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CHAIRMAN'S CORNER SEPTEMBER 2012

I was honored to be the welcoming speaker at the 2011-2012 Academic Achievement Banquet in August. It was quite inspiring to listen to the speakers and to see the young people who were there to be recognized for their graduation and academic achievements. We, the Tribal Council, are proud to acknowledge students who have made education a priority in their life, because as we know education is the foundation for success.

The educational opportunities available to Tribal Members and First Generation students far exceed any hope or dream our ancestors had just a few short years ago. The new school year is beginning and it is our hope

that each of you will partake of these opportunities and excel in your field of interest.

As Co-Chair of the Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee (TLDC), I attended a TLDC meeting in August of which the main focus was the reauthorization of the Special Diabetes Program for Indians (SDPI). These monies, \$150 million dollars, are scheduled to end in 2013 and the TLDC members have been advocating on behalf of all Native Americans to have this initiative continue for at least another 5 years.

Our NAYO and NASA teams participated in this year's tournaments and represented the Tribe well. Not all teams were victorious, but we did



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have some first, second, and third place winning teams. It is always good to know that our athletic teams represent the Tribe well when they travel to other reservations for athletic competitions.

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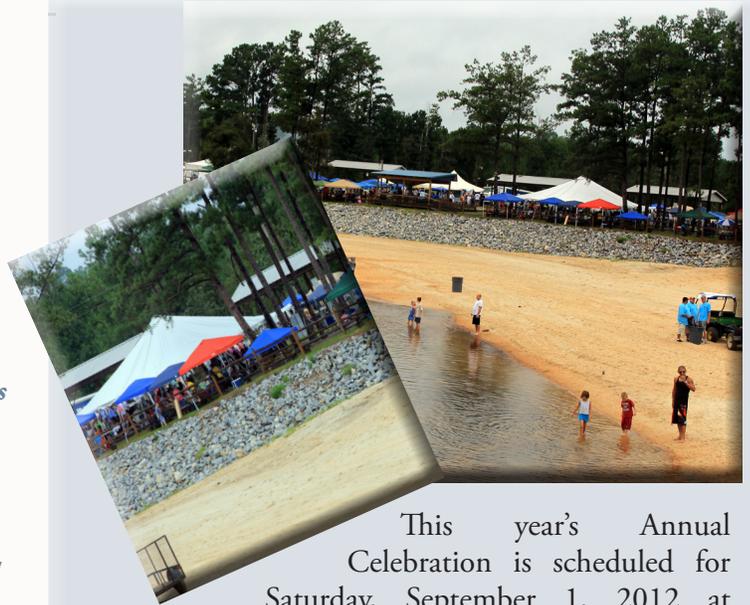
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We have incorporated the use of the Muskogee language as much as possible in the newsletter. You will see examples in the numbers of each page as well as on the front cover.

The Minute Insert also includes the Treasurer's Report presented at the State of the Tribe presentation, the 2012-2013 Princess Application, and information about After School Tutoring, Homework Club, Close Up 2013, and 4-H Club. This information is not included in the newsletters received by those on the subscription mailing list.

ON THE COVER



This year's Annual Celebration is scheduled for Saturday, September 1, 2012 at Magnolia Branch Wildlife Reserve. Hope to see you there!

(Photos are from Annual Celebration 2011.)

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.

CREEK TRAVEL PLAZA BRINGS NASCAR TO POARCH

Travelers on I-65 near the Atmore area, will soon have a first-class place to fuel up with the opening of the Creek Travel Plaza later this month. Creek Indian Enterprises Development Authority (CIEDA), the economic development arm of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians, announced today the upcoming grand opening of its newest development.

