



# Poarch Creek News

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## Buford L. Rolin *Receives Jake White Crow Award*

The 2007 National Indian Health Board's (NIHB) 27th Annual Consumer Conference was held in Portland, Oregon September 24 - 28, 2007. The conference was a bold endeavor by NIHB to spark HOPE in Indian Country for crystal meth addiction recovery, suicide prevention, overcoming depression, mental health healing, alcohol recovery, diabetes treatment and prevention and so much more.

Each year NIHB recognizes individuals and organizations that have made a significant contribution to promoting the health needs of American Indian and Alaska Native people. Buford L. Rolin, Tribal Chairman, was selected to receive the 2007 Jake White Crow award for his outstanding lifetime achievements and dedication to health care advocacy for American Indians and Alaska Natives. Buford is well known and highly respected through out Indian Country and is recognized by many as one of the leaders in the area of health care, including such areas as special diabetes funding and the reauthorization of the Indian Health Care Act. The Tribe congratulates Buford on the receipt of this award and appreciates his hard work and dedication to his Tribe and Indian Country.



**Tribal Chairman Buford L. Rolin is shown with the Jake White Crow Award received in honor of his outstanding lifetime achievements and dedication to health care advocacy for American Indians and Alaska Natives.**

## *Haunted Forest*

*"Don't go into the woods!"* For those brave enough to venture into the forest they were treated to the scariest ride of their lives. Around every curve, through every hollow and tunnel, and up and down every hill were scares and frights unmentionable. Approximately 1500 brave souls took the terrifying trip, all returned, but not necessarily in the same condition they entered!

The Recreation Committee (Wellness & Activities Authority) would like to extend their thanks to all those involved in making this event a success. Success comes from teamwork, from the site participants, drivers, spotters, security, and ticket sales.

If you were unable to take a trip through the forest, we hope that you will do so next year!



**Enter the Haunted Forest at your own risk!**





Unmanned scenes were set up throughout the forest.



Ghosts were hiding everywhere! This one came down on top of riders as they came through the tunnel.



The last site on the route, the scariest of them all! Beware of renting rooms from strangers.



Riders fill the trailers. Many a brave soul!



Prior to the Haunted Forest, we had to get the forest ready. Kevin Waters (shown above), Chris "Ding Ding" Blackburn, Ronnie Jackson, and Earl Jackson, spent a lot of time prepping the road, constructing the covered bridge, etc.



You enter the Haunted Forest through a covered bridge.



# Chairman's Corner

Let me begin this article by telling you that the newly remodeled Creek Family Restaurant re-opened to the public on Thursday, November 15, 2007. The restaurant includes a buffet, fine dining area, which is scheduled to open December 15, 2007, and a small lounge. I invite you to visit the restaurant. The food is great. You are in for a real treat.

I am sure that you have seen the construction going on at Exit 57, the site of the Wind Creek Hotel/Casino Resort, which will house 236 rooms and 6,000 square feet of gaming space. The closure and redirection of County Road 14 from Highway 21 was required as part of this construction. The new section of road, which has four lanes, by-passes the construction site and meets back up with existing road just north of the bridge over I-65. This new direction will take a little getting used to, but I hope we all remember to follow the directional signs and utilize County Road 14.

The construction at the Sports Complex is also well underway. The football field has been completed as well as two t-ball fields. The Wellness and Activities Authority will be meeting soon to address the budget for Phase Two of construction and will proceed with final budget approval.

Representatives from across Indian Country attended the annual meeting of the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) in Denver, CO November 11th through November 15th. Elections were held during this meeting for officers who will serve for the next two years. Joe Garcia, of the Ohkay Owingeh, San Juan Pueblo, was re-elected as President; Jefferson Keel, of the Chickasaw Nation of Oklahoma, was elected to serve as Lt. Governor; Ron Allen, of the Jamestown S-Klallam Nation, was elected to serve as Secretary; and Gaiash Kibos, of the Winnebago Tribe of Wisconsin, was elected to serve as Treasurer. The Tribe has a long standing relationship with NCAI and Tribal Council Members Eddie L. Tullis, Keith Martin, Robbie McGhee, and I were proud to represent our Tribe at this meeting.

We have just completed the 37th Annual Thanksgiving Pow Wow. Even though the weather was cooler than we would have preferred, this year's Pow Wow was a success with exceptional attendance on both Thursday and Friday. I hope all of you that attended enjoyed

the activities. I would like to extend my thanks to all of those who worked so hard to make this event successful.

Edie Jackson came on board as Tribal Administrator on November 26, 2007. Having previously served in this position, she brings a great wealth of knowledge and experience with her. The Tribal Council looks forward to working with her again. I would also like to commend Jason Rackard for the exceptional job he did while in the capacity of Acting Tribal Administrator. Thank you Jason for your hard work..

The Christmas holidays are upon us. As you know, the Tribal Offices are closed for several days during the holiday season. This year the Health Clinic and other Tribal Administrative Offices will be closed on Monday, December 24, 2007, Tuesday, December 25, 2007, and Tuesday, January 1, 2008. Please keep this in mind when you schedule your appointments this month. I would like to thank each Tribal employee for a job well done this year and I look forward to working with them in 2008.

I have really enjoyed the challenges placed before me as Tribal Chairman during 2007. I look forward to serving you again in 2008. However, none of this would be possible without you, the Tribal Member. Thank you for allowing me to serve you as Tribal Chairman. I wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



**Tribal Chairman  
Buford L. Rolin**

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## *A special thank you*

Donald Gibson and his family extend a special "Thank You" to Carolyn Rackard, Social Worker, for her assistance in their recent time of need. Mr. Gibson states that when he was faced with an emergency need recently he was at a loss as to how to remedy the situation; he lives on a fixed income, money was low, and it was more than a week before the first of the month. He contacted Tribal Council Member David Gehman and explained his situation to him.

David recommended that he contact Family Services but assured him that if he did not get relief from them to call him back and he would see what he could do to help. He was hesitant to ask for assistance from the Family Services Department.

He said that he has received assistance in the past and was hesitant to ask for assistance again because "You don't want to run

a good thing into the ground."

However, he did take David's recommendation and contacted the Family Services Department and spoke with Carolyn Rackard, Social Worker. After he explained his emergency situation to her, Carolyn was able to take the necessary steps to provide him with the necessary assistance.

The Gibson family is very appreciative of Carolyn's assistance and would like everyone to know that they feel she went above and beyond the call of duty to take care of their needs.

They also encourage other Tribal Members with needs to contact the Family Services Department for assistance; if they are unable to assist you, they will guide you in the direction you need to go.

# USET

This year the annual USET Meeting and Expo was hosted by the Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana and held at the newly completed Paragon Hotel & Casino in Marksville, LA. This new resort and casino has long been a dream of the Tunica-Biloxi Tribe and the end result is very beautiful and is a facility to be proud of.

