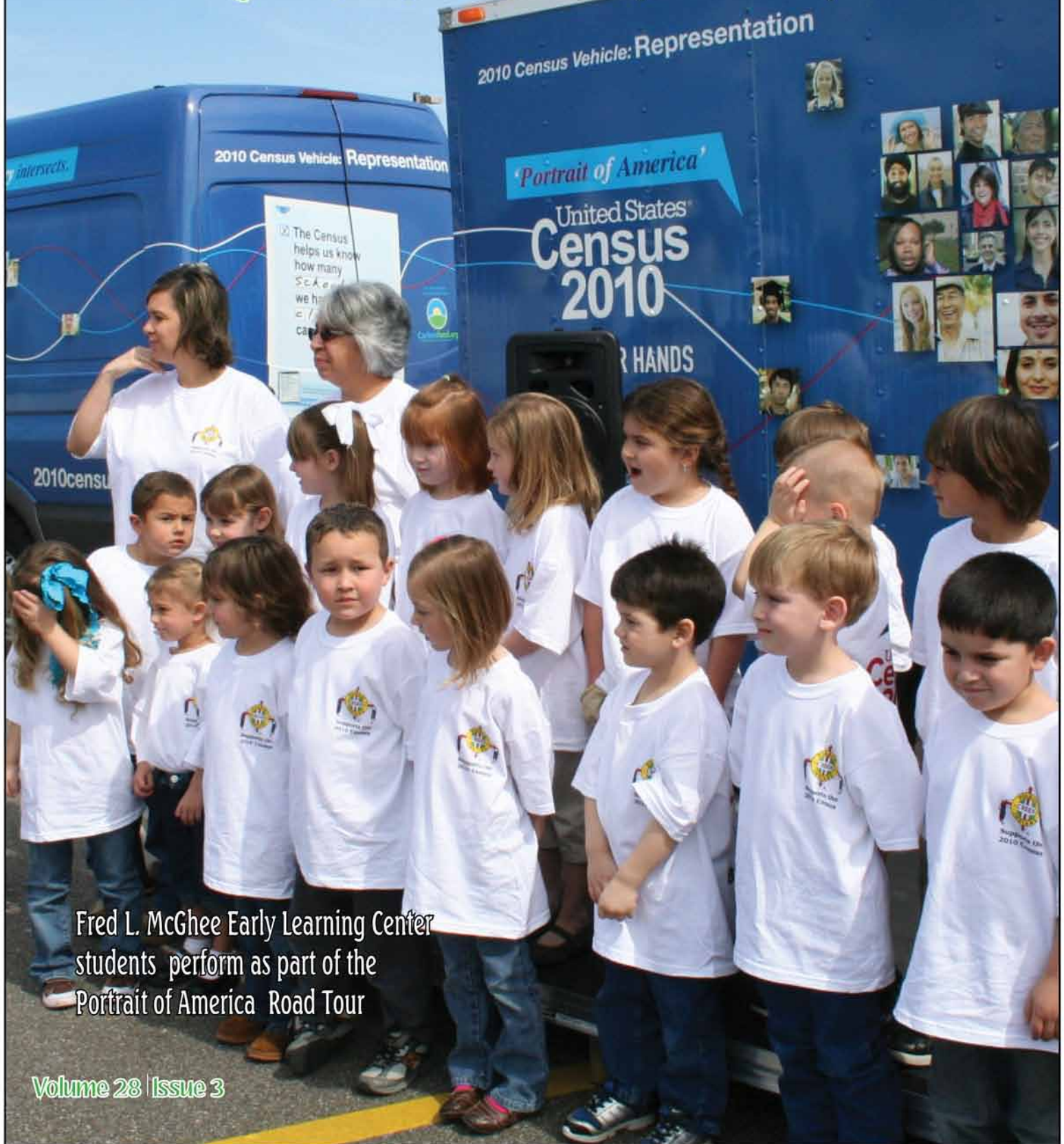


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**Buford L. Rolin**  
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### Chairman's Corner

April 2010

I hope each of you enjoyed the March winds and are gearing up for the proverbial April showers. I, along with the Tribal Council, have been steadily busy with day-to-day operations. We continue to advocate on your behalf both at the State and National level in order to provide the best for each of you. Travel this month has slowed for some of the Tribal Council and increased for others of us. Please know that we make these necessary trips in order to be a voice for the Tribe statewide as well as nationwide.

We were honored with a visit from the 2010 Census Bus on March 8, 2010. One of our very own Tribal Members, Ms. Deborah Hinote, is our Census coordinator. We heard a very sincere plea from Ms. Hinote to all Poarch Band of Creek Indian Tribal Members during her presentation. It is imperative that each of you notate on the form you will receive that you are Poarch Creek Indian. This will ensure that we receive any and all monies that we are entitled to receive.

In closing, I would like to wish each of you a very safe and happy Easter. Until next month's article, MVTO.



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### Mammogram Clinic Dates For 2010

April 14, 2010  
October 13, 2010  
December 8, 2010

WE will advise you of any changes to this schedule.

Please contact Shyrell Gehman at (251) 368-9136 x 2322 if you have any questions or want to schedule and appointment.



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*Identify yourself as Poarch  
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## Deadlines

The deadline for submission of information to be published in the *Poarch Creek News* is the 10th of the month prior to the month of publication. If the 10th falls on a weekend or holiday, the deadline will be extended to the next working day.

Specific Deadlines:

Birthday/Anniversary Wishes: Birthday/Anniversary Wishes can be published the month before, the month of, or the month after the birthday/anniversary as long as established deadlines have been met.

Birth/Wedding Announcements: Birth/Wedding Announcements will be published as long as the birth/wedding announcement is received by the last working day of the month ***immediately following*** the birth/wedding.

Obituaries: Obituaries/Family Thanks will be published as long as the information is received by the last working day of the month ***immediately following*** the death.

Photos: Due to space limitations photos may be limited to one photo per article.



# ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ PORTRAIT OF AMERICA ROAD TOUR STOPS AT POARCH ★ ★ ★ ★ ★



by Ryan Carter, Atmore News

★ It's important everyone participate with the Census 2010 effort. That point was made clear during the 2010 Census Portrait of America Road Tour Monday morning on the Poarch Creek Indian Reservation. The tour came to the Atmore area to encourage members of the community and the Tribe to complete and return the census questionnaire.

"Completing the census information is important for funding of education, healthcare and roads," Edie Jackson said. "There are 10 questions on the form, and it's safe."

The road tour stopped on the PCI Reservation to encourage Tribal Members to participate in the census. Tribal Member Eddie Tullis shared some of history of the difficulties tribes have had over the years being represented in the census.

"It's a fact that today's event is a dramatic change from the census in 1960," Tullis said. "There was no Indian outreach."

According to Tullis, Native Americans were allowed to "sit" in the room while the Census Minority Committee met in 1970, and then in 1980, four Native Americans were appointed to the Minority Committee.

"After 1980, the census started putting out counts on Indian, but it was a mess," he said. "They didn't say what kind of Indian you were." Tullis said that improved some in the 1990 census when the Indian population was enumerated by reservation; however, the census breakdown only considered the first word written on the census form. It didn't distinguish between Poarch Creek and Poarch Navaho.

In later census efforts, American Indians were enumerated by the entire name written on the form. "It's critical Tribal Members write, "Poarch Creek" on the census forms," he said. "Our tribal council needs a good count of our population for securing resources coming to the Tribe."

