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Nineteen Submit Letters of Candidacy for Tribal Election.

The following nineteen Tribal Members have submitted their Letter of Candidacy for the 2007 Tribal Election, which is scheduled for Saturday, June 2, 2007, and will appear on the Official Ballot:

William L. Bailey
Rose McGhee Coon
Rodney Exum
David Gehman
Helen Hallman
Douglas "Poncho" Kelley
Tracy D. Linam
Donna Sue Walker-Marquardt
Dewey McGhee
Mal Dewayne McGhee
Robert "Robbie" McGhee
Rodney Lynn McGhee
Terri Albritton Morris
Kesha O'Barr
Timothy Ramer
Janet Rodriquez
William T. Rolin
Berry L. Ross
Garvis Sells

Any Tribal Member not listed who wishes to be a candidate for this year's election must submit a written statement of candidacy with the Election Board no later than 5:00 p.m. Thursday, May 3, 2007 to be considered a write-in candidate on the Official Ballot. Names of candidates will be posted within ten days of submitting a Letter of Candidacy.

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FY 2007 Tribal Election Calendar May 1, 2007 – June 2, 2007

- Thursday, May 3, 2007** Last day to submit Letter of Candidacy as a write-in candidate on the Official Ballot. Names of candidates will be posted within ten days of submitting a Letter of Candidacy.
- Thursday, May 3, 2007** Walk-in voting begins in the Tribal Auditorium. Voting hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, through Tuesday, May 29, 2007.
- Tuesday, May 29, 2007** Walk-in voting ends at 5:00 p.m.
- Friday, June 1, 2007** Deadline to receive Absentee Ballots at 5:00 p.m.
- *For your convenience,** Absentee Ballot Request forms have been included in this issue of the newsletter and are available for downloading on the Tribe's website at www.poarchcreekindians.org.
- Saturday, June 2, 2007** Election Day, polls open 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- If you have any questions about the election process, please contact Brenda Faircloth, Election Board Chairperson, at (251) 368-9136 extension 2206, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

For Your Information: Voter List

Per Section 22-1-10 of the Tribe's Election Procedures, a voters list will be prepared for each individual who has declared themselves as a candidate for Tribal Election. Section 22-1-10 reads as follows:

Section 22-1-10 Voter List and Mailings

The Election Board, in coordination with the Tribal Enrollment Office, shall prepare a voter list of those tribal members age 18 and over from the tribal enrollment records and provide a copy to each candidate.

If requested by a candidate, the Census Office shall prepare one mailing list of campaign materials to eligible constituents on the candidate's behalf. To use this service, the candidate must drop off his or her campaign materials in self-addressed envelopes to the Census Office during office hours and fill out the request form for a five-county service area or a nationwide mailing list. The Census Office will then contact the candidate for assistance, if necessary, with preparing and sending the mailing to the tribal members on the voter list within five working days. If a tribal member does not wish to be included on the voter list or in the mailing, he or she may submit a written request to the Census Office.



William Bailey

William L. Bailey

Hi everyone! It is time for another tribal election. I am William L. Bailey, the son of Verlie (McGhee). My grandparents were Lawrence McGhee and Mammie (Rollin) McGhee. We did not have a lot of material things in this world, but what we did have was love and truth. When I was growing up in the Poarch Community I went to community meetings with my mother. This was the time before our Federal Recognition when the community

leaders had plans for our future. A time when a leader was agreed upon by the community by just knowing who could lead us with both truth and dignity. It was a time when people could believe in a leader by the fruit they bore. Our community could believe in these leaders. It is time to go back to those truth and beliefs. If you want truth in a leader then please consider me.



Rose McGhee Coon

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As I contemplate the thought of submitting my name as a candidate in this year's election for Tribal council, my mind was flooded with the realities of:

The responsibilities, the demands, and yes, the heartaches that come with the seat I seek;

The entrustment of a people into the hands of the elected;

The responsibilities of loyalty, justice, and integrity of that election;

The making of decisions for a nation, tribe, as a whole and not just myself;

The hugeness, the vastness that has taken hold and is now burning like a wildfire with a nine member council acting as the firemen trying to keep it under control – what a task to undertake.

Yet knowing this, I can no longer refuse the call to serve. It was bred in me, nurtured and cultivated, pruned and dressed from childhood through adulthood. It's in my blood, it's in my being – the desire to serve.

Let me tell you how this has come to be. My mother is Pearline McGhee, my father Curtis McGhee. My paternal grandparents are Chief Calvin W. and Joyce McGhee, and my maternal grandparents are Jack and Nora Daughtry. Most of you know the accomplishments of my grandparents Chief McGhee and his wife, Joyce. However, you may not know how my grandfather, Jack Daughtry, with courage and boldness, took his two then small school age children, my mother Pearline and my aunt, Earline, and stood in the roadway with a shotgun and stopped the Escambia County school bus demanding his right to send his children to public school. You may not know that which my Uncle Mace McGhee spoke of at the 1986 annual Calvin McGhee Memorial Service. With tears in his eyes, he began to speak of his brother, Calvin, coming to him and saying, "Brother, I don't do this for myself for my children to go to school, but I

do it for your children." It was my grandfather Chief McGhee, who said, "My people are all of one family." It was my grandfather, Chief McGhee who turned over the attorney's desk in anger when the attorney told him the check for the land claims could be made out to him, individually. Service, honor and integrity was not only taught to me, I lived it. I would like to continue the legacy.

I was with Chief McGhee at the meeting of the National Congress of the American Indians in Fort Wayne, Indiana. I was with him in Montgomery, Alabama on that bitterly cold day we paraded in the inaugural parade of Governor George Wallace. I was with him in Washington when he went before the Supreme Court of the United States. I was with him in Oklahoma the summer before his death when he met with Chief Cox of the Muskogee Creek Nation at Green Corn. More importantly, I was with him in the backwoods of Monroe County, AL, when he met with Artie Reed to ask him to serve as a Council Member. This is noted as more importantly because he taught me that our people were first and foremost, the importance of searching out and finding each one, and making sure all were represented equally.

That seems to be another lifetime ago, a child and a young adult, but I grew up and once again returned to serve Creek Nation. This time as Tribal Council Secretary on the Executive Committee of a then eighteen member Tribal Council. I served on the first Alabama Commission of Indian Affairs. I was on the Tribal Council when we were first approached with and acquired Hickory Ground. I have served on the Education Committee and the Pow Wow Committee and as a child and young adult Pow Wowed with my grandfather and other fellow Creeks. I was undefeated when I gave up my chair due to a difficult pregnancy. My children, Clayton Coon and Bridgett Coon Buckley, are now grown with children of their own. I am free and open, and have no attachments or commitments that will now hinder or detain me from service.

During my life, I have found out what it is like to be a single mom and the difficulties of raising children with the absence of a father. I have found out what it is like having to be the breadwinner of the family and the difficulties and worries that come with that. I know what it is like trying to raise and educate children in today's world. I have grandchildren that are presently in daycare, public school, home school and private school. So, I know and sympathize with these problems. I know what it is like being a senior citizen in a society geared toward youth. I know what it is like to live in Florida and feel as though you are forgotten and unrepresented. I know what it feels like to be sick and not have insurance. These problems I have faced have strengthened me and prepared me to better understand the needs of the everyday average tribal member.

Most of all the candidates will agree that we want and need:

All tribal members dental and medical needs met;

Educational opportunities afforded to all members;

Housing needs met for all members;

Broadened economic development outside of gaming; and

Elderly benefits such as a nursing home and assisted living;

In addition to this, I encourage and support per capita compensation.

I've worked in the legal field for many years. Most of you may remember me from working with Gene Garrett. I have a double

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From the Chairman

On March 31, 2007 the Tribe held a Strategic Planning meeting to form the four focus groups that will work to develop and implement the Tribe's five and ten year Strategic Plan. These four focus groups are Economic Development, Infrastructure, Education, and Community Services. I would like to thank everyone who has stepped forward to help us in the project.

Congressman Jo Bonner stopped by for a brief visit on April 3rd. He addressed issues that will face Congress when it reconvenes after its spring break. He also addressed questions from the audience. Congressman Bonner has been very supportive of the Tribe during his tenure in Washington and we look forward to working and visiting with him again in the future.

Venus McGhee Prince, General Counsel, Robert Thrower, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, and I met in Wetumpka, Alabama with delegates from the Muscogee Creek Nation on issues relating to Hickory Ground. We will proceed with this issue as instructed by the Tribal Council.

April Sells, Tribal Emergency Management Executive

Director, and I traveled to Montgomery on April 16th to attend Governor Riley's Hurricane Workshop. Governor Riley and state agency leaders, along with officials from FEMA, Department of Homeland Security, and the National Hurricane Center, gathered to review Alabama's plans for the upcoming hurricane season, which begins June 1.

In closing I encourage everyone to come out and vote during the Tribal Elections on Saturday, June 2, 2007.

There are three seats on the Council that will be filled as a result of this election. Every vote counts so please make sure you cast your vote on Election Day, or by Absentee Ballot if you are unable to vote in person on June 2nd.



**Tribal Chairman
Buford L. Rolin**

Social Security Numbers Needed

To receive your birthday gift, or to have your gift placed in the Minor's Trust Fund, the Census Office **MUST** have your Social Security Number on file. It is your responsibility to keep your file updated.

**Please contact the
Census Office at
1-877-276-2724 ext. 2501**

To make sure your information is up-to-date.

Census Office Hours:
Monday & Tuesday
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Coming In Next Issue

Due to the size of this month's newsletter, the following articles that were to appear in the May newsletter are tentatively scheduled to appear in the June Newsletter.

Drug Court Graduation
**Poarch Fire and Police Recognized By
American Legion**
**Premiere Family EyeCare Gets Visit
from Grant Representative**
Princess Journeys
Wiggins Places in Pageant
**Second Annual Legislative Reception
A Success**
Congressman Bonner Visits Poarch
T-Ball Season
Strategic Planning Meeting
Tribe Hosts Area SNS Meeting
Egg Hunt

degree in Liberal Arts and Business Administration. I am licensed with the Alabama Real Estate Commission and would like to add to that a member of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians Tribal Council. Hence, I, therefore, announce my candidacy for the 2007 Tribal Council Election. Let me serve you.

Rose McGhee Coon
April 3, 2007



Rodney Exum

Rodney Exum

Hello,

My name is Rodney Exum, son of Helen Hallman and the late Espy Exum, grandson of the late Levi & Treacy (Walker) McGhee and the late Thomas & Minnie Pearl Exum.

It has been a pleasure serving you on the Tribal Council these past three years and I am seeking re-election on the upcoming Tribal Council Election Day. With your help I hope to be able to continue to serve you to the best of my abilities.

There has been several programs and benefits in the past three years that I feel proud to be part of, but on the other hand, there are some that passed the table that I am ashamed of.

One of the issues at hand is the Full Time Council. I do feel that we are at the point we need a Full Time Council, but I do not agree with the part time council or the salary range. Yes, I know the majority of the General Council is against a Full Time Council, but we need leaders working with CIE, Gaming, and Tribal Administration Departments. Also, this will address Tribal Employees being on Council.

Another concern I have is Tribal Members living outside the five county service area. All Tribal Members should receive the same benefits (housing, health, LIHEAP, etc.)

In closing I am asking you for your support on June 2, 2007. The only promise I will make is that I will continue to vote in the way that benefits all Tribal Members.

Thank You



David Gehman

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My name is David Gehman, and I am asking for your support and vote in my efforts to bring Honest, Fair, Respectful, And Responsible Representation to your Tribal Council! I encourage you to visit www.abettertribe.com for campaign details, photos and links of interest.

Tribal Members, we are, in reality, the stockholders of our Tribal Government and our Tribal Enterprise System. The resources that our Tribe enjoys today are the

fruits of the life-long labors of our Ancestors and Elders. Our Tribe's resources must be used cautiously, responsibly, and be fairly managed. To insure Honest, Fair, Respectful, and

Responsible Tribal Government – it is critical that an annual financial disclosure report be published and mailed to all Tribal Members of legal age. Such a financial report must list payments of any kind to anyone holding a position of leadership, including Tribal Council, Board members, Commission members, Authority members and Executive Level Positions in Tribal Government and in Tribal Enterprises. This degree of 'financial openness' is an important change that I believe is necessary to bring accountability for the tribal resources being used now or obligated on the future generations and to hold Tribal Leaders and officials responsible for their decisions.

