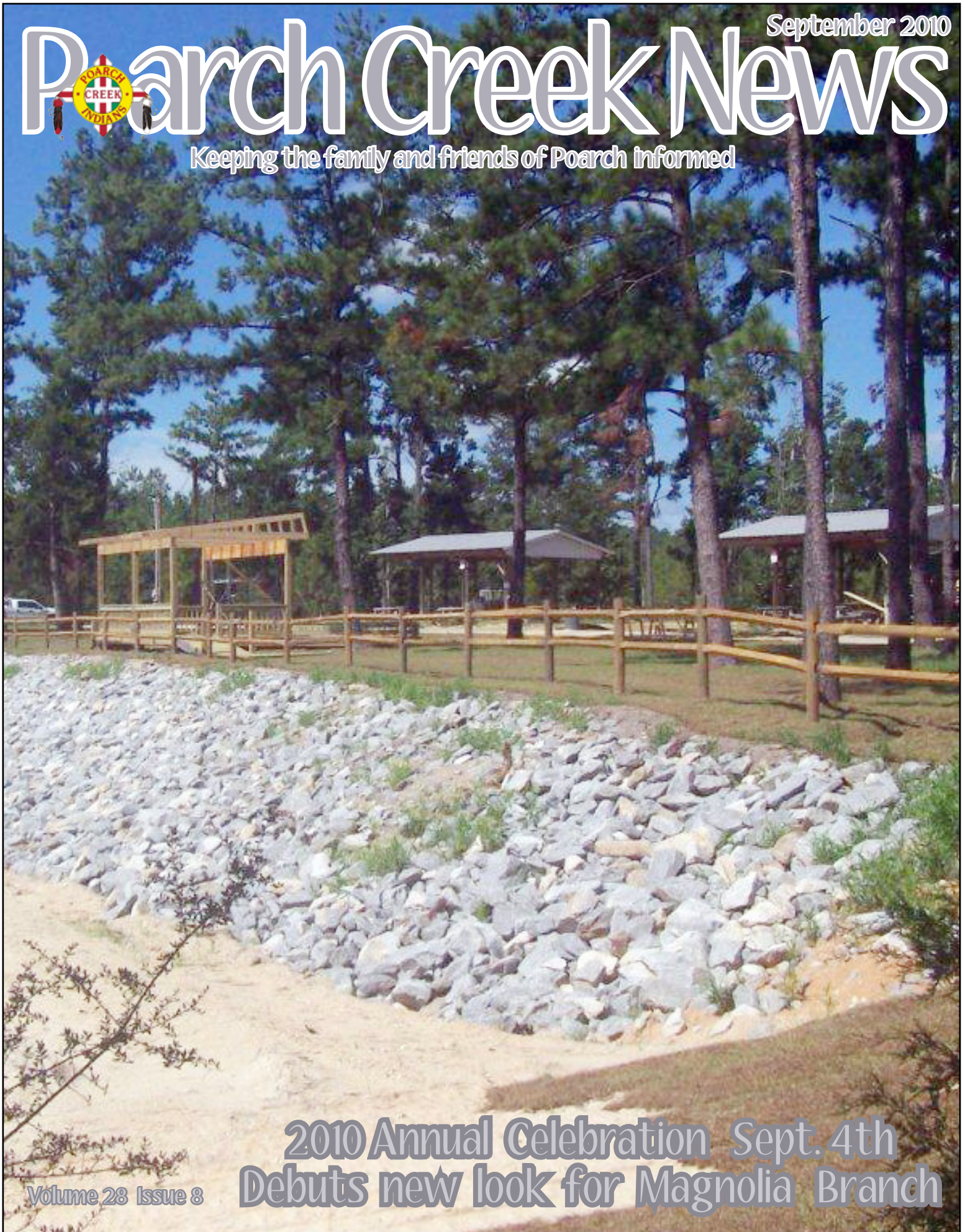


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Chairman's Corner

September 2010



Buford L. Rolin
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It doesn't seem like it should be September already. We have had a very eventful year this year and the rest of the year promises to be just as exciting.

As referenced in last month article, the Tribe hosted this year's NAYO tournament and I extend my congratulations to each of our teams, coaches, staff, and volunteers that helped make this a successful event. Close on the heels of NAYO came NASA, which was hosted in Cherokee, NC by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. We had three men's teams and one women's teams to participate in this tournament and again Poarch Creek was an excellent example of sportsmanship and our women's team placed third in the tournament.

Magnolia Branch has been closed since June for necessary repair and stabilization to the banks along the creek. We know that this was a great inconvenience, but the work has been completed and as you will see when you attend the annual celebration on September 4th, Magnolia is most definitely the place to be for great outdoor recreational activities and events.

The 2010 Census is behind us. The information gathered will be used during the next ten years as a basis to develop programs that will enhance the quality of life in Indian Country and nationwide. Deborah Hinote, Tribal Partnership Specialist for the Census Bureau, recently

met with members of the Council and staff to present an award from the Census Bureau acknowledging our assistance with the 2010 Census project. The information gathered will be of great help not only in Indian Country, but Tribally as well. The Council hopes to use the information gathered with the planning, development, and proposed implementation of a disability benefit for Tribal Members who are 100% disabled.

School is back in session so be sure to watch for children during your morning drive and in the afternoon when school lets out. Remind your children to look both ways before crossing the street because it is also their responsibility to use safety precautions.

If you get your newsletter before Saturday, September 4th, remember to cast your vote in the run-off election. If you are unable to vote on September 4th, I hope you took the opportunity to vote by Absentee or Walk-In. Your vote on the 4th is just as important as it was on June 5th.



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Open House
Sunday, October 3, 2010
2:00 p.m.
Fire Station #2
(Poarch Road)
Join us for fun and refreshments

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DEADLINES TO REMEMBER. The deadline for submission of information to be published in the Poarch Creek News is **5:00 p.m.** 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. **To prevent misprints or misinformation, all submission MUST be in writing. No phone or oral submissions will be accepted.** **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** 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/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.

Hvyuce, “Little Harvest”

Article by James Treat, *Muscogee Nation News*

In one story from Mvskoke oral tradition, it is said that an old woman was living in a certain place. She lived alone until an orphan boy came to be with her. He learned to hunt and provide meat, while she fed him tasty dishes made from a mysterious ingredient.

One day he spied on her and discovered that the food came from her body: it was corn, and she was the corn mother. She taught the orphan boy how to care for this new grain, and how to use the different varieties. Then she sent him on a long journey. Later, when he returned with a wife, the old woman's house was gone. The place was occupied instead by tall, green stalks of corn. And it has been the essential Mvskoke food ever since.