For those living on the Poarch Creek Reservation, a census representative will come to their home to help complete the

questionnaire. If a tribal member has questions, they can contact the office of Tribal Member Benefits. The census forms will be mailed on March 15th. Census representatives will be on the Reservation beginning March 29th going door-to-door.

Beryl Angelus, Census Office Manager in Montgomery, said they plan to be finished with the census on the PCI Reservation by Census Day which is April 1. Deborah Hinote, a PCI Tribal Member, was present for Monday's event. She serves at the Partnership Specialist for tribes in the Georgia, Alabama and Florida region. "I'm very connected here," she said. "My mother lived on the Reservation, and I'm very pleased to get this job and work with my people. I feel I can be a voice for our people." Hinote reminded everyone of the importance of participating with Census workers.

***When completing your census form, be sure to identify yourself as Poarch Creek Indian!***

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Cover Photo by Gayle Johnson, Media Specialist*

*If you could impact the future of your community and people in a few short minutes, what would you do? Spend a few minutes teaching a child something new, caring for elders, visiting with your family? You can make a difference in your community by participating in the 2010 Census – and it will only take a few minutes. The census is a count of everyone in the United States, including people of all ages, races and ethnic groups. By participating in the 2010 Census, Poarch Creek Indians can use their voice to tell people who they are and what their communities need. It's important that everyone participate in the census, because census data are used to determine representation at all levels of government as well as determine essential community services for your area, your family and your future, including:*

- *The need for health care facilities and nursing homes*
- *Development of roads*
- *Determination of new schools and housing options*

# APRIL IS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH & SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

*Be a Part of the Child Abuse Prevention Solution*

Child abuse evokes varied emotions and responses from each of us. Startling images of children who have been harmed or killed are readily available in daily news reports. Enter the terms “child abuse” on any internet search engine and thousands of sites will pop up generally full of heart-rendering stories. The causes of child abuse, whether it is physical or emotional abuse, are hard for many people to understand. Numerous research efforts are made to evaluate the root causes of child abuse. Research seems to indicate common causes of child abuse are traced to either a caregiver who is stressed out by life’s circumstances, or to caregivers who find managing their own anger challenging, and whose responses to children are often aggressive and forceful.

So what can we as a Tribe do to become part of a solution preventing child abuse amongst our people? Historically, Indian people have placed a high value on family, and tribes understood children to be their hope of both their physical survival and future posterity. We must return to our historical principals of making our children and families our collective priority. If we took the time to focus our priorities on our children and families, we will learn many of our other priorities have little long-lasting value or impact.

The next step in the process of becoming a part of the solution to child abuse is to begin to be concerned about the realm of influence on our children. In other words, we must become involved in the lives of our children and in our community. We can refuse to allow child abuse to be a part of our individual homes and in our community at large. We can and must take an active role in developing healthy relationships with each other and in guiding our children into healthy relationships with people around them. Become a mentor to a child or family who is having difficulty and work together to improve their life. Individually take an active part of preventing child abuse by becoming our “brother’s keeper” and reporting any suspected abuse or neglect to the proper authorities.

If you have any concerns or suspicions about any child who who is possibly being abused, please contact us at the Family Services Department at (251)-368-9136 x 2600. We will be happy to help make appropriate referrals needed. It is the hope of the Family Services Department that we all work to make our Tribe a sanctuary for the future success of our children. Children who live in safe nurturing environments will develop into emotionally healthy adults who can prevent child abuse for their generation and who will bring long-term posterity to this Tribe!

Sexual assault and abuse is any type of sexual activity you do not agree to, including inappropriate touching; child molestation; vaginal, anal, or oral penetration; sexual intercourse that you say no to; attempted rape; and rape.

Sexual assault can be verbal, visual, or anything that forces a person to join in unwanted sexual contact or attention. Examples of this are voyeurism (when someone watches private sexual acts), exhibitionism (when someone exposes him/herself in public), incest (sexual contact between family members), and sexual harassment. It can happen in different situations such as in the home by someone you know, on a date, or by a stranger in an isolated place.

Rape is a common form of sexual assault. It is committed in many situations—on a date, by a friend or an acquaintance, or when you think you are alone. Educate yourself on “date rape” drugs. They can be slipped into a drink when a victim is not looking. Never leave your drink unattended—no matter where you are. Attackers use date rape drugs to make a person unable to resist assault. These drugs can also cause memory loss so the victim doesn’t know what happened.

Rape and sexual assault are never the victim’s fault, no matter where or how it happens. If you or anyone you know experiences a sexual assault, contact law enforcement (911 or (251) 368-5011 for the Poarch Tribal Police Department) and/or the Family Services Department at (251) 368-9136 x 2600.

## **Christmas Share Project An Overwhelming Success**

*Submitted by Wanda Fowler & Amanda Montgomery  
Christmas Share Project Coordinators*

Carolyn White, Family Services Director, and the staff of the Family Services Department would like to take this opportunity to thank the eight sponsor families and organizations that contributed items to assist in providing Christmas boxes to 29 needy families during the 2009 Christmas holidays.

The excitement of the providers and the appreciation of the recipients made the Christmas Share Project an overwhelming success.

\*\*\* 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*

## TRIBAL MEMBERS TO RECEIVE NEW HEALTH BENEFIT IN MAY

*Submitted by Tim Manning, Tribal Member Benefits Director*

Effective May 1, 2010 all PCI Tribal Members who are not currently enrolled in the PCI Tribal Member Health Insurance Plan will be issued a Health Reimbursement Card. This card works like a debit card and will have a value of \$600. This card represents another step in the Tribe's efforts to provide sustainable health benefits to all members.

The PCI Health Card will allow members to pay all medical expenses not covered by insurance for themselves or any dependent. These expenses include, dental and vision fees, chiropractic services, co-pays, deductibles, and insurance premiums. Codes are encrypted within the card to ensure that funds from the card are used for medical expenses only.

A complete overview of the medical benefits and how to use the card will be mailed, along with the card, to each eligible member. This informational package should answer most of the questions that you may have. However, should you receive the package and still have questions, please direct your inquiries to the PCI Tribal Member Benefits Department at (251) 368-9136 x 2209 or 2007.

## 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.

### 2010 Election

As we approach the 2010 election season, we have received questions regarding how the direct election will proceed this year. We are in the middle of the three years necessary to fully implement the direct election process. Last year, you directly elected Stephanie Bryan as Vice-Chair and two at-large Members. This year, you will directly elect three positions—the Treasurer, Secretary, and one at-large Member. In 2011, you will directly elect the Chairman and two at-large Members.

As you know, the Tribal Council has selected its officers in the past. You elected Arthur Mothershed and Buford Rolin to three-year at-large terms in 2008. That same year, the nine-member Tribal Council selected Buford Rolin as Chairman and Arthur Mothershed as Treasurer, knowing that both individuals would serve in these positions only until the time had come for you to directly elect these positions. Chairman Rolin's three-year term will expire in 2011, at the same time that the Chairman's seat is up for direct election. Because Mr. Mothershed's three-year term does not expire until 2011, he has one year left in his term as an at-large Council member after you directly elect the Treasurer this year. You elected David Gehman to a three-year at-large term in 2007. The nine-member Tribal Council selected David Gehman as the Secretary in 2009, but only until you were able to directly elect that position this year. As a result, both Mr. Gehman's three-year at-large term and his one-year term as Secretary expire this year.

