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## Chairman's Corner

October 2010



**Buford L. Rolin**  
*Tribal Chairman*

We had 1,142 Tribal Members attend the Annual Celebration held on September 4th. I hope each of you had a good time. We thank everyone for coming home to be a part of this event. I feel we had an excellent Celebration and could not have asked for better weather. We extend our thanks to the management and staff of Magnolia Branch; they have done an excellent job with the refurbishment of the banks along the creek that were destroyed by floods earlier this year. The improvements to Magnolia far exceeded our expectations.

The Tribe's first run-off election was also held on September 4th. I extend my congratulations to candidates Robbie McGhee, Treasurer, and David Gehman, Secretary on their victories; since the election they have been sworn in to their newly elected positions and are actively serving Tribal Members.

The Calvin McGhee Cultural Management Authority (CMCMA) hosted this year's Calvin McGhee Memorial on September 18th. An estimated crowd of 500 attended; I was unable to attend but I have heard many Tribal Members say that it was an excellent event and that they enjoyed it tremendously.

USET's fall meeting has been scheduled for October 11-15th in Verona, NY and will be hosted by the Oneida Tribe. Several Tribal representatives will be in attendance. Several Council Members and I will be attending the National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA) mid year meeting in Prior Lake, MN October 19th & 20th. I will then travel to Washington DC for the Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee (TLDC) meeting on October 28th & 29th.



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The State of the Tribe has been scheduled for Saturday, November 27, 2010 from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Be sure to mark your calendar so that you can attend.



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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**

**State of the Tribe**  
**Saturday**  
**November 27, 2010**  
**5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**  
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**Food will be provided**

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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.

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# Hvyo-Rakko, “Big Harvest”

Article by James Treat, *Muscogee Nation News*

Mvskoke tradition has long recognized corn as a sacred staple. It's among the first fruits of the land, and the Mvskoke year begins when the new corn crops are ready. Yet this “little harvest” is followed by one that is even larger in size, if not in ceremonial significance.

Mvskoke agriculture was a mature, robust science in the eighteenth century. William Bartram, the British-American naturalist, documented these practices while visiting the heart of Mvskoke country: “On the east banks of the Oakmulge, this trading road runs nearly two miles through ancient Indian fields, which are called the Oakmulge fields: they are the rich low lands of the river. On the heights of these low grounds are yet visible monuments, or traces, of an ancient town, such as artificial mounts or terraces, squares and banks, encircling considerable areas. Their old fields and planting land extend up and down the river, fifteen or twenty miles from this site.”

He was describing the Ocmulgee Old Fields, now part of Ocmulgee National Monument near Macon, Georgia. A recent photo of the grounds is featured at the top of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation website.

Bartram cataloged an extensive list of edible resources that sustained our Mvskoke forebears. “Their animal food consists chiefly of venison, bears’ flesh, turkeys, hares, wild fowl, and domestic poultry,” along with domesticated cows, goats, and pigs. They were cultivating corn, rice, sweet potatoes, beans, cowpeas, squashes, pumpkins, watermelons, and other crops. They tended orchards yielding peaches, oranges, plums, figs, and apples; harvested persimmons, berries, grapes, and brier roots from the forest; and gathered nuts under hickory, walnut, pecan, palm, and oak trees.

“Rice,” for example, “they plant in hills on high dry ground, in their gardens; by this management a few grains in a hill (the hills about four feet apart) spread every way incredibly, and seem more prolific than cultivated in water, as in the white settlements of Carolina; the heads are larger and heavier, and the grain is larger, firmer, much sweeter, and more nourishing. Each family raises enough of this excellent grain for its own use.” “They have in use,” Bartram concluded, “a vast variety of wild

or native vegetables, both fruits and roots.”

So it's not surprising that the second month of the Mvskoke year is Hvyo-Rakko, “Big Harvest.” The name was formed by modifying the word hvyo, “harvest,” with the augmentative suffix –rakko, “big.” Actually, there is some debate over the translation of this name. The oldest written source, recorded in 1790, renders it “Big Ripening,” and the first Mvskoke dictionary, published in 1890, defines it as “Big Harvest.” But as early as 1911, anthropologist John Swanton noted that the name might also mean “Much [or Big] Heat,” and today some Mvskokes prefer this translation of Hiyo-Rakko.

The apparent discrepancy may be due to historical or regional variations in pronunciation, or to the varied spelling systems used for written Mvskoke. The root word hiyē, “heat,” is similar to hvyo, “harvest,” and of

course it takes heat to make a harvest. Perhaps “Big Heat” came into use as a playful interpretation of Hvyo-Rakko, a Mvskoke pun about the climate in Indian Territory around harvest time.

In any event, this month in cokv-walv Mvskoke reminds us of our collective agricultural heritage and of the personal health benefits that result from a balanced diet and an active lifestyle. Most modern Mvskokes do not eat “a vast variety” of nutritious foods they produce by their own labor, though some are trying to change that.

One hundred years ago, while contacting native peoples who were once part of the Mvskoke confederacy, John Swanton

visited the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas, where he recorded this synopsis of an Alabama oral tradition: “There is a story to the effect that in ancient times the bear was the Indians’ hog, the turkeys their chickens, and the [brier root] their flour, but they did not watch them so they ran away and became wild.”

Watch what you eat, and you'll feel better—and you may also help preserve one of the finest civilizations this world has ever known.

*Muscogee Nation News, August 2010*

*You can receive the full text of each month's column in your inbox by subscribing to Mvskoke Country. In the right column on the website, enter your email address and click the “Subscribe” button. This is an automated service and your address will not be used for any other purpose.*



## NOTICE TO ALL TRIBAL MEMBERS AGE 18 & Over

### AS REQUIRED BY THE IRS

All Tribal Members who receive a check or checks from the Poarch Creek Indians in the form of birthday checks, Christmas checks, Elder Benefits, stipends, 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 Benefits, stipends, etc., will not be paid 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](http://www.poarchcreekindians-nsn.gov), or at your local accountant or tax preparation offices.

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

## USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT UNDER SECRETARY TONSAGER ANNOUNCES RECIPIENTS OF RURAL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE GRANTS

### *USDA Press Release*

USDA Rural Development Under Secretary Dallas Tonsager today announced on Tuesday, August 31, 2010 that 45 states, the Western Pacific region and the commonwealth of Puerto Rico will benefit from funding made available under the Rural Business Enterprise Grant program (RBEG).

"The funding announced today represents the Obama Administration's ongoing efforts to create economic and job opportunities in rural areas by ensuring that strategic investments are made in our small towns and cities," Tonsager said "Rural businesses drive community revitalization by providing products and services to local residents as well as throughout the country and world. Projects like these spur important economic development and strengthen communities across the nation."

For example, the Kentucky Highlands Investment Corporation in Laurel, Ky., has been selected to receive a \$499,000 grant. This funding will be used to establish a revolving loan fund for small and emerging businesses located in a 14-county service area. This proposed project is expected to create 52 and retain 10 jobs in the area.

In Cass, Iowa, the Southwest Iowa Planning Council has been selected to receive a \$95,000 grant. The funding will be used to establish a revolving loan fund to assist small and

emerging private businesses in Cass, Fremont, Harrison, Montgomery, Page and Shelby counties. This project is expected to save or create 11 jobs. In both projects, the revolving loan funds bring important access to capital to lend to rural small businesses.

The RBEG program helps to finance and facilitate the development of new and existing businesses in rural America. Funds can be used for start-up and working capital loans, building and plant renovations, transportation improvements, project planning and other business needs.

Funding is contingent upon the recipient meeting the conditions of the grant agreement, and is not provided through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The following is a complete list of organizations that have been selected to receive RBEG grants. A total of 61 awards were announced.

### Alabama

- *Poarch Band of Creek Indians* - \$58,831 grant to establish a revolving loan fund to assist tribal members who own small and emerging businesses within Escambia, Monroe, Baldwin, and Mobile counties in Alabama and Escambia County in Florida. Project will create 14 jobs.

You can visit <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov> for a complete list of awards.