Mvskoke people have acknowledged their dependence on this sacred staple from time immemorial. Even today, the most important annual event at our ceremonial grounds is *posketv*, known in English as “Green Corn” because it marks the ripening of a new corn crop.

One of the earliest written accounts of the Green Corn ceremony was recorded in 1775 by British-American naturalist William Bartram. He described it as the “principal festival” and “most solemn celebration” in Mvskoke country. *Posketv* is a “feast of first fruits” that occurs when the “new crops of corn are arrived to perfect maturity.”

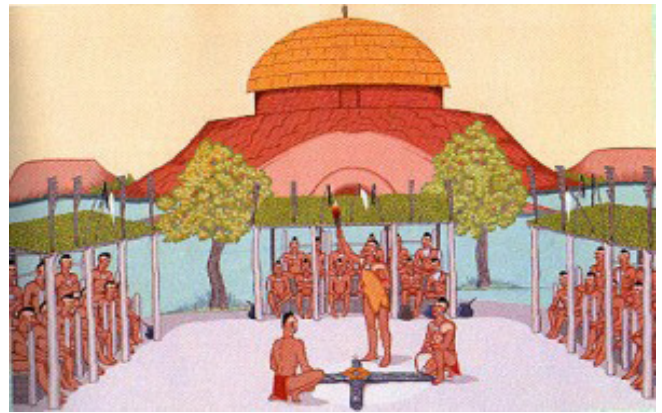
Each Mvskoke town celebrates separately, Bartram noted, “when their own harvest is ready.” After a period of cleaning and preparation, of fasting and purification, a new fire is struck in the town square.

“Then the women go forth to the harvest field, and bring from thence new corn and fruits, which being prepared in the best manner, in various dishes, and drink withal, is brought with solemnity to the square, where the people are assembled, apparelled in their new clothes and decorations.”

The men of the town partake together, then the women and children eat at their homes. That evening all “repair to the public square, where they dance, sing, and rejoice during the whole night, observing a proper and exemplary decorum.”

Green Corn thus signals the end of one annual cycle and the beginning of another. It typically happens in the days after summer solstice, initiating the Mvskoke month of *Hvyuce*, a designation offering further evidence of our agricultural heritage.

The name was formed by modifying the word *hvyo*, “harvest,” with the diminutive suffix *-uce*, “little.” So the first month of the Mvskoke year is *Hvyuce*, “Little Harvest.”



Like other months in *cokv-walv Mvskoke*, it has a counterpart in the yearly sequence—in this case, the month that follows: *Hvyo-Rakko*, “Big Harvest.”

In modern times, citizens of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation extend these traditions when they participate in the Muscogee Nation Festival, which takes place in Okmulgee following the summer solstice. The first such event was held in 1975, two hundred years after William Bartram learned the significance of Green Corn while travelling through Mvskoke country.

Industrial civilization has not been kind to corn and other living things. Mvskoke people bear an age-old responsibility to care for the vital plants that sustained our ancestors, and that will feed us and our descendants if we respect the sources of life.

Muscogee Nation News, July 2010

NOTICE TO ALL TRIBAL MEMBERS AGE 18 & ABOVE AS REQUIRED BY THE IRS

All Tribal Members who receive a check or checks from the Poarch Creek Indians in the form of birthday check, Christmas check, Elder Benefit check, etc. totaling \$600 or more annually must have a W-9 form on file with Tribal Government Accounting.

If you do not have a current W-9 form on file, you must complete a W-9 Form and forward it to Tribal Government Accounting no later than 5:00 p.m. Monday November 1, 2010. After this date, Christmas checks, birthday checks, Elder Benefit checks, etc. will not be mailed to Tribal Members without a W-9 form on file.

W-9 forms are available through Tribal Government Accounting, the TERO Commission page of the Tribe's official web site www.poarchcreekindians-nsn.gov, or at your local accountant or tax preparer offices.

Please contact Brenda Faircloth, Tribal Government Comptroller, at (251) 368-9136 x 2206 or via email at bfaircloth@pci-nsn.gov if you have any questions or would like to have a W-9 form mailed to you.

CALVIN M^CGHEE MEMORIAL

September 18, 2010/Pow Wow Grounds



*Tribal Members and Their Immediate Families
Opening Ceremonies @ 11:00 A.M.*

A GOOD TIME FOR ALL AGES

- *Gospel Singing
- *Final Stickball Game of 2010
- *Introduction of Princess Contestants
- *Powwow Club Performance
- *Multiple Children's Activities
- *Announcement of Art Show Winners
- *Art Expo and Traders Market

(If you have arts and crafts that you would like to sell, you may do so at the Traders Market)

- *Cake Contest - 1st \$100, 2nd \$75, 3rd \$50 plus Ribbons
- *Pie Contest - 1st \$100, 2nd \$75, 3rd \$50 plus Ribbons

(Entries must be in by 12:00 noon, not responsible for refrigeration)

- *Lunch Provided
- *Bring your lawn chairs

For more information, contact: Clayton Coon @ 251-368-9136 ext.2648

ATTENTION!!!! ART SHOW AND EXPO

The **Calvin McGhee Cultural Management Authority** will host a combined Art show and Expo during the dates of September 7th through September 18th.

- Artist eligibility will be limited to certified artists only. Certification can be obtained upon delivery of art show entry(ies).
- September 7th – September 10th – Participants will bring their art show entries to the Museum (6477 Jack Springs Road, Atmore, AL 36502). There the art will be processed by a juried panel which consists of the staff and representatives of the Calvin McGhee Cultural Management Authority.
- September 13th – September 16th – Final judging will occur during this time.
- September 17th – Art Expo will be set up at the Pickrell House.

There will be a 3 piece limit per person, regardless of the number of categories entered.

We will award 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes in the categories below, including one Best of Show Award.

Painting ♦ Drawing ♦ Sculpture (wood, clay, etc.) ♦ Basketry ♦ Beadwork ♦ Weaving (loom or finger) ♦ Patchwork ♦ Photography
Traditional Utilities (tools, weapons, musical instruments, etc.) ♦ Mixed Media

Prizes are ribbons/cash. (1st \$200, 2nd \$100, 3rd \$75, and Best of Show \$250)

- Announcement of winners will be made September 18th during the Calvin McGhee Memorial.
- Trader's Market and Art Expo will be at the Pickrell House on the Pow Wow grounds during the Calvin McGhee Memorial.
- We will use the opportunity to seek out exceptional quality art to purchase or display and sell on consignment in the Museum/Gift Shop.

