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Chairman's Corner

May 2011



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I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that the State of the Tribe meeting is scheduled for Saturday, May 14, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. in the Family Services Auditorium. The 2010 Annual Report has been completed and will be available at the meeting. I hope to see many of you there.

As I have previously shared with you, I have been appointed to serve on the Native American Rights Fund (NARF) Board of Directors. I traveled to Boulder, CO on April 27th to attend new member orientation on the 28th and attended the board meeting the next day. The Tribe has a long history with NARF. They assisted us with our bid for Federal Recognition. Their assistance was invaluable to us.

Members of the Tribal Council and Tribal staff will be traveling to Marksville, LA to attend the USET Meeting scheduled for May 16-19, 2011. It is through such meetings that we continue to work for the betterment of our Tribe.

Memorial Day is Monday, May 30, 2011. Tribal offices will be closed that day so be sure to remember that when scheduling your appointment at the Health Clinic or any of the other departments that offer services to Tribal Members.

In closing I remind everyone that Election Day is Saturday, June 4, 2011. Be sure to exercise your right to vote.



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State of The Tribe Meeting Scheduled For May 14, 2011

The State of the Tribe Meeting has been scheduled for 10:00 a.m. in the Family Services Auditorium on Saturday, May 14, 2011. The 2010 Annual Report will be available at this meeting.

Please mark your calendar and plan to attend this very informative meeting.

There are 3056 Tribal Members of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians.

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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. CST** the 10th of the month prior to the month of publication. If the 10th falls on a weekend or holiday, the deadline will be extended to the next working day. To prevent misprints or misinformation, all submission MUST be in writing. No phone or oral submissions will be accepted.*

Birthday/Anniversary Wishes 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. Birthday wishes are limited to no more than four (4) sentences. 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.

Resignation Of Tribal Council Member Berry L. Ross

The Poarch Band of Creek Indians (PBCI) Tribal Council held a special called meeting on April 13, 2011 to address impeachment of Tribal Council Member Berry L. Ross.

Mr. Ross had previously been censured for a violation of the Tribe's Personnel Policies and Procedures.

The Tribal Council became aware of further actions by Mr.



Ross which the Tribal Council believed to be conduct unbecoming a Tribal Official and worthy of impeachment. The Tribal Council, including Mr. Ross, believed it was in the best interest of the Tribe to avoid the impeachment process. Therefore, Mr. Ross tendered his resignation effective immediately; his resignation was accepted by unanimous vote of the Tribal Council.

Mr. Ross was serving a three year term that began when he was elected to office on June 6, 2009. The next step for the PBCI Tribal Council is to fill the position that has been left vacant by Tribal Council Member Ross. According to the PBCI Tribal Constitution, Mr. Ross' position will be filled by the candidate who received the next highest amount of votes in the last Tribal Council election. Helen Hallman is the candidate who meets the criteria and will be sworn into office at the next Tribal Council meeting, April 21, 2011. Ms. Hallman will serve in this position until the June 2011 election, at which time the members of the General Council will elect a candidate to serve the remainder of Mr. Ross' term.

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Tribal Member families that had a Family Pass made last year will not be required to get a new pass this year unless there has been a change to the family makeup, i.e. divorce, marriage, birth of child, child reaching age 18, etc. or if they have lost their Pass. A maximum of two (2) Family Member passes will be issued per household per year.

Effective March 1, 2011, the Tribal Member Benefits Office will issue Family Passes on Friday's between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Be sure to bring all required documentation to your appointment; Passes will not be issued without proper documentation. Documentation required includes Tribal ID, birth certificates for all children under the age of 18 living in the household, and marriage certificate, if applicable. Please contact the Tribal Member Benefits office at (251) 368-9136 X 2209 if you have any questions or to schedule your appointment.

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Celebrating Birthdays

Cash Griffey

Cash Griffey celebrated his 2nd birthday on April 2, 2011. Happy 2nd Birthday Cash, it's hard to believe you are already two, where has the time gone? You have been such a joy and blessing to our life and we are looking forward to many more birthdays and all the wonderful memories that we will create along the way! We love you so much, Momma, Daddy, Sissy (Olivia), Shayna and Dalton.



Jadon Cox

Jadon Cox, son of Mallory Cox, celebrated his first birthday on April 13, 2011. You have brought so much joy to Me Me's heart since you came into this world! We love you, Mom, Me Me, Pops, Kaylee, Wyatt, Dawson and Rowdy!



Tyee and Tehya Rolin

Tyee and Tehya Rolin, the son and daughter of Shawn and Stephanie Rolin, celebrated their birthdays on April 16, 2011 with a "Beach Party" in Gulf Shores, Alabama. Tyee celebrated his 4th birthday and Tehya her 3rd. We love ya'll, Mama, Daddy, Brad, Sky, Freddy, and "Sissy".



Gage McGhee

Gage McGhee, son of Troy McGhee, Sr., celebrated his 14th birthday on April 7, 2011. Happy Birthday from Dad, Nana B, and the rest of your family and friends.

Skyler Manac

Skyler Manac, son of Marvin and Crystal Manac, celebrated his 16th birthday on April 9, 2011. Happy Birthday, we love you lots! Daddy, Mama, Aunt Dannielle, and family.



Anna Claire Hattaway

Anna Claire Hattaway, daughter of Jamey & Shondra Hattaway, celebrated her very 1st birthday on April 16, 2011. She celebrated with a party at Dogwood Hills Park. Happy Birthday from Mama, Daddy, Christian, Austin and Michael. We love you so very much princess!!



Kaiden Marshall

Kaiden Marshall, son of Whitney Warden and Ronald Marshall, celebrated his 1st birthday on April 11th, 2011. Happy Birthday from your Family!!



Ricky Fernandez

Ricky Fernandez, the husband of Christina Kinsey Fernandez & Dad of Solidad Fernandez, celebrated his 33rd birthday on April 19, 2011. Happy 33rd birthday Ricky! We Love You! Love Always, Christina, Solidad & Family.



Victoria Ledkins

Victoria Ledkins, daughter of Steven and Jackie Ledkins, celebrated her birthday on April 12, 2011. Love you, Mom, Dad, Kelsey, Nana & Papa, MawMaw, Aunt Stephanie & family, and Uncle Brian & family.



Nevaeh Ledkins

Nevaeh Ledkins, daughter of Stephanie Ledkins, will celebrate her 6th birthday on May 3, 2011. Happy 6th birthday! We Love you, Mama, Cierra & Cole, Daddy, Brandon, Mellisa Sells & Larissa, Nana & Papa, Uncle Brian & family, Uncle Steven & family and special Aunt Vicki & Kelly.



Timmy Bailey

Timmy Bailey celebrated his birthday on April 13, 2011. Happy Belated Birthday from your family and friends.

Shelby Jarman Meager

Shelby Jarman Meager will celebrate her 50th birthday on May 4, 2011. Happy 50th Birthday! Wow “half of a hundred”! You are the prettiest Indian Chick around; we love you, Mom, Laurie & Lou.



Carson Wilson

Carson David Wilson will turn 5 on May 12th. Happy 5th Birthday!!

Love, Momma and Daddy.



Tayia Weil

Tayia Weil, daughter of Alisha & David Kinsey, will celebrate her 11th birthday on May 5th, 2011. Happy 11th Birthday Tayia! We Love You Mom, Dad, Brett & Family.



Eric Rolin

Eric Rolin will celebrate his 41st birthday on May 13, 2011. We are so proud of your accomplishments! Hope you have a Happy Birthday! Love, Kim, Coty, Brooke, Family and Friends.



Harvey Lee Manac

Harvey Lee Manac will celebrate his 34th birthday on May 8, 2011. Happy Birthday, we love you and miss you lots. Dannielle & family.

Tyler Manac

Tyler Manac, son of Marvin and Crystal Manac, will celebrate his 15th birthday on May 10, 2011. Happy Birthday, we love you lots! Daddy, Mama, Aunt D. and family.



Julia Ann Stacey



The family of Julia Ann Stacey would like to wish her a Happy Birthday as she turns sixty-nine on May 14, 2011.

They would like for her to know she is a great mother and a wonderful person who is always there for them and always knows what to say. Happy Birthday, we love you so much! Your children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, and the rest of your family.

Jake Thomas

Jake Thomas will celebrate his birthday on May 12, 2011. Happy Birthday Daddy! I love you with my whole heart. Blaize Thomas.



Bailey Jones

Bailey Jones, daughter of Frankie Jones and Natalie Singleton, will celebrate her 8th birthday on May 24, 2011. Happy Birthday from all your family and we hope you have a great day.



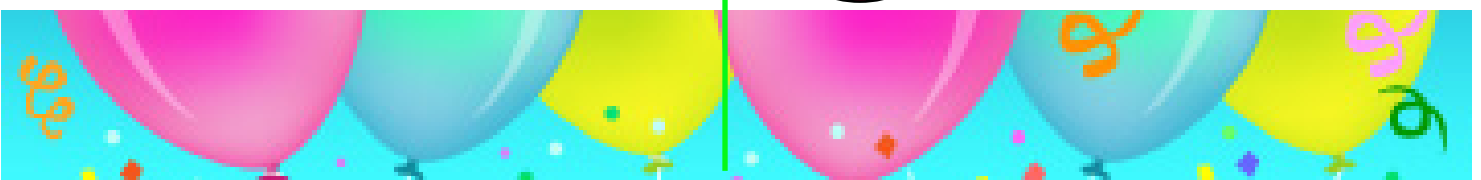
Destini Manac

Destini Manac, daughter of Harvey Lee Manac, will celebrate her 14th birthday on May 12, 2011. We love you bigger than the sky! Love your Daddy, family, and friends.



Aurora Sells

Aurora Sells, daughter of Cody and Kate Sells, will celebrate her 2nd birthday on May 29, 2011.



Birth Announcement

Jeremy and Rilyn Rolin are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Gabriella Hope Rolin on February 2, 2010 at 6:58 PM.

“Gabby” weighed 5 pounds 9 ounces and was 19 ½ inches long. Gabby is the granddaughter of Ray and Norma Jean Rolin and Tony and Vickie James.



Gabby was welcomed by Aunts Kimberly and Krystal Rolin, Uncle Justin Rolin and cousins Aiden, Destinee and Leah Rolin.

Wedding Announcements

Steve and Regina Burgess



On March 12, 2011 Regina Bray and Steve Burgess were united in holy matrimony by Bro. Steve Breceda at United Pentecostal Church in Atmore, AL. The two families were united as one family with the lighting of the Unity Candle by Regina with son Varon, and Steve with daughter Chayla, symbolizing bringing of two families together as one.

Regina is an ESE Teacher at SS Dixon Elementary in Milton, FL, and Steve is the Manager of the Quick Lube Oil Company in Milton. Regina, May God Bless You, Steve, Varon, and Chayla with many years of Happiness. We Love You! Mom and Dad Regina is the daughter of Charles (Bo) and Debbie Bray



Josh and Jennifer Thomas



Shada and Jamie Thomas are happy to announce the marriage of their son Josh Thomas to Jennifer Martin, daughter of Pam Martin and Phillip Martin, on Saturday, April 9, 2011.

Congratulations on the joining together of these two families.

Josh and Jennifer will reside in Poarch.

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would be required to contribute.

Families that have incomes between \$60,000 and \$80,000 are expected to contribute 10% of their income to the student's costs at Harvard. The Tribal Tuition Payment funding could help with this cost. Harvard is replacing loans with need-based scholarships. A student can arrange to work on campus to cover the cost of their expected contribution. Harvard will then meet the rest of the student's financial aid needs through their institutional scholarships, federal grants, and state grants.

Contact Billie McGhee, Education Coordinator, for more information at (251) 368-9136 x 2243 or via email at bmcghee@pci-nsn.gov.

4-H Club Continues to Learn New Things



On March 28, 2011, the Poarch Creek 4-H Club met for their monthly chef 4-H meeting. This meeting had a true "learning by doing" experience as the kids followed a recipe from start to finish and made cake pops and s'mores on a stick in honor of National Food on a Stick Day! Daya Nobles is pictured here with the s'mores on a stick that she made herself!



On Friday, April 1, 2011, The Poarch Creek 4-H Club held a special art class taught by 4-H'er Norianna Morris' mom, Brandy Rolin. Mrs. Brandy Rolin taught the kids how to make beads out of magazine clippings! Fun was had by all and each 4-H'er walked away with their own magazine art jewelry made from the beautiful beads! Thank you Brandy for sharing your talents with our club!!

Art by Cher

- *Sculpture
- *Portraits
- *Oil
- *Landscape
- *Watercolor
- *Charcoal



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Tribal Census Update

According to the Tribal Member Benefits Department, as of March 2011, total enrollment for the Poarch Band of Creek Indians is 3,056. Our oldest living Tribal Member is Dollie McClellan, born February 20, 1911. Other Tribal Member statistics is listed below:

1,941 Tribal Members live within the five county service area (Escambia County, Florida and Escambia, Mobile, Baldwin, and Monroe Counties in Alabama); 1,107 Tribal Members live outside of the five county service area.

Listed below are the seven Tribal members that the Tribal Member Benefits Department has not been able to contact.

Jewel Gibson	Kimber Jean Gibson
Shelby Ann Hubbird	Barry Alan Reece
Joyce Darlene Seamans	Patricia Diane Seamans
Ronald Garrett Walker	

If you are a relative or friend of any of these individuals, please have them contact the Tribal Member Benefits Department at 1-877-276-2724 or (251) 368-9136 ext. 2501 Monday through Tuesday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. If it is not convenient to call at these times, leave a short message on the voice mail; please include your name, telephone number, and a time that would be convenient to return your call. Without this updated information they will not receive their birthday check or other benefits that they may be otherwise eligible for.

The following Tribal Members passed away in 2010. We extend our condolences to the families of these lost loved ones.

