

Poarch Creek News

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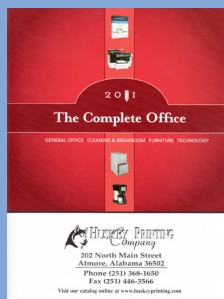


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Well this is shaping up to be yet another busy and productive year for the Tribe. It is hard to believe that we are already in the fifth month of 2012. Spring has sprung and the weather is right for a trip to Magnolia Branch Wildlife Reserve. The staff of Magnolia Branch continues to make improvements and add features to the area for each of you to enjoy. If you happen to be in the area please stop and take advantage of their hard work and efforts.

This month we will celebrate Memorial Day as well as Mother's Day. These days are both very important days to celebrate with friends and family. Please remember the men and women who continue to protect our freedom as well as the Mothers that gave birth to them.

The 2012 Tribal Council Elections are fast approaching. Please exercise your right to cast your vote for the candidate of your choice. You, the General Council, elect your leaders



Buford L. Rolin, Tribal Chairman
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so take pride in the privilege of voting that you have been given. Remember **every** vote counts!

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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 month's issue includes the 2012 Election Information Insert with Election Notice, Election Calendar, Absentee Ballot Request, Letter of Candidacy, and Candidate information.

This insert also includes information on the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day and the Academic Banquet.

This information is not included in the newsletters received by those on the subscription mailing list.



The Tribe's annual Easter Egg Hunt was held at Arrowhead Park on Saturday, March 31, 2012. Approximately 35 children attended. The kids were so eager to hunt the eggs, that the hunt was over in just a few short minutes. Each age group had a prize egg and a prize for the boy and girl who found the most and second most eggs. All present were treated to refreshments.

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.

TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

Submitted by Carol Cole, TERO Director

The Tribal Council has assigned the **Temporary Employment Program (TEP)** to the Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO). The TEP is for **Tribal Members only**. This program has been developed to assist those Tribal Members living in the five county service area who are unemployed and are in need of work.

TEP applicants must meet the

qualifications for the position being filled. TEP positions are limited and often become available without advance notice. TEP positions are filled by qualified applicants on a first come, first served basis.

TEP positions are one time employment opportunities which are limited to six (6) months or less, depending on the needs and duties and responsibilities of the position being filled.

If you are unemployed and need a job, or if you know of a Tribal Member who is unemployed and needs a job, contact the TERO Department located at 3480 Hwy 21, Atmore, AL to complete an application for immediate processing. Office hours are Monday thru Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

If you have any questions, please contact Carol Cole or Valerie Taylor at 215-368-0606 or email them at ccole@pci-nsn.gov or vbtaylor@pci-nsn.gov.

SIGN-UP TO ATTEND ELDER CONFERENCE!

The Poarch Creek Indians Senior Citizens will be taking their annual trip to Albuquerque, NM this year on September 12-20, 2012. They 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 11th 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 by calling (251) 253-5885 (Carolyn) or (251) 253-8772 (Cyndi).

STUDENTS VICTORIOUS AT LANGUAGE FAIR



The Fred L. McGhee Early Learning Center participated in the Native American Youth Language Fair held at the Sam Noble Museum in Norman, OK on April 3rd.

The students performed for elders and teachers who scored the children on 1) amount of language used, 2) fluency, 3) spirit of the performance, and 4) stage presence. The top three performances in each

age category received a trophy, a medal, and a Fair T-shirt.

The Fred L. McGhee Early Learning Center won third place in the category of large group song in Native Language and 1st place in the large group Spoken Language performance. Over thirty languages were represented at this year's fair.

Congratulations to all the boys

and girls, teachers, volunteers and others who helped make this victory possible.

Submitted by Fran Gregson

Endowment Committee Vacancy

The Tribal Council is currently accepting applications for a vacancy on the Endowment Committee. Applications are available from the Tribal Council Office located on Highway 21 and online at www.poarchcreekindians-nsn.gov. Applications will be accepted through 5:00 p.m. (CST) Wednesday, May 30, 2012. All applications must be returned to the Tribal Council office by the posted deadline.

2012 Annual Celebration

Saturday, September 1, 2012

Magnolia Branch Wildlife Reserve

Calvin McGhee Memorial

To be held on separate date at Pow Wow Grounds. Watch future newsletters for more information.

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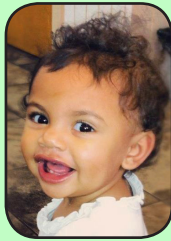
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CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS



**Kaiden Andrew
Marshall
April 11, 2012**

Kaiden turned 2 on April 11, 2012. Kaiden is the son of Whitney Warden and Ronald Marshall of Frisco City, AL. Happy birthday Kaiden! We love you.



**Layla Dorris
Pettway
April 13, 2012**

Happy 1st birthday Layla! We love you!

From your family.

**Bennie Charles Presley
April 29, 2012**

Happy 73rd birthday Bennie Charles! We love you!

From your wife, kids, and grandkids.

**Harold Rolin
May 1, 2012**

Happy birthday Harold. We love you! From your wife, your Mom, Mary Jane, Makayla, Thelma & Velma.



**Jack (J.W.) McGhee
May 4, 2012**

Jack (J.W.) McGhee celebrates his birthday on May 4, 2012.

Happy birthday Daddy! Love Deb & kids.



**Shelby Jarman
Meager
May 4, 2012**

Happy birthday! We sure hope you have a wonderful day!

We love you, Mom, Lou & Leeann.



**Brionna Alexis Slate
May 9, 2012**

We would like to wish Brionna Slate a happy 7th birthday on May 9, 2012. Brionna is the daughter of Bo and Stephanie Slate. We love you.

From your family.



**Jacob "Jake" Thomas
May 12, 2012**

Happy 30th birthday Jake! Do it Jakey!!

We love you! Blaize, Mom, Dad, and family.



**Lizzie Morton
May 12, 2012**

Happy 17th birthday Lizzie! We love you so much! Mom & Dad (Missy & Barry Morton), grandparents

Polly & the late Buck Carter and great grandmother Eliza Rolin Walker Lowery.



**Carson Wilson
May 12, 2012**

Carson David Wilson celebrates his 6th birthday on May 12th.

We love you so much! Mama & Daddy.



**Jackson Lonnie
Rackard
May 13, 2012**

Happy 1st birthday Jackson! Jackson is the son of Jeremy & Jasmine Rackard. We're so very thankful for you! Love, Daddy, Mommy, Destiny & Khalia.



**Vicky Burkett
May 13, 2012**

Happy Birthday to Vicky Burkett, a great wife and mother. We love you so much.

Love you Big Josh & Lil' Josh !!!

Birthday Wishes may be submitted 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



Julia Ann Stacey
May 14, 2012

The family of Julia Ann Stacey would like to wish her a happy 70th birthday! We love you and couldn't ask for anyone better.

Love, your entire family.

Mary Jane McGhee
May 17, 2012

Happy birthday Mary Jane! We love you. From your family.



Krislynn & Natalynn Lee
May 24, 2012

Happy 1st birthday to Krislynn and Natalynn Lee (daughters of Natalie Parker and Chris Lee)! We love you! Love, Mama, Daddy, Kiah, Makayla, Chris Jr. and Alexia!



Joshua Burkett
May 23, 2012

Little Joshua Burkett will celebrate his 7th birthday with family & friends on May 23, 2012. We love you so much; Daddy & Mama.



Bailey Jones
May 24, 2012

Bailey Jones will celebrate her 9th birthday on May 24, 2012.

We hope you have a great day. Happy birthday from your family and we love you.



Drake McGhee
May 25, 2012

Happy 17th Birthday Drake! Drake McGhee will turn 17 on May 25, 2012.

WE LOVE YOU, Mom, Dalton & Tori.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

Shavon Lee and Joshua Allen Announce Engagement

Submitted by Shavon Lee

Ms. Shavon Alee Lee and Joshua Lee Allen happily announce their engagement and upcoming marriage. Ms. Lee is the daughter of Dannie and Myra King; granddaughter of the late Myrtie and Gillis Presley and Earl King and the late Inez King all of Atmore, AL. Mr. Allen is the son of David & Patricia Allen and the grandson of Lindel Smith all of Paris, TX.

The wedding will be on June 23, 2012 at 5:30 pm in Gatlinburg, TN at The Little Log Chapel.



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.

ANNIVERSARY WISHES



Carolyn & Paul Dortch
April 16, 2012

Happy 30th anniversary to Paul & Carolyn Dortch. Thanks for being the best parents and grandparents ever, we love yall!

Randall, Mallory, Jessica, Nathan, Heidi, Amanda & grandkids.

Submitted by Jessica Dortch



Steven & Leeann Wheeler

May 2, 2012

Happy 25th anniversary Steven! It seems like yesterday when I first fell in love with you. :)

You are my best friend, the love of my life and a WONDERFUL husband. I look forward to our next 25 year journey!

I love you my angel, Leeann

Submitted by Leeann Wheeler



Barry & Missy Morton
May 12, 2012

It started with a crush when I was 12. Look at us now!

Happy anniversary Big Daddy! I love you with all my heart! Missy

Submitted by Missy Morton



Eric and Kim Rolin
May 12, 2012

Happy 23rd anniversary Eric & Kim!

We also wish Kim and Eric a happy birthday! Kim will celebrate her 43rd birthday on May 1st and Eric will celebrate his 42nd birthday on May 13th.

Happy anniversary and happy birthday! We love ya'll!

Coty & Brooke

Submitted by Brooke Rolin

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.

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.

EDUCATION NEWS & INFORMATION

Education's Summer Programs

Six Week paid Internship Program

Who is Eligible: Tribal Members &
First Generation Indian Descent
Ages 16-18
Deadline to Apply: 5:00 p.m. (CST) May 25, 2012
Program Start Date: June 4, 2012

Applications are posted on the Tribe's web site & Facebook page. For your convenience, a copy of the application is included on the next page. The interns will work 8 hour workdays under the supervision of a Tribal Departmental staff member, Tribal Authority staff member, or a Tribal Enterprise staff member. Each Intern must have his/her own transportation for work.

Summer Youth Leadership and Career Program

(Two Sessions)

Who is Eligible: Tribal Members &
First Generation Indian Descent
Ages 13-15
Deadline to Apply: 5:00 p.m. (CST) May 25, 2012
Start Date: First Session June 4-29, 2012
Second Session July 2-29, 2012

Applications are posted on the Tribe's web site and Facebook page. For your convenience, a copy of the application is included on page 13. Program participants will receive a stipend and participate in travel, fun activities, job preparation training, and work on their math, reading, writing, and science skills.

Please contact Mrs. Billie McGhee at (251) 368-9136 x 2243 if you have any questions about either program.

Special Request

To Students Who Have Utilized the McGhee – Tullis or First Generation Indian Descent Scholarship Programs

The Education Department has developed a short, ten question survey to gather information about the types of degrees and programs our students are completing. Please log on to the Tribe's web page at www.pci-nsn.gov. On the left side of the homepage, you will find a link entitled "*Tuition Assistance Survey*." **PLEASE take a moment to complete this survey.** It is so important that we collect this data, and we desperately need the information to continue planning and implementing new programs and to continue funding for those programs already in place. If you have any questions please call Sandra Hiebert, Education Director at 251-368-9136 ext. 2020, or via email at shiebert@pci-nsn.gov. We sincerely thank you for assisting us!

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POARCH CREEK INDIANS

EDUCATION INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

APPLICATION

(PLEASE PRINT NEATLY OR TYPE)

DATE: _____

NAME: _____

GUARDIAN'S NAME: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____

FULL ADDRESS: _____

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER: _____ AGE: _____ GENDER: _____

ARE YOU A TRIBAL ROLL MEMBER? _____ TRIBAL ROLL #: _____

ARE YOU FIRST GENERATION? _____ (IF YES, ATTACH LETTER OF INDIAN DESCENT WITH APPLICATION)

DO YOU HAVE YOUR OWN TRANSPORTATION? _____ YES _____ NO

ARE YOU CURRENTLY ATTENDING SCHOOL? _____ YES _____ NO (IF YES, WHAT GRADE?) _____

SCHOOL NAME AND LOCATION: _____

DO YOU PLAN TO ATTEND COLLEGE? _____ YES _____ NO

WHAT CAREER AREAS ARE YOU INTERESTED IN? (LIST AT LEAST THREE): _____

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, PLEASE NOTIFY:

(1) NAME: _____ RELATIONSHIP: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ WORK PHONE: _____ CELL PHONE: _____

(2) NAME: _____ RELATIONSHIP: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ WORK PHONE: _____ CELL PHONE: _____

This program will run from June 4—July 13, 2012.

****Please note:** All applicants will be drug tested. A positive result precludes participation in this program.**

Student Signature _____
Date

Parent/Guardian Signature _____
Date

This application must be returned to the PCI Education Department no later than **5:00 pm** on **May 25, 2012**. This program is for youth **ages 16-18**. Participant must be 16 years of age by June 4, 2012. If you have any questions, please call the Education Department at (251) 368-9136, extension 2243 or 2021.



POARCH CREEK INDIANS

SUMMER LEADERSHIP & CAREER PROGRAM

APPLICATION

(PLEASE PRINT NEATLY OR TYPE)

DATE: _____
NAME: _____
GUARDIAN'S NAME: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____
FULL ADDRESS: _____
SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER: _____ AGE: _____ GENDER: _____ T-SHIRT SIZE: _____
ARE YOU A TRIBAL ROLL MEMBER? _____ TRIBAL ROLL #: _____
ARE YOU FIRST GENERATION? _____ (IF YES, ATTACH LETTER OF INDIAN DESCENT WITH APPLICATION)

ARE YOU CURRENTLY ATTENDING SCHOOL? _____ YES _____ NO (IF YES, WHAT GRADE?) _____
SCHOOL NAME AND LOCATION: _____
DO YOU PLAN TO ATTEND COLLEGE? _____ YES _____ NO
WHAT CAREER AREAS ARE YOU INTERESTED IN? (LIST AT LEAST THREE): _____

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, PLEASE NOTIFY:

(1) NAME: _____ RELATIONSHIP: _____
HOME PHONE: _____ WORK PHONE: _____ CELL PHONE: _____
(2) NAME: _____ RELATIONSHIP: _____
HOME PHONE: _____ WORK PHONE: _____ CELL PHONE: _____

Session 1 will be held June 4— June 29, 2012.

Session 2 will be held July 2— July 29, 2012.

I will participate in (check one):

_____ **Session 1**

_____ **Session 2**

****Please note: All applicants will be drug tested. A positive result precludes participation in this program.**

Student Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

This application must be returned to the PCI Education Department no later than **5:00 pm** on **May 25, 2012**. This program is for youth **ages 13-15**. Participant must be 13 years of age by June 4, 2012. If you have any questions, please call the Education Department at (251) 368-9136, extension 2243 or 2021.