Tribal Artist Certification

Note: Under federal policies established by the Indian Arts and Crafts Act (P.L. 101-644), certification as an American Indian artist can be obtained in one of the two certification areas:

- 1) Certification as *Tribal Member Indian Artist*. Applicant must submit a copy of their *Verification of Tribal Membership* letter (obtained through the Poarch Creek Tribal Enrollment Office) or a copy of their Tribal Member I.D. Card (obtained through Tribal Member Benefits Office) for verification purposes. To attain this certification you must be an enrolled member of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians.
- 2) Certification as *Non-Member Indian Artist*. Applicant must attach a copy of their *Letter of Indian Descent* from the Poarch Creek Tribal Enrollment Office. This category of certification is available only to individuals who of are proven Indian descent from the Poarch Band of Creek Indians and can verify this with a *Letter of Indian Descent* furnished by the Poarch Creek Tribal Enrollment Department.

For more info, please contact: Amber Smith or Clayton Coon @ 251-368-9136 ext. 2649 or 2648

The Calvin McGhee Cultural Management Authority Presents

Creek Fingerweaving Classes

Beginning Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Cultural Center

All Tribal Members & 1st Generation Descendants are welcome

All supplies will be provided

For more information contact Alex Alvarez, Cultural Educator

(251) 368-9136 x 2655 or aavarez@pci-nsn.gov

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.

Brian Ledkins

Brian celebrated his birthday August 12, 2010. Happy Birthday Brian! We love you!

Allison Brill

Allison Brill turned 18 on August 18, 2010. Happy 18th, Allison!!! You are the light in my eyes. I wish you the best in life. You mean the world to me. Keep up the good work, never slow down, you are on the right path!



Happy Birthday, I love you, Uncle David

Amber Smith

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Happy Birthday, Amber!

"For 30 years now, your moccasins have touched this Earth. Thank you for all the blessings you have placed in others' lives. May you have many more to come!" With all our love, Granny, Papa D.C., Momma, Daddy, Ra, Dee, Megan, Malory, Logan, Tyler, Sydney, Colby, and Alex!



Donna Jackson McAdams

This wish for you Mother
is straight from the heart
With more special meaning
than words can impart
May your day hold pleasures
that you're fondest of
And remember each day
you're thought of with Love.
Happy Birthday!!!



Donna Jackson will celebrate her 50th birthday on September 15, 2010!! Here's to half a century Mom!!! With lots of love Jason, Blake, Katelynn, and Cameron!



Braxton Harrison

Braxton Harrison celebrated his 1st birthday on August 26, 2010. Braxton is the son of Conan & Haley Harrison. He is the grandson of Ben & Amanda Harrison and Curtis & Margaret Colbert. Happy Birthday Brax! We love you!!



Landon Thomas Hooter

Madilyn and Caden would like to wish a very Happy 1st Birthday to their baby brother, Landon Thomas Hooter, on September 16, 2010. He is the son of Chad and Kassie Hooter and grandson of Ed and Kim Hooter.



He is the great grandson of Houston and Charlotte Colbert. We love you very much.

David Carlo Jackson

OH NO!!! THE BIG 5-0!!
HAPPY 50TH BIRTHDAY DAVID!!
YOU ARE AN AWESOME
HUSBAND, DAD, SON, BROTHER
& NOW A PAW PAW!!!
WE LOVE YOU!!!
Joy, Sarah, Trevor, Angel, Brayden,
Roger, Chrissy, Gary & Dad



David Carlo Jackson will celebrate his 50th Birthday on September 23, 2010. David is the son of Obelee Jackson and the late Margaret Jackson

Polly Carter

Polly Carter will celebrate her 65th birthday on September 27, 2010. Happy 65th, Mom!!!



Happy Birthday, we love you!! Your children, grandchildren, brothers, and sisters.

Yellow Dot comes to SAIL Center

By SHERRY DIGMON
News Staff Writer/Atmore News

Folks at the Atmore SAIL Center had the opportunity to participate in a new program in the county last Friday, Aug. 6. The Escambia County Sheriff's Office has implemented the Yellow Dot program, and Farrah Gibson, ECSO administrative assistant. SAIL Center director Charlotte Purvis and Atmore Fire Chief Gerry McGhee assisted. This was the first time the Yellow Dot was offered in Atmore.



Atmore Fire Chief Gerry McGhee places Yellow Dot on rear windshield of program participant's car at Atmore SAIL Center.

Photo by Sherry Digmon

The program is a way for emergency personnel first responders to get information on you if you're involved in an automobile accident. The Yellow Dot is the identifier on your car.

The process is simple.

1. You get your picture taken.
2. You fill out a form giving your pertinent information – your personal information (name, age, address, home number and cell phone number) emergency contact information, hospital preference, blood type, medical conditions / recent surgeries, allergies, medications, physicians' names and addresses.
3. Your photo is attached to the front of the form which is inserted into a small yellow folder.
4. You are given a Yellow Dot sticker to affix to the bottom left corner of the back windshield of your vehicle. The Yellow Dot goes inside your windshield unless your windows are heavily tinted. If that is the case, you can get a Yellow Dot for the outside of the back windshield.

5. Place the yellow folder in your glove compartment. This is

Welcome to the World Little One!!

Kinzley MaKae DuBois ~Correction



Chadd and Ashley Colbert DuBois happily announce the birth of their daughter Kinzley MaKae DuBois on June 21, 2010 at 11:08 a.m. At birth Kinzley weighed 7 lbs. 2 ozs. and was 18.5 inches long. Kinzley is the granddaughter of Charles "Bo" and Ramona Colbert and Roxanne Colbert. She is the great granddaughter of Houston and Charlotte Colbert.

This is a correction of the birth announcement originally published in the August issue of the Poarch Creek News. We apologize for any inconvenience this misprint may have caused.

Anniversary Wishes

Happy Anniversary to Joe & Kathy Ledkins. They celebrated their anniversary on Friday, August 20th.

very important. When emergency personnel see the Yellow Dot, they know to look in your glove compartment for your information.

Who's the Yellow Dot program for? Everybody. Older folks, new drivers, people with special needs. Every member of your family – or anyone else – who rides in your vehicles on a regular basis should have a folder in the glove compartment. This applies to all vehicles a family may have.

Purvis suggests reviewing the information every six months. Information, such as medications, may change.

