



Poarch Creek News

Keeping the Family and Friends of Poarch Informed

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Family and Friends Gather for Annual Celebration

By Gayle Johnson

Despite the draining heat, this year's Annual Celebration was a success. Family and friends from near and far came together to celebrate the Tribe's sovereignty; there were 816 Tribal Members who registered and received their commemorative gift. There was plenty of good food, door prizes, and entertainment. One of the highlights of the day was Miss Lucille Sells in the money machine! Ruthie Mae Rackard was recognized as the oldest Tribal Member female present; Carl McGhee was recognized as the oldest Tribal Member male present; and Karen Findley was recognized as the Tribal Member who traveled the farthest to attend the celebration.

As I was taking photos, everyone wanted me to make sure I put their picture in the "Indian Book." I could not put all the photos in the newsletter, but we have included as many as possible in this issue. If your picture is not here, I am sorry, but I hope you had a good time at the creek. It was also nice meeting some of you for the first time and I hope to see you again next



More photos on pages 28 & 29

NATIVE AMERICAN MUSIC AWARDS & ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCE NOMINEES FOR NINTH ANNUAL AWARDS CEREMONY

Nominations for the Ninth Annual Native American Music Awards were announced on Monday, August 6, 2007. Due to a record number of recording submissions received in the past year, the Awards have expanded both its number of categories from 26 to 30 and from five to six nominees in each category. This year, 180 nominees are featured throughout 30 music award categories.

"This is an absolutely incredible assemblage of professional artists and talent that have exceeded our expectations for this year and truly are the best of the best. These outstanding music initiatives are reflecting the tremendous growth and artistic expressions taking place within our genre and in our communities not only here in the United States but also

from other parts of the world including Canada, South America and Australia," states Ellen Bello, Founder/CEO of the Native American Music Awards. "The Ninth Annual Awards show will be nothing less than a monumentally magnificent show." The Ninth Annual Native American Music Awards will be held on Saturday, October 6, 2007 at the Seneca Niagara Casino Events Center and will be broadcast on the new MHZ Networks in November 2007.

Local drum group Medicine Tail, which includes Alex Alvarez (Lead Singer), Chris "Ding Ding" Blackburn, Nick Behan, Leland Thompson, Casey Bigpond, Mike Custard, John David Ballard, Geoff Tyner, Matt Pulliam, RJ Cutch, Aaron Giago, Hunter Blassingame, Cody Blassingame,

Juaquin Hamilton, Greg McGhee, Brice McGhee, Rickey Reed, Jared Crosby, Keith Sharphead, Josh Pitre, Michelle Reed, Andrea Thompson, Amber Lisenby, Mallory Young, Savilla McGhee, Mary McElvain, Johnna Blalock, Jamie Billiot, Sunny Rose Yellow Mule, and Kristen Big Eagle Custard is nominated in the Best Pow Wow Recording Christians.

All nominees were voted upon by N.A.M.A.'s national Advisory membership and were selected among an impressive collection of over 200 national contemporary and traditional music recordings submitted for nomination consideration earlier this year. Winners of the Ninth Annual Native American Music Awards will be determined through N.A.M.A. membership print ballots and an online national voting

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campaign open to the general public through a listen and vote system posted on the Awards website.

The Native American Music Awards, Inc. is the country's leading membership-based Native American music association composed of industry professionals, musi-

cians, programmers, producers, engineers and other professionals dedicated to promoting and preserving Native American music throughout the United States and around the world.

We wish Medicine Tail the best of luck and will continue to support them in their

efforts. We also wish Tribal Member Roger Kuhn the best of luck in his career and hope to see him in the nominations for next year. We also encourage all Tribal Members with a song in their heart to pursue their dreams.

The Watermelon Patch

Tribal Member James Barnhill has planted watermelons in his garden for years; this year was no exception. Mr. Barnhill planted approximately one acre of watermelons this year, and had a bumper crop of sweet and tasty watermelons. However, among those tasty treats was one giant surprise! From one tiny seed, a seventy-five pound watermelon had grown. When asked how he grew such a large watermelon Mr. Barnhill says "I didn't. I simply planted the seed; the good Lord grew the watermelon!"

Although a seventy-five pound watermelon is quite unusual, it is not the largest Mr. Barnhill has harvested from his garden; a few years back he had one that weighted eighty-five pounds. He shared that watermelon, along with several smaller ones, with the SAIL Center, but is unsure of what he will do with the one from this year. It is still sitting in a chair underneath his carport.

Mr. Barnhill credits all the success of his garden and his life to God, who continues to have His Hand over all areas of his life.



James Barnhill with his 75 pound watermelon



Some of the Indian corn grown in Mr. Barnhill's garden

*A seed is planted in the ground
Soon a vine will be found
A yellow flower starts to grow
Then a melon begins to show
Big and round as it can be
A watermelon grows for you and me!
(Author Unknown)*



Musical In The Mall Medora, North Dakota's Musical Burning Hill singers, from left, Bethany Orn Andrist of Victoria, Minn., Chris Kuhn of West Fargo (son of Tribal Member Linda Kuhn), Amy Amburst of Victoria, and Bo Price of Wasta, S.D., perform at West Acres Regional Shopping Center before heading out to Medora to continue rehearsals for the June 1 opening show date.

(Picture and information submitted by Joyce Kuhn)

From the Chairman

We had a record turnout for this year's Annual Celebration; there were over 2000 people at Magnolia Branch for this year's Annual Celebration, including 816 Tribal Members, family, and friends, many of them attending for the first time. Despite the terrible heat it was a wonderful day. I would like to say thank you to those on the planning committee, cooks, and volunteers for their dedication and hard work.

Muskogee Metalworks has been selected as the 2007 Atlanta Regional Minority Manufacturer of the Year. Muskogee has also been notified that they have been selected for the National Minority Manufacturer of the Year. I congratulate Mal McGhee, General Manager, and his staff; this is an honor for him, Muskogee Metalworks, and the Tribe.

I would like to remind everyone that the annual State of the Tribe is scheduled for Saturday, September 15, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. at the Wellness & Activities Center. I encourage everyone to attend as the Council shares updated information and future plans for the growth and development of the Tribe.

Chastity Peebles has recently been named EMT Person of the Year by the Escambia County Volunteer Fire Fighters Association. Chastity is a member of the Poarch Volunteer Fire Department and is employed with the Tribe as Alternate Resource Clerk in the Health Department. Congratulations Chastity, we are grateful and thankful to have volunteers like you and your fellow PVFD members, ready to respond to those in need when the call comes in.

Alabama State Senator Parker Griffith visited the Tribe on September 16th. Senator Griffith is the newly elected Senator from District 7, which includes much of central and west Alabama including the cities of Birmingham, Tuscaloosa, and Selma. Senator Griffith visited the Tribe so

that he could become more familiar with the Tribe and educate himself on the issues and concerns of our community. He stated that he had heard a lot about the Tribe and wanted to have first hand knowledge of the Tribe. We look forward to developing a lasting and positive working relationship with Senator Griffith.

There are no new developments in the talks between the Tribe and the Muscogee Creek Nation. The representatives from the Muscogee Creeks met with Dr. John Cottier, Archeologist from Auburn University, for a review of Auburn's archeological notes relating to Hickory Ground, followed by a meeting with Tribal representatives the next day. It is the general consensus of those in attendance that the meeting went well.