January

Charles N. Madison
Donald Taylor
Jim Steeley
Burl Woods

June

Herman Gilbert Rolin
Floyd Edward Gibson
Isabelle Thead

July

Martha Wilson
Glenn Rolin
Keith Williams

February

Ruth Mae Caudle
Sam Rayborn

March

Glen Melton Cardwell
Mazie David Gartman
Adam L. Hollinger
Paul Sterling Derouen, Jr.
Doris Lee Colbert

August

William S. Wiggins

September

Sadie Pearl Holder
Clair Flores

April

Robert P. Hayes
Hubert Bryars
David C. Gartman
Joe F. McGhee, Jr.
William Boyd Gibson
Frances Delano Hill

October

No Deaths

November

Barbara Ann Kimmons
Ardelia Ward
Rodney Van Gibson

May

Dottie Padgett
Donna Marie Mabrie
Genevieve Jackson
A.C. Madison

December

Dora Ann Blackburn

Creek Pottery Class



**Classes begin May 9th, @ 5:30pm
At the Calvin McGhee Cultural Center**

**All supplies and tools will be provided
Open to all Tribal Members, 1st Generation
Descendants, and Tribal Administrative Employees**

**For more info, contact:
Alex Alvarez, Cultural Educator
251-368-9136 ext 2655
aalvarez@pci-nsn.gov**

Legal Update

Submitted by Legal Department

We wanted to take this opportunity to update you on several legal matters affecting your interests as tribal members. If you have any questions regarding any of these matters, please feel free to contact any of your Tribal Council members at (251) 446-1140 or us at (251) 368-9136 Ext. 2525.

SIGNIFICANT TRIBAL LEGISLATION

Election Code

On April 1, 2011, the Tribal Council approved revisions to the Tribe's Election Code. After last year's Constitutional amendment enlarging the size of the Election Board to five members, the Election Code was revised to be consistent with the Constitution. Other revisions to the Election Code included clarifying that an individual is a candidate for office once the qualification fee is paid, requiring the Election Board to hold a meet-and-greet on the second Saturday in May and a debate for any run-off election, clarifying that the Election Board had the duty to investigate campaign violations, establishing procedures for hearings and issuance of sanctions and penalties relative to campaign violations, adding additional reasons for requesting an absentee ballot, and shortening the walk-in voting period to ten days and one Saturday.

Tribal Council Bylaws and Committee Rules

On April 7, 2011, the Tribal Council approved revisions to the Tribal Council Bylaws and Committee Rules. The revisions included adding a code of conduct for Tribal Council Members and specifying what actions constitute a breach of fiduciary duty, conduct unbecoming a Tribal Council Member, and high crimes and misdemeanors committed by Tribal Council Members.

Ethics Code

On April 7, 2011, the Tribal Council approved revisions to the Tribe's Ethics Code. The Ethics Code now requires that applicants for boards or committees disclose to the Tribal Council any contractual and business relationships with tribal entities when applying to serve on the tribal entity's board or committee and prior to participating in a solicitation with the entity if the individual is already a board or committee member. The Code also directs that similar business disclosure provisions for Key Employees be added to the respective personnel policies and procedures.

Sex Offender Registration Code

On April 7, 2011, the Tribal Council approved the Tribal Sex Offender Registration Code. The Tribe previously elected to become a registration jurisdiction pursuant to the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (Title I of the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006 P.L. 109-248), 42 U.S.C. §16911 et. seq., as amended. This Code requires sex offenders register with the Public Safety Department if they are convicted of a sexually-based offense under Tribal law, reside on the Reservation, work on the Reservation, or attend school on the Reservation. This Code also creates a Tribal Sex Offender Registry and website. The website will have a function that enables the general public to request e-mail notification when a sex offender commences residence, employment, or school attendance with the Tribe, within a specified zip code, or within a certain geographic radius. Written notification of the sex offender's registration or update of information with the Tribe will be provided to all schools located on the Reservation and Tribal agencies that have regular contact with children.

Criminal Code

On April 7, 2011, the Tribal Council approved revisions to Tribe's Criminal Code. As part of the Tribe's commitment to establishing a tribal sex offender notification law, the Code was substantially revised in order to update the sexually-based offenses and to establish laws against child pornography. Also, the drug offenses in the Criminal Code had not been updated since 1999; therefore, these offenses were substantially revised in order to address new substances and charges.

If you would like full copies of any of this legislation, please contact Kelli Ramer, Tribal Council Liaison, or the Legal Department at (251) 368-9136 x 2525.



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Social Security Reps visit Poarch

Health Administration recently assumed the duties and responsibilities of assisting Tribal Members with Social Security Benefits. To help Tribal Members better understand the Social Security process, Health Administration arranged an open meeting with Tribal Members and Social Security representatives to explain the Social Security process and to answer any questions Tribal Members may have. Kylie' McKinney of the Montgomery office and Randy Wahl from the Andalusia office conducted the meeting. Mr. McKinney presented a slide show that explained the Social Security process which included Social Security history and solvency, full retirement age, how benefits are figured, Medicare and the taxation of benefits.



Kylie' McKinney (l) and Randy Wahl (r)

If you were born by 1942, you are already eligible for your full Social Security benefit. If you were born from 1943 to 1959, the age at which full retirement benefits are payable gradually increases up to age 67. Early retirement is optional at age 62, but you will receive a permanent reduction in benefits of one half of 1% for each month you start your benefits before your full retirement age. The reduction will be greater in future years as the full retirement age increases. For example, if your full retirement age is 66 and you start receiving benefits at age 62, you would only receive 75% of your full benefit; the benefit remains the same, even after you reach full retirement age.

Although the full retirement age is rising, you should still apply for Medicare benefits three months before your 65th birthday if you do not have health insurance benefits through your employer or other source. Be aware that if you wait longer, your Medicare medical insurance and prescription coverage may cost you more money. If you lose your health insurance after age 65, you have 8 months in which to apply for Medicare without receiving a penalty; after the 8 month period, you may still apply but there will be an increase in cost.

Some Social Security benefits are taxable. You will have to pay taxes on your benefits if you file a federal tax return as an "individual" and your total income is more than \$25,000. If you file a joint return you will have to pay taxes if you and your spouse have a total income that is more than \$32,000.

After the presentation, the floor was opened for questions and answers. Several different questions were asked, but the most prevalent was the question of how Tribal Member per capita (birthday checks) payments would affect SSI recipients. Supplemental Security Income (SSI) is a Federal income supplement program funded by general tax revenues

(not Social Security taxes) designed to help aged, blind, and disabled people ages 18-64 who have little or no income. If you receive SSI benefits, you must report any earning from work or any other money or help that you, your spouse, or children living in your household receive; this includes any type of per capita payment. You must report this income within 10 days of receipt of payment. If this puts your income over \$647, you will be ineligible for SSI for that month; you lose your Medicaid benefits as well for that same month. Can you bank any of the income for future use? If you deposit your per capita payment into the

bank and it brings your balance above \$2,000, you will be ineligible for SSI and Medicaid until your balance is below \$2,000.

If you have additional questions or concerns about the Social Security process, please contact Cindy Martin at (251) 368-9136 x 2302

Portions of this article were pulled from the Understanding the Benefits publication of the Social Security Administration.

Alabama Marine Police Boaters Course

Operator Certification/License Course

May 23 & 24, 2011

5:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Hosted by Poarch Creek Indians Wellness & Activities Department

*Location: Wellness & Activities Department (Gym)
444 Lynn McGhee Drive Atmore, AL 36502*

- ❖ *Participants must be 12 years of age & older*
- ❖ *Must attend both nights to complete the course*
- ❖ *The course is Free and Open to the Public*



All participants must pre-register by contacting Trina Rackard or Brooke Bell at (251) 368-9136 ext. 2248 or by email at trackard@pci-nsn.gov

2011 Tribal Council Election

The 2011 Tribal Election has been scheduled as follows:

Election Day Saturday, June 4, 2011

Location: PCI SAIL Center,
Lynn McGhee Drive, Atmore, AL

Polls Open: 8:00 am - 7:00 pm

On The Ballot: Direct election of Tribal Chairman and 3* at-large Tribal
Council Members and vote on one Proposed Constitutional
Amendment

Walk-In voting: May 20, 2011 through June 3, 2011
8:00 am – 5:00 pm
PCI SAIL Center
Lynn McGhee Drive, Atmore, AL

Absentee Ballots: Request for Absentee Ballot must be received by the Election
Board no later than close of business on May 24, 2011.

Absentee Ballots must be received by the Election Board no
later than close of business on June 3, 2011.

Contact Gia Rodriquez, Election Board Chair, at (251) 368-9136 x 2525 or via email at grodriguez@pci-nsn.gov if you have any questions.

** Due to a resignation of an at-large council member, there is now a vacancy on the Tribal Council, which shall be filled in accordance with Article VII, Section 4 of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians Constitution. The Tribal Constitution states that if there is a vacancy, then the General Council shall at the next annual election elect a person to serve the balance of the three year term. The next annual election will be Saturday, June 4, 2011. When you vote at this election, you will vote for three candidates in the at-large category instead of two. The two candidates that receive the highest number of votes will serve three year terms and the third candidate with the next highest number of votes will serve the remaining term of the vacant seat, which is one year.*



ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST

2011 POARCH CREEK INDIAN TRIBAL COUNCIL ELECTION

SATURDAY, JUNE 4, 2011



I, _____, am an enrolled member of the Poarch Creek Indians, and will be at least eighteen (18) years of age on or before June 4, 2011. I am hereby requesting an Absentee Ballot because: (**please check all that apply to you**)

- I live outside of the five county Tribal service area;
- I have a physical illness or infirmity which prevents me from voting in person on election day or participating in walk-in voting;
- I work a shift that has at least 10 hours which prevents me from voting in person on election day or participating in walk-in voting; or
- I am enrolled as a student at an educational institution located outside the Tribal service area which prevents me from voting in person on election day or participating in walk-in voting.
- I will temporarily be out of the Service Area both on election day and during walk-in voting.
- I am a member of one of the United States Armed Services and am stationed outside the service area.

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

June 4, 2011

Run off election if applicable.

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

 FIRST MIDDLE MAIDEN LAST

 STREET ADDRESS CITY STATE ZIP CODE

(_____) _____
 TELEPHONE NUMBER DATE OF BIRTH TRIBAL ROLL NO.

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

SIGNATURE: _____

(This must be the signature of the Tribal Member to whom the ballot will be mailed)

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

Requests for Absentee Ballots that are to be mailed must be received by the Election Board no later than the close of business on Tuesday, May 24, 2011. Requests received after the deadline will not be honored.

Should you have any questions pertaining to the 2010 Tribal Council Elections, please feel free to contact Gia Rodriguez at (251) 368-9136 ext 2525.

Historical Tribal Election Scheduled for June 4, 2011

This year's Tribal Elections will be another historical election year. In 2009 the General Council directly elected the candidate for the position of Tribal Council Vice Chair. In 2010 the General Council voted to directly elect the candidates for the positions of Tribal Council Secretary and Treasurer; this election also necessitated the first run-off election in the Tribe's history. This year the General Council will directly elect the candidate for the position of Tribal Chairman.

The two men with the most experience and deepest roots in Tribal Council history are vying for the position of Tribal Chairman, current Tribal Chairman Buford L. Rolin and former Tribal Chairman Eddie L. Tullis, who currently holds an at-large position on the Tribal Council. If no additional candidate steps forward, the top vote getter is determined to be the winner. If another candidate steps forward, the winning candidate must receive 51% of the vote. If there are three or more candidates and no candidate receives 51% of the vote, there will be a run-off election between the two candidates receiving the most votes. Anyone interested in running for the position of Tribal Chairman may still submit their Letter of Candidacy by 5:00 p.m. (CST) Thursday, May 5, 2011; however, they will be considered a write-in candidate and their name(s) will not appear on the official ballot.

The General Council will also be voting to fill three * at-large seats on the Tribal Council. Incumbents Arthur Mothershed and Garvis Sells have announced their candidacy along with Clayton Coon, Helen Hallman, Sandy Fretwell Hollinger, Edie Jackson, Daniel Winston Lambert, Paul Lundy, Eialeash (Leasha) E. Martin, David Morris, Arthur Ray Patrick Jr., Debra Rolin Strickland, William L. Vickery, and Carolyn McGhee White. Anyone interested in running for one of the at-large positions on the Tribal Council may submit their Letter of Candidacy by 5:00 p.m. (CST) Thursday, May 5, 2011; however, they will be considered a write-in candidate and their name(s) will not appear on the official ballot.

There will also be a proposed Constitutional Amendment addressing an Oath of Office for Tribal Council Members. Thirty percent of the eligible voters are required to vote for the successful/unsuccessful passage of the proposed amendment. You may view this proposed Constitution Amendment on page four (4) of this Election Insert. For your convenience, the Election Notice has also been included on page one (1)

of this Election Insert as well as a Request for Absentee Ballot on page two (2).

The Election Board has scheduled a Meet & Greet with the candidates immediately following the State of the Tribe on Saturday, May 14th in the Family Services Auditorium. The State of the Tribe meeting is scheduled for 10:00 a.m.

Each year it is important that all eligible voters exercise their right to vote; with this year's direct election of the Tribal Chairman, it is more important than ever to vote for the candidate of your choice. Be sure to vote via Absentee Ballot, Walk In-Voting prior to Election Day, or by voting on Election Day.

LIST OF CANDIDATES

Candidates for Tribal Chairman

Buford L. Rolin, Incumbent
Eddie L. Tullis

Candidates for three At-Large Positions on Council

Arthur Mothershed, Incumbent
Garvis Sells, Incumbent
Clayton Coon
Helen Hallman
Sandy Fretwell Hollinger
Edie Jackson
Daniel Winston Lambert
Paul Lundy
Eialeash (Leasha) E. Martin
David Morris
Arthur Ray Patrick Jr.
Debra Rolin Strickland
William L. Vickery
Carolyn McGhee White

The following candidates submitted their Letter of Candidacy shortly after the April 5, 2011 deadline; the Election Board has stated that their names will appear on the official ballot.

