



# Poarch Creek News

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## Poarch Creek Enterprise Muskogee Metalworks Signs Agreement with Boeing

Poarch Band Creek Indians and The Boeing Company announced that they have formed an important new partnership that contributes to economic development in South Alabama.

Muskogee Metalworks, an economic enterprise of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians, signed a mentor protégé agreement with The Boeing Company. Under the agreement, Boeing will provide quality assurance training. Boeing will also provide marketing and business development assistance. The agreement between Boeing and Muskogee Metalworks will help Muskogee Metalworks become a more cost effective and viable subcontractor to the Boeing Company and other customers.

Representatives of Boeing and the Poarch Band of Creek Indians met on Thursday, November 9, 2006 for a formal signing ceremony. "The Poarch Band of Creek Indians is committed to being good neighbors in the State. Employment is one of the most powerful means of building a stronger future for our communities," said Chairman Buford L. Rolin.

James T. Martin, President of Creek Indian Enterprises added, "This partnership with Boeing is an important investment in economic development for South Alabama. We are pleased to have an opportunity to develop our enterprise and make it more competitive for future contracts with Boeing and other industries. These contracts ultimately result in employment for local residents, and make our region more attractive to industries considering relocating to this area."

The signing ceremony was held at the Muskogee Metalworks facility at 601 Muskogee Boulevard in Atmore from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. A reception and bus tour for invited guests began at 10:30 a.m. following the signing ceremony. Media was invited to attend.

Boeing is the largest aerospace employer in Alabama, with more than 3,300 employees in North Alabama. Boeing in



*Muskogee Metalworks Manager Mal McGhee and Boeing Vice President Chuck Allen signed the Muskogee Metalworks – Boeing agreement on November 9.*

Alabama contributes an average of \$1.5 billion annually to the state economy. In 2005, the company created more than 10,000 direct and indirect jobs in the State.

Muskogee Metalworks (MMW) is a Tribally owned enterprise. Its 90,000 square foot facility provides machine parts to military and private enterprise, and participates in the U.S. Air Force's Manufacturing Technical Assistance Production Program. Muskogee Metalworks has been in operation since 1989 with the primary business being design and manufacture of metal fabricated hardware. In 2001, the product line was expanded to include electronic assemblies and electro-mechanical production. In 2005, Muskogee Metalworks received the Nunn-Perry Award which is the highest honor bestowed on a contractor from the Department of Defense.

The Poarch Band of Creek Indians is the only federally recognized Indian Tribe in the state of Alabama, operating as

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# Lucky PCI Gaming Guests Win Three Toyota Tundra Trucks and Cash Prizes, Courtesy of Rocket Gaming Systems

By Lori Sawyer, Marketing & Public Relations

Three lucky guests, one from each of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians' casinos in Alabama, are proud owners of new 2006 Toyota Tundra trucks, courtesy of Rocket Gaming Systems' "Tundra Tournament".

Each week starting September 12, Poarch Creek Gaming casino guests signed up for a drawing for a free chance to play in Rocket Gaming's "Tundra Tournament". These guests competed in five rounds of three minutes each, on designated Rocket electronic bingo games with credits paid by Rocket. Players in each round with the highest credits at the end of three minutes advanced to the finals, and the top five players from each week received cash prizes totaling \$1,500.

On November 6, 7, and 8, the finalists at Riverside Entertainment, Tallapoosa Entertainment, and Creek Entertainment played four rounds, and the top player from each round proceeded to the final round. At each of the three casinos, the top player of the final round won a 2006 Toyota Tundra truck, and the remaining four won cash prizes totaling \$1,400.

On November 6, Ms. Margie Foster, a long-time resident of Wetumpka, won a Tundra truck at the Riverside Entertainment Center in Wetumpka. Several of her family members were with her to cheer her during the tournament. When she found out she had the highest score in the tournament and had won the truck, she jumped straight up out of her chair and screamed. She loved the truck, and drove it around the parking lot and posed for photos.

On November 7, Mr. Alfonso M. Rivers, a resident of Montgomery, won a Tundra truck at the Tallapoosa Entertainment Center in Montgomery. When Rocket Gaming tournament officials announced that he had won the truck, he just sat in his chair for a few seconds and then said, "Oh my! I told you that was my truck!" He thanked the Rocket and Tallapoosa Entertainment Center employees over and over and said how much fun he had winning the truck.

On November 8, Ms. Gail Thrower, a resident of Walnut Hill, Florida, won a Tundra truck at the Creek Entertainment Center in Atmore. Her family and friends cheered for her and had pictures made with her and the truck. Ms. Thrower thanked Rocket Gaming and the Creek Entertainment Center. "I'm happy that I won. I still don't believe it, it's a beautiful truck and I had a good time winning it."

Rocket Gaming Systems is a leading provider of Class II networked gaming systems.

PCI Gaming operates three casinos in central and southern Alabama, for a total of 2,100 electronic bingo games and 84,000 sq. ft. of entertainment. All centers are open 24/7 and offer free parking and state-of-the-art "Ticket In, Ticket Out" technology. Go to [www.pcigaming.com](http://www.pcigaming.com) for details and scheduled events in your area.

## Poarch Creek Enterprise Muskogee Metalworks to Sign Agreement with Boeing

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*Tim Martin and Mal McGhee draped Chuck Allen in a quilt made by Tribal Members.*



*Medicine Tail performed during the ceremony.*

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.

# From the Chairman

I have had several significant meetings in the month of November. I traveled to Washington, DC and met with the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs to express our support for Senate Bill 1057, the reauthorization of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (IHCIA). While I was in Washington I also met with the Republican Steering Committee and Alabama Senator Jeff Session's Chief of Staff where we addressed the concerns of the committee in reference to the IHCIA. Two issues of concern were Indians being exempt from co-pays and eligibility for Medicaid exemption. I feel that we sufficiently addressed their concerns and hope this will be proven when SB 1057 is discussed during Congress' lame duck session in December. With the elections behind us and the Democrats gaining the majority in both houses, it is our hope that Indian legislation, such as SB 1057, introduced by Senator John McCain of Arizona, and its companion bill from the House, introduced by Congressman Don Young of Alaska, will be given a more favorable review.

