



Poarch Creek News

Keeping the Family and Friends of Poarch Informed

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Elder Conference

The Seniors took the Tribe's new bus on its inaugural trip when they attended the Elder's Conference in Tulsa, Oklahoma in September. They left early Wednesday, September 13, 2006 and returned on Friday, September 22, 2006.

Some of the participants would like to share their experiences with you.

Kay Archer

Thank you is one of those phrases that says more than two words can say. This thank you come from my heart-it means thanks for taking the time to show that you cared-you make all of my days so much better when I see that you care. It makes me feel so nice, and wish I could do the same for you...just by letting you know how much you mean to me. Thank you means that you didn't have to, but I'm grateful you did. I "Thank You" with all my heart and will never forget the help, kindness, and attention you showed to me on our trip to Oklahoma. You are the best SAIL Staff - Carolyn, Vicki, Eldnar, & Cindy, and I must include our "Great Bus Driver"- Paul Pearson. Not forgetting Velma and "Rooster" (Mytris), who I thought were staff on this trip.

In relation to the Cherokee Tribal Centers I learned:

- * Their employment base has grown from 240 employees to over 6,000
- * Their budget has grown from \$10,000 annually to over \$350 million annually
- * They give \$4 million to the State of Oklahoma
- * They have a 15 member Tribal Council plus 2 at large members to cover member absenteeism
- * Council elections are held every 4 years
- * They have a paid Council
- * They have 7 clinics 2 are IHS clinics and a 14 county service area
- * They have 34 Head Start Centers that care for children from birth to 5 years of age
- * Minimum wage is \$8.00 per hour
- * They offer a 40 hour Cherokee History class for anyone interested

I felt fortunate to spend quality time with Tribal Members that before this I did not know so well, making friends in addition to a great trip. The Muskogee Creeks honored us with the most wonderful breakfast that we will never forget. Cooked in their beautiful and very up-to-date cafeteria and served to us in a most beautiful

dining room. The sites that we were exposed to were extremely beautiful. The museums, the Pow Wow, the sight seeing trips can only be described to you by someone who has a better way with words than I. The overall expression was one of envy of the Tribes that joined the "Trail of Tear" to Oklahoma. Another tidbit was that several of the travelers in addition to myself noted that the climate there made our pain less and breathing easier but most of us are unwilling to trade for tornado weather.

I love you all-Thanks

National Indian Council on Aging
Submitted by: Velma Martin Amos; Tulsa, OK.

Seniors from the Poarch Creek Indians Sail Center had the pleasure of attending the National

Indian Council on Aging recently in Tulsa, OK. The four (4) day event offers seniors from tribe within the United States a chance to fellowship and learn of programs and benefits that are available to provide assistance to our Native American Elders. Such meetings included new health options, senior meal programs, and assistance to low income families. Seniors also toured senior housing units available for seniors within the Cherokee Tribes.

The AARP of Oklahoma sponsored a one (1) mile fun walk for anyone that wanted to participate. Poarch Creek Indians had eight (8) seniors to participate in the event. They were: Eddie Tullis, Hubert Rackard, Lena Rackard, Eldnar McGhee, Velma Crocker, Ruth Ann Tullis, Velma Amos, and Myrtis Kinman. Everyone that participated enjoyed the event and the fellowship that it provided for them.

We left Poarch on Wednesday, September 13, 2006 and spent our first night in Little Rock, Arkansas. After arriving in Oklahoma we enjoyed some shopping and worked in some sight seeing in between our days of meetings and fellowship. We visited the Cherokee Museum and Village, Creek Museum, Five Civilized Tribe Museum (Choctaw, Cherokee, Muskogee Creek, Chickasaw, and Seminole).

We also enjoyed touring the Oral Roberts University and the site of the Oklahoma City bombing. The Oklahoma City bombing site was a very somber place to see. The chairs that are placed in honor of the people who lost their lives that day will take your breathe away and at the same time make you want to rush home and hug your loved ones. Flowers, cards, trinkets, and photos placed on



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the fence are removed periodically and given to charity, but new ones take their place as quickly as they are removed. You have the feeling that you are standing on sacred ground and most people respect that site as not to remove or destroy memento that are left by the public and/or the victims families.

This was my first trip with the seniors, but with the love and dedication that was provided to us by the staff of the Poarch Creek Indians Sail Center, I hope this will not be the last. I would like to thank Carolyn Dortch, Cyndi Wright, Vicki Burns and Eldnar McGhee for the dedication they have to their job. These four (4) ladies go beyond their duties of a job and really treat us with love and respect that is usually reserved for family members. I do not think that Poarch Creek Indians realizes the value of this team and what they mean to us as a group or individually.

I would also like to mention the volunteers that work with the seniors everyday. I do not know all the names but you know who you are. I would also like to thank our bus driver, Paul Pearson for taking good care of us, stopping when we needed to, and for finding us a few Wal-Marts along the way. We would also like to thank Poarch Creek Indians for the monetary donation and the use of their newly purchased bus. What a pleasure it was to ride that long distance in a brand new bus that we did not have to worry about leaving us on the side of the road or riding hundreds of miles with no air. If you have not seen the new bus I think you will be very impressed with it. Never has floating on air taking a truer meaning than riding 6 hours nonstop in a new bus.

A fun time was enjoyed by all and we are already talking about our next trip. If you can find the time to participate I strongly encourage all seniors of the Poarch Creek community to embrace this program. The rewards you receive will out weigh any doubts you may have on whether we will make you feel welcomed. Give us a chance and we will gladly say....Welcome!

And the next trip we take you can hear us call.....
"ALL ABOARD"



At times the newsletter may be published late due to circumstances beyond our control. It is our goal to mail the newsletter the first week of the month. We hope to keep these delays to a minimum in the future and we thank you for your patience.

From the Chairman

I am proud to announce that Candace Fayard has accepted the position of Health Administrator. I look forward to working with her, her staff, and the community in areas of healthcare. Candace is a former Tribal employee with five years work experience in the Tribe's Health Department.

Community Relations and the Pow Wow Committee are busy finalizing plans for this year's two day Pow Wow, which will be held November 23 & 24, 2006. I would like to invite all Tribal Members and members of the community to this year's Pow Wow.

The Tribal Council has scheduled a retreat for Saturday and Sunday, December 2 and 3, 2006 in which we will address our 5 and 10 year strategic plan as well as a number of other issues facing the Tribe. The purpose of the retreat is to address major issues without interruptions or distractions. After the retreat a community meeting will be held to share this information with Tribal Members to receive your input. No final action on any issue will be made without first informing you of our plans.

We are finalizing the selection of Tribal Members to serve on the Ethics Committee. We know that this is a very important committee and it is important that we finalize membership no later than December.