Dewitt Carter, At-Large
Barbara Stephens, At-Large

**See Election Notice on page 1 of this insert.*

Proposed Constitutional Amendment

RESOLUTION FOR A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO INCLUDE OATH OF OFFICE

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

WHEREAS, the Poarch Band of Creek Indians Constitution does not have an oath of office for Tribal Council members; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council desires to include an oath of office that reflects the values and mission of the Tribal Council.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tribal Council authorizes the following proposed amendment to Article VII of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians Constitution, which shall become effective when approved by a majority of the qualified voters voting in the 2011 annual election, provided that at least thirty percent (30%) of those qualified to vote cast their ballots:

Section 5. Oath of Office

Prior to assuming the elected office, the individual elected shall take the following oath of office:

I, _____, do solemnly swear or affirm that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians; and that I will faithfully, honestly and impartially discharge the duties of the office of the Chairman/Vice-Chairman/Secretary/Treasurer/Tribal Council to the best of my ability, so help me God.

As proud leader of our Tribe, my integrity demands that I be true to who I am. My integrity is the foundation of my love for my family and our community, which strengthens my faith and commitment to do what is right for the Tribe. I will further the legacy of self-determination and self-reliance inherited from our elders by investing in the progress and driving a vision for the future that leads to our prosperity. I understand that I am beholden to the electorate and to the other Tribal Council members. To that end, I shall conduct myself in a manner which will foster respect and dignity.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tribal Council directs the Election Board Chair to assign a ballot number for the proposed constitutional amendment on the election ballot for 2011 annual election and set forth on the ballot the following:

Proposing an amendment to Article VII of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians Constitution, to require an oath of office for Tribal Council members that reflects the values and mission of the Tribal Council.

If approved, the following section would be included as part of Article VII:

Section 5. Oath of Office

Prior to assuming the elected office, the individual elected shall take the following oath of office:

I, _____, do solemnly swear or affirm that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians; and that I will faithfully, honestly and impartially discharge the duties of the office of the Chairman/Vice-Chairman/Secretary/Treasurer/Tribal Council to the best of my ability, so help me God.

As proud leader of our Tribe, my integrity demands that I be true to who I am. My integrity is the foundation of my love for my family and our community, which strengthens my faith and commitment to do what is right for the Tribe. I will further the legacy of self-determination and self-reliance inherited from our elders by investing in the progress and driving a vision for the future that leads to our prosperity. I understand that I am beholden to the electorate and to the other Tribal Council members. To that end, I shall conduct myself in a manner which will foster respect and dignity.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED this description shall be followed by the following language:

“Yes () No ().”

Candidates for Tribal Chairman

The following candidates have submitted their Letter of Candidacy for the position of Tribal Chairman and their names will appear on the official ballot.

BUFORD L. ROLIN

My fellow Tribal Members:

As Tribal Council elections are fast approaching I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your past vote of support and ask for your continued support with my re-election. I have had the pleasure of serving you as a Council Member for a number of years and have enjoyed the opportunity you have given to me. My service began in the days when we were known only as "Creek Indians" and has continued through today when we can enjoy the fruits of our labor as the Poarch Band of Creek Indians, the only Federally Recognized Indian Tribe in the state of Alabama.



Because health care is one of the critical needs of our people I would like to continue working on your behalf in this area. I, along with other Tribal leaders, have been a part of the national steering committee for the re-authorization of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act. I am happy to say that the Act was approved by Congress in 2010 as part of the Health Care Reform Act.

Just as important as the Indian Health Care Improvement Act is the Special Diabetes Program for Indians or SDPI. This program is a \$150 million dollar allocation for Indian Tribes. I am the Chairman of the Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee which advocates on your behalf. We have just recently celebrated a victory because we have secured funding for the next five years.

The Tribe continues to make progress in the areas of economic development, health, education, and other services for our Tribal members. I look forward to being a part of improving and expanding them for you.

Please exercise your right to vote by going to the polls on June 4, 2011 and cast your vote for my re-election. Together we can make a difference because there is strength in unity.

Thank you
Buford L. Rolin

EDDIE L. TULLIS



I, Eddie L. Tullis do hereby declare my candidacy for the Tribal Chairman's seat in the 2011 tribal election.

As the tribe becomes more successful, the decisions of the tribal council become more complex and important for the life of every Tribal Member.

Never before has the Tribe had the opportunity to improve the quality of life of Tribal Members that we have today. Will we let this opportunity slip away or will we spend out windfall wisely?

Nine Council Members working full time should be prepared to hold full and open discussions on each agenda item at each tribal council meeting. There should be a limit to executive sessions and workshops held away from the eyes of Tribal Members, many of who would like to be aware of what is going on.

There are several critical issues that need to be addressed. While our education program has greatly improved, there is much work still left to be done. We need to continue providing for our elders with the services that they are entitled to. Just as important, we should make sure that tribal discretionary funds are distributed as equitable as possible.

Several items need to be discussed by members of the tribe in regular open community meetings including the establishment of a comprehensive senior services center, which would include an assisted living unit, a greatly expanded health clinic with more, as well as specialized doctors, a job training program, as well as expanded benefits (both monetary and tangible) for all Tribal Members wherever they reside. If elected, I will use my experience and dedication to make these discussions happen.

To ensure that our future remains bright, I ask you to participate in the upcoming tribal election on June 4, 2011. This will be an historic election for the tribe as it will be the first opportunity for tribal members to directly elect the Tribal Chairman. With your support in the upcoming election, I vow to continue my efforts to build a strong and vibrant Poarch Creek Tribal family. Feel free to call me at any time at 251.368.2685 if you have any question about where I stand on any issue.

Please vote on June 4, 2011 for me, Eddie L. Tullis for Tribal Chairman!

Candidates for Three (3) At-Large Positions

The following candidates have submitted their Letter of Candidacy for the At-Large positions on the Tribal Council; their names will appear on the official ballot.

CLAYTON COON

I, Clayton Coon, do here by submit my candidacy for a seat on the Tribal Council. I have been happily married for 21 years to Debra Rolin Coon (daughter of Clarence and Dianne Rolin of Atmore, Al). I am the father of four children; Kaweta Jack Coon (20), Cedo Calvin Coon (19), Noah John Coon (15) and Emerie Grace Coon (11). I am the son of Rickie and Rose McGhee Coon of Atmore, Alabama and the grandson of the late Curtis McGhee, Pearline Daughtry McGhee, Buford Coon and the late Olean Driskell Coon. I am also the great grandson of the late Chief Calvin and Joyce McGhee and the late Jack and Nora Daughtry.



First, I would like to tell you a little about my present and past work experience. I am currently the Planning and Events Coordinator for the Calvin McGhee Cultural Management Authority (CMCMA); my job is primarily based around our Annual Thanksgiving Powwow and Calvin McGhee Memorial. In my first year managing our powwow I wrote a proposal to the Tribal Council to allow me to create a Powwow Support Staff and pay them a stipend (like a board or committee) for daily services. Prior to 2009 if you worked for the Poach Creek Indians' Administration or Tribal Government, it was mandatory that you worked the Annual Powwow. By the council approving this proposal all tribal employees were able to receive their Thanksgiving Holiday and the powwow staff was reduced from 200 plus to fewer than 60 people. This proposal also provided an opportunity for a tribal business to employ approximately 20 people, mainly tribal youth, to manage the cleanup and beautification as well as provide parking assistance for the two day event. This was a small but effective way to help people that wanted to earn extra revenue for Christmas and to give tribal employees the opportunity to enjoy their Thanksgiving with their families. I am also the graphic designer for the brochures, booklets, posters, Powwow tee-shirts '05,'06, '07, '09,' 10 , Calvin

McGhee Memorial shirts, and 2011 Powwow website; per the approval of the CMCMA. Prior to employment with the authority, I was the chairman of the CMCMA, and designed and oversaw the restoration of what is today the Pickrell House located on the powwow grounds. I also served on the Powwow Committee where I designed and oversaw the construction of our new powwow arena. Prior to working for our tribe I mainly worked construction; carpentry, oilfield and gas line welding and fabrication. I believe that I have worked with some of the most talented and well-rounded people in this country and the majority of them are members or descendants of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians. Those were some of the things that I have been able to accomplish based on preparation and presentation of ideas and designs which were passed by governing bodies.

While these are all things that the Tribe as a whole has benefited from, there is so much more that I would like to see happen. What I am proposing to you the General Council is not a per capita payment and will not take the place of our birthday checks or any future per capita payment; the sole purpose of this idea and program is to give each individual the incentive and motivation to apply themselves, and to continue contributing to our community and the communities that we live in. This is what I'm planning to present to you the tribal members and to the Tribal Council if elected. ***Prosperity and Self Determination Incentive Program*** or (PSDI Program). This program will be a new program (much like the Education Programs or Family Service Programs) and will give each individual an opportunity to better themselves at any level of education or financial status: the program will provide any and all tribal members of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians that can obtain a work permit or that can show taxable income, an additional wage of \$6.25 and hour for every hour worked, up to 160 hrs per month. (\$1000 per month max). College Students / GED participants 18 or older will also receive \$6.25 per hour he/she attends class. This is the basic concept of the program, there will be many provisions made in the policies and procedures for certain circumstances such as online registration and updating for members that live outside the Poarch area, business owners, ministers, salaried employees, truck drivers, active military personnel and the occasional unemployment situations. I will mail out more information before election about my goals and objectives as your Tribal Council Member and to give everyone interested a better understanding of this program and how we can use a portion of tribal revenue to provide individuals the ability to assist themselves and their families. I believe with the additional income tribal members can afford to spend money(a stimulus so to speak)

therefore creating jobs for contractors and revenue for businesses thus boosting the economy, also tribal members with first generation children can use the extra revenue toward their children's education. This is a program that will help each tribal member help themselves in Seeking Prosperity and Self Determination as an individual. I also would like to increase the Elderly Benefits Program payment to \$1500 per month and add the legally disabled tribal members to the Elderly Benefits Program as soon as possible. This will ensure that our senior citizens have some type of retirement and our legally disabled will have better financial independence. There are a total of 2771 eligible voters making the maximum estimated cost of both programs \$3,000,000 per month, \$36,000,000 per year. If we have to, we can earmark \$18,000,000 or more in the year 2012 and \$20,000,000 or more in 2013. This will allow us to fully fund both programs in the year 2013, the future of the programs will hinge on the success of our enterprises and gaming industry and the management and spending of tribal revenue. I believe that there are Tribal Council Members that truly have you, the General Council Member as their main concern and I believe that your council member will support the PSDI program and the Elderly Benefits Program changes, if someone will set down and write out a proposal, have all legal issues resolved and present it to the table ready for approval. Talk to your Council Representative or to the candidate that you are supporting and let them know how you feel. I believe that he/she would proudly speak for you.

And if you decide to vote for Clayton Coon I will be honored to represent you,

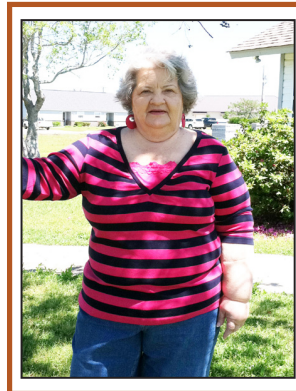
I leave you with a scripture that I often read from 1 Chronicles (29:11 thru 29:18)

Thine, O LORD, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O LORD, and thou art exalted as head above all. Both riches and honor come of thee, and thou reignest over all; and in thine hand is power and might; and in thine hand it is to make great, and to give strength unto all. Now therefore, our God, we thank thee, and praise thy glorious name. But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able to offer so willingly after this sort? For all things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee. For we are strangers before thee, and sojourners, as were all our fathers: our days on the earth are as a shadow, and there is none abiding. O LORD our God, all this store that we have prepared to build thee an house for thine holy name cometh of thine hand, and is all thine own. I

know also, my God, that thou triest the heart, and hast pleasure in uprightness. As for me, in the uprightness of mine heart I have willingly offered all these things: and now have I seen with joy thy people, which are present here, to offer willingly unto thee.

O LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, our fathers, keep this forever in the imagination of the thoughts of the heart of thy people, and prepare their heart unto thee:

HELEN HALLMAN



I, Helen Hallman, declare my candidacy for Tribal Council. THANK YOU for allowing me to serve for 13 years as your Tribal Council representative. With your support, I would appreciate the opportunity again to fight for your fair share. I am passionate about impartiality and equality, especially in the areas of health care, housing, education, and jobs for all tribal members. If elected to serve as a voice for our people, I will strongly advocate for increased birthday checks as long as our industries and enterprises are prosperous. As I have stated previously, ***“Actions speak louder than words.”*** My track record of serving as a Council member has proven that I am a person of action, not just simply a person of words. Please feel free to contact me at (251)368-1029 or (251)253-5140 if you have questions, comments, or concerns.

Please vote on June 4, 2011 for Helen Hallman.

SANDY FRETWELL HOLLINGER



I, Sandy Fretwell Hollinger, am pleased to announce my candidacy for the Tribal Council of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians. I am the daughter of Ruth McGhee Bailey, the late William Fretwell and the late Jerry Bailey, and granddaughter of the late Greely McGhee, Gracie Mae McGhee Spence, Will and Lavada Fretwell. My wonderful husband is Darrell Hollinger. We have three beautiful children,

Austin (15), Denver (12) and Anna Grace (2). I was born and raised in the Poarch community and now live in Uriah, Alabama.

With God's help I want to be a positive voice for my people. I am asking for your vote and support to serve the members of our tribe. If elected, my main focus will be increasing services to our tribal members.

Currently, I am employed as the Family Services Specialist within the Family Services Department at the Tribe. In this position, I have been committed to assisting in meeting the varied needs of tribal members to the best of my ability. Unfortunately, I see tribal members EVERY day that are struggling in this hard economic time. It's so hard to listen to their stories knowing that I won't be able to help much. In fact, knowing the kind of crisis situations our tribal members are experiencing and not being able to do anything about it is one of the reasons I decided to run for tribal council. I KNOW where my fellow tribal members are coming from.