# Tribal Officers Go Above & Beyond

We know that our Tribal Police Officers are a cut above the rest, they accept special assignments that take them away from home and family and puts them in dangerous situations, they patrol the Reservation and assist local law enforcement and rapidly respond to any call for assistance. We know them as “good ‘ole boys” (and girls), but do we know what other people think of our officers?

*Dear Chief Hammonds:*

*I wish to draw to your attention the outstanding performances of Poarch Creek Tribal Police Officers Alan Ward and Roger Ivey. I recently had the pleasure to work with them during a month long detail assignment to the Rocky Boy's Reservation in Montana. I would like to personally commend those two officers and thank them for their valuable contributions.*



*Tribal Officers Roger Ivey (l) and Alan Ward (r)*

*In their daily interactions with the tribal citizens, they showed the utmost respect, courtesy and sensitivity. I was proud to work beside them and would happily do so again if the opportunity should present itself. It also bears significant mention that both of them maintained good humor and optimism throughout their assignment.*

*In addition to commending these officers, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to you and other members of your department who have supported the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) in the implementation of the High Priority Performance Goals (HPPG) Initiative. Together, as law enforcement partners, we will find and implement solutions to the public safety challenges confronting Indian Country.*

*Sincerely,  
Palmer S. Mosley, V  
BIA Special Agent*

Chief Hammonds also received this letter that he would like to share about Officers Ronnie Freeman and Craig Helton.

*Dear Chief Hammonds:*

*On Thursday, July 22nd we visited your casino while our family members stayed at Orange Beach waiting our return with big winnings. After leaving the casino around 11:30 p.m., we had a tire blow out just 7 to 8 miles down the interstate. After calling AAA and being told of a 1 hr to 1 ½ hr waiting time, we ladies decided to call \*HP. I asked for a trooper to patrol the area we were in just to make us feel not so alone. Little did we know that request was forwarded to your patrol area.*



*Tribal Officer Craig Helton*

*We were so lucky to meet Officers Freeman and Craig (Helton). Officer Freeman stayed with us with flashing lights to help move packages from our shopping trip so that we could get to the spare tire. He even called Officer Craig after AAA called back and said that it would be another hour before they could get there. These two men went beyond their duty...our tire was replaced and the blown tire was placed in the tire compartment within 15 minutes. I was concerned that the spare would be low, but they assured me that they would air it up if necessary. After “all” that they had done for three out of town ladies at midnight, we could not get them to accept any money for helping us. After our packages were back in the truck we headed south toward Orange Beach. Your officers followed us to the next exit, just to make sure we didn't have any other problems. We were so grateful they had come to our aid when so much bad is reported. We wanted you and your establishment to know just how lucky you are to have such dedicated men in you Police Department.*



*Tribal Officer  
Ron Freeman*

*We arrived in Orange Beach much later than expected and did not tell of our adventure until breakfast the next morning. Our family was disappointed that we did not bring home big winnings from the casino but they were glad we came though our adventure with the aid of your officers. We are all thankful for our safety and for your wonderful officers!*

*Cheryl Pierce  
Dell Mackey  
Audra Burger*

# 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.*

## **Gabby Williams**

Gabby Williams celebrated her birthday on September 8, 2010.

Happy 8th Birthday Gabby, you are such a blessing to each of us. May God bless you with many more birthdays. We love you so very much. Mama, Trevor, Samuel, Daddy, Ashley, & Mary Ashlynn



Our little walking miracle ~ We thank God for you...

## **Chloe Grace Bailey**

Chloe Grace Bailey celebrated her 1st birthday on September 21, 2010. She is the daughter of Robin & Larry Bailey.

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



## **Regina Denise Bray**

Happy Birthday to Regina Denise Bray who turned 34 on Sept. 23rd. Regina is the daughter of Charles "Bo" and Debbie Bray, and the granddaughter of Willie Mae Bray (McGhee) and Louise Lowery. God has really blessed you, and we are so proud of the woman you have become. HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!!!!

We love you, Dad, Mom, Steve, Varon, Chayla, Randy, AnnMarie, Paul, Bri, Gracie, Gabe, and Lei Lei.



## **Colton Tyler Morris**

Colton Tyler Morris celebrated his 3rd birthday on September 25, 2010.

Happy birthday Colton! We love you, Mia, Brandy, Daddy, Michelle, Maw Maw, Paw Paw, Nana, Robert, and Granny Hattie Lou.



## **Hannah-Rose McGhee**

Hannah-Rose McGhee turned 4 on September 26, 2010.

This year she realized that she has her daddy wrapped around her finger and isn't afraid to make me aware of that fact. She is the daughter of Steven & Angie McGhee and the granddaughter of Micky & Joyce McGhee. Above all she is my heart and my birthday wish for my baby girl

is that she will always get what she wishes for every year to come. I love you tootie-Mommy



## **Juanita McGhee Slate**

The family of Juanita McGhee Slate, would like to wish her a Happy Belated Birthday. Juanita turned 46 on September 29, 2010. She is a wonderful mother and grandmother who will do anything for her family.

Love, Magen, Duck, Ashkia, Lucas, Bo, Stephanie, Brionna, Daygen, and Traygen



### ***Lexi Daughtry***

Lexi Daughtry will celebrate her 12th birthday on October 2nd. Lexi is the daughter of Trenton and Crystal Daughtry. She is the granddaughter of Ray and Christine Ward, the late Gary Joe McGhee, Sr., Sue Wiggins, and Douglas Daughtry. Happy Birthday Lexi! We Love You, Mom, Dad, Jaylan, Josie, Nannie and Paw Paw Ray



### ***Susan D. Spruill***

Susan D. Spruill will celebrate her birthday on October 3, 2010. Her family would like to wish her a big Happy Birthday. We love you!



### ***Colton Adams***

Happy Birthday to our little boy!! Colton Adams turns 2 on October 7, 2010. He is the son of Teresa Lofton and C.J. Adams.

Happy birthday little man! We love you, Mommy, Daddy, big sissy Kaylon and big bubba Chris.



### ***Barbara Stephens***

Barbara Stephens will celebrate her birthday on October 8, 2010. Happy Birthday Sis, we love you!

*Barbara, Amazing that you made it this far!*



### ***Thunder Jackson***

Thunder Jackson will celebrate his 11th birthday on October 16th.

Happy Birthday Thunder! We love you. Mom, Chris, Kaiden!



### ***Logan D. Boatwright***

Happy 17th birthday to Logan D. Boatwright on October 20th. Logan is the son of Dewayne & Melanie Boatwright and has one sister, Madelyn. He is the grandson of David & Myrtis Kinman and Rayford & Shirley Boatwright.

We Love You LoBo!! From Mom, Dad, Madelyn, Nana, Paw-Paw, Connor & Kendall.



### ***Magan Daughtry***

Magan Daughtry will celebrate her 26th birthday on October 23rd. Magan is the daughter of Christine Ward and the late Gary Joe McGhee, Sr.

Happy Birthday May May (Mom)! We Love You, Trevor, Gabby, Samuel, Trenton, Crystal, Lexi, Jaylan, Josie, Mom & Ray.



### ***Sandy Hollinger & Randy Fretwell***

Happy Birthday to my twin brother Randy Fretwell on October 30th. You're special to me!  
Love, Sandy

Happy Birthday to my twin sister Sandy on October 30th. You're special to me!  
Love, Randy



# The Importance of Deadlines

By Gayle Johnson, Media Specialist

The *Poarch Creek News* is generated one month prior to the month of publication. This is why it is so important to remember the established deadlines when submitting information to be published in the newsletter. The deadline for submitting information for publication is at **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 is extended to **5:00 p.m.** the next working day. **All submissions must be in writing.** This deadline information is published in each issue of the *Poarch Creek News*; it is currently featured at the bottom of the Contents Page (page 4) as well as a deadline reminder on the calendar on the back page of the newsletter.

**Birthday/Anniversary Wishes** can be published the **month before**, the **month of**, or the **month after** the Birthday/Anniversary as long as applicable deadlines have been met. In some cases this will require you to submit the Birthday/Anniversary Wish before the party that may be planned for the occasion. For example, if you have a birthday or anniversary in November, you can publish a birthday or anniversary wish in October, November, or December.