### Significant Court Cases

*Amy Bryan v. PBCI Election Board*

On March 8, 2010, the Tribal Court denied Amy Bryan's appeal and upheld the Election Board's decision denying her challenge to the 2009 election.



# Who's Having A Birthday??

*Birthday Wishes can be published the month before the birthday, the month of the birthday, or as a belated Birthday Wish the month after the birthday as long as the established deadline has been met. Please remember the established deadlines when submitting your Birthday Wish.*

## **Jennifer Martin, March 7, 2010**

Happy 26th Birthday Jen from all your family and friends!!  
We love you!!



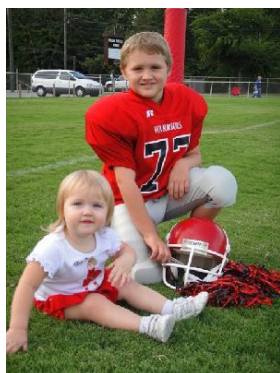
## **Rodney Exum, March 25, 2010**

You will always be my mischievous little brother with those cute dimples I wish I had. I am so proud of you for the man that you are. Remember, just like in this picture I will always be by your side. Happy 50th Birthday and keep smiling! Love, Cindy



## **Alex Ward, March 8, 2010**

Alex Ward celebrated his 8th birthday on March 8, 2010. Alex is the son of Jeff and Dee McGhee Ward (Alabaster, AL). He is the grandson of Sharon Stansbury and James Sanborn and Mary Jane and the late Raymond McGhee. Alex is pictured with his 2 year old baby sister Cristiana Joy (CJ) Ward. Happy Belated Birthday Alex!



## **Shirley Roberson, March 30, 2010**

Shirley "Pug" Roberson celebrated her birthday on March 30, 2010.

Happy Birthday, from your family and friends. We love you!!



## **Candace Fayard, March 31, 2010**

Candace Fayard celebrated her birthday on March 31, 2010.

Happy Birthday from your family and friends. We love you!!



## **Kaitlyn Rispoli, March 10, 2010**

Kaitlyn Rispoli, daughter of Anthony and Nancy Rispoli, and granddaughter of the late Carey and Girlie Henson, celebrated her 9th birthday this year. Happy belated birthday baby girl!! You are a lovable, friendly, witty and sweet daughter. My love always, Mommy



## **Julia Sells, April 2, 2010**

Julia "TootToot" Sells will celebrate her birthday on April 2, 2010.

Happy Birthday to Toot Toot  
From: Gams, Cant Cant, April and the Poarch Creek Fire Department.



## **Braxton Peebles, March 11, 2010**

Braxton celebrated his birthday at Tom Bryne Park in Atmore on Saturday, March 6th with his friends and family. Braxton is the son of Anthony Peebles and Sara Smith and is the grandson of Lester & Sharon Peebles of Lottie, Alabama and Kit & Les Cunningham of Wawbeek, Alabama. Love and belated best wishes on your 6th Birthday from Halle, Kortlan, Josh, and Colton.





***Ruth Bailey, April 8, 2010***

Happy 73rd Birthday to Ruth Bailey  
on April 8, 2010.

We Love You!

Sandy, Darrell, Randy, Daphne,  
Sherry, Henry and all the  
grandchildren.



***Frankie Jones, April 18, 2010***

Frankie "Boochie" Jones will  
celebrate his birthday on April 18,  
2010. His family would like to  
wish him a happy birthday. We  
love you!

***Spencer Shackleton, April 13, 2010***

Happy birthday to Spencer  
Shackleton of Apex, NC who is  
turning 9 on April 13th. He is son to  
Christopher and Shauna Shackleton  
and grandson to the late Wilson  
Colbert. We are so proud of you  
and all of your accomplishments this  
past year. You are such a great son.  
We love you with all of our hearts!

Mommy and Daddy



***Heather Rolin, April 22, 2010***

Heather Rolin, daughter of Ronnie  
and Margie Rolin, will celebrate  
her 15th birthday on April 22, 2010.

Happy Birthday, we love you!  
Mom, Dad, Dempsey, Ronald &  
Alisha

***Alex Shackleton, April 13, 2010***

Happy birthday to Alex Shackleton  
of Apex, NC who is turning 5 on  
April 13th. He is son to Christopher  
and Shauna Shackleton and grandson  
to the late Wilson Colbert. We are  
so happy that you are growing into  
such a smart young man and getting  
ready to start kindergarten this year.  
We love you with all of our hearts!

Mommy and Daddy.



***Mike McGhee, April 29, 2010***

Dennis Michael 'Mike' McGhee  
will celebrate his birthday on April  
29, 2010. Happy Birthday from  
your family and friends.

***Tiffany Gookin, April 14, 2010***

Happy 5th Birthday Tiffany!

We love you very much.

Mom, Dad, Grandma and Grandpa  
(Martha and Todd Gookin and  
Vernie and Martin Gehman)



***Buford Rolin, April 30, 2010***

Buford Rolin will celebrate his  
birthday on April 30, 2010. Happy  
Birthday from your family and  
friends.



## Family and Friends Gather To Honor Miss Ruthie Mae Rackard

On behalf of the family, we would like to say thank you to everyone who took the time to come and join us in honoring our Mom and Granny, Ruthie Mae Rackard on February 27, 2010 at New Home Church. Each of you helped make this an exciting and special day for her.



Aunt Ruthie Mae (as she is known to so many) celebrated her 90th birthday on that day. She is the youngest child of the thirteen children of Lee and Ida McGhee and the last remaining sibling of the late Chief Calvin McGhee. Although her parents and siblings have passed, she is still surrounded and loved by her large family. She was married to late Edgar Rackard and they have 7 children, Hazel Rolin, Ruby Flurnoy, Dorothy McGhee, Lonnie Rackard, Mary Cordis, Glenda Carlton and Eugene Rackard; 15 grandchildren, 26 great grandchildren and 1 great great grandchild. The celebration was attended by all of her children and most of grandchildren and great grandchildren and a host of extended family and friends.

### PLEASE SAVE THE DATE

Come join us in creating a place called Poarch

**A Poarch Master Plan** workshop will be held April 5th - 9th.

Reserve the evenings of **April 5th and 8th** to participate.

*More details to come.*

## We Have A Miracle

*Submitted by Kevin Snow and Tabatha Daughtry*



We would like to extend our appreciation to our families and the community for all your thoughts and prayers through a very difficult time in our life when all we can say now is we have a "miracle". I was diagnosed with H.E.L.L.P Syndrome when I was 29 weeks pregnant, which basically means all your bodily functions began to shut down causing severe liver problems. I was rushed into surgery for a cesarean

section so the baby would not be at any harm. Braylon Laike Snow was born on December 19, 2009 at 11:25 a.m. He weighed 2 pounds 8 ounces and was only 14 inches long. Braylon was taken immediately to the N.I.C.U. at USA Women's and Children's Hospital. Thanks to the grace of God and everyone's prayers our little man survived with no complications. He stayed in the N.I.C.U. for 41 days. Braylon was welcomed home on January 29, 2010 by his sisters and brother Alia, Trista, Taya & Gavin and numerous family members and friends. His grandparents are Sue Turberville and Douglas Daughtry and Aubrey and Faye Smith. Great-Grandparents are D.C. & Ernestine Daughtry. I would like to thank the Family Services Department as well as the Housing Department for all of their appreciated help. Again, words can't describe how heartfelt I was when I was told of all the visitors that were there from the community. A special thanks to our families who have helped us bring our "little miracle" home through prayer. Thanks again to everyone for all the prayers. Braylon is doing well.

