

Keeping the family and friends of Poarch informed

POARCH CREEK NEWS

***Bryan, Martin & Ross
Win Council Seats***

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Well, half of 2009 is already behind us. It has been a busy year and a busy month. I was beginning to think that I had relocated to Washington, DC because most of the month of June I was there attending meetings. One of the trips to Washington was for me to testify before the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs regarding the reauthorization of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act. I have been the Co-Chair of the National Steering Committee for the reauthorization for years now. It is looking very favorable that this Act will be passed soon. This Act will benefit all Native Americans across the country.

Members of the Tribal Council and I attended events with members of Congress and the Senate. It is very important for us to keep in contact with our elected officials in Washington. By doing this we make our voices heard on your behalf.

At the end of June, I traveled once again to Washington, DC to attend the Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee meeting of which I am the Chairman. Being a diabetic myself, I am honored to be a part of this committee which advocates on behalf of American Indians and Alaska Natives to ensure that our funding remains at the highest possible levels.

Hopefully you all have exciting summer plans made. And if you need a place to go during the hot summer remember Magnolia Branch Wildlife Reserve. The water is always cold and there is always fun to be had whether you want to fish, canoe or tube down the creek. It is there for you so enjoy. Also, remember that next month we will celebrate the 25th anniversary of our Federal Recognition. Hopefully I will see each of you at the Annual Celebration at Magnolia Branch. Until then, have a safe blessed month.

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Perdido River Farms Grain Feed Beef **\$0.90 per pound**

Perdido River Farms is now offering grain feed beef to Tribal Members at \$0.90 per pound for whole or half steers. Please contact Perdido River Farms at (251) 368-0826 for more information.

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THANK YOU

Submitted by the family of Earl Jackson

The family of Earl Jackson would like to extend appreciation and many thanks to all the friends and families that helped us in our time of grief.

We thank everyone for the food, flowers, words of comfort, the very presence of those who care, and the prayers which will greatly be needed at this time and for some time to come.

Thank you all and may God bless you as each of you have blessed us.

Sincerely,
The Jackson Family



THANK YOU

Submitted by Kelli Ramer

The family of Eloise and the late Norman Ramer would like to thank everyone for their kindness during the loss of our loved one, Norman. We cannot thank you enough for your sincere acts of kindness, prayers and the enormous amount of food.

Also, the family would like to send a special thanks to Terri Morris, Tim Manning, Lori Findley, Rev. Marty Gehman and the members of Gospel Light Chapel and Tribal Council members: Stephanie Bryan, Helen Hallman, Garvis Sells and David Gehman.



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Proud to Be Poarch Creek



Let's Go Fishing

Submitted by Sandy Hollinger

Barnie White helped Anna Grace Hollinger catch her first fish at the 2009 Fishing Rodeo on May 9th. Anna Grace is the daughter of Darrell & Sandy Hollinger.

Giant Cabbage

Submitted by Keith Rolin

At Byrneville Elementary School students were assigned the task of planting, cultivating, and growing vegetables as a science project. Eight year old Alina Rolin, daughter of Johnny and Tonya Rolin of Canoe, AL, brought home some cabbage seeds and asked her PawPaw, Clarence Rolin, if she could grow her cabbage in his garden. We don't know what grade Alina got on her science project, but if you judge her grade by the size of her cabbage, she got an A+! Congratulations, Alina, the cabbage is almost as big as your heart!



Mammie & Lawrence McGhee Reunion

Submitted by Kathy Ledkins



Mammie & Lawrence McGhee with their adult children: Bottom row l-r Otis McGhee, Joe F. McGhee, Ebb McGhee, Hurley McGhee, AC McGhee, Leonard McGhee Back Row l-r Grace Mae McGhee Spence, Estelle McGhee Rolin, Lawrence McGhee (father) Mammie Rolin McGhee (mother) Verlie McGhee Bailey, Larncile McGhee Vickery

The first annual Mamie and Lawrence McGhee family reunion was held Saturday May 30, 2009 at Magnolia Branch with approximately 200 or more relatives attending. Thanks for all the food, money and help that each family member gave. We had someone attend from every child of Mammie and Lawrence except one. It was a great success and only hope to get better each year!