It is a blessing that Wind Creek Hotel and Casino has been paid off so soon. I realize the tribe needs to invest some of the profit to be profitable; however, it is now time to share the wealth with our tribal members. With the rising cost of gas, groceries, utilities and other household expenses, I would love for every tribal member to receive a monthly per capita check. Knowing that so many of our tribal members are in need, it would be wonderful to be able to help them with some extra assistance. If I am elected I will work to raise the Revenue Allocation Plan to get us more than 20% of the profit. This has to be passed by the Council and then presented to BIA for approval.

Education benefits for our Indian children will always have my support. I am ready to see a tribal school for our children so they can learn more about our culture and our heritage while receiving a quality education not to mention extra fun activities for them. As a mother of three, it is my prayer to keep them focused on education, sports and church activities. In this day and hour there is so much for them to get into. Our children are our future and we need to ensure they succeed. We need to keep them involved with social activities and as a tribal council member I will work towards creating more safe social activities for our youth.

With two of my three children attending public schools, I am thankful that we have been able to support our local schools through generous donations. It is great that we can better the education needs for our Indian children enrolled in the public school system. I have no problem with that

until we have a tribal school in place. What I do have a concern about is all of the other tribal donations being made. There are donations made that are not helping our tribal members at all (or providing any services to any tribal members). Donations are being made to local governments who are not willing to recognize how much the tribe has done for the local community and to that I say if they are not willing to help the Tribe then cut off all donations to them. The television ad states that we are neighbors, but it seems the City of Atmore is totally against us. Why do we keep lending out helping hands to them? The City and the local area would struggle financially without tribal jobs, revenue and donations. If elected, I will carefully consider limits on outside donations.

And let me not forget about our seniors. They are truly my heart. Our seniors have paved the way for us and we should take care of them as much as we possibly can. I want to actively pursue establishing an extended living facility/nursing home for our senior tribal members who are unable to live independently. It breaks my heart to see the seniors that are capable of living on their own barely surviving on low fixed incomes; never having any extra at month's end. I hope to be serving on the council that can see this happen for our seniors.

We must ensure that contracting for tribal member businesses are done fair and honest. I want to make certain that all tribal member owned businesses get their just reward not pushed aside. Indian preference in hiring should also be extended by contractors when they are hiring for each and every employment position that is available in the fulfillment of any contract with or services being provided to the Tribe.

I have a loving heart and want to see us all blessed and prosper. God has brought this tribe a long way. Our forefathers would rejoice to see what we've accomplished and where we are today. Again, it is my desire to help my people achieve their highest potential; promote our cultural and religious beliefs and to pass them to our children and future generations; and to protect the Poarch Band of Creek Indians from forces that threaten to diminish it.

I want to be a leader for you! I would greatly appreciate your vote, prayers and support for Tribal Council.

God Bless You!
Sandy Fretwell Hollinger

EDIE JACKSON



I, Edie Jackson, am pleased to announce my candidacy for Tribal Council. I am the daughter of Eddie and Mary Jane Tullis. I am the granddaughter of the late Volt and Florence Walker Tullis and the late Willis McGhee, Sr. and Arentha McGhee. I am married to Eddie Jackson, son of the late Alton Jackson and Mable Jackson and we have two sons, Chance (16) and Casey (15). I

live in the Poarch Community.

I have chosen to run for the Tribal Council because I feel that with the growth of our tribe and the multi-million dollars of operations we have going on within the Tribe, the individuals in these positions should have a vast knowledge of Finance and Accounting. I received my Bachelors Degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Finance from Auburn University in 1989 before coming to work for the Tribe in 1991. I am currently employed with Tribal Administration and have been for some 20 years. I have served in the capacity of Federal Accounting Director, Comptroller, Gaming Commission Administrator and currently am the Tribal Administrator. With each of the jobs I have held, I have worked with the various budgets and all the federal programs of the Tribe and made sure that the programs administered through those budgets met the goals and objectives which were set out to be met.

If elected, I will do my best to represent you with all my strength, ability, and dedication needed to continue to make our tribe prosper.

Everyone has a right to vote, please make Saturday, June 4th a day to make your vote count. Thank you in advance for your support.

DANIEL LAMBERT

April 5, 2011

Dear Friend,

Hello, I am Daniel Lambert. I would like to announce my candidacy for the at large seat on the tribal Council. I am the



son of Mable Rolin Lambert and Sherrell W. Lambert and the grandson of the late Dorothy McGhee Rolin and J.B. Rolin. I have been a self-employed home builder for the last twelve years and currently own and manage twenty-eight rental units in the Atmore area. I have been married to my lovely wife, Tammy, for twenty-five years and we have two wonderful sons. Trenton Daniel Lambert, our older son, is a firefighter/EMT with the Poarch Fire Department. Our younger son, Joshua Tyler Lambert, is a firefighter for the Prichard Fire Department.

Our family has attended Grace Fellowship Church for the past eight years and I believe that our faith should be what guides us. It is because of this belief that I would like to have an opportunity to serve my family, the Poarch Creek Indians, as a council member with an open door policy; to listen to the people and make wise decisions for them.

We as a tribe have been given many opportunities over the years and I believe our people have tremendous potential that can be realized when they take advantage of these available opportunities whether they be educational or job opportunities. Right now I see these two things as the greatest benefits for the young people of our tribe and the key to moving us forward. At the same time, I believe our elders should see some benefits for the sacrifices they have made to get us where we are today. This can most effectively happen by ensuring that their health care needs are seen to and that they have the best quality of life possible, whether it is through an assisted living or nursing care facility or quality health care at their own homes. As our tribe grows and prospers, and a stable financial foundation has been established I believe that we should see more financial benefits for each member.

I have served on the Creek Indian Enterprises board for the last three years and have gained a wealth of knowledge as CIE has been given the responsibility, by the tribal council, of managing tribal enterprises, construction management and creating new business opportunities for the Poarch Creek Indians. It will be my goal to apply all my past experience to help lead the Poarch Creek Indians into a brighter and more prosperous future.

Do not forget to exercise your right to vote on election day. I would appreciate your support.

Candidate Information is continued on next page.

PAUL LUNDY



To my fellow tribal members and families my name is Paul Lundy. I'm 64 years old and the son of the late Juanita Dees Lundy and the late Gay Lundy. I am announcing my candidacy for tribal council at large for the 2011 tribal council election. I have lived in this area all my life and most of you know me as a local musician from around

the area for the past thirty years. I have been an active member of the teamster union local 528/474 for the past eighteen years working in natural gas pipeline construction. I am very proud of my Native American heritage and very excited how far this tribe has come in the past few years. I can remember as a child Chief Calvin McGhee would come to visit my family and talk about his dream of tribal recognition, It is my goal to represent our tribe with the same enthusiasm as Chief McGhee did with a "we can do it as a tribe attitude". I feel this is what it's gonna take to move this tribe even further but this can only be done as a unified tribe and every voice should be heard.

In the next few years our tribe will be facing a challenging growth and big decisions that will effect all of us as tribal members and our families and I feel every tribal member should play a part in these decisions and have a voice at the council table. I also feel that some of these decisions need to be put on a ballot and let us as tribal members vote our wishes. As a council member I would like to hold community open forum meetings to let everyone be heard and not set on a time limit to show support for their tribe. As a tribal council member I would always make myself available all times and my number will be available to everyone.

I have the up most respect for our current fellow tribal council members and candidates running for the 2011 election and I am willing to work with each and everyone of them for the betterment of our great tribe. I can be contacted at 251-253-4957 and would be glad to hear from my fellow tribal members and answer any questions you may have.

THANK YOU! And I hope to have the opportunity to be "YOUR VOICE" at the council table.

LEASHA MARTIN

Greetings fellow Tribal Members:

Allow me to introduce myself. I am Ela Leasha Elizabeth Martin; most of you know me as "Leasha", your Library Clerk, friend or relative. After long consideration and deep thought I would consider it an honor if you would allow me to serve as your Tribal council Representative.

For those of you who may not know me, I am the great-granddaughter of Alice Rolin-Martin-McGhee and R.O. Martin, the granddaughter of Elsie Martin-Holland and Wills McKinley McGhee, Sr. My parents are Douglas Martin and Dorothy Nelson-Martin. In 2009 a Tribal family entrusted me and blessed me with my son, Walker Martin. I have been truly blessed since my return home in 2005. I am employed with the Poarch Band of Creek Indians Education Department. I have a large family which I am able to visit often, but I am also part of something much bigger. I am a member of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians, how great is that? To know your history and family lineage is a great feeling. In doing my job, I am able to interact with Tribal members daily. You may think over the past several years, I didn't Listen; but I did! You were heard. So for you that know me, you know I'm not "quiet"! I have opinions, just like you. And I feel our opinions and ideas need to be heard. So if you'll allow me to serve as your voice on the Tribal council, we will be heard.

I would really appreciate your vote, but I'm not going to promise you \$17,000.00 or am I going to promise you per capita and I'm surely not going to tell you, you can give you tuition assistance benefits to your child. When, all governing boards and Tribal Council hasn't approved such issues. It takes a majority of the Tribal Council Members to approve any project, idea or bring a law into effect. There are no "Lone Soldiers". Tonto and the Lone Ranger are no more!

There are several issues I'd like to address:

1. Tribal Retirement-We are a government. Our people should have a retirement plan, not a fluctuating 401 K. With today's market our Tribal employees are losing money yearly. Give your people something to look forward to. You people have served you well show them you appreciate it.
2. Tribal Employee Daycare-Our tribe has several businesses, why not a daycare? This would not only be a lucrative business, but you would also raise employment

in our area and put your workers at ease. A daycare which provides 24 hour service would accommodate all Tribal Entities.

3. Senior retirement and assisted living facility-We've heard, we've heard, now let's do it! Our seniors have been hearing this for years. A senior care home is not only a sound investment, but it's a great source of added employment to our community. But most of all, it will be a relief to our seniors to know there is an alternative and answer to their care issues.

4. Tribal Council Salaries-While I do believe the Chairman and the Co-Chair deserve their pay, I don't believe General Council should be paid such astronomical salaries!! Come on you live in Atmore, Alabama. The cost of living is not that high. Your salaries should be based on the job and only receive a yearly cost of living increase of no more than 4% like your fellow Tribal Employees. What's fair for one is fair for all. If elected I will remain at my job and keep my normal salary in the Education Department.

These are just a few of my concerns. If you feel the same ways about these issues then please take the time to talk to me. I will be happy to take time to visit and answer any questions you may have for me, and if there's other issue you may have concerns about, I will be happy to discuss those too! So remember June 4th is election and I will appreciate your vote. Thank you, Leasha. My contact numbers are (251) 253-3489 cell, and home (251) 368-8369. A Facebook is being set up for your questions and I will respond.

“Together We Stand, Divided we will always fall.”

DAVID MORRIS

Are you tired of not being heard? My name is David Morris and I want to fight for you. I am declaring my candidacy for Tribal office. I was born and raised in Poarch and currently reside in Perdido, where I have lived for 17 years. I have been married to Tina Morris for 22 years. We have 2 daughters, Cortney, who is 21 and is a nursing student at the University of South Alabama and Destany, who is 16 and a sophomore at Baldwin County High School. We attend Bay Community



Church. I am the son of Hattie Lou Morris and the late M.C. Morris. I am the youngest of 8 children. I have 2 brothers, Mack Morris, and Mack Jr. Morris and 5 sisters, Mary Belle McGhee, Marilyn ross, Annette Nall, Lanette Turberville, and Gaillette Moore.

Although I do not have much education, I do have good common sense. I am self-employed and have owned my own business for the past 6 years. My construction company is called David Morris Construction. Even through the recession, my company has remained afloat, but not without the help of an awesome God. Throughout this entire time, I have only had 2 constructions jobs contracted through the tribe and they were by homeowners request. I feel like my business experience will help me make good choices for the people of our tribe.

There are several reasons I have decided to run for Tribal office. One being that I have seen how certain people have been treated by the tribe. I have recently done a remodeling job for a mobile home where the homeowner is having to pay the money back to the tribe. The other remodeling job I did about 3 years, the homeowner did not have to pay any money back to the tribe. I think each tribal member should be treated equally. Another reason I wanted to run is I believe that the general council should be able to vote on certain decisions dealing with our tribal people. For example, a tribal member with a felony that is over 19 years old should be allowed to run for office or be placed on a board. I also believe that the people should have the right to vote on whether or not the council should have limited terms. My personal opinion is that a council member should be allowed to serve 2 consecutive terms then have to wait for 5 years before being able to run again. This rotation of new members would allow new ideas to be brought to the table and would hold the tribal council more accountable. The people should also be allowed to vote on projects that are going to cost over \$1 million.

I think there should also be more help for our youth of the tribe. If a child is representing our tribe, they should not be expected to pay their own way or have to fundraise. The tribe should provide funding for these trips. I realize there are funds for our children to go to school, but what about the extra-curricular activities? Our youth are the future generation of our tribe and should have the chance to take part in every opportunity given to them.

Senior citizens, you have seen this tribe through the good times and the bad. I want to help you in any way I possibly can. All you have to do is let me know your concerns.

Since we just held a big celebration for the Wind Creek Casino and Hotel being paid off there is no reason our people should not be able to receive a monthly check. I will remind our council everyday that our people deserve to benefit from this accomplishment.

Do you ever want to speak your mind, but are afraid to approach the Tribal Council? I will rent a building to hold monthly community meetings off the reservation to be able to listen to what you have to say. I want our people to be able to talk with me without worrying. I will take your concerns to the council and fight for you.

Just remember I am only one person and it does take a majority. I cannot promise you everything will go our way, but I can promise you I will FIGHT FOR YOU every day.

ARTHUR MOTHERSHED

VOTE
ARTHUR MOTHERSHED
June 4th, 2011



My name is Arthur Mothershed and it has been a privilege to serve you these last six years. I am the son of Deloris McGhee Kelley and the late Carl Mothershed. I am the grandson of the late Levi and Treacy McGhee. I am married to Samantha Canova Mothershed and we have three beautiful daughters; Katie age 19, Shelley age 15, and Kamryn age 11. I have a Bachelor's in Business Administration from Faulkner University and a Master's in Business Administration from the University of Alabama. More importantly to me, I have over eighteen years in management experience which has afforded me an education that could not be obtained in a classroom.