If you elect me to our Tribal Council - I will help draft and introduce legislation to:

- a). Establish a debt limit so that any attempt to collateralize or leverage tribal assets above the agreed debt limit would require a vote of the people.
- b). Place a ballot vote on the repeal of the 2006 'constitutional amendment' which effectively eliminated previous checks and balances of the Tribal Council.
- c). Place a ballot vote on the establishment of a 'Notice of Proposed Rule Making' requirement on the Tribal Council so that at least 30 days notice must be given to Tribal Members prior to a Council meeting vote on new legislation.
- d). Require that all matters of policy and ordinances be discussed in open sessions of the Tribal Council, not behind closed doors in executive session.
- e). Require the Tribe to join a National Group Health Insurance plan that will provide health coverage for all tribal members and provide an option to insure their families at cost.
- f). Limit the amount of donations made by our tribe or enterprises.
- g). Require that educational opportunities are available to every tribal member, young or old, whether actively enrolled in an educational or vocational program or paying off student loans.
- h). Require that employment within Tribal Government or Tribal Enterprises be properly described, noticed, fair selection for interviews, and Indian Preference must become the rule...not the exception.
- i). Require that business opportunities with the Tribe be targeted to all Tribal Member Owned Businesses, with preference granted in bidding on products and services for both Tribal Government and Tribal Enterprises.
- j). Establish a Tribal Bid Policy that mandates sealed bid specifications for contracts, the public opening of sealed bids, and a stipulation that low bidders who seek a change of work increase after the bid award - must face a formal re-bid.
- k). Require that the Tribal Ethics Board be selected by general vote of the Tribal Membership – not by the very Tribal Council that the Ethics Board must scrutinize.
- l). Require that all Board, Committee, and Authority Positions, including the Tribal Council, must have term limits. Lifetime appointments must never be permitted in the Tribal Government Positions or the Tribal Enterprise System.
- m). Introduce a Constitutional Amendment to create the Executive Branch with a President / Tribal Chief. The Tribal Council - the Legislative Branch, would continue to have

the officers of Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer, each directly elected by the Tribal Members in staggered three year terms, with the five remaining council positions selected at large or by districting based on equal representation of all Tribal Members.

I hope to meet with each of you before the election and discuss my sincere passion to bring. Honest, Fair, Respectful, And Responsible Representation to your Tribal Council. Be sure to visit www.abettertribe.com. If we do not have an opportunity to meet, please accept this brief letter as my request for your vote. I have previously served six years on the Tribal Council and I am familiar with our Tribe's Constitution, Policies and Procedures. Please know that I will listen to your concerns and suggestions. You can send email to dgehman@abettertribe.com. I will work to insure that tribal members feel welcomed and at home when you attend a Tribal Council or any other Tribal Board, Committee, or Authority meeting.

I am the son of Martin and Vernie Lee Barnhill Gehman, grandson of the late Petro and Ruby Lee McGhee Barnhill, great grandson of Len and Hettie Colbert McGhee. My wife Shyrell and I have four children: Stephanie, Emily, Kristen and Stephen. We reside near Atmore. I hold a B.S.B.A. Management Degree from Auburn University, Montgomery, and the A.S. Degree, Jefferson Davis Jr. College. I presently serve as Chief Pilot, Gulf Coast division of Yates Construction. I previously served on the Tribal Council from 1995 – 2001.

My commitment to you; "Vote for me and I will work tirelessly for Honest, Fair, Respectful and Responsible Tribal Government." Please vote and become involved and help shape your Tribal Government – we owe it to our Ancestors, our Elders and our Future Generations! Thank you for your consideration!

the possibility of offering Housing loans through the Tribe with a low interest rate. You are welcome to contact me at 368-1029 for additional information or contact the Housing Department at 368-9136 ext. 2251.

My focus has always been to help ALL Tribal members, including those who may not live in this local area. I have strong concerns in several areas of our tribal community and will strive to improve each of these areas. Some of my goals are to improve our existing education plan, encourage building new homes or remodeling existing homes to improve living conditions, support better policies in our health care delivery system and promote organized sporting events for the youth which will help deter the youth from being involved in drugs and alcohol.

Our service area should be extended. We have businesses in Wetumpka and Montgomery. If members in these areas were allowed to receive the same benefits as the local members do, especially with health care and housing, we could promote and encourage our Tribal members to relocate and manage our businesses in those areas. The businesses would prosper and grow if run by Tribal members who have a personal interest in the company. I have heard from some of the Tribal members who do not live in the area that they feel they are only a "number" that gets counted to score points in receiving federal funding. If we received funds because they are part of our "numbers", then they should at least get a benefit from it.

If elected, I can promise you that you will have a voice on the Tribal Council. Any concerns, questions or comments that you want presented to the Tribal Council for answers or clarification, I will proudly present. A vote for me is YOUR voice on the Tribal Council. Thank you in advance for your support. Pray for me and our Tribe.



Helen Hallman

Helen Hallman

MAKE SURE YOUR VOICES ARE HEARD!

Fellow Tribal Members:

It's election time again and I'm asking for your support on June 2, 2007. I am Helen Hallman, daughter of Levi and Treacy Walker McGhee.

I have had the pleasure of serving as a member of the Tribal Council for a total of seven years. During these years of service, I attained valuable knowledge and experience

in different aspects of Tribal Government. During my last term on the Tribal Council, I am pleased to say that I was a strong advocate for Birthday Checks. These payments started off in small amounts, but have steadily increased and will hopefully continue to increase. I strongly feel that the senior disbursement should be lowered to the age of 55, which is the age that most recognize as being a Senior.

I currently serve on the PCI Housing Advisory Board as Treasurer. We are now in the process of exploring new ways to help those members out of the service area. One way is through the HUD Section 184 program, which enables you to secure a low interest rate mortgage. Another avenue we are exploring is



Douglas Poncho Kelley

Douglas Kelley

Henci (hello), I am Tribal member Douglas Kelley, but you may know me by my nickname "Poncho." Here we are again at another election. I'm seeking your vote as a Tribal Council member to try to change things that we need to change as a Tribe. We have to stick together as one.

I represent the ordinary Tribal member. I represent the person without a lot of money, the single parent who struggles to make ends

meet, the parent who is concerned about the education of our children, the person who is tired of favoritism, the Tribal member whose voice has not been heard.

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

I am the father of three children, and the proud grandfather of two children. I am the proud parent of a son who served in the US

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Army in both Iraq and Afghanistan. Last year, I united my family with Deidra Suwanee Dees' family when we got married in a traditional Muscogee wedding at the ceremonial stomp dance grounds.

I have worked hard-labor jobs all of my life, specializing in oil-field labor throughout the southeast, as well as offshore drilling rigs in the Persian Gulf. These jobs were often dangerous and instilled in me the importance of teamwork. I learned that when we work as a team, we produce a higher quality product which represents the whole group and not the individual, and we protect each other from harm while we work.

I currently work as part of a ranch hand team at Perdido River Farms where I help take care of over 500 head of cattle. I have observed some positive and negative traits in the cows that our team takes care of. I have seen mothers that are very protective of their young, walking close beside them, providing them nourishment, never letting them out of their sight when coyotes are around. But I have also seen greed in some of the bigger cows that push other ones aside, so they can get more than their share of food from the trough. Sometimes humans show these same positive and negative traits. With your vote, I will work as a team member with along with you, nurturing the positive traits of our community, keeping the fat cows from taking more than their fair share, so that our community can grow stronger and be protected from harm.

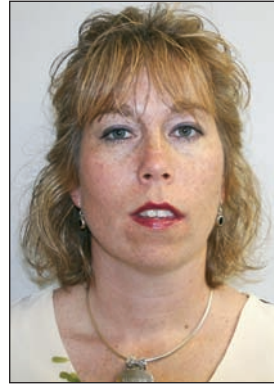
My family and I have shown our commitment to our Tribe by taking time to listen to our youth and our elders. We have also participated in community events such as our community meetings, our stomp dance gatherings and our education programs. For the past ten years I have demonstrated my leadership abilities in serving as Henehv (a Muscogee word meaning second chief) at our ceremonial stomp dance grounds called Hvsossv Tallvhase. At the ceremonial grounds, our community members follow the ways of those who came before us. In this leadership position, I am required to listen to everyone's concerns, to not be partial, and to make decisions for the good of the whole community and not the individual.

Many people have complained about favoritism in our Tribe which has harmed our community. I am not closely kin to any employees of our Tribe or any Council members, therefore, voters will not have to worry about me using favoritism to advance myself or my family. Instead, I will use the lessons I have learned from my parents, from my jobs and from my leadership at the ceremonial grounds to represent the voices of our community in a fair, honest and impartial manner.

Drugs and alcohol, enemies to Indians, have stolen the lives of so many of our team members, robbing them of their rightful place in our society as productive members. If part of our community is sick, our whole community suffers. As a person who has been free of alcohol for over fifteen years, I support drug and alcohol abuse programs to help members conquer these enemies. Then they could use their God-given talents to help heal our community as a whole and make our team stronger.

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

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



Tracy D. Linam

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I, Tracy D. Linam, hereby declare my candidacy for the 2007 Tribal Council Election. I am the daughter of the late James "Slick" Linam and Joyce Evans Linam and the granddaughter of the late Thelma Gibson Linam and Sam Linam. I have been married to James Green for 16 years, and we have one son, CJ Linam-Green. I have lived in the Poarch community since 1998. I am currently employed with the Poarch Creek Indians as the Tribal Government Accounting Assistant, but I have worked with the Tribe since 2001. Since 2001, I have been involved with the Education Dept. as the Tutor and GED Prep Instructor. During this time, I served as the Chairperson of the Parent Committee for the Indian Education Grant.

I am proud of my heritage and believe in the traditional ways of my ancestors. I inherited these traits from my late father, the Mekko (Chief) of the Hvsossv Tvlvhasse Ceremonial Stomp Grounds located right here in Poarch. My family and I are active members of the Stomp Grounds. We are trying to pass the knowledge of our traditions down to our youth. I believe that our elders brought us here and it will be our youth that will lead us into the future. Because of this, we (not only myself but our Tribe) need to protect the heritage our ancestors have left with us. We need to teach everyone about our traditions. I am glad to see that the Education Department has begun this process.

I am proud to see our Tribe growing although I believe our Tribal Council could do more to benefit its members. By that I mean that now days, a person is considered to be a senior at the age 55. With this in mind, I believe the age for the Elder Benefit should be lowered. In addition, I think an assisted living facility should be considered or more housing made available for our elders. Our elders took care of us and now it is time for us to take care of them. The Tribe should also consider looking into our Economic Development. God forbid we lost our gaming facilities. What other business ventures do we have to fall back on? Other tribes have other businesses besides their gaming that make money for them. Our youth has a great opportunity with the Education Tuition program but, what about adults over the age of 25 who would like to pursue a degree or further their education? There has been talk of another tuition program and I would like to see this happen. The Tribe has many great programs to offer

Tribal members, but some only benefit the ones within the five (5) county service area. I would like to see this extended to benefit all our members, no matter where they live. I share a lot of ideas with many people. I hope to help my people. It is not all about me or just one person; it is about us as a whole. We need to come together. All I ask is for a chance and I will do my best for my people. In closing, please consider me when you vote on Saturday, June 2, 2007. Thank you.



Donna Sue Walker-Marquardt

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Hello, my name is Donna Sue Walker-Marquardt and I am running for Tribal Council. I am the youngest daughter of Lawrence and Reva (Snooky) Walker of Bratt, Florida. My maternal grandparents were Riley and Cora McGhee of Poarch, and my fraternal grandparents are Chief Fred and Lula Walker also of Poarch.

I have only recently returned to this area of the country after a 12 year absence only to discover that our Tribal members have had their eyes filled with GOLD DUST! Perhaps this is to blind them to the true actions of our government.

I realize that many things have improved for the citizens of this nation, but I would like to remind those very same citizens that many things are exactly the same or even worse!

I have met and talked with a lot of our people since my return and to be perfectly honest all I have heard is "casino this" and "casino that", I have not had one person talk to me about what I think our people should really have on their minds. I know that "casino money" will provide a vast amount of opportunity to this nation. What I have not heard is what that opportunity may be; I believe our people should be thinking about such things as a nursing home facility. Not only that, but what about our own hospital to take care of our citizens before nursing home care is required! I just left the southwestern part of this country and was surrounded by reservations in all directions so I know these things ARE POSSIBLE! And if we are to have our own hospital why shouldn't we have our own school so the children of this nation can be trained to operate that hospital. In my mind, it doesn't matter what is available in the town of Atmore. We are Tribal members of a sovereign nation and can do for ourselves what the federal government allows!

All I have seen or heard about since the beginning of this nation is a lot of greed, dictatorship and prejudice and everyone knows this is true, it just no one wants to own up to that fact!

I think it is high time for the people of this nation to take a good, long, hard, cold, damn-dead look at what "sovereignty" truly means! Just because we now receive a "per-capita" check does not mean that we can sit idle and while the same old standard of corruption and discrimination continues! We must face the fact that well...our old people are just that-old, and we need to think about what it will take to make their lives comfortable! People who are around my age (I'm 42) better wise up and start taking some action about what they want out of being a "Poarch Creek Indian"! If we don't then how are the younger people and minor children of this nation ever going to be proud this nation!

I want everyone to know that I am doing this because I think "the low man on the totem pole" has a voice too, and together it can be a very loud one!

GET PROUD, GET REAL...GET INDIAN!

