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“And your winner of Miss Indian World 2007, representing the Poarch Band.... Megan Young!”

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Estonko Este-Cate Omvlkv?, Greetings to everyone! I have quite an exciting journey to tell you all about. This journey really began 5 years ago when a young tribal member by the name of Megan Young had a dream, a dream of becoming Miss Indian World one day. Miss Indian World is not your everyday Indian Princess pageant. This competition occurs annually in coordination with the Gathering of Nations Powwow in Albuquerque, New Mexico, one of North America's largest Native American celebrations which brings in over 3200 dancers and over 40,000 spectators. Contestants must sell at least 500 raffle tickets at \$2.00 each in order to be considered a contestant. That's the easy part; contestants are then judged in five categories.

The first category is Personal Interview. Contestants were given three minutes to answer personal questions about tribal culture & heritage and how it relates to them. The second category was the traditional talent presentation, which was truly the highlight of the Miss Indian World Pageant. The 21 contestants from all over Indian country prepared a talent that represented their people woven with individual expression. The tribal affiliations of the young women varied: Eskimo, Navajo, Lakota, Seminole, Coastal Salish, Crow, Cree, and Pueblo just to name a few. The third category to be judged was Public Speaking; contestants were asked a question that they were not allowed to prepare for and replied in front of a large audience. The fourth category judged was Expression through powwow music. Contestants chose to either give an interpretation of their traditional social/ceremonial dances or performed modern powwow dancing. The fifth category was the essay; which was sent in before the actual pageant. Contestants were asked to write a 500 word essay describing themselves and reply why they wanted to obtain the Miss Indian World title.

Just before last year's Thanksgiving powwow, I received a packet from the Gathering of Nations which had a Miss Indian World application in it. All of a sudden, a light bulb turned on in my head. I immediately thought of Megan Young. She had been



Megan Young, Miss Indian World, 2007

Poarch's Junior and Senior Tribal Princess before and had recently obtained the title of Miss Indian Alabama. I have known Megan for quite some time and thought she would represent the Tribe well in the pageant. That year at Thanksgiving I asked Megan if she was interested in running for Miss Indian World. She then told me that it has been a dream of hers for a very long time. We started training the very next month.

We worked on many aspects of our Mvskoke tribal culture including language, history, old stories, dances, singing, tribal dress, and philosophy of our ancestors. Megan learned everything with a great passion and began to truly understand what it means to be a Mvskoke Creek woman.

On April 23rd, after being as prepared as we possibly could, we left for Albuquerque New Mexico. Finally, after spending 22 hours in the Education Dept.'s mini-van, we arrived at our hotel. From then on, the week flew by right up to the announcement of the new Miss Indian World. I had told Megan the night before

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Tribal Election Results

With a record turnout, Tribal Members voted for experience in the elections held on Saturday, June 2, 2007. Of 2161 eligible voters, 910 General Council Members voted in the election either by machine vote on Saturday, June 2nd or by absentee ballot. Brenda Faircloth, Election Board Chairman says that this is a record number of voters and that the number of Tribal Members voting has increased steadily over the last few years. She anticipates an even larger turnout next year. The seats of Buford L. Rolin, Tribal Chairman, Arthur Mothershed and Eddie L. Tullis will be up for election next year; it is not known at this time if any, or all, of them will chose to run for re-election.

Helen Hallman, who has previously served on the Council for

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Firefighters in Nail Polish

By DONALD WRIGHT

When an emergency call comes into the Poarch Volunteer Fire Department (PVFD), especially during the daytime hours, 13 fully trained female firefighters are ready to respond. Each woman has other responsibilities at home and work, but they are willing to go at a moment's notice.

According to fire chief Ronnie Jackson, the department has only one full time employee, himself. He said the department would not be able to operate without the volunteer efforts of the women.

"I just don't know what I would do without these volunteers, especially during the day," Ronnie said. "They are my crutch and I depend on them heavily.

"They are professionals and they really do a good job. I just tell them what I need them to do and they go out and get it done. I am so proud of these firefighters.

"All of them have gone through the training to be volunteer firefighters and some of them have gone on and been certified as EMTs [Emergency Medical Technicians] and paramedics. If they wanted to go on to become full time firefighters, they would only have to complete the five-week jump course and pass the test."

Each of the women has a job within the Tribe. The Poarch Creek Tribal Council approved allowing the ladies to leave their jobs and respond when needed. He said they only need supervisor permission.

The department is usually able to respond to calls within six to seven minutes.



Fire Chief Ronnie Jackson with the Poarch volunteer firefighters, from left, front, Chastity Peebles, Susan O'Donovan, Carla McGhee, Mandy Peebles, and April Sells; back, Chief McGhee, Christine McGhee, Barbara Stephens, Theresa Jackson, Brandi Rutherford, Trina Rackard, and Dana Pickern. Not pictured are Lida Jackson and Judy Kirby.

as a kid going to the fire house and playing on the fire trucks and I absolutely loved it.

"When I was little, I would go out on calls with my grandfather and would also go out with my brother. It has always been there for me and I have heard so many stories over my lifetime. Being a single mother, I don't have the opportunity to respond as much as I would like to."

April Sells became a volunteer when she realized she could be of more help to others.

"When Hurricane Dennis was threatening this area, many of our residents either evacuated or stayed at home and took care of themselves," April Sells said. "I tried to help Ronnie out with the calls, but I did not know enough and I was not being any help. As soon as they offered the next training class, I enrolled.

"This is a volunteer department and you can't pass the buck when you don't want to get out there and do it yourself. We need to have people respond when the community needs us.

When you get started and get it in your blood, it's hard to stop. It's an adrenaline rush."

April keeps her five-year-old niece a lot, and the little girl has become conditioned to her aunt being a firefighter.

"When she hears the pager go off or the sirens sounding, she says, 'We must have a call.' She says she wants to be a female firefighter when she grows up," April said. Susan O'Donovan has a different perspective on emergency

response.

"Once this gets in your blood, it's there for good, you can't get it out," she said. "I work as a dispatcher for the police department and this helps me with my job. I can see both sides and when we



Some of the firefighters in their turnout gear, from left, front, April Sells, Chastity Peebles, Carla McGhee; back, Theresa Jackson, Brandi Rutherford, Mandy Peebles, and Susan O'Donovan.

Some of the ladies grew up around firefighting and this was a natural choice for them. Others saw becoming a firefighter as a way for them to give back to their community.

"My grandfather was the fire chief for many years and my brother is a firefighter," Brandi Rutherford said. "I can remember

From the Chairman

The 2007 Tribal Elections are behind us and I congratulate David Gehman, Helen Hallman, and Robbie McGhee on their victory. I also want to thank those who voted in this year's election. We had 910 ballots cast, which is the largest number of voters for Tribal Elections. The newly elected/re-elected Council Members were sworn in by Tribal Judge Earnie White during a special called meeting on Thursday, June 7th. I, and the rest of the Tribal Council, look forward to working with them. I wish former Council Members Patricia Hodges and Rodney Exum the best of luck in the future and encourage them to run for Tribal Council again if they choose to do so.

The on-going talks with the Muskogee Creeks of Oklahoma continue; the next meeting is scheduled to take place in Wetumpka on June 19th. The main issues under discussion at this time are security and reinterment of funerary objects, all in preparation for the facility to be built at Hickory Grounds, which is located in Wetumpka, AL. It is our goal to have some type of interpretive center and museum at this location.

I attended the National Indian Health Board (NIHB) meeting in Albuquerque, New Mexico on May 29th and 30th. During this meeting we received updates on the hearings in the House and Senate addressing the reauthorization of both the Indian Health Care Improvement Act and Special Diabetes funding. Both are on the floor of Congress and we hope for good news in the near future. The NIHB has decided to relocate its office and is currently searching various properties in the Washington, DC area.

Several Council members, staff, and I attended the Spring USET meeting in Houston, Texas in June. This meeting was hosted by the Alabama Coushatta Tribe of Texas. The event was well organized and well attended by the USET Member Tribes.

Robbie McGhee, Tribal Administrator, and I recently returned from the mid-year conference of the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), which was held in Anchorage, Alaska. Scott Burns, Deputy Director for State, Local, and Tribal Affairs Office of the National Drug Control Policy in Washington, DC, was one of the speakers at the conference and addressed the issue of methamphetamines in Indian Country; methamphetamines

have had devastating effects in Indian Country and across the nation. Other issues discussed included the Native Vote in the 2008 elections, the 2010 Census and its importance in Indian Country, housing, which is always a major concern, the challenge of protecting indigenous cultural property, protecting our citizenship through tribal laws and tribal courts, and Native American DNA: Implication of citizenship and identity.

I will be traveling to Washington, DC for the Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee meeting scheduled for June 20th – 21st. We will be discussing the reauthorization of the Special Diabetes funding, which is scheduled for reauthorization in 2008. We will have a strategy session to determine the best action to take with the reauthorization process, which is currently on the floor of Congress.

The Exit 57 project is ongoing. If you did not have the opportunity to see the CIE presentation Tim Martin, CIE President, gave on Election Day, please give him a call and he will share this information with you. You can also request a copy of the presentation handouts. The Exit 57 project includes a 55,000 square foot gaming facility as well as a 16 story hotel/resort.

My office is currently working on the next State of the Tribe meeting but the date and location have not been set at this time. Please watch next month's issue of the newsletter for more information.

In closing, I have just completed my first year as Tribal Chairman. It has been a pleasure and I look forward to working very vigorously on your behalf this year. If you have questions or concerns that you would like to bring to my attention, please contact my office to schedule a meeting so that we can discuss your concerns.

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**Tribal Chairman
Buford L. Rolin**

get calls I can imagine what they are going through. I try to get as much information as I can for them.”

Barbara Stephens said she got started when she lived in another state. She said she wanted to start off as a paramedic, but there was not a course offered where she lived.

“It was a separate area, so I had no choice but to get started in firefighting,” she said. “I fell in love with it and have been doing it ever since. It’s hard not to do it with the lack of volunteer firefighters across the nation.

“It is in my blood now. If I were in the same situation, I would be glad there was someone there who would be able to help me out. My kids are older, but they are conditioned to it. They expect me to respond when they hear a page. They will even bring me my radio. We all have the right support unit at home and it has really helped.”