I recently attended the second community meeting addressing the possible site of a chemical plant to be built on Woods Road. The possible development is a concern for the Tribe as well as Atmore, Freemanville, and other local communities. I will keep you updated as this issue evolves.

In closing I would like to let you know that the renovations at the Creek Family Restaurant are well underway and we hope to have the restaurant up and running prior to November. The remodeled restaurant will include buffet and fine dining areas.



**Tribal Chairman
Buford L. Rollin**

Board Vacancies

Submitted by the Chairman's Office

There are vacancies on the following boards. The Tribal Council will be accepting applications for these vacancies for thirty days, September 1, 2007 through September 30, 2007. Applications will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on Monday, October 1, 2007 due to September 30th falling on Sunday. An application has been enclosed for your convenience (page 30), but may also be obtained from the Chairman's Office or downloaded from the Tribal website at www.poarchcreekindians-nsn.gov.

Ethics Board

(Alternate positions, Ethics assessment required)

Calvin McGhee Cultural Management Authority

Magnolia Branch Wildlife Reserve Board

Perdido River Farm Board

TERO Commission

2 Vacancies

1 Vacancy

1 Vacancy

1 Vacancy

4 Vacancies

If you are interested in serving on any of these boards, the Calvin McGhee Cultural Management Authority or the TERO Commission, please submit a completed application to the Chairman's Office by 5:00 p.m., Monday, October 1, 2007. You may serve on no more than three boards/committees simultaneously.

POARCH CREEK YOUTH GOES TO HASKELL INDIAN NATIONS UNIVERSITY!

Hocciv: Alex Alvarez



Robbie with his acceptance letter from Haskell Indian Nations University.

I am very proud to introduce Mr. Robert Howard, the very first Native American youth from the Poarch community to attend Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence, Kansas. Starting out in 1884, Haskell began educational programs for Native American students. It focused on industrial and agricultural education. Since then, it has become a high school, junior college, and now a University. Haskell is home to 1,000 Native American students each semester who hail from federally-recognized tribes from across the country. Native American curricula are integrated throughout all of the University's studies. Haskell offers baccalaureate programs in Elementary Teacher Education, American Indian Studies, Business Administration, and Environmental Science.

Robbie is not only a member of the Poarch Creek Tribal Youth Council, but also has been recently elected as one of our 2007-2008 UNITY representatives, which means he will be representing the Tribe and the youth council at various functions and meetings across the United States. Robbie has been very involved in the Poarch Creek Tribal Youth Council and has assumed a very vital leadership role within the organization. He serves as a role model for other youth.

Robbie will not only be furthering his education at Haskell, he will also be playing for Haskell Indians Football team as Tight End. I interviewed Robbie, and here are some of the questions and their responses:

Q: "What made you want to go to Haskell?"

A: "I want to learn even more about my culture"

Q: "How did you feel when you learned you were accepted into the University?"

A: "I was very anxious when I got the letter, and when I opened it, I was very excited because now I have an opportunity to do something with my life."

Q: "How do you feel being a part of the Poarch Creek Tribal Youth Council helped out?"

A: "It helped me prepare educationally and got my mind focused on what it needed to be on. I have learned that our precious heritage has to be protected and going to Haskell will help me do that. Going to the 2007 UNITY conference was a great experience for me as well."

Q: "What do you plan to do with the education and experience you will receive at Haskell?"

A: "I want to come back and work for the tribe to work with the youth or anything that's culturally related."

Q: "What is the message you would like to pass on to other Tribal Youth that may follow in your footsteps?"

A: "Step Up! Learn your culture and pass it on to future generations! Never let anybody tell you that you can't do something; don't give up!"

Robbie would also like to show his appreciation to his mother, Robyn McGhee-Johnson who has helped him out so much throughout his life.

Robbie, as your teacher, I wish you nothing but the very best. I hope you have a wonderful time in Lawrence and we are all so proud of you! Take care, God Bless, and GO INDIANS!

If you would like more info on Haskell Indian Nations University, please contact the Poarch Creek Education Dept, or Haskell Indian Nations University itself @ (785) 749-8404, or visit their website online @ www.haskell.edu.

Elected Poarch Creek UNITY Representatives Amanda Pierce and Robbie Howard are shown with the certificate given to the Poarch Creek Tribal Youth Council for joining the National Initiative to Strengthen Native Families



Robbie takes the "Blazin Challenge" at Buffalo Wild Wings in Hattiesburg MS after a visit to the University of Southern Mississippi Pow Wow

Attention: Tribal Members & 1st Generation Indian Descent It is time to prepare for **Close Up** **2008!**

- Are you at least 15 years old and in the 9th - 12th grade?
- Are you interested in being a part of the PCTYC (Poarch Creek Tribal Youth Council)?
- Would you like to meet Native teens from other tribes?
- Would you like a chance to see Washington D.C. and visit its Landmarks?

If you answered **YES** to these questions,
come join the PCTYC!

This year interested students will be selected to go to
Close Up in Washington D.C. based on participation in the
Poarch Creek Tribal Youth Council!

If you or your parents have any questions about Close Up 2008, contact Christyn Sells @
(251) 368-9136 ext.2244; csells@poarchcreekindians-nsn.gov
or if you would like to find out more on how to join the PCTYC, contact Alex Alvarez @
(251) 368-9136 ext. 2240; aalvarez@poarchcreekindians-nsn.gov

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

Domestic Violence Homeless Shelter to Be Re-Dedicated

The Family Services Department will be hosting a re-dedication ceremony of the Domestic Violence/Homeless Shelter in memory of Linda Gail Rolin Parker on October 9, 2007 from 4pm-6pm. A contest is being held to select a name for the shelter. We would like your involvement. Please select a name and give a brief description as to why you chose this name and drop off or mail your entries to Wanda Fowler, Victim's Advocacy Coordinator, at the Family Services Building behind the Fire Station. The winner will be recognized in the Poarch News and asked to participate in the re-dedication ceremony. Advocates and Administrators from the past as well as the present are requested to attend. Please remember this shelter helps so many within the Tribal community as well as those from outside sources. An invitation is also extended to family and friends of Linda Gail Rolin Parker. Let's meet together to honor the work that has been done in the past, which still continues today. Anyone that would like to be apart of this ceremony is encouraged to contact Wanda Fowler at (251) 368-9136 EXT 2212.

Name _____

Contact Phone
Number _____

Selected Name for
Shelter _____

Brief description



*Note entry deadline is September 30th, 2007.

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 23, 2006)

☐ Elementary (Ages 8-10)

☐ Junior (Ages 11-14)

☐ Senior (Ages 15-20)

Signature of Parent/Guardian

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. 2282.

Additional applications will be available at the front desk at the Tribal Complex and/or the Community Relations Department. Please call April Sells, Jaime McGhee, or Regina Brown, at (251) 368-9136 for more information.

Orientation (considered to be the first practice session) will be 2:00 p.m. Sunday, August 26, 2007 in the Tribal Auditorium.

