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Chairman's Corner

March 2010

This year is already off to a very busy start. We, thankfully, survived record low temperatures and look forward to a pleasant spring season.

As we are in the midst of celebrating our successes it is important for us to stay focused on the long and prosperous road ahead. We, your Tribal Council, have had the opportunity to have our voices heard at the state capitol in regards to various important issues affecting our enterprise endeavors. We are satisfied that we are making headway within the state.

We also hosted our annual Legislative Event in Montgomery during the month of February. This annual event gives us an opportunity to communicate with our State Senators and Representatives in a comfortable and entertaining atmosphere. We were well represented by our Pow Wow Club, *Medicine Tail* and Princesses who were there to volunteer and perform for the attendees.

In closing, I just want to inform you that with this issue we will once again publish a monthly newsletter. I look forward to being a part of the work that continues to make our

Nation stronger with every passing day. Until next month, MVTO.



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The Tribal Council has determined that Tribal Members are best served by receiving the *Poarch Creek News* on a monthly basis. Beginning with this issue, you will be receiving your newsletter on a monthly basis. The deadline for submission for publication will remain the 10th of the month prior to the month of publication. If the 10th falls on a holiday or weekend, the submission deadline will be the next working day.

The format for publishing the Minutes of the Tribal Council meetings has also changed. A summary of meetings will be published in the newsletter as the Minutes are approved by the Tribal Council. The official Minutes will be available for review at the Tribal Council Offices. If you would like to review the official Minutes, please contact Kelli Ramer, Tribal Council Liaison, at (251) 446-1140 x 4504 or via email at kramer@pci-nsn.gov.



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Free Annual Pass For MBWR Available

Submitted by Bridget Wasdin

As stated in January/February's newsletter, Tribal Members will be eligible to receive a free annual family member pass to Magnolia Branch Wildlife Reserve. This family member pass will allow a Tribal Member, Tribal Member spouse and children under the age of 18 in the household to enter the park free of charge. A fee will apply to all additional park amenities. Beginning April 1, 2010, the Tribal Member Benefits Office will start scheduling appointments on Friday's during the hours of 10:00 AM -4:00 PM for Tribal Members to come in and bring their required documentation to have passes made. In order to receive the pass and to include eligible household members, Tribal Members will need to bring birth certificates for any children under the age of 18 as well as a marriage certificate for a spouse in the household.

A maximum of two family member passes will be issued per household per year. Please keep in mind that in order to enter Magnolia Branch Wildlife Reserve free of charge, the annual family member pass must be presented at the front gate entrance. Also a "Tribal Member ID Card" or "Tribal Member Youth ID Card" is other acceptable forms of identification that will allow an individual Tribal Member access into the park free of charge. If you are interested in calling and scheduling an appointment, please contact the Tribal Member Benefits office at (251) 368-9136 X 2209.



Police Chief Larry Hammonds, Tribal Police Officer Brad Barnhill and Lt. Rex Baggett Barnhill Graduates Police Academy

Congratulations are extended to Tribal

Police Officer Bradley Barnhill upon his graduation from the Mobile Police Academy on Tuesday, January 26, 2010. Brad began his training on October 26, 2009.



Fred L. McGhee

Fred L. McChee First Generation Indian Descent Scholarship Program

Submitted by Sandra Hiebert, Education Director

The Poarch Band of Creek Indians is excited about the opportunity to serve you through the Fred L. McGhee First Generation Indian Descent Scholarship Program. This is a wonderful chance for the

Tribe to assist you in making your dreams a reality.

To streamline this process as much as possible, we now have only one application for first generation Indian descent students. As you complete the application, you will note that there is a section entitled "Leadership, Honors and Community Service Activities." Each applicant will be judged on the basis of the information given here and elsewhere in the application in order to determine a qualified candidate to receive the Fred L. McGhee Memorial Leadership Scholarship. This information will also be used to assist us as we rank other applicants who may be selected for general scholarships.

Please read the scholarship paperwork closely. It is very important that you complete each section in its entirety as we will not process any applications which are incomplete. If you don't already have a sealed copy of your official transcript(s), obtaining one should be your very first priority. These transcripts may be included in your application packet, or they may be sent directly to the PCI Education Department. An official transcript is one that arrives in a sealed envelope, received directly from school personnel, often bearing the seal of the registrar. You may hand deliver official transcripts, but

they are not to be opened. We will not accept transcripts which are faxed, photocopied or sent in opened. All transcripts must arrive by the stated deadline and must be official! Read all instructions carefully to ensure your application is complete. Incomplete applications will not be considered. No one will call you to remind you to submit necessary paperwork or to tell you that you have omitted items. It is your responsibility to see that letter(s) of recommendation and offical transcripts reach the Education Department before the deadline. If you have any questions about what is acceptable, please call us prior to the deadline.

Applications will be accepted beginning February 1, 2010. The deadline for returning applications is 5:00 pm, CST, April 23, 2010. Awards will be announced as soon as practicable after the application process has closed. Please keep in mind that should the funding source for this program end, and no replacement funding source be located, this program may be terminated by a vote of the Poarch Creek Indians Tribal Council.

Scholarship applications are posted on the Tribe's official web site at www.poarchcreekindians-nsn.gov. If you do not have Internet access, you can pick up a copy at the Education Department or contact us and we will send you the information via U.S. Mail.

Once again we appreciate your interest in this program. Please feel free to call me at (251) 368-9136 x 2020 or email me at shiebert@pci-nsn.gov if you should have any questions about the First Generation Indian Descent Scholarship Program.



Pow Wow Club Places in Battle of the Plains

Submitted by Alex Alvarez

The Poarch Creek Powwow Club placed third at the Battle of The Plains Youth Powwow in Bartlesville, Oklahoma the week of January 22, 2010. This powwow is only open to Native American youth dance troupes.

The kids competed as individuals, and also received points collectively. All the kids who participated did a great job. Kaylee Cox, daughter of Theresa Rutherford, was selected as head female dancer for the entire powwow as well.

I would personally like to thank all the parents and family who continue to support their children and the organization. If you see a member of the powwow club, tell them how proud you are of them-your words go a long way! Mvto!



