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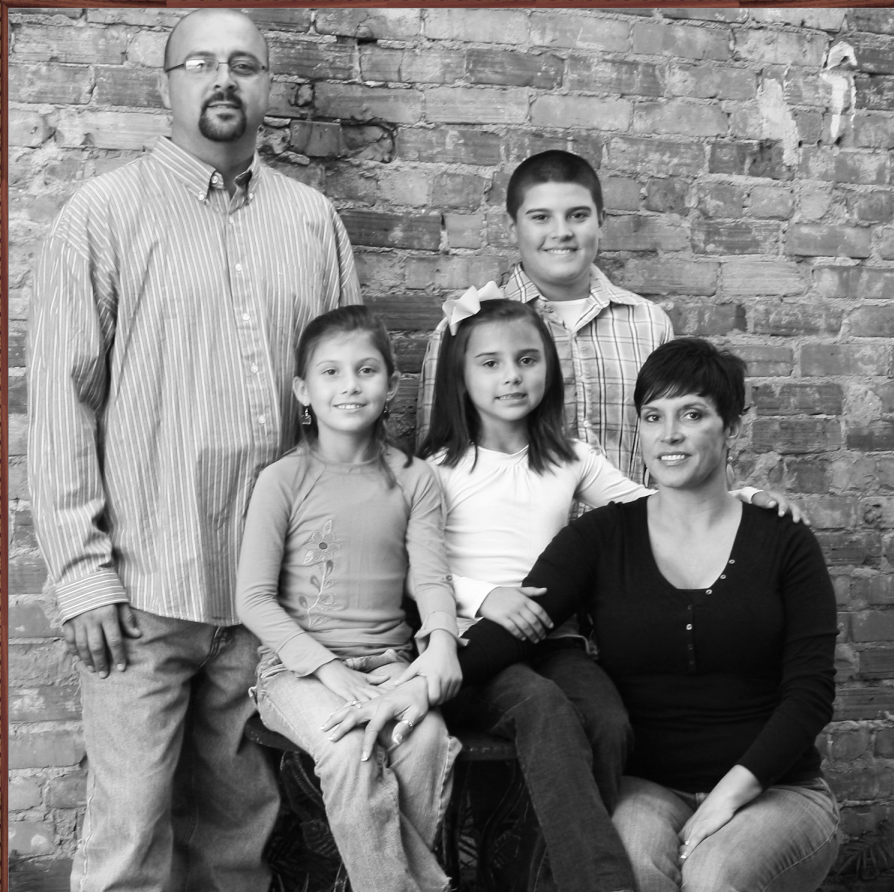
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**There is always a lot of fun going on!!**

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# Merry Christmas from the Huskey's



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# ***Tribal Council Page***

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

***December 2011***



**Buford L. Rolin**  
**Tribal Chairman**  
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It is December and another year has flown by. Loved ones have passed and new lives have begun. It has been a year of sadness, happiness and prosperity for the Tribe. I am honored to have served you as Chairman this past year and I look forward to continuing to serve you in the new year.

You should have received your per capita notification in the mail by the time you get this newsletter; if you have not, please contact the Tribal Member Benefits Department at (251) 368-9136 x 2209 or 2007. Tribal Members will have three options for receiving their per capita checks this year so it is very important that you respond to the notification by the deadline of December 16, 2011.

The month of November was quite busy. Tribal Council representatives and applicable staff attended the fall USET meeting in Philadelphia, MS. I also traveled to Washington DC for the White House Tribal Nations Conference at the end of the month.



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The Christmas parade is scheduled for December 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.; I hope to see you there and at the lighting of the Christmas tree afterward.

In closing I would like to say thank you to all involved in yet another spectacular Pow Wow. In spite of the economy our crowds continue to grow. Mvto to the staff of the Calvin McGhee Cultural Management Authority (CMCMA) for a job well done. Wishing you all a safe and Merry Christmas.

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## ***December Dates To Remember***

Friday, December 9, 2011

Christmas Parade

5:30 p.m./Departs from gym, ends at Health Dept.

Lighting of Christmas Tree and front lawn of Tribal Complex immediately following the parade.

Thursday, December 15, 2011

Tribal Kids Christmas Party

6:00 p.m. /At Gym

(All children must be pre-registered)

Friday, December 16, 2011

Administrative Staff Christmas Party

Tribal Offices close @ 11:00 noon

Friday, December 23, 2011

Christmas Eve Observed/Tribal Offices Closed

Monday, December 26, 2011

Christmas Day Observed/Tribal Offices Closed



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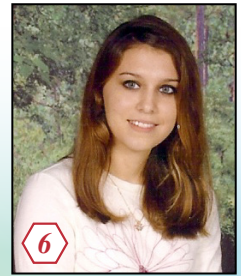
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**DEADLINES TO REMEMBER.** The deadline for submission of information to be published in the Poarch Creek News is 5:00 p.m. CST the 10th of the month prior to the month of publication. If the 10th falls on a weekend or holiday, the deadline will be 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 Blessings from Councilwoman Hollinger!*

I would like to wish my Tribal family a beautiful holiday season and a new year of peace, love and happiness.

May health and good times greet you each day of the year.

From Councilwoman Sandy Hollinger and family to yours.  
God Bless!



