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# ***Tribal Council Page***

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

***November 2011***



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The month of October started off with the Tribal Protection From Abuse Conference hosted by the Tribe's Family Services Department and held at Wind Creek Casino & Hotel. Over 200 people participated in the three day conference. The keynote speaker for the first day of the conference was Mildred Muhammad; her message was riveting and kept everyone's attention and we were often on the edge of our seats wondering what was going to happen next. There is an article about the conference on page 16 which will give you a little more insight on Ms. Muhammad and the rest of the conference.

Several Tribal Council Members and I recently traveled to Washington D.C. to attend the Carcieri Summit. The purpose of the Carcieri Summit is to gather support for legislation that would reaffirm the Secretary of the Interior's authority to place land into trust for all federally recognized Indian tribes.



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I have mentioned in previous articles that I serve on the Native American Rights Fund Board (NARF). I have recently traveled to Boulder, Co to attend the annual board meeting at their corporate office. NARF has worked with the Tribe for many years on many different issues; their continued support is vital to the future of our Tribe.

Don't forget that the 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Pow Wow is scheduled for the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> of this month. I hope to see you there.



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### ***Board Vacancy Announcements***

The Tribal Council is currently accepting applications for vacancies on the following boards:

Election Board	1 Alternate position
Perdido River Farms Board	1 Board position

Applications are available from the Tribal Council Office and online at [www.poarchcreekindians-nsn.gov](http://www.poarchcreekindians-nsn.gov).

Applications will be accepted through Wednesday, November 30, 2011. All applications are to be submitted to the Tribal Council Office.



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***There are 3070 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 thirty (30) words. 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.



## ***Holiday Wishes***

Greetings from Vice Chair Stephanie Bryan.

Here's to wishing you and your family a happy holiday season. When beginning the holiday season always remember to be thankful for your health and prosperity and remember the reason for the season. As the new year begins I wish you a happy and prosperous 2012.

I am praying for your safety during this busy season as everyone travels to spend quality time with family and friends.

I love each of you and look forward to a very productive year for the Tribe.

*Stephanie*



*Stephanie Bryan, Vice Chair*

## ***41st Annual Pow Wow***

***Thursday, November 24, 2011 &  
Friday, November 25, 2011***

***Tribal Members get in free  
Gates Open 10:00 a.m. both days***

***Pow Wow Club  
Thursday @ 10:30 a.m.***

***Princess Contest  
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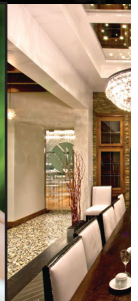
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# Celebrating Birthdays



**Lexi Daughtry**  
**October 2, 2011**

Lexi Daughtry celebrated her 13<sup>th</sup> birthday on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Happy Belated Birthday Lexi!!! We love you, Mom, Dad, Jaylan, and Josie



**Colton Adams**  
**October 7, 2011**

Colton's growing up fast! Happy 3rd birthday Colton!

We love you! Dad, Mom, Sissy & Bubba.



**Magan Daughtry**  
**October 23, 2011**

Happy Birthday from your family.

We love you!



**Houston Colbert**  
**October 27, 2011**

Happy 76th Birthday from your family.

We love you!



**Nicole Priest**  
**November 11, 2011**

Happy 16th Birthday Nicole! We love you and are very proud of you!

Mom, Dad, Tyler, and the rest of your family.



**Michelle White**  
**November 13, 2011**

Momma, we would like to wish you a very Happy Birthday!

We love you! Your family and BFF!!



**Crystal Daughtry**  
**November 20, 2011**

Happy Birthday from your family.

We love you!



**Leeann Jarman Wheeler**  
**November 20, 2011**

Princess wishes and Royal greetings to Leeann Jarman Wheeler. No ones wears the tiara better than you! Happy Birthday, Baby Girl!

Love, Mom, Shelby and Laurie.



**Peyton Findley**  
**November 30, 2011**

Happy 16<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Peyton Findley. She will be celebrating her 16<sup>th</sup> birthday on November 30, 2011.

We love you! From Dad, Mom and sister, Paige



# Birth Announcements



## ***Loreli & Camille Daigle*** ***September 6, 2011***

Loreli Marie and Camille Aline Daigle were born to A. J. and Amy Daigle, on September 6, 2011.

