softball tournament. I would also like to say that all the ladies had a wonderful time and played extremely well out there. Poarch was able to bring home a 3rd place finish out of a total of 13 teams who participated.

NASA's third place team, the Poarch OutKasts



Happy Birthday

Happy belated birthday to Trey Sheets from Mom, Dad, and big brother Seth.

Trey Sheets



Birth Announcement

Andrea and Gareth Bowen of Memphis, TN, announce the birth of their son, Ethan John Bowen, on May 19, 2006 at 1:51 p.m. He weighed 6 lbs., 13 oz. and was 20 inches in length.

Ethan is the grandson of Tom and Tina McGhee of Gates, TN; Nigel and Joyce Bowen, of Lakeland, TN; and Valerie Bowen of Bay Saint Louis, MS. He is the great-grandson of the late Hurley and Nelda McGhee.

Ethan John Bowen



Engagement Announcement:

Kelli Michelle Martin and Darin Scott Dirting announce their engagement and forthcoming marriage on Saturday, October 21, 2006, at 6:00 p.m. at the Hutcheson Plantation.

Kelli, mother of Sidney Dayne Lott, age 11, is the daughter of Ellis and Cindy Martin of Corpus Christi TX and Charles and Brenda Blount of St Simons Island, GA and the granddaughter of A D and Willie Lee Martin (both deceased) of Poarch. She is a graduate of Glynn Academy, Brunswick, GA, and Coastal Georgia Community College, Brunswick, GA. She is currently employed as Billing Manager/Certified Professional Coder at Parkwood Medical Center in Brunswick, GA.

Darin, father of Kaleb Scott Dirting age 11, is the son of Larry and Betty Dirting (both deceased) of Martinsburg, WV. He



is a graduate of Martinsburg High School, Martinsburg, WV, and the University of Maryland through US Navy. He served in the United States Navy, Rank E6 Title YN1, from 1988 to 2000, and is employed as Banquet Set-up Supervisor at Sea Island Co.

A reception will immediately follow the ceremony; all friends and family are invited to attend.

Kelli Michelle Martin

Wedding Announcement



On July 22, 2006, Patrick Coy Strickland and Amber Nicole West were united in marriage at the Broad Street Church of Christ in LaGrange, GA. Amber is the daughter of Rand and Karen West of LaGrange, GA and is employed by Corley Drugs in LaGrange. Patrick is the son of Ronnie and Debra Strickland of Atmore and employed by Guardsmark Securities in LaGrange. The couple currently resides in LaGrange, GA.

Patrick and Amber Strickland

Family Reunion

The David & Maggie McGhee Family Reunion has been scheduled for Saturday, October 7, 2006 at the Floridatown Recreation Center in Floridatown, FL. There will be good times, good music, and good friends, with festivities starting at 9:00 a.m. Musical guest includes Buddy Bray and the Manning Family. Please mark your calendars, plan to attend, and bring a covered dish. Please contact Melvin McGhee at 1-850-944-0753 if you have any questions or need directions. Hope to see you there!



Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Submitted by Wanda Fowler, Victims Advocacy Specialist

In support of Domestic Violence Month, the Tribal Council adopted the following Resolution:

October is "Domestic Violence Awareness Month." Please take the time to remember those who live in fear behind closed doors in our community. In order to honor victims and survivors of domestic violence, the Family Services Domestic Violence Program is asking that you:

- Wear the purple ribbon pins during the month of October. If you have not been provided one, you can obtain a pin from the Family Services Department.
- Remember that domestic violence is no discriminator of persons. It is a serious crime that affects people of all races, ages, income levels, and gender. Domestic violence is not just a couple's problem or a domestic "squabble", or a "fight." Violence is a choice the abuser makes.
- Remember you have the right to be safe and when you keep yourself safe, you are teaching your children to be safe. Most victims believe that they are staying in the abuse for the children's benefit. This has been proven to be false. Children that grow up in abuse often resent the victim for staying and often blame themselves for not being able to stop the abuse. If you are in this situation, please talk to your children about their feelings.
- Leaving is always costly. It costs emotionally, physically and financially. The highest cost, however, is leaving your children without a parent. If you or someone you know is a victim of domestic violence, contact Family Services, 368-9136 ext. 2600, or Wanda Fowler, Victim's Advocacy Coordinator, at ext. 2212. For help any time day or night, call the Alabama Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-650-6522. In an emergency, call the Police at 911.