*Pictured on the back row left to right are Anna Grace Hollinger, Darrell Hollinger, and Austin Shuttlesworth. Left to right on the front row are Denver Shuttlesworth and Tribal Councilwoman Sandy Hollinger.*

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# Celebrating Birthdays



**Ronnie Ray Jackson**  
**November 3, 2011**

Happy Birthday Ronnie Ray!

Love, Mama.



**Brooke Hoomes**  
**November 4, 2011**

Happy 5th birthday Brooke! Brooke is the daughter of Loretta Floyd; the granddaughter of Lonnie & Anne King; and the great granddaughter of Willie Mae Bray. Love, Momma & Doug.



**Jayden Ledkins**  
**November 5, 2011**

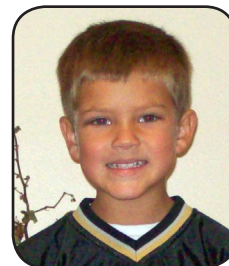
Happy 3rd birthday Jayden!

Happy belated birthday, we love you! Mama, Daddy, Ashton, Nanna & Papa, and Special Aunt Stephanie.



**Ryan Schwender**  
**November 6, 2011**

Happy 12th birthday Ryan! Ryan is the son of Stacy Gregg, Jr. and Amy Schwender; the grandson of Glenda & Davis Ellis; and the great grandson of Thelma McGhee Henson.



**Blaize Thomas**  
**November 9, 2011**

Blaize Thomas celebrated his 5th birthday at St. Anna's Episcopal Church with family and friends with a "Batman" theme.

Happy Birthday Blaize! Love Momma, Daddy, and family.



**Levi Presley**  
**November 10, 2011**

Wishing you a belated Happy Birthday!

We love you, Mama, Lukas, Lance, Maw Maw, Aunt Brooke, Annie & Nuck.



**Melea McGhee**  
**November 15, 2011**

Happy 13th birthday Melia! We love you! Mom, Granny, Papa, Uncle Chris, Aunt Theresa and all the kids, Dad, Amanda, Jaden, and Isaac.



**Britany Ford**  
**November 28, 2011**

Happy 18th birthday Britany! Britany is the daughter of Loretta Floyd; the granddaughter of Lonnie & Anne King; and great granddaughter of Willie Mae Bray. Love, Momma & Doug.



**Travis Daughtry**  
**December 4, 2011**

Happy birthday Travis! Love Mom, Dad, Buck, brothers, sisters, and children.



**Tabathia Daughtry**  
**December 4, 2011**

Happy birthday Tabatha! We love you! From all of your family!

**Danny Gonzalez**  
**November 5, 2011**

Happy Sweet 16 to Danny in Laredo, TX!!

We love you, Granny Faye.

**Ann King**  
**December 2, 2011**

Happy Birthday, we love you! Hope you kill the biggest buck this year!

Loretta, Brooke, Britany, Annette, Jessie, & Lonnie.

**Josh McGhee**  
**December 4, 2011**

Happy Birthday Josh! Josh McGhee is the grandson of Betty McGhee Peacock.

Love, Nana B

**Betty McGhee Peacock**  
**December 5, 2011**

Happy Birthday Betty!

Love from family & friends.



# Celebrating Birthdays



**Skylar Cheyanne Hall**  
**December 10, 2011**

Happy 15th Birthday  
Skylar Cheyanne!

We love you, Momma,  
Daddy, Jordan, & Ashlyn



**Dallas Caraway**  
**December 11, 2011**

Happy 11<sup>th</sup> birthday!

Happy Birthday, we love  
you and are very proud  
of you!

Love from your family



**Lukas Presley**  
**December 13, 2011**

Happy 11<sup>th</sup> birthday!

Happy Birthday, we love  
you, Mama, Levi, Lance,  
Aunt Brooke, Maw Maw,  
Ennie & Nuck.



**Dalton Luke**  
**December 18, 2011**

Dalton celebrates his  
11th Birthday. His  
parents are Candice  
& Johnny Luke,  
Grandparents Brenda  
& Gary Pruitt, Great-  
Grandparents Glenda &  
Davis Ellis, Great-Great  
Grandmother Thelma  
McGhee Henson.



**Braylon Snow**  
**December 19, 2011**

Happy Birthday Braylon!  
We love you! From all  
your family.



**Glenda Henson Ellis**  
**December 22, 2011**

Happy 63rd birthday  
Mama!

We love you, from your  
family.



**Kelsey Ledkins**  
**December 23, 2011**

Happy birthday, we love  
you very much!

Mama, Daddy, Victoria,  
Nana & Papa, Maw-  
Maw, Aunt Stephanie,  
Uncle Brian, & Cousins.



**Kaleigh Luke**  
**December 24, 2011**

Kaleigh celebrates her  
10th Birthday. Her parents  
are Candice & Johnny  
Luke, Grandparents  
Brenda & Gary Pruitt,  
Great-Grandparents  
Glenda & Davis Ellis,  
Great-Great Grandmother  
Thelma McGhee Henson.



**Michael Hutto**  
**December 25, 2011**

Happy 36th birthday  
Michael!

We love you, your  
family.

**Preston "Pete"  
McGhee**  
**December 17, 2011**

Happy Birthday Pete!

Pete is the brother of  
Betty McGhee Peacock

Love, Betty

**Marlie McGhee**  
**December 17, 2011**

Happy Birthday  
Marlie! Marlie is the  
granddaughter of Janet  
McGhee Ward & the  
great granddaughter of  
Betty McGhee Peacock.