BOARDS/COMMITTEES/AUTHORITIES-effective Aug.1, 2007

MUSKOGEE METALWORKS

April Sells
Kent McGhee
Emmitt Dale
Debra Strickland
Corey Flowers

PCI GAMING

Keith Martin
Nancy Lowery
Joe O'Barr
Bridget Wasdin
Billy Smith

ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE

Linda Brooks
Keesha O'Barr
Eldnar McGhee
Stephen McGhee
Lori Findley

BEST WESTERN

John A. McGhee
Carolyn White
Pauline Wilson
Kay Archer
John Gladden Gibson

GAMING COMMISSION

Stephanie Bryan
Terri Morris
Vicky Burns
Sharon Smiley
Savilla McGhee

INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

Connie Naragon
Ann Brooks
Joseph McGhee
Sharon Klinck
Cody Williamson

CIE

Keith Martin
Robert McGhee
Ronnie Smith
Daniel Lambert
Connie Naragon

ELECTION BOARD

Brenda Faircloth
Gilbert McGhee
Deloris Kelley
Susan Wicker-alternate
Velma Crocker-alternate
Kevin McGhee-alternate

ENVIRONMENTAL

Gerald M. Woods
James Agerton
Billy Smith
Billy Ray Rolin
Velma Crocker

MAGNOLIA BRANCH

Nathan Martin
Rodney McGhee
Ronnie Smith
Bodie Tullis
Rowdy Boyte

UTILITY AUTHORITY

Josh Thomas
Lonnie Rackard
Brenda Faircloth
Ann Brooks
Josh Martin

RECREATION

Josh Thomas
Kevin Snow
Edie Jackson
Ronnie Jackson
Kent McGhee

PERDIDO RIVER FARMS

Nathan Martin
Phillip Martin
Dewey McGhee
Kent McGhee
Leroy Tullis

HOUSING BOARD

Lavan Martin
Ernestine Daughtry
Teresa Thomas
Kevin McGhee
Melanie Boatwright

EDUCATION ADVISORY

Mary Jane Tullis
Karla Martin
Mary Boyte
Jaime McGhee
Connie Naragon

CALVIN MCGHEE CULTURAL AUTHORITY

Clayton Coon
Jaime McGhee
Lori Sawyer
Alex Alvarez

A Healthier US Starts Here

As part of the [A Healthier US Starts Here](#) initiative, representatives from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), Indian Health Services (IHS), and the Medicare bus visited the Tribe on Monday, July 30, 2007 to recognize local wellness efforts, and to educate Tribal Members and community members about the importance of preventing chronic disease and illness by taking advantage of screenings and preventive benefits offered through Medicare.

The goal of the [A Healthier US Starts Here](#) campaign is to raise awareness of the importance of preventing chronic disease and illness like heart disease, cancer, stroke and diabetes. Medicare covers many important screenings and other preventive benefits to help people with Medicare live a healthier and

more active life. People with Medicare are asked to take action, talk to their health care providers and visit www.mymedicare.gov to learn more about the preventive services they are eligible to receive and access tools to help manage their healthcare.

The Tribe has a long and valued working relationship with DHHS, CMS, and IHS and offers several valuable health programs that enable Tribal Members to live a healthier and more active life. You can call the Health Department to get more information of the services available. More information is also available at www.medicare.gov.

The next time you visit the clinic or visit your doctor, take the following checklist with you to see if any of the preventive benefits listed are right for you.

What's Covered	What It Does	How Often
Flu Shot	Prevents influenza or flu virus	Once a flu season
Pneumonia Shot	Prevents pneumococcal pneumonia	Usually only needed once
Cardiovascular Screening	Checks cholesterol and other blood fat levels that can increase the risk for heart disease	Once every 5 years
Colorectal Cancer Screening Fecal Occult Blood Test Flexible Sigmoidoscopy Colonoscopy	Screens for colon cancer	Ask your doctor Once every 12 months if 50+ Once every 4 years Once every 10 years/ 2 years if high risk
Barium Enema		Once every 4 years/2 years if high risk
Physical Exam	One-time review of health and medical history	One time during the first six months you have Medicare Part B
Diabetes Screening Blood Sugar Test Diabetes Self-Management Training	Varies on results. Education for people who have diabetes	Ask your doctor Ask your doctor
Medical Nutritional Therapy Services	Nutritional counseling to help manage diabetes or kidney disease	Ask your doctor
Bone Mass Measurement	Determines risk for broken bones due to osteoporosis	Once every 2 years for people with certain medical conditions
Hepatitis B Shots	Helps prevent liver disease	Ask your doctor
Glaucoma Test	Can help find the eye disease glaucoma	Once a year for those at high risk
Smoking Cessation	Counseling to quit smoking for people with a smoking related illness or who take medicine affect by tobacco	Up to 8 visits during a 12 month period when ordered by your doctor
Mammogram	Screens for breast cancer	Once a year for women 40+
Pap Test & Pelvic Exam	Screens for cervical and vaginal cancer	Once every 2 years/every year for women at high risk
Prostate Cancer Screening	Digital rectal exam and Prostate Specific Antigen	Once every year for men 50+



The Medicare Bus visits Poarch. The bus is a mobile office for DHHS and CMS representatives traveling across the country as part of the "A Healthier US Starts Here" campaign

A Healthier US



Tribal Chairman Buford L. Rolin speaks during presentation.



Amanda Robinson, Deputy Regional Administrator for CMS presents certification of appreciation to Chairman Buford L. Rolin and Health Administrator Candace Fayard for the Tribe's successful clinical programs that provides health prevention and treatment benefits to Tribal Members



A large crowd gathers for the presentation.



Tribal Council members and DHHS and CMS representatives are shown from left to right: Delores White, Eddie L. Tullis, Mark Kelly, Amanda Robinson, Keith Martin, Helen Hallman, Stacey Ecoffey, Chairman Buford L. Rolin, David Gehman, Michelle Ruslavage, Robbie McGhee, and Candace Fayard.

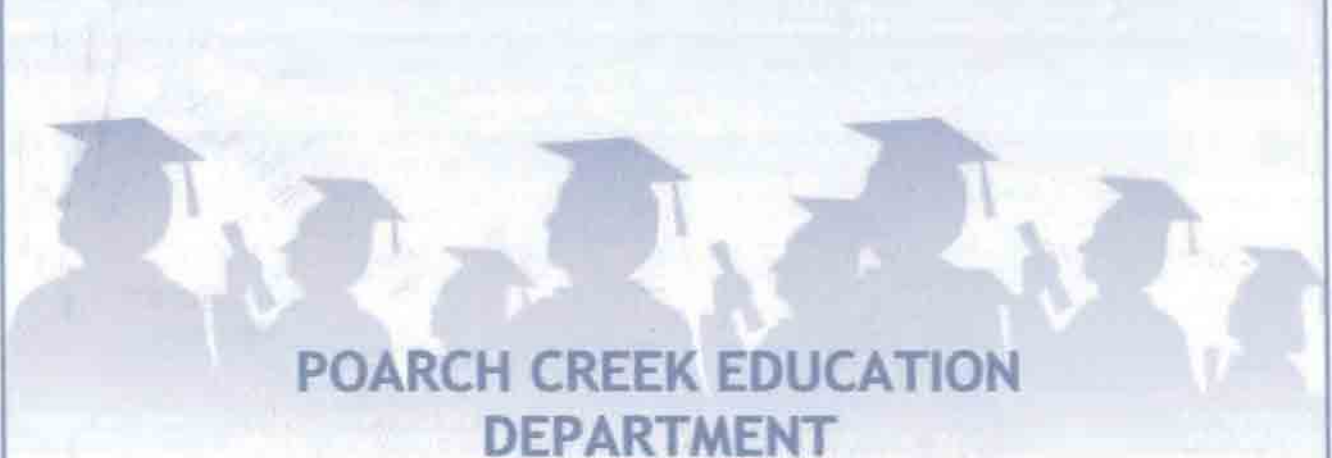
GED Prep Classes

August 13 - October 31, 2007

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday

5:00 - 7:30 P.M.

