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Keeping the Family and Friends of Poarch Informed

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TRIBAL MEMBERS RECEIVE \$576,500 IN SMALL BUSINESS LOANS

**Submitted by Kathy Jowers,
Economic Development Director**

In the last nine months the Economic Development Department has assisted Tribal Members in obtaining \$576,500.00 in small business loans. The Economic Development Department, working in cooperation with local banks and CIE, was successful in assisting Tribal Members with their small business loan needs. While the Economic Development Department does not lend money, they offer valuable business assistance to Tribal Members seeking small business loans.

Kathy Jowers, Director of Economic Development says, "The Tribal Members that were successful in obtaining these loans were prepared and organized and were considered good credit risk by their lenders. Obtaining \$576,500 in small business loans required the diligence of not only the Economic Development staff, but a lot of hard work and effort from the Tribal Member. The small business loan process is lengthy and requires the diligence of the Tribal Member."

If you want to succeed in getting a small business loan, you have to be prepared and organized. You must know exactly how much money you'll need, why you need it and how you'll pay it back. You've also got to be able to convince your lender that you are a good credit risk.

Getting your loan request approved depends on how well you present yourself, your business, and your financial needs. Lenders want to make loans, but they're only going to make loans they know will be repaid.



Pictured left to right is the Economic Development staff; Michelle White, Administrative Assistant, Kathy Jowers, Economic Development Director, and Donna Henry, Accounting Technician

Small business loans are available through local banks, the SBA, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and CIE. If you are a Tribal Member who owns a business or thinking about starting a business and interested in obtaining a small business loan, please contact the Economic Development Department, by calling (251) 368-9136, ext. 2505 or 2289.

The Economic Development Department would also like to remind everyone that they are creating a Tribal Member Business Directory that will list all Tribal Member owned businesses and/or service providers. When completed, the Business Directory will be distributed to all Tribal Administration departments, Creek Indian Enterprises, and Tribal Members. To make this

Business Directory a success, we must have YOUR input.

Please contact Michelle White at (251) 368-9136 ext. 2505 or via email at mwhite@poarchcreekindians-nsn.gov if you are a Tribal Member and you:

- Own your own business
- Provide a service to the public
- Know a Tribal Member with an existing business
- Are going into business
- Know a Tribal Member who is planning to go into business

When completed and distributed, the Tribal Member Business Directory will be a free source of advertising for Tribal Member owned businesses/service providers.

Take the First Step

Submitted by Chad D. McGhee

As a Native American and member of the Poarch Creek Indians, I have decided to write this letter to share my past and current battle with drugs so that maybe my testimony will help you, or someone you know, face the same problems. I'm a 28 year old Native American male who is currently incarcerated in an Alabama State Prison for probation violation which resulted from the continuous use and abuse of drugs.

I started using drugs at an early age and at the time never suspected it would have cost me what it has. It has cost me relationships with the ones who mean the most to me in my life - my family; it has lost me many job opportunities, caused trouble with law enforcement, and many other problems. I must admit it took me a long time to realize that I was the problem. I was using a mind altering substance that prevented clear thinking.

It is not worth it! I started out using "socially", "every now and then", but it quickly turned into a habit that I could not break myself. Then, I heard of someone who could break that habit, that someone was God. I turned my life over to God and since my incarceration I have been saved and now I trust and serve a great God who fights the battle for me.

There are so many Indian people in our community who are experimenting with drugs, that one day will be stealing, killing, and doing other things to supply their habit. I am writing to encourage my native family and let them know that there is a better life out there. If you are battling against drugs, it is time to put a stop to it before it gets any worse. Everything that seems good isn't always good. Take the first step to better your life and do something positive rather than sit back and waste it on what you think is a good time. The battle is not over for me either; I face the temptation of drugs every day here in prison. But now I'm able to resist it through the power of God. I served the Devil for fourteen years, and it got me nowhere. Satan is a powerful force and he will do everything to keep us from God. But now, in prison for the 3rd time, I serve the one who is able to deliver me from these walls, God!

The sole purpose of this letter is to let you know that you are not alone and not the only one who has a problem. Don't be afraid to stand up and say that you have a problem. Do something to correct the problem. I remind you that it is not easy to face the facts of an addiction.

If any of you would like to respond back to me, my information is as follows:

Chad McGhee #207382

Limestone Correctional Facility

J-78-1B

28779 Nick Davis Rd

Harvest, AL 35749

My native family, I pray for you all and may God Bless all of you and the Poarch Band of Creek Indians in a special way.

Chad D. McGhee "Meat Patty"

Goodwill Easter Seals Senior Citizen Employment Program

Submitted by Carolyn White, Family Services
Executive Director

Goodwill Easter Seals would love to have you
as part of their "Winning Team."

Are you 55 or older and would like to work? Goodwill Easter Seals can help you get started by enrolling you in their Senior Citizen Employment Program for Mobile, Baldwin and Escambia County Alabama. Through the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP), seniors are able to receive paid job training at non-profit agencies. The on-the-job training provided will help them to acquire the skills needed to get a permanent job. Participants must be at least 55 and meet income eligibility requirements.

If you have any questions or wish to pick up an application to apply, please contact the Family Services Department during office hours at (251) 368-9136, Ext. 2600. You may also call Chara Brown or Debbie Edmonds at (251) 433-4900 or Mattie Roberson (Escambia & Conecuh County) at (251) 867-2295.

Their Mission:

**Together, we empower people through
Encouragement, Education, and Employment**

Their Vision:

Working together to grow strong communities

Carolyn M. White, LCSW

Family Services Executive Director

From the Chairman

This year's State of the Tribe Address was held Saturday, September 15th. The Tribal Council and pertinent staff presented information on Health, Wellness & Activities, Education, CIE/PCI Gaming, and Tribal Financials. It is my hope that you were able to attend this very important event. If you were unable to attend, and would like a copy of the information/handouts that were available that day, please contact one of the following.

Health	Candace Fayard, Health Administrator (251) 368-9136 x 2302
Wellness & Activities	Melvin Middleton, Wellness & Activities Executive Director (251) 368-9136 x 2249
Education	Sandra Hiebert, Education Executive Director Alex Alvarez, Cultural Education Coordinator (251) 368-9136 x 2020
CIE/PCI Gaming	Tim Martin, CIE President (251) 368-0819
Financials	Arthur Mothershed, Tribal Council Treasurer (251) 368-0819

As I mentioned last month, Muskogee Metalworks was recognized as the 2007 National Minority Manufacturer of the Year. Muskogee hosted a luncheon for its employees, Board of Directors, and outgoing Board Members on Thursday, August 23, 2007. In my absence Stephanie Bryan, Vice Chairman, and Council Member Helen Hallman attended to let the management and staff of Muskogee know how much the Tribe appreciates their dedication and hard work and that without their dedication such an award would not have been possible.

In April of this year, Billy Don Anderson, Mayor of Sheffield, Alabama, received notification from the U.S. Department of Interior that Sheffield's Tuscumbia Landing had been designated as a part of the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail system. Tuscumbia Landing is the first Trail of Tears site to receive national certification in the state of Alabama. Tuscumbia Landing played a significant role in the Indian Removal as several southeastern tribes, among them the Cherokee, Creek and the Chickasaw, were removed to Indian Territory by means of the Tennessee River. Tuscumbia Landing was for many the last place they stood upon their ancestral homelands before departing on boats towards present day Oklahoma. The National Park Service and the City of Sheffield hosted the official dedication ceremony September

8, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. at the George Carter Jr. City Park West in Sheffield. Eddie L. Tullis, Robert Thrower, and I, along with other Tribal representatives, attended this very emotional dedication ceremony.