Loreli and Camille are the granddaughters of Anthony and Tanna (Colbert) Daigle and the great-granddaughters of Houston and Charlotte Colbert



## ***Ava Makenzie Johnson*** ***September 10, 2011***

Brandon & Jennifer Johnson are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Ava Makenzie Johnson, born September 10, 2011 at Sacred Heart Hospital in Pensacola, FL. She weighed 7 pounds 5 1/2 ounces, and was 20 inches long.

She is the great-granddaughter of Ruth Bailey and the late Jerry Bailey of Poarch, AL, the granddaughter of Juan and Anna Reyes of Perdido, AL., and the granddaughter of Henry and Sherry Johnson of Pensacola, FL. She is also the great niece of Darrell and Sandy Hollinger of Uriah, AL and Randy & Daphne Fretwell of Poarch, AL. Ava would already like to say a big ***Roll Tide!!!***



## ***Kylin Alexis Marshall*** ***September 19, 2011***

Whitney Warden and Ronald Marshall, both of Frisco City would like to announce the birth of their daughter Kylin Alexis Marshall.

Kylin was born at Thomas Hospital in Fairhope, AL on September 19, 2011 weighing 6lbs 5ozs and 20 inches long. Kylin was greeted by her big brother Kaiden Marshall. Kylin is the granddaughter of Janet and Jay Welch of Frisco City, AL and Elaine Marshall of Beatrice, AL.



## Wedding Announcement



### *Kenneth & Melissa Henson*

Congratulations to Kenneth Littles Henson Sr. and Melissa Lewis on their wedding September 24, 2011.

The couple were married at their home in Frostproof, Florida.

## Celebrating An Anniversary



### *Rex & Dollie McClellan*

Rex & Dollie McClellan will celebrate their 57th wedding anniversary on November 26, 2011.

Rex will celebrate his 90th birthday on November 21, 2011.

All their family and friends would like to wish them a happy anniversary and a happy birthday. We love you!

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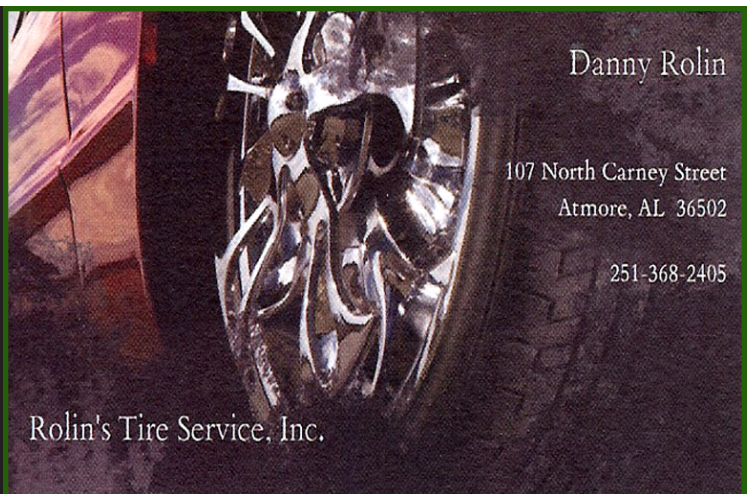
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# Education News & Updates

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In order to participate, please complete a "Request for Reimbursement Form" which can be obtained from the Education Department or from the Tribe's web site at [www.poarchcreekindians-nsn.gov](http://www.poarchcreekindians-nsn.gov).

We will begin accepting Request for Reimbursement forms and receipts on Tuesday, August 9<sup>th</sup>. We will accept receipts in person, by mail or by email. We will not accept faxed receipts due to poor legibility.

Once purchases are validated and eligibility for this program is ensured, you will be notified to come to the Education Department and receive your gift card. If you are out of the immediate area, we will mail your gift card to you. No gift cards will be given out at the time you bring in receipts.

Please note this program is NOT first come first serve. We will accept reimbursement requests through the end of December. For more information please call 251-368-9136 ext. 2021.

## Attention

**Tribal Member & 1<sup>st</sup> Generation  
Indian Descent students in the 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade!**

**Are You Ready For  
Close Up 2012?**

What is Close Up? The "Close Up" program is a week-long look at political life in Washington, D.C., where you will experience the beauty of the city, have a chance to visit its landmarks and attend cultural events! You will also have a chance to meet with teens from other USET tribes!