Due to the challenging economy both the Creek Family Restaurant and Weatherfords Sports Grill were closed Friday, January 15, 2010. Creek Indian Enterprises Development Authority wants to thank all of the employees of Weatherfords and Creek Family Restaurant for their service and dedication.

Any questions regarding the closing of the business can be directed to Bridget Wasdin, Chief Operations Officer, at Creek Indian Enterprises Development Authority at (251) 368-0819.

Why Keep Aspirin By Your Bedside

Submitted via email from Teresa Thomas

There are other symptoms of a heart attack besides the pain on the left arm. One must also be aware of an intense pain on the chin, as well as nausea and lots of sweating, however these symptoms may also occur less frequently. Note: There may be no pain in the chest during a heart attack. The majority of people (about 60%) who had a heart attack during their sleep, did not wake up. However, if it occurs, the chest pain may wake you up from your deep sleep. If that happens, immediately dissolve two aspirins in your mouth and swallow them with a bit of water.

After you take the aspirins, do the following immediately:

- Phone a neighbor or a family member who lives very close by
- Say "Heart Attack!"
- Say that you have taken 2 aspirins
- Take a seat on a chair or sofa near the front door and wait for their arrival and...
- DO NOT LIE DOWN

This information has been reviewed by the Health Department and has been approved for publication.

** * * * PUBLIC NOTICE

This article provides public notice to all Tribal members that the following grants will be available for review and discussion during office hours at the Family Services Department, Building 500, during the week of May 24-28, 2010.

A public hearing is scheduled for June 5, 2010 on Tribal Election Day. Please drop by the Family Services Department's booth, which will be located in the Poarch Creek Indians Gymnasium. Staff will be available to record your comments in response to the grant applications and proposed services.

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Grant Community Services Block Grant Child Care Development Block Grant

Carolyn M. White, LCSW Family Services Director

** NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Education/Labor Legislative Committee will hold a public hearing on the following revised incorporated Section(s) of the TERO Ordinance, as followed:

"SECTION 33-1-3 (DEFINITIONS), SECTION 33-2-1 (ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMISSION) (b) NUMBER, TENURE, NOMINATION, AND QUALIFICATIONS THE COMMISSIONERS, SECTION (EMPLOYMENT BY CONTRACTOR), SECTION 33-3-6 (PROCUREMENT BY THE TRIBE), SECTION 33-4-1 (FINDINGS AND INTENT), SECTION 33-4-4 (DISCRIMINATORY ACTIONS PROHIBITED) (c) RETALIATION/WHISTLE BLOWER, SECTION 33-4-11 (WRONGFUL TERMINATION PROHIBITED), SECTION 33-8-2 (COMPLAINT), SECTION (INVESTIGATION), AND SECTION (ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING PROCEDURES) (d) DISCLOSURE OF WITNESSES.

All PCI Tribal Members and current PCI Employees of all tribal entities are invited and encouraged to attend the public hearing. Anyone wishing to present written or oral testimony may do so at the public hearing.

HEARING INFORMATION:

Date: Monday, March 1, 2010 and Tuesday, March 2, 2010 Location: Family Services Auditorium, Building 500 Time: 6:00 P.M.

> (Refreshments will be served) CONTACT THE TERO OFFICE AT (251) 368-9136 EXTENSION 2268

Mal Moore Speaks at Sports Banquet



Mal Moore
Director of Athletics,
University of Alabama

The Sports Banquet, an annual event held by the Wellness & Activities Authority

to recognize Tribal high school athletes and the athletes who participate in the annual NAYO tournament, was held Friday night, January 29, 2010 in the Coosawada Ballroom at Wind Creek Hotel & Casino.

Mal Moore, Director of Athletics at The University of Alabama, was the guest speaker for the event. Moore's vision of elevating the athletic facilities to a premier status has resulted in the total renovation of Coleman Coliseum, the refurbishing of Bryant Hall into a studentathlete academic complex, and the building of new tennis and soccer complexes. Coaching football for 31 years, 22 of those at Alabama, has allowed Moore to work with a diversified field of people, from fellow coaches to former players, to fans and the business community. Alabama capitalized on that background, and Moore's popularity, by naming him as Associate Director for External Affairs in 1994. A native of Dozier, Alabama, Moore married the late Charlotte Davis Moore of Tuscaloosa on July 20, 1968; they have one daughter, Heather Cook of Scottsdale, Arizona and two grandchildren, Anna Lee and Charles Cannon.

Moore spoke to those present and encouraged the young athletes to believe in themselves and to do what they know is right. "Stay focused; prepare yourself to make a difference in your life and in your community. Strive to be the best student and the best athlete you can be. One of the most important things you can do is believe in what you think, no matter what others may say or try to get you to do. Believe in yourself and you will know what is right and you will do what is right."

Following Moore's presentation, the two NAYO teams and coaches were recognized (both teams were undefeated and brought home the championship title), followed by the recognition of high school athletes and the local principals and high school coaches. The banquet

concluded with the announcement of the 2009 Athlete of the Year. This year there were seven (7) student athletes vying for this award:

- 1) Madison Brooks, daughter of Pam and Reed Brooks of Pearland TX. She is a sophomore at Pearland High School where she plays soccer and volleyball.
- Jon Dean, son of Kim and Jimmy Dean of Atmore,
 AL. Jon is a senior at Escambia Academy where he plays baseball, track, weight lifting and football.
- 3) Kalan Hammett, the son of Sharon and Randall Hammett of Altoona, AL. Kalan is a senior at West End High School where he plays varsity football.
- 4) Jacob Rackard, son of Trina and Kevin Rackard of Atmore, AL. Jacob is a senior at Escambia County High School where he plays varsity baseball, varsity football, as well as playing on the NAYO baseball team.
- 5) Chelsey Ramer, daughter of Debra and Jamie Ramer of Atmore, AL. Chelsey is a freshman at Escambia County High School where she plays softball, volleyball, and basketball.
- 6) Brooke Tullis, daughter of Emily and Bodie Tullis of Walnut Hill, FL. Brooke is a junior at Northview High School where she participants in cheerleading and plays softball.
- Mollie Williamson, daughter of Pam and James Williamson of Fairfield, CA. She is a senior at Rodriguez High School where she plays girls varsity tennis.