I traveled to Nashville, Tennessee on September 13th, for a Budget Consultation Meeting with Carl Artman, Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs, Dr. Robert Middleton, Director of the Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development and other Tribal representatives from the BIA Nashville area. We learned that the availability of budget resources to meet the needs of Indian Country is a challenge and will continue to be a challenge into the future. Budgets continue to be affected by increasing costs, increasing demand for services, and many other external factors. forty percent of the current Indian Affairs workforce will be eligible for retirement within the next five years; this represents a considerable potential loss of experience and knowledge for the organization. Replacement of retired staff will be difficult. It is the goal of Tribal Leaders across Indian Country to decide how a modern Indian Affairs organization can function by continuing to increase our use of technology, operating smarter, and working more collaboratively to meet our common mission goals.

I was in Portland, Oregon September 24th through 27th to attend the NIHBB Consumer Conference. The theme for this year's conference was HOPE in Indian Country, hope for crystal meth addiction recovery, suicide prevention, overcoming depression, mental health healing, alcohol recovery and diabetes treatment and prevention.

Tribal Council members and other Tribal representatives will be attending the USET 2007 Annual Meeting & Expo, hosted by the Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana, October 15-18, 2007. USET is dedicated to promoting Indian leadership, improving the quality of life for American Indians, and protecting Indian rights and natural resources on tribal lands. Although its guiding principle is unity, USET plays a major role in the self-determination of all its member Tribes by working to improve the capabilities of Tribal governments.

In closing, I would like to remind everyone of the recent change in the schedule for Tribal Council meetings. Regularly scheduled Tribal Council meetings will be held the first and third Tuesday of each month. Unless notified otherwise, each meeting will begin at 4:00 p.m. in the Tribal Council chambers. I invite and encourage you to attend.



**Tribal Chairman
Buford L. Rollin**

It's time for After School Tutoring!

NOTE: Applications will be available on

September 26, 2007

@ PCI Education Dept.
Tutoring will begin Monday,

October 8, 2007!

**Come by the PCI
Education Department
to find out more or
call: Christyn Sells
@ (251)368-9136
ext. 2244**



Senator Parker Griffith Visits Tribe

Freshman Senator Parker Griffith visited the Tribe on Thursday, August 16, 2007. 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.

The Senator began his visit with a meeting with the Tribal Council. Scheduling conflicts prevented some of the Tribal Council Members from attending, but they extended their welcome to him via the Tribal Chairman. The topics covered by Senator Griffith and the Council included Education, Health, Housing, Gaming, and future Tribal plans.

Senator Griffith was very impressed with the accomplishments in the areas of education and health; he has an extensive background in both. Before becoming a physician, he had been a teacher in Louisiana. As a doctor, Griffith was the first Radiation Oncologist in North Alabama and a pioneer in the early diagnosis and treatment of cancer, establishing the first of its kind Comprehensive Cancer Center to treat all types of cancer. He is known throughout the community as a doctor who cared about his patients and provided free and discounted care to many without insurance. Senator Griffith has been involved with the Alabama education system in his congress-



Senator Griffith with Tribal Council Members Robbie McGhee, Helen Hallman, and Tribal Chairman Buford L. Rolin

serves as a guest teacher in his local public school system and has presented several Biology and Health lectures.

After meeting with the Council, Senator Griffith met with Tim Martin, CIE President, and other representatives from CIE and PCI Gaming. He ended his visit with a tour of the Reservation. He stated that he is very impressed with the progress of the Tribe, and that it appears to him that the Tribe is working mainly toward community development, which will enhance the lives of Tribal Members, today and in the future.

Senator Griffith and his wife, Virginia, have five children and ten grandchildren. They are members of the Church of the Nativity and have been active members of the Huntsville community. Virginia is a past president of the Junior League and co-founder of the first Panoply of the Arts Festival. They have been active in several community activities such as the Huntsville Public Library, Historic Huntsville Foundation, Saturn V Restoration Committee and the Tennessee Valley Jazz Society. The Senator and his wife have also been active supporting children's organizations and mentoring youth, the Board of Directors for Big Brothers and Big Sisters, Harris Home for Children, and the Greater Alabama Boy Scouts and as a mentor with HCOP, the Health Career Opportunity Program.

The Senator's visit was educational and promising. It appears that his main areas of interest coincide with those of the Tribe, health, education, and youth. We look forward to developing a lasting and positive working relationship with the Senator.



Senator meets with lobbyist John Teague and members of the Tribal Council.

sional district through the Griffith Family Foundation, which awards cash grants to classroom teachers in the local communities. Griffith is no stranger to the classroom and taught 7th grade math before attending medical school. He currently



A Guide to Open Burning



What is Open Burning?

"Open Burning" is the burning of unwanted materials such as garbage, paper, trees, brush, leaves, grass, and other debris, where smoke and other emissions are released directly into the air. During open burning air pollutants pass directly into the air people breathe. Open burning may also be known as "backyard burning" and "burn barrels".

Open burning pollutes the air and poses a forest fire hazard. The air pollution created by open burning can obscure visibility, soil nearby surfaces, create annoying odors and contribute to immediate and long term health effects such as:

- Asthma, emphysema, and other respiratory illnesses.
- Nervous system, kidney, or liver damage.
- Reproductive or developmental disorders.

People who open burn are exposed to these pollutants and so are their families and neighbors. Children, the elderly, and those with preexisting respiratory conditions can be especially vulnerable.

If you have to burn, remember:

- Do not burn garbage
- Be able to identify all materials that will be burned.
- Obtain all necessary permits
- Weather conditions can affect burning- such as relative humidity, temperature, and wind direction & speed.
- Know your surroundings.
- Never leave fire unattended
- Be courteous and advise neighbors

What not to burn

Garbage	Asbestos
Heavy Oils	Asphalt Products
Plastics	Vinyl Materials
Insulation	Paper & Cardboard
Rubber	Scrap Materials
Chemicals	Treated or Painted Wood

Alternatives to Open Burning

- Reduce - You can reduce the amount of waste you generate by using durable, long-lasting goods, avoiding disposable items; and buying in bulk.
- Reuse - Extends the useful life of a product; donate to charity
- Recycle - Contact your local, state, or tribal government for more information about recycling.
- Composting - A great way to dispose of yard trimmings and food scraps, while creating a natural, free fertilizer.
- Properly Dispose of Waste - Use a waste collection service or take your waste to a licensed landfill.

For more information, please contact the Poarch Band of Creek Indian's Environmental Department at (251) 368-9136.



Tribal Activities



Members of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians Drug Court Team recently visited to see the Tribe's Drug Court Team in action. Afterwards they were taken on a tour of the Reservation.



Every "duck" wants to rule the sandbar! These ducks were donated to Magnolia by John Davis, friend and neighbor of Tribal Member Fred Murphy. Billy Smith, MBWR General Manager, says "Thank You" to Mr. Murphy and Mr. Davis. Restoring Magnolia to its original grandeur is a team effort.



The bus has a new look. The bus was painted by David's Paint & Body, doesn't it look great!! The Seniors traveled to New York in it and were proud to let everyone know they were Poarch Creek Indians!



Splash, splash, splash!!



The dam has been completed at Magnolia. Scheduling conflicts prevented an article from Billy Smith this month. We hope to have more information about the dam and future plans at Magnolia in the next issue of the newsletter.