Malori McGhee, Athlete of the Year

Submitted by Wellness & Activities Authority

Malori McGhee, daughter of Mal and Tami McGhee, was presented the 2008 Athlete of the Year Award during the Sports Banquet on Saturday, February 7, 2009. The Authority would like to acknowledge this award and her many accomplishments at this time and encourage Malori to continue her involvement in the sports arena.

The Wellness & Activities Authority would like to apologize to Malori and her family for not recognizing this achievement prior to this article; it was an oversight and not a personal reflection against her or her family.

Malori, is shown with her parents, Tami and Mal McGhee.



Legal Department

By Gayle Johnson and Venus Prince

The Legal Department seeks to protect all Tribal assets, defend the integrity of the Tribe, and assist and advise all Tribal entities in their pursuit of progress.

Under the supervision of Venus McGhee Prince, Attorney General, the Legal Department is responsible for providing legal services and representation to the Tribe, its Tribal Council, Tribal Government, and all Tribal authorities, commissions, enterprises, and other entities.

In this role, the Legal Department has:

- Provided advice and guidance on the financing of the Wind Creek Casino and Hotel;
- Ensured compliance of all Tribal entities with federal and tribal laws;
- Participated in the development and implementation of the Ethics Code to ensure that all Tribal operations are conducted in a transparent and ethical fashion;
- Reviewed contracts for all Tribal entities to ensure that the Tribe and its entities are adequately protected; and,
- Defended the Tribe in litigation at the Tribal, federal, and state levels, one of the most recent being the State of Alabama vs. the Department of Interior, which was successfully resolved in the Tribe's favor.

Although the Legal Department does not currently provide direct legal services to individual Tribal Members, the Department has proposed the creation of a Legal Aid position or office that will work one-on-one with Tribal Members in need of legal assistance. The Legal Department is currently working closely with the Tribal Council, Tribal Court, and Family Services and hopes to provide this service to Tribal Members in the near future.

Ms. Prince emphasizes that the Legal Department's mission is to serve the Tribe. "Our responsibility is to act in the best interests of the whole Tribe and all its entities. Our motto is 'Progress, Protection and Integrity.' Every day we come to work and in everything we do, we try to fulfill that mission."

The Legal Department consists of Venus McGhee Prince, Attorney General, Lori Madison Stinson and Jeff Trattner, Staff Attorneys, and Lori Findley, Legal Assistant.



*Legal Staff: seated Venus McGhee Prince and Jeff Trattner.
Standing : Lori Findley (left) and Lori Madison Stinson (right)*

Annual Celebration August 1, 2009

***Magnolia Branch Wildlife Reserve
For Tribal Members and Immediate Family Only***



***Great Food, Entertainment & Door Prizes
Lunch will be served beginning at 10:00 a.m.
following the blessing of the food.***

***All ages must wear shirt or other covering in food
area. This will be strictly enforced.***

Honoring Our Graduates & Student Accomplishments

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From Dad, Mom, Shelley, and Kam



As we sit and remember
All the time that has passed on.
We can't help but wonder
What we will do when you're gone.

The happiness that we feel,
Is diminished by an emptiness within.
You're moving on with your life,
And we are without you again.

Not that we won't see you,
But it will be different than it was.
You're not just down the hallway,
Can't see you just because.

But none of that can ever change,
The pride that words cannot tell.
Success is yours for the taking,
We are confident you will prevail.

You are your own woman now,
With many valuable lessons learned.
But never forget you are still a student,
Of life not just the next degree earned.

We will always be here for you,
Just call, we will always be close at hand.
And never forget the love that we have,
From your family, your number 1 fans.

Submitted by Arthur Mothershed

Young Graduates Straughn With "A" Average

Submitted by Denise Young

Mallory Young, daughter of Phillip and Denise Young, graduated from Straughn High School on May 28, 2009. During Awards Day she received a Certificate of Award for "A" average; in addition to her academic achievement, she was nominated "Most Talented" for her Senior Class.

Mallory is the granddaughter of Jackie Smith and Shelby Smith, and great-granddaughter of Ernestine and D.C. Daughtry and Lucille Sells.

Congratulations Mallory!