## SBA Chief Pushes Program for Natives

*Indian Country Today - Rob Capriccioso, Today Staff*

The Small Business Administration wants to work better with Indian Businesses, says the agency's top official while balancing its accountability to American taxpayers. During her address to hundreds of tribal officials attending the Reservation Economic Summit in February, SBA Administrator Karen Mims focused on the agency's 7(a) loans and 8(a) contracting programs, both of which hold substantial opportunities for Native businesses.

The 7(a) Loan Program of the Small Business Administration's (SBA) primary program to help start-up and existing small businesses obtain financing when they might not be eligible for business loans through normal lending channels.

The name comes from Section 7(a) of the Small Business Act, which authorized SBA to provide business loans to American small businesses. The administration does not make loans, but guarantees a portion of loans made and administered by commercial lending institutions.

Small businesses apply directly to a lender for financing. The lender reviews the application and decides if it merits a loan on its own or if it requires additional support in the form of an SBA guaranty. The guaranty assures the lender that if the borrower does not repay the loan, the government will reimburse the lender for its loss, up to the percentage of the guaranty. However, the small business remains obligated for the full amount.

The 8(a) program was developed so SBA could help small companies owned and operated by socially and economically disadvantaged persons to develop their businesses. The name came from Section 8(a) of the Small Business Act.

One of the development tools of the program is the award of federal contracts. Under the program, SBA acts as a prime contractor and enters into contracts with other federal government departments and agencies. In this role, SBA awards subcontractors for their performance by certified companies.

*Visit [www.indiancountrytoday.com](http://www.indiancountrytoday.com) for the complete article.*





## Privacy Fence Completed

Muskogee Inn Engineer, Paul Dortch (shown above) recently completed a new wooden privacy fence for Muskogee Inn. **Great job Paul!!**

## Man On A Mission



Man On A Mission, this is the title of the feature article of the 25th anniversary edition of MBE Minority Business Entrepreneur. The article by Laura Weiner, begins with "A passion for the community defines Mal McGhee's management style." Space limitations will not allow us to print the entire article about

Mal McGhee and Muskogee Metalworks. Please go to [www.mbemag.com](http://www.mbemag.com) or call (310) 540-9398 for access to the entire article.

Our congratulations are extended to Mal and Muskogee Metalworks/Muskogee Technologies.

# Tallapoosa Lakes Golf Course

*Submitted by Jennifer Chism, CIEDA Marketing Manager*



Tallapoosa Lakes Golf Course is a tribally owned enterprise, located in Montgomery, Alabama on Dozier Road next to the Creek Casino Montgomery. The course was acquired by the Tribe last year and since then many renovations have been completed. The greens are in the best condition ever and the on-site restaurant, Lakeside Sports Grill, has been totally remodeled.

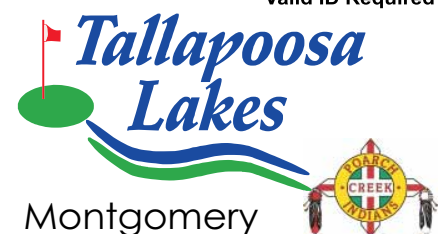
Spring is here and Tallapoosa Lakes Golf Course is gearing up for the year's best golf weather. Enjoy 36- holes of pristine golf. Boasting wide fairways and a large variety of wildlife. Tallapoosa Lakes is a great place to enjoy a friendly game of golf with family, friends and colleagues. Perfecting your golf swing is easy at Tallapoosa Lakes. Regardless of the time, you can always practice on the lighted driving range.

On Good Friday, April 2nd, Tallapoosa Lakes Golf Course will have their ribbon cutting as well as hosting a charity golf tournament to benefit the Cancer Wellness Foundation of Central Alabama. Customer Appreciation day will be on Saturday April 3rd, where reduced greens fees will be enjoyed all day long.

## FREE GREENS FEES

### For Tribal Members

Valid ID Required



Montgomery  
**Tee Time 334-260-4900**

# Defendant Found Guilty of Assault In Federal Court

Department of Justice, Southern District of Alabama

Press Release: February 23, 2010

Contact: Tommy Loftis (251) 441-5845

***Assault occurred against a member of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians in October, 2009***

Carolyn A. Grym was found guilty in federal court of assault following a bench trial Tuesday, February 23, 2010 in front of Magistrate Judge Katherine P. Nelson. The assault took place on the reservation of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians on October 6, 2009. The victim was Grym's mother, who is a member of the Tribe.

Assault is a violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 113. Under the circumstances alleged in the information, the charge carries a maximum penalty of 6 months in custody. Crym is scheduled to be sentenced on March 25, 2010.



Investigators for the Poarch Creek Tribal Police Department initiated the investigation against Grym and presented the case for prosecution to the United States Attorney's Office. Assistant United States Attorney Daryl Atchison is handling the prosecution of the case on behalf of the United States.

Lead Investigator Doyle "Butch" Lee had the following comment in reference to the above press release: *"This is the second case which has been prosecuted in federal court. Finally we have seen the product of our efforts in pursuing the US Attorney's Office into picking up these cases."*

*This case actually went to trial, with Daryl Atchison who is assigned to Indian Country Crimes prosecuting the case. He put forth a tremendous effort in seeing that the victim was afforded every due process that could have been given. Because of the severity of this crime and the amount of injuries sustained by the victim, Daryl did not take any plea bargain in this case. He instructed the Defense Attorney that he would only accept a plea of guilty or a verdict of guilty.*

*Because of the amount of time we put in this case it was a well presented case and we worked hard making sure our Tribal Member victim was afforded everything that they needed to get back to a point prior to their loss. The Family Services Department has been instrumental in working with us and working with the victim separately. This was simply a team effort and because of that we were able to come away with the victim having their day in court."*

# Legislative Reception

Each year the Tribe hosts a reception for State legislators in Montgomery. This annual event customarily begins at 5:30 p.m., after the end of the daily session at the State Capital. The reception is a time for Tribal Council Members and other Tribal affiliated dignitaries to meet with our State Representatives and State Senators in a relaxed, friendly atmosphere. The reception consisted of a traditional meal that included grape dumplings, mixed greens, hominy and pork, smoked turkey and/or ham, and fresh fruits and cheeses. Although this is a legislative event, not a cultural event, there is always a cultural presentation that is made so that those in attendance can become more familiar with the Poarch Creek Indians, where we came from, where we are today, and what we hope to do in the future. Thanks are extended to the reigning Princesses, Pow Wow Club, and Medicine Tail Singers for helping make this event a success. Thanks are also extended to those who spent many hours planning and organizing the event; it was your hard work and dedication that helped make the night a success.

All those in attendance at this year's reception agree that it was the most successful and most well attended reception that the Tribe has hosted. We feel that this success was due in part to the fact that the legislative session ended earlier than usual that day and the Representatives and Senators were able to relax and spend a little more time with us this year.



