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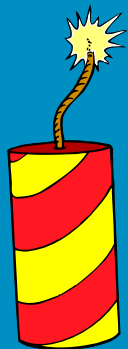
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CHAIRMAN'S CORNER JULY 2012

As you will read on page 6 of this issue, the Department of Interior has sent a letter to the Escambia County Commission dismissing its contention that the Poarch Band of Creek Indians' lands are not protected by federal laws. It is the Tribal Council's hope that we can overcome and mend the strained relationship with the County Commission as we continue to serve as an economic driving force in the county and the State.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the three incumbents, Stephanie Bryan, Vice Chair, Sandy Hollinger and Keith Martin, At-Large Members of the Council, for being re-elected to their positions

on the Tribal Council. The General Council has spoken and voted to retain experience on the Tribal Council. Thank each of you for your participation in the election process and exercising your right to vote.

The State of the Tribe presentation has been scheduled for July 28, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. in the Family Services Auditorium. I hope that as many of you as possible are able to attend the presentation and pick up your copy of the Annual Report. If you are not in attendance a copy will be mailed to each Head of Household at the address on file.

I close this month's article on a sad note. We recently lost a friend with the unexpected passing of Mike



Buford L. Rolin, Tribal Chairman
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Wesaw on June 5, 2012. Mike was employed with the Tribe as Chief Financial Officer (CFO); he was well respected by the Tribal community and fellow staff members. We will miss him.

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

The Minute Insert also includes flyers about the Academic Achievement Banquet, Fire Department Memorial, and the Mentor Program. This information is not included in the newsletters received by those on the subscription mailing list.



After grueling campaigns, Tribal Council incumbents Stephanie Bryan, Keith Martin, and Sandy Hollinger retain Council seats.

Insert: Judge Joseph Brogden prepares to administer Oath Of Office. See page 8 for more Election news & information.

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.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR VOTE AND SUPPORT

*Elections come and go for me every three years,
But your concerns and well being I hold very dear.
The decisions I make on your behalf are sometimes tough,
But you can always count on me when things get rough.
There are sacrifices that one must make,
But, of course, as an elected position it's a lot of give and take.
The success the Tribe has experienced the past few years
Has come with a lot of hard work, sweat, and tears.
I will make sacrifices because of my LOVE for the Tribe,
And I hope all of you are proud to be a Poarch Creek Indian
and always show it with utmost PRIDE!*

Written by: Stephanie Bryan

It is an honor and privilege to serve as your Vice-Chair for the next three years. I am excited and hope our Tribe continues to grow and prosper. There is no better feeling for me as a leader than to know that I make decisions that positively effects the quality of life for those that I represent and love so dearly.



I would like to personally say "Thank You" to everyone for your vote and support. Words cannot express my gratitude when the Election Board announced the results. I am so humbled and honored at the faith and confidence that the people have in my leadership abilities. I would also like to say "Thank You" to family and friends that were there for me during this stressful yet rewarding time in my life. The results spoke volumes to me, and I will always remember where I come from and who has put me where I am today and that's "MY PEOPLE".

Please call, email me, or stop by my office with any concerns or suggestions you may have in the future. My contact information is sbryan@pci-nsn.gov and 251-368-9136.

May God continue to bless you and your families throughout the remainder of 2012.

Sincerely,
Stephanie A Bryan
Vice-Chair

THANK YOU FOR PUTTING YOUR FAITH IN ME

I would like to take the time to thank everyone for putting their faith in me by re-electing me on June 2nd.

It is an honor and privilege to serve my Tribal family. I have enjoyed this past year and I am looking forward to what is to come in the next 3 years. I have an open door policy and will help anyone as much as I can. If you ever need me feel free to contact me at 251-446-1140 or 251-359-2785.



I also want to say thanks to all of my family and friends; I would not have made it without your help. A special thank you to my husband, Darrell, my children, Austin, Denver and Anna Grace, and my loving mother, Ruth Bailey. All of you are such an inspiration, and I hope I continue to make you proud; thank you for all that you all have done.

God Bless you all!

Sandy Fretwell Hollinger

INTERIOR CONFIRMS POARCH CREEK LANDS ARE PROTECTED BY FEDERAL LAW

Tribal Press Release dated June 6, 2012

The United States Department of the Interior, has sent a letter to the Alabama Escambia County Commission (Commission), decisively dismissing its contention that the Poarch Band of Creek Indians' (PBCI or Tribe) lands are not protected by federal laws.

In a June 4th letter, the Interior Department's Acting Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs confirmed that PBCI's land was, indeed, taken "in trust by the United States in 1984 and proclaimed to be a Reservation in 1985" and that PBCI "enjoys all rights and privileges associated with having its Reservation held in trust." This letter shows that Chairman Stokes' attempt to tax the Tribe's trust lands is without merit.

Indian tribes are recognized several times in the United States Constitution. Most notably, the "commerce clause" acknowledges that tribes are considered separate, distinct governments as are states and foreign nations. Therefore, none of these entities, nor their lands is, subject to taxation by another form of government.

In April, Chairman David Stokes announced at a press conference that Brian Taylor, an attorney from Elmore County who once worked for former Alabama Governor Riley, had been hired by the Commission after convincing

several members that PBCI's lands had not legally been taken into federal trust and were subject to the County's property tax. Under a written agreement signed several years ago, the Commission and the Tribe had agreed to sit down and discuss any potential problems or areas of concern. However, the Tribe was not notified of the Commission's action until Mr. Stokes' press conference.

"It is unfortunate that Chairman Stokes did not attempt to sit down with the tribe before taking this action," noted Robbie McGhee, head of the Tribe's Government Affairs office. He continued, "His move by the Commission has clearly strained our relationship. We have given the Commission hundreds of thousands of dollars to be spent on improving the county. We have paid millions in taxes, and created thousands of jobs that employ county residents and add to the tax base. This was a short-sighted attempt on the part of the Commission that we hope will not have a long-term effect on the relationship between our government and the County."

Tribal Chairman Buford L. Rolin said, "We are committed to being good neighbors to Escambia County and throughout the State. We are pleased to be able to continue to create jobs, contribute millions of dollars to the schools, provide fire protection, public safety, and infrastructure

improvements in Escambia County, and serve as an economic driving force in Alabama."

The letter from the Department of the Interior, stating that the laws that have protected the Tribe's lands for over 25 years were never under question, reads as follows:

"Dear Chariman Stokes:

Thank you for your letter dated April 17, 2012, to Secretary Salazar requesting information about the Reservation for the Poarch Band of Creek Indians (Band). The Secretary has asked me to respond to your letter.

In response to your request, the Department of the Interior can confirm that the land referenced in your letter was acquired in trust by the United States in 1984 and proclaimed to be a Reservation in 1985. The Band's Reservation, including the portion of the Reservation that is situated within the geographical boundary of Escambia County, Alabama, is held in trust by the United States for the Benefit of the Band. As such, the Band enjoys all rights and privileges associated with having its Reservation held in trust by the United States under Federal Law.

*Sincerely,
Donald E. Laverdure
Acting Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs*

2012 Annual Celebration

Saturday

September 1, 2012

Magnolia Branch Wildlife Reserve

Contact Magnolia Branch Wildlife Reserve at (251) 446-3423 to inquire about availability of campsites.

State of the Tribe

Saturday

July 28, 2012

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Family Services
Auditorium
(Building 500)

Tribe Mourns Loss of CFO Mike Wesaw

It was with great sadness that we learned of the unexpected passing of Mike Wesaw, the Tribe's Chief Financial Officer (CFO). Mike was a valued employee as well as cherished friend and supervisor. He touched many lives during his time with us and he will be greatly missed.