Strickland Graduates ASMS

Submitted by Debra Strickland

Clinton Jarred Strickland, son of Debra and Ronnie Strickland, graduated from the Alabama School of Mathematics and Science (ASMS) in Mobile, AL on May 30, 2009. ASMS is a public residential high school and the courses are taught at the Advancement Placement or Honors level where acceptance is based on academic achievement, maturity, and through an interview process. Clint attended his junior and senior year at the school and has been accepted into the Honor Program at the University of Alabama in Birmingham.



His family would like to congratulate Clint on his hard work and determination in accomplishing his goals and wish him the best as he pursues his goals in higher education. Thanks to all of his family and friends for their prayers and support given throughout the last couple of years.

Naragon Graduates From American University

Submitted by Connie Nargon



Rebecca Sloane Naragon, daughter of Al and Connie Tullis Naragon, graduated May 9, 2009 from American University in Washington, DC. Rebecca received a Master's Degree in Public Administration and would like to acknowledge the assistance she received thru the PBCI McGhee-Tullis Tuition Assistance Program. She has accepted a position with the Dept of the Interior, Office of the Secretary of Indian Affairs in Washington, DC. Rebecca is the granddaughter of Eddie and Mary Jane McGhee Tullis, great-granddaughter of Arentha and the late Willis McGhee Sr. and the late Volt and Florence Walker Tullis.

Left: Rebecca is shown with her parents, Al and Connie Tullis Naragon, and her grandparents, Eddie and Mary Jane Tullis, on the steps of American University.

McGillivary Receives Presidential Pin

Submitted by Carolyn Presley



During the closing awards ceremonies of Bea Underwood Middle School in Parachute, CO, 11 year old Taylor McGillivary was presented with the Gold Choir Award and a Presidential Pin and Presidential Achievement Award for Outstanding Academic Excellence, which was signed by President Barrack Obama. Taylor is the daughter of Robert and Chasity McGillivary of Parachute, CO and the granddaughter of Bennie and Carolyn Presley of McCullough, AL.

Glass Graduates With Honors Diploma

Submitted by Anita Glass

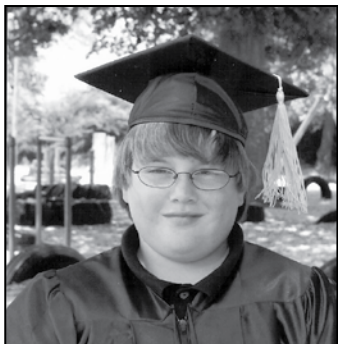


Anita and David Glass congratulate their son, Michael David Glass, on receiving an Honors Diploma from Flomaton High School on May 22, 2009. Michael's grandmother, Lenna Lee Rackard, hosted a reception in his honor immediately following the graduation ceremony. Michael left for

Marine boot camp on June 15th. His parents would like him to know that they are proud of him and his achievements.

McGhee Named Salutatorian

Submitted by Betty Peacock



Gage McGhee, son of Troy and Melinda McGhee, was named Salutatorian for the sixth grade graduating class at Huxford Elementary School, where he graduated with Honors. Congratulations to Gage from Dad, Ian, Nana B, and Aunts Janet and Amanda. We are proud of you and all that you have accomplished.

Siblings Graduate Huxford Elementary

Submitted by Wendy Davis



Caleb Davis, the son of Wendy and Jason Davis, recently graduated from Kindergarten at Huxford Elementary, where he will attend the First Grade next year.

Way to go Caleb! We love you!

Heather Davis, the daughter of Wendy and Jason Davis, recently graduated from the Sixth Grade at Huxford Elementary and will be attending Escambia County Middle School next year.

Congratulations Heather, we love you and are proud of your many accomplishments!



Congratulations to all Tribal Graduates and Students with exemplary achievements!

Graduation is not the end; it's the beginning. ~Orrin Hatch

Smith Graduates With Honors

Submitted by Wendy Davis



Hailey Smith, daughter of Wendy and Jason Davis, recently graduated with Honors from J.U. Blacksher High School in Uriah, AL and will be attending Pensacola Christian College in the fall.

Congratulations Hailey, we love you and are very proud of you!

Wendy and Jason want each of their children to know that they are proud of them and all they have done and they will continue to support them as they pursue their education.