When is Close Up? During the week of February 12-18, 2012 selected students in grades 9-12 will attend the "Close UP American Indian Youth Summit", which will be held in conjunction with USET's annual Impact Week Meeting.

How can YOU go to Close Up? Please go to [www.poarchcreekindians-nsn.gov](http://www.poarchcreekindians-nsn.gov) for more information and a printable application. All applications must be received by the PCI Education department no later than Friday, November 4, 2011 @5:00 p.m.!

All applicants must be at least 15 years old!

If you or your parents have any questions about Close Up 2011, contact Christyn Sells@ (251) 368-9136 ext. 2244; [csells@pci-nsn.gov](mailto:csells@pci-nsn.gov).

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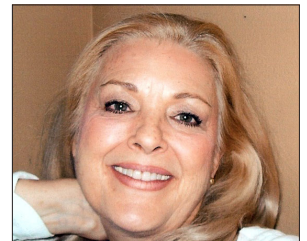


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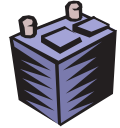
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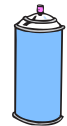
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## *Disabled American Veterans*

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*Please contact Leon McGhee at (251) 979-6581 if you would like to schedule an appointment or if you have any questions about the DAV and/or services provided. Please know that appointments are NOT required.*



# Honoring Our Fallen Soldiers

## My Brother Proudly Served

As Veteran's Day approaches, Calvin Manac thinks about his late brother, Don. Veteran's Day is a national holiday established to honor and remember all Veterans and to pay homage for their many sacrifices.

Marine Corps Private First Class Don Manac served during the Vietnam War. During an act that many have called "heroic" Don was mortally wounded doing what he did not think of as heroic, but as the right, and only, thing to do. His actions on that day, August 20, 1970, earned him a Silver Star. The Silver Star and the following citation were presented to his family.

"The President of the United States takes pride in presenting the Silver Star Medal posthumously to Private First Class Don Manac, United States Marine Corps, for service as set forth in the following CITATION:

*'For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action while serving with Company H, Second Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division in connection with combat operations against the enemy in the Republic of Vietnam. On August 20, 1970, Private First Class Manac was a member of a reaction force which was directed to relieve another Marine unit that had been pinned down by fire from a large North Vietnamese Army force. Arriving at the site of the beleaguered unit, the reactionary force came under intense automatic weapons fire and during the initial moments of the engagement, two Marines were seriously wounded. Observing that the casualties were lying in an open area, Private First Class Manac unhesitatingly moved across the fire-swept terrain to the side of his comrades and, seemingly heedless of the*



PFC Don Manac

*enemy rounds impacting around him, dragged them to a cover location. Having necessarily left their weapons behind, and determined to prevent their destruction or capture by the hostile force, he again braved the enemy fusillade as he retrieved the rifles but, before he could reach the safety of his platoon's defense, he was mortally wounded by automatic weapons fire. His heroic and determined actions inspired all who observed him and were instrumental in saving the lives of two fellow Marines. By his courage, bold imitative, and selfless devotion to duty in the face of grave personal danger, Private First*

*Class Manac upheld the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life in the service of his country.'* For the President, Will K. Jones, Lieutenant General, U.S. Marine Corps, Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific."

Private First Class Don Manac gave the ultimate sacrifice for his fellow Marines, for his family, his Tribe, and his country. We are honored to share this story with you. Mvto to Calvin Manac for sharing this story of valor, pride and history with us.



*The state of Georgia honored PFC Don Manac by dedicating the bridge on SR 94 in Fargo, Georgia, at the Clinch/Echols County line, crossing Suwannee Creek, as the PFC Don Manac Memorial Bridge.*

## LCrpl Travis Nelson



Although LCrpl Travis Nelson was not a Tribal Member, he was a member of the local community. Several Tribal Members and staff joined thousands of others who lined the streets of Atmore to honor this fallen hero and his family during the funeral procession to Oak Hill Cemetery. Nelson died on August 8, 2011 while on patrol in Afghanistan.





## Betty Caraway Celebrates 35 Years of Employment with the Tribe

I came to work for the Tribe as Bookkeeper on September 07, 1976. At that time there were only three employees; Glenda Carlton, Jenny Dees, and myself.