The official grand opening event is planned for Labor Day Weekend, with a ribbon cutting scheduled for Saturday September 1st at 9:00 a.m. and an on-site appearance by the Shell-Pennzoil #22 NASCAR and a NASCAR simulator ride are both scheduled to be on location for Monday, September 3rd from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. NASCAR fans will have a special chance to get up-close and personal with a replica of the car AJ Allmendinger is driving this season. In addition to being able to see the #22 NASCAR, visitors will be able to take a spin in the exhilarating NASCAR racing simulator to experience what their favorite driver encounters on race day. In addition to the fun activities at the grand opening, motorists will enjoy grand opening special offers and be eligible to win prizes and giveaways at the Creek Travel Plaza located just off I-65 exit 54 at 4740 Jack Spring Road

The Shell branded Creek Travel Plaza, sits just 3 miles south of Wind Creek Casino and Hotel, will provide the amenities today's traveler has come to expect from a top-notch travel plaza. This facility will provide shuttle service to and from the casino, offer free overnight parking and will provide truck drivers amenities such as showers, laundry, a driver's lounge and many of the financial and business services truckers need to keep them working on the road. In addition to giving truckers a comfortable place to rest and access to the entertainment options in and around Wind Creek Casino, Creek Travel Plaza will be offering FREE PLAY with FILL-UPS, see store for restrictions.

On site, the Creek Travel Plaza has a 24-hour 1950's style-diner, a Chester's Chicken, a beer cave and a fully stocked convenience store supply all types of motorists needs. RV's and motor coaches are welcome! They can enjoy the easy access to our

facilities and amenities specific to their needs such as overnight parking and an onsite dump station.

Created as an economic stimulator to the area, the Creek Travel Plaza is expected to employ a staff of approximately 45 individuals and will offer up to eleven outparcels for additional retail businesses once the project is complete. James T. Martin, President and CEO of Creek Indian Enterprises Development Authority states, "We are proud to be bringing another enterprise to the Atmore area that will continue to increase the number of job opportunities in this area and helps address the need for more retail options in this community." Because of the limited number of travel plazas along I-65 in this area that offer overnight truck parking, it was determined that a quality overnight travel plaza would serve the I-65 travelers well. The first phase of this project has been the construction of the 10,000 square foot full-service multi-use travel plaza and rest area. The Creek Travel Plaza will be operational 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.

Racing fans, here's a dream come true.

If you're a passionate race fan, this will get your motor running. The No. 22 Shell-Pennzoil Dodge from the Sprint Cup Series is coming to your neighborhood. Shell sponsors No. 22 Shell-Pennzoil Dodge and Penske Racing, so you can see this incredible machine right where you live. Stop by Monday, September 3, 2012 to see the No. 22 Shell - Pennzoil Dodge for yourself. Don't miss this exciting opportunity. Learn more at shell.us/racing

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4740 Jack Springs Road Monday, September 3, 2012
Atmore, AL 10am - 4pm

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RECORD CROWD ATTENDS STATE OF TRIBE MEETING

The Tribal Council hosts an annual State of the Tribe (SOT) presentation to share with Tribal Members the economic condition of the Tribe based on the previous year's financial reports from Tribal Government, Creek Indian Enterprises Development Authority (CIEDA), and PCI Gaming Authority (PCIGA). The 2011 State of the Tribe presentation was held Saturday, July 28, 2012 and was attended by a record setting number of Tribal Members.

The Tribe experienced vast economic growth in 2011 via unprecedented growth in Tribal gaming operations. This growth helped fund the operations at Tribal Government, which provides services to all Tribal Members. CIEDA prospered in 2011 as well, and has worked to diversify the Tribe's business operations and

there has been significant growth in Tribal investments. To quote our Chairman, "*It takes all of our operations working together in tandem to make us the 'well-oiled machine' that we are. This is something we as Creek people have always known, if you work hard and work together there will be prosperity.*"

A copy of the 2011 Annual Report, with is part of the Tribal Council's continued commitment to ensure a transparent government, has been mailed to each Tribal Member Head of Household age 18 and above.

If you have any questions about the Annual Report or any other information presented at the SOT meeting, please do not hesitate to contact your Tribal Council Members at (251) 446-1140.

NEW TRIBAL MEMBER HEALTH BENEFIT ANNOUNCED

A new health benefit has been approved for all PCI Tribal Members. The benefit is a mail-order maintenance prescription drug program. This mail order program allows members to have maintenance medications delivered to their home. Maintenance medications are drugs taken for ongoing medical conditions like diabetes, high blood pressure and asthma. All members using maintenance medications are eligible for this program at no cost to the member.

The program will be administered by Rx Benefits/Caremark. In August, enrollment forms were mailed to all members, along with details of the program.