2009 Tribal Election Results

This year's Tribal Election was one for the record books; it was the first year a position on the Tribal Council Executive Committee was directly elected by the General Council instead of the seated members of the Tribal Council. With the passing of last year's Constitutional Amendment, all that changed. This year there were two candidates for the direct election for the Vice Chairman position; with 59% of the vote, Stephanie Bryan, was elected by the General Council to serve a three year term as Vice Chairman over long time political powerhouse Eddie L. Tullis. Keith Martin was re-elected to his at-large position on the Council with 447 votes; this will be Keith's second term on the Council. With 226 votes Berry Ross, a political newcomer, was elected to the position previously held by three-term Council Member/Tribal Council Secretary Daniel McGhee, who failed in his bid for a fourth term. Congratulations Stephanie, Keith, and Berry, the General Council awaits your leadership.

Those who know Daniel and Mr. Tullis know of their love for the Tribe and do not look for the results of this year's election to be a deterrent and expect to see both of them on the ballot for the 2010 election. Both have been long time advocates for Tribal Members and have been instrumental in the past growth, development and accomplishments of the Tribe.

A total of 1,189 votes were cast during the election. Donnie Rolin cast vote #1 at 8:00 a.m. when the polls opened; Gia Johnson, Election Board Chairperson, cast vote # 694, the last vote cast before the polls closed at 7:00 p.m. that night.

This year's ballot also included a Constitutional Amendment stipulating "... each Tribal Council Office shall be chosen by majority of the votes cast. In the event that a candidate does not receive a majority of the votes cast, a run off election between the two candidates receiving the most votes, or three candidates in the event there is a tie for the second candidate receiving the most votes, shall be held and shall be conducted in the same manner as observed in the annual election. ..." To simplify this in layman's terms, an at-large position is selected by plurality, which means an individual wins based on the total number of votes cast and can win by one (1) point. Officer positions of the Council, i.e. Tribal Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer, must be elected by majority, with means a candidate must receive the majority (51% or more) of votes cast for that position to be considered the winner; these positions cannot be won by one (1) vote. Fifty-six percent (56%) of the voters agreed with the proposed amendment, which passed with 606 votes.



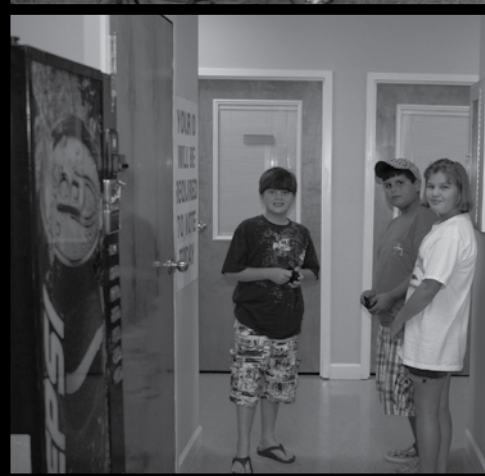
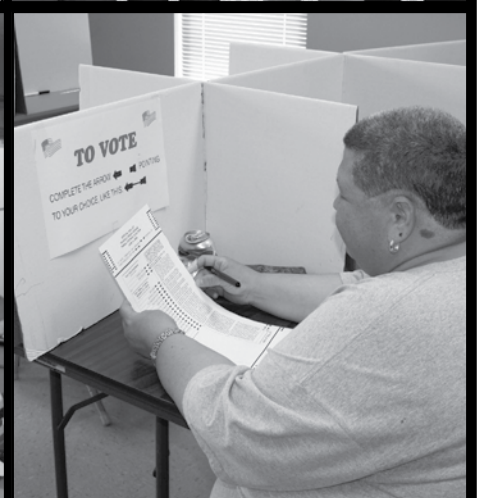
Stephanie Bryan, Berry Ross and Keith Martin take oath of office administered by Tribal Judge Joe Brogden, assisted by Tribal Council Liaison, Kelli Ramer.

I feel sure that several candidates on this year's ballot are already gearing up for the 2010 election, where the General Council will directly elect the Treasurer and Secretary positions as well as one at-large position. Good luck to each individual who feels strongly enough about the Tribe to throw their hat into the political arena; the arena is often crowded but the determined never give up.

