


Keeping the family and friends of Poarch informed

POARCH CREEK NEWS

A photograph showing two men standing on a grassy bank overlooking a river. The man on the left, wearing a light blue shirt and white pants, is pointing towards the river. The man on the right, wearing a dark blue shirt and khaki pants, is looking in the same direction. The river flows through a lush green forest. The sky is blue with some clouds.

Poarch Creek Tribal Elder Billy Smith (l) and NRCS State Conservationist Dr. William Puckett (r) overlook Magnolia Branch during the American Indian Program Delivery Initiative Meeting hosted by the Tribe and NRCS. Page 10
(Don't forget that Magnolia Branch is the site of Annual Celebration scheduled for August 1st!)



I would like to offer my congratulations to our newly elected Tribal Council members Stephanie Bryan, Vice Chair, Keith Martin, and Berry Ross. We look forward to working with them for the next three years.

I was able to take a few days of vacation to visit with friends over the 4th of July holiday. I hope each of you were able to enjoy the annual fireworks show at the rodeo arena and the casino.

Speaking of the casino, I had the pleasure of introducing Reba McEntire before her performance at our new amphitheater on July 17, 2009. In the near future we will be having top entertainers perform there. I hope that you will be able to come out and enjoy these performances. Tickets can be purchased both online and at the Essentials gift shop located in the casino.

We have two very exciting events taking place this month. The first event, August 1, 2009 will be the Annual Celebration which commemorates our 25th Anniversary of our Federal Recognition. As always the Annual Celebration will be held at Magnolia Branch Wildlife Reserve. This event is open to all Tribal members and immediate family. The second event being held here on the Reservation is the NASA Tournament scheduled for August 7-8, 2009 at our newly renovated sports complex. We hope that you will be able to come out and cheer our teams on to victory.

Many blessings and best wishes to each of you for this upcoming month. Until next month, MVTO.

The Tribal Council has authorized a Feasibility Study for improving services provided through the Tribal Health Department. This study is being conducted to provide important information for the Council regarding the utilization of existing services as well as to evaluate the need for additional services. Your participation is extremely important and is greatly appreciated. The Feasibility Study form has been posted on the front page of the Tribe's official web site www.poarchcreekindians-nsn.gov. Please download/print this document, complete it and return it to the PBCI Health Department in person or via fax to (251) 368-3757 attention Arelene Mack, Special Health Projects Coordinator.

Reminders of Newsletter Deadlines

We have experienced some difficulties with the established deadlines for the newsletter. We have made a few changes, which are reflected below. Please remember these deadlines and limitations when submitting information for the newsletter:

Deadline for submission of information to be published in the newsletter: The deadline to submit information for the newsletter is the first working day of the month for the next month's publication. **Example:** August 3, 2009 for publication in the September 2009 issue of the Poarch Creek News; September 1, 2009 for publication in the October 2009 issue. If you forget, the deadlines will be featured monthly on the Calendar.

Article Submissions: Articles are printed as submitted except for authorized editing. All submissions must be in writing. Please remember that the newsletter is generated one month in advance. If an article misses the submission deadline, it will be published in the next month's issue unless it contains dated information. If submitting photos with the article, space limitations may limit publication to one photo per article.

Birthday/Anniversary Wishes: One photo per birthday/anniversary. We will publish birthday/anniversary information as long as the information is received by the last working day of the month of the birthday/anniversary. **Example:** August birthday or anniversary wishes can be published in the July (June 1st deadline), August (July 1st deadline), September (August 3rd deadline) or October (as long as it is submitted by August 31st) newsletters.

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CIE Equipment Sale

Creek Indian Enterprises Development Authority (CIE) has surplus/used equipment of various sizes and descriptions for sale through a sealed bid process. If you are interested in more information on this equipment, please contact Matt Martin, Procurement Officer at (251) 368-0819 x 4507 or via email at mmartin@pcicie.com.

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All other submissions will not be published. All submissions must be in writing.

Birth Announcements: One photo per birth announcement. We will publish birth announcements as long as the birth information is submitted by the last working day of the month immediately following the birth. ***Example:*** A birth announcement for a birth in August can be published in the September (August 3rd deadline), October (September 1st deadline), or November (as long as information is provided by September 30th) newsletters. All other submissions will not be published. All submissions must be in writing.

Note: We have had several birthdays and birth announcements submitted this year that were not published due to failure to submit the information by the appropriate deadlines. We do not want anyone to feel that they are slighted by not publishing their birthday wish or child's birth announcement, but we must adhere to our deadlines.