Mike passed away at a Mobile, AL hospital with his family at his side. He was 53 years old. He was a graduate of Notre Dame, and a proud member of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians in Dowagiac, MI.

He is survived by his wife, Kim and 3 daughters, Alexis Wesaw, Caitlin Bennett, and Jessica Wesaw.

Mike was an asset to the Tribe; he will be missed by his many friends, co-workers, and Tribal community members.

Our death is not an end if we can live on in our children and the younger generation. For they are us, our bodies are only wilted leaves on the tree of life.

~Albert Einstein

INCUMBENTS RETAIN SEATS ON COUNCIL

*By Gayle Johnson
Poarch Creek News*

Another Tribal Election is behind us; the General Council turned out in record numbers and voted to retain the three incumbents, Stephanie Bryan, Sandy Hollinger, and Keith Martin.

Stephanie was re-elected to the position of Vice Chair of the Tribal Council; Sandy and Keith were re-elected to their At-large seats on the Tribal Council. There was a total of 1265 General Council Members who voted in the 2012 Tribal election process; there were 185 Absentee Ballots, 534 Walk-In votes prior to Election Day, and 546 votes cast on Election Day, Saturday, June 2, 2012. The proposed Constitutional Amendment also passed with 848 yes votes.

This will be Stephanie's third term as Vice Chair. She is the first female to serve in this position and is the first person directly elected by the General Council to serve in this position, now twice in a row. With three seated Council Members running for the Vice Chair position, it was felt by many that this position would be filled after a run-off election. Stephanie never faltered in her determination to work and communicate with her fellow Tribal Members and was elected by a landslide of 758 votes; no run-off election required!

In addition to her other duties and responsibilities as Vice Chair, Stephanie serves as Chairman of the Tribal Gaming Commission and serves on the Education/Labor and the Housing/Health Legislative Committees of the Tribal Council.

Sandy Hollinger is a relative newcomer to the political arena. She was elected to a one year term in 2011 to complete the three year term of former Tribal Council Member Berry Ross. She gallantly campaigned for re-election and was elected to serve her first three year term with a record setting 729 votes; the most ever received by a candidate for an At-Large position on the Tribal Council. Sandy currently serves on the Governmental Affairs/Rules Legislative Committee, and the Cultural/Community Activities Legislative Committee of the Tribal Council as well as serving as the Tribal Council representative on the TERO Commission and the Boys & Girls Club Board.

This will also be Keith Martin's third term on the Tribal Council. He was first elected to the Council in 2006. He has always campaigned on an agenda of family, tradition, and seeking opportunities to help carry the Tribe into an economically secured future. He serves on the Housing/Health, Land/Natural Resources, and Budget/Finance Legislative Committees of the Tribal Council as well as serving as Chairman of the Gaming Board.

The Constitutional Amendment which passed with 848 yes votes versus 339 no votes addresses the filling of positions on the Tribal Council that become vacant between elections. An updated copy of the Tribal Constitution will be published on the Tribe's web site in the near future for your convenience and review. Until that time, a general synopsis of the revision is as follows:

- In the event of the Chairman's death, resignation, or removal, the Vice Chair shall be duly sworn in as Tribal

Chairman at a special called Tribal Council Meeting within three days of the position becoming vacant; the Vice Chair shall serve in this capacity until the next election at which time the General Council will elect a new Tribal Chairman.

- In the event the Vice Chair, Secretary, or Treasurer positions become vacant between elections, the Tribal Council shall appoint from among its members a person to fill the vacancy. The Tribal Council Member appointed to fill such vacancy shall serve until the next election at which time the General Council will elect the individual to serve the balance of the current term.

- In the event any At-Large position becomes vacant between elections, the position shall remain vacant until the next election at which time the General Council will elect the individual to complete the current term.

- If the next annual Tribal Council election is more than 180 days after an Officer or At-Large position becomes vacant, a special election shall be held to fill the vacancy.

There were 18 candidates for the three positions to be filled during this year's election process. Each candidate is to be commended for stepping forth and voicing an interest in serving their fellow Tribal Members in a position of leadership.

The roll of leadership is a hard task, one that should not be taken lightly; there are sacrifices that must be made, including spending less time with

family and loved ones. We thank each candidate for stepping forth and being willing to make these sacrifices. We encourage each of you that feel they can benefit the Tribe by serving in a leadership position to step forward when the election process begins again next year. Next year the positions of Tribal Council Secretary, Tribal Council Treasurer, and one At-Large Tribal Council position will be up for re-election. We do not know at this time if any of the incumbents will run for re-election.

The breakdown of the 2012 Election results, listed in order of votes received, are reflected below:

Proposed Amendment to Tribal Constitution

Yes 848 votes
No 339 votes

Vice Chair

Stephanie Bryan (Incumbent) 758 votes
Garvis Sells 345 votes
David Gehman 134 votes

At-Large (2)

Sandy Hollinger (Incumbent)	729 votes
Keith Martin (Incumbent)	360 votes
Gloria Sells Krafka	283 votes
Rodney Exum	248 votes
Issac Rolin	132 votes
Janet McGhee Rodriguez	131 votes
Dewitt Carter	111 votes
Carolyn McGhee White	95 votes
Eddie Jackson	83 votes
Leasha Martin	62 votes
Valerie Barnhill Taylor	61 votes
William 'Boone' McGhee	39 votes
Vivian Walker	34 votes
Michael Friedman	14 votes
Paul Lundy	9 votes

Welcome Home!

After 3 years in Germany and a brief duty assignment in Afghanistan, Spc. Traci (Avala) McCoy will be coming home in July!

Welcome home and we hope you had a happy birthday on June 12, 2012.

Love Mom & family.

Submitted by Linda S. Burt (Ayala)

Congratulations and welcome home Spc. McCoy! We extend our thanks and appreciation to you and all service men and women who serve so gallantly to guarantee the freedom we enjoy.



CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS



Hannah Gregg
June 4, 2012

Hannah Gregg celebrated her birthday on June 4th. She is the daughter of Amy Schwender and Stacy Gregg.

Happy birthday from your family.

Skye Lee
June 9, 2012

Happy 15th birthday Skye!
We love you and are very proud of you!
Mom, Dad Josh, Somer, and NaNa & PaPa.



Josh Peebles
June 11, 2012

Happy birthday Josh!
We love you!

Mom, Dad, Colton, Tenleigh, Granny Sharon, Paw Paw, and all your family & friends.



Clay Smith
June 11, 2012

Clay celebrated his 9th birthday on June 11, 2012. Happy birthday Clay!

We love you very much! From Mom, Dad & Ashleigha.



Colton Peebles
June 23, 2012

Happy birthday Colton! We love you!

Mom, Dad, Josh, Tenleigh, Granny Sharon, Paw Paw, and all your family & friends.



Bruce Vickery
June 26, 2012

Happy birthday Brother!

I love you, your sister Connie.



Hallie Friedman
June 26, 2012

Happy 15th birthday Hallie! We love you!

Mom, Dad, Seth, Gabe & Elliot Friedman.



Melvine Malone-Kirk
June 29, 2012

Happy 50th birthday to my beautiful sister, Melvine Malone-Kirk. Hope you have 50 more!

Love you, Jackie.



Kim Flowers
July 1, 2012

Kim Flowers will celebrate her birthday on July 1, 2012. We hope you have a great day.

Happy birthday from your family. We love you.

Daya Nobles
July 5, 2012

Happy 11th birthday Daya!

We love you, Mom, Scott, Hunter, Nana, and Daddy.



Stan Ellison
July 6, 2012

Happy 50th birthday Stan! Stan is the son of Ben & Anna Bell McGhee Ellison.

I love you, Linda.



Noah Perdue
July 7, 2012

Noah Perdue will celebrate his 14th birthday on July 7th.

Love, all of your family!