The newly elected/re-elected Council Members were sworn in during the regularly scheduled Tribal Council on June 16, 2009. We look forward to great things from the 2009-2010 Tribal Council.

On Tuesday, June 9, 2009, a challenge to the results of the Tribal Elections was filed by Amy Bryan, Daniel Smillie, Peggy Rolin Couch, Douglas Kelley, and Chris Adams. Upon careful review of the Challenge, the Election Code, and other relevant law, and the evidence, the Election Board issued its Decision of Challenge holding that all charges raised in the Challenge are OVERRULED in their entirety. An appeal was filed shortly after the Decision of Challenge was issued. This matter has been placed on the Tribal Court docket for July 13, 2009.

Election Day In Pictures



POARCH CREEK DONATES \$500,000 TO ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF ARCHIVES AND HISTORY

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

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Poarch Creek Indian Reservation, Atmore, Alabama – May 28, 2009. The Poarch Band of Creek Indians has donated \$500,000 for the development of new museum exhibits at the Alabama Department of Archives and History. The presentation was made by Tribal Councilman Robert R. McGhee, as a result of a Resolution from the Tribal Council, during a special ceremony held at the Department of Archives and History in Montgomery on April 28.

“We are proud to be at a place in our history where we can preserve the past for future generations,” said Tribal Chairman Buford L. Rolin. “It is important for all citizens to learn about our people and the impact we have made on Alabama and the nation.”

The donation will go toward the installation of a new exhibit gallery, Alabama Voices, located in the west wing of the Archives building. The new gallery features seven exhibits that will guide visitors through the state’s history from the dawn of the 1700s to the present. The first exhibit, This Is Our Land, covers the time period from 1702 to 1819 and will allow visitors to explore the rich Creek civilization that dominated Alabama during the period of European settlement.

Department of Archives and History director Ed Bridges said, “Archaeologists have determined that Indians have lived in Alabama for almost 14,000 years. The story of these first Alabamians is central to the history of our state. We look forward to this partnership with the Poarch Band of Creek Indians and to our joint efforts in telling this important story more fully.”

The educational value and opportunity for all citizens to learn more about Creek history will be beneficial for everyone involved. The rich collections will allow the story of the Creek civilization to be shown in an engaging way never seen before.

About the Poarch Band of Creek Indians

The Poarch Creek Indians are descendents of a segment of the original Creek Nation, which once covered almost all of Alabama and Georgia. Unlike many eastern Indian tribes, the Poarch Creeks were not removed from their tribal lands and have lived together for almost 200 years in and around the reservation in Poarch, Alabama. The reservation is located eight miles northwest of Atmore, Alabama, in rural Escambia County, and 57 miles east of Mobile.

The Poarch Band of Creek Indians is the only federally recognized Indian Tribe in the state of Alabama, operating as a sovereign nation with its own system of government and bylaws. The Tribe operates a variety of economic enterprises, which employ hundreds of area residents. Poarch Creek Indian Gaming manages three gaming facilities in Alabama, including: Wind Creek Hotel & Casino in Atmore; Riverside Casino in Wetumpka; and, Tallapoosa Casino in Montgomery. The Poarch Band of Creek Indians is an active partner in the state of Alabama, contributing to economic, educational, social and cultural projects benefiting both tribal members and residents of these local communities and neighboring towns.

About the Alabama Department of Archives and History

The Alabama Department of Archives and History was the first state-funded historical agency in the United States, established 33 years before the United States National Archives. For its entire history, the Archives has preserved records and artifacts of Alabama’s past and present and been a center of history education.

The new museum exhibits will help Alabamians understand the people, ideas, and events that shaped the development of the state. They are intended to foster a better informed citizenry and to strengthen the sense of connection people feel to the state.

Pow Wow Vending Opportunity

Submitted by Clayton Coon

The Calvin McGhee Cultural Management Authority (CMCMA) is soliciting an opportunity for Tribal Departments, Authorities, Tribal Members and Tribal Organizations to join the Thanksgiving festivities and earn revenue at our 39th Annual Thanksgiving Pow Wow. At this time the CMCMA will offer the Pig Chase, Bow Shoot, and Pepsi Cola Beverage Sales. The CMCMA is requesting that the parties involved provide their credential attached to a sealed envelope with their maximum bid enclosed.