Annual Celebration ***August 1, 2009***

Magnolia Branch Wildlife Reserve
Tribal Members & Immediate Family Only

Shirts or other covering

Must be worn in food area.

This will be strictly enforced

Food will be served at 10:00 a.m.

Join us for
Fun, Entertainment and Door Prizes

\$2,500 Grand Prize @ 3:00 p.m.

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Proud to Be Poarch Creek

W.H. "Hosea" & Rena Presley Reunion

The W.H. "Hosea" & Rena Presley reunion has been scheduled for Saturday, August 15, 2009 at the S.A.I.L. Center on Lynn McGhee Drive in Atmore, AL. from 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m. Meat will be provided; each family should bring their favorite dish and dessert. Bring your old and new photos! There will be a live auction to raise money for the next reunion. We are asking everyone to bring inexpensive or homemade items to auction.

Please call Shirlene P. Mauldin at (850) 291-2658 or Shannon M. Skaggs at (850) 776-2714 for more information.

Member to Member

Submitted by Arch J. Peck

I am a Tribal Member and was raised in the Beulah area just outside of Pensacola, Florida. I am an inmate at Dade Correctional Institution and would love to hear from my fellow Tribal Members. If you would like to correspond with me, please send your correspondence to the following address:

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19000 SW 377th St.
Florida City, FL 33034

Wiggins Named to All-County Baseball Team

Submitted by Ruthie Wiggins

J.U. Blacksher sophomore right fielder Nolan Wiggins, son of Ben and Ruthie Wiggins, was named to Monroe County's honorary All-County Baseball Team. High School players from across Monroe County are selected for this team for their outstanding sportsmanship and playing abilities; Nolan is one of only two sophomores to be selected. In addition to the honor of being named to the All County Baseball team, Nolan received the Hustle Award and the Most Stolen Bases Award at J.U. Blacksher's sports banquet. Nolan has a .413 batting average, four doubles, two homeruns, and 19 stolen bases.

Congratulations Nolan, your family and friends are proud of you!



Right Fielder Nolan Wiggins steals home!

The Martins at Lake Martin

Submitted by Amanda Martin Montgomery

The family of Otha & Marie Martin spent the weekend of Father's Day 2009 together on Lake Martin. Everyone had a much needed vacation and enjoyed spending time together as a family.

Seated are Otha and Marie Martin holding Logan Taylor and Kaylee Long. Children standing l-r are Kennedy Long, Chloe Martin, Natalie Martin & Collin Martin. Front row l-r are Kaci Martin, Karla Martin, Susan Martin, Magen Taylor, Brittany Martin, Pauline Wilson, Neely & Jonathan Martin, Amanda & Shawna Montgomery, Tiffany Faircloth, and Karmen Long. Back row l-r are Nelson Martin, Nathan Martin, Brad Martin, Charlotte & Lamar Martin, Jerry Faircloth, Josh Martin, and Josh Long.



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Thank You For Your Vote & Support

Thanks to all of you for your support and consideration during my campaign for Tribal Council.

Carolyn M. White

Ross Receives Two First Place Medals

Submitted by Melissa & Berry Ross

Elliot Ross, the 17 year old son of Berry and Melissa Ross, is a member of the Northview High School JROTC and recently attended Basic Leadership Training in Meridian, Mississippi. At the completion of the training, he was awarded two first place medals, one for Personal Inspection and one for Physical Fitness.

Congratulations
Elliot, we are
proud of you.
Mom, Dad, and
Troy.

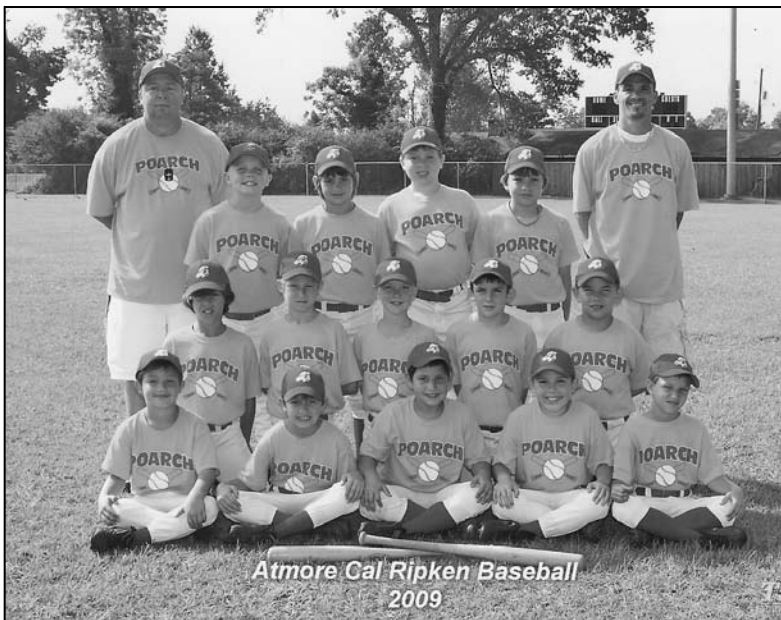
*Elliot Ross pictured
with Gunnery
Sergeant Alderson*