Representatives from Tribes across the Southern and Eastern United States joined together to discuss and strategize on the issues facing Indian Country. During the opening session on Monday, October 19th, USET welcomed a new Tribe to the organization. The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe of Massachusetts was federally recognized this year and as the first order of business, members of the Board of Directors unanimously voted to approve their petition to join USET. After the opening session, participants broke off into subcommittee meetings relating to Tribal Administration, Natural Resources, Health, Tribal Emergency Services, Cultural and Heritage, Transportation, Social Services, and Education.

Each committee addressed issues specifically related to their field of interest; some issues were relevant to more than one committee, so several committees held joint meetings to address these issues. Some of the issues addressed were construction on tribal land by tribal contractors, school violence prevention, Department of Interior modernization, NCAI updates, energy and mineral for sustainable economic development, health issues, and homeland security.

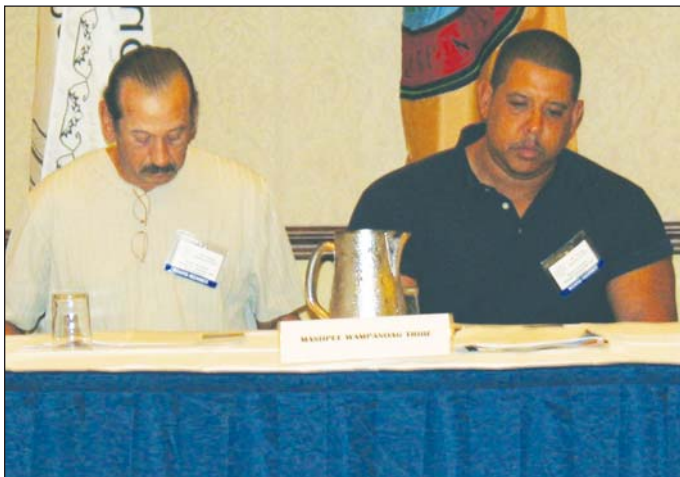
It is difficult to sit down and write an article that would update you on all of the issues discussed at USET, it is easier just to say that your Tribal representatives, as well as representatives from Tribes across the southern and eastern area of the United States, take their responsibilities seriously and work together for the betterment of Indian Country.



**Kathy Jowers, Economic Development Director, registers the first day of USET meeting.**



**PCI Tribal representatives gather for Board of Directors meeting.**



**Mashpee Wampanoag representatives Martin Hendrix, Tribal Council Member (left) and Shawn W. Hendricks, Sr., Tribal Chairman (right) attend their first USET meeting.**



**Eddie L. Tullis, Tribal Council Member, and Buford L. Rolin, Tribal Chairman, serve on the USET Board of Directors.**

*See related pictures on next page.*





**View of the atrium at the Paragon Hotel & Casino**



**Buford L. Rolin with Stacey Bohlen, Executive Director of the National Indian Health Board**

## Education Advisory Committee Approves Computer Purchasing Policy

The Education Advisory Committee recently approved a computer purchasing policy which will

allow Tribal members who are enrolled in the Tuition Assistance Program to utilize up to \$800.00 for the purchase of a computer. The following guidelines apply to this program:

**Computer Purchasing Policy for McGhee-Tullis Tuition Assistance Program Participants**

It is the policy of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians to allow adult students age 18 and up to utilize McGhee-Tullis Tuition Assistance funding to purchase a computer for use during their college career. This policy outlines the terms and limits of this purchase.

1. The student must be currently enrolled in the McGhee-Tullis Tuition Assistance Program and must be currently enrolled in a program of higher learning such as (college, vocational/technical school, etc.) at the time of the purchase.

2. The amount of assistance available for this program is \$800.00. The student may purchase a desk top computer, a laptop computer, a printer, software or any

combination of these items with these funds, with the understanding that \$800.00 is the maximum reimbursable total. This will be a onetime only reimbursement, regardless of circumstances (i.e. the computer is stolen, destroyed, etc.) There will be no secondary reimbursement for any reason.

3. This is a reimbursement program. The student must purchase the computer, software or printer, and turn in all original receipts to the Education Department. All receipts should be submitted simultaneously. The student may then be reimbursed for up to \$800.00 of the purchase price. Any amount exceeding \$800.00 is the sole responsibility of the student. Items shown on the receipt but not approved through this policy will not be reimbursed. Original sales receipts will be returned to the student once reimbursement has been made and a three month period has expired.

4. The student may purchase legitimate software programs that would be needed for basic computer operation, or a printer out of these funds. There will be no provision for any software programs which are strictly for "entertainment"

purposes. Products which are questionable as to their educational value must be approved by the Tribe's IT Executive Director or the student will not be reimbursed for the cost of the product. If there is a reasonable cause for the student to have need of the product, a letter stating the requirement of the product will be required from the course instructor.

5. Once the product is purchased, there will be no upgrades, maintenance, or technical assistance provided by the Tribe.

6. Although the student is allotted \$800.00 for this purchase, this amount will be deducted from their yearly allotment. For instance, a student attending undergraduate level classes will have \$6,700.00 remaining for tuition, books and mandatory fees for the remainder of the program year in which the computer was purchased. Graduate level students would have \$9,200.00 remaining for their program year.

7. These funds cannot be used to pay for upgrades to existing systems.

8. These funds cannot be used to purchase ink cartridges, paper, extended warranties/service agreements,

insurance, internet services, or other computer or printer supplies of a general nature.

9. If it is found that a student misused these funds by deception, the Education Advisory Committee may recommend to the Tribal Council (1) that the students "Tribal birthday check" be garnished for the full amount of the purchase; and/or (2) the student may be barred from receiving further assistance through the McGhee-Tullis Tuition Assistance Program.

10. This policy shall be effective August 1, 2007. Students may be reimbursed up to the maximum allowable under this policy if they purchased a computer after this date and original receipts are available. Purchases made prior to August 1, 2007 are not eligible for consideration.

*Questions regarding this program should be directed to Shelia Fisher, Tuition Program Coordinator at (251) 368-9136 extension 2241 or sfisher@poarchcreekindians-nsn.gov; or Sandra Hiebert, Education Executive Director, (251) 368-9136 extension 2020 or shiebert@poarchcreekindians-nsn.gov*

# Tullis Recognized for Support and Guidance

The Louisiana Army National Guard (LAARNG) recently recognized Eddie L. Tullis for his dedication and service to the Native American Historical Initiative (NAHI). The NAHI incorporates Native American expertise in the development of a Cultural Resources Management Plan to foster and improve government to government consultation between federally recognized Indian Tribes and federal agencies. This project was the first of its kind and has been used as a model for projects across Indian Country.