Name/Dept/Org. _____ Contact Numbers _____

Please place your mark beside the area of interest:

___ Pig Chase; must provide two days of entertainment beginning at (approx.) 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. A minimum of 8 pigs with the maximum weight not to exceed 50 lb. Minimum bid \$25.00

___ Bow Shoot; must provide two days of entertainment beginning at (approx.) 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Provide hay backstops approved by PCI Safety Officer. Provide all supplies (bows, arrows, targets, prizes, etc.) Minimum bid \$50.00

___ Pepsi Cola Beverages; must provide beverages for the public for two days. Must provide two beverage trailers in good condition. Must provide at least 250 cases of Pepsi products. Must provide ice and all other supplies. Minimum bid \$150.00

Do you have experience in the area of interest? ___ Yes (*Years of experience:* _____) ___ No

List any additional information: _____

Deadline for sealed bids is July 31, 2009. Please return your bids, along with this information, to:

Calvin McGhee Cultural Management Authority

Attn: Clayton Coon

5811 Jack Springs Road, Atmore, AL 36502

For more information, please contact Clayton Coon @ (251) 368-9136 x 2648

2009-2010 Miss Indian Alabama Competition

Submitted by Billie Jo McGhee

A \$5,000 Scholarship is awarded to the winner

Miss Indian Alabama will serve as a Good Will Ambassador at numerous events. Miss Indian Alabama may not appear as "Miss Indian Alabama" without the permission of the Alabama Indian Affairs Commission. There is an application fee of \$150.00. The completed applications must be in the Alabama Indian Affairs Commission Office by 4:30 p.m. August 31, 2009. The applications are available in the Poarch Creek Education Department or the applicants can request an application by contacting Mrs. Eloise Josey at (334) 242-2831. If you have any questions concerning the application, please contact Mrs. Josey.

The applicants must:

- Be a member of a state or federally recognized Indian Tribe,
- Be a resident of the State of Alabama,
- Be between the ages of 17 and 23,
- Be a Senior in high school or currently attending college,
- Be single, no children (not widowed or divorced); and
- Have a 3.0 or higher GPA

The Ethic's Corner



Greetings from the Ethics Board. Last month I wrote an article on financial impropriety/fraud and listed several ways in which this could occur within an organization. Two of those ways were:

1. Unauthorized disclosure of confidential information to outside sources.
2. Unauthorized disclosure of investment activities that the company is currently engaged in or is being considered.

This leads to the Standard of Conduct for this month: MISUSE OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION:

No Tribal Official or key employee shall use any information, to which he or she has access in his or her official or professional capacity and which has not been made public, to (1) acquire an economic interest in any property, transaction, or enterprise which may be affected by such information, (2) speculate or wager on the basis of such information, (3) damage a person's reputation, (4) further political advancement, or (5) aid another to do any of the above mentioned items.

Every one of us knows of a Tribal official or key employee within the Tribal organization. However, just because we may be family related or friends, this does not give anyone the right to pass on confidential information to various individual in the community that has been disclosed in a private setting.

There are many different reasons why certain information must be kept secret from the public at large. It may be due to a type of business transaction the Tribe is working on and if other certain individuals or organizations heard of this prior to finalizing of the deal, it could be detrimental and even cause the transaction not to go through. Some individuals could use the information to make a profit for themselves.

In business transactions the information is eventually shared with the community thus enabling everyone to learn what has transpired. Some business transactions takes many months of preparation and manpower which eventually results in a cost to the organization and it would be a shame for information to be released too soon and cause the deal not to go through, resulting in a loss for the Tribe and us as Tribal Members.

When it comes to personal information about an individual this should always be kept confidential. All individuals have a right to know if they are counseled or has to face allegations of some type that the information obtained is kept confidential. If certain information on individuals were released to the general public it could affect their livelihood. Now, this is not without saying, that people will talk, and sometimes the information is spread throughout the community and usually contains half truths. However, as Tribal officials and key employees, we must rise above this type of behavior. If it is spread in the community, make sure no one can say it came from you.