Sincerely,

Donna Sue Walker-Marquardt

Post Script: I will soon be circulating a petition to change the poundage limit in the PCI pet policy and would like to thank you in advance for your signatures and support! And even if you don't vote for me, do your democratic duty and VOTE! And if you as a citizen would like to talk to me...you can find me, in right here in Poarch Switch, Alabama!



Dewey McGhee

Dewey L. McGhee

I, Dewey L. McGhee, am declaring my candidacy for the 2007 Tribal Council. I am the son of the late Chief Calvin W. McGhee and Joyce Ingram McGhee. I am married to Olivette McGhee and we have four children.

I am presently serving on the Perdido River Farm Board. I served on the Tribal Council in the 1980's and feel that I have some knowledge of how the Council works.

Having attending Tribal Council meetings and hearing the plans for our future as a Tribe, I believe I could contribute to the community and our Tribe for my people. I am personally aware of where we came from and what it took to get where we are today. I would appreciate the opportunity to help us all into our future.



Mal Dewayne McGhee

Mal Dewayne McGhee

I, Mal Dewayne McGhee, declare my candidacy for Tribal Council of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians.

I'm the son of Martha McGhee Jackson and the late Mal McGhee. I am married to Tami Perry McGhee, we have three children (Josh, Nicholas, and Malori) and we live in the Poarch community.

My past activities include; Tribal Council (Treasurer), Recreation Committee Chairman, Employee of the Month Committee, Calvin McGhee Cultural Center (Board of Directors Chairman), Leadership Atmore Member (1st class), Leadership Atmore Steering Committee, Leadership Alabama Initiative (1st class), Poarch Creek sports (Manager and Coach), Creek Indian Enterprises (Board of Directors), Strader Manufacturing (Board of Directors), Atmore Babe Ruth League Manager (20 Years), Bus Driver and others.

I am currently the General Manager of Muskogee Metalworks, a subsidiary of Creek Indian Enterprises. We have been very blessed over the last couple of years, growing tremendously and

have made great partnerships that will help MMW continue to grow.

The current issues and decisions confronting our Tribal Council are very critical. The

use of tribal discretionary funds, property, and land management; financial controls and regulations; is just a few areas that are growing more important and will continue to have to be reviewed and improved. I have the experience and knowledge needed to make these decisions.

Areas of concern that I feel need to be addressed are:

1. Services/benefits should be provided that are equal/fair for all members, those members that live out of the service area that need assistance should get the assistance that will improve their quality of life.
2. Innovative ways must be explored to bring Services/benefits to members without putting on them unnecessary burdens.
3. With the current growth and anticipated future growth of the Tribe, serving as a Tribal Council member does demand more time and dedication to ensure that sound decisions are made for the Tribe. Careful consideration of the duties and responsibilities of a full-time council member should be evaluated before implementing a compensation plan.
4. Today more and more emphasis is being put on Tribal members having a degree to qualify for certain positions with the Tribe. By expanding our educational benefit to include all ages, we can empower our members to continue their education, the education that our people were deprived of for so long.
5. We should invest current revenues wisely to diversify our economic development and not rely solely on gaming. Although we have grown into a big enterprise, we should not forget our community and Tribal values.
6. Do we have a drug problem in our Tribal community? What can we do to improve this problem? These questions must be answered and help given to members in need, our kids protected, and drugs removed from our community.

With good Leadership our Tribe can prosper and continue to achieve success. Your vote will determine our Leadership, "make it count".

Your consideration in voting for me as Tribal Council Member is greatly appreciated. I will not take it for granted.

Thank You,



Robert Robbie McGhee

Robert "Robbie" McGhee

Let me begin by saying, THANK YOU for allowing me to serve and represent you as your council member over the last three years. I can honestly say it has been the most challenging yet rewarding experience provided to me thus far. As I look back over the past three years, I am filled with great deal of emotion. Tragedy and joy has affected all of us; we have felt the emptiness of losing loved ones and welcomed the birth of new ones within our community. We have experi-

enced improvements made to our community and have benefited from increasing opportunities provided to our tribal members. In addition, there are various programs/benefits that we have planned to begin in the near future. Many of you may know me already. However, for those of you who may not, let me introduce myself. My name is Robert "Robbie" McGhee. My parents are Bobby Lawrence and the late Doris Daughtry McGhee. My Grandparents are the late Roy Lee and Opal McGhee and the late Adam and Inez Daughtry. I am also the great grandson of the late Chief Calvin and Joyce McGhee.

I have a Master's Degree and have been employed for the Poarch Band of Creek Indians for four years. My various employment opportunities have allowed me to become involved in the National concerns that affect all tribes at all levels of government. I have always tried to educate myself on the issues that could possibly impact our tribe and what decisions must be made for our continued success.

Over the past few years the tribe has witnessed many changes and difficult decisions have been made. However I want you to know these changes and decisions were not made in haste. They were made with much thoughtful consideration and careful deliberation of the fiscal responsibility we have to the entire membership of the tribe. Service on the Tribal Council should be based on the simple idea that we have a stake in one another and that what binds us together as a Tribe and a people is greater than what drives us apart. If enough people believe in this and act on it, then we may not be able to solve every problem, but together we can accomplish something meaningful and meet the challenges that lie ahead of us. We must continuously remind ourselves, despite the differences and personalities that exist between us just how much we share - common hopes and dreams to have the best quality of life for ourselves and our families.

As I look to the future I see even greater challenges on the horizon. The current success of our enterprises has afforded us many opportunities but created even bigger decisions that must be made. Investments need to be made that benefit us today, tomorrow and generations to come. These decisions should be entrusted to those who are experienced leaders, not those who have promised things that cannot be delivered.

I recently read my statement of candidacy from the 2004 elections and was glad to see that many goals and objectives have been accomplished. We are expanding and diversifying in economic growth; we are researching the costs of providing health insurance or a cafeteria plan to meet the needs of our people; we are providing the opportunity for every tribal member under the age of 25 to receive an education; we have started and will continue to offer culturally related activities and language classes to everyone; our senior citizens are receiving supplemental funds to assist them with hardships and I am excited to see the birthday gift we provide to every tribal member has increased over the past three years.

Over the next three years, I will continue to focus on the resources necessary to provide all tribal members with a better quality of life i.e. health care, a college or vocational education, employment opportunities, reservation based school, an assisted living center, and a treatment center to address the problems of drug abuse that has infiltrated our families and this reservation. With your support and continued guidance, together we as a people can accomplish great things for our tribe. It is with great

pride and humility that I represent my people. I humbly ask for your support to allow me to contribute to the overall welfare and success of the tribe by serving once again as your tribal council member.

I ask respectfully that you entrust your vote to me, Robert "Robbie" McGhee, on June 2, 2007.



Rodney Lynn McGhee

Rodney Lynn McGhee

I, Rodney L. McGhee, would like to declare my candidacy for the 2007 Tribal election. I am the son of Julia Ann McGhee Stacey and my grandparents are Doris (Buck) and Lunie Mae McGhee. I am married to Angela McCurdy McGhee and have four children. I would like to serve on the council so my voice will serve as your voice. The protection and preservation of the Tribe's sovereign immunity means more to me than words could express. The

top priority for this Tribe should be love and unity. Money can provide a lot of materialistic things but there is a lot that money cannot buy and that is love and unity. A goal I would strive to succeed within the Tribe is being consistent in every aspect of the Tribe. Everyone should be treated equally. If the Tribe is successful in any economic endeavor so are you the general council. The Tribe should offer excellent health care benefits, education, and a equal opportunity for employment to all qualified tribal members. At the same time we need to focus on economic industries that do not revolve around the gaming industry. Provide benefits to tribal members that do not live in the five county service area after all they are members of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians. Treat everyone equal in every aspect of the Tribes day to day operation or benefits. The decisions that are made today effects the future of this Tribe as a whole. The interest of the members of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians will always be the highest priority for me. When making decisions I will make mine with you the people in mind at all times. If elected my voice will serve as your voice. Please consider me, Rodney L. McGhee as one of your candidates on June 2nd, thanks for your vote and support.



Terri Albritton Morris

Terri Albritton Morris

Hello to my friends, family members and fellow Tribal members. I am Terri Albritton Morris. I have been a life long resident of the Nokomis community here in Atmore. I am married to James Morris. I have four children-Logan, Hunter, Chloe', and Sophia.

I am employed with Creek Indian Enterprises and an active Commissioner on the Tribal Gaming Commission. I work in Human Resources, and the best part

of my commitment to the Tribe is being able to help Tribal

Members seek employment. There is nothing more gratifying than to see someone succeed, knowing you were able to help them in some kind of way.

It is with great honor that I respectfully submit my letter of candidacy for Tribal Council. After careful thought and consideration of current issues that stand before the Tribe, I made a commitment to myself and to the General Council that I can make a difference by contributing my knowledge and compassion on behalf of the Tribal Members.

My parents are Lenard & Hazel McGhee Albritton. The late Norvie Lee and Gladys Presley McGhee were my hardworking grandparents. My love for my people comes from my grandfather, as does my work ethic. He had a vision for our people, too. He was one of the few that made those trips to Washington with Calvin McGhee before we were recognized as a Tribe. Thanks to his determination and a willingness to help his people, we can be afforded the opportunities we have today. That love has been passed down through the generations.

There are many topics that I would address as Council. First and foremost, our Tribal Members who live outside the five - county service area. These Tribal members need and deserve the same assistance the Members receive here. What is being done to serve them in an even greater capacity? This Tribe recognizes all Tribal members when requesting grants from the Federal Government. What benefits do these Tribal members reap? I know how important this is. My people had to move away from this area to make a living. They deserve the same assistance as do all members who live outside those five local counties.

Housing is another great issue. As a participant of the Home Ownership Program, I know what a blessing it is to be chosen to participate in this program. It should be a benefit we receive as a Tribal member-not because of who you are or someone you know. It should also be a welcoming experience, from the application process, all the way to construction, to moving in. This program should reach out to all Tribal members; regardless of where they live as well.

Our Tribal Seniors receive a per capita disbursement. A lot of those seniors depend on this allotment. Let's lower the age for this program and increase the amount. Our seniors need assistance. Social Security is not enough, and a lot of them retire early or get sick and can not work.

Education should be afforded to all Tribal members, no matter your age. You are never too young or old to educate yourself or others. I would like to be a part of building an all Indian school for our children. How great an accomplishment for this Tribe, our children, and this community! Our children today are our leaders of tomorrow. We must invest in them now.

I would also like to address Indian Descent. There are a lot of mixed feelings about this topic, but it must be addressed now. Those who are of Indian Descent are children of Tribal members. Some live in the same household. Why can't we recognize them in an even greater capacity than just at the Health Department level?

These are just some of the topics that I feel need to be addressed. We are making positive steps towards our future as a People. Let's keep that momentum with fresh ideas and new goals. With your vote will come suggestions as to what we need as a Tribe.

Thank you for your consideration and support. I promise to rep-

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resent the people to the best of my ability in a fair and ethical capacity if given the opportunity.

One vote can make a difference. Please exercise your right to vote!



Keesha O'Barr

Keesha O'Barr

I, Keesha O'Barr, do hereby announce my candidacy for the Tribal Council of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians. I am the daughter of Beverly O'Barr and the granddaughter of Joe Sr. and Bessie "Sweet" McGhee O'Barr.

I have been employed by the Poarch Band of Creek Indians for fourteen (14) years. I was employed within the Family Services Department for more than twelve (12) years. Working within Family

Services, I gained knowledge of the problems and issues that many of our Tribal members face. I would like to see additional resources given to the Family Services Department, so that more assistance can be given to our Tribal members with lower incomes or those who have had household emergencies including those families who live outside of our service area.

I began my current position as Tribal Court Director in December of 2005 and I grow to love my job more everyday. My predecessor, Donna McGhee White, laid a path that is very easy to follow and I foresee our Tribal Court system growing tremendously. Our Drug Court is a program I am very proud of, but I believe we need more assistance for those who struggle with addiction, particularly our young people. I would love to be able to provide a juvenile drug court for our community.

As Tribal Court Director, treating addiction within our community is one of my biggest concerns and I believe we can actually prevent our youth from getting involved in drugs and alcohol use. It is my opinion we can do this through forming a tribal school on the reservation. This will allow us to teach our children, our way. We could implement a curriculum focusing on our tribal language and Creek culture. Our children deserve our best efforts, and in return, I believe they will meet and exceed our expectations.

Our Tribe has grown tremendously since our recognition in 1984 and we have our elders to thank for that. The same people who worked so hard to get this Tribe where it is today are now entering retirement age. I believe the Tribe should be giving back to the people that have given so much to us. I feel the Tribe should support all programs that would be beneficial to the everyday essential needs of our tribal elders.

I realize the great responsibility involved in being a Tribal Council member and I am willing to dedicate my time to representing our community. I am not interested in this position for the money, the power, or the travel. My only interest is the betterment of this Tribe. I can assure you that if elected to the tribal council I will strive for the best for all Tribal members. I promise to listen to the people of this Tribe and make decisions that will benefit the Tribe as a whole. I am fair, honest and not afraid to stand up for what is right.

I would appreciate your vote on Saturday, June 2, 2007.



