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Chairman's Corner

February 2011

We are already into the second month of the new year and things are busier than ever. We the Tribal Council want you to know that we are continuing to work on your behalf locally, statewide and nationally.

Last month I mentioned the recent appointment of Robert McGhee and myself to the Secretary's Tribal Advisory Committee (STAC). I am honored to say that during our first meeting I was elected to serve as Vice-Chairman for the Committee.

Members of the Tribal Council, along with applicable Tribal and PCI Gaming staff, attended the Creek Entertainment Gretna ground breaking ceremonies on January 11, 2011. The ground breaking event announced the partnership of the Poarch Creek Indians (PCI Gaming) and Gretna Racing to develop a Quarter Horse track and poker facility in Gretna, Florida.

I traveled to Washington D.C. for the quarterly NIHB Board meeting January 17th through



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the 19th. I am privileged to serve as Vice-Chairman of this committee and we work diligently to make sure that the health issues facing Indian Country are addressed.

Tribal Council and applicable staff will attend the annual USET Impact Week in Washington D.C. the week of February 7, 2011. This is an annual event held so that leaders from the USET Tribes can meet with their congressional delegates. Robert McGhee and I serve as Tribal Delegates on the USET Board of Directors and many of our staff serve in leadership roles on several of the USET Committees. It is crucial to Poarch Creek and Indian Country that we know our congressional delegates and form a favorable working relationship with them.

Tribal Administrative Offices To Close In Observance of Presidents' Day

Tribal Administrative Offices will be closed Monday, February 21, 2011 in observance of Presidents' Day. Please mark your calendar and remember this closing when scheduling your visit to the Pharmacy, Health Department, or other Tribal Departments for services.

Per the most recently approved Enrollment Report, there are 3061 Tribal Members of the **Poarch Band of Creek Indians.**



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Birthday/Anniversary Wishes are limited to Tribal Members, spouses, first generation descent, and those living in the Tribal Member's immediate household. These requirements apply to Birth and Wedding announcements as well. 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. This may mean you will have to publish a birthday/anniversary wish prior to any party planned for the event. 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.

Tribal Utilities Receives Recognition Team Award

Submitted by Josh Thomas, Utilities Director

Every year the Nashville Area Indian Health Service selects team recipients along with individuals to receive rewards for significant achievements, accomplishments or contributions towards the mission of Indian Health Services. For the fiscal year 2010, Poarch Band of Creek Indians Utility Authority has been selected to receive the Tribal/Urban Program Recognition Team Award for the implementation of two water treatment facilities and upgrading to become an independent system. Recognition is deserved to each employee of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians Utilities Authority for their outstanding dedication and hard work.

In addition to the team award, Shaun Livermore our Utilities Operator was chosen for the Self Development award. This award is established to recognize and honor a person who has shown significant motivation in developing themselves in the work environment by completing formal training/education on work experience enrichment activities. Shaun was chosen because of his success in advancing his operator certification levels, and the fact that he will be graduating with a degree in Drafting and Design from Jefferson Davis Community College in May of 2011. Congratulations to the Utility Authority.

The Poarch Band of Creek Indians Utility Authority has a seven member board which contributes to the success of the Utility Authority. The Authority Board members are as follow: Josh Martin, Eddie Tullis, Shawn Rolin, Charles Bray, Ron Marshall, Chris McGhee, and Lathaniel McGhee. The community of Poarch is grateful to have such professional dedicated individuals looking after their water and wastewater needs.

Criteria Established For Birthday Wishes

Due to the ever increasing number of birthday wishes submitted, effective March 2011 birthday wishes will be limited to Tribal Members, spouses, first generation descendent, and those living in the Tribal Member's immediate household. This criteria applies to anniversary wishes and birth and wedding announcements as well.

All submissions must be submitted in writing and for verification must include the Tribal Member's roll number or Tribal affiliation in the case of Tribal Member spouse, first generation descent, or those living in the Tribal Member's immediate household.



Back row- Paul Rolin, Josh Thomas, Silas Holmes, Shaun Livermore, Ashley Lowe Front row- Jamie Ramer, Byron Mosley, Dempsey Rolin

Tribal Council Seeking Names of All Individuals Who Have Served On Tribal Council

Per a Resolution approved by the Tribal Council on December 2, 2010, all individuals who have served on the Tribal Council for a period of two terms or more is entitled to a monthly honorarium for their services.

Tribal Council records document those who have served since federal recognition. The Tribal Council is requesting Tribal Members submit the name of any individuals who served on the Council for a period of two terms or more prior to federal recognition.

Many individuals have served as leaders of the Tribe and the Tribal Council would like to make sure all receive proper recognition. If you know of an individual who has served as a leader of the Tribe, please contact Kelli Ramer, Tribal Council Liaison at (251) 446-1140.

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Poarch Creek News

Oldest Living Tribal Member Turns 100 On February 20, 2011

Submitted by Don Williams

Dollie McClellan, the Tribe's oldest living Tribal Member, will turn 100 on February 20, 2011. Dollie was born to Leacy Williams and George Washington Murphy in Jeddo, AL on February 20, 1911. She was raised on a 66 acre farm along with her brothers and sisters, Willis, Lena, Josie, Ernest, and J.Z. Murphy and half-brothers and sisters Lula, Calvin, Oscar, Mattie, and Lilly Mae Hathcock. Dollie attended school in Jeddo and Uriah, AL. Some of her friends and classmates were Martha Black, Maggie Colbert, and Lula Belle Woods.

Dollie left home in the mid-1930s and went to Mobile, AL and worked as a waitress until getting a job at International Paper Company. She later moved to Pensacola, FL in the 1940s and opened a small neighborhood grocery store and continued to work there and make her living until she met Rex McClellan, the love of her life, in 1952. They were married in 1954 and remain together today.