Although the firefighters get support from home, their home-life also presents a challenge at times.

“Many times, the biggest issue is finding a babysitter,” Theresa Jackson said. “If we cannot respond, it’s probably because we could not find a sitter, especially at night.”

For Christine McGhee, the reward is in knowing she helped someone.

“I haven’t gone out on many calls, but I try to be available when I can,” she said. “I love to help people and it gives me a peaceful feeling when I can do that. Whether I am saving someone’s life, or saving someone’s possessions, it’s just a great feeling.”

April said Christine lost her home in a fire so she can relate to others in the same situation.

Carla McGhee does not confine her efforts to the Poarch area. “I did a lot of training and this has become my second home,” she said. “I just love to help. When I come up on wrecks outside our jurisdiction, I will get out and try to help.”

There is a bond among emergency responders.

“It’s like a brotherhood or sisterhood with us and other departments,” April said.

Mandy Peebles and Chastity Peebles said they enjoy what they do and see it as a way to give back to the community. Dana Pickern added that she views being a volunteer firefighter as a way to give back, but she also said she is unable to get out much.

Trina Rackard said she wanted to become a firefighter about

TRIBAL ELECTION RESULTS (continued from front page)



Pete Wicker starts through the Health Fair.



Carla McGhee gets her sugar checked by LPN Haley McKinley



Behind the scenes. Lori Findley and Mandy Peebles roll some of the hot dogs that were available free to the crowd of voters, candidates, workers, and on-lookers.

seven years, received 322 votes; the highest number of votes received by one candidate this election. David Gehman, who has previously served on the Council for six years, followed with 312 votes, then Incumbent Robert “Robbie” McGhee, with 216 votes. The Resolution, which authorizes the Tribal Council to 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, also passed with 473 Yes votes.

Election Day was quite busy, candidates were doing last minute campaigning, CIE gave a presentation of the development at Exit 57, the bloodmobile collected sixteen pints of blood, and hot dogs and Pepsi products were available right up to dark.

In closing, we thank everyone who voted for the candidate(s) of their choice and we look forward to great things from our newly elected/re-elected Council Members.



Gayle Veasey donates blood.



Pepsi products were available all day.



Tribal Member Edie Jackson receives a ballot from the Election Board and marks her ballot for the candidates of her choice and on the proposed Resolution.



Election Board member Gilbert McGhee takes a break.



Election Board Chairperson Brenda Faircloth announces results.



Crowd gathers to wait on results of election.



Old friends stop by. Juliette McGhee Haikey and her husband Larry traveled to Poarch from Oklahoma to so that she could cast her vote. While they were here they attended the Will and Bessie McGhee reunion and stopped by to visit with old friends and family while waiting on the election results.



Newly elected/re-elected Tribal Council Members Robbie McGhee, Helen Hallman, and David Gehman.



The newly elected/re-elected Council Members were sworn in on Thursday, June 7, 2007. Pictured left to right are Kelli Ramer, Tribal Council Liaison, David Gehman, Helen Hallman, Robbie McGhee, and Tribal Judge Earnie White.



Megan Young, Miss Indian World contestant



Crowd shot of Miss Indian World Contestants. Megan Young is 7th from the right, bottom row, with ribbon collar.



Megan, in stomp dance regalia, is first in line, from the left side



Gathering of Nations, the crowd awaits the results of the Miss Indian World Contest.



Megan is crowned by Violet John, Miss Indian World 2006



Megan wipes tears of joy and excitement from her eyes after being selected as Miss Indian World 2007



The end of a long hard day at the Miss Indian World Pageant. Pictured left to right are Mallory Young, Amber and Colby Lisenby, Megan Young, and Alex Alvarez.

after her traditional talent that no matter who won the title, I was very proud of her and that she had represented her family, Tribe, and ancestors VERY well. Then Saturday night after grand entry, the committee first announced the award for best essay, and Megan won. They announced the rest of the categories, and Megan also won best personal interview.

Then it was time to announce the over-all winner, the contestant that would serve all of Indian Country as an ambassador of goodwill. My dance bells were shaking in the bleachers because I was so nervous, and then I heard: "And your winner of Miss Indian World, representing the Poarch Band...." That's all I heard. I ran down to the dance floor to congratulate her.

As Megan has stated, many natives that she has met have never heard of Indians in Alabama, and now, thousands across all of Indian Country will know who the Poarch Band of Creek Indians are and that they are very well represented by Megan Young, Miss Indian World 2007-2008.

Winning Miss Indian World was not just an accomplishment for the Poarch Band of Creek Indians, but for all southeastern tribes. Many Creek elders in Oklahoma were very proud of Megan and how she represented all Creek people. I hope everyone knows what a huge accomplishment this was.

At this time I'd like to show gratitude to the many people who made this trip possible. I'd like to thank the PCI employees who were vital in providing support and funding: Sandra Hiebert (Education Executive Director), Gwen Manning (Travel Coordinator), Susan Wicker (Housing Executive Director) and Robbie McGhee (Tribal Administrator). A very special thanks goes to Amber Lisenby for her dedication and sacrifice for Megan to participate in the pageant. Also, I must say MVTO to Megan's family and friends who gave much encouragement and also to everyone who bought raffle tickets and supported her.

Megan will now travel extensively throughout the U.S as well as internationally to represent all Indian people. For more information on Miss Indian World and the Gathering of Nations powwow, or to view photos of the pageant and powwow, please visit: www.gatheringofnations.com.

Megan Rolin

When Megan Young was selected as Miss Indian World, she had to step down as Miss Indian Alabama due to the rigorous schedule ahead of her as Miss Indian World. Megan Rolin, daughter of Raymond and Mary Rolin of Atmore, Alabama, serving as the first runner-up to Miss Indian Alabama pageant assumed the role of Miss Indian Alabama when Megan stepped down.

Megan has an Associate of Science Degree from Faulkner State Community College; she is currently attending the University of Alabama Capstone College of Nursing where she is a member of the Golden Key Honor Society. During her time at Faulkner Megan was involved in many school activities and was crowned as Miss Faulkner. During the Miss Indian Alabama pageant in November, 2006, Megan was escorted by her father, Raymond Rolin, and performed a human video to the song "Jesus In Me" for her talent. Her randomly selected interview question was "Would you run for political office and why?"; her answer "Yes, if this would give me the opportunity to change things here and abroad...and help my voice be heard..... help me make my place in the world..."

Congratulations Megan, we hope that your reign as Miss Indian Alabama gives you plenty of opportunities to represent your Tribe and to help you make your place in the world.



Megan Rolin, Miss Indian Alabama with Megan Young, Miss Indian World

Assumes Miss Indian Alabama Title



Megan, escorted by her father Raymond , during the Miss Indian Alabama pageant in November, 2006



Megan Young, Miss Indian World, crowns Megan Rolin as Miss Indian Alabama during the Ma-Chis Lower Creek Indian Pow Wow in New Brockton, AL.



Megan Young, Miss Indian Alabama, Peggy Couch, Alabama Indian Affairs Chairperson, and Megan Rolin, first runner-up, all members of the Poarch Creek Indians.



Megan performs her talent during the Miss Indian Alabama pageant

Miss Indian World Press Conference Held at Poarch

By RYAN CARTER

Some people are just naturals.

That's just one way to describe Megan Young. Not only is she intelligent, but she is well spoken, talented and beautiful. Megan competed at the 2007 Miss Indian Nation pageant held in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The event was held at the Gathering of Nations Pow Wow on April 28.

To the delight of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians, Megan was crowned the 2007 Miss Indian Nation.

Megan comes from the Mvskoke people of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians. She is 21 years old and is a college student attending Lurleen B. Wallace Community College. She is studying business and plans to go into human resources. When she completes her work at Lurleen B. Wallace, Megan plans to attend Troy University.

According to Alex Alvarez, he approached Megan about participating in the contest several months prior to the event. Much training and preparation had to be done before the long trip to New Mexico.

"She told me it had been her dream since she was 16 years old to be in the competition," Alex said.

As a contestant, Megan had to write an essay, participate in an interview, demonstrate knowledge of Poarch Creek Indian history and perform in the talent portion of the competition. Alvarez said she won the best essay and the personal interview competition. Her knowledge of the Creek Indian history and her talented voice and dance routine contributed to her win.

A press conference was held at the Poarch Creek Indian reservation recently where Megan performed a dance routine and

spoke to family and friends about her experience.

"It's because of all of you that I'm here now," she said. "People don't know we're [Poarch Creek Indians] here. My main concern is that we've been noticed and that the Poarch Creek Indians are recognized. So many people don't know we are still alive and prospering."

Megan said she wanted everyone to know who the Poarch Band of Creek Indians is, and that they are from Atmore, Alabama.

During the competition, Megan said her favorite part was meeting the other ladies.

Tribal chairman Buford Rolin said one of the things that make him most proud is how well Megan represents the Tribe. Chairman Rolin presented a check to Megan on behalf of the Tribe for \$1,000.

"We are pleased and honored to have such a capable representative of the Tribe," he said.

This year's Miss Indian World Pageant brought together 22 young ladies from tribes across the United States and Canada. It is the largest and most prestigious cultural pageant for young Native women. Each year, Miss Indian World embarks on a year long journey and ambassadorship to all tribes and nations, representing not just her tribe, but all Native people.

As Miss Indian World, Megan will travel extensively throughout the U.S. and Canada, as well as internationally. The title offers a young native woman a voice with which she can speak on issues facing Indian people. Megan will also have the opportunity to dispel negative stereotypes.

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PCI Tribal Chairman Buford Rolin with Megan



Four generations, from left, Megan Young, Denise Young, Jackie Smith, and Ernestine Daughtry

Poarch Creek Gone Fishin'

2007 POARCH CREEK YOUTH FISHING RODEO

Hocciv (Author): Alex Alvarez

May 12th was a very exciting day for the Tribe. Over 70 Tribal youngsters along with their parents participated in the first annual Poarch Creek Youth Fishing Rodeo. It was held at the Magnolia Wildlife Reserve. Activities started Friday evening with families setting up their tents and campers. That evening after a brief meeting, families roasted and kids scorched hot dogs for supper, and capped it off with s'mores for dessert. The next morning, activities began around 6:30 a.m. with a wonderful breakfast prepared by our Tribal Elders. After the rice & tomato gravy, bacon, sausage, and rolls were all eaten up, we passed out fishing poles, bobbers, hooks, and bait to all the kids and off they went.

