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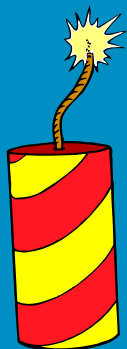
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# ***Tribal Council Page***

## ***Chairman's Corner***

***July 2011***



**Buford L. Rolin**  
**Tribal Chairman**  
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The 2011 Tribal Election process is behind us. We had a record turnout this year with 44% of eligible voters participating. I would like to say “Mvto” for all the votes and support that I received during my re-election campaign. I am honored that you the Tribal Member selected me to continue serving you as Tribal Chairman for the next three years. I thank you for your vote of confidence and I will do my best to serve you to the best of my ability.

I congratulate Arthur Mothershed and Garvis Sells on their re-election for another three year term; I believe this will be Arthur's third term and Garvis' second term. Mrs. Sandy Hollinger was elected to a one year term to fill the seat left vacant after the resignation of former Council Member Berry L. Ross. This is Sandy's first political venture and we look forward to working with her for the next year.



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The Tribe will be hosting the annual fireworks show on July 4, 2011. The stage show will start at 7:30 p.m. at Arrowhead Park; fireworks will follow at 9:00 p.m. I hope you and your family are able to join us for this festive occasion.

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## ***Reminder***

The 2011 Annual Celebration has been scheduled for Saturday, September 3, 2011 at Magnolia Branch Wildlife Reserve.

Please remember that the Annual Celebration is for Tribal Members and members of immediate family living in the household only. Please do not invite extended family members, neighbors or friends to event. No pets, drugs, alcohol, or weapons are allowed. ***No Gators with grooved tires or other ATVs are allowed on the Reserve.***

If you have not contacted Magnolia Branch at (251) 446-3423 to reserve your camp site, please do so as available spots are limited. *At this time only primitive sites with water and electricity hook-ups are available.*



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***There are 3057 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. Birthdays/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.



## ***Revolving Loan Program Clarification***

The Tribal Council has clarified the criteria for emergencies that would allow Tribal Members to request assistance through the Revolving Loan Program. To be considered for an emergency loan applicants must have exhausted all other available Tribal resources and provide satisfactory proof of need under one of the emergency situations listed below.

Emergency situations are to relate to the following:

- \* Housing
- \* Transportation
- \* Utilities
- \* Medical
- \* Family Services Related Legal Issues

Only one emergency loan will be issued per one-year period, i.e., if a Tribal Member received an emergency loan in July of 2010, that Tribal Member would not be eligible for another emergency loan until the current loan is repaid in full or August of 2011, which ever comes first. Loans will be issued as funding allows.

The Tribal Council also made a change in the eligibility requirements for emergency situations to declare eligible those Tribal Members who have already received their per capita distribution ("birthday check") for the current year if they will pledge future per capita distributions as collateral.

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In certain circumstances, some non-formulary medications may be approved if your doctor completes a "Non-Formulary Drug Request" form also available at the pharmacy. If the non-formulary drug request is approved, the Tribal pharmacy will stamp the medication in order to have the cost paid by the Tribe.

Patients who have non-formulary medications being refilled at Buy Rite, will continue to have their prescriptions paid for until all refills expire and a new prescription is needed.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions regarding this change, you may contact pharmacy staff, Jaime McGhee, Clinic Director, (251) 368-9136 x 2305 or Candace Fayard, Health Administrator at (251) 368-9136 x 2302.



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## Tribal Government Vision Statement

The Poarch Creek Indian community honors its proud heritage and spirit, values its Tribal Members, encourages open communication and participation in all its activities, promotes progressive partnerships with its neighbors and other organizations, and is a supportive, welcoming community that features exceptional economic and community development opportunities for all Tribal Members.

*Information pulled from 2010 Annual Report*

## Buy the new album from Medicine Tail!

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# Celebrating Birthdays



**Clay Smith**

Clay Smith turned 8 on June 11, 2011.

Happy Birthday! We love you; Mom, Dad, & Ashleigha.



**Bradley Rolin**

Bradley Rolin celebrated his 13th birthday on June 16, 2011. Happy Birthday!

We love you; Mama, Daddy, & Anna Kathryn.



**Kathy & Joe Ledkins**

Kathy and Joe Ledkins celebrated their birthdays in June. Joe celebrated his birthday on June 16th; Kathy celebrated hers on June 18th. Happy birthday from your family & friends.



**Steven Ledkins and Stephanie Ledkins**

Twins Steven and Stephanie Ledkins celebrated their 37th birthdays on June 29th. Our twins are celebrating their 37th birthdays! Happy birthday babies; we love you and hope you had a great birthday! Mom, Dad, and family.

*(Stephanie & Steven are also shown as at age 5 on the Contents page.)*



**Anna Kathryn Rolin**

Anna Kathryn Rolin will celebrate her 11th birthday on July 2, 2011.

Happy Birthday! We love you; Mama, Daddy, & Bradley.



**Ashleigha Smith**

Ashleigha Smith will celebrate her 5th birthday on July 12, 2011.

Happy Birthday! We love you; Mom, Dad, & Clay.



**Madelyn Boatwright**

Madelyn Boatwright, will celebrate her birthday on July 14, 2011. Happy Birthday! We love you; Mom, Dad, & Logan, Nana, and Paw Paw.

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## Book Recommendation

*Submitted by Mary Todd*

If you are looking for a good book to read, may I suggest the following:

*Toward the Setting Sun, John Ross, the Cherokees and the Trail of Tears by Brian Hicks.*





## ***Thank You For Your Vote & Support***

I would like to thank the Poarch Creek General Council for your support during the 2011 Tribal Council Elections.

I hope that everyone liked the Prosperity and Self Determination Incentive Program idea. I believe this program would help our people and hope that it can be implemented in the future. Again I thank you for your support.

*Clayton Coon*



## ***Thank You For Your Support***

I would like to thank each Tribal Member for their support during my recent re-election campaign. I appreciate everyone's confidence in my ability to serve you for the next three years.