*Scheduling sometimes prevents all Council Members from attending. This year all nine Tribal Council Members were able to attend.*

*Chairman Buford L. Rolin and other Council members mingled with State Senators and Representatives in attendance.*





## Eldnar and Shirley Von McGhee Crowned Valentine Queen and King

The staff of the Senior Services Department/ SAIL Center works hard to keep our Seniors active and involved in the community. One of the annual events that the Seniors look forward to every year is the selection of the Valentine Queen and King. The winner of the Queen and King competition is based on the total amount of money each individual nominee collects. This year's crowning was delayed due to the inclement weather on February 12th, but the SAIL participants gathered on Friday, February 19th in anticipation of the crowning of the new Queen and King.



a one night stay for the Queen and King in one of the villas at Wind Creek Hotel. With the donation from Wind Creek, over \$5,000 was raised.

Congratulations to Eldnar and Shirley Von as well as their 'court'. This has always been, and will continue to be, a major activity for the Seniors and each one is to be commended for their dedication and hard work.



*The Queen and her Court: l-r Rose McGhee, Savannah Daughtry, Paula Bryant, and Queen Eldnar McGhee*

The night began with supper served by departmental staff, Tribal Council Members Robbie McGhee and Arthur Monthershed, and other volunteers. Following supper, the reigning Queen and King, Willie Faye Thomas and Ed Rolin, took their last walk down the red carpet and sat on the thrones while the nominees for this year's Queen and King were introduced. The nominees and their escorts were for Queen; Paula Bryant, escorted by her husband Bob Bryant who was also a nominee for King.; Savannah Daughtry, escorted by Robbie McGhee; Eldnar McGhee, escorted by Arthur Mothershed, and Rose McGhee, escorted by Robbie McGhee. In addition to Bob Bryant, the nominees for King were, Johnny Johnson, escorted by Mary Jane McGhee, Chester "Fields" McGhee, escorted by Myrtis Kinman, and Shirley Von McGhee, escorted by Beverly Holcomb. Over \$3,000 was raised by this year's nominees. As the highest money raisers, Eldnar McGhee and Shirley Von McGhee were selected as Queen and King. All monies raised through this event will be used for various services and activities that benefit all participants of the Senior Program/SAIL Center.

After the crowning, the new Queen and King and their 'court', which consists of all the nominees for Queen and King, along with the outgoing Queen & King, were treated to a ride in the limo from Wind Creek Casino. As part of their inaugural ride, they were taken to the Wind Creek Casino and were given gifts in honor of their achievements. Wind Creek also made a \$2,000 donation to the Senior Services Program and will book



*The King and his Court: l-r King Shirley Von McGhee, Chester McGhee, Bob Bryant, and Johnny Johnson*

*Outgoing Queen Willie Faye Thomas and King Ed Rolin bid their "Kingdom" farewell.*

*They both said that it was their honor and pleasure to serve as Queen and King. (They enjoyed themselves so much we expect to see them try to regain their crowns next year!)*



## Lowering Of Tribal Flag

Submitted by **Garvis Sells**, Tribal Council Member

The Poarch Band of Creek Indians has an established and time honored tradition of lowering the Tribal flag located at the Tribal Annex (5811 Jack Springs Road, Atmore, AL 36502) to honor Tribal Members upon their passing. Upon notification by a family member, the Tribal flag will be lowered the day of the burial of the deceased Tribal Member.

To ensure that all our Tribal Members are honored in this fashion, we are requesting that a member of the family of the deceased notify Tribal Administration at (251) 368-9136 x 2234 of the funeral arrangements so that arrangements to lower the Tribal flag can be made.

The Tribal Police Department can also provide funeral escort in the local area as long as notice is received in enough time to schedule the escort. Please let Tribal Administration know if an escort is wanted when you call to make your request for the lowering of the Tribal flag.

## Obama Gives Portion of Peace Prize to Indian College Fund

*American Indian Report AIR Blog*

It's been a great first quarter for the American Indian College Fund. First came the announcement in February that the late actress Bea Arthur left the organization \$100,000. Last week, the Fund announced via press release that President Obama is donating \$125,000 from the \$1.4 million Nobel Peace Prize that he was awarded.

For more news from the American Indian Report, visit [www.falmouth-air.blogspot.com](http://www.falmouth-air.blogspot.com).

The American Indian College Fund transforms Indian higher education by funding and creating awareness of the unique, community-based accredited Tribal Colleges and Universities, offering students access to knowledge, skills, and cultural values which enhance their communities and the country as a whole.

The Fund disburses approximately 6,000 scholarships annually for American Indian students seeking to better their lives through higher education. *To find out more about the American Indian College Fund, visit [www.collegefund.org](http://www.collegefund.org).*



*Poarch Creek Warrior Society*

**Meeting, April 12th, 2010  
6pm @ St. Anna's Fellowship Hall**

*The Poarch Creek Warrior Society's purpose is to organize Tribal Veterans and give recognition and assistance to those involved. It is open to all Tribal Member Veterans who have served in any branch of the military, peace or wartime.*



For more info, contact Alex Alvarez @ 251-368-9136 ext 2655 or email: [aalvarez@pci-nsn.gov](mailto:aalvarez@pci-nsn.gov)



# 2010 Election Notice

Pursuant to Section 22-1-10 of the Tribal Election Code, notice is hereby given that the 2010 Poarch Band of Creek Indians Tribal Council Election shall be held on Saturday, June 5, 2010 at the Community Services Building (SAIL Center). Voting will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Election results will be posted at the Tribal Center on the Community Bulletin Board and published in the July Tribal Newsletter.

In the 2010 election, the General Council will directly elect two Tribal Council Officer positions, Tribal Council Treasurer and Tribal Council Secretary, and one at-large Tribal Council Member position. Anyone wishing to be a candidate for this year's election must submit a written statement of candidacy with the Election Board no later than 5:00 p.m. Thursday, May 6, 2010. Candidates for the two officer positions must pay the required \$250.00 fee upon submission of their Letter of Candidacy; candidates for the at-large seat must pay the required \$100.00 fee upon submission of their Letter of Candidacy.

## Election Calendar

**Tuesday, April 6, 2010** ..... Deadline to submit Letter of Candidacy for Tribal Council, biography, and picture if name is to be printed on the Official Ballot, and bio and picture printed in the May newsletter.

**Friday, April 16, 2010** ..... Names of Candidates and any proposed Constitutional Amendments, Ordinances, and/or Resolutions will be posted.

**Saturday, May 1, 2010** ..... Tribally sponsored debate for all candidates. Time and location to be announced at a later date.

**Thursday, May 6, 2010** ..... Last day to submit Letter of Candidacy for Tribal Council to be a Write-In on Ballot. Any additional Names of Candidates will be posted within ten days of submitting a Letter of Candidacy. Walk-In Voting begins at 8:00 a.m. at the Community Services Building (SAIL Center). Walk-In Voting hours are 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, May 25, 2010** ..... Last day to request that an Absentee Ballot be mailed out.

**Tuesday June 1, 2010** ..... Walk-In voting ends at 5:00 p.m.

**Friday, June 4, 2010** ..... Deadline to receive Absentee Ballots at 5:00 p.m.

**Saturday, June 5, 2010** ..... 2010 Tribal Election Day Community Services Building (SAIL Center) Voting from 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Please direct any questions regarding Tribal Elections to Gia Rodriguez, Election Board Chairperson, at (251) 368-9136 x 2525.



# ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST

2009 POARCH CREEK INDIAN TRIBAL COUNCIL ELECTION

SATURDAY, JUNE 5, 2010



I, \_\_\_\_\_, am an enrolled member of the Poarch Creek Indians, and will be at least eighteen (18) years of age on or before June 5, 2010. I am hereby requesting an Absentee Ballot because: **(please check all that apply to you)**

- ☐ I live outside of the five county Tribal service area;
- ☐ I have a physical illness or infirmity which prevents me from voting in person on election day or participating in walk-in voting;
- ☐ I work a shift that has at least 10 hours which prevents me from voting in person on election day or participating in walk-in voting; or
- ☐ I am enrolled as a student at an educational institution located outside the Tribal service area which prevents me from voting in person on election day or participating in walk-in voting.

I am requesting a ballot for the following elections. Please check all that apply:

☐ June 5, 2010                      ☐ Run off election if applicable.

Please send an Absentee Ballot to me at the address listed below:

FIRST MIDDLE MAIDEN LAST

STREET ADDRESS CITY STATE ZIP CODE

( )  
TELEPHONE NUMBER DATE OF BIRTH TRIBAL ROLL NO.

Each person requesting an absentee ballot "**MUST**" sign his/her own request.

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_  
(This **must** be the signature of the Tribal Member to whom the ballot will be mailed)

RETURN THIS FORM TO: POARCH BAND OF CREEK INDIANS  
TRIBAL ELECTION BOARD  
5811 JACK SPRINGS ROAD  
ATMORE, AL 36502

Requests for Absentee Ballots that are to be mailed must be received by the Election Board no later than the close of business on Tuesday, May 25, 2010. Requests received after the deadline will not be honored. Should you have any questions pertaining to the 2010 Tribal Council Elections, please feel free to contact Gia Rodriguez at (251) 368-9136 ext 2525.





# Farewell To Loved Ones

## SINCERE THANKS

### SAMUEL DEWAYNE RAYBORN

### and APPRECIATION

We, the family of Samuel Dewayne Rayborn, express our sincere appreciation to the community for the love and support shown during the loss of our dear husband, loving father, and doting grandfather. This time has been

made all the more precious by the many meals, phone calls, and loving support of our many friends and family. A heartfelt thank you to Rhonda, Wanda, Brittany, Bell, and Chastity, who shared many difficult moments with us and loved, cared, and stood by Sam through it all.

We especially thank Life Guard Ambulance for your quick response and personal attention each time you came and also to Atmore Ambulance for their responses in our times of need. Our sincere gratitude to the staff of USA Hospital and all the physicians who did all they could to help him. Because of their excellent care, we had more time with Sam than we ever dreamed possible. A special thank you to Dr. George W. Rusyniak, Neurosurgeon, for all the times he cared for Sam and the many encouraging words of support he gave our family. He told us, "Never give up on the ones you love." We never gave up on Sam. We had the blessings of God above and the love of our friends and family that gave us the will to carry on.

To the Poarch Creek Indian Health Department staff, we say thanks for all the assistance and care provided. In particular, thanks to Dr. Parker Estvold for going 'above and beyond' and Jaime McGhee for always working with me (Tonya) the many times I was called to go to him. We also thank Sam's home health staff. Nurse Shelia Steward was called upon day and night to help and always did so with a smile. Thank you also to Kaddie and Dassie Kay for their diligent efforts working to get Sam back on his feet.

Thank you to Joe Petty and the staff at Eastside Chapel for being so kind to us and for doing such a wonderful job with Sam's arrangements. We extend a very special thank you to Sister Helen Fretwell and Brother Stan Pearson for a service well spoken. Sis. Helen's words were so uplifting to our family, "When we are the weakest God is the strongest, so let Him take control and do what no man can ever do for Sam and our family." We now know that God was in control all along. About Bro. Stan; we could say so many good things about him and all he has done, but it would take a book to write it all. We are truly grateful for all the times he came to the house or hospital to check on Sam and our family. Even before the accident he would drop by to read the Bible and

pray with Sam. He understood Sam when no one cared to take the time to. He was more than Sam's pastor, he was also his best friend. These two, Sis. Helen and Bro. Stan, knew Sam quite well and they were both with him, guiding and praying for him during the spiritual and physical battles he went through. We are forever grateful for all they did.

The road was rough, but we feel so blessed to have all of you that helped carry Sam and our family through our darkest days. We continue to grieve deeply, but we take great comfort in knowing that we are surrounded by such caring and dedicated family and friends.

Thank you and God bless you all. The family of Samuel Rayborn. Tonya, Misty, Trent, Dillon, Aviya, and Kolby.

### RUTH WALKER CAUDLE

#### IN REMEMBRANCE OF OUR PRECIOUS MOTHER.

We would like to express our sincere gratitude for the outpouring of love and thoughtfulness during the passing of our mother **Ruth (Walker) Caudle**. Mom was a very independent woman who spent most of her life investing in others. Mom touched so many lives and her love reached out to everyone she knew. Mom always sacrificed for the benefit of others. No one word can describe this amazing woman. Mom, you will be loved and missed by so many. There will never be another like our Mom, our Nanny, our sister, or our Aunt Ruth.



Our family would like to thank the Tribal Council and the Tribe for going the extra mile, and for the food prepared and served at the SAIL Center. We thank Mr. Garvis for taking the time to drive the relatives and friends to the service from Atmore. We thank everyone for all of the cards and prayers. Words cannot express our appreciation for all of your prayers and love during this difficult time.

God Bless You!

Denise Lister, Deborah Hinote, and Gil Gaudle  
(Ruth's Children)

# Tribal Member Submissions



## Mammie & Lawrence McGhee Reunion

Saturday, May 29, 2010 @ Magnolia Branch; come early, stay late. Potluck bring what you like to eat plus a dessert & something to drink. Bring your lawn chairs! We will have entertainment. Bring your old pictures and the ones you took last year.

We are looking for pictures of Grandma Mammie's mother, Sally (Lal) Rolin, and any of Grandpa Lawrence's mother and father, Louisa Polly Gibson & John France McGhee.

*An offering will be collected to cover cost of pavilion, paper products & supplies.*



## Five Generations

*Submitted by Ronnie Jackson*

Over the recent holidays, five generations of Jacksons were all together. Pictured above are: l-r Scott Jackson, his son Dalton Jackson holding his son Brody Jackson, Mabel Jackson, mother of Ronnie Jackson, and Ronnie Jackson, father of Scott Jackson.



## Little Miss Kindergarten

*Submitted by Sharon Peebles*

Katelynn Torie Petty won Little Miss Kindergarten at Straughn Elementary School in Covington County, Alabama. Katelynn is the daughter of George and Heather (Bartley) Petty and the great granddaughter of the late Lawrence and Reva (McGhee) Walker.

Congratulations Katelynn from your family. We love you!!



## McGillivray Excels

*Submitted by Carolyn Presley*

Taylor McGillivray, daughter of Robert and Chasity (Presley) McGillivray, joined the Grand Valley Middle School National Junior Honor Society this year. She also participated in the Science Fair for the first time and placed third at both her school and regional level. Taylor is a sixth grade student at Grand Valley Middle School in Parachute, CO. She is the granddaughter of Bennie and Carolyn Presley and the late William McGillivray.



