

# Poarch Creek News

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## FEATURES:

• *Tribe Mourns Loss of Former Tribal Chief Houston Lee McGhee*

• *2012 Election Notice*

Pursuant to Section 22-3-6 of the Tribal Election Code, notice is hereby given that the 2012 Tribal Council Election shall be held on Saturday, June 2, 2012 at the Community Service Building (PCI SAIL Center). The purpose of the election is to elect a Tribal Vice-Chairman and Two (2) At-Large Tribal Council Members. Voting will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Election results will be posted at the Tribal Center on the Community Bulletin Board, and published in the July Tribal Newsletter. Anyone wishing to be a candidate for this year's election must complete a written statement of candidacy with the Election Board no later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 3, 2012.

• *Tribal Elders to Attend Elder's Conference In September*

• *Talent Is Not Enough/Sports Banquet & Athlete of the Year*

• *Changes to Newsletter Deadlines*

• *Tribe Partners with Innisfree Hotels*

• *Environmental Committee Vacancy*



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# CHAIRMAN'S CORNER JANUARY 2012

At the last few Tribal Council meetings I have noticed that the audience has grown; it is good to see so many Tribal Members come to the meeting so that they can participate in Public Comments or simply attend to learn more about what is going on with the Tribe. We know that some Tribal Members have jobs and cannot attend the 4:00 p.m. meetings; to accommodate those Tribal Members, and others who are not able to attend at 4:00 p.m., we have changed the Tribal Council meeting schedule so that once a quarter we will have a meeting beginning at 6:00 p.m. The first Tribal Council meeting in March, June, September, and December will begin at 6:00 p.m. With this change, it is our hope that

more Tribal Members will be able to attend Tribal Council meetings. See page 12 of the newsletter for more information on the changes to the Tribal Council meeting schedule.

We extend our condolences to the family of former Tribal Chief Houston L. McGhee; the Tribe lost a great leader and friend with his passing. It is through such leadership that the Tribe has grown and become the success it is today.

The Tribal Election Notice is published in this month's issue. This year you, the Tribal Member, will be voting to directly elect the Vice Chair position as well as two at-large positions on the Tribal Council. We the Tribal Council strongly



*Buford L. Rolin, Tribal Chairman*  
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encourage each and every eligible Tribal member to participate in the election process whether it is as a candidate, volunteer, or simply to cast your vote. Your vote does count, please make sure to participate.

## Tribal Council Executive Officers



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*We have incorporated the use of the Muskogee language as much as possible in the newsletter. You will see examples in the numbers of each page as well as on the front cover.*

*The Minute Insert also includes flyers about Wellness & Activities' League & Gym Schedule and upcoming events/ activities. This information is not included in the newsletters received by those on the subscription mailing list.*



Former Tribal Chief Houston McGhee passed away at home on Tuesday, January 31, 2012 surrounded by family. Houston is pictured above sharing his oral history with Diedra Dees, Tribal Archivist. *Photo by Ellen O'Barr*

Please turn to page 18 for an article about Houston and his life long dedication to his Tribe.

## Newsletter Deadlines

*The Poarch Creek News is generated on a monthly basis by the Government Relations Department of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians at the direction/ discretion of the Tribal Council to provide important updates, news, and information to Tribal Members. We reserve the right to edit or refuse any item for publication.*

*The Poarch Creek News is generated one month prior to the month of publication. The deadline to submit information to be published in the newsletter is the 10th of the month prior to the month of publication. If the 10th falls on a weekend or holiday, the deadline is extended to the next working day.*

*Due to space limitations, submitted articles should be limited to 500 words or less.*

*Obituaries/Family Thanks will be published if submitted by the last working day of the second month immediately following the death.*

*All other deadlines remain the same and are published in the appropriate sections of the newsletter.*



# TRIBAL ELDERS TO ATTEND ANNUAL ELDER'S CONFERENCE

*The 19<sup>th</sup> Biennial National Indian Council on Aging (NICOA) Conference will be held September 15-18, 2012 in Albuquerque, NM. The meeting will consist of educational presentations from tribal, state, federal and a diverse network of aging service partners that will provide information and updates on aging services, health care, civic engagement and economic development in Indian Country.*

Over 1,500 elders from across the country will participate in listening sessions to examine and better understand issues that impact American Indian and Alaska Native aging services in urban areas and tribal lands. The NICOA voting members will break into 13 caucuses to draft regional aging services recommendations that NICOA and its stakeholders will present to tribal, state and federal leaders. NICOA members will also approve resolutions on critical aging issues that will be submitted to the National Congress of American Indians for presentation to the President and Congressional leadership in Washington, DC.

<http://www.nicoa.org>

## ATTENTION ALL TRIBAL MEMBERS 55 AND OLDER

The Poarch Creek Indians Senior Citizens will be taking their annual trip to Albuquerque, NM this year September 12-20, 2012.

We will be attending the 19th Biennial National Indian Council on Aging Conference being held September 15-18, 2012.

Buses will depart from the SAIL Center on Wednesday, September 12, 2012 and will return to the SAIL Center on Thursday, September 20, 2012. Anyone going on the trip must be on the buses when they pull out from the SAIL Center on the 12th and return on the 20th; no other pick-up/drop off sites will be allowed.

Any Tribal Member age 55 and older who is interested in going on this trip should call or come by the SAIL Center to sign-up.

## *Sign up Schedule:*

May 1-11, 2012

Monday - Friday

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Please note that 5:00 p.m. on May 11<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for signing up for this trip. ***This deadline will be strictly enforced.***

For more information or to sign up for the trip, contact Carolyn Dortch or Cyndi Wright at (251) 368-9136 x 2615.

Carolyn and Cyndi may also be reached via cell phone, (251) 253-5885 (Carolyn) or (251) 253-8772 (Cyndi).



## POW WOW ON YOU TUBE!!

# 2011 Pow Wow Highlights

[http://www.youtube.com/user/  
PoarchCreekPowWow?feature=mhee](http://www.youtube.com/user/PoarchCreekPowWow?feature=mhee)



# LEGAL UPDATE

*Submitted by Legal Department*

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

## Significant Tribal Legislation

### ***Alcohol Beverage Control Ordinance***

The Tribal Council approved amendments to the Alcohol Beverage Control Ordinance on January 19, 2012. The revisions expanded the role of the Public Safety Department in licensing and in promulgating rules and regulations. The Ordinance also established a renewal application process for licenses and permits. The amended Ordinance has been submitted to the Bureau of Indian Affairs for final approval and will not be effective until approval is received.

### ***Tribal Historic Preservation Code***

The Tribal Council amended and updated the Tribal Historic Preservation Code on February 2, 2012. The revisions convert the Calvin McGhee Cultural Management Authority into the Tribal Historic Preservation Office; set forth the duties and responsibilities of the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer and the Historic Preservation Review Board (formerly known as the Cultural

Management Authority Director and the Cultural Management Authority Board, respectively); and establish a process for applying and issuing archaeological and land-use permits, for certifying Tribal Member artisans and non-member Indian artisans, and for determining the disposition of Historic Property, Burial Grounds, or Sacred Sites. The Code also establishes a procedure for adding Tribal Lands or Tribally-owned buildings to a Tribal Historic Register and for identifying Tribal Lands or Tribally-owned buildings for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places.

### ***Election Code***

On February 2, 2012, the Tribal Council amended the Election Code. The revisions now require the election notice be issued "at least ninety (90) days prior to the day of the election and include all relevant deadlines for candidacy and voting." With the revisions, the Election Board shall post a list of all Candidates, including walk-in Candidates, at the polling site prior to the polls opening for walk-in voting. The revisions to the Election Code now allow a candidate the use of Poarch Band of Creek Indian or vendor trademarks in campaign materials and any Eligible Voter to request an absentee ballot regardless of circumstances. Finally, any elections challenges alleging impropriety by the Election Board will be referred to and decided by the Ethics Board.

### ***Tort Claims Act***

On February 2, 2012, Tribal Council amended the Tort Claims Act. The revisions clarify that disputes concerning gaming transactions or promotions, claims for winnings, claims for machine malfunction, claims for promotions or prizes, and claims for points are not covered by the Act. The revisions also change the appeals process so that gaming facility patrons now file their denied claims in Tribal Court.

### ***Criminal Code***

As the Tribal Council passed legislation regarding the Election Code, Tribal Historic Preservation Code, and the Alcohol Beverage Control Ordinance, the Tribal Council made corresponding revisions to the Criminal Code. The crime of absentee voting fraud was moved from the Election Code to the Criminal Code. In conjunction with the Tribal Historic Preservation Code, the Tribal Council repealed the crime of removal and destruction of antiquities and enacted the crimes of vandalism against historic property, unlawful possession of historic property, and desecration of burial grounds or private graves. Finally, the Tribal Council amended the Criminal Code to include the crimes of furnishing alcoholic beverages to minors, possession of alcoholic beverages by minors, and the fraudulent submission of information for alcohol beverage licenses and permits.

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# CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS



**Carl McGhee**  
**February 9, 2012**

Happy 95th Birthday Dad! We love you!

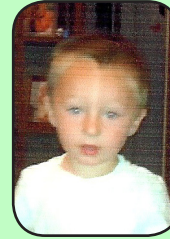
Love, Glenn, Gilbert, Carl Jr., Robert, Harold, Larry, Sandra, and family.