FAMILY SERVICES UPDATES



In honor of the **May celebration of Older Americans Month**, the **Family Services Department Adult Services** staff will serve lunch to all patrons of the PCI S.A.I.L. Center on **May 18, 2012!** This will give us an opportunity to answer your questions and to provide information about the services available to senior adults through our Department. Plan ahead and let the S.A.I.L. Center know you are coming! You can reach the S.A.I.L. Center at 368-9136, ext. 2615.

The **Family Services Department Adult Services** program assists our tribal member elders with issues involving abuse, neglect, exploitation, and referrals to other social services programs available from state and federal agencies. Our goal is to help senior adults remain healthy and safe so they can get out and **GO PLAY!** Abuse of the elderly can include issues such as domestic elder abuse, institutional elder abuse, and self-neglect or self-abuse. If you are aware of a situation involving a tribal member adult who may be at risk of abuse, please contact **Wanda Fowler**, Adult Services Coordinator, for assistance. You can reach Wanda at 368-9136, ext. 2600.

The **Homemaker Aides** want you to know they care deeply for our tribal

member elders. The Homemaker Aides are happy to help our elderly and disabled tribal members with household management, light household cleaning services, and other activities designed to enable the tribal member to remain in their home as long as is possible. Homemaker Aide services are provided through the Adult Services program. Case plans are formulated so that Homemaker Aide services meet the specific identified needs of each client. Please contact Wanda Fowler if you have any questions regarding Homemaker Aide services.

The Family Services Department Adult Service Staff are: Wanda Fowler, Adult Services Coordinator, and Homemaker Aides Angela Bartley, Juanita Slate, and Shirley "Pug" Roberson.

Summer LIHEAP

The Summer LIHEAP program will run from May 1, 2012 through July 31, 2012.

****Summer LIHEAP may only be used ONCE per household during these months. You determine which month you choose to access this service.****

The Summer LIHEAP program will be disbursed as follows:

- If you participated in the **2012 Winter LIHEAP** program and have **NO** changes to your household constitution or in your household income you will need to do the following:

1. Fill out a one page application which will be available in the Family Services waiting room.
2. Attach your household's current energy bill to the application.
3. Leave your application at the Family Services Department front desk.
4. Your application will be reviewed and you will be notified of whether your application is approved or denied through an Awards Letter that will be mailed to your address.

***Note:** If you participated in the **2012 Winter LIHEAP** program and have had changes in your household constitution or changes in your household income, **you will need to schedule an appointment for Summer LIHEAP.**

If you **DID NOT** participate in the 2012 Winter LIHEAP program, you will need to make an appointment for Summer LIHEAP.

****All Summer LIHEAP appointments will be made daily, (Monday through Friday), from 8 a. m. until noon during the designated months of May, June, and July. Please contact the Family Services Department at 368-9136, extension 2600 to schedule an appointment.****

Approval amounts for Summer LIHEAP 2012 range from \$250-\$325 based upon eligibility. You will be responsible for any charges that are not covered by LIHEAP such as

late fees, lights, etc. 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.
- Tribal ID for applicant/head of household.
- Current income verification for all household members that are over the age of 19, such as pay stubs, paychecks, letters of salary verification, etc.
- If anyone in the 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, food stamps, TANF.
- CURRENT 2012 Social Security or Disability Income Verification. We must have current income verification on file for all 2012 applications and services.
- If your power bill is in another person's name (family, landlord, roommate, etc.), you must bring a written statement from that person that they do allow you to have the power bill and service in their name.

***** LIHEAP applicants must meet the listed income guidelines on the table below to qualify. *****

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.

Estimated State Median Income, By Household Size and By State, Federal Fiscal Year 2012								
LIHEAP applicants must meet the listed income guidelines below to qualify								
			Sixty Percent of Estimated State Median Income					
<i>State</i>	<i>Estimated State median income for Four-Person Family.</i>	<i>60% of Estimated State median income for Four-Person Family.</i>	<i>One Person Family</i>	<i>Two Person Family</i>	<i>Three Person Family</i>	<i>Four Person Family</i>	<i>Five Person Family</i>	<i>Six Person Family</i>
<i>AL</i>	<i>\$63,888</i>	<i>\$38,333</i>	<i>\$19,333</i>	<i>\$26,066</i>	<i>\$33,300</i>	<i>\$38,333</i>	<i>\$44,466</i>	<i>\$50,600</i>
<i>FL</i>	<i>\$67,705</i>	<i>\$400,623</i>	<i>\$21,124</i>	<i>\$27,624</i>	<i>\$34,123</i>	<i>\$40,623</i>	<i>\$47,123</i>	<i>\$53,622</i>

Family Services Staff

Martha Gookin, Director

Kathy Ledkins, Special Assistant

Michealine Deese, Family Services Coordinator

Amanda Montgomery, Community Services Coordinator

Melissa Durden, Victim's Advocacy Coordinator

Wanda Fowler, Adult Services Coordinator

Lena White, Community Services Specialist

Judy Camden, Clerk

Stella Rutherford, Clerk

Tiffaney Jones, Clerk

Angela Bartley, Homemaker Aide

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Shirley"Pug" Roberson, Homemaker Aide

PACKAGE DEALS!

Living Room Package:
Sofa, Loveseat, Coffee
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BOARD & COMMITTEE UPDATES

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.

Muskogee Inn

As stated before, the Muskogee Inn was once the Best Western. In the first quarter of 2009 we (Tribal Council, CIEDA, and Muskogee Inn board) got together and decided to go independent instead of paying monthly membership fees to the Best Western Corp. After everything got converted over to Muskogee Inn we didn't see a drop off in business. So it turned out to be a good move. The Hampton Inn is now open so we have another competitor along with the Holiday Day Inn Express. However, in light of the competition and the down economy we are doing ok. The managers and staff are doing a fine job providing excellent service to the customers and minimizing expenses to meet the budget.

Tribal Employment Rights Commission (TERO)

The TERO Commission met on February 7, 2012 with Human Resources Representatives of the Tribal Government, PCI Gaming, and CIE. A general discussion

of hiring practices and procedures used by the three HR Departments was held. This was a very positive meeting for all in attendance. A lot of good suggestions and ideas were shared in seeking ways to improve the employment process of the three tribal entities.

The TERO Commission during this meeting approved a motion to send representatives to Tempe, AZ to attend a three day training event, conducted by John Navarro, Co-Founder CTER, The Council for Tribal Employment Rights. This event took place February 14-16, 2012 and was attended by Carol Cole - TERO Director, Patricia Rolin - TERO Compliance Officer, Carolyn White - TERO Commission Vice Chair and Linda Brooks - TERO Commissioner.

Utilities Authority

The Poarch Creek Indians Utility Authority has some new faces in the field as participants of the TERO temporary employment program to help tribal members in need of work. Utilities has awarded the development of a hydraulic model and GIS mapping system for the water and wastewater system to an experienced engineering firm. PCI Utilities is also accepting proposals for consideration to upgrade the current meter reading system for better efficiency. The Utility Authority continues to proceed with the ongoing SCADA and dewatering projects.

Notice to Parents/Guardians of Tribal & community youth ages 11-19

The Reality Project

*Sponsored by the Education Department of the Poarch
Creek Indians*

Project Launch Date:

June 5, 2012

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

Family Services Auditorium

Guest Speakers

Jamie Keith, Ex. Director of the Alabama Campaign
to Prevent Teen Pregnancy
State Representative Alan Baker

Please see the flyer posted on the Tribe's web site at
www.poarchcreekindians-nsn.gov.

More information will be provided in the June newsletter. Contact Prevention Coordinators Brenda Wilcox or Annie Nowak for more information at (251) 368-9136 x 2022.

LEGAL SERVICES REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM

Submitted by Venus McGhee Prince, Attorney General

The Tribal Council has approved the Legal Services Program; the program is scheduled to be effective May 1, 2012. For your convenience, the program guidelines are listed below. If you have any questions regarding this program, please feel free to contact any of your Tribal Council members at (251) 446-1140 or me at (251) 368-9136 ext. 2525.

Poarch Band of Creek Indians Legal Services Reimbursement Program Guidelines for Participation

I. Introduction

The Tribal Council recognizes that its tribal member population is in need of certain types of legal services. This Program is available to all tribal members ages 18 and over and will allow reimbursement for certain areas of legal services.

The Legal Services Program shall be effective as of May 1, 2012 and shall remain open to tribal members as long as funding allows. The Program and its guidelines may be amended from time to time to reflect changes in the legal needs of tribal members.

II. Authorized Areas of Legal Services

The Legal Services Program will cover the following areas of legal services:

A. Estate planning, including the drafting of wills and trusts, advance directives, durable and specific power

of attorneys, and similar documents

B. Simple property issues, including the preparation of deeds

C. Probate issues, including representation for adoptions, will probates, guardianships, conservatorships, civil commitments, and similar proceedings

The Program will also cover a subscription to a pre-paid legal services program that provides one or more of these types of legal services within its program, provided that the subscription does not exceed the annual amount allocated for each tribal member who participates in the Program.

Any questions regarding the coverage of the Program should be directed to the Tribal Member Benefits Coordinator Carolyn Rackard at (251) 368-9136 Ext. 2501. Also, additional information and forms will be available on the tribal website under the Tribal Member Benefits Department's link as of May 1.

III. Payment for Legal Services

The Legal Services Program will reimburse a tribal member for expenses incurred on or after May 1, 2012 for legal services provided by an attorney for the benefit of the tribal member household in an authorized area(s) in an amount up to \$250 per year, provided that the tribal member submits the invoice within thirty (30) days of receipt from the provider and that funding is still available.

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Mammie & Lawrence McGhee Family Reunion

May 26, 2012 Magnolia Branch/11:00 a.m.
Pot Luck Lunch @ 12:30 p.m.

If you play an instrument bring it and help with the music. If you sing contact Sandy Hollinger; she is in charge of the singing. Bring your tents (to get out of the sun), chairs, bathing suits and beach wear (you are responsible for your children at the creek).

We plan to have games and let's not forget our "auction", we raised over \$500.00 last year but this is not enough to fix Grandma and Grandpa's graves yet. So if you have anything that you can auction off please bring it!

For more information contact Kathy Ledkins at 251-655-6632 or you can log on to facebook.com; under Kathy Ledkins there is a page set up just for the "Mammie and Lawrence McGhee" Family Reunion.

We will take up an offering to pay for the pavilion cost and paper products purchased. See you there on May 26, 2012!

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MASHANTUCKET PEQUOTS TRIBE

\$2 BILLION IN DEBT AFTER CASINO BONANZA

By MICHAEL MELIA
Associated Press
<http://www.msnbc.msn.com>

MASHANTUCKET, Conn. — For two decades, the Mashantucket Pequots lived like Indian gambling royalty. Luxury cars abounded on their tiny, gated reservation of colonial and ranch-style homes in the woods of southeastern Connecticut.

The tribe's Foxwoods casino, the largest in the Western Hemisphere, allowed members to live without concern for money, generating shared revenue stipends that once exceeded \$100,000 annually for each adult.

This month, with Foxwoods struggling with debt exceeding \$2 billion, payments to members stopped. The tribe has opened a food pantry for needy families, counselors have provided guidance on how to pursue jobs and members have been left to ponder the end of what once seemed a sure bet.

"I was poor before. I can be poor again," tribal member Gina Brown-Congdon, 59, said. "I'm not happy, but you have to deal with what life gives you."

The money is not the only source of anxiety. FBI agents have been visiting the reservation and asking about tribal finances, according to two people with knowledge of tribal activity who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity to

protect their relationships with the tribe. It all contributes to one of the most tumultuous periods in the recent history of the Pequots, who own and operate the casino that made their reservation one of the wealthiest communities in America.

The affluence vanished as quickly as it came for the tribe, which had only one person living on the reservation in the early 1970s. The Pequots won federal recognition and opened a bingo hall in the 1980s before hitting the jackpot with the start of casino gambling at Foxwoods in 1992. People who traced their bloodlines to Pequots counted in a 1900 census were allowed to join the tribe, which now has roughly 900 members.

A tribal elder, Loretta Libby, said many worry about what will come next.

"Our stress levels are very high up here," she said. "I just don't know what's going to happen."

The Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Council said it stands united and focused on success at the Foxwoods Resort Casino.

"The community is pulling together in these challenging economic times, and we are eagerly embracing our future with a strong determination to continue growing our business as a major economic force in

southeastern Connecticut," the council said in a statement.

Tribal leaders have discouraged members from talking with outsiders. A reporter who made a recent visit was stopped by five tribal police officers, including the chief, and escorted off the reservation. The police handed out notices later that day instructing people not to speak with reporters.

Despite the financial difficulties, Brown-Congdon said, she feels only gratitude toward the tribe for providing so well for so long. A Rhode Island native, she worked in potato fields for a time before coming to the join the tribe. The

gambling income allowed her to live comfortably while she tended to ailing family members and cared for some of her sister's 15 grandchildren.

She owned a house and cared for her sick brother until he died

in 2010 and, without his tribal income, she could no longer afford it. She now fears the end of the payments could force her out of her rented house on the reservation. She wishes that she — and the tribe — had planned better for hard times, but she said the tribe's only fault was perhaps being overly generous in its spending.

"They gave us the best care and the most love," she said. "They made

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their decisions the best they could.”

The new austerity is a result of financial troubles at Foxwoods, which has been in talks to refinance its debt. After years of unparalleled success drawing gamblers from across New England and New York, the casino began struggling with increased competition and slackening demand. Foxwoods completed a major, costly expansion with the 30-story MGM Grand hotel and casino at the height of the recession in 2008. The resort has four hotels, more than 6,300 slot machines and 360 tables with 15 different types of games in six casinos.

The regular member payments ended in 2010, but the tribe offered smaller, transitional aid to members until March.

The tribe has been providing financial counseling and placing more members with jobs, including some at the casino. One member, 60-year-old Roslyn Charles, said the tribe still makes other aid available, including help with utility bills. And while jobs are available, she said many do not want to work.

“This is a family. There’s no friction. You’ve got to do what you’ve got to do,” said Charles, who works at a library. “The economy is hitting everybody. It’s not just us.”

Of more than 500 American Indian tribes across the country, 124 have notified the U.S. Interior Department of intent to share gambling revenue with members, according to the Indian Gaming Office of the Bureau of Indian Affairs. But government officials say they take a hands-off approach and do not know how many actually make payments or how much they share.

Valerie Red-Horse, a financial analyst familiar with Indian casinos, said some tribes have probably paid out too much, but the distributions often barely meet the needs of tribes who live on distant reservations with meager resources and limited access to government services.