I also met with Chairman Phil Hogen of National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC). We discussed the Tribe's request for Secretarial Procedures and other issues relating to the Wetumpka and Tallapoosa projects. I have also met with our legal representatives at Holland & Knight about the Secretarial Procedures. After meeting with them, our legal staff and I attended an informal conference regarding our request for Secretarial Procedures with representatives of the Department of the Interior, NIGC and Keith Miller, Chief Deputy Attorney General of the State of Alabama. We will continue to meet with Chairman Hogen and others to address any concerns that they may have in relation to Poarch Creek Indians and our Gaming.

We had a recent courtesy visit from Ms. Deborah Rhodes from the U.S. Attorney's Office in Mobile. Ms. Rhodes is new to our area and has been with the Mobile office for four months. She was accompanied by Mr. Charles McNichol, Law Enforcement Coordinator, of the U.S. Attorney's Office, Southern District of

Alabama. The Tribal Council met with Ms. Rhodes and Mr. McNichol and concluded with a tour of the Reservation and lunch. We look forward to working closely with them in the future.

Finally, Robert Thrower and I recently traveled to Ft. Benning, Georgia for a consultation meeting with the U.S. Army concerning treatment of cultural resources. This visit proved to be very nostalgic for me. I served at Ft. Benning for two years and my visit brought back a lot of memories. When I was stationed at Ft. Benning we stayed in two story barracks, one of these barracks has been made part of the museum. When I was stationed at Ft. Benning I was temporarily assigned to the commanding General; the building we worked in is also part of the museum. I was amazed at how much Columbus, Georgia and Phoenix City, Alabama has changed over the last 40 years.

Pow Wow has come and gone again. I don't know the final numbers for attendance yet, but I feel that we had a record turnout. We had two beautiful days, both of which pulled in large crowds. The new Princesses were crowned, and I congratulate them; Heather White, Senior Princess, Taylor Wiggins, Junior Princess, and Hannah Gibson, Elementary Princess. The Pow Wow Dance Competition lasted into the night on Thursday, and finished around 5:00 p.m. on Friday. We had a record number of craft vendors and there was fun for all ages. Pow Wow 2006 was a success.

I would like to close by saying that Christmas is upon us and I would like to wish each Tribal Member and their families a blessed Christmas and New Year. It is my hope that we will all remember what Christmas is all about, who we are, and who we serve.



**Tribal Chairman  
Buford L. Rolin**

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## Tallapoosa Entertainment Center Employee Pleads Guilty to Stealing Funds Receives Five Years Federal Probation

Marneka Milner of Montgomery, Alabama, pled guilty in U.S. District Court on November 15, 2006, before United States Magistrate Judge Thompson to a one-count felony charging her with theft of funds from an Indian casino, in violation of Title 18, United State Code, Section 1167(b).

According to the plea agreement and information, in March 2004, Milner was an employee at the Tallapoosa Entertainment Center (TEC) in Montgomery, AL, which is owned and operated by the Poarch Band of Creek Indians. Milner admitted to stealing \$10,000.00 from the casino.

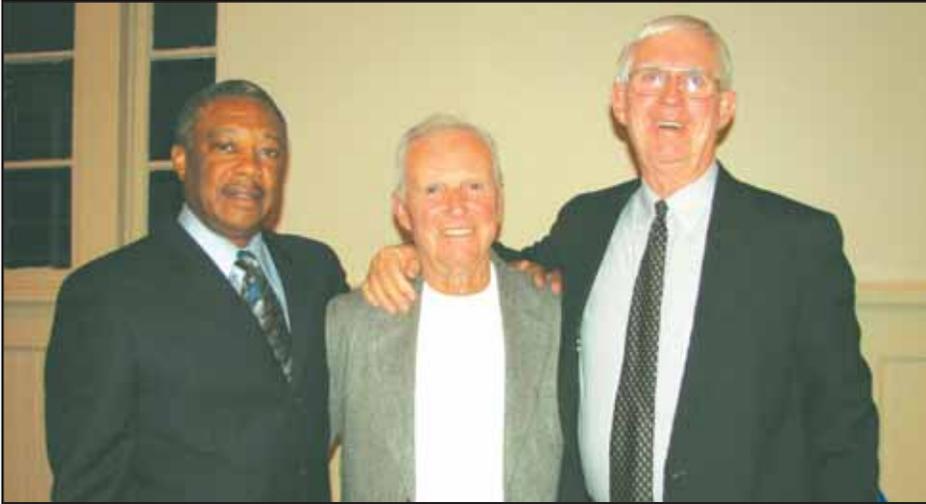
Investigator Joseph Busby was present in Federal Court during her sentencing. He states that the Judge showed some leniency due to the fact that since the theft, Milner has been enrolled in college and maintained a high grade point average, the judge pointed out that she has no prior criminal history. Along with five years of probation, she was ordered to pay back the

\$10,000.00 that she stole. Milner's grandfather told Busby that he would make sure that the money was repaid. Milner also issued a public apology to the Poarch Band of Creek Indians for her criminal behavior.

According to the U.S. Attorney's Office, the punishment given to Milner is typical for a case such as this. Tribal Gaming Commission's Investigator, Joseph Busby, investigated this case with assistance from the United States Department of Interior, Office of the Inspector General. Assistant U.S. Attorney Kent Brunson prosecuted the case.

The Tribal Gaming Commission is the Regulatory Authority established by the Tribal Council in accordance with the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA) and is responsible for the regulating all gaming activities associated with the Poarch Band of Creek Indians.