**Casey Jackson**  
**February 16, 2012**

Casey Jackson celebrated his "16th" birthday on February 16th in Washington while attending Close Up 2012.

Happy Birthday Casey from Mom, Dad, Chance, Granny Mable, and Granny and PawPaw Tullis!



**Kolby Rayborn**  
**February 20, 2012**

We would like to wish a happy 3rd birthday to Kolby Rayborn! Happy belated birthday! Love Mama, Daddy, Nana, Wesley, Mimi, Aviya, Dillon, Kalba, and Carter.



**Zachary Gardner**  
**February 22, 2012**

Happy 12<sup>th</sup> Birthday! Son of Ralph and Carla Gardner; grandson of Ralph (McGhee)

Gardner; and the great-grandson of Noah McGhee and Wesley Henson McGhee. Love, Dad, Mom and Megan!



**Wesley Rayborn**  
**February 29, 2012**

I would like to wish a happy belated birthday to Wesley Rayborn. Happy Birthday "WesWee"!

Love you, Tonya.



**Magen Gardner**  
**March 1, 2012**

Happy 10<sup>th</sup> Birthday! Daughter of Ralph and Carla Gardner; granddaughter of Ralph (McGhee) Gardner; and the great-granddaughter of Noah McGhee and Wesley Henson McGhee. Love, Dad, Mom, and Zachary!

**Cruz McGhee**  
**March 1, 2012**

Happy Birthday Cruz!  
We love you!

Love, your family.



**Cole Whatley**  
**March 1, 2012**

Happy 18th Birthday Cole! We love you! Cole is the son of Stephanie Ledkins and the grandson of Joe and

Kathy Ledkins. Mom, Cierra, Nevaeh, Nannie, Paw Paw, and family!



**Coty Rolin**  
**March 2, 2012**

Coty Rolin will be celebrating his 22<sup>nd</sup> birthday on March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

We wish you a Happy Birthday! Love, Mom, Dad & Brooke.



**Mitch Parker**  
**March 3, 2012**

Happy Birthday Mitch!  
We love you!

From your wife Karen, you sister Vickey and husband Tommy, your Mom Irene, and Martell.



**Dennis Vickery**  
**March 5 2012**

Happy 57th birthday Dennis!

Happy birthday brother, from your sister Connie.



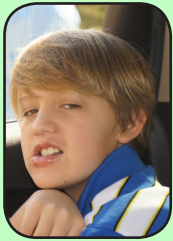
**Mikayla Spruill**  
**March 8, 2012**

Happy 14th birthday KK!! We hope you have a great birthday!

Love, Mom, Dad, Josh, and your family.

*Birthday Wishes may be subitted for Tribal Members, spouses, First Generation Indian Descent, and those living in Tribal Member households and are limited to 30 words or less. Birthday Wishes may be submitted for publication in the newsletter the month before, the month of, or the month after the birthday as long as established deadlines have been met.*

# CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS



**Jaylan Daughtry**  
**March 14 2012**

Jaylan Daughtry will celebrate his 11<sup>th</sup> birthday on March 14<sup>th</sup>. Happy Birthday Jaylan!!!

We love you, Mom, Dad, Lexi, and Josie.



**Cierra McGhee**  
**March 16 2012**

Happy 13th Birthday! You made it through an extremely difficult year, but God has kept you here with us. We love you!

Mom, Cole, Nevaeh, Nannie, Paw Paw and family.

**Troy McGhee, Sr.**  
**March 21, 2012**

Happy Birthday Troy!  
We love you!

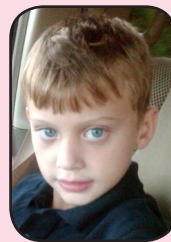
Love, your family.



**Aviya Labue**  
**March 26, 2012**

Happy 4th birthday Aviya!

Love Mama, Dillon & Jaye, Nana, Wesley, Trent, Ashley, Kolby, Kalba & Carter.



**Joshua Spruill**  
**March 27, 2012**

Happy 9th birthday Josh!! We hope you have a great birthday!

Love Mom, Dad, Mikayla, and family.



**Austin Shuttlesworth**  
**March 27, 2012**

Happy 16<sup>th</sup> birthday to Austin Shuttlesworth on March 27th!

Love , Mom, Darrell, Dad, Denver, Anna Grace, Maw Maw, Paw, and Grandmaw.



**Misty Rolin**  
**March 28, 2012**

Happy 30th Birthday Misty! We love you very much.

Love Dillon, Aviya & Jaye, Mama & Wesley, Trent, Ashley, Kolby, Kalba & Carter.



**Shirley "Pug" Roberson**  
**March 30, 2012**

Happy Birthday 56th birthday Pug!! We love you!

Happy birthday from your family.

**Chester F. McGhee**  
**March 30, 2012**

Chester Fields McGhee will celebrate his 73rd birthday on March 30, 2012.

Happy birthday Fields!

**Candace Fayard**  
**March 31, 2012**

Happy Birthday Candace!

We love you, your husband Brian, daughter Emily, son Curt, Mother Velma, sister, Lori and her two nieces Peyton and Paige.

## ***The Mace & Coot McGhee Family in Alabama Sends Birthday Wishes to Loved Ones in Washington and California***

Taylor Menzel of Everett, WA  
Mollie Williamson of Fairfield, CA  
George Menzel of Everett, WA  
Colby Menzel of Everett, WA

February 7, 2012  
February 7, 2012  
February 24, 2012  
February 27, 2012

Pam Williamson of Fairfield, CA  
Mace McGhee, Jr. of Bellington, WA  
March 21, 2012  
March 27, 2012

Your family in Alabama would like to say "Happy Birthday, we love you!" to each of you!

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# BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

## ***William "Kohen" Wasdin*** ***January 13, 2012***

Timmy and Bridget Wasdin would like to announce the birth of their son, William "Kohen" Wasdin.



Kohen was born on January 13, 2012 at 7:01p.m. He weighed 6 lbs. 9 ozs. and was 20 1/2 inches long.

Kohen is the grandson of William and Shelia Rolin and the great-grandson of the late Tracy and Girlie Rolin.

## ***Bella Lynn Walker*** ***January 17, 2012***

Bill and Casey Walker are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Bella Lynn Walker.



Bella was born on January 17, 2012; at birth she weighed 8 lbs. and was 21 in. long.

Bella is welcomed home by her brother Dalton and sisters Alexis and Halona.

## ***Brylynn Mack McGhee*** ***January 24, 2012***

Bryan and Kim McGhee would like to announce the birth of their daughter Brylynn Mack McGhee.



Brylynn was born January 24, 2012 at 6:52 a.m.; She weighed 7 lbs, 14.3 ozs. and was 20 inches long.

Brylynn is the baby sister of T.J., Madison, and Braden. Brylynn is the granddaughter of Thelma & the late Mack Baker, and the late Hollis McGhee & Sharon Newby.

## ***Mattylyn Juliette Tate*** ***February 2, 2012***

Matthew and Julie (McGhee) Tate announce the birth of their daughter, Mattylyn Juliette Tate.



Mattylyn was born on February 2, 2012 at 9:55 a.m. She weighed 9 lbs 11oz and was 22 1/2 inches long.

She is the granddaughter of Harold and Lynna McGhee of Brewton, the late Mark Tate, and Carol and Bob Gann of Stilwell; and she is the great-granddaughter of Carl McGhee of Walnut Hill.

*Birth Announcements may be submitted for publication in the newsletter as long as the information is submitted by the last working day of the month immediately following the birth as long as established deadlines have been met. Birth Announcements are limited to Tribal Members, First Generation Indian Descent, or those living in Tribal Member households.*

# WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT

## **Barnhill and Hodges to Wed**

Ashley Barnhill and Lance Hodges are proud to announce their upcoming wedding on Saturday, the twenty-fourth day of March, two thousand and twelve at 5:00 in the evening. Ceremony will be held at the First Baptist Church, 310 South Main Street, Atmore, Alabama.

Ashley is the daughter of Roger Barnhill and Mary Hodges. Paternal grandparents are Dillard Barnhill and the late Ada Hubbard. Maternal grandparents are Fred and Gladys Mothershed.

Lance is the son of Joe Hodges and Patricia A. Rolin. Paternal grandparents are the late George Hodges and the late Annie May Cook. Maternal grandparents are Wilbert "Bud" Rolin and the late Voncile Rolin.



We would like to extend a sincere invitation to all family and friends. Reception will be held immediately following the ceremony at The Wisteria, 121 North Main Street, Atmore, Alabama.

## ANNIVERSARY WISHES



### **James & Viola McWilliams** **March 11, 2012**

*... "Marriages often struggle to endure  
as each day seems hard & long,  
But here's a couple whose lasting devotion  
carries a 'rhythm' echoing - lifes' song.*

*Accomplishments can be counted  
in O' so many different ways,  
But none could be more Grand  
then a measure in 'Half Centuries',  
not days!"...*

Congratulations to James & Viola (Bobbie) McWilliams, who celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on March 11, 2012.

They have nurtured a family of 8 kids, 24 grand-kids, 27 great grand-kids & 1 great-great grand-kid, all of whom extend a giant group hug honoring this momentous occasion.

