

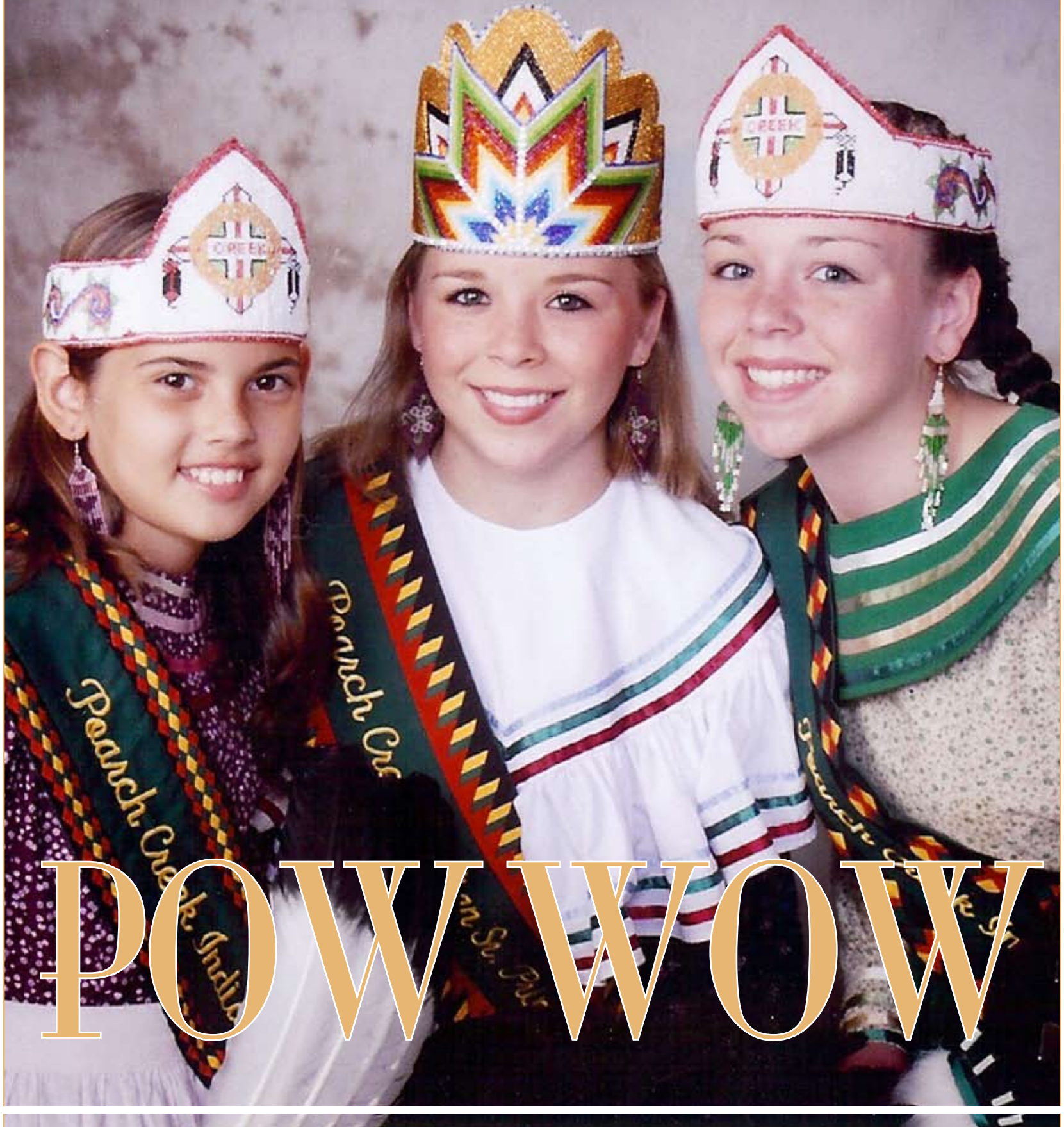
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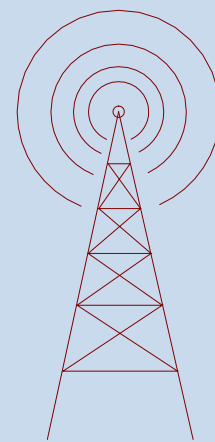
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Emergency Sirens Live Testing

The Poarch Creek Indians continues to strive to make our community a safer place to live. With this in mind, we we begun conducting "live" testing of the Emergency Sirens every Wednesday between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. There will be "quiet" testing every Monday, Friday and Sunday between the hours of 2:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. This will be equipment testing only, do not contact Tribal Dispatch.



If you hear the sirens any other time, take the necessary precautions for your safety. If the community is under a several weather watch, the tests will not be conducted.

As always, if you have a true emergency dial 911 for assistance!

If you have any questions, please contact April Sells, TEM Director, at 368-9136 ext 2290; if she is unavailable, please leave a message and your contact number and she will return your call as soon as possible.

Deadlines for Tribal Newsletter

Remember, the *Poarch Creek News* is here to keep you, the Tribal Member, informed. It is very important to meet the established deadlines so that we can include the information in the newsletter. Articles are printed as submitted except for authorized editing. For your convenience, the deadlines for submissions are listed below:

Month of Publication	Deadline
November, 2008	October 1, 2008
December, 2008	November 3, 2008
January, 2009	December 1, 2008
February, 2009	January 2, 2009
March, 2009	February 2, 2009
April, 2009	March 2, 2009
May, 2009	April 1, 2009
June, 2009	May 1, 2009
July, 2009	June 1, 2009
August, 2009	July 1, 2009



Chairman's Corner November, 2008

All is well on the Poarch home front. The daylight hours are getting shorter and the nights are getting cooler thankfully.