I serve as Co-Chairman of the National Steering Committee for the reauthorization of the Indian Healthcare Improvement Act (IHCA) which provides health care funding to Indian Tribes. Senate Bill 1057, which would reauthorize IHCA, has been put on hold by two Senators, one of them is from the State of Alabama. The National Steering Committee Co-Chairmen and Committee members are in the process of scheduling meetings with the two Senators in an effort to address their concerns and issues so that the bill can be brought to the full floor of the Senate for a vote. By addressing the concerns of the Republican Steering Committee, who are actually responsible for the hold on SB1057; we are hopeful that a vote can be taken when the Lame Duck Session of Congress meets the week of November 13, 2006. The IHCA has not been reauthorized for 13 years. The process we are currently addressing has been underway for seven and a half years and we are closer to reauthorization than we have ever been.

The Council and appropriate staff/committee members recently attended the fall USET meeting in Philadelphia, MS, which was hosted by the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians. One of the major events of this meeting was to elect new officers. Brian Patterson, of the Oneida Nation of New York, was elected to serve as President, replacing Keller George, who retired after twelve

years of service to devote more time with his family and grandchildren. Randy Noka of the Narragansett Indian Tribe in Rhode Island, retained his position as Vice-President. Cheryl Downing, of the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas, was elected to serve as Secretary and Tricia Mora, of the Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana, was elected as Treasurer. This is the first time in a number of years that a representative from the Poarch Creek Indians has not served as an officer on the USET Board. There were committee meetings held each day during the week long session. The Tribe was well represented at each of these meetings.

The attendance at the State of the Tribe Update presentation on Saturday, September 30, 2006, was not attended as well as we expected. There were a number of other events scheduled for the same day but those who did attend were pleased with the information presented. We hope that more Tribal Members will be able to attend future presentations so that your concerns can be addressed as our Tribe moves forward in the future.

Tim Martin, CIE President, and his staff are to be commended for the excellent job they have done in moving forward with the Exit 57 Project. Present plans call for a major hotel and an enlargement of the casino space. Land surrounding the proposed site is being purchased to accommodate parking and vendor space. I pledge to keep you informed as plans are developed and we move forward with this project.

Gaming activities are going well at all three sites. It is our goal to continue to try and negotiate a compact with the Governor of Alabama regarding Class III gaming. At this point he has refused to meet with us. Again, we will keep you informed and updated.

The success of the Creek Language classes has been beyond our expectations. I congratulate all of you who are attending. The classes are very exciting and our children and adults are doing a great job at reclaiming their heritage. It is my hope that more individuals will become proficient in the language and eventually become fluent speakers of our native language.

In closing, the state of the Tribe is solid at this time. It is our goal to continue to grow and offer more services to Tribal Members. Thank you for the opportunity to serve you.



**Tribal Chairman
Buford L. Rolin**

PBS Salutes Native Americans

PBS explores the lives of the first Americans during November, American Indian Heritage Month. Please check your local listing for the following episodes:

Indian Country Diaries, a two-part series that goes inside Native-American communities to reveal a diverse people working to revitalize their culture while improving the social, physical and spiritual health of their people.

Seasoned With Spirit, a five part series offering viewers a culinary celebration of America's bounty, combining Native

American history and culture with delicious, healthy recipes inspired by indigenous foods.

VIS A VIS: Native Tongues, Australian aboriginal actress/playwright Ningali Lawford and American Indian performance artist James Luna meet through a series of digital video links to share their lives and work, explore how each uses humor and storytelling to confront the stereotypes of native people in their own countries.

STATE OF

Approximately 73 Tribal Members attended the 2006 State of the Tribe Update on Saturday, September 30, 2006. The Chairman's presentation was published in last month's issue; the following presentations were presented as well. Other presentations were made and will be shared via the newsletter as time and space permits.

UPDATE: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CREEK INDIAN ENTERPRISES (CIE)

Presented by: James T. Martin, President/CEO

Background and History

- CIE is the Economic Development and Management arm of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians
- CIE was chartered by the Tribe on January 23, 1988
- Currently employs 11

CIE Board of Directors

- Tribal Chairman- Buford L. Rolin
- Tribal Treasurer-Arthur Mothershed
- Tribal Council Member-Vacant
- Tribal Member-Nathan Martin
- Tribal Member-Billy Smith



Perdido River Farms

- John Flowers, General Manager
- Currently employs 4
- New office and barn under construction, should be completed by end of 2006
- 400 head brood cattle; 10 bulls
- In process of purchasing 100 more head of brood cattle
- Currently under 2 contracts with NRCS for fencing and water wells
- Annually sell 300 or more feeder calves



Best Western

- Terry Smith, General Manager
- Currently employs 33
- YTD Occupancy Rate is 88%, which is 38% greater than the industry average of 64%
- 2006 was a record breaking year for Best Western



Premier Family Eyecare

- Dr. Melissa Hoercher, Optometrist
- Currently employs 3
- 273 patients treated from January-August 2006
- 175 of those were Tribal Members
- 10 Indian Decent
- 88 Non-Tribal
- Applied for grant through National Eye Institute



Muskogee Metalworks

- Mal McGhee, General Manager
- Currently employs 35
- Has currently received 125 contracts in 2006
- Total dollar amount of those contracts equal \$9,397,095.00
- Formed an Employee Safety Committee in 2004; 1213 days since last W/C reportable injury



Poarch Road Service Center

- Roger & Georgia Griffey, Management
- Management of Store is contracted
- Average 200-250 customers per day
- 5 pump stations
- Open 7 days a week
- Store Hours: Monday-Thursday (6-9) Friday & Saturday (6-11) Sunday (7-8)



Magnolia Branch Wildlife Reserve

- Billy Smith, General Manager
- Currently employs 3
- 27 Campsites
- Currently working on 5 additional campsites
- Potential of 100 total campsites
- Expecting 65,000 guests to travel through park for 2006
- Construction of new shower facility completed

THE TRIBE



Poarch Creek Indian Gaming

- Kitty Stuart, General Manager
- Currently employs 29
- Manages the 3 Gaming Sites



- **Creek Entertainment Center**
- Currently employs 322
- 1,125 Games
- Located in Atmore, AL
- Casino Size: 47,000 sq. ft.



- **Riverside Entertainment Center**
- Currently employs 175
- 537 Games
- Located in Wetumpka, AL
- Casino Size: 16,000 sq. ft.



- **Tallapoosa Entertainment Center**
- Currently employs 162
- 437 games
- Located in Montgomery, AL
- Casino Size: 21,000 sq. ft.

