

*Keeping the family and friends of Poarch informed*

# POARCH CREEK NEWS



**Congressman Jo Bonner  
Holds Town Hall Meeting At Poarch**

# Chairman's Corner October 2009



I hope each of you enjoyed a good Labor Day holiday. Since this holiday signifies the unofficial end of summer I am in hopes that we have cooler temperatures and lots of beautiful weather ahead.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and everyone for the thoughts and prayers during my family's time of grief due to the passing of my sister, Bessie "Sweet" McGhee O'Barr.

September proved to be a very busy month but none the less very productive. We held the grand opening of the Wind Creek Spa and Culinary Studio. I hope if you are in the area you will be able to visit this beautiful facility.

The Tribal Council also attending our semi -annual Retreat. From these retreats we are able to facilitate business activities as well as many other subjects that are directly related to the workings of the Tribal Council as a whole.

We also commemorated the life of our former Chief, Calvin McGhee with the Calvin McGhee Memorial held at the Pow Wow grounds September 19, 2009.

Just a reminder, we have scheduled the annual State of the Tribe for Saturday, November 7th from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m. at the gym. I hope to see you there. As always, MVTO.



## POARCH BAND OF CREEK INDIANS INVEST IN GREYHOUND TRACKS

*PCI Gaming Press Release by Theresa Embry*

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PCI Gaming Authority, a wholly owned entity of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians, announced that it will make a substantial investment in two pari-mutuel greyhound tracks. PCI will invest in Mobile Greyhound Park located in Theodore, AL and Pensacola Greyhound Track located in Pensacola, FL. The transaction is pending final approval by the respective regulatory bodies governing the two race tracks. Both Mobile Greyhound Park and Pensacola Greyhound Track have been owned and operated for many years by a partnership comprised of several local families. These families will retain interest in the respective tracks and will partner with PCI in the ownership of these facilities. The new owning partnerships will be Mobile Greyhound Racing, LLP and Pensacola Greyhound Racing, LLP.

Jay Dorris, President of PCI Gaming, noted, "This new venture will keep jobs in the Gulf Coast region and will preserve an entertainment tradition that is important to our area."

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## **2010 Census**

### **And Tribal Participation**

What is so important about the Census  
And how is the data used?



- \* Appropriation of \$300 billion Federal funds annually
- \* Tribal leaders can use census data to gain in sight into Tribal Members and the need for Tribal programs
- \* Federal and State agencies use census data to determine funding for Tribal Government programs, education, and health-care services



**2010 CENSUS:**  
**IT'S IN OUR HANDS**

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*l-r Jerry Faircloth, Tiffany Faircloth, Kaci Martin, Susan Martin, Nathan Martin, and Karla Martin*

## **Martin Graduates Alabama**

*Submitted by Susan Martin*

Kaci Michelle Martin graduated from the University of Alabama on May 9th, 2009 with a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work. Kaci has been accepted into the Advanced Standing Masters of Social Work Program at the University of Alabama where she began classes in June with plans to graduate in May 2010.

Kaci celebrated her graduation with her family by going to Las Vegas.

Kaci is the daughter of Nathan and Susan Martin and has one sister, Karla Martin. She is the granddaughter of Otha and Marie Martin and the late Floyd Holk and Erma Holk.

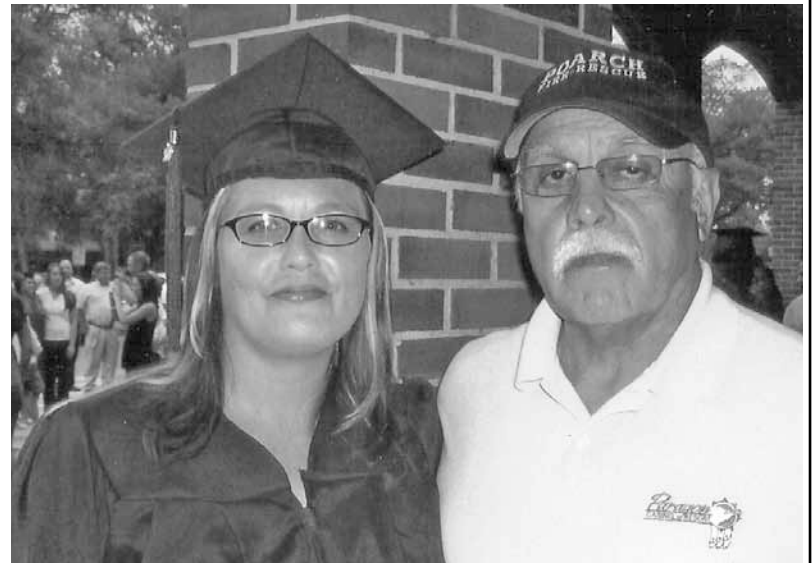
## **Dees Graduates With Degree in Nursing**

*Submitted by Catherine Sells*

Nioma Jackson Dees received her Associate in Applied Science in Nursing from Jefferson Davis Community College. The pinning ceremony took place May 4, 2009 in Brewton, AL. Nioma would like to thank the Tribe for the assistance she received through the Tuition Assistance Program. Nioma would also like to thank her family for their support.

Nioma is married to Kendall Dees and is the daughter of Ronnie Jackson and Martha and George Colbert. Her grandparents are Mable and the late Alton Jackson and Nina and J.B. Stewart.

Nioma is employed as an RN at Monroe County Hospital.



*Nioma Jackson Dees with her father Ronnie Jackson*

## **McGhee-Tullis Tuition Assistance Program Update**

*Submitted by Shelia Fisher, Tuition Program Coordinator*

There are currently 434 applicants enrolled in the McGhee-Tullis Tuition Assistance Program:

29	Middle & High School
381	College (Undergraduates)
24	Graduate Level

Since the program began in August 2005 there have been approximately 25 students who have notified the Education Department of their graduation from college. There are several students who have graduated from High School while enrolled in the program.