You can get your Yellow Dot at the Escambia County Sheriff's Office at the Atmore Satellite Courthouse, 368-4779, or at the Poarch Creek Fire Department, 368-9136. **(You can also contact the Poarch Fire Department.)**



Poarch Creeks News Wins National Media Award

Press Release by Sharon Delmar
Dated July 28, 2010

The Poarch Band of Creek Indians monthly newsletter, *Poarch Creek News*, was a big winner at the Native American Journalist Association (NAJA) conference held in St. Paul, MN July 21-24, 2010. *Poarch Creek News* won NAJA's first place 2010 Media Award for Newsletter/Best Layout. St. Regis Mohawk Tribe received 2nd place and *Indian Country Today* received the Honorable Mention in the category.

Poarch Creek's Media Specialist, Gayle Johnson, was given the award, "I am honored to accept this prestigious award for the *Poarch Creek News* on behalf of the Poarch Creek Indians. I would like to thank the staff from Huskey Printing for their help in the development, design, and layout of the newsletter; I could not have done it without them," said Johnson.

The first issue of the newsletter was printed in November 1978 as the *Creek Community News*. The name was later changed to *Poarch Creek News*, and continues to be a valuable resource to the community. "The newsletter continues to be a very important communication tool for our



Rhonda LeValdo, NAJA Board Vice-President (r), presents NAJA's 2010 Media Award for Newsletter/Best Layout to Gayle Johnson (l)

Tribal Members,"

said Poarch Creek Chairman Buford L. Rolin. He continued, "to have the *Poarch Creek News* recognized by NAJA is an honor, and I am extremely proud of everyone who works so diligently on making it a success every month."



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The Calvin McGhee Cultural Management Authority Proudly Presents:

The 2010 Poarch Creek Indians Tribal Princess Competition



The Poarch Creek Tribal Princess program has laid the foundation for many young ladies from our reservation. Join them as a part of our tribe's history.



Every participant will gain knowledge in tribal history, language, song & dance, crafts, & much more!

Age divisions are: 8-12; 13-17; 18-24

For more info, contact Amber Smith,
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251-368-9136, ext. 2649 or
asmith@pci-nsn.gov



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IT'S TIME TO UPDATE

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

MUST PROVIDE A COPY OF 2009 TAX
RETURNS AND SOCIAL SECURITY CARDS
OF ALL PERSONS ON THE APPLICATION
PLUS OTHER REQUIRED DOCUMENTS.

**LAST DAY TO UPDATE:
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2010**

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Governor Riley Re-Appoints Tullis to Four Year Term on Alabama Indian Affairs Commission

by Gayle Johnson

In 2009 the Tribal Council selected Eddie L. Tullis to represent the Tribe on the Alabama Indian Affairs Commission. Governor Bob Riley recently re-appointed Mr. Tullis to the Commission for a four year term. "I have previously served on the Commission," Tullis stated; "I was pleased when the Council selected me to serve the Tribe in this capacity once again. I am honored that Governor Riley has re-affirmed my appointment for another four years."

Created by the Legislative Act in 1984, the Alabama Indian Affairs Commission (AIAC) represents more than 38,000 American Indian families who are residents of the State of Alabama. Recognizing the unique cultural and sociological needs of Alabama's "invisible minority", the Legislature specifically charged AIAC to... "...deal fairly and effectively with Indian affairs; to bring local, state, federal resources into focus...for Indian citizens of the State of Alabama; to provide aid...assist Indian Communities...promote recognition of the right of Indians to pursue cultural and religious traditions..." Noting that charge for action, AIAC is placed in a liaison/advocacy role between the various departments of governments and the Indian people of our tribal communities. AIAC stands alone to represent the Indian people of Alabama who wish to stand together with their fellow citizens while maintaining their own cultural and ethnic heritage.¹

Tullis stated that it is his wish that Tribal Members realize that there are a lot of issues in the State that could have a profound affect on the operations of the Tribe and that it is of the utmost importance for the Tribe to participate in the venues available to them that may have an influence on Indian communities in the state. Although the Poarch Creek Indians are the only federally recognized Indian Tribe in the State of Alabama, there are other State recognized Indian communities in the state.

"I am very satisfied to serve on the Commission now that I have been re-elected to the Tribal Council. I can now serve in a more official capacity and can be officially involved in the decision making process of the Tribe. The involvement and participation of the Tribe in the affairs of the State of Alabama has increased and continues to grow due to issues facing our state, our communities, and Indian people."

Tullis stated that since returning to the Tribal Council he has been very impressed by the progress made by the Tribe to provide better services to Tribal Members that enhance their

quality of life as well as impacting the community outside the Reservation. "I can't help but be impressed with the fact that the Tribe continues to strive to hire and retain an efficient and effective staff to manage the day to day operations of the Tribe and provide services to our people. I am also greatly impressed by the younger generation of Tribal Members who have shown a keen interest in what is happening at Poarch Creek."



Eddie L. Tullis

Mr. Tullis would like to encourage all Tribal Members to involve themselves in the Master Plan process. "A great many of our Tribal Members have been involved in this process and it is my hope that those who have not been involved up to this point will become involved in the implementation process of the plan. I feel that the Master Plan is a very comprehensive plan that will serve the Tribe well for the next twenty years. I know that we will never have unanimous support, but this plan gives almost every Tribal Member the opportunity to get involved. It is my hope that they will seize the opportunity."

Mr. Tullis was elected to the Tribal Council on June 5, 2010. He is a long time Tribal political figure having served on the Tribal Council for over thirty years, most of those years in the capacity of Tribal Chairman.

The *Poarch Creek News* customarily runs an introductory article on newly elected Tribal Council Members. Such an article about Mr. Tullis was run in the April 2008 issue of the *Poarch Creek News*. He has elected not to re-publish this information as he feels most Tribal Members are well acquainted with him. If you would like to read this article, or any other back issue of the newsletter, it can be found on the Tribe's official web site at www.poarchcreekindians-nsn.gov. The newsletter is located in the Pressroom.

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¹ <http://aiac.state.al.us/>

Low Turnout for Run-Off Election Debate

By Gayle Johnson

A crowd of approximately fifty attended the run-off election debate hosted by the Election Board on Saturday, August 7, 2010. Judge Mark Kennedy served as moderator for the event and explained the rules and allotted time frame to the candidates.



Robbie McGhee & Amy Bryan
Candidates for Treasurer

The candidates for Treasurer, Robert “Robbie” McGhee and Amy Bryan were the first to debate. The first question asked of these two candidates was ‘*What makes you the most qualified person to be the Treasurer of the Poarch Creek Indians?*’ Robbie responded with his education, years of employment with the Tribe and various federal agencies and his background in finance with the Creek Indian Enterprise Development Authority and the Budget and Finance Legislative Committee of the Tribal Council. “I think it comes down to your qualifications and education and what you can contribute to the position. As I studied for my Graduate’s Degree, I had the opportunity to work in Washington DC with the BIA, the Department of the Interior, the Office of Press Services, and the Indian Affairs Committee of the US Senate, this helped me understand the policies and laws that affect us at the Tribal, federal and local levels. It has always been my goal to return home and serve my Tribe.”