**Birth/Wedding Announcements** will be published as long as the announcement is received by 5:00 p.m. the last working day of the month **immediately** following the birth/wedding. For example, if you have a child born in October you can publish a birth announcement in the newsletter as long as the announcement is submitted by 5:00 p.m. the last working day of November (Tuesday, November 30, 2010), which means the announcement would be published in the January issue. The earlier you submit the information, the earlier it will appear in the newsletter. Take the same information above and submit it by November 10th and it will appear in the December newsletter.

**Achievements/Awards**, etc. will be published as long as the information is received by 5:00 p.m. the last working day of the month **immediately** following the achievement/award. For example, if you retire or start a new job, receive an award, promotion or honor, etc. in October you can publish that information in the newsletter as long as the information is submitted by 5:00 p.m. the last working day of November (Tuesday, November 30, 2010), which means the information would be published in the January issue. The earlier you submit the information, the earlier it will appear in the newsletter. Take the same information above and submit it by November 10th and it will appear in the December newsletter.

**Obituaries and Thank You Notes** from families of the deceased can be published as long as the information is submitted by 5:00 p.m. the last working day of month **immediately** following the death of the loved one. For example, if you lose a loved one in October, you can publish a thank you note or obituary in the newsletter as long as the information is submitted by 5:00 p.m. the last working day of November (Tuesday, November 30, 2010), which means it would be published in the January issue. The earlier you submit the information, the earlier it will appear in the newsletter. Take the same information above and submit it by November 10th and it will appear in the December newsletter.



Gayle Johnson working on the newsletter

The *Poarch Creek News* also has internal deadlines that must be met to ensure the publication of the newsletter in a timely manner. Submission deadline is the 10th of the month prior to the month of publication; the internal deadline to have the draft of the newsletter to the printer for development is the

15th of the month. In these five days the newsletter must be developed and formatted with a draft forwarded through the supervisory chain of command for approval. In the next five days the printer must generate a publication draft issue of the newsletter and return it for final approval for publication. The newsletter is scheduled to be mailed the 25th of each month so that Tribal Members can receive their newsletter by the first of the month.

We often get calls from Tribal Members who do not receive their newsletter in a timely manner. All newsletters are mailed at the same time on the same day; any delay in delivery is through the U.S. Post Office which has its own set of deadlines and delivery requirements that the *Poarch Creek News* cannot control. If you move please contact the Tribal Member Benefits Department prior to your move, or as soon as possible after your move, so that your address can be changed in their records; this will ensure that you continue to receive your newsletter. The newsletter is also posted on the Tribe's official web site, [www.poarchcreekindians-nsn.gov](http://www.poarchcreekindians-nsn.gov), on a monthly basis. The newsletter is located in the Pressroom; the *Newsletter* link located on the left side of the page will take you to the list of posted newsletters, which go back to May 2006.

The *Poarch Creek News* accepts submissions on a daily basis; you do not have to wait until the established deadline to submit your information for publication.

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,  
Community Outreach Coordinator at  
251-368-9136, ext. 2649 or  
[asmith@pci-nsn.gov](mailto:asmith@pci-nsn.gov)



# **Tribal Child Care Program**

## **FY 2011 Program Eligibility Guidelines**

### **Continue to include Application Opportunity for Tribal Member AND First Generational Indian Descent Children**

**Applications  
accepted Monday  
through Friday by  
appointment  
only!**

**Poarch Creek  
Indians  
Family Services  
Department  
Building 500  
5811 Jack Springs  
Road  
Atmore, AL 36502**

**For more  
information or  
appointment call  
(251) 368-9136  
EXT. 2600**

The Poarch Band of Creek Indians' Family Services Department will be taking new applications for the FY 2011 Tribal Child Care Program beginning October 1, 2010.

To qualify for child care assistance to cover day care expenses for Tribal Member children AND First Generational Indian Descent children you must meet the following criteria:

- the household must live in the five-county service area,
- the household must meet income guidelines,
- the child must be under 13 years of age
- the child must be a member of a federally recognized Tribe or a PCI First Generational Indian Descent child
- all adult members of the household must be employed or attending job training or an educational program at least 20 hours a week.

**NOTE:**

VERIFICATION WILL BE REQUIRED FOR RESIDENCY, INCOME, AGE OF CHILD, TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP, FIRST GENERATION INDIAN DESCENT STATUS, WORK SCHEDULE AND SCHOOL ENROLLMENT. ALSO VERIFICATION OF CHILD CARE EXPENSE AND OTHER DOCUMENTATION MAY BE REQUIRED TO ESTABLISH NEW CHILD CARE PROVIDER CASE FILES.

----- Carolyn M. White, LCSW, Director, Family Services Department/September 10, 2010

Reduce  
Cooling  
Cost!

Conserve  
Energy!

## **LIHEAP SUPPLEMENTAL PROGRAM**

### **October 2010 ONLY!**

ENERGY SAVING LIGHT BULBS AND AIR CONDITIONER FILTERS  
ARE AVAILABLE TO LIHEAP CLIENTS AS A PART OF OUR  
FY 2010 LIHEAP SUPPLEMENTAL PROGRAM



ENERGY SMART LIGHT BULBS WILL LOWER YOUR ENERGY COST!  
REPLACEMENT AIR CONDITIONER FILTERS WILL ALSO REDUCE YOUR ENERGY COST!

### **LIHEAP Supplemental Program**

**October 1, 2010 through October 29, 2010.**

**APPROXIMATE VALUE \$22.00**

**No appointment is necessary (FIRST COME AND FIRST SERVE BASIS)**

**BUT your household must sign a supplemental form at the Family Services Department to pick up the ENERGY SAVING items.**

#### **Eligibility CRITERIA and PROCESS:**

- If you received financial assistance through the FY 2010 WINTER, SUMMER or CRISIS LIHEAP Program between October 1, 2009 and September 30, 2010, then your household will need to sign a Supplemental LIHEAP Form.
- Family Services Staff will review your signed form and confirm participation in the FY 2010 WINTER, SUMMER or CRISIS LIHEAP Program in order for you to receive the energy saving items. **PICK UP IS AT THE FAMILY SERVICES DEPARTMENT.**

PCI Family Services Department

5811 Jack Springs Road

Atmore, AL 36502

251-368-9136 ext 2600

# October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Breast cancer remains a significant health concern for women in the United States, and throughout the world. In the U.S. it is the most common form of cancer in women. After lung cancer, breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer deaths in women. Although breast cancer occurs primarily in women, men can also develop breast cancer. Although men have less breast tissue than women, they do have breast cells that can undergo cancerous changes. Male breast cancer makes up less than 1 percent of all cases of breast cancer, and is usually detected in men between 60 and 70 years of age.

Mammography screening remains the best available method to detect breast cancer early. However, no medical test is always 100 percent accurate, and mammography is no exception. Research is under way to improve the technology to lead to better accuracy and to create new technologies. The Mammogram bus from West Florida is scheduled to be on-site Wednesday, October 13, 2010. Please contact Sheryl Gehman, Women's Health Case Nurse, if you would like to schedule a mamogram while the bus is on site.



Staff wears "Fight Like A Girl" Breast Cancer Awareness t-shirts in support of the American Cancer Society's battle against breast cancer. Shown in brown l-r are Theresa Rutherford, Charlotte Parham, Wendy Davis, and Candy Lowrey. Shown in pink l-r are Gayle Johnson and Julie Thompson

Photo by Casey Walker

In 1992, the U.S. Congress passed the Mammography Quality Standards Act to ensure that mammography facilities throughout the country are of high quality and are reliable. To lawfully perform mammography, each facility must prominently display a certificate issued by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). This certificate serves as evidence that the facility meets quality standards. It is important for women to practice the

elements of good breast health. It is suggested women:

- Obtain regular mammography screening starting at the age of 40
- Obtain annual clinical breast exams
- Perform monthly breast-self exams
- Obtain a risk assessment from a physician



Bre Whitt (l) and her friend Jodie Waller (r) prepare for the Susan G. Komen Walk. Photo submitted by Bre Whitt

As part of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Bre Whitt will be participating in the Susan G. Komen 3-day End Breast Cancer Walk on October 29, 2010. Bre is the granddaughter of the late Girlie McGhee Henson.