The youth fished at Magnolia's assorted lakes and ponds as well as the creek itself. Many assorted fish were caught by participants including: bluegill, brim, skipjack, largemouth bass, and striped bass. Some interesting catches were recorded including Tucker English's turtle. The hot May weather baited many to the creek side, not for fishing but for swimming. The Seniors again provided a wonderful hamburger meal for lunch.



Scorching hot dogs at night.



Senior Services staff and Tribal Elders provide a hearty breakfast to fuel up the participants at the beginning of a long day of fishing.

The fishing rodeo concluded at 4 p.m.; after that, all record sheets were turned in and tabulated, and prizes were given out.

The great thing about the fishing rodeo was that each child walked away with a nice Shakespeare rod & reel combo. The rodeo wasn't about the competition; it was about engaging the kids in a healthy activity with their parents. Fishing is just another way kids can stay busy and not get into trouble. It was a lot of fun for the participants as well as the staff. We had a great time Friday night and all day Saturday. Though it took a lot of effort to plan such an event as the youth fishing rodeo, we all felt that it was worth the effort. That Sunday I saw proof of that; driving by the pond that lies beside the Gym, I saw Quentin Smedely and his brother fishing with the poles that they received at the rodeo. Fish on guys!

There are many people I would like to thank that put in much effort to make this event a reality. First, the Youth Fishing Rodeo Committee: Sandra Hiebert, Chris "Ding-Ding" Blackburn, Ronnie Jackson, Chastity Peebles, and Kevin Waters for planning the event. Special thanks go to the entire Magnolia Wildlife Reserve staff for sharing their resources and spending much of their time and energy on the Rodeo. I would also like to show much gratitude to Carolyn Dortch and the Senior Citizens for preparing such wonderful meals for the event. Also, I greatly appreciate all the help that the volunteers provided for the event as well. Very special thanks goes to Barnie White for getting the "hook"-up with Shakespeare merchandise, and to Fast-Lane bait & tackle for providing all the live bait and hooks.

This was our first year doing this event, and to be honest, none of us really knew what we were doing, but the event turned out great for the first one. We hope to make it bigger and better next year.



Jacob Rackard shows off his catch of the day.



Alia Snow and dad Kevin relax while they fish.

Poarch Creek Indians and the American Red Cross team up for series of blood drives

Submitted by Lori Sawyer, Marketing & Public Relations,
PCI Gaming

Organizations hope to help head off the traditional summer shortfall in the blood supply with three blood drives scheduled in the month of June

As the days grow longer and temperatures rise, most minds are on the fun that only summer can bring. However, for those who find themselves in need of blood or blood products, the summer can also be a frightening time when the need for blood increases as the blood supply diminishes.

In an effort to prepare for the first half of the summer travel season, the American Red Cross partnered with the Poarch Band of Creek Indians to save lives through blood donation with three joint blood drives at gaming properties in Atmore, Wetumpka and Montgomery. The drives were scheduled as follows:

06/08/2007: Tallapoosa Entertainment Center

06/08/2007: Riverside Entertainment Center

06/25/2007: Creek Entertainment Center

According to Buford L. Rolin, Tribal Chairman of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians, the Tribe has had a strong working relationship with the American Red Cross for years.

"After Hurricane Ivan hit our tribal community, the Red Cross was there and helped us through that critical time. It is a privilege to return some of the good work and good will they shared with us. We are proud to support these Red Cross blood drives and the lives they may save," said Rolin.

The American Red Cross is charged with providing blood and blood products to over 100 hospitals in the Alabama and Central Gulf Coast Region, and while it may be difficult to find the time to donate amidst the flurry of summertime activity, patients in the region's hospitals are in desperate need of live-giving blood.

"While most minds will be on the outdoor activities and fun of the summertime, the need for life-saving blood remains constant regardless of the season," said Evan Duffy, Senior Communications Specialist for the American Red Cross. "In the summer, the blood supply traditionally suffers, creating an emergency situation. Because students, who represent about 21 percent of the blood supply, are out of school and away from drives

in the summer, the demand for blood increases. Drives such as this one give donors a chance to quickly and conveniently give the gift of life. It only takes an hour, and that hour can translate into a lifetime of hours for a hospital patient in need of blood."

During the summer months, students are away from class and therefore aren't available for school blood drives. Regular donors who typically give at their place of business are on vacation, driving donor rates down even further. The shortage is compounded by the fact that the demand for blood rises in the summer, due to summer vacation travel and increased outdoor activity. When the threat of tropical weather is thrown into the equation, the summer represents one of the most unstable periods in terms of the blood supply.

Blood, moreover blood donors, can save up to two lives per donation. The statistics are staggering. Every two seconds, someone in our region needs blood to survive. Some 700 donations are needed per day in our region alone just to meet the current need for blood, creating a constantly critical need for donors who roll up their sleeves to save the lives of their neighbors. The victim of a traffic accident could need between four and 100 units of blood. The average heart bypass patient needs four to six units. The need for blood is constant, because trauma and emergency medical procedures never take a vacation.

To donate, you must be at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good health. Donors must also show identification in the form of a driver's license or ARC donor card. If you are sick and cannot donate, please encourage a friend or loved one to donate in your place. If everyone who could donate would donate, there would never be a blood shortage in our area.

The American Red Cross gave a little back to the donors who give so much of their own time, blood and resources during this time of the year. All donors who gave in the month of June received a t-shirt and ball cap. All presenting donors were also entered into a regional drawing for one of two \$750 Citro gas cards.

Be a hero to your neighbors in need and touch countless lives. This year, give someone the best gift they'll ever receive: the gift of life. There is no greater gift one can give.

Give blood, give life





Tribal Police Department Honored

Submitted by Wanda Fowler, Victim's Advocacy
Coordinator

May was Law Enforcement Appreciation Month. Carolyn White and the Family Services Department honored our police force in May with some "Tasty Treats" to show our appreciation for their assistance with the safety and support for our people and the many other crisis that they help to resolve.



Police Chief Larry Hammonds with Certificate of Appreciation surrounded by goodies from Family Services.

The Poarch Creek Indians Family Services Department presents			
Poarch Creek Indians Public Safety Department			
Certificate of Appreciation			
	In recognition for the hard work, dedication, courage, and selflessness it takes to become and serve as a law enforcement officer. Law enforcement officers place their lives on the line every day to protect the citizens of their community. The Family Services Department acknowledges and presents this certificate on this Law Enforcement Appreciation Day, May 21, 2007 with gratitude for the job you do in working closely with our Department and keeping the community safe.		
			
	<i>Carolyn White</i> Family Services Department Executive Director Tribal Administrator	<i>Wanda Fowler</i> Family Services Coordinator Family Services Victims Advocacy Coordinator	<i>Wanda Fowler</i> Family Services Coordinator Family Services Victims Advocacy Coordinator
	5/21/07 Date	5/21/07 Date	5/21/07 Date
CROSS POLICE LINE - DO NOT CROSS POLICE LINE - DO NOT CROSS POLICE			

Tribal Certificate reflects appreciation

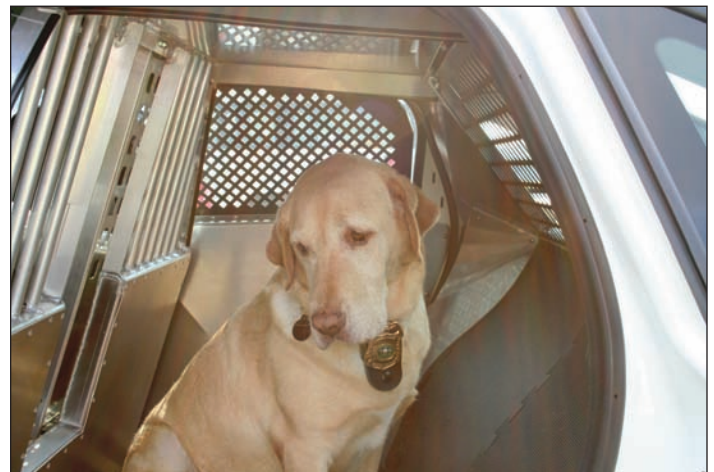
Let Me Introduce You To My Little Friend

Tribal Police Officers come in all shapes, sizes, and personalities; however we have recently "hired" a new officer that is like no other on our Police force. His name is Joey...no, not Joey Williamson (who is also new to the Tribe)...Joey the Labrador Retriever.

Joey has partnered with Officer Dale Lisenby and will be used as needed by the Tribal Drug Taskforce. Although Joey is cute and cuddly, he is a trained professional; he is on call 24/7 so don't think he won't respond to a call just because Dale is not on duty!



Joey with his partner Dale Lisenby



Joey in his customary seat, the back of Dale's car.

Annual Celebration Scheduled For Saturday, August 4, 2007

It is time once again to gather and celebrate our sovereignty. As in past celebrations, this year's celebration will be at Magnolia Branch Wildlife Reserve on Saturday, August 4, 2007. There are plenty of camping sites at Magnolia, but they are booked on a first come first served basis, so give them a call at (251) 446-3423 to reserve a site before they are all taken.

The event has been scheduled to run basically the same as in previous years. The menu remains the same with food being served from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. and there will be great entertainment, door prizes, horseshoes, volleyball, swimming, tubing, and fishing.

However, there is one major change; proper attire for teens and adults is required in the pavilion area.

Swimwear is appropriate for the creek area, but when coming to the pavilion area for food or drinks, males are asked to wear a shirt with their shorts/swim trunks and females are asked to wear shorts & shirt. Signs will be posted and the Tribal Police Officers on duty will be enforcing the dress code.

We hope to see you there, please mark your calendars and plan to attend.



Houston McGhee was head cook for a crowd favorite, lima beans and fry bread.



Tribal Council Member Keith Martin and John Flowers, just two of the cooks who worked long and hard hours preparing the food for last year's Celebration.. "Chicken, anyone?"