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

Caleb Davis
July 9, 2012



Happy 9th birthday to my sweet baby boy Caleb.

Love you, Momma, Daddy, Hailey, Justin, Heather and Lil Jason.

Sue Johnson
July 9, 2012



May your year shine bright and brilliant as the jewels you adorn!

Love and hugs, sunshine and smiles. HAPPY BIRTHDAY from all of us!!

Joe O'Barr, Jr.
July 10, 2012

Happy birthday Daddy & PawPaw!

We love you, your family.

Michael Hipa
July 10, 2012

Happy birthday Michael!

We love you, your family.

Emma Lou Lin Gregg
July 12 2012



Emma Lou Lin Gregg will celebrate her 7th birthday on July 12th. She is the daughter of Amy Schwender and Stacy Gregg.

From your family.

Ashleigha Smith
July 12, 2012



Happy 6th birthday to Ashleigha Smith! She will celebrate her birthday on July 12, 2012. We love you sweet girl!

From Mommy, Daddy & Clay.

Madison Amiley Gregg
July 14 2012



Madison Amiley Gregg will celebrate her birthday on July 14th. She is the daughter of Amy Schwender and Stacy Gregg.

From your family.

Patrick Perdue
July 16, 2012



Patrick Perdue will celebrate his 20th birthday on July 16th.

Love, all of your family!

Darrell Hollinger
July 18, 2012



Happy birthday on July 18th to a loving husband, son, and Dad!

Love, all of your family!

Ashton Thomas
July 19, 2012



Happy birthday Ashton, we all love you! Ashton will celebrate her birthday with family & friends. With love from Daddy, Jen, Major, Brantlie, and family.

Cierra Caraway
July 22, 2012



May this day be just as special to you as you are to us! Hope you will have a BIG DAY CC! Happy birthday, we love you!

From your family.

Clayton Travis Manning
July 27, 2012



Happy 4th birthday! Clayton is the son of Travis Manning, grandson of Clark Manning, and great-grandson of the late Evelyn Manning (McGhee). We love you!

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ANNIVERSARY WISHES



Lamar & Charlotte Martin **Celebrated Their 40th Anniversary on June 24, 2012**

Happy 40th anniversary to Lamar & Charlotte Martin!

Congratulations on 40 years of marriage & outpouring of love to your family.
May God bless you with many more years of health & happiness!

Love, your children, grandchildren, family & friends.

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

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

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.

BIRTHDAY SUBMISSION DEADLINE REMINDERS

When submitting a Birthday Wish, please provide your contact information as well as the first and last name, birth date, and roll number of the person you are wishing a happy birthday.

If we receive a submission that includes a photo and a note that reads "Happy birthday Mom, Love Katie." We do not know who 'Mom' is nor do we know when her birthday is. Without proper contact information, we cannot contact 'Katie' to get the necessary information.

We also ask that you consider the photo you submit with a birthday wish (as well as for any other submission). Some of the photos submitted are of poor quality and do not publish very well and are

hard to view when published in the newsletter.

We have had several birthday wishes that were submitted for publication that were not published due to inadequate information or missed deadlines. If you submitted a birthday wish within the last couple of months that was not published, please give us a call at (251) 368-9136 x 2210 so that we can determine why the birthday wish was not published. If it was not published due to inadequate information, we will publish it in the next issue; if it was not published due to missed deadlines, we will not be able to publish the birthday wish.

Established deadlines are published in each monthly issue of the newsletter.

REALITY PROJECT ENCORE PRESENTATION

Due to the interest received from Tribal and community members in reference to The Reality Project, the Education Department will present a two day presentation of *Making Proud Choices*, an abstinence plus program for children age 10-19, on August 2nd & 3rd from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. daily. Lunch will be provided.

To enroll, please contact Cassandra Stallworth at 368- 9136 x 2021 or Annie Nowak via email at

anowak@pci-nsn.gov. Please provide the name, age and gender of the youth who will be attending the meeting.

During the presentation of the information included with this program, the boys and girls will be separated. This will lead to an enhanced learning experience for all involved with the program.

Tribal Council Revises McGhee-Tullis Tuition Assistance Program

Please be advised that as of May 17, 2012, the Tribal Council of the Poarch Creek Indians approved revisions to the McGhee-Tullis Tuition Assistance Program.

If you are currently participating in or plan to participate in this program, it is **VERY IMPORTANT** you read the policy to find out how the following revisions will affect you. Major policy changes include:

A multi-tiered method for placing limits on tuition awards -

\$30,000.00	Associate's Degree/ Vo-tech/Certificate programs
\$50,000.00	Bachelor's Degree
\$75,000.00	Master's Degree
\$100,000.00	Professional Degree

These amounts are cumulative—if you spent \$40,000.00 on your Bachelor's Degree, you would have \$10,000.00 of your Bachelor's level allotment remaining, **PLUS** \$25,000.00 from the Master's level allotment, for a total of \$35,000.00 to be used for graduate studies.

- Academic achievement bonuses may now be received as a cash award at the end of each academic year.
- Student loan repayments are now structured in the same manner as the tuition limits above. Students who are repaying student loans should contact the Education Department to determine if they are eligible for additional assistance.
- The purchase of a second computer is now allowed if it has been 4 or more years since your initial purchase AND you are still enrolled in school a minimum of 6 semester hours and in good academic standing.

These changes are very important, and it is your responsibility to be familiar with them. All current participants will be receiving a revised policy by mail. It will also be placed on the Tribe's web page at www.poarchcreekindians-nsn.gov as soon as possible.

Please call the Education Department at 251-368-9136 extension 2021 or 2240 with any questions!

Poarch Creek Indians Boys & Girls Club

Community Wide Summer Feeding Program
6477 Jack Springs Road
(Pow Wow Grounds)
Atmore, AL 36502

May 29, 2012 – August 3, 2012
(Closed July 4, 2012)

Breakfast Served 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.
Lunch Served 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Currently averaging 120 kids per day!

This service will be available for all children in the community under the age of 18. If you have any questions or concerns contact Stephanie Jackson at (251)368-9070 or sjackson@pci-nsn.gov.



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Environmental Department To Host Meeting

A meeting of the Conecuh-Sepulga & Blackwater Rivers Clean Water Partnership along with a "Make & Take" Rain Barrel Workshop sponsored by the Poarch Creek Environmental Department will be held in Wrangler Steakhouse on Highway 21 10:00 A.M. until 12:00 P.M. on July 25, 2012. The CWP will hold a brief meeting with project updates as well as a presentation of environmental activities and projects on tribal lands by the Poarch Band of Creek Indians Environmental Department.

Rain barrels are a valuable water conservation tool, capturing roof top water for consumer use rather than the water leaving the area as stormwater runoff while at the same time saving money and giving plants the benefit of rainwater. The cost of the rain barrel workshop is \$35.00 per completed barrel. **YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BUY AND COMPLETE A BARREL TO ATTEND THE MEETING.** If you would like to participate in this workshop, please register by calling one of the following people.

For more information contact Janet S. Wofford at 334-222-3271 or via email at janeworrord@andycable.com or Laura Cook at Poarch Band of Creek Indians at 251-368-9136, Ext. 2681 or via email at lcook@pci-nsn.gov.

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Pardon our progress...

The Museum will be closed until further notice.

*We will be expanding exhibits to provide
an enhanced atmosphere for Tribal
Members and visitors to learn about
Poarch Creek History.*

*Although the Museum is closed, the gift
shop will remain open Monday through
Friday from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.*

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

The Muskogee Inn (former Best Western) was purchased in the mid-eighties and one of the original board members (John Arthur McGhee, better known as “The Corn Man”) just retired this year from the board after serving continuously and faithfully for 25+ years. I don’t think this record will ever be broken. So, when you see John Arthur in and around the community express your appreciation to him for his dedication and service to the Tribe.