# January – June, 2009

• In Attendance

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## 4-H Club Visits 4-H State Horse Show and Participates in The Great American Bake Sale

*Submitted by Christyn Sells*



On July 16th The 4-H Club attended the Alabama 4-H State Horse Show at the Garret Coliseum in Montgomery, AL. There were more than 260 competitors and 90 different competitions at the 5-Day event. 4-Hers attending the horse show were Troy Ross, P.J. Rolin, Sara Milliken, Caitlyn Barnhill, Adam Barnhill, Cheyenne McGee, Shawnee McGee, and Breanna Hall.



On July 30, 2009, members of the Poarch Creek 4-H Club participated in "The Great American Bake Sale" as advertised on "Food Network". Throughout the week of the July 30th, members baked, baked and baked some more! All goods were prepared by the 4-H members themselves with assistance from their Club Leader-Christyn Sells. Baked goods included: Cheesecake brownies, Monster Cookies, Banana Bread, Chex Mix and Red Velvet cupcakes! Everyone worked really hard with proceeds adding up to \$350.00! The Poarch Creek Indian Endowment Committee matched that contribution for a total of \$700.00 that went directly to "The Great American Bake Sale" in a national campaign to end childhood hunger! This is the first service project for the club, but they are already making plans to start another! For more information on "The Great American Bake Sale" go to <http://gabs.strength.org>.

*Back row l-r Breanna Hall, Shawnee McGee and Bethany Crook.  
Front Row l-r Sara Milliken and Halle Ra Peebles.*

## Poarch Creek Invests in Greyhound Tracks

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The families who have owned the race tracks for more than thirty years have deep and important ties to their community. We are pleased to be their partners and excited about what PCI Gaming can add to these great businesses." The employment base at these greyhound race tracks is approximately 300 people. Dorris says he expects to retain those current positions. Additionally, with the substantial capital investments PCI Gaming plans to make to both venues, Dorris says he fully expects the employment base to grow.

The purchase of the race tracks by PCI Gaming is the first foray into non-Indian gaming by the Poarch Band of Creek Indians. The race tracks will remain truly commercial interest that are taxed and regulated by the respective state and local governing bodies. Dorris said, "It is vitally important, especially during these tough economic times, that counties and states continue to build a tax base. Both of these businesses will be valuable sources of tax revenue, and they will continue to provide crucial employment opportunities."

Currently, PCI Gaming employs 1,600 people working at 3 different sites in Alabama; the Wind Creek Hotel and Casino in Atmore, The Riverside Casino in Wetumpka, and the Tallapoosa Casino in Montgomery. Tribal businesses paid more than \$10.3 million in payroll inventory and other taxes last year.

Speaking on behalf of the legacy families owning both pari-mutuel tracks, Joe Morrison, President of Pensacola Greyhound Track said, "We are pleased and excited to partner with the Poarch Band of Creek Indians to invest in the growth, stability, and continuity of these businesses. The Poarch Band of Creek Indians is comprised of many families who live, work, and recreate in our area. The Pensacola Mobile corridor is fortunate to have the Poarch Band of Creek Indians as a part of our community, and our companies are fortunate to have reached an agreement with them to invest in our partnership. Our plan is to have a long and fruitful relationship with the Poarch Band of Creek Indians. And we believe it will be one that benefits all of our families and both of these great communities."

## To The General Council of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians

I am writing to thank every Tribal Member and their families who were able to attend the Annual Celebration held at Magnolia Branch Wildlife Reserve on August 1st. This particular Celebration was very special because it honored the 25th anniversary of our Tribe's federal recognition.

I had the honor of meeting some Tribal Members for the first time. I sincerely appreciate all of you talking to me about where you see the Tribe going and the strategies for achieving those endeavors. Your advice was very helpful and gave me a new perspective on future opportunities for our Tribe. Your joyous presence and lively conversations made it that much more of a special occasion. Thank you. I look forward to seeing you again next year.

My cell phone number is (251) 253-8795 and my email address is [gsells@pci-nsn.gov](mailto:gsells@pci-nsn.gov), I can be reached at anytime. I wish you and your family all the best.



Sincerely,  
Garvis Sells  
Tribal Council Member

## TRIBAL LOGO ITEMS FOR SALE

Tribal Government Accounting has the following items for sale; quantity and color may be limited so please contact Tracy Linam at (251) 368-9136 x 2213 if you are interested in purchasing any of this merchandise.

- \$10 2009 NASA Softball T-Shirts
- \$10 Green Tote Bag with logo
- \$10 2009 Short Sleeve Pow Wow T-Shirts
- \$15 2009 Long Sleeve Pow Wow T-Shirts
- \$25 2009 Pow Wow Hoodies



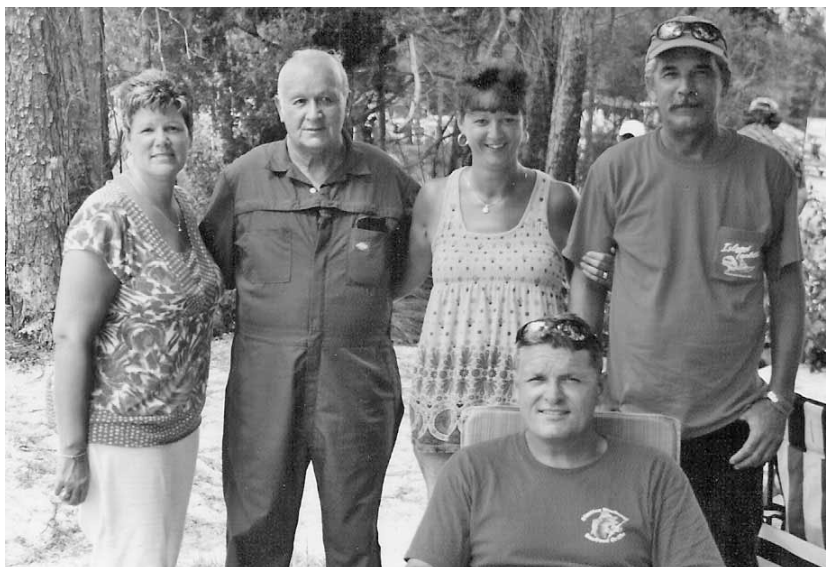
## Colberts Attend First Creek Gathering

*Submitted by Rhonda Colbert Perkins*

Since our father, Douglas Colbert, Sr., passed in December of 2004, my brothers and sisters and I (6 of us total) have felt a need for a deeper connection to him. Dad had a brother, Curtis Colbert of Frostproof, FL, who passed away in September of 2008, and a brother, James Colbert, who lives in Spanish Fort, AL. Of these, we are the only children.