High Expectations

By: Amber Lisenby, Community Outreach Coordinator

On Sunday, June 14th, a strange site circled the skies of the Poarch Creek reservation. This was no bird or plane; it was the new Wind Creek Casino & Hotel blimp. A brand new airship equipped with a monster screen and bright colors was a very powerful addition to the already eye-catching advertising efforts of the casino. Senior Princess Danielle Martin and Elementary Princess Kennedy McGhee attended the press conference and were invited to take part in the actual christening of the airship as well as take the inaugural ride along with Tribal Chairman, Buford Rolin. We would like to thank the Wind Creek Casino & Hotel management for inviting our royalty to participate in this event. We wish you the best!



Congratulations PCI Gold

Submitted by Ellen O'Barr

Congratulations to PCI Gold for winning first place in Atmore's Minor League's 2009 season. Further congratulations and "Great Job!!" go to Coach Charles "Bubba" Godwin who moved on to coach Atmore's All-Star Team after the regular season.

Pictured are the PCI Gold Team:

Bottom row l-r are Jason Davis, Jaylan Daughtry, Tanner Jackson, Brennon Rolin, and Jacob Harrison. Middle row l-r are Trennon Hamilton, Tyler Sells, Austin Williams, Thunder Jackson, and Justin Henderson. Top row l-r are Dakota Rolin, Tyler Jackson, Cameron Armentor, and Wyatt Rutherford. Coaches are George Armentor (back left) and Charles "Bubba" Godwin (back right).

Enrollment Department

The Enrollment Department of the Poarch Creek Indians is responsible for maintaining all Tribal Enrollment Records, including, but not limited to, securing and presenting all applicable documents and charts to the Enrollment Committee for enrollment consideration, preparing monthly reports to the Tribal Council requesting approval to add new members to the roll, remove deceased members from the roll, and document/authorize all denials of membership; providing verification letters for Tribal Members and First Generation Indian Descent; verifying total tribal membership for grant purposes, verifying tribal membership for employment and educational purposes, and providing eligible voter lists for election purposes.

According to the Tribal Constitution, membership of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians shall consist of all persons enumerated or recognized by the Poarch Band of Creek Indians Tribal Council as Indian on the 1870 and 1900 U.S. Census of Escambia County, Alabama and the 1900 U.S. Special Indian Census of Monroe County, Alabama; all living descendants of those eligible under the 1870 & 1900 U.S. Census of Escambia County, Alabama and the 1900 U.S. Special Indian Census of Monroe County, Alabama of at least one fourth (1/4) degree Indian blood, provided they are not enrolled as members of any other federally recognized tribe, group or band of Indians and all children of at least one fourth (1/4) degree of Indian blood born to an enrolled member of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians.

Per the vote of the General Council during the 2008 Tribal Elections, the official Tribal roll of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians closed on December 31, 2008. After that date, the only individuals eligible for membership are those individuals who submitted a completed application by December 31, 2008; those individuals eighteen (18) years of age or younger on December 31, 2008 currently not on roll may submit a completed application for his or her membership by his or her twenty-first birthday; those individuals born on or after December 31, 2008 currently not on roll may submit a completed application for his or her membership by his or her twenty-first birthday; or those individual who becomes eligible for membership because of a correction in an enrolled tribal member's blood quantum.



Gale Thrower, Enrollment Director

The Enrollment Department currently has two staff members, Gale Thrower, Enrollment Director, and Anita Glass, Enrollment Assistant. Gale and Anita have worked with the Tribe for numerous years and have watched the Tribe grow from its humble beginning to its current enrollment of 3,012.