October turned out to be a very busy but productive month. I had the opportunity to attend the USET Annual meeting and Expo in Nashville, TN. The USET organization now represents twenty-five (25) Tribes from Texas to the Canadian border with the prospect of several more Tribes joining once they have been federally recognized.

I also traveled to the Pechanga Tribe in Temecula, CA to attend the NIHB Annual Consumer Conference. This conference was a huge success and brought Native Americans together from all sorts of professions from the Tribal level to the National level.

Some time ago a series of books depicting various ways of how to live with diabetes were introduced to all Tribes. This series is referred to as "Eagle Books" and I had the pleasure of attending a ceremony at the Smithsonian Museum of the Native American to honor the success of the series. I applaud the author and the illustrator for their creativity in dealing with such an important issue for Native Americans. These books can be made available to you through our Health Department. The second series of these books will be available in 2009.

In closing, I want to leave with you a few reminders of upcoming events. Our annual State of the Tribe Address will be November 1, 2008. This year's address will take place from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m. which is a slight diversion from past years. Lunch will be served at the conclusion of the presentations. We are also fast approaching our 38th Annual Pow Wow which will be held November 27 and 28, 2008. We hope to see you there. I hope you have a safe and happy November.

Poarch Creek Indians 2008 Sports Banquet

The 2008 Sports Banquet, hosted by the Poarch Creek Indians Wellness Authority and staff, has been scheduled for Saturday, February 7, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. at the Wellness Center.

The Sports Banquet is to honor and recognize the athletic endeavors of Tribal Member and First Generation Indian Descent students in grades 9 through 12. In order to attend, the student must have been a participant of organized sports at the school which they are attending or attended. All athletes and coaches of the 2008 NAYO Tournament held in Hollywood, FL in July are also invited to attend.

The 2008 Athlete Of the Year will be announced during the Sports Banquet. A nomination form for Athlete of the Year is available within this newsletter. All nomination forms are to be submitted to the Wellness Authority by December 19, 2008 to be included in the selection process.

To attend the Sports Banquet, all attendees must RSVP the Wellness Center at (251) 368-9136 ext. 2256 or 2246 by January 23, 2009 at 5:00 p.m.

Only children that RSVP by the deadline will receive certificates. Children attending the Sports Banquet may bring two guests (parents) only. If you RSVP to attend the banquet and do not attend, you will be required to pay the amount of the dinner for your guests.

For more information concerning the banquet, please contact the Wellness Center at (251) 368-9136 ext. 2256

Wellness Authority Sets Regular Schedule

The Wellness Authority has set their regularly schedule monthly meetings for the second and fourth Thursday of each month at 5:00 p.m. at the Wellness Center (Gym).

Blast From The Past

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October 1995

Mvskone (Creek) Language Graduation



Don Jackson accepts his Graduation Certificate from Ted Isham, George Bunny, and Tracey Padigett-Bottjer

Wednesday, August 31, 1995 students of the Creek Language classes gathered, with their families and friends, to celebrate their graduation from the eight-week course. ...Mr. George Bunny, Instructor, told the group about the class and the efforts the students had made to be knowledgeable about their language and heritage.

Tracy Padgett-Bottjer introduced each student as they came to the podium to say a short speech in Creek. Speaking in Creek was a prerequisite for graduation. When the students had completed their speeches, Tracy, Mr. Bunny, and Ted Isham, Instructor, presented graduation certificates to the students. ... Certificates of graduation were presented to Richard "Lu-Lu" Williamson, Don Jackson, Mindy Jackson, Chris "Ding Ding" Blackburn, William L. Bailey, Jr., Cheryl Bailey, Billy Bailey, Jake Bailey, Pedro Jimenez, Wayne Colbert, Paul Ray Bell, Jr., Paul Akins, Leighanne Akins, Carolyn White, Margaret Blum, and James "Cvse" Selzer, Jr.

NRCS Announces Continuous EQIP Sign-up

Submitted by David Elliott

State Conservationist Gary Kobylski announced a continuous sign-up for the Fiscal Year 2009 Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). Alabama landowners, including limited resource producers and new or beginning farmers, who have resource concerns on pasture land, cropland, forest, or land used for wildlife are encouraged to participate. "Even though program rules are still being developed in Washington, we are urging local farmers and ranchers to apply as early as possible. By accepting EQIP applications now we can develop conservation plans and be well positioned to provide contracts to producers when the rules are disseminated," said Kobylski.

The EQIP program, administered by NRCS, provides technical and financial assistance to individuals interested in addressing 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. The Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (2008 Farm Bill) expanded the purpose of EQIP to include forest management, energy conservation, as well as practices related to organic production and fuel management.

The first step for producers should be to contact David Elliott; NRCS Tribal Liaison at 251-368-0826.

NRCS 2008 American Indian Heritage Poster

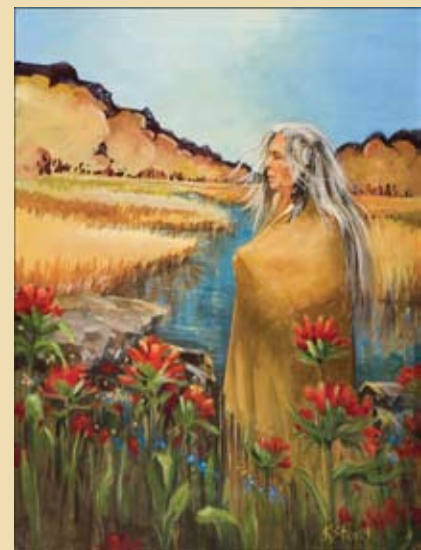
Submitted by David Elliott

The NRCS recognizes and celebrates each year the many different cultures to which we have the opportunity to offer our services and programs to; including American Indians. November has been designated as American Indian Heritage Month. This provides an opportunity to make people aware of the history of American Indians and their contributions to the world.