Each nominee was called forward and recognized for their outstanding athletic achievements. Jon Dean was selected as the 2009 Athlete of the Year.

Congratulations to all our young athletes.



AOY and fellow nominees: l-r Jon Dean, 2009 Athlete of the Year, Jacob Rackard, Chelsey Ramer, and Brooke Tullis. Not shown are Madison Brooks, Kalan Hammett, and Mollie Williamson.

Who's Having A Birthday??



Jessica Ivy
January 15, 2010

Jessica Ivy celebrated her birthday on
January 15, 2010.

Birthday greetings from Rose McGhee



Michael T. McGee February 14, 2010

Michael T. McGee celebrated his 46th birthday this year. His birthday was February 14th and we are sure he celebrated by taking a ride on his Harley. Hope you had fun! We love you! Donna, Nik, Jason and Guppi



Alexis Korin Harlee Jay January 24, 2010 Alexis Jay celebrated her birthday on January 24, 2010. Birthday greetings from Rose McGhee



George M. Menzel February 24, 2010

George M. Menzel of Everett, WA celebrated his birthday on February 24, 2010. George is the son of George and the late Evon (Bonnie) Menzel. Happy birthday from your family in Alabama, we love you!



Charlene Weaver
January 24, 2010

Charlene Weaver celebrated her birthday
on January 24, 2010. Birthday greetings
from Rose McGhee



Garrett Lynn McGhee February 24, 2010

Happy 18th birthday to Garrett Lynn McGhee of Zachary, Louisiana. We love you and hope your future is a happy one. We are really proud of you son. Love Vance, Debbie, Katelyn and Scotty. Garrett is the Grandson of Mickey and Joyce McGhee

and the Great Grandson of the late Cobie and Mattie McGhee. "Go Saints and LSU Tigers"



Arnold Vickery
January 30, 2010

Arnold Vickery celebrated his 53rd birthday on January 30, 2010. Birthday greetings from Rose McGhee



Teresa Jay
February 26, 2010
Teresa Jay celebrated her birthday on
February 26, 2010. Birthday greetings from
Rose McGhee



Ethel Walker
February 3, 2010

Ethel Walker celebrated her 65th birthday
on February 3, 2010. Birthday greetings
from your husband, children and
grandchildren. We love you!



Janet Ward, January 29, 2010 & Cruz McGhee, March 1, 2010

Janet Ward celebrated her birthday on January 29, 2010. Her son Cruz McGhee will celebrate his birthday on Mach 1, 2010. Happy Birthday from Mom (Nanabug).



Carolyn Dortch
February 7, 2010

Carolyn Dortch celebrated her birthday
on February 7, 2010. Birthday greetings
from Rose McGhee

Stephanie Bryan March 3, 2010

Happy Birthday to a wonderful, hard working, and dedicated woman. Thanks for everything you do for us, for your fellow Tribal Members, and for the Tribe in general. You truly are appreciated. Love, your children, husband, mother, brothers & sisters, and your boss, Blaize Thomas.



Dennis Vickery will celebrate his 55th birthday on March 5, 2010. Happy birthday from Rose McGhee



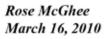
Mikayla Spruill March 8, 2010

Mikayla Spruill will celebrate her 12th birthday on March 8, 2010. Mikayla is the daughter of Susan and Mark Spruill of Atmore, AL. Happy Birthday from your family, we love you!



Caden Hooter March 10, 2010

Caden Hooter will celebrate his 4th birthday on March 10, 2010. Caden is the son of Chad & Kassie Hooter; the grandson of Kim & Ed Hooter; and the great grandson of Houston and Charlotte Colbert. Caden's little brother Landon Thomas Hooter, born September 16, 2009, will join him for his birthday celebration as will his cousin Houston Emmette Daigle, who was born August 30, 2009.



Rose McGhee will celebrate her 55th birthday on March 16, 2010. Happy Birthday Rose!



Pamela Menzel Williamson March 21, 2010

Pam Williamson of Fairfield, CA will celebrate her birthday on March 21, 2010. Pam is the daughter of George and the late Evon (Bonnie) Menzel. Happy Birthday from your family in Alabama, we love you!



Troy McGhee March 21, 2010

Troy McGhee will celebrate his birthday on March 21, 2010. Happy Birthday from Mom!

Betty Caraway March 24, 2010

Betty Caraway will be celebrating her birthday on March 24, 2010 and her family would like to wish her a great big HAPPY BIRTHDAY. We love you!



Stanley "Chico" Walker March 24, 2010 This is what 50 looks like!

"Chico" the nifty old, did I say old? 50! Happy Birthday! Love, your wife



Joshua Spruill March 27, 2010

Joshua Spruill will celebrate his 7th birthday on March 27, 2010. He is the son of Susan and Mark Spruill of Atmore, AL. Happy Birthday, we love you!



Mace McGhee March 27, 2010

Mace McGhee of Bellingham, WA will celebrate his birthday on March 27, 2010. Happy birthday from your sisters, nieces, and nephews. We love you!





Tribal Membership Exceeds 3,000

ccording to the Tribal Data Resources (Tribal Census) there are 3,024 enrolled Tribal Members of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians. In 2009 320 new members were added and there were 36 deaths. Our oldest living Tribal Member is Dollie McClellan, born February 20, 1911 and is 98 years old. There are 262 Tribal Members under the age of 18; 1,462 age 18 to 49; 821 age 50 to 64; and 448 over the age of 65. Other Tribal Member statistics are listed below.

Listed below are the Tribal Members that the Tribal Members Benefits Department (TMBD) has not been able to contact. 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. to 5:00 p.m. or on Wednesday from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. If it is not convenient to call at these times, leave a short message and include your name, telephone number and a time that will be convenient to return your call. Without this updated information, these Tribal Members will not receive their birthday check or other benefits that they may otherwise be entitled to.