Love, Nana Bug

**Lydia Stacey**  
**December 19, 2011**

Happy Birthday Lydia!  
We love you! Granny,  
Mama & Darren.

**Johnny McGhee**  
**December 30, 2011**

Happy Birthday Johnny  
Be Good! Johnny is  
the brother of Betty  
McGhee Peacock.

Love, Betty

**Janet McGhee Ward**  
**January 29, 2012**

Happy Birthday Janet! Janet is the  
daughter of Betty McGhee Peacock.

Love, Mom



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# *Celebrating An Anniversary*



***Craig & Valerie Walters***

Craig & Valerie Walters celebrated their first year anniversary on November 5, 2011.

“One year with my amazing wife! Ready for many more years to come! Happy anniversary. I love you.”

- Craig



***Wayne & Stella Rutherford***

Wayne & Stella Rutherford will celebrate their 40th anniversary on December 18, 2011.

We love you! Brandi, Melea, Chris, Theresa, and the kids.

## *Birth Announcement*

### ***Ryan Clark Gookin*** ***October 9, 2011***

Todd, Martha, and Tiffany Joy Gookin announce the birth of their newest family member, Ryan Clark Gookin.

He was born October 9, 2011; he was 9 lbs. & 4 ozs. and was 22 inches long.

We thank God for Ryan.





# Education News & Updates

## Attention Parents of Tribal Member and 1st Generation Indian Descent Students in K – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade

The Education Department will reimburse you by Visa gift card up to \$100.00 per child (maximum of 4 children) for school supplies and uniforms. This includes shoes, jackets, back packs, general school supplies, uniforms and regular clothing if you reside in a district that does not require uniforms. ***Receipts are REQUIRED.***

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.

## Tribal Education Department Offers Assistance To Students Through After School Tutoring & Home Work Club

If your child is in need of tutoring or homework help, the Tribe's Education Department offers an after school grade based tutoring program Monday - Thursday from 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. for children in grades 1-6.

The Education Department also has the Homework Club Monday - Thursday from 5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. for any student in grades 1-6 who need tutoring, homework help, computer usage, etc.

Tribal Members and 1<sup>st</sup> generation students may participate!

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# *Deer And Other Wild Game Carcass Disposal*

*By Bernie White*

Hunting season is finally here! The Environmental Department would like to remind all hunters to be courteous and respectful and properly dispose of any carcass (deer, hog, bobcat, etc.) after you have dressed or skinned your animal.

We have all seen the carcasses left in our creek and public right-of-ways. This is poor ethical conduct for any hunter and considered criminal littering by Alabama Game and Fish Enforcement staff. There are several options to ethically and legally dispose of game carcasses. Here are a few:

- It is legal by Alabama law to have a pit or disposal location located on club or private land.
- Build a compost basin and use

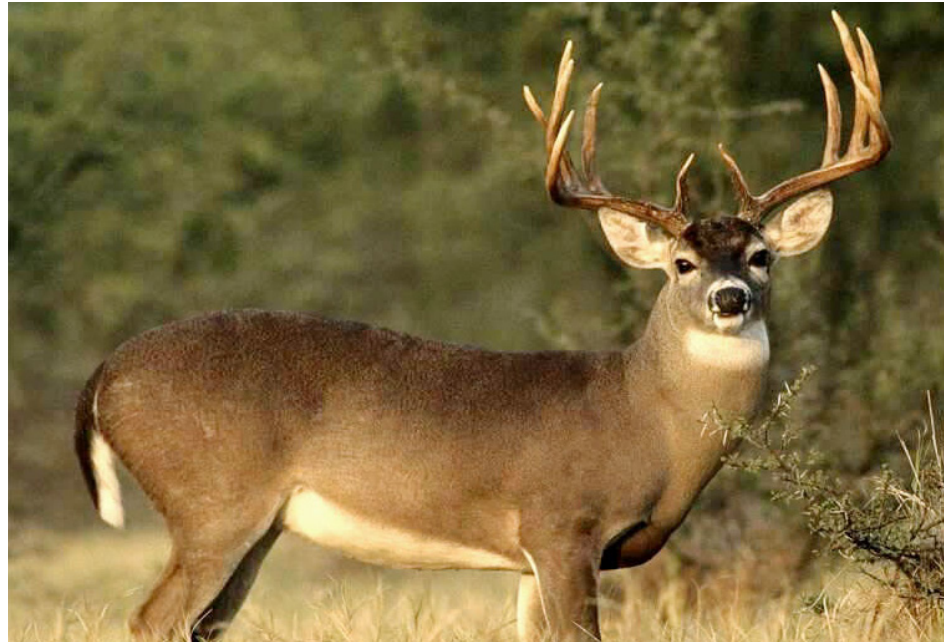
the carcass to fertilize food plots.

- Bury individual remains on club or private land.

As hunters, we are under enough scrutiny from anti-gun & hunting activists. Let's not give them any

more chances to give us a black eye than we already have.

Please think before you dump your carcass and have more respect for the animal, the sport, and other citizens.



## *Tribal Officers Participate in Elmore County's Preparedness Fair & Safety Saturday*

Tribal Police Officers Craig Helton, Joey Williams, and Sergeant Jeffrey Weaver recently represented the Tribe at Elmore County's Preparedness Fair & Safety Saturday. This annual event, which stresses family and community emergency preparedness and safety, is an excellent venue and opportunity to display emergency response resources and capabilities.