Dollie loves to work in her yard and greenhouse. She still plants her garden every spring and loves to work with her flowers. She is the only Real Daughter of the Confederacy in Chapter 298 of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. She is proud to be a member of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians and is very proud of her heritage and gets great pleasure attending the annual Thanksgiving Pow Wow.

Although Dolly has no children of her own, she has numerous nieces and nephews who adore her; they, along with her other family and friends, would love to wish her continued good health and a happy 100th birthday! We love you and want you to know that you are very special to us!



Dollie McClellan

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Marvin Manac

Marvin Manac celebrated his 36th birthday on January 1, 2011. He is the son of Carlvin and Pat Manac and the grandson of the late Harve and Loney Bell Manac. Happy Birthday Marvin, we love you lots. Dannielle and family.

Megan Young

Megan Young celebrated her birthday on January 2, 2011. What a treasure you are! God truly smiled on us the day you were born. We love you more than you could ever imagine. Happy Birthday, Mom, Dad, and Mallory.



Sarah Garrett celebrated her birthday January 4, 2011. Happy Birthday Blondie, we love you!!

Robert Selzer

Robert Selzer celebrated his 40th birthday on January 4, 2011. Lord knows he has made it to 40! We hope and pray he has 40 more! Happy Birthday, Mom, Dad, Joey, and Punkin'.

Karen Findley

Karen Findley of Everett, WA, celebrated her birthday on January 6, 2011. Karen is the daughter of the late Elba and Mace McGhee. Her family in Alabama would like to say "Happy Birthday" We love you!



Kya Lynn O'Neal

Kya Lynn O'Neal celebrated her third birthday on January 8th at Chuck E Cheese with family and friends. Kya is the granddaughter of Denise Lister and the late Lester Dalrymple. Happy Birthday Kya, MamMaw loves you.



Dixie Manac



Dixie Manac celebrated her 9th birthday on January 8, 2011. She is the daughter of Timmy and Nikkie Manac and the granddaughter of Carlvin and Pat Manac. Happy Birthday Dixie, love you lots, Daddy, Mama, Laa-Laa, and family

Brandon Johnson



Brandon Johnson celebrated his 27th birthday on January 10, 2011. Happy Birthday Brandon, we love you! Your wife Jennifer; your mom & dad, Henry & Sherry Johnson; your brother & sisterin-law, Justin & Hannah; and your Maw Maw Ruth Bailey.

Brandon would like to say happy birthday to his wife Jennifer who celebrated her birthday on January 3, 2011.

Hayla Weaver



Hayla Weaver celebrated her 6th birthday on January 13, 2011. Happy Birthday Hayla, we love you!

William McGillivray



William McGillivray, son of Robert and Chasity McGillivray, celebrated his 8th birthday on January 15, 2011 with friends and family at the Bananas Fun Park in Grand Junction, Colorado. William is the grandson of Carolyn and Bennie

Presley of McCullough, AL and the late Bill McGillivray and Mary McGillivray of Chapin, South Carolina. Happy Birthday Will!! We love you, Mom, Dad, and Taylor!

Wesley Jackson

Wesley Jackson celebrated his 32nd birthday on January 19, 2011. Happy Birthday, we love you! Melinda, Hunter & Jasmine.

Mallory Young

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Mallory Young celebrated her birthday on January 22, 2011. What a treasure you are! God truly smiled on us the day you were born. We love you more than you could ever imagine. Happy Birthday, Mom, Dad, & Megan.

Helen Henson Creel

Helen Henson Creel, daughter of Carey and Girlie McGhee Henson, celebrated her birthday on January 24, 2011. Happy Birthday, we love you!

Alia Snow

Alia Snow celebrated her birthday on January 29, 2011. Happy Birthday Alia, we love you! Mom, Dad, Gavin, Me-Maw Ellen, Papa Joe, Me-Maw Fay and Papa Aubery, and all your aunts, uncles & cousins.

Jami Nicole Andrews

Jami Nicole Andrews celebrated her 18th birthday on January 28th. She is the daughter of Kevin and Tammie Andrews. Jami, we love you very much and hope you had a very happy birthday! We love you, Dad, Mom, Shyla, MawMaw Pat, PawPaw Frank,



Paw Donnie, MawMaw JoAnn, Pauwv (uncle) Ben, Uncle B.J. Aunt Faye, Aaron, and the rest of your friends and family.

Colten Manac



Colten Manac will celebrate his 13th birthday on February 4, 2011. He is the son of Timmy & Nikki Manac and the grandson of Carlvin and Pat Manac. Happy Birthday Colten, we love you lots!! Daddy, Mama, Laa-Laa, and family.

Shiane Manac



Shiane "Shi baby" Manac will celebrate her 15th birthday on February 13, 2011. She is the daughter of Harvey Lee Manac and the granddaughter of Carlvin and Pat Manac. Happy Birthday Shi baby, we love you like crazy! Daddy, family, & friends.

Bryan Hutto



Bryan Hutto will celebrate his birthday on February 14, 2011. He is the son of Glenda Henson Ellis and the grandson of Thelma McGhee Henson. Happy Birthday & Happy Valentine's Day! We love you!

Casey Jackson



Casey Jackson will celebrate his 15th birthday on Wednesday, February 16th. Casey is the son of Eddie and Edie Jackson of Poarch. He is the grandson of Eddie and Mary Jane Tullis and Mable and the late Alton Jackson, all of

Zachery James



Zachery James will celebrate his birthday on February 17, 2011. He is the son of Bryan Hutto, grandson of Glenda Henson Ellis, and great grandson of Thelma McGhee Henson. Happy Birthday, we love you!

Celebrating Birthdays Continued On Page 10

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Bailey Catherine Stinson

Brad and Lori Stinson are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Bailey Catherine Stinson.

Bailey was born on Friday, November 5, 2010, at 7:48 a.m. at Sacred Heart Women's Hospital in Pensacola, Florida. She weighed 8 pounds, 5 ounces and measured 21 inches in length.