We love you,  
Your ever growing family!

*Anniversary Wishes may be submitted for publication in the newsletter the month before, the month of, or the month after the anniversary as long as established deadlines have been met. Anniversary Wishes are limited to Tribal Members, First Generation Indian Descent, or those living in Tribal Member households.*

*Wedding/Engagement Announcements may be submitted for publication in the newsletter as long as the information is submitted by the last working day of the month immediately following the wedding/engagement as long as established deadlines have been met. Wedding/Engagement Announcements are limited to Tribal Members, First Generation Indian Descent, or those living in Tribal Member households.*



# EDUCATION NEWS & UPDATES

## 2012 A New Year For New Changes

### We're here to Help !!

Tribal Member and First Generation students may attend free GED classes at the PCI Education Department.

Come by the Education Department and enroll in a class today. We have night and day classes to help meet the your needs.

### *Night Classes*

Tuesdays..... 5-8 p.m.

Wednesdays..... 5-8 p.m.

Thursdays..... 5-7 p.m.

### *Day Classes*

Monday-Friday.... 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. or  
1:00 p.m. -3:00 p.m.

Contact Billie McGhee at (251) 368-9136 ext. 2243 for more information on the GED program and/or other educational opportunities.

## 2012 A New Year To Participate in 4-H!!

Don't forget that the 4-H Club meets the second and fourth Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the Education Department. The 4-H

Club is open to Tribal and community children. Come join the fun!

Contact Cristyn Sells at (251) 368-99136 x 2244 for more information.



## CHANGE TO TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

In last month's issue we shared that Tribal Council meetings will be held at 4:00 p.m. the first and third Thursday of each month. To better accommodate working Tribal Members, the Tribal Council has decided to begin the following Tribal Council Meetings at 6:00 p.m. All other Tribal Council meetings will continue to convene at 4:00 p.m. unless notified differently.

Thursday, March 1, 2012	6:00 p.m.
Thursday, June 7, 2012	6:00 p.m.
Thursday, September 6, 2012	6:00 p.m.
Thursday, December 6, 2012	6:00 p.m.

***Correction: Tribal Members may not request to address the Council in Executive Session in advance; request must be made at Tribal Council meeting and then approved by Tribal Council Motion. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.***



## Attention 2012 Graduating High School Seniors



The Tribal Council, Education Advisory Committee, and Education Department would like to recognize all graduating high school seniors that will be receiving scholarship money from the tribe. This includes all tribal members graduating from high school and 1<sup>st</sup> generation graduates that have been awarded a scholarship from the Education Department. In order to be recognized for this scholarship at your awards day, you must complete the information below and **return to the PCI Education Department by 5pm on April 15, 2012.**

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

School Counselor or Contact Person's Name and Contact Information: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Date of Awards/Honor's Day: \_\_\_\_\_

Please select one of the following:

\_\_\_\_\_ I am a tribal member that will receive a \$30,000 scholarship fund.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am first generation that was awarded a scholarship from the tribe.

The amount of my award is \_\_\_\_\_.

Please direct any questions to Cassandra Stallworth at 251-368-9136 ext. 2021 or via email [cstallworth@pci-nsn.gov](mailto:cstallworth@pci-nsn.gov) in the PCI Education Department.

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



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# BOARD & COMMITTEE UPDATES

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*The Tribal Council has requested that the Chairman from each Board/Committee submit a monthly update to be published in the Poarch Creek News. Each month those submissions will be published in this area. Commissions & Authorities update the Council on a regularly scheduled basis; those updates will be included in the Tribal Council Minutes unless an update is submitted via this request.*

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## ***Tribal Gaming Commission***

2012 is shaping up to be a very busy year for the Tribal Gaming Commission (TGC). The TGC recently re-issued the facility licenses for all three gaming properties operated by the Tribe. The TGC employee licensing department has been very busy with the influx of new employees, in part, due to the expansion of Creek Casino Montgomery, as well as the renewals of current gaming licenses for PCI Gaming employees.

As part of his federal appointment by the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC) to the Tribal Advisory Committee, Administrator Daniel McGhee has been very busy with finalizing recommended changes to the Minimum Internal Control Standards (MICS) and Technical Standards for Class II Gaming. The TGC HR department would like to remind everyone that job applications are available on the TGC website at <http://pci-tgc.org>.

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## ***PCI Utilities Authority***

The Poarch Creek Indians Utilities Authority (PCIUA) consists of 7 board members and 8 employees to provide water, waste water, and solid waste collection services to the Tribe and community. PCI Utilities is currently and actively researching additional treatment options to reclassify the waste water treatment plant Class B sludge to a Class A to provide multiple disposal and application opportunities. Utilities Services has just completed the sand blasting, repainting, disinfection, and inspection of the West Tank on Martin Road. CSI is currently working

on the second phase of the SCADA upgrade and PCIUA staff is beginning to develop a more comprehensive asset management plan. PCI Utilities has also begun evaluating the need for a hydraulic model of the water and wastewater system for the better understanding of capabilities to handle future developments and develop better operational procedures. PCIUA is fabricating trash bins for Judson and New Home Cemeteries. Along with regular daily duties, Utilities staff is installing water lines and grinder stations for private local residents.

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## ***Historic Preservation Board (Formerly Calvin McGhee Cultural Management Authority)***

The Historic Preservation Board has completed the 100% Conceptual Design plan for our new museum with Split Rock Studios (our museum design firm). What this means, is that the actual construction and installation of museum exhibits will begin soon. We are still hoping that the museum will be completed this year for a grand opening sometime near our annual celebration.

Present Historic Preservation Office staff includes: Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO), Robert Thrower; Traditional Arts Demonstrator, Margaret Baggett; Planning & Events Coordinator, Clayton Coon; Cultural Educator, Alex Alvarez; Mvskoke Language Instructor, Whitney Smedley, Community Outreach Coordinator, Amber Alvarez; and Gift Shop Clerk, Jo Ann Hiebert. At the present, there is a vacancy in our Administrative Assistant position.

Our gift shop is open to the public, Monday - Friday, from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. In case you haven't heard, we now have Tribal flags for sale in the gift shop.

The Historic Preservation Office staff offers our condolences to the family of former Chief Houston McGhee, an inspirational leader and supporter of Creek Indian Culture for the Poarch Creek community.

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## ***Muskogee Inn***

This is a list of all our employees at Muskogee Inn. Their dedication and hard work is keeping Muskogee Inn afloat during this down economy and in consideration of the competition next door (Holiday Inn Express and Hampton Inn). We are proud of our managers and support staff for doing a great job in providing excellent service to the patrons and managing the revenue/operating expenses.

### Front Desk Clerks

Roxanna Harrelson – Supervisor

Mary McPherson      Joslin Frye

Pamela Radford      Jerri Davis

### Housekeeping

Brenda Jay – Supervisor

Carol Harrison    Gracie Barnes      Brandy Lynam

Brenda Godwin    Dorothy Coley      Mavis McCurdy

Kayla Macks      Renee Merchant

### Security

James Lee      Wyatt Wardrop

### Administrative Assistant

Theresa Fountain

### Management

Rochel Martin – General Manager

Angel Caraway – Assistant Manager

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## ***Tribal Employment Rights Commission (TERO)***

The TERO Commission has recently approved new Rules and Regulations established to help govern the certification and registration process for Tribal businesses and Tribal Member businesses wishing to be placed on the TERO Certified List. The TERO Commission received both written and oral comments at a public hearing held on October 13, 2011 and considered these comments in our final determination of the rules and regulations. These rules and regulations are deemed necessary to help

administer the Commission's responsibilities under the TERO Ordinance. The TERO ordinance is a working document and the Commission is committed to continue to make recommendations to revise or amend parts of the Ordinance that would be beneficial to the Tribe as a whole.

Our staff consists of:

Jessica Singleton-Administrative Assistant

Valerie Taylor- TERO Clerk

Patricia Rolin- Compliance Officer

Carol Cole- TERO Director

Our Commission members are:

Linda Brooks- Commissioner

Sandy Hollinger- Tribal Council Representative & Treasurer

Debra Strickland- Secretary

Carolyn White-Vice Chair

Wayne Colbert- Chairman

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## ***Perdido River Farms***

The Perdido River Farms (PRF) Enterprise would like to update Tribal Members on the volume of cattle that are currently being worked on the farm.

From October 1<sup>st</sup> 2010 to the present we have:

- 29 Bulls
- 600 Brood Cows
- 400 New Calves
- 1300 Heifers and Steers

We continue to keep the Flowers family in our thoughts and prayers.

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# POARCH CREEK TRIBAL POLICE

## *Providing a safe and secure place for Tribal Members and family to work, live, and play.*

*Submitted by Valon McGhee, TPO/Investigations*

In 2011 the Poarch Creek Tribal Police Department Dispatchers logged in around 10,973 calls for service; this was up dramatically from years past. The Tribal Police Department has 47 sworn law enforcement officers; three of which are assigned to investigations and two which deal primarily with drug related offenses. The number of patrol officers on the streets has increased; visibility is the primary key to prevent crime. We have already noticed a dramatic difference in traffic related complaints and reduction of certain crimes simply because of the increase in officer presence.