No Tribal official or key employee should ever use confidential information to which they have been made aware of to further advance their careers. Everyone should be promoted or hired based on their work history, education and abilities to perform the job at hand, not because of some confidential information that they have been made aware of.

As Tribal officials and key employees within the Tribal organization we are expected to hold ourselves to a higher standard of conduct and thus set an example for others within the organization to follow.

We, the Ethics Board wish each and everyone of you a Happy Fourth of July and do hope you make plans to attend the annual fireworks display.

Birthday Wishes

Curtis James Peacock

Curtis Peacock, husband of Tribal member Betty McGhee Peacock, celebrated his 59th birthday on June 1, 2009.

Happy Birthday Curtis, from your wife and family



Chance Jackson

Chance Jackson, son of Eddie and Edie Jackson celebrated his 15th birthday on June 15, 2009. Chance is the grandson of Eddie and Mary Jane Tullis and Mable and the late Alton Jackson, all of Poarch.



Birth Announcement

Submitted by Tracy Sells



Tracy Sells proudly announces the birth of her granddaughter Aurora Lorwyn Sells. Aurora was born to Cody and Kate Sells on Friday, May 29, 2009 at 7:06 pm at D.W. McMillian Hospital in Brewton, AL. She weighed 7 lbs and is 19 inches long.

Julius Sells is Aurora's grandfather. Paternal great grandparents are the late Eugene "Popcorn" and Eugene "Popcorn" and

Roberta Sells. Maternal grandparents are Nola Martin and the late Jack Chavers.

Engagement

Wedding Anniversary

Submitted by Susan O'Donovan



The children of Ardis and Hazel Rolin wish to extend an invitation to all friends and family to attend the 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration planned for their parents on July 18, 2009 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Wisteria located on Main Street in Atmore, AL.

Rolin/Gordon Engagement Announced

Submitted by Megan Rolin



Mr. Raymond Rolin of Atmore and Mrs. Mary Smith of Pensacola announce the engagement of their daughter, Megan Lindsey Rolin of Atmore to Joshua Eugene Gordon of Stapleton. The bride-elect is a graduate of Northview High School, and finished her BSN in May from the University of Alabama. The groom elect is a graduate of Baldwin County High School and Faulkner State College, and is employed as the youth pastor of Grace Fellowship Assembly of God in Bay Minette.

The wedding is planned for August 15, 2009 at Grace Fellowship Assembly of God.

School Chemical Clean-out Campaign (SC3)

<http://www.epa.gov/Region4/waste/rcra/sc3.htm>
Please visit the site above for the complete article

Schools face many environmental health and safety issues that need to be addressed to improve the learning environment for children, teachers, and administrators. Outdated and unknown chemicals found throughout schools can cause fires, explosions, spills and exposure. These incidents from poorly stored chemicals present a risk to children in addition to thousands of dollars in cleanup costs. One of the most expensive school chemical lab cleanouts in the state of Tennessee was a major component that sparked the School Lab Chemical project. Old chemicals were removed from a school lab to a pick-up truck and were further transported to a warehouse building. Leaking containers and flammable chemicals that were too close to each other in the truck caused a fire to begin. The truck was driven out of the warehouse, and the exposure to the air caused an explosion. The school system had to bear the unexpected cost of \$190,000 to clean it up. A more recent incident in Tennessee was in the spring of 2005, employees accidentally disposed of lab chemicals in the regular trash, and the lab clean-out, resulting fire, and cleanup costs were \$80,000. In the summer of 2004, EPA provided initial money to some states in each of the regions to support the School Chemical Clean-out Campaign through an open-grant competition. Each region uses the money to support former, current, or newly developed school clean-out and prevention programs. This program focuses on the removal of outdated and unknown potentially harmful chemicals from schools. It also promotes preventive mechanisms such as proper education and training involving chemical management, and raising national awareness of these problems.

The Poarch Band of Creek Indians Environmental Department, in collaboration with the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC), was awarded a School Chemical Cleanout Campaign (SC3) grant in 2005 from EPA Region 4 to inventory chemicals, dispose of unused chemicals, and teach green chemistry practices. School Chemical Cleanouts were conducted at several schools including 177 Native American children in Alabama. Schools included Monroe Academy in Monroeville, Monroe County, AL, and T.R. Miller High School, W.S. Neal High School, and Jefferson Davis Community College which were all in Brewton, Escambia County, AL.