Contact Mrs. Billie McGhee at (251) 368-9136, ext. 2243 or bmcghee@poarchcreekindians-nsn.gov to register for the class.



**POARCH CREEK EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT**

Poarch Creek Education Department News for September 2007

2007 Environmental Fellowship Opportunity for American Indian Students

The Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska is seeking an applicant for their fall 2007 Graduate Student Training Opportunity in Coastal Remote Sensing M.S. in Atmospheric Science, Environmental Science NOAA Environmental Science Cooperative Center. Applicants must have completed an undergraduate science degree in Environmental Science.

Interested applicants should contact Dr. John Schalles, Director of Creighton University's Environmental Science program at jfsaqua@creighton.edu or by telephone at (402) 280-2155.

\$15,000 Lexis-Nexis Martindale-Hubbell Fellowship for Minority Students

The Minority Corporate Counsel Association (MCCA) and LexisNexis Martindale-Hubbell (LNMH) have partnered to offer the scholarship to minority students. The application deadline is October 1, 2007. The application and the details can be viewed and downloaded at <http://www.mcca.com/>. Applicants can click on the "Scholarship" link and then click on "2007 3L Fellowship."

McGhee-Tullis Tuition Assistance Program

The establishment of McGhee-Tullis Tuition Assistance Program has enabled Tribal members over the age of 25 to enroll in technical/vocational programs, begin their college education or to go back for a masters or their doctorate degree. The Education Department staff is pleased to see the number of adults who are taking advantage of the funding to add to their educational training or to choose to pay their college loans. We hope more of our Tribal adults will use the funds. They can choose to take one class at a time. We encourage our Tribal senior citizens to take advantage of the funding and enroll in a class.

Faulkner University

Faulkner University is working with Jefferson Davis Community College to offer Bachelors in Business Administration at the Atmore Jefferson Davis Community College campus. The Business Administration class will meet one night a week for four hours and again on Saturday. You are required to have 60 credit hours to enroll or you can take a CLEP Test if you are short a class or two.

Faulkner would be willing to offer Human Resource or Criminal Justice degree programs at the Tribal Reservation if we have twenty students who will sign up for the class. The Criminal Justice Program requires you to have 72 hours of college credit before enrolling in the program. If

you are interested in enrolling in either of the classes, please contact Billie McGhee at (251) 368-9136, ext. 2243 or bmcghee@poarchcreekindians-nsn.gov. The Criminal Justice or Human Resource class would not begin until January 2008.

Inspired Teachers Scholarship

The application is for educators who use visual learning and technology in their classroom. Applicants must be able to prove one year of teaching experience and be able to demonstrate they had direct contact with the students. K-12, vocational and college are eligible to apply. Twenty-five teachers will be chosen to receive an award for \$1,000 that can be used for professional development or new technology for their classrooms. The 2007-2008 application will be available on September 25, 2007 at <http://www.inspiration.com/prodev/index.cfm?fuseaction=scholarship>

Mensa Foundation Scholarship

The application will be available on September 1, 2007 and the deadline is January 15, 2008. Their scholarship award is based on the student's essay. You do not have to be a member of MENSA to apply for the scholarship. If you are interested in applying for their scholarship, please visit their website at <http://www.mensafoundation.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Scholarships1>.

SAE International Engineering Scholarships

The SAE Engineering Scholarship for High school seniors has a deadline of December 1, 2008. The applicant must be a high school senior. The scholarship can be downloaded at <http://students.sae.org/awdscholar/scholarships/>. The scholarship can only be used at an accredited ABET school of engineering. A list of qualifying institutions is available at http://www.abet.org/accredited_programs.shtml. The award amount varies from \$1,000 to \$10,000. If you have any questions, you can contact the scholarship coordinator at 1-724-776-4970.

University Of Phoenix First Nations Scholarship

The APOLLO Group, Inc. has established a Native American scholarship to be used at the University of Phoenix or Axia College. The scholarship is to be used to pay for tuition and fees only. The award amount is \$5,000. The application deadline is October 15, 2007. To be eligible for the scholarship, you must be an enrolled member of a U.S. Tribal Nation and maintain a G.P.A. of 3.0 or higher after receiving the scholarship. You must not receive 100% tuition reimbursement from another source. You can

request an application by writing to the scholarship program at University of Phoenix Tribal Communications, P.O. Box 62794, Phoenix, AZ 85082 or call (303) 600-1109, or you can send your request by email to scholarships@phoenix.edu. We have an application in our office that can be mailed to you upon your request. Our contact phone number is (251) 368-9136, Ext. 2243 or you may send your request to bmcghee@poarchcreekindians.nsn.gov.

Reminder: Tylenol Scholarship Deadline Is September 30, 2007

Tylenol is accepting online applications from students pursuing degrees in the health care field. If you have not applied, apply now at <http://www.tylenol.com/page.jhtml?id=tylenol/news/subp-tyschol.inc>. If you wait until later, you may find you have waited too late to submit documents that you will be required to mail to the Tylenol selection committee.

Congratulations!



The Gaming Commission recently honored former Commissioner James Barnhill for his service and dedication to the Commission and the Tribe. The Gaming Commission provided lunch, fellowship, and a plaque to honor Mr. Barnhill's service. Back row, left to right are Sharon Smiley, Commissioner, Terri Morris, Commissioner, Edie Jackson, Tribal Gaming Commission Administrator, Carla McGhee, Administrative Assistant, and Doug Murphy, Internal Controls Investigator. Middle row, left to right are Kim Snow, Licensing Specialist, Stephanie Bryan, Commission Chairperson, Vicky Burns, Commissioner, Linda McGhee, Compliance Internal Auditor, Terri Watkins, Gaming Agent, and Jennifer Colbert, Billing Clerk. Center, James Barnhill

Annual State of Tribe Prevention
Saturday September 15, 2007
Wellness & Activities Center (Gym) 2:00 p.m.
Dinner will be provided after the meeting

Have You Entered The Contest?

Submitted by Wanda Fowler

October is "Domestic Violence Awareness Month" and this year our awareness program will be held on October 9, 2007 from 4:00 PM until 6:00 PM and will be centered on the Poarch Creek Shelter Re-Dedication. As you have seen in the last issue of the Poarch Creek News, we will name this shelter from the entries submitted. The entry form is in the Poarch Creek News and is available from the Family Services Department and from Thelma at the front desk. The name will be selected by your own PCI Domestic Violence Task Force and will be announced at the Shelter Re-Dedication Ceremony. The members of this Task Force are: Delila Anderson, Stephanie Bryan, Renee Cain, Debra Coon, Candace Fayard, Wanda Fowler, Martha Gookin, Chuck Johns, Doyle "Butch" Lee, Lisa Milliken, Roxanne Murphy, Tawanna Parham, Wayne Rutherford, Martha Salter, Kim Snow, Joan Sulzmann, Sehoy Spence and Carolyn M. White. Please take the time to submit an entry and to attend this celebration.

We are asking that anyone who has ever been a part of the process involving the shelter, whether assisting a victim, being a survivor who has been assisted by the shelter, or who was involved in the planning and building of the shelter, contact Wanda Fowler before September 27, 2007 so we can complete an accurate history. Special recognitions, as well as the Domestic Violence Vigil and the Balloon Ceremony, are being planned at this event.