During the winter months the CIEDA maintenance team fixed the leak in the pool and painted it; we are ready for summer. Also, over the years the winter months are always some of the worst from a financial standpoint, however we held our own. Over 50% of the rooms were rented during

this time. We had 70% rented in March so things are picking up as we approach the summer.

Jack Allen McGhee, Muskogee Inn Board Chair

Utilities Authority

The Poarch Creek Indians Utility Authority (PCIUA) has completed annual maintenance projects by lining manholes, installing valve markers, pressure washing lift station wet wells, and painting exposed infrastructure.

PCIUA is in the planning phase of developing a master utility plan to identify growth opportunities, capital improvement needs, and provide a comprehensive mapping system. The Utility Authority is also in the implementation phase to upgrade the current meter reading and billing procedure to a more efficient radio read system.

PCIUA continues to perform daily duties to provide water, sewer, and solid waste collection services to the community.

Josh Thomas, Utilities Director

Fourth Of July Fireworks

Wind Creek Casino

9:00 p.m.

The Tribe will not be hosting a separate fireworks show this year.



Housing Department Update

I mentioned in a previous newsletter that I would keep everyone up to date with our new TAHO program. At this time I can only update on the status. The Housing Authority Board has met and continues to meet on a regular basis to get this program created. I assure you that as soon as the program is ready for applications, every Tribal Member interested in the program will know about it.

In the meantime, I would like everyone to know about other programs available.

RENOVATION LOAN PROGRAM

The Renovation Loan Program provides Tribal Members with the opportunity to renovate their homes. This program is a repayment program. Loan amounts are available for no more than 50% of the applicant's total income and cannot exceed \$30,000.

The term of the loan will be in five (5) year increments not to exceed twenty (20) years and will have an interest rate of three (3) percent. Must have a credit score of 550 or higher.

This program has other eligibility requirements that must be met. This is only a few I've listed.

The program is nationwide for every eligible tribal member through the Poarch Creek Indians Housing Authority.

Any tribal member interested in this program should

contact the Housing Authority at (251) 368-9136 for further details.

Lynn Woodcock, Housing Authority Chair

Perdido River Farms

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

Brood Cows/Calves:

Year to date we have 630 brood cows that have produced a total of 608 calves. We have 53 replacement heifers that will be in the brood cow herd next breeding season.

The farm has purchased a small herd of brood cows from a local farmer that will bring our total brood cow number to 700 for the next calving season.

Bulls:

The farm is currently operating with 30 bulls, with two bulls in the sick pen nursing leg injuries.

Additional Acres of Pasture Land:

PRF is currently in the process of clearing off an additional 40 acres on Martin Road and an additional 25 to 30 acres on Bell Creek Road that will be put into pasture land.

Kent McGhee, PRF Board Chairman

Financial Education Workshops For Young Adults

Join us this summer for financial workshops for Tribal Members age 14-18 at the Boys & Girls Club Youth Center (the old Shadaland Building) located at 6477 Jack Springs Road, Atmore, AL.

Classes will be offered on Wednesday mornings from 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. beginning June 6, 2012 and will continue for seven consecutive weeks except for Wednesday, July 4, 2012.

Contact FS Advisors, Inc. at (251) 368-9430 for more information.

July Schedule:

Wednesday, July 11, 2012

10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Wednesday, July 18, 2012

10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Wednesday, July 25, 2012

10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

TRIBAL MEMBER PROMOTED TO LIEUTENANT POSITION WITH TRIBAL POLICE DEPARTMENT

Submitted by Connie Vickery, Tribal Police Department

On May 20, 2012, Tribal Member Jeffrey Weaver was promoted to the position of Lieutenant with the Poarch Creek Tribal Police. Jeffrey is the first Tribal Member to hold this position and is the highest ranking Tribal Member in the department. As Lieutenant Jeffrey oversees all scheduled shifts and trainings for Tribal Police Officers and other Tribal law enforcement personnel to ensure they meet their required forty (40) hour continuing education requirements. He is also responsible for reporting all training certification to the Alabama Peace Officers Standards and Training Commission to ensure that each officer/law enforcement personnel retains his/her Alabama Peace Officers Certification with the State of Alabama. He is responsible for maintaining morale among department personnel and the upkeep of all Tribally issued law enforcement related equipment.

Jeffrey is a long term Tribal employee, he first came to work for the Tribe in 1994 and worked in maintenance for the Housing Department prior to coming to work with the Tribal Police Department in 1996. He graduated from the Southwest Alabama Police Academy later that year and continued to work as a Public Safety Officer until March of



2006 when he was promoted to Corporal and assigned to the Creek Casino where he had the responsibility of overseeing at least ten (10) Public Safety Officers. In 2007 Jeffrey left the department to join the PCI Gaming Commission staff as an Investigator. When an Investigator position became available in the Tribal Police Department in 2008, Jeffrey applied and was hired into the position and returned to the department.

After working with investigations for a period of time, Jeffrey decided he wanted to get back into the patrol side of things so he stepped down as investigator and became the Patrol Sergeant. He continued his duties in this position until his promotion on May 20, 2012.

Jeffrey is the son of James "Red" and Charlene Weaver. He is married to Jackie Pittman Weaver; they have three children, Hunter, age 14; Hayden, age 9; and Hayla, age 7.

We would like to congratulate Jeffrey for his loyalty and dedication to the Tribe and the department and for his hard work in rising through the ranks to this new position. Keep up the good work Jeffrey, you are an inspiration to us all!!!

Tribal Officer Assists Travelers

Tribal Police Chief Larry Hammonds received the following acknowledgment from a recent traveler on I-65.

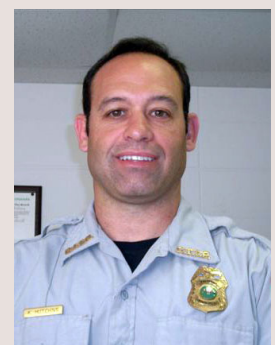
On Sunday, 3 June, while on my way back from vacation with my family, I had the misfortune of a blowout on my travel trailer on I-65 No. near the Atmore exit. Before I could even get my spare dismounted one of your officers was on the scene to offer assistance. He stayed with us until the tire was replaced and then assisted us back into traffic.

Regretfully I did not get the officers name; I suppose I was too focused on replacing the tire and getting off the side of the interstate. I do however wish to express my appreciation for his assistance and the safety his presence provided to my

family. (I wish he had been around when I had my second blowout about 30 miles later).

*Thank you again for your assistance,
Sgt. Jeff Stewart
Vestavia Police Department*

The officer referenced above is Tribal Police Officer Keith Hutchins (pictured to the right). Thanks to Officer Hutchins and all our Tribal Police Officers for putting others care and safety first.



TRAINING FOR SPECIAL RESPONSE TEAM (SRT)

The Tribe's Special Response Team continues to train in order to respond to any and all emergency situations that may arise within our surrounding area and/or deploy to assist other reservations when necessary. Recent training involved the following scenarios: live simulation rounds, shoot no shoot situations, formation on clearing rooms, hallways and search of building for armed suspects, etc.

The officers also participate in a physical fitness routine whenever they meet for their training exercises. The team is comprised of the following officers: Keith Hutchins-Lead Commander, Steven Bradley, Craig Helton, Chad Johnson, Paul Thomas and Caleb Linam. Keep up the good work!!



To the left: SRT team members advance: Stephen Bradley, Chad Johnson, Keith Hutchins, & Craig Helton.



To the right: SRT team, locked & loaded. Front l-r Chad Johnson, Craig Helton, & Keith Hutchins; back l-r Paul Thomas & Stephen Bradley.