There are times in one's life when everything seems clear. Today my life as a Tribal Council Member has never been clearer. Politics has always baffled me. Promises are made to get elected but are rarely kept. Everyone talks about respecting our past and preserving our future but for most self preservation, not self determination wins out and our past and future become after thoughts. Self preservation is only about today. I cannot and will not make my political role about self preservation.

Recently I had the opportunity to address many Tribal

Members and their guests at the mortgage burning for Wind Creek Atmore. My message was simple: "Leave our Tribe better than we found it. Take advantage of the opportunities we enjoy today. " I said we are not a people of entitlement but of opportunity and that is my candidacy. Those opportunities range from healthcare to employment to per capita payments. Those programs are alive and vibrant today but we cannot foresee the future. If we become dependent and do not take advantage of the opportunity before us then we will have done ourselves and our Tribe an injustice.

My message does not mean that we should stop distributing a share of our good fortune in the form of per capita with the members. My hope is that every member will look at these times as an opportunity and not as an entitlement. Taking advantage of opportunities whether it is in the form of education, employment, health or cash benefits and prepare you for tomorrow. This is what I mean by being opportunistic. On the other hand, spending all of our resources today with no thought of tomorrow is entitlement. People of entitlement are bound to what others can do for them. They become dependent on those payments and when revenues decline they suffer. When we as a people become consumed with getting more today without thought of tomorrow then we will find ourselves in situations similar to other tribes who spent all their money and can no longer meet promises made to their people. I want our promises like caring for our seniors, providing health care, and educating our people to be kept.

As a Council member for the past six years I felt an obligation to promote programs that can and will survive after my time on the Council has passed. The elder benefits, education scholarships, burial benefits, and health insurance programs are vital to our Tribe. I emphasized these programs three years ago when I was up for re-election. I am proud to say we have made and continue to make progress in these areas. The burial benefits have been increased. Our education scholarships have been increased. The elder benefit has been increased and eligibility has been lowered to sixty-two. Over the next three years the elder benefit eligibility age will be further lowered to fifty-five. Health insurance for Tribal Members is now a reality.

Funding and enhancing these programs is essential to the long term success of our tribe. It is not fair to partially fund these programs today and let future tribal councils worry about keeping these programs alive tomorrow. More than seventy-five percent of our membership is over the age of thirty. One-third of our membership is over the age of fifty five. This means that as we take care of needs

today we must also recognize and plan to take care of our members in the future when there will be many more at or beyond retirement age. To assure that our members have assistance today and security tomorrow is essential but costly. I believe that once we start a benefit then tribal members should be able to count on those benefits. That's why I believe that we need to invest enough of our money today so that benefits will be here for our future. When we as a Council make these type decisions then we are taking advantage of the opportunity that we have today to make our tribe financially sound for the future AND better than we found it.

Three years ago I also emphasized economic development. We are still primarily dependant on gaming for most of our revenues The Council has approved segments of the master plan titled a "Place Called Poarch" which includes more diversified businesses including an entertainment facility that will have a movie theater, bowling alley, and arcade. Tribal Member employment continues to increase at PCIGA and other areas across the tribe especially at the staff professional and management levels. The Economic Development loan program continues to help business. TERO has been and continues to be a high priority for the Tribe. New revisions have been made and distributed for public comment because we know your input is crucial. It is crucial because we encourage transparency. Codes, Ordinances, and Constitutional Amendments are now put before the people for comment. May 14th of this year you will receive the audited financials of the tribe, another example of our commitment to transparency.

Cultural awareness was and is also a priority for me. We now offer more cultural classes than ever before, from basket weaving to language and almost everything in between. The Cultural Welcome center has opened and the museum design is underway. Anyone who wants to learn more about our culture or become more involved in the revitalization of our culture now has the opportunity.

Moving other initiatives forward is also important. An Assisted Living Facility and expanded health services clinic are very important. This past year the Tribal Council allocated almost eight million dollars to begin the expansion of our health clinic and begin work on the assisted living facility. We have promised these projects for a long time. The desire was there to build them but opportunity (in this case enough money) was not. We now have the money (opportunity) and the design phase of these programs has begun. Now we can make them a reality but neither the work nor the funding is complete. These projects will take more time and more money. We have allocated an additional three million dollars to build more rental units and home

ownership units so we are closer than ever to providing tribal members with housing opportunities. We are moving closer but we are not finished. These are all projects that will serve us today and serve us in the future.

This year we have a unique opportunity in front of us. The Tribal Council adopted a purpose statement and has voted to place that purpose statement on the ballot as a constitutional amendment. If it passes it will amend the current oath of office to read:

Section 5. Oath of Office

Prior to assuming the elected office, the individual elected shall take the following oath of office:

I, _____, do solemnly swear or affirm that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians; and that I will faithfully, honestly and impartially discharge the duties of the office of the Chairman/ Vice-Chairman/Secretary/Treasurer/Tribal Council to the best of my ability, so help me God.

As a proud leader of our Tribe, my integrity demands that I be true to who I am. My integrity is the foundation of my love for my family and our community, which strengthens my faith and commitment to do what is right for the Tribe. I will further the legacy of self-determination and self-reliance inherited from our elders by investing in the progress and driving a vision for the future that leads to our prosperity. I understand that I am beholden to the electorate and to the other Tribal Council members. To that end, I shall conduct myself in a manner which will foster respect and dignity.

We seek your endorsement of this commitment. These are words that I choose to adopt as my political and personal beliefs. It has been my pleasure to serve and has been an honor to be considered by you as a leader who has the best interests of our Tribe at heart. I believe our Tribe will make the right choice... Your voice is your vote. Do not sit in silence. I would love to continue serving you but no matter what your choice, please vote, because I believe in the collective wisdom of our Tribe.

If you have any questions feel free to contact me by email poarchcreek@gmail.com or by phone 251-253-5207.

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ARTHUR RAY PATRICK, JR.

My name is Arthur Ray Patrick, Jr. and I would like to introduce myself to tribal members who may not know me. I am the son of the late Letha Gibson Patrick and the grandson of the late Enon and Carrie McGhee Gibson.



I am proud to be a tribal member of the Poarch Creek Indians. I have many fond memories from my youth visiting with my Aunts and Uncles in Poarch to dancing at the Pow Wows with my sisters... I am currently a RN in the Cardo Vascular unit at a local hospital in Baldwin County and in the process of acquiring a Degree in Business Administration.

My life has been full supporting my family and raising children. As I look towards my retirement years I want to become available to the tribe and with your help contribute to the future of our historical Heritage. I would like to have the opportunity to help promote the vision of our founding tribal fathers, to bring fresh new ideas, and to provide constructive outside opinions.

As tribal members we have witnessed many changes over the past few years and we have received positive compensations due to the hard work of the tribal council. With your help I would like to become a part of the process of growth and reaching out to areas in our communities and meeting the needs of the people for future generations.

If you allow me this special opportunity to serve as your voice on the Tribal Council At-Large Seat, I promise to represent you to the best of my ability and together we will preserve the Heritage we all cherish and look to a future full of promise.

When you speak...I will listen.
Together we will make a difference.
You can contact me with your concerns at 251-895-8329.

With my family’s strong support and the abundance of encouragement, I am announcing my candidacy for re-election for the Tribal Council.

I pledged honesty and integrity in the three years that I have served you as a Tribal Council member and will continue to pledge honesty and integrity, if re-elected. My interest will always be for the Good of the People. I will work diligently to assist our people in ensuring that they receive what they deserve in the future.

In taking my Oath of Office, when I was elected to the Tribal Council, I took the Oath of Office serious and have and will stand by the Tribal Constitution and Bylaws of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians. I also believe in the democratic form of government, where the government belongs to the people in which they are and will be a participant.

I have supported the advancement of improved conditions for my people. I will continue to support, represent and speak for the tribal members in all matters that will engage in constructive, important, and positive results for the welfare of the tribe. The last time I announced my candidacy I supported an assisted living facility for the elderly and disabled and the expansion of the health department to enhance our ability to better serve you; and, I am pleased to inform you we are in the initial stages of making this a reality.

I still have a strong desire to serve my constituents and work in an honest, professional manner with accountability for the betterment of our tribe. I believe during my tenure as a council representative I have been able to increase my knowledge of the tribe and the services available to all our citizen’s.

In my life as a proud parent and as a member of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians, I am committed to one cause above all – to provide a positive, constructive and productive environment to all Tribal Members.

My service is dedicated to dignified representation of you, the members of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians. I not only ask for your vote, I further ask that you allow me to be your voice in all matters that are crucial and fundamental to you. If re-elected I will continue to bring to you the same loyalty that I have portrayed over the last three (3) years in representing the Tribe.

I thank you in advance for your support and hope that you continue to provide your support to me, as we are all

GARVIS SELLS

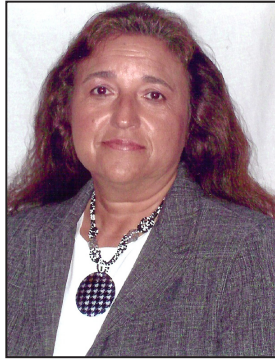
My name is Garvis Sells and I am a lifelong resident of the Poarch community. I have been married to Catherine Jackson Sells for 48 years and we have two children, April Sells and the “late” Alton “Bookie” Sells.



aiming for one common goal, the betterment of our tribe. Thank you!

DEBRA ROLIN STRICKLAND

I, Debra Rolin Strickland, do hereby declare my candidacy for the at-large seat on the Poarch Creek Indians Tribal Council. I am the daughter of the late J.B. and Dorothy McGhee Rolin and the granddaughter of the late Len and Hettie Colbert McGhee and Cleveland and Reta Galloway Rolin. I am the youngest of 12 brothers and sisters and live in Poarch community. I am a mother of two fine young men, and am an active member of Grace Fellowship Church. I have worked for our Tribe for the past 7 years and am currently serving as a commissioner on the Tribal Employment Rights Commission, and a board member of Muskogee Technology. I have worked in the Chairman's Office department and have served as Executive Secretary to the Tribal Council for the last 4 years.



I have seen the Tribe grow and develop into a strong government that is recognized all across Indian country and one that we can be proud of, as we are fast becoming role models for other tribes. We have come a long way and have been truly blessed, and I want to thank all of our past Tribal leaders including the ones who sacrificed their time and labor before becoming federally recognized, up until our present leaders of today, for their hard work and diligence, and for looking ahead at a dream of what our Tribe could become. As we grow, let's not forget where we have been.

As we look ahead from this point on, here are just a few of the areas that I believe we need to focus on and ones that I will support:

- * Actively pursue the planning and developing of an Assistant Living facility.
- * Expansion of our Health Department
- * Develop and implement a benefit plan for our disabled Tribal members

- * Continued supporting Education until all Tribal members have the education that they desire
- * Increase per capita payments as our revenues grow
- * Seek out and develop more non-gaming businesses
- * Work on forming better communication between our leaders and the general council
- * Continue supporting preservation of our Cultural heritage
- * Developing various programs and activities for our youth

I believe our Tribe is taking step in the right direction, but we must remain focused on how to improve our efforts. It would be an honored to serve you on the Tribal Council as we work for all Tribal members as the Tribe as a whole to become a stronger self governing nation. I am committed to do all that I can to see that we continue to progress. If elected I will be proud and honored to serve you as your Tribal Council representative.

Please consider me as you cast your vote for the position of at-large Tribal Council. I promise to be fair, honest and reliable. I am available to discuss any issues that you may have concerning our Tribe, or if you just want to find out a little more about me. Please feel free to contact me at my home at 251-368-8058 or by email at depstrickland@yahoo.com. Thank you and have a blessed day.

WILLIAM L. VICKERY



I, William L. Vickery do hereby announce my candidacy for the Tribal Council of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians. I am running for the at-large position.

I am the son of the late William W. and Larcnile McGhee Vickery. I am the grandson of the late Lillie McGhee on my father's side, and Lawrence and

Mamie Rolin McGhee on my mother's side. I have five (5) brothers-Ernest, Dennis, Arnold, Bruce and Mike, and one (1) sister Connie.

I have been married to my wife Leslie Charlene Roberts Vickery of Troy, TX for 36 years. We attend New Home Church on Poarch Road. We have two children Randal Vickery and Jennifer Vickery Kelley. We have four (4) grandchildren-two (2) boys and two (2) girls.

I was raised in the Hog Fork Community. I attended Poarch Consolated Grammar School and graduated from Escambia County High School (Blue Devils) in 1969. I joined the U.S. Army in February, 1970 (this period of time was in the Vietnam era). The draft was still being used to place people in different branches of the military. I joined to keep from being drafted, to get a better chance at what I wanted to do in the military. In the early 1970's they ended the draft. In my opinion the United States made a mistake when they ended the draft, because I believe every young man or woman should spend at least two (2) years in the military. If the draft was still in effect I think society in the United States would not be in the shape it is in now.

I served one (1) tour in Vietnam and three (3) tours in Germany. I was stationed in numerous bases in the United States, (Fort Hood, TX, Fort Leonard Wood, MO, Fort Belvoir, VA, and Fort Knox, KY.) I was a National Guard advisor in Grand Rapids Michigan.

I started out as a private and through hard work and dedication I retired with the rank of 1st Sergeant. I attended many schools in the military on leadership management, and supervision. I was a squad leader in charge of 7-10 men, Platoon Sergeant over 40-70 men and 1st Sergeant over 250-300 men. I was a Drill Sergeant in charge of training new recruits in the military to be soldiers.

I moved back to Alabama in 1994. I now live at 215 Old Uriah Road, about 100 yards from where I spent the first 18 years of my life (Hog Fork Community). I worked at Creative Cabinets in Bay Minette for 15 years until the economy got bad and was laid off due to lack of work. I am now employed as a security guard at Wind Creek Casino and Hotel.

When I left Atmore, Alabama in 1970 for the military that was the year they had the 1st Thanksgiving Day Pow Wow. Since that time (40 years ago) the Tribe has grown a lots. While in the military my mother would write and tell me things that was happening. When I was a child, I remember the old people talking about the INDIAN MONEY. The first check that we as TRIBAL MEMBERS received, I gave mine to my mother.