# Madison, McGhee inducted into Hall of Fame



*Carl Madison, center, with Woodrow McCorvey, left, and Floyd Adams*

Seven Atmoreans were inducted into the Atmore Area Hall of Fame Saturday night. They will forever have the distinction of being the first. Others will follow, but Robert Hodnette, John Jones, Carl Madison, William Maxwell, Woodrow McCorvey, Calvin McGhee, and Arthur Tarzan White will always be the inaugural inductees. Carl Madison is the only living inductee.

Almost 200 people attended the ceremony - family, friends, colleagues and former colleagues. There were several small reunions taking place simultaneously, but the night belonged to the inductees.

"This started in January. We had 78 original nominees," said Lou Vickery, who masterminded the Hall of Fame. "We have more talented folks to come out of this area than any other area I know. It has been a privilege to be involved in this."



*McGhee Family & Tribal Members*

Committee member Floyd Adams introduced his friend and former colleague, inductee Carl Madison.

"He is a coaching legend in high school football," Adams said. "He's currently ranked 26th nationally in high school wins."

In accepting the award, the first words Madison said were, "472 Friday nights. A year and three months of the best time of my life ... I'm extremely pleased to be one of the honorees."

Madison talked about growing up in Atmore with his brother Charles and moving away his freshman year. Frank Currie was responsible for getting them back to Atmore.

He talked about Coach Herbert Barnes: "Coach Barnes was one of the best men I've ever been around. He taught us to do it right or we'd wish we had."

He also talked about Mr. Hodnette's influence on his life.

In addition to Floyd Adams, several of Carl's former coaching colleagues were in attendance including Woodrow McCorvey Jr., who was there to accept an award for his father. McCorvey currently coaches at Mississippi State. Several of Madison's former players and coaches from other schools were there as well, including a large group from Jackson Academy.

In introducing Chief Calvin McGhee, committee member Randy Nichols said that courage comes in adversity over a period of time, and Chief McGhee exhibited that courage. He introduced Barbara Stephens, McGhee's granddaughter, who accepted the award for her grandfather and the family.

She talked about his success as a farmer, his stand on getting Indian children educated, and his drive to get the tribe federally recognized.

"Calvin became a voice for the Creeks," Stephens said. "He was devoted and dedicated to his mission."

McGhee died in 1970, living just long enough to see one of the tribe's claims paid by the federal government.

As Vickery was preparing to dismiss the gathering, Floyd Adams interrupted to present a plaque to him on behalf of the committee for his work in founding the Atmore Area Hall of Fame.



*McGhee Family & Tribal Members*

*Article Courtesy of Atmore News*

# Local Author, Henehv Douglas Kelley, Gets Published For First Time In Two Books



**Submitted by Deidra Kelley**

Local author Henehv Douglas Kelley, a member of Poarch Creek (Muscogee) Nation, was published for the first time in two literature books, *Joining the Circle* and *Full Circle Twenty Seven*. The book *Joining the Circle* is a collection of poetry and short prose from authors all across North America. The book is utilized at the Writers Workshop at Eastern Shawnee Pow Wow, which is held

in Oklahoma each fall.

Henehv's other book, *Full Circle Twenty Seven*, is an international collection of literature including works from writers all over the world. This book showcases the diversity of cultures in our world today and demonstrates how we can unite in the written word. This book is used in high school and college classrooms as an educational tool showing the depth and range of writing styles, as well as high quality English literature.

"I like the way Henehv writes tongue-in-cheek poems," said Full Circle's senior editor Leon Knight. His works in *Full Circle* make the reader think twice about the subject as in the poem "Mother Earth." Henehv writes: Indians talk about whiteman destroying Mother Earth, we buck against whiteman until it's time to cut down trees to build another casino.

In another one of Henehv's works in *Full Circle*, he points out the difficulties of holding on to Native American culture in modern America: we too sit around the campfire and talk about great days at the casino playing the slots -- lost our language, lost our prayers, lost our medicine, lost our love of brother... lost.

Henehv Douglas Kelley's title *Henehv* is a Muscogee word which means second chief. He serves as Henehv at Poarch Creek (Muscogee) Nation's ceremonial stomp dance grounds called Hvsossv Tallvhase, which means Eastern Town. He works for Creek Indian Enterprises at Perdido River Farms where he helps take care of 500 head of cattle.

"For a long time, I've had words in my head. I just never put them down on paper," Henehv said. He sometimes writes his literature in his head while he is working with his cows on the farm, he said.

These books that Henehv's works appear in were published by TA Publications and Guild Press, and can be purchased by contacting Leon Knight at PO Box 22583, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55422.

# Sharing His Heritage

**Submitted by Christine Martin**

Maxwell Martin brings in reinforcements to share his heritage with the third grade class of Rockwell Elementary School in Spanish Fort, AL. Max received an "A" for his presentation on the Creek Indian culture.

*Max Martin with his Dad, Tim Martin, and Mr. Billy Smith*



# Birth Announcement

**Submitted by Megan Slate**

Melton (Duck) Weaver and Megan Slate of Atmore are proud to announce the birth of their beautiful daughter, Ashkia Nicole Weaver. Ash was born at North Baldwin Infirmary at 8:07 a.m. on October 9, 2006. She weighed 8 pounds 11 ounces and was 20 inches long.



*Ashkia Nicole Weaver*

Her maternal grandparents are Timmy Slate of Atmore, and Juanita Slate of Atmore. Her paternal grandparents are Fred and Patricia Weaver of Atmore. Ashkia has three uncles, Charles Weaver, Fred Weaver, Jr., and Timothy (Bo) Slate. We are all very proud of Ash and are spoiling her rotten.

# Homes For Sale

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

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

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

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

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



# Employees Costume Contests



Teresa Vance



Keno Foster

Haley Martin



Amy Rowell

## Bid Announcement

### Submitted by Bridget Wasdin

Creek Indian Enterprises (CIE) is now accepting sealed bids for the purchase and removal of subject property, specifically 3 homes located in Atmore, Alabama on County Road 14, Northwest of Creek Entertainment Center. All sealed bids must be sent to the attention of Bridget Wasdin, Special Assistant to the CIE President, 3022 Hwy 21, Atmore, AL 36502. The deadline for bid submission will be Tuesday, January 2, 2007, at 4:30 p.m. The bid opening will take place in the conference room of Creek Indian Enterprises at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 2, 2007.