Completed enrollment forms received by September 10th will ensure participation in the program with an effective date of October 1st. However, this program allows ongoing enrollment; therefore, members may enroll at any time. Once enrollment forms are received, "Welcome Packets" will be mailed directly to the member from Caremark. The packet will contain an explanation of the benefit plan, a card and mail

order forms. Members will need to confirm their maintenance drug prescriptions have been written to dispense 90 day supply in order to receive a 90 day supply via this plan.

For questions or concerns related to this Mail-order Maintenance Drug Program, please refer to the Tribal Member Benefits Department (251)368-9146 Ext. 2209.



SCHOOL SUPPLIES & UNIFORM REIMBURSEMENT

The Education Department will be accepting applications for reimbursement of uniforms and school supplies for Tribal Member and first generation Indian Descent students grade 4K through 12. This program began August 1st and will end October 31st.

The reimbursement rate is \$200.00 per child, up to a maximum of 4 children. Applications can be picked up at the Education Department or found on the Tribal website, www.poarchcreekindians-nsn.gov.

You must complete the application and attach receipts in order to be reimbursed. Gift cards are issued for reimbursement and are in \$200.00 increments. Your receipts must total at least \$200.00 per child. If your child is first generation descent, you must attach a copy of their "Indian descent letter" from Tribal Member Benefits to the application, unless you participated in this

program last year and there is one already on file in our offices. Additionally, we also require proof that your child is enrolled in school. We will accept a current bill, letter from the school, or a copy of your child's report card from school year 2011-2012.

This program is open to Tribal Member and first generation descent children everywhere. Please call the Education Dept. at 251-368-9136 ext. 2021 if you have any questions.

Please Note

This program is for children enrolled in school, not daycare. The child must be enrolled in a school-based program with a certified teacher as their primary instructor.

NAYO Teams Represent Tribe With Pride

Submitted by Theresa Rutherford

The 2012 NAYO Baseball and Softball Tournament was held in Choctaw, MS on the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians Reservation on July 19th-21st, 2012.

This year Poarch Creek was represented in the tournament with eight (8) teams, consisting of a baseball and a softball team in the 7 & 8 year old category. This is the very first year for this age category in the NAYO Baseball and Softball Tournament!

The 7 & 8 year old baseball team coached by Josh Burkett, Jason Davis and Johnny Rolin, was undefeated and won the championship. The 7 & 8 year old softball team coached by Cassie Lassiter, Rusty Lassiter and Ronnie Huskey, did not place but played well.

In the 9-12 year olds, there was one (1) baseball team and one (1) softball team. The 9-12 year old baseball team,

coached by Billy Rolin, Paul Pearson, and Charles "Bubba" O'Barr, came in third place. The 9-12 year old softball team was coached by Tim Ramer, Stevie McGhee and Nick Hill did not place but played their games with sportsmanship and pride.

There were two (2) baseball teams in the 13-15 year olds and one (1) softball team represented. The first and second place teams in the 13-15 year old baseball division was battled out with two of Poarch Creek teams coached by brothers, Ronnie Jackson and Eddie Jackson.

Team "Bases Loaded" coached by Eddie Jackson, Bodie Tullis and Larry Gibson won 1st place, with Poarch Creek team coached by Ronnie Jackson, Jamie Ramer and David Kirby coming in at 2nd place! It was a late night rival between these two brothers with the championship game being played at 12:00 midnight, but the stands were full of Poarch Creek supporters!

The 13-15 year old girls, coached by Heather White, Kenny Williams and Tammy Andrews, did not place but showed that they have sportsmanship, pride, and talent.

There was only one (1) baseball team representing Poarch Creek in the 16-18 year olds; they brought home the second place trophy! They were coached by Jimmy Dean, Eddie Wayne Gregson and Bryan Gregson.

Congratulations to all the players, coaches, volunteers, and supporters!

The glow of a second place victory for the 16-18 year old baseball team faded when they learned of the unexpected death of their beloved coach Eddie Wayne Gregson on August 3, 2012 following an automobile accident. These young boys, as well as the Poarch community, were shocked and saddened upon hearing the news. He was greatly loved and will be greatly missed.