Fun in the sun and creek during last year's Celebration

Senior Activities

The Seniors recently took a day trip to Magnolia Wildlife Reserve for a picnic and a day of rest and relaxation. The Seniors had surprise visits from “Hattie Bell Rolin” and “Modo the Clown”. Fun was had by all that attended.

Fields McGhee and Bernice Qualls are participating in the Relay Idol this year. They both do a very good job and are very talented.

The Senior Trip for this year will be in September; the Seniors will travel to New York to visit the Oneida Reservation. I believe that all seats have been reserved on the bus, but if you are a Tribal Member 55 years old or older, give Carolyn Dortch a call at (251) 368-9136 x 2615 to see if there is still room on the bus.

If you are a senior (age 55+) and you have information or a photo you would like to share, please call Gayle Johnson @ (251) 368-9136 x 2210 or email her at gjohnson@poarchcreekindians-nsn.gov. We would like to feature senior activities every month.



Modo the Clown prepares to visit the Seniors at Magnolia. Before leaving Modo told the Seniors how much she loves working with them, doing fund raisers (Hee Haw) with them, and just spending time with them. If you haven't spent time with the Seniors lately, you should; it is an enjoyable experience and one you will always remember fondly.



Tribal Elders Bernice Qualls, Myrtis Kinman and her granddaughter Madeline Boatwright get together before the Relay Idol show on June 16th. Bernice was also a contestant in the senior division and later played guitar and sang 'Furlough Home.'



Tribal Elder Fields McGhee enjoys a soft drink and hamburger prior to the show. Fields was also a contestant and later performed 'Peace in The Valley.'

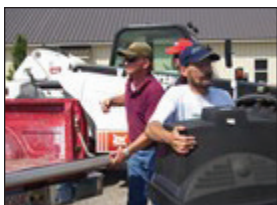
POARCH CREEK INDIANS ENVIRONMENTAL DEPARTMENT

Submitted by Laura Cook, Environmental Department Director

ELECTRONIC RECYCLING



The first bale of recycling is ready to load on the truck.



Electronics came in by the truck load.

Saturday, June 9, 2007, marked a significant day for the environment at Poarch Creek Indians and the surrounding Atmore area. The first Electronic Recycling Day was held at the Poarch Creek Fire Department from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm. The Environmental Department contracted with Creative Recycling, a company with headquarters in Tampa, Florida, who sent two semi-trucks for the pick-up. Both trucks were filled with items brought by forty-two (42) individuals for disposal. Recyclables collected that day totaled 12,277 pounds. The appliances could not be mixed with the electronics so the Environmental Department kept the appliances and transported them to a disposal station in Evergreen, AL. Members of

the Poarch Creek Environmental Department who are Laura Cook, Director, Troy Pierce, Life Scientist, John English, GIS/Technician, Lena White, Secretary, Greg Gibson, Educational Intern, along with the help of Bernie White, Health Specialist, were on hand to assist with this first electronic recycling event. The consensus of everyone was the event was successful but 'It was a HOT day'.

The deplorable situation found at Bell Creek (found in a separate article) prompted the Environmental Department to begin this Electronic Recycling operation where citizens in the Poarch and surrounding areas could bring their electronics and/or appliances for disposal. Future dates for the electronic recycling will be published in the Tribal newsletter and local papers. We are hoping the community will be more concerned with our environment so we will each do our part in disposing of unused electrical equipment, appliances, old tires, and household garbage. In doing so, we are helping to maintain a healthy world for ourselves, our children and future generations.

Remember also, each time you dispose of something on the streets, roadways someone has to manually pick it up and it is against the law. When you toss it in streams of water, whether it is a creek, river, or ocean you are making an unhealthy place to swim, fish, now and in the future. I realize it costs a little money to get rid of unused items but if everyone pitches in we can look at our streets, woods and streams and feel "I have done my part". Our department has been asked, "What does the Environmental Department do?" To answer that question briefly, some of the things we do are: monitor waters, recycle, make certain the local schools have no outdated chemicals in them, help the local schools educate the children on their environmental surroundings, make certain individuals are in compliance with environmental laws and numerous other tasks.

In traveling to other parts of the U.S., it seems the citizens are all concerned about the environment more so than this area. We, in the Environmental Department at Poarch Creek, are trying to bring more awareness to our area and are as busy as can be in this endeavor.

BELL CREEK CLEAN-UP

A recap of the history of Bell Creek clean-up: Bell Creek is a local waterway located partially on Tribal land. The residents of Poarch and surrounding communities have used this creek for swimming and fishing for many years. The Environmental Department has been taking water samples at a nearby area, and this is what prompted the clean-out to be done. Prior to the clean-out Laura Cook, Environmental Director and John English, GIS/Technician met with the Board of County Commissioners to ask their help in the clean-up. The Commission agreed to furnish two dump trucks and drivers to transport the debris to the landfill, and take care of tipping fee during the clean-up. They also agreed to help with enforcement of violators who were illegally dumping.

At another meeting with county officials, David Stokes, Chairman of Escambia County Commissioners, Bill Bridges, County Engineer, and Nancy Barton, County Enforcement Officer, at the Bell Creek site, it was determined that the Bell Creek bridge was in need of major repair so the County agreed to do the repairs prior to clean-up.

The Department hired a local contractor who had heavy equipment to do the job. During the clean-up, they removed tons of electronics that had been illegally dumped into the creek. There was everything from air conditioners, refrigerators, dead pet animals, to bags of garbage. This contractor encountered huge water moccasin snakes that had made their home in this debris and it took about four (4) days to clean the stream. The cost of the material deposited in the landfill was \$2,800.00.

Citizens, if this continues, we will have no safe fishing or swimming water for us, our children and grandchildren to enjoy. It you see someone dumping at Bell Creek, or any other site, please notify the Poarch Creek Environmental Department.



Bell Creek before cleanup



There was so much debris in the creek you can barely see the creek bed.



The County replaced the old bridge with this new and wider one.



View of creek, before clean-up



Clean-up begins

The clean-up crew never knew what it might pull up next. Shown below is a large tree stump pulled out of the creek.



Cleaning out the creek.



All cleaned out. The sad part is that the weekend before the project was completed someone dumped in the creek again. It was clearly obvious that clean-up was underway, but they dumped anyway.

Family Services Host Dedication/Open

After years of planning and construction, the Family Services Building Dedication was held Wednesday, June 13, 2007 from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. The dedication/open house began with the following poem being read by Carolyn White, Family Services Executive Director:

Workday Prayer

*Lord Jesus, as I enter this workplace,
I bring Your presence with me.
I speak Your peace, Your grace, and
Your perfect order into the atmosphere of this office.
I acknowledge Your Lordship over all that will be
spoken, thought, decided and accomplished
within these walls.*

*Lord Jesus, I thank you for the gifts
You have deposited in me.
I do not take them lightly,
but commit to using them responsibly and well.
Give me a fresh supply of truth and beauty;
on which to draw as I do my job.*

*Anoint my creativity, my ideas, my energy
so that even my smallest task may bring You honor.
Lord, when I am confused, guide me.
When I am weary, energize me.
Lord, when I am burned out,
Infuse me with the light of Your Holy Spirit.*

*May the work that I do and the way I do it
Bring hope, life, and courage
To all that I come in contact with today.
And Oh Lord, even in this day's most stressful moment,
May I rest in You.
In the name of Jesus my savior I pray.*

Amen



Reigning royalty from left to right: Hannah Gibson, Elementary Princess, Megan Young, Miss Indian World, Taylor Wiggins, Junior Princess, and Heather White, Senior Princess.

Family services staff. Pictured left to right are: front row: Juanita Slate, Homemaker Aide, Carolyn Rackard, Social Worker, Stella Rutherford, Homemaker Aide, and Wanda Fowler, Victim's Advocacy Coordinator. Back Row: Kathy Ledkins, Special Assistant, Martha Gookin, Family Services Coordinator, Kim Snow, Human Services Coordinator, Delila Anderson, Adult Services Coordinator, Carolyn White, Family Services Executive Director, and Sandy Shuttlesworth, Family Services Clerk.



House



Tribal Council Member Eddie L. Tullis welcomes visitors to the Family Services Building dedication/open house.

After the poem, Eddie L. Tullis, Tribal Council Member, welcomed everyone to the dedication of the Family Services Building. Carolyn White and Megan Young, Miss Indian World 2007, performed the dedication ceremony and Robert Thrower, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, ended the dedication with a closing prayer.

The dedication ceremony was held in the beautifully decorated Family Services Auditorium. The crowd was treated to a bounty of refreshments and special singing from Kathy Ledkins and Sandy Shuttlesworth and Christine Gehman, Martha Gookin, and Stephanie Gehman. The Tribe's reigning Princesses, Heather White, Taylor Wiggins, and Hannah Gibson also attended.

Half Way Through the Year

*At noon on July 2, 2007,
there will be 182.5 days left
in the calendar year, which means there will
be 175.5 shopping
days 'til Christmas*

A Parent's Choice

By Gayle Johnson

Betty Warren, long time principal at Huxford Elementary School, retired this June. With her retirement came the monumental task of replacing her. The Board of Education assembled a Hiring Committee that consisted of members of the Huxford PTO, Ms. Warren, teachers and staff from Huxford Elementary, members of the Board of Education, and parent representatives. One of the parent representatives was Tribal Member Paul Pearson.

Paul said that after the job was advertised the Committee met for the interview process to make a recommendation to the Board of Education as to the applicant they feel was best suited for the job. After the interview process, the Committee recommended Ms. Donna Lynn Silcox of Uria, Alabama to the Board of Education for the position. The Board of Education took their recommendation under consideration and ultimately offered the position to Ms. Silcox.

I asked Paul the question that first popped into my mind when I heard of the selection. "Why Donna Silcox, isn't she an attorney?" His answer was simple "You would think that, until you see her resume," yes, she is an attorney but she has been in education for years, most of it Elementary Education. Ms. Warren is leaving some mighty big shoes to fill, but if given a chance I feel Ms. Silcox will fill those shoes with no problem. In talking with her, I feel that she has the same motivations as Ms. Warren. I feel that she will be good for Huxford Elementary School, that she will continue the progress that Miss Warren, teachers, and staff have started at Huxford. I encourage all teachers, staff, parents and students to give her a chance; I feel that she will bring new and great things to the school."