My current position is Property Control Coordinator. I have held this position since my inception as an employee with the Tribe. I remember one of my first assignments as a new employee was to take full inventory of all Tribal property. Just think, I am so good at it that after thirty five years I am still doing it!

One of my favorite memories working with the Tribe was when I was working with Glenda Carlton and our job was to type up the list of all Tribal Members to be sent up to Washington for Federal recognition. That was way before all the fancy computers we have today. Even though it was a difficult task I was as proud then as I am today to have had the opportunity to be a part of our Tribe's history. I have seen us come a long way in the last thirty five years.

In thirty five years you see a lot and realize that what we think is troublesome today turns out to be the good ole days of yester year. I personally like to stay focused on the good and great things in my life, my family and friends. But if you must have an answer to my most troublesome memory I recall a difficult time when we had no pay for about three months until we received funds from Washington. That would definitely have to be the hardest because it directly impacted how I provided for my loved ones.

I am married to Jimmy Caraway; we were married June 18, 1971. I am proud to say that we just celebrated our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. I must say that I am very blessed. I have 3 beautiful, loving children, 9 adorable grandchildren, and 3 lovely great grandchildren. I am thankful every day that all are healthy and doing fine.

Of course as every woman worth her salt likes to do with her time off, I enjoy shopping and buying gifts for my family. I love to spend my weekends cooking



Betty McGhee Caraway

and preparing a big meal for family to enjoy when we gather on Sundays at my house. Money cannot buy the kind of joy a mother has when she is surrounded by her family and their families on a Sunday afternoon. I also enjoy an occasional trip our Tribe's casino, especially when I come home with a little extra than what I left with. But I must also add that when you have worked thirty five years like I have, sometimes nothing is sweeter than a simple afternoon nap.

These eyes have seen a lot in the last thirty-five years while working for the Tribe. I can honestly say that all in all I have truly enjoyed working for and

taking part, no matter how big or small it may be, in the growth and development of what our Tribe is today. I am proud of how far it has come and can only hope that it continues to thrive and be prosperous for my great grandchildren's children. *A bountiful future for the ones you love is truly all a mother can hope for.*

*Tribal Administrative employees honored Betty with a cake and small reception on her date of hire anniversary date.*



Betty with her daughters Kim Flowers (l) and Susan Spruill (r). Kim and Susan are also employed by the Tribe.

*Photos by Sharon Delmar*



# BOARDS/COMMITTEES/AUTHORITIES-Chairperson and Terms-October, 2011

TC – indicates Tribal Council \* indicates Chairperson

## **AUTHORITIES/COMMISSIONS**

### **UTILITIES AUTHORITY**

Eddie L Tullis	TC
Ron Marshall	1
Josh Martin *	1
LaThaniel McGhee	2
Chris McGhee	3
Shawn Rolin	4
Charles Bo Bray	5

### **HOUSING AUTHORITY**

Garvis Sells	TC
Bobby McGhee	1
Kevin McGhee	1
Kelli Ramer	2
Lynn Woodcock *	3
Teresa Shada Thomas	4
James T. Martin	5

### **WELLNESS AUTHORITY**

Arthur Mothershed	TC
Ronnie Jackson	1
Josh Thomas	1
Jacob Carlton *	2
Rodney Exum	3
Timothy Ramer	4
Cassie Lassiter	5

### **PCI GAMING AUTHORITY**

Keith Martin *	TC
Bridget Wasdin	1
Matthew Martin	2
Billy Smith	3
Tim Manning	4

### **CIE DEVEL. AUTHORITY**

David Gehman	TC
David Gibbs	1
Daniel Lambert	2
Ronnie Smith *	3
Connie Naragon	4

### **CALVIN MCGHEE CULTURAL**

Robbie McGhee	TC
Kaci Martin	1
Megan Young	1
Raymond Rolin	2
Gwen Manning	3
Catherine Sells	4
Christopher Blackburn	5

### **TERO COMMISSION**

Sandy Hollinger	TC
Linda Brooks	1
Carolyn White	2
Debra Strickland	3
Wayne Colbert*	4

### **GAMING COMMISSION**

Stephanie Bryan *	TC
Savilla McGhee	1
Candace Fayard	2
Vicky Burns	3
Sharon Smiley	4

## **ENTERPRISE BOARDS**

(5 year terms)

### **MUSKOGEE INN**

Jack A. McGhee *	1
Joe Frank McGhee	2
Kay Archer	3
Lonnie Rackard	4
Anthony Sullivan	5