TOGETHER, WE CAN STOP DOMESTIC VIOLENCE!

Whereas, the Poarch Band of Creek Indians is a federally recognized Indian Tribe organized pursuant to 25 CFR, Part 83; and

Whereas, Domestic Violence victims, and their advocates across the Tribal Community, have made great progress in disclosing the patters of abuse, which are used against Indians; and

Whereas, control, in any intimate partnership, which creates fear and/or intimidation in another person, or forces them to do something they do not want to do, or prevents them from doing something they want to do, is domestic violence; and

Whereas, the Poarch Band of Creek Indians Family Services Department's Domestic Violence program provides the focus and leadership for community-wide, anti-violent, anti-control policies against Indian victims; and

Whereas, the Judge, Court Director, Prosecutor, and other court personnel, the treatment and rehabilitation professionals, the law enforcement personnel, the health care personnel, the social services personnel, and the national, tribal and community leaders and partners have had a profound impact, through hard work and commitment, to the safety of the victims in our community;

The Poarch Band of Creek Indians declares that Domestic Violence Month be established the month of October 2006, recognizing domestic violence victims, victim advocates, social service staff, law enforcement, judicial personnel, and the tribal community who make significant contributions towards victim safety.



National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Submitted by Shyrell Gehman, Women's Health Case Nurse

In celebration of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, we would like to take this time to remember all of our ladies who have battled breast cancer through the years. Some have lost their battle; others still fight bravely while others have just begun their battle.

For those women over 40 who have never been affected by this disease, there are things you can do now to decrease your chances of facing this enemy. Get your yearly mammogram. If you can't afford one, at least have your doctor do a breast exam yearly. You should also learn to do your own exam monthly at home. Learn all you can about the disease; know your risk. Knowledge is a great weapon.

For more information, you can visit the following websites:

- www.breastcancer.com
- www.nbcam.org
- www.cancer.org

Adult Literacy Classes

Submitted by Sandra Hiebert, Education Executive Director

The Education Department will be conducting Adult Literacy classes for Tribal members who need assistance with reading. Some people need extra help learning to read and comprehend information. Though this can be taught to some extent during GED classes, usually students need more one-on-one attention from the Instructor than can be given during GED classes alone. If you have struggled with reading and comprehension, please call us. We will be hiring someone to conduct these classes very soon. If you or someone you know would be interested in this new service, please call Sandra Hiebert at 251-368-9136, extension 2242.

Help On Dealing With Social Security

By Delila Anderson, Adult Services Coordinator

SOCIAL SECURITY RETIREMENT BENEFITS

Filing for Social Security Retirement Benefits or Social Security Disability Benefits can be a complicated procedure. Help is here! The Family Services Department will be glad to assist you with these services.

Elders can apply for their Social Security Retirement Benefits within three (3) months of turning 62 years of age. It can be confusing at times, but going ahead and processing the application can help stop delays in processing your check. An example of how this system works is below:

- 1) Let's say today is March 3, 2006
- 2) John Doe's birthday is June 3, 2006
- 3) John Doe calls Social Security to state that he wants to file for his Social Security Retirement Benefits today.
- 4) The application is taken over the telephone.
- 5) Now John Doe will wait to see if any problems arise, if they do, he has time to correct them before it causes any delay to receiving his check.
- 6) Since John Doe's birthday is within the first 10 days in June, he now can receive his social security retirement check on the 3rd day of June..
- 7) If your birthday falls on the 11th or later, your check would come on the 3rd of July.
- 8) By applying three months prior to receiving social security retirement benefits, problems can be detected and resolved; so your check should not be delayed.

If you need help or assistance in applying for your Social Security Retirement check, please call Delila Anderson.

SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY BENEFITS

Help is here for adults, aged 18 and over, who need help in applying for their Social Security Disability Benefits. Applying over the telephone is the fastest and easiest way to apply.

If you have already applied and have been turned down, the appeal process becomes very important in securing past benefits from the time you applied for Social Security Disability. Most people decide that it is too hard a process to continue, so they just file another application and generally get turned down again. Below is the following process that should be followed to receive optimum results:

- 1) Call the social security office and state that you want to file for disability.
- 2) They will schedule a telephone interview with you, usually within a two-week period.
- 3) They will mail out paperwork for you to complete and have it readily available for the questions that will be asked during the scheduled telephone interview.
- 4) Then all the information is compiled and sent to the Disability Determination Services Office.
- 5) A decision is generally made within a few weeks up to a few months.
- 6) You will receive a letter stating if the decision was favorable (approved) or unfavorable (not approved).

- 7) If unfavorable, you have 60 days to appeal the decision.
- 8) **APPEAL THE DECISION!!!**
- 9) You can hire an attorney, appoint a representative, or represent yourself.
- 10) They will send the necessary paperwork to request for an appeal.
- 11) Now the Hearings and Appeals Office will review your case and set a hearing date with a judge. (This is the waiting game)
- 12) Do not give up hope!

If you live within the five county service area (Escambia, AL and FL, Monroe, Mobile, and Baldwin) and need assistance, the Adults Services Coordinator can help you with applying for disability, and assisting throughout the appeals process. If you live outside of the service area, the Adult Services Coordinator can provide referral information to other agencies that can help with these services. Please call the Family Services Department, Adult Services Coordinator at (251) 368-9136 ext. 2373 for further information.

Bureau of Indian Affairs 90% Loan Guaranty Program Clinic

Presented by
Poarch Creek Indian Economic Development Department

Tuesday, October 31st
12:00 to 1:00 PM
(Brown Bag Lunch Event)

4:00 to 5:00 PM

Economic Development Department
S.A.I.L. Center Building

*For Reservations Call
251-368-9136 Ext. 2289 or 2505*

Credit Counseling Clinic

Presented by
Poarch Creek Indian Economic Development Department

Tuesday, October 17th
12:00 to 1:00 PM
(Brown Bag Lunch Event)

4:00 to 5:00 PM

Economic Development Department
S.A.I.L. Center Building

*For Reservations Call
251-368-9136 Ext. 2289 or 2505*

Native American Owned Business Directory

Submitted by Kathy Jowers, Economic Development
Director

The Economic Development Department is pleased to announce that they will be putting together a "Native American Owned Business Directory." If you are Native American and a business owner, please contact Jennifer Colbert at 368-9136 ext. 2289 with your business information. The "Native American Owned Business Directory" will be a good source of "free" advertisement for your business.

Each month the Economic Development Department pays tribute to a Tribal Member owned business, by running an informational article about your business in the newsletter. Please contact Michelle White at 368-9136 ext. 2505 if you would like to "spotlight" your business in the November issue of the newsletter.

Don't Forget to Update!

Submitted by Wendy Davis, Construction Assistant

IT'S TIME TO UPDATE! Any Tribal Member 21 years of age or older interested in a new house must come into the Poarch Creek Indians Housing Department to submit a new application or update your current application.

Applicants must provide a copy of their 2005 tax returns, Social Security Cards of all persons on the application, and all other required documents.

The last date for submission of a new application or to update your current application is Wednesday, October 18, 2006.

Reminder

Pool hours are:

Monday – Friday	11:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Saturday	10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Sunday	1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

The pool is open to Tribal Members and First Generation Indian Descent with one guest.

Indoor Stomp Dance

at the Poarch Wellness center

November 1st, 2006

6pm-9pm

Free potluck dinner
for everyone

(while the food lasts)

there will be cake walks,
singing & dancing

Fun for the whole family

Everyone is welcome

for more info, please call

Alex Alvarez @ 251-368-9136

ext 2240

Geraldine McGhee, Lena & Lonnie Rackard, and Zollie Mae McGhee participate in the Walk Across America Program sponsored by the Wellness & Activities Center.



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