The tribe that runs the Mohegan Sun casino, a nearby Connecticut rival of Foxwoods, has kept up payments despite financial strains, said Bruce “Two Dogs” Boszum, chairman of the Mohegan Tribal Council. He declined to say how large the payments are, but he said they began modestly to help members improve their lives and have grown slowly — an approach he said other tribes could learn from.

“It’s not something you want to take back later,” Boszum said. “We’ve done a lot of work to maintain all of our services here, and we’ve kept

everything just the way it is.”

As the Pequots have cut back their spending, their neighbors in Ledyard say they have not seen dramatic changes, although there are fewer exotic cars. The arrest of two tribal members in an October home invasion set off some concerns for crime, but police say they do not see a connection between a rash of burglaries and the tribe’s financial situation.

A farmer on land bordering the reservation, Robert Burns, said he believes tribal members will benefit from the cutbacks.

“I’ve always felt that stipend stood between them having the joy of being realistic members of our society and that, in many cases, it served as a device to separate them from the community,” Burns said. “It may seem like a hardship, but it will give them the gift of learning how to function as a member of the larger society.”

Brown-Congdon said she worries about the tribe, particularly young people who know only affluence. But she is moving on and thinking of what she could do for work.

“A lot of things have come full circle for us,” she said.

South Alabama Early Childhood Taskforce Health Forum

Saturday May 19, 2012

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Poarch Creek Tribal Court Auditorium
Building #300

Primary Presenter

Dr. Marsha Raulerson
Escambia County Pediatrician

Target Audience

Parents and Caregivers of Young Children

REMEMBERING DECEASED LOVED ONES ON THEIR BIRTHDAY

Thomas McGhee

Angels

When you were born, an angel smiled,
As you became a child, an angel sat on your shoulder
When you became an adult, an angel held your hand
As you grew older, an angel walked down the road with you,
And, when you died, another angel got their wings.

--Unknown

Thomas McGhee

May 16, 2012

Happy birthday brother; I want you to know that not one day goes by without you on my mind.

Love you and miss you.

Your brother, Fields McGhee



Dorothy McGhee Rolin

We thought of you with love today, but that is nothing new.

We thought about you yesterday, and days before that too.

We think of you in silence, we often speak your name,
Now all we have is memories and your picture in a frame.
Your memory is our keepsake, with which we'll never part,
God has you in His keeping, we have you in our hearts.

Dorothy McGhee Rolin

April 4, 1913 - September 25, 2001

"Follow Me"

Thinking of you on your birthday; we love you and miss you. Your family.



SOUTHERN MISS RESIDENCE LIFE TO ESTABLISH NATIVE AMERICAN RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITIES

The University of Southern Mississippi Department of Residence Life will establish two Native American residential communities on campus beginning fall 2012 semester. The purpose of these living-learning communities is to help make the transition to college smoother for our Native American students and offer them a home at Southern Miss where their culture can be strengthened.

"I am very pleased that we are taking a step in this direction," said Dr. Tammy Greer, associate professor and director of the Center for American Indian Research and Studies. "In

doing this, we are making room for Native students and students with an interest in Native issues, to grow and develop this central aspect of Native culture and community right here on campus, even as they leave home for a while to pursue their educational goals."

"I agree that it is a great addition for Southern Miss to house these communities on campus and bring Native students from different tribes together," said Danielle Isaac, a senior social work major from Choctaw, Miss. "Through living together on campus, students will be able to learn

from and confide in one another as they grow and develop."

Native American students – who are admitted to the University – wishing to live in campus housing designated for students interested in Native American cultures should contact Justin Long, associate director of Residence Life for assignments and student relations, at 601.266.4783 or justin.long@usm.edu.

For more information about the Department of Residence Life and its programs, visit www.usm.edu/residence-life.

ALABAMA PARENT TRAINING & INFORMATION NETWORK FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

The Alabama Parent Training and Information Network for Children with Disabilities provides information and services to Alabama families with children ages birth to twenty-six with disabilities. The Program is designed to empower and enable them to work collaboratively with schools and agencies to improve services for their children.

They provide free information and training to families to assist them in becoming advocates for their children with disabilities. Training is focused on assisting families to effectively access community support and other available resources, understanding special education law, increasing knowledge of and accessing alternative dispute resolution, and increase knowledge of other disability issues.

Other services to families include:

- Individual consultation to assist families to effectively prepare and participate in their children's education, IEP, 504, and other educationally related meetings.

- Workshops and group training to increase information on educational issues and parenting resources.
- A resource library with an array of information on educational issues and parenting resources.
- A website that houses information about disabilities, special education, and alternate dispute resolution options. The website also provides useful links to local, state, and national clearinghouses that provide information and services to families with children with disabilities.

If you have questions or need assistance, call the Alabama Parent Center toll free at 866-532-7660 or email them at apec@alabamaparentcenter.com.



Kylin Makes Five Generations

Kylin Alexis Marshall, daughter of Whitney Warden and Ronald Marshall, made history on September 19, 2011. She is the fifth generation in the family line of Lucille Jackson Sells. Kylin was welcomed by big brother Kaiden Andrew. Pictured Left to right are: Kylin, Whitney Warden (Mother), Janet Welch (Grandmother), Hattie Knowles (Great-Grandmother), and Lucille Jackson Sells (Great-Great-Grandmother)

ANNOUNCING THE LEN MCGHEE 38TH ANNUAL HOMECOMING

Gospel Light Chapel is hosting the
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Date: Sunday, June 3, 2012
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Homecoming Service will feature:

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TRIBAL MEMBER SUBMISSIONS



Strickland Selected as McNair Scholar

Submitted by Debra Strickland

Clint Strickland, Tribal member and a junior at the University of Alabama Birmingham was recently selected to become a McNair Scholarship participant.

The McNair Scholarship program is designed to encourage talented undergraduate students with academic potential to continue with education beyond the undergraduate level. Being selected as a McNair Scholar is the result of a highly competitive process and signifies academic achievement as well as the potential for future success in graduate studies. Some of the program benefits include: attending workshops, opportunities to present their research at different conferences, attend seminars throughout the United States, and a summer research internship.

We are proud of you Clint for all of your accomplishment and wish you a lifetime of success as you follow your dreams....Love Mom, Patrick, Amber and Scarlett.



Langford Places First In Pup Hunt

Submitted by Wendy Davis

Lil' Henry Langford and his 10 month old fox hound, Crazy Horse, placed 1st in the Pup Hunt on March 10, 2012. Congratulations Henry & Crazy Horse!



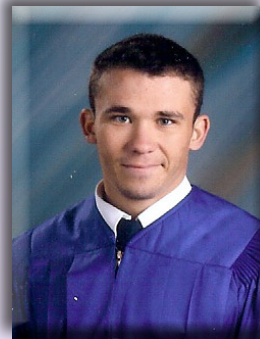
Megan Kirchharr Graduates From Foley High School

Megan Kirchharr will graduate from Foley High School on May 22, 2012.

Megan, it only seems like I was walking you to Kindergarten and now in a blink of an eye you are graduating from high school. We are very proud of you and the woman you have become.

We love you Megan! Moma, Timmy, and Courtney.

Submitted by Christie McGhee



Richard Johnson Graduates From W. S. Neal High School

We would like to announce the graduation of our son, Richard Lee Johnson, from W. S. Neal High School on May 25, 2012.

He is the grandson of the late Otis McGhee and the great grandson of the late Lawrence and Maime McGhee.

We are very proud of him!

Love you, Mom & Sam.

Submitted by Ieesha Frazier

TRIBAL MEMBER SUBMISSIONS



Rolin Places 1st In Alabama State Coon Hunt

Submitted by Wendy Davis

Alabama State Coon Hunt 1st Place winner David Rolin and Nocturnal Freckles.

Scarlett Strickland Celebrates Her First Easter

Submitted by Debra Strickland

Happy 1st Easter to our sweet baby girl Ms. Scarlett Grace Strickland,

We love you...Mommy, Daddy, Grandma Debra, Meme West, John, Aaron and Clint.



Mother's Touch

A few year's ago my son wrote this poem and had it submitted to the newsletter anonymously. When it was published I asked him "Did you write that poem? It reads like something you would say." He told me he did. I want to share it with mothers everywhere.

I want to tell my kids, Donnie Wayne Gibson, Joy Bernice Cumalander, and Gregory Elbert Gibson, that I love them.

Atricebea Gibson

Mother's Touch

By Gregory Elbert Gibson

*Mother always loved me,
Even when I was bad,
She soothed my hurts; shared my joy,
When I was sick, she cooled my brow;
Her tender touch is special now,
She taught me how to do those things
That makes me quite unique.
She taught me how to feel the pain,
When lesser creatures fall.
She taught me dignity and honor
And how to walk straight and tall.
Oh, how I like to pause and ponder,
About those barefoot days of yonder.
An how those special days have meld
Till now this person I would weld
My present self to here and now
And often wonder why and how.
I didn't always show her
The respect she well deserved.
She loved me in spite of me*

*And now I stand preserved.
To carry on her special task
And give myself to they
Who have not had the "loving" touch
Somewhere along the way.
Mom, how many wrinkles and silver
Strands belong to solely me?
How many tears did you shed
That you never let me see?
I wished I could go back in time
And undo some things I did;
Unsay some words; take back some
sneers,
When I was just a kid.
But time proceeds; life takes its toll
And we must go on from here
Unto another time and place,,
With streets of gold and friendships dear.
You graced my life with a loving touch
That's influenced me so very much.*

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

ELDER BILLY SMITH RECEIVES RECOGNITION

James W. (Billy) Smith was presented an award of appreciation by Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) State Conservationist, Dr. William Puckett during a recent meeting between Poarch Band of Creek Indians and NRCS leaders. Dr. Puckett thanked Smith for serving as the Alabama Elder Representative on the NRCS Southeast American Indian Workgroup (SEAIW) and for his continuous dedication, support, and contributions to the success of the workgroup's efforts to help Tribes and American Indian landowners "Help the Land".

Elder Smith serves as a facilitator, guide, and teacher of Tribal

cultures to USDA agencies and their employees. He helps ensure a strong relationship is established, maintained, and enhanced as we work to get America's conservation programs and activities delivered to Indian Country. Puckett commended Smith for his participation in local, state, regional, and national meetings.

"It is because of your voice that we have heard, listened, and implemented changes within USDA to remove barriers that have limited participation in programs and hopefully made USDA more accessible to Tribes and American Indian landowners," said Puckett.



Elder Billy Smith shown with Dr. William Puckett, NRCS State Conservationist, and Stephanie Bryan, Vice Chair.

CREEK INDIAN ENTERPRISES DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (CIEDA) SMALL BUSINESS LOAN PROGRAM

Creek Indian Enterprises Development Authority offers valuable business assistance to Tribal Members seeking small business loans.

Getting your loan request approved depends on how well you represent yourself, your business, and your financial needs. The lending limit

may extend up to \$50,000.00 in aggregate to any Tribal Member.

All loans exceeding these limits must be approved by the CIEDA Board of Directors. Additional credit criteria as well as loan collateralizing requirements apply.

If you are a Tribal Member who owns a business or is thinking

about starting a business and interested in obtaining a small business loan, please contact Donna Henry, Economic Development Coordinator at 251-368-0819, or by e-mail at dhenry@pcicie.com for additional information.

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Vision: Productive soil, healthy land

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is

the USDA agency which works at the local level to help people conserve all natural resources on private lands.

Visit the NRCS web site www.al.nrcs.usda.gov to see updated news and information about services that may be helpful to you and your family.

WORKING LANDS FOR WILDLIFE ANNOUNCED

USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) State Conservationist Dr. William Puckett and Bill Pearson, Field Supervisor of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Alabama Field Office in Daphne, today announced a partnership opportunity for landowners to voluntarily restore and protect habitat for the gopher tortoise. Today's announcement kicks-off the sign-up for the Working Lands for Wildlife initiative. This program targets at-risk wildlife species across the country.

Funding for this initiative is provided through the Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP) administered by NRCS. Applications will be accepted on a continuous basis; however applications for 2012 funding must be received by the following batching dates: April 30,

2012 and May 30, 2012.

"Landowners can receive financial assistance for a number of habitat management practices such as prescribed burning," said Puckett. Landowners with gopher tortoises on their property will rank highest for funding allocation.

"We are excited about our strong partnership with NRCS to conserve the iconic gopher tortoise here in Alabama," said Pearson. "We want to work with landowners on a voluntary basis to help the gopher tortoise endure on private lands. If we can do enough to conserve the species now, we can hopefully avoid the need to list it under the Endangered Species Act, our last line of defense." Interested producers should visit their nearest USDA Service Center to determine eligibility. Individuals are



L-R: NRCS State Conservationist Dr. William Puckett, USFWS Deputy Field Supervisor Dan Everson, NRCS State Wildlife Biologist Jeff Thurmond observe a gopher tortoise burrow.

not eligible for WHIP until they have completed the Farm Bill eligibility requirements. For information on USDA-NRCS programs, contact David Elliott, Tribal Liaison, NRCS Tribal Office at 5535 Poarch Road, Atmore, Alabama, or call (251) 368-0826.

LARRY ECHO HAWK LEAVING BIA

Portion of article by Dennis Romboy, Deseret News

Larry Echo Hawk is leaving the Bureau of Indian Affairs for a leadership position within the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Echo Hawk, 63, a member of the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma, will be the sole American Indian serving as an LDS Church general authority. He will be a part of the "First Quorum of the Seventy," according to the church.

Echo Hawk was confirmed as assistant secretary for Indian Affairs in May 2009. He was the longest serving leader of the BIA since the Clinton era.

Interior Secretary Ken Salazar had high praise for Echo Hawk. "Larry has done an extraordinary job at Interior, opening a new chapter in our nation-to-nation relationship with American Indian and Alaska Natives

tribal governments and carrying out President Obama's vision for empowering Indian nations," he said in a statement.

Salazar credited Echo Hawk, 63, with accelerating the restoration of tribal lands, improving public safety in tribal communities, resolving century-old water disputes, investing in education and helping Indian nations pursue the future of their choosing.



Larry Echo Hawk, Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs.

Visit www.deseretnews.com for the complete article.



Tough Mudders, l-r are Caleb Linam, Keith Hutchins, Chad Johnson, and Craig Helton.

Tough Mudders!

The Poarch Creek Tribal Police (PCTP) team, Craig Helton, Caleb Linam, Keith Hutchins, and Chad Johnson, participated in a Tough Mudder competition February 11 – 12, 2012 in Washington, Georgia.

This event was a 25 obstacle course. There were over 400 participants involved in this event. The guys finished the challenge in 3 hours, finishing in the top percent of participants. Under the tutelage of Officer Craig Helton, the team began training for the event in October of 2011.

Tough Mudder is a hardcore 10 -12 mile obstacle course designed by British Special Forces to test all around strength, stamina, mental grit, and camaraderie. Tough Mudder is more than an event; it's a way of thinking.