The department's investigation division reported around 721 cases that were presented to investigations for review and processing. These cases included several major property crimes cases, such as burglary and motor vehicle thefts, assaults, and miscellaneous thefts. Some major cases also investigated ranged from aggravated sexual abuse of a child under 12, possession of child pornography, and robbery. These cases were actively prosecuted in state and federal court and resulted in convictions on the alleged perpetrators. The overall statistical rate, which is reported to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, shows a 95% clearance rate for all crimes reported on the Reservation. While we have seen a dramatic increase in criminal activity, the message is clear that the Poarch Creek Tribal Police will pursue these cases until the ones involved are found and prosecuted for their actions. Our primary goal and responsibility is to provide a safe and secure place for our Tribal Members and family to work, live, and play.

A community policing strategy has been implemented which consist of assigning officers to patrol in the subdivisions. This allows the officers to patrol these areas in police vehicles and on foot. Officers are encouraged to meet the public and communicate with them. We have received some positive feedback from this project as well as input from the community on information of criminal

activities that are a concern to them. We hope to get more involvement in the future through community meetings. We want to be a part of the solution to the problems facing the families who live on the Reservation. Only when we can say that we have eliminated all the criminal elements that pose a danger to our society can we truly be satisfied with our accomplishments. Until then we will strive to improve each day on these target goals.

2012 has already proved to be a busy year for narcotic investigators. During 2011, there were 117 drug related arrest. Narcotic Investigators are also assigned to the 21<sup>st</sup> Judicial Drug Task Force and assist with other agencies. Officer Dale Lisenby assisted the Atmore Police Department in several search warrants related to drug investigations. Officer Lisenby assisted the Escambia County Drug Task Force and the Atmore Police Department in recovering 23 grams of powder cocaine (street value \$2,000); a 3-gram bag of marijuana; and other drug related paraphernalia.



*L-R Atmore PD Officer Stephen Waguespack, Tribal Police Officer Dale Lisenby, and DTF Agent Scott Walden shown with seized drug paraphernalia.*

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to call me or another Officer at any time. All information will be kept confidential. Let us work together to make our community a better and safer place for our children, our families and ourselves.

# TALENT IS NOT ENOUGH

*"When I scout young athletes that I would like to play on my team, I look for more than just talent. You may be great on the field, but I also consider how you act and interact when you are not on the field. How do you treat your fellow team members? How do you treat your fellow students, family and friends? Are you respectful of your parents or do you talk back and treat them with disrespect?" stated Mark Calvi, head baseball coach from the University of South Alabama and guest speaker of the 2011 Sports Banquet held at Wind Creek Casino on February 3, 2012. He continued by saying that if an athlete is disrespectful to those around him, he will no longer be interested in having them on his team.*



*Coach Mark Calvi*

Calvi stated that he has come to find that there are three characteristics of successful people. The first is that you have to have the right work ethic. What price are you willing to pay for long term success? Success here is not monetary or material things; it is success in fulfilling your dreams. If you dream of becoming a professional athlete, are you willing to work for it and make the necessary sacrifices that must be made? Do you have the work ethic it takes to get up in the morning and lift weights, run

a mile, or even stay on the right dietary regimen? This is the work ethic and success he referenced. Secondly, you must pay attention to the details. Do you pay attention to the smaller things such as wearing the right running shoe and equipment? Always remember that today is part of tomorrow. Calvi's third characteristic is working on your people skills and relationships. "Do your best on and off the field. Treat people with respect."

Kristye Hall-Chastang, former all star volleyball player from the University of Alabama and owner of Buckaroo Barn, which helps children with disabilities, was also a guest speaker at the Sports Banquet and her presentation followed the same theme as Coach Calvi's. "Talent is not enough, you have to have discipline and take advantage of the opportunities that come your way."



*Kristye Hall-Chastang*

The Wellness & Activities Authority board members and staff were present to recognize and honor Tribal athletes, coaches, local principals, and other dignitaries as well as to present the 2011 Athlete of the Year Award. Approximately 135 guests attended the banquet, including twelve NAYO and local high school coaches, two principals, guest speakers Mark Calvi and Kriystie Hall-Chastang, 24 Tribal Athletes, and other guests.

The night ended with the presentation of the Athlete of the Year Award to Kelsey Ledkins of Excel, AL. Kelsey is the daughter of Stephen and Jackie Ledkins and the granddaughter of Joe and Kathy Ledkins and Ann Luker. Kelsey was a member of the 2011 NAYO girls softball team; at Excel High School she was a member of the softball team, co-captain of the cheerleader squad, a member of the Key Club, the Student Council, the Junior Civitan Club, National Honor Society, and the Senior BETA Club.

The Wellness & Activities Authority and staff congratulates Kelsey and all other athletes that participated in the sports arena in 2011.

*Read more about Kelsey and her future plans as an athlete on page 37.*



*Athletes and guest speakers*



*Athlete of the Year Kelsey Ledkins shown with Wellness & Activities Authority Members Rodney Exum and Cassie Lassiter*



# FORMER CHIEF HOUSTON MCGHEE PASSES AWAY

*By Sharon Delmar, Public Relations Tribal Liaison*

***Houston McGhee, former Chief of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians, passed away January 31, 2012, at home surrounded by his family. Mr. McGhee was a lifetime resident of Poarch, AL.***

***In 1970 Houston McGhee was named Chief after the passing of his father Chief Calvin McGhee. He served the Tribe in this position until he resigned in 1977. After his resignation, McGhee continued to work on behalf of the Poarch Creeks supporting their efforts to become federally recognized. After the Poarch Creeks were granted federal recognition in 1984, McGhee came back to work as an employee for Poarch Creek Indian Tribal Government in 1988 and worked there until his retirement in 2004. After his retirement McGhee remained an active member of the community, always ready to help his fellow Tribal Members.***

Robert McGhee, Governmental Relations Advisor and Tribal Council Treasurer said, "It is with the combined efforts of the leadership who came before us that we are now known as the Poarch Band of Creek Indians, a strong and well respected Indian Nation. He will always be remembered as a man and leader that loved his family, friends, this community and Tribe, and has always been proud of the success we experience today and to call himself Poarch Creek."

In 2011, former Chief Houston McGhee gave his oral history to the Poarch Creek Archives. Here is an excerpt from McGhee's oral history:

"Chief Calvin McGhee-I am his son and I wanted to follow him. I wanted to help the people to get something—to build something. We didn't have anything here. I wanted a museum with books in it. The people would like to see that. That's what I



*Houston McGhee*

*Photo by Ellen O'Barr*

wanted."

His wife Margie McGhee said, "He was for the people" speaking of his service as Chief.

Chief Houston McGhee's oral history is on file for anyone who would like to learn more about his time as Chief and the legacy he leaves the Tribe.

## OUR DEEPEST THANKS AND APPRECIATION

The family of Houston McGhee would like to extend our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to the family that is Poarch Creek Indians. Many of you have constantly been by our side through-out Daddy's illness and our ultimate loss on January 31, 2012.

Words cannot express how we feel knowing that our local community loved Daddy as much as we did and did everything possible to make his last days as worry free as possible.

We thank each of you for the support, prayers, food, visits, the memories of Daddy through-out the years, and the love that was shown to our family during this time.

May God bless each and every one of you!

The Houston McGhee Family

# 2012 TRIBAL ELECTION SET FOR JUNE 2, 2012

Pursuant to Section 22-3-6 of the Tribal Election Code, notice is hereby given that the 2012 Tribal Council Election shall be held on Saturday, June 2, 2012 at the Community Service Building (PCI SAIL Center). Voting will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Election results will be posted at the Tribal Center on the Community Bulletin Board, and published in the July Tribal Newsletter.

In the 2012 election, the General Council will directly elect the Vice-Chairman and two at-large Tribal Council members. Anyone wishing to be a candidate for this year's election must complete a written statement of candidacy with the Election Board no later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 3, 2012.

Walk-in voting will be held beginning Monday, May 21, 2012 through Friday, June 1, 2012 in the Community Services Building (PCI SAIL Center). This does include Saturday, May 26, 2012. Walk-in voting times will be from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily, with the exception that we will be closed on Sunday and Monday, May 27 and 28, 2012 and on the last Friday, June 1, 2012 the hours will be from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Tribal members may vote by absentee by completing and submitting an Absentee Ballot Request. The Absentee ballot request form will be posted on the Tribal Web site and will be available at the Tribal Center. For your convenience, a copy of Request for Absentee Ballot and Letter of Candidacy has been incorporated in this issue.



## *Tribal Election Calendar*

**Tuesday, April 3, 2012** Deadline to submit Letter of Candidacy, Biography, and picture for Tribal Council if name to be printed on official ballot, and bio and picture printed in May newsletter

**Friday, April 13, 2012** Names of candidates and any proposed constitutional amendments, ordinances, and/or resolution will be posted.