One of the ways NRCS nationally celebrates American Indian Heritage Month is by distributing a poster created by an American Indian artist. Each year artists from selected states have the opportunity to exhibit his/her talents and heritage on a national level. For 2008, the South Central Region, which includes Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Texas, was chosen for 2008 American Indian Heritage Month poster competition; with NRCS Arkansas the lead state to oversee the poster contest.

The winning artist for 2008 American Indian Heritage month poster is Kathy Sturch. Kathy is a member of the Choctaw Nation from Durant, Oklahoma. The poster theme for this year's poster was Conservation....Our Passion....Our Heritage. Kathy Sturch titled her painting Touch of Earth....Conservation....Our Passion....Our Heritage and she illustrated the connection the theme has with Choctaw's kinship with all creatures, earth, sky, water and the Indian Paintbrush in the foreground is symbolic of American Indians; natural, sturdy, proud and beautiful.

American Indian Heritage Month



Touch the Earth

Conservation....Our Passion....Our Heritage

The Choctaw people passionately love the earth. The ancient ones walked barefoot, sat and lay on the ground because it was good to touch the earth. The old Choctaw believed the Great Spirit created the earth and all the creatures that drink from her bounties and listen to her whispers. The Choctaw's passion and kinship with all creatures of the earth, sky and water continues today. The earth nourishes and provides for man. Man must care for the earth and do it no harm. If the earth dies, man dies.

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NOVEMBER 2008



POARCH OFFICER PARTICIPATES IN DAKOTA PEACEMAKER PROGRAM

Tribal Police Officer Ronnie “Paw Paw” Freeman, who is ¼ Choctaw, recently spent thirty days on assignment at the Standing Rock Reservation in North/South Dakota as part of the BIA Dakota Peacemaker Program which is set up in three stages; his participation was in Stage 2. BIA initiated the program to assist the Reservation with their law enforcement needs. Ronnie said that he volunteered to go to represent the Tribe and to return the assistance that was given to the Tribe by other Tribes during times of disaster. He felt that the situation at Standing Rock warranted being classified as a disaster.

The Standing Rock Sioux Tribal members, with an Tribal Enrollment of approximately 10,859, are descendants of the Teton and Yankton Bands of the Lakota/Dakota Nations. The Reservation is thirty-four miles south of Mandan, North Dakota. The Cannon Ball River runs along the north side of the reservation and Ceder Creek in the northwest side. The reservation ends at the Perkins County and Adams County line in the west and the Missouri River on its east side. The southern line of Standing Rock Reservation ends with the Cheyenne River Reservation line. The total land area of the Standing Rock is 2.3 million acres and of that 1,408,061 million is tribally owned.

Ronnie stated that he was proud to represent our Tribe and that it was an experience he will never forget. He also said that Tribes from Oklahoma and Nebraska also participated in the program. The assigned officers were partnered in groups of five and worked 12 hour shifts, “We had to depend on each other, and have stayed in touch since leaving.”



Ronnie said, “This was the toughest month of my life.” The majority of calls were alcohol related and that from the first of the month through the twenty-fifth of the month the calls are non-stop. Alcohol is a problem Reservation wide, from young children to Tribal Elders, and is the major cause of such crimes as domestic abuse, physical abuse and breaking and entering. Although Pow Wow at our Reservation is an inspiring and fulfilling event, Pow Wows are held every weekend at Standing Rock and are just another setting for alcohol abuse for young and old alike.

Ronnie stated that he experienced culture shock when he arrived at Standing Rock. Their Reservation is nothing like our Reservation. He states that they do have a state of the art Tribal Complex and school, but the rest of the Reservation is in disrepair. He said that it would make Tribal Members appreciate what they have and the lengths the Tribe goes to provide the best in services to its Tribal Members. He stated that it was very discouraging to see the homes with blankets over the windows because the windowpane has been broken out.

Ronnie stated that he felt fortunate to have been assigned to the 7am to 7pm schedule; the dispatcher on this shift was local and was able to assist them greatly by providing information about the surroundings and people involved in their calls; the other shift had dispatchers that were not from the area and were not able to offer the same information to the officers on the other shift. One of the officers assigned to Ronnie’s group was from the Pine Ridge Reservation and his experience with the local area was of great benefit to his group.

Depression and suicide were prevalent to the area. With an unemployment rate of 85/95%, few people were working and adding this to the alcohol dependency was part of the crippling effect life has on the people of the Reservation. He stated that it is like a game of Dominoes. One person can attempt suicide and as soon as it is discovered someone is on the phone calling others who attempt suicide as well; he said that while no one committed suicide while he was there 5 to 6 attempts were made nightly. Ronnie stated at several of the arrest he made necessitated him taking the victim straight to the hospital due to the high blood alcohol level. Ronnie sadly stated that there were two alcohol deaths two days apart a week before he came back to Alabama. The victims were two young males, one was only 20, the other 24; this was such a waste of their lives.

At Standing Rock, Tribal Court was held seven days a week. The local jail could house 40 inmates, but many were released early, just to make room for the new prisoners. Although Ronnie never felt his life was in danger he said there were a couple of “harry” situations that could have been uncontrollable if the situation had been handled any differently. Due to the size of the Reservation and the 14 communities that make up the Reservation, it could take 30 minutes to one hour for law enforcement to respond.