By running a Tough Mudder challenge you unlock a true sense of accomplishment, have a great time and discover camaraderie with fellow participants that's experienced all too rarely these days. To get through mud, fire, ice-water and 10,000 volts of electricity you'll need teammates to pick you up when your spirits dip. To get through underground mud tunnels you need teammates to give you a boost and a push.

Tough Mudders are team players who make sure no one gets left behind.



PCTP Team, Caleb Linam, Craig Helton, Keith Hutchins, and Chad Johnson participating in Special Olympics Torch Run.

Special Olympics Torch Run!

The Poarch Creek Tribal Police (PCTP) team, Craig Helton, Caleb Linam, Keith Hutchins and Chad Johnson, participated in the 2012 Baldwin County Alabama Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics in Fairhope, Alabama on Friday, March 16, 2012.

The Baldwin County Alabama Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics is dedicated to raising awareness and funds for the citizens of Baldwin County with intellectual disabilities that focus on their unique gifts as Special Olympic athletes.

At its most basic level, the Torch Run is an actual running event in which officers and athletes run the *Flame of Hope™* to the opening ceremony of local Special Olympics competitions, state/provincial Games, and National Summer or Winter Games. Every two years, law enforcement officers from around the world gather to carry the *Flame of Hope* in a Law Enforcement Torch Run Final Leg in honor of the Special Olympics World Summer or World Winter Games.

At its most fully developed level, the Torch Run initiative encompasses a variety of fundraising vehicles in addition to the Torch Run itself. Torch Run fundraising includes T-shirt and merchandise sales, donations or pledges for runners in the Torch Run, corporate donations, special events such as Polar Plunges, golf tournaments or other events that have local appeal.

FRAUD ALERT FOR PEOPLE WITH DIABETES

Notice from the Office of Inspector General of the U.S. Health & Human Services as submitted by Candace Fayard, Health Administrator

Criminals who plot to defraud the Government and steal money from the American people have a new target: people with diabetes.

Although the precise method may vary, the scheme generally involves someone pretending to be from the Government, a diabetes association, or even Medicare, calling you. The caller offers "free" diabetic supplies, such as glucose meters, diabetic test strips, or lancets. The caller may also offer other supplies such as heating pads, lift seats, foot orthotics, or joint braces, in exchange for the beneficiaries' Medicare or financial information, or confirmation of this type of personal information. Additionally, you may receive items in the mail that you did not order.

The call is a scam. If you receive such a call, the Office of Inspector General (OIG) of the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services recommends the following actions:

1. Protect your Medicare and other personal information

Do not provide your Medicare number or other personal information. Be

suspicious of anyone who offers free items or services and then asks for your Medicare or financial information. These calls are not coming from Medicare, diabetes associations, or other similar organizations. While the caller says the items are "free," the items are still billed to Medicare. Once your Medicare information is in the hands of a dishonest person or supplier, you are susceptible to further scams. Alert others about this scheme, and remind them not to provide strangers Medicare numbers or other personal information.

2. Report the call to Law Enforcement

Report the call to the OIG Hotline at 1-800-HHS-TIPS or online at www.OIG.HHS.gov/fraud/hotline. As part of your report, provide the name of the company that called you, the company's telephone number and address, and a summary of your conversation with the caller.

3. Check your Medicare Summary Notice and Medicare bills

Check your Medicare Summary Notice and other medical information to see if you were charged for items you did not order or did not receive. Also, check for items that were billed multiple times, such as glucose meters, diabetes test

strips and lancets, and other supplies. Report any irregular activity to your health care provider and the OIG Hotline at 1-800-HHS-TIPS or online at www.OIG.HHS.gov/fraud/hotline.

4. Do Not Accept Items That You Did Not Order

You are under no obligation to accept items that you did not order. Instead, you should refuse the delivery and/or return to the sender. Keep a record of the sender's name and the date you returned the item(s) to help OIG catch any future illegal billing.

The Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Inspector General (OIG) fights fraud in Government programs. As part of this effort, the OIG relies upon alert citizens to help them catch those who steal from American taxpayers.



Health Camp 2012

June 24th – 29th

Boys & girls age 7-12

***Please contact Sheila Odom or
Kay Thomas at the PCI Health
Department at (251) 368-8630***

***We will be attending
Camp Alamisco!***

What did you say?



A new service is being offered through the Health Department! Assistance with Hearing Aids is available for patients who suffer from chronic hearing loss. Please contact the Health Department at 251.368.9136 ext. 2300 for more information.

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB NEWS



Important Dates

May 2nd 4:30 pm

Kids Against Ridicule, Meanness, and Aggression (K.A.R.M.A) Presentation

May 28th

Boys & Girls Club will be closed in observance of Memorial Day

May 29th

Summer Program Starts

Field Trips

May 4th 5:00-9:00 pm

Fast Eddies (7th through 12th Grade)

May 11th 5:00-9:00 pm

Adventure Island (5th & 6th Grade)

Family Fun

May 19th 12:00-5:00 pm

Family BBQ Magnolia Branch (Hamburgers and Hotdogs)



JUST A COMMON SOLDIER

He was getting old and paunchy
And his hair was falling fast,
And he sat around the Legion,
Telling stories of the past.

Of a war that he once fought in
And the deeds that he had done,
In his exploits with his buddies;
They were heroes, every one.

And 'tho sometimes to his neighbors
His tales became a joke,
All his buddies listened quietly
For they knew where of he spoke.

But we'll hear his tales no longer,
For ol' Joe has passed away,
And the world's a little poorer
For a Soldier died today.

He won't be mourned by many,
Just his children and his wife.
For he lived an ordinary,
Very quiet sort of life.

He held a job and raised a family,
Going quietly on his way;
And the world won't note his passing,
'Tho a Soldier died today.

When politicians leave this earth,
Their bodies lie in state,
While thousands note their passing,
And proclaim that they were great.

Papers tell of their life stories
From the time that they were young
But the passing of a Soldier
Goes unnoticed, and unsung.

Is the greatest contribution
To the welfare of our land,
Some jerk who breaks his promise
And cons his fellow man?

Or the ordinary fellow
Who in times of war and strife,
Goes off to serve his country
And offers up his life?

The politician's stipend
And the style in which he lives,
Are often disproportionate,
To the service that he gives.

While the ordinary Soldier,
Who offered up his all,
Is paid off with a medal
And perhaps a pension, small.

It is not the politicians
With their compromise and ploys,
Who won for us the freedom
That our country now enjoys.

Should you find yourself in danger,
With your enemies at hand,
Would you really want some cop-out,
With his ever waffling stand?

Or would you want a Soldier--
His home, his country, his kin,
Just a common Soldier,
Who would fight until the end.

He was just a common Soldier,
And his ranks are growing thin,
But his presence should remind us
We may need his likes again.

For when countries are in conflict,
We find the Soldier's part
Is to clean up all the troubles
That the politicians start.

If we cannot do him honor
While he's here to hear the praise,
Then at least let's give him homage
At the ending of his days.

Perhaps just a simple headline
In the paper that might say:
"OUR COUNTRY IS IN
MOURNING,
A SOLDIER DIED TODAY."

---A. Lawrence Vaincourt
As submitted by Arelene Mack

Memorial Day

Monday, May 28, 2012

Let's remember all those who paid the ultimate price for our freedom whether it be in battle during war time or a veteran at peace while asleep in their bed at home.



PCI Relay For Life

1st Annual Kicking For A Cure Co-ed Kickball Tournament

June 2, 2012 Arrowhead Park

Registration Fee	\$150 per team	10-12 Players per team/Age 16 & Up
Entry Deadline	5:00 p.m. CST May 25, 2012	

Get a team together and join us for a day of fun and excitement! Form a family team, challenge your local church, schools, fire departments, etc. to form a team and compete! For more info or to register call Carla Hammonds, (251) 254-1672 or Connie Crews, (251) 202-1394. See the web site (Pressroom) for more information.

RECREATION AUTHORITY UPDATES

Basketball League

The 2012 Basketball Season ended in success! We had a lot of participation this year and look forward to a greater turn out next year!



5-7 Year Olds Bulls
Coached by Tony Schachle & Josh Burkett



5-7 Year Olds Miami Heat
Coached by Tim Ramer & Cassie Lassiter



8-10 Year Olds Bulls
Coached by Jason Davis & James White



8-10 Year Olds Wizards
Coached by Artimus Wiggins



11-13 Year Olds PCI Ballers
Coached by Paul Pearson & George Armentor



11-13 Year Olds Heat
Coached by Amy Jackson & Darlene Nolen



11-13 Year Olds Lakers
Coached by Tesha Lee



14 & Up Ballers
Coached by Kevin & Jacob Rackard



14 & Up Bulls
Coached by Bryan Gregson



Wee Ball/Tee Ball League

Opening Day for the 2012 Tee Ball and Wee Ball season was held March 24, 2012 at PCI Arrowhead Park. There were three Wee Ball teams: the Braves, coached by Jake McGhee & Kenny Williams; the Cardinals, coached by Trent Flowers & Tommy Pickern; and the Royals, coached by Jamie & Bo Ramer, and Ronald Rolin. There were three Tee Ball teams: the Braves, coached by Ronnie Rolin, Bo Slate, & Melton Weaver; the Royals, coached by Josh Burkett, Johnny Rolin, & Billy Walker; and the Pirates, coached by Tim Ramer & Benny Alaniz.

Ben Moyo of the Wee Ball Royals takes first bat of season!

NAYO Basketball Tournament

The PCI Recreation Department had 53 teams to participate in the NAYO Basketball Tournament hosted by Poarch Creek Indians April 6th & 7th, 2012. We would also like to thank our local schools Perdido Elementary, Escambia County High School, Escambia County Middle School, and Escambia Academy who provided their facilities in order to accommodate such a large tournament.

There were 5 tribes represented in the tournament including 2 teams representing the Poarch Creek Indians, 30 teams representing the Mississippi Band of Choctaw, 9 teams representing the Eastern Band of Cherokee, 11 teams representing the Florida Seminoles and 1 team representing the Louisiana Coushatta Tribe. Poarch Creek Indians had one 12-14 yr old team to participate coached by Jake McGhee and Greg McGhee as well as one 15-17 yr old team coached by Bryan Gregson.

Girls 12-14 Tournament Champions are as follows:

- 1st Place 4-Wind Ballerz - Choctaw
- 2nd Place Da-Extremes – Choctaw
- 3rd Place Lady Sooners – Choctaw

Girls 15-17 Tournament Champions are as follows:

- 1st Place Native Flights – Choctaw
- 2nd Place MYOB – Choctaw
- 3rd Place Brighten Seminoles – Florida Seminoles

Boys 12-14 Tournament Champions are as follows:

- 1st Place NRBQ – Cherokee
- 2nd Place Sooners – Choctaw
- 3rd Place Wildcats – Choctaw

Boys 15-17 Tournament Champions are as follows:

- 1st Place JUS – Florida Seminoles
- 2nd Place Red Devils – Choctaw
- 3rd Place Rezervation Combination – Cherokee

We would like to thank the Recreation staff and everyone else who worked and participated to make this tournament a success. Great job!!!



What a mess!

There is always a mess to clean up after a tournament.

Left to right are Recreation staff members Melvin Middleton, Trina Rackard, Kimberly Rolin, Caitlin Hall, Clayton Coon, Angela Shipp, Jacob Rackard, Brooke Rolin, Nikki McGhee, Cody Ikner, Jake McGhee, Theresa Rutherford, and Ronald Rolin. It is a dirty and thankless job, but they get it done! Thanks guys for all your hard work.



Namesake Donated

Tony Sullivan recently presented to the Recreation Authority the arrow head that gave the sports complex its name “Arrowhead Park”.

Tony stated that when he worked at the gym he was raking the fields and getting ready for the leagues. He came across an arrowhead as he was raking field 1. At this time, the Recreation Committee was trying to decide on a name for the sports complex. Tony brought the arrowhead back to the committee and they then decided to name the sports complex “Arrowhead Park”. Tony donated the arrowhead to the Recreation Authority in order to display and tell the story of how it became “Arrowhead Park”.

The arrowhead was presented to Recreation Department Director, Melvin Middleton and Recreation Authority Board Members Josh Thomas and Tim Ramer.

PCI Recreation Department Leagues, Gym Activity Schedule & Program Information May 2012

Hours of operation for Gym and Weight Room are Monday through Friday 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. ***Lifeguards must be on duty!***

Ballet, Tap, Tumbling & Jazz Lyrical classes are held on Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. under the direction of Eastern Shore Dance Academy Director Juli S. Lee as well as professional instructors Babette de Jongh and Joan (Joni) Byrne. Please contact the Wellness & Activities Department for more information and registration.

Softball League has begun, contact the Recreation Department for game time schedules. Opening day is

scheduled for May 3rd.

Baseball has begun, contact the Recreation Department for game time schedules. PCI Opening day of recognition is scheduled for May 3rd.

NAYO Baseball & Softball has begun, contact the Recreation Department for information.

The Recreation Department orders Nike discounted clothing and accessories each month. Contact Trina Rackard, Brooke Rolin, or Kimberly Rolin for more information or to set up an appointment for viewing of the catalog and submitting orders.

Please contact the Recreation Department for additional information and registration forms for each program and/or sports league.

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Warrior Promotions War I Huge Success

Warrior Promotions LLC's first event was a huge success; skilled fighters from all over the south displayed their skills and heart in front of a max capacity crowd. Warrior Promotions owners Craig Helton and Jim Jernigan would like to thank all the supporters of the event and the outstanding crowd that came to cheer their favorite fighters.

OFFICIAL FIGHT RESULTS FOR WAR I MARCH 31, 2012

1. Don Taylor vs Adam Kelley 260 lbs
(W) Don Taylor ~ via unanimous decision
2. Billy Murphy vs Martin Downs 135 lbs
(W) Martin Downs 51 secs of 1st rnd ~ via TKO
3. Stephen Matthews vs Donald Buck 175 lbs
(W) Stephen Matthews 24 secs of 1st rnd ~ via TKO
4. Dallas Scruggs vs Chris Falasca 155 lbs
3 min of 3rd rnd ~ Draw
5. Pat Cherf vs Brandon Grooms 125 lbs
(W) Brandon Grooms 4 secs of 1st rnd ~ via KO
6. Johnathan Miller vs Will Sparks 220 lbs
(W) Will Sparks 1 min 6 sec of 1st rnd ~ via TKO
7. Dale Fulkerson vs Christopher Nelson 120 lbs
(W) Christopher Nelson 1 min 16 sec of 1st rnd ~ via armbar
8. Lewis Conley vs Cliff Shaffer 170 lbs
(W) Lewis Conley 3 min of 3rd rnd ~ via unanimous decision
9. Greg Lee VS Sam McAplin 180 lbs
(W) Greg Lee 16 sec of the 1st rnd ~ via rear naked choke
10. Brok Weaver VS Neal Powell 162 lbs
(W) Brok Weaver 3 mins of 3rd ~ via unanimous decision
11. Cameron Cochran VS Myles Gilbert 155 lbs
(W) Myles Gilbert 38 secs of 1st rnd ~ via TKO

To the right: An excited crowd watches a battle take place.