Bailey's grandparents are Billy Conn and Shirley Madison of Atmore, Byron Stinson of New Brockton, AL, and Barbara Stinson of Enterprise, AL. Her paternal greatgrandmother is Evelyn Jones of Enterprise, AL.

Bailey was welcomed home by her two year old sister, Bradleigh Anne.



Linda and Lonell Peacock celebrated their 40th wedding



Linda and Lonell also celebrated their birthdays in January as well. Lonell celebrated his birthday on January 8, 2011 and his beautiful bride celebrated her birthday on January 9,

Congratulations and Happy Birthday Day!



Kenslee Chavira

Kenslee Chavira will be celebrating her 3rd birthday on February 19, 2011 with a Tinkerbell party. Kenslee is the daughter of Romie and Shelly Chavira, and the granddaughter of Lena and Joe White. Happy Birthday Kenslee, We Love You!!



Mom, Dad, Aron, Nana, Papa, Aunt Heather and Bubba James.

John O'Barr

John O'Barr will celebrate his birthday February 24, 2011. Happy Birthday John. We love you. Mom, Dad, Stacie, and all your sisters, brothers, nieces and nephews.



Tabatha & Shawn O'Neal



Happy Birthday Tabatha and Shawn O'Neal. Tabatha celebrates her 27th birthday on February 25th; Shawn celebrates his 27th on February 26th. Tabatha is the daughter of Denise Lister and the late Lester Dalrymple. We love you both very

much!

Carolyn Manac Graddy



Carolyn Manac Graddy will celebrate her birthday on February 28, 2011. You are the greatest Mother; our family would be lost without you. We love you! The Graddy family.

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Education News & Updates

Changes Made to McGhee-Tullis Tuition Assistance Policy

Submitted by Sandra Hiebert, Education Director

Changes have recently been made to the McGhee-Tullis Tuition Assistance Program Policy. Copies of the updated policy have been mailed to all current participants of the program. Some of the changes to the policy are listed below:

Page 2, Introductory Paragraph-Students utilizing their full allotment of \$30,000 may request an additional \$10,000;

Page 2, Academic Achievement Bonus-Amounts available have changed;

Page 3, Reimbursement-Receipts must be held by the student until they reach at least \$150 or the end of the semester;

Page 6, Post-Secontary Education-Amounts allowed per program year have changed. Under graduate level is now \$10,000 per year, Masters/Professional level is now \$12,000;

Page 7, Student Loan Repayment-Only students who were enrolled Tribal Members as of July 2007 may use their allotment for repayment of student loans. The Tribe will not pay any student loans if the Tribe paid 100% of the cost of the student's education;

Page 8, Student Loan Repayment-Amounts allowed for yearly repayment have changed. Undergraduate level payments will be \$10,000 per year; Masters/Professional level will be \$12,000.

Please feel free to call the Education Department at (251) 368-9136 x 2021 if you have any questions regarding these important changes. You may obtain a copy of the policy and applicable application for the program by contacting the Education Department or from the Tribe's official web site at www.poarchcreekindian-nsn.gov.

Changes Made to Fred L. McGhee First Generation Scholarship Program

Submitted by Sandra Hiebert, Education Director

The Fred L. McGhee First Generation Indian Descent Scholarship is now available. There have been changes in the policy and the application. Please review the entire policy! Some of the changes are indicated below.

Applications for the First Generation Scholarship are now being accepted at any time of the year, as long as funding remains available.

Applicants must have at least a cumulative 2.0 Grade Point Average.

Applications must be complete with an official transcript and a copy of the applicant's Birth Certificate.

Awards will be based on the student's grade point average, current standing (freshman, sophomore, etc.), status as a full or part time student, and the type of school the student attends (Community College, University, or Graduate School).

The Scholarship covers books, tuition, and mandatory fees. All funds awarded will be paid directly to the institution.

You may obtain an application by contacting the Education Department at (251) 368-9136 Extension 2021 or from the Tribe's official web site at www.poarchcreekindiannsn.gov.



2011 Starts with a bang of a dram that is!

Dancers, singers, and spectators rocked in the New Year with the very first annual Poarch Creek New Year's Eve Sobriety Youth Powwow. Hundreds gathered to celebrate as representatives from over 9 different tribes sang and danced. Though everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves, the night's celebration had a bigger message- keeping drugs and alcohol out of our children's lives by offering healthy and fun alternatives.

The celebration was highlighted by some "unique" competitions, outside of the regular dance contests. A marshmallow-eating contest, powwow-style musical chairs, solo hand-drum competition, and a potato two-step competition were some of specials added, which made the powwow even more entertaining.

Every one who attended received some free goodies, as

well as the usual New Year's Eve party favors. Taking the place of the champagne for the traditional New Year's toast was Welch's sparkling grape juice. The powwow ended at 2am right after announcing the winners of all the dance contests. Every child dancer walked away with money in their pocket and a smile on their face.

The event was sponsored by the Calvin McGhee Cultural Management Authority, the Poarch Creek Powwow Club, and the Families United Now (FUN) Tribal Intervention program. This event could not have been possible without the collaboration of these entities, and shows what happens when tribal departments work together to make their events and programs successful for the community. A big Mvto (Thank You) goes to the Wellness & Activities Authority for allowing the powwow to happen within the gym.



Tribe Announces Development of Creek Entertainment Gretna



During a project kickoff ceremony attended by Tribal Council Members, Tribal Elders, and other Tribal representatives on Tuesday, January 11, 2011, the Tribe announced the development of Creek Entertainment Gretna, a partnership with Florida developer David Ronik to bring horse racing and a poker facility to Gretna, FL.

The centerpiece facility at the more than 100 acre site just off the I-10 interchange in Gretna will be an equestrian center and Quarter Horse track that will make Gretna a destination for horsemen, spectators, outdoorsmen, poker players, sports enthusiasts, and tourists. The new facility is expected to create more than 400 jobs for the community ranging from construction and building contract jobs to hundreds of jobs at the facility once it opens. The projected opening of the facility is October 2011.