Anita would like to remind everyone that the Enrollment Department is no longer responsible for generating Tribal identification cards. The Tribal Member Benefits Department has assumed this responsibility. "When we were responsible for the identification cards, we were able to update our records with name and/or address changes; we no longer have access to this information. We encourage Tribal Members to keep the Enrollment Department updated with all name and/or address changes. We often get requests that we can not immediately respond to due to a Tribal Member's name or address change. If you get married, divorced, or change your name, you will have to provide the appropriate documentation before we can change your name on the official records. Sometimes people forget to do this and when verification is needed the names don't match which necessitates an extra step or two in the verification process. Remember, it is your responsibility to make sure your information is correct and up to date."

If you have any questions about services provided through the Enrollment Department, please contact Anita Glass, Enrollment Assistant, at (251) 368-9136 ext. 2281 Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.



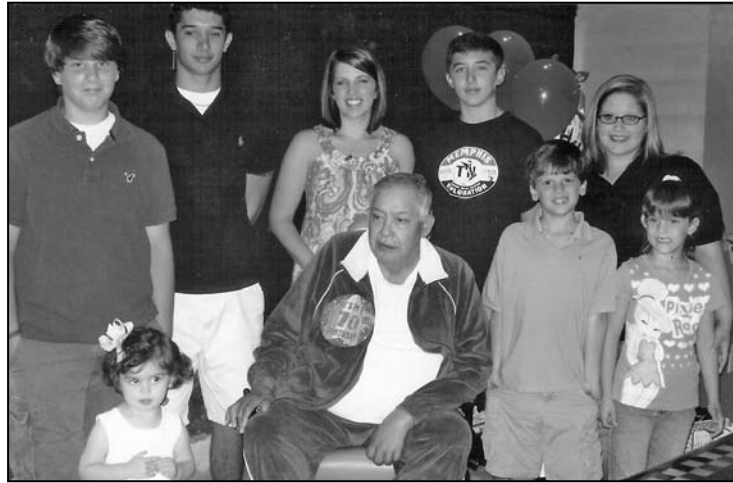
Anita Glass, Enrollment Assistant

The Corn Man

By his loving granddaughter Miranda Marie Caraway

John Arthur McGhee
Or better known as "The Corn Man"
June 21, 1939
70 years old and still going!

He has accomplished many things,
He ran for Tribal Council,
And was always loyal throughout all,
Never gave up,
Even when times were tough.
The pride, and love for his family,
Shows everywhere he goes.



*John Arthur McGhee with his grandchildren:
Front row l-r: Sophia Howell, John Arthur McGhee, Nick Howell, and Maggie Pearl. Back row l-r: Mason Caraway, Jon Dean, Olivia Johnson, James Dean, and Miranda Caraway*

At Wind Creek,
Where a stranger is never
A stranger for long,
Where everyone is a friend,
And where he's happiest to be,
Always lookin' for anyone who wants
To talk, or even share memories with.

He rides his jazzi
Lookin', Searchin'
For a laugh, a smile
To make someone's life
A little brighter,
To leave it a little better,
Than he found it.
To know he made a difference,
A change.

He helps his heritage,
And always has high hopes for his people.
He is just proud of,
And glad to be a part of
Poarch Creek Indians.
How they have grown,
And what the future has in store for
His Tribe, His Home,
Where his heart will always lie,
Always stand forever and never fall
Never break the circle of unity,
In which he helped create.

In Memory of Dad - Franklin Jackson

01/04/1937 - 12/17/2008

Submitted by Donna Jackson McAdams

Now that I am gone,
remember me with smiles and laughter.
And if you need to cry,
cry with your brother or sister
who walks in grief beside you.
And when you need me,
put your arms around anyone
and give to them what you need to give to me.
There are so many who need so much.
I want to leave you something --
something much better than words or sounds.
Look for me in the people I've known
or helped in some special way.
Let me live in your heart
as well as in your mind.
You can love me most
by letting your love reach out to our loved ones,
by embracing them and living in their love.
Love does not die, people do.



Franklin Jackson and Adam Daughtry

Although it is belated, the family of Franklin Jackson would like to thank everyone for the prayers, comfort, and food during the time of our loss.

Dad is gone from our sight but never from our memories or our hearts. He is greatly missed today, tomorrow, and always.

Sincerely, Donna Jackson McAdams

There is Never A Dull Moment In the Education Department!

School may be out for the summer, but young minds never stop learning! The 4-H Club continues its monthly meetings throughout the summer and as featured in last month's issue, they have planted and harvested a crop in the garden area behind Building 600. The Education Department also host the Summer Reading Program for Tribal youth and Elders. There is never a dull moment in the Education Department!