Name	Roll#	Birthday (if known)
Burl Lansing Bargeron	3782	08-02-1973
Tina Marie Blackmon	3784	07-14-1970
Jewel Gibson	0309	08-30-1959
Kimber Jean Gibson	0313	10-18-1957
Shelby Ann Hubbird	2811	04-17-1986
Barry Alan Reece	1976	11-23-1957
Joyce Darlene Seamans	2455	07-19-1955
Patricia Diane Seamans	2456	07-19-1955
Ronald Garrett Walker	2467	05-18-1967
James Leon Gibson	3819	
Joan Marie Gibson	3820	
Teresa Malone lee	3821	
Malbern L. Malone, Jr	3822	
Tabatha Booth O'Neal	3824	
Kaityln Makenzie Rolin	3825	
Billy Eugene Stabler	3826	
Ester Stabler Walter	3827	

The following Tribal Members passed away in 2009.

January	Date of Birth-Date of Death	Age
Lucille Turk	09-15-1925 - 01-12-2009	83
Jackie E. Colbert	02-02-1948 - 01-19-2009	60
Hilda Bishop	09-10-1947 - 01-21-2009	61
Jason Williamson	12-17-1983 - 01-21-2009	25
February	Date of Birth-Date of Death	Age
Annie Gilbert	08-03-1923 - 02-22-2009	85
March	Date of Birth-Date of Death A	\ge
Jenell Feldman	08-30-1959 - 03-02-2009	49

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Karen R. Ferguson	10-21-1966 - 03-02-2009	42
Evelyn Manning	12-23-1927 - 03-10-2009	81
April	Date of Birth-Date of Death	Age
Donnie Griffith	03-16-1916 - 04-08-2009	93
Kenneth Greer	01-22-1947 - 04-26-2009	62
Zollie Mae McGhee	06-08-1928 - 04-29-2009	80
May	Date of Birth-Date of Death	Age
Earl Jackson	10-04-1937 - 05-01-2009	71
Myrtie Presley	08-24-1922 - 05-10-2009	86
June	Date of Birth-Date of Death	Age
Linda Sue Agin	08-14-1948 - 06-03-2009	60
Grace Boone	04-11-1918 - 06-06-2009	91
Barbara Reed	03-14-1923 - 06-10-2009	86
Thomas E. Utz	06-14-1962 - 06-13-2009	46
Jesse W. Overstreet	12-09-1922 - 06-19-2009	86
July	Date of Birth-Date of Death	Age
James S. Brown	03-17-1942 - 07-04-2009	67
August	Date of Birth-Date of Death	Age
Terry Wall	10-05-1956 - 08-01-2009	52
Bessie "Sweet" O'Barr	11-10-1933 - 08-31-2009	75
September	Date of Birth-Date of Death	Age
Andrew Lee Salter	08-11-1991 - 09-04-2009	18
Clarence Leon Rolin	10-24-1941 - 09-15-2009	67
Gilbert Rolin	08-26-1954 - 09-18-2009	55
Bert McCurdy, Jr.	11-11-1934 - 09-18-2009	74
James Jackson Neal	05-19-1947 - 09-22-2009	62
Jason Shelly	12-09-1983 - 09-26-2009	25
Moody Steadham	07-16-1931 - 09-30-2009	78
October	Date of Birth-Date of Death	Age
Larry D. Ward	03-18-1959 - 10-02-2009	50
Billy Joe Kroll	03-30-1964 - 10-09-2009	45
Randy Rolin	10-14-1961 - 10-14-2009	48
November	Date of Birth-Date of Death	Age
Rebecca Fontenot	10-01-1957 - 11-03-2009	52
Fred E. Murphy	12-03-1940 - 11-30-2009	68
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December	Date of Birth-Date of Death	Age
Charles E. Daughtry	08-17-1945 - 12-08-2009	64
Walter J. Taylor	09-10-1939 - 12-24-2009	70

You will notice that the total number of Tribal Members (3,024) does not equal the same as the total number as counted by the Tribal Member Benefits Department (2,994) The TMBD census is constantly updated whereas the official roll is only updated when the official paperwork, i.e. death certificates, birth certificates, etc., has been received.

08-05-1922 - 12-24-2009

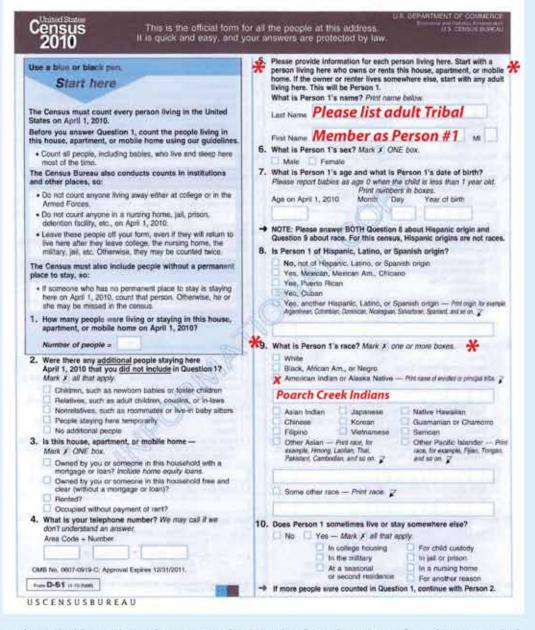
William Adams

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The 2010 Census will be a snapshot of our nation's population-capturing our changing and diverse America in this fleeting moment in time. But this historic event will do more than tell us who we are as a nation today; it will affect your community's future, your country's future, and your future.

For your convenience, we have included a sample Census Form. Each Census Form allows for census information on multiple members of the same household. On the first page you will be asked for information about Person #1. The Tribal Council has requested that each Tribal Member identify themselves as Person #1 Ouestion #5 and mark American Indian and print Poarch Creek Indians as the enrolled or principal tribe on Question #9. You must provide census information for each person in your household; please identify all Tribal Members, regardless of age, as American Indian and print Poarch Creek Indians as the enrolled or principal tribe. (Question #6 for all household



members except Person #1.) If your household consists of more people than the form has space for, please put their information on the back of the form or on a separate sheet of paper but remember to identify all Tribal Members as reflected above.

To learn more, visit www.2010census.gov or call the Tribal Member Benefits Department at (251) 368-9136 x 2501 or 2209.