As we remember those who have lived in fear behind closed doors in our community and have received help and hope through the services provided by our tribal Domestic Violence Program, the Family Services' Domestic Violence Program is asking that you:

"Wear your purple ribbon pins during the month of October. If you have not been provided one, you can obtain a pin from the Family Services Department."

"Remember that domestic violence is no discriminator of persons. It is a serious crime that affects people of all races, ages, income levels, and gender. Domestic violence is not just a couple's problem, or a domestic "squabble" or a "fight." Violence is a choice the abuser makes."

"Remember you have the right to be safe. When you keep yourself safe, you are teaching your children to be safe. Most victims believe that they are staying in the abuse for the children's benefit. This has been proven to be false. Children that grow up in abuse often resent the victim for staying and often blame themselves for not being able to stop the abuse. If you are in this situation, please talk to your children about their feelings."

"Leaving is always costly. It costs emotionally, physically and financially. The highest cost, however, is leaving your children without a parent. If you or someone you know is a victim of domestic violence, contact Family Services Department, 368-9136 ext. 2600, or Wanda Fowler, Victim's Advocacy Coordinator, at ext. 2212. For help any time day or night, call the Alabama Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-650-6522. In an emergency, call the Police at 911."

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IS PREVENTABLE!

Together, we can stop Domestic Violence!

Someone Is Watching Over Me

Submitted by Deldon McGhee

I would like to take this time to express my thanks and gratitude to all of my family and friends for their letters of support and encouragement during my incarceration. My addictions and substance abuse and poor judgments have led me to the darkest chapter of my life. I would like to apologize to my entire family. I have prayed and thanked God for watching over me, and for keeping my family in His care until I can be reunited with them again.

I would also like to say to anyone who has a family member or friend who is struggling with the problems of alcohol or drug addiction to continue to show them that they are loved and cared for. Your love and prayers may be the one thing that eventually makes them want to reach for sobriety. My hopes have been kept high because of my family's love, especially that of my mother, Betty McGhee Peacock, who has been there for me every step of the way.

Priceless

Submitted via email - Author Unknown

A well-known speaker started off his seminar by holding up a \$20.00 bill. In the room of 200, he asked, "Who would like this \$20 bill?" Hands started going up.

He said, "I am going to give this \$20 to one of you but first, let me do this. He proceeded to crumple up the \$20 dollar bill. He then asked, "Who still wants it?" Still the hands were up in the air.

Well, he replied, "What if I do this?" And he dropped it on the ground and started to grind it into the floor with his shoe. He picked it up, now crumpled and dirty. "Now, who still wants it?" Still the hands went into the air.

My friends, we have all learned a very valuable lesson. No matter what I did to the money, you still wanted it because it did not decrease in value. It was still worth \$20.

Many times in our lives, we are dropped, crumpled, and ground into the dirt by the decisions we make and the circumstances that come our way. We feel as though we are worthless. But no matter what has happened or what will happen, you will never lose your value.

Dirty or clean, crumpled or finely creased, you are still priceless to those who DO LOVE you.

The worth of our lives comes not in what we do or who we know, but by WHO WE ARE and WHOSE WE ARE. You are special. Don't EVER forget it."

Congratulations

Submitted by Christine Parker

Congratulations to Danielle Parker for finishing another fine season with her dance troop at Jill's Dance Academy in Trinity, Texas. Danielle received an award at her yearly recital and is adored by her fellow students and teachers.

Danielle will be entering the fourth grade at Lansberry Elementary where she is involved in the local Boys & Girls Club and other community organizations.

Danielle is the daughter of Sara Parker and the granddaughter of Mary Christine McGhee Parker and Charles Parker of Trinity, Texas. Aunt Gayla and Uncle Lucky send their congratulations too. We love you.



Danielle Parker

Thank You

James "Jamie" Ramer, Utilities Operator, and the Utilities Department would like to say "Thank You" to Laura Cook, Environmental Department Director, and her staff for their valuable assistance with the EPA Annual Drinking Water Conference. Without their assistance, the conference would not have been the great success it was.



*Poarch Creek Indian
Tribal Council Resolution*
7/23 07:040

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

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

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

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

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Poarch Band of Creek Indians declares that *Domestic Violence Month* be established the month of October 2007, recognizing domestic violence victims, victim advocates, social service staff, law enforcement, judicial personnel, and the tribal community who make significant contributions towards victim safety.


APPROVAL

I, the Chairman of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians, hereby affix my signature to this resolution authorizing it to become official this 7th day of August, 2007.


Buford L. Rolin, Chairman
Poarch Band of Creek Indians

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, certify that the foregoing is a true extract from the minutes of the Tribal Council meeting of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians, comprised of nine members with 9 in attendance on the 7th day of August, 2007, and that the above is in conformity with the provisions therein adopted by a vote 8 in favor, and 0 against, 0 abstentions, and that the above is the signature of the Chairman.


Daniel K. McShee, Secretary
Poarch Band of Creek Indians

Thank You

Submitted by the Endowment Committee

The Endowment Committee has received the following "Thank You" notes for donations.

Dear Endowment Committee:

Just wanted to say thank you for the money you gave to help our team travel to Tampa for the Little League State Play-off. With the cost of gas and hotel rooms, all donations were greatly appreciated.

Thank you so much,
Faith Vickery and the NWFL Tri-County All Stars

To the Endowment Committee and the Poarch Band of Creek Indians

Thank you so much for investing in our community! Your donation to the church is greatly appreciated and is already being put to work. Your donation has enabled us to almost complete our Sunday School Educational area and also our Ministers Quarters are shaping up!!

As soon as the work is completed, we would love to take you on a tour of our facility and give you an update on our future vision of growth.

Thank you and God Bless you.
Pastor Steve Breceda & Family and
from all the Saints of New Home.

TRIBAL CHILD CARE PROGRAM

Submitted by Carolyn M. White, Family Services Executive Director

The Poarch Band of Creek Indians' Family Services Department will be taking applications for the Tribal Child Care Program on Monday through Thursday, September 10 - 13, 2007, during office hours.

To qualify for childcare assistance to pay for day care expenses for tribal member children, you must meet the following criteria:

- The applicant must live in the five-county service area (Escambia, Baldwin, Mobile, Monroe, AL and Escambia County, FL)
- The household must meet income guidelines
- The child must be under 13 years old and an enrolled member of the Tribe, and
- All adult members of the household must be employed or attending school at least 24 hours a week

If you have any questions or need to schedule an appointment, please contact Carolyn Rackard, Social Worker, at (251) 368-9136 Ext. 2606.

Note: Verification will be required for residency, tribal membership, income, and school enrollment.

Senior Activities



No matter what is going on, the Senior Services staff always makes sure that meals are prepared for participants.



If you need something done, just ask the Seniors, they will make sure it gets done. Fields McGhee and his buds were responsible for cutting and serving watermelons at the Annual Celebration this year.



*Pajama Party @ SAIL Center
Participating were front row: Velma Crocker, Vicky Burns, and Kay Archer;
second row: Velma Amos, Cyndi Williams & Myrtis Kinman;
back row: Carolyn Dortch, Eldnar McGhee, Lena Rackard, and Ethel Walker*



David Kinman relaxing at the Annual Celebration



The Seniors also had a big yard sale this month.