*Garvis Sells*

*To the gentleman from Columbus, Georgia who came by my tent to see me, I regret not being there to speak with you; feel free to give me a call anytime at (251) 253-8795. This offer extends to all Tribal Members, call me anytime.*

### ***Important Notice Regarding First Generation Indian Descent Scholarship Program***

This notice is to inform you effective January 1, 2012, ALL persons applying for and utilizing the First Generation Indian Descent Scholarship will be REQUIRED to file a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) and submit the results to the Education Department of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians.

Students should begin preparations for the FAFSA as soon as possible. Those who apply early have the best chance of obtaining funds. If you are awarded any Pell grants, your per semester Tribal award shall be offset by any Pell grant received.

Information about the FAFSA as well as the application can be found at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov). The document may be completed on-line or it can be printed and completed by hand.

## ***Grateful For The Opportunity to Serve My Fellow Tribal Members***



I thank my dear Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for providing me with this opportunity to serve you my fellow Tribal Members. Beginning June 20, 2011, I will serve you as a full-time council member. I am looking forward to being a voice and working hard for you. I will always have an open door. Special thanks

to my husband, children, mother, brother, sister, family, close friends, etc. who went out of their way to help. I can't begin to thank you all enough and hope to make everyone proud. Thank you all so much for your support during the 2011 Election. I share with you one of my favorite scriptures:

*"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future." Jer. 29:11 NIV*

*God Bless You! Sandy Hollinger*

## ***It Is An Honor & Privilege to Serve***



I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who supported me this past election. It has been an honor to serve you these past six years and will be a privilege to serve the next three.

I will continue to work diligently to help our Tribe prosper today, tomorrow, and for years to come.

Our Tribe is on the threshold of something great and I am excited to be a part. Pre-election my promise was to promote programs that would create opportunities and protect our future. I promised to follow in our forefathers footsteps and do what is right for the whole not the few. I reaffirm my pledge to do my part. It will not be an easy task and I certainly cannot do it alone. But together we can. Together we can "Leave our Tribe better than we found it".

*Arthur Mothershed*

Any questions regarding the FAFSA application may be directed to Mrs. Billie McGhee at 251-368-9136, ext. 2243.

Please feel free to contact the Education Department at 251-368-9136, extension 2021 with questions.

# Celebrating An Anniversary

## James & Shirley Rikard



James and Shirley Rikard will celebrate 55 years of marriage on June 10, 2011.

James and Shirley will also celebrate their birthdays in June. Shirley will turn 73 on June 14th and James will turn 75 on June 24th.

Happy birthday and happy anniversary Mom and Dad.

We love you both, your 9 children.

# Birth Announcement

## Kendall Leigh Corey



Leandra Corey and Shane Johnson are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Kendall Leigh Corey on April 20, 2011 at 12:31 p.m. at North Baldwin Hospital in Bay Minette, AL. At birth she weighed 5 lbs. 13 ozs and was 18.5 inches long.

The proud grandparents are Vicki Corey of Atmore and Harold Corey of Brewton; great grandparents are Sandra Johnson and the late Howard Johnson of Evergreen, AL and Steve and Lois Fore of Atmore, AL.

Kendall was welcomed home by her sister Kyleigh Shae Johnson, age 6, and cousin Kaylen Anna Fore, age 4 (the other Big Sister!).

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This notice is to inform you effective January 1, 2012, ALL persons applying for and utilizing the McGhee-Tullis Scholarship Program will be REQUIRED to file a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) and submit the results to the Education Department of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians.

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# Tribe Mourns Loss Of Tribal Historian Gale Thrower

By Sherry Digmon, Atmore News

A wealth of Poarch Creek Indian history died with the death of Gale Thrower on Saturday, June 4, 2011. Thrower made it her life's work to preserve the heritage and culture of her people, an endeavor carried on by her son, the Rev. Robert Thrower, the Tribe's Historic Preservation Officer/Cultural Director.



Nina Gale Thrower

*we recognize your legacy and you've paid it forward."*

Numerous school and Leadership Atmore groups had the privilege of hearing Thrower speak on the Poarch culture, always with visual aids to show, not just tell, about her people.

The following has been written of her: "*Gale Thrower is a Poarch Creek Indian and worked on their reservation near Atmore for many years. She served as tribal historian/librarian and was the granddaughter of the last tribal*

Gale Thrower was also instrumental in the Tribe's gaining federal recognition. The following tribute was written by Gay Drew, Management Consultant, Native American Affairs: "*The Poarch Band of Creek Indians....Aye, Gale was a key player in the federal recognition process. With the zeal of a soldier, she took on the formidable task of documenting the existence of the tribe in the area from the time of the removal. Gale worked diligently with the Bureau of Indian Affairs' Branch of Acknowledgement and Research and Dr. Tony Paredes to satisfy the criteria for federal recognition. Research is a tedious, labor-intensive process.*

*medicine man. Ms. Thrower was a cornucopia of knowledge of tribal lore, especially her expertise in Native American foodways. She was most generous in sharing knowledge of her heritage with others. Frequently, she gave foodways demonstrations and talks to schools and other groups. Ms. Thrower has participated in the Alabama Folklife Festival, the Moundville Native American Festival, as well as others. As a leader and articulate spokesperson for Native Americans, she was a member of the Poarch Creek Arts Council and the Alabama Indian Resource Center Advisory Board."*

*There was one decade in the early 1900s that we needed more documentation. One day, Gale came bouncing into the Tribal Center with a newspaper article she'd found in the Escambia County archives. The specifics escape me, but suffice it to say that it documented a Saturday night frolic wherein her great-grandfather was involved...establishing existence of her people.*

*Gale was the genealogical master at recording and maintaining the tribal enrollment records. She served as the tribal historian for the tribe and as an advisor in Indian country on the process of genealogical research. Gale,*

In 1992, Thrower was presented with the Folk Heritage Award by the Alabama State Council on the Arts. In 1993, the late Lisa Larrabee wrote *Grandmother Five Baskets*, using Thrower as a model for the title character who almost single-handedly revived coiled basketry in her community. The book was illustrated by Lori Sawyer, Thrower's daughter.