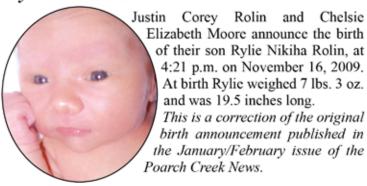


2010 CENSUS: IT'S IN OUR HANDS

Welcome To The World Little One!!

As previously published in the December 2009 issue of the Poarch Creek News, Birth Announcements will be published as long as the announcement is received by the last working day of the month immediately following the birth.

Rylie Nikiha Rolin



Jayden Isaiah Contreras

We are pleased to announce the birth of Jayden Isaiah Contreras. Born December 1, 2009 at 9:22 p.m. Jayden weighed in at 7 lbs. 9 ozs. and was 19 inches long. Jayden is the son of Justina (Lupe) Contreras and the baby brother to Daylon Brooks. Jayden is the great-grandson of Earl Smith of Poarch and grandson of Janice Daughtry of Kenansville, NC and the late Alfredo Contreras of Brownsville, TX.

Jackson David Caraway Odom

Jeremy (BooBoo) Odom and Samantha
Caraway are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Jackson David Caraway Odom, on Monday, December 14, 2009. At birth Jackson weighed 7 lbs. 8 ozs. and was 19 inches long. Jackson is the grandson of Jackey and Shelia Odom of Atmore, AL and Jeff and Beverly Caraway of Huxford, AL. Jackson was welcomed home by many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

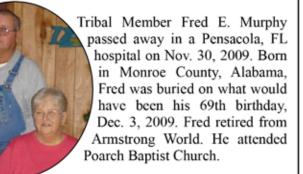
Tragen Forest Slate

Timothy "Bo" and Stephanie Slate announce the birth of their son Tragen Forest Slate on Tuesday, February 2, 2010 at North Baldwin Infirmary. Tragen weighed 5 lbs. 6 ozs. and was 18.5 inches long. Tragen was welcomed home by his big sister Brionna Alxes Slate and his big brother Daygen Howard Slate. Maternal grandparents are Sherry Phillips and Jerry Sanchez. Parental grandparents are Timmy and Penny Slate

and Juanita Slate. Tragen is doing well and is growing fast!

Farewell to Loved Ones

Fred E. Murphy



Proceeding Fred in death was his wife, Shirley A. Murphy, and a grandson Joseph D. Johnson. Fred is survived by three daughters: Roxanne Murphy, Poarch, AL, Sandra L. Johnson (Spuse-Myles), and Kathy L. Murphy, all of Atmore, AL, one son, Douglas E. Murphy (Spouse-Ginger), Atmore, AL. three grandchildren: Matthew Johnson, Cameron Murphy, and Cassidy Murphy. Fred was laid to rest beside his wife in Semirah Springs, AL.

Pallbearers: Eddie Purvis, Jeff Murphy, Harvey Brown, Kenny Akers, Tim Ramer, John Davis. Honorary Pallbearers: Bill Mack, Red Cotton, Willie Thames.

The Murphy family would like to thank everyone for the outpouring of love, food, flowers, prayers, and visits. "We are happy to know that our Dad and family are loved by so many."



Ethics Corner LEADERSHIP VALUES

Carrie Martin • Ethics Chair

and ETHICS

Within our organization we have many leaders; Tribal Council Members, CEO's, Administrators, Directors, Managers, Supervisors, etc. Each of these individuals have different responsibilities in the overall success of the Poarch Creek Indians.

A leader can be defined as one who rules, guides or inspires others, one who influences a group of people toward achievement of a goal, one who goes first and leads by example, so that others are motivated to follow him. To be a leader, one must have followers. To have followers, one must have trust. How do you win their trust? Why would others trust you? Most important, are you worthy of their trust?

A lack of trust of their followers is a problem in many workplaces. If a leader does not identify their values in the workplace, the mistrust is expected, since the people do not know what they can expect. If a leader identifies and shares their values, then trust of the followers can be created. However, a leader who says one thing and does another will damage trust, possibly forever. Leaders know what they value and the importance of ethical behavior. They exhibit both their values and their ethics in their leadership style and actions. A leader's ethics and values should be visible in their actions each and every day.

Workplace ethics take the same route. If the organization's leadership has a code of conduct and ethical expectations, they become a joke in the organization if the leaders fail to live up to their published codes. Leaders that exhibit ethical behavior powerfully influence the actions of others.

Whether you are a leader or follower ask yourself if you see some of these attributes in the leaders of PBCI.

Ambition, Competency, Individuality, Respect, Dedication, Loyalty, Honesty, Teamwork, Accountability, Stewardship, Empathy, Courage, Wisdom, Influence, Compassion, Friendliness, Generosity, Dependability, Flexibility, Optimism, Persistence, Equality, Dignity, Learning, Independence.

As a leader choose the values and ethics that are most important to you, that you believe in as well as defines your character. Live them each and every day so that others may see. Living your values is one of the most powerful ways for you to lead and influence others.

Copies of Ethics Code, advisory opinions, complaints may be obtained from the Chairman's Office, Tribal Court, as well as the Legal Department.

Tribe Receives Lifetime Achievement Award

The Atmore Area Chamber of Commerce presented the Lifetime Achievement Award to the Poarch Band of Creek Indians on February 4, 2010. Below is a summary of the speech made by Chamber past President Cindy D. Lee during the presentation.

This award is presented to the Tribe based on its help and involvement with various community organizations including the American Red Cross, YMCA, Relay for Life, United Fund and the Chamber to assist with educational programs, youth sports, emergency services and quality of life services for young and old—all given without desire for self recognition or gain. Not only is time dedicated to these efforts but financial resources are given as well. The Tribe has accepted the responsibility of being a worthy and wholesome partner in our community. As a business leader, the Tribe has had a vision for our community and promoted that vision to assist in the creation of economic opportunities and jobs for our citizens. From farming to manufacturing to recreation and entertainment, the Tribe has had a part in all of these endeavors and has been successful in each. Hard work and determination has brought the Tribe national recognition.