### **MAGNOLIA BRANCH**

Rowdy Boyte	1
Rodney McGhee *	2
Larry C. Gibson	3
Don Jackson	4
Bodie Tullis	5

### **MUSKOGEE METALWORKS**

Emmitt Dale	1
Timothy Ramer	2
Cecil Corey	3
Marshann Jackson	4
Darrell Hollinger	5



# **BOARDS/COMMITTEES/AUTHORITIES-Chairperson and Terms-October, 2011**

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## **PERDIDO RIVER FARMS**

Dewey McGhee	1
John English	2
Ronnie Rolin	3
Leroy Tullis	4
Kent McGhee *	5

## **COMMITTEES**

(5 year terms)

### **EDUCATION ADVISORY**

Jaime McGhee	1
Megan Young	2
Deloris Kelley	3
Karla Martin	4
Kim Smith	5

### **ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE**

Lori Findley *	1
Denise Young	2
Kelli Ramer	3
April Sells	4
Lavan Martin	5

### **ENROLLMENT COMMITTEE**

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Terri Watkins	3
Brittany Martin	4
Catherine Sells	5

### **INVESTMENT COMMITTEE**

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Mal D. McGhee	3
Kay Simmons	4
Carolyn Peterson	5

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Billy Ray Rolin *	1
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## *Family Services Department Hosts Tribal Protection From Abuse Conference*

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The Family Services Department hosted its second Tribal Protection Conference at Wind Creek Casino October 4-6, 2011. The conference was divided into three sessions. Day one, with 95 registered participants, addressed domestic violence and concluded with the annual Domestic Violence Vigil and balloon release; day two, with 77 registered participants, addressed Indian Child Welfare; and day three, with 70 registered participants, addressed Adult Services in Indian Country.

Mildred Muhammad, ex-wife of John Muhammad, the D.C. Sniper, was the keynote speaker for the opening day of the conference. Ms. Muhammad is a sincere, thoughtful, and spiritual person. She wanted nothing more than to build a strong family unit in which she would be a good wife and mother. But when her first husband, John Allen Muhammad, 'turned' on her, she knew she had to protect herself and her family. After she came through her trauma, she learned that resources were very scarce or not available to survivors of domestic violence. "This must change!" she exclaims which is why she established the 501(c) 3, non-profit organization [After the Trauma, Inc.](#)

Other speakers included Jennifer Arsenian, the Legal Director for the Alabama Coalition Against Domestic Violence; Melanie Day Bankhead, Shelter Supervisor at Penelope House Family Violence Center in Mobile, AL; Judge William A. Thorne, Jr., who is a Pomo/Coast Miwok Indian and a member of the Confederated Tribes of the Graton Rancheria in California. Judge Thorne serves on the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ) Board of Trustees, he is the first native voice on the NCJFCJ Board; Donna W. Spear, Program Supervisor/Training Coordinator of the Office of Child Welfare Training (OCWT) of the Alabama Department of Human Resource's Family Services Division; Isa Woldegiorgis, an Independent Consultant in the area of Child Welfare; Rebekah McGowan, Program Manager for Community Adult Protective Services section of the Family Support Division of Oklahoma Department of Human Services; Paul Needham, Program Field Representative for the Oklahoma Department of Human Services ( OKDHS); and Stephan I. Mambazo of the Alabama Department of Public Health.

As you can tell by the list of speakers above, the conference offered the most up-to-date information. Participants left

the conference with an abundance of materials and other information to assist them in providing services in their individual work environments.

The Domestic Violence Vigil was held in the Coosawada Ballroom to celebrate the survival of victims from domestic violence situations and in remembrance of the victims who were not able to escape the abuse. Members of the local community joined the registered participants for the vigil. After hearing from several speakers, participants walked outside to the amphitheater for the balloon release.

The conference would not have been possible without help from the following: Jennifer Arsenian, Angela Bartley, Judy Camden, Debra Coon, Renee Cain, Melissa Durden, Wanda Fowler, Martha Gookin, Edith T. Jackson, Gayle Johnson, Kathy Ledkins, Gwen Manning, Lisa Milliken, Amanda Montgomery, Arthur Mothershed, Carolyn Moye, Carolyn Rackard, Buford L. Rolin, Chris Rutherford, Stella Rutherford, Wayne Rutherford, Martha Salter, Juanita Slate, Jerry Sommer, Joan Sulzmann, Leigh Torrence, Carolyn M. White, and Lena White.