*This is a summary of the article "Gale Thrower Passes Away" which appeared in the June 9, 2011 issue of Atmore News. Reprinted with permission.*

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# ***Alabama Association of Conservation Districts Holds Legislative Reception***

The Alabama state legislators recently took a few moments from their busy schedules to relax at the Annual Legislative Reception hosted by the Alabama Association of Conservation Districts (AACD) in Montgomery, Alabama. The reception was held at the RSA Activity Center. Conservation leaders from around the state met with elected officials to discuss agricultural issues affecting rural Alabama.

This event drew Governor Robert Bentley as well as numerous state representatives and senators. Elder James W. (Billy) Smith, Poarch Band of Creek Indians (PBCI), participated in this year's event. Mr. Smith serves as Tribal representative on the Gulf Coast Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Council. "This is an excellent opportunity to network with legislators on agricultural issues facing private and tribal landowners," said Smith. Elder Smith extended an invitation to Governor Bentley and local legislators to visit the PBCI Reservation to see USDA programs being implemented to address natural resources issues on Tribal lands.

Elder Smith thanked the legislators and Governor for their past support and asked for their continued support of



***L-R: Elder Billy Smith, PBCI,  
and Alabama Governor Robert  
Bentley***

RC&D and Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

Conservation districts are local units of government established under state law to carry out natural resource management programs at the local level. Districts work with millions of cooperating landowners and operators to help them manage and protect land

and water resources on private lands and many public lands in the United States.

For more information contact David Elliott, NRCS Tribal Liaison at 5535 Poarch Road, Atmore, Alabama or call the NRCS Tribal Office at 251-368-0826.

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## ***PCI Gaming Authority Announces Major Sponsorship of "Bama Rising" Benefit Concert***

PCI Gaming Authority, the commercial gaming business owned by the Poarch Band of Creek Indians, has announced a major sponsorship in "Bama Rising", a showcase concert benefitting tornado victims in north Alabama. PCI Gaming is donating \$100,000 toward the effort, joining Verizon as one of the marquee corporate sponsors of the event that was held on Tuesday, June 14, 2011.

Poarch Tribal Chairman Buford L. Rolin noted, "We have had hurricanes come through our part of the State, and we know how long it takes to rebuild. We want to continue to be of assistance to our neighbors in northern Alabama in the weeks and months ahead. This is not a task that

can be completed easily or quickly."

"All of us wanted to do something to help the folks up around Birmingham who have lost so much," said Keith Martin, Chairman of the PCI Gaming Board. "This concert is a show of generosity by so many – all the artists who have donated their time and talent – and we want to show our support for their efforts and do what we can to make this benefit a big success."

On May 6<sup>th</sup>, the Poarch Band of Creek Indians donated a total of \$500,000 to relief efforts. The Tribe gave \$100,000 to Governor Bentley's Relief Fund, and it gave \$50,000 to both the Tuscaloosa and the Birmingham Chapters of the American Red Cross.

An additional \$300,000 was put into the Poarch Band of Creek Indians Emergency Relief fund to address local needs in the affected areas.

The Tribe's PCI Gaming Authority, which operates Wind Creek Casino and Hotel in Atmore, Creek Casino Montgomery, and Creek Casino Wetumpka, provides 1600 jobs at its three locations.

PCI Gaming's President and CEO Jay Dorris noted, "Since the tornado hit, we have been looking at ways we can be of service. This benefit offered us a way to help doing what we do best – provide great entertainment, good food to the folks who come to the concert, and a monetary donation, as



# ***Alabama NRCS Signs MOA and Cooperative Agreement With Poarch Band of Creek Indians***

*Submitted by David Elliott, NRCS Tribal Liaison*

Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) State Conservationist Dr. William Puckett and Poarch Band of Creek Indians (PBCI) Chairman Buford L. Rolin signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) and Cooperative Agreement between NRCS and the PBCI on Wednesday, June 1, 2011.

The MOA establishes procedures for consultation and coordination on a government-to-government basis between PBCI and NRCS in Alabama in the performance of cultural resource conservation.

The Cooperative Agreement expands the provision of technical assistance in planning and applying natural resource conservation practices, systems, and treatments, specifically on the lands of PBCI and individual PBCI Tribal members. This goal will be achieved with government-to-government consultation, close cooperation, communication, and coordination between PBCI and NRCS. Under the agreement, David Elliott will serve as NRCS Tribal Liaison and will be headquartered at the Perdido River Farms office. David will work with PBCI to perform and coordinate the planning and implementation of conservation practices on Tribal lands. In addition, he will coordinate assistance with other USDA agencies to accomplish program needs.

“We are proud of the strong relationship between PBCI and NRCS here in Alabama,” said Puckett. “I commend Chairman Rolin on the management of natural resources on Tribal lands and for sharing their success in using USDA



*L-R: PBCI Chairman Buford Rolin and NRCS State Conservationist Dr. William Puckett*

programs with other Tribal organizations.”

“The Tribe knows the importance of working with federal agencies to accomplish the goals of the Tribe in managing their lands. NRCS was the first agency to sign a MOA with the Tribe and we are honored that we continue to build on this strong relationship,” said Chairman Rolin. “One PBCI goal is to educate other Tribes so they can benefit from NRCS and other federal agencies and encourage their participation in these programs. We are proud to have David Elliott here on a full time basis to provide assistance to the Tribe and Tribal members and to work with organizations such as the United South and Eastern Tribes (USET).”

For information on USDA-NRCS programs or to request technical assistance, contact David Elliott, Tribal Liaison, 5535 Poarch Road, Atmore, Alabama, or call (251) 368-0826.

well. We are thrilled to be part of this effort.”