PCI Atmore Project

Major Expansion of Creek Entertainment Center



PCI Wetumpka Project

Major Expansion of Riverside Entertainment Center

UPDATE: TRIBAL GAMING COMMISSION

*Presented by: Stephanie Bryan, Tribal Council Vice-Chairman/
Gaming Commission Chairperson*

Tribal Gaming Commission

- Chairperson: Stephanie Bryan
- Vice Chair: Vicky Burns
- Commissioners: James Barnhill
Sharon Smiley
Terri Morris

Tribal Gaming Commission Staff :

- Administrator: Edie Jackson
- Administrative Assistant: Lori Findley
- Billing Clerk: Carla McGhee
- Compliance Officer: Linda McGhee
- Inspectors: David Samson
Tina Overton
- Investigator: Joseph Busby
- Licensing Specialist: Kim O. Snow

A Brief History of Indian Gaming Regulation:

- Congress enacted the Indian Gaming regulatory Act (IGRA) in 1988.
- IGRA required the formation of the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC).
- The NIGC established gaming regulations in conjunction with IGRA requiring Tribes with gaming establishments to develop a gaming ordinance in 1993 and to appoint a governmental regulatory authority to regulate gaming at the Tribal level.
- The Poarch Band of Creek Indians developed a gaming ordinance in 1993 establishing the Tribal Gaming Commission as the Tribe's regulatory authority over gaming.
- The Gaming Ordinance also states that the Vice-Chairman of the Tribal Council shall act as the Chairman of the Tribal Gaming Commission.

Day to Day activities of the Commission:

- Audit each gaming facility using the approved tribal internal control standards (TICS), which are derived from the Federal minimum internal control standards (MICS).
- Conduct background investigations on all persons applying for a gaming license.
- License those individuals, vendors, and gaming facilities which are approved by the Commission to receive a license.
- Do daily on-site compliance inspections.
- Issue recommendations to members of management when a facility is found to be out of compliance.
- Issue fines when non-compliance issues are not corrected in a timely manner.
- Investigate customer complaints.
- Investigate shortages and overages involving employees or machines.
- Investigate and prosecute acts of theft from Tribal gaming establishments.

Criminal Investigations

Currently the Tribe does not have a compact with the state of Alabama, which limits the Commission's options when it comes to prosecuting theft cases. Since the state has no jurisdiction on Tribal lands, our cases have to be prosecuted in Federal Court. The Federal Courts located in Montgomery and in Mobile have established a minimum threshold that must be met before they will prosecute our cases. That threshold is \$5000.00.

If the theft is less than \$5000.00, we have no other option than to go through the Tribal Court system and issue a civil action against the person. However, if the theft is more than \$5000.00, the federal courts will prosecute the case. Due to the case load in federal court, it usually takes approximately two years to completely prosecute a case. For this reason a person may not be sentenced for a theft until two years after the theft had occurred.

An example is the case that was discussed in the June 2006 issue of the Poarch Creek News (pg. 4). This case occurred in November 2004 and one of the two people completed prosecution in June 2006. As the article states, the other individual is still being prosecuted. There are four other cases similar to this one pending in Federal Court in Montgomery, however the general public can not be made aware of the details or the progress of the case while it is being prosecuted. If information is shared with the general public while the case is still active it could jeopardize the successful prosecution of the case. As the cases are completed the Commission will make the information available to everyone through the Poarch Creek News.

Civil Cases

Several civil cases have been brought before tribal court since 2004. As of this date the Commission has not lost a single case. Once the money is awarded in court, the commission has to try and track the employment of the person that owes the money and issue a garnishment through tribal court in order to collect the money. Some amounts taken were so small that it

would have cost the Tribe more in court costs than would have been collected. In all cases where theft was determined the employee was terminated.

Cases in 2004 and 2005

Civil and Criminal

2004

- Cases: 44
- Money Awarded: 66% of the money taken.
- Money Collected: .02% of the money awarded.

2005

- Cases: 83
- Money Awarded: 79% of money taken.
- Money Collected: 99% of money awarded

2006

2006 has seen an increase in the number of cases, but a decrease in the amount of money that is either being taken or lost through employee negligence. We feel that this is due to the diligence of the Commission and also the establishment of open lines of communication with members of management.

Conclusion:

As you can see the Commission is tasked with many important responsibilities. Currently our staff of four part-time commissioners, and eight full time staff members are responsible for regulating three Tribal Gaming Facilities which are rapidly growing and two of which are about 120 miles away. There are plans to expand the Commission in the near future with the hopes of being able to have a regulatory presence at the gaming sites on a 24 hour a day basis.

UPDATE: FINANCIALS

*Presented by Arthur Mothershed, Tribal Council Treasurer/
PCI Gaming Chief Financial Officer*

The State of the Tribe is an important outlet to inform Tribal members of not only our political but economic conditions. As Treasurer of our Tribe my primary duty is to monitor our financial status. At our last Tribal address we pointed out that many of our businesses were not contributing to our financial well-being. We indicated for the Tribe to be successful long-term, those businesses had to contribute. While gaming is a powerful economic engine, the political uncertainty that surrounds that industry in the state of Alabama will always make it somewhat volatile. To that end the other businesses were challenged to make a positive contribution to our coffers. We were pleasantly surprised.

- Gaming exceeded projected net income numbers by approximately 12 million dollars through the mid-year point. Expenses at all levels have been tightly controlled adding to an enhanced bottom line.
- Muskogee Metal Works is on pace to net 1 million dollars in net income. This is a dramatic improvement from the last two years. The management and staff at MMW are to be commended for an impressive turn-around.

- Best Western continues to improve their bottom line after the hurricanes. Continued improvements by the management and staff have increased room revenue for 2006.
- It is still important to note that Magnolia Branch is still in the development stage and is being developed primarily for the enjoyment of Tribal members. With that being said it may never produce a profit but management at Magnolia has made an effort to generate revenue in order to offset development expenses.
- Significant strides have been made by Poarch Road Service Center. While they are still not profitable, management along with our internal auditors has identified problem areas and has corrected the majority of them. We are confident PRSC will turn a profit by year's end.
- Premier Family Eye Care shows a loss of 12,000 dollars through mid-year. The income statements do not reflect inventory on hand. When the audit adjustment is made PFEC should show a small profit.
- Perdido River Farms was created as a way to reclaim land and keep our cultural roots alive and well. They have not been successful in generating a profit but the management team is presently working towards improving operations which will recoup some of the losses. The land will be paid in full next year improving financial results.
- Both PCI Gaming and CIE are holding companies for the Tribe. They provide administrative support for our economic enterprises. As such they do not generate revenue and subsequently show losses on their income statements. This is to be expected and should not cause any alarm for our Tribe.

In short our gaming facilities continue to flourish and the other enterprises have begun to contribute. We as a Tribe are in a better financial position than ever before. This will be evidenced by the increase in discretionary funds. You, the Tribal members will enjoy increased benefits because of this increase.