The Susan G. Komen 3-Day for the Cure is a 60-mile walk for women and men who want to make a personal difference in the fight to end breast cancer. Participants commit

to raise at least \$2,300 and spend several months training to prepare for the event. They devote the entire three-day

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*I walk for all the women and men out there who can't.*  
Bre Whitt

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weekend to the cause. Since its inception in 2003, the Komen 3-Day for the Cure has raised nearly \$500 million.

The Komen 3-Day for the Cure participants walk an average of 20 miles a day during the event. Participants are provided meals, snacks, drinks, shower facilities, tents, safety guidelines and 24-hour medical support—all resources needed for a safe and memorable experience. A crew of volunteers spends the entire weekend with walkers and staff to make the event possible.

Why does Bre participate? "For me personally, I walk for all the women and men out there who can't; those who are suffering day end and day out with this disease. Working in the medical field I have seen many patients that I have grown to care for be hurt by this condition. I can only hope that someone would do the same for me if I ever needed it."

# Health Department Open House

By Gayle Johnson

A crowd of approximately thirty-five gathered in the Tribal Council Chambers on Friday, August 20, 2010 to participate in the Open House for the renovations to the Health Clinic. The renovations included moving the Pharmacy to the old Community Health Department area, adding a separate Pharmacy waiting room, a new lab area, relocating Community Health and Patient Education to a centrally location; and adding additional exam rooms.

Candace Fayard, Health Administrator, welcomed visitors to the beginning of another milestone for the Poarch Creek Indians and the services the Tribe will now be able to provide or enhance. The first Health Clinic was opened in the Eloise Bradshaw Building in 1985. "The road to providing health services has not been easy or smooth, but has been tremendously rewarding," Candace stated. Candace closed with thanking Cindy Martin with coordinating the Open House and stated "We hope to make all your visits to the Clinic as pleasant as possible."

Buford L. Rolin, Tribal Chairman, spoke of the beginnings of the Health Clinic and how the staff and services provided have grown since those early days. "We began providing services with Carolyn Bingham, Nurse Practitioner, who was sent to us by Indian Health Services. Steve Pettitt, Pharmacist, who came to us through Public Health Services, was our first Pharmacist; he stayed with us until his retirement several years ago." Buford also talked about how the Dental Clinic started with just one chair, now we have four. "I am amazed by what we were able to do with just one chair." The building that houses the Health Clinic was initially built at 8500 sq ft.; since that time, the Health Clinic has under gone at least four renovations. "We were ever expanding so that we could enhance the services provided as well as adding new services for Tribal Members. As we grow we will do all that we can to provide the necessary care for our Tribal Members."

Buford stated that there were many goals when the Tribe was working on the Federal Recognition process, but the one explicit goal that the Tribe had was to make health care a priority for Tribal Members.

The Open House ended with guided tours through the Health Department. I share with you some of the photos from my guided tour.



Christine Williams, Medical Technologist, is happy with the changes to the lab area. "We now have triple the space to work in and the expanded lab area is more patient friendly; we have a little waiting area so patients can sit and wait for their lab work."



The Pharmacy has been relocated and expanded and includes its own waiting area. In the absence of a Chief Pharmacist, Chen Yen, PharmD, and Stephan Klages Rph, of Pharmacist Job Connection (PJC) are filling in. "We are filling roughly 400 prescriptions a day," said Ms. Yen. "We don't do that many every day but we do have the capabilities."



l-r: Robbie McGhee, Tribal Council Member; Buford L. Rolin, Tribal Chairman; Jaime McGhee, Clinic Director; and Candace Fayard, Health Administrator, proudly show off cake presented at the Open House.

# 1142 Tribal Members Attend Annual Celebration



Long view from across the creek.

Photo by Wayne Henson



Many thanks to Magnolia Branch Wildlife Reserve's managing board and staff for the great job done at Magnolia. It was always a favorite place to go, but now it is the **ONLY** place to go!! Thanks are also extended to the Tribal Council and the Celebration Planning Committee for all the hard work they put in to making this even a success.

Pictured to the left are (l) Rodney McGhee, MBWR Board Chairman and (r) Billy Smith, MBWR General Manager.

Photo by Gayle Johnson\*

\*All photos by Gayle Johnson unless identified differently



The staff, such as these guys from Public Works and the Gym, put in a lot of hard work to get things ready for the celebration. These guys set up three of the big tents used for the Celebration.



Pepsi provided lots of good cold beverages so that Tribal Members could stay properly hydrated during the Celebration.



Our favorite fish cookers! Gilbert McGhee and his gang were there an kept frying fish right up to the end.



Tribal Members had to sign in to get their gift and have their name put in the pot for door prizes.



*Cuttin' taters up to fry! PCI Gaming management staff help with preparing the chicken and potatoes.*



*David Adams and his Pepsi crew get ready to hand out good cold beverages!*



*Due to the oil spill and the price of seafood, we offered chicken & sausage gumbo this year. Cooks are l-r Gene Freeman, Inez Freeman, Melissa Ross, Berry Ross, and Carolyn Thortis*



*The kids loved jumping off the new platform. Remember, feet first, no diving!!!*



*Lots of hungry folks and long food lines...*



*The oldest Tribal Member Male and Female in attendance were honored with \$100 each. Shown l-r are Buford L. Rolin, Tribal Chairman, Buster McGhee, age 93, Stephanie Bryan, Vice Chair, and Ollie Mae McPhaul, age 95.*

# Poarch Ladies Take Third At Annual NASA Tournament

By  
Jennifer Martin



Four softball teams representing Poarch recently traveled to Cherokee, NC to participate in the annual Native American Sports Association (NASA) softball tournament. All four teams put up impressive showings and represented us well, with the women's team placing third out of 13 teams. Thanks to all the fans that made the trip for all of their support. Pictured bottom row l-r: John O'Barr, Stacie Rolin, Christy Huskey, Jennifer Martin, Kim McGhee, and Rodney Exum. Second row l-r Paula White, Keri Payne, Sara McElhaney, Keisha Lee, Tamaniek McGhee, Cassie Lassitter, Kristin Hall, Ashley Lowe, and Mallory Martin. Back row l-r: Josh Thomas and Ronnie Huskey.

*Photo submitted by Jennifer Martin*



The Poarch 9-12 year old girls placed third in the NAYO tournament held at Poarch in July. Shown back row l-r are coaches Kevin Snow and Tim Ramer. Middle row standing l-r are Trista Hill, Kennedy McGhee, Madeline Boartwright, Cassidy Murphy, Kristin Quina, and Hannah Martin. Front row l-r are Raven Ramer, Camryn Mothershed, Lexi Daughtry, Camryn Godwin, Makayla Spruill, Malia McGhee, Alia Snow, Gabby McGhee, and McKenzie Martin.

*Photo by Kim O'Barr*



Members of the Poarch Relay For Life Team employed with PCI Gaming hosted a Masquerade Jewelry Sale on July 22 & 23, 2010 at Wind Creek Casino. This was a two day event that raised a total of \$3,382.00 for the Tribe's Relay for Life team. Good job gang!! Shown above l-r are Tawana McGhee, Relay Team Captain, Haley Martin, Kevin McGhee, Melanie Boatwright, Paul Sorey, Masquerade representative, and Susan Cofield.

*Photo submitted by Melanie Boatwright*

# Run-Off Election Results

By Gayle Johnson

Saturday, September 4, 2010 was a monumental day for the Tribe. We had approximately 3,000 attendees at Annual Celebration at Magnolia Branch Wildlife Reserve and a total of 1004 votes were cast in the run-off election. Don't get excited, we did not have 3,000 Tribal Members at the Celebration, only 1142 Tribal Members attended, the rest were immediate family members. Wouldn't it be great if we did have 3,000 Tribal Members in attendance? It would be a logistic nightmare, but it would be phenomenal.