(L) As part of the Summer Reading Program, Tommy Johns presents "Rodeo Roundup" to community children.

(R) Mr. Johns also performed a magic show for the older kids and taught them some card tricks.



(L) Sandra Hiebert, Education Executive Director helps Adam Barnhill during 4-H.

(R) Tie Dyed bandanas were a part of the project the kids worked on along with Christyn Sells, Children's



Ray Godwin of Godwin's Florist, assisted by Education staff members Leashia Martin, Robert Selzer, and Magen Weaver, taught the Seniors at the SAIL Center a floral arranging class during the Senior's Summer Program.



Information and photos submitted by the Education Department.

Rolin Graduates University of Alabama

Submitted by Raymond Rolin

Megan Lindsey Rolin, daughter of Raymond Rolin, graduated on May 9, 2009 from University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa. Megan received her Bachelor's of Science in Nursing. She recently accepted a job with Atmore Community Hospital. She is so glad to be serving the community where she grew up. Megan would like to thank the Tribe for the assistance she received through the McGhee-Tullis Tuition Assistance Program. She would also like to thank her family for giving her support and motivation while going through a difficult nursing program. Megan is the granddaughter of the late Dorothy and JB Rolin.



Pictured left to right are Joshua Gordon, Megan Rolin, Nicole Teague, Raymond Rolin, holding grandson Micah Howard, and Hillary Rolin.

Corey Maintains 4.0 GPA

Submitted via e-mail from unidentified family member

The family and friends of Harold "Slick" Corey would like to congratulate him on his recent achievements. He has just completed his Emergency Medical Technician Basic (EMTB) training. He also obtained his National Registry and State of Alabama license to practice as a basic EMT in emergency medicine. For his efforts this past semester Harold was awarded a place on the President's List at the University of South Alabama (USA) for a perfect 4.0 GPA. Another of his accomplishments last semester was winning a Pediatric Emergency Care competition. Presently Harold is enrolled in paramedicine classes at USA and pursuing a B.S. Degree in the same. Harold carries a full time load as a student while working full time at Wind Creek Casino in the buffet kitchen.



Harold "Slick" Corey has the following statement: "I am very thankful to my Tribe for allowing me the opportunity to achieve this level of my education. I also thank you in advance for allowing me to continue towards becoming a Paramedic by making it financially possible. My schedule has been, and continues to be, a very demanding one and I thank all my friends and family for their support and tolerance. Most of all, I would like to thank God for the gifts and abilities and forgiveness afforded to me, without them nothing would be possible."

Ms Valisa Hadley

Submitted by Jacqueline Hadley

Valisa Lee Hadley will be graduating from Jacksonville State University in Jacksonville, AL on August 7, 2009. Ms. Hadley will receive her Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice with a concentration in Forensic Science and a minor in Military Science and Chemistry.

Ms. Hadley also will have completed the Jacksonville State University ROTC Program and will be commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Alabama Army National Guard.



Ms. Hadley is 23 years old and the proud mother of Ms. Nevaeh Hadley. She is the granddaughter of Mr. Houston & Margie McGhee of Atmore, AL; Ms. Sue Hadley of Bay Minette, AL; and Mr. Arion Hadley of Atmore, AL. Valisa is the daughter of Ms. Jacqueline Hadley of Atmore, AL and Mr. Robert M. Hadley of Atmore, AL and the sister of Shane Hadley also of Atmore, AL.

Sanders Scores Highest On FCAT

Submitted by Gail Taylor

Courtney Gail Sanders, daughter of Regina Couture of Pensacola, FL recently earned FCAT's highest level possible in Mathematics. According to Malcolm Thomas, Superintendent of the School District of Escambia County Florida, this level of scoring is achieved by only a small number of students. In his letter of congratulations he encouraged Courtney to take advantage of all the educational opportunities available to her.



Courtney is the granddaughter of Robert and Gail Taylor and the great granddaughter of Gladys Walker and the great great granddaughter of the late Fred and Lula Walker. Courtney attends the Beulah Academy of Science where she will be in the seventh grade the 2009/2010 academic school year.

Congratulations Courtney, your family and friends are proud of you!