The Keepsafe Heritage Cemetery for the reinterment of Native American remains was part of this project. A large bronze sculpture of a lone eagle feather held tightly in the grip of its owner's talons keeps watch over those who sleep forever on the sacred Native American burial ground.

Mr. Tullis was presented with a replica of this eagle feather in appreciation of his dedication and service. According to Native American custom, an eagle feather represents honesty and friendship when given as a gift. Mr. Tullis also received the Louisiana National Guard Distinguished Civilian Service Metal from the Louisiana National Guard for his work on this project.



**Eddie L. Tullis proudly displays his awards received in honor of his dedication and service to the Louisiana Army National Guard (LAANG) and the Native American Historical Initiative (NAHI).**

## TRIBAL ACTIVITIES



**Above, at left,** Shelton (The Hulk) and Christyn Sells (Gypsy) gave out treats, punch and sandwiches on Halloween night. **At right,** the Tribe's Relay For Life Team kicked off it's 2008 campaign with a Raffle/Tailgate Party on Saturday, October 27, 2007. Pictured left to right on the front row is Shirley "Pug" Roberson, Eldnar McGhee (raffle winner for grill), and Kevin McGhee; back row, Helen Hallman, Teresa "Shada" Thomas, Gayle Johnson, Tawana McGhee with Blaize Thomas, Carolyn Dortch, and Velma Crocker. Raffle winners not shown are Barnie White (Auburn Basket) and Jeremy Crane (Alabama Basket). Thanks to everyone for their support.



**At right,** crop circles at the Tribal complex, have we had some mysterious visitors from outer space? **At left,** Suzanna Lambeth, Community Relations Secretary, accompanied Senior Princess Heather White to the Coushatta Princesses Pageant and Tea.





# Poarch Creek Indians Education Department Financial Aid News

**Submitted by Billie McGhee,**  
*Education Coordinator*

*We provide scholarship information for Tribal members and Tribal descendants. If Tribal membership or tribal descent documentation is needed for an application, a student can contact Mrs. Gale Thrower, Tribal Cultural/Archives Director, at (251) 368-9136, ext. 2281 and request a notarized letter of Tribal membership or Tribal descent. Tribal descendants will be required to submit birth certificate (second generation descent must provide their Tribal parent's birth certificate and their own) showing their descent from a Tribal member.*

## **Wind Creek Hotel/Casino Resort**

Within a year's time, the Tribal Gaming will be seeking employees to staff two restaurants, one coffee shop and the Wind Creek Hotel. Locally Pensacola Junior College and Faulkner State Community College are the only public community colleges that are currently offering Culinary, Landscaping, and Hospitality Management Training. Each community college offers certificate and associates programs in these areas.

## **Stanford University**

Stanford University has expressed an interest in recruiting Poarch Creek Tribal students. The University has recently adjusted their financial aid policy so that parents of undergraduates with incomes under \$45,000 will not have to pay for their child's education at Stanford. Stanford will work with parents whose incomes are between \$45,000 and \$60,000 to help them afford their child's education. The Tribal Tuition Payment Program could be utilized to pay the additional expenses for tuition, books and fees. The Tribal Tuition Payment Program would pay up to \$7,500 a year undergraduates, \$10,000 a school year for graduate level for tuition, books, and mandatory fees and the University would help with the additional costs. Stanford's application and additional information is available at <http://commonapp.org>. The Regular Decision application deadline is January 1, 2008.

## **American Hotel & Lodging Educational Foundation**

The foundation offers two types of

scholarships: Academic and Professional Development. The professional development certification and distance learning courses are available online. Within the next year, the Wind Creek Casino Hotel will be hiring people who have hospitality, culinary arts, travel/tourism and hotel management training and experience. The AH&LEF academic scholarship program is for students studying hospitality management. The deadline for the application is May 1, 2008. The applications will be available after January 1, 2008. Two local community colleges, Faulkner State Community College and Pensacola Junior College offer Hospitality and Culinary Art classes.

## **Barbara Jordan Health Policy Scholars Program**

The deadline for the 2008 program is December 14, 2007 by 5 pm Eastern Time. The nine-week program (May 19-July 26, 2008) program is for college seniors and recent graduates who have experience or training in the health fields. The selected applicants are placed in congressional offices where they will learn about health policies and health legislature. The Barbara Jordan Program will furnish the scholars with daily expense allowance for meals and local transportation; transportation\air fare to and from Washington, D.C., lodging at Howard University in Washington, D.C.; and a stipend of \$2000 when they complete the program. The Barbara Jordan Health Policy Scholarship application and additional details are available at <http://www.kff.org/minorityhealth/bjscholarshs/bjsprogram.cfm>.

## **National Institute of Health Loan Repayment Program**

The Office of Human Resources has established a National Institute of Health Loan Repayment Program as a means of recruiting and retaining highly trained employees.

Additional information is available by contacting Shelia Monroe at 301-496-0377 or <http://www1.od.nih.gov/oma/manualchapters/person/2300-537-1>.

## **The Student Conservation Association Internships**

The Student Conservation Association (SCA) provides 3 to 12 month expense

paid internships for students in any field of study. Students can work at a state park or with any government services that deals with conservation in any of the 50 states. Students earn extra benefits such as college credit, deferred student loans, and they make career contacts while completing an internship. Read their Frequently Answered Questions page at [http://www.thesca.org/internships\\_applicationfaqs/](http://www.thesca.org/internships_applicationfaqs/). The SCA is taking applications now at <http://www.thesca.org/internships/>.

## **New Paper Distribution for the FAFSA 2008-2009 Application**

The paper 2008-2009 FAFSA will not be available for bulk distribution. The paper application will be available upon request from the student at [www.edpubs.org](http://www.edpubs.org) or by calling the Federal Student Aid Information Center at 1-800-4-FED-AID (1-800-433-3243). You can download a PDF version of the FAFSA in mid-November at [www.FederalStudentAid.ed.gov](http://www.FederalStudentAid.ed.gov).

Students and their parents are encouraged to use the online method for filing the application. The online application is faster and you will have results within a week. The mailed paper application can take up to six-weeks before you receive your results. The Financial Aid Office at the college may file the FAFSA application for you and will be able to give you the report within one day. The web site [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) offers a FAFSA Web Worksheet to aid in the completion of the online application.

## **Gates Millennium Scholarship**

Tribal members and Tribal descendants may apply for this scholarship program. The eligibility requirements as listed on their website as:

African American, American Indian/Alaska Native (Tribal members and descendants must supply a document of proof of:

- Enrollment or a notarized letter of Tribal Descent if selected), Asian Pacific Islander American or Hispanic American;
- A citizen, national or legal permanent resident of the United States;
- A student with a cumulative high school GPA of 3.3 on a 4.0 scale (unweighted) or have earned a GED;
- Enrolling for the first time at a U.S.