Eric Jones, Elmore County EMA/HS Director, stated that it was very encouraging to see our

organizations working together to communicate and underscore the critical message that we all want to convey:

*"As citizens we are our own 'first responders' and must therefore take simple steps to prepare our families, homes, communities, and businesses for emergencies and disasters."*

The Tribe has participated in this event for the past several years and looks forward to continued participation.



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## ***Fayard Receives Local Impact Award***



Candace Fayard, Health Administrator, received a "Local Impact" award from the National Indian Health Board in recognition of her service to the Tribal Health Program.

Candace has worked diligently to improve services to the patients of the clinic and has taken on an additional role of assisting Tribal Members with Social Security issues.

Candace is pictured above with Tribal Chairman Buford L. Rolin, Dr. Yvette Roubideau, IHS Director, and Vice Chair Stephanie Bryan.

*Submitted by Candace Fayard*

**Tell me and I'll forget.  
Show me and I may not remember.  
Involve me and I'll understand.**

**— Native American Proverb**



# *Tribal Kids Christmas Party*

*December 15, 2011*

*Only pre-registered children age birth to 12 years old living in a Tribal Member household may participate.  
Child must be present to receive a gift.*

*Join us at the Wellness & Activities Center  
for food, fun, Santa, & presents!  
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.*

## **RETIRED AND SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM (RSVP) TO PROVIDE FREE TAX PREPARATION AND COUNSELING**

Escambia County RSVP is currently looking for Volunteers to be Tax Preparers for the 2012 tax season.

Escambia County RSVP assists the low-to-moderate income elderly and disabled with FREE tax preparation. All of our Volunteers are IRS trained and certified. The volunteers will prepare both Federal and State returns, counsel on tax laws, and electronically send tax returns.

RSVP assists those ages 60+ by appointments or as walk-ins at each tax site. The IRS guideline to receive this FREE assistance is \$49,000 or less per household

for the year. RSVP will maintain tax sites January through April 2012 at the Atmore Public Library, Brewton Public Library and the Poarch Creek Indian Reservation.

If you have any questions regarding RSVP Tax Preparation or Volunteer Preparer training for 2012 please call Charles Smith, RSVP Volunteer Coordinator at 251-867-0256.

*Submitted by Charles Smith, RSVP Volunteer Coordinator*



## *Know Your Body, Self Exam, & Keep Your Faith*

“You know your own body; you can tell when something is not right.” “Make sure you do self-exams and go for your annual mammograms.” “Keep your faith through everything; God is with you through it all.” These are some of the comments heard again and again at the Breast Cancer Awareness Seminar held at Wind Creek Casino & Hotel on Tuesday, October 25, 2011.

This seminar, spearheaded by Helen Hallman and Louise Brogden, both breast cancer survivors, was held to continue the emphasis on breast cancer awareness, prevention, treatment, and survivorship. To say the comments above were heard again and again is self-evident these points are important and are not to be overlooked, for each person who spoke reiterated the importance of something as simple as a self-exam or knowing when there is something wrong with your body.

Approximately 75 women attended and proudly wore the “Think Pink” t-shirts presented to each attendee by Wind Creek. Each attendee was a breast cancer survivor or knew a friend or loved one who had fought this deadly disease.

Guest speakers for the event included Helen Hallman, Myra King and Louise Brogden. Helen and Myra are both featured in the book “Breast Cancer Survivors, A Tribe of Warrior Women”, a copy of which was given as a door prize. Louise Brogden, a seventeen year survivor of breast cancer who revealed that she has just been diagnosed with Metastatic Bone Disease which developed as a direct result of her breast cancer. Other participants shared their breast cancer stories as well, each one telling of the importance of a good support system of family and friends, having that annual mammogram, and seeking medical help when needed; each story brought tears to the eyes of all in attendance because they could all relate. The night ended with various door prizes and dinner provided



*Helen Hallman (right) presents grand prize, donated by Women's Weight Control & Wellness Center of Pensacola, FL, to lucky ticket holder Myleesa Sharp (left).*

by Wind Creek.

This event birthed a new breast cancer awareness support group. The first official meeting of this newly formed support group has been scheduled for January 24, 2012 at the SAIL Center in Poarch. Everyone is invited to attend; this support group is open to all who are interested in joining whether they are male or female, Tribal Member or not.

Helen and Louise would like to say thank you to all those who attended and to Wind Creek Casino & Hotel for all their hard work in making this event a success. They also extend special thanks to Liz Hebert and Women's Weight Control & Wellness Center for donating a package valued at \$400 as the grand prize for the night.



# *President Barack Obama Remembers Elouise Cobell*

*By Barack Obama, President of the United States of America,  
October 27, 2011  
As forwarded by Charlie Galbraith  
White House Office, Executive Office of the President*

With the passing of Elouise Cobell, a proud member of the Blackfeet Nation of Montana, we have lost a champion of Native American rights. Her persistent and determined leadership in the pursuit of justice for Native Americans will leave an enduring legacy.

As treasurer of the Blackfeet Nation, Elouise spoke out when she saw that the federal government had failed to account for billions of dollars that it owed to hundreds of thousands of her fellow Native Americans. In 1996, she filed suit, and for 15 years, tirelessly led a legal battle, with seven trials, 10 appeals, and dozens of published decisions. She fought her battle not just in the courts, but in the halls of Congress before finally securing justice for more than 300,000 American Indians and Alaska Natives in the form of a \$3.4 billion settlement.