I think it comes down to your qualifications and education and what you can contribute to the position. ... It has always been my goal to return home and serve my Tribe.

-Robbie McGhee

Amy based her qualifications on her past employment with the Tribe as Special Assistant to the Tribal Chairman and as

the owner of a very successful business. “My company was the first American Indian woman owned Certified 8A HUD Zoned Disadvantaged Business. We worked primarily with the federal government and have received many awards for our work. I understand financials and I want to get the people involved. I want them to know what is going on with the Tribe’s money.”

The candidates agreed and disagreed in their response to other questions asked. They both support Indian Preference in hiring, mentor programs, meeting the social needs of Tribal Members and investing in other Tribal opportunities for revenue other than Gaming; they disagreed on the question addressing the Council’s control over Tribal finances and donations to surrounding communities.

*I understand financials and I want to get the people involved.
I want them to know what is going on with the Tribe’s money.*

-Amy Bryan

The candidates for Secretary, David Gehman and William Bailey, took their place at the debate table after a brief break following the debate between the Treasurer candidates.



David Gehman (l) & William Bailey (r)
Candidates for Secretary

Again, the first question was ‘*What makes you the most qualified person for the Secretary of the Poarch Creek Indians?*’ William stated that he thought he would be the best because “I think of my people as a whole. I have seen positions filled by non-Tribal Members, I have seen Tribal Members be fired for no reason. I can stand up for these people. I can be their voice on the Tribal Council.”

I can stand up for these people. I can be their voice on the Tribal Council.

-William Bailey

David's response began with his experience "As I stated before, I have participated in Tribal leadership for several years. That has given me the opportunity first hand to be involved, to deal with the regulations and to deal with the problems we have. We have problems today that we have never had before. I would think that my experience working with the Council and my experience as a business owner has equipped me to respond to the needs the Tribe has."

The candidates basically agreed on the majority of the issues. They both agreed that there should not be established qualifications to run for Tribal Council, that it is your right as a Tribal Member. Lowering the blood quota was a topic that both candidates stated should be decided by the membership

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-David Gehman

of the Tribe and that this is an issue that has to be addressed. Veteran recognition is also an issue that both candidates feel is of importance to the Tribe; honoring veterans is a tradition in Indian country and we should make sure that our veterans are recognized and honored as they should be. The opinion of publishing the Tribal Council Meeting Minutes and other board meeting minutes brought out two different opinions. Tribal Members should have access to those records, but there are those outside of the Tribe that should not have access to those records.



Handmade Native American Retail Item Wanted

- ~ *Moccasins*
- ~ *Jewelry*
- ~ *Baskets*
- ~ *Pottery*
- ~ *Art*
- ~ *Drums*
- ~ *Rattles*
- ~ *Textiles*
- ~ *Etc.*



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2010 Tribal Run-Off Election Notice

No candidate campaigning for the seats for Tribal Council Secretary or Treasurer received a majority vote during the regular Tribal Election held Saturday, June 5, 2010. There will be a run-off election between the top candidates for each position on Saturday, September 4, 2010.

Candidates for Tribal Council Secretary

Incumbent David Gehman

William Lawrence Bailey (Bubba)

Candidates for Tribal Council Treasurer

Incumbent Robert "Robbie" McGhee

Amy Nelson Bryan

Run-off Election Day- Saturday September 4, 2010 @ SAIL CENTER 8am-7pm

Walk-In Voting Begins- Thursday August 5, 2010 @ SAIL Center

Walk-in Voting Ends- Tuesday August 31, 2010 @ SAIL Center

On the original Request for Absentee Ballot we asked the members if they wanted a ballot for the run-off election if there was one, the members who checked this box will automatically have a ballot sent to them. The members who did not check the box will have to request for another absentee ballot.

Saturday, August 7, 2010

Debate 1:00 p.m. Family Services Auditorium*

Tuesday, August 24, 2010

Last day to request Absentee Ballot

Friday, September 3, 2010

Absentee Ballots must be received by 5:00 p.m.

*If you would like to submit questions for the debate, please submit them to Gia Rodriguez or email them to her at grodriguez@pci-nsn.gov.

Elder Benefits To Lower To Age 55 In Steps

By Gayle Johnson

In recognition of rising costs and the need to support our elders, the Tribal Council has revised the Elder Benefits Ordinance and approved the appropriate Resolution that will lower the age of eligibility for Elder Benefits to age 55 by fiscal year 2014, as long as funds are available. The possibility of accelerating this schedule also exists if the Tribe's revenues continue to grow at the same rate. The Tribal Member Benefits Department will be sending a letter to all Tribal Members age 55 and above with complete details in the near future. Please watch your mailbox for this very important letter.

In summary, the Tribal Council approved the following:

Effective January 2011, Tribal Members age 65+ will receive a monthly benefit of \$250.00. Tribal Members age 62-64 will receive a monthly benefit of \$200.00, if funds are available.

Effective January 2012, Tribal Members age 65+ will receive a monthly benefit of \$250.00. Tribal Members age 60-64 will receive a monthly benefit of \$200.00, if funds are available.

Effective January 2013, Tribal Members age 65+ will receive a monthly benefit of \$250.00. Tribal Members age 58-64 will receive a monthly benefit of \$200.00, if funds are available.

Effective January 2014, Tribal Members age 65+ will receive a monthly benefit of \$250.00. Tribal Members age 55-64 will receive a monthly benefit of \$200.00, if funds are available.

The Tribal Council also stated that they are diligently working on possible benefits for those Tribal Members who are 100% disabled. This benefit has not been established but it is the hope of the Tribal Council that information gathered from the 2010 Census will assist them in the planning and implementation of a monthly benefit for the disabled.

Farewell To Loved Ones WITH SINCERE THANKS

and APPRECIATION

MARTHA MCGHEE WILSON

Honoring the Home-Going of our Precious Mother



We would like to express our sincere appreciation for the generous support, love and thoughtfulness during the passing of our mother Martha McGhee Wilson. Our Mom was not only our Mother but also our Best Friend. We enjoyed every precious minute we spent with her and made sure every day was filled with quality time. Whatever Momma wanted she got and wherever Momma wanted to go, she went. Mom lived life to the fullest! She enjoyed going to church, vacationing with her children, spending time with her sisters and friends, fishing and especially going on cruises! She will be truly missed. There will always be a special place in our lives holding so many precious memories that we hold so dear. Mom, we love and miss you so much, but we know one day we will be together again.