The completion of the dam has created a new 10 to 12 acre lake.

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

Tribal Newsletter...what it takes



1. We know you watch your mailbox for the latest issue of *The Poarch Creek News*, but have you wondered how it gets to you? After it is returned from the printers, Community Relations' staff labels and sorts all issues and places them in bins for the Post Office. It takes almost eight hours to complete this part of the mail out.

2. Suzanna Lambeth, Community Relations Secretary, unloads the bins from the van and places them on the scales at the Post Office to be weighted

3. Gayle Johnson, Media Specialist, helps load the bins. Sometimes it is a long wait at the Post Office, sometimes not!

4. Can you guess the weight of September's newsletters? 512 pounds, 27 ounces.



Poarch Volunteer Fire Department Responds to Call for Assistance

Submitted by Susan O'Donovan,
Dispatcher/PVFD Firefighter



Gulf Coast MedEvac lands at Poarch to transport patient in need of emergency care.

assist. A landing zone was set up in the grassy area on the side of the Poarch fire station and the patient was transported to a hospital in the Mobile area.

"Attention all Poarch Volunteer Fire Fighters, we need you to respond to the Fire Station to set up a landing zone for Life Flight." This is the page that went out Thursday, August 30, 2007. A patient was in need of emergency transport and the volunteer fire fighters were there to



PVFD fire fighters secure the scene and stand ready to assist as needed.



Are you

55 or Older



And would like to

Work?



Goodwill Easter Seals
can help you get started by enrolling you in our...

SENIOR CITIZEN EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

(Mobile, Baldwin, & Escambia, AL Counties)

Through the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) seniors are able to receive **paid job training at non-profit agencies**. The on-the-job training provided will help them to acquire the skills needed to get a permanent job. Participants must be at least 55 and meet income eligibility requirements.

**For more details, please call Chara Brown or Debbie Edmonds
at (251) 433-4900 or Mattie Roberson (Escambia & Conecuh County)
at (251) – 867 - 2295**

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Our Mission

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Poarch Creek Indians Wellness & Activities Authority's

Haunted Forest

October 25, 26, 27, 29 & 30, 2007

**Wellness & Activities Center
Lynn McGhee Drive
Poarch, AL**

(Approximately 7 miles north of Atmore, AL)
(Exit 54 off I-65)

7:00 p.m. Nightly

Ride will depart from the Wellness & Activities Center (Gym) and be driven through the dark, mysterious, and haunted forest.

**Admission
\$3**

**Ghosts and creatures roam freely!
Come at your own risk!**



Call (251) 368-9136 x 2246 or 2256 for more information

Gaming Commission Vacancy

Open for application to complete one year term which expires 8-1-08

Applications accepted
October 1, 2007 -
October 30, 2007



Front & Back view of Tribal Coins



Beach Towel with logo



Each coin comes in its own leather pouch

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.

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.

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.

Colorectal Cancer- Screen for Life National

What is Colorectal Cancer?

Colorectal cancer is cancer that occurs in the colon or rectum. Sometimes it is called colon cancer, for short. The colon is the large intestine or large bowel; the rectum is the passageway that connects the colon to the anus.

It's the Second Leading Cancer Killer

Colorectal cancer is the second leading cancer killer in the United States, but it doesn't have to be. If everybody age 50 or older had regular screen tests, at least one-third of deaths from this cancer could be avoided. So if you are 50 or older, start screening now.

Who Gets Colorectal Cancer?

- Both men and women can get colorectal cancer.
- Colorectal cancer is most often found in people 50 or older.
- The risk of getting colorectal cancer increases with age.

Are You At High Risk?

Your risk for colorectal cancer may be higher than average if:

- You are a close relative have had colorectal polyps or colorectal cancer
- You have inflammatory bowel disease.

People at high risk for colorectal cancer may need earlier or more frequent tests than other people. Talk to your doctor about when you should begin screening and how often you should be tested.

Screening Saves Lives

If you're 50 or older, getting a screening test for colorectal cancer could save your life. Here's how:

- Colorectal cancer usually starts from polyps in the colon or rectum. A polyp is a growth that shouldn't be there.
- Over time, some polyps can turn into cancer.
- Screening tests can find polyps, so they can be removed before they turn into cancer.
- Screening test can also find colorectal cancer early. When it is found early, the chance of being cured is good.

Colorectal Cancer Can Start With No Symptoms

People who have polyps or colorectal cancer sometimes don't have symptoms, especially at first. This means that someone could have polyps or colorectal cancer and not know it. That is why having a screening test is so important.

What are the symptoms?

Some people with colorectal polyps or colorectal cancer do have symptoms. They may include:

- Blood in or on your stool (bowel movement).
- Pain, aches, or cramps in your stomach that happen a lot and you don't know why.
- A change in bowel habits, such as having stools that are narrower than usual.
- Losing weight and you don't know why.

If you have any of these symptoms, talk to your doctor. These symptoms may also be caused by something other than cancer. However, the only way to know what is causing them is to see your doctor.

Types of Screen Tests

There are several different screening tests that can be used to find polyps or colorectal cancer. Each one can

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be used alone. Sometimes they are used in combination with each other. Talk to your doctor about which tests are right for you and how often you should be tested.

- **Fecal Occult Blood Test or Stool Test.** For this test, you receive a test kit from your doctor or health care provider. At home, you put a small piece of stool on a test card. You do this for three bowel movements in a row. Then you return the test cards to the doctor or a lab. The stool samples are checked for blood. This test should be done every year.
- **Flexible Sigmoidoscopy.** For this test, the doctor puts a short, thin, flexible, lighted tube into your rectum. The doctor checks for polyps or cancer inside the rectum and lower third of the colon. This test is usually done every five years.
- **Fecal Occult Blood Test Plus Flexible Sigmoidoscopy.** Your doctor may ask you to have both tests. Some experts believe that by using both tests, there is a better chance of finding polyps or colorectal cancer.
- **Colonoscopy.** This test is similar to flexible sigmoidoscopy, except the doctor uses a longer, thin, flexible, lighted tube to check for polyps or cancer inside the rectum and the entire colon. During the test, the doctor can find and remove most polyps and some cancers. This test is usually done every ten years. Colonoscopy may also be used as a follow-up test if anything unusual is found during one of the other screening tests.
- **Double Contrast Barium Enema.** This test is an x-ray of your colon. You are given an enema with a liquid called barium. Then the doctor takes an x-ray to check for polyps or other abnormalities. This test is usually done every 5 to 10 years.

Will insurance or Medicare Pay for Screening Tests?

Many insurance plans and Medicare help pay for colorectal cancer screening tests. Check with your plan to find out which tests are covered for you. To find out about Medicare coverage, call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227).

The Bottom Line

If you are 50 or older, talk with your doctor about getting screened. For more information, visit www.cdc.gov/cancer/ScreenforLife or call the National Cancer Institute's Cancer Information Service at 1-800-4-CANCER; for TTY call 1-800-332-8615.

News From the Health Clinic

Submitted by Jaime McGhee, Clinical Director

The West Florida Mammogram bus will be coming October 10, 2007. Please contact Shyrell Gehman for an appointment at 368-9136, ext. 2322.

Attention: All female Indian Descendants 19 and over, you may now be eligible for a free mammogram and pelvic exam at the PCI Health Dept., if you meet certain income criteria. Please contact Shyrell Gehman at 368-9136, extension 2322, or Jaime McGhee, extension 2305.