All bidders will be responsible for the total cost of moving subject home, which shall not be reflected in bid proposal. All homes shall be removed from property locations within 30 days from the date of the bid opening. Interested individuals must contact Bridget Wasdin, Special Assistant, or stop by the offices of Creek Indian Enterprises in order to acquire a bid package. Sealed bids will be taken on each individual home, which will be signified by Home A, B, & C. Homes A, B, & C will be marked at the specific site locations as such, so that they can be easily identified by interested bidders.

Creek Indian Enterprises will **only** allow viewing of the subject properties at specified dates and times.

### The dates and times are as follows:

**Friday, December 1, 2006, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.**

**Friday, December 8, 2006, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.**

**Friday, December 15, 2006, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.**

**Friday, December 22, 2006, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.**

**Friday, December 29, 2006, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.**

Preference will be given to Tribal Members. Please note that there will also be a minimum reserved bid of \$8,000.00 per each home. For further information pertaining to the bids, or to schedule an appointment to view the subject properties during specified times referenced above, please contact Bridget Wasdin at 251-368-0819.

## Economic Development Tribal Business Review

*This month's featured business...*  
**Marty's Furniture Store.**

Marty's Furniture Store is located at 501 North Trammell Street, Atmore, AL, and is owned and operated by Martin and Vernie Lee Gehman. Martin and Vernie Lee have been married for 50 years, and have five children.

Marty's Furniture Store opened its doors in June 1964. The reason for opening the store was for family income. Marty's offers a variety of complete furnishing for your home, office, or motel. They also offer furniture repair.

Marty's Furniture Store currently employs five (5) Tribal members, and five (5) Indian Descendent Employees. They offer a 10-25% discount to Tribal members.

If you are interested in having your business featured in the Business Review, please contact the Economic Development Department at (251) 368-9136 ext. 2505.

# POARCH CREEK EDUCATION FINANCIAL AID NEWS FOR DECEMBER 2006

Submitted by Billie McGhee, Education Coordinator

## SCHOLARSHIPS

### ALL-INK.COM SCHOLARSHIPS

All-Ink.com is offering up to \$5000 in scholarships to students who will be attending an accredited college or university during the spring or fall of 2007 term or full-year 2007-2008 school years. Applications are available at <http://www.all-ink.com/scholarships.aspx>.

### ELIZABETH AND SHERMAN ASCHE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

#### GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

The Association on American Indian Affairs (AAIA) ([www.indians-affairs.org](http://www.indians-affairs.org)) offers the Elizabeth and Sherman Asche Scholarships in the amount of \$3,000 each to graduate and undergraduate students pursuing a Major in Public Health. The funds are issued in the amount of \$1,500 per semester, with the second semester disbursement requiring a copy of the first semesters' grades and a second semester class schedule. Each student must reapply each year for the scholarship. AAIA sponsors several scholarships that Tribal students are available to Tribal members.

### GATES MILLENNIUM SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

The Gates Millennium Scholarship is available to outstanding low income Native American Tribal and Tribal Descendants to help them complete an undergraduate education in any discipline area of interest. The GMS program also provides leadership training for students who receive the scholarship. The deadline for the application is in early January 2007. The application is available at [http://www.gmsp.org/\(fssr-jw45m2bl1w55rkxy15fk\)/default.aspx](http://www.gmsp.org/(fssr-jw45m2bl1w55rkxy15fk)/default.aspx). Tribal documentation is available by contacting Mrs. Gale Thrower at (251) 368-9136, ext. 2282.

### MORRIS UDALL 2007 UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS

The Udall Foundation scholarship provides up to \$5,000 for tuition, room and board, or other educational expenses. You can find additional information at [www.udall.gov](http://www.udall.gov) or contact Melissa Millage, Program Manager at (520) 670-5529. If you are receiving funds from the Tuition Payment program, this scholarship would allow you to save the Tuition Payment tuition funds for graduate study.

### SHARPIE SCHOLARSHIP (\$10,000) SWEEPSTAKES

The deadline for the sweepstakes is December 30, 2006. <http://www.sharpie.com/sanford/consumer/sharpie/afe/sweep-stake.jhtml>

### TYLENOL SCHOLARSHIPS

Tylenol Scholarships for undergraduate and post graduate study in health careers are now available at <http://www.tylenol.com/page.jhtml?id=tylenol/news/subp-tychol.inc>

## INTERNSHIPS

### MORRIS K. UDALL FOUNDATION NATIVE AMERICAN CONGRESSIONAL INTERNSHIP

For those of you who would like to gain experience working with Federal and Native American programs the Morris Udall Internship is an excellent opportunity to meet and make contact with important people and learn how their work and decisions affect Native Americans. The Internship is open to Native American or Alaska Natives who are college students, recent graduates, graduate students or law students. The selected applicants are awarded roundtrip airfare to and from D.C., and they receive a daily allowance for meals, transportation and incidentals. The interns receive a stipend at end of the program. The application is available at [www.udall.gov](http://www.udall.gov) or contact Monica Nuvamsa, Program Manager at (520) 670-5529.

### GRADUATE AND PHD PROGRAMS

#### 2007-2008 HARRY RANSOM CENTER RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

The application deadline is February 1, 2007. The fellowships will support research projects in all areas of the humanities and are funded at \$3000 per month. Graduate students

#### CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY PHD PROGRAM AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Dr. Joseph Gone, a research psychologist and a faculty member of the Clinical Psychology program at the University of Michigan is seeking a doctoral student for the coming academic year. It is not a requirement for the applicants to have majored in psychology as undergraduates; but they do need to be familiar with scholarly research. Applications for the Clinical Psychology Doctoral program are due by December 15. You can request an application by contacting him at (734) 255-1420 or by email: [jgone@umich.edu](mailto:jgone@umich.edu). The web site for the program is <http://www.lsa.umich.edu/psych/areas/clinical/>.