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service and Poarch Band of Creek Indians Host American Indian Program Delivery Initiative Meeting In Atmore

Submitted by David Elliott, NRCS Tribal Liaison

This is a summary of the News Release from The U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Services (www.al.nrcs.usda.gov); space limited publication of full News Release. Please visit their web site for complete details of release. The News Release can also be found on the Tribe's web site www.poarchcreekindians-nsn.gov.

The Poarch Band of Creek Indians and USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) hosted the Southeast American Indian Workgroup's American Indian Program Delivery Initiative (AIPDI) meeting. The AIPDI was hosted on the reservation of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians near Atmore, AL. The workgroup, consisting of federally recognized Tribes and federal agencies across nine southeastern states, presented information on federal programs available to Tribes and discussed the needs and concerns of the Tribes represented.

In his opening comments to the workgroup, Dr. William Puckett, NRCS State Conservationist for Alabama, called for the AIPDI to serve as a medium for communication, listening, cooperation, and sharing. "This is a chance for NRCS and other federal agencies to demonstrate how Tribes can access our programs," Puckett said. "This is also an opportunity to communicate, listen to each other's needs, and understand how to better serve the Tribes."

In his keynote address to the opening session of the meeting, NRCS Acting Regional Assistant Chief for the East Leonard Jordan spoke about NRCS's efforts to work with Tribes and the American public in conservation efforts. "One of NRCS's goals is to work more with Indian Nations on conservation efforts," said Jordan. He also highlighted NRCS's current cooperation with Tribes, noting that NRCS has approximately \$20 million obligated to contracts with federally recognized Tribes through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program and Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program.

During tours of the reservation, those in attendance were shown conservation efforts being carried out by the Poarch Band of Creek Indians with technical and financial assistance from NRCS. The Tribe has implemented many conservation practices on the reservation and in their cattle herd operations. The Poarch Band of Creek Indians also maintains the Magnolia Branch Wildlife Reserve, which includes facilities for outdoor recreation.

"It's been a great partnership, and we are really pleased to work with NRCS," Poarch Creek Chairman Buford Rolin said in an interview with Southeast AgNet. "It's been a wonderful opportunity for us, and we look forward to expanding our operations with them."

The United South and Eastern Tribes President Brian Patterson spoke to the workgroup about the importance of the cooperation fostered by its efforts. "The NRCS motto 'Helping People Help the Land' could fit in any Indian Nation," said Patterson.

"The same destiny awaits us all. What's good for Indian Country should be good for everyone."



Leonard Jordan, NRCS Acting Regional Assistant Chief for the East.



As a token of appreciation for hosting this year's program, NRCS presented Poarch Creek Chairman Buford Rolin with a reproduction of a French map of the historic towns of the Choctaw, Chickasaw, Creek, and other Indian Tribes. The map dates back to the French occupation of the region and was created in Mobile in 1733.

NRCS State Conservationist Dr. William Puckett presents Poarch Creek Chairman Buford L. Rolin with a gift on behalf of NRCS in recognition of the Tribe's hosting the American Indian Program Delivery Initiative.

2009 N.A.S.A. Softball Tournament

Men & Women

Legends (40&Over)

August 7-8, 2009

Poarch Sports Complex

We will have several teams from our tribe participating in this tournament, so please come out and help support our teams!!

For more information contact PCI Recreation
251-368-9136 ext. 2256 (Eddie Jackson)
251-253-0908 (Ronnie Jackson)
251-253-5916 (Edie Jackson)
251-253-3458 (Kevin Snow)

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ADVISORY OPINION May 8th 2009

By an opinion dated May 8, 2009 the Ethics Board addressed the following Question posed by a Tribal Authority Board.

Is it acceptable or not to include Board members in report reviews, updates, discussion, etc. with a contractor where the Board Member is employed by the contractor and where the contract has already been awarded?

The Board concluded that a Board member's participation in "report reviews, updates, discussions between the Authority and the contractor that employs the Board Member would generally be barred because the Board member's responsibilities of the Authority would conflict with his personal economic interests. Specifically, most "reviews, updates, discussion," etc. involve, implicitly or explicitly, an evaluation of the contractor's performance. An employee would have an economic interest in protecting the employer's interests since (1) the employer would expect loyalty from its employee, and (2) the employee's success would make pay raises and promotions more likely.

In response to the Ethics Board's May 8th opinion, the director of the Tribal Authority submitted an "Authority Update" dated May 20, 2009 that summarized the progress of various construction projects currently being carried out by the Authority, including one Tribal contractor who employs two Board members. In a conversation with Ethics Board Chair Carrie Martin on May 28, 2009 the director provided the following additional information relating to the May 20, 2009 report and similar periodic updates.