Recently my Uncle James and a cousin worked to get us enrolled "long distance" and we came from North Carolina with our mom to our first Creek gathering. It meant a lot to us in many ways, it was a part of Dad and his heritage and it felt like we were claiming our part of this proud history. To look at the large crowd and realize that we are kin to them all in some way made you feel like a part of something "big". I know my Dad would be proud that we took the time to stop for a moment and step back to look at the past and also to be a part of the future of the Poarch Creek Indians. Thanks for a great time!

The Colbert Family in North Carolina



l-r Rhonda, James, Talia, Douglas, Jr. & Curtis.  
Not shown are Kenneth and Darren.



## GENERAL COUNCIL VOICE

The General Council Voice invites Tribal Member participation to develop a community response to Tribal issues. The "General Council Voice" (GCV) was founded February 2009 as a community coalition of concerned Tribal Members and incorporated in July 2009 as a civic, social, and/or cultural non-profit organization to provide a collective voice of participating tribal members. Its primary mission will be to provide advisory recommendations to Tribal Council as identified in Article IV, Section 2 (E) under Branches of Government and Powers of the General Council, which states "make advisory recommendations to the Tribal Council". Plans are to provide advisory recommendations to committees, authorities, and boards as well.

If you are a Tribal Member of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians, eighteen (18) years of age or older, we invite you to share your thoughts and participate with the General Council Voice as a proactive community action group in the development of the organization and addressing issues of Tribal concern. Please join participating members every Thursday night at 5:30 p.m. at the Family Services Resource Auditorium until we have completely developed the organization and can meet less frequently. If you have questions, contact the following General Council Voice officers or any participating members. We look forward to having you involved with the GCV.

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**Catching the Big One!** Chasen Rolin, son of Tinker Rolin, caught this huge bass on September 1<sup>st</sup> behind the gym. Photo by Jeffrey Weaver

## Growing Good Corn

Author Unknown

There once was a farmer who grew award-winning corn. Each year he entered his corn in the state fair where it won a blue ribbon.

One year a newspaper reporter interviewed him and learned something interesting about how he grew it. The reporter discovered that the farmer shared his seed corn with his neighbors.

"How can you afford to share your best seed corn with your neighbors when they are entering corn in competition with yours each year?" the reporter asked.

"Why sir," said the farmer, "didn't you know? The wind picks up pollen from the ripening corn and swirls it from field to field. If my neighbors grow inferior corn, cross-pollination will steadily degrade the quality of my corn. If I am to grow good corn, I must help my neighbors grow good corn." He is very much aware of the connectedness of life. His corn cannot improve unless his neighbor's corn also improves.

So it is with our lives. Those who choose to live in peace must help their neighbors to live in peace. Those who choose to live well must help others to live well, for the value of a life is measured by the lives it touches. And those who choose to be happy must help others to find happiness, for the welfare of each is bound up with the welfare of all.

The lesson for each of us is this: if we are to grow good corn, we must help our neighbors grow good corn.

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## Legal Update

*Submitted by Venus McGhee Prince, Attorney General*

I wanted to take this opportunity to update you on two legal matters affecting your interests as Tribal Members. If you have any questions regarding any of these matters, please feel free to contact any of your Tribal Council members at (251) 446-1140 or me at (251) 368-9136 Ext. 2525.

### Significant Court Cases

*Estate of Jewel Terry v. Escambia County, Escambia County Commission, and Poarch Band of Creek Indians*

As previously reported, in October 2008, the Estate of Jewel Terry (the "Terry's") sued Escambia County, the Escambia County Commission, and the Tribe in federal court claiming that the County's action in vacating County Road 14 adjacent to the Wind Creek Casino and Hotel was void and in violation of state law and that both the Tribe and the County have since trespassed on its property. The County and Tribe filed motions to dismiss the Terry's claims, and the federal court granted their motions. The Terry's then filed a complaint in the Circuit Court of Escambia County essentially asserting the same claims made in the previous federal case. Once again, the County and Tribe filed motions to dismiss. The motions were granted. The Terry's moved to alter or vacate the judgment in the Tribe's favor based on sovereign immunity and attempted to file several amended complaints, which makes additional claims for conspiracy and an action to determine ownership of the property and seeks to add Tribal Council members as defendants individually. At an August 11, 2009 hearing, the court granted the Tribe's motion to strike the amended complaints. The Terry's have now appealed this ruling to the Court of Civil Appeals.

*Amy Bryan v. PBCI Election Board*

As previously reported, Amy Bryan filed a Notice of Appeal from the Election Board's decision to overrule the grounds for her challenge to the 2009 election in Tribal Court. The Tribal Court held a status hearing on the Notice of Appeal on August 24, 2009. At the August 24 hearing, it was decided that the parties will be submitting briefs in support of their positions. The briefing will be completed by September 18, 2009, and the court plans to hold another hearing shortly thereafter.

## DEFENDANT SENTENCED FOR EMBEZZLEMENT/ THEFT FROM AN INDIAN TRIBAL ORGANIZATION OVER \$22,000 IN RESTITUTION OWED

Regina Lynn Stabler was sentenced on July 24, 2009 in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Alabama for embezzlement/theft from the Poach Band of Creek Indians. Stabler was previously employed by the tribe as a tribal court clerk.

As a result of the felony conviction, Stabler received a sentence of five years of probation. She was also ordered to pay \$22,165.92 in restitution.