Gretna is a small, rural community nestled in Gadsden County where the median income is \$25,000; more than 30% of the population is below the federal poverty line. "Gretna is a wonderful community, and it is a privilege to be able to provide jobs here," noted Tribal Chairman Buford L. Rolin. "Our Tribe takes great pride in all of our businesses and the quality of entertainment that they offer. We are excited to see what Creek Entertainment Gretna will mean to the economic well-being of our neighbors in North Florida." Gretna Mayor Helen Franks is very excited about the project. "This is a tremendous economic development opportunity for Gretna. It's also an opportunity for us to become a leader among small, rural communities by bringing the economic and recreational benefits of a horse track and equestrian facility to a region where these activities are extremely popular and will be a catalyst for rural economic development and growth."

In addition to the equestrian focus, the site will also have a world-class poker room. Comparable pari-mutuel facilities that host a horse track and poker room draw patrons from a market area this is typically more than a one-hour drive from the Gretna site. This facility is a long-overdue entertainment venue and will draw from an estimated 500,000 adults over the age of 18 that are eligible to play poker. Florida is currently home to three operating racetrack and poker room facilities. These facilities employ more than 1,500 full time employees and generate \$5.15 million in state and local taxes for the communities they serve. "This project will create an innovative public-private partnership that will provide our city with significant economic benefits and opportunities," Mayor Franks said.

Article generated from Creek Entertainment Gretna Press Release dated January 11, 2011.



Blanket Give-A-Way

During February and March 2011, fleece blankets will be issued to approved LIHEAP households! Households eligible to receive the 2011 Winter LIHEAP assistance program will also be eligible to receive one 80"x 90" fleece blanket per household. A voucher will be given for the blanket when the household receives their award notice for the LIHEAP program. The household will need to bring their blanket voucher to the Family Services Department Resource Auditorium to pick up their blanket. There is a limited supply of 277 blankets, therefore the blankets will be issued on a first come, first served basis for as long as the supply lasts.

Carolyn M. White, LCSW Family Services Director

Teen Christmas Party A Huge Success

Submitted by Sandra Hiebert, Education Director

On December 21st Wind Creek Ballroom was transformed from 'all out business' to 'all out fun'. This was the setting for the first annual Teen Christmas Party. Over 143 Tribal Member and first generation descent teens ages 13 -17, and their guests, packed the ballroom.

The fun was complemented by a DJ from Pensacola, delicious food served by Wind Creek, and door prizes galore. Staff working the event heard many positive comments from the young people, as well as some parents who dropped by to spy on their unsuspecting offspring!

This event was sponsored by Tribal Court, Education, and the Calvin McGhee Cultural Management Authority, with funding for the event provided by the Tribal Council.

Staff members working to support the event included Keesha O'Barr, Angela Thomas, Debra Coon, Kim McGhee, Wes Hayles and Paul Thomas from Tribal Court; Sandra Hiebert, Christyn Sells, and Billie McGhee from Education, and Alex Alvarez and Amber Smith from the CMCMA.

We would also like to extend a very special thanks to Rebecca Steve at Wind Creek for all her help with the party. We enjoyed it very much, and can't wait to do it again next year!

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR TRIBAL MEMBER HOUSEHOLDS

RELOCATION OF SOCIAL SECURITY, SSI, AND VA ASSISTANCE FROM THE FAMILY SERVICES DEPARTMENT TO THE PCI HEALTH DEPARTMENT

To help meet the financial needs of Tribal Member families, the Family Services Department provided assistance to Tribal Members applying for financial benefits or help with the appeal process regarding SSA, SSI, and VA disability issues over the past 3 years as a part of the development of the Adult Services Program. During this time staff was able to assist 86 Tribal Members with various Social Security, SSI and VA issues ranging from applying for assistance, appeals, hearings, name changes, and acting on behalf of the Tribal Member as a designated representative. Of the 86 cases, we were able to help at least 28 Tribal Members with obtaining social security benefits. We have been very fortunate to have had this opportunity to assist our Tribal Members in this area, however, effective January 1, 2011 Health Administration assumed responsibility for providing these services. Family Services has transferred all active and inactive files to Health Administration effective December 31, 2010.

In the future, if you have questions about Social Security, SSI, or VA benefits; or need help to apply or work through the denial or appeal process, please contact Cindy Martin, Health Administration Administrative Assistant, at (251) 368-9136 ext. 2302 for assistance.

NOTICE TO ALL POTENTIAL TRIBAL LIHEAP APPLICANTS REGARDING 2011 CHANGES TO THE TRIBAL LIHEAP PROGRAM

Changes to the Tribal LIHEAP Program for 2011 are as follows:

1. No individual appointments will be given to apply for the WINTER LIHEAP Program. If you wish to apply for Winter LIHEAP assistance, please refer to the article in the January 2011 Poarch Creek News; or you can plan to come into the Family Services Department's Resource Auditorium during one of the dates and times listed below.

2. As always, priority is given to Senior Households, Households with Children under 5 years, and Households receiving Food Stamps or TANF benefits. See the schedule below.

3. The maximum approved amount has been increased to \$325; however there is still a Matrix System which determines the specific amount than can be approved per household.

4. According to the new program guidelines, all households must provide verification of their identity, tribal membership, SSN for all household members, the household income, and the household's unpaid energy bill. Please bring in valid driver's license(s), Poarch Creek membership cards, SSN cards, and verification of all household income for the interview.

5. The Department will be using the Maximum Income Eligibility Guideline of 75% of the Estimated State Median Income for Alabama and Florida counties. Please refer to the chart below to review your annual household income and make your decision regarding applying for the LIHEAP program. If you are unsure, please apply so that we can determine your eligibility.