PCI Gaming is also donating its renown culinary expertise to the fund-raising event. Chef Stafford DeCambra, corporate executive chef at Wind Creek and a gold-medal winner in the Culinary Olympics, will travel with a “gourmet army” of his kitchen staff to Birmingham where they will offer “Sweet Gems from a Four-Diamond Resort” on the arena’s concourse.

Concert-goers will be able to sample the bite-sized samplings of elegant pastries and desserts in exchange for

a donation to “Bama Rising”.

“This event shows what is best about our State,” reflected Chairman Rolin. “It is important that we all come

together when times are hard. ‘Bama Rising’ is focused on helping our neighbors, and it is an effort that we are proud to support.”



# State of Tribe Sets Attendance Record

The Tribal Council hosted the sixth annual State of the Tribe on Saturday, May 14, 2011. A record setting crowd of 150+ attended the presentation and remained for the Meet & Greet with Tribal Council candidates which followed shortly after the conclusion of the State of the Tribe presentation.

After a welcome from Tribal Chairman Buford L. Rolin, Tribal Council Member Arthur Mothershed began the presentation with an overview of the Tribal Council's purpose. Mr. Mothershed stated "Today we, the Poarch Band of Creek Indians, find ourselves in an enviable position. We have experienced unprecedented growth in both our gaming operations and in our services to the people. This success did not happen by mistake. Many tough decisions have been made to get the Tribe to this point." He continued, "It is easy to celebrate our success and proclaim 'Our work is done.' However, the Tribal Council knows our work is not complete. ...With that in mind, the Tribal Council decided that we cannot rest and that we must push our boundaries now, more than ever. If our Tribe is to enjoy sustainable growth and prosperity, it is up to the leaders of the Tribe to ensure that we develop a value system we all believe in and support and never lose our focus, or our vision."

Robert McGhee, Tribal Council Treasurer, followed Councilman Mothershed with the Tribal Government financial portion of the presentation. He compared 2009 figures to 2010 figures and explained the substantial growth and distribution of the discretionary fund totals. He also explained that all Tribal Members would be receiving a copy of the Annual Report in the mail in the near future.

James T. Martin, President/CEO of Creek Indian Enterprises Development Authority (CIEDA), was next to the podium to provide an update on all Tribal owned business as well as CIEDA projects, which included the Exit 54 Travel Plaza, the Wind Creek Entertainment District, as well as various other projects already underway or in the developmental stages.

The final presenter was Jay Dorris, CEO for PCI Gaming Authority (PCIGA). Mr. Dorris discussed how PCIGA has excelled beyond anything the Tribe could have expected. He shared the future of PCIGA, which includes expansions at Creek Casino Wetumpka, Creek Casino Montgomery,

and Creek Casino Gretna.

Immediately following PCIGA's portion of the presentation the floor was opened for questions from the audience. A light lunch of sub sandwiches and chips followed the question and answer session; this allowed the Tribal Council

candidates time to set up for the Meet & Greet session that followed.

The Meet & Greet session with the candidates was hosted by the Election Board. It was held in lieu of a debate and allowed Tribal Members to ask questions of candidates on a one-to-one basis.

*As leaders, we recognize that our beliefs and values will be tested. We believe that what distinguishes individuals is not whether they experience difficulties but whether they are able to rise above them. In business, the force of greed pulls people down, in politics, it is re-election. As Tribal Council Members we realize we face both. Because we face both, we must constantly decide whether our decisions are based on the good of the whole or a select few. We realize we will make mistakes but also know a sign of a good leader is to learn from these mistakes and become better.*

*Arthur Mothershed*



*Tribal Council Member Arthur Mothershed address the audience after the Welcome from Chairman Buford L. Rolin. Shown above are the Executive Officers of the Tribal Council; seated left to right are Robert McGhee, Treasurer; David W. Gehman, Secretary; Stephanie Bryan, Vice Chair; and Buford L. Rolin, Tribal Chairman. Not shown but present at another table were Tribal Council Members Eddie L. Tullis, Keith Martin, Helen Hallman, and Garvis Sells.*



*Stephanie Bryan, Vice Chair, answers some of the questions asked by those in attendance.*



# 44% Of Eligible Voters Participate In Election Process

This year 2,777 Tribal Members were eligible to vote in the election process; 1,214, which is 44% of eligible voters, participated. Tribal Members are turning out to let their voices be heard!

This year there were 173 Absentee Ballots, 491 Walk-In Ballots, and 550 General Council Members voting in person on Election Day, Saturday, June 4, 2011. The required number of votes needed to successfully pass or defeat the proposed Constitutional Amendment was 833; the Constitutional Amendment passed with 960 votes.

Buford L. Rolin was re-elected to another three year term as Tribal Chairman with a total of 771 votes; Eddie L. Tullis received 231 votes, followed by write-in candidates William Bailey with 47 votes and Berry L. Ross with 46 votes.

Incumbents Arthur Mothershed and Garvis Sells were re-elected to another three year term as at-large members on the Tribal Council with 653 votes and 618 votes respectively. Political newcomer Sandy Fretwell Hollinger received 420 votes and will serve for one year to complete the term of former Council Member Berry L. Ross who resigned in April.

All newly elected/re-elected Council Members will be sworn in on Thursday, June 16, 2011. They will be the first to be sworn in under the new oath of office that reflects the values and mission of the Tribal Council.

The Tribal Council would like to thank everyone that participated in this year's election and hopes that voter turnout continues to increase. If you participated in this year's election process, please do so again next year and encourage all your fellow Tribal Members to do the same; if you are an eligible voter and have not voted during a Tribal Election we strongly encourage you to participate in the future. In 2012 the General Council will directly elect the position of Vice Chair, which is currently held by Stephanie Bryan, and the two at-large seats currently held by Sandy Fretwell Hollinger (as of June 16, 2011), and Keith Martin.