Agents for the Federal Bureau of Investigation conducted the investigation against the defendant with the assistance of the Poarch Creek Tribal Police Department, and they presented the case for prosecution to the United States Attorney's Office. Assistant United States Attorney Daryl Atchison handled the prosecution of the case on behalf of the United States.

Department of Justice  
Acting United States Attorney Eugene A. Seidel  
Southern District of Alabama

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**2009**  
**State of the Tribe**

**Saturday**  
**November 7, 2009**  
**Wellness & Activities**  
**Center (Gym)**

**10:00 a.m. ~ 12:00 noon**  
**Lunch will be provided**  
**After the presentation**

## ***‘Adamantly opposed’ - Bonner shares his opposition to healthcare plan***

Written by: Ryan Carter, Atmore Advance Reprinted with permission

Photos by Gayle Johnson, Media Specialist

U.S. Representative Jo Bonner held a public meeting on the reservation of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians. Local attendance at the meeting was strong with most of the chairs filled. Bonner began by telling those attending that he was joined by health professionals who were available to anyone attending for free healthcare advice. Bonner prefaced his remarks by saying his office has received approximately 5,600 calls over the last few weeks regarding President Barack Obama’s healthcare initiative. “I’ve never seen anything like it,” Bonner said. “There is record interest in what is going on.” Bonner led the discussion by answering five questions he felt like everyone would be interested in. Those questions were:

### ***Have you read the healthcare bill?***

“Yes, I’ve read the bill, and I’m adamantly opposed to what’s in this legislation, but with that said, we’ve got to do something to fix healthcare” Bonner said as he held up two binders containing the 1,100 page bill.

### ***Can you keep what [the health insurance] you currently have?***

Bonner said there is nothing in the legislation that would require an individual to change insurance carriers. However, he did say the problems with healthcare can be fixed, “without government taking it over.” According to Bonner, insurance companies will have difficulty competing with a government operated healthcare plan.

### ***I have a relationship with my doctor, and I want to continue seeing the same doctor. Will this legislation change that?***

“Today it won’t, but sooner or later it will,” Bonner said. Bonner said private insurance carriers will have a difficult time competing with a government plan.

### ***What about end of life and abortion decisions?***

Bonner said there is nothing written into the bill that says it will pay for end of life decisions or abortion, but he added there is nothing that says it can’t be added as a benefit. He said at some point in time the decision to add these as benefits will be made and that decision will be made by a bureaucrat and not by elected officials.

### ***Why can’t you [senators and representatives] have what I’ve got?***

Bonner said he has no problem with having the same insurance the public is offered. He said he and his wife have Blue Cross and Blue Shield and that they chose that plan for several options. He said he thinks congress should be first to sign up for a public plan if that’s what’s offered to the American people. “We should have to live with what you live with,” he said.

After talking through his five questions about healthcare, Bonner opened the floor to questions. There was more discussion about healthcare and others about Social Security, immigration, and the cap and trade legislation which would limit industrial emissions. One person asked Rep. Bonner why the Republican Party didn’t do anything to reform healthcare the eight years President George Bush was in office. Bonner said the republicans did provide healthcare savings accounts and implemented a prescription drug plan for seniors. He said the prescription drug plan was estimated to cost \$74 billion but has only cost \$44 billion.

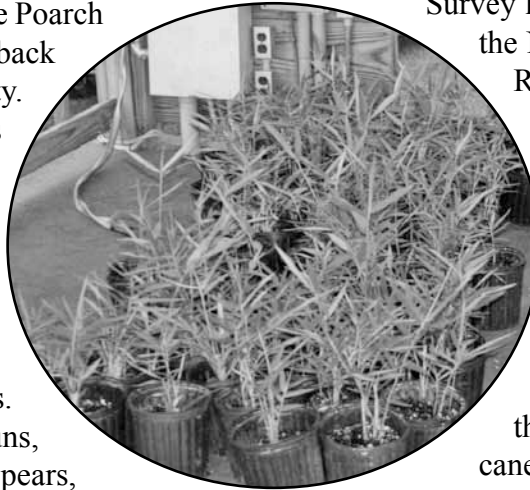
Another person stood at the end of the meeting and thanked Bonner for his work. The individual told Bonner to go with Godspeed. The meeting ended with a standing ovation for Rep. Bonner.



# Sacred Roots—Its not just for the environment

*Submitted by Alex Alvarez, Cultural Educator*

On Wednesday August 12, 2009, The Poarch Creek Tribal Youth Council brought back a sacred plant to their community. Rivercane once covered millions of acres across the southeastern United States. The plant was heavily depended upon by Native Americans, including Muscogee (Creek), Choctaw, Chickasaw, Seminole, Cherokee, Houma, Chitimacha, and many others. Its many uses included blowguns, thatching for houses, mats, fishing spears, arrows, baskets, ceremonial items and hundreds more. It was one of the most important utilitarian plants of the Southeastern Indians.



Not only was it important to Native Americans, rivercane played a pivotal role in the environment as well. Over 60 species of animals, birds, and insects called the vast canebreaks (large area of rivercane) home, including bear, bison, elk, and panther. Two species of birds, the passenger pigeon and Carolina parakeet, which also used the vast canebreaks as shelter, are now extinct.

Rivercane also proves to be a valuable asset in improving ecosystems. The high culm (woody stems) density is responsible for slowing flood waters and collecting decomposing matter which then turns into nutrient-rich soil. The interwoven system of rhizomes, which are the stems of rivercane below ground, holds soil together to decrease erosion near creeks, rivers, streams, and branches of fresh water. Ultimately, rivercane greatly improves the quality of freshwater.



*Derek Gibson and CJ Linam-Green*

Since European arrival to the continent, the rivercane population has decreased tremendously. Deforestation, over-grazing by European livestock, cattle and swine,

and urbanization has depleted the native plant population to only a fraction of its original population. The U.S Geological Survey has listed the species as “Critically Rare” and the Nature Conservancy has it listed as “Globally Rare”.