Our family would like to thank the Tribal Council, PBCI employees, Tribal Members and community who contributed food, cards, flowers, words of encouragement and time out of your busy schedule to attend the wake and funeral. Your support and prayers is greatly appreciated.

May you richly be blessed!

Shirley Roberson, Mike McGhee, Chris Allison, Cornelia Miller, Margaret Baggett, Gwen Manning and Jr. Manning (Martha's Children)

DOTTIE COLBERT PADGETT



The family of the late Dottie Colbert Padgett wishes to express our sincere appreciation for those many acts of kindness, providing food, words of comfort, messages of sympathy, and visits at our home. Your visits to the funeral home and condolences offered will never be forgotten. During this time of sorrow we learn how much our family and friends really mean to us. Thank you for being with us during this difficult time. Your thoughts, prayers and words of sympathy will always be remembered.

Poarch teams win big in 2010 NAYO tournament

By Blake Bell of Atmore News
Article photos by Gayle Johnson

The 2010 Native American Youth Association softball and baseball tournament was held in Poarch Friday, July 16 and Saturday, July 17. The Poarch Creek Indians hosted the event and the tournament's first game marked the beginning of the weekend's contests, as well as the first game to ever be played at the newly finished Arrowhead Park.

prize for the second year in a row.

The Poarch Warriors would end the tournament with that age



Girls 9-12 year old team the first Poarch team to take the field during tournament

This year's tournament included tribes from all over the country including the Seneca Tribe of New York, the Choctaw Tribe of Mississippi, the Cherokee Tribe of North Carolina and the Seminole Tribe of Florida. Competing teams included girls

softball and boys baseball for ages 9-12, 13-15 and 16-18.

Various Poarch teams showed up for the tournament in a big way with several teams defending titles from last year's events in New York and other teams looking for new titles of their own.

Friday's action included the Poarch Indians from the 13-15 year old boy's division, whose age group won first place in last year's event, topping the Sooners. The Poarch Warriors bested Brighton and a Creek Indian showdown ensued as two of the host teams fought it out to move on in the double elimination tournament.

The Poarch Indians prevailed and, after yet another win over the Sooners would go on to win the age bracket's first-place

group's third place prize while the Poarch Tomahawks took first place in the boy's 16-18 year old division with wins over GWY and the Seminoles.

The Poarch girls 16-18-year-old team endured a tough loss Friday morning to the Blitz, but were able to battle back with wins over the Seminoles and the Blitz before coming in second overall with a loss Saturday to GWY.

The Poarch girls from the 13-15 year old bracket also placed in this year's tournament. After defeating Seneca in round one the girls team went on to go one for three in play with GWY coming



Family and friends all show up to support their favorite teams!



Sports fans come in all ages.... Halle Ra Peebles and Brayden Faircloth come out to enjoy the game!



Rounding the bases!

in second overall.

See www.sspics.com for photos from *Atmore News*.

This article was posted on the Atmore News web site www.atmorenews.com Wednesday, July 21st, 2010 at 1:30 pm.

Tribe Receives Award From Census Bureau

Deborah Hinote, Tribal Partner Specialist with the Census Bureau, recently met with members of the Tribal Council and the staff that participated in the Census process and presented the Tribe with an award from the U.S. Census Bureau recognizing the dedication and hard work of the Tribe during the 2010 Census. The information gathered will be of great help not only in Indian Country, but Tribally as well.

The Council hopes to use the information gathered to enhance current programs and serves and to assist in the planning, development, and implementation of additional services to Tribal Members.



Shown l-r are Deborah Hinote, Robbie McGhee, Buford L. Rolin, Stephanie Bryan, Eddie L. Tullis, and Gravis Sells



13-15 year old boys 1st Place

Photo by Walt Butler/Atmore News



13-15 year old boys 2nd Place

Photo by Walt Butler/Atmore News



16-18 year old girls 2nd Place

Photo by Walt Butler/Atmore News



13-15 year old girls 2nd Place

Photo by Walt Butler/Atmore News

Photos of the other Poarch teams were not available. If you have a photo of the other Poarch teams and would like to share them, we will publish them in the next issue of the Poarch Creek News.

2010 Annual Celebration
Saturday, September 4, 2010
Magnolia Branch Wildlife Reserve
Tribal Members & Immediate Family Only

Gates open: 9:00 a.m. Registration Begins: 10:00 a.m.

Blessing of food: 11:30 a.m.

Food served 11:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Shirt or cover-up must be worn in Pavilion area

Horseshoe Tournament

(\$5.00 entry fee-to be applied to prize money)

Organized games for kids age 12 & under (*free*)

Prizes for all winners-regardless of Tribal affiliation

Tentative Menu:

Chicken

Chicken/Sausage Gumbo

Fish

French Fries/Sweet Potato Fries

Hamburgers

Hushpuppies

Sausage Dogs

Lima Beans

Salt Meat & Fry Bread

Roasted Corn

Watermelon

Shaved Ice

\$25,000 in Door Prizes

All Door Prizes given away @ 2:00 p.m.

Door Prizes are for Tribal Members Only

Must be present to win

No personal golf carts or bikes in pavilion area

Don't forget to cast your vote in the run-off election!!

Vote before coming to the creek or vote after leaving the creek., just make sure you vote!!!

Poll hours 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

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.

LEGAL SERVICES PROGRAM

As mentioned in the past two newsletters, the Tribal Council is currently considering a new tribal member benefit—the establishment of a Legal Services Program that would provide certain types of legal services to individual tribal members regardless of his or her location or income. **THANK YOU** to all tribal members who have already called and provided their input. Again, ***we need your help*** in determining what types of legal services are most needed by tribal members.

While obtaining your input into this potentially valuable service for Tribal members, we also would like to take the opportunity to get to know you and speak to you in person regarding your legal services needs. The Legal Department welcomes you to “Talk Time with Legal” on Wednesday, September 29, from 5:00-6:30 in Building 200. We will be providing a few sample legal documents, such as a Power of Attorney form, and be available to discuss what legal services we currently provide for Tribal entities and what services could be provided directly to you by a Legal Services attorney. Please join us! If you are unable to join us, please contact your Tribal Council members or Lori Findley, Legal Coordinator, at (251) 368-9136 Ext. 2530 or lfindley@pci-nsn.gov to share your thoughts by September 30th.