Logo Items For Sale

In addition to the logo caps and beanies recently featured in the newsletter, Tribal Government now has white beach towels, with full color logo in center, available for sale on a first come first served basis for \$10.00. Black bikini bags (small backpack style bag) with white logo are also available for \$5.00 each. If you are interested in purchasing a towel or any other logoed merchandise, please call Tracy Linam at (251) 368-9136 x 2213.



Beach Towel with logo



Front & Back view of Tribal Coins



Each coin comes in its own leather pouch

Attention Tribal Members in College

Submitted by Jaime McGhee, Clinical Director

If you currently reside outside the 5-county service area (Escambia, Mobile, Baldwin, Monroe and Escambia, FL) in order to attend college or vocational school you must submit proof of enrollment to the Medical Records Department of PCI Health Department to remain eligible for Contract Health Services (referrals, 72-hour notices, etc).

Failure to provide proof will cause you to be placed in direct care status (only eligible for on-site services at the Reservation). If you have any questions, please contact Kim Flowers, Medical Records Specialist, or Jaime McGhee, Clinical Director at (251) 368-9136 ext. 2300.

Tribal Coins

In 2004, coins were purchased as commemorative gifts for the first Annual Celebration. If you have not picked up your coin, please contact Mary Jane Tullis at 1-877-276-2724 ext. 2501 and make arrangements to pick up your coin by October 31, 2007.

The coins that have not been picked up by the October 31st deadline will be available for sale at Thanksgiving on a first come first served basis. Purchase price has not been set at this time; please watch the newsletter for further information.

The Beginning Of An Idea ...

By Gayle Johnson

It is amazing how the idea for a news story or article will develop. I was sitting at my desk working on a project and sent my draft to the printer so that I could proof my copy. As I reviewed my packet, I noticed that I had some extra sheets. In looking at the printout to determine where the information belonged, I saw that it was information about the National Native American Vietnam Veteran Memorial. I went on-line to check out the site and found it to be very interesting. I thought I would share this information with you.

The Highground (www.thehighground.org) is a 140-acre Veterans Memorial Park located three miles west of Neillsville, Wisconsin. The Highground is a place of education, healing and hope, peace, serenity and beauty. Visitors to the park experience tributes that vary in significance from national to historical to contemporary. The Highground is open to the public at no charge 24 hours a day, every day of the year.

The Highground was honored to have been chosen as the home of The National Native American Vietnam Veterans Memorial. Unanimous approval for this decision was given at the annual Congress of Native American Indians held in Denver, CO in 1994.

Dedicated in 1995, The National Native American Vietnam Veterans Memorial was the first national memori-



The National Native American Vietnam Veteran Memorial located at The Higherground Veteran's Memorial Park in Neillsville, Wisconsin

al to come to The Highground. Harry Whitehorse (www.harrywhitehorse.com), Madison sculptor and WW II veteran, created this bronze sculpture.

Mounted on a red granite base, the sculpture depicts a Native American Soldier in jungle fatigues, holding a rifle in one hand and an Eagle Feather Staff in the other. The names, rank, home of record, date of casualty - how they died (Still to be completed is the tribal affiliation.) of all Native American Indians who died as a result of the Vietnam war are etched into two of the four black granite panels which skirt the base of the entire statuary.

Employment Opportunities

Submitted by Jason B. Rackard, Human Resources Executive Director

The construction of the Hotel and Casino Developments will possibly create employment opportunities in Atmore and Wetumpka. Jobs will be in a construction related field. Certain jobs may require having your own tools.

A Job Referral Sheet has been provided in this issue for your convenience. All interested individuals should complete the referral sheet and return to the Poarch Band of Creek Indians Human Resources Department, 5811 Jack Springs Road, Atmore, AL 36502.

Once the job referral sheet is received, the Human Resources Department will verify tribal enrollment and forward the job referrals to the contractor and subcontractors as positions become available. Employment is not guaranteed.

The Poarch Band of Creek Indians will be acting only as a referral service. You will not be working for the Tribe; you would be working for the contractor or a subcontractor.

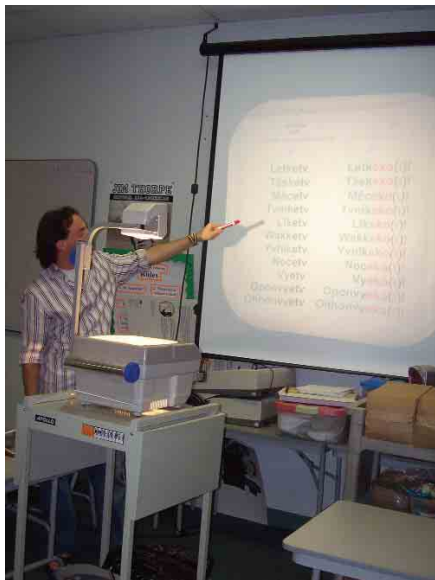
If you have any questions or need additional information, you can call the Human Resources Department at 251-368-9136.

PCI Education Dept's Summer Cultural Classes a Hit!

Hociccv: Alex Alvarez, Cultural Education Coordinator (aalvarez@poarchcreekindians-nsn.gov)

Meske (Summer) 2007 at the Education Department was hectic to say the least. This summer we offered a wide array of cultural classes for the community and I am proud to say that over 100 tribal and community members utilized the Education Department to learn about their precious heritage. We started off in May and brought back Mary Smith, a citizen of the Muscogee Nation of Oklahoma, who taught beginning and intermediate levels of traditional Creek Basket-Weaving as well as pottery classes. New students learned the old-style of weaving that has been passed down from our ancestors, which they used for multiple purposes, mainly to sift our sacred vce, or corn. The intermediate class focused on a more intricate weaving style that is also shared by our Choctaw brothers and sisters. These participants got to weave using different colors of reed which produced some very nice work.

The Month of June brought even more excitement to Poarch as we brought in our second phase of language classes as well as pucker-toe-moccasin making and finger-weaving classes. Marcus Briggs, A Creek-Miccosuke from the Big Cypress reservation in Florida taught the language classes and Mr. Jay McGirt, a citizen of the Muscogee Nation of Oklahoma taught the moccasin and finger-weav-



Language Teacher Marcus Briggs shows the classes twenty verbs and their negative form.

only to build comprehension of the language, but more so to provide instruction in the Creek language that resulted in everyday use of it by the students. Many of the students have now made it a priority each day to use our language

in the forms of greetings and commands, which is exactly the purpose of the class. I feel everyone who took the class got a great deal out of it. We also offered an employee language class on Tuesdays from 12:00 pm-1:30 pm.

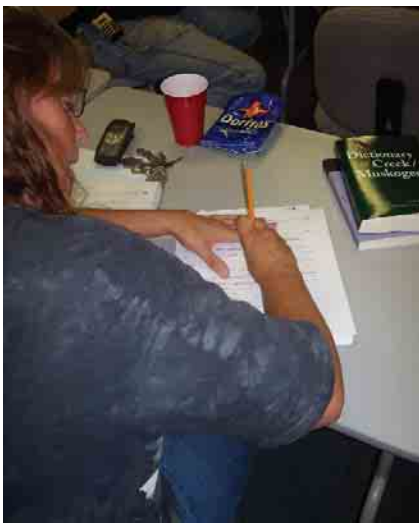
The pucker-toe-moccasin and finger-weaving classes went extremely well, too. These moccasins are the style that our people once wore in the vast woodlands of the southeast. They are very unique and look very different from the plains-style moccasins that are more well-known. Each student who participated in the class walked away with their very own pair of moccasins. After a few tries, even I was able to complete a pair. Finger-weaving, a traditional art form which our ancestors used to adorn themselves, requires a bit more patience. However, that did not stop students from learning and excelling at this ancient art.