Timothy Ramer

Timothy Ramer

Dear Tribal Member's,

Please allow me at this time to announce my bid for a seat on the Tribal Council in the up-coming election. My name is Timothy Ramer, I am the son of Ivan and Vera Rolin Ramer and the grandson of Jack and Eunice Rolin and Otis Ramer and Zulean Morris. I am married and my wife and I have been blessed with two children. We live in the Poarch community and are members of Poarch Baptist Church. I am

currently employed at Creek Entertainment Center as floor manager. Prior to Creek Entertainment Center I was employed with Masland Carpets in a management position.

I would also like to ask for your support by voting for and electing me to the Tribal Council. I have served on the Council in the past for two years and would cherish the opportunity to do so again. I will bring honesty and concern for all Tribal Members to the Council table. I will represent the Tribe as a whole when making my decisions not just part of the membership. I will not be caught up in groups of Council members working against one another, but rather work to unite the Council to better serve the General Council.

If elected here are some of the issues that are very dear to me and I feel many of you share the same thoughts.

Education-Although education benefits for some Tribal Members has improved drastically over the past several years due to the revenue generated from Tribal Enterprises I feel it is time to begin planning and taking action to broaden our scope and ideas. Currently we have a scholarship program for Tribal members who are 18-25 years of age. I truly believe we must begin now making provisions to prepare our youth for college for them to be able to utilize this program. This leads me to say we need to exert more effort and resources to getting them through the middle and high school levels so they will be prepared for college. I can think of no better way than funding our own school where we can take on the responsibility for our kid's education.

Seniors-Ours seniors are the reason we are where we are now. Through their hardships and determination they laid the corner stones to build this Tribe with very little resources to work with besides a deep resolve to see us prosper as a Tribe. Although we do provide good care for our seniors, I feel we should constantly work to improve and increase the current benefits we provide to them now more so than later so their quality of life can be improved. And who better to know and understand their needs than themselves. I will be there to listen to them and absorb the knowledge they all have to offer.

Profit/Dividend Disbursement-I will work diligently to move forward a plan to increase disbursements to the Tribal Members and stop unnecessary spending. I will make information available to all Tribal Members as to the Tribe's assets. I will not make decisions on disbursements to Tribal Members without listening to what the Tribal Member's needs and wishes are, because all Tribal Members' needs are not the same.

In closing I would like to thank you for time and consideration. I believe we as a people can grow to new heights as long as we

do not loose sight of our goal of providing a better quality of life for all Tribal Members young and old. And if we do not forget where we came from and how we got to where we are today, which is through love and compassion for one another. Thanks again and God Bless.

*Sincerely,
Timothy Ramer*



Janet Rodriquez

Janet Rodriquez

I, Janet Rodriquez am declaring my candidacy for the June 2, 2007, Tribal Council Election. I am the daughter of Benny & Mary McGhee and the granddaughter of Hattie Morris and the late M.C Morris, Carlie McGhee and Adam Daughtry. I have been married to Chris Rodriquez for twenty-three years. Chris & I have four children and one grandchild.

Those of you in the Poarch Community who know me, know what I stand for. I believe everyone should be treated fairly and equally. The Tribe is made up of all the Tribal Members not just a few individuals. We should be united and work together not against each other.

If elected as one of your tribal council members, I will work with the other tribal council members as long as it benefits all of our people. I will make sure the voice of my people is heard.

I will do my very best to be a strong, positive and reassuring voice for the Poarch Band of Creek Indians, but I will not make promises that I cannot keep.

Thank you from the depths of my heart for your vote on June 2, 2007. May God Bless you and yours.



William T. Rolin

William Thomas Rolin

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as a candidate for Tribal Council. For those of you who do not know me, my name is William Thomas Rolin. My parents are the late Tracy and Girlie Rolin. I have been married to my wife, Shelia Rolin for twenty-eight years and have three children, Bridget Wasdin, Kasey Wise, and Matthew Rolin.

I am currently employed as a Tribal Police Officer for the Poarch Band of Creek Indians and have been employed by the Tribe for 20 years.

Being employed with the Tribe has given me the opportunity to see first hand some of the key issues that are now facing our Tribe as well as the potential growth and expansion that exists. If elected, I would like to be given the opportunity to become involved in the issues affecting our Tribe today, by serving as your Tribal Council member.

I would strive to represent all for the common good, and would do my utmost best to remain focused on protecting and enhancing the quality of life for our people today and for the future generations to

come. In closing, I would like to ask that you entrust your vote to me, William Thomas Rolin, on Saturday, June 2, 2007. With your support and guidance we can make a difference within our Tribe.

Berry L. Ross

To: Poarch Creek Indian Tribal Council

From: Berry L Ross-Tribal Council Candidate



Berry L. Ross

Regarding: Tribal Candidacy Position

Dear Tribe,

My name is Berry L Ross. I am the son of Gene and Marilyn Ross and Brother of Steven Ross. I am the proud father of two sons Troy and Elliot Ross. My grandparents Hattie Lu and M.C. Morris were born Native American, and my great grandfather was the late Dave Presley. Dave Presley in his generosity donated land for Mac McGhee to start a church which is known as Friendly Holiness

Church. Mr. Presley believed in a better way for all and demonstrated that by getting resources from the bank for Chief Calvin McGhee to travel to Washington to fight for our tribal rights. There were several others that fought and provided for this same cause Mr. Presley was just one of many.

I believe that our Tribe needs a leader that can relate to all people, one that the people will trust and follow. An effective leader is one that can share in others pain and problems because they have experiences it for themselves but, has persevered and over come with a better knowledge. I believe I have gained knowledge through my life trials and can be a good leader to others to help them overcome their hardships. I understand pain. I identify and recognize it when I see it and I see it in your eyes too. I believe I can be an asset to the tribal council. I believe that we together can help those that have pain and problem so they may have a better tomorrow. How do I intend to do this? By change! Change I say!

If elected to the tribal council the things I would address would be:

1. Better care for our seniors. I believe the 200.00 tip they receive is not enough. They should not have to worry about their grass getting cut or a ride to the store. I also believe that the age requirement of a senior should be lowered to 55. Why? Because the government says the life expectancy of a Native American is much lower than a normal American due to Native American health issues alone. We need to take care of them now so they can see the rewards of the Tribes businesses. Remember, if the Lord's willing we will all be seniors one day.
2. I believe before we build a million dollar football stadium we need to invest in our own school first. Once that's accomplished then we can apply for a grant to build a football stadium. We need to re-evaluate our spending and start trying to build a better tomorrow for one and for all. It's time to stop bickering between each other and come together.
3. Education. I believe we need to concentrate on a better education. In order to build a better tomorrow you have to know what is going on today. I understand that many have family obligations and can't attend school. What happened to JTPA that helped train people to work? I'm always hearing that money is coming. I

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believe money can come sooner. If we work to prepare our people today for work and not spend all our resources on useless things than we will have a better tomorrow and have money to spend in the future.

4. I would like to see a better birthday/stock dividends check. The government makes changes to their laws everyday. Why can't we do the same? There has to be a way to give people what is theirs. After all, we are all owners in this Tribe. Remember Tribe is another name for family. It's time we quit this feuding among one another and come together for our family and for our tomorrow.

A wise man once said and I quote, "EVERYBODY HAS SOMETHING TO OFFER TO THE TRIBE", now that's a lot of people. In order for our Tribe to progress our lives will have to change. Now is the time for us all to get on board with one mind and one goal, "To change our today for a better tomorrow". There is a place for everyone of us to fill. I believe by putting a full time council in order we will be able to accomplish more and at a faster pace. I am so honored to even be a candidate for the tribal council. I will always fight for the Poarch Creek Indians and if elected, I would look at you as my boss all 2,000 plus of you. I believe there is no big I and little you. We are all equal. None of us are perfect. There has only been one perfect man and His name is Jesus Christ. I put my trust in Him and believe He will help me in all that I do.

ELECT BERRY L ROSS TRIBAL COUNCIL CANDIDATE
"BY THE PEOPLE AND FOR THE PEOPLE"!!

If you have any questions on any of these issues please call me at 251-294-2106.

God Bless.

Berry L Ross Tribal Council Candidate



Garvis Sells

Garvis Eugene Sells

I, Garvis Eugene Sells, would like to announce my candidacy for the 2007 Tribal Council seat elections. I am the son of the late Roberta and Eugene Sells and the grandson of the late Will and Bessie McGhee. I am married to Catherine Jackson and we have two children, a daughter April and a son Alton Eugene, who is deceased. I have been in the trucking business most of my life and presently own Sells Trucking LLC.

As the Tribe continues to grow and prosper my concerns for its future are:

- To improve health care by providing health insurance for Tribal members.
- Plan now for assisted living for the elders of tomorrow,
- Expand economic growth other than gaming such as developing exit 54.
- Continue and expand existing cultural programs.

As a Tribe we face new challenges every day. "Together we stand divided we fall." If elected I will strive to represent the people in a fair and equal manner. A vote for me

will be a voice for the people. I respectfully ask that you vote for me, Garvis Sells, on June 2, 2007.

Thank you

Garvis Sells

RESOLUTION

The following resolution will be placed on the official ballot for the June 2, 2007 Tribal Election. Please read the proposed Resolution so that you can vote as you feel appropriate.

Resolution To Be Voted On June 2, 2007 Tribal Election

*Please vote "Yes" if you support the
following resolution.*

Resolution

BE IT RESOLVED that the Tribal Council shall explore the direct election of the Executive Committee, including the Tribal Chairman, and prepare any necessary Constitution Amendments to be submitted to the General Council for a vote at a special or regular election.

_____ Yes _____ No

PUBLIC NOTICE

This article provides public notice to all tribal members. The following grants will be available for review and discussion at the Family Services Department' booth on June 2, 2007 Tribal Election Day. The booth will be located in the Poarch Creek Indian Gymnasium with staff available to answer questions.

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Grant
Community Services Block Grant
Child Care Development Block Grant
Family Violence and Services Grant

*All interested individuals are invited to
attend to review last year's grant and pro-
posed plans for fiscal year 2007.*



ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST
2007 POARCH CREEK INDIAN TRIBAL COUNCIL ELECTION
SATURDAY, JUNE 2, 2007



FOR TRIBAL MEMBERS WHO LIVE
IN THE SERVICE AREA

(SERVICE AREA INCLUDES THE COUNTIES OF: BALDWIN, MOBILE, MONROE, ESCAMBIA ALABAMA, AND ESCAMBIA FLORIDA.)
IN THE EVENT A TRIBAL MEMBER LIVING WITHIN THE SERVICE AREA HAS A LEGITIMATE REASON FOR BEING UNABLE TO VISIT THE ELECTION OFFICE OR VOTE ON ELECTION DAY, HE/SHE **MUST SUBMIT A NOTARIZED STATEMENT** REFLECTING SUCH REASON IN ORDER FOR THE BALLOT TO BE MAILED TO YOU.

Please submit a copy of identification with request

I, _____, am an enrolled member of the Poarch Creek Indians, and will be at least eighteen (18) years of age on or before June 2, 2007, and am hereby requesting an Absentee Ballot be mailed to me at the address listed below.

FIRST	MIDDLE	MAIDEN	LAST
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STREET ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
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(____) _____	_____	_____	
TELEPHONE NUMBER	DATE OF BIRTH	TRIBAL ROLL NO.	

REASON FOR ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST:

Each person requesting an absentee ballot "must" sign his/her own request. Please do not allow anyone to sign for you unless that person has Legal Power of Attorney over you.

If applicable, the name of the person who has Legal Power of Attorney over you: _____
(Send copy of Legal Power of Attorney with Absentee Ballot Request)

SIGNATURE: _____
This must be the signature of the Tribal Member to whom the ballot will be mailed!

Signed before me on this _____ day of _____, 2007.

NOTARY
My commission expires: _____

RETURN THIS FORM TO:

POARCH BAND OF CREEK INDIANS
TRIBAL ELECTION BOARD
5811 JACK SPRINGS ROAD
ATMORE, AL 36502

Requests for Absentee Ballots that are to be mailed must be received by the Election Board no later than close of business on Tuesday, May 22, 2007. Requests received after the deadline will not be honored.

OFFICIAL ABSENTEE BALLOTS WILL BE MAILED BY "CERTIFIED, RESTRICTED DELIVERY"

Should you have any questions pertaining to the 2007 Tribal Council Election, please feel free to contact Brenda O. Faircloth, Election Board Chairperson at (251) 368-9136 ext. 2206.



ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST
2007 POARCH CREEK INDIAN TRIBAL COUNCIL ELECTION
SATURDAY, JUNE 2, 2007
FOR TRIBAL MEMBERS WHO LIVE
OUT OF THE SERVICE AREA

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Child Passenger Safety Certification Course



The National Standardized Child Passenger Safety Training Program certifies individuals as child passenger safety technicians and instructors. Tens of thousands of individuals have been certified as since the program began in 1997.

CPS technicians and instructors put their knowledge to work through a variety of activities, including child safety seat checks where parents and caregivers receive education and hands-on assistance with the proper use of child restraint systems and safety belts.