**Thursday, May 3, 2012** Last day to submit Letter of Candidacy for Tribal Council to be a Write-In on Ballot. All Names of Candidates will be posted within 10 days

**Saturday, May 12, 2012** Tribally sponsored meet and greet for all candidates.

**Monday, May 21, 2012** Walk In voting begins 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

**Tuesday, May 22, 2012** Last day to request that an Absentee Ballot be mailed out.

**Saturday, May 26, 2012** Walk in voting open 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

**Friday, June 1, 2012** Walk In voting ends at 5:00 p.m.

**Friday, June 1, 2012** Deadline to receive Absentee Ballots at 5:00 p.m.

**Saturday, June 2, 2012** 2012 Tribal Election Day. Voting from 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Should you have any questions pertaining to the 2012 Tribal Council Elections, please feel free to contact Edie Jackson at (251) 368-9136 ext. 2231.

*Pictured to the left are Election Board members and alternates.*

*Seated left to right are alternates Velma Crocker, Brenda Faircloth, and Carolyn Peterson. Standing left to right are board members Deloris Kelley, Carolyn Rackard, Gwen Manning, and Board Chairperson Edie Jackson. Not shown is board member Gilbert McGhee.*





# ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST

## 2012 POARCH CREEK INDIAN TRIBAL COUNCIL ELECTION

### SATURDAY, JUNE 2, 2012

I, \_\_\_\_\_, am an enrolled member of the Poarch Creek Indians, and will be at least eighteen (18) years of age on or before June 2, 2012.

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

☐ June 2, 2012      ☐ Run-off election if applicable.

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
FIRST MIDDLE MAIDEN LAST

\_\_\_\_\_  
STREET ADDRESS CITY STATE ZIP CODE

(\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
TELEPHONE NUMBER DATE OF BIRTH TRIBAL ROLL NO.

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

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**Requests for Absentee Ballots that are to be mailed must be received by the Election Board no later than the close of business on Tuesday, May 22, 2012. Requests received after the deadline will not be honored.**

Should you have any questions pertaining to the 2012 Tribal Council Elections, please feel free to contact Edie Jackson at (251) 368-9136 ext 2231.



POARCH CREEK INDIANS

## WRITTEN STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY

For the Tribal Election of the Poarch Creek Indians to be held Saturday, June 2, 2012, I, \_\_\_\_\_, declare my candidacy for [ ] Vice-Chairman of the Tribal Council, or [ ] an at large Tribal Council position. I am enclosing my fees of [ ] \$250 for the Officer position or [ ] \$100 for an at large position.

Name as you desire it to be listed on the official Election Ballot: Must be legal name or nickname. **No Slogans.**

*Please Print*

### **Consent for Background Verification**

I authorize the Tribal Election Board of the Poarch Creek Indians to investigate and verify my eligibility, as established in the Tribal Election Procedures, to be a candidate for a position on the Tribal Council, in the Tribal Election of the Poarch Creek Indians to be held on Saturday, June 2, 2012.

Tribal Roll No: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security No: \_\_\_\_\_

I will be at least twenty-one (21) years of age on the date of the Election and have never been convicted of a felony. I agree to make public, in writing to the Election Board, any contributions to my campaign in accordance with the Election Code.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Home

\_\_\_\_\_  
Work

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

Before me personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_ and known to me to be the individual described by said name, has signed the above statement.

Given under my hand and seal this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2012.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary

My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_



# Remembering Deceased Tribal Members

The following Tribal Members passed away in 2011; their families remain in our thoughts and prayers:

## January

Leon Colbert  
Betty Lou Gentry  
James Charles Madison  
Donald Allen Reid  
Mattie Lucile Anderson  
Jerry O'Neal Greet

## March

Letha McGhee  
Willie Gay Lundy  
Ralph Wayne Walker

## April

Willie Ray Woods  
Charles Rolin

## May

Dewayne Walker  
Robert D. Taylor, Sr.  
Gene Autry Rackard

## June

Earl McGhee  
Nina Gail Thrower  
Sybil McGhee Smedley  
Robert L. McClellan

## July

Laverne D. Pohronezny  
Thomas Lee Roland, Sr.  
Richard Lynn Mullins

## August

Marie A. Harris  
Mary A. Harp

## September

Eloise Murphy Brown  
Eula Mae Potts  
Benny Autry McGhee  
Martha M. Mann  
Johnny Bill Kleinatland

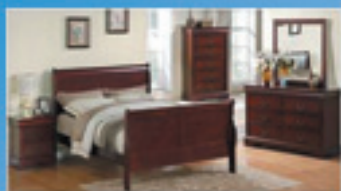
## October

George W. Taylor, Sr.  
Barbara Ann Lester  
Chaster A. Sagers  
Amanda C.Z. Baggett  
Dudley Eugene Smith

## November

Fred Thomas McGhee, Sr.  
J.C. Walker, Jr.  
Laden Laurine Christy  
Kathryn Rayborn Boley  
Winfred Jerry Malone  
Anna Bea Woods Phipps  
James B. Johnson  
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## ***Accommodating our Growing Pains!***

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

With the growing members of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians Boys & Girls Club our board saw a

need for additional space. They leased four portable classrooms from Mod Space, out of Mobile. Presently each building houses approximately 30 children. These buildings are temporary until we have a permanent location.



# LOOK WHO GRADUATED! CREEKS OVERCOME THE EDUCATION BARRIER

Many Tribal Members were shut out of education in Escambia County High School because of generational discriminatory practices, but that did not stop the determined Creeks who persevered to obtain their degrees. Even before the Poarch Band of Creek Indians was a federally recognized tribe, Tribal Members understood the importance of an education as evidenced in the archival photograph of the graduating class of 1980.

Mrs. Roberta McGhee Sells (known as Aunt Bert) was the valedictorian of her class and is pictured along with her classmates at the Poarch Creek Indians GED Commencement which was held on June 27, 1980. She noted that with an education, "We are strong!"

Can you pick Aunt Bert out of the photograph? Look at the names of the graduates on the GED Commencement Program. How many graduates can you identify in the photograph?

Images of the graduating class and the Commencement Program were donated to the Office of Archives and Records Management by the family of Mrs. Roberta McGhee Sells to emphasize the importance of education. Aunt Bert was in her sixties when she received her diploma which demonstrates that it is never too late in life to get your degree.

Following Aunt Bert's example, several older students have recently graduated from the Poarch Creek Indians' GED Program in the



*Photo of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians Graduating Class of 1980*

Education Department, Education Coordinator Mrs. Billie McGhee said, "One is over the age of seventy."

McGhee, the mother of six successful graduates, said in the past, some students were intensely shaking when they went to take the GED test because they were fearful of possibly failing. Now Tribal Members and their spouses do not have to wrestle with failure, McGhee said, because they can receive special accommodations which provide extended test time and the guidance of audio recordings. These special accommodations lead to high pass rates which provide the medium for graduates to seek fulltime employment at the WindCreek Casino & Hotel. This employment "can raise the level of the family income in Tribal Member homes," McGhee said. "I like to see them realize that they are intelligent people; that they can overcome self-doubts and they *can achieve!*" McGhee exclaimed with eagerness.

More opportunities are open to Creeks than we have ever had before. Today, an education can take you anywhere you want to go. The question is, "*Where do you want to go?*"

## THE POARCH BAND OF CREEKS

### GRADUATES

CECELIA BAILEY  
YVONNE CRENSHAW  
WILLIAM DESILVEY  
VERNIE GERMAN  
ROGER GRIFFITH  
\*LINDA HADLEY  
JOHNIE HOWELL  
\*MABLE JACKSON  
\*MARTHA JACKSON  
JOHN JONES  
BETTY ANN MCGHEE  
PATSY MCGHEE  
WILLENE MCGHEE  
\*LAVENE MINCHEW  
\*LANETT MORRIS  
MACK JUNIOR MORRIS  
TERRY ORDIS  
ELVIS PRESLEY  
JERRY ROLIN  
ROBERTA SELLS  
MARTHA STABLER  
MARLIN THEAD  
ERNEST VICKERY  
JERRY WILLIAMS

\*1978 Graduates (Eugene Madison, Instructor)

1980 Graduates (Gay Dzew, Instructor)

*List of graduating students.*

*An excerpt from the Poarch Band of Creek Indians GED Commencement Program in 1980.*

# ***Fusing Red Earth:***

*Moundville Pottery Gathering and Expo*

March 28 – 31, 2012

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**



**MOUNDVILLE**  
ARCHAEOLOGICAL PARK

### **WHAT:**

***Fusing Red Earth*** is a gathering and expo of people interested in Southeastern Indian pottery, past and present. The program features open discussions on tribal revitalization and design symbolism, presentations on prehistoric and contemporary ceramics, tours involving institutional collections of indigenous ceramics and workshops and demonstrations focused on Southeastern Indian pottery making. Two exhibits and a Saturday exposition day are other integral parts of the gathering.

### **WHO:**

Potters, both native and non-native, doing traditional, contemporary or replication work, join scholars, museum professionals, students and others to share their knowledge of the art, technology and evolution of ceramic production in the Southeast.

### **WHY:**

Much of the pottery and other art works produced by the people originally inhabiting the North American Southeast was and/or is every bit as spectacular as that created by the southwestern tribes. Unfortunately, the cultural art world's primary focus is still on southwestern native art.

A major step in making others aware of the excellence of these ceramics is to bring together potters whose work is influenced by Southeastern Indians. Additionally, scholars, students and others interested in the art have much to contribute to everyone's overall knowledge of the art. Ultimately, this and possible future gatherings will result in positive communication between artists, scholars, art collectors, students and museum professionals. Additionally, Moundville Archaeological Park would like to develop a website for its gift shop that features the best modern Southeastern Native American pottery available for purchase.