Not all 1004 voters voted on Saturday either there were 110 Absentee Ballots, 581 voted during the Walk-In voting process, and 313 voted at the polls. The polls opened at 8:00 a.m. with a line of voters standing ready to cast their ballots; the turnout stayed steady until around 10:00 a.m. and then picked up again after the Celebration ended around 4:30 p.m. Overall we would say that it was a pretty busy day!

Tribal Members have let their voices be heard and those elected will be held to a higher standard. David Gehman was elected to the Secretary position with 560 votes to William Bailey's 430 votes. Robbie McGhee was elected to the Treasurer position with 576 votes to Amy Bryan's 423 votes. We would like to congratulate both candidates on their victory and we look forward to seeing them take an active part in the leadership of the Tribe that will take the Tribe into a united and productive future.

As you can tell by the number of votes cast for each candidate, this was a very close race. Just over 100 votes separated each of the winning candidates from their opponents. Although Amy and William fell short of their goal, which is to serve their fellow Tribal Members and be their voice on the Tribal Council, we may see both of them on the ballot again next year.

A small crowd of about 40 gathered at the Wellness & Activities Center (Gym) to wait for the election results. The polls closed at 7:00 p.m. and the Election Board announced the results shortly thereafter.

Emotions ran strong when the results were read; some were happy, some were not. Congratulations to Robbie McGhee, Treasurer and David Gehman, Secretary.

Next year the General Council will directly elect the Tribal Chairman and two At-Large positions on the Council. We do not know at this time if the incumbents, Tribal Chairman Buford L. Rolin, Arthur Mothershed, and Garvis Sells, will run for re-election.

A breakdown of the Election results and a comparison to the June election is listed below.

	September 4th	June 5th
Absentee Ballots	110	92
Walk-In Ballots	581	253
Voting At Polls	313	824
Total Votes	1004	1054



*Amy Bryan and Robbie McGhee, candidates for the position of Tribal Council Treasurer, set up outside of SAIL Center for some last minute campaigning.*



*Kelli Ramer comes in from the Celebration at Magnolia to cast her vote. She got in just before the polls closed and was voter #313, the last vote of the day and the last vote of the election.*



*Congratulations to Robbie McGhee (l); he was elected as Tribal Treasurer. Congratulations to David Gehman (r); he was elected as Tribal Council Secretary. Hummmm, they both appear to be Alabama fans!*

# Wedding Announcements

## *Hall & Agee to Wed*

Mrs. Eloise Rolin Hall announces the engagement of her son Terry Ledon Hall to Angela Yvette Agee. Terry is the son of the late Henry J. Hall and the grandson of the late Woodrow Rolin and Estelle McGhee Rolin of Poarch. Angela is the daughter of Jeffrey Allen Agee and Rosanne Altorelli Agee.



Terry and Angela live in a historic row house in Richmond, VA with their two dogs and more than a few kitties. Both are graduates of Virginia Commonwealth University. Terry is an Advertising Copywriter and Creative Director and Angela is a Marketing Manager.

They will be married on October 2nd in the historic Libby Hill Park and will honeymoon on the island of St. Martin.

## Anniversary Wishes!!

### *Doug & Carol Gipson*

Doug and Carol McGhee Gipson will celebrate their 27th wedding anniversary on October 28, 2010.

They have one son, Nathan Gipson.

Congratulations on 27 years of marriage.



## Welcome to the World Little One!!

### *Kaiden Bradley McDuffie*



Stacey McDuffie announce the birth of her son, Kaiden Bradley McDuffie. Kaiden was born July 27, 2010 at South Baldwin Hospital. At birth he weighed 6 lbs. 5.5 ozs. and was 17 inches long.

Grandparents are Tawana and Kevin McGhee; great grandparents are Kay and the late Charlie McDuffie.

Kaiden was welcomed home by his aunts Courtney and Kennedy McGhee, Dana McDuffie, and cousins Kyleigh and Olivia.

## Attention Attention Attention

### 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.**

**APPLICANTS MUST PROVIDE  
A COPY OF 2009 TAX RETURNS &  
SOCIAL SECURITY CARDS  
FOR ALL PERSONS ON THE  
APPLICATION  
PLUS ALL OTHER REQUIRED  
DOCUMENTS**

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

# General Dynamics Visits Muskogee Technology

*Submitted by Mal McGhee*

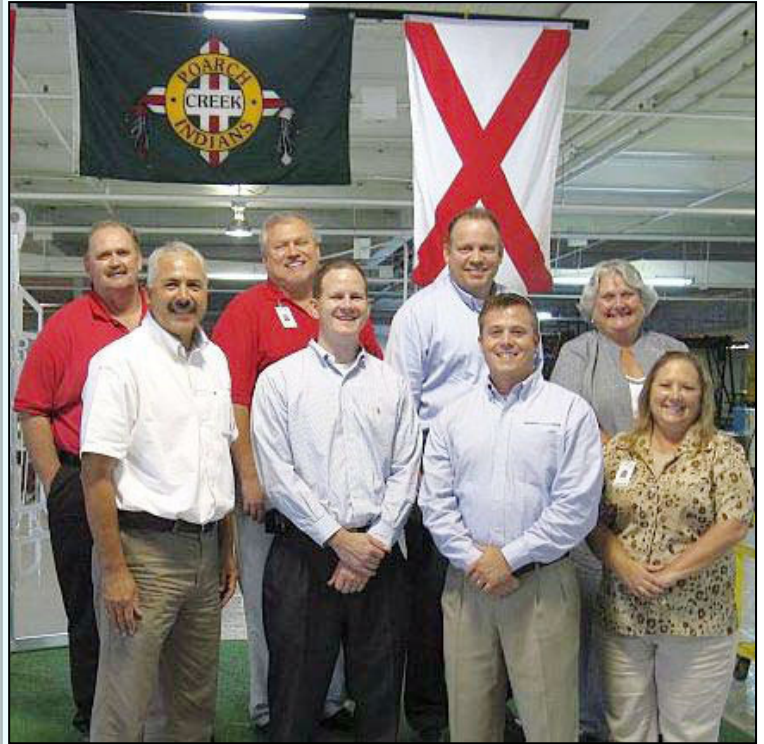
On September 2, 2010 Mal McGhee, President of Muskogee Technology, welcomed Nathan Peck, Supply Chain Strategic Development Director and Dan Maloney, Supply Chain Strategic Development Specialist of General Dynamics Ordnance and Tactical Systems (OTS) located in St. Petersburg, Florida to their facility in Atmore, AL.

Established in 1952 General Dynamics is a leader in Aerospace, Combat Systems, Marine Systems, and Information Systems and Technology. They are headquartered in Falls Church, Virginia. With a global employment base, General Dynamics employs more than 91,000 people. The Ordnance and Tactical Systems is a business unit of the Combat Systems Group providing the U.S. Military and its allies with the production, engineering, design, testing and evaluation of a wide variety of munitions.

The visit to Muskogee Technology was to discuss capabilities and the potential for future business opportunities. Mr. Peck mentioned that he was very happy with what Muskogee Technology brings to the table and is optimistic that a long term partnership can be formed.

Mal McGhee said "Muskogee Technology is excited about this potential business partnership with General Dynamics. This relationship could expand our business portfolio into the new market area of munitions and its systems, including transportation equipment provided to the United States Army. We have many years of experience providing the United States Air Force with this type of ground support equipment. This is another step in supplying products and services to our country and its war fighters."

Muskogee Technology is a subsidiary of Creek Indian Enterprises (CIE) - the economic development arm of the Poarch Creek Indians. The Poarch Creek Indians is a federally recognized American Indian tribe located in Atmore, Alabama. Muskogee Technology is a certified Small Disadvantaged and HUBZone Business by the U.S. Small Business Administration.