In closing Ronnie stated that he served the Tribe with courage, character, and honor and that he did not think he would want to go back and do it again; but he would if it would be a benefit to the Tribe.

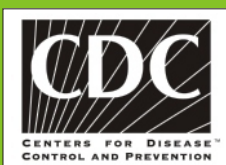


Flu is a serious contagious disease

Each year in the United States, on average:

- **More than 200,000 people are hospitalized from flu complications.**
- **20,000 of those hospitalized are children younger than 5 years old.**
- **36,000 people die from flu.**

Take action to protect yourself and your loved ones from the flu.



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CDC Says “Take 3” Steps To Fight The Flu

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) urges you to take the following steps to protect yourself and others from influenza.

1

Take time to get a flu vaccine.

- CDC recommends a yearly flu vaccine as the first and most important step in protecting against this serious disease.
- While there are many different flu viruses, the flu vaccine protects against the three main flu strains that research indicates will cause the most illness during the flu season.
- The vaccine can protect you from getting sick from these three viruses or it can make your illness milder if you get a different flu virus.
- Getting a vaccine is very important for people at high risk for serious flu complications, including young children, pregnant women, people with chronic health conditions like asthma, diabetes or heart or lung disease, and people 65 and older.
- People who live with or care for those at high risk should also get a flu vaccine to protect their high-risk contact.

2

Take everyday preventive actions.

- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. Alcohol-based hand cleaners are also effective.
- Try to avoid close contact with sick people.
- If you get the flu, CDC recommends that you stay home from work or school and limit contact with others to keep from infecting them.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread this way.

3

Take flu antiviral drugs if your doctor recommends them.

- If you do get the flu, antiviral drugs are an important treatment option. (They are not a substitute for vaccination.)
- Antiviral drugs are prescription medicines (pills, liquid or an inhaler) that fight the flu by keeping flu viruses from reproducing in your body.
- Antiviral drugs can make your illness milder and make you feel better faster. They may also prevent serious flu complications. This could be especially important for people at high risk.
- For treatment, antiviral drugs work best if started soon after getting sick (within 2 days of symptoms).
- Flu symptoms include fever (usually high), headache, extreme tiredness, dry cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose and muscle aches.

For more information, visit www.cdc.gov/flu or call 800-CDC-INFO.

Information From The Health Department

November is National Diabetes Month Take Five Small Steps to Prevent Diabetes

Submitted by Donna Johnson

More than 41 million Americans are well on their way to developing diabetes and most don't know it. They have a condition called pre-diabetes, which means their blood glucose levels are higher than normal, but not yet diabetic. The good news is there is now scientific proof that they can prevent or delay or the disease and its devastating complications.

The key to Diabetes prevention is taking small steps toward living a healthier life, according to the U.S. Department of health and Human Services' National Diabetes Education Program (NDEP), jointly sponsored by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) with the support of more than 200 partner organizations.

In recognition of National Diabetes Month, NDEP is delivering the message that diabetes prevention is **proven**, **possible**, and **powerful**.

The Diabetes Prevention Program (DPP), a landmark study sponsored by the NIH found that people at increased risk for diabetes can prevent or delay the onset of the disease **by losing 5 to 7 percent of their body weight** through increased physical activity and a low fat, low calorie eating plan.

If you are over 45 and overweight, you are at increased risk for pre-diabetes. Here are five small steps you can take today

to live a healthier life and prevent or delay diabetes:

1. **Find out if you are at risk:** The first step is to find out if you are at risk for diabetes or if you have pre-diabetes. Talk to your health care provider at your next visit.
2. **Set realistic goals:** You don't have to knock yourself out to prevent or delay diabetes. Start by making small changes. for example, try to get 15 minutes of physical activity a day this week. Each week add five minutes until you build up to the recommended 30 minutes a day, five days a week.
3. **Make better food choices:** Try to eat more fruits and vegetables, beans, and grains. Reduce the amount of fat in your diet. Choose grilled or baked foods instead of fried.
4. **Record your progress:** Write down everything you eat and drink. Keeping a food diary is one of the most effective ways to lose weight and keep it off. Review this diary with your health care provider.
5. **Keep at it:** Making even modest lifestyle changes can be tough in the beginning. Try adding one new healthy change a week. Always get back on track, even if you fall off a few times. The key is just to keep at it. If you have pre-diabetes, the NDEP has information to help you.

To get a free copy of "*Small Steps. Big Rewards. Your GAME PLAN for Preventing type 2 Diabetes*," call 1-800-438-5383 or visit the NDEP website at www.ndep.nih.gov. For additional information please contact Donna Johnson or Kay Thomas at (251) 368-8630.

Doctor Recommended Adolescent Vaccines And The Diseases They Prevent

PERTUSSIS (Whooping Cough) A highly contagious prolonged cough. May be deadly if transmitted to infants. **VACCINE:** Tdap (contains Tetanus, diphtheria, and acellular pertussis) vaccine provides protection against infections. Recommended for all 11-18 year old adolescents as a single dose.

MENINGOCOCCAL INFECTION A serious disease that can change quickly into meningitis (swelling of the brain), pneumonia or death. **VACCINE:** Meningoccal conjugate vaccine (MCV4) provides protection against infection. Recommended for all 11-18 year old adolescents as a single dose.

HUMAN PAPILLOMAVIRUS (HPV) Are common viruses that cause cervical cancer. In 2008, about 11,000 women will be diagnosed with cervical cancer and about 3,600 women will die from it in the U.S. **VACCINE:** HPV vaccine provides protection against four of the most offensive common viruses. Recommended for all adolescent females 11-18 years of age as a series of three doses.