### **HOW:**

Complete and return the registration form that is posted on the Cultural Authority page of Tribe's web site at [www.poarchcreekindians-nsn.gov](http://www.poarchcreekindians-nsn.gov). Then gather up your clay, pots, sculpture, books and/or knowledge and meet us at Moundville!

### **ACCOMODATIONS:**

**Host Hotel:** Jameson Inn – Tuscaloosa (\$65.99/night plus tax)  
Alabama Highway 69S at Exit 71A off of I-20/59  
Call Brenda at 205-345-5018 and mention  
***The Moundville Pottery Gathering*** to receive this rate.

**–OR–**

**Camping:** Stay at Moundville and get a reduced camping rate of \$5.00 per night per campsite.

*This project is grant supported through the **National Endowment for the Arts** and **University of Alabama Museums** in partnership with **Kentuck Museum***



**FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:**  
**Betsy Irwin, Moundville Archaeological Park**  
205-371-8732, [birwin@ua.edu](mailto:birwin@ua.edu)



# MENTOR PROGRAM, A YEAR IN REVIEW

*Submitted by Cassie O'Brien, Mentor Program Coordinator*

Thank you to all the mentors who are participating in the Mentor Program; we have had a very successful first year with over twenty-five volunteer mentors. The PCI Boys & Girls Club is proud to announce that they have received an additional grant that will be used to enhance the Mentoring Program. This would not be possible without such favorable responses in the first year.

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.

The Poarch Band of Creek Indians Boys & Girls Club is very proud of its Mentoring Program. There have been so many life-changing connections that have been made through mentor/mentee matches.

Some of the activities we participated in last year were two meet and greet sessions held at the Cooking Studio at Wind Creek Casino where Mentors met and mingled with Mentees and family; fundrasing and charitable contributions, field trips, and weekly Mentor/Mentee meeting sessions.

January was National Mentoring Month; the program offered free hot dogs, chips, and soft drinks to participants and invited Tribal Government staff to join them. We thank everyone that participated that day.

We look forward to the great and exciting things that will take place in 2012. We had our first field trip on February 11, 2012. Mentors and Mentees traveled by Tribal bus for a tour of the new First Alabamian Exhibit at the Alabama Archives. The trip concluded with lunch and a trip to the Eastdale Mall Ice Skating Rink.

## *Strengthening Our Tribal Community Through Mentoring*

## NOTICE OF VACANCY ON ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD

The Tribal Council is currently accepting applications for one vacancy on the Environmental Board.

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

Applications will be accepted through 5:00 p.m. Friday, March 30, 2012. All applications are to be submitted to the Tribal Council Office.

Please contact Kelli Ramer or Debra Strickland at (251) 446-1140 if you have any questions.



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# Farewell To Loved Ones

SINCERE THANKS

## **Lenora Walker Harrelson** **January 6, 2012**

We will always love and remember our dear Nora. Our Lord called her home on January 6, 2012. Nora was the daughter of Lawrence & Reva Walker, the granddaughter of Fred & Lula Walker and Riley & Corey McGhee. She was the mother of Timothy (Kathy) Bartley, Heather (George) Pettie, David McCrory, and Little Danny McCrory. She was grandmother to William & Katelyn Pettie; Jackson, Bella, & Ellie Bartley, and Aden McCrory. She was the wife of Danny Harrelson, sister to Sharon (Lester) Peebles; Darlene (Sam) Hitchcock; Tony Walker, Joann Nellums Boutwell, Carol Jean Mercer, and Donna Sue Marquett. She is preceded by her brothers David Nellums, and Lamar & Larry Walker.



Nora never met a stranger who didn't soon become her friend. She was always there to lend a helping hand or with an ear just to listen. She was called "Aunt Nora" by many who loved her and there will never be another like her.

The family would like to give a special thanks to: Susan Colbert, Shada

Thomas, Brenda Faircloth, Virginia Bell Godwin, Tonya Jordan, Helen Hallman, and all the employees at the SAIL Center for all their thoughts, prayers, support, and food prepared.

Nora, we will always love and miss you.

Your family & friends.

## **Hollis McGhee** **January 15, 2012**



The family of Hollis McGhee would like to send a big "Thank You" to the surrounding area for all their thoughts, prayers, visits, words of encouragement, and acts of love and

kindness that was shown during the loss of our loved one.

Paw-Paw will be greatly missed but the love for him that was shown will never be forgotten. It was heart touching to see the Poarch community, Tribal Councilmen, friends, and family show their last respects.

Again, Mvto.

The Hollis McGhee Family

*Obituaries/Family Thanks will be published if submitted by the last working day of the second month immediately following the death.*



# Poarch Creek Indians Baseball & Softball League Registration

Boys and Girls Ages 7-18

**Registration Open to Public**

(Tribal & Nontribal Athletes)

*Wellness & Activities Department*

*5811 Jack Springs Road*

*Atmore, AL*

**\$45.00 Registration Fee**

**Deadline to Register March 24, 2012**



For more information contact the Poarch Creek Indians Wellness & Activities Department  
Trina Rackard at (251) 368-9136 ext. 2256 or (251) 253-3398  
Theresa Rutherford at (251) 368-9136 ext. 2256 or (251) 253-5889

*Poarch Creek Indians Wellness & Activities Department  
Is Hosting MMA Cage Fighting*

*Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012 @ 7:00 p.m.*

*Warrior Promotions LLC Presents*

## **WAR - 1**



**20 Fighters will enter the cage to showcase their skills  
10 will win, 10 will not be so lucky....don't miss it!**

**VIP Tables - Contact Craig Helton or Jim Jernigan  
Front Row Seating \$35.00 General Admission \$25.00**

MMA Cage Fight to be held at the Wellness & Activities Department (Gym)  
444 Lynn McGhee Drive Atmore, AL

For more information please contact:  
Trina Rackard, Wellness & Activities Department, Operations Manager at (251) 368-9136 ext. 2256  
Craig Helton at (251) 359-3184 or Jim Jernigan at (251) 655-6072

### **Wellness & Activities Department Memorial Bricks & Tiles**

The Wellness & Activities Department is selling Memorial Bricks and Tiles April 2<sup>nd</sup> through April 30, 2012. Memorial Bricks and Tiles will be placed at the Wellness & Activities Arrowhead Park/Gymnasium. For more information and pricing, contact Trina Rackard or Brooke Bell at 251-368-9136 ext. 2256 or by email at [trackard@pci-nsn.gov](mailto:trackard@pci-nsn.gov) or [bbell@pci-nsn.gov](mailto:bbell@pci-nsn.gov).



## **Re-Enactment Planned**

The Fort Mims Restoration Association will have the Bashi Creek Ambush reenactment March 17-18 from 9 am to 2 pm at Fort Mims off Hwy 59. Other events include a living history of the era, a horse-drawn wagon show, a tour of heirloom plants. The University of South Alabama is in the process of excavating areas of the site and their digs will be evident. For more information, call 251-533-9024 or [www.fortmims.org](http://www.fortmims.org).

## STEPPING UP TO THE PLATE

Recently I had a very large and inconvenient problem with my septic system. After having the tank pumped three times in a year and the last time within 10 weeks of each other I knew I had a serious problem. I contacted Barney White with the Environmental Department and he was able to help me in an expedient manner. Within 1 week we had a new septic system with all the pertinent lines for waste. He ( the Tribe) took care of everything for me. There was nothing to do on my part except for having the proper paperwork filled out. I would just like to thank him and the Tribe for

helping me when I needed it the most.

On a different note I would really like to thank Stephanie Bryan, Keith Martin, Rochelle Martin and the staff of Muscogee Inn. During the week we were having repairs done we had no use of our water. We could not use our sinks, showers, toilets or washing machine. Through their combined effort we were able to get a room at Muscogee Inn for the week in order to take care of our personal needs while our system was being replaced. Thank you all for stepping up to the plate for this Tribal Member

and her family.

I would also like to thank Wendy Davis and the Housing Authority board for the offer of transitional housing in the event we would need it. As it turned out it was not lucrative for us to take the transitional housing but it was offered to us.

A huge heart felt thank you for all. It just goes to show me our system for accomplishing and accommodating the needs of the Tribe works.

With sincere gratitude,  
Barbara Stephens

## 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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## Family Services Department Updates for March 2012

### Tribal Child Care Program

Open for PBCI Tribal Member Children and PBCI First Generation Indian Descent Children

The Tribal Child Care program is open to all PBCI Tribal Member Children and PBCI First Generation Indian Descent children who are between the ages of birth through twelve years old; and who are enrolled in a licensed child care facility, a church-based facility, or a licensed after-school child care program. This program assists with payment for child care services for eligible participants. Please contact the Family Services Department to learn more about this program and to see if you may qualify for child care assistance.

This program is not restricted to the five-county service area!