When the Poarch Creek Cultural Education program began in 2006, it had one goal—to bring culture back to the community and ensure its presence for years to come. Today, language, stickball, traditional gospel hymns, dancing, finger-weaving, basket-weaving, patchwork, are all part of the community once again. In order to gather cane, basket makers must travel over 90 miles to a canebreak in central Alabama—and even there, the cane is scarce. Creek basket makers here must use a commercial substitute to weave most baskets.

Now, with the Rivercane Restoration Project, the Tribe will have access to this sacred plant for generations to come. The Poarch Creek Tribal Youth Council, which is an organization



*Back row l-r: Bethany Crook, Amber Lisenby, Megan Flurnoy, Derek Gibson, Greg McGhee, Justin Stabler, Alex Alvarez, and Brad Rolin  
Front row l-r: Sydney & Colby Lisenby, CJ Linam-Green, Lydia Rolin, Connie Colbert, Hailey Clark, and Chelsey Ramer*

for Native youth to learn cultural values and history, leadership skills, community citizenship, and environmental protection, assisted in planting the one-hundred, three-month-old plants donated by the Jamie L. Whitten Planting Materials Center in Coffeerville MS. The youth council plans to continue the restoration project around other locations of Tribal property. These plants will be ready to harvest in ten years.

The project’s name, Sacred Roots, is based upon not only what the plant does for the environment, but also the philosophy that we do not do things for our instant gratification, but instead for benefit of generations.



The Family Services Department  
Along with other Tribal Departments Presents

## 2009 *Tribal Kid's Christmas Party*



Date: Tuesday, December 8, 2009  
Time: 6:00 p.m. 'til 8:00 p.m.  
Location: Wellness & Activities Center

***Each child must be pre-registered by November 13, 2009 to attend!***

Registration Forms\* are available on line and at the Family Services Department. Registrations will not be accepted by phone.

Children age birth to 12 years eligible to pre-register:  
Tribal Members  
First Generation Descent

The Christmas Party will include:  
A visit with Santa and photo session  
Games & Crafts  
Yummy food  
Presents for ages birth - 12 years

*\*For your convenience, a registration form has been included in this issue.*

## Birth Announcements

***Macey Kyndall Jones***



Frankie Dewayne Jones and Jennifer Diane Dellaccio are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Macey Kyndall Jones.

Macey was born at 11:47 p.m. on July 27, 2009 at Monroe County Hospital. At birth Macey weighed 6 pounds and 5 ozs. and was 19 3/4 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Mike and Diane Dellaccio; paternal grandparents are Kenny Ray and Clara Jones. She is welcomed home by her two big sisters, Brooke Presley and Bailey Jones.

***Major Martin Thomas***



Jennifer Martin and Josh Thomas are proud to announce the birth of their son, Major Martin Thomas. Major was born at the South Baldwin Hospital in Foley, AL on August 20, 2009. At birth he weighed 9 lbs. and 5 ozs. and was 22 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Phillip and Pam Martin; maternal great-grandparents are the late A.D. and Willie Lee Martin and Johnnie & Verlie Cocker. Paternal grandparents are Jamie and Teresa "Shada" Thomas; paternal great-grandparents are the late Joe and Bessie O'Barr and Dorman and Faye Thomas. Major is welcomed home by his two big sisters Ashton and Brantlie Thomas.



# Birthday Wishes

## **Kennedy McGhee** **August 8, 2009**



Kennedy Grace McGhee spent a day at the Thrillz Gifts Spa on her birthday. Kennedy turned 11 on August 8th. Friends and family helped her celebrate, pictured with Kennedy are Gabby Linam and Mikayla Spruill. Kennedy is the daughter of Kevin and Tawana McGhee. We love you, Mom & Dad

## **Richard Johnson** **August 16, 2009**

Richard Johnson celebrated his 16th birthday on August 16th. Richard is the son of Ieesha McGhee Frazier and the grandson of Otis McGhee.

Happy belated birthday, we love you!

## **Courtney McGhee** **August 21, 2009**



Courtney Alexis McGhee celebrated her 14th birthday with friends and family with a "movie" party. Courtney is the daughter of Kevin and Tawana McGhee. Happy birthday, we love you! Mom & Dad

## **Otha Martin** **September 10, 2009**



Happy 80th Birthday to Otha Martin. We love you! Marie, Pauline, Nathan, Nelson and Lamar. All your grandchildren, great grandchildren, sisters, brothers, nieces and nephews!!!

## **Kevin Johnson** **September 18, 2009**

Kevin Johnson celebrated his 18th birthday on September 18th. Kevin is the son of Ieesha McGhee Frazier and the grandson of Otis McGhee.

## **Alicia Overstreet** **October 18, 2009**



Alicia Overstreet, will celebrate her birthday on October 18, 2009. Alicia is the mother of Vincent and Luciana and the daughter of Ralph Overstreet. She is the granddaughter of the deceased Lucille McGhee Hartshorn and the deceased John Overstreet, and the great granddaughter of Robert & Elizabeth (Colbert) McGhee and Woodard & Lola (Colbert) Overstreet. Alicia resides in Pittsburg, CA.

## **Nathan Martin** **October 24, 2009**



Fifty candles on your cake,  
Surely that's a big mistake!  
Happy 50th Birthday to Nathan Martin!  
We love you! Susan, Karla & Kaci

\* Birthday wishes will be published as long as the birthday wish is submitted by the last working day of the birthday month.

## **McGhee/Fraizer Wedding Announcement**

*Submitted by Ieesha Fraizer*

Ieesha McGhee and Sam Fraizer of Brewton were married on August 24, 2009 in Brewton, Alabama. Ieesha is the daughter of Otis McGhee.