For more information call

*Sandra Day, Community Health Nurse at (251) 368-9136 x 2315
Alabama Department of Public Health at 1-800-469-4599*



Host Southern Drum

The Cozad Singers are a family of southern style singers from Hog Creek, OK, and are honored to serve as this year's host Southern Drum. The brothers started singing with their father, Leonard Cozad, Sr., as far back as the 50's. Mr. Cozad was taught by his grandfather, Kiowa Charley "Ekabayhouldle, Killer of Utes" his vast knowledge of Kiowa traditions. Mr. Cozad passed this knowledge of the traditions and culture on to his sons.



Arena Director

Jeff "Dude" Blalock returns as the Arena Director for this year's Pow Wow. Dude is a familiar face as he has served as Arena Director for our Pow Wow several times.

Local Host Drum

Local drum group Medicine Tail serves as this year's local host drum. Medicine Tail will be recording their next live album at this year's Pow Wow.

Coming from many singing backgrounds, The Medicine Tail Singers have been singing together for 7 years. The drum group was founded on many virtues; the most important, setting a positive example for Native American Youth.

Poarch Creek Indians 38th Annual Thanksgiving Pow Wow November 27-28, 2008

DAILY ADMISSION

\$5 for ages 12 and up

\$3 for children 6-11

5 & under admitted free

Tribal Members admitted free with Tribal ID

***Gates open at 9:00 a.m. both days
Opening Ceremonies Thursday at 12:00 noon***

Tentative Schedule for Exhibition Dancing

Thursday	9:45 a.m.	Oklahoma Creek Stomp Dancers
	10:45 a.m.	Pow Wow Club
	4:00 p.m.	Oklahoma Creek Stomp Dancers
Friday	5:00 p.m.	Pow Wow Club
	10:00 a.m.	Oklahoma Creek Stomp Dancers
	11:00 a.m.	Pow Wow Club

Grand Entry

Thursday	1:00 p.m.	5:00 p.m.
Friday		12:00 noon

Southeastern Indian Cultural Presentations

Thursday, November 27, 2008

Calvin McGhee Cultural Center

10:00 a.m.

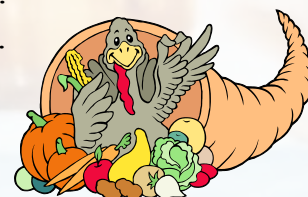
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3:00 p.m.

4:00 p.m.



Poarch Creek Powwow Club



Founded in the Summer of 2007, The Poarch Creek Powwow Club is an organization which focuses on positive youth intervention through cultural education. Members of the Powwow Club learn not only the contemporary, intertribal style of modern powwows, but also their Muscogee traditions, including: social and ceremonial dances, songs, language, and crafts. To be a member of the powwow club, tribal children must maintain good grades and behavior in school, as well as serve as model citizens of their tribe. Since their beginning, the Poarch Creek Powwow Club has shared their culture with hundreds as they have traveled across the southeast attending powwows and performing at several events. They are honored to dance for you all at this year's annual powwow. MVTO!

Games and Activities Available Both Days

**PIG CHASE
TURKEY SHOOT
AND MUCH MORE
FOOD BOOTHS**



**CRAFT & VENDOR BOOTHS
POW WOW T-SHIRTS
VARIOUS SIZES & COLORS
SHORT & LONG SLEEVE
HOODED SWEATSHIRTS
STOMP DANCE AT THE WELLNESS CENTER
FRIDAY NIGHT AFTER THE POW WOW**

Exhibition Dances by The Oklahoma Creek Stomp Dancers From Okmugee, OK



2007/2008 Reigning Princesses

Elementary Princess Dariane Guy



Dariane is the 10 year old daughter of Sandy and Stoney Presley of Walnut Hill, Florida and is an Honor Roll student at Bratt Elementary School. Dariane is a member of the Pow Wow Club and enjoys softball, baton, swimming, and camping.

She has been honored to represent her Tribe this year; it has been a very educational and rewarding experience.

Junior Princess Destany Morris

Destany is the 14 year old daughter of Tina and David Morris of Perdido, Alabama and attends Perdido Middle School where she is a member of the Beta Club, Vice Principal of the Student Council and Captain of the Cheerleading Squad. Her hobbies and activities include playing basketball, painting and other forms of arts and crafts.

She has been honored and thrilled to have represented her Tribe throughout the year. It has been a year of great opportunities and adventures. She will never forget the honor she felt representing her Tribe during the year.



Senior Princess Mallory Young



Mallory is the 17 year old daughter of Denise and Phillip Young of Andalusia, Alabama and attends Straughn High School. Her hobbies and activities includes beadwork, participating in cultural events, listening to Pow Wow music, attending stomp dances, spending time in the Poarch Community and serving as Secretary for the Tribal Youth Council.

She is proud to have represented the Tribe as Senior Princess this year. It has been an exciting year, one that she will never forget.

An Introduction To Tribal Accounting

The Tribal Accounting Department is the supportive service group of the Tribe and provides everyday bookkeeping services and financial reporting to Tribal Council, the Federal Government, and Authorities and assists program managers with budget compliance. The Tribal Accounting Department consists of the Tribal Government Accounting Department, which is responsible for compliance with all Tribal Government related accounting issues, such as utility and house payments; accounts receivable and payable, etc.; Federal Accounting Department, which is responsible for compliance with all federal programs and reports, including payroll; Property Control Management, which is responsible for maintaining an updated inventory of all Tribal properties, and Housing Authority Accounting, which is responsible for all Housing program related accounting issues.