*Mildred Muhammad, Keynote Speaker for day one of the conference.*



*Domestic Violence Vigil participants prepare to release balloons.*

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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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# Boys & Girls Club Pumpkin Project



*The Tribe's Boys & Girls Club spent the first week of October decorating pumpkins. This is just one of the fun activities for the participants of the Boys & Girls Club. If your child is interested in participating in the Boys & girls Club, please contact Stephanie Agerton, Boys & Girls Club Director, at (251) 368-9136 x 2049 or via email at [sagerton@pci-nsn.gov](mailto:sagerton@pci-nsn.gov).*

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*Carrie Martin \* Ethics Chair*

The Ethics Board recently attended the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Compliance and Ethics Institute in Las Vegas, Nevada. Board members found the workshops to be very informative and have brought many ideas back with us. Board members will be attending the Basic Compliance and Ethics

Academy in January and once completed will be able to sit for the certification exam which will enable them to become Certified Compliance and Ethics Professionals (CCEP).

Great news!!!! The Ethics Code is now available online via the Poarch Creek Indian web site, [www.poarchcreekindians-nsn.gov](http://www.poarchcreekindians-nsn.gov). Once you have clicked on the web site, go to the **Government** page. On the left hand side you will see: [Enactment of Ethics Code Revisions](#). Click on it and it will bring the Ethics Code up for review or download. You will also find on the same left side just below the link to the Ethics Code, links for the Ethics Complaint Form and Advisory Form. If you wish to file a complaint or request an opinion you will be able to download and print the forms. I believe we are heading in the right direction with having the Ethics Code and forms more accessible for Tribal Members.

It is with much sadness we must say goodbye to one of the original members of the Ethics Board. Tami Manning elected not to reapply for service on the board. We appreciate all that Tami has done for the board over the past 5 years and wish her well in any future endeavors. Barbara Stephens was chosen by the Tribal Council for a 5 year term. Below is Barbara's bio.

My name is Barbara McGhee-Stephens. I was born the youngest of six children to Roy Lee and Opal Fae McGhee on October 8, 1956 in Pensacola, FL. I have 3 sisters and 2 brothers. Kay Archer, Kenneth (Kenny) Roy McGhee deceased, Robert (Bobby) McGhee, Linda McGhee and Rose Conlon. I am the granddaughter of Chief Calvin and Joyce McGhee.

I lived in and around Atmore, AL until the time of my marriage on September 13, 1980 to SSGT. Dave C. Stephens, United States Marine Corps. Dave and I have 3 sons, Jason Cory, age 35, Christopher Aaron, age 29, and Jonathan Richard, age 25.

We retired in 1996 after 23 years with the Marines Corps and returned to Poarch to live. We bought a home in the Lottie community and have resided there since our return.

I have worked in the field of medicine since 1981. I attended Firefighter school in 1991 and have worked /volunteered as a firefighter until approximately 3 years ago. During this same time, I attended Reid State College and graduated with honors as a Licensed Practical Nurse. I attended Emergency Medical Technician school in 2000 and graduated on the Dean's List. I attended Paramedic school for approximately 1 year at which time I injured my knee and was unable to continue with the program.

After leaving Paramedic school I took a break from nursing and went to work at Creek Bingo Palace as an administrative assistant. I was promoted to Wardrobe Manager shortly after and moved over to Wind Creek Casino and Hotel to set up the wardrobe department. After being with Wind Creek for 2 years, I was diagnosed with Grave's disease, which ultimately led to my decision to leave Wind Creek. Since leaving the casino I concentrate on managing my home and health.

I believe in God and Jesus Christ and raised my sons to believe as well.

I am happy to say when I was selected for the position on the Ethics Board I was able to accept with no conflicts and vow to be the best I can be, representing the 'Board' and the Poarch Creek Indians with any concerns that we must investigate.



*Barbara McGhee-Stephens*



# Tribal Member Submissions



## ***Excel FastPitch All Star Softball Team Competes in National ASA Championship***

Lexie Hollinger, daughter of Tribal Member Jarrell Hollinger, competed with the 10 and Under FastPitch Excel AllStar Softball team. Lexi and her teammates won both the District and State Championships in their division for Alabama. These wins allowed them the opportunity to participate in the ASA National Championship in College Station, Texas. They placed sixth in this competition. Congratulations, Lexie!!