PSC Industrial Services (PSC) cleaned out various types of hazardous chemicals, including old and improperly stored organic, inorganic, strong, and weak acids, bases, flammables, and toxic metals such as mercury. The chemicals were then properly transported and disposed of via incineration at a hazardous waste facility. The Poarch Creek Indian Environmental Department also provided replacement chemicals that were properly enclosed and lab coats for the schools that were in need. PSC, along with the help of TDEC, gave directions and suggestions as to proper housing and care of the chemicals in which the teachers were keeping or were given. The total amount of chemicals removed by the SC3 program in collaboration with the Poarch Creek Indian Environmental Department for the fall of 2008 was 5,324 pounds of waste from five schools which represented 2,459 students.

A household hazardous waste collection event also with the Poarch Band of Creek Indian Reservation took place in 2008. The event was also coordinated with the Poarch Creek Tribe, TDEC and EPA. Tribal members were given the opportunity to bring their household hazardous waste to the police department where it was separated, packaged, transported and safely disposed. The majority of the waste included paint (oil and latex), oil, batteries (automotive and alkaline) and other solvents. In addition, a wide array of electronics was collected separately including televisions, CPUs, and monitors.

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Photo of lead based paint cans (above), batteries, old electronic appliances (below), etc. were included among the hazardous waste picked up at the household hazardous waste pick-up on September 20, 2008.



2009 AMERIND POSTER CONTEST WINNERS

K-3rd Grade

1st Place Winner Jason Davis
2nd Place Winner Caleb Davis
3rd Place Winner Charleigh Parham

4th Grade-6th Grade

1st Place Winner Kennedy McGhee
2nd Place Winner Heather Davis
3rd Place Winner Melea McGhee
4th Place Winner Jude Parham

7th Grade-8th Grade

1st Place Winner Justin Davis



Pictured L-R front row: Caleb Davis, Charleigh Parham, and Jason Davis; L-R back row: Kennedy McGhee, Heather Davis, Justin Davis, Melea McGhee, and Jude Parham

June 4-H Meeting

Submitted by Christyn Sells

On Monday June 1, 2009, the Poarch Creek 4-H Club met for their monthly meeting @ 6:00 p.m. They are pictured to the right with one of the scarecrows that they made at last month's meeting. The scarecrows are located in the Kid's Community garden behind Building 600. Also on the June 1st meeting the project for the night was: Frosting 101. During the activity the kids learned the basic measuring techniques for baking. They made two flavors of Frosting: Kool-Aid and Cream cheese!

For more information about 4-H and how your child can join, please contact Christyn Sells@ (251)368-9136 ext. 2244 or email: csells@pci-nsn.gov



Above: 4-H Club with scarecrow; L-R Cheyenne McGee, Shawnee McGee, Adam Barnhill, Caitlyn Barnhill, scarecrow, Justin Hiebert, Halle Ra Peebles, Blakeland Crook, and John Wesley Hiebert.

Frosting: Immediate right: Shawnee McGee, Blakeland Crook, and Caitlyn Barnhill. Far right standing l-r Adam Barnhill, John Wesley Hiebert, Justin Hiebert, Blakeland Crook, Caitlyn Barnhill, and Cheyenne McGee; kneeling is Shawnee McGee



July 2009

MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
				1 Summer Reading Program 10:00 a.m. Housing Authority Meeting 3:00 p.m.	2		3 Tribal Offices Closed In observance of Independence Day	4 Fireworks 9:00 p.m. Rodeo Arena No Program Or Entertainment Prior to Fireworks			
Wednesday, July 1, 2009 Deadline To Submit Information For August Newsletter											
5	6	7 Tribal Council Meeting 4:00 p.m. Weight Watchers Weigh In @ 5:00 p.m. Class @ 5:30 p.m. Well & Act Center	8 Summer Reading Program 10:00 a.m. Wellness & Activities Authority Meeting 5:00 p.m.	9		10 Senior Reading Program 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	11				
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notes:

Visit the Tribe's web site at www.poarchcreekindians-nsn.gov for additional information as it becomes available.
Monday, August 3, 2009, deadline to submit information for September newsletter.

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