# POARCH CREEK TRIBAL POLICE CALL LOG

April - August 2009

Submitted by Doyle "Butch" Lee, Investigator

Escort	611	Traffic Stop	280	Subdivision Patrol	212
Assist Motorist	172	Civil Paper Service	127	Assist Other Law	87
License Check	203	Private Property Accident	40	Accident	57
Miscellaneous	22	Domestic Disturbance	18	Assist Medics	18
Assisting Citizens	29	Medical Emergency	27	Theft/Larceny	37
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Prisoner Transport	22	Counterfeit Money	12	Disorderly Conduct	8
Assist Other Agency	12	Check on Probationers	3	Fire	9
Housing Paper Service	8	Animal in Roadway	4	Assist Casino Officer (s)	5
Brush Fire	5	Criminal Mischief	9	Open Door Building	13
Breaking & Entering	7	Escort (Funeral)	9	Fire Alarm	4
Harassment	19	Intoxicated Person	8	Structure Fire	4
Animal Control Complaint	3	Drug/Narcotics Investigation	3	Civil Disturbance	6
Follow Up Investigations	2	Suspicious Person	30	Livestock In Roadway	4
Stolen Vehicle	5	Warrant Service	5	Close Patrol	6
Assist Fire Department	2	Bomb Threat	1	Domestic Violence	10
Drug Tests	2	DUI	1	Escort (Domestic)	3
Fight	10	Noise Complaint	6	Mental Person Complaint	1
Wanted Person	3	Rape/Sexual Assault	1	Missing Person	2
Road Blocked	3	Robbery	2	Speeding Complaint	1
Suicide or Attempt	4	Traffic Control	3	Trespassing	6
Vandalism	1	Vehicle Chase/Pursuit	2	Vehicle Fire	5
Stolen Property	3	Harassing Communication	6	Runaway Juvenile	2
Shelter Usage Check	2	Dead Person	1	Incident	3
Prowler	9	Welfare Check	7	Person with Gun	2
Child Endangerment	2	Special Detail	3	Discharging Firearm	1
Property Damage	1	Hazmat Complaint	2	Assault	2
Court Order	1	Discharging Fireworks	1	Drag Racing	1
Forgery	1	Fraud	1	Unauthorized Use of Vehicle	1
Gas Drive Off	1	Prisoner Transport	1	Recover Stolen Vehicle	1
Miscellaneous	2				

## POARCH CREEK INDIANS FIRE DEPARTMENT CALL LOG

Submitted by Ronnie Jackson, Fire Chief and Mike Respress, Assistant Fire Chief

NATURE OF CALL	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST
STRUCTURE FIRES	1	3	2
BRUSH FIRES	7	1	3
VEHICLE FIRES	2	3	0
MEDICAL CALLS	23	26	17/(27 Assists)
ACCIDENTS (WRECKS)	7	14	8
OTHER	16	19	2 (Alarms)

## Poarch 911 System Not Yet Functioning

We reported in last month's issue that the Tribe's 911 System would go live on August 19, 2009.

Unfortunately, some unexpected technical difficulties and challenges were encountered and at no fault of the Tribe, the 911 system has not gone live by the time this month's issue was sent to the printer. We will keep you updated and publish an in-depth article on the new 911 system when it is up and running.

## Muskogee Metalworks From Possibilities to Success

*By Gayle Johnson*



When the Tribe acquired Strader Manufacturing Company in 1988 it was a small metal stamping business located in Milton, Florida. According to Mal McGhee, Muskogee Metalworks General Manager, the Tribe saw possibilities with this business. Since the Tribe acquired Strader, the company has moved to Atmore, been restructured and renamed Muskogee Metalworks and is looking toward the future as Muskogee Technologies. "From those early possibilities we have built a success; a success in our community and in the business world. That success is due in part to the assistance of the Small Business Association and its 8(a) certification program. We are proud to be here today to "graduate" from this nine year program."

The nine year SBA 8(a) Certification Program is a business development program created to help small disadvantaged businesses compete in the governmental contracts marketplace. Through the 8(a) certification program Muskogee was able to receive business development assistance on a range of different levels. One key benefit was the opportunity to receive "sole source" contracts and "set-aside" contracts in competition with other participants in the 8(a) program.

Tom Todt, SBA District Director, was present to present a plaque in honor of their graduation from the 8(a) program. When he presented the plaque he stated "In Proverbs the Bible says 'Where there is no vision, the people perish'; Muskogee has always had a vision and will not perish, Muskogee will continue to succeed." He also stated that although Mal's name appears on the plaque it is the employees of Muskogee that is a large part of the achievements of the business and that they have not been overlooked. Mal and Tim Martin, CIEDA President agreed with Mr. Todt. "I will equate this to high school graduation." Tim said. "We have graduated high school, now it is time to graduate from college. We wouldn't be here today without the 8(a) program. They taught us how to walk, now we will learn to run!"

## ITT Supplier Excellence Award Second Year Straight

*Submitted by Mal McGhee, MMMW General Manager*

ITT Corporation's Nightvision Division of Roanoke, VA, a trusted provider of mission-critical products and services that support the United States military, awarded Muskogee Metalworks its 2008 Supplier Excellence Award. Of ITT's 3,000 plus vendors, Muskogee, recognized for a ZERO discrepancy rate throughout 2008, is one of its top six vendors to receive this award.

James Martin, Procurement Management Director of ITT's Nightvision Division, was on hand to present the award during the awards ceremony and reception held at Muskogee Metalworks on August 3, 2009. Mr. Martin congratulated Mal McGhee, MMW General Manager, and employees on receiving this award for the second consecutive year. Mal stated "Mr. Martin told us that we have the reputation for providing an excellent product and that with our assistance ITT is helping win the war." These night vision goggles are also used by fire fighters, law enforcement, and other rescue workers who need advanced technology in their field of expertise.

Mal recently visited the ITT headquarters in Roanoke and toured the facility there. "It was very impressive. I actually tried on some of the goggles; I can see why these goggles should be issued to each soldier. It is the government's goal that these goggles will soon become a standard part of a soldier's equipment, just like the canteen."

Over the past three years Muskogee Metalworks has received more than \$28M in contracts from ITT Nightvision and has been notified of a new contract in the amount of \$4.8M for more kits.