*Lexie is second from the right on front row.  
Submitted by Angel Hollinger*

## ***Thanks From Our Family To Yours***

Thank you for your generosity on September 10th. We all experience times when we are tested. It is during those times you discover the friends and family who are, and have always been, there to support you. The support provided to our family will not be forgotten. Your actions have touched our hearts and made a difference difficult to express in words. Our community is great, not because of location or riches, but because it is made up of unselfish people like yourself.

Thanks again and God bless,  
Jerry and Deloris Kelley

*Modern Woodmen of America donated a matching check in the amount of \$2,500. With the match the total raised was \$13,862. Thanks to Greg Findley and Modern Woodmen of America.*



*Deloris and Jerry Kelley, seated, accepts donation check from Modern Woodmen representative Greg Findley.*

*Front row, Deloris and Jerry Kelley. Middle row: Greg Findley, Helen Hallman, Eldnar McGhee, Vicky Burns, and Myrtis Kinman. Back row: Velma Crocker, Carolyn Dortch, Shirley Von McGhee, and Derrick McGhee.*

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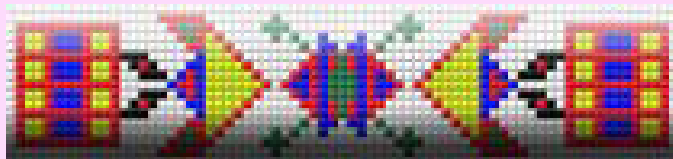
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## Vintage and Modern-Day: Creeks take Appropriate Place in American History

*Submitted by Deidra Suwanee Dees, Ed.D.*

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A vintage image of two very popular Heads of State that have passed on is now in the Office of Archives and Records Management.

Creek Nation East of the Mississippi Chief Calvin McGhee and United States President John F. Kennedy are pictured in the forefront of this vintage photograph taken at the White House in 1962. The image is part of a larger archival record that documents all of the American Presidents up to Kennedy. This rare piece of history is made even rarer by the autograph scrolled across the top by Chief McGhee.



*Tribal Council Treasurer Robbie McGhee donated a copy of this image to our tribal archives.*



*Photo Credit: Ruth David, R. David Original Photography*

A modern-day image of two current Heads of State is also a part of our archival collections. United States President Barack Obama and Poarch Creek Chairman Buford L. Rolin are pictured at an inaugural event at the White House in 2009.

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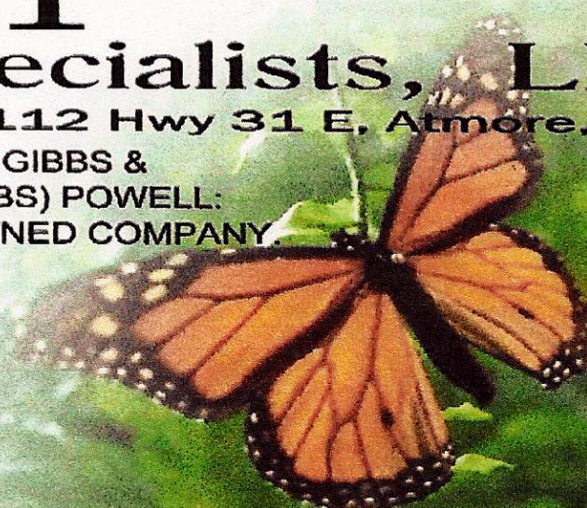
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6	7 Tribal Court Tribal Courtroom 9:00 a.m. CMCMA Meeting 5:00 p.m. Welcome Center/Museum	8 Wellness & Activities Authority Meeting Gym 11:00 a.m. TERO Meeting 3:00 p.m. TERO Office GED Classes 5:00 -p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Education Dept. Dance Class @ Gym 5:30 p.m./6:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. NA Meeting Turning Point 7:00 p.m.	9 GED Classes 5:00 -p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Education Dept.	10 Housing Authority Meeting Building 400 Conference Room 4:00 p.m.  GED Classes 5:00 -p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Education Dept.  Deadline to submit information to be published in October newsletter	11  Veteran's Day Tribal Administrative Offices Closed	12
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