The agreement reached in *Cobell v. Salazar* marked the largest government class-action settlement in our nation's history. The scholarship fund this settlement established will give more Native Americans access to higher education. Tribes will have more control over their own lands. Elouise's tireless efforts strengthened the government-to-government relationship with Indian country, and a generation of Native Americans and all Americans has seen the promise of justice realized.

Last December, I had the privilege to meet with Elouise in the Oval Office prior to signing into law a bill to make things right. The Claims Resolution Act of 2010 is a direct result of the settlement that bears her name. It is proof of an enduring American idea – that change is always possible.

But change is never easy. It doesn't come overnight. In this case, it took 15 years. For 15 long years, despite obstacles and setbacks, Elouise Cobell pressed on with



*President Obama greets Elouise Cobell  
Official White House Photo by Pete Souza*

a defiant yet humble refusal to accept the world as it is, and a quiet determination to reach for the world as it ought to be.

"I never started this case with any intentions of being a hero," she said. "I just wanted this case to give justice to people that didn't have it."

In the face of daunting odds, Elouise remained driven by the belief that America is a place where tomorrow can be better than today – and convinced that this is a country where hard work and great resolve can make a difference.

That is what makes this country special. Even when we haven't always lived up to our highest ideals, we know we can right a wrong; even if we enjoy certain rights, we know are not truly equal until everybody enjoys those rights; even if we are doing well, we know we have a responsibility to leave a better future for our children, and the obligation to try.

That is what Elouise Cobell did. We mourn her passing, thank her for the legacy she left behind, and commit ourselves to that same passionate pursuit of a more perfect union.



## FAMILY SERVICES CHRISTMAS SHARE PROVIDERS NEEDED!!!

The Family Services Department is assisting families in need again this year for Christmas. We are in need of sponsors to meet these needs. If you, your place of business, or tribal department would like to sponsor a tribal individual or family in need; please contact the Family Services Department no later than December 2, 2011.

We need sponsorship of food items to provide a special Christmas dinner of ham or turkey and the trimmings. We are also seeking sponsors of new toys for children of various ages and new clothing and other basic needs for families. Please contact the Family Services Department if you would like to help. We will provide you with an itemized list of items based on the age, gender, size, and individual needs of families to fit your level of sponsorship. We need your help to reach out to Tribal families in need during this Christmas Season.

This is not a request for families that need assistance. This is a request for sponsors ONLY.

Please contact Wanda Fowler, Adult Services Coordinator, at (251) 368-9136 x 2373 if you have questions or need more information.

*If you or a loved one is a victim of domestic violence please contact Melissa Durden, Victim's Advocacy Coordinator, for assistance or information at (251) 368-9136 ext. 2212 or via email at mdurden@pci-nsn.gov. You are not alone; we are here to help you.*

*Stop the Violence \* Prevent the Abuse*

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### *For appointments call* *(251) 368-9136 ext. 2209 or 2281*



# Farewell to Loved Ones

SINCERE THANKS

AND APPRECIATION

**Barbara Ann Lester**

**July 31, 1946 - October 4, 2011**

Barbara Ann Lester, age 65 of Lillian, AL, went home to be with the Lord on Tuesday, October 4, 2011 surrounded by her loving family. Barbara attended church at the Grace Assembly of God. She was the former owner of Harley Davidson in Gainesville, FL, and was a retired home health nurse in the Milton area. She was a member of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians.



She is survived by her loving husband, Woody Lester, her three sons, Gene (Janie), Harley, and Lenny Dickey; three grandchildren; two sisters and one brother; and numerous nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held on Friday, October 7, 2011 at 2:30 p.m. at the Faith Chapel Home South with the Reverend Ben Peters officiating. She was laid to rest at Barrancas National Cemetery in Pensacola, FL on Tuesday, October 11, 2011 at 9:30 a.m.

**Zadie Baggett**

**September 12, 1920 - October 17, 2011**

Services were held  
Wednesday, October 19, 2011  
At 2:00 p.m.  
At Mineola Baptist Church



Officiating were  
Reverend Tony McMilliam  
Rev. David Cooper  
Rev. George Fisher

## My First Christmas In Heaven

*A poem by Vicky Howard as submitted by Mable Lambert in memory of her brother Charles "Running Bear" Rolin*

I see the countless Christmas trees around the world below,  
With tiny lights like Heaven's stars, reflecting on the snow.

The sight is so spectacular, please wipe away the tear,  
For I am spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.

I hear the many Christmas songs that people hold so dear,  
But the sounds of music can't compare  
With the Christmas choir up here.

I have no words to tell you, the joy their voices bring  
For it is beyond description to hear the angels sing.

So be happy for me, dear ones, you know I hold you dear,  
And be glad I'm spending Christmas  
With Jesus Christ this year.

I sent you each a special gift,  
From my heavenly home above,  
I sent you each a memory of my  
undying love.

After all, love is a gift more  
precious than pure gold.  
It was always most important in  
the story Jesus told.

Please love and keep each other,  
as my Father said to do.  
For I can't count the blessings  
Or love he has for each of you.

So have a Merry Christmas and wipe away that tear,  
Remember, I am spending Christmas  
With Jesus Christ this year.