Financial Health

- Gaming funds
 - Intended as a catalyst not a savior
 - Our gaming revenue continues to rise
- Potential problem
 - All our eggs in one basket
 - If gaming declines or ceases to exist...what then?
- Answer...Other enterprises must contribute
- Other business are contributing
 - MMW on pace to erase last years net loss
 - BW net income shows growth without hurricanes
 - PRSC cut losses over last several months
- Contributions to the Tribe continue to grow
 - Distribution to the Tribe will almost double in '07
- More financial strengthening needed
 - Continue to hold business accountable
 - Develop ways to make Magnolia Branch, Optical Shop and Perdido River Farms profitable

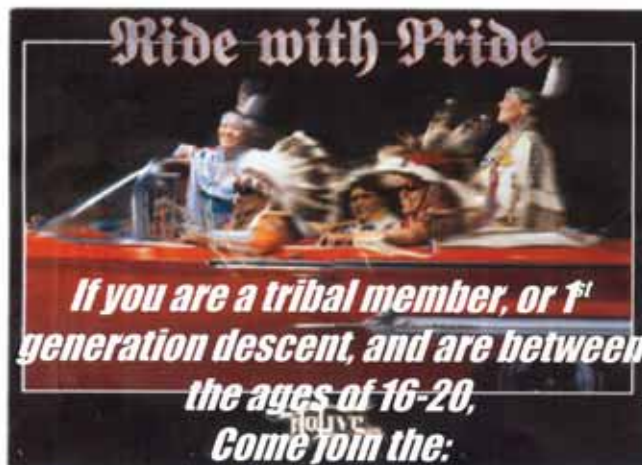


Public Works Gets Facelift

Have you been by to see Public Works' facelift? Terry Sims Construction has just completed placing new vinyl siding on the office building. It is great to see that the source behind most of the beauty around the Tribe is finally getting some beauty of their own.



Do you like to have fun, travel, and meet new people?
Do you want to learn more about your culture and heritage?



If you are a tribal member, or 1st generation descent, and are between the ages of 16-20, Come join the:

Poarch Creek Tribal Youth Council!

Call now to get involved!

Contact Alex Alvarez at (251) 368-9136 ext 2240
 Email: aalvarez@poarchcreekindians-nsn.gov
 Or come by the Poarch Creek Education Dept.

Environmental Department

Submitted by John English, Environmental/GIS Technician

Going Green! Keeping it Clean!

The Environmental Department is proud to announce the opportunity to recycle is now at our fingertips. We have recently ordered blue wastebaskets for each office and larger containers to be placed somewhere in each Tribal building for easy access to everyone to pitch in and help out by recycling. Some may think it to be amusing, but it takes very little effort to recycle and look what we get in return-a cleaner place to live. So be considerate of yourself and other when you decide to throw away your paper and cardboard. Oh yeah, the creeks and ditches aren't the smartest place for stoves, microwaves, or refrigerators so let's help out in keeping it clean!

The Environmental Department is also in the beginning stages of the restoration at the head of Perdido Creek. We plan to clean out the water and along the banks in order to replant some native trees for everyone to enjoy. Some of the different types of trees include mayhaw, southern crabapple, chinquapin, Chickasaw plum, bald cypress, pawpaw, red oak, and more. Due to limited space, we are going to have plenty of extras; so be listening out or call the Environmental Department to find out about how you can receive your own to plant at home. The trees should be available mid-December.

We are also working on premise and animal identification systems, school clean-out, wetlands restoration, air and water quality monitoring, and others projects.



Recycling works!



John English



Recycled bale, ready for pickup



Troy Pierce



Domestic Violence Month

Submitted by Wanda Folwer, Victim's Advocacy Coordinator



Alabama in 2006, there were 27 deaths due to Domestic Violence. We are thankful that none of these involved our tribe.

There were several Domestic Presentations during the month of October. There were two presentations of the Video, Alabama Voices. This is a video, presented by and acted in, by three women in Alabama who are survivors of domestic violence by their intimate partner. Each of these four women portrayed their life situation of average, middle, and high class wage earner's, who, even

though helped by the system, were injured severely. One story describes the violent life of a victim who did not survive. This video is available to be seen throughout the year. Contact Wanda Fowler, T (251) 368-9136 Ext: 2212, for more information.

Another one of these events was the Memorial Vigil, for the men, women, and children who have lost their lives, either at the hands of their partners or trying to help a victim become free from their abuse. A teddy bear held vigil over the candle that Stella Rutherford lit in remembrance of the babies who have lost their lives in this war. Kathy Ledkins sang, Concrete Angels, and shared her families' story of their loss due to intimate partner abuse. Others participating were Carolyn White, Carolyn Rackard, Delila Anderson, Joan Sulzmann, and Pam McGhee. A balloon was shared for each of the 27 deaths that occurred in Alabama in 2006 and was taken outside and released. As the balloons soared high and went from view, it was difficult to describe the feelings that this simple act of remembrance elicited. A picture speaks a thousand words. Everyone who participated in the Vigil was glad to have been a part of this ceremony.

Creek Indian Family Services Victim's
Advocacy Program1 252 368-9136 Ext: 2212
Poarch Creek Indian Police251 368-5011
Alabama Domestic Violence24 hour hotline1 800 650 6522
Florida Domestic Violence24 hour hotline1 800 500 1119
National Domestic Violence24 hour hotline1 800 799 SAFE

SILENCE HIDES VIOLENCE!

From the Desk of INVESTIGATOR REX A. BAGGETT

Methamphetamine's devastating consequences are felt across the country by innocent children and adults and communities of all sizes. More commonly known as "Meth", this highly addictive drug is easily manufactured using "recipes" available over the internet and ingredients available at most major retail stores. Meth used to be associated only with a few outlaw motorcycle gangs, the use and manufacturing of this deadly drug is now a national problem. Today, the Poarch Community has been impacted by methamphetamine.

The Poarch Tribal Police Department aggressively targets those who manufactures, sells, or possess illegal drugs, with a ZERO TOLERANCE policy. For the past few years, we have seen families torn apart, along with children being taken away from their parents. It is our goal to make the Poarch community a safe place for generations to come. Help us in our fight against Drug Abuse.

May God Bless,
Investigator Rex A. Baggett

ADULT SERVICES PROGRAM

BY: Delila Anderson, BSCM Adult Services Coordinator

The Family Services Department is pleased to announce that the Caregiver Training Classes, held in September, was a success!!! We would like to thank the caregivers who participated in the program and also to the teachers who taught the following classes:

GENERAL CAREGIVER OVERVIEW

Carolyn M. White, Family Services Executive Director

PLANNING AND DECISION MAKING FOR THE ELDERLY

Delila Anderson, Adult Services Coordinator

HOW TO USE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT & HOME SAFETY ISSUES

Kelley's Ambulance Service & Delila Anderson

HEALTH CARE NEEDS SUCH AS WOUND CARE AND HOSPICE

Sandra Day, RN, CHN & Barbara Ann Westbrook
(Covenant Hospice)

SOCIAL SECURITY INFORMATION/MEDICAID & MEDICARE

Delila Anderson, Adult Services Coordinator

DIABETIC TESTING AND NUTRITION

Donna Johnson RN (Diabetes Case Manager) &
Marsha Finley, RN

The Family Services Department will be planning for future caregiver training classes in 2007. Watch for the announcement in the Newsletter!