EFFORTS FOR A CARCIERI FIX TO PROTECT RIGHT TO TRUST LANDS

As previously reported, the Tribe has been working diligently with the rest of Indian country to protect trust lands after the February 2009 decision of the United States Supreme Court, *Carcieri v. Salazar*, which held that the Secretary of Interior could not take land into trust under the Indian Reorganization Act (IRA) for the Narragansett Tribe in Rhode Island. In light of this decision, any Tribe requesting that land be placed into trust must prove that it was “under federal jurisdiction” in 1934. This new standard is the subject of much debate, and Indian country has been pushing for a legislative “fix” of the IRA by Congress.

Our Tribe recently participated with numerous Tribal leaders in a Carcieri summit in Washington, D.C. on July 13th. Tribal leaders and their legal and lobbying teams met

with Congressional representatives and the Department of Interior to push for a legislative fix and to emphasize the need for Congress and/or the Department of Interior to clarify the uncertain situation created by the Supreme Court decision. We will certainly keep you posted as to any significant developments.

SIGNIFICANT COURT CASES

Community Recovery Services, Inc. v. PCI Gaming v. Eddie L. Tullis

As you know, in March 2006 Community Recovery Services, Inc. (“CRS”) sued PCI Gaming in Tribal Court for over \$2.1 million claiming unpaid invoices for the performance of work on the Riverside project. For the past four years, PCI Gaming has defended itself against CRS’ claims and maintained its counterclaim against CRS for over \$2.5 million in excessive overcharges in the performance of the same work. As part of its defense, PCI Gaming filed a third party complaint against Eddie L. Tullis, so that PCI Gaming’s assets would be fully protected against the payment of any further claims by CRS.

The trial was held the week of June 22, 2009. PCI Gaming filed a post-trial evidentiary motion on October 1, 2009, and the parties completed post-trial briefing on November 3, 2009. The Tribal Court recently granted PCI Gaming’s post-trial evidentiary motion on April 5, 2010. Per a request from the Tribal Judge on July 26, 2010, the attorneys for the parties will be participating in a conference to discuss issues and evidence and to present closing arguments on September 13th.

Alabama Department of Transportation v. Poarch Band of Creek Indians d/b/a Wind Creek Casino & Hotel, PCI Gaming, CIE et al.

As earlier reported, on April 15, 2010, the Alabama Department of Transportation (“ALDOT”) sued the Tribe, PCI Gaming, CIE, and each entity’s Chairman in Escambia County for alleged illegal advertising on the Tribe’s water tower located next to Interstate 65. ALDOT wanted the Tribe to remove “Wind Creek Casino and Hotel” from the signage on the water tower. The Tribe filed a motion to dismiss based on sovereign immunity. On July 22nd, ALDOT moved to dismiss its complaint against all Defendants without prejudice, and the Court granted ALDOT’s motion. “Without prejudice” essentially means that the plaintiff is voluntarily dismissing the case, but reserves the right to file it again. As a result, this case is resolved unless ALDOT refiles its complaint in the future.

Tribal Member Submissions

Swim Team Standouts Named

Baldwin Register

As submitted by Tasha Quinnelly



Max Martin and Julia Pischek are Lake Forest Swimmers of the Year

Max Martin, 11, a student at Spanish Fort Middle School, and Julia Pischek, 16, a Robertsdale High School student, recently received the Swimmer of the Year award by coach Ross Moore of the Lake Forest Swim Team.

Martin, who has been with the team for two years, and Pischek, who has swam for the Daphne-based team for the last 13 years, were selected out of a team of 203 swimmers. The award was based on criteria that included positive attitude, attendance, determination, team spirit and example.

The Lake Forest team is part of the Gulf Coast Area Aquatic League - a nonprofit organization made up of 10 Baldwin County and surrounding area summer league swim teams. The Lake Forest Swim Team is also a nonprofit organization and is part of the Lake Forest Property Owner's Association and community in Daphne.

Max is the son of James T. and Christine Martin.

Poarch Community Church Travels To Montana

Submitted by Catherine Sells

Members of the Poarch Community Church recently attended the Native Assembly hosted by the Northern Cheyenne Mennonite Churches in Montana. Meetings were held at St. Labre Indian School in Ashland. Tribes from across the United States and Canada were present.

While in Montana, they visited Medicine Rocks where Sitting Bull's vision 'your enemies will be delivered into your hands' was recorded one year before the battle of Little Big Horn; they visited the Little Big Horn battlefield the next day. They also visited the Northern Cheyenne tribal Offices and Lame Deer Churches and the 100 year old White River Church. The children had the opportunity to visit Mount Rushmore; it was truly an inspiring and learning trip for the children. The children also enjoyed St. Labre's heated indoor pool while the adults enjoyed the nice dry cool air! They thank God for a safe and wonderful trip.

Schwartz Wins Scholarship With Drawing of Chief Calvin McGhee

Submitted by Elaine McGhee



Andrew Schwartz, a 10th grade student at Northeast Magnet High School in Wichita, KS, participated in the Native American Art Contest and won a scholarship to an art class at City Arts of Wichita for his drawing of Chief Calvin McGhee.

Andrew is the son of Gina Schwartz and the grandson of Elaine McGhee.



Poarch Community Church Members at St. Labre Indian School in Ashland, Montana

The Heart of Our People

Submitted by Pastor Dave Moulton
Poarch Community Church

Not too long ago I received a phone call from the Tribe's Family Services Department requesting help from the church. A group of young people from the Yakima Tribe in the state of Washington was stranded in our area and needed help. I found myself astonished the next couple of days at the outpouring of love, help and support our community offered to these strangers.

The group had traveled to our area in hopes of finding employment in the oil spill clean-up. They had been told that there was plenty of work for them and that their needs would be met. When they arrived, they were not able to contact the individual they had been in contact with and were not able to get employment in the oil clean-up. They soon ran out of money and resources. They sought assistance from various agencies and churches to little avail. After one church gave them a gas card they headed to the one place they knew they could get assistance; an Indian Reservation, which is how they came to be at Poarch Creek.

The first night at Poarch Creek the girls stayed in the Domestic Violence Shelter while the boys stayed at the church. The next day the girls were moved to a separate room at the church and the community began to pull together to help them in their time of need. Community members and local churches came together and provided food, clothing, and money. Family Services was able to contact their home tribe and arranged for their per capita checks to be forwarded to Poarch due to their emergency situation. These young people expressed gratitude to all involved and were soon on their way home.

I was impressed with the love and care our community showed. I can't help but think of Jesus' words "...inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me." (Matt. 25:40) Thank you Poarch Creek for showing me once again what it means to love your neighbor.