When: June 18- 21 8 A.M. – 4 P.M.

Where: Poarch Creek Auditorium

For further information, check out www.cpsalabama.org and www.safekids.org/certification.

Seating is limited! Interested parties should contact Bernie White @ (251)368-9136 ext. 2316.

ATTENTION EVERYONE



A WIDE VARIETY OF BOOKS ARE NOW BEING OFFERED TO THE PUBLIC! THESE BOOKS ARE OUTDATED BUT MAY STILL BE USEFUL TO SOME PEOPLE! THE LIBRARY HAD TO GET RID OF THE BOOKS DUE TO LIMITED SPACE. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN HAVING SOME OF THE BOOKS STOP BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT LOBBY! IT IS A FIRST COME FIRST SERVE BASIS.



READING MATERIAL AVAILABLE!



Poarch Creek Basket Weaving is Back!

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND, the PCI Education Dept will be offering beginning and intermediate basket classes to all Tribal Members, 1st Generation Descent, and Tribal Employees (Ages 9 & up). (To be in the intermediate classes, you must have already taken the beginning classes)

BUT THAT'S NOT ALL!



MVSKOKE CREEK POTTERY CLASS

Class enrollment requirements same as above

Classes start April 26! Sign-Up Now! Space is Limited!

Contact Alex Alvarez to sign-up @ 251-368-9136 ext 2240

POARCH CREEK GONE FISHIN!



1ST ANNUAL POARCH CREEK YOUTH FISHING RODEO

MAY 12, 2007

**AT THE TRIBE'S OWN BEAUTIFUL MAGNOLIA BRANCH
WILDLIFE PRESERVE
OPEN TO ALL TRIBAL MEMBERS, OR 1ST GENERATION
DESCENT, AGES 6-17**

**MANY PRIZES IN MANY DIFFERENT CATEGORIES!
MAY 11, 2007- CAMPOUT NIGHT**

**ENJOY AN EVENING BY THE CAMPFIRE WITH SONGS, GAMES, AND
FOOD!**

ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST HAVE AN ADULT CHAPERONE.

SIGN UP NOW! SPACE IS LIMITED!

ALL POLES, SUPPLIES, GEAR, MEALS, & REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

**CONTACT ALEX ALVAREZ @ (251) 368-9136 EXT 2240 TO
SIGN UP OR FOR MORE INFO**



!!\$\$ ATTENTION CONTRACTORS \$\$!!

If you would like to be included on the
Poarch Band Of Creek Indians
Housing Contractor Bidders List

Contact:
251-368-9136 Ext. 2259

Johnathan Owens,
Housing Rehabilitation Coordinator
jowens@poarchcreekindians-nsn.gov

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Housing Rehabilitation Assistant
alisenby@poarchcreekindians-nsn.gov

Wendy Davis
Housing Construction Assistant
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Requirements for Contractors are:

1. Must be a licensed General Contractor or Home Builder.
2. Must have General Liability and Workmans Comp Insurance.
3. Must not have any valid complaints or liens with the AHBA.

HOME-OWNERSHIP PROGRAM SECTION 184

SECTION 184 IS A PROGRAM AVAILABLE TO TRIBAL MEMBERS TO RECEIVE HOME-OWNERSHIP ASSISTANCE/LOANS.

ADVANTAGES TO THE PROGRAM ARE:

1. LOW DOWN PAYMENTS;
2. NO INCOME LIMITS FOR BORROWERS;
3. FIXED INTEREST RATES FOR 15, 20, OR 30 YEARS;
4. LOANS CAN BE USED FOR EXISTING HOMES;
5. NEW CONSTRUCTION;
6. REFINANCING EXISTING MORTGAGES

FOR A LIST OF THE STATES AND PARTICIPATING LENDERS IN YOUR AREA PLEASE CALL THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT AT (251) 368-9136 EXT. 2257.



A T T E N T I O N

POARCH CREEK INDIAN HOUSING ADVISORY BOARD MEETINGS

The following is a list of the Housing Advisory Board meetings for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2007: All meetings are held in the conference room in building 400.

April 18, 2007	1:00 P.M.	Wednesday
May 2, 2007	1:00 P.M.	Wednesday
May 16, 2007	1:00 P.M.	Wednesday
June 6, 2007	1:00 P.M.	Wednesday
June 20, 2007	1:00 P.M.	Wednesday
July 11, 2007	1:00 P.M.	Wednesday
July 25, 2007	1:00 P.M.	Wednesday
August 1, 2007	1:00 P.M.	Wednesday
August 15, 2007	1:00 P.M.	Wednesday
September 5, 2007	1:00 P.M.	Wednesday
September 19, 2007	1:00 P.M.	Wednesday
October 3, 2007	1:00 P.M.	Wednesday
October 17, 2007	1:00 P.M.	Wednesday
November 7, 2007	1:00 P.M.	Wednesday
November 21, 2007	1:00 P.M.	Wednesday
December 5, 2007	1:00 P.M.	Wednesday
December 19, 2007	1:00 P.M.	Wednesday

THESE MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

ANYONE WISHING TO SPEAK TO THE BOARD IN PRIVATE SHOULD BE AT THE MEETING AT 3:00 P.M.



!!!ATTENTION!!!

Poarch Creek Indians
Housing Improvement Program

Applications Are Being Accepted For Rehab Work.

To be included on the 2008 Priority List, Applications must be received by July 6th, 2007

In Order To Qualify For The Housing Improvement Program Assistance, Your Household Must Meet The Following Qualifications:

1. You must be a Tribal Member.
2. Applicants must live within the 5 county service area.
3. Income must be equal to or less than 125% of the Department of Health & Human Services poverty income guidelines.

Number of Persons in Household	Income Guidelines	Number of Persons in Household	Income Guidelines
1	\$12,762.50	5	\$30,162.50
2	\$17,112.50	6	\$34,512.50
3	\$21,462.50	7	\$38,862.50
4	\$25,812.50	8	\$43,212.50
For each additional person, add			\$4,350.00

4. Must be living in Substandard Housing.
5. Applicants must meet ownership requirements: Must own the home, or lease with a leasehold of a minimum of 25 years from date of assistance.
6. Applicant has no other resource for housing assistance.
8. Applicants current housing was not funded by a federal government program.
9. Applicants current housing is not in a designated flood zone.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO PICK UP AN APPLICATION CONTACT
THE POARCH CREEK INDIANS HOUSING DEPARTMENT**

**Johnathan Owens, Housing Rehabilitation Coordinator or Amber Lisenby, Housing
Rehabilitation Assistant at (251) 368-9136 ext. 2259**

WATER SAFETY TIPS

Submitted by: Carolyn White,
Family Services Executive Director

Red Cross Water Safety Tips

As warm weather beckons, the Alabama Gulf Coast Chapter of the American Red Cross gives you the following tips to make sure you and your family stays safe both in and around the water.

WATER SAFETY

Learn to Swim. The best thing anyone can do to stay safe in and around the water is to learn to swim, this includes adults and children. Your local Red Cross offers swimming classes to all ages call (251) 438-2571 for more information.

Stay within designated swimming areas, supervised by a lifeguard.

NEVER swim alone.

Check the surf conditions before you enter the water. Check to see if a warning flag is up or check with a lifeguard for water conditions, or any potential hazards.

STOP swimming at the first indication of bad weather.

Do not mix alcohol with swimming, diving or boating.

Never leave children unobserved around water. Maintain "Reach Supervision" an arm's length away at all times.

All adults and babysitters should be trained in CPR and First Aid. Whether on the beach, in a boat, or at home being Red Cross trained in CPR and First Aid could mean the difference between life and death until emergency help can arrive on the scene.

BEACH SAFETY

Protect your skin. Limit the amount of direct sunlight you receive between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. and wear a sunscreen with a SPF of at least 15.

Drink plenty of water. Even if you do not feel thirsty drink water regularly. Avoid drinks high in caffeine or alcohol, which cause dehydration.

Wear Eye Protection. Sunglasses act as sunscreen for your eyes and protect against damage that can occur from UV rays.

Wear Foot Protection. Many times, people's feet can get burned from the sand or cut from glass or other items in the sand.

Watch for signs of heat stroke. Symptoms include: hot, red, and dry skin; changes in consciousness, rapid, weak pulse, and rapid, shallow breathing. Immediately call 9-1-1. Move the person to a cooler place. Quickly cool the body by wrapping wet sheets around the body and fan it. If you have ice packs, place them on each of the victim's wrists and ankles, in the armpits and on the neck to cool the large blood vessels. Watch for signals of breathing problems and make sure the airway is clear. Keep the person lying down.

For more safety tips on boating, jet skis, home pools and more or to schedule your swimming, lifeguard, or CPR, First Aid, and AED (Automated External Defibrillator) classes contact the American Red Cross Alabama Gulf Coast Chapter at www.redcrossalcoast.org or (251) 438-2571.

MAY IS OLDER AMERICANS MONTH

Submitted by Delila Booth Anderson

May is Older American's Month. Established in 1963 under the John F. Kennedy administration and then known as "Senior Citizens Month," the name "Older Americans Month" was designated by President Jimmy Carter in 1980. Since its inception, May has been a time to remember and acknowledge the contributions that older Americans, past and present, have made to our country. The theme of this year's Older Americans Month is "Celebrate Long-Term Living."

Senior citizens can lead independent and active lives for a number of years – the keys are a healthy lifestyle and taking preventative measures. Living a healthy lifestyle helps to protect against the deterioration that is often associated with aging. It is important that they maintain the most active and independent lifestyle they can – staying physically fit, taking care of their medical problems, eating healthy and looking after their mental health.

Poarch Creek Indians Family Services Department wants to help elder and disabled adults by providing additional care within five county areas - Escambia, Monroe, Baldwin and Mobile counties in Alabama and Escambia County, Florida. At this time, the Adult Services Program provides adult abuse/neglect assessment, financial planning for social security, and homemaker aide service. In the future, we may be providing companion (sitter) service. If you are in need of either service, please call the Family Services Department at (251) 368-9136 ext. 2600 and ask for Delila Anderson, Adult Services Coordinator.

WE APPRECIATE POARCH CREEK INDIAN ELDERS!

Keep the Circle of Life Going



Boeing/Muskogee Metalworks Presents High Tech Career Development/Boeing Internship Program

Submitted by Billie McGhee, Education Coordinator

Mal McGhee, General Manager, for Muskogee Metal Works, invited David Da'vila, Jr., Test Functional Manager and Huntsville Site Engineering/MDS Host, and Debbie Ayers of the Boeing Huntsville Site to join him for a presentation on the High Tech Career Development/Boeing Internship Program on February 21, 2007. The purpose of the presentation was to provide information to college and high school students about the career opportunities that are available at Boeing and Muskogee Metalwork. Both sites need engineers and Mr. Da'vila stated that Boeing also needs people with degrees in other areas of science and business.

Mr. McGhee spoke to the audience about the importance of exposing young people to career opportunities that are available to them at Boeing and in the business in the surrounding area in order for them to choose a career for themselves. Mr. Da'vila encouraged the students who plan to apply for careers with Boeing to enroll at colleges that are ABET approved. ABET is an accreditation program that ensures the high quality of training that a student will receive in applied science, computing, engineering, and technology. The ABET website (http://www.abet.org/accredited_programs.shtml) provides a search to help students locate college/university engineering programs that are accredited by ABET.

Another recommendation Mr. Da'vila gave the students is that they should become involved in their community in areas such as leadership or volunteer work, sports, or memberships in engineering societies such as SHPE (Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers) or AISES (American Indian Engineering Society). He stated that Boeing is looking for employees with multiple skills such as being able to speak more than one language, students trained in more than one field of study, leadership skills. He stressed that Boeing only accepts resumes through

their on-line form. Please make sure that the email address you provide to Boeing is a professional email address. Companies frown on descriptive email names and will disregard the resumes from such addresses. The information listed in the resume should provide correct spelling and grammar, and should concisely list your skills and experience.

Twenty-five people attended the presentation. We want to thank Mr. Robert Broadnax from Baker High School, Mrs. Minnie Stallworth from Escambia County High School, and Mr. George Kearney from Bryant Career Technical Center in Mobile, for their attendance and representing their schools. Representatives from the service area high schools and the colleges/universities had been invited to attend the presentation.

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Mal McGhee stated that the new contracts with Boeing will mean jobs for people with the necessary skills. As contracts are awarded to Boeing, the job opportunities at Muskogee Metalworks will increase. He encouraged the young people in attendance to pursue their education and training and to come back to Muskogee to work. Both Boeing and Muskogee are seeking qualified employees. Mal announced that Muskogee Metalworks has their first Co-op student working with them. College students can earn money for school and job skills while working in a co-op program or as an intern in their field of study.

PCI Tribal Court staff, Public Works employees, Tribal Legal Department and the Health Department assisted the Education Department and Muskogee Metalworks in preparing for the presentation. The departments provided assistance such as setting up the courtroom, loaning equipment, moving heavy tables, and setting up the sound system. We want to thank the departments for their assistance and helping to make the presentation a success.