The lineage of the Poarch Creek Indians in this country traces back to before Atmore was a city, before Alabama was a state, and before the United Sates of America was a nation. Throughout decades of challenges, the Tribe has prevailed to be successful in uniting a community in history and heritage and tradition while striving to enhance the lives of all people in our area.

This presentation this evening cannot begin to acknowledge all of the contributions, challenges and successes that the Tribe has experienced or what the future holds. The Tribe is nationally known for outstanding cultural contributions; receiving national manufacturing awards; hosting a recreation site that enhances natural resources; providing health care and quality of life programs, and promoting educational opportunities. One individual could not possibly be responsible for all of these accomplishments. But there are many individuals throughout the years whose personal contributions and actions have cumulatively resulted in success for their people.

Thus for these and countless other contributions to our community, it is my honor on behalf of the Atmore Area Chamber of Commerce to present the Lifetime Achievement Award to the Poarch Band of Creek Indians.



Shown above with members of the Tribal Council are Chamber President Lisa Reynolds (far left) and Chamber past President Cindy Lee (far right). Photo courtesy of Atmore News.

Tribal Member Submissions

Woods Attends Governor's Celebration

Submitted by Gerald Woods

Tribal Member Gerald Woods attended the Governor's Celebration and New Year's Party at the Governor's Mansion in Baton Rouge, Louisiana on December 18, 2009. Mr. Woods

was honored to attend the event, which fell on his birthday.

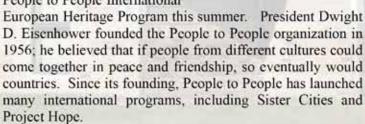


Pictured 1-r are Louisiana Governor Bobby Jindal, Louisiana's First Lady Supriya Jindal and Gerald Woods

Daughtry to Participate in International Ambassador Program

Submitted by Ellen O'Barr

Samatha Daughtry, daughter of Charles and Dana Daughtry, will serve as a Student Ambassador as part of the People to People International



The educational activities of the program will include learning about the British government from a member of Parliament, touring the Louvre Museum in France, visiting the beaches of Normandy, and exploring the Black Forest of Germany.

Rackard's Artwork displayed in Youth Art Show

Submitted by Jason Rackard

Kinzie Rackard was chosen to have her art work displayed at the Pensacola Museum of Art in the Youth Art Show. Congradulations, Kinzie! Kinzie is the daughter of Jason and Mary Rackard.



Shadaland Day Care Closes

Shadaland Day Care, owned and operated by Teresa "Shada" Thomas has closed. Shada and her sister Beverly "Bell" O'Barr would like for everyone to know that they will dearly miss the children and families of Shadaland and that each child was special to them and each was a part of what made their world go 'round. "With the passing of our mother Bessie "Sweet" O'Barr, we felt it was time to turn our focus in another direction; Shadaland just would not be the same without her."

A new day care has opened in the former Shadaland building but this day care is not affiliated with Shada, Bell, or Shadaland.

Happy Anniversary

Linda & Jim Selzer February 23, 1964



Linda and Jim (Daddy) Selzer celebrated their 46th wedding anniversary on February 23, 2010.

A note from Linda to 'Daddy' "If you are reading this in the newsletter, WE MADE IT!!!! Always & forever!"

WWTP ARRA Project Complete

by Josh Thomas & Gayle Johnson

The ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Waste Water Treatment Plant was held on Friday, January 22, 2010. The ceremony was attended by representatives from the Tribal Council, State Representative Harry Shiver, PCI Utility Authority and staff, IHS, EPA, CIEDA, Martin Construction, Thompson Engineering and local community members.

Buford L. Rolin, Tribal Chairman opened the ceremony with a welcome speech. "This event is a momentous occasion for the Tribe and the surrounding communities. This facility could not have been made possible without the commitment of the Tribal Council, Indian Health Services and the Environmental Protection Agency and others who have been instrumental to the success of the project." Richie Grinnell, Indian Health Services, spoke of the Tribe's commitment to its Tribal Members and surrounding community. He also stated that this project was the first ARRA (American Recovery and Reinvestment Act) project to be completed through IHS and that it has set a high standard for others to measure up to.

Brian Smith of EPA spoke to those present and stated that he is amazed to see how the Tribe has grown and improved since the opening of the West Side Tank & Well in 2008. He stated that the Tribe is environmentally conscious and while EPAs role was minimal with this project, it was a great achievement. Eddie L. Tullis, Utilities Authority





Vice Chairman, spoke on behalf of the Utility Authority and expressed how he hoped the Tribal Council; Utilities Authority and staff; CIEDA, who was responsible for project management; Tribal Government, Tribal Administration; Martin Construction, the Tribal Member owned business that constructed the facility; and Thompson Engineering, the company responsible for the design and the scope of the project; should be proud of this accomplishment and what it means for Tribal Members and the local community. Robert Thrower, Cultural Director/Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, closed the ceremony with an invocation and blessing of the plant. After the blessing of the plant, guests recessed into the new Operations Building for refreshments and fellowship; a plant tour was offered and many accepted the invitation.

Planning and Design began back in mid to late 2008 when the Utility Authority, Tribal Council, CIEDA, and Thompson Engineering first became involved. The immediate need for the new plant was due to recent growth of the Tribe and the plant was designed for future growth as well. After extensive research and consideration, it was collectively decided that the Sequenced Batch Reactor (SBR) type of an activated sludge plant would best fit the Tribe's needs and growth while producing a treated wastewater product that was second to none. The total cost of the project exceeded \$4 million dollars, with EPA awarding \$333,000 from ARRA stimulus funding for the Operations/Control Building that was administered by IHS.