April was Child Abuse Awareness Month. Tribal employees wore **blue** on Tuesday, April 10th, to show support to prevent child abuse and neglect.

MCGHEE INDIAN SCHOOL: CAN YOU IDENTIFY THE CREEK STUDENTS?

What a rare treasure the Poarch Band of Creek Indians now has in our archives! The Office of Archives and Records Management recently acquired an image of the McGhee Indian School from the archives at the Escambia County Historical Society which is located at Jefferson Davis Community College in Brewton, Alabama.

Mr. Jerry Simmons who works for the Society provided us with a copy of the original photograph which is a part of the Biggs Collection. Mr. Simmons said that Mrs. Biggs, a teacher at the Indian Schools, now deceased, donated her scrapbook of photographs to the Escambia County Board of Education. Mr. Simmons was then given the scrapbook by the Board of Education, he said, and placed the scrapbook contents in the archives at the Escambia County Historical Society in order to preserve them and make them available for public access.

The Office of Archives and Records Management staff took photographs of the page in Mrs. Biggs' scrapbook where the photograph was taken so that we could identify the pictures.

The words in her scrapbook are typed in the following manner:

Indian School

Right

Porch

McGhee

Roland

We found photographs of the Poarch and McGhee schools, but did not see any photographs of the Rolin School (notice the spelling of Porch and Roland). We were left wondering what happened to the other photographs.

In a recent interview, Mrs. Ruthie Mae Rackard told the Office of Archives and Records Management that her brother Chief Calvin McGhee gave up his residence so that Creek Indians could have a school to attend. When he found out that his children could not attend school in Atmore because they were Indians, she recounted him saying, "Mine's going to school! I'm not only working for my family; I'm working for my people!" Mrs. Rackard is Chief McGhee's last living sibling.



The McGhee Indian School that was built after this one was said to have been the residence of the Chief Calvin McGhee family who gave it up so that Creek Indians would have a school to attend.

The original schoolhouse was set on fire and burned down by an unnamed arsonist, Mrs. Rackard said. But she does not think the school in this photograph is the original schoolhouse or the McGhee residence. It was rumored among the Creeks that a non-Indian family set fire to the schoolhouse so that their children would not have to attend school with the Creeks, she said. To her knowledge, no one was ever charged with the crime.

Focusing on the McGhee Indian School, we are asking our readers to help us identify the students in the photograph. Do you know the names of these students? Do you know the date of this photograph? Who was the photographer? Did Mrs. Biggs take the photograph of her students?

It is heartening to learn about the strong emphasis that Chief Calvin McGhee placed on education, although he himself was unable to advance past elementary school because

of discrimination which shut Indians out of public education in the Atmore schools. Because of Chief McGhee's leadership and the Creek leadership that built on that foundation, Creeks have been able to realize Chief McGhee's dream of achieving an education for several decades. With the scholarship program that was set up by the Poarch Band of Creek Indians Tribal Council, Creeks can even go on to attend college, a benefit to tribal members that makes Chief McGhee's sister smile with pride. "He really wanted to help the Indians get an education," she said. "That's the main thing he wanted to do."

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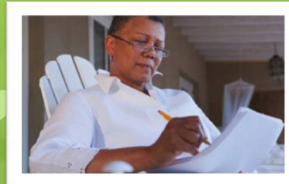
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MAY 2012 CALENDAR

Tribal Council Meetings

Thursday, May 3rd & 17th 4:00 p.m.
Tribal Council Chambers

Tribal Court Sessions

Monday, May 7th & 14th 9:00 a.m.
Tribal Courtroom

NA Meetings

Every Saturday 7:00 p.m.
Turning Point Facility

CIEDA Meetings

Friday, May 4th & 18th 7:30 a.m.
CIEDA Offices

Historic Preservation Board

Monday, May 7th & 21st 5:00 p.m.
Welcome Center

Housing Authority Meetings

Thursday, May 10th & 24th 4:00 p.m.
Building 400 Conference Room

Wellness & Activities Authority Meetings

Tuesday, May 15th & 29th 11:00 a.m.
Wellness & Activities Center (Gym)

TERO Commission Meetings

Tuesday, May 15th & 29th 3:00 p.m.
TERO Offices

Education Classes/Club Meetings 4-H Club

Monday, May 14th & 28th 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 every Monday & Thursday 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

March 1, 2012 - November 1, 2012

Monday - Friday 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Lifeguards are required to be on duty while
guests are swimming. No Exceptions!

Election Deadlines to Remember for May

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. 2:00 -4:00
Family Services Auditorium.

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.

Other Dates To Remember This Month

Saturday, May 5, 2012
Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day
Fire Station #1 (Jack Springs Rd)
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Thursday, May 10, 2012.
5:00 p.m. (CST) Deadline to submit
information to be published in the June
newsletter

Friday, May 11, 2012
5:00 p.m. Last day to sign up for Elder
Conference

Saturday May 19, 2012
South Alabama Early Childhood Taskforce
Health Forum
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Tribal Court Auditorium

Monday, May 28, 2012
Tribal Offices & Boys & Girls Club closed in
observance of Memorial Day.

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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

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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 Gwen Manning at (251) 368-9136 ext. 2502.

*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 Edie Jackson. Not shown is board member Gilbert McGhee. *Please note that Edie Jackson recused herself once her husband submitted his Letter of Candidacy.*



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| 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. |

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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

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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
FAX (251) 368-4502**

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PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

RESOLUTION FOR A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO CLARIFY VACANCIES PROVISION

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

WHEREAS, the Tribal Constitution under Article IX, Amendments, Section 1., authorizes the Tribal Council to approve resolutions to submit proposed amendments to the Constitution for a General Council vote at a regular or special election;

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council seeks to clarify the Tribal Constitution's provisions relating to the filling of vacancies for the officers and at-large positions of the Tribal Council; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council desires that a short description of the proposed constitutional amendment appear on the ballot in addition to the exact language of the amendment.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tribal Council authorizes the following proposed amendment to the Poarch Band of Creek Indians Constitution, which shall become effective when approved by a majority of the qualified voters voting on the amendment in the June 2, 2012 election, provided that at least thirty percent (30%) of those qualified to vote cast their ballots in the election:

ARTICLE VI – POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

Section 1. Chairman

The Chairman shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians, shall preside at the Poarch Creek Tribal Council meetings, and shall exercise any lawful authority delegated by the Tribal Council.

Section 2. Vice-Chairman

The Vice-Chairman shall assist the Chairman in the exercise of any delegated authority, duties, and responsibilities and shall preside at any meeting in the absence of the Chairman.

ARTICLE VII – ELECTIONS

Section 4. Vacancies

(A) In the event of the Chairman's death, resignation, or removal, the Vice-Chairman shall be duly sworn in as Tribal Chairman at a special-called Tribal Council meeting within three (3) days of the position becoming vacant. The Vice-Chairman shall temporarily serve as Chairman until the next election at which time the members of the General Council shall elect a Chairman to serve the balance of the three-year term of office. After the swearing-in of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman shall return to his or her seat for the remainder of his or her original term.

(B) In the event that the Vice-Chairman, Secretary, or Treasurer position becomes vacant between elections, the Tribal Council shall appoint from its membership a person to fill the vacancy. Such appointed Tribal Council member shall assume office and temporarily serve until the next election at which time the members of the General Council shall elect a person to serve the balance of the three-year term of office that became vacant. The Tribal Council Member appointed to serve in the Officer position shall return to the seat to which he or she was elected after the swearing-in of the newly elected Officer.

(C) In the event that any At-Large Position becomes vacant between elections, the position shall remain vacant until the next election. The person elected to the vacant At-Large position in the next election shall serve the balance of the three-year term of office that became vacant.

(D) The General Council shall elect a person to fill any vacant Officer or At-Large position at the next annual Tribal Council election as long as

the annual election is scheduled to be held within one hundred eighty (180) days. If there is no annual election scheduled within the next one hundred eighty (180) days, a special election shall be held to fill the vacancy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tribal Council directs the Election Board to assign a ballot number for the proposed constitutional amendment on the election ballot for June 2, 2012 and set forth on the ballot the following:

Proposing an amendment to Article VI and VII of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians Constitution to clarify how the Tribal Council will handle the filling of any vacancies for Officer and at-large positions.

If approved, Article VI and VII would be amended as follows:

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

“Yes () No ().”

Candidates for Vice Chair Position

The following Tribal Members have submitted their Letters of Candidacy for the position of Vice Chair.



Stephanie Bryan

I, Stephanie Bryan, declare my candidacy for Tribal Council Vice-Chair. I am the proud daughter of Julia Ann (McGhee) Stacey and Donald Ray Abney and

the granddaughter of the late Doris & Lunie Mae McGhee. I am married to Keith Bryan and we have three wonderful children Keisha, Brannon, and Niki. We also have three lovely grandchildren: Blaize, Bella, and Caden.

For the past six years, I have had the pleasure of serving as your Tribal Council Vice-Chair. Recently, I looked back at my two previous election campaigns, and I was pleased to find that the majority of items I hoped to accomplish during my tenure have made their way from hopes and dreams on paper to realities! Although, I am only one vote at the Council table, I have played a very active daily role as a full-time Council member and strong voice for you in order to make many of our current programs and benefits realities. During my time as Vice-Chair, I have either developed, championed, or supported the following programs and benefits that help make our quality of life better, such as:

- Per Capita (birthday check) increases from

\$150 a year when I was first elected to the most recent amount of \$10,000!

- I said I would work hard for a Christmas check and in 2010 Tribal Members received their first \$500 Christmas check. That benefit has now increased and expected to be \$1600 this year.
- In 2007 I worked diligently to start providing quality health care to Tribal Members that did not have access to health insurance. This program is a very successful program that insures about 800 Tribal Members a year. We also implemented the health flex card benefit which started in 2009 with a \$600 benefit and has now increased to \$2000.
- My last election material also stated I supported lowering the age for the elders benefit. This has now begun to happen and currently well underway.
- I also said I would support bringing more doctors to the health clinic and that has been accomplished. I also said I would support a new health clinic and this massive process is currently underway as well. I am the Chair of the Health Legislative Committee and serving on this committee is very crucial at this time because of my involvement with this project as well as a new assisted living facility. I hope to gain your continued support and see these projects complete within the next 18 months.
- I have worked tirelessly with the Education Advisory Committee on a policy to increase the McGhee-Tullis scholarship from \$30,000 to providing an additional \$10,000. I am currently working with the EAC on a policy which would allow Tribal Members more educational dollars per year so they can assume the highest quality education they

may desire. I also worked with this committee to increase First Generation college funding from \$25,000 up to \$300,000 a year, and hopefully in the near future this benefit will increase tremendously.

- I recently worked with Family Services to develop a program to assist day care costs to middle and higher income families that cannot receive assistance through the current federal assistance provided by the tribe to low income households.

In addition to my duties as Vice-Chair on Tribal Council, I have served as the Tribal Council Appointee and Chairman of the Tribal Gaming Commission. I have continuously served in this capacity since my first term six years ago. This position has proved to be a very challenging responsibility. There are so many changes that the federal government imposes on Tribes to regulate class II gaming Facilities. As the only Indian Gaming Tribe in Alabama, we are under constant scrutiny from state and local politicians. It is imperative to keep alert, informed, and educated in order to protect our gaming industry from possible federal violations, closure, and theft. The knowledge and experience I have gained in this area is an asset to the Tribe and my continued service as a council appointee on this commission is vital in order to protect the integrity of our gaming facilities which provides so much financial support to all our current benefits and per-capita payments. I accept this responsibility, as well as my responsibility to the other committees I have served on as a council member. I have served on the Education/Labor Legislative Committee, Housing/Health and Family Services, Budget and Finance Legislative Committee, and the Government Affairs and Rules Legislative Committee. It is my services on these committees

that has allowed me to accomplish many of the benefits and programs listed above.

During my past years on council, I have been blessed to be a part of so many changes within our Tribe. We all have been so fortunate to experience A LOT of success and growth. As an example of one of the biggest decisions I ever made on behalf of the Tribe which has brought big rewards is when I voted to acquire a significant amount of debt to finance Wind Creek Atmore. We originally planned to pay the debt off in seven 7 years, but due to good management and the patience and determination of all Tribal Members, we paid Wind Creek Atmore off in 2.5 years which is something I am very proud of. This is unprecedented in this current economy. I can proudly say that we are currently debt free, and I have no regrets for the decision I made on behalf of all of us.

How far we have come in the past years is very important to remember, and even more importantly, we need to know where we're going. As in the past I won't make promises, but I will tell you that I plan to continue working hard for each and everyone of you. With your continued support, I hope to see the new Health Clinic and Assisted Living facilities completed as well as more programs in education, health, family services, and housing that improve our quality of living and inadvertently save out of pocket expenses to all tribal members. I support the Tribe developing a more diverse housing benefit that will not only benefit over income Tribal Members in the five county service area and those who live out of the five county service area. I also support raising per capita (birthday checks) and Christmas checks as long as we remain financially stable and are able to sustain such raises in future payouts. I think

this is very possible if I can continue to monitor gaming activities as your Tribal Council Vice-Chair and Tribal Gaming Commission Chair. I will also work to sustain payments by diversifying our revenues through other economic venues outside of gaming.

It has been my extreme pleasure to serve all of you these past six years, and I hope to continue to be your voice concerning Tribal Council decisions. During this campaign please remember “ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS” and for those of you who know me I love to talk and visit, so look at my past record and trust me when I say ...for all the talking I have done in six years, my actions have been a lot louder and heard by all member's of this tribe through my support and hard work.

Please put your trust in me to continue to speak and act on your behalf concerning our Tribe. I welcome the opportunity to discuss my Tribal ideas and plans for the future anytime. I have an open door policy and will continue to research, give due diligence, and follow up in all areas when Tribal Members need assistance. I can be reached at sabryan@frontiernet.net or by calling (251) 368-1940.



David Gehman

“Hesci” - (Hello)

My name is David Gehman, candidate for Vice-Chairman of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians. I am the son of

Martin & Vernie Lee Barnhill Gehman; Grandson of P.R. and Ruby McGhee Barnhill; Great Grandson of Len and Hettie Colbert McGhee. My wife is Shyrell; our children are Stephanie & son-n-law Daniel, Emily, Kristen and Stephen. Visit www.abettertribe.com

Thank you so much for the trust you placed in me when tribal voters elected me to represent them and their families on the Tribal Council. Having the opportunity to serve the members of our tribal family has truly been one of the highest honors of my life, a privilege that I have never taken for granted. **Protecting our Sovereignty and improving services for our tribal members has been and will continue to be my focus for serving you.** Now I am asking for your vote and active support so that I may continue serving you as Vice Chairman of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians.