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accredited college or university as a full-time degree-seeking, first-year student in fall 2008;

- Able to document leadership abilities through participation in community service, extracurricular, or other activities;
- Able to meet the federal Pell Grant eligibility criteria;

- Have completed and submitted all three required forms (Nominee Personal Information Form, Nominator Form, and Recommender Form) by the deadline of January 11, 2008 11:59 p.m. EST for online applications and December 31, 2007 for paper applications.

The scholarship provides funding for minority undergraduate degrees in education, engineering, library science, mathematics, public health, and the sciences, in which minority groups are underrepresented. The Gates Scholars may qualify for assistance in obtaining their doctorates in the fields listed above. The GMS program also provides leadership training for students who receive the scholarship. The application is available on-line at [http://www.gmsp.org/\(fssrjw45m2bl1w55rkyxl5fk\)/default.aspx](http://www.gmsp.org/(fssrjw45m2bl1w55rkyxl5fk)/default.aspx). Tribal documentation is available by contacting Mrs. Gale Thrower at (251) 368-9136, ext. 2281.

#### **Intertribal Timber Council Scholarship**

The scholarship is for federally recognized Tribal members who are pursuing degrees in Natural Resources. Graduating high school seniors can apply for the \$1,500 awards and current college students can apply for the \$2,000 awards. To apply for the scholarship applicants must send the following items:

Letter of Application: the letter must include your name, permanent mailing address, email address, and phone number. It should be two pages in length, and discuss the following:

- Interest in natural resources, commitment to education, community and your culture
- Financial need: You must have completed the FAFSA and attach the Student Aid Report (SAR) or have it sent to the ITC office.
- Résumé
- Three signed letters of reference, preferably on letterhead.
- Evidence of validated enrollment in a federally recognized tribe such as a photocopy of your enrollment card, front and back, or a notarized letter of enrollment from Mrs. Gale Thrower, Tribal Archives Director.

- Transcripts: All students must supply transcripts.
- High School students must supply documented proof to their acceptance to a college.
- College students must also provide proof of their declared major.

The application must contain all requested information by the close of the business (5:00 p.m.) on March 31, 2008 for consideration. They will accept faxed (503-282-1274) or e-mail (itc!@teleport.com) submissions as long as they are received by 5:00 p.m. on March 31, 2008 and the original is mailed and postmarked by March 31, 2008. The application or inquiries should be directed to the Intertribal Council Office:

**ATTN: EDUCATION COMMITTEE  
INTERTRIBAL TIMBER COUNCIL  
1112 N. E. 21ST AVENUE, SUITE 4  
PORTLAND, OREGON 97232-2114  
(503) 282-4296**

#### **Jeannette Rankin Foundation**

The foundation awards scholarships to women who currently have a low income and who are 35 years and older to assist them to earn a technical/vocational education, an associates or their first bachelors degree. The application is available at [www.rankinfoundation.org](http://www.rankinfoundation.org)

#### **Management Leadership for Tomorrow**

The program is a national non-profit organization created to assist minority students (African American and Native American) college sophomores with "entry in institutions that develop talent, such as first-tier business schools and high-profile companies." The program has achieved success as the "#1 source of minority students for the Top 10 MBA programs. "The MLT program will accept students from any field of study as well as in helping the students obtain internships, and in full time jobs. Additional information about the program is available at [http://www.ml4t.org/cp/app\\_info.aspx](http://www.ml4t.org/cp/app_info.aspx).

#### **4XL Excellence in Leadership Program for High School Students and College Students**

This is a free web-based program through Management Leadership for Tomorrow and Kevin Garnett to provide high school and college students with a "roadmap for higher achievement by providing them with "career resources, mentors, and a high performing peer community." The students receive a bi-weekly email to help them achieve academic and

career success. Additional information is available at <http://www.ml4t.org/4XL/about.aspx>

#### **Online Associates in Community Health Program**

United Tribes Technical College is offering the online Community Health Degree. Their flyer states that the entire Community Health Degree earned online. The classes will begin January 7, 2008. If you are interested, you may apply online at [https://my.uttcc.edu/ics/Admissions/Admissions\\_Homepage.jnz?portlet=Apply\\_For\\_Admissions](https://my.uttcc.edu/ics/Admissions/Admissions_Homepage.jnz?portlet=Apply_For_Admissions). Course descriptions are found at <http://www.uttcc.edu/acad/heal>.

SallieMae: College Answer's Scholarship \$1000 Giveaway for High School Seniors Current High School Seniors may enter the \$1000 Scholarship Giveaway contest on line at <http://www.collegeanswer.com/index.jsp>

#### **Sharpie.Com**

##### **\$25,000 Scholarship Contest**

<http://www.sanfordcorp.com/sanford/consumer/sharpie/afe/sweepstakefrag.jhtml>

#### **American Society for Microbiology Undergraduate Research Fellowship (MURF)**

The fellowship is an opportunity either for minority students to conduct full time summer research with an ASM member at their home university or at a host university, and to present their research results at the Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students and the ASM General Meeting. The deadline is February 1, 2008. The program provides funds to cover a stipend, lodging, round trip travel (if needed) a 2-year student membership in ASM, and up to \$1,000 in travel support for the 2009 ASM General meeting.

The program information and the application are available at <http://www.asm.org/Education/index.asp?bid=44322>.

#### **Criminology or Criminal Justice Graduate Fellowships**

The Department of Sociology and Criminal justice at the University of Delaware is accepting applications for their Criminal Justice Fellowships for minority students. The award amount is \$6000. Applicants must be accepted into their program of doctoral studies. The website for more information is <http://www.asc41.com/minorfel.htm>.





Photo courtesy of Atmore News

Members of the PCI Fire Department who attended the banquet Saturday night, from left, front, Chastity Peebles, Linda Jackson, Brandi Rutherford, Christine McGhee, Carla McGhee-Pettis, Theresa Cox, Chris Rutherford, Susan O'Donovan, April Sells, Fire Chief Ronnie Jackson; back, Kevin Waters, Jeffrey Weaver, Red Weaver, Doug Murphy, Jason Hiebert, Dick Weaver, Asst. Fire Chief William Kirby, Judy Kirby, David Kirby.

## *PCI Fire Department celebrates anniversary, remembers friends*

### Staff Report

It was a time of remembrance and tears as well as a celebration.

Members of the Poarch Creek Indian Volunteer Fire Department held a banquet Saturday night to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the department.

Tribal Council Chairman Buford Rolin opened the program by commending the PCI fire department for its service to the Poarch community and beyond.

Fire Chief Ronnie Jackson presented plaques to Roberta Hadley and Charlie Rutherford for their contributions to the PCI department.