Women's Health Event:

The Poarch Creek Indian Health Department will be hosting a Mother-Daughter/Sister-Sister Banquet for Breast and Cervical Cancer Awareness Month. This event will be held in the Tribal Auditorium on Tuesday, October 23, 2007, at 6:30 pm. Please make plans to attend this special evening of food, fellowship and door prizes, while learning about an important aspect of women's health. Please contact Shyrell Gehman or Kay Watson at the PCI Health Dept. for more information.

Muskogee Metalworks Named as the 2007 Minority Manufacturer of the Year



Pictured left to right are Rosemary Jones, Director, Suppler Diversity Program, Turner Broadcasting System, Inc., Atlanta, GA Note: Ms. Jones served as Honorary Co-Chair of the 2007 MED Week Public-Private Sector Committee - Atlanta Region, Ronald N. Langston, National Director, U.S. Department of Commerce, Minority Business Development Agency, Washington, DC, Tim Martin, CIE President, Mal McGhee, General manager, Muskogee Metalworks, James Sutton, Muskogee Metalworks, John F. Iglehart, Interim Regional Director, U.S. Department of Commerce, Minority Business Development Agency, Atlanta National Enterprise Center; Buford L. Rolin, Tribal Chairman; and Dr. Rengen Li, Strategic Procurement Manager, The Coca-Cola Company, Minority and Women Owned Supplier Development Program, North America Group Strategic Procurement, Atlanta, Georgia, Note: Dr. Li served as Honorary Co-Chair of the 2007 MED Week Public-Private Sector Committee - Atlanta Region

Minority Enterprise Development (MED) Week is an annual event proclaimed since 1983 by the President of the United States to recognize and promote the achievements of minority owned businesses and their supporters. The U.S. Department of Commerce's Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA) and the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) are the designated co-sponsors of MED Week.

MED Week is celebrated on national, regional, and local levels. MBNA and SBA are responsible for the management of the MED Week Awards Program; award recipients are selected from nominations submitted by both the public and private sector. Muskogee Metalworks, a subsidiary of Creek Indian Enterprises (CIE), the economic development arm of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians, was selected as the Minority Manufacturer of the Year at all levels.

The award, given by the U.S. Department of Commerce and the Minority Business Development Agency, is presented annually to certified minority manufacturers. To qualify for

the honor, companies must be a certified minority manufacturer and be nominated by a minority organization. The week of September 9th was National Minority Enterprise Development Week in Washington, DC, with activities occurring September 13th and 14th. Mal McGhee, Muskogee Metalworks General Manager, traveled to Washington DC to receive the national award at that time.

Muskogee Metalworks was one of many companies in the running for the award. There were applicants from all over the U.S., with a narrowed group forwarded to a selection committee at the national level. Muskogee Metalworks was chosen from this select group to be the National Minority Manufacturer of the Year. "The recognition has already generated a huge amount of attention," McGhee said. "This positive exposure is great for Muskogee Metalworks, the Tribe, our community and the state."

Muskogee Metalworks, in business for 15 years, currently employs 40 at its site in west Atmore. The company continues to grow and establish relationships while creating other business opportunities. McGhee said the U.S.

Air Force has been great to work with over the last 10 years.

"They have awarded us contracts that have allowed us to grow," he said.

"Their programs such as mentor/pro-tégé and manufacturing assistance production program we participated in, have been extremely helpful."



The 2007 Atlanta Regional Minority Manufacturer of the Year Award

This is not the first time that Muskogee has been recognized at the national level. In 2005 Muskogee was awarded the Nunn Perry Award, by the Department of Defense. Through the presentation of the Nunn-Perry Award, the Department of Defense (DoD) recognizes superior program performance by Mentor-Protégé teams. The prestigious Nunn-Perry Award, named in recognition of former Senator Sam Nunn and former Secretary of Defense William Perry, was first awarded in 1995 to recognize outstanding Mentor-Protégé teams formed under the auspices of the DoD Mentor-Protégé program.

Manufacturing Technology, Inc. (MTI) teamed with Muskogee Metalworks, a wholly owned tribal enterprise, and Alabama A&M University, an HBCU, to develop Muskogee from a metal stamping and low volume machining firm into a fully capable multi-product company. With the valuable technical assistance provided by its mentor and Alabama A&M, Muskogee is now a high technology machining, fabrication and electronics company providing aviation-related products to the Air Force.

Muskogee hosted a luncheon and award ceremony on Thursday, August 23, 2007 to recognize and honor its employees and Board of Directors. Stephanie Bryan, Tribal Council Vice Chairman, told Muskogee staff that the Tribal Council was proud of their accomplishment and that the Council knows that it is due to the hard work and dedication of Muskogee's staff, from the General Manager to the janitor, that makes Muskogee a success. These same thoughts were expressed by Mal McGhee, General Manager, and April Sells, Board of Directors Chairperson. Muskogee recognized outgoing Board of Director members Dave Kinman, Billy Smith, and Eddie L. Tullis; they were presented with a plaque in recognition of their dedication and service to Muskogee Metalworks.

As part of the ceremony, a slide show was presented. Prior to beginning of the slide show, the background of Mal's laptop was reflected on the screen. Mal jokingly, but seriously, said "Do you see this, it is the moon; it is our ultimate goal. Though the contacts that we have developed, and will continue to develop, we plan to be part of the next team that travels to the moon." Imagine that, Muskogee Metalworks and Poarch Creek Indians on the moon! Muskogee Metalworks has been recognized as the best of the best and we believe that the moon is within their reach!

Congratulations to Mal and his team at Muskogee Metalworks. You have represented the Tribe well; we look for greater things in the future.



The 2005 Nunn Perry Award



Muskogee provided lunch for those present, outgoing board member Billy Smith heads the line.



Mal McGhee, Muskogee Metalworks General Manager (far left) with outgoing board members Eddie L. Tullis, Billy Smith, and Dave Kinman; April Sells, Board Chairperson, and Stephanie Bryan, Tribal Council Vice-Chairman. Not pictured, but in attendance were Helen Hallman, Tribal Council Member, Debra Strickland, and Kent McGhee, current board members.

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

Congratulations



Gwen Manning

Gwen Manning Selected as July Employee of the Month

On July 13, 2007, the Employee Awards Committee notified Gwen Manning, Travel Coordinator that she had been selected as the July 2007 Employee of the Month. She was very surprised; she thought they were having a staff meeting. This is Gwen's first time to receive the award since coming to work for the Tribe on September 8, 2006.

As Travel Coordinator, Gwen coordinates all travel needs for Poarch Creek Indians' staff members and Tribal Council members. Her duties include reserving hotel rooms, making flight accommodations, processing registration and completed any travel advance that is needed and ensuring that all travel needs are met within the constraints of the Tribe's travel policy.

When asked, Gwen stated that her favorite part of the award was the nomination and selection as Employee of the Month. "It's an honor for people to recognize your hard work. It makes you feel appreciated." She attributes her success to her parents, as they were the role models for hard work. Her father had a very strong work ethic and taught her that commitment, dedication, and hard work breeds success; she has followed that role throughout her career. Her mother taught her to be assertive, strong, and independent; with these combinations she has achieved great success in her past as well as her current career.

The greatest aspect of her position is the people she works with. She has to interact with all staff members in order to process their travel arrangements and she feels she has fulfilled her responsibilities when she knows they've completed their travel and all went smoothly. "It's nice to get a phone call or that 'Thank You' card from someone to let me know their travel was a success from start to finish." However, she would like to see more training done on-site; instead of having one person attend a specific training, the entire department could attend, making it more beneficial to the Tribe.