My PCI Wellness Program Launched

Submitted By Tiffany Faircloth

The Recreation Department has launched the My PCI Wellness Program to help individuals become more educated about their own personal health and more importantly to provide support for individuals so they can start taking actions that leads to living a healthy lifestyle.

The new program will offer individuals the opportunity to meet with Recreation staff at the Poarch Recreation Department. The Recreation staff is available by appointment to create a plan that will help individuals with exercise options, nutritional guidance, and overall wellness.

Also launching in phases will be an online wellness portal that allows individuals to better manage their health confidentially. Individuals will be invited to be part of the initial group and notified by email or by mail. Once the account is created, the private portal will offer a health

assessment, online tutorials, education, and suggestions that are specific to the individual's current lifestyle. The Recreation Department has added computer kiosks allowing individuals to login and manage their account.

Additionally, My PCI Wellness will offer additional events and activities such as Health Challenges, Health Educations Webinars, Wellness Workshops and other events through the online portal and within the various PCI facilities.

The My PCI Wellness program is designed to help individuals take charge of their personal health, stay motivated, and have fun along the way. The Recreation Department hopes that all members of the community will participate and take value in the rewards of a healthier, happier and longer life. Any questions, please contact Tiffany Faircloth at (251) 368-9136 x 2256.



Eddie & Ronnie Jackson, brothers battling for the championship! Little brother Eddie's team "Bases Loaded" was victorious and took home the first place win in their age division.



Unbeknownst to any on the team or in the stadium, the Tribe's 16-18 year old NAYO baseball team takes last huddle for pre-game prayer with beloved coach Eddie Wayne Gregson (with cane) who would pass away a short 13 days later.

Poarch Creek Indians (Monroe-Escambia) 2012 Youth Football Schedule

September 8th	Weigh-Ins	Excel @ 9:00 a.m.
September 15th	Jamboree	Excel
	Mini Mites @ 9:00 a.m.	
	Mighty Mites @ 10:00 a.m.	
	Tiny Mites @ 11:00 a.m.	
	Pee Wee @ 12:00 noon	

September 22nd - October 27th games schedules:

Mini Mites - 4:00 p.m. Mighty Mites - 5:00 p.m.
Tiny Mites -6:00 p.m. Pee Wee - 7:00 p.m.

September 22nd	Poarch @ Uriah
September 29th	Excel @ Poarch
October 6th	Poarch @ Flomaton
October 13th	Flomaton @ Poarch
October 20th	Uriah @ Poarch
October 27th	Poarch @ Excel

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS



Sehoeye Buckley
July 20, 2012

Sehoeye Buckley celebrated her 9th birthday on July 20th. Happy birthday, Sehoeye!

We love you! From all your family and friends.

(This birthday wish was erroneously omitted from the August issue of the Poarch Creek News. We apologize for any confusion or misunderstanding this omission may have caused.)



Rebecca Henson
August 8, 2012

Rebecca Henson celebrated her 18th Birthday on August 8th. She is the daughter of Autrey Gene & Rachel Henson of Frostproof, FL.

Happy Birthday from your family.



Autrey Gene Henson
August 11, 2012

Autrey Gene Henson celebrated his 70th Birthday August 11th at a surprise party given by his family.

Happy birthday.



Kiera Mary Jane Hobbs
September 3, 2012

Happy 8th birthday Kiera!

Kiera is the daughter of Jamie & J. C. Hobbs; granddaughter of Lee & Mary Johnson; and great-granddaughter of Ellis Kinsey and Mary Kinsey. We love you!



Gary Henson
August 3, 2012

Gary Henson will celebrate his 61st Birthday September 3rd. He is the son of Thelma McGhee Henson of Frostproof, FL.

Happy birthday from your family.



Kamrny Johnson
September 8, 2012

Happy 6th birthday Kamryn!

We hope it's an awesome day.

Love Mommy, Daddy, and Kylee.



Brenda Pruitt
September 10, 2012

Brenda Pruitt will celebrate her 45th birthday September 10th. She is the daughter of Glenda Ellis of Frostproof, FL.

Happy birthday from your family.

David Lee Vickery
September 12, 2012

Happy Birthday David!

Love, your Aunt Connie and the rest of the family.

Mike Vickery
September 16, 2012

Happy Birthday Mike!