Poarch's Domestic Violence Program Highlighted at Atmore Women's Club Meeting

Submitted by Wanda Fowler, Victim's Advocacy Coordinator.

The Atmore Women's Club met on March 13, 2007 at the Atmore Public Library. The members welcomed their visitor, Wanda Fowler, Victim's Advocacy Coordinator, from the Domestic Violence Program with the Poarch Band of Creek Indians Family Services Department. Wanda shared with the Atmore Women's Club domestic violence information that is close to the heart of all women. This year Domestic Violence is the General Federation of Women's Club International President's Special Project. Atmore Women's Club and other General Federation of Women's Club affiliated service clubs have an opportunity to participate in the special project called "Cut it Out!", a partnership program of Clairol Professionals dedicated to train salon professionals to spot the signs of domestic violence abuse in their clients. Look for more information about this in local beauty salons.

The Domestic Violence Program at Poarch is funded through various grants and provides assistance to victims of domestic violence and their families. Ms. Fowler presented that services are provided to enrolled tribal members, and to members of other federally recognized tribes. Ms. Fowler shared that the Family Services Department maintains an Emergency Shelter for tribal members under their Domestic Violence Program noting that while the shelter is primarily for victims of domestic violence and their children, it may be used for other people in some emergency situations. Occupants over 18 years of age must pass a criminal background check and must be referred from a service provider. The shelter is generally approved for 72 hours with extensions of stay approved by the Tribal Administrator and/or Tribal Chairman. The PCI Family Services Department partners

with the local Domestic Violence Crime Unit in Brewton, with the Penelope House Family Violence Center in Mobile, and with the Alabama Coalition Against Domestic Violence to provide advocacy, education, case management, and relocation services to members of Escambia County. The PCI Family Services Department also provides services to the many tribal members who reside in Mobile, Monroe, and Baldwin County, AL and in Escambia County, FL.

You may contact Wanda Fowler, (251) 368-9136 ext: 2212, for more information, or call a member of the Atmore Women's Club for more information concerning "Cut It Out!"

For emergencies call 911.

(251) 368-9136 ext: 2212 Poarch Band of Creek Indians

(251) 809-0647 for the Escambia County Domestic Violence Crime Unit

1 800 650-6522 in AL, to talk to someone at the nearest shelter day or night.

1 800-500-1119 in FL, to talk to someone at Favor House

April was Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Sexual Violence encompasses all acts that have intent to harm, injure, insult, and/or improperly use a person sexually. Sexual violence includes a wide range of sexual activities that are forced upon someone, eliminating their right to consent, erasing their choice and denying them their sexual freedom and ownership of their sexuality. Sexual violence consists of: sexual remarks or language; disrespecting the privacy/physical boundaries of an individual; expecting sexual favors; fondling; and unwanted sexual advances and/or touches and degradation.

This is a form of domestic violence.

Family Services Department Adult Services Program

Submitted by Delila Booth Anderson

CAREGIVER TRAINING CLASSES OFFERED

The Family Services Department, along with the Adult Services Program, is pleased to announce their upcoming Caregiver Training Classes. Classes will be held every Tuesday and Thursday from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. Classes will be held on May 22nd, 24th, 29th, 30th, and 31st. Please mark your calendars! Below are the topics that will be covered:

General Caregiver Overview

Respite Care

Social Security/Medicaid & Medicare

Planning & Decision Making

Healthy Foot Care

Nutritional Needs

Home Health Needs

Fire and Safety

Effective Communication: Dementia

& Alzheimer's

Final review and Certificates

Classes will be held at the Family Services Resource Center. Refreshments will be served during each class session. Certificates of completion will be given out during the last class on May 31, 2007.

Call to reserve your seat at 251-368-9136 ext. 2600. If you reach an answering machine, please leave your name and telephone number and state that you want information or would like to make a reservation. Delila Anderson, Adult Services Coordinator, will return your call as soon as possible.

Princess Journeys

The 2006/2007 reigning Princesses have been on the road quite a bit this year and have represented the Tribe with pride and dignity. Some of their journeys include three Christmas parades (Poarch, Atmore, & Wetumpka), Atmore's Mardi Gras Parade, and the Governor's Inaugural parade and the Legislative Reception, both of which were in Montgomery.

The Princesses, Hannah Gibson, Elementary Princess, Taylor Wiggins, Junior Princesses, and Heather White, Senior Princess, have responded to each request for public appearances and have conducted themselves in the appropriate manner at all times. Good job girls, but there are still more journeys ahead of you! There are still lots of things to do before the 2007 Pow Wow!



The Princesses also attended the 2007 Legislative Reception in Montgomery, AL. Shown with the Princesses are Tribal Members Kawata and Cedo Coon.



2006/2007 Princesses crowned November 23, 2006. Hannah Gibson, Elementary Princess, Taylor Wiggins, Junior Princess, and Heather White, Senior Princess

It was cold the day of the Poarch Christmas Parade, but the Princesses showed up with smiles on their faces. Shown is Senior Princess Heather White, with her aunt, Cyndi Wright.



Elementary Princess Hannah Gibson, Senior Princess Heather White, and Tribal Chairman Buford L. Rolin, ride on the Escambia County/Atmore Chamber of Commerce float during the Governor's Inaugural parade.

All smiles for the Mardi Gras parade!



MUSKOGEE METALWORKS FOLLOW UP C

Submitted by Mal McGhee, Muskogee
Metalworks General Manager



Mal McGhee with Larry Clegg of ITT

Muskogee Metalworks has just completed the 8.8 million dollar contract with ITT Industries Night Vision Division in which they delivered night vision goggle kits for the U.S. Army. Many of you will remember the announcement of this contract in the June 2006 Tribal Newsletter. Larry Clegg from ITT said that Muskogee Metalworks had exceeded their expectations and had done a great job. Muskogee is pleased to announce that they have signed a new contract with ITT for over 10 million dollars to deliver more of the night vision goggle kits. Muskogee wishes to express a sincere thank you to all of the Poarch senior citizens who helped in the initial start of the ITT contract.

Muskogee has also been in the headlines recently with the announcement that it has entered into a Mentor-Protégé agreement with The Boeing Company. Boeing



Participants for the MTAPP Training held at Muskogee Metalworks were from left to right: Mal McGhee, Frankie Baggett, David Lombard (MTAPP), J.D. Trawick, Pietro Savo (MTAPP), Murray Gonzalez, Ken Cooper, James Sutton, Karmen Long. Not pictured is Tammy Rolin.

RECEIVES 10 MILLION DOLLAR ORDER FROM ITT

visited Muskogee in February for its first Mentor-Protégé training in Proposals and Root Cause Analysis. While there, they also completed a Quality survey. They have successfully established a working relationship that will help Muskogee to refine its processes, improve their quality system, and build business. Boeing sponsored Mal McGhee's, Muskogee's General Manager, trip to RES 2007, a Native American Business Conference, which was held from March 12-March 16, 2007.

Mal also attended the MTAPP (Manufacturing and Technical Assistance Program) Regional Training Session on March 6, 2007 which was hosted by Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company. MTAPP sent consultants to Muskogee later in March to do training in business development. Muskogee also completed its first order for Lockheed Martin in March, by manufacturing carts for their California facility.

Recently Muskogee Metalworks, in a joint venture with MTI (Manufacturing Technology Inc.), completed 100% of the Operation Desert Storm modification kits for the Bradley Fighting Vehicle and they have just received an order for four more of these kits. This shows that the technology transfer is working.

Muskogee also signed a 3 million dollar contract with PEO-STRI on March 30, 2007 to manufacture IGRS (Integrated GPS Radio System) for the U.S. Marine Corps.

Muskogee's revenue went from 1.5 million to 7.5 million in 2006 and it is anticipated that it will exceed 11 million in revenue in 2007. Muskogee Metalworks currently employs thirty-three employees, which includes fourteen Tribal Members, three Indian descent, and three spouses of Tribal members.



Shown with the completed Operation Desert Storm modification kit for the Bradley Fighting Vehicle are seated from left to right: Lisa Ardis and Angie Strickland. Standing from left to right are: Murray Gonzalez, James Sutton, Tom Walker (Government representative who inspected and accepted parts), and Mal McGhee.



Mal McGhee visits Lockheed Martin plant with MTAPP. Here he is pictured with other MTAPP participants around the FA35 Joint Strike Fighter. This plant also makes the F16.



Muskogee employees involved in the kitting for ITT. Pictured left to right-James Sutton-Manufacturing Manager, Larry Sammons, Frankie Baggett-Quality Manager, Murray Gonzalez-Production Manager, Kim Mosley, Angie Strickland, Patricia Gentry, Robert Lowery, Robin Sutton, Don White-Inventory Manager, Mal McGhee-General Manager. Not pictured are Cathy Hill, Dorothy Sutton, Keith Rolin, JoAnn Hiebert.

Creek Entertainment Center Hosts Last Game of Traditional Paper Bingo

On April 21, 2007, the Poarch Band of Creek Indian's Creek Entertainment Center held its last game of traditional paper bingo in its bingo hall. Creek Entertainment's 530-seat bingo hall, where traditional paper bingo games have been held on Friday through Monday nights for years, closed to add amenities and make improvements to the facility.

"Over the years, our traditional paper bingo operations have become less profitable for the tribe," explains Creek Entertainment Site Manager Daniel McGhee. "This floor space is being redesigned to accommodate additional dining and improve the customer's overall experience."

While growth and expansion is exciting, some Creek Entertainment Center customers and employees felt understandably nostalgic about the changes. Creek Entertainment is the birthplace of High Stakes Bingo in Alabama. The Bingo Hall opened on April 13, 1985, and customers have played traditional bingo here for over twenty-two years. "I'm sad to see it go, I'm going to miss it," says Pat Johnson, Bingo Manager. "Over the years, I've made friends with a lot of our regular bingo customers and they have become like family to me."

"We will still offer over 1,000 electronic gaming machines," says Kitty Stuart, General Manager of PCI Gaming. She emphasizes that no jobs were lost as a result of the bingo hall closure. "We are experiencing a great deal of growth at Creek Entertainment, fortunately all our bingo employees will be given an opportunity to accept other positions at our facility."

The last night of traditional paper bingo in the Bingo Hall was held on Saturday, April 21, 2007. This was a ticketed event with limited seating. Tickets went on sale at the Bingo Hall Fortunet Booth from Saturday, April 7, 2007 through Monday, April 9. Tickets could only be purchased during bingo sessions, by customers playing bingo. "Since seating was limited," says Daniel McGhee, "we wanted to give our long time regular bingo players the first opportunity to participate in this final session."

National Honor Society

Submitted by Olivette McGhee

Kimberly Brooke Bell, a sophomore at Escambia County High School, was inducted into the National Honor Society on March 29, 2007. She is the daughter of Frankie and Althea Bell of Atmore, and the granddaughter of Dewey and Olivette McGhee of Poarch. Brooke's family is very proud of her accomplishments.



Olivette McGhee, Brooke Bell, and Althea Bell

From the Desk of Kitty Stuart, PCI Gaming General Manager

April 13, 1985 was an important day for Poarch Band of Creek Indians. On this date Creek Bingo Palace opened its doors to the public for High Stakes Indian Bingo. We were the only high stakes Indian bingo in the southeast with the closest Indian bingo being Cherokee, NC to the northeast and Seminole in Florida to the south. We opened with 1500 plus seats and were packed out the first day of opening. Out of the 130 employees employed at the time, only 2 had any experience working with bingo and from that we have grown over the past 22 years to having 3 casinos with over 650 gaming employees. Yes, we have come a long way. Out of the original employees we still have 3 that have worked in the facility since day one. There are others of us that have moved within the gaming infrastructure but not in the original facility.

I was the second employee hired and Kay McDuffie was the third employee hired at that time. We had a few Management companies along the way and at some point the Tribe made the decision that we had enough gaming experience to manage it ourselves so this is where we are currently. Gaming has evolved tremendously and has given the Tribe many opportunities that it may not have had otherwise. The growth has been tremendous and will grow even greater with the projected expansions in the near future.

I, along with others, have been given the opportunity to be a part of this exciting business. With the involvement of Tribal members and gaming industry experts the Poarch Band of Creek Indians gaming centers will be prosperous and successful.

Oldest Living Tribal Member Turns 100

I (Gayle Johnson, Media Specialist) can remember a time when I couldn't wait to turn 18, then 21; 30 seemed old and then 50 came knocking on my door, at 54 I look back and think that I have lived a pretty good life, but then I think of Ms. Willie Margaret Madison Martin, who turned 100 on March 29, 2007. To me that is a big deal. Can you imagine the history that she has lived through and experienced as a participant, not as someone studying it in school? Just think of the things she could tell us about the "good old days".