I realized that many things have improved over the years, but there are still things that need to be done. I hear people talking about things for the younger generation, yes these things are good, but my concern is taking care of the older generation first, because they are the ones that paved the way for the young. Today you see lots of young people wanting things handed to them without having to work for it, like we had to do in the old days.

Some people are getting richer while others are striving to make ends meet. In this economy these days everything is costing a lots more to live on, and making a living is getting harder to do. A good paying job these days is hard to find and keep.

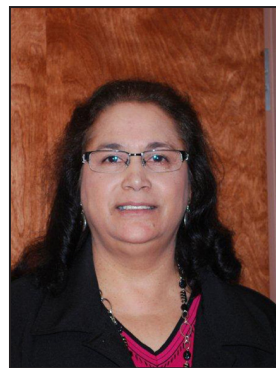
As a TRIBE we face challenges every day. We as TRIBAL MEMBERS should work together with the TRIBAL COUNCIL, to see that the things that we the people need are taken care of. I will work hard to move forward a plan to increase disbursements of the people's money and stop spending where it is not necessary. I will make known to all TRIBAL MEMBERS as to the TRIBES' assets and where the money is going.

In closing I would like to thank you for your time and consideration in voting for me on June 4, 2011. I will do my best to be a positive voice for the TRIBAL MEMBERS of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians.

So as TRIBAL MEMBER please exercise you right to vote and may GOD BLESS EACH AND EVERYONE OF YOU.

Sincerely,
William L. Vickery
Poarch Creek Indian Tribal Member

CAROLYN M. WHITE



I, Carolyn M. White, declare my candidacy for the Tribal Council At-Large position in the 2011 Tribal Council Election to be held on Saturday, June 4, 2011.

I provide below the same overview from last year of my family connections; my educational and professional qualifications; and my

commitment to serve you. I ask for your vote and would welcome any opportunity to listen to your concerns and share my views on the issues within our community. The issues I addressed last year in my bid for a Tribal Council seat remain the same. Again, I ask that you consider my qualifications and commitment to serve during your evaluation of candidates, decision making, and vote on Election Day. Thank you!

My tribal connections are through the families of Will and Bessie McGhee and Ed and Margie McGhee. I am the daughter of the late Mal McGhee (son of Will and Bessie McGhee) and Martha Jane McGhee Jackson (granddaughter of Ed and Margie McGhee), and step-daughter of Fay Jackson. I am married to Donald H. White and we live in Atmore, AL. Our daughter, Paula L. White, resides in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. I have lived in and near the Poarch Creek community all of my life. I completed my Associate's Degree in 1970 at Jefferson Davis Junior College and later my Bachelor's Degree in 1989 in Human Relations Administration at the University of South Alabama (USA). I continued my education in 1997 at the University of Alabama and received my Master's Degree in Social Work in 1999 with concentration in Planning and Management.

After my graduation from University of Alabama, I had the opportunity to serve as Escambia County DHR Director for 4 years until my retirement in February 2005. My employment, over the past 30 years, with the Alabama Department of Human Resources was in various capacities as the County Welfare Office Assistant; as a certification worker with the Food Stamp Program establishing eligibility and conducting program integrity activities; as a senior level social worker for Quality Assurance and Child Protective services within the Escambia County Child Welfare Program and providing services to the citizens of Escambia County.

My resume includes four years experience as County Director of the Escambia County Department of Human Resources and the past 6 years of work with the Tribe as the Director for the Poarch Creek Indians' Family Services Department. Together these two positions highlight my years of leadership in a service, management, and community development role.

During the past six years, the Family Services Department was reorganized and new services developed to meet the growing needs of our Creek families. We have additional services under the Community Services Program and the

Adult Services Program, which was developed in 2006. There have been many community events to strengthen our families and support our tribal community. I am proud of the many accomplishments of the Department and would like the opportunity, with your vote, to expand my advocacy and community development activities to another level as a Council Member for the Tribe.

Community service activities include participating on various committees and Boards. I served on the Gaming Board for 10 years and the Best Western Board for more than 20 years. I currently serve on the Commission for the Tribal Equal Rights Ordinance, which was established in 2008.

My platform continues to be for increased communication between Tribal Council and General Council; focused emphasis on the rights of General Council; and expanded advocacy and development of comprehensive services for tribal members in need.

I will work diligently to improve communication and develop a system for ongoing consistent flow of meaningful information from tribal members to Tribal Council of what is needed and from the Council to the people of what is being planned and what actions are being taken in all areas of government. I continue to believe effective communication is the key to successfully meeting the needs of our community. You have to be open to listen and then to hear what is needed. This requires an open-ended style of communication to present, receive, review, and evaluate tribal business. Uninformed members leave tribal plans to the speculation and unreliability of the tribal grapevine which can jeopardize the success of projects if members are not included and informed about decisions. Another issue will be focus on the rights of General Council, as written in the Poarch Creek Constitution; and to ensure that their rights are protected and their voices are heard.

If elected, I would continue my advocacy to resolve tribal member issues at the Tribal Council table for the development of additional services for needy tribal families, disabled tribal members, tribal elders and their caretakers; as well as being committed to securing funds to develop wraparound elder services and an assisted living facility.

Carolyn M. White
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BARBARA STEPHENS
for
TRIBAL COUNCIL



I will not make promises I can't keep. But I can keep these promises...I will work hard and do everything in my power to help my fellow Tribal Members. If I don't know the answer..I will learn it. If it can't be done...I will explain why. If it should be done....I will work hard until it is done! Give me the opportunity to live up to my word and I won't let you down!

I WANT TO HEAR YOUR CONCERNS AND SHARE MY THOUGHTS ON HOW I CAN HELP IF ELECTED BY YOU TO AN AT-LARGE POSITION ON THE TRIBAL COUNCIL.

PLEASE EMAIL ME AT : bstephens1956@gmail.com

ANOTHER CHOICE ... TO BE YOUR VOICE!





Elect DEWITT CARTER for Tribal Council

My name is Dewitt Carter and I am announcing my candidacy for the Poarch Band of Creek Indians Tribal Council Open Position. I am the son of Dewitt Sells and the Late Grace Philyaw. I am the grandson of the Late Joe Philyaw Jr. and the Late Eugene and Roberta "Granny Sells".

My fondest memories of Poarch were of all my neighbors along Aplin Road off Poarch Switch Road. You could stop at Woodrow and Estell Rolin's house any time of the day and find two smiling faces, always trying to give you a bit of fruit or crackers. Sister Ruth Bailey was always tending to her flowers and her house always had that just cut yard look. Jack Rolin's home was always bustling with life and Eunice welcomed every soul that darkened her doorway to sit down and eat. Then there were all the ladies up the road, Zollie Mae, Verlie, Isabel and Ms. Bernice, for whom every year my grandfather or I would till and plant their gardens or bush hog, when needed. There never was any cash reimbursement; always a block of "commodity" cheese or some baked goods. No one had very much money, but we all helped one another. That is what I purpose to this community now.

I want to see more services for the Poarch Creek Indians, including a garage maintained by PCI that will allow tribal members access to tools or equipment to rent, which they could not otherwise afford; a minor auto care shop, where tribal members could access free tune ups or oil changes; possibly a "dry goods" commissary where members could shop tax free; a recreational rental shop, where members could rent outdoor equipment to include boats and travel trailers. I support MONTHLY PER CAPITA PAYMENTS AT the full 20%. I am pulling for everything that would help you a tribal member with a better way of life. If the right leadership comes to office, especially in these hard times, there would be nothing our members would want for.

I am upset with the Tribal Council that common sense activities seems to be overlooked, except when it benefits them directly. I do appreciate that the council has to make decisions weekly that affect the Tribe as a whole, but giving yourself a 33 percent base pay increase is not practical; indemnifying yourself for \$13 million dollars in a lawsuit does not make sense; paying per capita at less than the 20% proposed rate is wrong. Furthermore, all the decisions made by the council that affect large amounts of "the people's" money should be decided by the tribe as a whole, and not a select few. As a council member, I will not forget my roots, I will not forget the times on and off Poarch Switch Road. We are all Poarch Band Creek Nation and should not ever be divided. Help me to help all of us. Please "Election Day" vote Dewitt Carter Tribal Council. Call me at 251-753-7438.



ELECT DEWITT CARTER





The Family Service Department

Staff Members: Amanda Montgomery, Angela Bartley, Betty Jo Bexley, Carolyn Moye, Carolyn Rackard, Carolyn White, Juanita Slate, Judy Camden, Kathy Ledkins, Martha Gookin, Sandy Hollinger, Stella Rutherford, Wanda Fowler

April Is Child Abuse Prevention Month & Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Child Abuse Prevention Information

Pick up a newspaper, look on the internet, or simply watch the evening news and it becomes apparent child abuse and neglect can be found in every race and within every income level in our world. The impact of child maltreatment is profound and has life-long effects on the physical, psychological, and behavioral development of children. The good news is child maltreatment is preventable! We can honor our native heritage by building strong and supportive families who nurture and love our children.

Child abuse and neglect often takes place in the home and generally falls into four categories.

Neglect is the failure to provide for a child's basic needs, such as food and clothing.

Physical Abuse is causing physical harm to a child, such as hitting, kicking, shaking, or burning them. **Sexual Abuse** is any situation where a child is used for sexual gratification.

Emotional Abuse is any matter of behavior that impairs a child's emotional development or sense of self-worth, such as constant criticism, threats, and rejection.

Being a parent is a 24-hour-a-day job and it is normal for parents to feel overwhelmed at times. Parents can feel angry, lonely, and depressed while simply attempting to make ends meet. Don't let these feelings affect how you treat your children. You can: **Talk to someone; Reach out to other parents; Call a help line (1-800-4-A-CHILD); Get babysitting help when you need a break; or Take a parenting class.**

Prevention of child maltreatment includes five protective factors. First of all, **establishing a nurturing bond** between a parent and child will help the parent better understand, respond

to, and communicate with their children throughout life. Second, **increasing parental knowledge of child and youth development** will help parents know what to expect as their children grow. Third, **parental resilience**, or the parent's ability to cope with stressors, is essential for parents to recognize about themselves, and to manage appropriately. Fourth, **establishing positive social connections** will enable parents to build support for themselves in times of need. And last, **having community support** is essential for parents to meet and better attend to their role as parents.

All children need to have strong parents who will love them and who will do what is in their best interest. Babies who have a loving bond with their parent will have a better chance to grow up to be adults who trust others and know how to return affection. As young children grow and develop, they need parents who will establish loving boundaries helping them to become independent and yet, safe. Teenagers need parental guidance and loving boundaries to guide them in their decision-making processes, their relationship choices, and their tendency to be risk-takers.

Children are a gift from God. They are the future hope of our tribe and of our nation. Take time to love them.. Treat them with dignity and respect. They will return your love and they will grow to respect you!

Martha Gookin
Family Services Coordinator



Child Abuse casts a shadow the length of a lifetime.—Herbert Ward

Ways to Help Prevent Child Abuse

- ☺ Be a nurturing parent.
- ☺ Love your children.
- ☺ Help yourself by dealing with your own issues.
- ☺ Take parenting classes.
- ☺ Ask for help if you are overwhelmed.
- ☺ Get involved in the community and learn from other parents.

10 Alternatives to Lashing out at Your Child.

- Take a deep breath . . . And another. **You** are the adult.
- Close your eyes and image you're hearing what your child is about to hear.
- Put your child in time-out.
- Put yourself in time-out.
- Phone a friend.
- Take a hot bath or splash cold water on your face.
- Hug a pillow.
- Turn on some music.
- Pick up a pencil and write it out.
- Call 1-800-CHILDREN.



Holmes Selected As Wastewater Operator of the Year

Submitted by Utilities Authority

Just before the sun rises to start a new day, Silas “Bill” Holmes, the Tribe’s Chief Utilities Operator, arrives at the wastewater treatment plant to begin his long day of work. He always arrives before anyone else at the plant; and is always the last one to leave. He is always eager to learn and has an unmatched drive to succeed. His dedication to his job is unrivaled each day as he takes on and conquers many challenges that occur in a wastewater treatment plant. It is because of this dedication that Bill has been selected as the Wastewater Operator of the Year 2011 by the Alabama Rural Water Association.

Holmes began his utility career in 1971 in Bay Minette, Alabama. Holmes is a certified Grade IV wastewater operator and a certified Grade III water operator. In addition, he has instructed and guided potential operators on the road to certification. Holmes was elected to serve on the USET certification board giving him the opportunity to have a greater impact on the looming problem of dwindling operator numbers and growing operator job vacancies. The objective for Holmes is not only to help potential operators pass the certification test, but to also bridge the gap that is often left of applying the knowledge gained in the day to day operations.

Buford L. Rolin, Tribal Chairman, states “There has been and continues to be immense growth in and around the Poarch Band of Creek Indian Reservation. The rapid growth can be an insurmountable challenge when it comes to Utilities and the ability to sustain service without compromise. During this precarious time not only did Bill help design and implement an activated sludge plant to meet the mounting needs of the community, he also took up the reins on a lagoon system that was in need of a good operator to see it through to the completion of the new SBR plant. The SBR plant is now operational and exceeding expectations on all discharge limits with his expertise guiding the way.” Thomas R. Armitage of the Sanitation Facilities Construction Division of Indian Health Service (IHS) also sings Bill’s praises. “Mr. Holmes continually listens, learns, and teaches others by his words and actions, setting a high level of professionalism, ethics, and devotion to the job for others to model and follow. His depth of knowledge of wastewater treatment provides the Tribe with great insight and a wealth of experience that has helped propel them through the start-up of a new SBR WWTP and



Wastewater Operator of the Year Silas “Bill” Holmes

assists greatly in training other staff in advanced WWTP operations.”