The most moving part of the evening came when deceased firefighters were honored. Although they did not die in the line of duty, their passing most certainly left a void in the department's ranks. Mary Jane Sells and Daniel Day with the Alabama Association of Volunteer Fire Departments conducted the remembrance of deceased firefighters. Those honored were Donna White, Gary McGhee, and Larry Jackson. Family members received American flags in their memory.

Phil Hughes with the Alabama Fire College was the guest speaker. He and his wife Becky drove down from Tuscaloosa for the evening.

Hughes talked about his 20-year affilia-



**Family members of deceased firefighters were presented with American flags. Shown are, from left, Deloris Kelly and Judy McGhee, sisters of Donna McGhee White; Christine McGhee, widow of Gary McGhee; Theresa Cox and Tracy Jackson, daughters of Larry Jackson; Mildred Jackson, mother of Larry Jackson; Linda Jackson, widow of Larry Jackson.**

tion with the PCI department, often trading barbs with firefighter David Kirby in the audience. Their friendship dates back to the early days of Hughes' association with PCI. He also singled out Charlie Rutherford and Ronnie Jackson as pivotal members of the department.

Also participating in the program were

firefighters Chris Rutherford and Dick Weaver, presentation of colors; Medicine Tail, Flag Song and Honor Song; Alex Alvarez, invocation; and Jacob Byrd, who sang "God Bless the USA."

*Stories and photos by Sherry Digmon of Atmore News.*

## Birthday Wishes!



### Happy Birthday Ian!

*Above, Ian blows out the candles on his birthday cake. At right, Ian enjoys bowling at the Bay Minette Family Fun Center*

Ian McGhee, son of Troy and Melinda McGhee, celebrated his sixth birthday with family and friends at the Bay Minette Family Fun Center. Ian and his guests enjoyed birthday cake, bowling, and other fun activities.



### Hannah Johnson

Hannah Johnson, daughter of Monica (McGhee) and Chad Johnson of Atmore, celebrated her second birthday on October 2nd.

Her parents treated her to a party at Blue Rabbit Paradise in Mobile, where she was joined by family and friends. Hannah is the maternal granddaughter of Gordon McGhee and Katie Dickens, both of Atmore, and Jody and Calvin Johnson of Mobile. Happy Birthday Hannah!



## Birthday Wishes

### Deldon Roy McGhee

Del McGhee celebrated his 45th birthday on November 25, 2007. Happy birthday from your Mom, Betty McGhee, sister, Janet Ward, brother, Troy McGhee, and other members of your family.

### Submitted by Lillie Smith

Richard and Beth Brooks are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Auburne Mya Brooks. Aburne was born Saturday, November 3, 2007 and weighed 8 pounds, 9 ounces, and was 21 inches long.





# MERRY CHRISTMAS



**by: Delila Anderson, Adult Services Coordinator**  
*PCI Family Services Department*

Another year has come and gone by quickly!  
I just want to wish each and everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!  
It has been a pleasure working with all my co-workers and a joy helping my clients in their time of need.  
Hopefully in the year 2008, more joyous events will come about and wishes coming true.  
I would like to share the following poem, which was written by Linda A. Copp in 1969;  
keep in mind that brighter days and joyous nights are still to come.

*My Christmas wishes fly to you,  
Like lovely snowflakes from the blue,  
Spilling gently from my heart,  
Falling softly through the dark,  
  
Until they find your candlelight,  
Through whispering winds that sing of night.  
  
May peace and joy wrap you in,  
Blankets of love, where hope has been.  
  
And may your kind and gently ways,  
Be blessed with happy, peaceful days,  
Becoming more beautiful with every thought,  
Like every flake the earth has caught.*

# Riverside Casino Announces Employees of the Quarter

By Lori Sawyer

Director of Marketing & Public Relations

Riverside Casino Site Manager Melanie Boatwright announced that Riverside awarded Adrienne Rewis the 2nd Employee of the Quarter honor. Ms. Rewis began her employment at Riverside in November 2005 as a cashier. Because of her eye for detail, she was given a clerk position where she excelled in her responsibilities. She was asked to temporarily assist our count team but has proven herself to be a permanent asset to that

department. Adrienne's dependability and strong work ethic is appreciated by all here at Riverside Casino.

Bruce Stewart was chosen as our 3rd Employee of the Quarter. Bruce was hired as a CSR in April 2006. He is truly a loyal employee to our casino and has a hearty smile for all. His presence on the gaming floor is a joy. Bruce takes such pride in his role and interactions with our guests that he was promoted to SR supervisor earlier this year. He has a magnificent rapport with the employees and guests alike. We are proud of our Bruce!!!



**Adrienne Rewis**  
2nd employee  
of the quarter



**Bruce Stewart**  
3rd employee  
of the quarter

## Creek Casino Now Offers Buffet and Entertainment

By Lori Sawyer

Director of Marketing & Public Relations

Enjoy casual buffet dining at Creek Casino's newest restaurant, "The Taste". The Taste features American cuisine including a meat carvery station, salad bar and a wonderful selection of desserts and soft serve ice cream. Menu items rotate daily.

### HOURS OF OPERATION:

Sunday – Thursday: 10:30 am – 3:00 pm • 4:00 pm – 10:00 pm  
Friday & Saturday: 10:30 am – 3:00 pm • 4:00 pm – 11:00 pm

The team members at Creek Casino are working very hard and making a number of changes to better serve guests. Creek Casino brought in a number of games in the newly renovated portion of the casino. The team is also enjoying the great food in the new EDR (Employee Dining Room). Creek Casino added new team members to the Food and Beverage staff and the Revenue Audit staff, and more is on the way. There were approximately 279 team members in September 2007 and now there are 324. WOW!

**The**  
**Taste**  
**BUFFET**

  
**WIND CREEK**  
CASINO & HOTEL 

The Sound stage at Creek Casino in Atmore offers live music performed nightly Wednesday through Saturday. The Sound also features football games and special events on a wide-screen television.

**The**  
**Sound**



# Early Literacy Event

**Submitted by  
Carolyn White**

*Family Services Executive  
Director*

GRCMA ECD, along with the Mobile Museum of Art and the Poarch Band of Creek Indians' Education and Family Services Departments hosted a fun day for area preschoolers on August 22 in Escambia County. Approximately 50 children attended the event, which took place at the PCI Family Services auditorium. Children from Shadaland Day Care, Tiny Town Day Care, The Learning Center, First Baptist Day Care and local children who were invited from the area.

The literacy event provided an opportunity for children to break away from everyday activities and participate in a group story-time, music fun and various "free play" stations. GRCMA ECD staff led the children's activities that featured creative art, parachute play, an obstacle course and dramatic play, all of which were set up using materials

from The Resource Place. An additional special art activity was provided by volunteers from the Mobile Museum of Art. HIPPY/AmeriCorp volunteers also assisted with the event.