Whether its language, crafts, songs, or dancing, we now have an opportunity to embrace our unique heritage and celebrate it. Our ancestors suffered greatly so that we could live better lives. Now we have the chance to learn because of their sacrifice. Though we were able to reach out to many people this Summer, I still would like to see more and more people come to the cultural classes and learn what was given to our people so long ago.

I would like to send a big MVTO to Mary, Jay, and Marcus for all of your contributions to the Poarch Creek Cultural Revitalization and Retention Project. Stay tuned for upcoming classes and events!



Craft Instructor Jay McGirt shows student Greg McGhee the correct stitch on making pucker-toe moccasins



Angie Strickland continues her education in the Creek language as she participates in her second phase of language classes.



Many families teamed up to learn together. Savilla and Ryan McGhee look on as Marcus conducts class



Josh and Matthew team up on cutting out their patterns for their moccasins.

Tribal Member and upcoming master craftswoman Lois Amos shows off her tight-knit finger-weaving in good ol' roll tide colors.



The Education Dept is filled with laughter, Song, and of course the Creek language as Marcus Briggs conducts class.



Paula Smith, Annette Stedham, and Lois Amos prepare their leather for moccasin making.



Mother and Son duo: Rosalind & Logan Smith work side-by-side completing some nice pucker-toe moccasins



Anita Glass, Lena Rackard, Scarlet Martin practice their Creek vocabulary.



Greg trying on jpg: Greg McGhee tries on his brand new pair of hand-made Native Reeboks



Cierra McGhee shows off her Creek verb conjugation as she works hard.

Poarch Band of Creek Indians Hotel & Casino Project Job Referral Sheet

(Please feel free to attach any additional information to this application.)

EMPLOYMENT APPLICATION (Please print)

Position applied for: _____ Date available to work: _____

Location applying for: ☐ Atmore ☐ Wetumpka ☐ Both

NAME: _____
(LAST) (FIRST) (MI)

TRIBE: _____ ROLL #: _____
PBCI Tribal Enrollment verified on ____/____/____ by _____

ADDRESS: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ CELL PHONE: _____

JOB RELATED SKILLS: _____

CRAFT EXPERIENCE/TRAINING:

Have you had previous work experience in the position you are applying for? Yes__ No__

Do you have a current license or certification if one is required for craft? Yes__ No__

If yes, provide state, date of issue, number and expiration date:

MACHINES/EQUIPMENT VEHICLES:

What construction equipment do you have experience in operating/repairing? _____

EDUCATION AND OR TRAINING: (optional)

College: _____

Vocational Training: _____

BACKGROUND:

Have you been convicted of a felony in the past 7 years? Yes__ No__ If yes, complete information below:

Incident

City/State

Charge

Action Around the Tribe

Sometimes a picture is worth a thousand words. There is a lot of construction and activity around the community and I share that with you with these pictures.



A "working" Council. Tribal Councilman Eddie L. Tullis works to get fish ponds back into action. Watch the newsletter for further information on opening dates, etc.



Expansion in the Housing Office continues, but appears to be getting close to completion



What a fish tank!



The development of the new Red Oak Sub-Division is well under way



T.J. McGhee, Nick McGhee, and Blake Bell clean out ponds.



Development at new Red Oak Sub-Division-this photo makes me think of the story of Mike Mulligan and his steam shovel Mary Anne.



Fish ponds will soon be open again!



The construction of the new Sports Complex will change the view of Lynn McGhee Drive forever. We hope that some of these beautiful trees will be transplanted to the fish ponds.



With all this construction, are the blueberry bushes in danger?



Football field under construction. Football season starts soon!



There are changes going on at the Pow Wow Grounds.



Clayton Coon trenching along the fence line.



Nick Behan unloads the trencher that will be used to dig ditches for electrical lines



The Pow Wow arena has been expanded.



A new stage has been built for the Pow Wow arena

Mvto



Submitted by Alex Alvarez, Lead Singer, Medicine Tail

Greetings to everyone! On behalf of the Medicine Tail Singers, I would like to send a big MVTO (Thank You) for all those who have and continue to support us. As you may know, we received a nomination this year for our latest album: "We Sing For You" for best powwow recording for the Native American Music Awards.

Now, our album has been selected as one of six finalists for this prestigious award. This also means that the polls have been re-set. If you would like to support us and vote for us, please visit www.votenative.com log-on and vote under best powwow recording. Just being considered for this award is an honor in itself, and we appreciate all that you all do for us.

If you would like to check out the album, please visit www.cdbaby.com/wesingforyou to listen/purchase.

Thank you all so much and please get as many people you can to vote for us for the Native American Music Awards!

Approval to Participate In Section 184 Indian Loan Guarantee Program

Submitted by Deloris Kelley, Housing Occupancy Specialist

The Poarch Band of Creek Indians have been approved to participate in the Section 184 Indian Loan Guarantee Program for the following counties in the state of Alabama: Escambia, Mobile, Washington, Baldwin, Monroe, Montgomery, and Elmore.

Participating lenders for the local counties are:

United Bank

www.ubankal.com or amcdowell@ubankal.com
(251) 446-6126 or 1-800-423-7026

First National Bank & Trust (FNB & Trust)

www.FNBandT.com or lee@FNBandT.com
(251) 368-0469

Gulf Winds Federal Credit Union

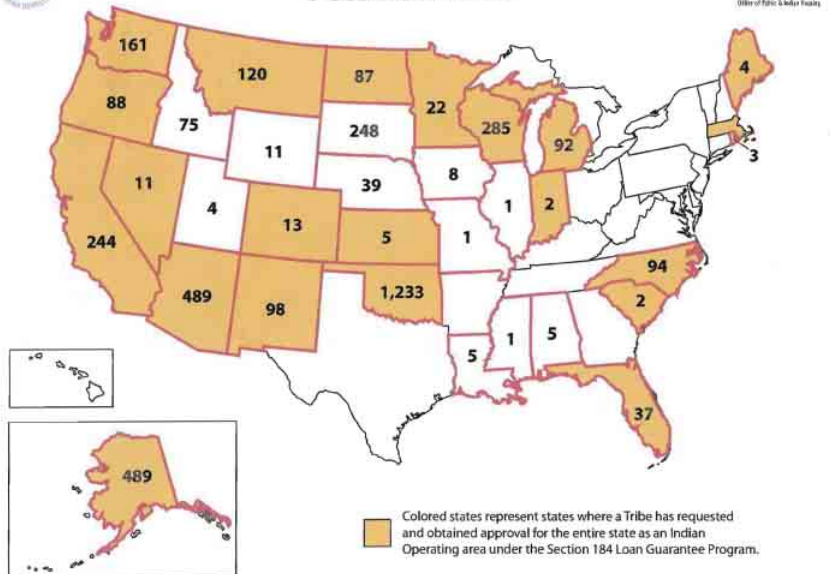
www.gwfcu.org 1-800-650-6328

Nationally known lenders **Wells Fargo** (1-800-898-3246) and **Green Point** (1-800-700-0753) may be able to assist Tribal Members outside of the local areas.

For those Tribal Members who live outside of these counties, we are still working to get this program approved state wide. For additional information on the Section 184 program, participating Tribes and lenders you can visit www.hud.gov.