Tribal Government Accounting staff includes Brenda Faircloth, TG Accounting Controller, Tracy Linam, Accounting Assistant, and Rebecca Black and Lora Chavers, Tribal Bookkeepers. Federal Accounting staff includes Rita Hall, Federal Accounting Controller, Marty Rolin, Accounting Assistant, Rosemary Powell and Jessica Tillery, Federal Accounting Bookkeepers, Cheryl Fore, Payroll Specialist, and Sehoy Spence, Payroll Billing Clerk. Candy Lowrey serves as Housing Accounting Director; Betty Caraway is the Property Control Coordinator, and Felecia Ardis is Internal Auditor II.

Mike Wesaw was hired last year as Chief Financial Officer for the Tribe. There is an old sayin, "if it ain't broke, don't fix it", that is the way Mike looked at Tribal operations when he came on board. Many of the processes and procedures were already in place and he did not see the need for any major changes. Mike states that he feels the increased work load on the Tribal Accounting Department necessitated his involvement. "I simply enhance the staff and procedures that were in place. The accounting structure was well established and we had a great relationship with the Auditors. I am a Tribal Member of the Pokogon Band of Potawatomi Indians of Dowagiac, Michigan, and am very familiar with accounting principles in Indian Country. The system here at Poarch is excellent, and I am happy to add my years of experience to the staff and accounting

process."

Mike would like to take this opportunity to say "Thank You" to the Tribal Council, staff and community for the hospitality shown to him when he first arrived. He states that Rita Hall, Brenda Faircloth, and Tim Manning and Edie Jackson were invaluable to him; they were very helpful in helping him learn about the Tribe, it's history, it's procedures, and the little nuances that are Poarch Creek.



Tribal Government Accounting Staff L-R Lora Carver, Rebecca Black, Mike Wesaw, Tracy Linam, and Brenda Faircloth. Not shown are Candy Lowrey, Felecia Ardis, and Betty Caraway



Federal Accounting Staff: Seated L-R are Marty Rolin and Jessica Tillery. Standing L-R are Rosemary Powell, Sehoy Spence, and Rita Hall. Not shown is Cheryl Fore.

EDUCATION NEWS

A Dream Deferred...

Submitted by

Sandra Hiebert, Education Executive Director

This month the Education Department would like to spotlight one of our senior citizens who has made the choice to go back to school. We hope that her words and actions can inspire others, both young and old, to follow their dream and obtain a college education.

Ms. Cher Christensen is a resident of Albuquerque, New Mexico. She was born November 11, 1947 to Mr. and Mrs. Siegfried Benjamin Christensen, Jr. She is divorced and the mother of two children, Paul Sidney Shoultz, Jr. and Dean Christensen Shoultz, both of whom live in Houma, Louisiana. She has one five year old granddaughter, Taylor Jordan Shoultz.

Cher attended school in New Orleans and Covington, Louisiana. She states that she was bored to tears during most of her classes, other than Art. Although she wanted to attend college when she was younger, she states she was bored and had less than exciting teachers. It was also difficult to devote the necessary time to her studies as she had to work from an early age.

Over her lifetime, Cher has had several jobs, such as a long distance operator, medical assistant, clothing store manager, and customer service supervisor for a major mail order pharmacy. She was also the first woman to ever drive the horse and buggy in New Orleans French Quarter. When asked which job was her favorite, she stated taking care of her mother as she neared the end of her life. While this was a demanding job, it was certainly a labor of love.

Cher states she decided to go back to school when she found out her company was closing its New Mexico center. She decided to do something she had wanted to do her entire life, which is to sculpt. She enrolled in The Academy of Art in San Francisco, majoring in Sculpting. She hopes to learn better technique, marketing skills, and make contacts with other artists and dealers. Additionally, she hopes to be able to make beautiful sculptures for the Tribe. It is her dream to sculpt Red Eagle and Chief Calvin McGhee.



Cher Christensen and her granddaughter, Taylor.

She would like to encourage all Tribal members to follow their dreams and believe in their heart that they can do anything. Cher is very proud of her cousin, Laverne Pohronezny, and all the work Laverne did to help further

the educational endeavors of the Tribe. It is because of people like Laverne that the Tribe is where we are today.

Cher is very grateful to the Tribe for this opportunity and would like to say "Mvto!"

As a side note, I would like to say that I have grown very close to "Granny Cher" during the past several months. She started this program with little experience working with technology, and since her classes are on-line, it's safe to say she was a little apprehensive about the experience. She has come so far in such a short time, and I am

very proud of her. She is fulfilling a lifelong dream, and is living proof that if you face your fear and keep moving forward, you can be successful. So keep up the good work Cher, we are waiting for those sculptures to start arriving!



Additional Educational Information Can Be Found on the Tribe's Web Site

Visit the Tribe's web site at
www.poarchcreekindians-nsn.gov
for additional Education news and
information on such topics as:

National Center for Cooperative
Education

School Tutoring

4-H

Intertribal Timber Council Scholarship
Free Welding Classes

BIRTHDAY WISHES



Daya Nicole Nobles

Daya Nobles turned 7 on July 5, 2008.
Happy Belated Birthday Daya!
We love you. Mom & family.



Chris Rutherford



Chris Rutherford will celebrate his birthday on November 1, 2008.
Happy Birthday, we love you. Mom, Dad, Theresa, Malori, Kaylee, Wyatt, Rowdy, Dawson, Brandi, and Melea.

Charles "Chuck" Daughtry

Happy Birthday wishes to Chuck Daughtry on November 12, 2008.
Happy Birthday from Kim, Mimi, Tara, Trini, Wesley, Samantha, Justin and all the grandchildren.