75 Percent of Estimated State Median Annual Income								
States	1-Person Family	2-Person Family	3-Person Family	4-Person Family	5-Person Family	6-Person Family		
Alabama	\$23,516	\$30,752	\$37,988	\$45,224	\$52,459	\$59,695		
Florida	\$25,359	\$33,162	\$40,965	\$47,768	\$56,571	\$64,374		

DAY	DATE	TIME	PRIORITY SCHEDULE SENIORS ONLY!				
Tuesday	February 1, 2011	9 a.m. – 4 p.m.					
Wednesday	February 2, 2011	9 a.m. – 4 p.m.	Senior Households; Households with Children				
			Under 5 years; and Households receiving Food				
			Stamps and TANF benefits				
Thursday	February 3, 2011	9 a.m. – 4 p.m.	All Types of Households				
Tuesday	February 15, 2011	9 a.m. – 4 p.m.	All Types of Households				
Wednesday	February 16, 2011	9 a.m. – 4 p.m.	All Types of Households				
Thursday	February 17, 2011	9 a.m. – 4 p.m.	All Types of Households				
Tuesday	March 1, 2011	9 a.m. – 4 p.m.	All Types of Households				
Wednesday	March 2, 2011	9 a.m. – 4 p.m.	All Types of Households				
Thursday	March 3, 2011	9 a.m. – 4 p.m.	All Types of Households				

WINTER LIHEAP APPLICATION DATES AND TIMES

If you suspect fraud, waste, or abuse in any of the Community Services Programs (LIHEAP, Community Services Block Grant, Child Care, or Tribal Emergency Fund), please contact the Family Services Department at (251) 368-9136 Ext. 2600.

PCI Gaming Automobile Auction



PCI Gaming will accept bids from Tribal Members only for the purchase of one 2007 Silver Chevy Impala LT. with 115,000 miles. The bidding will start at \$2,800.00, with that being the reserve.

Bids will be accepted February 14, 2011 through February 28, 2011. All bids should include amount of bid, the name of the Tribal Member, Tribal roll number, and a contact number.

All bids should be in a sealed envelope and can be mailed to or brought to:

Lisa Garrett Risk Management 303 Poarch Road Atmore AL 36502

If you have any questions or would like to see the car up for bid, please contact Lisa Garrett at 251-446-4231.

Creek Indian Enterprises Development Authority (CIEDA) Small Business Loan Program

Creek Indian Enterprises Development Authority offers valuable business assistance to Tribal Members seeking small business loans. Getting your loan request approved depends on how well you represent yourself, your business, and your financial needs. The lending limit may extend up to \$50,000.00 in aggregate to any Tribal Member. All loans exceeding these limits must be approved by the CIEDA Board of Directors. Additional credit criteria as well as loan collateralizing requirements apply.

If you are a Tribal Member who owns a business or is thinking about starting a business and interested in obtaining a small business loan, please contact Donna Henry, Economic Development Coordinator at 251-368-0819, or by e-mail at dhenry@pcicie.com for additional information.

TERO Open House

Submitted By Carol Cole, TERO Director

THE TERO Open House Party held on December 16, 2010 was a huge success. We had 103 Tribal Members, co-workers, and family come by to welcome us to our new location.

Cake and refreshments were served and six (6) door prizes were drawn at the end of the day. The door prizes were won by the following people:

Martha Jackson and Jo Bexley won Spa Treatments at Wind Creek Casino; Nealy Martin won a free night stay at Wind Creek Casino; James Barnhill and Josh Burkett won free Cooking Studio Classes at Wind Creek Casino; and Patrick Strickland won dinner for two at The Fire Steakhouse.

Congratulations to all our winners! We would like to thank all who helped us move, gave us furniture, and a Big Thanks to PCI Gaming for the door prizes. Everyone enjoyed cake the and snacks. We plan to make this an annual event at Christmas.



Lori and Brad Stinson join Carol Cole for some cake!

Spay/ Neuter Event

Starting February 1, 2010 the Environmental Department will begin giving out vouchers for spay/neuter services for cats and dogs. Vouchers will be given out from 9 am to 4 pm Monday thru Friday during the month of February. Only 2 vouchers per household will be allowed.

These are available on a first come first serve basis. You must come in person to get your voucher; others will not be allowed to get one for you.



Poarch Creek News

Farewell To Loved Ones

SINCERE THANK

Toney Ray Gibson

& APPRECIATION

Toney Ray Gibson, age 35, passed away Thursday, December 23, 2010 in Biloxi, MS. He was a native of Marrero, LA, and a resident of Biloxi, MS. for the past 18 years. He was a proud member of the Poarch Creek Indians, obtained a CNA certificate and a CDL certificate. He attended the Christian Church. He was preceded in death by his brother, Rodney Gibson who passed away on November 21, 2010.

Mr. Gibson is survived by his wife, Susan Gibson; his father, Toney Gibson; his mother, Alice Parks; five sons, Gavin Bourgeous, Louis and Antonio Walls, Toney Ray Gibson, Jr., and Daniel James Otis Gibson; two daughters, Toni Marie Gibson and Makala Perry; his grandmother, Lila Gibson; his brother, Mike Joseph Parks, Jr.; and three sisters, Tracy Renee Weaver, Alice Ramieri, and Jessica Lynn Parks.

The family received friends Monday, December 27, 2010 between 6 and 9 p.m. at the Petty-Eastside Chapel Funeral Home in Atmore, AL. Funeral services were at the same location on Tuesday, December 28, 2010 at 2 p.m. with the Rev. Clarence Rolin officiating. Burial followed at Antioch Cemetery. Pallbearers were Greg Gibson, Donnie Gibson, Enrico Ramieri, Earl Weaver, Mike Parks, and Larry Gibson.

Tribe To Hire Non-Certified TPO

The Tribe will accept applications January 10, 2011 through February 28, 2011 for a non-certified Tribal Police Officer (TPO).

The individual hired for this position must be 21 years old or older and meet all eligibility requirements of the Police Officer Standards & Training Commission and Bureau of Indian Affairs, Public Law 101-630, and enroll in a State of Alabama certified Police Academy within six months of date of hire. Individuals failing to meet said eligibility requirements will not be considered for the position. The employee must successfully complete the Police Academy to maintain his/her employment with the Tribe as a Certified Tribal Police Officer.