## Official Election Results

Listed in the next column is the list of votes each candidate received in the Tribal Council Election of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians held on Saturday, June 4, 2011.



L-R: Garvis Sells, Sandy Fretwell Hollinger, Arthur Mothershed and Buford L. Rolin

## CHAIRMAN

Buford L. Rolin (Incumbent)	771
Eddie L. Tullis	231
William Bailey	47
Berry L. Ross	46

## AT-LARGE (3)

Arthur Mothershed (Incumbent)	653
Garvis Sells (Incumbent)	618
Sandy Fretwell Hollinger	420
Clayton Coon	285
Debra Rolin Strickland	213
Helen Hallman (Incumbent)	206
Danny Winston Lambert	199
Dewitt Carter	111
Edie Jackson	94
Carolyn McGhee White	92
David Morris	81
Eialeasha E. Martin	77
William L. Vickery	58
Barbara McGhee Stephens	51
Emma Ruth Madison Hogan	36
Paul Lundy	35
Ray Patrick	8

## Constitutional Amendment/Oath of Office

Yes	960
No	79

A collage of photos from Election Day is featured on page 24.

# ***Promoter of Patriotism***

*By Bob Morgan, contributing writer to  
The Foley Outlooker*

Leon McGhee refers to himself as a “promoter of patriotism.” In that regard, he does a lot of public speaking at schools and patriotic events. “If you cut me, I bleed red, white and blue,” McGhee said. “My veterans, my church, my wife – those are my priorities.”

McGhee said he had never been out of Alabama when he joined the Navy a month before he turned 18 years of age. That changed in a hurry as he went to boot camp in California and then to such places as Japan and the Philippines. He eventually became a door gunner on a helicopter aboard the USS Hornet. He did two tours in Vietnam as a door gunner.

“I remember when I came home from Vietnam, veterans were not welcomed home. I was determined that I would never allow this to happen again. My purpose is to try and encourage other veterans to reach out and help veterans who are coming home.” Along with his goal of helping fellow veterans, McGhee wants to change the thinking process as well. It isn’t about being veterans from a state such as Alabama, he said. “We are veterans of the United States of America.”

After completing his military service, McGhee came back to this area and started his own business, McGhee’s Wholesale Co., providing beach supplies to beach resorts all along this area of the Gulf. He has been married to Eve Joy McGhee for the past eight years. McGhee sold the business six years ago but stayed on to do overseas buying for the company. Today he is completely retired. His time is spent doing hospital ministry for veterans and the Crossway Christian Fellowship Church in Foley.

McGhee came to Foley in 1975; he is originally from Atmore, AL. “My pride is that I am a member of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians.” He said, noting that his uncle was the first chief of the Tribe.

Patriotism as a passion of McGhee’s is reflected in



his service at Foley’s American Legion Post 99, where he has been a member for 25 years. At present he is chairman of the Post’s executive committee. In that capacity he helps handle all the major finances of the post, including its investments.

McGhee is a past junior vice commander and commander at Post 99 and past chaplain and commander for the American Legion’s 33rd District. He is also commander for Disabled American Veterans Unit 6 in Foley.

McGhee has also taken part in the first Honor Flight, going with three veterans from World War II to Washington, DC to see the World War II Memorial. He also encouraged those veterans to set their stories down in writing for prosperity.

*Photo by Mary Hood/The Foley Outlooker. This article is an excerpt of the article “McGhee a ‘promoter of patriotism’ published by the Foley Outlooker on Friday, April 22, 2011 as part of their “Spotlight on a Veteran” series.*



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## ***Housing Authority Accepting Applications for Renovation Loan Program***

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## ***Annual Health Fair Successfully Expands Services Provided***

*Submitted by Donna Johnson  
RN/Diabetes Case Manager*

Well, I think the Health Fair this year was a great success. There was more space and it offered something for everyone. Kay Thomas, Health Educator, coordinates the fair each year and strives to make each year better than the last. This year was no exception. All of the Health Department staff worked diligently in the weeks prior to the event to make it happen. A special thank you goes to our volunteers from other departments; Christyn Sells, Gayle Johnson, Tawana Parham, and Lori Findley.

This year had some added attractions which included a children's health fair and a special cooking demonstration. The added attractions were made possible through the assistance of the Reid State Nursing students and their instructors Lula English and Cathy Langley. Their time and efforts proved invaluable. Sandra Day, Community Health Nurse, contacted Reid States Nursing Department and invited their department to participate in the screening component of the health fair. Through their assistance screenings were increased and wait times decreased, allowing other Health Department staff to focus efforts on other areas that previously were impossible to do. Reid State has now added our health fair into their program as part of the student's clinical rotations, so we will have their help every year.

Big thanks also go out to Wind Creek and their wonderful chef and his assistants for coming out and providing three demonstrations for healthy snacks, along with free samples. Yum!

This year for diabetes foot care we were able to give away three digital foot care scales that allow people to inspect their feet with a lighted magnified mirror that is part of the scale. The winners were Audrey Ward, Rose McGhee, and Bryan McGhee. Congratulations to all three of you. These scales can be ordered from Foot Source @ <http://www.footsmart.com> or call 1-800-707-9928. They cost approximately \$48.00.

Unfortunately in the United States it has been shown that almost half of amputations from diabetes could have been prevented. These numbers are just not acceptable. Basic foot care and diabetes have to go hand-in-hand. As a person

with diabetes you have certain responsibilities to uphold and your provider has certain responsibilities. The American Diabetes Association has estimated that 50% of amputations from diabetes could be avoided if patients with diabetes and their health care providers each do their respective parts.