Poarch Creek Senior Games 2012

Coming August 24th
55 and Older

Hosted by:

Poarch Creek Recreation Department



FOR MORE INFORMATION BE SURE TO CHECK OUT
NEXT MONTH'S ISSUE OF THE *POARCH CREEK NEWS*

Amerind Poster Contest Winners



It is time once again to acknowledge our children for a job well done in the annual Amerind National Safety Poster Contest. This year's winners are:

K-3rd Grade	Rylee Evans Huskey	First Place
	Ruthie Ellyn Huskey	Second Place
	Caleb Davis	Third Place

4th - 6th Grade	Journi Cao	First Place
	Jason Davis	Second Place

7th-8th Grade Shea Davis First Place

Ava Davis, Rayya Cao, and Stephen Dunn received Honorable Mentions for their submissions.

All first place posters were submitted for regional judging at the annual USET meeting held in Marksville, LA. Congratulations to Rylee Evans Huskey for placing first in her division at the regional level!

Her submission will next compete at the national level. Online voting to select the national winners in each division will be held July 15 - September 30, 2012. Please go on-line at www.AMERINDRisk.org and vote for Rylee.

The participants of this year's competition are shown above with members of the Housing Authority. Front row left to right are Shea Davis, Ruthie Ellyn Huskey, Rylee Evans Huskey, Ava Davis, Stephen Dunn, Caleb Davis, Journi Cao, Rayya Cao, and Jason Davis. Back row left to right are Garvis Sells, Shada Thomas, Bobbie McGhee, Tim Martin, Kevin McGhee, Kelli Ramer, and Lynn Woodcock.

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 \$100,000.00 in aggregate to any Tribal Member. All loans exceeding \$50,000.00 must be approved by the CIEDA Board of Directors. Additional

credit criteria as well as loan collateralization requirements apply.

If you are a Tribal Member who owns a business or is thinking about starting a business and are 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.

Natural Resources Conservation Services

Mission: Helping People Help the Land

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.

STELLA RUTHERFORD BENEFIT

Many volunteers helped to make the recent benefit for Stella Rutherford a success. We were well pleased with the outcome.

There was lots of fun and laughter as the auctioneer placed the items up and bids were placed for each piece. The chicken and fish plates were scrumptious and all were sold. The singing was great and anyone who wanted to got to come up front and sing. Facing painting and the cake walk were successes, we saw pretty butterflies and "Bama" and "Auburn" fans struin' their faces. God blessed the day, it might have been raining on the outside but on the inside it was raining happiness, fun and joy.



*Stella Rutherford, left,
with Kathy Ledkins.*

Stella would like to say a big thank you to everyone for the cancer benefit held for her on June 9th. "Thanks to Helen Hallman, Kathy Ledkins, the Family Services staff, the SAIL Center staff, and to all my co-workers, family and friends for all the work you have done to make this event a success. I am so touched by the love and support our community has shown. Please continue to pray for me as I trust in God for my healing."

Remembering Our Mom

Zollie Mae McGhee

June 8, 1926 - April 29, 2009

God's Garden

God looked around His garden
And He found an empty place.
And then He looked down upon the earth,
And saw your tired face.

He put His arms around you,
And lifted you to rest.
God's garden must be beautiful,
He always takes the best.

He knew that you were suffering,
He knew you were in pain,
He knew that you would never



Get well on earth again.

He saw the road was getting rough,
And the hills were hard to climb,
So He closed your weary eyelids,
And whispered "Peace be thine."

It broke our hearts to lose you.
But you didn't go alone,
For part of us went with you,
The day God called you home.

- author unknown -

We love you; we miss you and think of you every day.
With love from your children & grandchildren.



Family Services Department Updates for July, 2012

Introducing the Family Services Department Administrative Support Staff

The Family Services Department has a busy team of administrative support staff making sure the office runs smoothly and effectively. This team is comprised of a special assistant to the department director and three clerks. The Special Assistant assists the director in such duties as: preparing quarterly reports, grant and program applications; maintaining the budgets and/or grants; plans, researches and coordinates special projects, compiles reports; researches and analyzes specific operational procedures and problems; and she supervises the department clerks. The clerks are responsible for carrying out the day-to-day operations and the administrative functions for the office. The clerks are generally the first contact you may have with the Family Services Department and they serve behind almost every function of the department whether it be answering the phone and scheduling appointments to typing purchase orders ensuring timely payments for services. It is our pleasure to work with our tribal people on a daily basis!



Standing

Tiffany Jones, Family Services Clerk

Kathy Ledkins, Special Assistant

Seated

Stella Rutherford, Family Services Clerk

Judy Camden, Family Services Clerk

Summer Safety Reminder



- * Never leave kids alone in a car, even briefly.
- * Always check the front and back seats of the car before you lock it and leave.
- * See a kid alone in a car? Call 911 immediately. Get them out ASAP if they are in distress.
- * Put your purse, briefcase, or something else you may need, by the car seat so you don't forget to check.
- * Always lock your car when it is empty so kids can't get in without you knowing.

Family Services Staff

Martha Gookin, Director

Amanda Montgomery, Community Services Coordinator

Angela Bartlery, Homemaker Aide

Juanita Slate, Homemaker Aide

Judy Camden, Clerk

Kathy Ledkins, Special Assistant

Lena White, Community Services Specialist

Wanda Fowler, Adult Services Coordinator

Melissa Durden, Victim's Advocacy Coordinator

Michealine Deese, Family Services Coordinator

Shirley Roberson, Homemaker Aide

Stella Rutherford, Clerk

Tiffany Jones, Clerk

If you suspect fraud, waste, or abuse in any of the Community Services Programs (LIHEAP, Community Services Block Grant, Child Care, or Tribal Emergency Fund), please contact the Family Services Department at (251) 368-9136 Ext. 2600.

Family Services Department Updates Continued for July, 2012

2012 Summer LIHEAP (Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program)

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 paystubs, paychecks, letters of salary verification, etc...
- If anyone in the home is over 19 and 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.), must bring a written statement from that person verifying that they allow you to have the power bill and service in their name.

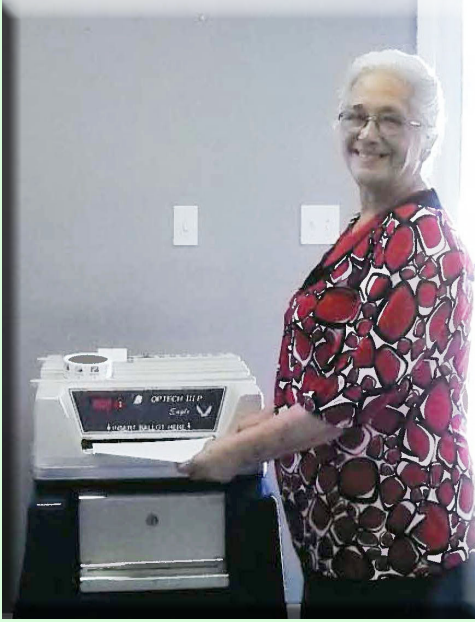
ESTIMATED STATE MEDIAN INCOME, BY HOUSEHOLD SIZE AND BY STATE, FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2012

			Sixty Percent of Estimated State Median Income					
State	Est. State median income for four-person family	60% of Est. State median income for four-person family	One-Person Family	Two-Person Family	Three-person Family	Four-Person Family	Five-Person Family	Six-Person Family
AL	\$63,888	\$38,333	\$19,333	\$26,066	\$32,300	\$38,333	\$44,466	\$50,600
FL	\$67,705	\$40,623	\$21,124	\$27,624	\$34,123	\$40,623	\$47,123	\$53,622

The Family Services Department 5811 Jack Springs Rd. Atmore, AL 36502 Phone: (251)-368-9136, ext. 2600 Fax: (251)-368-0828

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

All In The Family



Velma McGhee Crocker casts the first vote in the 2012 Tribal Elections.