*L-R Front: Muskogee Technology (MT) President Mal McGhee, Nathan Peck of General Dynamics, Dan Maloney of General Dynamics, MT QA Manager Angela Neidigh. L-R Back: MT Manufacturing Manager Jeffery Nelson, MT Contracts/ Administration Manager James R. Sutton, MT Proposal Manager Greg Johnson, and MT Accounting Manager Aleta Hudson*

*(Photo by: Nicole Perry)*

## ***Tribal Council Announces Board & Committee Vacancies***

*The Tribal Council is currently accepting applications for vacancies on the following boards/committees/authorities/commissions.*

<i>Election Board</i>	<i>2 Board members, 1 Alternate</i>
<i>Utility Authority</i>	<i>1 Authority member</i>
<i>TERO Commission</i>	<i>1 Commission member</i>
<i>Environmental Board</i>	<i>1 Board member</i>

*Applications are available from the Chairman's Office and online at [www.poarchcreekindians-nsn.gov](http://www.poarchcreekindians-nsn.gov). Applications will be accepted from 8:00 a.m. a.m. Friday, October 1, 2010 through 5:00 p.m. Monday, November 1, 2010.*

# Tribal Member Submissions

## Do You Know??

*Do you know the origin behind the phrase “God willing and the creek don’t rise”?*

*Submitted by Debra Strickland*

This quote was supposedly made by Benjamin Hawkins who was a college educated man and generally recognized as the Creek Indian “agent” for the U.S. and held the title of General Superintendent of all tribes south of the Ohio River during the Revolutionary era.

During the course of his 21 years in these positions he would oversee the longest period of peace with the Creek, only to watch his lifetime of work destroyed by a faction of the Indian Nation known as the “Red Sticks” during the Creek Indian War of 1813-1814.

The phrase would be correctly written as “God willing and the Creek don’t rise”. Hawkins would never have made a grammatical error, so the capitalization of Creek is the only way the phrase could make sense. He wrote it in response to a request from the President to return to the nation’s capital and the reference is not to a creek, but the Creek Indian Nation. If the Creeks “rose”, Hawkins would have to be present to suppress the rebellion.

From his Agency on the Flint River, where he maintained a large plantation and raised pigs, he became friends with the Creek Chiefs and took a Creek woman as a common-law wife who he married shortly before his death. He mechanically churned milk by the barrel, which impressed the chiefs. His benevolence with the food he raised save whole villages from time to time. It is said that his brand was so widely respected that he never lost a pig or cow.

Hawkins’ education (he graduated from Princeton College) gave him something a majority of Georgians did not have -- the ability to read and write. His letters include some of the best existing descriptions of the Creek Indian culture.

<http://ngeorgia.com/>

*Read more about Benjamin Hawkins in the “The Hard Road to Federal Recognition” article on page 29 and see how he was of great importance to the Creek Confederacy and Poarch Creek Indians. You can read more about Benjamin Hawkins and the Creek Confederacy on the About North Georgia web site at <http://ngeorgia.com>.*

## House For Sale

Bonnie and James Garrett have put their home, located at 55 Sanspree Lane, Atmore, AL 36502, up for sale. If you are interested you may contact Bonnie or James at (251) 359-2079. They are asking \$65,000 plus moving expenses.

## The Movement For More Birthdays

For nearly 100 years, the American Cancer Society has been working to create a world with less cancer and more birthdays. We can’t do it without your help. The movement for more birthdays is about everyday people, just like you, coming together to make a difference. This year more than 11 million cancer survivors will celebrate another birthday, thanks in part to the progress already made. But we can’t stop there. With every person who joins the movement, we can get closer to the day when cancer never steals another year from someone’s life.

It all starts by helping people stay well and get well, and by finding cures and fighting back. Join the movement

Learn more at [cancer.org](http://cancer.org)

*PBCI Relay For Life Team*



## GENERAL COUNCIL VOICE (GCV) MEETING SCHEDULE

Due to the upcoming holidays in October, November and December 2010, we will be reducing the scheduled meetings to once a month at the Family Services Resource Auditorium.

Thursday, October 14, 2010 at 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 9, 2010 at 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 9, 2010 at 5:30 p.m.

We welcome your attendance to these meeting to discuss tribal issues.

*Carolyn M. White, GCV Chairman*

# Thank You

Dear Tribal Members:

I wanted to take the opportunity to thank everyone who came out and voted on September 4th in this year's first run-off election. It was also nice to see most of you at the Annual Celebration held at Magnolia Branch. I am proud to serve each of you once again as your Tribal Council representative and now in the capacity of Treasurer.



While campaigning for this election I had the opportunity to speak with many of you, but most importantly the opportunity to listen! It was during this time that I heard your ideas and thoughts about the tremendous amount of work that needs to be done to address the concerns and problems that exist. Even though I can't make any necessary changes by myself, I can assure you they will be brought to the Council table for discussion and debate.

I would like to welcome all individuals despite whether or not I received their vote to contact me so I can hear their concerns. I can only hope that those members who may not have been happy with my or the Council's work in general over the past few years voice their concerns so we can determine what changes, if possible, can be made.

As your council member I will do my best to represent all Tribal Members. We will agree on many things over the next three years and disagree over others, but I assure each of you I am open and willing to listen and make a change based on your point of view.

We are not only members of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians, but a family that has remained strong as a community over the past 200 years. I can only hope in the future we maintain our unity as a family and continue to protect and take care of each other.

Thank you,  
Robert "Robbie" R. McGhee

# A Letter of Gratitude



*"THANK YOU" very much for your vote and support in the recent tribal election.* I appreciate the opportunity you have given me to participate in our government and work with fellow tribal council members as we seek prosperity for our tribe and our people. "Thank You" to my parents, family and friends that worked on my behalf and supported my campaign. A special thank you to my wife, Shyrell, and our children Stephanie and Daniel, Emily, Kristen and Stephen for your support.

This was a historic election; for the first time tribal members elected the Secretary and Treasurer. We also experienced another first, a run-off election. It was a privilege to be in the Secretary race with a fine group of candidates, "thanks" to each of you for a good race. I also want to congratulate incoming Treasurer Robert McGhee and Eddie Tullis on your election.

I often think of the hard working generations of our people that did not have much, were very poor and would never know the quality of life we now have. Regardless of our success, God help us never forget those who came before us and struggled to survive, and how far we have come lest hard times come again. I know there are many of our people struggling today, I hear you! I look forward to working with the Tribal Council as we seek to provide a sustainable future and protect our tribal interests from economic and political threats, and improve the quality of life for all tribal members. May God bless each of you in the coming days.

Psalms 121:1-2

*I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the LORD, which made heaven and earth.*

Kindest regards,  
David Gehman



## **OCTOBER IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH "FLIP FLOP TO STOP"**

***STOP the Silence. STOP the Violence.***  
***Annual October Domestic Violence Vigil***  
***OCTOBER 5, 2010 @ 5pm***  
***HELD ON THE POW WOW GROUNDS***

***Pow Wow Club will perform, light snacks provided.***

***Please help us make our community aware of our struggles with domestic violence.***

## Youth Leadership Academy Was Great Success

*Submitted by Keesha O'Barr*



*Academy members meet with Tim Martin, President/CEO of Creek Indian Enterprises Development Authority (CIEDA)*

The Education Department and Tribal Court were given the venture of creating and running the Youth Leadership Academy Mini Term at the end of July. We had 23 teens participating in the program ages 13-17. The teens were given the opportunity to tour various tribal and local businesses. The teens also enjoyed prevention presentations by Wes Hayles, Addictions Counselor, Dr. Crum, Health Department Psychologist, and Kerri McGhee, Health Department Intern.

The Education Department and Tribal Court wanted to acknowledge the tribal departments, authorities and businesses that did presentations and tours for the teens including PCI Utilities, Muskogee Metal Works, CIEDA, PCI Fire Department, PCI Police Department, Wind Creek Casino and Hotel, Atmore Hospital, and the PCI Cultural Authority.

We would like to give a special thank you to Kim McGhee, Tribal Court Administrative Assistant and Kerri McGhee, Health Department Intern who acted as the sponsors for the program and Chris Rutherford who graciously volunteered to be our bus driver.