In her spare time Gwen enjoys gardening and spending time with her family; they try to get together and go fishing or camping as much as possible. In closing, Gwen would like to thank the person that nominated her, as well as the Employee Awards Committee for selecting her. She promises to continue to strive to be even better and hopes to have continued success with the Tribe.



Ellen O'Barr

O'Barr Named Employee of the Quarter

The Employee Awards Committee selected Ellen O'Barr, Land/Real Estate Coordinator, as the August 2007 Employee of the Month. She was also selected as Employee of the Quarter for the Second Quarter. This is not the first time Ellen has been selected as Employee of the Month; she was Employee of the Month in 1998, but is not sure exactly which month it was.

Ellen has worked with the Tribe for more than 21 years, 19 of them in Planning/Real Estate. As Land/Real Estate Coordinator, Ellen is responsible for maintaining files of all land purchased by the Tribe, assists with placing lands in trust, and making sure that all applicable land taxes are paid.

When asked about how she was notified of receiving the award, Ellen said that she thought they were joking, both times. She said that Kenny came to her one day and told her that there was a problem and they needed to go to Human Resources. "OK, whatever they said I did, I'm sure I did it!" When she went into the HR Conference Room, she was surprised to see Arthur Mothershed; he told her that she had been selected as the August 2007 Employee of the Month. "Are you for real?" "Yes, I'm for real!" When she was told of being selected as Employee of the Quarter she was told to report to HR for a drug test. When she got there, Tawana McGhee, Recruitment Specialist, told her that she had been selected as Employee of the Quarter. "Are you sure?" "Yep, I'm sure!" (Believe it, Ellen, your hard work and dedication has been noticed and is greatly appreciated.)

When asked what was her favorite part of the awards, she said that it was nice being recognized by her peers. After working here 21 years, she has seen things change and people come and go and it is an honor to be recognized by her peers for a job well done. She says that she just does her job and hopes by the grace of God that she will wake up the next morning and have another day to go to work.

Ellen says that she would not change anything about her job.

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Although it is hectic sometimes, she feels she has done a good job when all the files are in order and up to date and all taxes are paid on time.

Ellen is married to Joe E. O'Barr, Jr. and has five wonderful children, Christy Husky, Shannon Griffey, Charles "Bubba" Godwin, John O'Barr, and Kim Snow and twelve beautiful grandchildren. In her spare time, Ellen enjoys fishing and going to the casino.

VFW Veterans In School Programs

The Atmore Area VFW Post 7016, Veterans of Foreign Wars, announced this week the continuation of its Veterans in School Program for School Year 2007-2008. VFW veterans believe in educational opportunities for students and in honoring teachers who are doing a great job in educating students.

Twenty (20) Atmore area veterans have agreed to identify with local public schools and share their experiences with students, faculty and staff and provide assistance with citizenship, youth development, scholarships and recognitions. The 20 veterans will form a two-man team, providing whatever assistance they can to school administrators and teachers and introduce students and teachers to VFW's award and scholarship programs.

Students in grades sixth-eighth will have the opportunity to compete in the VFW's annual essay competition and win thousands of dollars in U.S. Savings Bonds. Students begin by competing at the post level with subsequent winners advancing to the district and state level. State winners compete for more than \$70,000 in U.S. Savings Bonds and an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. Participating students will be invited to write a 300-400-typewritten words essay on this year's patriotic theme, "Why I Am an American Patriot," that will be judged by a post selection committee.

Students in grades ninth-twelfth will have the opportunity to compete in the annual Voice of Democracy audio essay competition and win thousands of dollars in scholarships, a trip to Washington, D.C., as well as dozens of other awards. Competition begins at the post level with winners advancing to the district, state and national level. Participating students begin by writing and then recording a three-to-five minute audio/essay expressing their views on this year's theme, "My Role in Honoring American's Veterans," that will be judged by a post selection committee. State winners receive at least a \$1,000 scholarship but any one of state finalist could win the top scholarship being \$30,000.

Each year exceptional teachers are recognized by the VFW for their outstanding commitment to teach



Lee "Lavan" V.E. Martin,
Commander

Americanism and patriotism to their students. Selected teachers will be recognized at post, district, and national levels with monetary awards with the finalist recognized by the VFW's National Community Service Conference in Washington, D.C.

Students at the elementary school level will be assisted by veterans with citizenship training that includes flag etiquette, history, and how to display and respect it, in addition to providing assistance and training in the proper way to conduct flag ceremonies. Veterans may also serve as classroom assistants, reading tutors, hall or cafeteria monitors, after school hobby instructors or sport coaches.

Last but certainly not least, Atmore area veterans appreciate the association they have with the JNROTC units at both Escambia County High School and Northview High School. Medal awards for academic and leadership excellence will be presented to the top cadets at these schools in May during the school's awards program.

For more information, parents, students and teachers interested in participating in the VFW awards and scholarship programs should contact the Post's Veterans in School Program Coordinator Byard Swift at 368-3742 or Post Commander Lee "Lavan" Martin at 368-8160.

Membership in the Atmore Area VFW Post is open to all Atmore area veterans, especially tribal members who live in the Atmore area. It's a great opportunity for area tribal members to identify with a VFW Post that has an excellent facility that is available to members and a place to enjoy the fellowship and comradeship that go with it. Eligible tribal members who want to know more about the Post are encouraged to call Lee "Lavan" Martin at 368-8160. The Veterans of Foreign Wars need you and your participation.

Senior Activities

The Seniors had a luau in August. They danced to the music and had a good time. They all dressed up and were judged for best luau costume.



Don Ho Poarch Creek Style! Hubert Rackard won first place.



Our Seniors always have a good time!



Rose Ivy with her coconut bra! When the judging was complete, Rose placed third.



Annette Steadham danced her way into second place!

Poarch Creek Indians Wellness/Recreation Announcement

After school children interested in Taekwondo

The Wellness/Recreation Department is taking applications for "Taekwondo" classes. Children who are interested should fill out the application below and return to the Wellness/Recreation Department. A uniform will be needed for this activity; cost per uniform will be \$30.00. A rank test will be given quarterly, and it will be determined if a child moves up a belt per the instructor. Cost per belt will be \$25.00. Registration for this class will be \$30.00 per child. The class will be given during the after school program and will be held on Monday and Wednesday each week. Only twenty (20) students will be allowed per class. **The first twenty applications will be accepted.** For more information you may contact the Wellness/Recreation Department at (251) 368-9136 extension 2248.

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Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Parents/Guardians: _____

Age _____ Date of Birth _____ Male _____ Female _____

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

IT'S TIME TO UPDATE

Any Tribal Member 21 years of age or older interested in a new house must come into the Poarch Creek Indians Housing Department to submit a new application or update your current application. You must provide a copy of your 2006 tax returns and social security cards of all persons on the application PLUS REQUIRED DOCUMENTS.

**LAST DAY TO UPDATE:
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2007**

USDA INFORMATION AND PROGRAM DELIVERY INITIATIVE MEETING

Submitted by David Elliott, NRCS Tribal Liaison

WHERE: Perdido River Farms Conference Room
5525 Poarch Road
Atmore, Alabama 36502

WHEN: October 25, 2007

TIME: 9:30 am- 12:00 pm

WHO SHOULD ATTEND: All Tribal Leaders and Tribal Members who are interested in present and future participation in USDA Programs.