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# Muskogee Technology Continues To Receive Top Performance Awards

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*Submitted by James Sutton*

Muskogee Technology is proud to announce its recognition as a 2010 Quality Supplier Award (Circle of Excellence) and The Top Supplier of the Year by ITT-Exelis (formally known as ITT Geo Spatial). This is the fourth year in a row that Muskogee has received the Quality Supplier Award and the second time to receive The Top Supplier of the Year Award. Muskogee was also the Top Supplier of the Year in 2009.

Tammy Nichols, Director of Supply Chain Management and Inventory Control for ITT-Exelis, Roanoke, Va., presented both awards at a luncheon for Muskogee employees on October 11, 2011. Tribal Council members Eddie Tullis and Garvis Sells along with CIEDA President, James T. Martin were in attendance.

Mal McGhee, President/CEO of Muskogee Technology, opened the luncheon by speaking on the partnership enjoyed by both companies.

Muskogee Technology has provided more than 500,000 products and kits with revenues exceeding \$30 million.

“ITT continues to be our top customer; we appreciate their business and all the opportunity to grow” McGhee said.

When Nichols presented the awards, she spoke directly to the employees, telling them how critical the work they do directly impacts American interests on all fronts.

Muskogee Technology (formerly Muskogee Metalworks) has been in operation since 1992 providing a variety of services including metal fabrication, precision machining, water jet cutting, and electronics. It has expanded to meet the needs of the aerospace and defense industries by providing electronic and electromechanical assembly and kitting services such as the ITT Night Vision Goggles.

Muskogee Technology is a subsidiary of Creek Indian Enterprise Development Authority.



*Left to Right – James R. Sutton-Contracts/Admin. Manager (MT), Shannon Craighead-Buyer, ITT-Exelis, Sarah Stacey Quality Manager (MT), Tammy Nichols-Director of Supply Chain Management and Inventory Control, ITT-Exelis, Greg Johnson-Proposals Manager(MT), Mal McGhee-President/CEO (MT), Jeff Nelson-Manufacturing Manager (MT)*

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## ***Tribe Receives Award For Economic Development***

Poarch Band of Creek Indians won the First American Entrepreneurship Award at the 2011 Indian Progress in Business (INPRO) Awards Banquet in Hollywood, FL for economic development, job growth and community contributions.

Mal McGhee attended for the Tribe, received the award on behalf of the Tribe, and spoke to the audience about the growth that is happening in Poarch, Alabama and how the Tribe is sharing its success by contributing to the local communities.



*Lockheed Martin Company won the First American Corporate Leadership Award Ken Hilderbrand (l) and Jim Tampley (r) of Lockheed Martin are shown with Mal McGhee*



# TERO Commission Honors Past Member Garvis Sells



Each year Tribal Council Members are appointed to serve on various commissions and authorities. Garvis Sells served on the TERO Commission prior to his first term in office and continued to serve as Council representative once elected. However, his service on this commission expired September 30, 2011 when Sandy Hollinger was appointed to serve as the Tribal Council representative on the TERO Commission. Garvis was appointed by the Chairman to serve as the Council representative on the Housing Authority.

In recognition of his past service and dedication, the TERO Commission presented Garvis with a plaque to commemorate his service and dedication to the goals and objectives of the TERO Commission and his work in helping establish the Commission.

The Commission looks forward to working with Sandy Hollinger and feels that she will prove to be an asset to the Commission and the Tribe.

Wayne Colbert, TERO Commission Chair, presents plaque to Garvis Sells in recognition of his service to the TERO Commission.

Garvis would like to express his own thanks to the TERO Commissioners and staff for working with him the last seven or so years. "We have put in a lot of hard work, and I want everybody to know that I appreciate what they have done. Thank you for the recognition plaque, I did not know I was going to get it, I accept it with honor."

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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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### **McGhee Graduates From Auburn University**

Kellie McGhee, daughter of George and Sharon McGhee, graduated in August from Auburn University with a degree in Business Management. She is the granddaughter of Nellie McKay and the late Wayne McKay and Arentha McGhee and the late Willis McGhee. She is also the sister of Chase McGhee.

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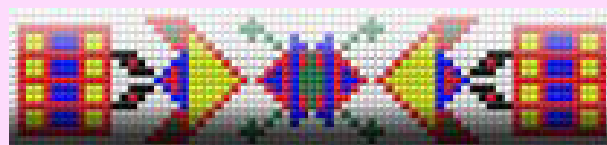
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Nights seemed so long they wonder if anyone cares*

*Tears and blood flowed together they shed  
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Their lives were changed and many unstable*

*Their courage and strength carried them through  
From God above the only one who knew  
Their silent cries for help from above  
God heard their prayers and sent them his Love*

*Some came home, and some did not  
Our Savior keeps them in a special spot  
Courage and strength they still need today  
And a "Thank You" from us for your service those days*

*Written by Brenda Rolin*



## *Kinman Crowned Carnival King*

Hayden Kinman, son of David Kinman and Jessica Ramsey, was crowned King of the Huxford Elementary Carnival. He raised a total of \$502.00 for his school.

We are so proud of you Hayden!

Mom, Dad, Kendall (sister), Nana (Myrtis), Papaw (Dave), Aunt Melanie, Logan and Madelyn.



## **Attention All Tribal Members**

Perdido River Farms will open the pecan orchard for anyone interested in picking up pecans on the following dates ONLY.

Saturday December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, & 31<sup>st</sup>  
Time: 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. ONLY

If you should have any questions please contact Magan Daughtry at (251)368-0826.