#### US DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

The Department of Homeland Security sponsors a graduate fellowship to full-time students who are majoring in physical sciences, mathematical sciences, computer and information sciences, agricultural and life sciences, social sciences, psychology, and selected humanities or engineering. Master's students who have not enrolled or who have taken only two graduate courses and fourth-year veterinary medicine students (DVM/VMD) and who will begin PhD study the following academic year are eligible. The application deadline is January 31, 2007. The website is <http://www.ora.gov/dhsed/Default.htm>. The award covers full-tuition costs, mandatory college fees, and a \$2,300 a month stipend.

# Language Classes Were a Great Success

By Gayle Johnson & Alex Alvarez

In years past the Tribe has offered Creek language classes, some taught by local Tribal Members and some with special instructors; each of these classes were successful in their own merit, but the class recently presented through the Education Department with Alex Alvarez, Cultural Education Coordinator as instructor, has proven to be the most successful language class offered to Tribal Members. There was so much interest in the class that it was scheduled in five sessions, Tuesdays at 12 noon for Tribal employees with two sessions for others students at night on Mondays and Tuesday. The Tuesday sessions with employees continues but the evening classes concluded with a graduation ceremony on November 1st.

Alex would like to share the following: Hesci! First I would like to send a mvto rakko (Big thanks) to all those who participated in my first language class. I honestly don't believe it could've gone any better. I truly feel blessed to serve in my current position as Cultural Education Coordinator. I am very proud of all my students.

The class lasted 8 weeks, meeting on Monday and Tuesday nights, two sessions per night. Many of the language class students drove over an hour each night just to attend classes. I involved a few special guests who really did a great job in their presentations about Mvskoke culture. Mvto to David Hobbs, Sam "Bonnie" Deere, and Lee Noon Stokes.

The students varied in ages, and it was a treat to see old and young students interact while learning. 78 year-old Mazie Gartman, my "star student" strived very hard to learn the words, as did 6 year-

old Kamryn Mothershed. I had a blast teaching the class as well, I got to meet and become friends with many wonderful people.

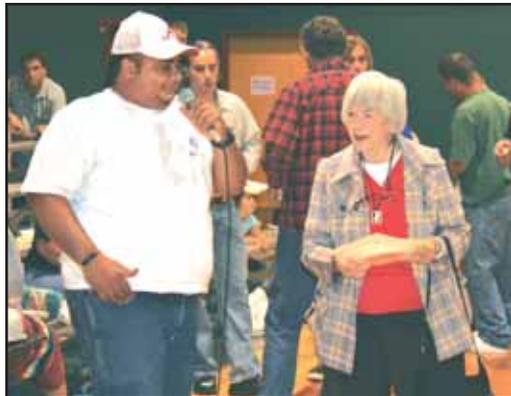
If you didn't get a chance to take this class, and are still interested, don't worry! We will be offering this Introductory class again, as well as offering language classes on the beginning and intermediate levels this upcoming year.

Why is it important to learn the language of our ancestors? The fact is, there were over 5 hundred indigenous languages spoken in North America only a several hundred years ago. Now, only 108 are still used. Some tribes, like the Mandan, have only 8 fluent speakers left who are all very elderly. If those elders pass away without teaching someone, what will happen to their language? It will only be remembered in History books and stories. It will join the doe-doe bird and wooly mammoth; it will become extinct.

There are many expressions of emotion in the Mvskoke language that one cannot put into a phrase in English. For example "Ecenokecvyetos"- simply translated means: "I love you". However, the direct translation of that phrase is: "I have so much respect for you" As human beings, do we respect the ones we love? Of course.

I encourage each and every one of you to become active and involved in this cultural movement. If you have any questions or need to contact me, my office number is 251-368-9136 ext 2240.

I will leave you with a phrase that means much to me, and I try to live by it each and everyday: Kerretvn vceyvlllet owis! I am always striving to learn! In Mvskoke, there's no word for goodbye. We say hvtvm cehacares! I'll see you again!



Alex Alvarez with Mazie Garman



# USET



*Keller George of the Oneida Indian Nation, Mississippi Band of Choctaws Chief Phillip Martin, and Tim Martin, were recognized for their service to USET during the Cultural Reception held on October 10, 2006.*



*Eddie L. Tullis and Buford L. Rolin at the Board of Directors meeting.*



*Ronnie Jackson and April Sells attend Tribal Emergency Services Committee meeting.*

**By Gayle Johnson**

***What is USET?*** We hear that question all time. Why do representatives from the Tribe go to USET? To answer these questions, we will begin by sharing a little background.

United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc. (USET) is a non-profit, inter-tribal organization that collectively represents its member Tribes at the regional and national level. USET is dedicated to enhancing the development of Indian Tribes, to improving the capabilities of Tribal governments, and assisting the member Tribes and their governments in dealing effectively with public policy issues and in serving the broad needs of Indian people. Although its guiding principle is unity, USET plays a major role in the self-determination of all its member Tribes by working to improve the capabilities of Tribal

governments. USET has grown to include twenty-four federally recognized Tribes, operating through various workgroups and committees and providing a forum for the exchange of ideas and information amongst Tribes, agencies and governments. In addition to the Eastern Band of Cherokee, the Mississippi Band of Choctaw, the Miccosukee Tribe and the Seminole Tribe of Florida, the founding Tribes of USET, the organization now includes:

- The Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana
- The Seneca Nation of Indians
- The Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana
- The St. Regis Band of Mohawk Indians
- Penobscot Indian Nation and the Passamaquoddy Tribes
- The Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians
- The Tunica-Biloxi Indians of Louisiana
- The Poarch Band of Creek Indians
- The Narragansett Indian Tribe
- The Mashantucket Pequot Tribe
- The Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah)
- The Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas
- The Oneida Indian Nation
- The Aroostook Band of Micmac Indians
- The Catawba Indian Nation
- The Jena Band of Choctaw Indians
- The Mohegan Tribe of Connecticut
- The Cayuga Nation

Committees have been established to address specific issues of importance to Indian country; those committees include Commercial Law, Legislation, & Economic Development, Culture & Heritage, Education, Health, Housing, Natural Resources, Social Services, Transportation, Tribal Emergency Services, Tribal Justice, and Tribal Administration. Committees meet during each USET meeting to address the issues that face Indian country relative to their committee. However, to accurately address these issues some committees often meet jointly as some issues have no clearly defined boundaries and can be addressed through various venues.