PURPOSE: To inform Tribal Leaders and Tribal Members of the programs available through the USDA Agencies: Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Farm Service Agency (FSA), and Rural Development (RD).

BENEFITS: Participants will be presented with valuable information concerning programs administered by the NRCS, FSA & RD.

For additional Information or questions contact: David Elliott (NRCS) Tribal Liaison at (251) 368-0826

SEE YOU ON October 25, 2007

EQIP Sign-up for Fiscal 2008

Submitted by David Elliott, NRCS Tribal Liaison

Alabama USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is accepting applications for fiscal year 2008 Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) contracts. The first batching date to rank eligible contracts is October 26, 2007. Alabama landowners, including limited resource producers and new or beginning farmers, who have resource concerns on pasture land, crop land, forest, or land used for wildlife are encouraged to participate.

The EQIP program, administered by NRCS, provides technical

and financial assistance to help eligible agricultural producers address soil, water, air, and related natural resource concerns on their operations. EQIP generally supports a wide variety of activities: the establishment of permanent covers, erosion control, grazing protection, wildlife habitat enhancement, soil quality and various water quality protection systems. Forestry practices which are generally supported include tree planting, forest stand improvement, site preparation for natural regeneration and forest stand analysis leading to better forest management. Special initiatives include poultry litter distribution, control of invasive species, water conservation, and practices designed especially for limited resource farmers and small scale farmers.

The first step for producers should be to contact their NRCS Tribal office at 5535 Poarch Road, Atmore, Alabama 36502 or 1-251-368-0826. The local office will provide specific information on how to apply in your area.

October 2007 Poarch Creek Financial Aid, Internship, Job Opportunity News

GED Prep Classes

GED Classes are available to Tribal members and first generation Tribal descendants in the Poarch Creek Education Department. Please contact Mrs. Billie McGhee, Education Coordinator, at 251-368-9136, ext. 2243 to apply for the class.

Akados/TexbookX.Com 2007 Fall Scholarship

The application deadline is October 31, 2007 and it is an on-line application. The application is available at <http://www.textbook-ix.com/scholarship>.

Dorothy Harris Scholarship

Application information and the application PDF file are available at <http://www.womenssportsfoundation.org/cgi-bin/iowa/funding/featured.html?record=3>.

MinorityNurse.Com

Minority Nurse.Com offers a search engine to help minority undergraduate and graduate nurses locate scholarships to fit your background and your funding needs for further training.

National Association of School Psychologist and Education and Research Trust (NASP-ERT) Scholarship

Application deadline is November 1, 2007. The application is available at http://www.nasponline.org/about_nasp/APP-08-PDF.pdf and the program web site is http://www.nasponline.org/about_nasp/minority.aspx.

Native American Education On-Line Seminars

The Tribal Education Departments National Assembly (TEDNA), Colorado State University's School of Education, and the Interwest Equity Assistance Center have formed a partnership to present on-line seminars. The web site for registering for the classes is <http://www.colostate.edu/programs/EAC/>.

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ATTENTION!!!!

JOB FAIR COMING FOR THE
WIND CREEK HOTEL & CASINO CONSTRUCTION PROJECT
TO BE HELD AT THE PCI TRIBAL AUDITORIUM

OCTOBER 25, 2007

12:00pm - 6:00pm

Note: Employment is not guaranteed and you will not be working
for the Tribe, you will be working for a subcontractor.

Applications will be available on site:



For more information please come by or call the
PCI Human Resources Dept. @ (251) 368 - 9136

The Consortium MBA Fellowship Program

The Consortium MBA Program is one of the best programs in the U. S. for promoting diversity and preparing MBA applicants for entry into top level positions. The Consortium web site is <http://www.cgsm.org/>.

Native American Master's Program in Physician Assistant Studies. The web site for additional information and an application is http://www.atsu.edu/programs/physician_assistant.htm.

Science, Mathematics, and Research For Transformation Defense Scholarship (SMART) Program Scholarship for Service Program

The application is an on-line application at <http://www.asee.org/smart/faq.cfm>. The deadline is February 5, 2008.

Internship Opportunities

We provide Tribal and Tribal Descendant college students with information about summer programs or internship programs that provide the students with travel reimbursement, room and board, college credit or a scholarship.

American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE) Minority Internship

The applications will be accepted on October 1, 2007 through December 1, 2007. You will find additional information at <http://www.ache.org/carsvcs/internship.cfm>

Washington Internships for Native American Students

The deadline for the Summer 2008 WINS Federal Government Agencies Internships is February 1, 2008. The application is available at <http://www.american.edu/wins>.

Employment Opportunities

Careers that Require Two Years of College or Less
http://education.yahoo.net/degrees/articles/featured_top_10_careers.html

Construction Careers

We learned during our College Fair that the construction industry in Alabama and Mississippi is experiencing a huge short fall of licensed and certified people to perform the thousands of jobs that are going to be available in the near future in Alabama and Mississippi. The Tribe needs trained licensed and certified employees to help build the hotel/gaming facilities, Tribal buildings, Water Park, and the golf course. Reid State Technical College, Pensacola Junior College, and George Stone Vocational School offer degrees and certificate programs in the construction field. Shelton State Community College provides Heavy Equipment Training Certification.

If you have any questions about the information in this article, please contact Mrs. Billie McGhee, Education Coordinator, at (251) 368-9136, Ext. 2243 or bmcghee46@poarchcreekindians-nsn.gov.

NIGC Certification

Submitted by Terri Morris

Terri Morris, Tribal Gaming Commissioner, Linda McGhee, and Doug Murphy, Tribal Gaming Commission staff, recently completed a certification series through the National Indian Gaming Association (NIGC). This certification series covered major areas including purpose and function of the Gaming Commission, IGRA, Ethics, Jurisdiction, Background Investigation, Employee/Vendor Licensing, Due Process, and preparing for the opening of a casino. Poarch Creek Indian Tribal Member Terri Poust, was a guest speaker, giving a legislative update on current proposed changes to the MICS. The Tribe is a NIGA member. For more information, visit their website at www.indiangaming.org.



Doug Murphy, Linda McGhee, Terri Morris, and Terri Poust



NO MONEY - JUST SMILES! Accounting Officer, Glenda R. Carlton (left), and Payroll Clerk, Betty Carraway (right), with their usual expressions! They not only provide their expertise in accounting for the Tribal Council's mounting program funds, but also exhibit warmth and a friendly welcome to Staff and Visitors.

Blast from the Past - Do you notice Betty's calendar on the wall? She is the ultimate Elvis fan!! Glenda and Betty have been long time Tribal employees and the Tribe appreciates their dedication and hard work.

Birthday Wishes



Maria Nadine Harris

Deanna Rolin Harris of Picayune, MS and Thomas Harris of Bay Minette, AL. She is the granddaughter of Jerry Eugene and Nadine Rolin of Brewton, AL and Mary Sue Harris Leggett of Atmore and the late Johnnie Harris.

Maria Nadine Harris celebrated her 17th birthday on July 18, 2007 with a party with her family on July 21, 2007 at Jalisco's in Brewton, AL. Maria is the daughter of

Michelle McGhee and Max Houston, and Doyle and Carolyn Dobbins. He is the great grandson of Roy and Marie Stokes and Mable and the late Alton Jackson.

Kennedy McGhee celebrated her 9th birthday with family and friends on August 8th at Jalisco's. Her party followed on August 25th at the Skate Center in Bay Minette. Kennedy is the daughter of Tawana and Kevin McGhee of Poarch.