Following the creative activities, the children gathered around Alex Alvarez, PCI Cultural Educator, who told an ancient story about morals which incorporated some words from the Muskogee language. Each child attending the event received a book to take home and share with their family.

Teachers received a small lending library for their classrooms and parents attending the event received a packet with books and informational brochures on reading aloud and the importance of early literacy for children. Special thanks to Mary Beth Fields, GRCMA ECD Reading Is Fundamental Coordinator, for her efforts to make this day a special day for everyone!



**Students from Shadaland Day Care enjoy pizza for lunch.**



**Students from the Fred L. McGhee Early Learning Center enjoy lunch.**



**Students from Tiny Town Day Care participated and enjoyed lunch with the other participants.**



**Lea Odom shares her books and learning experience with her grandmother, Shelia Odom.**

## Wellness/Recreation Center Winter Schedule

The pool is closed for the winter

Gym Hours

Monday – Friday • 6 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Saturday – Sunday Closed

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**Cheerleaders for 5 to 6 year old football team**



**Cheerleaders for 5 to 6 year old football team**

## Tribal members honored for athletic accomplishments

The Recreation Committee held a banquet on Friday night, November 14, 2007, to honor this year's football league. Approximately 300 players, cheerleaders, coaches, coaching assistants, family and friends showed up to support these young ath-

letes. The noise level was off the charts, but the kids were happy as could be. Congratulations to all teams and cheerleaders, with an extra shout out to the 9 to 10 year old undefeated champions.



**5 to 6 year old football team**



**Cheerleaders for 7 to 8 year old football team**





**7 to 8 year old  
football team**

**Cheerleaders for 9 to  
10 year old undefeated  
champions**



**9 to 10 year old  
undefeated  
champions**

**Cheerleaders for 11 to 12  
year old football team**





## Athletic awards continued



11 to 12 year old football team



Family and friends come in support of the athletes.



Quite a large crowd!



It's a family affair. Chelsey Ramer, sister, Anna Bell Ramer (Cheerleader), Deborah Ramer, mother, Bo Ramer (football player) and Jamie Ramer, father.

## Prize Winning Beagles

It's all in the genes! Cameron and Cassidy Murphy are shown with their prize winning beagles I.C. Penny and Pretty Fly of the Bell Creek Kennel. Cameron is part owner of Bell Creek Kennel and is very proud of all the Kennel's beagles. Cameron and Cassidy are the children of Doug and Ginger Murphy and the grandchildren of Ivan and Vera Rolin Ramer, and Fred and the late Shirley Murphy of Atmore.



Cameron Murphy showing I.C. Penny, Grand Champion of the Mississippi State Grand Champion Division.



Cassidy Murphy showing Pretty Fly, ARHA/NKC Champion. Pretty Fly won Best Female at the Mississippi State Bench Show.



# Renewal of the *Jamestown Episcopal Covenant*

By LAVAN "Lee" MARTIN

Native American Episcopalians came together at Jamestown November 1st through November the 3rd to renew their Covenant as indigenous peoples of this hemisphere.

They came from many tribes throughout the United States and Canada, including Alaska and Hawaii, to share a common history and tradition. Among the many tribes were four parishioners from St. Anna's Episcopal Church (Poarch) – Velma Amos, Sarah Eagle Heart, Robbie McGhee, and Paula Smith. [See article by Velma Amos on this page.]

This year 2007 is the 400th Anniversary of the Jamestown Settlement. Lovers of American history know Jamestown as the first English colonists' settlement by Pilgrims from England, who brought with them the Church of England of the Anglican Communion that subsequently became the Episcopal Church; the first friendly natives the colonists met and a shared banquet with the natives that later became our Thanksgiving holiday; Pocahontas and her baptism, marriage to John Rolfe, and her death at 21 years of age in England.

The Jamestown colonists were initially befriended by the natives who showed them how to plant native crops and who actually saved their lives through hard times. This friendly relationship eventually turned sour, primarily over land disputes. The natives believed the land was sacred and belonged to everyone. They became upset when the colonists began to stake land claims and divide



**Parishioners from St. Anna's Episcopal Church in Poarch, Robbie McGhee, Sarah Eagle Heart, Velma Amos and Paula Smith, meet their President Bishop, The Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori, at the Jamestown Covenant Anniversary Celebration.**

the land into ownership parcels. The situation soon led to war after war between Native Americans and land settlers with the natives ultimately becoming second-class citizens in their own country.

The first natives the colonists encountered were the Powhatan Confederacy of Algonquin nations. Attempts to keep peace failed when incident after incident showed that the English wanted possession of the land more than peace. After four years of continued incidents, the Powhatan Confederacy attacked English settlements. The English, however, had grown in numbers and strength since dependence and retaliated with continual war year after year. The Powhatans were almost exterminated. This same scenario occurred from east to west until the Native American were conquered or imprisoned on reservations.

Christian missionaries soon

began to work with the Indians, introducing the Gospel from east to west. The Episcopal Church along with other denominations led the way, establishing church missions as they went. It was not easy as resistance was met by both settlers and Indians. Finally, in 1969, the National Episcopal established a National Committee on Indian Work subsequently consecrating native priests and bishops and funding diocesan Indian ministries. In 1997, the Covenant at Jamestown declared a Decade of Remembrance, Recognition and Reconciliation.

And so at Jamestown in November 2007, members of the Episcopal Church came together to declare the renewal of the Covenant of 1997, declaring that the Episcopal Church is comprised of many cultures, many races, and many traditions, and that the Church and her members joyfully

covenant themselves to the continuing mission of Christ as it finds both meaning and expression in the Indigenous Peoples and the Church with these statements of our faith:

"1. As we strive for justice in reconciling our history of colonization and the suffering it has engendered for generations between us, we will continue to be as constant in our search for the truth as we are responsible to its discoveries.

"2. As we work together to find new solutions to the social and political challenges still before us, we will continue to be as dedicated to the principles of self-determination as we are committed to justice for all humanity.

"3. As we expand the theological and spiritual dialogue between our several traditions and communities, we will continue to be as respectful of the integrity of indigenous traditions as we are loving in sharing Christ.

"4. As we stand together to honor, protect, and nurture our home, the Earth, we will continue to be as active in stewardship of God's creation as we are diligent in our advocacy for its care.

"On these four statements of a shared faith, in solemn covenant one to another, we commit ourselves before God and in celebration of the mission and witness of the Episcopal Church. In so doing, we honor one another as we begin again the long journey that has brought us this far. With God's help, in the love of Christ, and under the direction of the Holy Spirit may we journey longer and still in friendship and in faith."