So what exactly is my part if I have diabetes? It starts with a daily inspection of your feet and basic foot care. Report any redness, cracking or open areas. Know the correct way to trim your nails. Always cut to the shape of your toe. Never dig down into the sides. Avoid over the counter callous removal products or trying to remove them yourself with a sharp object. You can lightly file the callous or use a pumice stone. Moisturize with lotions that do not contain alcohol and avoid putting lotion in between toes. Always wear protective footwear. This means no going barefoot, even indoors. Footwear should fit properly. Buy shoes later in the day and only wear new shoes for a short period of time before removing them and inspecting feet. Pick up your shoes and give them a shake before putting them on.

Always report problems to your health care provider and have your shoes off when your health care provider enters the room. Your health care provider should visually inspect your feet during your visit. They will check to see if you have adequate circulation, note problem areas, provide orders for diabetic shoes, if needed, or they may even refer you to a different provider if more in-depth care is indicated. They will also look at your shoes to determine if they might be part of the problem.

Be proactive and don't be one of the 50% of amputations that could have been avoided.



*Harold Rolin participates in his first Health Fair.*

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***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.***

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# For Your Health

Submitted by Jill Lee, Nutrition Specialist

## ***TOMATOES: FRUIT OR VEGETABLE***

I don't know about you but I'm ready for a tomato sandwich! Nothing tells me summer is here more than tomatoes, especially home grown ones or the ones from the farmers market.

Botanically speaking tomatoes are a fruit, a pulpy plant product that contains seeds. Legally, though, it's a vegetable. No joke. In 1983, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled the tomato a vegetable and therefore subject to import taxes. At that time fruit was not subjected to such taxes and the U.S. market was flooded with low priced fruit, including tomatoes. They are a great source of Vitamin C and are rich in lycopene and may help prevent some cancers and other diseases. Processed tomatoes like canned tomatoes, tomato sauce, and ketchup contain even more lycopene. Green tomatoes are edible with Vitamin C levels that are similar but, they don't have the same carotenoid punch.



### Warm Tomato-Pepper Pasta

½ c. green onion, thinly sliced

1 ts. Garlic finely chopped

2 t Olive oil

1lg. red bell pepper, finely diced

11/2 #’s tomatoes diced

½ c. parmesan cheese

2 T. parsley, chopped

¼ ts. Pepper

1/8 ts. Cayenne pepper

8 oz. linguine or spaghetti

1. Sauté onion and garlic in oil until soft.
2. Add the peppers and sauté until tender.
3. Stir in tomatoes and cook over high heat until juice evaporates.
4. Stir in the rest of the ingredients, and then set aside.
5. Meanwhile, cook the pasta and drain well.
6. Toss hot pasta with the tomato mixture and serve immediately.

Calories: 375, Fat 12 grams, Vitamin A 2,405 IU, Vitamin C: 90 mg.

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## ***Poarch Creek Indians Wellness & Activities Department Gym, Pool and Weight Room Hours of Operation***

### **Gym Hours of Operation**

Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

(Closed for Boy's & Girls Club Activities 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.)

Saturday 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

### **Weight Room Hours of Operation**

Monday - Friday 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Saturday 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

### **Pool Hours of Operation**

Monday & Thursday

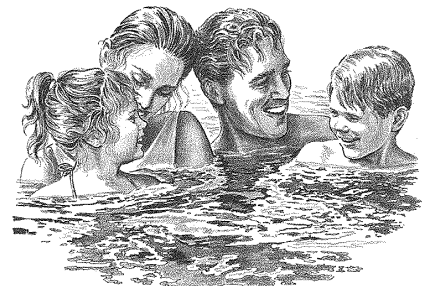
Open Swim 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Zumba Classes 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday

1:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Open Swim

Saturday 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.





*CIEDA Offices are located at 100 Brookwood Drive, Atmore AL.*

## ***Creek Indian Enterprises Development Authority***

Creek Indian Enterprises Development Authority (CIEDA) functions as the economic development and management arm of the Tribe. CIEDA oversees and actively works to achieve substantial growth for a number of businesses representing a diverse group of industries including retail, golfing and outdoor recreation, hospitality, apartment rental, land/property leasing, manufacturing, farming and eye care industries.

In FY 2010, CIEDA employed a staff of 41; of which 25 (61%) were Tribal Members, 1 was first generation Indian Descent, and two were Tribal Member spouses. Of those employed at CIEDA, 32 (78%) are regular full-time positions, 1 is a regular part-time position and the remaining 8 (20%) are temporary positions.

2010 Design/Construction projects included Creek Casino Montgomery, Creek Casino Wetumpka, Creek Entertainment Center Gretna (Gretna, FL), Poarch Creek Health Clinic Renovation; Exit 54 Travel Plaza, Choctaw Pines Casino (Jena Choctaw-Pineville, Louisiana), and Wind Creek Entertainment District which will include a movie theater, bowling alley, food court/restaurants, and retail shopping.

*Information pulled from 2010 Annual Report*

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## ***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](mailto:dhenry@pcicie.com) for additional information.

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The Center for Disease Control has announced an outbreak of an immorally, self centered, destructive disease known as the ETHICS VIRUS. This virus will take over your body, mind and soul. The person will think that they are untouchable for any wrong that they have done. He or she will have delusions of grandeur (thoughts they are better than everyone else, royalty, etc.) They will do whatever is in their best interest.

Symptoms are as follows:

1. The person will participate in business transactions or professional activities of the tribal government or tribal entities in which an economic interest of the tribal official or his or her immediate family member will prosper.
2. They will use information which they have been made aware of in their official capacity, but has not been made available to the general public, to acquire economic interest in property, make business transactions, damage a person's reputation, further their political advancement.
3. They will solicit or accept gifts that have monetary value of more than \$150 dollars at any one time, from any person or organization which wants something such as preferential treatment, contracts, and financial relationship with the Tribe.
4. They will solicit and accept any form of compensation, money or otherwise for performing duties in their official capacity in excess of what is due them.
5. They will coerce or attempt to coerce individuals into making political contributions or commitments in return for employment, favors, or other preferential treatment.
6. They will engage in sexual harassment of other tribal officials or employees.