THANK YOU AND MAY GOD BLESS YOU
AND YOUR FAMILY!

Poarch Creek Education Departments



Submitted by Billie McGhee, Education Coordinator

Have you checked the Tribe's Web page lately? We now have the capability to place current notices about events and opportunities that are available to all Tribal members on the web page. The web page address is <http://www.poarchcreekindians.org>. The Poarch Creek Education Department has begun to post information on the Education Department's page in an effort to get the news to Tribal members as soon as possible.

We want to thank everyone attended the "College Fair" on Tuesday night, September 26, 2006. College recruiters from Bishop State Community College, Faulkner State Community College, Huntington College, Pensacola Junior College, Reid State Technical College, Spring Hill College, and the University of South Alabama were present. Another College Fair for spring of 2007. We received several requests from Tribal members for recruiters from graduate schools. A few of our Tribal graduate students have been recruited into graduate programs that provided full tuition and a stipend for living expense. The students were required to purchase their own books, but if they had Tribal Tuition Payment funds available, it paid for their books. In this issue of the Education Department's Financial News, you will find information about a few of the programs that are actively recruiting Native American graduate students.

CERTIFICATE IN CASINO GAMING

San Diego State University has an online program to help students earn a Certificate in Casino Gaming. The information for their online program is located at www.neverstoplearning.net/casino2.html or you can call (619) 265-7378 and request information on the classes.

JOHN HOPKINS BLOOMBERG SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH AMERICAN INDIAN SCHOLARS PROGRAM

The scholarships program assists Native American Tribal members and Indian descendants with funding and mentoring support for American Indian Masters and Doctoral Public Health degrees. The scholarship awards will vary from full to partial tuition and include a small stipend for living expenses. Additional information can be found at <http://www.jhsph.edu/caih/Training/aischolars.html>

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SUMMER UNDERGRADUATE MEDICAL PROGRAM

If you are a sophomore or junior in college and you are considering a medical career or medical research, you can obtain work experience in the field by participating in a summer medical program. New York University sponsors a nine week Summer Undergraduate Research Program that is available to sophomores and juniors and offers a \$3000 stipend, housing and airfare. Contact information is available at www.jhsph.edu/caih.

New York University School of Medicine has a Native American mentoring program to help students succeed in their medical studies. The University offers Ph.D. programs in various medical fields and has a School of Medicine for those who are interested in M.D. degrees or a combined M.D. /PhD. degree for those students who want both a Ph.D. and a M.D. degree. Additional information is available at <http://www.med.nyu.edu/sackler/namp/>.

November Financial Aid News

CALL UND or (800) 225-5863, ext 2104.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF HEALTH (NIH) ACADEMY FOR RECENT COLLEGE GRADUATES

This is a year long program for biomedical investigation at the National Institutes of Health. The focus is training to help eliminate domestic health disparities. Trainees in this program receive an annual stipend of \$26,870. Applications for this program are available now and will close on February 7, 2007. You will find an electronic application at www.training.nih.gov. Additional information is available at <http://www.training.nih.gov/student/Pre-IRTA/irtamanualpostbacAcademy.asp> or (800) 445-8283.

NATIVE AMERICAN COUNCIL ON LEGAL EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY (CLEO)

The program assists college students and graduates who are interested in attending law school. The web site is www.cleoscholars.com. If you click on "Request More Information", you will be mailed a copy of CLEO Edge a magazine for pre-law students. The program sponsors a four-week residential pre-law summer program for college sophomores and is designed to prepare students who plan to apply for law school. The four-week program is free. The program also has a six-week Summer Institute for graduating seniors and graduates. The cost of the program is \$2000.

NATIVE AMERICAN LAW SCHOOL PROGRAMS

The University of Washington, Seattle, Washington offers classes in Indian law, environmental law, Natural Resources Law and Indian Health Law. Additional information is available at www.law.washington.edu.

The University of North Dakota School of Law offers scholarships and tuition waivers for American Indian students. Contact information is available at www.law.und.edu or (800)

THE CONSORTIUM'S GRADUATE STUDY IN MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

The Consortium for Graduate Study in Management promotes diversity and inclusion in American business. Merit-based, full-tuition fellowships and a stipend for living expenses while the student is training are awarded to America's best and brightest diverse candidates. They are recruiting Native American students for their program. To learn more about this prestigious program see their web page at <http://www.cgsm.org.op/index.asp>.



UNC announces creation of center for American Indian research and service

Search for center director to begin soon

CHAPEL HILL – The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill will become the home to one of the only centers on the East Coast to focus solely on American Indian issues and research, university officials announced today.

Carolina's new American Indian Center will be a leader in Native scholarship and service, said Bernadette Gray-Little, UNC-Chapel Hill Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost. "Establishing this center will enable Carolina to develop the rich cultural and historical legacy of the state's First People into an important area of scholarship and intellectual leadership."

North Carolina is home to the largest American Indian population east of the Mississippi River. American Indian students and faculty at UNC-Chapel Hill include members of the state's eight tribes as well as tribes from across the United States and Canada.

The center announcement was made today at the annual welcome reception for incoming Carolina American Indian graduate students, faculty and staff.

"The goal of the center is make Native issues a permanent part of the intellectual life of this University. Establishing the center at UNC-Chapel Hill will make Carolina a leading public university for American Indian scholarship and scholars," said Sandra Hoeflich, chair of the UNC Provost's Committee on Native American Issues. The initiative for this center came from this Provost's Committee and was approved by former Provost Robert Shelton in June 2006.

The new center will focus on quality research and scholarship on American Indian issues, the dissemination of this research to the public and Native communities, and the inclusion of American Indian cultures and traditions into the UNC learning environment.

Greg Richardson, executive director of the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs remarked: "The creation of this new American Indian center will set the stage for a new and historic relationship between UNC-Chapel Hill and American Indian communities of North Carolina. The center will help create educational partnerships that will benefit both Indian communities and the University, such as a Tribal Leadership Institute, originally proposed by the N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs."

"The creation of this new American Indian Center is a major step forward for UNC-Chapel Hill in recognizing and supporting American Indians in the academic realm," said Damon Jacobs, a doctoral student in Cell and Molecular Physiology and president of the First Nations Graduate Circle student organization at Carolina. "We are confident the center will provide leadership, focus and strength for a growing Native community on the University of North Carolina's campus and beyond." Brandi Brooks, an undergraduate majoring in Communications Studies and the president of the Carolina Indian Circle student organization added, "This center will serve as an umbrella for American Indian resources, bridging the gap of unity and cohesiveness among various programs and offices, while increasing the awareness and presence of American Indians in the University community. This is a huge step toward ensuring our American Indian cultural heritage is recognized and respected at UNC-Chapel Hill."