Kennedy McGhee



Emily Shea Davis

Davis of Uriah, AL and Emily V. Nelson of Robertsdale, AL.

Emily Shea Davis celebrated her 9th birthday on August 19, 2007 at home with her family. Shea is the daughter of Jimmy and Tracy Davis of Robertsdale, AL, and is the granddaughter of AC and Annie Jean



Courtney McGhee

Courtney McGhee celebrated her 12th birthday with family and friends on August 21st at Ruby Tuesday's in Bay Minette. Her party followed on August 25th at the Skate Center in Bay Minette. Courtney is the daughter of Tawana and Kevin



Lany Brayden Rave Jackson

Larry Brayden Rave Jackson celebrated his first birthday on August 17, 2007 with a Diego party theme. Rave is the son of Larry William Jackson and Stephanie Dobbins and the younger brother of Peyton and Topanga Rolin and Tyler and Tanner Jackson. He is the grandson of Lorne Rolin, Patricia Murph, the late Larry Jackson,



Kennedy and Courtney McGhee celebrate their birthdays together.



Hattie Lou Morris on her 80th birthday



Hattie Lou with her children. Standing left to right are Mary Bell McGhee, Mack Morris, David Morris, Mack Morris, Jr., Annette Nall, and Gaillette Moore. Seated left to right are Lannette Turbiville, Hattie Lou Morris, and Marilyn Ross.

McGhee of Poarch.

Hattie Lou Morris celebrated her 80th birthday on July 28th at the Poarch Creek Indians SAIL Center. She was joined in her celebration by her children, grandchildren, nieces, nephew, and other family and friends. Happy Birthday, Mama!!



Hattie Lou with her nephew and nieces, John Arthur McGhee (seated), Maxine Johnson, Marie Martin (seated), Julianne Stacey, Hattie Lou (seated), Betty Caraway, Karen Findley, Hazel Brice (seated), Clara Jones, and Kim Flowers.



Hattie Lou with her grandkids



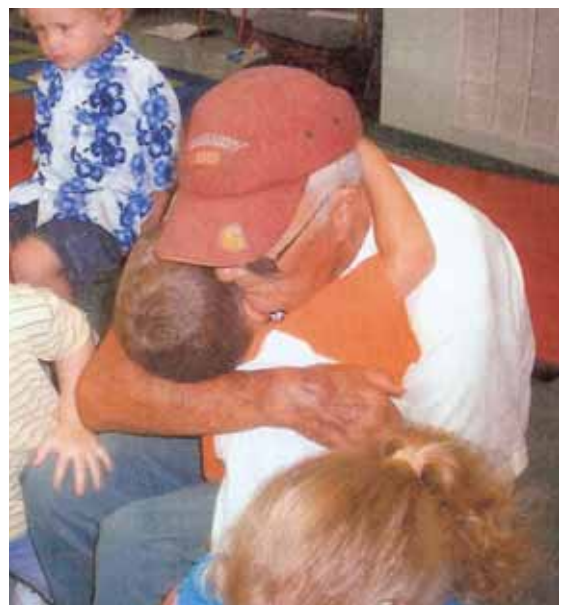
Love and hugs are never in short supply as the kids gather around for hugs at Otha's birthday party!



Full of love and smiles, the kids gather around Otha and pose for a picture.

Otha Martin celebrated his 78th birthday with the kids from the School Readiness Program (Even Start). Otha says that "If you want love, you have to give love." He says he goes to visit the kids almost every day and the kids love to hug him and wrap around his legs.

If you want love, you have to give love. Otha Martin with the kids from Even Start.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Start Accepting Applications for Gaming Commission Vacancy	2 Tribal Council Meeting 4:00 p.m.	3 Housing Authority Board Meeting 1:00 p.m.	4	5	6
7	8 After School Tutoring Program Begins	9	10 West Florida Mammogram bus on-site	11	12	13
14	15 15 - 18 USET Marksville, LA	13	17 Last Date to update Housing Application	18	19	20
21	22 Tribal Council Meeting 4:00 p.m. →	23 Mother- Daughter/Sister- Sister Banquet for Breast and Cervical Cancer Awareness Month Tribal Auditorium 6:30 p.m.	24	25 Wind Creek Job Fair 12 noon - 6:00 p.m.	26	27
28	29 October 29 - 30, 2007 Haunted Forest 7:00	Last day to submit Applications for Gaming Commission Vacancy	31 Last Class for GED Prep	OCTOBER 2007		

October 17, 2007
October 25, 2007

Housing Authority Meeting 1:00 p.m.
USDA INITIATIVE MEETING 9:30 a.m. - 12 noon

October 25 - 27, 2007 Haunted Forest



Poarch Creek Indians
5811 Jack Springs Road
Atmore AL 36502

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TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING
Poarch Band of Creek Indians
Sunday, July 15, 2007
2:00 p.m., Tribal Complex

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER: Buford L. Rolin, Tribal Chairman

ROLL CALL: Daniel McGhee, Tribal Council Secretary

INVOCATION: Eldnar McGhee, Tribal Member

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Review/ Approval of Agenda, Record of Motions and Summary of Meeting for Thursday, June 7, 2007.
2. Chief Operating Officer Job Description
3. Public Comments Response- Dewitt McGhee
4. Housing Renovation Loan Policy
5. Tribal Government Budget Modification
6. Tribal Accounting Organizational Chart

NEW BUSINESS

1. Public Comments
2. Financials-June, 2007
3. Health Update
4. All Indian Rodeo
5. Board/Committee/Authority/Commission Appointments
6. Procurement Policy
7. Ordinance Enacting the PCI Tort Claims Act
8. Review/Renewal of Alcoholic Beverage License Application
9. Tribal Council Workshops: A) Health B) Housing C) Benefit Plan) Bds/Com. Compensation
10. Tribal Enrollment Report
11. Conference in Thomasville, AL with Senator John McCain
12. FEMA Trailers

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. CRS Update
2. Personnel
3. All Indian Rodeo

TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING
Poarch Band of Creek Indians
Sunday, July 15, 2007
2:00 p.m., Tribal Complex

RECORD OF MOTIONS

Attending:	Buford L. Rolin	Stephanie Bryan
	Daniel McGhee	Arthur Mothershed
	David Gehman	Helen Hallman
	Keith Martin	Robert McGhee
	Eddie L. Tullis	
Staff:	Gayle Johnson	Lisa Milliken
	Brenda Faircloth	Venus McGhee Prince
	Susan Wicker	Debra Strickland
	Tierney Lancaster	
Visitors:	Gwen Manning	Margaret Baggett
	Lois Amos	Lenna Rackard
	Hubert Rackard	James Barnhill
	Pamela Etheridge	John Madison
	Eloise Brooks	Robert Brooks
	Carolyn Rackard	Teresa Smith
	Carla McGhee	Kevin McGhee
	Candace Fayard	Eldnar McGhee
	Billy Smith	Kevin Andrews
	Velma Crocker	Vernie Gehman
	Jerry Gehman	Rose McGhee Coon
Recording Secretary:	Kelli Ramer	

This meeting was called to order by Buford L. Rolin, Tribal Chairman. Roll call by Daniel McGhee, Tribal Council Member, established a quorum present and this to be an official meeting of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians Tribal Council. Invocation was given by Eldnar McGhee, Tribal Member.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Approve today's agenda with six (6) unfinished and twelve (12) new items of business. Motion was made by Arthur Mothershed and seconded by Helen Hallman. Motion carried with

7 yes votes by David Gehman, Helen Hallman, Keith Martin, Daniel McGhee, Robert McGhee, Arthur Mothershed and Eddie L. Tullis, 0 no and 0 abstentions.