1. Updates are prepared solely by the Director, with no involvement by the Board. The update is not a Board communication but a communication from the Director.
2. Updates are based on information gathered from discussions with various project managers and Creek Indian Enterprises, a tribal economic development corporation.
3. Updates are prepared for the benefit of Board, the Tribal Council, and the community at large.
4. Updates are presented by the Director and rarely trigger discussion. In the event such discussions relates to the contractor that employs two Board members, those members excuse themselves.

OPINION

On the facts presented, the Ethics Board finds nothing objectionable in the Authority Board including the two employed members receiving the updates.

The Board reiterates the principles set forth in its earlier opinion: Board members who are employed by a contractor must avoid involvement in any discussions that have a performance evaluation aspect. For example, the May 20th Update involves obvious performance evaluation features and conflict issues, such as the statements that cause of delays were related to certain environmental conditions (not poor contractor performance) and that the price for substituted items negotiated with contractor is "fair". These are no doubt accurate statements but the involvement of the contractor employees in making them would be an improper conflict and also undermine the credibility of the Update. In the event, the Board should engage in a discussion of the contractor's performance issues, the two Board members employed by the contractor should excuse themselves.

You may obtain forms for advisory opinions from the Legal Department, Chairman's Office and Tribal Court.

Birthday Wishes



Camryn Godwin

Camryn Godwin turned 10 years old on June 8, 2009. Happy Birthday from Daddy, Sylina, Dakota, Shyla, and family!



Kaylen Anna Fore

Kaylen Anna Fore celebrated her 3rd birthday on Saturday, June 13th at Cotton's Restaurant with family and friends. Her theme was Disney Princess. The children enjoyed jumping in the castle bouncer. Kaylen is the daughter of Eddie Fore and Amanda Cameron and the granddaughter of Steve and Lois Fore of Atmore, AL and James and Cindy Cameron of Repton, AL.



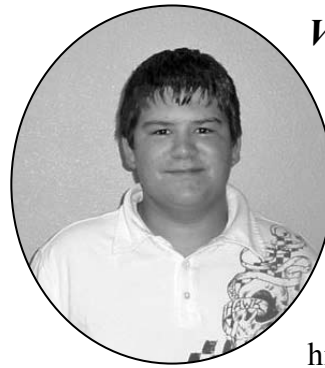
Dakota Rolin

Dakota Rolin turned 10 years old on June 21st. He celebrated his birthday while playing All-Stars in Mobile, AL. Congratulations and Happy Birthday! We love you, Mom, Dad, Shyla, Camryn, and family.



Allie McGhee

Allie McGhee celebrated her 84th birthday on Thursday, June 25th with a party given by her family. Happy Birthday Aunt Allie and may you have many more!



Vincent "John Walker" Gonzalez,

Vincent "John Walker" Gonzalez, son of Wanda Tullis Wasnick of Tulare, CA celebrated his 15th birthday on July 18th. Vincent visited his grandparents, Eddie and Mary Jane Tullis this summer and was a participant in the WIA Summer Work/Learn Program. While in Alabama he also traveled to New York as a supporter for the tribe's NAYO Teams.



Maria Nadine Harris

Maria Nadine Harris, daughter of Deanna Harris, celebrated her 19th birthday on July 18, 2009. Maria is the granddaughter of Jerry E. and Nadine Rolin of Brewton and the late Johnny and Mary Sue Harris of Atmore. Happy Birthday, we love you; Mom, Donnie, and your brothers.

Arch J. Peck

Arch J. Peck celebrated his 39th birthday on July 28, 2009. Happy Birthday Arch.



Logan Scott Colbert

Logan Scott Colbert will celebrate his 19th Birthday on August 24th. Happy 19th birthday from your Mom, Hunter, Chloe' and Sophia! We love you and we are so proud of you!

Crazy Hair Day At The SAIL Center



l-r 3rd Place, Charlie "Alfalfa" Reed ready to sing for his sweet Darla! 2nd Place Velma "Poodle" Crocker with 'bed head' and 1st place, "Pretty Boy" Shirley Von McGhee with his spikes and clips!



Contestants relax before competition.