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# PCI Boys & Girls Club Announces Continuation Of Its Mentoring Program

*Submitted By Stephanie Agerton, B&G Club Director*

The Poarch Creek Indians Boys & Girls Club is pleased to announce it has received an award to continue its mentoring program. With funding from the U. S. Department of American Indians Justice's Office of Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention, the National Congress of American Indians is providing program awards to 23 Native American Boys & Girls Club organizations. The Tribe's Boys & Girls Club is pleased to have been selected as one of the 23 grant recipients for this exciting program.

The Mentoring Program involves recruiting volunteer mentors who are matched with a youth mentee. Volunteer mentors agree to meet with their mentee at the Club site for at least one hour per week. Besides offering friendship and a listening ear, mentors and mentees will engage in a variety of fun and meaningful activities individually and in groups. With the support of the award funds, the Club has hired a Mentoring Program Coordinator who oversees the initiative.

It has been demonstrated that a trusting relationship with a caring adult can have a life-changing effect on a young person. Research data indicates that mentoring programs have reduced first-time drug use by almost

50% and first-time alcohol use by 33%. In addition, mentored youth displayed greater confidence in their schoolwork and improved their academic performance.

The Poarch Creek Indians Boys & Girls Club is accepting applications for new mentors. If you are interested in sharing your time and your knowledge and making a difference in the life of a child, please contact Cassie O'Brien at 251-368-9136 ext. 2049 or at [cobrien@pci-nsn.gov](mailto:cobrien@pci-nsn.gov) or stop by the Club to learn how you can become a volunteer Mentor.



*Keesha O'Barr, Mentor, and Canyon Hayles, Mentee.  
Become a Mentor and make a difference in a child's life.*



## ***There's Always Fun At The SAIL Center!***

On the cover are the participants of the Crazy Hat contest recently held at the SAIL Center.

Participants were:

Top row l-r Joyce Rolin, Alice Gibson, Eloise Hall, and Jimmy Caraway.

Middle row l-r: Johnny Johnson, Rose McGhee, Annette Lane, and Vicky Burns.

Bottom row l-r: Harold Rolin, James Sandborn, Virginia Bell Godwin, & Linda Selzer.

Winners L-r, Crazy Hat Second Place, Eloise Hall; Craziest Hat, Rose McGhee; Most Creative Alice Gibson; Most Creative Second Place, Annette Lane; Most Creative Third Place, Virginia Bell Godwin; Crazy Hat Third Place, James Sandborn.

# For Your Health

## ***Gastroparesis: More than Just Stomach Pain***

*Submitted by Donna Johnson, RN//Diabetes Case Nurse*

We already know that diabetes can have all kinds of effects on your body. This week I wanted to talk about a problem that can affect people who have had diabetes for a long time, gastroparesis. Gastroparesis means the stomach no longer empties the way it used to. Having gastroparesis causes food to sit in the digestive tract for longer than it should, and can occur in people with Type 1 or Type 2 Diabetes. Gastroparesis can also be caused by other things besides diabetes. Certain medications can slow down the digestive process.

Normally when we eat, our food goes into the stomach and the stomach muscles contract to help move the food down into the small intestine for digestion. The vagus nerve causes the movement of the muscles that move the food through the digestive tract. This nerve can become damaged when a person has had diabetes and high blood sugar for a long time. When this nerve becomes damaged, it can't make the stomach muscles contract properly and the food ends up sitting around in the stomach way too long. Sometimes the food either moves too slowly or can stop altogether. In the early stages of gastroparesis, many may have difficulty digesting solid foods, but this can progress to having difficulty in digesting liquids also.

Some of the symptoms of gastroparesis can range from mild to very severe depending on the individual

person. These can include heartburn, pain in the upper abdomen, nausea and vomiting. Some people experience feelings of fullness after eating only a few bites of food. When the body is unable to properly digest food it can make blood sugar very difficult to control. When the food that has been just sitting in the stomach, finally makes it to the small intestine to get absorbed, it makes blood sugar rise. Gastroparesis makes stomach emptying very unpredictable and therefore blood sugars can be erratic. Frequent blood sugar monitoring before meals and after meals will help to identify low or high blood sugar levels, especially if you take insulin.

Maintaining blood sugars as close to target as possible may assist in improving stomach emptying. Physicians may promote eating six small meals throughout the day, instead of three large ones and recommend that you see a dietician for assistance with a low fiber and low fat diet. Prescription drugs may also be indicated. Sometimes in the most severe cases, tube feedings may be considered. Smoking can make gastroparesis worse.

A referral to a gastroenterologist may be recommended by your physician. So if you are feeling stuffed and you haven't even partaken of the holiday goodies, maybe it's time to schedule an appointment to see your physician.

Till next month, Donna.



## ***Wellness Manager Hired***

*Submitted by Tiffany Faircloth*

The Wellness & Activities Department would like to announce that Tiffany Faircloth has been hired as the new Wellness Manager. Tiffany will be offering a variety of Wellness Programs within the department.

For more information on the upcoming Wellness Programs, please contact Tiffany Faircloth at (251) 368-9136 extension 2246.