## McGillivray Advances

*Submitted by Carolyn Presley*

William 'Will' McGillivray, son of Robert and Chasity (Presley) McGillivray, was advanced from the first grade to the second grade after testing on a third grade level. This testing places Will in the ninety-sixth percentile of all first graders in the country. Will attends Bea Underwood Elementary in Parachute, CO and is the grandson of Bennie and Carolyn Presley and the late William McGillivray.



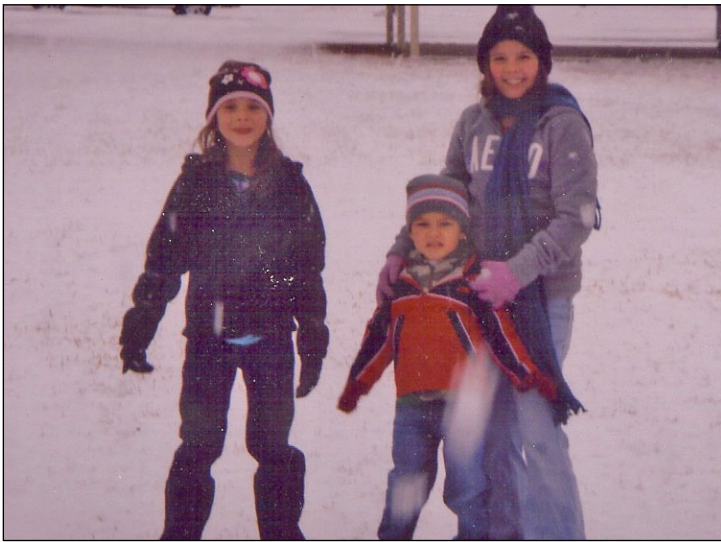


## Snow Day February 12, 2010

**Above Left:** Ian and Gage McGhee enjoy playing in the snow at NannaB's house.

**Above:** Home of Edie and Eddie Jackson on Jack Springs Road. Photo taken from the Tribal Police Department by Susan O'Donovan

**Left:** Brantlie, Ashton, and Blaize Thomas enjoy playing in the snow at MawMaw's house.



## Rolin Picked for Omaha Pro Select Training and Tournament

Marshall Rolin, son of Melvin and Marty Rolin, plays Shortstop and Pitcher for Escambia County High School and was chosen along with 165 other high school baseball players from around the country to be part of the Baseball Factory team competing in the Omaha Pro Select Training and Tournament held in Omaha, Nebraska June 24-29. While in Omaha, each player will be given tickets to attend the College World Series.



Marshall was a member of the All Tournament team for Escambia County and participated in the Baseball Factory try-outs in Mobile, AL in February. It was from this try out that he was selected to participate in the Omaha Pro Select Training and Tournament.



## Lost & Found

The photo above, along with three other photos featuring the same individuals, was found on the sidewalk in front of Building 200 near the entrance to the Tribal Member Benefits Department. If you lost these photos or if you can identify anyone in the photo, please contact the Tribal Member Benefits Department at (251) 368-9136 ext. 2209.

## GED News and Success Stories

*Submitted by Billie McGhee, Education Coordinator*

One of the missions of the PCI Education Department's Adult Education Program is to assist adults and high school dropouts with obtaining their GED (General Education Development) Certificates. A person with a GED Certificate is eligible to attend community colleges/vocational schools and most universities.

In the past two years, our Adult Education program has experienced an increase in the number of requests for assistance in obtaining GEDs. We are happy to say our participants who are determined are passing their tests. You should see the happy smiles and the newfound confidence that we see when students bring in their GED scores to show us. One person is still walking around with a smile on his face even though he took the test several months ago. A Tribal Member's spouse once asked for help in obtaining his GED. He is a successful businessman and is in his 70's. He told us that he had always wanted to complete his education. He passed the GED Pretest on his first attempt and is now preparing to take the last section of his GED Test. We have worked with other Tribal Member's spouses by tutoring them until they are ready to take the GED Test. All have passed their GED Tests and most of them are now working for the Tribe. Members of the community have also called expressing a wish for one of their family members to receive tutoring for GED testing. We can not pay for their tests, but we do allow them to sit in with our students if our classes are not full.

Our policy is to have the GED student take a GED Pretest and if the student passes the Pretest, we will arrange for the students to take the test and we will pay the test fees for the Tribal Member and First Generation students. The GED Instructor is Ms. Julie McDonald. Julie is a teacher at Rachel Patterson Elementary School and is very patient with our students which helps encourage them to continue their studies. We can provide one-on-one tutoring during the day or on Tuesday and Wednesday nights. Our students attend according to their work schedules and if they are serious about passing their GED Test, it will happen. When a student graduates, the entire Education staff is ready with praise. Doors to employment are now open to the graduates and they feel more confident about their abilities. The stigma of not having a high school education no longer holds them back.

GED applicants do not have to take all five sections of the GED test in one day. We have learned that some people do better when they take parts of the test one day and finish the rest on another day. A few have succeeded by taking one test at a time. Everyone has different learning styles and abilities, therefore, we try to adapt to each student's abilities in order to help them succeed.

We have arranged for those who have reading comprehension problems, attention deficit disorder, or other learning problems, to obtain special GED accommodations. These accommodations allow a student to take the test in a quiet environment, to have extended time, or to listen to the test on audio tapes if needed.

Tribal Clinical Psychologist, Dr. Blaine Crum, has arranged for Tribal Members with special needs to be tested. He recommends the type of accommodations someone will need to pass the GED test. These accommodations can contribute greatly toward someone's success in passing the GED.

Several Tribal Members will be taking the GED test soon. They are required to have their GED Certificates to keep their jobs at the Casino, but they could not take the test until the audio tapes they needed for the test arrived at the community colleges where they would take the test. Their supervisor at the Casino was aware of this and continued to work with them and check on their progress. The tapes finally arrived in December and so far, their scores are high on the parts of the tests they have completed.

Mrs. Carolyn Woods, Test Coordinator at Jefferson Davis Community College and Mrs. Leila Emmanuel, Test Coordinator at Faulkner State Community College have been very helpful to our program by setting up test dates, sending off the GED accommodation paperwork to the state GED Office and providing for the accommodation needs. The Faulkner State Community College has a larger campus and has been able to provide more provisions for Adult students who need accommodations and they offer the test four times during the month at Bay Minette. Mrs. Woods and Mrs. Emmanuel have been very helpful to our test takers, even encouraging those who don't have faith in their abilities, to either stay and complete the tests or to reschedule as needed after consulting with us to find out what will work best.

The Tribal Council awarded the Education Department with funding to hire a qualified reading teacher for a Reading Class that will help Tribal Members improve their comprehension skills, improve their vocabulary, and help with basic reading if needed. The schedule and curriculum for the Reading Class is still being organized and we will notify you when the schedule has been established. We have found a refresher course in reading comprehension and vocabulary skills that has helped our GED students succeed and feel this program, and some recently order phonics programs, will be beneficial to the Reading Class. Ms. McDonald, our GED Instructor, will teach the Reading Class. If a Tribal Member wants help with their reading during the workday, we can provide tutoring. Please contact us at (251) 368-9136, ext. 2243, if you are interested in joining the class. If you know of anyone who may benefit from the Reading Class, be sure to tell them about it and encourage them to participate.