Mary Jane Tullis and I traveled to Lucedale, MS on the 29th to celebrate this milestone birthday with Mrs. Martin-"Mimi" to those who know her. A crowd of approximately 50 gathered to help her celebrate. "Mimi's" brother Clifton (age 92) came in from Little Rock, Arkansas, to help her celebrate. She was very happy to see her "baby" brother and introduced him to everyone that came by and spoke to her. She was joined by family members from the Lucedale area as well as nephews



Willie Margaret Madison Martin, "Mimi" on her 100th birthday

from the Poarch area. The Mayor of Lucedale, Dr. Dayton E. Whites, was present and declared the day Willie Marin Day in Lucedale.

To see "Mimi" amidst her family and friends was heartwarming and reminded me of my own Granny, Namar Coleman, who passed away when she was in her late 90's. They both have the same spunk and life about them that always brings a smile to your face and makes you glad to be around them.

Ms. Willie is the daughter of the late James and Gussie Madison of Uriah, Alabama and currently resides at the Glen Oaks Nursing Center in Lucedale, Mississippi. She married her husband, William Ernest Martin, on January 10, 1928. They had three sons, all of whom has passed away. Mr. Martin worked in the woods and moved the family to Mississippi when their children were young. Besides being a housewife and mother, Mrs. Martin often sat with people when they were sick and needed care.



Willie Margaret Madison Martin and her brother Clifford Madison



Mimi with her brother and family from the Lucedale area



Mimi, her brother Clifford, with Mary Jane Tullis



Ms. Martin with her granddaughter Kelly, brother Clifford, and nephews Harold Madison, Carl Madison, Billy Conn Madison, Richard Madison, and Joe Charles Madison

SENIORS HOST SPRING FLING

The Senior Services Department held its Spring Fling Dance in the auditorium of the new Resources Center (the new Family Services Building) on Friday, March 30, 2007; this was the first event held in the new building.

Young and old alike enjoyed the socializing, food, door prizes, and music, which was provided by the Good Times Band. All monies raised by this event, over \$400, was donated to the American Cancer Society/Relay for Life.



Lois Shultz, Lena Rackard, Linda Selzer, Billy Joe Rolin, and Hubert Rackard, enjoy the activities



You put your left foot in..... Carolyn Dortch, Robbie McGhee, Vicky Burns, Linda Selzer, and others join in a line dance.



Paul Dorth (front, right) and members of the Good Time Band.



Kennedy McGhee had a great time!



Robbie McGhee leads everyone in singing "Happy Birthday" to Fields McGhee.



Eldnar McGhee, putting out the food, always hard at work!



Dave and Myrtis Kinman work the Ticket Table, Lena Rackard and Lois Shultz pay their \$5 each to get in!

In Memory of Fred L. McGhee From Your Sisters with Love



Fred L. McGhee

*Time heals all, they are sure to quote,
In most instances, I'm sure that's true.
But each passing moment, I agonizingly note,
Nothing remains the same without you.*

*My mind recognizes a year has passed,
Yet my heart will not let me believe,
This pain and emptiness I feel will not last,
Nothing I do can even begin to relieve.*

*To see you or talk to you one last time,
Might somehow pull me through,
Your humor, your spirit no where else I find.
My heart aches from missing you.*

*I should have said "I love you" time and again,
And have told you what you mean to me.
I can't do now what I could've back then,
Shattered assumptions of what should be.*

*I cannot deny the desolation I feel,
Many nights for your return I have wept.
Through time has passed my pain is here still,
Though at times I pretend you never left.*

*Your memories shall never ever vanish,
They are permanently locked away in my heart,
A bond this strong time cannot diminish,
It grows stronger as each day departs.*

*While it may be true that time heals all,
Maybe my wounds run too deep.
I will go forward determined not to fall,
That's my promise to you I'll keep.*

*Then one day when I see you again,
And my love I can show unashamed.
You will know where my heart has been,
And I, that my suffering was not in vain.*

Tribal Logo Usage by Tribal Members

Submitted by Cody Williamson, Staff Attorney

Over the past year, several questions have been posed to the Tribal Council regarding usage of the Tribal logo by Tribal Members. In order to protect the Tribe's rights to the Tribe's trademarked logo, the use of the Tribal logo by an individual Tribal Member is strictly prohibited unless written consent is obtained from the Tribal Council. Tribal Members may continue to use the terms "Poarch Band of Creek Indians" or "Tribal Member" as long as they do not use the Tribal logo itself. The Tribal Council may grant use of the logo to those businesses or individuals who are doing business with the Tribe and to individual Tribal Members who are being sponsored by the Tribe, such as a Tribal Member participating in a sporting event, but only if the business or Tribal Member first receives written consent from the Tribal Council and signs a licensing agreement.

If you have any questions, please contact the PCI Community Relations Department at 251-368-9136, ext. 2216.

4th Annual Will & Bessie McGhee Family Reunion

Submitted by Edna Parker

All descendants of the Will and Bessie McGhee family are invited, come and join in the fun, fellowship, and activities.

The Reunion will be held at the Pow Wow grounds on Saturday, June 2, 2007, starting at 10:00 a.m. Each family is asked to bring lawn chairs, beverages (non-alcoholic), and choice of menu items.

Lots of good food-Boston Butt, Fried Chicken, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Rolls/Buns, Watermelon, etc.

Planning for this year's event will be Sunday, May 6, 2007 and Sunday, May 20, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. on the Pow Wow grounds. Come join in and let's make this year's reunion even bigger and better.

For more information, please contact Marie Martin at (251) 368-5474.

Diabetes Prevention Camp

Reminder: It is time to register your child/children for this year's Diabetes Prevention Camp, which is scheduled for June 3-8, 2007. All children ages 7-13 will be eligible to attend.

Mandatory meetings have been scheduled in the Tribal Auditorium for 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 22, 2007 and Thursday, May 24, 2007. A parent or guardian must attend one of these sessions; if not, the child will not be allowed to attend camp.

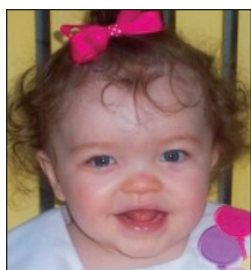
A deposit of \$10 per child is required to secure their spot for camp. Deposits will be returned to parent/guardian prior to departure on June 3, 2007; if your child/children does not attend, the deposit will be forfeited.

For information call Sheila Odom or Kay Watson at (251) 368-8630.

Happy Birthday Wishes

Kaelyn Emma Montgomery

Kaelyn Emma Montgomery turned one on April 27. Kaelyn is the daughter of Kristy and Mike Montgomery of Milton, FL.



She is the granddaughter of Larue and Sandra (McGhee) Chunn of Theodore, AL, Kay and Walter Burroughs of Semmes, AL, and Mr. & Mrs. Gilbert Montgomery of Pensacola. Kaelyn is the great granddaughter of Buster McGhee of Walnut Hill, FL.

Kaelyn Emma Montgomery

Hayden Connor Kinman

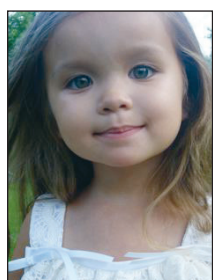
Hayden Connor Kinman, son of David Allen Kinman and Jessica Ramsey, celebrated his first birthday on February 17th at the Atmore Apostolic Fellowship Hall. Grandparents are David and Myrtis Kinman and Margaret Baker and Jeffery Ramsey. His aunt, Melanie Boatwright, and cousins Logan and Madelyn Boatwright, were there, along with a host of family and friends.



Hayden Connor Kinman



Hayden with his Dad, David Allen Kinman



Molly Wenonah Teague

Molly Wenonah Teague will be celebrating her fourth birthday on May 15. Molly is the daughter of Nicole and Matthew Teague of Fairhope, AL. Her grandparents are Raymond and Mary Rolin of Atmore, AL and Steve and Ann Teague of Vicksburg, MS.

Molly Wenonah Teague

Birth Announcements

Sophia Lynn Morris

James and Terri Albritton Morris announce the birth of their daughter, Sophia Lynn Morris, on March 10, 2007. At birth Sophia weighed 7 lbs and 8oz. and was 20 in long. Her grandparents are Lenard and Hazel McGhee Albritton and Joe and Sylvia Gipson. Sophia is welcomed home by Logan, Hunter, and Chloe.



Sophia Lynn Morris

Evangeline Taylor Teague

Evangeline Taylor Teague was welcomed into the world on February 22. She weighed 9 lb 5 oz and was 20 1/2 inches long.

Evangeline is the daughter of Nicole and Matthew Teague of Fairhope, AL. Her grandparents are Raymond and Mary Rolin of Atmore, AL and Steve and Ann Teague of Vicksburg, MS. Evangeline is welcomed home by her big sister, Molly Teague.



Evangeline Taylor Teague



**Please remember to visit
the Tribe's website at
www.poarchcreekindians-nsn.gov
for updated information and postings.**

Cultural Corner

By: Alex Alvarez, Cultural Education Coordinator

Hesci (Hello) Everyone! I hope everyone is enjoying their year so far. Tasahce (Spring) is in full effect. The Muscogee word for the month of May is "Ke-hvse" pronounced gee-huh-zee which means "Mulberry Month". Just like today, with the popular Strawberry and Peanut festivals, our ancestors celebrated the ripening of many fruits and vegetables. Along with these fruits came many delightful dishes that are very tasty. The recipe I will share with you all today is for a dish called "Pvrko Afke" (Buthl-goh-ahv-kih) or Grape Dumplings. This can be considered a dessert dish. Traditionally, this dish was made using possum grapes and corn meal. However this recipe is a more modern one and is easier to make:

Ingredients:

8 cups of grape juice	Large pot
1 cup of sugar	Mixing spoon
1 ½ cups of flour	Food mixer with bowl
½ tablespoon of butter, cut into small chunks	Rolling pin
¾ cup of grape juice	Knife
Equipment needed:	Slotted spoon
Measuring cup	Serving bowl
	Aluminum foil

Directions:

Pour the 8 cups of grape juice and the sugar into the large pot and stir. Heat the mixture at medium to medium-high, stirring occasionally.

In the bowl of the electric mixer, mix the flour, butter, and the ¾ cup of grape juice. The texture should be somewhat firm and should hold together well. If you don't have a food mixer, mix by hand using the mixing spoon.

Divide the dough into two portions. Roll out each portion of dough on a clean, floured surface to about 12 inches in diameter and about ¼ inch thick.

Tear strips from each circle about ¾ inch wide. Then tear the strips into 3-inch long pieces. These are your dumplings. You can use a knife and cut the dough instead of tearing it, but tearing it makes the dumplings look a little nicer.

When the juice-and-sugar mixture is gently boiling, add in the first batch of dumplings (15-20 pieces). They will float to the top almost immediately. Stir the dumplings and cook on a low boil for about 15 minutes. Adjust the heat if necessary. Use the slotted spoon to transfer the cooked dumplings to the serving bowl. Place a piece of aluminum foil over the bowl to keep the dumplings warm.

If the grape juice becomes too thick and syrupy, add some water. Cook the next batch of dumplings, then place them in the serving bowl.

After eating your first batch of Grape Dumplings, I'm sure you'll be saying: "Pvrko Afke cvyvcetos!" (I like Grape Dumplings!). This may seem like just a simple recipe; however, our food is a very important part of our culture as well. When you taste pvrko afke for the first time, you are tasting a modern rendition of one of our ancestors' traditional dishes. You are tasting the past. Learning to cook dishes like this is fun, but also plays a vital role in maintaining our cultural identity as Creek people.

Who will be the 2007 Poarch Creek Indians Relay Idol?

Show Time is 7:00 p.m.
(Unless notified differently)

Location is PCI Family Services Auditorium
(Unless notified differently)

Show Dates:

May 4, 2008
May 19, 2007
June 2, 2007
June 16, 2007
June 30, 2007

Come and vote for your favorite contestant!
\$0.25 per vote
Concessions will be available!

Call Trina Rackard at
(251) 368-9136 ext. 2246 for more info

MEMO

Strategic Planning For Tribal Success

If you are a Tribal Member interested in serving on one of the four focus groups of the Tribe's strategic planning committee, please notify the group contact person listed below. You may participate in more than one focus group.

Economic Development

(Business development, recruiting, etc.)

Contact Person: Tim Martin, CIE President
(251) 368-0819

Infrastructure

(Water, sewer, streets/roads, telecommunications, etc.)

Contact Person: Kenny Shivers, Planning Director
(251) 368-9136 ext. 2208

Education

(All aspects of education)

Contact Person: Sandra Hiebert, Education Executive Director
(251) 368-9136 ext. 2242

Community Services

(Recreation, health care, housing, law enforcement, fire protection, court, social services, etc.)

Contact Person: Kathy Ledkins, Special Assistant to Family Services Executive Director
(251) 368-9136 ext. 2604

Education News for May 2007

Submitted by Billie McGhee, Education Coordinator

Great News!!