We all really enjoyed the time that we were able to spend with the teens and wish them well in all their future endeavors.

## Back to School Luau

*Submitted by Keesha O'Barr*



*Luau participants enjoy the pool at Wind Creek*

The Families United Now (FUN) Prevention Program sponsored a "Back to School Luau" for tribal teens on August 3, 2010 at the Wind Creek Casino Pool. This event was the culmination of the various summer programs sponsored through the Education Department and Tribal Court, but was also open to youngsters who were unable to participate in these programs.

The teens were served a delicious dinner catered by the Casino and several nice door prizes were awarded. Though dark skies threatened, the afternoon turned out beautifully, and those clouds actually provided a little cover, making for slightly cooler weather. Plans had been made for a somewhat larger crowd, but with 21 teens in attendance, there was plenty of food and pool space for everyone. The young people as well as the staff had a wonderful time and we hope to be able to make the "Back to School Luau" an annual event.

## Reminder:

The Poarch Creek 4-H Club  
meets the first and fourth  
Monday of each month  
at 6:00 p.m. in the PCI  
Education Department!

## First Generation Indian Descent Scholarships Now Available

The Tribal Council has reopened the Indian Descent Scholarship Program for a second time this Year due to new funding! Applications for First Generation Indian Descent Scholarships will be available starting August 23, 2010. The deadline to return the completed application to the Education Department is 5:00 p.m. (CST) Friday, October 15, 2010.



Applications are available in the Education Department or on Education's page of the official Tribal web site at [www.poarchcreekindians-nsn.gov](http://www.poarchcreekindians-nsn.gov). If you would like to have an application mailed to you, please contact the education Department at (251) 368-9136 x 2021. ***Applicants who have previously received an award for 2010 are ineligible and may not reapply.***

Please call the Education Department at the number above if you have any questions or need more information.

## Cupcakes for Soldiers

The Summer Youth Career Academy's five young men, Andrew Daughtry, Dustin Colbert, Darren McGhee, Dylan McGhee, and Dakota Sheets, baked and sold over 600 cupcakes to raise funds to buy items for Tribal Members or Tribal First Generation descendants who are stationed in Afghanistan.

We need family members to send the soldier's mailing address and a list of items they can use while in Afghanistan to the Education Department. The items will be mailed directly to the Tribal member or First Generation Descendant in Afghanistan.

Please contact Billie McGhee at (251) 368-9136 x 2243 or via email at [bmcghee@pci-nsn.gov](mailto:bmcghee@pci-nsn.gov) if you have any questions or would like to leave a soldier's information.

## University of Georgia Out-Of-State Tuition Policy Change

*Submitted by Billie McGhee*

The Institute of Native American Studies has been able to have the out-of-state tuition policy changed to help more Native American students to attend the University of Georgia.

### ***NEW POLICY CHANGE FOR NATIVE AMERICAN STUDENTS***

Students who are federally recognized member of these tribes: Cherokee and Muscogee tribes in Oklahoma, North Carolina, and Alabama, qualify for in-state tuition while attending the University of Georgia. If you have a student who is a member of one of the above federally recognized tribes and is planning to apply to the University of Georgia, please have them contact Jace Weaver at [jweaver@uga.edu](mailto:jweaver@uga.edu) or (706) 542-1492.

Each year, a federally recognized tribal member enrolled at the University of Georgia College in both a degree program in the of Public Health (M.P.H. or Dr.PH) and the graduate certificate program in Native American Studies will be selected to receive free tuition at University of Georgia. After the student completes his/her first year, the student will be placed in a summer internship at the federal Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta, with a focus on Tribal health.

The undergraduate and graduate certificate programs in Native American Studies permit students to earn a University of Georgia degree in any "traditional" discipline while demonstrating an expertise in Native American Studies through a separate credential. Their brochure information states, "the students can continue to graduate school in Native American or American Indian Studies or their chosen discipline. Graduates of the Native American Studies program can either teach in their Native American Studies or in their underlying discipline or it can make an excellent base for law school."

## Children of Breast Cancer Scholarships

The Children of Breast Cancer Scholarships are awarded to students who lost a parent to breast cancer and to children of breast cancer survivors. The scholarship amount is at least \$1,000. For more information or to make a tax deductible donation, write to Children of Breast Cancer Scholarship Fund, PO Box 4032, Chattanooga, TN 37405.



# Ethics Corner

By: Carrie Martin, Ethics Chair

The following is an advisory opinion which the Ethics Board has addressed. Due to the length of the advisory opinion, it will be published over the next three months.



## ISSUE PRESENTED:

A Tribal Member complains to a Tribal Official or key employee regarding various issues occurring within the Tribal Court and/or Drug Court. These issues involve court orders and current cases awaiting dispositions, some of which include family of the Tribal Official or key employee. The Tribal Official or key employee then contacts the Tribal Judge and/or various staff members to obtain details of the cases.

## SPECIFIC QUESTION:

1. Is it an ethics violation for Tribal Officials or key employees to attempt to influence court decisions?
2. Is it an ethics violation for Tribal Officials or key employees to use their positions to intimidate staff members?
3. Is it an ethics violation for Tribal Officials or key employees to attempt to obtain confidential information regarding court cases?
4. If there is a complaint against a staff member, should the Tribal Official or key employees get involved directly?
5. Should Tribal Officials or key employees get involved in personnel matters?
6. Should Tribal Officials or key employees get involved in influencing the Tribal Judicial system in any way?

## ANALYSIS: Preliminary Comments

The Ethics Code defines advisory opinions as “an interpretation of the provisions of this Ethics Code to guide one’s conduct on how the Ethics Board may rule on a matter should an ethics complaint be filed.” Requests for advisory opinions are typically received from Tribal Officials or key employees seeking guidance with respect to their own conduct rather than from Tribal Members interested in the propriety of the conduct of others.

The first paragraph of the request for advisory opinion seems to describe actual events rather than a purely hypothetical situation. Allegations of ethical violations

should be made in the form of a report of ethics violation filed with the Ethics Officer pursuant to Ethics Code 28-1-11. The Ethics Officer has the authority to conduct a full investigation and, if warranted, file an ethics complaint pursuant to Ethics Code 28-1-13. In that event, the Ethics Board, serving in a quasi-judicial capacity, would hold an evidentiary hearing pursuant to Ethic Code 28-1-15.

By seeking an advisory opinion on a matter that may later come before the Ethics Board pursuant to a complaint filed by the Ethics Officer, the Board risks pre-judging a case based on a one-sided and incomplete presentation of the facts. To avoid this risk, the Board will address the issues only in general terms.

## ADVISORY OPINIONS ON ISSUES PRESENTED

1. Is it an ethics violation for Tribal Officials or key employees to attempt to influence court decisions?

Ethics Code 28-1-5(h)(2) provides that “no Tribal Official or key employee shall use his or her authority or position to intimidate or improperly influence any fellow Tribal Officials or key employees to act in a way that violates any applicable laws, policies, or procedures.”

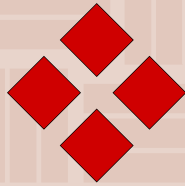
Ethics Code 28-1-5(i) provides that “No Tribal Official or key employee shall show greater regard in making any decision or taking any action for the personal advantage or interest of such Tribal Official or key employee, his or her immediate family members, or any person, group, or organization with whom he or she has a personal business relationship than for the interest of other Tribal Members or employees.”

Used as a verb, “influence” is commonly understood to mean to “affect or alter.” If a Tribal Official or key employee attempted to influence a court decision, he or she would violate 28-1-5(h)(2). Whether an “attempt to influence court decisions” has, in fact, occurred depends on the specific conduct, words, and circumstances of the case.

Pursuant to the Tribe’s Constitution, Art. IV 4(k), the Tribal Council is empowered to “establish a civil and criminal law enforcement code and judicial system governing the conduct of the Indian residents within the reservation lands of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians by a separate and independent judicial system whose powers and duties shall not be encroached upon by another branch of tribal government except as may be provided for by

this constitution or an amendment thereto.”