Lori Crocker Findley, assisted by her aunt Deloris McGhee Kelley, registers to cast the last vote in the 2012 Tribal Elections.

Congratulations Stephanie Bryan!

Submitted by Keisha Lee

Congratulations to a wonderful mother, wife, & Nana, "Stephanie Bryan" on being re-elected as Vice Chairman of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians!

We've seen first-hand that you truly are for the Tribal people and have the best interest of the Tribe in mind at all times. There's no doubt in our mind that you're the best person for the job, and your fellow Tribal Members showed that they feel the same way according to this year's election results. We have all the faith and confidence in your leadership abilities and know you will continue to make smart decisions in order for the Tribe to grow and prosper. Remember to let God be your pilot in every decision you make because he will never steer you in the wrong direction.

We are so proud of your accomplishments and of the hardworking, dedicated, loving, & respectful woman that you are! Your family and friends look up to you in so many ways. We love you with all of our hearts and wish you the best of luck in the endeavors you



Vice Chair Candidate Stephanie Bryan surrounded by family and friends prior to announcement of her re-election to the Vice Chair position.

encounter as Vice Chairman of PBCI for the next three years.

Love, Keith, Keisha, Brannon, Niki, Breanna, Blaize, Bella, Caden, & Mom.

2012 TRIBAL ELECTIONS



GED ESSAY-THE POWER WITHIN ME

The following essay was submitted by one of our GED students. I thought this young lady captured beautifully how so many people feel throughout their academic career. She was bullied and picked on throughout school, and this, along with her academic struggles, caused her to drop out of school at an early age. Now she is enrolled in the Tribe's GED program, and as her ability to learn grows, so does her self-confidence. I have no doubt that she will be successful now that she has faith in herself and can actually visualize a better future. She has agreed to let us publish her essay; by publishing her essay, I hope others will be inspired by her story.

Sandra Hiebert, Education Director

As a child of about five with those years under my belt, I was never really "wild" about the idea of school and what comes with it. I was scared of the other children and what they would say about me being the "poor girl". Or maybe even the fact that I wasn't the fastest learner we hoped we could have been.

Grade school was pretty tough for a shy girl like me. Bullies loved to hurt me, and everyone else never really knew I was there. I was like a mouse, tiptoeing when need be to not be seen by the sleeping family, only to be caught by the wicked cat. Somehow I made it through.

A few years fly on by me and it's time for middle school, time to build the young woman I am to become. I fight tooth and nail to get my grades afloat. But nevertheless they start hitting the bottom. Believe me, I tried not to be a lost cause, but I got tired of never getting anywhere. So I came to think of myself as a lost cause. I soon quit going to school. It felt like a waste of time. I couldn't learn! There was no future for someone of the likings of me. Just problems I couldn't solve, terrible troubles I couldn't overcome.

I lived like that for a good long while. If I'd have to guess, it was for two years at the most that I'd pulled

along that still healing wound of self-pity. Until one, boring run of the mill day comes along and "Bam" I sat my mind to getting my G.E.D. Then maybe I'll plan my life on a better foot, one that's planted on level ground. Maybe have a little more faith in what I am and what I can become than what the other kids think about me. Where were those kids when I was in that dark cave of pity? Laughing on the other side. Maybe if I believe a little harder, think a little more clearheaded, I'll have a chance to show the world and myself I'm not that same little girl.

So I bravely walked into the room that could mold me into the vision of me that only I dream of. I sat at the desk of the G.E.D. teacher and listened to every word she had to say. I didn't want to miss a thing! My life from here on out will be branded by the power to overcome rather than lack of education. Through having my G.E.D., I'll be giving myself something I took away, not the other kids. The hope that, no matter the mess we find ourselves in, through educating our mind we can find a way out of our darkness to a life as beautiful as we dream it to be. Because we have that power inside ourselves, if we believe it to be. I've learned a lot over eighteen years on this green old earth and hope that when I'm eighty I'll still be learning the benefits of the education I'm laying out for myself today.



Cheyenne Hines

Edited by Gayle Johnson, with permission

911 RATE INCREASE ON PHONE BILLS

To the citizens in Escambia County Alabama,

You may have noticed that your telephone bill has gone up slightly in the recent month due to an increase in the 911 tax. Escambia County has been fortunate enough not to have needed to raise the 911 tax since the creation of the Emergency Communications District in 1990. However, after much research and seeing that our rates have been lower than most other counties in Alabama, it was voted upon and agreed to by the 911 Board to increase this tax in a public meeting that was held on March 9, 2012.

As of April 1, 2012 the 911 tax was raised from 77 cents to \$2.00 for all residential lines and from \$1.96 to \$3.00 for all business lines. This 911 tax is collected on our behalf by the telephone companies and the monies are used to provide you, the citizens, with a life-saving 911 system. We are sorry for any inconvenience you may experience,

but this money is used for a vital service. The 911 Board is dedicated to providing a 911 service to the citizens of Escambia County. We are also responsible for assigning all address within the county and the promotion of Safety Education. Your money is used to train the 911 Dispatchers, purchase necessary equipment and the maintenance of that equipment.

The E911 office is here for the service of the community and our efforts are to ensure your safety. We are located at 175 AG Science Drive in Brewton, AL. Our phone number is (251)867-0500 or for those in the Atmore area you may call (251)368-6911.

Thank you,
E911 Business Office

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL HEALTH FAIR

Submitted by Candace Fayard

Another successful Health Fair was hosted again this year. Health Department staff can breathe a sigh of relief after a very busy few weeks of planning for this exciting event! As a team, all employees of the Health Department provided input in the planning, as well as in the execution of delivering a top notch Health Fair.

Three hundred forty-six (346) adult participants were screened for diabetes, high cholesterol and high blood pressure. An exciting addition to the Health Fair this year was provided by The Andrews Institute, who performed balance screenings. Participants completing a voluntary survey on pharmacy services received a small cooler tote for their efforts.

One hundred six (106) children also participated in the Health Fair, too. These children were rewarded with balloons, games, face painting, popcorn and slushies and the chance to win a bicycle. A Healthy Cooking demonstration attracted kids of all ages with the savory aroma of tasty wraps.

THANK YOU to all who helped make the event a success. We appreciate the assistance from nursing students from Reid State College, donations from Wind

Creek Casino—including Chef James Green, and to our faithful volunteers: Christyn Sells, Lori Findley, Beverly Holcomb, Velma Crocker, Myrtis Kinman, Eldnar McGhee, and Bailey Spann. The Health Department couldn't have made it without you!



Thanks to the nursing students from Reid State for helping us out!



The kids are always excited to come to the Health Fair.

TRIBAL MEMBER SUBMISSIONS



A Little Bit of The Amish Country

We went with the Seniors last year when they took their annual trip and went to Pennsylvania and Amish country. This was our first trip with the Seniors and we truly enjoyed it.

While we were there we saw how the Amish used clotheslines to dry their clothes. I loved the idea and method so much that I had to have my own at home.

My husband bought some of the wheels and put a line up for me when we got home.

I love it! It makes hanging clothes so much easier. I tend to refer to my clothesline as a little touch of the Amish Country!

Dianne & Clarence Rolin



Rolin Graduates ADOC and Receives Academic Awards

Submitted by Wendy Davis

David Rolin graduated from the Alabama Department of Corrections on March 25, 2012 and has been assigned to Holman Prison in Atmore. David received two academic of excellence awards.

We are so proud of you. Love Wendy, Jason, Krystal, Shelly, Joey, Momma, and Daddy.