2008 Amerind Poster Winners Receive Prize Money From USET



l-r Jason Davis, Kennedy McGhee with 2008 Amerind Poster, and Justin Davis

In 2008 Jason Davis, Kennedy McGhee, and Justin Davis won the Amerind Poster Contest at the local and USET level. Kennedy went on to win on the national level and her drawing is on the bottom left of the 2008 poster. The Housing Authority recently received the prize money from the 2008 contest and awarded checks in the amount of \$250 to each of them. These same children have placed first locally and at the USET level for the 2009 contest and their drawings are currently under consideration at the national level.

Tribal Census Update

During the regular Tribal Council Meeting on Tuesday, July 7, 2009, the Tribal Council approved an Enrollment Report from the Enrollment Committee that brought the total of Tribal Members for the Poarch Band of Creek Indians to 3,012.

The Tribal Member Benefits Department will soon be contacting these newly added Tribal Members to gather all pertinent information for the Tribal Census. Listed below are the Tribal Members that the Tribal Members Benefits Department has not been able to contact in the past. If you are a relative or friend of any of these individuals, please have them contact the Tribal Member Benefits Department at 1-877-276-2724 ext. 2501 on Monday or Tuesday from 8:00 a.m. through 5:00 p.m.; Wednesday from 8:00 a.m. through 12:00 noon. If it is not convenient to call at these times, leave a short message on the answering machine. Please include your name, telephone number, and a time that would be convenient to return your call. Without this updated information they will not receive their birthday check or other benefits that they may be otherwise eligible for.

Blake Wade Batton
Ray Farren David, Sr.
Tanya Lynette Garrett
Jewel Gibson
Kimber Jean Gibson

Thomas Wade Hayes
Jimmy Keith Heidleberg
Shelby Ann Hubbird
Joe Wayne Mitchell
Barry Alan Reece

Blanche V. Davis Scaccia
Joyce Darlene Seamans
Patricia Diane Seamans
Ronald Garrett Walker
Christopher Andrew Wooley

❖❖❖❖ Cultural Corner ❖❖❖❖

The Calvin McGhee Cultural Management Authority has some exciting programs to offer the community!



CULTURAL CRAFT CLASSES begin August 4th @ 4 pm. We will be offering classes in basket-making, finger-weaving, and patchwork sewing!

August 4th-September 1st: Finger-Weaving
September 8th-October 6th: Patchwork Sewing
October 13th-November 10th: Basket-Weaving

Tuesday Nights, 4-8pm

2009-2010 Tribal Princess Contest Update:

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO SIGN UP!

~First practice is Sunday, July 26, 2009 at 2 pm~

Several changes to the contest have been made. Some of the most notable ones are:

- 1. Some small changes to the dress style to help contestants show their individuality*
- 2. Talent night for contestants Wednesday night before the powwow*
- 3. Contestants will be singing gospel songs in the Creek language at the powwow*



Join us every Monday Night for Community Stickball Games @ 7pm!



All events held at the Calvin McGhee Cultural Center
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August 2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Annual Celebration Magnolia Branch Registration 8:30 a.m.
2	3 Deadline to Submit Info For September Newsletter	4 Tribal Council Meeting 4:00 p.m. Weight Watchers Weigh In @ 5:00 p.m. Class @ 5:30 p.m. Well & Act Center	5 Housing Authority Meeting 3:00 p.m.	6	7	8 NASA Tournament
9	10 Tribal Court 9:00 a.m. 4-H Club Meeting 6:00 p.m. Education Dept.	11 Weight Watchers Weigh In @ 5:00 p.m. Class @ 5:30 p.m. Well & Act Center	12 Wellness & Activities Authority Meeting 5:00 p.m.	13	14	15
16	17	18 Tribal Council Meeting 4:00 p.m. Weight Watchers Weigh In @ 5:00 p.m. Class @ 5:30 p.m. Well & Act Center	19 Housing Authority Meeting 3:00 p.m.	20	21	22
23	24 Tribal Court 9:00 a.m.	25 Weight Watchers Weigh In @ 5:00 p.m. Class @ 5:30 p.m. Well & Act Center	26 Wellness & Activities Authority Meeting 5:00 p.m.	27	28	29
30	31	1 sep. Tribal Council Meeting 4:00 p.m. Weight Watchers Weigh In @ 5:00 p.m. Class @ 5:30 p.m. Well & Act Center	September 1st is deadline to submit information for October newsletter 2009 State of Tribe Presentation has been scheduled: Saturday, November 7, 2009 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Please plan to attend. Rember to complete Feasability Form and return it to the Health Dept. Feasability Form located on official Tribal web site.			

notes:

Visit the Tribe's web site at www.poarchcreekindians-nsn.gov for additional information as it becomes available.

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