When asked how he was selected for the Committee Paul said that he got a letter from the Board of Education asking him to participate as a parent of a student at Huxford Elementary School. He says that he is glad that he accepted; and that this experience was an eye opener for him. He said that he learned more about the school system and the Board of Education and how it operates. He says that if asked to help again he will do so with bells on. He also encourages any parent offered this type of opportunity to take it.

Paul is the father of Justin Pearson and is employed with the Tribe as Mechanic in the Pubic Works Department.



Paul Pearson



Linda Weaver and Betty Peacock rest under the pavilion, waiting for lunch to be served.



Employees chose from a menu of hamburgers, hot dogs, and sausage dogs, and chips.



Tribal Administrator Robbie McGhee welcomes staff to the picnic and tells them how much he appreciates the job everyone does. He made the rounds through out the day to deliver this message to individuals personally.



Vicky Byrd, Lisa Milliken, Arelene Mack, Billy Joe Gibson, Larry Hammonds, and William Rolin enjoy their meal.



Employees line up to be served lunch by SAV staff



There were great door prizes to be given away

Employee Appreciation Day

Tribal Administrative employees 2007 Employee Appreciation Day Picnic was held at Magnolia Branch Wildlife Reserve. (Magnolia Branch seems to be a crowd favorite, Creek Entertainment Center, Masland Carpets, and Muskogee Metalworks chose Magnolia Branch as their employee picnic location.) The picnic was really laid back this year. South Alabama Vending (SAV) catered the event with a menu of hot dogs, hamburgers, boiled peanuts, brownies, and sausage dogs. Pepsi also supplied an endless supply of Pepsi products. Believe me, no one went hungry or thirsty.

As usual, there were door prizes and the crowd favorite "New Employee Initiation". The new employees were split into three teams and had to battle for first place in a game of tug of war. The first place team got to sit down, but the other two teams had to pull numbers, twenty of those had to play charades. It was quite amusing to watch our co-workers at this game!

The picnic was over at 3:00 p.m. and employees were free to leave, some did (Oh, Me!) but some stayed to enjoy the peace and quite, swimming and tubing.



Jennifer Coon, Jill Lee, Sandra Day, and Jessica Tillery relax under the shade trees



Chris "Ding Ding" Blackburn wins a door prize.



Tug of War-New Employee Initiation



Lena White is a three legged elephant during Charades

Exciting News from Riverside Entertainment Center, Wetumpka

Melanie Boatwright, General Manager of Riverside
Entertainment Center

Riverside Entertainment Center recently participated in the American Cancer Society's "Relay for Life" fundraiser. Riverside's team and employees' enthusiasm for such a worthwhile cause filled the air with friendly competition. Employees participated in various motivational activities:

Friday was T-Shirt/Jeans day for the team. Each individual donated cash to wear this casual dress. A local vendor provided the T-shirts.

Riverside held two yard sale events in April with items given by employees and customers. The yard sales required hard work but the payback was priceless.

The Relay for Life walk and closing ceremony was held Saturday, April 28, 2007 at Wetumpka High School's Football field. With the heartwarming and caring efforts displayed from so many earned Riverside the title of TOP FUNDRAISER for the City of Wetumpka! Thanks to Riverside for the hard work!

A **Business Expo** was held at Wetumpka's Civic Center on Sunday, April 22nd, allowing Riverside an opportunity to share information with the local business community. The Riverside booth was informational and well-received, and enforced our presence in Elmore County. Riverside would like to extend a special thanks to Lisa Smith, Rewards Coordinator, and Wade Howard, PCI Gaming's (Riverside) Slot Director.

The Riverside Annual Employee Picnic was Sunday, May 6th. Good food, great door prizes and games set the mood for an exciting day. Many people are involved in the annual picnic and in showing our appreciation to our employees.

Employee of the Quarter Update:

Brandi McGee is Riverside's 2006 Employee of the 4th Quarter. Brandi has worn many hats at Riverside since hired. Her current position is floor manager. Ms. McGee's eagerness and versatility earned her the "Employee of the Quarter" title.

Randy Headley is Riverside's 2007 Employee of the 1st Quarter. Mr. Headley is a SR Supervisor that has a warm smile for all employees and customers. His dedication and professionalism deserves a big "Thank you" from Riverside's management team.

Celebrity Birthdays in July

Lindsay Lohan - July 2nd

George W. Bush - July 6th

Mick Jagger - July 26th

Wesley Snipes - July 31st

Third Annual All Indian Men's Basketball Tournament

Submitted by Alex Alvarez

Miccosukee Indian Reservation Miami, FL

July 26 - 28, 2007

9 Man Roster

Entry Deadline: July 13, 2007

Entry Fee: \$350.00 (Cash/Money Orders Only)
 \$150.00 Non Refundable Deposit
 Required To Hold Spot
 Balance due before your
 team's first game
 No Exceptions!!!

1st Place: Team Plaque + \$12,000 Cash and Jackets

2nd Place: Team Plaque + \$ 8,000 Cash

3rd Place: Team Plaque + \$ 4,000 Cash

4th Place: Team Plaque + \$ 2,500 Cash

5th Place: Team Plaque + \$ 1,500 Cash

Other Awards:

MVP
3pt Champ
Good Sportsmanship

Door Prizes between games on Saturday

For more information or to enter your team
contact:

Eddie Tiger @ (305)223-8380 x. 2203
between 8:30am - 4:30pm

James Owen @ (305)972-7349

Julius "Juju" Willis @ (601)728-1652

Bill Osceola @ (305)733-5139

Wiggins Named Player of the Year

Submitted by Ruthie Wiggins

Nolan Wiggins, son of Ben and Ruthie Wiggins of Monroeville, received the Player of the Year award for the Monroeville JV Baseball team. Before the coach announced the winner of the award he bragged about how Nolan was a well mannered player on and off the field and that he was willing to pull up and play any needed position without a fuss. He was a friend to all the players and had one of the best attitudes that he had ever been around in his baseball career. Nolan has also been chosen for the Monroeville Babe Ruth 15 year old All star team.

Congratulations Nolan for a great job.

*Nolan Wiggins accepts the
Player of the Year Award*



Logo merchandise on display



For Sale

Tribal Government Accounting has received a new shipment of logo merchandise. Please stop by and view the merchandise for sale or call Tracy Linam at (251) 368-9136 x 2213 for more information. Most of the merchandise currently on hand consists of caps, including the new knitted beanie caps (aka skull caps), but Tracy says that they will soon be ordering other logo merchandise such as shirts, backpacks, etc.



Logo knitted beanie caps are for sale

Logo caps are for sale

Fred L. McGhee Memorial Service

On May 18, 2007, a large crowd of family and friends gathered at the graveside of Fred L. McGhee to remember him on the one year anniversary of his death. It was an emotional service, and is best explained in the pictures below.



Friends and family gather around gravesite of former Tribal Chairman, Fred L. McGhee



Fred's niece, Pug Roberson, opened the service by welcoming everyone. Following Pug's brief welcome Fred's aunt Ruthie Mae Rackard spoke of her nephew and led the audience in prayer.



Fred L. McGhee



Memorial wreaths were placed on the grave during the memorial service.



One of the speakers during the service was Helen Hallman. With Tribal Council Members around her, she spoke of Fred's youth and how he loved serving his people turning his time on the Tribal Council and as Tribal Chairman. She said that Fred was not perfect, but he always had the best interest of his people at heart.



The sadness on the face of Fred's sisters Eva Nell Burket and Myrtis Kinman and her daughter Melanie Boatwright was felt by all.



Kathy Ledkins and Sandy Shuttlesworth, accompanied on the guitar by Paul Pearson, sang two beautiful songs in Fred's memory.



Fred was an avid Alabama football fan. In honor of his support for the things he loved, red and white balloons were handed out to those present.



With a shouts of "Roll Tide" and "We Love You", the balloons were released toward heaven.

Attention:

**The Economic Development
Department is creating a
Tribal Member Business
Directory.**

- Are you a Tribal Member and own your own business?
- Do you know a Tribal Member that has an existing business?
- Do you know a Tribal Member that is going into business?

The Business Directory will be a free source of advertising for the business.

Please contact Michelle White at
(251) 368-9136, ext. 2505
or by email at

mwhite@poarchcreekindians-nsn.gov.

Deadline to submit July 15th



2007 Pow Wow Princess Contest

Yes, it is that time of year again! Orientation to the Princess Policies & Procedures (considered to be the first practice session) will be 2:00 p.m. Sunday, August 26, 2007 in the Tribal Auditorium.

If you are a Tribal Member girl between eight and twenty and are interested in this contest, please participate.

Divisions are:

Elementary* (Ages 8-10)
Junior* (Ages 11-14)
Senior* (Ages 15-20)

**(You must be the appropriate age for your division by November 22, 2007)*

You may bring the completed application with you to the first practice or mail it to:

**April Sells, Princess Committee Chairperson
Poarch Creek Indians
5811 Jack Springs Road
Atmore, AL 36502**

Tribal Roll Numbers can be obtained by calling Gale Thrower or Anita Glass at (251) 368-9136 ext. 2281. Additional applications will be available at the front desk at the Tribal Complex, the Community Relations Department, on-line at www.poarchcreekindians-nsn.gov, or in the next three issues of the Tribal Newsletter. Please call April Sells, Jaime McGhee, or Regina Brown, at (251) 368-9136 for more information.

Date: _____

Poarch Creek Indians Pow Wow Princess Application

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City/State/Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____ **Alt. Phone:** _____

Date of Birth: _____ **Tribal Roll #:** _____

Parents/Guardian: _____

School Attending/Attended: _____

Achievements: _____

Hobbies/Activities: _____

Division: (You must be the appropriate age for your division by November 22, 2007)

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Signature of Parent/Guardian

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!!!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**

Retirement Reception

The Education Department will host a retirement reception for Betty Warren, who is retiring from her position as Principal at Huxford Elementary School.

Tribal Council, Tribal Member, Tribal Staff, friends, and relatives are invited to attend.