7. They will file ethics complaints against tribal officials or key employees when they have no basis that a violation has occurred and their only motivation is for harassment. They will also retaliate against those individuals who in good faith have filed an ethics violation.

8. They will use their authority or position to influence fellow tribal officials or key employees to act in a way that violates any law, policy or procedure. They will use their positions to make decisions or promises that may be legally binding, but have not been given proper authority to do so.

9. They will show greater regard for groups, organizations, individuals, immediate family members in which they have a personal business relationship with than they would for other tribal members or employees.

10. They will supervise, hire, promote, appoint, or participate in the supervision, hiring, promotion, or appointment of an immediate family member.

11. They will refuse to file a financial disclosure statement if there has been an ethics complaint filed against them alleging financial wrong doing.

If you know of someone who shows any of these symptoms, it is YOUR DUTY as a Member of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians to report them to the Ethics Officer, Chuck Johns, immediately to prevent the spread of this disease.

You may obtain ethics complaint forms from the Legal Department, Tribal Court or the Chairman's Office.



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# ***Tribal Member Submissions***

## ***Fore Graduates From First Baptist Pre-School***

*Submitted by Lois Fore*

Kaylen Anna Fore graduated from First Baptist Pre-School on May 26, 2011. Kaylen is the daughter of Amanda Cameron and Eddie Fore. Grandparents are Steve and Lois Fore of Atmore, AL and James and Cindy Cameron of Range, AL.

Thanks to Mrs. Sara and Mrs. Sandy for a great job!

Congratulations Kaylen, we love you!



## ***Barnhill Receives Reading Award***

*Submitted by Casey Walker*



Alexis Hope Barnhill, daughter of Casey and Bill Walker, received the Superintendent's Reading Award on May 23rd at Huxford Elementary's Awards Day Ceremony. This Award was given to Alexis for reading over 50 books during the school year.

Alexis was in Mrs. Winter's 1st grade class at Huxford Elementary. Alexis' family is very proud of her and her accomplishments.

We love you! Mama, Daddy, Dalton, Halona, and family.

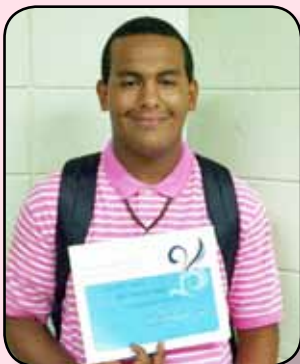
## ***Baccari Ramer Receives Principal's Award***

*Submitted by Kelli Ramer*

Baccari Ramer received the Principal's Award at the ECHS Preparatory School Awards Day ceremony for the "Most Improved Freshman".

Baccari is the son of Kelli Ramer and the grandson of Janice Rollin Moye and Eddie Ramer, all of Atmore.

Congratulations on your achievements! We love you, Momma, Granny-Granny and Paw Paw.



## ***Honoring Our Graduating Seniors & Recognizing Student Accomplishments***

As the school year ends and summer begins, there are graduation ceremonies and academic achievement award ceremonies. The *Poarch Creek News* will be happy to publish graduation announcements / congratulations, student accomplishments and awards, etc.

**May/June Graduations in the  
August Newsletters  
July/August Graduation in the  
August/September Newsletters**



## ***Mother & Son Reach Educational Milestones***

*Submitted by Debbie Bray*

Regina Bray Burgess received her Bachelors Degree in ESE and Elementary Education from the University of West Florida on May 30, 2011. She is employed with SS Dixon Primary in Pace, FL.

Varon Raybon, son of Regina Bray Burgess, graduated from Dixon Intermediate School in Pace, FL June 6, 2011. Varon will be attending Sims Middle School next year. We are so proud of you both.





## ***First Even Start Class Graduates Sixth Grade***

Even Start's 2003-2004 graduating class was the first class from what would become the Fred L. McGhee Early Learning Center (FLMLC). Above left, the class of 2003-2004: Left to right on the front row are Ms. Jennifer Lucas, Alia Snow, Tyler Jackson, Jade Brooks, Camryn Godwin, Jude Parham, Brandy Emmons, and Mrs. Mary Boyte. Left to right on the middle row are Trista Hill, Hunter Edwards, Melea McGhee, Dalton Tolbert, and Alexis Daughtry. Left to right on the back row are Chelsea Parker, Tyler Vickery, Cierra McGhee, and Gracie Coon. Absent that day and not pictured are Hannah Martin, Joseph Adams, Ron Marshall,

Adam Smith, and Tarra Daughtry.

Most of the students from that first class went on to attend school together at Huxford Elementary School. Above right, the Even Start alumni graduating from the sixth grade at Huxford Elementary on May 24, 2011 are : Left to right on the front row are Ron Marshall, Alia Snow, Trista Hill, and Tyler Jackson. On the back row left to right are Mrs. Jennifer Lucas Silcox, Jude Parham, Alexis Daughtry, Gracie Coon, Melea McGhee, and Mrs. Mary Boyte. Not pictured are Cierra McGhee and Tyler Vickery.

## ***Wiggins Graduates From J.U. Blacksher***

Nolan Wiggins, the son of Ruthie & Ben Wiggins from Mexia, AL, graduated from J.U. Blacksher, on May 26, 2011. Nolan is the grandson of Julia Ann Stacey from Poarch, AL.

On May 16, 2011, Nolan was very excited to receive several awards for his hard work on the baseball field. Nolan received MVP for Offensive and Defensive Player, Stolen Base Leader, and Team Captain.

Nolan will be playing for the Alabama Southern Eagles for the 2011-12 Baseball Season.

Congratulations Nolan! We are very proud of you and love you so much. Mamma, Daddy, Heath, Taylor, Bree and all your family and friends. "Go Eagles"



## ***Fayard Graduates From Pollard- McCall Junior High***

Emily Fayard graduated from the eighth grade at Pollard - McCall Junior High School on Thursday, May 26, 2011.