### April Is:

- \* National Child Abuse Prevention Month
- \* National Sexual Assault Awareness Month
- \* National Crime Victims' Rights Week

\*\*\*\*\*  
As a part of the Family Services Department's "Prevent Abuse Campaign", Michealine Deese (*Family Services Coordinator*) and Melissa Durden (*Victim's Advocacy Coordinator*) will be going door to door on Saturday, April 14, 2012, in the PBCI housing neighborhoods to distribute prevention materials. Be looking for them in your neighborhood! If you do not reside in these neighborhoods and you wish to receive these prevention materials, please contact the Family Services Department and we will be happy to provide this information to you.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

This article provides public notice to all Tribal Members that the following grants will be available for review and discussion during office hours at the Family Services Department, Building 500, during the week of May 21—May 25, 2012:

- ♦ Low Income Energy Assistance Grant (LIHEAP)
- ♦ Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)
- ♦ Child Care Development Funds (CCDF)

A public hearing is scheduled for June 2, 2012 on Tribal Election Day. Please Stop by the available booth with any questions or comments to the grant applications and proposed services.



The Family Services Department will have a  
**Indoor Yard Sale**

**Dates: March 13—15, 2012,**

**Time: 9:00 a. m.— 4:00 p. m. daily.**

Items for sale include: shirts for men and women  
pants for men.

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#### Family Services Staff

Martha Gookin, Director	Melissa Durden, Victim's Advocacy Coord.
Amanda Montgomery, Community Services Coord	Michealine Deese, Family Services Coord.
Angela Bartlery, Homemaker Aide	Shirley Roberson, Homemaker Aide
Jaunita Slate, Homemaker Aide	Stella Rutherford, Clerk
Judy Camden, Clerk	Tiffany Jones, Clerk
Kathy Ledkins, Special Assistant	Wanda Fowler, Adult Services Coord.
Lena White, Community Services Specialist	

# **The Family Services Department Announces 2012 WINTER LIHEAP INFORMATION**

Low Income Energy Assistance Program

**DISTRIBUTION DATES: February 28, 29, March 1  
March 13, 14, 15  
March 27, 28, 29**

## **\*\*General Information\*\***

- Applications will be accepted in the Family Services Auditorium.
- No appointments are necessary. Services are offered on a first come, first served basis.
- Note the various dates and come in according to your household composition.
- Priority is given to Senior Households, clients receiving Disability Income, Households with children under the age of 5, and Households receiving Food Stamps or TANF benefits.
- LIHEAP does NOT pay for any additional fees or services such as late fees, connection fees, outside lights, etc.
- Approval amounts range from \$250-\$325. You will be responsible for any charges that are not covered by LIHEAP. If your bill is less than the awarded amount, only the total amount of the bill will be paid.

## **\*\*Required Documentation for All Applicants\*\***

- Current energy or gas bill.
- Social Security cards for ALL members of the household. There will be no exceptions or approvals without SS cards. This is a federal requirement.
- Tribal ID for applicant/head of household.
- Current income verification for all household members that are over the age of 19, such as paystubs, paychecks, letters of salary verification, etc...
- If anyone in home over 19 is unemployed, you must bring a statement verifying they are not working. The statement must be signed by three people who do not reside in your household and must include their phone numbers.
- Current verification if receiving state unemployment benefits.
- CURRENT Social Security or Disability Income Verification. We must have current income verification on file for all 2012 applications and services.

PLEASE CALL THE FAMILY SERVICES DEPARTMENT WITH ANY QUESTIONS @

251-368-9136 Ext. 2600.



## ESTIMATED STATE MEDIAN INCOME, BY HOUSEHOLD SIZE AND BY STATE, FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2012

State	Est. State median income for four-person family	Sixty Percent of Est. State median income for four-person family	Sixty Percent of Estimated State Median Income					
			One-Person Family	Two-Person Family	Three-Person Family	Four-Person Family	Five-Person Family	Six-Person Family
<b>Ala.</b>	\$63,888	\$38,333	\$19,333	\$26,066	\$32,200	\$38,333	\$44,466	\$50,600
<b>Fla.</b>	\$67,705	\$40,623	\$21,124	\$27,624	\$34,123	\$40,623	\$47,123	\$53,622

Please note income guidelines have changed due to changes in federal guidelines.

Please be aware of household income adjustments.

**\*\* LIHEAP applicants must meet above listed income guidelines to qualify. \*\***

### WINTER LIHEAP APPLICATION DATES AND TIMES

DAY	DATE	TIME	PRIORITY SCHEDULE
Tuesday	February 28, 2012	9 a.m. – 4 p.m.	SENIORS & DISABILITY INCOME ONLY
Wednesday	February 29, 2012	9 a.m. – 4 p.m.	Senior Households; Households with Children Under 5 years; and Households receiving Food Stamps and TANF benefits
Thursday	March 1, 2012	9 a.m. – 4 p.m.	All Types of Households
Tuesday	March 13, 2012	9 a.m. – 4 p.m.	All Types of Households
Wednesday	March 14, 2012	9 a.m. – 4 p.m.	All Types of Households
Thursday	March 15, 2012	9 a.m. – 4 p.m.	All Types of Households
Tuesday	March 27, 2012	9 a.m. – 4 p.m.	All Types of Households
Wednesday	March 28, 2012	9 a.m. – 4 p.m.	All Types of Households
Thursday	March 29, 2012	9 a.m. – 4 p.m.	All Types of Households

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## Remembering Our Lost Veterans

*On Memorial Day, May 28, 2012, the local American Legion and VFW organizations will hold a ceremony at the Veteran's Memorial in front of Atmore's City Hall to add new names to those currently on the Memorial.*

*If you know of anyone from Atmore and/or surrounding areas that was killed during any war from WWI to the present and would like to honor them by having their name posted on the Veterans Memorial, please contact Jimmy Beck at (251) 368-5911. Proper documentation verifying services and death during a war will be required.*

*Mr. Beck asked that if you have contacted him after the Memorial was dedicated about adding someone, please contact him again so that he can make sure all veterans killed in action are recognized.*

*Please contact Mr. Beck by March 15, 2012 to ensure sufficient time to have nameplate made.*



# CHANGES TO NEWSLETTER DEADLINES

The deadline to submit information for publication in the newsletter is the 10th of the month prior to the month of publication, i.e. February 10th for March newsletter. If the 10th should fall on a holiday or weekend, the deadline is extended to the next working day. Due to space limitation, submitted articles should be limited to 500 words or less. Photos should be limited to one per article submitted.

There are also other established deadlines to remember:

**Birthday Wishes:** Birthday Wishes are limited to 30 words or less, excluding the name and birth date. Please refer to page 8 to see the format. Birthday Wishes may be submitted for Tribal Members, spouses, First Generation Indian Descent, and those living in a Tribal Member household. Birthdays may be published the month before, the month of, or the month after the birthday. This may mean that you have to submit your birthday wish prior to any party or celebration that you may have planned.

**Anniversary Wishes:** Anniversary Wishes must meet the same criteria as Birthday Wishes.

**Birth Announcements:** Birth Announcements may be submitted for Tribal Members, First Generation Indian Descent, and those living in a Tribal Member household. Birth Announcements will be published as long as the information is received by the last working day of the *month immediately following* the birth.

**Wedding Announcements:** Wedding Announcements must meet the same criteria as Birth Announcements.

**Obituaries/Family Thanks:** Please note that there is a change to the previously established deadline for this type of submission. Obituaries/Family Thanks may be submitted for Tribal Members, spouses, First Generation Indian Descent and spouses, and those living in Tribal Member households. Obituaries/Family Thanks will be published as long as the information is received by the last working day of the *second month immediately following the death*, i.e. if loved one passes in January, the family should submit the information to be published in the newsletter by the last working day of March, which means the submission would be published in the May newsletter.

Please keep these deadlines in mind when submitting information for publication in the newsletter.

## Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 31, 2012 10:00 a.m.

Arrowhead Park on Lynn McGhee Drive

Age Categories:

1-2\*

3 - 4

5 - 6

7 - 8

\*Parents may help 1-2 age group find the eggs. All others hunt eggs without assistance.

Prizes will be awarded in each age category for:



# TRIBE PARTNERS WITH INNISFREE HOTELS

Pensacola can mark the arrival of 2012 with a celebratory toast to the creation of approximately 235 new local jobs. Innisfree Hotels is officially beginning construction of their 'Airport & 12th' development connected to the Pensacola International Airport terminal with a ground-breaking ceremony Friday January 13th at 10:30 a.m.

The project includes a 127-room Hyatt Place Hotel as well as office and retail sites on twelve acres. Rich Chism, Innisfree's Director of Development says, "We're proud to introduce a new prototype of the Hyatt Place Hotel brand to the Pensacola area market and will choose the tenants of the other out parcels carefully to ensure quality amenities at our city's international gateway."

This \$24 million project, when completed, is projected to generate over \$420,000 annually in non-airline revenue for the Airport through lease fees, and \$100,000 in local option sales taxes for the City of Pensacola. It will also create over \$4 million in payroll revenues through the addition of new jobs to the local economy.

Innisfree is proud to partner with the Poarch Band of Creek Indians on this project. Julian MacQueen, Innisfree's CEO and Founder says, "Our relationship with the Poarch Band of Creek Indians has spanned almost two decades. We've collaborated on other successful projects during this time and are very excited to work with them again. "We are fortunate enough to be able to reinvest into the community with quality investments like the Airport and 12th project," said Tim Martin, President/CEO of Creek Indian Enterprises Development Authority (CIEDA).