# My Jamestown 2007 experience

By VELMA AMOS

When asked if we should send participants to the 400th Anniversary of Jamestown, and specifically the renewal of the Jamestown Covenant Anniversary Celebration, I immediately accepted.

On October 31, 2007, four members from St. Anna's Episcopal departed for Colonial Williamsburg, Virginia, to be part of the Jamestown Covenant Anniversary Celebration held at Jamestown, Virginia, November 1-3, 2007. Sarah Eagle Heart, a recent transfer from Holy Cross Pensacola, Robbie McGhee, and Paula Smith were among the four. Sarah is a member of the Lokoto Tribe in South Dakota and very proud of her heritage. We are really happy to have her at St. Anna's. Robbie, Paula, and yours truly are Poarch Creeks.

Native American Episcopalians from all over the United States, Canada, Alaska and Hawaii were also there. Our Presiding Bishop, The Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori was there to deliver the sermon and to serve as celebrant at the All Saints' Day Service on Thursday, November 1st. Our dear friend, Missioner Janine Tinsley-Roe, from the Native American Desk at the National Church, was the principal organizer.

Two members from St. Anna's took part in the All Saints' Service, Robbie McGhee, who is a member of the National Native American Board, served both as crucifer and reader of the second lesson. I was fortunate to serve as chalice bearer at one of the four stations with Bishop Carol Gallagher from the Diocese of Virginia. It truly was a real honor and privilege to do this, especially on this historic occasion.

Also on Thursday a gala banquet was held during which guest were honored with a "star quilt" and several priests with beaded necklaces.

We stayed at the Colonial Williamsburg Lodge that was within walking distance of Bruton Parish Church Fellowship Hall where meetings were held and meals served. Bruton parishioners also allowed everyone to use their facilities as well as their bus at no cost. On Saturday, November 3rd, the closing Eucharist and dinner were also held in the Bruton Parish Episcopal Church. It was a beautiful candlelight service.

Janine Tinsley-Roe and her staff were assisted by Peggy Barbis and Donald Fox from ITTI, Indigenous Theological Training Institute. I left Jamestown filled with joy and proud to be a Native American Episcopalian, and thank everyone for the hard work they did in providing me with such a memorable experience.

## Cadillac Cash<sup>TM</sup>

### *Wide Area Progressive Jackpot Awards Lucky Winner \$236,478.50 at Tallapoosa Casino in Montgomery, Alabama*

Cadillac Jack's Wide Area Progressive, Cadillac Cash<sup>TM</sup>, awarded a winning jackpot of \$236,478.50 to a lucky winner on Saturday, November 17 at the Tallapoosa Casino in Montgomery, Alabama. This is the second time this year Cadillac Cash has awarded a life-changing jackpot to a player.

Representatives from Cadillac Jack and Tallapoosa Casino presented a check for \$236,478.50 to the winner, Rodney James Thompson of Montgomery, AL, during a ceremony at the casino on Monday, November 19, 2007. Tallapoosa Casino, one of three casinos owned by the Poarch Band of Creek Indians, hosted the event at their facility located at 1801 Eddie L. Tullis Road in Montgomery. This 21,000 sq. ft. casino features over 500 Class II electronic bingo machines.

"We are thrilled to offer our patrons the chance to win a life-changing award by playing a penny game," said Ray Kyzar, Gaming Floor Director of Tallapoosa Casino. "The growing progressive jackpot has created a great deal of excitement at our casino, and awarding this life-changing jackpot to one of our valued guests is a tremendous event."

"Cadillac Jack is pleased to present the Cadillac Cash progressive to Mr. Thompson. The jackpot's rapidly increasing top award and hit frequency make it a favorite of players throughout the country," stated Jared Torres, Cadillac Jack Product Manager, Wide Area Progressives.

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**Rodney James Thompson**

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# Halloween

*The halls of the Poarch Creek Indian's Tribal Complex was abound with "Trick or Treaters" from Shadaland and the Fred L. McGhee, Early Learning Center. Several of the staff members dressed up to "Treat" our little visitors as they came by.*



Ms. Mary Boyte's class from Fred L. McGhee Early Learning Center pose with scarecrow Sue Clinker in the Family Services Auditorium.



Ms. Jennifer Lucas's class from Fred L. McGhee Early Learning Center pose with scarecrow Sue Clinker in the Family Services Auditorium.



Sue Clinker with the kids from Shadaland



Lori Findley, ready to hit the woods!



Alex Alvarez, Tawana Parham, Christy Sells, and Amber Lisenby, Education staff getting ready for trick or treaters.



Edie Jackson, Kim Snow and Jennifer Colbert, the Gaming Commission staff, in their "PJs" passed out candy to the kids.



Tribal staff: Front row: Brandy Rutherford, Kim Snow, Donna Henry, Delila Anderson, Sue Clinker, Stella Rutherford, Wanda Fowler, Julie McGhee, Bernie White, and Gayle Johnson. Back row: Felecia Ardis, Sehoy Spence, Juanita Slate, Carolyn White, Kathy Ledkins, and Sandy Hollinger.

# Poarch Creek Indians

## *Wellness/Recreation Application*

Anyone interested in the activities below should complete the application and return it to the Wellness/Recreation Department. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Wellness/Recreation Department at (251) 368-9136 ext. 2248.

I am interested in the following class/activity:

\_\_\_\_\_ Taekwondo: \$30 Registration Fee per person required.

- Uniform required, cost \$30.
- A test will be given quarterly to determine rank.
- Cost per ranking belt: \$25
- Monday & Wednesday 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

\_\_\_\_\_ Gymnastics: \$30 Registration Fee per person required.

- Friday 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. & 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

\_\_\_\_\_ Guitar: \$30 Registration Fee per person required.

- Tuesday & Thursday 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

\_\_\_\_\_ Tennis: \$30 Registration Fee per person required.

- Tuesday & Thursday 3:00 p.m. -5:00 p.m.

\_\_\_\_\_ Line Dancing: \$30 Registration Fee per person required.

- Monday 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

\_\_\_\_\_ Weight Training \$30 Registration Fee per person required.

- Monday – Friday 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Male: \_\_\_\_\_ Tribal Roll Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Female: \_\_\_\_\_ First Generation: \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_



## Billie Jo McGhee *November Employee of the Month*

The Employee Awards Committee selected Billie Jo McGhee, Education Coordinator, as the November, 2007 Employee of the Month. This is Billie's second time to receive the Employee of the Month Award since coming to work with the Tribe in 1994. As Education Coordinator, Billie is responsible for providing scholarship information to Tribal Members and Tribal Descendants; distribute information to schools in the service area, assists with the Title VII program, coordinate GED Program, tutor college students and school children; assist Tribal people with resumes and job hunting and locating training programs.