The reception will be held Sunday, July 8, 2007 in the Tribal Courtroom (Building 300) from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

FIREFIGHTERS IN NAIL POLISH

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seven years ago. She and some of her friends went through the training together.

April said the Poarch Volunteer Fire Department has a large coverage area. They also assist with a lot of mutual aid calls from other departments. She also said many people are surprised when it's females who respond to the calls.

"We recently got a call out to Fountain Prison about a mechanical fire and the guard was surprised when we were the ones who arrived," April said. "He told Ronnie he knew why he [Ronnie] smiled so much.

"They were surprised we knew what to do and how quickly we were able to get the fire under control. Even though we had painted fingernails, we still handled the fire and got it put out."

Carla added, "Ronnie came out with six women and the Atmore Fire Department responded with three men."

And although it may sound sexist, sometimes women just respond differently to the situation. "Being females, I think we add a lot of compassion that may be needed at the scene," Stephens said. "There are some compassionate men out there, but they are more mechanical. We add that extra aspect.

"When we arrive at a scene where there are children involved, we can be a big help. They respond to us and they are glad we are there. Being mothers, I think we are more nurturing at times and the kids recognize that."

Ronnie said the ladies are able to handle any situation a man could. He also said he would go out in any situation with them.

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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.





Slot Machine Technicians

With the growth of the Tribe, comes job opportunities and one of those is a slot machine technician. The PCI Education Department is studying the possibility of starting a class for slot machine technicians. The class would be open to tribal members & 1st generation descendants who are 21 years old or older. The class would be 10-12 weeks in length and includes hands on training.

If you are interested in becoming a slot machine technician, please call Clara Jones, WIA Coordinator at (251) 368-9136, extension 2245 to put your name on the list.



!!\$\$ 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

Tom Sturdivant
Housing Construction Coordinator
tsturdivant@poarchcreekindians-nsn.gov

Amber Lisenby
Housing Rehabilitation Assistant
alisenby@poarchcreekindians-nsn.gov

Wendy Davis
Housing Construction Assistant
wdavis@poarchcreekindians-nsn.gov

Requirements for Contractors are:

1. Must be a licensed General Contractor or Home Builder.
2. Must have General Liability and Workmans Comp Insurance.
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Poarch Creek Indians Wellness/Recreation Announcement

Children and Adults Interested in Amateur Boxing

The Wellness/Recreation Department is taking survey applications for amateur boxing classes. Children 8 years of age to adult may participate in this sport. Those who are interested should fill out the application below and return it to the Wellness/Recreation department located at the gym. For more information you may contact the Wellness/Recreation Department at 251-368-9136 ext. 2256 or 2246

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Name _____

Address _____

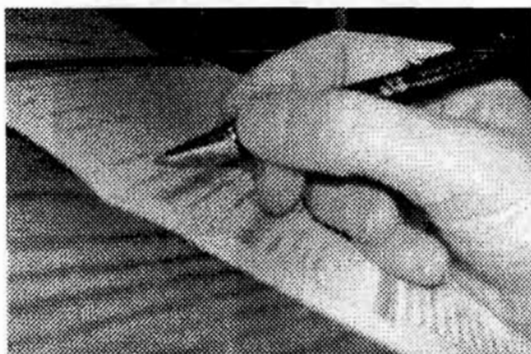
School/Work _____

Phone Number _____

Age ____ Date of Birth ____ Male ____ Female ____

Tribal Member ____ 1st Generation ____ Non-Tribal Member ____

TUITION PAYMENT PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS



IT'S THAT TIME ONCE AGAIN! ALL
DISCRETIONARY TUITION PROGRAM
PARTICIPANTS AND NEW INQUIRIES MUST
APPLY FOR THE DISCRETIONARY PROGRAM!
APPLICATION MUST BE **COMPLETED** AND
RETURNED TO THE EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT BY JULY 16, 2007!
APPLICATIONS MAY BE FAXED (251)368-0809
OR MAILED TO 5811 JACK SPRINGS ROAD
ATMORE, AL 36502. APPLICATIONS CAN BE
PICKED UP IN THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
OR DOWNLOADED OFF THE INTERNET @
poarchcreekindians.gov.



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: _____

Education Department

by Billie Jo McGhee
(bmcghee@poarchcreekindians-nsn.gov)

POARCH CREEK INDIANS WEB PAGE

Have you visited the Tribe's web page recently? Tribal Department has a page you can reach by clicking on the Government link and then clicking on the Tribal Department link. The web page allows Tribal members who live away to access the Tribe's news faster. A young Tribal member that is stationed in another country at a military base told me that it can take weeks before she can receive her Tribal newsletter. She was happy to hear that it is available on-line. The Tuition Payment Program is available on-line on the Education Department's page. When you receive your copy of the Tuition Payment Policies, please read the policies. If you have a question, you can contact Mrs. Shelia Fisher at sfisher@poarchcreekindians-nsn.gov.

2007 PARALEGAL SCHOLARSHIPS

The National Federation of Paralegal Associations, Inc., and Thomson West sponsors two scholarships (\$3,500 and \$1,500) for students who are attending either part-time or full-time at an accredited paralegal education program or college level program. The student must have maintained a "B" average or better. The selection for the scholarships is based on GPA, participation in campus and paralegal leadership activities, community service, and an essay. The applications must be post-marked on or before August 1, 2007. The application can be downloaded at

http://www.paralegals.org/associations/2270/files/NFPA_2007_Scholarship_Application_and_Essay_2_.pdf

ASSOCIATION ON AMERICAN INDIAN AFFAIRS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Association on American Indian Affairs offers several scholarship programs for under graduate and graduate degrees. The scholarship programs are listed below.

Undergraduate Scholarships

Adolph Van Pelt Special Fund for Indians Scholarships award \$1,500 for any field of study.

Displaced Homemaker Scholarship award for \$1,500 for men or women who would not be able to complete their educational goals due to family responsibilities. The scholarship is for older students who put off their college to raise children, students who are entering or are returning to college when their children enter school, or men or women who have been divorced and had to leave college to care for their children and are now returning.

Emilie Hesemeyer Memorial Scholarships award of \$1,500 is generally awarded, but not always awarded, to students pursuing a major in education.

Graduate Scholarships

Florence Young Memorial Scholarship award amount is \$1,500 for students pursuing a Masters in art, public health or law.

Sequoyah Graduate Scholarships award amount is \$1,500 for students in any curriculum.

The application is available in PDF form at www.indian-affairs.org by clicking on the scholarship link. The deadline for applications must be in their office by 5 p.m. July 16, 2007.

MISS INDIAN ALABAMA COMPETITION FOR 2007-2008

The competition is sponsored by the Alabama Indian Affairs Commission, the Alabama-Tennessee Trail of Tears Association, the Alabama Intertribal Council, the Southeast Cherokee Construction, Inc., Clement Contracting Group, Inc., Weatherford & Associates, Inc., and Herrington Pallets. The competition includes a \$5000 scholarship for the young lady that is selected as the Miss Indian Alabama. Megan Young, Poarch Creek Tribal Member, was selected to be Miss Indian Alabama for 2006-2007. Megan was recently selected to be Miss Indian World for 2007-2008 and passed her Miss Indian Alabama crown to first runner up, Poarch Creek Tribal Member Megan Rolin.

The eligibility requirements are that the applicant be:

A member of a state or federally recognized Indian Tribe
Resident of Alabama

Senior in High School or attending college and between the ages of 17 and 23

Single with no children (not widowed or divorced).

Have a 3.0 or higher overall GPA.

The applicants will be required to dress for an evening gown competition and provide an introduction speech (5 minutes) about herself and her escort. There is a Native Regalia appearance in which the contestant describes the history and detail of her tribal clothing (regalia) and each contestant will also perform a talent of their own choosing. The talent can be singing, playing a musical instrument, dancing, storytelling or a skill or craft dealing with their Native American heritage. The applicants will be expected to answer a question that is randomly picked. The final portion of the contest is the essay which each contestant must write and consist of not less than 500 and no more than 1000 words in which she describes, "How has Indian Removal impacted you as an American Indian?" The 2007-2008 Miss Indian Alabama applications are available in the Poarch Creek Education Department. The application fee is \$150. The application, essay, and fee payment must be present in the AIAC office by 4:30 p.m. on August 31, 2007.

If you have any questions about the contest, you can contact Eloise Josey at 1-800-436-8261 or (334) 242-2831.

Financial Aid News

AMERICAN DENTAL ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIPS

The American Dental Association offers scholarships for all students and minority dental students who plan to study to become a dentist, a dental hygienist, a dental assistant or a dental lab technologist. The deadline for applications is October 16, 2007. The applications must be obtained from your college or university and submitted to your college or university by the tentative October 16, 2007 deadline. The selected Dental students (25) receive \$2,500 each, the Minority Dental Students (25) receives \$2,500 each, the selected Dental Hygiene (15) receive \$1000 each, the Dental Assistant students (10) receive \$1,000 each, and the Dental Lab Technology (50) receive \$1000 each. Now is the time to contact the Dean of your school and request an application. A description of each scholarship program and eligibility requirements is located at

http://www.ada.org/ada/prod/ada/prog_scholarship_prog.asp.

LAW SCHOOL ADMISSIONS APPLICATION GUIDE

Anthony Solana, Jr., Attorney at Law, has created a guide to help students of color to understand the law school admissions process and has written another guide for the bar exam. Both guides are available in PDF file form for downloading. If you are thinking about applying for law school or if you are in the process of preparing for the bar exam you may find his guide useful. The guides are available at www.forpeopleofcolor.org. You will be asked to supply your email address; they will confirm your email address, and then send you the link to the site to download the guides.

LAW SCHOOL ADMISSIONS COUNCIL

If you are thinking about attending law school, the Law School Admissions Council has information on their website that may help you make that decision. The website is <http://www.lsac.org>. The fall 2007 calendar for law recruitment is listed at <http://www.lsac.org/LSAC.asp?url=lsac/recruitment-calendar.asp>.