Please contact Sehoy Spence, Human Resources Clerk, at (251) 368-9136 x 2260 for more information. A job announcement listing a summary of the duties and responsibilities and the eligibility requirements for this position has been posted on the Tribe's official web site at www.poarchcreekindians-nsn.gov.

Annual Celebration Scheduled for September

Per action of the Tribal Council, the annual sovereignty celebration of the Poarch Creek Indians will hereafter be scheduled for the first Saturday of September of each year. For 2011, the date for the Annual Celebration will be Saturday, September 3, 2011.

Any sites reserved at Magnolia Branch for the first Saturday in August will be honored for Saturday, September 3, 2011. Contact Magnolia Branch at (251) 446-3423 now to reserve your site.

Please watch future issues of the *Poarch Creek News* for additional information on the Annual Celebration.

Tribal Member Submissions

Tribal Member Publishes First Book

Elma D. Smith is proud to announce the publication of her first book "Today's Related Poetry" published by Xlibris Publishing.



Elma is the daughter of Earl Smith Jr. of Atmore, Alabama and Ernestine Turner of Jones County, North Carolina; she is the

granddaughter of the belated Ms. Emily McGhee Smith and the great granddaughter of the belated Ms. Bessie McGhee Rolin of Poarch Creek Band of Indians. She lives in Eastern Woodlands and has two loving children, Christine and Curtis Pate. Her motto is never give up in the race for everyone is a winner. Many things are achieved even while making mistakes.

You can find out more about Elma and her book at www. xlibris.com/ElmaDSmith.html.

Thank You From Family of the late Rodney Gibson

Thank you to everyone who participated in the benefit for Rodney Gibson on Saturday, November 20, 2010. Rodney passed away on Sunday, November 21, 2010. Thanks to everyone for continuing with the benefit even after we, his family, had been called to his bedside.

Thanks to all family and friends, Wind Creek Casino, and other local business in Atmore that donated to the benefit. Words cannot express our gratitude.

The Rodney Gibson Family

Glaucoma is the leading cause of preventable blindness. Have you had your eye pressure checked lately?

> **Premier Family Eye Care** (251) 446-3937

Thanks for Gifts, Thoughts & Prayers



We would like to thank everyone that came for our anniversary celebration and for the gifts you gave. We had a great time of fellowship.

Also we would like to say thanks for all your thoughts, phone calls and prayers during times of sickness.

Again Thanks

Lonnie and Carolyn Rackard

Thank You For Your Help

So often all we hear are negative comments so it is always refreshing to publish a little bit of positive feedback from a Tribal Member family that received needed assistance from a Tribal program.

"I would like to say a special thank you to Sandy Hollinger and Mrs. Rackard from Family Services. They worked with us and were able to get our light bill paid. My wife has a medical condition and sometimes it is hard to get everything taken care of. Thanks again to Sandy, Mrs. Rackard, and all others that helped us."

Donald and Atrice Bea Gibson

Remembering Otis McGhee

My father, the late Otis McGhee, would have celebrated his birthday on January 6, 2011. I would like to wish him a "Happy Birthday".

You are gone but not forgotten. We miss you very much; I love you and don't you forget it. Love, your daughter Renee Frazier.



Kids Christmas Party a Huge Success



This year's annual Kid's Christmas Party was a little different from years past. Tribal Administration coordinated the night's event with the Family Services Department, Wellness & Activities Authority, Health Department, Fire Department, and the Education Department. Several individuals volunteered their time to help with the party as well. We must not forget to mention our great Santa, Dr. Esvold, he was a crowd favorite with children of all ages.

Approximately 190 Tribal Member children and their parents attended the event which offered so much more than just a visit with Santa and a gift. The Health Department, along with Barnie White from the Environmental Department, hosted a fish pond; each child was able to "go fishing" for a prize and the Education Department gave out age appropriate books to each child; you are never too young for a good book. The Family Services Department made sure everyone got a picture with Santa while staff from the Wellness & Activities Authority passed out stockings stuffed with candy and other goodies. Firefighters were on hand to pass out goody bags and brought along Sparky the Dog and their remote controlled fire truck; if you were paying attention, you got sprayed with water! Margie Rolin and her children Heather and Ronald, were on hand to pass out gifts to each registered child. The last person you got to see before going out the door was Sharon Peebles. She was there with a big smile and a snack bag with hot dogs and chips.

Mandy Peebles and Lisa Milliken from Tribal Administration were there to coordinate and help as needed. They would like to say thank you to all that helped that night and apologize to anyone who helped that has not been mentioned.

Important information about the \$3.4 billion Indian Trust Settlement

For current or former IIM account holders,

Owners of land held in trust or restricted status, or their heirs

There is a proposed Settlement in *Cobell v. Salazar*, a class action lawsuit about individual Indian land held in trust by the federal government. This notice is just a summary. For details, call the toll-free number or visit the website listed below.

The lawsuit claims that the federal government violated its duties by (a) mismanaging trust funds/assets, (b) improperly accounting for those funds, and (c) mismanaging trust land/assets. The trust funds include money collected from farming and grazing leases, timber sales, mining, and oil and gas production from land owned by American Indians/Alaska Natives.

If you are included in the Settlement, your rights will be affected. To object to the Settlement, to comment on it, or to exclude yourself, you should get a detailed notice at <u>www.IndianTrust.com</u> or by calling 1-800-961-6109.

Can I get money?

There are two groups or "Classes" in the Settlement eligible for payment. Each Class includes individual IIM account holders or owners of land held in trust or restricted status who were alive on September 30, 2009.

Historical Accounting Class Members

- Had an open individual Indian Money account ("IIM") anytime between October 25, 1994 and September 30, 2009, and
- The account had at least one cash transaction.
- Includes estates of account holders who died as of September 30, 2009, if the IIM account was still open on that date.