Billie states that she was surprised when Tawana McGhee told her that she had been selected for the award. "Who, me?". She says that we have hard working employees in the Education Department and they all deserve recognition for the hard work they do. She



**Billie Jo McGhee**

feels it is encouraging to know that your work has been met with approval. The \$100 check was great too!.

Billie attributes her success to her parents, husband, and the Tribe for giving her a chance to assist with training and helping students achieve their

goals. The greatest aspect is the ability to contribute and the fulfillment is seeing the light in their eyes when they pass the GED Test or you hear someone say they are working toward another degree and they do further their goals. She would like to see college classes taught on site (on the Reservation). We need more local vocational and technical training programs. We need our students to participate in internships or co-op programs.

Billie possesses a Bachelor's Degree in Business Education and serves on the Education Strategic Committee. She is married to Glenn Doyle McGhee, Sr. and has six children, Pamela, Glenn Jr., Elizabeth, Kenneth, Ronald, and Deborah. In her spare time Billie enjoys reading, gardening, and sewing.

In closing Billie would like to thank everyone for the chance to be November 2007 Employee of the Month.

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## Scarecrow Contest

A scarecrow contest was held at the Fred L. McGhee Early Learning Center on October 19, 2007. Parents gathered together and helped their children put together a scarecrow. Roxanne Murphy was there to judge, but seeing that all the children had done such an excellent job, she declared that they were all winners! It was a great time for the children and parents.



**Roxanne Murphy declares everyone a winner!**



**Scarecrow Contest participants**

# Native American Heritage Month Celebrated at ECMS

**Submitted by**  
**Sandra Hiebert**  
*Education Executive Director*

Zickeyous Byrd and the staff of Escambia County Middle School recognized the month of November as Native American Heritage Month. The week of November 26th – 30th held special events each day, as Native American authors, athletes, and politicians were celebrated. The television monitor at the school entrance displayed facts about the Poarch Creek Indians and tribal history. This special week was capped off with a program featuring a presentation by Cultural Educator Alex Alvarez. During the presentation, ECMS students Justin Davis,

Chelsey Ramer, and Baccari Ramer performed tribal dances for their fellow students and school staff. Tawana Parham and Amber Lisenby also performed for the crowd.

Also attending the celebration was Education Department staff Sandra Hiebert, Clara Jones, Billie McGhee and Christyn Sells. Jaime McGhee attended as a member of the Education Advisory Committee. Prior to the presentation, the group toured the school. We were very impressed with the facility, the staff, students, and technology. Much credit for the success of the school and students is due to the dedication and hard work of Mr. Byrd. We would like to thank



**Tribal representatives at Escambia County Middle School Native American Heritage Month presentation. Shown left to right are Tawana Parham, Chelsey Ramer, Amber Lisenby, Justin Davis, and Baccari Ramer.**

him for his hospitality and Indian community and students efforts to reach out to our



**Fancy Shawl Dancer, Chelsey Ramer. Shown in the background are Alex Alvarez and Justin Davis.**



**Grass Dancers Baccari Ramer and Justin Davis. Shown in the background are Alex Alvarez, Tawana Parham, Amber Lisenby, and Chelsey Ramer.**



**THE ATMORE ADVANCE, ATMORE, ALABAMA**  
**Creek Chief Visits Troy State**  
CALVIN W. MCGHEE of Atmore, chief of the Creek nation east of the Miss., lectured on Creek Indian traditions to Prof. Jack Solomon's class in folklore at Troy State College on Thursday. Chief McGhee visited President Kennedy last August about Creek Indian affairs. (L-R), front Princess Rose Marie McGhee and Ellen Marie Daughtry. Their Indian names are Morning Star and Little Sun Flower respectively. Back row, President Frank R. Stewart, Chief McGhee and Prof. Solomon. Rose Marie is a granddaughter of Chief McGhee and princess of the Creek nation east of the Mississippi.

## **Blast from the past**

The two young girls who accompanied Chief Calvin McGhee to Troy State have grown into beautiful and successful women who have passed their love of their heritage on to their children.



## Huxford Students Entertain at Retired Teachers Luncheon

Submitted by Sandra Hiebert  
Education Executive Director

Brice McGhee, Kortlan Peebles and Ricky Reed entertained an audience of retired teachers at their quarterly meeting held at Huxford Elementary School. The students demonstrated their talent at the request of Principal Donna Silcox. Everyone in attendance was impressed with the skill of our young dancers. Great job Kortlan, Brice and Rickey!



Rickey Reed, Brice McGhee, and Kortlan Peebles entertain retired teachers and guests at their quarterly meeting Huxford Elementary School.



Rickey, Kortlan, and Brice, before their performance.

## Brice McGhee Places First in Tribe's 37th Annual Pow Wow Boy's Grass Dance Category

Submitted by Jaime McGhee

Congratulations, Brice, on your first place finish in your first ever Boy's Grass Dance competition at the Mississippi Choctaw Veteran's Day Pow Wow! We are so proud of you for your efforts at learning to dance, sing, drum and speak Mvskoke. A special thank you to Alex, Ding Ding, Nick, Mike, and many others who are always guiding you and showing you the way. Keep on going, son, there is no limit to what you can achieve! We love you, Momma, Daddy, Xan, Daughtry and Jamison.



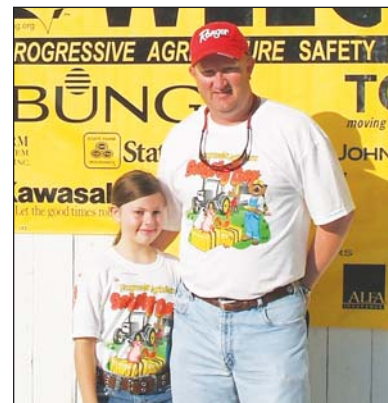
Brice McGhee



Stephanie Bryan, Vice Chair, and Helen Hallman, Tribal Council Member, chat before Tribal Council meeting.



**Above, at left**, building 600, which will house Planning and Economic Development, is nearing completion. **At right**, Barnie White, Environmental Health Specialist, taught about farm safety to 5th graders at Pollard McCall Elementary School. . Shown with Barnie is 5th grader Emily Fayard, daughter of Candace and Bryan Fayard.



# December 2007

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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2	3	Tribal Council Meeting 4 p.m. 4	Housing Board Meeting 1 p.m. 5	6	Christmas Parade 5 p.m. 7	8
9	10	11	12	13	Staff Christmas Party 12 - 2 p.m. Tribal Office's close at noon 14	15
16	17	Tribal Council Meeting 4 p.m. 18	Housing Board Meeting 1 p.m. 19	20	21	22
23	Christmas Eve - Office Closed 24	Christmas Day - Office Closed 25	26	27	28	29
30	31	January 1, 2008 New Year's Day- Office Closed				

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