Melea Sierra Dawn McGhee



Melea McGhee, daughter of Perry McGhee and Brandi Rutherford, will celebrate her 10th birthday on November 15, 2008. Happy Birthday, we love you. Mom, Granny, Papa, Uncle Chris, Theresa and all the kids, Dad, Amanda and Jaden.

Hunter Blain Nobles

Hunter Nobles will celebrate his 11th birthday on November 27, 2008. Happy Birthday, Hunter, we love you!
Mom & family.



Mike Wesaw



Mike Wesaw celebrated his 50th birthday on September 29, 2008. Friends and co-workers joined him for lunch at Weatherfords to celebrate.
Happy Birthday Mike!

Theresa Cox



Theresa Cox will celebrate her birthday on November 11, 2008.
Happy Birthday, we love you. Malorie, Kaylee, Wyatt, Rowdy, Dawson, Chris, Brandi, and Melea.



Stella Rutherford



Stella Rutherford will celebrate her birthday on November 17, 2008.
Happy Birthday, we love you. Wayne, Chris, Brandi, Theresa, and all the grandkids.



Judy McGhee



Judy will celebrate her birthday on November 23, 2008. Happy birthday to Judy from all her friends and coworkers in the Health Department.

WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ford/Rink Engagement Announced

Mark and Vicki Johnson of Atmore, AL and Jim and Julie Ford of Memphis, TN, are pleased to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their son, Timothy James Ford, to Heidi Marie Rink, daughter of Norbert and Gale Rink of Thibodaux, LA. The groom is the grandson of Jimmy and Betty Scott of Picayune, MS, Elona P. Ford of W. Memphis, AR, Loran D. Johnson of Sparks, NV and the late Louise G. Scott, Euline Walker Conners and Herbert Ford.



Gehman/Alaniz Engagement Announced



David and Sheryl Gehman are proud to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Stephanie Michelle to Daniel Alaniz, son of Benito and Maria Alaniz. The wedding ceremony and following reception will be at McCullough Christian Center in the McCullough community on September 12, 2009.

All friends and relatives are invited to attend.

New Smoke Shop Opens October 1st



Customers pull to the pumps for gas at the new Creek Smoke Shop and convenience store.

Ethel Rice of Evergreen was the first customer to purchase gas.



Robert Lyons of Mobile was the first customer to make a purchase in the convenience store.

Paul Caraway of Huxford was the first customer to purchase tobacco products from the new Smoke Shop.



ETHIC'S CORNER

By Carrie Martin, Chair

Mission Statement: "To ensure excellent standards of conduct and to promote the welfare of the entire Tribe, thereby strengthening the relationship among its members."

Recently, I have addressed standards of conduct: conflict of interest, gifts and abuse of authority. However, there is one standard that sets the basis for the filing of an ethic violation. FALSE CLAIMS AND RETALIATION:

No tribal official, tribal member, or key employee shall file a report or an ethics violation when he or she has no GOOD FAITH belief that a violation has occurred and when the primary motivation is HARASSMENT.

Two areas of this statement needs to be further defined:

GOOD FAITH: Mental (well being) and moral (right or wrong) state of honesty. Conviction (belief) as to the truth or falsehood of a particular incident. According to this, a person who files an ethic complaint does so because they are of sound mind, understands difference between right and wrong as accepted by the society in which they live and believes without a doubt, the truth or non truth of a given incident. No where is there words such as jealousy, envy, resentment, hatred, retaliation, or harassment used.

HARASSMENT: Behaviors which are found to be threatening or disturbing to others. The second part of this standard is RETALIATION. No tribal official or key employee shall retaliate in any way against any person who files a report of an ethic violation in GOOD FAITH.

To sum it up, a person who has an ethic complaint brought against them, should feel assured that the complaint has been done in GOOD FAITH, and the person who made the complaint can be assured that they will not encounter any RETALIATION for filing the complaint..

You may receive a copy of the ethic code from the Legal Department, Tribal Court, or Chairman's office. Ethic complaints or advisory opinions should be filed with Chuck Johns, Ethic Officer. You may mail or hand deliver the complaint or advisory opinion to the tribal offices located on Jack Springs Rd.

“ATTENTION”

TRIBAL MEMBERS & 1ST GENERATION

- Have you been unemployed and getting ready to start a new job?
- Are you finishing college, technical school, etc and need assistance with getting in the workforce?
- Do you need uniforms, licenses, tools, etc?
- If your answer is **YES** to the above questions:

The Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Program may be your answer.

For more information how the WIA Program may help,
Call Clara Jones, WIA Coordinator, at (251) 368-9136, ext. 2266.

The Poarch Band of Creek Indians is the WIA Grantee for Baldwin, Escambia, Mobile and Monroe Counties in Alabama.

For the WIA Grantee in other counties, call
Clara Jones, WIA Coordinator @ (251) 368-9136, ext. 2266!

Notice to Bidders

Sealed bids will be taken on several used items. Bids will be taken beginning November 3, 2008 and ending December 1, 2008 at the close of business, 5:00 p.m. Bids will be opened by the CFO. For general information, contact Betty Caraway, Property Control Coordinator, at 368-9136 ext. 2654.

Seniors from Poarch Attend Conference

Submitted by Velma Amos

On August 31, 2008, 46 Poarch Creek Indians left Poarch for the National Indian Council on Aging (NICOA) Conference that was being held in Tacoma, Washington. The meeting is held every two years to let Native Americans know what is being done to take care of us and to protect our rights as Native.

We spent four nights on the road, stopping in Little Rock, Arkansas; Wichita, Kansas; Cheyenne, Wyoming; and Twin Falls, Idaho before reaching Tacoma on September 5th. We stopped off at Yellowstone National Park on our way in and saw Old Faithful. Elk roamed the roads and snow covered the mountains that made a beautiful backdrop.