Trust Administration Class Members

- Had an IIM account recorded in currently available data in federal government systems any time from approximately 1985 to September 30, 2009, or
- Owned trust land or land in restricted status as of September 30, 2009.
- Includes estates of landowners who died as of September 30, 2009 where the trust interests were in probate as of that date. This means you have asked a court to transfer ownership of the deceased landowner's property.

An individual may be included in one or both Classes.

What does the Settlement provide?

- A \$1.5 billion fund to pay those included in the Classes.
- A \$1.9 billion fund to buy small interests in trust or restricted land owned by many people.
- Up to \$60 million to fund scholarships to improve access to higher education for Indian youth.
- A government commitment to reform the Indian trust management and accounting system.

How much can I get?

- Historical Accounting Class Members will each get \$1,000.
- Trust Administration Class Members will get at least \$500.
- If you own a small parcel of land with many other people, the federal government may ask you to sell it. You will be offered fair market value. If you sell your land it will be returned to tribal control.

If you believe you are a member of either Class and are not receiving IIM account statements, you will need to call the toll-free number or visit the website to register.

What are my other rights?

- If you wish to keep your right to sue the federal government about the claims in this Settlement, you must exclude yourself by **April 20, 2011**.
- If you stay in the Settlement you can object to or comment on it by April 20, 2011. The detailed notice explains how to exclude yourself or object/comment.

The U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia will hold a hearing on June 20, 2011, to consider whether to approve the Settlement. It will also consider a request for attorneys' fees, costs, and expenses in the amount of \$99.9 million. However, Class Counsel has fee agreements that would pay them 14.75% of the funds created for the Classes, which could result in an award of \$223 million. The Court may award more or less than these amounts based on controlling law. If approved, these payments and related costs will come out of the Settlement funds available for payment to Class Members.

If you wish, you or your own lawyer may ask to appear and speak at the hearing at your own cost. For more information, call or go to the website shown below or write to Indian Trust Settlement, P.O. Box 9577, Dublin, OH 43017-4877.

For more Information: 1-800-961-6109 www.IndianTrust.com

The Hard Road

The decades of the 1820's and 1830's were ones of geographic shifting and uncertainty for the ancestors of the Poarch Band of Creeks; the decades of the 1840's and the 1850's – up to the Civil War – were ones of relative prosperity and growth. The constitution of the community changed as well, due to the dying out of several older family surnames like Hale, Tate, McGirth, Cornells, etc., and the adding of new ones through marriage, like Adams, Gibson, Lomax, Deas, etc. History records the activities of the immediate ancestors of the Poarch Band of Creeks during this period mainly in wills, deeds, special acts, and land transfers.

James Steadham used certificate #7985 and #7986 at the St. Stephens Land Office to obtain 39 acres and 38 acres, respectively, in Baldwin County in 1839. The 1840 census showed ancestors of Lynn McGhee, Deas', Earles, Sizemores, Steadhams, Tates, Tarvins, Tunstalls, Weatherfords, and others resided in Baldwin County. The 1840 Monroe County census showed Shomo, Weatherford, Hathcock, and Smith, thus showing that the cluster of Creek half-bloods in the region were still in close proximity to each other, county lines notwithstanding since the shifting lines often bisected, and later trisected, the greater half-blood community.

In trying to formulate a policy on what to do with the Creek Indians in Alabama at the time, some seven years after the removal to Indian Territory, Robert M. Cherry, Special Agent for the Office of Indian Affairs, wrote to Commissioner Thomas Crawford from Montgomery in 1845. Cherry wanted to know "...whether the contractor would be authorized to remove the Creek Indians in Alabama other than those residing in the counties embraced in the Creek purchases of 1832 and that were left from the emigration of 1836 or 37. The reason of this last enquiry is because it is understood here that there is a number of families residing in Baldwin County...who have been residing there since the first settlement of the state." From 1845 through 1856, Marriage Book II for Baldwin County shows the marriages of eight couples who are ancestors of the members of the current community of Poarch Creeks.

A court case, James v. Scott, involving clouded title appears in 1846. George Stiggins, who is named as a Creek Indian, apparently traded "fractional section 1, T4, R3 E" containing approximately 170 acres for several slaves. The case was brought because Stiggins was never entitled to alienate the land since it was granted to him under the Treaty of Ft. Jackson. *George Stiggins was a half-blood who was born and raised in Tensaw and attended the Boatyard school run by John Pierce where he learned to read and write. In 1831 he began working on a manuscript which he continued until* his death in 1844. The manuscript, though unfinished, is a rich source of ethnography and history about both the aboriginal customs of the Creeks and about the half-blood community and events up to and just past the Creek War of 1814. In 1875 George's son, Joseph N. Stiggins, sent the manuscript, which included several pages of biographical information about his father and Stiggins genealogy, to Lyman Draper. The manuscript is entitled "A Historical narration of the Genealogy traditions and downfall of the Isocage or Creek tribe of Indians, written by one of the tribe" and appears in full in Series V of the Draper Collection; it was later transcribed by Theron A. Nunex and appears in <u>Ethnohistory.</u>

The Last Will and Testament of Lynn McGhee was dated January 8, 1846; he leaves his livestock to be divided by his five children, who are Nancy, Peggy, Jack, Billy, and Dixon. He also leaves twelve cows to his friend and Executor, Gerald B. Hall. In October of 1853 Hall formally filed with the Land Office in Sparta to record two parcels of land for the heirs of Lynn McGhee, the larger of which came to be known as Hedapeda. The next year the first of over 20 homesteads and purchases by Creeks and Creek descendants of the community were recorded in the immediate vicinity of the McGhee lands.