Consider the remarkable progress that has been accomplished:

- Development of the Tribal Assisted Living Center is underway. Construction of this facility will begin very soon. After many years of requests by tribal members for this kind of facility, it is great to see the Assisted Living Center become a reality.
- Development is also underway for a

comprehensive new Health facility, and construction will begin this year. Already the health Department has additional physicians to serve you and the pharmacy has been upgraded.

- Health Insurance is now available for all uninsured tribal members ...no matter where you live.

- Tribal Health Flex Cards are available for Tribal Members not currently participating in the Tribal Health Insurance Plan. This benefit can be used to pay doctor visits, co-pays, pharmacy co-pays and qualified medical supplies.

- The Annual Tribal Report including the Tribal Financial Report is presented each year in the State of the Tribe address, to keep you informed.

- Tribal debt on the WindCreek Casino and Hotel has been PAID IN FULL due to very strong performance of PCI Gaming.

- Per Capita checks have continued to grow and everyone also gets a Christmas check. I will continue to support Tribal Members freedom to choose how you wish to receive your Per Capita payments, whether once annually, semi-annually, quarterly or monthly.

- Housing will soon begin building new rental homes on Tribal property on Ashland Avenue near Pensacola, Florida. Hopefully we will soon be able to develop housing along Highway 21 near Megargel, in Monroe County, Alabama.

- Development of the new Entertainment Complex is underway and construction will begin soon. This complex will be built at the East entrance of WindCreek Hotel and Casino and will include an eight screen theatre complex, sixteen lanes of bowling, an arcade and food

services.

- Magnolia Branch Wildlife Reserve is developing into a real crown jewel for the Tribe. Work is underway to create a 60 acre lake to provide for water activities year round. A new Zip Line and Water Blob have been installed. With the purchase of land along the east boundary, more opportunities for camping, lodging, hiking and house riding are now available. There are many recreational opportunities now available while we protect our most basic natural resource.

- There will be a Constitutional Amendment on the ballot this year that if approved, will clarify succession in case of a vacancy in any Tribal Council position.

With the amazing success we have enjoyed, it is more important now than ever for our Tribal Leaders to clearly define our future goals and actions that must be accomplished by our Tribal Leadership and our Tribal Members in order for those goals to be realized.

I am asking for your Vote and your active Support so that I can continue to work for you with a focus on:

SOVEREIGNTY:

We must always be diligent to protect the sovereignty of our tribe, the only federally recognized tribe in the State of Alabama. Let us continue work to increase the amount of land held in trust for our tribe by the U.S. Department of Interior. "Trust" land is very important for our tribe to be self-sufficient and continue seeking prosperity.

Candidate information continues on next page

HEALTHCARE:

As we develop the new Health Facility, Assisted Living Facility and staffing, we must work to insure that serving Tribal Members will always be our priority. No matter where a tribal member lives, let us work to insure quality healthcare is available, and particularly home health services for our senior citizens.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

When it comes to investing tribal moneys into economic development projects we must continue to develop our gaming business but it is vital that we work to diversify our economic basis to seek non-gaming opportunities that will help us create a sustainable source of revenue. We must diligently manage tribal funded developments, empower and equip boards, managers and employees to perform and then hold them accountable to generate revenue for the tribe, provide jobs for tribal members or provide a needed service to tribal members.

GOVERNMENT TRANSPARENCY

I have consistently supported openness and transparency in the actions of the Tribal Council. Tribal law now requires public notice of all ordinances and community meetings to allow Tribal Members opportunity to ask questions and provide comments to the Tribal Council.

TRIBAL CONTRACTING

We must insure that contracting opportunities for tribal member businesses are fair and the Request For Qualifications (RFQ's), Request For Proposals (RFP's), Bidding, Awarding, and Performance process is open and transparent.

EDUCATION:

Expanding educational opportunities for all tribal members will improve the quality of life for our tribe and our people. I will continue to support the education efforts of all tribal members, and work to provide needed resources. We must continue to support the scholarship trust fund and insure education benefits for all tribal members of all ages.

CULTURAL HERITAGE

We must always remember that we stand on the shoulders of all those brave Creek men and women who laid the foundation for our lives, but did not live to see their dreams come true. We must not forget their sacrifices and struggles through hard times. And while our journey will never be over, the pathway is made easier because of the brave Poarch Creeks who walked before us. God help us that future generations will say the same of this generation.

We are a decent community of hard working men and women that love our country and our tribe. And with the right leadership we can grow stronger and more prosperous each year. ***I ask for your Vote and support to be part of that leadership, Please Vote David Gehman, Vice Chairman of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians.*** Please visit www.abettertribe.com

You as a Tribal Member can play a special part in our future - take full advantage of the life God has given you and become involved! If Government is to truly be of the people and by the people, then each of us has a responsibility to roll up our sleeves and get involved. Pray often for our military men and women, for without their sacrifices we would not be free today. Freedom is not free, someone pays the price. Help one

another, trust in yourselves and never lose faith in God.

There has never been a time in the history of our tribe where the future looks brighter, but we must always remember that our strength lies in our faith, our families and our traditions. With the help of God and our people, we will continue to build A Better Tribe, a place we can all call home, a place called "Poarch". "It is your birthright to be free and dream big dreams. It is up to us as a Tribe to rise up and reclaim our rightful place in the larger community as honest hardworking and decent Americans who love this country."

Thank you for your Vote and support. "Mvto" - (Thank you)

David Gehman is a member of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians, and is currently serving a three year term as Secretary of the Tribe which will culminate in 2013. Previously, Gehman was elected to the Tribal Council in 1995 and served as Treasurer until 2001. In June 2009 Mr. Gehman was elected to serve as Tribal Secretary and is currently a candidate for Vice Chairman in the tribal general election, June 2nd.

David Gehman received his Bachelor's degree in Management from Auburn University in Montgomery and his Associate's degree in Business from Jefferson Davis Community College, where he graduated Magna Cume Laude. In 1981, while serving as a volunteer fireman with the Atmore fire department, Gehman earned Alabama certification as an EMT.

While working at the Atmore airport, David Gehman began flying at an early, soloing at the young age of 16 with barely 3 hours of instruction. David then earned his private license at age 17 and

went on to obtain his advanced Instrument and Multi-Engine Flight Instructor certificate as well as Airline Transport Pilot license. As a professional corporate pilot, Gehman has safely logged in excess of 6,500 hours pilot-in-command time in several aircraft including Learjet's and King Air's. Gehman served as Chief Pilot for Yates Construction in Biloxi, Mississippi and for Magnum Capital of Panama City, Florida. He has flown government officials, chartered passenger and cargo flights, including the federal banking system, domestically and internationally. Gehman also conducted air patrol operations for AT&T through-out the Southeast U.S. flying low level surveillance of the fiber optic cable right of way.

During high school, Gehman gained experience as a DJ at WATM - AM and FM. Shortly after graduating, he and his family formed a partnership and constructed and operated radio stations WASG AM and WYDH FM.

David Gehman was born and raised in Atmore, Alabama, where he lives with his wife and four children. He is a member of Gospel Light Church, and serves on the church board.

Garvis Sells

**Vote to Elect
Garvis Sells
for
Vice-Chairman**



I, Garvis Eugene Sells, wish to announce my candidacy for Vice-Chairman of the Poarch Creek Indians. I am the son of the late Roberta and Eugene Sells. I am married to Catherine Jackson Sells and we have

one daughter April Sells and our son passed away in 2004.

I am seeking your vote and support in this year's tribal election for Vice-Chairman. I hope that my service over the last several years to the Tribal Community speaks for itself. I promise to continue to look out for the best interest of the tribal members as a whole and not for a select few. I will continue to assist any tribal member to be best of my ability AND RETURN ALL PHONE CALLS AS THEY ARE RECEIVED.

I believe our tribe has successfully reached a lot of goals that have been set but there are more to be accomplished. We as a community can't lose sight of what our ancestors fought long and hard for all of those years – we must learn to work together. Remember Matthew 12:25, “house

divided against itself will not stand”.

I promise to look at every issue honestly, without bias, and make my decisions based on facts. My late mother taught me the importance and value of family, friends and tribe. I hope that has shown through over the last several years as a Council Member.

Please vote on June 2, 2012 and if I have earned your respect, please mark your ballot for Garvis Eugene Sells.

Thank you in advance for your support and prayers.

End of information on candidates for the position of Vice Chair.

Candidates for At Large Positions (2)

The following Tribal Members have submitted their Letters of Candidacy for the two At large positions.



Dewitt Carter

Greetings my fellow Tribal Members. I, Dewitt Carter, announce my candidacy for one of the Tribal Council At Large positions.

I am the son of Dewitt Sells and the grandson of the late Roberta “Granny” and Eugene “Popcorn” Sells. My uncle, Garvis Sells, is a current Tribal Council member

and if elected I vow to continue his example and to aid him in all matters concerning the Tribe.

I was born in Atmore and grew up on Aplin Road in Poarch with my grandfather, Joe Philyaw, Jr. Grandpa took me in and made it his responsibility to ensure that I graduated from high school and made something of myself. I graduated from high school as one of the top ten of my class. After high school joined the Air Force; I served for five years and was stationed at NORAD in Colorado Springs, Colorado; I even attended college while in the Air Force. I returned home to Poarch after the Air Force. (Once a Poarch resident, always a Poarch resident!) I worked with my father for a while and later learned different trades in the construction field. I started my own business in

2000 and am still in business today.

Through the years I have enjoyed a vast friendship with many Tribal Members. Believe it or not, there are quite a few you who will do anything for others without the thought of personal gain. This is part of the reason I have run for Tribal Council the last three years. I want to give back. I believe with the right leadership the sky is the limit for the Tribe. We have been given an opportunity that most Native Americans only wish for but to continue growing and extending benefits to our Members we need thinkers and individuals eager to sacrifice and work hard for you. I know that I am that Tribal Council Member for you.

I would like to see a commissary at or near Poarch that allows our Tribal Members to shop for groceries and other necessities at near cost; wholesale pricing if you will. I believe we should open the roll to First Generation descendants. I don't want to see our per capita payment go down, but expanding the roll can only help, i.e. with grants. Our elders need as much care and benefits as we, their children, can give. We shouldn't look at it as though they *deserve* it, but the fact is, they *earned* it.

I want to break down the wall that says if you live outside the service area you are not entitled to the same benefits as the members in the immediate Atmore area. I live in Conecuh County just three miles outside the service area. However, my roll number still counts when the Tribal Council needs it.

I need your vote, with it I can only offer one guarantee, "I will always do that which is right for the Tribe." I will do everything possible for you and those of us in need. My phone will always

be on and if you don't reach me I will return your call. I only need one change to make you proud.

Thank you for your support
Dewitt Carter
(251) 753-7438

Rodney Exum

Greetings,

My name is Rodney Exum, I am pleased to announce my candidacy for the at large seat for Tribal Council. I am



the son of Helen McGhee Hallman and the late Espy (Don) Exum. My grandparents were Levi and Treacy McGhee and Thomas and Minnie Exum. I have one son, Christopher.

First I would like to ask, "isn't it GREAT to be a Tribal Member of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians??" We have, as a Tribe, come so far in the last five years. I would like to thank the Tribal Council, past and present, for a job well done!!

We all hear the same concerns this time of the year; Health, Housing, Economic Development, etc. All of these areas have improved over the past few years. The one "promise" that I hear almost every year is "help me get on Council and I promise you we will get more money next year on our Birthday Check." The formula is already set for this. As long as our Gaming and Enterprises continue to do well, our Birthday Checks WILL increase.

I will not make promises that I can't keep. If elected, the only promise I will make to you is that I will always be available for you!! Several of you have voiced your concerns to me while discussing the upcoming election. I share your concerns and you can count on me to present your thoughts and concerns if elected. I will be your voice on all matters that come to the Tribal Council.

Thank you for your consideration and support. I look forward to serving each of you.

IT IS NOT ABOUT ME AND MINE
IT IS ABOUT US AND OURS



Sandy Fretwell Hollinger

I, Sandy Fretwell Hollinger, would like to announce my candidacy for the 2012 Tribal Election at-large seat. I am the daughter of Ruth McGhee Bailey, the late William Fretwell and the late Jerry Bailey. I am the granddaughter of the late Greely and Alberta McGhee, Gracie Mae McGhee Spence, Will and Lavada Fretwell. I am married to Darrell Hollinger and have three children, Austin, Denver, and Anna Grace. I am the daughter-in-law of Alex (Buster) and Yvonne (Pug) Hollinger, and the late Patricia Woods Hollinger. I grew up in the Poarch community and now reside in Uriah, Alabama.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your council member this past year. It has been a

challenging, yet rewarding experience. I do not take this responsibility lightly. I have tried to serve my fellow tribal members with great honor and dignity. It has been a pleasure to serve my fellow tribal members. I have dedicated my professional life to service of others, and I look forward to the opportunity of serving you again.

I currently serve on the following Boards/Committees: Boys & Girls Club Board, TERO (Tribal Employment Rights), Governmental Affairs/Rules and Cultural/Community Activities Legislative Committees.

I will continue to support education, health care benefits, employment opportunities, and other services for you.

This past year, I have worked with Family Services staff in developing a child care assistance program for those who are middle and over income for tribal member and first generation children. This program serves those in and out of the five county service areas.

I introduced a new program to provide assistance with school uniform and supply reimbursement for children in K4 - 12th grades. I knew this benefit would financially help those families which had hardships in purchasing these items.

I am excited to see the Tribe grow and prosper. We have several projects that are scheduled to move forward soon, and I fully support them. They are;

- A New Health Clinic, which will allow more exam rooms and more staff to adhere to your needs.
- An Assisted Living Facility, a safe, clean home place for our elders that need the extra care, while still allowing some

independence.

- The Entertainment District within the Poarch Community. This will include a movie theater, bowling alley, retail store, and restaurant. I truly believe this will be a great venue for our youth in the community.

I am grateful for our per capita checks and the increases that have been given year by year. I fully support increasing per capita (birthday checks) as long as the tribe is financially able.

I am only one vote, but you can depend on me to have your best interest at heart when I cast my vote.

On June 2, 2012, I am seeking re-election as your at-large Council Member. I humbly ask that you consider supporting me.

I will always have an open door policy. Please feel free to contact me with suggestions, concerns or recommendations that reflect your quality of life at (251)359-2785 or email at shollinger@pci-nsn.gov.