Thank You

We are greatly appreciative for all who attended the bridal shower on May 12, 2012 and those able to send gifts. We'd like to give a special thanks to Leslie & Myra King for all they done in preparing & planning the shower!

We had a great time and would like to thank each and everyone.

Shavon & Josh Allen



William Hosea Presley Family Reunion

Saturday, August 11, 2012

SAIL Center

Lynn McGhee Drive

Atmore, AL

Bring a covered dish

Bring a \$5-\$10 gift for game

All extended family is invited

Any questions call

Shirlene Mauldin (850) 291-2658 or

Carolyn Dortch (251) 253-5885

Thanks For Your Help & Assistance

The family of Julia Ann Stacey would like to personally thank everyone who helped organize and prepare for her 70th birthday party.

Thanks to all of you who attended and made this evening a momentous occasion for her, one that she will never forget. This party would not have been so successful without ALL of our family and friends who showed their love and support during this special time in her life. May God continue to bless her with MANY more great years, good health and prosperity.

Once again Happy 70th Birthday Julie Boolie "Mam Maw"! Always remember, you're never too old to do the jitter bug :) We LOVE you with ALL our hearts.

Love,

Your children, grandchildren & great grandchildren.



What Did You Say??

What did you say? War Eagle?

Ryan Gookin says "No way man! It's Roll Tide all the way!!"

Ryan is the son of Martha and Todd Gookin.

HONORING EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Salter Receives Highest Average Awards



Kaylee Marie Salter, daughter of Ron Salter and granddaughter of Charlotte & Martin Meckel of Atmore and Ronnie & Zeila Salter of Cusseta, Georgia has received the highest average for the 8th Grade in Science and English at Beulah High School and has maintained "A" honor roll throughout the year.

When asked what are her plans for going to the 9th grade Kaylee replied, "I am aiming for Valedictorian of my school."

Way to go Kaylee, the entire family is very proud of you!!!!



Moye Receives Numerous Achievement Awards

Madysen Moye, a 3rd grade student at Huxford Elementary in Huxford, AL received the Top Accelerated Reader Award, the

Superintendent's Reading Award, and the A-B Honor Roll Award for the 2012 school year.

Congratulations Madysen, we are so proud of you and all that you have accomplished!

Momma, Luke, Ben, Nannie, & Papa.



Barnhill Maintains A-B Average Throughout School Year

Alexis Barnhill, a 2nd grader in Mrs. Strom's class at Huxford Elementary School, received an Honor Roll award on May 21, 2012 at Award's Day for

maintaining an A-B average throughout the 2011-2012 school year.

We are proud of you Alexis! Keep up the good work.

Love you- Mama, Deddy, Dalton, Halona, and Bella.



Moye Maintains A-B Honor Roll Throughout School Year

Luke Moye, a 1st grade student at Huxford Elementary in Huxford, AL received an award for maintaining an A-B

academic average all year long.

Congratulations Luke, we are so proud of you and all that you have accomplished!

Momma, Madysen, Ben, Nannie, & Papa.

The whole purpose of education is to turn mirrors into windows. ~

Sydney J. Harris

HONORING FLMLC GRADUATES & EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Rolin Receives Recognition for Achievements

Jackson Rolin, a first grader at Pollard McCall Junior High, was recently recognized on Awards Day for his academic excellence in reading as well as receiving the Citizenship Award.



Jackson is the son of Donald and Lisa Rolin and the grandson of Jerry and Nadine Rolin and Carl and Elaine Jackson, all of Brewton, AL.

Congratulations Jack!! We are so proud of you.

Walker Graduates FLMLC

Halona Makinze Walker, daughter of Bill and Casey Walker, graduated from the Fred L. McGhee Learning Center's Pre-School class of 2011-2012.



Way to go Halona!

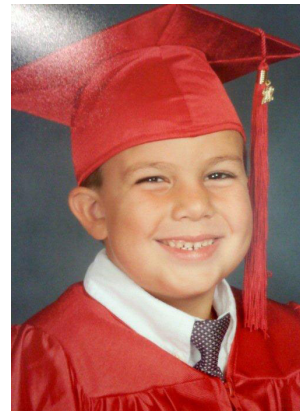
We love you, Mama, Deddy, Dalton, Alexis, and Bella.

Moye Graduates FLMLC

Ben Moye graduated from the Fred L. McGhee Learning Center on May 23, 2012.

Congratulations Ben, we are so proud of you!

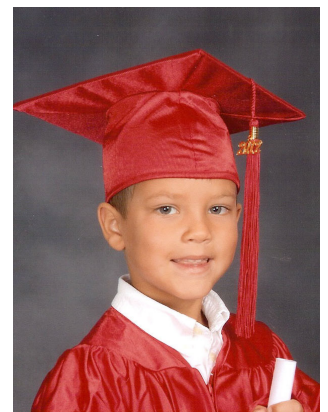
Momma, Madyson, Luke, Nannie, & Papa.



Blaize Thomas Graduates From FLMLC

Congratulations Blaize!

We are so proud of you for graduating from K-4 and so proud of your educational development skills you achieved while attending Fred L. McGhee Learning Center.



You grew by leaps and bounds from being that shy, timid child that didn't want to speak in a public forum to doing an exceptional job at your graduation ceremony by leading the pledge of allegiance. You spoke very clear and did it with pride.

We love you! Mom, Dad & family.

HONORING GRADUATES



ANGEL CONLON GRADUATES MAGNA CUM LAUDE

David Conlon and Rose McGhee (Conlon) are proud to announce the graduation their daughter, Angel Conlon, (first generation descendant and great granddaughter of Chief Calvin McGhee), from

The First Academy in Orlando, Florida with multiple honors and awards. Among those, she was recognized for her high academic record. The First Academy is a christian college preparatory school in Orlando and her home is in Okeechobee, Florida. Angel and her mom, relocated to Orlando three years ago, keeping a long-distance relationship with her father in Okeechobee who had to stay behind to run the family business. Aside from graduating with a 4.5 GPA, she was honored for her high score in the National Spanish Exam given annually across the United States to students taking Spanish classes.

Angel will be attending Palm Beach Atlantic University in the fall where she will seek a degree in Broadcast Journalism with a minor in World Religions. "Everyone's life is a book. We pray that hers will be a best seller!"



Gabe Friedman Graduates From Washington High School

Gabe Friedman, son of Michael and Marcy Friedman, graduated summa cum laude from Washington High School on Tuesday, June 5, 2012 with a GPA of 4.43. Gabe will be attending the University of Central Florida in the fall.

Gabe has been a member of the Pensacola Children's Chorus for ten years. He served as Publicity Chair for Washington's Drama Club, as well as participating in many plays and musicals in the Pensacola community. Gabe plans to pursue his passion for theatre in college at UCF.



Hernandez Graduates Liberty High School

Monaco Hernandez graduated from Liberty High School in Las Vegas, NV on June 18th 2012.

He has been accepted at both the University Nevada, Reno and Arizona State University.

He will stay in state and attend UNR.

Monaco is the son of Nicole Overstreet & stepson to Alfred Magana; he is the grandson of Sally and Ralph Overstreet and great grandson of the late Lucille (Honey) McGhee-Hartshon. He is also the great nephew of Lola Beltram and Johnny Overstreet.

We are so proud of the man you have turned out to be, intellectually, as well as talented.

We love you, Mom & Alfred.



HONORING GRADUATES

Jordan King Graduates From Fleming Island High School

Jordan Hannah King graduated with honors from Fleming Island High School in Fleming Island, FL on June 1, 2012 where having completed the four year University of Cambridge A.I.C.E. Program, she also received the Advanced International Certificate of Education. She plans to attend the University of Florida Honors Program in the Fall.