The opening reception was held at the Muckleshoot Casino. It was hosted by several different tribes. There are 29 Native American Tribes in Washington and 1600 people attended the conference. We received many momentous from the conference and we purchased many more.

While we were in Tacoma, two Tribal Members, Mace McGhee, Jr. and his sister Karen, came over from Belington, Washington and stayed two days and attended the conference with us. Mace and Karen are originally from Poarch.

September 9th was a day of sightseeing for us. Mace took the day off and showed us around Seattle. We rode the monorail,



went to Pike Street Market, some went up in the Space Needle while others road the “Ducks”. The flowers were beautiful and the weather was wonderful while we were there. We had no rain our entire stay in Washington!

On our return trip we had the pleasure of seeing the Grand Canyon in Arizona, one of the seven wonders of the world. It was truly magnificent. We stayed in Twin Falls, Montana; Las Vegas, Nevada, Albuquerque, New Mexico; Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and Memphis, Tennessee.

Carolyn Dortch and her staff of Cyndi, Vicky, and Eldnar did a wonderful job as usual, along with the volunteers. They kept everyone fed on the bus with snacks and drinks. The bus drivers did a wonderful job driving. They were very careful.

Everyone had a wonderful time. It was a long trip, but it was truly a trip to remember. We traveled a total of 6,750 miles and returned to Poarch on September 15th.

Domestic Violence Statistics

Submitted by Wanda Fowler

Here are some surprising domestic violence statistics from our five county service area:

Domestic Violence Related Deaths

Baldwin County, AL	5	
Escambia County, AL	3	
Escambia County, FL	5 in 2007	4 in 2008
City of Mobile, AL	5	

Calls to Domestic Violence Shelters for Assistance

Creek Safe Haven

64 in 2007

30 as of 9-30-08

Escambia County DV Crime Unit

441 in 2007

138 as of 7-31-08

The Lighthouse (Serving Baldwin & Escambia, Co. AL.)

1293 in 2007

628 as of 6-30-08

Penelope House

2523 in 2007

1446 as of 7-30-08

Favor House

1308 from July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008 in 2007

There are many more silent victims because silence hides the violence.

CREEK FAMILY RESTAURANT OFFERS DISCOUNT TO TRIBAL MEMBERS

We at Creek Family Restaurant are pleased to announce that all Tribal Members and Tribal Employees will now receive a 10% discount on Breakfast and Lunch seven days a week!!!!

Order From The Menu

Breakfast

Lunch

Monday-Friday

Seven Days a Week

6:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

All-You-Can-Eat Buffets

All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast

All-You-Can-Eat Lunch

Saturday & Sunday

Seven Days a Week

6:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Tribal Members must present membership card to cashier at time of payment.

Tribal employees must present employee badge to cashier at time of payment.

Schedule of Events

NOVEMBER, 2008

Saturday, November 1, 2008

State of the Tribe

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon

Wellness & Activities Center

Lunch will be provided

Monday, November 3, 2008

Deadline to submit information

for December Newsletter

Opening day for bids on surplus property

Tuesday, November 4, 2008

National Election Day

Tribal Council Meeting

4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 5, 2008

Housing Authority Meeting

1:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 13, 2008

Wellness Authority Meeting

5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 18, 2008

Tribal Council Meeting

4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Housing Authority Meeting

1:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 22, 2008

Tribal Angel Food Distribution

Family Services Building

Thursday, November 27, 2008

38th Annual Thanksgiving Pow Wow

Gates open at 9:00 a.m.

Friday, November 28, 2008

38th Annual Thanksgiving Pow Wow

Gates open at 9:00 a.m.

Monday, December 1, 2008

Closing date for bids on surplus property

Magnolia Branch Wildlife Reserve Introduces Gopher Hill



Magnolia Branch is quite proud of its newest project, Gopher Hill, the second highest elevation spot in Escambia County, AL. Magnolia, with the assistance of an EQIP grant through NRCS was able to reclaim this beautiful area from its previous state of disrepair due to gravel mining and erosion. This area is home to a large number of gophers, a protected species, hence the name Gopher Hill. There is still much restoration work to be done, but the work done so far has revealed a landscape of abundant wild berries and fruit trees that provide food for the deer, wild birds, gophers, and other indigenous animals. The woods in this area are home to such trees and plant life such as slo berries,

American Beauty berries, chicapen trees, oak trees, autumn olives, wild persimmons, gallberry bushes, and many more indigenous trees and plants.

Billy Smith, General Manager, stated that Magnolia had an excellent summer and that there were 27,000 paid visitors this year. He stated that many have told him how they enjoy the park and appreciate knowing that there is police protection 24 hours. Many from the local area have purchased camper trailers so that they could spend extended time at the creek. They also stated that they feel the environment



Wild Persimmons and other fruit trees and berry bushes are abundant on the Reserve.



Completed Horse Stables.

is safe and family oriented and that they have no problem leaving their wives and children on-site if they have to leave to go back to work.

Billy also stated that they will soon be adding another 2250 feet of asphalt to the road; part of it will run behind the campsites so that the camper trailers can be pulled straight through the site, the other footage will run from the dam to the horse stables. They have also created 15 additional primitive camp sites and are putting in water regulators to help lower the water pressure.

Plans are currently underway for the construction of cabins along the riverbank but it is unknown at this time exactly when they will be constructed and open for rental. Billy and his staff are excited about the great things that have happened at Magnolia this year and look forward to more great opportunities in the future.



The view from the top of Gopher Hill.



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