Tribal Court judges are appointed by the Tribal Council by majority vote, Court Code 3-1-5, subject to removal by the Tribal Council by a two-thirds majority, Court Code, 3-1-7, and subject to non-renewal of their contracts after their expiration of each three year term, Court Code, 3-2-2. The Council’s power over the court would make contact from a Council member potentially intimidating. If made for the purpose of influencing a decision, such contacts clearly violate Ethics code 28-1-5(h)(2). If a Tribal Official or key employee contacted the Court motivated by desire to help a family member, personal friend, or business associate, the contact would also violate Ethics Code 28-1-5(i).



*You can obtain a copy of the Ethics Code, forms for advisory opinions, or ethics complaints, from the Tribal Chairman’s office, Legal Department, or Tribal Court.*

*Look for part two of this opinion in the next issue of the Poarch Creek News.*

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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.*

It appears that the Tensaw/Tombigbee settlements were places of cultural synthesis; places where Spanish, French, English, and Indian cultures converged. It seems clear from descriptions of the settlement that Indian culture made a significant contribution to the collective culture of the unique community, and that the Indian culture in question was primarily Upper Creek.

Events in the Americas in the late eighteenth century began to accelerate the peaceful, isolated Indian settlements of Tensaw into a growing and central position. The Revolutionary War caused a number of Tories to relocate to the area from the Atlantic seaboard states, increasing the population of the area significantly. After the British surrender at Yorktown in 1783, the new government was not favorably disposed toward the Creek nation, for the reason that Alexander McGillivray, leader of the nation during the Revolution, had persuaded many of his chiefs to side with the British. With more pressing problems in forming a new Union, the United States waited until 1790 to clarify both its borders with and relationship to the Creek Nation. The Treaty of New York was signed August 7 of that year in New York by Alexander McGillivray for the Creeks and Henry Knox, Secretary of War, for the United States. Both Lachlan Durant and David Tate accompanied their uncle, Alexander McGillivray, on that trip to New York, in addition to 24 Creek chiefs and warriors, among whom was one of the signers of the treaty, "Samoniac." Dispossessed of his property, and his commission in the British, American, and Spanish armies, McGillivray relocated to his plantation on Little River near Tensaw from his home in the Nation.

In 1795, a little noticed but major event took place in Creek history. Benjamin Hawkins replaced James Seagrove as U.S. Agent to the Creek Nation. It is in Hawkins' documents that the first significant direct accounts of the history and activities of the ancestors of the present Poarch Creek Indians are found. In the year following his appointment, Hawkins made an extensive survey of the Creek Nation, travelling to as many towns as he could and keeping a meticulous journal of his observations. Hawkins describes Leonard McGhee



*Benjamin Hawkins*

for the first time in an entry dated February 11, 1797:

"I have heard that there is a halfbreed in the savannas, Leonard Megee, who is of an excellent character, speaks English well." This is the same Len or Lynn McGhee (both "Lynn" and "McGhee" have several variant spellings) whose reserve acted and acts today as the geographic center of the Poarch Band of Creeks.

In a letter to James McHenry dated October 23, 1797, Hawkins briefly describes the Tensaw settlement "the two settlements are on our side of the line, the first on the left bank of the Alabama, the other on the right bank of the Tombigbee". Hawkins also states that "The whites who had Indian families took no care of them, either to educate them or to teach them any thing useful. The (the children) were left with their mothers." Thus, many of the half-bloods were raised with a high degree of Creek customs and worldview, and identified more as Creek than as white. This is further corroborated by the high incidence of endogamy (inter-marriage) within the half-blood colony there, in addition to many half-blood men, especially, taking full-blood Creek wives.

In the years immediately preceding the Creek War of 1813-1814, one of the by-products of the War of 1812 between England and the United States, the Tensaw area grew into a full community with laws, schools, and churches. The invention of the cotton gin by Eli Whitney in 1793 had helped to increase the population of the rich soil area. Two brothers from New England, William and John Pierce, were local entrepreneurs, first establishing a school on Boatyard Lake near Tensaw in 1799 and then building the first cotton gin in the area in 1802. Children of the half-blood Weatherford, McGillivray, Tate, Stiggins, Durant, and McQueen families in Tensaw were known to be in attendance at the school.

In 1803 a land office was established at St. Stephens, a village near the Tombigbee settlement, to help arrange for the disposition of public domain. From this land office actual sales of land began in 1807. On December 21, 1809, Baldwin County was established. A census of the county



*Alexander McGillivray*

taken in 1810 shows 127 heads of households, with some of the names of those who are ancestors of the Poarch Band of Creeks.

Conditions in the Creek confederacy in the decade preceding the Creek War of 1813-1814 grew progressively more troubled and polarized. Despite the establishment of the national Council or Congress of the Creek Nation which was designed to include all towns of the Upper and Lower Creeks alike, and despite the ever increasing European acculturation, especially among the Lower Creeks, the seeds of discontent were present, and destined to grow into outright rebellion. In June of 1802 and again in November of 1805, two large land cessions were made to Georgia and the United States for sums of money and goods and, most irritating to the Creeks, for payment of their debts. Their native homelands were gradually being taken, and the pressure and agitation of this expropriation was building in terms of resentment of the whites. Under the leadership of William McIntosh, a renown Creek half-blood, the Lower Creeks had become more assimilated into white culture and more supportive of white perspectives than the more remote and traditional Upper Creeks, which whom the Lower Creeks were finding themselves increasingly at odds.

In 1811, the celebrated Shawnee chief and politician, Tecumseh, visited several Indian nations, Creeks included, to persuade Indians to resist American expansionism and organize with the British in an effort to expel the Americans from the Indian homelands. Assisting Tecumseh in this objective was a new prophetic native religious movement begun by his brother Tenskwatawa, in the tenets of which whites would be expelled from Indian lands and Indians would regain their traditional ways and live in peaceful harmony. Tecumseh spread this gospel at his talks to various groups. He spoke at both Upper and Lower Creek villages during his stay there, and managed finally to enlist the support of most of the Upper towns.



*Tecumseh*

*Additional information will appear in next month's issue, which will feature The Creek War and its aftermath.*

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3  Open House Fire Station #2 (Porch Road) 2:00 p.m.	4  Tribal Court Tribal Court Room 9:00 a.m.  CMCMA Meeting Welcome Center/Museum 5:00 p.m.	5  Weight Watchers Gym 5:00 p.m. NA Meeting Turning Point 7:00 p.m. Finger Weaving Classes 4:00 p.m. CMCMA	6  Housing Authority Meeting Building 400 Conference Room 3:00 p.m.	7  Tribal Council Meeting Council Chambers 4:00 p.m.	8	9  NA Meeting Turning Point 7:00 p.m.
10	11  Wellness & Activities Authority Meeting Gym 4:00 p.m.  Warrior Society Meeting St. Anna's 6:00 p.m.  4-H Meeting Education Department 6:00 p.m.  5:00 p.m. Deadline To Submit Information For November Newsletter	12  Weight Watchers Gym 5:00 p.m.  TERO Meeting 3:00 p.m. TERO Conf. Room  NA Meeting Turning Point 7:00 p.m.  Creek Patchwork Class 4:00 p.m. CMCMA	13	14  General Council Voice Meeting 5:30 p.m. Family Services Auditorium	15  CIEDA Meeting CIEDA Office 8:00 a.m.	16  NA Meeting Turning Point 7:00 p.m.
17	18  Tribal Court Tribal Court Room 9:00 a.m.  CMCMA Meeting Welcome Center/ Museum 5:00 p.m.  Boating Class 5:30 - 9:00 p.m. Well & Act Center	19  Weight Watchers Gym 5:00 p.m.  NA Meeting Turning Point 7:00 p.m.  Creek Patchwork Class 4:00 p.m. CMCMA  Boating Class 5:30 - 9:00 p.m. Well & Act Center	20  Housing Authority Meeting Building 400 Conference Room 3:00 p.m.	21  Tribal Council Meeting Council Chambers 4:00 p.m.	22	23  NA Meeting Turning Point 7:00 p.m.
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