*l-r Marilyn Ross, Mal McGhee, Jim Martin, Dorothy Johnson, Rita Sutton, and Tim Martin*

# END THE VIOLENCE STOP THE SILENCE

## *Paint the Tribe Purple!*

*October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month*

*Domestic Violence & Balloon Release Ceremony*

*Thursday, October 8, 2009*

*4:30 p.m.*

*Vigil program will be held on the Mound At the Pow Wow Grounds*

- \* *Balloon release in honor of victims of domestic violence.*
- \* *Raise awareness & prevent domestic violence in our community.*
- \* *Pledge never to commit, condone, or remain silent about domestic violence.*

*Sponsored by the Family Services Department and the PCI Domestic Violence Task Force*

*If you are experiencing domestic violence, please call for help!*

*AL Domestic Violence Hotline*

*1-800-650-6522*

*Emergency: Dial 911*

*Tribal Police (251) 368-5011*

*Victim's Advocacy Coordinator*

*Amanda Montgomery*

*(251) 368-9136 x 2212*

*amontgomery@pci-nsn.gov*

*Poarch Creek Indians*

*Family Services Department*

*5811 Jack Springs Road*

*Atmore, AL 36502*

*(251) 368-9136 x 2600*

## **Monthly Tribal "Angel" Food Distribution** **Order Your Food Today From Family Services**

*No qualifications, minimums, income restrictions, or applications*

The Tribal "Angel" Food Distribution Serves was developed by Family Services in late 2007 and is the host site for this area. The service provides the opportunity for you to order a "Regular" monthly food box that is available in a quantity that can fit into a medium sized box for \$30 per unit.

Each month's menu consists of both fresh and frozen items with the average retail value of approximately \$60. Generally, one unit of food assists in feeding a family of four for about one week or a single senior citizen for almost a month. The food is all the same high quality one could purchase at a grocery store.

Orders are also available for specialty boxes such as steaks, chicken and pork with regular box orders. Additionally, there is no limit to the number of units or bonus foods an individual can receive. Angel Food Ministries also participates in the U.S. Food Stamp program so EBT cards are acceptable.

Orders are collected by the host sites during the first part of each month. Food is delivered to our host site by a pre-arranged delivery mode usually the last Saturday of the month. Distribution is 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. at the Family Services Resource Auditorium.

Place your order today!

Poarch Creek Indians Family Services Department

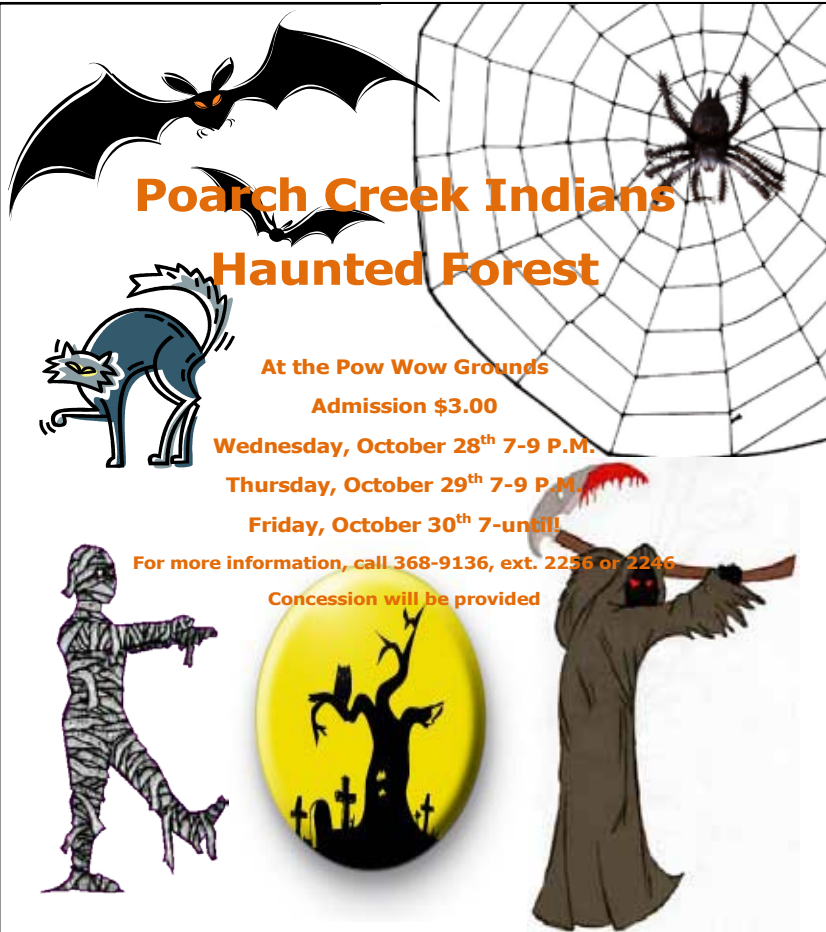
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For more information call (251) 368-9136 x 2600 or by email to [shollinger@pci-nsn.gov](mailto:shollinger@pci-nsn.gov) or view the Angel Food Ministry web site at [www.angelfoodministries.com](http://www.angelfoodministries.com).





## Poarch Creek Indians Haunted Forest

At the Pow Wow Grounds

Admission \$3.00

Wednesday, October 28<sup>th</sup> 7-9 P.M.

Thursday, October 29<sup>th</sup> 7-9 P.M.

Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup> 7-until!

For more information, call 368-9136, ext. 2256 or 2246

Concession will be provided

## Call For Tribal Veterans

The cultural staff would like to form a Poarch Creek Color Guard to present the colors at the annual pow-wow and other tribal events. This organization would be composed of tribal veterans only. Anyone who served in any war or conflict, wartime or peacetime is eligible. If you or anyone you know would like to participate, please email or call Calvin McGhee Cultural Management Authority staff at (251) 368-9136 x 2656 to sign up. Our veterans are extremely important to us and this is one simple way to honor them.