Another problem involving clouded title surfaces in 1848. In this case it involves the purchase of some land by a Mr. Charles G. Gunter which appears to have been given to Sam Moniac, "appears", since the records of Moniac's property were supposed to have been lost according to correspondence between George Goldwaite of the General Land Office and Elbert Herring, Commissioner of Indian Affairs. In this instance the evidence is a letter from Mr. Saltmarch of the Cahaba Land Office to Richard Young, Commissioner of the General Land Office, dated November 7th. Saltmarsh asserts that Gunter purchased the Moniac reserve on the Alabama River. An act for the relief of Gunter and others was considered, and Saltmarch claims that "Several persons in this district are holding lands reserved under the Treaty of Ft. Jackson."

The U.S. Decennial Census for 1850 list approximately 70 persons in Baldwin County with surnames common to the present Poarch community. Monroe County lists approximately 30 persons with similar surnames, and in some cases, the same surname, as "colored". This type of inconsistency indicates the variation in census enumeration of this period, particularly listing as "colored" anyone who was not of white derivation. In this case the "nonwhites" were Indian descendants of varying blood quantum.

To Federal Recognition

Interestingly, the 1860 U.S. Decennial Census, and all subsequent U.S. Censuses, lists many of the same persons of the Poarch Band of Creeks as "Indians."

In 1852 the state assembly passed an act recognizing specific members of specific families, Tunstall, Weatherford, Tarvin, Steadham, Sizemore, Powell, Moniac, and Driesbach, as citizens. "... they and their heirs are hereby declared citizens under the law, capable of exercising all the rights, immunities and privileges of the State of Alabama as fully as they would if they were not of Indian descent." Later that year by two additional acts, citizenship was granted to the families and heirs of Semoice, a friendly Creek Indian, and Josiah Fletcher. In 1854 citizenship was granted to William Weatherford, James Stiggins, Elijah Paget, Charles Weatherford, and George Sizemore.

The case of William Weatherford vs. Weatherford, Howell, et. al. was heard in the Alabama Supreme Court in 1852. The estate of William Weatherford Sr. was contested between the children of Mary Stiggins, his half-brothers, and halfsisters. The court found for the children of Mary Stiggins.

The sale of lands around the Poarch area occurred more frequently now, another factor which caused change in the community. Reverberations from the Treaty of Ft. Jackson were still being felt in 1855, due to clouded titles. House Report #103 of the 33rd Congress, 2nd session, outlines the case of James M. Lindsey, for whom an act of relief was considered. It seems that the Creek half-bloods Samuel and David Hale, who had each received land under the treaty, illegally sold their land in 1826 to Adam Carson. The bill for his relief was passed in August 23, 1856. By this time however, few of the original recipients of the reserves given under the treaty were still alive; their heirs had title to the land as was provided under the act of March 3, 1817.

The year 1860, marking the beginning of a new decade, was a very significant one for the Poarch Band of Creeks in several ways. The two previous decades had seen growth in the community, the acquisition of land and goods, the localizing of many related families into a smaller environment, the restoration of citizenship rights in Alabama, and relatively good prosperity.

The first event of major importance to the community was the 1860 U.S. Decennial Census; for the first time on a U.S. Census, the members of the Poarch Band of Creeks are listed as "Indian". Moreover, this sets a historical precedent of sorts, since subsequent U.S. Decennial Censuses generally list the same individuals or their offsprings as "Indian". The second important occurrence of 1860 began when the Commissioner's Court for Baldwin County began keeping a detailed record of its proceedings; much valuable information regarding the community and its prominent members is found in it. The third and ultimately most relevant event affecting the lives of the Poarch Band of Creeks occurred several hundred miles away. On December 20, 1860 the state of South Carolina seceded from the Union, the first state to do so, and started a series of events which would radically alter the face of the South. The following month, in January of 1861, Alabama seceded from the Union and in February the Provisional Government of the Confederate States of America was established. The convention was held in Montgomery, making Alabama the center of confederate activity. Finally, on April 12, 1861 confederate forces bombarded the Union garrison of Fort Sunter in the harbor of Charleston, South Carolina, thus beginning the long and bloody War between the States in whose battles members of the Poarch Band of Creeks also fought.

The effects of the War were not felt immediately in the Poarch community; until 1862 it was "business as usual" and the Record of the Commissioner's Court is filled with mundane matters essentially unconnected to the War. In February of 1861 D. A. Moniac was appointed auctioneer for Baldwin County and in July of that year the Commissioner's Court appointed Wm. S. Avery, Alex McGhee Weatherford, and G. C, Cruit as "Inspectors of the general election" for Precinct No. 2, Jack Springs for the elections that were to be held in August of that year. Jack Springs was only four miles from the Lynn McGhee reserve at the Hedapeda and was a commonly used campsite by both Indians and white in the early 19th century. During the mid and later 19th century, Jack Springs was used by voting and census officials as a precinct or "beat" for many years and thus serves as a convenient research device owing to its proximity to the center of Poarch Creek activity.

By July of 1861, the War was well under way and the Creek Nation West, in Indian Territory, had made a treaty of alliance with the Confederate States. The remaining Creeks in the east also joined in on the side of the Confederacy. Men from the Poarch Creek community enlisted in the Confederate forces including David Moniac, J.R. Moniac, Mike Moniac, George Moniac, W.W. Adams, Richard Rolin, Lynn McGhee (Jr.), Carmon McGhee, William Colbert, William Hollinger, Alex Hollinger, Martin Gibson, John Hinson, Charles Bryers, A.J. Davis, and J.V. Steadham.

Additional information will be published in next month's issue.



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Tribal Qember Releases Pets Album

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Poarch Creek Tribal Member Roger Kuhn proudly announces the release of his new album Every Gear Tround Amas Time. The album contains seven (7) original songs all written by Roger.

Roger will celebrate the release of the album with a concert in New York City on December 2, 2010. More information about the album and song clips can be found at http://www.rogerkuhn.com The album is available for purchase at iTunes, Amazon. com and CDBaby.com.

Roger is the son of Joyce Kuhn and the grandson of the late Dorothy Rolin. He thanks his family and Poarch mmunity for continuing to inspire him to live his dream

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