COLLEGEDATA'S, "STAY AFLOAT FINANCIALLY AT COLLEGE"

CollegeData's Newsletter article "Stay Afloat Financially at College" helps new college students budget their personal spending funds while attending college. The article is available at https://www.collegedata.com/cs/content/content_magarticle_tmp_ljhtml?articleId=10112

WORK STUDY

Work Study is a plus for students applying for the Free Federal Student Aid program. If a student receives a scholarship award from an organization other than the college, the award amount is subtracted from the financial aid package award that the college offers; however, the funds that are awarded for Work Study are not deducted from the financial aid package. The award provides the student with work experience (usually in your area of study) and provides a pay check for your personal expenses. The work experience earned while participating in the Work Study program can lead to full time employment with the college or provide excellent references for a graduate position or employment after

completing your degree. If you failed to indicate that you are interested in a Work Study position, it is not too late to edit your FAFSA application to indicate that you do want to be considered for a Work Study position. You may need to contact your college financial aid office to make sure they have received the information about your corrected FAFSA application.

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Native Voices/Seventh Generation is looking for Native writers and illustrators for children's books. The written material and illustrations should be culturally sensitive. If you are interested in writing or illustration Native American stories for children, you should contact

Jerry Lee Hutchens

Native Voices Book Publishing Company

415 Farm Road

Summertown, TN 38483

or contact him by Email at Jerry@bookpubco.com.

"GREAT READERS MAKE GREAT LEADERS" SUAVE ESSAY CONTEST

The co-sponsors (Dollar General and Suave) of the essay contest will award a grand prize of \$10,000 either as an Education Grant or a Savings Bond to the selected contestant. The 2007 Essay topic is "a story about how your mom, teacher or any other mentor helped you to improve your life through education." The contest begins June 18, 2007 and is open to students who are ages 5-18 years. The 2007 Suave contest essay rules will be available at <http://www.suaveessaycontest.com/> after June 18, 2007. The 2006 contest included the \$10,000 first prize, three \$5,000 scholarships and 700 \$400 Dell gift certificates. This is a great opportunity to earn money for college or to earn a gift certificate towards an item you will need for your college education.

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



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

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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: _____

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 Parent/Guardian of Minor Child

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

Southeastern Bull Riding Series Finals

Have you ever watched bull riding events on TV? I have, but I never really saw the impact it has on a crowd until the Tribe hosted the 2007 Southeastern Bull Riding Series Finals April 19th – 21st, 2007. When you get right up close, there are some mighty big bulls, and mighty small bull riders. This was the first time the Tribe sponsored the event; we feel that everything was successful and that the Southeaster Bull Riding Series will come back again. The final rankings are listed below, you will notice that local bull rider Steven Campbell placed sixth overall; he placed first on Friday night, the second round of the finals.

Place	Contestant	Score
1	Dylan Paul Werner	249
2	Clay McIntyre	245.5
	(1st Place 3rd Round w/87 pts)	
3	Travis Van Etten	242.5
4	Russell Chyle	239.5
5	Willis Trosclair	238.5
6	Steven Campbell	170.5
	(1st Place 2nd Round w/86.5 pts)	
7	Jamie Zonzantos	170.5
8	Timmy Josey	170



Gettin' ready



Each rider's goal is to stay on for 8 seconds

Although his cumulative points were not enough to put him in the top eight, Jordan Allemand won first place on Thursday night, the first round of competition, with 86 points.

If you would like to see more of the Southeastern Bull Riding Series, their upcoming schedule is listed below:

Milton, FL	July 14, 2007
Hattiesburg, MS	August 31-September 1, 2007
Baker, FL	September 28-29, 2007
Jay, FL	October 12-13, 2007

We hope to see them back at the Poarch Rodeo Arena for the 2007 Finals.



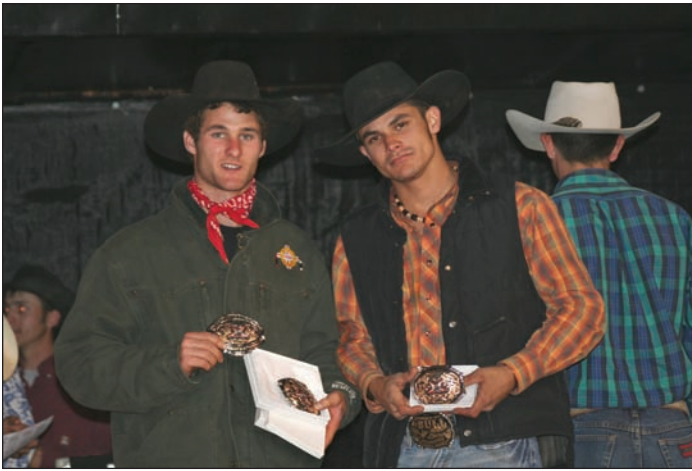
Coming out the gate wide open!



It takes volunteers in all shapes and sizes. Pictured left to right are Nick Behan, Chris "Ding Ding" Blackburn, Kevin Waters, and Kevin Rackard



There were big bulls with little horns and then there was this big bull with big horns



Dylan Paul Werner (left) and Clay McIntyre show off their first and second place buckles.



Jerry Byrd of Rodeo For Kids hosted the event.



Riders relax whenever and wherever they can.



The riders had "Cowboy Church" every night before competition.



The Recreation Committee treated the participants to supper on the last night of competition.



Jerry Byrd presents buckle to local rider Steven Campbell for placing first during the second round of the competition.

INDIAN CASINO WORKER INDICTED ON CONSPIRACY AND THEFT

Submitted by Edie Jackson, Tribal Gaming Commission Administrator

MONTGOMERY, Ala.—Leura G. Canary, United States Attorney for the Middle District of Alabama, announced that an indictment was unsealed today charging Kala Dennis, age 24, of Montgomery, Alabama, with conspiracy and theft of funds from an Indian casino.

The Indictment alleges that Dennis was employed at the Tallapoosa Entertainment Center (“TEC”) in Montgomery, which is owned and operated by the Poarch Band of Creek Indians. In July 2004, TEC employee Frederick Burrell developed a scheme whereby he could take money from TEC and make false entries on TEC records to conceal the thefts. After committing 2-3 thefts on his own, Burrell recruited Dennis to participate. She agreed, and over the next several months she and Burrell stole approximately \$128,000 together when they were both working. She also took \$131,000 on her own when Burrell was not working.

At her initial appearance and arraignment today before United States Magistrate Judge Wallace Capel, Jr., Dennis entered a plea of not guilty and was released on a \$25,000 unsecured bond. Trial was scheduled for July 9, 2007, before Chief United States District Judge Mark E. Fuller.

Count 1 of the indictment charges Dennis with conspiracy, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 371. Counts 2-41 charge theft of more than \$1000 by an Indian casino employee, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1168(b). Count 42 charges theft by an Indian casino

employee, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1168(a). The statutory maximum sentences are 5 years and a \$250,000 fine for Count 1; 20 years and a \$250,000 fine per count for Counts 2-41; and one year and a \$100,000 fine for Count 3. Dennis could also be ordered to pay restitution.

Today’s events are the latest development in this investigation. On April 27, 2006, Frederick Burrell pleaded guilty to a felony information charging him with theft from an Indian casino based on his role in the scheme. In his plea agreement, Burrell agreed to cooperate with the Government’s investigation. Burrell’s sentencing is scheduled for July 16, 2007 before Senior United States District Judge William H. Albritton.

The investigation of Burrell and Dennis was led by the United States Department of Interior, Office of Inspector General, with the assistance of investigators from the Poarch Band of Creek Indians. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Andrew O. Schiff.

An indictment is merely an accusation and the defendants are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty at trial beyond a reasonable doubt.

Interested in Boy or Girl Scouts

The Poarch Creek Indians Wellness/ Recreation Department is taking survey applications for any child interested in participating in Boy or Girl Scouts. Those who are interested should fill out the application below and return it to Wellness/Recreation Department. For more information please contact the Wellness/ Recreation Department at (251) 368-9136 ext. 2256 or 2246

Please return this form to the Wellness/Recreation Department

Name _____

Address _____

School _____

Phone Number _____

Age _____ Date of Birth _____ M _____ F _____

Tribal Member _____ 1st Generation _____ Non-Tribal Member _____



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

Upcoming Cultural Classes

Submitted by Alex Alvarez

Cultural Education Coordinator

Creek Language:

Starting Tuesday, June 12 5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
Mondays and Tuesdays after that

Moccasin Making:

Starting Wednesday, June 13,
Two evening sessions 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. (full) and 7:15
p.m.-8:45 p.m.
Every Wednesday after that

Finger-weaving:

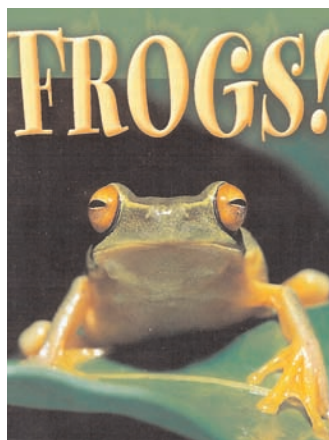
Starting Thursday, June 14, 5:30 p.m. -7:30 p.m.
Thursdays after that.

*All classes will be held in the Education
Dept. Hope you can make it!*

The greatest
of all
mistakes
is to do
nothing,
because
you think
you can do
only a little.

Did You Know

www.goodnewspublications.org



Did you know that frogs drink through their skin? Instead of swallowing water with their mouths, frogs absorb moisture through their skin. Frogs can also take in oxygen through their skin, which helps them breathe better in the water.

Did you know that frogs eat with their eyes closed? The eyes help the frog swallow by lowering into its head and pushing the food down its throat.

Did you know that frogs can jump 20 times their own length? That's like a human jumping past four school buses in one leap!

Did you know that frogs have sticky tongues? Frogs don't use their hands to catch food...they just stick out their tongues! Flies, mosquitoes, and other yummy bugs stick to the tip and get pulled into the frog's mouth for dinner.

Did you know that some frogs wear camouflage? Stripes and spots help frogs blend into their natural surroundings. Some frogs can even change color depending on their location or the weather.

Did you know that frogs recycle? Frogs shed their skin about once a week. Then they eat the old skin to reuse the nutrients stored inside.

Did you know that frogs can live to be 40 years old? Most frogs live from 4 to 15 years.