NOTICE REGARDING PROPOSED RESOLUTION FOR CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

The Tribal Council will be voting on the following Resolution for a Constitutional amendment that would clarify that the term "Indian blood" in the eligibility requirements for tribal membership refers only to "Poarch Creek Indian blood":

WHEREAS, the Poarch Band of Creek Indians is a federally recognized Tribe organized pursuant to 25 CFR Part 83;

WHEREAS, Article I, Section 1 of the Poarch Band of Creek Indian Constitution enumerates the eligibility requirements for membership;

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council desires to clarify that the "Indian blood" referred to in Article I, Section 1 refers to Poarch Creek Indian blood.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tribal Council authorizes the following proposed Constitutional amendment to appear on the ballot for the June 5, 2010 election:

Section 1. Eligibility Membership of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians shall consist of:

- (A) All persons enumerated or recognized by the Poarch Band of Creek Indians Tribal Council as Indian on the following official documents:
- (1) 1870 U.S. Census of Escambia County, Alabama;
- (2) 1900 U.S. Census of Escambia County, Alabama; and
- (3) 1900 U.S. Special Indian Census of Monroe County, Alabama.

NOTE: For the purpose of computing blood quantum of their descendants for tribal membership, all Indians eligible under Section 1(A) are hereby declared as full blood (4/4) and shall constitute the base roll of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians. (B) All living relatives of those eligible under Section 1(A) of at least one fourth (1/4) degree Poarch Creek Indian blood, provided they are not enrolled as members of any other federally recognized tribe, group or band of Indians.

Provided, however, that no person whose name does not appear on the official tribal roll of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians as of December 31, 2008, shall be eligible for membership, unless (i) the person has submitted a completed application by December 31, 2008; (ii) the person is eighteen (18) years of age or younger on December 31, 2008 and a completed application for his or her membership is submitted by his or her twenty-first birthday; (iii) the person is born on or after December 31, 2008 and a completed application for his or her membership is submitted by his or her twenty-first birthday; or (iv) the person becomes eligible for membership because of a correction in an enrolled tribal member's blood quantum.

If you have any comments or questions, please contact one of your Tribal Council Members at (251) 446-1140 or the Legal Department at (251) 368-9136 ext. 2525 by Thursday, March 18, 2010.

LEGAL UPDATE

Submitted by Venus McGhee Prince, Attorney General

I wanted to take this opportunity to update you on several 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.

Recent Tribal Legislation

Constitutional Amendments and the Election Process

The Tribal Council is seeking to improve the election process and to obtain your input regarding any proposed constitutional amendments on the election ballot. Thus far, the Tribal Council has approved the placement of two Constitutional amendments on the 2010 election ballot: (1) one amendment would require the Tribal Council to provide you the General Council notice of any proposed amendment at least thirty (30) days prior to the Tribal Council's vote on the authorizing resolution; and (2) the other amendment would increase the size of the Election Board from three (3) to (5) members.

The Tribal Council also made several changes to the Election Ordinance to address the recent Constitutional amendment requiring a run-off election for Tribal Council officer positions, to amend certain provisions regarding walk-in voting and absentee ballots, and to clarify deadlines for the election challenge and appeals process. All election voting, including both walk-in voting and regular voting on election day, will be held at the SAIL Center.

State Anti-Gambling Efforts

As many of you may have read in the news, the Alabama Governor's Task Force has been attempting to raid and shut down many non-Indian gaming facilities within the State. State law enforcement has no jurisdiction over gaming on Indian Lands. Federal law governs Indian gaming, and we are in full compliance with all federal laws regarding gaming.

Significant Court Cases

Amy Bryan v. PBCI Election Board

As previously reported, Amy Bryan appealed the Election Board's decision denying her challenge to the 2009 election in Tribal Court. The Tribal Court held a hearing on the challenge on December 18, 2009, at 9 a.m. The Tribal Court did not grant Ms. Bryan's request for a jury trial and denied the Election Board's motion for sanctions against Ms. Bryan's attorney. The Tribal Court has not yet ruled on the challenge itself.

An Active 4-H Club

If you ever wonder what goes on at a 4-H Club meeting, stop by the Education Department for a visit the second Monday of each Month. The program has been very successful and the kids that participate are having the time of their lives!



4-H Christmas Club members attended the 4-H Christmas Christmas Trip to New Orleans held on December 12-13, 2009. Caitlyn Barnhill and Cheyenne McGee are currently serving on the 4-H Regional Council and were instrumental in planning the 4-H trip that was geared for 12-14 year olds in the Escambia, Monroe and Baldwin counties. Several students from each county attended the trip including the five Poarch Creek 4-H club members shown above with their 4-H leader Christyn Sells: 1-r Cheyeene McGhee, Melissa Bagett, Christyn Sells, Hunter Clark, Caitlyn Barnhill, and Haliey Clark. Activities included: Aquarium of the Americas, a Mall outing, a tour of the French Market, The Musée Conti Historical Wax Museum and the trip ended with a visit to the famous Café du Monde!



The Poarch Creek 4-H Club celebrates the Chinese New Year! After the regular business meeting, the 4-Hers learned all about chopsticks! They practiced first by picking up cotton balls and next by eating real food! The menu included egg Rolls, rice, stir fry and General Tsos Chicken!-Yum! Lydia Stacey (left) and Bailey Spann (below) enjoy eating with chop sticks!

Don't forget, the meeting is open to Youth ages 9-18 of the Poarch Community and meets the second Monday of each month in the Education Department! Any interested child may join at any time!



Be Ready Camp 2010

It is time to put in your entry for Be Ready Camp 2010. Be Ready Camp is a five-day full immersion residential camp held during National Preparedness Month in September and is located at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, AL. Be Ready Camp curriculum includes: emergency preparedness. introduction to



survival and first aid, developing an emergency kit, creating a family disaster plan, water survival, light search and rescue, disaster psychology, triage, career exploration, and terrorism awareness.

Submission Guidelines: Submissions should be one of the following detailing 'What does being part of a safe community mean to me?'

- An Essay: 300-500 words in length. Must be typed or neatly written in ink. Spelling, grammar, punctuation, and good paragraph structure apply.
- A Poster: Must be no larger than "11" x "17". Good use of imagination, color, and design. Must clearly answer the question above.
- A Video: Must be 30 seconds to 1 minute in length.
 Must be imaginative, interesting, and creative.

Four (4) Tribal Member/First Generation Decent students in the <u>5th grade</u> will be selected from the entries received. All submissions are to be submitted to the Education Department by March 26, 2010. Entries can be hand delivered or mailed to:

PCI Education Department 5811 Jack Springs Road Atmore, AL 36502

Please contact Christyn Sells, Children's Coordinator, if you have any questions or need more information at (251) 368-9136 x 2244 or at csells@pci-nsn.gov.