*Shown left to right are Mike Young, Tim Martin, Eddie L. Tullis, David Gehman, Honorable Mayor Ashton Hayward of Pensacola, Garvis Sells, Robert McGhee, and Julian MacQueen, CEO and founder of Innisfree Hotels.*

The ground-breaking ceremony comes on the heels of a New Years announcement that the project financing was secured with the support of two local credit unions; Pen Air Federal Credit Union and Navy Federal Credit Union. Innisfree's relationship with the credit unions was forged in July of 2009 when Navy Federal and Pen Air participated in the construction loan for the award winning Holiday Inn Resort on Pensacola Beach.

"We're proud to work corroboratively with Innisfree Hotels and Pen Air to help make a positive impact on this community," says Debbie Calder, Senior Vice President, Navy Federal Greater Pensacola Operations. Tom Furr, Business Lending Manager at Pen Air Federal Credit Union says, "We're very involved with the local business community and are happy to be there to help during these challenging economic times."

"The commitment of the Credit Unions and the Poarch Band of Creek Indians to this project has helped Innisfree expand in very difficult economic times", says Mr. MacQueen. "We're

fortunate to have their support. They are good neighbors to the Pensacola community."

The land for the development is being leased from the City of Pensacola and will be connected to the main airport terminal via a covered walkway. Robins & Morton, the project's general contractor, has completed some key infrastructure work and is currently building the foundation for the hotel. The hotel is expected to open in the spring of 2013.

*Innisfree Press Release  
Submitted by Sharon Delmar  
Public Relations Tribal Liaison*

## About Innisfree Hotels

*We are a unique hotel management and development company built on the concepts of exceptional service, guest satisfaction and return on investment. Our business motto is 'having fun' and we embrace it while cultivating innovation and excellence in everything we do.*

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*Inspired by our motto, we always ensure that our clients and guests also enjoy thoughtful leadership and outstanding hospitality.*



# TRIBAL MEMBER SUBMISSIONS

## ***Sborov Shows Signs of Potential***

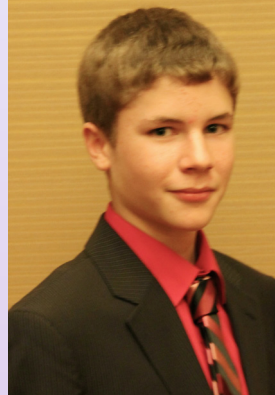
On Saturday, January 15, 2012, University of Colorado freshman Jasmine Sborov (in white to the right) was given an opportunity to prove her potential in women's basketball. She did just that in the Buffs 80-54 loss to Stanford. Congratulations Jasmine, the collegiate world of women's basketball now has you on the radar!



Jasmine is the daughter of Tara and John Sborov, and the granddaughter of Charles Daughtry and Anita Diaz.

*Submitted by Ellen O'Barr*

## ***Pearson Recognized For Achievements In Math***



Justin Pearson has been recognized by the United States Achievement Academy Scholarship Foundations for his achievements in Math. The Foundation awarded Justin the National Mathematics Award for the 2011-2012 school year.

Receipt of this award makes Justin eligible for educational cash grants awarded annually by the nonprofit USAA Scholarship Foundation.

Justin is the son of Paul Pearson and the grandson of Ralph and Eurlene Pearson.

Congratulations Justin.

*Submitted by Paul Pearson*

## ***In Loving Memory Of My Friend Hollis McGhee***

We all loved Hollis, he always followed us.  
He passed away, now Jesus is calling for us.  
He loved to joke and play around,  
He once was lost but now is found.  
Jesus loved him dearly as so did we.  
So now when I look up I know Hollis is looking at me.  
He always whispered in my ear "I love you."  
I would also look back and tell him I loved him too.  
Now in loving memory of Hollis McGhee,  
He finally went to Heaven and found the golden key.  
Hollis was real clean and neat,



Now he is in Heaven walking down golden streets.  
He is probably thinking of us of course,  
He loved to tell people about his horse.

Hollis is in my heart every step of the way.

We will finally get to see him in Heaven one day.

When Jesus come down to meet us,  
I just hope you will have your heart right with Jesus.

The gates of Heaven shine real bright,  
Lord, our God, comes like a thief in the night.

Hollis was a real "Jeff Gordon" fan,  
Now he's in the palm of God's hands.  
God bless you all.

*Love, Trennon Hamilton*



## Ledkins Signs With Alabama Southern

*Submitted by Kathy Ledkins*

Alabama Southern Community College (ASCC) signed an outstanding softball player on Feb. 1st said Ms. Covin head softball coach at ASCC. "It seems like I have been waiting a lifetime for Kelsey Ledkins to graduate and become a part of my team"

Kelsey will be wearing ASCC's blue and white in the fall 2012-13 school year. Entering her final season at Excel High School Ledkins, who plays second base for the Panthers, hit .319 last year. Head coach Charlotte Wiggins said "I am very proud of this young lady on the field and in the classroom." She added that Ledkins has tremendous speed which makes her a threat on the bases and helps her run down balls on defense. Wiggins also added that Kelsey is an above average 'slap-hitter.'

Kelsey is the daughter of Steven and Jackie Ledkins, and granddaughter of Ann Luker of Excel Alabama and Kathy and Joe Ledkins of Poarch, Alabama.

*Kelsey is second from the right, in the white sweater and brown shirt, in the photo to the left.*

## In Loving Memory of Sam Rayborn February 13, 2010

*Submitted by Tonya Jordan*

It has been two years since you passed away Sam.  
I and the kids took a trip to heaven  
But only in our minds  
We wanted to know what it was like  
And why you left all you loved behind.  
So we closed our eyes, and started to see  
Just how beautiful heaven could be.  
We could see the pearly gates of white  
And behind them was the most radiant light.  
We saw an angel as he was passing by  
So incredibly beautiful that a tear fell from our eyes.



You looked perfect and there with the angels you sing

There are no earthly words to describe the beauty of your wings.

As we sat on a bench in the most incredible garden,

We heard you asked God for all of your sins to be pardoned.

Then we took one last look at all the beauty around

And when we opened our eyes, it was peace that we found.

To know that you are with God, all safe and sound.

We love and miss you, your wife, Tonya; your kids, Trenton & Misty; and your grandchildren Kolby, Kalba, Carter, Dillon, and Aviya.



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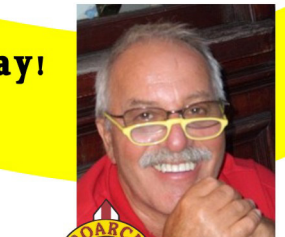
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# MARCH 2012

## ***Tribal Council Meetings***

***Thursday, March 1st 6:00 p.m.***

Thursday, March 15th 4:00 p.m.

Tribal Council Chambers

## ***Tribal Court Sessions***

Monday, March 5th & 19th

9:00 a.m.

Tribal Courtroom

## ***NA Meetings***

Every Saturday

7:00 p.m.

Turning Point Facility

## ***CIEDA Meetings***

Friday, March 2nd & 16th

7:30 a.m.

CIEDA Offices

## ***Historic Preservation Board***

Monday, March 5th & 19th

5:00 p.m.

Historic Preservation Office

## ***Housing Authority Meetings***

Thursday, March 8th & 22nd

4:00 p.m.

Building 400 Conference Room

## ***Wellness & Activities Authority Meetings***

Monday, March 12th & 26th

11:00 a.m.

Wellness & Activities Center (Gym)

## ***TERO Commission Meetings***

Tuesday, March 12th & 26th

3:00 p.m.

TERO Offices

## ***Education Classes/Club Meetings***

### ***4-H Club***

Monday, March 12th & 26th

6:00 p.m.

Education Department

### ***Homework Club***

Monday-Thursday

5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Grades 1-12

All through school year

Education Department

### ***After School Tutoring***

Monday - Thursday

3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Grades 1-6

All through school year

Education Department

### ***GED Classes-Day Schedule***

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. or

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

### ***GED Classes-Night Schedule***

Tuesday & Wednesday

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Thursday 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Education Department

## ***Wellness & Activities Programs***

### ***Gym Hours***

Monday - Friday

6:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

(Closed from 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. for Boys & Girls Club)

Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

***Dance Classes. Contact the Wellness & Activities Department for more information.***

## ***Weight Room***

Monday - Friday

6:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

## ***Pool Hours***

Pool opens March 1, 2012

## ***Ladie's 30 Minute Circuit Workout***

Monday & Wednesday

5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday & Thursday

12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m.

## ***NAYO Baseball & Softball***

### ***Registration***

***February 1 - March 30, 2012***

***(No fee for Tribal athletes who participate)***

## ***Other Dates To Remember This Month***

***Tuesday, April 3, 2012 Deadline to submit Letter of Candidacy, bio & photo for publication in May newsletter.***

***Tribal Council accepting applications for one vacancy on Environmental Board March 1-30, 2012.***

***Deadline to submit information to be published in the April newsletter is Monday, March 12, 2012.***

***Easter Egg Hunt at Arrowhead Park Saturday, March 31, 2012 10:00 a.m.***

***See pages 31-32 for LIHEAP dates and information.***

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