2. Approve the Tribal Government Budget modification #1 as amended with a final copy provided to the Tribal Council. Motion was made by Robert McGhee and seconded by Daniel McGhee. Motion carried with 6 yes votes by David Gehman, Keith Martin, Daniel McGhee, Robert McGhee, Arthur Mothershed and Eddie L. Tullis, 1 no vote by Helen Hallman, and 0 abstentions.

3. Approve the Tribal Accounting Department Organizational Chart from the table for discussion. Motion was made by Helen Hallman and seconded by Arthur Mothershed. Motion carried with 7 yes votes by David Gehman, Helen Hallman, Keith Martin, Daniel McGhee, Robert McGhee, Arthur Mothershed and Eddie L. Tullis, 0 no and 0 abstentions.

Stephanie Bryan arrived at 2:30 p.m.

4. Approve the Tribal Government Accounting Department Organizational Chart as presented. Motion was made by Daniel McGhee and seconded by Helen Hallman. Motion carried with 6 yes votes by David Gehman, Helen Hallman, Keith Martin, Daniel McGhee, Robert McGhee, and Arthur Mothershed, 1 no vote by Eddie L. Tullis and 1 abstention by Stephanie Bryan.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Approve the Tribal Government financial statement for June, 2007 as amended. Motion was made by Daniel McGhee and seconded by Arthur Mothershed. Motion carried with 8 yes votes by Stephanie Bryan, David Gehman, Helen Hallman, Keith Martin, Daniel McGhee, Robert McGhee, Arthur Mothershed and Eddie L. Tullis, 0 no and 0 abstentions.

2. Approve the resolution to apply for funding for the BIA Tribal Energy Grant. Motion was made by Arthur Mothershed and seconded by Robert McGhee. Motion carried with 8 yes votes by Stephanie Bryan, David Gehman, Helen Hallman, Keith Martin, Daniel McGhee, Robert McGhee, Arthur Mothershed and Eddie L. Tullis, 0 no and 0 abstentions.

3. Approval to redeem the CDARS on its maturity date and remove from the Tribal Government financial statement. Motion was made by Arthur Mothershed and seconded by Helen Hallman. Motion carried with 8 yes votes by Stephanie Bryan, David Gehman, Helen Hallman, Keith Martin, Daniel McGhee, Robert McGhee, Arthur Mothershed and Eddie L. Tullis, 0 no and 0 abstentions.

4. Approve the resolution to Authorize Execution of the Sports Complex Contract as amended. Motion was made by Robert McGhee and seconded by Helen Hallman. Motion

carried with 8 yes votes by Stephanie Bryan, David Gehman, Helen Hallman, Keith Martin, Daniel McGhee, Robert McGhee, Arthur Mothershed and Eddie L. Tullis, 0 no and 0 abstentions.

5. Approve the resolution to apply for funding for the Tax Counseling for the Elderly Grant. Motion was made by Arthur Mothershed and seconded by Eddie L. Tullis. Motion carried with 8 yes votes by Stephanie Bryan, David Gehman, Helen Hallman, Keith Martin, Daniel McGhee, Robert McGhee, Arthur Mothershed and Eddie L. Tullis, 0 no and 0 abstentions.

6. Approve to table the boards/committees appointments agenda item and schedule a workshop to further discuss. Motion was made by Stephanie Bryan and seconded by Robert McGhee. Motion carried with 8 yes votes by Stephanie Bryan, David Gehman, Helen Hallman, Keith Martin, Daniel McGhee, Robert McGhee, Arthur Mothershed and Eddie L. Tullis, 0 no and 0 abstentions.

7. Approval to discuss the Tribal Enrollment Committee during the boards/committees workshop. Motion was made by David Gehman and seconded by Daniel McGhee. Motion carried with 8 yes votes by Stephanie Bryan, David Gehman, Helen Hallman, Keith Martin, Daniel McGhee, Robert McGhee, Arthur Mothershed and Eddie L. Tullis, 0 no and 0 abstentions.

8. Approval to table the Tribal Procurement Policy. Motion was made by Arthur Mothershed and seconded by Robert McGhee. Motion carried with 8 yes votes by Stephanie Bryan, David Gehman, Helen Hallman, Keith Martin, Daniel McGhee, Robert McGhee, Arthur Mothershed and Eddie L. Tullis, 0 no and 0 abstentions.

9. Approve the Tribal Ordinance Enacting the PCI Tort Claims Act. Motion was made by Daniel McGhee and seconded by David Gehman. Motion carried with 8 yes votes by Stephanie Bryan, David Gehman, Helen Hallman, Keith Martin, Daniel McGhee, Robert McGhee, Arthur Mothershed and Eddie L. Tullis, 0 no and 0 abstentions.

10. Approve the application to apply for an Alcoholic Beverage License for the Creek Entertainment Center as amended. Motion was made by Arthur Mothershed and seconded by Helen Hallman. Motion carried with 6 yes votes by David Gehman, Helen Hallman, Keith Martin, Daniel McGhee, Arthur Mothershed and Eddie L. Tullis, 1 no vote by Stephanie Bryan and 1 abstention by Robert McGhee.

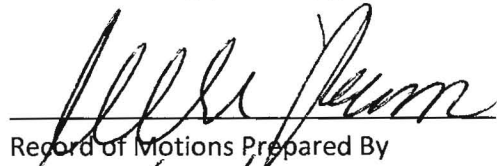
11. Approve the application to apply for an Alcoholic Beverage License for the Riverside Entertainment Center as presented. Motion carried with 6 yes votes by David Gehman, Helen Hallman, Keith Martin, Daniel McGhee, Arthur Mothershed and Eddie L. Tullis, 1 no vote by Stephanie Bryan, and 1 abstention by Robert McGhee.

12. Approve the application to apply for the Alcoholic Beverage License for the Tallapoosa Entertainment Center as presented. Motion carried with 6 yes votes by David Gehman, Helen Hallman, Keith Martin, Daniel McGhee, Arthur Mothershed and Eddie L. Tullis, 1 no vote by Stephanie Bryan, and 1 abstention by Robert McGhee.

13. Approve the Tribal Enrollment Report as presented. Motion was made by Robert McGhee and seconded by Arthur Mothershed. Motion failed with 3 yes votes by Keith Martin, Robert McGhee and Arthur Mothershed, 0 no and 5 abstentions by Stephanie Bryan, David Gehman, Helen Hallman, Daniel McGhee and Eddie L. Tullis.

14. Approval to go into Executive Session to discuss CRS Update, Government Relations Advisor position, All Indian Rodeo and Dewitt McGhee. Motion was made by Stephanie Bryan and seconded by Robert McGhee. Motion carried with 8 yes votes by Stephanie Bryan, David Gehman, Helen Hallman, Keith Martin, Daniel McGhee, Robert McGhee, Arthur Mothershed and Eddie L. Tullis, 0 no and 0 abstentions.

15. Approval to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Motion was made by Robert McGhee and seconded by Stephanie Bryan. Motion carried with 8 yes votes by Stephanie Bryan, David Gehman, Helen Hallman, Keith Martin, Daniel McGhee, Robert McGhee, Arthur Mothershed and Eddie L. Tullis, 0 no and 0 abstentions.


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