Gregory Gibson has received confirmation that he has been selected to participate in the 2007 National Center for Cooperative Education program (NCCE) in Natural Resources. The program officer stated they had received a very large number of applications this year and the process of making a final selection had been difficult. Greg has been an outstanding student during his college years and deserves the award. Mrs. Laura Cook, Environmental Director, encouraged him to apply for a temporary job working with the Tribal EPA Department during the winter break. He took her advice and gained experience working with an Environmental Program and she did not hesitate to recommend him for the NCCE program. Greg attends the University of West Alabama as a full time student and works part time to support his young family. His plans are to earn a graduate degree in his chosen field. It is difficult for a young person to attend college full time and to support a young family, but Greg Gibson has been successful in his goals.

ANNIE'S

Home Grown Food Company has established an environmental scholarships program for undergraduate and graduate students who are preparing for a career in the environmental fields of study. The web site for additional scholarship information is <http://www.annies.com/annies/index.html>. Annie's web site contains coloring pages for children, a book club, and information on caring for rabbits.

NATIVE AMERICAN SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

It is not too late to apply for Native American Scholarships for undergraduate or graduate study for 2007-2008.

American Indians Science and Engineering Society

<http://www.aises.org>

American Association on Indian Affairs

<http://www.indians-affairs.org>

American Indian Graduate Center

<http://www.aigc.com>

Catching the Dream

<http://www.catchingthedream.org>

The National Society of the Daughters of the American

Revolution <http://www.dar.org>

MINORITY NURSE SCHOLARSHIP

The Minority Nurse Program scholarship was created to help nursing students obtain their baccalaureate degree. Four scholarships – two \$1000 awards and two \$500 awards are being offered for students who will be enrolled in baccalaureate degree and in their third or fourth year of an accredited BSN program. The scholarship will be awarded January 2008. The scholarships are awarded based on academics, financial need and the student's commitment to their minority community. The application is available on line at http://www.minoritynurse.com/features/financial/scholarship_app_07.html

ATTENTION PARENTS AND STUDENTS: FAFSA4CASTER

The FAFSA4caster is a new web tool released by the U S Department of Education's office of Federal Student Aid. The purpose of the program is to assist high school juniors and their families to plan for education programs beyond high school. By entering their information into FAFSA4caster, the student and their parents will be provided an estimated Expected Family Contribution (EFC) estimate. The student and family can then begin during their junior year to seek other resources to cover the funds that the family is expected to contribute toward the students expenses during college or vocational training. The 4caster provides information to guide the student and parents through the steps for applying for admission, applying for federal student aid, and paying for college or vocational/technical training.

The Tribal Discretionary Tuition Payment Program does not pay living expenses or medical care. If a Tribal student chooses to live on campus or in an apartment during their college years, they are responsible for their rent, food, and other living expenses. By applying for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), and other forms of financial aid (scholarships and grants) student will have the funds to pay for their room & board, insurance, and other expenses incurred while they receive their training. It pays to apply for scholarships during your high school junior year, to become aware of early planning for admission to some type of training beyond high school, and to start purchasing items they will need if they are planning to live away from home. It does take time to fill out an application, and gumption to ask someone for letters of recommendation, but it very rewarding when your application is selected.

COLLEGE LOAN REPAYMENT ADVICE

Liz Pulliam Weston, an author for MSN Money, has written an article, "How to blitz your college debts", for college graduates. The web site for the article is <http://articles.moneycentral.msn.com/CollegeAndFamily/MoneyInYour20s/HowToBlitzYourCollegeDebts.aspx>.

THE AMERICAN INDIAN YOUTH ENTREPRENEURIAL EMPOWERMENT PROJECT

The program is sponsored by The National Tribal Development Association. Native American youth may apply for Farm Service Agency (FSA) Youth Loans up to \$5000 for a modest income-producing project. The National Tribal Development Association (NTDA) will match qualified business mentors with Native youth entrepreneurs. The American Indian Youth Entrepreneur website will provide a chat room with American Indian Business Leaders who want to assist students on-line at regularly scheduled chat sessions during the year. You can find additional information about the program at http://www.nayouthempowerment.com/fsa_youth_loanshtml

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENTS

The National Association of Graduate and Professional Students provides assistance and information for pre-graduate, graduate and professional students in the form of information on debt management, insurance programs, books, thesis/dissertation, job seeking and a resources link for E-mentors, crisis line (877-GRAD-HLP), and a free survival kit. The web site for the NAGPS is <http://www.gradresources.org/>. Another site to check for graduate resources is <http://studentaid.ed.gov/students/attachments/siteresources/gradguide.doc>.

GRADUATE SCHOOL APPLICATION TIME LINE

The Poarch Creek Education Discretionary Tuition Payment Program funding can be used for graduate school programs. Fast Web's Resource Center provides a Graduate School Application time to help students prepare for testing, interviewing, and admissions. The website is <http://www.fastweb.com/fastweb/resources/articles/index/100039?id=> We recommend that students apply early (February) for the Federal Student Aid for graduate funding. Graduate students are encouraged to start applying in the fall of their senior year for graduate admissions and graduate funding. If you are interested in receiving funding from your chosen college program you need to have you application in by January of your senior year. It is possible to receive enough funds so that you only need to pay for your books. If you are a Tuition Payment participant then your book costs are covered by the Tribe's Tuition Payment Program. Some college graduate programs have more than one graduate admissions date. The first date accepted applicants receive funding, and the second later date accepted applicants have to supply their own funding to pay for their studies

GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY INTERNSHIP AND CO-OP PROGRAMS

GE is recruiting Native American students for their Internship and Co-op programs. GE offers paid internships, relocating assistance and may offer a housing stipend. GE will begin interviewing for their summer interns in a few weeks. GE is looking for college freshmen, sophomores, juniors who are studying engineering, computer science, finance or accounting. The student must have a minimum GPA of 3.0, and GE will consider business majors with strong leadership qualities. The average salary is listed as \$17 an hour. The webpage has video about the internship and co-op program that you can view.

The GE Internship application is available at http://www.gecareers.com/GECAREERS/html/us/studentOpportunities/internshipCoOps/eid_indexhtml.

Michele Jackson, PHR

GE Energy

HR Manager, Compliance & Dispute Resolution

Telephone: 678-844-7668

Toll Free: 1-866-276-0930

Email: michellejackson@gecom

NATIVE AMERICAN BANK INTERNSHIP

The Native American Bank in Denver, Colorado has an internship opening for a Native American student accounting and finance training. The applicant must be a college junior (2006-2007) majoring in business. Another requirement is six hours of credit in accounting and three hours of finance credit. The student must have a minimum grade point average of 3.0. The start date is June 4, 2007 and the internship ends August 31, 2007. The student will assist the President and CEO and department managers in the training areas of administration, commercial underwriting, lending, credit administration, operations and finance. You can find additional details about the internship are available at <http://www.nabnacom/Employment0307DNSummerInternpdf>. If you are interested submit a cover letter, resume and a certified copy of your college transcript to :

Deb Sankey, Human Resource Director

Native American Bank, NA

999 18th Street, Suite 2460

Denver, CO 80202

Email: jobs@nabnacom

Fax: 303-988-5533

<http://www.nabnacom>

MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY OPEN COURSEWARE

MIT Open Courseware is a free educational resource for educators, students, and self-learners. The program does not grant college credit, however it is a free program for furthering your education. Graduate and undergraduate courses are available. You can view their Course List at <http://ocw.mit.edu/OcwWeb/Global/all-courses.htm>. We can continue to keep our brains active and well by continuing to educate ourselves

EDUCATION DISCRETIONARY TUITION PAYMENT PROGRAM

Applications for the Education Discretionary Tuition Payment Program will be accepted by the Education Department June 1st - July 13th, and November 1st - December 14th. For your convenience, these applications have been included in this newsletter and posted on-line on the Tribe's website at www.poarchcreekindians-nsn.gov.

(Sherry, please place attached applications in newsletter back to back so that they can be removed easily.)



EDUCATION DISCRETIONARY
TUITION PAYMENT PROGRAM APPLICATION
POARCH BAND OF CREEK INDIANS – ACADEMIC YEAR 2007-2008

Post - Secondary (College)

While the information requested within this application is voluntary, failure to provide necessary documentation and/or to fully complete all applicable parts may delay the processing of this application or make it impossible to process at all.

NAME: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____
PLEASE GIVE FULL NAME)

Social Security Number: _____ Tribal Roll Number _____ Sex (M/F) _____

Home Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

E-Mail Address: _____ Home Phone: _____

Work Phone _____ Other: _____

Have you received a High School Diploma or GED Certificate: Yes _____ No _____

Indicate your current Educational Status (Check One)

Post Secondary
Freshman _____ Sophomore _____ Junior _____ Senior _____

Graduate Level _____

Name and Address of **Present** Post - Secondary School

Name and address of Post - Secondary School of **Choice**

Field of Study _____

Average cost of Yearly Tuition _____

With my signature below, I hereby certify that the information given on this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Applicant

Date

PLEASE ENCLOSE LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE FROM YOUR COLLECT OF CHOICE

AUTHORIZATION/RELEASE OF INFORMATION

Education Discretionary Tuition Payment Program

With my signature below, I hereby authorize the release of information to the Poarch Creek Indians' Education Department concerning information pertaining to attendance, status of financial accounts, and student performance records (such as transcripts and grade reports), from the academic institution specified within my Education Discretionary Tuition Payment Program application.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

DATE

Notary Public:

Signed before me this _____ day of _____, 2006

SEAL

Notary

My Commission Expires: _____

VERIFICATION OF TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP

To be completed by the applicant:

Applicant's Full Name: _____ DOB: _____

Are you a Tribal Member of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians? Yes ___ No ___ Tribal Roll No. _____

Phone contact No: _____ or _____

Father's Full Name: _____ DOB: _____

Mother's Full Name: _____ DOB: _____

With my signature, I authorize the release of this information to the Tribal Enrollment Specialist of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians, for the purpose of verification of Tribal Enrollment.

Signature of Applicant

Date

**THIS SECTION FOR OFFICE USE ONLY! TO BE COMPLETED BY THE POARCH
BAND OF CREEK INDIANS' TRIBAL ENROLLMENT SPECIALIST**

This verification document was received by the Tribal enrollment office on: _____

The applicant is (check one):

___ An enrolled Tribal member of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians

___ Not an enrolled Tribal member of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians

Applicant's Name (as it appears on Tribal roll): _____

Blood Quantum: _____ Applicant's Tribal Roll Number: _____

With my signature below, I verify that the preceding information is accurate

Tribal Enrollment Specialist Signature

Date



EDUCATION DISCRETIONARY
TUITION PAYMENT PROGRAM APPLICATION
POARCH BAND OF CREEK INDIANS – ACADEMIC YEAR 2007-2008

Secondary (Middle – High School)

While the information requested within this application is voluntary, failure to provide necessary documentation and/or to fully complete all applicable parts may delay the processing of this application or make it impossible to process at all.

NAME: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____
PLEASE GIVE FULL NAME)

Social Security Number: _____ Tribal Roll Number _____ Sex (M/F) _____

Home Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

E-Mail Address: _____ Home Phone: _____

Work Phone _____ Other: _____

Have you received a High School Diploma or GED Certificate: Yes _____ No _____

Indicate your current Educational Status (Check One)

5 _____ 6 _____ 7 _____ 8 _____ 9 _____ 10 _____ 11 _____ 12 _____

Name and Address of **Present** Secondary School

Name and address of Secondary School of **Choice**

Average cost of Yearly Tuition _____

With my signature below, I hereby certify that the information given on this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Parent/Guardian of Minor Child

Date

Printed Name of parent/Guardian of Minor Child

Date

AUTHORIZATION/RELEASE OF INFORMATION

Education Discretionary Tuition Payment Program

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SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN OF MINOR CHILD

DATE

Notary Public:

Signed before me this _____ day of _____, 2007

SEAL

Notary

My Commission Expires: _____

VERIFICATION OF TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP

To be completed by the applicant:

Applicant's Full Name: _____ DOB: _____

Are you a Tribal Member of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians? Yes _____ No _____ Roll No. _____

Phone Number: _____ or _____

Father's Full Name: _____ DOB: _____

Mother's Full Name: _____ DOB: _____

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Tribal Enrollment Specialist Signature

Date

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
MAY 2007		1 Tribal Council Meeting 4:00 p.m.	2 Housing Advisory Board Meeting 1:00 p.m. - Open to the Public - Building 400 Conference Room	3 LAST DAY TO SUBMIT LETTER OF CANDIDACY* WALK-IN VOTING BEGINS *	4 PCI Relay Idol Show 7:00 p.m. Family Services Building	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 Housing Advisory Board Meeting 1:00 p.m. - Open to the Public - Building 400 Conference Room	17	18	19 PCI Relay Idol Show 7:00 p.m. Family Services Building
20 Tribal Council Meeting 2:00 p.m.	21	22 Caregiver Training Classes 5:30 p.m - 7:30 p.m. Diabetes Prevention Camp Mandatory Meeting 5:30 p.m. -Tribal Auditorium	23	24 Caregiver Training Classes 5:30 p.m - 7:30 p.m. Diabetes Prevention Camp Mandatory Meeting 5:30 p.m. -Tribal Auditorium	25	26
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