Emily is the daughter of Bryan and Candace (Crocker) Fayard; the sister of Curt Fayard; and the granddaughter of Velma (McGhee) Crocker and Curtis and Shirley Fayard.

We are all so proud of you and all of your accomplishments thus far and the future that is ahead of you as you enter high school. We love you!





# *Election Day In Photos!*





# Pieces of History

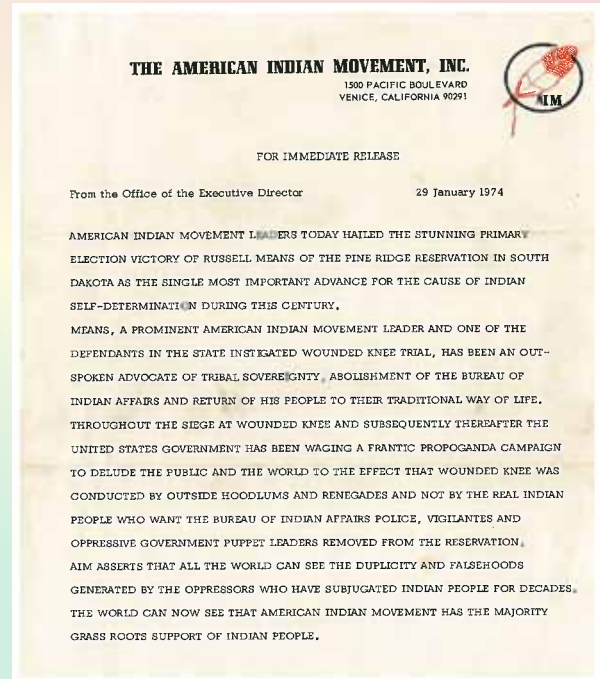
*Submitted by Deidra Dees*

Look what we have in the Office of Archives and Records Management! It is a press release sent to our Tribe from the American Indian Movement (AIM) dated January 29, 1974, announcing “the stunning primary election victory of Russell Means of the Pine Ridge reservation in South Dakota.” How exciting! Means became a national activist for Indian rights during the 1960s and brought world-wide attention to the injustices against Indians at Wounded Knee II in 1973. In his press release, he speaks against the 1934 Indian Reorganization Act which he said wasted 90% of its funds on government bureaucracy rather than helping Indian people. (You can learn more about Means at this website: <http://www.russellmeansfreedom.com/about/>).

Just as Calvin and Joyce McGhee brought hope to our Tribe through the winning of the land claims case, Means brought hope to people saying, “The real voice of Indian People is finally being heard all over the world. ...For the first time in decades Indians are going back to traditional ways of life giving them pride in their heritage...”

My sister Dr. Naomi Brown, who works in the American Indian Studies program at Stanford University in California, said the program brought in Russell Means in May 2011 to speak at an event on campus. (Stanford has the largest American Indian Studies program in the United States.)

She said Means had a transforming speech that swept over the audience with such power that his words still resonate in her mind today. ...And we are lucky enough to own a piece of that history in our Office of Archives and Records Management.



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## Vintage Native American Post Cards on eBay



Someone recently found vintage Native American postcards on ebay—and some of them are from our community! It looks like the Chief Calvin McGhee postcard has already been sold but there is another image titled Eastern Band of Creek.

The link to the post card is: <http://cgi.ebay.com/VINTAGE-NATIVE-AMERICAN-PC-CHIEF-CALVIN-MCGHEE-CREEK-/160556570488>

I wanted to inform our community in the event that someone might be interested in purchasing the postcard for their personal archival collection. The posting says the card is presently \$6.99 plus \$1.99 shipping. Good luck.

*Pictured left to right on the post card are Rose McGhee Coon, Jackie Smith, Barbara Gibson, Kent McGhee, Calvin McGhee, Sport McGhee (Medicine Man), and Houston McGhee.*

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Monday, July 4, 2011  
7:30 p.m.  
Fireworks @ 9:00 p.m.***

**Entertainment by local artists  
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Bleacher seating available or bring your  
own lawn chairs**

# July 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 CIEDA Meeting CIEDA Office 7:30 a.m.	2
3	4 <i>Independence Day</i> <i>Tribal Offices Closed</i>  Celebration of America 7:30 p.m. Arrowhead Park Fireworks @ 9:00 p.m.	5 <i>Summer LIHEAP</i> All Households 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. First Day/Second Session Summer Career & Leadership Academy 8:00 a.m. in Education NA Meeting Turning Point 7:00 p.m. Dance Class @ Gym 5:30 p.m./6:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.	6 <i>Summer LIHEAP</i> All Households 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	7 <i>Summer LIHEAP</i> All Households 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.  Tribal Council Meeting Council Chambers 4:00 p.m.	8	9
10	11 Tribal Court Tribal Courtroom 9:00 a.m. 4-H Meeting Education Department 6:00 p.m. Dance Class @ Gym 5:30 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.  Deadline to submit information to be published in July newsletter	12 <i>Summer LIHEAP</i> All Households 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. <i>Wellness &amp; Activities</i> Authority Meeting Gym 11:00 a.m. Dance Class @ Gym 5:30/6:30 & 7:30 p.m. NA Meeting Turning Point 7:00 p.m. TERO Meeting 3:00 p.m. TERO Office	13 <i>Summer LIHEAP</i> All Households 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	14 <i>Summer LIHEAP</i> All Households 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.  Housing Authority Meeting Building 400 Conference Room 4:00 p.m.	15 CIEDA Meeting CIEDA Office 7:30 p.m.	16
17	18 Tribal Court Tribal Courtroom 9:00 a.m. CMCMA Meeting 5:00 p.m. Welcome Center/Museum Dance Class @ Gym 5:30 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.	19  NA Meeting Turning Point 7:00 p.m.  Dance Class @ Gym 5:30 pm/6:30 pm & 7:30 pm	20	21  Tribal Council Meeting Council Chambers 4:00 p.m.	22	23
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