Josh Thomas, Utilities Executive Director, states that Bill has been an asset to the Tribe and has never hesitated to contribute to other departments when called upon. “It has been my privilege to be associated with Bill in a working capacity for nearly five years. Bill has been a consistent performer and has shouldered the responsibilities with his teammates with a pleasant smile. Besides being a high-spirited worker, Bill has been phenomenal in giving shape to our organization’s recent growth, including the construction and implementation of our new activated sludge treatment facility. During his tenure, our organization has consistently exceeded the expectations foreseen by local leaders as well as regulatory agencies, thanks to Bill’s creative ideas and proactive work ethic. He has excellent leadership traits and communication skills, not to mention his desire to be productive and successful in all aspects. he has been a team player and tremendous leader from day one.”

Congratulations Bill, you are a benefit to the Tribe and your dedication and hard work is greatly appreciated.

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SAIL Center Receives Grant

Submitted by David Elliott

The SAIL Center received a grant from Gulf Coast Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Council for \$30,000. The funds were used to purchase kitchen equipment in order for meals to be provided to senior citizens, food preservation education, and youth/senior nutritional education. RC&D grant funds are from the State general fund.



Pictured Left to Right
State Representative Harry Shiver
Gulf Coast RC&D Project Coordinator Amy Bell
State Representative Alan Baker
State Senator Mark Keahey
Transportation Provider Vicky Burns
Tribal Liaison NRCS David Elliott
Senior Services Director Carolyn Dortch
Cook Faye Thomas
Tribal Chairman Buford L. Rolin
Transportation Services Coordinator Cyndi Wright
Cook Myrtis Kinman
Gulf Coast RC&D Member James W. Smith
Tribal Council Member Robert McGhee

Out of the Indian approach to life there came a great freedom, an intense and absorbing respect for life, enriching faith in a Supreme Power, and principles of truth, honesty, generosity, equity, and brotherhood as a guide to mundane relations.

Luther Standing Bear Oglala Sioux

Manage Your Flex Card OnLine

Submitted by Tim Manning

Several resources are now available to help you manage your tribal health benefits card.

Online Access:

You may access information concerning your health benefits online. By creating an online account you will be able to view your current account balance as well as receive your transaction history. Please use the directions below to help you setup your online account.

Visit <http://pci.flexcorp.com> to create your online account. (Do not include www. in the web address.)

Select the Members option, then Online Access. You will now enter the participant portal.

To create an account select Create an Account under the login information. You will then be prompted to enter your personal information. Note: For Employee ID remember to use your Tribal roll number preceded by five zeros. The number should equal nine digits like a social security number. Example: 00000XXXX

You will not require an Employer ID if you insert your card number in the appropriate field.

Complete the rest of the required fields with your personal information.

Once you select Submit your online account creation will be complete. Attempt to login to verify your account creation.

Additional Resources:

Please visit www.sig-is.org for an Inventory Information Approval System IIAS merchants list. You will find the link to the merchants list located on the left hand menu under Publications. This list will provide you with certified IIAS merchants that have the appropriate equipment to process payment with your health benefits card. You may also visit <http://fsastore.com> for lists of products eligible for purchase with your health benefits card.

Please contact the Tribal Member Benefits Department at (251) 368-9136 x 2209 if you have any questions.

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Shirlene Mauldin
Tribal Member

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(Closed for Afterschool Program 3:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.)
Saturday 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Pool

Monday - Friday 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Saturday 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Weight Room

Monday - Friday 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Saturday 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

PCI Wellness & Activities Department (Gym)
is located at 444 Lynn McGhee Drive Atmore, AL

Notice: Pool and Gym Facilities is open to Tribal Members, First Generation, and One Guest

For more information contact Trina Rackard or Brooke Bell at (251) 368-9136 extension 2248
via email at trrackard@pci-nsn.gov or bbell@pci-nsn.gov

Public Notice

This article provides public notice to all Tribal Members that the following grants will be available for review and discussion during office hours at the Family Services Department, Building 500, during the week of May 23 -27, 2011.

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Grant (LIHEAP)
Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)
Child Care Development Block Grant (CCDBG)

A public hearing is scheduled for June 4, 2011 on Tribal Election Day. Please drop by the Family Services Department's booth, which will be located in the Poarch Creek Indians Gymnasium. Staff will be available to record your comments in response to the grant applications and proposed services.

Carolyn M. White, LCSW
Family Services Director

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.

Health Fair 2011

The Poarch Creek Indian Health Department will be hosting their annual health fair on June 4, 2011. The health fair will be held at the Wellness and Activities Center (gym).

Young or old there will be something for you. Health screenings for all ages and prizes for those who participate!

Health Screenings will start at 8:00 and will end at 6:00.

We hope to see you there!



THE FAMILY SERVICES DEPARTMENT HONORS OUR ELDERLY TRIBAL MEMBERS BY INFORMING OUR COMMUNITY IN HOW TO PROTECT “OUR” OLDER AMERICANS DURING OLDER AMERICANS MONTH.

What Is Elder Abuse? What Are the Warning Signs? Where Do I Go for Help?

Elder abuse is a term referring to any knowing, intentional, or negligent act by a caregiver or any other person that causes harm or a serious risk of harm to a vulnerable adult. Tribal Code and Legislatures in all 50 states have passed some form of elder abuse prevention laws. Laws and definitions of terms vary considerably from one state to another, or from Tribe to Tribe, but broadly defined, abuse may be:

- Physical Abuse - inflicting physical pain or injury on a senior, e.g. slapping, bruising, or restraining by physical or chemical means.
- Sexual Abuse - non-consensual sexual contact of any kind.
- Neglect - the failure by those responsible to provide food, shelter, health care, or protection for a vulnerable elder.
- Exploitation - the illegal taking, misuse, or concealment of funds, property, or assets of a senior for someone else's benefit.
- Emotional Abuse - inflicting mental pain, anguish, or distress on an elder person through verbal or nonverbal acts, e.g. humiliating, intimidating, or threatening.
- Abandonment - desertion of a vulnerable elder by anyone who has assumed the responsibility for care or custody of that person.
- Self-neglect - characterized as the failure of a person to perform essential, self-care tasks and that such failure threatens his/her own health or safety.

WHAT ARE THE WARNING SIGNS OF ELDER ABUSE?

- Bruises, pressure marks, bedsores, broken bones, abrasions, burns, unattended medical needs, and unusual weight loss may be an indication of physical abuse, neglect, or mistreatment.
- Unexplained withdrawal from normal activities, a sudden change in alertness, unusual depression, belittling, threats, strained or tense relationships, frequent arguments between the caregiver and the elderly person or other uses of power and control by spouses may be indicators of emotional abuse.
- Bruises around the breasts or genital area can occur from sexual abuse.
- Sudden changes in financial situations may be the result of exploitation.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

- If someone is in immediate danger, or for after business hours, call 911 for the local police.
- For any tribal member, call the National Elder Abuse Hotline (1 800 677-1116) to be connected to the appropriate Adult Protective Services Agency or
- Contact Wanda Fowler, Adult Service Coordinator, at the Poarch Creek Indians Family Services Department 1(251) 368-9136 Ext: 2373 during regular office hours.

OUR TRIBAL ADULT SERVICES PROGRAM OFFERS SERVICES TO ASSIST WITH ASSESSMENT OF NEED FOR HOUSEKEEPING, HOME MANAGEMENT, SUPPORTIVE SERVICES, AND PROTECTION FOR ANYONE OVER THE AGE OF 19.

Steadham Accepted Into Prestigious International Facilities Management Association

Johnny Ray Steadham, who has played an important role in Wind Creek Casino and Hotel's winning the prestigious AAA Four Diamond rating, has added a professional jewel to his own crown.

Steadham, the Facilities Manager for Wind Creek, has been accepted into the International Facilities Management Association (IFMA), the most prestigious professional organization of its kind in the world.

Steadham worked for two years to earn the distinction and studied intensively for the past nine months in preparation for the credentialing process. All work was done on his personal time, and he is the first Poarch Tribal Member to receive this designation.

"This certification is something that I know Johnny Ray has worked on for years," noted PCI Gaming President Jay Dorris. "This represents a tremendous accomplishment and greatly enhances the contributions he can make to our company. Our congratulations go to Johnny Ray for achieving this professional certification."

There are approximately 408,000 facilities professionals in the U.S., but only a select few are part of IFMA. While it is the most widely-recognized association for professional facility managers in the world, there are only 19,000 members in 78 countries. Collectively, those IFMA members manage more than 37 billion square feet of property, and annually purchase more than \$100 billion in products and services.

Even among the organization's impressive members, Steadham's achievement stands out. The credential he has earned – the Facilities Management Professional (FMP) designation -- is held by only 2,150 such professionals working in 31 countries worldwide. Of those, only 1,540 are in the U.S. which places Steadham in the top 0.3% of professionals in his field.

Catherine Timmons noted, "This important award just underscores what all of us here at Wind Creek know about Johnny Ray – that he is one of the best in the world at what he does. On a personal note, I am inspired by what he has done with the support of his co-workers and managers."

Arthur Mothershed, Property Manager of Wind Creek Casino & Hotel, noted, "Johnny Ray is great at what he does, but he always wants to be better. Our goal in developing Wind Creek was to make it the best in its class and Johnny Ray reflects that – both personally and professionally."



Paul Norman, Wind Creek Director of Facilities congratulates Johnny Ray Steadham, Wind Creek Facilities Manager

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.

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Farewell To Loved Ones

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Charles Rolin



The family of Charles Rolin would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to all those that visited with him in the hospital or at his home during his illness. Your kind words of encouragement and the support that you gave him and us will never be forgotten. We would like to thank the staff of Atmore Community Hospital, Dr Salter, and Covenant Hospice for taking such good care of our brother. A special thank you to Bro. Marty Gehman, David Gehman, Martha Gookin and Eastside Chapel for their participation in his memorial service. Thank you to friends and loved

ones who brought food and flowers and to Wind Creek Atmore for providing a delicious meal to us after the memorial service.

God Bless each of you.

You can shed tears that he's gone
Or you can smile that he has lived
You can close your eyes and pray that he'll come back
Or you can open your eyes and see all that he has left
Your heart can be empty because you can't see him
Or you can be full of the love that you shared
You can remember him only that he is gone
Or you can cherish his memory and let it live on.....

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Housing Authority To Accept Applications for Renovation Loan Program Beginning June 1, 2011

The Poarch Creek Indian Housing Authority will begin accepting Renovation Loan Applications at 8:00 a.m. Wednesday, June 1, 2011 at the Housing office in Building #400.

This is a pay back program that was created to help tribal members renovate their homes. Applicants must meet a minimum credit score of 550 and meet the 40% median income guideline.

For further information please contact the housing office and speak with Charlotte Parham at (251) 368-9136, extension #2058.

Tribal Member Submissions



Pow Wow Club Places Third In Battle of Plains

For the second year in a row, the Poarch Creek Powwow Club received 3rd place at the Battle of the Plains in Dewey, Oklahoma. Individual dance winners were: Alia Snow, 1st place 8-11 Girls Fancy Shawl; Lexi Daughtry, 2nd place 8-11 Girls Fancy Shawl; Lucas Presley, 3rd place 8-11 Boys Traditional; Madison McGhee, 2nd place 12-15 Girls Jingle; Kennedy McGhee, 3rd place 12-15 Girls Jingle; Hunter Nobles, 3rd place 12-15 Boys Fancy; Chris Fay, 3rd place 12-15 Boys Fancy; Rickey Reed, 2nd place 12-15 Boys Traditional; Baccari Ramer, 3rd place 12-15 Boys Traditional; and CJ Linam-Greene, 3rd place 12-15 Boys Grass.

Automobile for Sale

2003 Chevrolet Impala for sale for \$5,000.00; white with black trim.

This is a one owner vehicle, it is very clean and has all the bells and whistles.

If you are interested in purchasing this vehicle, please contact Faron Hollinger at (251) 621-8707



Five Generations of Strong Creek Women

Submitted by Gia Rodriguez

Pictured above is a five generation photo of a family of strong Poarch Creek Indian women. Shown left to right on the front row is Hattie Lou Morris and her daughter Mary Bell McGhee. Shown standing behind them and following their example of strength and determination are Janet McGhee Rodriguez, daughter of Mary Bell McGhee, and Janet's daughter Gia Rodriguez. The strength and determination of the family continues in Gia's two daughters Kylee (left) and Kamryn (right).

Carver Graduates

Submitted by Toni Carver

Jacob Carver, son of Toni & Robbie Carver will graduate from Gulf Shores High School on May 24th, 2011.

Congratulations Jake!!

We are so proud of you & love you very much! Love Mom, Dad, Grandmaw, Aunt Christina & Family!



Jacob is pictured here with Senior Prom date Kelsie Stowe.

Chief Calvin McGhee in the Smithsonian!

Submitted by Deidra Suwanee Dees, Ed. D.

Have you ever been to the National Museum of the American Indian at the Smithsonian? What a story the museum exhibits have to tell just like our museum will have a story to tell when it is complete. To assist me in the development of our new Office of Archives and Records Management at Poarch Creek Indians, I met with the Head Archivist at the National Museum of the American Indian at the Smithsonian in Washington, D.C. in February of 2011. Not only do the exhibits have a story to tell, but the books in the bookstore also have a story to tell. Upon browsing through the books on American Indians in the bookstore, I was delighted to find a book that has a write-up about our chief in it—Chief Calvin McGhee! So we could say that Chief Calvin McGhee is in the Smithsonian!

The book is titled *The Columbia Guide to American Indians of the Southeast* and it is written by Theda Perdue and Michael D. Green (2001). The authors say Chief McGhee “led the fight to win a settlement from the United States government in the 1940s and dominated Poarch Creek politics until his death.” They talk about the importance of his attending the 1961 Chicago Indian Conference which enabled Chief McGhee to lead our Tribe out of isolation. The authors express that he gained audience with President John F. Kennedy and Lydon B. Johnson where he argued that “the Treaty of Fort Jackson of 1814 had been unfairly imposed.”

The article marks Chief McGhee’s lifespan saying he lived from 1904 to 1970, and notes that he was succeeded by his son Houston McGhee. It also says that the Poarch Creek Indians “earned federal recognition in 1984, the first such tribe in Alabama to do so.”