God Bless,

Sandy Fretwell Hollinger

Eddie Jackson

I, Eddie Jackson, am pleased to announce my candidacy for Tribal Council. I am the son of Mable and the late Alton Jackson. I am the



grandson of the late Viola Jackson and the late Margie and Ed McGhee. I am married to Edie Jackson, daughter of Mary Jane and Eddie Tulls, we have two sons, Chance (17) and Casey (16). I have lived in Poarch all of my life and I'm very proud to call it home.

First, I would like to tell you a little about myself. I have worked with the tribe a number of times. While in high school, I sold pull tabs at the former Creek Bingo Palace and also while I attended Faulkner State Junior college. I also worked a pilot project of growing and harvesting gourmet Shitake Mushrooms. I later went to work at Monsanto Chemical Company, now known as Solutia, for 15 years. I then came back to the tribe where I worked at the Gym, coordinating sports for the kids in the community. As you can see, I've worked a lot of jobs. Hard work is something I'm not afraid of because I've been around it my whole life. It would be an honor to work for you, the people of the tribe.

There are several things I feel are dear to my heart that I would like to make a priority for our people. With the success of our tribe recently, nothing is out of reach for us as a tribe. In saying that, I believe that the tribal members should not depend on the tribe to support them fully, but to assist them in times of need or crisis. Some of the things I feel strongly about are our children. Our children are the future of our tribe. We need to make sure our children get a firm education to help succeed in life. I believe more jobs are needed in our community to keep our kids at home. An area that I feel is sometimes left out is the middle aged tribal members. As a middle aged tribal member myself, I want to do my part in seeing us strive to be more involved in the tribe. The last, but most dear to my

heart, is our tribal seniors. If it wasn't for our seniors, where would the tribe be right now?

I feel like there should be more equality between the tribal government and the other tribal entities. Every tribal employee, from groundskeeper to chairman, are equally essential to the success of the tribe.

In closing, I can't promise you anything but hard work, that's what I was raised on. I have also been raised to be proud that I am a member of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians and have never been ashamed to admit it. I respectfully ask for your vote, but if you choose not to support me, please vote. Feel free to call me at 251-359-3438 if you have any questions regarding my stand about any issues.



***Gloria Sells
Krafka***

***Vote to Elect
GLORIA SELLS
KRAFKA
for
Tribal Council***

Hello, my name is Gloria Sells Krafka and I am running for Tribal Council. I am married to Gerald Krafka and the daughter of the late Roberta McGhee Sells and Eugene Sells and the sister of the late Anna Bell McGhee Ellison. I am the mother of Amy Bryan and Guy Wynn, Jr. and the sister of Garvis, Dewitt, Tony, Harold, Julius and Jerry Sells. My goal for the Tribe is that EVERY tribal member, regardless of status or family affiliation, receives equal benefits and

is able to participate in any program offered by the tribe. As a member of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians, you have an inherent right to any support the tribe has to offer. One of my goals is to expand the limits of the current service area so that services can be extended to those members who currently reside outside of the area. Tribal members' concerns should receive a prompt response from the responsible tribal department and the response should be in accordance with Tribal law and policy and applied uniformly to all.

I strongly believe our money should be invested in the members of this tribe before it is arbitrarily given away to schools, communities and other units of government. We all give to charities but we ensure that our families are cared for and our bills paid before we give. CHARITY BEGINS AT HOME. We need to provide for the basic needs (education, job training, medical treatment, adequate housing, utilities and food) of our own people before any money is given to others. I support aid to schools but feel that top priority should be given to those schools that educate tribal members and Indian descendants. Most of the money this tribe gives away is given without any accountability.

The tribe has come along way, and it seems unfair that some employees of the tribe are making six digit salaries, while Tribal member employees are underpaid and struggling to make ends meet or are unemployed,. It seems like only yesterday when this community of families pulled together to make sure every tribal member was fed, clothed and housed. Today, it seems you're either in or you're out. I would like to see this changed and the only way to accomplish this is to elect tribal council members who really care about the

people and will stand up for you at the council table. THIS I WILL DO.

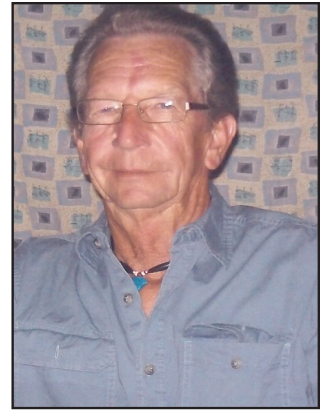
I support maximized per capita payments to tribal members. I believe in using economic development funds for the development of tribal members, including but not limited to: creating increased training for tribal members to teach skills required to acquire and advance in employment positions within the tribe; a mentor system to ensure that tribal member employees are being trained for supervisory and management positions; that work experience is considered equivalent to education in our hiring and promotion practices; development of tribal member owned businesses where current opportunities are being outsourced and more discretionary fund made available to meet tribal members needs that aren't funded by a current program. I believe in tribal member preference in employment and support higher salaries for tribal members, Indian descendants and tribal-member spouses.

I have a strong desire to serve my constituents and work in an honest, professional manner with accountability for the betterment of our Tribe. I served on the council before and am proud to say that I always represented my people with honesty and integrity. Although I was only one vote, I always voted for the good of the people without regard for personal prejudice or opinion.

My service is dedicated to dignified representation of you, the members of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians. I not only ask for your vote, I further ask that you allow me to be your voice in all matters that are crucial and fundamental to you.

Thank you!

Paul Lundy



To my fellow tribal members and families my name is Paul Lundy the son of the late Juanita Dees Lundy and the late

Gay Lundy I am announcing my candidacy for tribal council at large for the 2012 tribal council election. I have lived in this area all my life and most of you know me as a local musician from around the area for the past thirty years. I have been an active member of the teamster union local 528/474 for the past eighteen years working in natural gas pipeline construction.

I have thought deeply about what to say in this announcement letter and not dwell on just the negative issues but let's be realistic if we were all satisfied with every aspect of our current council members decisions and handling our tribal assets and their personal integrity then there would be no reason for change but unfortunately this not the case. After talking with fellow tribal members I hear the same concerns and complaints over and over about the how issues are being handled by some of our current elected council members so I decided to publish a few of the important complaints and concerns I hear the most from my fellow tribal members.

Excessive council member expense accounts and travel.

Not returning phone calls from concerned tribal members.

Candidate information continued on next page.

Failure to disclose major investments of tribal assets and money until after the fact for fear of input or objections from tribal members which may affect the outcome of their agenda.

Excessive use and misuse of executive sessions during council meetings to conceal council member standing on the issues from the attending tribal members.

Failure to introduce, change or amend policies which would give the tribal members the right to vote on major issues and investments of the tribe.

lack of control of certain tribal owned properties such as the casino's and other properties that are paying out huge salaries ,bonuses and perks from tribal profits to contracted employees.

Lack of interest in implementing new policies and procedures for tribal member employment to insure fair hiring and employment practices for all tribal members and first generation with tribal owned companies and tribal government positions.

These are just a few of the concerns with some of our current members and very important issues and concerns. In order for this tribe to move forward we need honesty integrity and members that are willing to stand up and speak up and work for the betterment of our tribe and regain control and stop the wasteful spending of our tribes future and give a voice back to the tribal members.

If elected this is my intentions, I will allow all tribal members to be involved in and have a voice in their future and bring the important issues to the table and work to change these negative

concerns of our great tribe but the only way this change can come forth is to change more than one seat on the council table one person can not compete with the same old ideas and agenda and control of certain members so I'm asking for my fellow tribal members to please talk to their new candidates and lets find the right people with the same ideas that are willing to work together to represent this tribe in a more positive and prosperous future.

Please vote Paul Lundy tribal council at large 2012

Thank you for your support and consideration
Any questions please contact me at 251-253-4957



***Eialeasha
Elizabeth
Martin***

Greetings, Tribal Members. Welcome to another 2 months of politics. This is the moment where everyone barter, trades, and makes promises they know one single individual can't keep.

And then there's me...My name is Eialeasha Elizabeth Martin. Most people just call me "Leasha". I won't be doing any bartering, trading, or promising, but I will remain humble and loyal to my views and values. In all ways, I put my people first, speaking up and out for everyone.

For those of you who may not know my family

tree just by name, I'm the daughter of Douglas Martin and the late Dorothy Lee Nelson Raines Martin. I'm the granddaughter of Elsie Martin Holland, Willis McKinley McGhee Sr., and Alice Rolin and R.O. Martin. I would be happy to share my tree with you.

I work for the Poarch Creek Indian Education Department as your Library Clerk. It's a job I love. It gives me time with our seniors where I enjoy hearing old history stories. I would have never known some of the stories without spending quality time with them. Also, as Library Clerk, I've seen many of our tribal children go from adolescents to adulthood. My job isn't the most glamorous to most people, but I enjoy it, so I have every intention of keeping it, even if elected. My job keeps me centered and in touch with all our people of all ages.

We are the descendants of some of the strongest willed people in history. They made their own way. They would be so proud to have had just a piece of the comfort and advantages we have today. So in this election, band together as they did so many years ago and let your voices be heard. A common bond needs to be found. If you don't like the way your council works, change it. Don't just complain, or take anything that 9 members tell you. You are the majority. You made this tribe. All of you did! Your opinion counts. It's time to have the tribal council accountable to you!

There are several issues which concern all of you:

- 1) Enrollment-Who's able to see roll books and who cannot? We as tribal and 1st generation should all have access to tribal rolls for research. The years selected for enrollment, the counties, and even the

color of your skin changed from census year to census year. Our Tribal ancestors can be found in every county within a 250 mile radius. Our courthouses burned, so a Native DNA project BIA approved will resolve all quantum's and heritage issues will be resolved.

- 2) Committees, Advisory Boards, and Authorities need to be abolished. Authorities and their power has allowed one person to take a wonder project like the Cultural Center and turn it into a disaster. The publicity brought about it is nothing but negative. We made lots of papers all with negative views. This mess was created by "Authority Management".

"All Governmental Department have Directors and staff. All Directors have an Administrator. Let them do they jobs without interference". Let TERO do its job!

- 3) Utilize all companies we have at hand, and not just a select few! There's enough work to go around. Let's share the wealth and allow a rotation program based on the work needed.
- 4) Tribal Council meetings should be on the internet so that all tribal members can view each meeting. We have shut in, out of state members who can't make it to the meetings. We currently have a movie company teaching our children now. Why not allow that company and our children to expand their skills? Also why is this companies skills not being utilized to

video all our events, commercials, and any photography we may need?

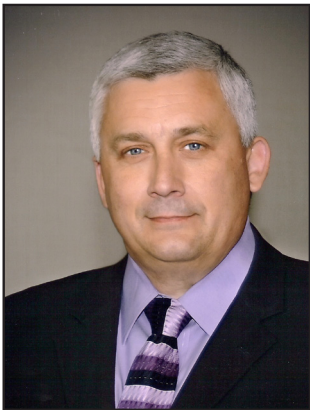
I hope I have given you things to think about. I have several more issues, but this bio would turn into a novel. So think long and hard when you vote this year. Think about your opinion and what you want and need as a Tribal member. Vote for a person who will stand up for you, even if they always stay in the hot seat. I am a person who is willing to stay humble, yet firm to my beliefs about doing what's right, not what's convenient!!!

If you have any questions, feel free to contact my home at 251-368-8369 or my cell at 251-253-3489. Thank you and I look forward to meeting with you or either speaking to you on the phone.

-Leasha Martin

Ardis. It may have been a houseful, but there was never a time that we did not love each other. I can remember sitting by the fireplace in my grandmother's bedroom as she taught me how to tie my shoes. I also remember that no one ever left her house hungry and although we had very little, she always offered the best that she had.

Back in those days we were very poor but so was the whole community. We had to stick together. If the men folk saw a need, they worked together to see that every family had enough to get by, firewood in the winter, a ride to town, or a bag of groceries. Seeing that, as a child, had a profound effect on me and it made me who I am today. Times may have changed for the better but I hope that we will always love our neighbor, take care of one another, always be ready to lend a helping hand, and hold on to each other so that we can face the bad and the good times together.



Keith Martin

Dear Tribal Member,

My name is Keith Martin and I am asking for your support for re-election to the Tribal Council. My Creek heritage

comes from my great grandmother Alice Rolin, Grandfather Willis McGhee, Grandmother Elsie Holland, and mother Janette Martin Beck.

I was born and raised in the Poarch Community near Atmore. As a small child my mother and I lived, along with my brother Randall and sister Anita, on Indian School Road with my granny Elsie, my great granny, Alice and my Aunt Jean

When I was four, my mother married my stepfather Kenneth Beck and we moved to Pensacola, FL. I missed Poarch and especially granny Elsie and Aunt Jean and although we were often visitors, the pull of Poarch in my heart brought me home when I was fifteen. I met my high school sweetheart, Rochel in 1981. We graduated together in 1984 and were married the next year. God has blessed us with four extraordinary daughters, Samantha Martin Rolin (Jonathan), Jessica Martin Black (Cody), Rachel Martin and Scarlet Martin and two beautiful grandchildren. Every time, I hold Lilly Grace and Jackson, in my arms, I think of my grandmother and hope that I can be as loving and kind to them as she was to me.

My years of service to the Tribe began in 2002 when I sat on the gaming commission. In 2004 I went to the gaming board and in 2006

I was elected to the Tribal Council and became chairman of the gaming board that same year. I have not ceased to learn and to grow from my experience as a Tribal Council member. We have all worked hard on behalf of the General Council and I am proud of what we have accomplished.

Everyday, I am amazed at how far we have come and what opportunity for growth and success lies ahead. I hope to continue my service on the Tribal Council so that together, we can build an even better future. Now is the time when we must pursue new avenues for development and growth. We must use our gaming revenue to grow new businesses, invest wisely and improve the quality of the lives of those that have entrusted their future to the people that elect. That is my pledge to you.

Improving education and education benefits to tribal members and their descendants, creating jobs, and ensuring that our tribal elders live out their lives in dignity are all commitments that I make to you. All of us stand on the shoulders of our parents, grandparents and all those who withstood the indignities of prejudice and discrimination. We owe them all a debt of gratitude. Just as they dreamed that one day their children and grand children would live fuller lives, we must now make that same promise to all those that will one day look back at us.

When I think about my Granny chopping wood and gathering kindling to keep us all warm, about being sick and not being able get to a doctor or afford medicine I only wish that she could know that the little boy who she taught to tie his shoes would one day be able to visit a state of the art tribal health clinic and an assisted living facility where people can live with dignity and comfort.

How proud she would be of us all.

I humbly ask you for your support for re-election to the Tribal Council. Please take this letter as my pledge to you that I will continue to work hard for our tribe.

Please vote Keith Martin for Tribal Council on June 2, 2012.