The next step will be a nationwide search for a new director for the center, Provost Gray-Little said. The director will collaborate with UNC faculty, students and staff to initiate new programs, continue outreach to American Indian communities, and raise funds for the support of the center.

"This center marks UNC's recognition that the American Indian experience is as worthy of scholarly research as other fields and that Native American people are vital to the state and region," said Theda Perdue, Atlanta Distinguished Term Professor of Southern Culture in the Department of History and a noted American Indian studies scholar.

No firm date has been set for the center's opening. Committee members hope to locate space on the UNC campus for the center soon.

"The creation of this center demonstrates Carolina's commitment to leadership in community outreach and public service," said committee associate chair Kevin Maynor. "The center will provide an intellectual structure for dialog about needs and issues affecting Native communities, and will actively engage to help facilitate lasting solutions."

Director, American Indian Center

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill invites applications and nominations for the newly created position of Director of its American Indian Center. The successful candidate will enjoy the opportunity to build a new center – a unit that bridges the richness of American Indian cultures with the strengths of Carolina's research, education and teaching. The inaugural director will be an individual uniquely qualified to focus on the mission of the center to establish the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill as a leading public university for American Indian scholarship and scholars and make Native issues a permanent part of the intellectual life of the University.

For more information, go to <http://www.unc.edu/provost/searches.html>.

All applications must be submitted electronically at this site. Nominations may be addressed to Dr. Harry Watson, Chair, American Indian Center Director Search Committee, c/o Debbie Stevenson; 104 South Building, CB# 3000, Chapel Hill, NC 27599-3000 or email debbie_stevenson@unc.edu. Inquires may be addressed to Dr. Harry Watson by calling (919)-962-5436 or by emailing hwatson@email.unc.edu. Review of applications will begin November 15, 2006, and continue until the position is filled. Anticipated start date is April, 2007, but is negotiable. The initial appointment for this administrative position will be for a five-year term with the possibility of a faculty appointment and opportunities for teaching/research.

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill is an equal opportunity employer. Minorities and women are encouraged to apply.

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WEIGHT ROOM NOW OPEN ON WEEKENDS!

Starting November 4, 2006 the weight room will be open for ages 18 and up. Due to background checks, the gym will not be open for anyone under the age of 18.

HOURS OF OPERATION FOR WEIGHT ROOM

Saturday 11:00 a.m.- 7:00 p.m.

Sunday 12:00 noon- 5:00 p.m.

MUST BE 18 AND OVER NO EXCEPTIONS!

THE SMALL CHURCH WITH A BIG HEART



St. Anna's

by Lee "Lavan" Martin

Several tribal members, employees and visitors have asked about the little white house that suddenly appeared on the PowWow grounds. This is a good question by those who do not know the hardships and discrimination we elders endured while living in the Headapedea, Poarch Switch, or Hog Folk communities during the twenties and thirties. In fact, it was not until the late forties that we reached racial equality in educational opportunity.

Our route to racial equality in education began in 1929 when the Rev. Van W. Edwards, priest in charge of the Episcopal Mission Church in Atmore, reported to the Bishop of Alabama his discovery of Indians living outside Atmore who were "un-churched." The bishop replied, "Then, see if you can round them up and we will try to start a Mission."

Acting on suggestions from the bishop, Mr. Edwards made house-to-house calls on Indians living in the Perdido Hills (Headapedea) area to announce that he would preach at the little one-room schoolhouse the following night. To this point, each of the Indian communities had to provide their own school facility.

The night Mr. Edwards was to preach came, but no one else came. This happened several nights until someone told him that he needed to see Acting Chief Fred Walker and get his permission to preach. (The real Chief, Aleck Rolin, was around 100 years old and very feeble, so Mr. Fred Walker had been elected Acting Chief.) Mr. Walker gave permission for Mr. Edwards to preach. The little schoolhouse was so packed at the first service many had to stand outside.

Guided by the bishop and assisted by Mr. H.D. Ewing who wanted to place a doctor at the Perdido Hills Airport, Mr. Edwards began his ministry to the Indians. Soon thereafter, Dr. and Mrs. R.C. Macy were asked to undertake work among the Indians outside Atmore that included all Indians in Escambia County. The Macy's who had served as missionaries in Mexico

were at this time serving the rural missions in south Baldwin County agreed to relocate to Escambia County and subsequently moved into a Ewing farm airport cottage where they began their services just before January 1, 1930, Dr. Macy as a physician and Mrs. Anna Macy as a volunteer mission worker.

The first Episcopal service was held on the fourth Sunday in January 1930 in the little Indian school house at Headapedea that some called Perdido Hills, and the beloved Chief Aleck Rolin was the first to be baptized. Euline Walker Connors was the first to be confirmed, followed shortly thereafter by Ruby Walker's and Alfred Jackson's wedding.

Unfortunately, Dr. Macy died within two years of arrival, but Mrs. Macy remained with the Indians until her death in 1937. Mr. and Mrs. H.U. Pickerell arrived in 1937 to reside in a newly built house on church-purchased land, Mr. Pickerell as an agrarian instructor and Mrs. Pickerell as an Episcopal Church Army missionary. Upon their departure in 1940, the Episcopal Church made their home and land available to Escambia County and used as the first Indian Consolidated School, hence the little white house that was recently purchased by the tribe and hopefully will soon be restored and converted into a historical tribal museum.

As many of our elders will recall, the Episcopal Church arrived during the Great Depression that began in 1929-1930, during a time when the Creek Indians were in much need. In the first three years of arrival, and with the help of the Episcopal Church, the Indians built St. Anna's and St. John's-in-the Wilderness that was built in the community called "Poarch Switch." Both churches were used by the county as Indian schools. St. John's was eventually closed in the mid-1940's, and its lumber given to Alton and Mabel Jackson who were one of the first to be married in St. John's so that they could build their home in the Headapedea Indian community.

From 1930 to 1949, the Episcopal Church provided virtually all the educational facilities to the Indians, mainly at the elemen-

tary and junior high school levels. Since Indians were not permitted to ride the white school bus to schools in McCullough, Huxford or Atmore, the Church provided school scholarships to Episcopal private schools. Yours truly was selected and sent to a private school in North Carolina.



Little School House

In 1949, following a long struggle for educational opportunity, the Indians, aided by the Episcopal Church and the late Calvin McGhee, won their battle within the court system and integrated the white schools. Yours truly, after a short incident with a white school bus driver, along with Lottie Daughtery Duerst, nee McGhee, and Dottie Padgett, nee Colbert, enrolled in the Escambia County High School in Atmore.