## ***IT'S TIME TO UPDATE***

***ANY TRIBAL MEMBER  
21 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER  
INTERESTED IN A NEW HOUSE,  
MUST COME INTO THE  
POARCH CREEK INDIAN  
HOUSING DEPT.  
TO SUBMIT A NEW  
APPLICATION OR UPDATE  
YOUR CURRENT APPLICATION.***

***MUST PROVIDE A COPY OF  
2008 TAX RETURNS AND  
SOCIAL SECURITY CARDS  
OF ALL PERSONS ON THE  
APPLICATION PLUS REQUIRED  
DOCUMENTS.***

***LAST DAY TO UPDATE:  
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2009***

## Creek Indian Enterprise Development Authority Meeting Schedule

For the remainder of the year CIEDA meetings have been scheduled for the first and third Friday of each month at 8:00 a.m. in the PCI Business Center Conference Room unless notified otherwise.



# CULTURAL CORNER

## BEGINNING CREEK LANGUAGE

## Yahola Mekko

**Mvskoke Opunvkv**

***Please Dial 251-368-3385***

*You will hear these words properly pronounced*

‡ Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> thru Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> ‡

1. E-co, Deer
2. Cu-fe, Rabbit
3. Fus-wa, Bird
4. Wa-ka, Cow
5. Sok-hv, Pig
6. Rak-ko, Horse

‡ Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> thru Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> ‡

1. E-he, yes
2. Monks, no
3. Wikvs, stop or quit
4. Mo-we?, really?
5. V-pe-yv-kes! Let's go!
6. Li-ke-pvs. Have a seat

‡ *For calling, thank you!* ‡

En-hueh-ke-tvn Mv-to-ce-ki-cis!!!!

**Y**ahola Mekko was the chief of the Yufalv tribal town, near present-day Eufaula, Alabama. This town was a very important part of the Creek Confederacy, a group of Muscogee Creek towns and communities within Alabama. Yahola Mekko was also the speaker for the Confederacy. As speaker, his duty was to serve as the voice of the Creek people. Traditionally, these speakers were extremely eloquent



with their words and spoke many languages. They conveyed messages, speeches, and orders to many different races of people including conducting openings for council meetings.

Yahola Mekko was very educated in traditional knowledge and western academics, and represented our people in Washington at meetings concerning Indian Removal in 1826. He led many of our relatives on the infamous Trail of Tears in 1830. He died in Arkansas due to fatigue and sickness while on the trail to Indian Territory, which is now Oklahoma.

## ***FREE*** Admission For Tribal Members 2009 Thanksgiving Pow Wow

You must have a ticket from the ticket booth to enter the Pow Wow. You will be asked to show your Tribal Identification card at the ticket window. The price for non-tribal members is \$5.00 per day. Please bring your Tribal ID card.

## ***TRIBAL YOUTH***

Ages 13 thru 18

You will be receiving tickets in the mail. We understand that you do not have Tribal Identification. There will be instructions with the tickets so that you can be entered into special youth raffles on Thursday and Friday.

Mvto! From your (CMCMA)

## ***CREEK BASKET CLASSES***

*Starting October 13<sup>th</sup> thru November 10<sup>th</sup>*

***TUESDAY EVENINGS***

***4:00 UNTIL 8:00***

***Deadline for Princess Contest Applications***

***October 20, 2009***

***Please contact Amber Lisenby***

***251-368-9136 ext. 2656 or [alisenby@pci-nsn.gov](mailto:alisenby@pci-nsn.gov)***



# CMCMA



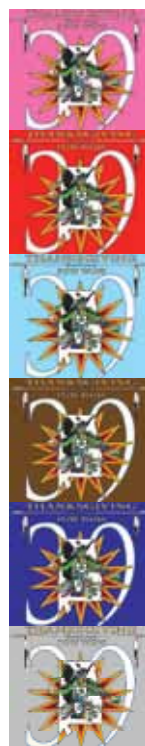
**For Sale**  
**39<sup>th</sup> Annual**  
**Thanksgiving**  
**Pow Wow Shirts**  
 At Tribal Government  
 Accounting

**\$10.00** - Short Sleeve

**\$15.00** - Long Sleeve

**\$25.00** - Hoodies

**Sales end November 1<sup>ST</sup>**



## *Finger Weaving*



Teacher (Mvhayv) ~ Tribal Member  
 Ruth Hogan, Mvto!!!!!!  
 For your service to your people.

## Senior Princess Contestants

Working On Traditional  
 Muscogee Creek Moccasins



## **Black Friday Raffles**



**O**n Friday at this years Pow Wow the CMCMA and the Poarch Creek Seniors will be raffling off 3 hand made baskets, 2 hand quilted throws, and 1 queen size quilt. 5 of these prizes will have \$500.<sup>00</sup> attached to them and the queen size quilt will have \$3000.<sup>00</sup> attached to it. You can purchase tickets for \$3.<sup>00</sup> each at the Poarch Creek SAIL Center Mon. thru Fri. 9am to 4pm

# October 2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27 sept.	28	29	30	1	2	3
State of Tribe Presentation November 7, 2009 10:00 a.m - 12:00 noon Wellness & Activities Center (Gym) Please mark your calendar and make plans to attend.				Deadline to Submit Info For Nov Newsletter First Day To Call For Flu Shot Appt	CIEDA Authority Meeting 8:00 a.m.	
4	5	6 Tribal Council Meeting 4:00 p.m. Weight Watchers Weigh In @ 5:00 p.m. Class @ 5:30 p.m. Well & Act Center	7 Housing Authority Meeting 3:00 p.m.	8	9	10
11	12 Tribal Court 9:00 a.m. Wellness & Activities Authority Meeting 4:00 p.m. 4-H Club Meeting 6:00 p.m.	13 Weight Watchers Weigh In @ 5:00 p.m. Class @ 5:30 p.m. Well & Act Center	14	15	16 CIEDA Authority Meeting 8:00 a.m.	17
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