Did you know that a frog wasn't always a frog? Every frog starts as a tiny egg that hatches into a tadpole. A tadpole has a round head and a tail and lives in the water like a fish. The tadpole eats a lot as its body changes and grows new parts. After three to four months, the tadpole has four legs and no tail and can live on land-it has become a frog!

The shortest word for me is

I

The sweetest word for me is

Love

The only one for me is

You

*Let someone special know how you
feel about them, we all need to know that
someone loves us. That someone special
could be a spouse, boyfriend/girlfriend,
son/daughter, mom/dad, brother/sister,
or friend, anyone who is special to you.*

2007 Amerind's

Kindergarten – 3rd Grade:

1st Place	Melea McGhee
2nd Place	Denver Shuttlesworth
3rd Place	Kamryn Mothershed
Honorable Mention:	Emily Shea Davis Jason Davis Jude Parham

4th – 6th Grade:

1st Place	Justin Smith
2nd Place	Austin Shuttlesworth
3rd Place	Trista Presley
Honorable Mention:	Heather Davis Clyde Linam-Green Shelley Brooke Mothershed

Both first place winners, Justin Smith and Melea McGhee, won on the local level in May and at the regional level at USET in June! We are not sure what that prize will be yet, but their posters will be displayed on Amerind's website, <http://www.amerind-corp.org>. Visitors to the site can vote on their choice of the posters July through August to determine the national winners. The national winners will each receive a \$1,000 savings bond. Please take time to visit this site and vote for Justin & Melea!



Susan Wicker, Housing Executive Director, with some of the Poster Contest winners. Pictured from L-R: Emily Shea Davis, Trista Presley, Justin Smith (1st Place 4th-6th grade), Susan M. Wicker, Melea McGhee (1st Place K-3rd grade), Heather Davis, Jason Davis, & Sandy Shuttlesworth (in lieu sons Austin & Denver Shuttlesworth). Not pictured: Clyde Linam-Green, Kamryn & Shelley Mothershed, and Jude Parham.

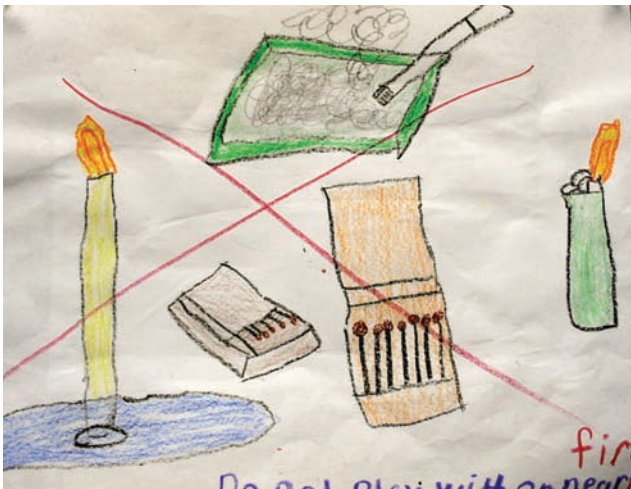
Fire Safety Poster Contest Winners



Melea McGhee's first place poster-Kindergarten – 3rd Grade



Denver Shuttlesworth's second place poster-Kindergarten-3rd Grade



Kamryn Mothershed's third place poster-Kindergarten-3rd Grade



Justin Smith's first place poster-4th-6th Grade



Austin Shuttlesworth's second place poster-4th-6th Grade



Trista Presley's third place poster-4th-6th Grade

Happy Birthday

Submitted by Deanna Harris



Scottie Lane Macks

Scottie Lane Macks celebrated his second birthday on May 12, 2007 at home with his friends and family. Scottie is the son of Donnie Macks and Deanna Rolin Harris of Picayune, MS. He is the grandson of Jerry Eugene and Nadine Rolin of Brewton, AL, and Rev. Joe Eddie and Judy Macks of Bratt, FL. He celebrated his birthday with the "Cars" theme and a crawfish boil.



On April 5, 2007, a peach tree was planted to honor the memory of the late Gary Joe McGhee, Sr. Pictured from left to right are his children, Crystal Daughtry, Gary Joe McGhee, Jr., "Joey", Megan McGhee, and his wife, Christine McGhee. The "memorial tree" was planted to honor Gary's love of nature and plants.

Tribal Members Graduate from College

Rebecca Naragon

Rebecca Naragon, daughter of Al and Connie Tullis Naragon, recently graduated from the University of Central Florida with a bachelor's degree in Political Science. Rebecca will be attending American University in Washington DC to pursue a Masters Degree in Public Administration.

Rebecca is the granddaughter of Eddie and Mary Jane Tullis, great-granddaughter of Arenta and the late Willis McGhee, and the late Volt and Florence Walker Tullis.



Rebecca Naragon with her grandparents Mary Jane and Eddie L. Tullis

Bradly D. Pellegrin

Bradly D. Pellegrin received his Bachelors of Arts degree from Penn State University on May 19th, 2007. He graduated in the College of Liberal arts with a degree in International Politics.

Bradly is the son of Sue and the late James Clinner of Atmore, AL. He is the Grandson of Tribal Memeber Mary Mugnier and the Great Grandson of the late Thelma McGhee Ericksen of Louisiana. He attended Huxford Elementary School, graduated from Escambia High School in 2002. Received his Associate's Degree from Marion Military Institute in Marion, AL and was Commissioned to 2nd Lt in December 2004. Dec. 15, 2006 he was promoted to 1st Lt with the Pennsylvania National Guard. Brad is a member of Brooks Memorial Baptist Church.

After graduation Brad will be attending Officer School and Ranger School at Fort Benning, Ga.



Bradly D. Pellegrin

Thank You

Submitted by Sandra Hiebert

I just wanted to take a minute to thank Shada Thomas and Shelia Odom. These ladies were chaperones at Diabetic Camp this year, as they have been for the past several years. This year my son Justin was injured in the middle of the night and had to be taken to the emergency room. Both Shada and Shelia accompanied him throughout the ordeal, and as he later told me, "they acted just like you Mama." That's high praise from an 11 year old! Some may say these ladies were just doing their job, but I disagree. They could've done their job without showing my son love, care and compassion, but they didn't. They made him feel safe, and to a worried mother nothing is more important at a time like that.

If parents are worried about sending their babies away to camp, no need to fear. With terrific people like Shada and Shelia as chaperones, your children will be well cared for!

Again, I thank you both for all you did for Justin. May God bless you both.

Sincerely,
Sandra Hiebert



Correction: Carson David Wilson

In last month's newsletter Carson David Wilson was erroneously identified as Carson Daniel Wilson. We apologize for this error and wish Carson a belated happy birthday.

Carson, whose birthday is May 12, 2006, is the son of Anna (Coon) and Brad Wilson and the grandson of Frankie and Tara Coon of McCullough, and Norman and Francine Wilson of Nokomis.

July 4th By the Numbers

Statistics from U.S.Census Bureau provided the following numerical view of Independence Day.

- As of July 4, 2007, the population of the United States will be nearing 300 million compared to the July 4, 1776 population of 2.5 million living in the 13 colonies.
- 68 million Americans will attend a 4th of July barbecue
- In a typical year, the US imports 211 million dollars worth of fireworks. (Primarily from China)

Way to Go!

Justin Smith, Heather, & Jason Davis

Wendy and Jason Davis send congratulations to their children Justin Smith, Heather Davis and Lil Jason Davis, for their accomplishments and achievements this school year. Justin, Heather, and Lil Jason are the grandchildren of Edward Rolin of Atmore, Nicey Rolin of Pensacola, and Glenda Davis of Atmore.

Justin received the 2007 President's Education Award, the Superintendent's Reading Award, and graduated from the 6th Grade at Huxford Elementary School; Heather received awards for Outstanding Performance on the Star Assessment and the Superintendent's Reading Award; Lil Jason graduated from the Poarch Creek Indians Even Start Program.

Way to go kids! Keep up the good work!
Love Momma & Daddy



Heather Davis and Justin Smith



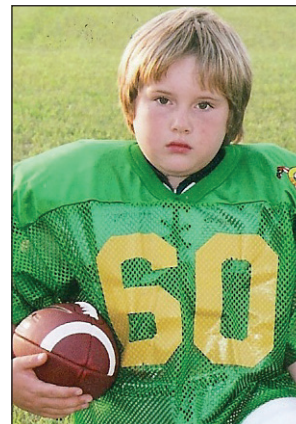
Lil Jason Davis

Gage & Ian McGhee

Congratulations to Gage McGhee for receiving an award in Math, being on the A-B Honor Roll, and being on the A Honor Roll overall. Gage also received the highest AR points in the 4th grade at Huxford.

Congratulations to Ian McGhee for graduating from EvenStart at Poarch. He is ready to face the real world now.

Gage and Ian are the sons of Troy and Melinda McGhee and the grandson of Betty Peacock and Kent McGhee. Aunts Janet and Amanda, and brother TJ send congratulations as well. Way to go! We are all proud of you.



Gage McGhee



Ian McGhee, EvenStart Graduate

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
1 JULY 2007	2	3 Tribal Council Meeting 4:00 p.m.	4 4th of July Celebration 6 p.m. – 9 p.m. Arrowhead Park	5	6	7
8 Betty Warren Retirement Reception 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.. Tribal Court Room	9	10	11 Housing Advisory Board Meeting 1:00 p.m.	12	13	14
15 Tribal Council Meeting 2:00 p.m.	16 Association of American Indian Affairs Scholarship Deadline Deadline to submit Tuition Program Applications	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
				All Indian Men's Basketball Tournament Miccosukee Indian Reservation Miami, FL		
			Creek Language Classes every Monday and Tuesday 5:30 p.m. -8:30 p.m. Education Department	5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. (full) 7:15 p.m. – 8:45 p.m. Education Department	Wednesday, August 1, 2007 Miss Indian Alabama Application Deadline Must be postmarked on or before August 1, 2007	Saturday, August 4, 2007 Annual Celebration Magnolia Branch Wildlife Reserve 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
29	30	31	Moccasin Making Classes every Wednesday Two sessions nightly	Finger Weaving Classes every Thursday 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Education Department		Friday, August 31, 2007 Miss Indian Alabama Application Deadline

We reserve the right to edit or refuse any item for publication.



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