There are other Muscogee (Creek) leaders written about in this stimulating book. For example, on the same page as Chief McGhee’s write-up, the authors write about Alexander McGillivray who lived from 1750(?) to 1793 and who came from “the prominent Wind clan.” He is noted as an important leader “who argued for more political cohesion in the Creek Nation to further collective interests.”

Chief Waldo Emerson “Dode” McIntosh, who lived from



1893 to 1983, is also written about. Chief Dode McIntosh was from the Oklahoma Creek Nation and interacted with Chief Calvin McGhee. In our archives, we have a sympathy letter to our Tribe from Chief Dode McIntosh who lamented the untimely passing of Chief McGhee.

If this book sounds like a piece of history that you would like to own, you may call the book store at the National Museum of the American Indian at the Smithsonian at (202) 633-7030 to order a copy. I paid \$22.50 for my book and it was well worth the money to own a copy of *Chief Calvin McGhee in the Smithsonian*.

Theda Perdue and Michael D. Green *The Columbia Guide to American Indians of the Southeast*. (New York, NY: Columbia University Press, 2001), p. 184.

3rd Annual “Mammie & Lawrence” Family Reunion Magnolia Branch Reserve May 28, 2011 Starting at 11:00 a.m. UNTIL

Bring:

Pot Luck Lunch, dessert, your own cooler of drinks

Bring:

Your music, guitar, piano, and your voice

Bring:

Your own lawn chairs and tents for your comfort

Bring:

A cake or cup cakes for a cake walk

Bring:

Something for the silent auction (proceeds will go toward repair of Mammie & Lawrence’s grave sites)

Hope to see you there!!! Kathy Ledkins

Contact Kathy Ledkins 251-655-6632 if you need more information or catch me on Facebook



The Hard Road

During the Great Depression the Poarch Creeks were not well off in contrast to their non-Indian neighbors. The Episcopal Church entered their history at this point and documented the generally depressed conditions of the community. In the May issue of the 1930 Episcopal journal The Alabama Churchman ran a short feature entitled “Perdido Hills Indian Mission” which announced the beginning of the mission and clearly identified the Poarch area as an Indian community. In December of that year Robert C. Macy, M.D., a physician working in collaboration with the missionary arm of the Episcopal Church, wrote an article titled “The Indians of the Alabama Coastal Plain” which was published in the Alabama Historical Quarterly. This article was the first major ethnographic work on the Poarch Band of Creeks and gives a full account of their constitution and living conditions. Macy makes a strong statement in the article about the leadership in the community: “I am unable to give any data concerning the Rollin ancestors, but the patriarch, and acknowledged chief of the Indians in this vicinity is an octogenarian, ‘Uncle Alex’ Rollin, as we call him.” In the mid 1930’s Anna C. Macy, Macy’s wife, wrote a brief history of the Poarch Creeks. Although the document is not long, it is well detailed for that period of time and outlines the work that she and her husband had done for the community and the work that the Episcopal Church did on behalf of the Indians of the Poarch community. It does not include however, the consolidation of four Indian schools into one school meeting at St. Anna’s Church. This happened in 1939 when the County Board of Education consolidated the Rollin, Poarch, McGhee, and Gibson Indian Schools. The new school, known as the Poarch Indian Consolidated School, was finally closed in 1970 as a result of the 1969 U.S. Supreme Court desegregation order requiring Alabama to desegregate its schools

The involvement of the Episcopal Church into the lives of the Poarch Creeks was to have many beneficial results for those in the community. It was decided to build a small church in the community itself, to be named St. Anna’s Mission, with the first pastor being Rev. Edgar Van W. Edwards of Atmore. The March 31, 1932 edition of the Atmore Advance reported that “Sunday about noon a twister formed in the field of Frank Hixon, near Poarch, and leveled the frame work of the new church of St. Ann [sic] Episcopal, being built by Rev. Edgar Van W. Edwards for his Indian congregation at that place.” This was only a minor setback, however because the Church was completed later that year. Edwards also undertook an extensive survey of the Poarch Creeks community

which, in final form was 17 pages in typescript listing all the Poarch Creeks and certain vital data. Other positive results of Edwards’ service to the community was increased awareness in matters relating to health, education, basic rights, and employment.

In October of 1934, the first contact with the Bureau of Indian Affairs was made. Samuel H. Thompson of the Office of Indian Education visited the community and wrote a report of what he found. The report is not comprehensive, it deals mostly with the Indian schools at Poarch and the 130-40 pupils enrolled in them. However, Thompson makes a significant statement: “This group of Indians lives about nine miles out of Atmore, and they regard Will McGhee...as their leader.” Both Will McGhee and Alex Rolin, it appears, had clear leadership roles in the early twentieth century.

In February of 1941 noted anthropologist Frank Speck visited the Poarch Creeks and made the first professional ethnographic study of the community. Speck published his findings in America Indigena under the title “Notes on Social and Economic Conditions Among the Creek Indians of Alabama in 1941.” This study contains much valuable information about the community and cultural survival relative to customs, healing practices, and social behavior. Speck wrote that Fred Walker “...comes nearest to functioning as a leader of the Creeks at Atmore,” and that “He is provisionally called ‘chief’...”

The year 1947 marks the beginning of the modern period of history for the Poarch Band of Creeks. From this point on, the Poarch Creeks begin a series of struggles for their rights: rights of education, of equal opportunity, of sharing in Creek judgment awards, or recognition by state and Federal authorities. In this process, they “professionalize” and become more sophisticated in operating in a world of courts and bureaucracies. While these struggles each had different effects upon the community as a whole, the overall effect was one of providing points or areas of consensus around which communal singleness of purpose and unity would flourish.

In 1947 Calvin McGhee organized an informal committee of Poarch Creeks to meet with county school officials, civic organizations, and even the governor in order to improve conditions in the community. The county, it seems, refused to allow the Poarch Creek children bus transportation to the Junior High School in Atmore. In a daring confrontation, Jack Daughtry, a Creek from Poarch, stood in the path of a school bus and refused to move until the driver allowed the Indian children to board.

To Federal Recognition

The outcome of this confrontation was a law suit. On December 2, 1948 attorneys Hugh Rozelle and C. LeNoir Thompson for the Poarch Creeks filed a petition for mandatory writ, Annie R. Walker, et al. v. O.C. Weaver, et al. They were ultimately successful in this suit, as they were in their second major legal battle in which they filed as interveners in the The Creek Nation v. United States before the Indian Claims Commission.

In 1950, in anticipation of the ensuing battle with the Indian Claims Commission and ultimately with the U.S. Court of Claims, the Poarch Creeks formally organized a council to deal with claims issues. From this point on, records of the council's actions are recorded in minutes.

On January 5, 1951 Poarch Creek, using the name "The Perdido Friendly Creek Indian Band of Alabama and Northwest Florida Indians" moved for leave to intervene in the case of The Creek Nation v. the United States (Docket 21) which the Creek Nation filed in the Indian Claims Commission on January 29, 1948. The suit was filed to recover damages for the acquisition by the United States of 23,267,000 acres of Creek lands in Alabama and Georgia under the Treaty of Fort Jackson. There was to be a roll created of all descendants of the aboriginal Creek nation to whom a distribution of funds was to be made in compensation of the expropriated land. This of course was the reason for the intervention by the Poarch Creeks but the Indian Claims Commission refused to allow the intervention on the grounds that they were not an "identifiable group."

Poarch Creek successfully appealed to the U.S. Court of Claims to allow the intervention. The Commission amended its findings and 52% of the current membership of the Poarch Creeks shared in the original judgment for only 8,849,940 acres of land. The Creek plaintiffs in Docket 21 were dissatisfied with the findings of the Indian Claims Commission, feeling that both the award and land compensated for were too small. They appealed to the U.S. Court of Claims and the U.S. Supreme Court, but were rejected in both.

On August 27, 1971 the council filed articles of incorporation as the Creek Nation East of Mississippi, which officially incorporated the Poarch Creeks into a non-profit organization. This pivot in the direction of their history changed their income pattern from small donations by community members to larger grants from various agencies, thereby having a significant economic

impact on the community.

In 1972 Professor J. Anthony Paredes of Florida State University began his extensive ethnographic research into the community, taking oral history and eventually writing half a dozen anthropological papers on the ethnohistory of the Poarch Creeks. Professor Paredes continues to be an important friend and asset to Poarch Creek.

On May 15, 1975, the Native American Rights Fund submitted a petition for Federal acknowledgment on behalf of the Poarch Band of Creeks. The petition asserted that a trust relationship exists between the Band and the United States. The main issue involved around an offer by the State of Alabama to deed the land upon which the Poarch Consolidated Indian School stood to the United States, to be held in trust for the Poarch community. At that time there were no criteria for Federal acknowledgment or any systematic procedure to evaluate such petitions, so no action was taken. This request precipitated a study to determine the legal status of the land and the history of its granting and transfer. After an exhaustive study by the Office of Trust Responsibilities in the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Commissioner Thompson issued a Memorandum to the Associate Solicitor of the Department of Interior stating that "a positive evidence of record" supports the claim that the March 3, 1817 statute had no application to the Lynn Mcghee reserved secured under the 1836 statute.

In 1976, Poarch Creek received a Federal grant of \$117,775 from the Department of Labor for a CETA grant due to the provision of awarding monies to American Indian groups. In the summer of 1979 two more large grants were awarded to the Poarch Creeks, one from the Department of Education under Health, Education and Welfare and one from the Administration for Native Americans (ANA). In 1982 the Poarch Band of Creeks received a "status clarification" grant from the ANA enabling them to hire professional researchers to help in the preparation of the second and revised petition for Federal Acknowledgment.

Next month's article will conclude this series of articles. We hope that you have enjoyed this series and have learned something new about your ancestors and the hardships and sacrifices they had to make to bring our Tribe to the place it is today.

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What: Academic Achievement Banquet

When: June 17, 2011, 6 pm – 9 pm

Who:

- All tribal member and first generation high school/GED students who have graduated during the 2010-2011 academic school year
- College graduates who have graduated within the past five years

Where: Wind Creek Casino & Hotel, Coosawada Ballroom

Why: To honor the academic success of our graduates

RSVP's ARE REQUIRED! This form must be completed and turned in to the Education Department by 5:00pm on May 16, 2011. You will be contacted after this date with additional information about the banquet.

Hosted by: Tribal Council, PCI Education Department and Education Advisory Committee

Full Name: _____

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Degree Received and Major if Applicable: _____

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Please check one: I will be attending the banquet.
 I have graduated but am unable to attend the banquet.



All Tribal Members Graduating from High School



The Tribal Council, Education Advisory Committee and Education Department would like to recognize all tribal members that are graduating from high school this year. Complete this portion of the form and **return to the PCI Education Department before 5pm on May 16, 2011.**

Full Name: _____

High School Attended (include mailing address and phone number): _____

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Please direct any questions to Magen Weaver at 251-368-9136 ext. 2021 or via email mplate@pci-nsn.gov in the PCI Education Department.

Please complete and return this form to: The Poarch Band of Creek Indians, Attn: Magen Weaver, Education Department, 5811 Jack Springs Rd. Atmore, AL 36502

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Tribal Court Tribal Courtroom 9:00 a.m. Dance Class @ Gym 5:30 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.	3 Weight Watchers Gym 5:00 p.m. NA Meeting Turning Point 7:00 p.m. Dance Class @ Gym 5:30 p.m./6:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. CMCMA Meeting Welcome Center/Museum 5:00 p.m.	4	5 Tribal Council Meeting Council Chambers 4:00 p.m. Last day to submit Letter of Candidacy to be considered a Write In Candidate for Tribal Council Elections	6 CIEDA Meeting CIEDA Office 7:30 a.m.	7
8	9 4-H Meeting Education Department 6:00 p.m. Dance Class @ Gym 5:30 p.m. & 6:30 p.m. Warrior Society Meeting St. Anna's 6:00 p.m.	10 Wellness & Activities Authority Meeting Gym 11:00 a.m. NA Meeting Turning Point 7:00 p.m. Dance Class @ Gym 5:30 p.m./6:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. TERO Meeting 3:00 p.m. TERO Conf. Room Poarch Creek News Submission Deadline 5:00 p.m. CST	11	12 Housing Authority Meeting Building 400 Conference Room 4:00 p.m.	13 Employee Appreciation Day Tribal Offices Close at 12:00 Noon	14 State of Tribe Family Services Auditorium 10:00 a.m. Meet & Greet With Tribal Election Candidates Immediately following State of Tribe
15	16 Dance Class @ Gym 5:30 p.m. & 6:30 p.m. Tribal Court Tribal Courtroom 9:00 a.m.	17 Weight Watchers Gym 5:00 p.m. NA Meeting Turning Point 7:00 p.m. Dance Class @ Gym 5:30/6:30 & 7:30 p.m. CMCMA Meeting Welcome Center / Museum 5:00 p.m.	18	19 Tribal Council Meeting Council Chambers 4:00 p.m.	20 CIEDA Meeting CIEDA Office 7:30 p.m. Walk-In Voting Begins 8:00 am - 5:00 pm SAIL Center	21
22	23 4-H Club Meeting Education Department 6:00 p.m. Dance Class @ Gym 5:30 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.	24 Wellness & Activities Authority Meeting Gym 11:00 a.m.. Weight Watchers Gym 5:00 p.m. NA Meeting Turning Point 7:00 p.m. Dance Class @ Gym 5:30 pm/6:30 pm & 7:30 pm TERO Meeting 3:00 p.m. TERO Conf. Room Last Day to Request Absentee Ballot	25	26 Housing Authority Meeting Building 400 Conference Room 4:00 p.m.	27	28
29	30 Memorial Day Tribal Offices Closed	31 Weight Watchers Gym 5:00 p.m. NA Meeting Turning Point 7:00 p.m. Dance Class @ Gym 5:30 pm/6:30 pm & 7:30 pm	1	2	3 Walk In Voting Ends 5:00 p.m. Last Day To Receive Absentee Ballots	4 Tribal Election Day Polls Open 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. SAIL Center Health Fair Gym 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

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