As stated in "The Chairman's Corner" last month, 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.

It was clearly identifiable during this week of meetings that the enemies of Indian Country have come out of the shadows and are becoming more and more vocal, and more and more influential. To protect our sovereign rights, we must stand united in one front. One way to do this is to become educated on the issues that face Indian Country and support those who fight for our rights. This may be a little late, as Election Day has come and gone, but one of the best ways to do this is by voting for those who support Indian Rights. We as individuals still have future opportunities to vote and have our voices heard.



*Larry Hammonds and Keesha O'Barr attend Tribal Justice Committee meeting.*



*Larry Hammonds, Teresa "Shada" Thomas, and Kelli Ramer attend Cultural Reception.*



## *Inaugural Miss Indian Alabama Competition*

### **Press Release from Alabama Indian Affairs Commission**

On Saturday November 18, 2006 the Alabama Indian community came together to crown its first ever Miss Indian Alabama. The event was held in the State Capitol in Montgomery and was emceed by local radio personality Don Day. The event was hosted by the Alabama Indian Affairs Commission which represents the nine state recognized tribes of Alabama.

The five contestants, whom are all members of the various state recognized tribes, were judged in four distinctive areas. The young ladies were required to wear and explain their Native American dress and display their talents. Throughout the competition the ladies supported each others' efforts and truly came together to become a very distinctive group in Alabama Indian history. They all spoke of the need to pass on to younger generations the history, culture and ways of Native peoples. The event became one not only of fun and competition but also one of learning about the American Indians, the true first Alabamians.

The young lady crowned as the first Miss Indian Alabama is Miss Megan Young, a member of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians. Miss Young is 20 years old and graduated from Straughn High School as Salutatorian and has her Associate of Arts degree, with honors, from Lurleen B. Wallace Community College. She is planning to attend Auburn University to pursue a degree as a Doctor of Pharmacy.

All the contestants came away with numerous prizes and gifts donated by Indian people throughout the state. In addition, Megan came away with the grand prize, a \$5000 scholarship donated to her jointly by the Alabama Indian Affairs Commission and the Alabama-Tennessee Trail of Tears Corridor Association.

Any group or organization wishing to have Miss Indian Alabama participate in their activities may contact the Alabama Indian Affairs Commission at 800-436-8261 to make the appropriate arrangements.

# Environmental Department Update

By John English, Environmental/GIS Tech.

## Going Green! Keeping it clean!

The Environmental Department wants to thank everyone for their helping hand in our efforts to recycle all the used office paper and cardboard. We have recently begun distributing blue cans to each office and large paper bins throughout the buildings. We have also got the balers up and running enabling us to better handle the paper.

We recently were able to distribute 500 energy-efficient light bulbs. The bulbs were given to the Tribe by USET (through an EPA grant) and we had a great turnout of Tribal members and employees. Pledges taken by the Tribe so far have the potential to save 124,926 kWh of energy, \$12,493 in energy costs, and prevent 197,135 pounds of greenhouse gas emissions. By inspiring at least 200 people to take the ENERGY STAR Change a Light Pledge, the Tribal community will save at least 56,400 kWh of energy, \$5,640 in energy costs, and prevents 89,200 pounds of greenhouse gas emissions.

Another project we are working with is our school clean-out project. We have been working with EPA and Tennessee Department of Environment & Conservation to remove old chemicals, cleaners, and pesticides from any school serving Tribal kids. In cooperation with Escambia Academy, we worked with Ms. Lisa Howell to identify and remove approximately 100 pounds of chemicals that were no longer in use by the school. We will continue to work with local chemistry and biology teachers to inventory their chemicals

Also, I was fortunate enough to travel to San Antonio, TX (Oct. 2-3) for a class on the latest GIS computer software. This will enable the Environmental Department to better map our environmental data and decide how to plan for the future.

I also attended the National Tribal Invasive Species Conference (Nov. 7-9) in Sparks, NV. I learned different ways for removing and managing invasive trees and grasses on Tribal lands. At the Invasive Species Conference, I feel I gained a better knowledge of the word "invasive" when referring to invasive species in our forestlands on the Reservation and surrounding neighborhoods. The National Tribal Invasive Species Conference in Sparks, NV was quite helpful in that I now have more ideas and plans on how to approach the fight of invasive trees, grasses, and vines. I was reminded that Mother Earth has blessed us with what we take for granted and we must not forget when we do not give back and help preserve her that we are only hurting ourselves. Now, my challenge is to spread the word and get people educated on what we must do to control "invasive species of our forest" and show how they are taking over and replacing trees that our culture and traditions are built on. After attending this conference, I feel I have a better chance of showing the importance of taking care of our Tribal lands and getting the word out. This is a task that requires everyone lending a helping hand and a willing heart. We must get back to our roots and the great things our land has to offer. I was touched to see how the Paiute Tribe of Pyramid Lake in western Nevada is still in touch with our "Mother Earth" and knows the valuable lessons of what must be done to give back to preserve her. It was great to see tribal members of all ages knowing and believing that it takes everyone to make a project successful.



*John English restoring stream flow from a beaver dam at the Baptismal site at Head of Perdido.*

Lastly, I feel the trip will be a lifelong memory that I hope to build from and be an example that it is the small things that are so wonderful!

Lastly, about 300 mayhaw trees will be available in mid-December on a first-come-first-serve basis for Tribal members so please call for information at 368-9136 ext. 2681 or 2682.