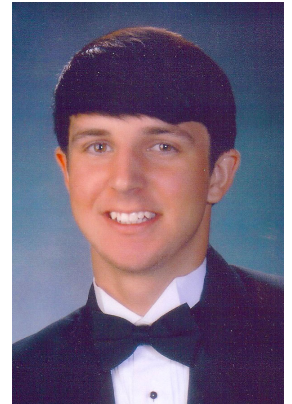
Jordan is the daughter of Mark and Janice (Bray) King; granddaughter of Mrs. Willie Mae (McGhee) Bray and the late VR Bray; granddaughter of Charles and Clara King; and sister of Justin King.

Congratulations, Jordan, on your accomplishments and the very best for the future! We love you and are so very proud of you!

The school is the last expenditure upon which America should be willing to economize. ~ Franklin D. Roosevelt

Ryan Daniel Graduates From J.U. Blacksher High School

Congratulation to Ryan Daniel who graduated from J.U. Blacksher High School on May 31, 2012.

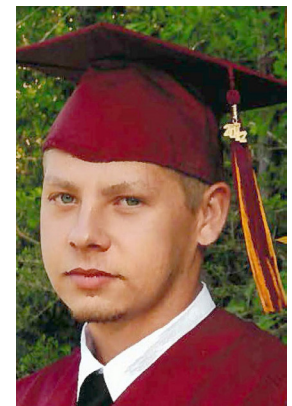


We are so proud of you, and we love you! For success in life, always put God first.

Granny Joyce, Paw Paw Daniel, Mom, Dad, K K, Granny Margie, and Paw Paw Mitchell.

Walker Graduates From Northview High School

Congratulations to Marcus Ryan Walker who graduated from Northview High School on Saturday, June 2, 2012.



We are proud of you and love you very much!

Your Dad, Wayne Waler, your brother and sister, A. J. and Shanua Marie Walker, and your grandmother, Ethel Walker.

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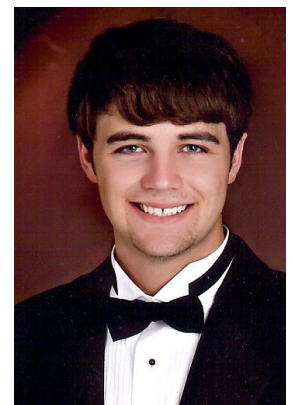
Logan Boatwright Graduates From Atmore Christian School

Logan Dewayne Boatwright graduated from Atmore Christian School on May 18, 2012.

We are proud of you and love you very much! Mom, Dad,

Madelyn, Connor, Sissy, Uncle Dave & Jessica, and Nana & Paw Paw, Myrtis & David Kinman.

In last month's issue, Logan was erroneously identified as Logan Dewayne Kinman. We apologize for this error and any confusion it may have caused.



HONORING GRADUATES



Niki Bryan Honor Graduate Class of 2012 Escambia Academy

Niki Bryan is the daughter of Keith & Stephanie Bryan. Niki graduated from Escambia Academy with numerous honors. She has been a member of the BETA club since 8th grade and

received an honors diploma. Niki was also named Miss EA, which is an honor because this award is voted on by her peers. The individual selected to receive this honor had to exemplify great leadership skills, had to maintain a high GPA, and a student who devoted some of their time volunteering in the local community. Niki was also the recipient of the Dana Kent athletic scholarship award. Niki was an all around wonderful student and this is not half of the honors she received during her high school years at EA.

We wish you the best in all life's endeavors. Life is about choices so always make wise choices and seek God in every decision you have to make in life. We are proud of you and may God continue to bless you with good health and prosperity.

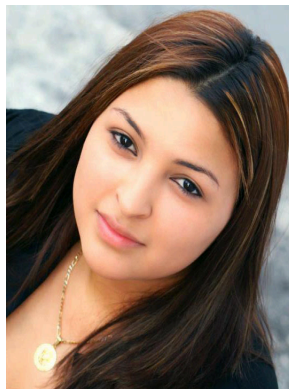
We love you!
Mom, Dad & family.

Henson Graduates From Frostproof High School

Rebecca Henson graduated from Frostproof High School on June 7th. with top honors.

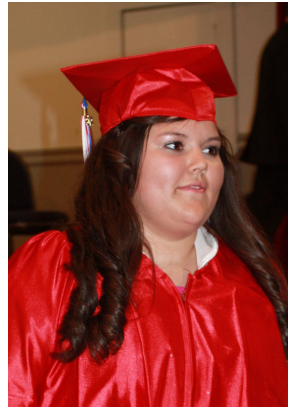
She is the daughter of Rachel and Autrey Gene Henson of Frostproof, FL.

Love you family.



Findley Graduates From Junior High

Submitted by Lori Fkindly



Congratulations to Leah Paige Findley on her graduation as third in her class from Pollard-McCall Junior High School 8th grade on Thursday, May 24th.

Paige also celebrated her 14th birthday on Saturday, May 26th.

Paige is the daughter of Lori Findley and Greg Findley and the sister of Peyton Findley. She is also the granddaughter of Velma McGhee Crocker.

We are so proud of you and love you so much!

Mom, Dad, sister, Memaw, Aunt Candace, Uncle Bryan, Emily and Curt.

Caitlyn Fore Graduates From University of South Florida



Caitlyn Marissa Corey graduated from the University of South Florida on May 6, 2012. She received her Bachelor Degree

in Social Work. She is currently pursuing a Master Degree in Social Work from the University of South Florida.

Caitlyn is the daughter of Cecil Corey of Atmore and Todd & Shelley McEvoy (Godwin) of Tampa, FL. She is the granddaughter of Steve & Lois Fore of Atmore, Clark & Judy Thompson of Atmore, and Buddy & Lynne Godwin of Pensacola.

Congratulations Caitlyn; we are all so proud of you.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Tribal Council Meetings

Thursday, July 5th & 19th 4:00 p.m.
Tribal Council Chambers

Tribal Court Sessions

Monday, July 2nd & 16th 9:00 a.m.
Tribal Courtroom

NA Meetings

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

CIEDA Meetings

Friday, July 6th & 20th 7:30 a.m.
CIEDA Offices

Calvin McGhee Cultural Authority

Monday, July 2nd & 16th 5:00 p.m.
Welcome Center

Housing Authority Meetings

Thursday, July 12th & 26th 4:00 p.m.
Building 400 Conference Room

Recreation Authority Meetings

Tuesday, July 9th & 23rd 11:00 a.m.
Recreation Center (Gym)

TERO Commission Meetings

Tuesday, July 9th & 23rd 3:00 p.m.
TERO Offices

Education Classes/Club Meetings

4-H Club

Monday, July 9th & 23rd 6:00 p.m.
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

Summer Reading Program

Wednesday
10:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon
Education Department
Throughout the summer

Recreation Programs

Gym Hours

Monday - Friday
6:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

***Dance Classes every Thursday
Contact the Recreation 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 10:30 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!

Other Dates To Remember This Month

Wednesday, July 4, 2012

***Tribal Offices and Boys & Girls Club will
be closed in observance of Independence
Day.***

Fire Works Show

***Wind Creek Casino
9:00 p.m.***

Tuesday, July 10, 2012

***Deadline to submit information to be
published in the August newsletter is
5:00 p.m. (CST).***

Tuesday, July 20, 2012

***Academic Achievement Banquet
Wind Creek Casino & Hotel
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
RSVP required by July 2, 2012***

Tuesday, July 24, 2012

***Cancer Support Group
SAIL Center
5:30 p.m.***

Saturday, July 28, 2012

***State of the Tribe
Family Services Auditorium
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.***

Financial Aid Workshops

***Tribal Members Age 14-18
Boys & Girls Club Youth Center
Wednesday, July 11th, 18th, & 25th
10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.***

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