Spread love everywhere you go: First of all in your own house... Let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier. Be the living expression of God's kindness; kindness in your face, kindness in your eyes, kindness in your smile, kindness. Mother Theresa



4-H participants put on fashion show for family and community members.

4-H Fashion Show

Submitted by Christyn Sells

On Wednesday, August 4, 2010, the Poarch Creek 4-H Club went to the Genesis Career college in Daphne, Alabama to get their hair shampooed and styled for their \$15 challenge Fashion Show. Weeks earlier the kids were challenged to put together an outfit that would cost no more than \$15.00 and had to be purchased at a yard sale, or a thrift Store. Each participant successfully accomplished the task and celebrated with a fashion show to show off not only their good fashion sense, but also their ability to find a good bargain.

Side note: Most of the kids put together more than one outfit for the \$15 amount.



4-H participant Breanna Hall gets her hair done.

HIPPY

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- * Special events such as picnics, etc.

The HIPPY program is open to all Tribal Member, Indian Descent, and community children age 3 & 4.

For more information contact

Sandra Hiebert, Education Director

(251) 368-9136 x 2020

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The Hard Road to Federal Recognition

Over the past few years we have had inquiries from Tribal Members wanting to learn more about the Tribe's Federal Recognition process and the historical information that was provided to the Federal Government for Federal Recognition. The Tribal Council would like to share this information with you. It will outline the struggles and hardships that as a community we have experienced. However, as you will see in future articles, it was these struggles and hardships that kept our community together which was essential in our Federal Recognition.

The entrance of DeSoto into Creek country in 1540 was soon followed by that of Tristan De Luna in 1559. De Luna's forces, like those of Juan Pardo who followed him, began the Spanish practice of assisting one town or tribe within the Creek confederacy in its warfare against another. European weaponry was introduced into the Creek nation during this time, irrevocably changing Creek life. For almost an entire century, the principal European players in Creek history were the Spanish, who by 1670 had colonized much of the Atlantic



Hernando de Soto

seaboard of present Florida. During this period, the Spanish struck a trail westward and established a chain of missions west across Florida and through the panhandle, ultimately reaching Pensacola. The missions consisted of small garrisons with a contingent of clergy, under whose supervision and tutelage were numbers of pacified Indians. Pensacola, owing to the fine deep-water harbor, became an important center for the Spanish later in the 17th century. While the condition of the confederacy among the Creeks at the time of De Soto's arrival is unclear, by 1670 the confederacy was thriving, no doubt due to the increased trading and military activity of the Spanish during the first century of European settlement.

In 1670 the first British settlement was founded in Charleston in present South Carolina. Charleston became the center of Creek-English trade and commerce. It is from Charleston that Lachlan McGillivray, father of Alexander McGillivray, made his first venture into the Creek nation. French colonist Jean-Baptiste Le Moyne established a fort at the mouth of the Mobile River thirty-two years later which was relocated to present day Mobile and became the capital of French Louisiana until 1720. Occupying the central position between the French, Spanish, and British colonies, the favor of the Creeks was a matter of concern to these nations, and they played a more important part than any other American Indians in the colonial history of the Gulf region.

In 1685 Henry Woodward, an English trader supervising an expedition of other traders with a large supply of goods and arrived in Coweta. Upon his arrival, the Creeks allowed him to construct the first English trading post in the Nation. It is through the media of intensified warfare, hunting, and trading that the Creeks became a fiercely acquisitive and affluent Indian society and lost many of their old manual

arts and became abjectly dependent upon the English trading system. Woodward's outpost flourished and others were begun. In 1705 the English colonists signed a treaty of alliance with the Lower Creeks of Coweta. The French sent an expedition north along the Alabama River to the fork of the Coosa and Tallapoosa where they established Fort Toulouse, a garrison and trading post. French Captain Marchand, who was stationed at Fort Toulouse, married Sehoy of the Wind Clan. Their only daughter, Sehoy Marchand, is an ancestor to the McGillivrays and Weatherfords.

The year following the establishment of Fort Toulouse the bloody Yamasee war began. One outcome of this war, which resulted in the near eradication of the Yamasee, was the incursion of the English into Spanish territory. In 1733 the English colony of Georgia settled in the area once occupied by the Yamasees. A treaty was signed between the Lower Creeks and English General James Oglethorpe; this treaty ceded to the Georgia colonists the first in a long series of cessions which led to the loss of all land for the Creeks in their native habitat in 1832.



Fort Toulouse

In 1754, the French and Indian War began in the American colonies. The war involved a number of European nations and their respective colonies. In 1763 the Treaty of Paris was signed wherein England acquired Spanish Florida and all the territory of the French east of the Mississippi River. England, by proclamation of 1763, established the provinces of East and West Florida. It was at this point in time that English settlers began to infiltrate gradually into the Lower Alabama River area and established the settlement areas of Tensaw and Tombigbee, which attracted to them some of the ancestors of the present Poarch Band of Creek Indians. While neither the French nor Spanish had extensive settlements in the area during their respective occupations of the region,

there were nonetheless a small number of them living in the vicinity. The Tensaw/Tombigbee settlement area thus served as home for a small number of French and Spanish families, a second and more numerous wave of Englishmen from the Atlantic seaboard and somewhat later a large contingent of wealthy half-blood Creeks – many of whom were related – who were the wives, sons and daughters-of “Indian country-men” i.e, non-Indians who married Indian women.

The settlement in the Tensaw/Tombigbee area was unique in the history of the colonial South; not only was the population multi-national, it was also multi-racial. Lachlan McGillivray established a large cattle ranch in the settlement and with the assistance of his son Alexander, sold hides for shipment around the world. Charles Weatherford had a large plantation and built the first horse race track in the territory. Both had married Creek women, and were thus considered “Indian country-men.” Both had been traders among the Upper Creeks, and had made alliances with other Indians, Indian country-men, and their half-blood relatives in the Upper Creek territory. These alliances were maintained into the Tensaw/Tombigbee area; many of the half-blood property owners had property in both areas. However, a greater number relocated altogether from the Upper Creek county to the Tensaw region. This relocation occurred gradually between 1780 and 1800. There was a high incidence of intermarriage among these early half-blood ancestors of the present day Poarch; many of the half-blood men initially married native women. Thus the embryo of the community known today as the Poarch Band of Creek Indians was formed during this period. Because the half-bloods did not live harmoniously with their full-blood kinsmen in Upper Creek towns, the Creek Convention granted them “leave to settle” on Indian land in the Tensaw area. The half-blood settlement near Tensaw was a legitimate town of the Creek Confederacy and maintained full political relations with the Convention meetings alternately in Tuckabatchee and Coweta.



Additional information will appear in next month's issue.

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