St. Anna's and PCI Host Winter Talk 2010

Submitted by Lee "Lavan" Martin

St. Anna's Episcopal Church and the Poarch Creek Indians were buzzing with excitement when St. Anna's parishioners and PCI staff members hosted Winter Talk 2010 January 16-19, 2010. Winter Talk is an annual gathering of Native American Episcopalians from Native American Episcopal Churches on Indian Reservations throughout the United states, including Canada, Alaska, and Hawaii. It is usually held on northern or western US Indian reservations, but this year the planning committee voted to come south, specifically to St. Anna's and the Poarch Creek Indian Reservation. Over 90 Native American participated in the gathering.

Such a gathering at Poarch was not possible without the assistance of the Poarch Creek Indian who provided assistance with accommodations, transportation, cultural events, and a visit and dinner with PCI seniors at the SAIL Center. The group arrived at Pensacola Airport on Saturday, January 16th and were bussed by Holy Cross Episcopal Church Pensacola to the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast where they were treated to refreshments, collected and transported to the Wind Creek Hotel and Muskogee Inn and finally to St. Anna's for supper.

On Sunday the 17th, the group gathered at St. Anna's for breakfast and a traditional Indian church service with the Holy Eucharist, followed by a brunch, meetings, and a buffet supper at Wind Creek. The Rt. Rev. Phillip Duncan, Bishop of the Central Gulf Coast Diocese, and Tribal Chairman Buford L. Rolin addressed the group during the Sunday afternoon meetings, along with Tribal Council Member Robbie McGhee, who was a great help throughout the gathering. The main topics of the gathering were domestic poverty and the increase of suicides and gang activities on Indian Reservations.

Meetings continued at St. Anna's on Monday, followed by

a tour of the Reservation, cultural demonstrations by the Calvin McGhee Cultural Management Authority and dinner with Tribal Elders at the SAIL Center.

Although St. Anna's is an all inclusive Episcopal church, all parishioners are proud to serve as a host for Winter Talk 2010. As most PCI Tribal Members know, St. Anna's is the foundation of the Poarch Creek Indians. St. Anna's records proved to the federal government that Indians existed and lived under its own leadership in Alabama.

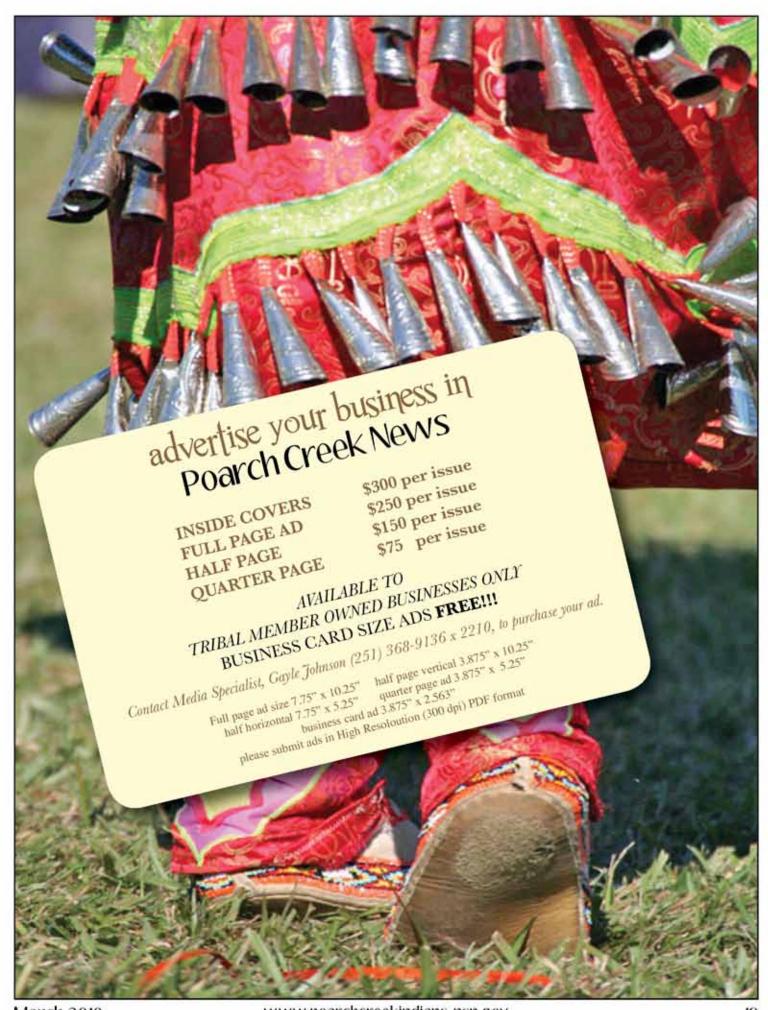
The Poarch Creek Indians have come a long way since missionaries came to the assistance of Indians living in the Poarch area under poverty conditions in 1928. These missionaries, assisted by local Indians, built two churches that served both as churches and schools.

St. John's in the Wilderness was built in what was called Poarch Switch and St. Anna's was built in Hedapeda. As more churches moved into the area, St. John's was closed but St. Anna's continued to function as a viable church. St. Anna's also deeded land to Escambia County for an elementary school that was subsequently deeded to the Tribe and on which is now the PowWow grounds. In addition, St. Anna's facilities were used by the Tribe until administrative offices were built.

Winter Talk planners had heard so much about St. Anna's and the Poarch Creek Indians that they wanted to come and see for themselves the success both have enjoyed since 1928. Considering their reservations, they were amazed and highly impressed with both St. Anna's and the Tribe and the progress both have made. Participants left for the Pensacola Airport on tribal busses, Tuesday, January 19th, marveling at what they had seen and heard.

As Tribal Members of the Poarch Creek Indians we should all have this same pride and thankfulness that we had leaders with the foresight to put us on the path to success.





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Spring into exercise! Physical activity not only burns calories but can also help reduce the risk of some types of cancer and other health issues.

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