Also, just prior to School Year 1949, the Episcopal Church gave Escambia County little over 17 acres of land so that the county could build the Poarch Elementary School. When this school closed in 1968, the 17 plus acres of land was deeded by the Alabama Department of Education to the Poarch Creek Indians and the school eventually converted to the Calvin McGhee Cultural Center. The Episcopal Church posed no objection to the conveying of the land to the Indians as long as the land was used for Indian educational purposes. Poarch Creek Indians now had their first piece of land and the opportunity to apply for federal government recognition that eventually occurred August 11, 1984. Proof to the federal government that Indians lived in Alabama was substantiated by St. Anna's church records; otherwise, there's a strong possibility there would be no Poarch Creek Indian tribe as it exists today.

So, the little church with the big heart you see adjacent to the PowWow grounds and the old dilapidated house you see on the PowWow grounds play a significant role in the history of the Poarch Creek Indians. Further evidence of this is the assistance the church gave the Indians following their integration into the white school system.

Shortly after Escambia County built the Poarch Elementary School, now the Calvin McGhee Cultural Center, the school's first principal, Ms. Grace Mays, learned from a newspaper article that the federal government had appropriated funds to pay Indian land grant claims. She presented the article to Calvin

McGhee who initiated action to claim the land grant funds and to get the Poarch Creek Indians recognized as a tribe.

St. Anna's again provided assistance to the Poarch Creek Indians by providing the church per se as a meeting facility whereby the first tribal council was elected and met and the old Indian consolidated school house as a tribal enrollment facility. Calvin and his wife Joyce, Ms. Ruby Weatherford, my Aunt Roberta Sells, and yours truly as a high school student handled the registration process. Any Indian or potential Indian who was at least one-sixteenth Indian and could prove their ancestry were registered. As far as the eye could see down all roads leading to the old school they came to register, and once again Indian pride swelled among Indians many thought were forgotten.

I left Headapedea following high school graduation in 1951 for college and subsequent military service, leaving behind portions of my heart. Although I have traveled far and wide, and much water has passed under the bridge in the interim, I never forgot my roots. I remained in touch with my people throughout my absence and returned home in 1994 to resume my dedication and support to the people and church I love.

Though many of the old timers have left St. Anna's for other Christian faiths, there are a faithful few who have kept St. Anna's alive and well. We are still a viable church where the Episcopal banner continues to fly, and, although we are a faithful few, our support of the Poarch Creek Indians continues, and by God's grace will never fail.



Back of current church - addition just finished

PCI Gaming Recognizes Outstanding Employees

By Lori A. Sawyer, Marketing & Public Relations, PCI Gaming

Our PCI Gaming Enterprises employ many excellent people, and some of these individuals reach beyond expectations to improve business practices and ensure customer satisfaction. PCI Gaming is proud to recognize the efforts of our most dedicated employees with the "Employee of the Quarter" award.

In addition to recognizing overall work performance and attendance, PCI Gaming gives special consideration to nominees who consistently display:

- Commitment to superior customer service
- Dedication to teamwork with a positive, adaptable and cooperative attitude
- Attention to sound business practices and productivity improvements

Site Managers recently recognized three employees for their outstanding contribution to the PCI Gaming Team for 3rd Quarter (ending September) 2006.



TALLAPOOSA ENTERTAINMENT CENTER

James L. Jackson

Mr. James L. Jackson has been employed by Tallapoosa Entertainment Center for three years. At eighty-one years young, Mr. Jackson displays the energy and enthusiasm of a twenty-five year old. He is never seen without a beautiful smile and a "hello" to anyone he encounters. Since our facility is open 24/7, Mr. Jackson has worked all three shifts at Tallapoosa and has never once complained or indicated that he would not be willing to do whatever is asked of him. He displays fair, consistent and firm direction to everyone he supervises.



RIVERSIDE ENTERTAINMENT CENTER

Deborah McQueen

Deborah McQueen has been employed with Riverside Entertainment Center since October 2003. She currently works as a 3rd shift key attendant. Mrs. McQueen is a great employee and an asset to Riverside. She is very dependable and knowledgeable of our gaming machines. Her pleasant demeanor, strong work ethic and ever-present smile makes her deserving of this honor. Keep up the good work Deborah!!



CREEK ENTERTAINMENT CENTER

Stephanie Baggett

In just over one year with Creek Entertainment, Stephanie Baggett has become known as a Team Player, and has been particularly instrumental in putting together training folders this quarter. You are more likely to hear her speak of "we" than "I", as she looks beyond her own self interests and works hard to make the Creek Entertainment team stronger.

PCI Gaming General Manager Recognizes Employee's Efforts

By Lori A. Sawyer, Marketing & Public Relations, PCI Gaming



PCI Gaming's General Manager, Kitty Stuart, presented Johnny Ray Steadham with a Certificate of Appreciation on October 6, 2006, "in recognition of rapid emergency response, resulting in minimized downtime and property loss."

This award stems from events on September 19, 2006, when the Creek Entertainment Center experienced a small electrical fire around 12:40 PM

while work was being done in the electrical breaker room. The fire was contained immediately and all patrons were evacuated immediately.

Johnny Ray Steadham, one of the first employees on the scene, quickly grabbed a fire extinguisher and entered the smoke-filled breaker room and put out the fire. According to Kitty Stuart, "There were many Tribal employees who responded to our emergency fire plan and attended the immediate needs of our customers and our property, and we recognize and appreciate everyone's contribution. His efforts to put out the fire went above and beyond the call of duty and we appreciate Johnny's quick thinking and rapid response. Johnny minimized property loss and downtime for our business, but most importantly, he helped keep our employees safe."

Johnny Ray Steadham responded with his appreciation for the award. As he put it, "I enjoy working for PCI Gaming and looking out for our business."

Thanks to the quick response Johnny and other employees of Creek Entertainment and PCI Gaming, there was no additional structural damage, machine damage or smoke damage to the facility, and the Creek Entertainment Center was able to remain open for business.



Wanda Fowler

Position Becomes Full Time Submitted by Family Services Department

Wanda Fowler has been employed with the Poarch Creek Indians Family Services Department as Victim's Advocacy Specialist on a part time basis since October 3, 2006. We are now proud to announce that she is here full time. Please come by and welcome her at the Family Services Department.

Woods Participates in FBI Citizens Academy Class

Tribal Member Gerald Durr Woods, U.S. Government Attorney (E&G), Department of Treasury, Internal Revenue Service, has been invited by the FBI to attend their FBI Citizens Academy Class 2006-01. The objectives of the Academy include strengthening the existing relationship between the FBI and the community, and educating the community at large. During these evening visits, FBI Agents will provide substantive presentations regarding various investigative programs including counterterrorism, Cyber Crime, Violent Crime, Organized Crime, and White Collar Crime.