Section 184 Loans in Indian Country December 2006



SOCIAL SECURITY CASES: FREQUENCY OF REVIEWS

Submitted by Delila Anderson, Adult Services Coordinator

Under Social Security law, all disability cases must be reviewed from time to time. This is to make sure that people receiving benefits continue to be disabled and meet all other requirements.

Your benefits generally will continue unless there is strong proof that your condition has medically improved and that you are able to return to work.

Frequency of Reviews

How often your case is reviewed depends on the severity of your condition and the likelihood of improvement. The frequency can range from six months to seven years. Your award notice shows you when you can expect your first review. Here are general guidelines for reviews:

Improvement expected -- if medical improvement can be predicted when benefits start, your first review should be six to 18 months later.

Improvement possible -- if medical improvement is possible but cannot be predicted, your case will be reviewed about every three years.

Improvement not expected -- if medical improvement is not likely, your case would be reviewed only about once every five to seven years.

What Happens During A Review?

After you get a letter announcing the review, someone from your Social Security office will contact you to explain the review process and your appeal rights. You will be asked to provide information about any medical treatment you've received and any work you might have done.

Then your file will be sent to the state agency that makes disability decisions for Social Security. An evaluation team that includes a disability examiner and a doctor will carefully review your file and request your medical reports. If reports are not complete or current enough, you may be asked to have a special examination or test that SSA will pay for.

Once a decision is reached, SSA will send you a letter explaining it. If SSA decides you are still disabled, your benefits will continue. If SSA decides you are no longer disabled, you can file an appeal. If you don't, your benefits will stop three months after SSA said your disability ended.

Appeal Rights

If you do not agree with a decision SSA makes, you can appeal it. You have 60 days to file a written appeal with any Social Security office or you can call the Adult Services Coordinator at the Poarch Creek Indians Family Services at (251) 368-9136 extension 2600; you have to live in the five-county service area that we serve (in Alabama - Escambia, Mobile, Baldwin, and Monroe, and in Florida - Escambia). Generally, there are four levels to the appeals process.

"Reconsideration --- your claim is reviewed by someone who did not take part in the first decision.

"Hearing before an Administrative Law Judge --- you can appear before a judge to present your case. The Adult Services Coordinator will assess your household financial situation and determine if the Adult Services Coordinator will represent you in the hearing.

"Review by Appeals Council --- if the Appeals Council decides your case should be reviewed, it will either decide your case or return it to the administrative law judge for further review.

"Federal District Court --- if the Appeals Council decides not to review your case or if you disagree with its decision, you

may file a lawsuit in a federal district court; you will then have to have an attorney to present this case in Federal Court.

If you disagree with the decision at one level, you have 60 days to appeal to the next level until you are satisfied with the decision or have completed the last level of appeal. You have two special appeal rights when a decision is made that you are no longer disabled.

"Disability Hearing --- This is part of the reconsideration process. You can meet face-to-face with the person who is reconsidering your case to explain why you feel you are still disabled. You can submit new evidence or information and can bring someone who knows about your disability. This special hearing does not replace your right to also have a formal hearing before an administrative law judge (the second appeal step) if your reconsideration is denied.

"Continuation of benefits --- While you are appealing your case, you can have your disability benefits and Medicare coverage (if you have it) continue until an administrative law judge makes his or her decision. However, you must request the continuation of your benefits during the first 10 days of the 60 days mentioned earlier. If your appeal is not successful, you may have to repay the benefits. Also, that is why it is important to have an attorney at the beginning when you first file for disability or if you qualify for help through the Adult Services Program, the Adult Services Coordinator will represent you through all phases except the Federal Court (the very last phase should this ever happen).

You can call the Adult Services Coordinator and schedule an appointment to assess your situation and if you qualify, she will begin working on your case. Some things that you will need to bring to the appointment: Medical Records, Doctor Reports, X-Ray Films, and letters from Social Security that you already have in your possession. Do not worry if you do not have any of these because the Coordinator will get any and all needed records and reports.

If you have any questions concerning your disability or are having a problem with your check that you already receive from Social Security, you can also call and talk with Delila Anderson, Adult Services Coordinator at (251) 368-9136 extension 2600.

Annual Celebration





Poarch Band of Creek Indians
Committee/Board Application

Name _____ () _____
Phone Number

Mailing Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Employer _____ () _____
Phone Number

Mailing Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

() I do not currently serve on any Committees/Boards

() I currently serve on the following Committee(s)/Board(s):

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

I hereby submit my application to serve on the following Committee(s)/Board(s):

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Acknowledgement

By submitting my application for the above Committee(s)/Board(s), I acknowledge that I have been fully informed of the duties and responsibilities that I will incur should I be appointed to this position and that I am willing and able to accept the same, including adherence to all applicable Tribal laws, policies and procedures

Applicant Signature

Date



An individual cannot serve on more than three (3) committees/boards at one time.

Birthday Wishes

Jackson Montgomery Rolin celebrated his 2nd birthday on May 17th. Jackson is the son of Donald and Lisa Rolin of Brewton, AL. He is the grandson of Jerry and Nadine Rolin and Carl and Elaine Jackson, all of Brewton.



Jackson Montgomery Rolin

His birthday party was held the following Saturday (May 19th) at his "Maw Maw & Paw Paw's" house where family and friends gathered to help him celebrate his birthday.

Ethan John Bowen celebrated his first birthday on May 19, 2007. Ethan is the son of Gareth and Andrea (McGhee) Bowen of Cordova, TN. Ethan's maternal grandparents are Tom and Tina McGhee of Gate, TN; his paternal grandparents are Nigel and Joyce Bowen of Lakeland, TN, and Valerie Bowen of Simsbury, CT. His is the great-grandson of Hurley and Nelda McGhee



Ethan John Bowen

Deldon McGhee wishes his son, Dylan Hunter McGhee, a happy 11th birthday on August 27th.

*Son, no words can ever describe
How happy I was the day you were born
You are a precious gift that I celebrate
Not just once a year, but every single day. Happy Birthday
May your day be as special as you*

Dylan celebrated his birthday with family and friends at Jalisco's. He is the son of Deldon and Angie McGhee. This year he will be in the fourth grade at Lake Alfred Elementary School in Lake Alfred, Florida. We love you and appreciate your good works.

Love Dad & Family



Dylan Hunter McGhee

Victoria Grace Vickery celebrated her first birthday on August 23, 2007. She is the daughter of Mike and Angela Vickery. Victoria's paternal grandparents are the late Wilbert & Larncile McGhee Vickery of Atmore; her maternal grandparents are Ottilie & Curtis Myrick of Foley, AL.



Victoria Grace Vickery



Three friends celebrate together. Shown left to right are Buford L. Rolin, John Arthur "The Corn Man" McGhee, and Eddie L. Tullis.

John Arthur McGhee recently turned 68; his family and friends gathered to celebrate with him. John is well known and respected in the community and has been instrumental in the growth and development of the Tribe.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 2007						1 Board Vacancies Open for Application
2	3 Labor Day, Tribal Offices will be closed	4 Tribal Council Meeting 4:00 p.m.	5 Housing Authority Board Meeting 1:00 p.m.	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15 State of the Tribe 2:00 p.m.
16	17	18 Tribal Council Meeting 4:00 p.m.	19 Housing Authority Board Meeting 1:00 p.m.	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					
Monday, October 1, 2007		Board Vacancies Close for Application				5:00 p.m.



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