# Pieces of History

## Family History Center

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

The Office of Archives and Records Management is building our collections on Creek history from resources in various repositories. One such repository is the local Family History Center which is located inside the building at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints on Old Bratt Road. I have done research in this Family History Center and have recommended it to Tribal Members who have also done research in the Center. Because it is such a valuable resource, I asked the Director, Mr. Lloyd Albritton, to provide a brief descriptive paragraph which I share with the Tribal community. His response is shown to the right.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (The Mormons) hosts the largest collection of family history records in the world. LDS Family History Centers are located all around the world with trained consultants to help members and non-members alike discover the joy and satisfaction of doing ancestral family research.

The Church's Atmore Family History Center, located at 166 Old Bratt Road, is open on Wednesdays, 6-8 p.m. Interested persons should contact Lloyd Albritton at (251)368-7063 prior to attending to ensure that consulting staff, classroom facilities and internet hookups are adequate.

*I have worked with Mr. Albritton and his staff and have found them to be very professional and helpful. I want to note that they pointed out to me (and I found this to be true) that they do not use their Family History Center to proselytize.*

## Federal Indian Reservation Senior Center Tour Visits Green Dragon

*The Ephrata Review*

The Poarch Band of Creek Indians' Senior Citizen Center visited the Lancaster County area for a week recently and stopped by to explore The Green Dragon Farmer's Market in Ephrata.



*Shown getting set to explore Green Dragon's Farmer's Market from the Poarch Band of Creek Indian's Senior Citizen Center tour are (left to right) Garvis Sells, Tribal Council; Carolyn Dortch, Senior Services Director; Eddie L. Tullis, Tribal Council; and Toney Sells, bus driver.*

*(Photo by Stan Hall)*

There were three tribal tours buses with a total of 133 on board, many of which were Tribal Members or spouses of Tribal Members.

According to its website, the Poarch Creek Indians are descendants of a segment of the original Creek Nation, which once covered almost all of Alabama and Georgia. The site says that "unlike many eastern Indian tribes, the Poarch Creeks were not removed from their tribal lands and have lived together for almost 200 years in and around the reservation in Poarch, AL. The reservation is located eight miles northwest of Atmore, Alabama in rural Escambia County, and 57 miles east of Mobile."

It goes on to say that it is the only federally recognized Indian Tribe in the state of Alabama, operating as a sovereign nation with its own system of government and by-laws.

*Submitted by Carolyn Dortch as received from Dale Gehman*



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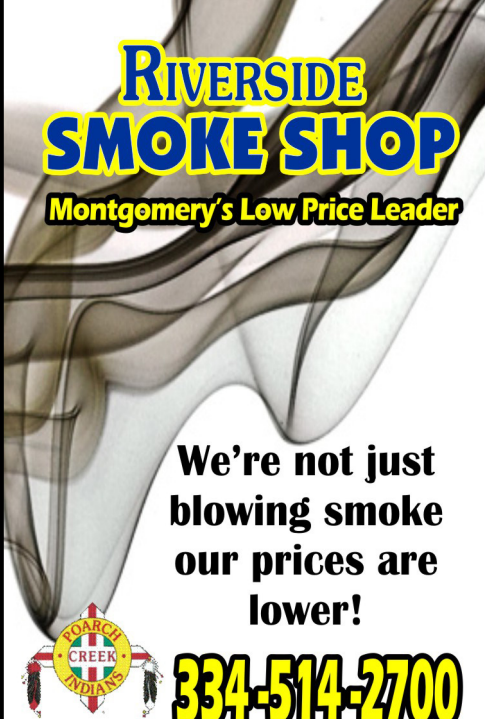
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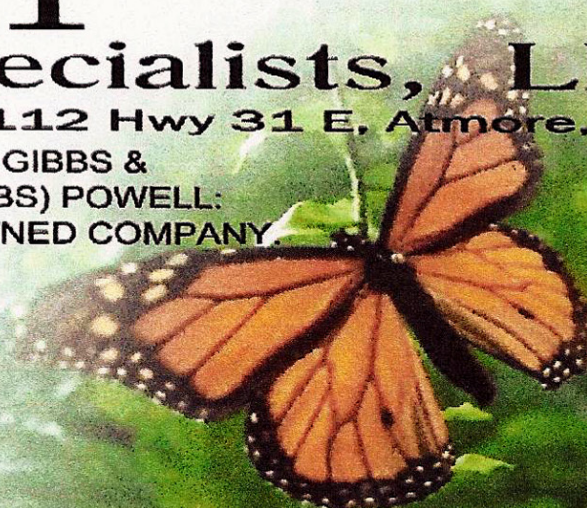
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Homework Club Monday-Thursday 5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Education Dept. All through school year	After School Tutoring Monday-Thursday 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Education Dept. All through school year	Gym Hours of Operation Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Closed for Boys & Girls Club Activities daily 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Saturday 11:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Weight Room Hours Monday - Friday 6:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.		1 Tribal Council Meeting Council Chambers 4:00 p.m.  GED Classes 5:00 -p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Education Dept.	2 CIEDA Meeting CIEDA Office 7:30 a.m.	3
4	5 Tribal Court Tribal Courtroom 9:00 a.m.	6 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. CMCMA Meeting 5:00 p.m. Welcome Center/Museum	7 GED Classes 5:00 -p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Education Dept.	8 Housing Authority Meeting Building 400 Conference Room 4:00 p.m.  GED Classes 5:00 -p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Education Dept.	9 Christmas Parade 5:30 p.m. Parade departs from Gym  Lighting of Christmas Tree & Front Lawn of Tribal Complex Immediately following parade	10
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