Brothers Complete Army Combat Basic Training



Grayson Hammac



Joshua Hammac

William Daniel "Boone" and Kristi McGhee of Brewton, AL proudly announce their sons', Joshua and Grayson Hammac, completion of basic training. Grayson completed training at Ft. Jackson, South

Carolina on September 15, 2006 and went on to Ft. Eustis, Virginia to complete AIT door gunner training. Joshua completed training on October 12, 2006 at Ft. Knox, Kentucky and went to Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri to complete AIT combat truck driving training. Boone and Kristi ask for everyone's prayers to keep their boys safe.

Congratulations



Madison Newman

Madison Louise Newman graduated in May, 2006 with high honors from Salmen High School in Slidell, LA. Madison was a member of the National Honor Society, Captain of the cheerleading squad, and belonged to many other clubs. Madison is the daughter of Sharon and David Newman, the granddaughter of Shirley Ann Walker Price and Burleigh Prince, and the great grand-

daughter of Myrtle McGhee Walker and Edmond Walker of Atmore, AL. Madison is now attending LSU studying to be a neo-natal physician. Madison's family is very proud of her and supports her in all of her efforts and achievements.



Birth Announcement

Stephanie Dobbins and Larry Jackson, Jr., announce the birth of their son Larry Brayden Rave Jackson. Rave was born August 17, 2006 at 8:13 a.m.; he weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces, and was 20 inches long. Rave has two brothers, Tyler and Tanner Jackson, and two sisters, Topanga and Peyton Rolin.

Rave is the grandson of Michelle McGhee, Doyle and Carolyn Dobbins, Patricia Murph, and the late Larry Jackson. He is the great grandson of Mabel and the late Alton Jackson, and Marie and Roy Stoker.



Happy Birthday

Brantley Thomas celebrated her third birthday at home on Sunday, October 1, 2006 with her family and friends with an Alabama theme, Roll Tide Roll! Brantley turned 3 on September 26, 2006. She was joined by her sister Ashton, Mom & Dad (Josh & LaDana Thomas), MawMaw & PawPaw (Jamie & Shada Thomas), Nanny and PawWaw Randy (Randy & Lynn Williams), and numerous cousins, aunts, uncles, and friends.

Thanks

The David and Maggie McGhee family reunion was held Saturday, October 7 in Floridatown, a bay community south of Pace, Florida. Live entertainment, cash prizes, recreation, and loads of food, hallmarked the event-filled day, not to mention the great fellowship. Thanks to all who attended and made this special event a great success.



River Ramer has been enjoying his pups. If interested, these pups are for sale and can be seen at Bell Creek Kennel, or by calling (251) 368-3817. River is the son of Timmy & Brandy Ramer and the grandson of Ivan & Vera Ramer, and Freddy & Lois Godwin.



Wise Inducted Into Phi Theta Kappa

Kasey Wise, a second year nursing student at Faulkner State Community College in Bay Minette, was inducted into Phi Theta Kappa on October 8, 2006. She has a 4.0 grade point average and has been on the President's list since the spring semester of 2006. Kasey is 25 years old and married to Terry Wise and has one son (Landon Wise). Her parents are William and Shelia Rolin of Stapleton, AL.

Hvsossv Tvllahasse Ceremonial Grounds Loses Mekko

James "Slick" Linam, Mekko of the Hvsossv Tvllahasse Ceremonial Grounds, lost his long battle to cancer on Thursday, September 28, 2006. He was loved by many and will be missed by all, locally and across Indian country.

January 19, 1951 – September 28, 2006



Slick Linam
January 19, 1951
September 28, 2006

I'm Not Here

*Don't stand by my grave and weep
For I'm not there, I do not sleep
I am a thousand winds that blow
I am the diamond glint on snow
I am the sunlight on ripened grain
I am the gentle autumn's rain*

*When you awaken in the morning's hush
I am the swift uplifting rush
Of quiet birds in circle flight
I am the soft stars that shine at night
Do not stand at my grave and cry
I am not there, I did not die.*

Thanks

Lash and Steel Christian Ministry: John Bailey recently rescued our gospel singing group, The Gloryland Singers, when our battery died. He brought over his portable pack and got us charged up and going again so that we could get to WalMart for a new one. Very nice folks and I would love to see their ministry presentation.

You have to admit—It sure is a unique approach. Arelene Mack

Mekko's Path

*First of all I want to let you know
That I arrived okay
The Creator gave me a list of things
He wished for me to do
And foremost on that list of mine
Is to watch the grounds and care for you
I will always be there
To wipe away the tears
And when you dance around the fire at night
The Creator and I are closest to you
When you think of my life on earth
And all those loving years
Because you're only human
They are bound to bring you tears
But do not be afraid to cry
It does relieve the pain
Remember there will be no flowers
Unless there was some rain
Though my life on Earth is done
I am closer to you now
Than I ever was before
And to my very many friends
I'm still not far away from you
I'm just down at the creek so come visit me.*

*There will be rocky roads ahead of you
And many hills to climb
But together we can do it
Talking one day at a time
When you are walking
Down the road
And you've got me on your mind
I'm walking in your footsteps
Only half a step behind
And when you feel the gentle breeze
Or the wind upon your face
That's me giving you a great big hug
Or just a soft embrace
And when it's time for you to go
From the body to be free
Remember you're not going
You are coming here to me

P.S. You will never know
How much I have loved you all.*

Poarch Creek Indians

36th Annual

Thanksgiving Pow Wow

November 23 & 24, 2006

Two Days of Fun, Food & Activities

- *Crowning of Poarch Creek Indian Princesses
- *Contest Pow Wow
- * Exhibition Dances
- *Craft Vendors
- *Food Vendors
- *Turkey Shoot
- *Train & Pony Rides

Gates open @ 9:00 a.m.

Admission:

Adults (12 & up) \$3.00 / \$5 for two day pass

Children (ages 7-11) \$1.00 per day

Children 6 & under Free



Poarch Creek Indians

5811 Jack Springs Road

Atmore, AL 36502

Call (251) 368-9136 ext 2205 for directions and/or more information.

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5	6	7 Tribal Council Meeting 4:00 p.m.	8	9	10 Tribal Offices Closed in observance of Veterans Day	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 Miss Alabama Indian Pageant Montgomery, AL 1:00 p.m. Ph:(334) 242-2831 for more info
19 Tribal Council Meeting 2:00 p.m.	20	21	22 All Indian Rodeo (Call Perdido River Farms @ (251) 368-0826 for schedule and more information.)	23 Pow Wow Gates open @ 9:00 am.	24 Pow Wow Gates open @ 9:00 am.	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	December 1, 2006 Christmas Parade 5:00 p.m.

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