## Looking For You

The following birthday cards have been returned due to insufficient address, if you know any of these Tribal Members, please have them contact Mary Jane Tullis, Census Analyst, at 1-877-276-2724 with their updated address information.

Rene Crider	Mikael Ryan Presley	Tina Victoria Teston
Jeff B. Hopkins	Ellis E. Lee	Jenell Feldman
Robert Fredrick Hubbird		

The following Tribal Members are not accounted for in the TDR (Tribal Census) as of November 15, 2006. If you know any of these Tribal Members, please have them contact Mary Jane as well.

Daughtry, Shanna L.	Hubbird, Robert G.	Seamans, Joyce Darlene
Gibson, Jewel	Hubbird, Ruby Anne	Seamans, Patricia Diane
Gibson, Kimber Jean	Hubbird, Shelby Ann	Taylor, Walter, Jr.
Gibson, Richard Wayne	McGhee, Dewey Thomas	Walker, Fred William, Jr.
Gregg, Jr. Stacy Lin	McGhee, Miranda Nicole	Walker, Ronald Garrett
Hubbird, Kelly Jean	Reece, Barry Alan	

# WINTER LIHEAP PROGRAM

**Submitted by Carolyn White, Family Services Executive Director**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

To receive assistance from the Tribal LIHEAP Program:

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

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

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

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

## Income Tax Volunteers Needed

THE POARCH CREEK INDIANS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT'S VITA AND TCE INCOME TAX PROGRAM WILL BEGIN JANUARY 16, 2007. VOLUNTEERS ARE ONCE AGAIN NEEDED. VOLUNTEERS WILL BE PAID A \$20.00 PER DAY STIPEND. PLEASE CONTACT MICHELLE WHITE AT 251-368-9136 EXT. 2505 IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING. TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT TO HAVE YOUR INCOME TAXES PREPARED PLEASE CONTACT JENNIFER COLBERT, AT EXT. 2289.

# Gracie Coon Donates Hair to "Locks Of Love"

by Gayle Johnson

Gracie Coon recently had her first haircut; prior to this cut her hair had never even been trimmed. Gracie's hair was more than seventeen inches in length before Emily at Tammy's Cutting Loose Salon in Atmore cut roughly twelve inches of hair from her ponytail. Gracie and her mother, Debra Coon, packaged the lock of hair and mailed it to "Locks Of Love". Locks of Love is a non-profit organization that provides hairpieces to financially disadvantaged children under age 18 suffering from long-term medical hair loss. You can find out more about "Locks Of Love" on their website, [www.locksoflove.org](http://www.locksoflove.org).



Gracie, before haircut



Emily makes the first cut

Gracie, with her locks, after the cut!



## The Great Cut Off

The American Cancer Society is teaming with Pantene in the Pantene Beautiful Length Program. Participants will help provide wigs to cancer patients who have lost their hair due to treatments.

### Hair Requirements:

- Donated hair must be a minimum of eight (8) inches long (measured from just above the elastic band of the ponytail to the ends).
- Hair may be colored or permed, but not bleached or chemically damaged.
- Hair can be colored with vegetable dyes, rinses, and semi-permanent dyes.
- Hair cannot have more than a few strands of gray hair.
- Wavy/curly hair texture is fine, you may straighten the hair to measure.

For those wishing to donate, haircuts will be scheduled during the 2007 Relay Event on April 28, 2007. Please contact Annice Tyree-Barnhill (251 580-4563) or Walt Butler (251 368-5719) if you want to donate your hair so we can make sure enough time is allotted at Relay to make all the cuts.

## EVENTS FOR THE WELLNESS AND ACTIVITIES DEPARTMENT

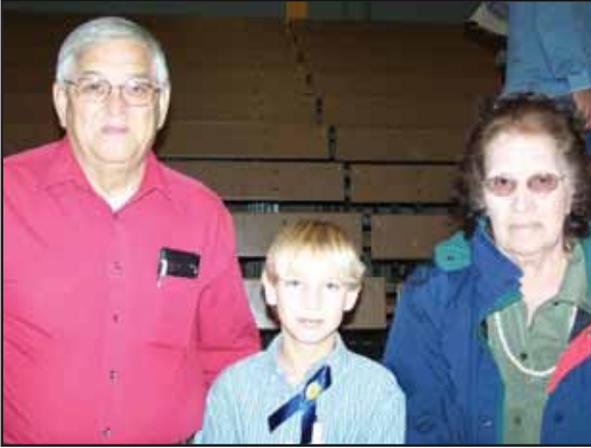
**Weight Room Hours Starting November 4, 2006 will be:**

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

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

**PACE classes will start January 2, 2007**

**Brown Bag Bingo will be every third (3rd) Thursday of each month.**



*Chance Jackson with maternal Grandfather Eddie L. Tullis, and paternal Grandmother Mabel Jackson.*

## Jackson Inducted Into National Junior Honor Society

Chance Jackson, son of Edie & Eddie Jackson, a seventh grade student at Ernest Ward Middle School was recently inducted into the National Junior Honor Society. Membership in the National Junior Honor Society is a privilege, not a right, and is based on the criteria of scholarship, character, service, citizenship, and leadership. Members must maintain a 3.0 grade point average (on a 4.0 scale) without a “D” or “F” in any specific course. Members must participate in all service projects undertaken by the Chapter and must maintain high standards of citizenship and character.

## Stories From Our Elders

I’m an author and writing a book about Native American Stories heard from their mothers and grandmothers, about how things used to be, the way they did things, folklore, storytelling, and the legends of the Native American cultures.