## ***The Coyote and the Turtle's Dream***

*Submitted by Christyn Sells, Children's Services Coordinator*

On February 4, 2010, four Poarch Creek Youth: Reece McNairn, Shawnee McGee, Cheyenne McGee and Caitlyn Barnhill, participated in the reading of a draft copy of the CDC (Center for Disease Control) book *Coyote and the Turtle's Dream*, which is being developed for American Indian and Alaska native youth in the prevention of Diabetes.

The children were very dedicated and reading the educational book was challenging as it had 23 chapters and was 137 pages long! The four students took part in a discussion lead by the book's author Theresa Lofton. They were asked to share their thoughts about the book and to share their opinions. The kids took great honor in reading the story as they were the first native students to read the book. Their input is to be used in helping government agency health experts at Westat\* to better understand how they can help keep children healthy and prevent diabetes.



*l-r Coyote and the Turtle's Dream author Theresa Lofton, Shawnee McGee, Reece McNairn, Ms. Lofton's unidentified assistant, Caitlyn Barnhill, and Cheyenne McGee.*

\* Westat is an employee-owned corporation providing research services to agencies of the U.S. Government, as well as businesses, foundations, and state and local governments. Westat has conducted or supported health research for numerous public and private sector clients. These projects use mail and telephone surveys, in-person interviewing, record abstracting, physical examinations, nutrition assessments, and other methods for descriptive studies. Experimental studies include trials of therapeutic agents and diagnostic tests, as well as clinical and community disease prevention studies.

## **PRE-K Registration Scheduled**

The Fred L. McGhee Early Learning Center's Pre-K registration has been scheduled for Friday, April 30, 2010 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the Fred L. McGhee Early Learning Center located at 44 Creek Drive, Atmore, AL. Child/Children must be four (4) years old ***before*** September 1, 2010.

You must bring the following with you when you come to register your child/children:

- \* Certified Birth Certificate(s)
- \* Shot Record(s) (Alabama Blue Card)
- \* Social Security Card(s)
- \* Proof of Tribal Enrollment (If applicable)

Contact Mary Boyte or Jennifer Lucas at (251)368-8762 or the Education Department at (251) 368-9136 x 2021 if you have any questions or need more information.



### **Leadership and Career Academy for Youth ages 13-18**

The Education Department is developing a new and exciting program this summer. Participants will receive a training stipend of \$5.00 per hour.

Session One (ages 13-15) will be June 7<sup>th</sup>- July 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Session Two (ages 16-18) will be July 6<sup>th</sup>-July 30<sup>th</sup>

Applications will be available March 1<sup>st</sup>.  
Deadline for application is 5:00 P.M. April 30<sup>th</sup>. If  
you have any questions, contact the Education  
Department at (251) 368-9136 extension 2021.

Applications available in Education and/or on the Tribe's  
official web site at [www.poarchcreekindians-nsn.gov](http://www.poarchcreekindians-nsn.gov).

## 4H Club Now Meets Twice A Month!

*Submitted by Christyn Sells, Children's Services Coordinator*

The interest in the 4H Club has grown so much that they are now meeting twice a month. The regular scheduled business meetings will continue to be held the second Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the Education Department. Chef 4H meetings will be held the fourth Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the Education Department.

During the March 8th 4-H meeting, the Poarch Creek 4-H'ers planted herbs! Basil, Thyme, Oregano and Parsley were planted! The herbs will be used in upcoming Chef 4-H meetings, where 4-H'ers will learn the basic skills needed in cooking.



*l-r Caymond Hodge, Caitlyn Barnhill and Brianna Rutherford plant herbs that will later be used as part of Chef 4H.*

## 2010 Close Up A Great Experience, Even with the Snow!

*Submitted by Christyn Sells, Children's Services Coordinator*

During the week of February 7-13, 2010, three Poarch Creek students: Megan Flurnoy, Will Martin and LaRose Powell participated in Close Up during Native American Impact week in conjunction with USET's annual meeting in Washington D.C.



*Will Martin, LaRose Powell, and Megan Flurnoy (seated)*

The week was filled with adventure, beginning on Sunday, when the flight was cancelled due to the weather conditions and was rescheduled to fly out on Monday. All activities were adjusted as the streets were impassable due to the piles and piles of snow and the icy streets.

While there, the students visited memorials, participated in workshops and made lasting friendships! They presented a Tribal Action Initiative shortly after arriving in Washington, during the USET reception held later that evening. Memorials visited included: The Lincoln, Jefferson, and Franklin Memorials. In addition, they visited and participated in a mock USET Council meeting, where they voted on issues by tribe.

"Shear Madness" was once again featured during theater night and was a big hit as the ending is selected by the audience. Friday, February 12 was the highlight of the week as the student's had guided study time and were allowed to choose which sites, museums, etc. they wanted to see! They visited the National Air and Space Museum, the National Museum of the Native American and the Museum of Natural History. The week concluded with a farewell workshop and dance.

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# April 2010

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>Homework Club</b> 6:00 pm-8:00 pm Monday-Thursday Education Department				1 Tribal Council Meeting 4 p.m.	2 <b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> Tribal Office Closed NAYO Basketball Tournament Choctaw, MS CIEDA Meeting 8 a.m. CIEDA office	3 NAYO Basketball Tournament Choctaw, MS
May 1, 2010 <b>Tribally Sponsored Debate For All            Candidates</b> <i>Time and location to be announced</i>  <b>Visit the tribe's official web site</b> <b><a href="http://www.poarchcreekindians-nsn.gov">www.poarchcreekindians-nsn.gov</a></b> <b>for more information as it becomes available</b>						
4	5 A Poarch Master Plan workshop	6 Weight Watchers Weigh in 5 p.m. Class @ 5:30 in Gym Aerobics @ 5:45  <b>Deadline to submit Letter of Candidacy to be printed in May Newsletter</b>	7 Housing Authority Meeting 3 p.m. Building 400 Conference Room	8 A Poarch Master Plan workshop	9	10
11	12 <b>Submission Deadline for May newsletter 5 p.m.</b> Poarch Creek Warrior Society Meeting 6 p.m. St. Anna's Fellowship Hall Tribal Court 9 a.m. Wellness & Activities Authority Meeting 4 p.m. in Gym 4 H Club Meeting 6 p.m. Ed. Depart.	13 Weight Watchers Weigh in 5 p.m. Class @ 5:30 in Gym Aerobics @ 5:45 TERO Meeting 3 p.m. Building 200 TERO Conference Room	14 Shakespeare Festival Mammogram Clinic Housing Authority Meeting 3 p.m. Building 400 Conference Room	15 Tribal Council Meeting 4 p.m.	16 List of candidates, Proposed constitutional ammendments, ordinances, and/ or resoulutions to be posted. CIEDA Meeting 8 a.m. CIEDA office	17
18	19 Wellness & Activities Authority Meeting 4 p.m. in Gym	20 Weight Watchers Weigh in 5 p.m. Class @ 5:30 in Gym  Aerobics @ 5:45	21	22	23	24 Relay For Life Event Tom Byrne Park Atmore,AL Parade @ 12:00 noon
25	26 Tribal Court 9:00 a.m.  4H Club Meeting 6 p.m. Education Department	27 Weight Watchers Weigh in 5 p.m. Class @ 5:30 in Gym Aerobics @ 5:45 TERO Meeting 3 p.m. Building 200 TERO Conference Room	28	29	30 Fred L. McGhee Early Learning Center Pre-K Registration 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon	

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