Sincerely,
Keith Martin

William Daniel (Boone) McGhee



Dear Tribal Members:

I, William Daniel “Boone McGhee” would appreciate your vote for Tribal Council. I am the son of Howard and Hattie Mae McGhee. I am also the grandson of the late Buck and Luna Mae McGhee, and Dan and Lena McGhee. My granddaddy, Deputy Dan, was acting deputy sheriff on the Reservation until he passed away.

I am a native of the Poarch Community and a proud member of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians. I started tribal dancing at the age of seven. I am 51 years of age and I still dance before concerts at Wind Creek Casino. For the past two years, I have judged the Warriors competition at our Pow Wow. I have fond memories of every Pow Wow; I either was a dancer or a judge. I remember the very first Pow Wow at the old school house which

is the log cabin. It was a gathering of family and friends for Thanksgiving.

The one promise, I will make and keep is to be fair and honest. My vote at the table of the council will be for the best interest of ALL the people at the Poarch Band of Creek Indians. My heart is 100% Creek Indian and my dedication will be 100% for all our Tribal Members.

A vote for Boone McGhee is a vote for the native people of this Tribe, who wants to protect and maintain our way of living and our investments.

Sincerely,

William Daniel "Boone" McGhee



Janet McGhee Rodriguez

I, Janet Rodriguez am declaring my candidacy in the 2012 election of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians; I am the daughter of the late

Benny McGhee and Mary McGhee of Poarch Alabama. I have been married for 28 year to Christopher Rodriguez we have four children Gia, Devin, Brittany and Tori Rodriguez; we have four granddaughters Kamryn, Kylee, Mya, and Layla. I have lived in the community for 21 years now and I been involved with the tribe through our wellness department by coaching our youth in softball. I have severed on the pow wow committee. My first job with tribe was working in the WIA program were I earned my GED in 2003, I have attend 1 year

of college and I am currently enrolled in online courses in medical billing and coding. I have also worked for PCI Gaming in different roles starting as an entry level employee working my up to Management in Gaming and the Hotel. I have a great understanding for gaming and think that it is important to have being that is the tribes number one source of revenue. My current job with tribe is the transportation provider for the health department. I transport our elderly and disable tribal members. I get great pleasure out of this job because I love my tribe and love to do anything that can help my tribe and its members.

I would like to thank all pass, present and future tribal council members for all of their hard work. I feel that some of our present council members have lost focus on what's important and that is our community and our people. I think that the tribe should not give so much money to outside communities and should put that money back into the tribe either through per capita disbursement or more programs to benefit tribal members. I can remember a time when we looked out for one another and did what was best for the tribe as a whole and not just a handful of members. If elected I can promise that I will fight for my people in what is right and not on what can benefit me.

If you have any questions that you would like to ask me feel free to call me at 251-359-5312. I would greatly appreciate the opportunity to try and make a difference for our tribe. Please vote for me on June 2th 2012. Thank you.

Issac Rolin

I Isaac Thomas Rolin do hereby declare my candidacy for the at large position of the Tribal Council. I am currently employed with Slaughter Const. of Gulf Shores as a supervisor. I am the son of the late Judge and Irene Rolin, and the grandson of the late Ollie & Luvada McGhee Rolin. I have been married to my wife Edna Stringer Rolin for 48 years and we have three (3) children Billy (Angelia) Rolin, Kenny (Lisa) Rolin, and Thomas (Stephanie) Rolin. I have 9 grandchildren and 5 great grand children.

Our children are the future of this tribe As seniors we are the backbone of this tribe. With that being said my goals if elected.

#1 To help and protect our Seniors as much as possible. To vote for programs that will be helpful to them.

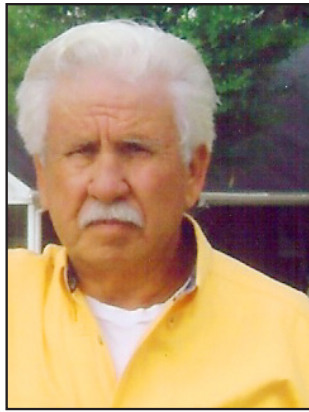
#2 To continue to have programs and leadership that will protect and benefit our youth of this tribe. The are "our" future.

#3 I as a tribal member believe we can do more for our handicapped and disabled tribal members.

#4 I believe in Per Capita payments. A lot of our people need and can use this money to better the lives of their families.

If elected I will always listen to you the people of our tribe. I will have an open door to you always.

We as tribal members need to support our community and form a council that will make



our community stronger in the future. We must all strive together to have unity in our tribe.

I am a tribal member just wanting to make a difference for a better tribe.

Thank you for your support.

Isaac Thomas Rolin

Valerie Barnhill Taylor

My name is Valerie Barnhill Taylor. I am the great granddaughter of Hettie Colbert McGhee, the granddaughter of Ruby McGhee Barnhill and the daughter of James Edward Barnhill. I have two (2) children, 10 grandchildren and 1 great granddaughter.



I was one of the first employees with the Tribe after recognition was received and I have worked off and on in various departments since that time. I currently work in the Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO). I have worked as the Tribal Center Secretary, Manpower Training Counselor and Employment & Training Director for the Tribe as Employment Specialist for United South and Eastern Tribes. I sat on the Board of Directors with native Herb Products located in White Oak, TN.

I could go on and on about my qualifications but I feel the most important assets I have to offer you is that I am extremely honest, straightforward and I care about what happens to you. I cared yesterday, I care today and I WILL care tomorrow. I will put you the Tribal Members needs first

and then the families of Tribal Members. This should be the consideration before ear-marking any funds to any and all outside organizations. I believe in helping the community around us but what part of that money that is distributed to other areas does a Tribal Member not only locally but in places such as: FLORIDA, TEXAS, CALIFORNIA, NORTH CAROLINA, MICHIGAN, WISCONSIN, OHIO, ETC. receive or benefit from. Our funds, all of them, belong to each Tribal Member. The General Council, (you) should have some kind of idea where are funds are and be able to at least have knowledge of what is being proposed to do with, if not an actual, push a button vote, which I am all for.

I would like to send out a heart-felt thank you to the staff of the Poarch Creek Indians. Without their hard work, dedication and concern for our well-being, I don't know where we would be. They help all of us each and every day and they do it with love. My hat is off to y'all.

I will stand up with you not only with my mind but with my heart. I would truly appreciate your vote to place me as your representative on the Poarch Creek Indian Tribal Council.



Vivian Walker

***Vivian Walker
1112 Schaub Avenue
Mobile, AL 36609***

I, Vivian Walker, declare my candidacy for Tribal Council.

I feel that I can be a blessing and assistance to the tribe. The tribe has been good to me; therefore, it is time I pay back by serving others.

I am a Physical Education teacher in Mobile County. I have taught and coached grades K-12 over the last 36 years. I have worked hard to make sure my school had everything needed to offer the best education possible. I will put this same effort into serving the tribe.

I am the daughter of the late William and Ruth Walker. My family consists of four sisters and a brother and their families.

I realize that I have a lot to learn. However, I am persistent and I am not afraid of hard work. I can and will do a great job for the tribe.

Thank you for this opportunity to serve.

Sincerely,
Vivian Walker
251-716-9695



***Carolyn McGhee
White***

I, Carolyn Maline McGhee White, declare my candidacy for the at large Tribal Council position and submit my

Resume for your review and consideration. I ask for your vote and support in the 2012 Tribal Election!

CAROLYN MALINE MCGHEE WHITE

RESUME

P. O. Box 452

Atmore, AL 36504 (251) 368-8321

STRENGTHS: Excellent communication and organizational skills . . . Proficient in computer applications . . . Personable . . . Enthusiastic . . . Conscientious . . . Honest . . . Dedicated . . .

EDUCATION:

2012

Faulkner State Community College

Bay Minette, AL

Enrolled in Paralegal Studies for Associate Degree in Applied Science

May 1999

University of Alabama - Tuscaloosa, AL

Master's Degree in Social Work

August 1990

University of South Alabama - Mobile, AL

Bachelor of Science Degree in Human Relations Administration

May 1972 & 1980

Jefferson Davis Jr. College - Brewton, AL

2-year Certificate and Associate of Arts Degree

May 1970

Escambia County High School - Atmore, AL

Graduate

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AND QUALIFICATIONS:

October 2011 to Present

Legislative Assistant with Legal Department

Poarch Band of Creek Indians – Atmore, AL

Responsible for drafting legislation, ordinances,

resolution, rules, regulations, policies, and procedures.

Nov. 2004 to Oct. 2011

Family Services Director

Poarch Band of Creek Indians – Atmore, AL

Responsible for administration and management of social service grants and service-delivery programs for a federally recognized Indian tribe.

Nov. 2000 to Feb. 2005

County Human Resources Director III

Escambia County Dept. of Human Resources

Brewton, AL

Responsible for administration and management of federal, state, and county-level social and means-tested programs and staff of 40 professional employees.

August 2000 to Oct. 2000

Senior Service Social Worker

(Child Protective Service Supervisor)

Escambia Co. Dept. of Human Resources

Brewton, AL

Supervision of Child Protective Service Unit comprised of five social workers and three social work case aides. Responsible for assessing safety risks, assigning casework, reviewing documentation, and monitoring case practice.

May 1999 to August 2000

Senior Service Social Worker

(Quality Assurance/Resource to Development/ Special Projects)

Escambia Co. Dept. of Human Resources

Brewton, AL

Responsible for organization, facilitation, and coordination of interchanges between DHR and the local QA Committee following guidelines provided by State DHR and Court Monitor.

July 1991 to April 1999

Claims Investigator

Escambia Co. Dept. of Human Resources

Brewton, AL

Responsible for computer registration and processing of food stamp claims; System Administrator for computer systems at the Atmore branch office of the Food Stamp Program.

Nov. 1979 to June 1991

Food Stamp Eligibility Worker

Escambia Co. Dept. of Human Resources

Atmore, AL

Interviewed clients to determine eligibility for food stamps benefits based on income and resource guidelines. Followed policy and procedures to process client information and submitted it for data entry into the computer system. System Administrator for computer system at Atmore branch office of the Food Stamp Program.

Feb. 1977 to Oct. 1979

County Financial Officer/Clerical Supervisor

Escambia County Dept. of Human Resources

Brewton, AL

Supervised four clerical employees. Compiled county financial and statistical reports to submit to the State office. Maintained control files and logs. Disbursed monthly checks to foster children from earmarked accounts. Typed confidential reports, i. e. employee register requests and employee evaluations.

April 1975 to Oct. 1979

Typist/Receptionist

Escambia County Dept. of Human Resources

Brewton, AL

Performed general clerical duties such as typing, filing, and answering the phone. Transcribed narratives from Dictaphone equipment.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:

Licensed Certified Social Worker

(September 2004 – Present)

TERO Commission Member (2007 – Present)

Chairman of General Council Voice

(Non-Profit Organization) – (2009 – Oct. 2011)

Executive Board Member (Secretary) for South West Alabama Abuse Network (2003 – 2011)

Chairman of Social Services Committee with United South Eastern Tribes, Inc. (2008 – 2011)

Vice Chairman of Social Services Committee with United South Eastern Tribes, Inc. (2010 – 2011)

ACF Workgroup Member for National Tribal Consultation Policy (2010 – 2011)

Board Member of the Gulf Coast American Red Cross (2007 – 2009)

Chairman, PCI Best Western 2007 – 2008 (Board Member and Vice-Chairman 1989 – 2007)

Escambia Long Term Recovery Committee (ECLTRS) (2004 – 2008)

Vice-Chairman, Escambia County Alabama Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster (ECAVOAD) (2006 – 2007)

Board Member for Hope Place Family Resource Center (2003 – 2005)

Member of Escambia Chapter Society of Human Resource Management (2004 – 2005)

Chairman, Safety Subcommittee for Children Policy Council (2003-2005)

Poarch Creek Indians Gaming Board (1989 – 1998)

Licensed Graduate Social Worker (January 2000 – December 2002)

ACOWF Board Member (1997) and Video Librarian (1997 – 1999)

Licensed Bachelor Social Worker (July 1995 – August 2001)

Outstanding Claims Worker/Writer Award from Alabama Council on Welfare Fraud (1995)

Quality Assurance Coordinator Representative for National Teleconference on Quality Assurance Systems (2000)

End of information on candidates for the two At-Large positions.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY

***May 5, 2012
8:00 AM—12:00 PM***

***Poarch Creek Indians Fire Station #1
(Jack Springs Rd)***

***Open to residents of Poarch and
surrounding area***

Accepting paints, automobile batteries, motor oil, antifreeze, household cleaners, household chemicals, pesticides, flammables, corrosives, other hazardous household products, old medicine, fluorescent bulbs, and electronic wastes (computers, monitors, printers, scanners, Palm accessories, power supplies, battery backups, rechargeable batteries, cables, toner/ink cartridges, hard drives, CD roms, speakers, VCRs, DVD players, stereo equipment, TVs, game consoles, digital cameras, any audio or video equipment, networking equipment, tape drives, test equipment, fax machines, keyboards, voice/tape recorders, radios, Walkman products, calculators, cellular phones, and phone accessories).

THIS COLLECTION IS FOR HOUSEHOLDS ONLY. Large quantities from businesses, farms, or commercial operations will not be accepted.

PROHIBITED: infectious and medical wastes, biological and radioactive materials, compressed gas cylinders, ammunition, fire extinguishers, smoke detectors, and explosives.

For more information: Contact the Poarch Creek Indians Environmental Department at (251-368-9136) Extension 2680 or 2683.

THIS IS A FREE SERVICE! Please utilize this opportunity to keep these hazards out of our waterways and natural environment.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day sponsored by the Poarch Creek Indians Environmental Department. Contact (251) 368-9136 ext. 2683 if you have any questions.



YOU ARE INVITED!



Who: PCI Tribal Members or 1st Generation PCI Descendents that are:

- Graduates with a High School, GED, or College Degree from August 2011-August 2012.
- High School Students in grades 9-12 that have made A or A-B Honor Roll for the entire 2011-2012 school year. You must attach your report card to this form for verification purposes.

What: Academic Achievement Banquet

When: July 20, 2012, 6 pm – 8 pm

Where: Wind Creek Casino & Hotel, Coosawada Ballroom

Why: To honor the academic success of our high school students and graduates

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

RSVP's ARE REQUIRED! This form must be completed and turned in to **Cassandra Stallworth** in the PCI Education Department by **July 2, 2012 at 5:00pm**. A letter or email with additional details will be sent to the address you provide on this form.

Full Name: _____

Email or Mailing Address: _____

Degree Received and Major if Applicable: _____

Graduation Date: _____

School Graduated From: _____

Please check one: ☐ I will be attending the banquet.

☐ I have graduated but am unable to attend the banquet.

You are allowed to bring 2 guests with you to the banquet. Please indicate how many guests you will be bringing, not including yourself.

Number of Guests: _____

Please direct any questions to Cassandra Stallworth at 251-368-9136 ext. 2021 or via email 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