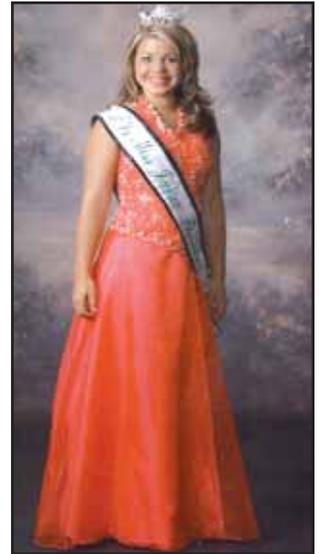
What I’m looking for are Native Americans, the older the better, who can remember these stories that were told down from generation to generation to be included in this book, or anyone younger who can remember the stories their mothers or grandmothers have passed down to them. If you know anyone who would share any of these stories with me, legends, how they lived and loved, hardships and anything else, if you’d let me know, or pass my email and name on to have them contact me, that would be great. I’ve had ten published books, some on crime and punishment, on Vietnam Vets, teen violence, Victims and my life story. I thought this would be a very interesting book for others to read on down the line about Native Americans and the stories that were told down through the ages.

Thanks for any help you can give me, Shirley Dicks and my email is [sdicks@blomand.net](mailto:sdicks@blomand.net)

## Jordan Leigh Exum Crowned Jackson County Jr. Miss

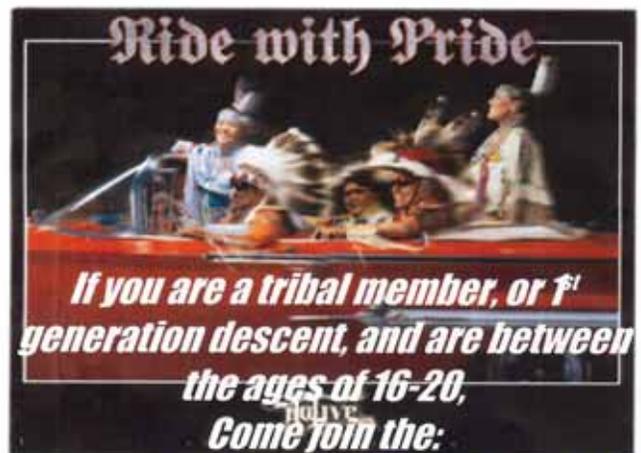
**Submitted by Helen Hallman**

Jordan Leigh Exum recently won the title of Jackson County Jr. Miss. Jordan is the 14 year old daughter of Ryan Exum of Wetumpka, Alabama and Amy Jordan Williams and Zeke Williams of Grand Ridge, Florida. Jordan has a younger brother, Ben. Her grandparents are Helen Hallman of Atmore, and the late Don Exum of Cottonwood, Alabama; Angenette Jordan of Malone, Florida and the late Raymond Jordan. Jordan is a 9th grade student at Marianna High School in Marianna, Florida. She is a JV cheerleader for the Marianna Bulldogs. Jordan is also a member of the Beta Club, SGA 9th grade representative, 9th grade Juniorette representative, a member of the MHS FFA and a Diamond Doll for the Marianna High School baseball team. Outside of her school activities Jordan has danced for the Dance Factory in Marianna for twelve years. She is also a member of Salem Methodist Church in Sneads, Florida.



*Jordan Leigh Exum*

***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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:aalvarez@poarchcreekindians-nsn.gov)  
Or come by the Poarch Creek Education Dept.**



## FEDERAL ENGINEERING INTERNSHIPS

**The Indian Health Service is seeking civil, construction, and environmental engineering interns.** Internships generally occur during the summer months, but are available at other times of the year, as necessary. **Students must be U.S. citizens and must have completed their sophomore year at the time the internship occurs.**

Students can gain valuable engineering experience while receiving competitive pay, reimbursement for travel, and other medical and government benefits.

### Typical engineering intern duties include:

- surveying
- soils testing
- construction inspection
- AutoCAD drafting
- other related engineering activities.

**Locations:** throughout the lower 48 states

**More information can be obtained at the following websites:**

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| <a href="http://www.usphs.gov">www.usphs.gov</a>                   | website describing the U. S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps |
| <a href="http://www.usphsengineers.org">www.usphsengineers.org</a> | website describing engineering careers opportunities with USPHS       |
| <a href="http://www.dsfc.ihs.gov">www.dsfc.ihs.gov</a>             | website describing the IHS Sanitation Facilities Construction Program |

### Contact:

**Darrall Tillock, P.E.**, District Engineer  
Indian Health Service  
711 Stewarts Ferry Pike  
Nashville, TN 37214

Phone (615)467-1616  
[darrall.tillock@ihs.gov](mailto:darrall.tillock@ihs.gov)

**The deadline to apply for a Summer (2007) engineering internship is 12/31/06**

The Family Services Department and  
The Wellness & Activities Department presents:

# A 2006 Kid's Community Christmas Party



**Date:** Sunday, December 17, 2006

**Time:** 1:00 pm till 4:00 pm

**Location:** Wellness & Activities Center

**Featuring:**

- ◆ A visit with Santa and photo session
- ◆ Balloon Art
- ◆ Games and Traditional Creek Activities
- ◆ Yummy Food
- ◆ Presents for ages: Birth through 12 years



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*"For centuries, Southeastern Native Americans have utilized indigenous plants to create useful tools that are now observed as works of art. The traditional art of Mvskoke basket weaving with river cane has been gone from the Southeast for almost 180 years. Now, through the Poarch Creek Education Dept, this lost art will return to the region in which it originated."*



**COME LEARN HOW TO MAKE THESE  
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Open to all Tribal Members, 1<sup>st</sup> generation descent, and  
Tribal Employees

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3	4	5 Tribal Council Meeting 4:00 p.m.	6	7	8	9
10	11 Youth Christmas Party (Ages 4-12) Wellness & Activities Center 6:00 p.m.	12	13	14	15 Tribal Administrative Staff Christmas Party Wellness & Activities Center OFFICES CLOSE at 2pm	16 Sports Banquet Wellness & Activities Center
17 Family Services Christmas Party Children ages birth - 12 Wellness & Activities Center 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Tribal Council Meeting 2:00 p.m.	18	19 Stomp Dance 101 Call Alex Alvarez for more info (251) 368-9136 ext. 2240	20	21	22	23
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