Love, your sister Connie and the rest of the family.



Rhea Devilbiss
September 19, 2012

Happy Birthday Rhea!

We love you!

Mom, Scott, and Baby Slayton.



Chastity Peebles
September 24, 2012

Happy 38th birthday Chastity! You are the light at the end of the tunnel; we thank God for you. May your day be filled

with happiness.

Love, your family.



Brantlie Thomas
September 26, 2012

Happy 9th birthday Brantlie!

We love you!

From 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

Ernest Vickery
September 26, 2012

Happy Birthday Ernest!
Love, your sister Connie and the rest of the family.



Davis Ellis
September 27, 2012

Davis Ellis will celebrate his 26th birthday on September 27th. Davis is the son of Glenda & Davis Ellis of Frostproof, FL.

Happy Birthday from your family.



Thelma McGhee Henson
September 30, 2012

Happy 84th birthday Thelma! Thelma is the sister of Carl McGhee and daughter of the late Littles and Ellen McGhee.

Happy birthday from your children and family.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Isabella Elsie Sanchez
July 20, 2012

Jerry and Crystal Sanchez proudly announce the birth of their daughter Isabella Elsie Sanchez. Isabella was born July 20, 2012 at 8:16 a.m. She weighed 6 pounds, 15.6 ounces and was 19 inches long. She is welcomed home by her big sister Alyssa.

Isabella is the granddaughter of Carrie and Randy Martin, J.T. Holland, and Sherry Phillips, all of Poarch; Jerry Sanchez Sr. of Pensacola, FL, and James Phillips of Thomasville, AL. She is the great-granddaughter of Pearline McGhee of Atmore.



Her deceased great-grandparents are Curtis McGhee, Elsie and Ervin Holland, Charles Gregson and Daisy Belle Rolin and Joyce Melvin.

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.



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ATTENTION LOCAL TRIBAL MEMBERS, FIRST GENERATION, TRIBAL/PCI EMPLOYEES, AND IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS:

Sign up before September 9, 2012 for a chance to participate in the **Lose it For Life \$10K Challenge**.

Lose it for life is a six month weight loss and wellness program designed to **TRANSFORM YOUR BODY AND YOUR LIFE!**

Applicants selected for this program will participate in wellness classes, workouts and weekly weigh-ins, including monthly challenges with **CASH PRIZES**.

The individual to lose the most percentage of weight and body fat by March 2013 will win a GRAND PRIZE of **\$5,000** and a **CARIBBEAN CRUISE** for two! An additional \$5,000 in prize money will be paid out to others throughout the duration of the Challenge.

For more information, or to submit your name for consideration, please call JD Brooks at 855-393-7227 by September 9, 2012. Or, email jdbrooks@pcigaming.com.

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ANNIVERSARY WISHES

Josh and Vicky Burkett Celebrate Anniversary



Josh and Vicky Burkett celebrated their anniversary on August 12, 2012 in Gulf Shores, AL.

Congratulations Josh & Vicky.

Mark and Jamie Depetris Celebrate Silver Anniversary



Mark and Jamie Depetris will celebrate their silver anniversary by renewing their wedding vows on September 22, 2012 after 25 years of marriage.

Mark and Jamie have two children Nathan 21, and Brittany 18. They are both in college. Nathan is studying music education and Brittany is studying childcare development.

Brenda & Greg Pruitt Celebrate 29th Anniversary



Brenda & Gary Pruitt will celebrate their 29th Anniversary on September 13th. They have 3 children and 4 grandchildren and they live in Frostproof, FL.

Happy Anniversary from your family.

Special Guests to present Motivational Message

Join the Boys & Girls Club at the Wind Creek amphitheater for a motivational session with country music star Jeff Bates and Burg Rabe as they present an evening of motivational messages.

September 23, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.

Free Admission/Open To Public

Please note that this is not a free concert; speakers are here to present motivational messages to our youth.

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.

CULTURAL LANDMARK UNAFFECTED BY POARCH BAND OF CREEK INDIANS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE

Hickory Ceremonial Ground, a site that is culturally and spiritually important to both the Poarch Band of Creek Indians and the Muscogee Nation in Oklahoma, is not affected by the new business development at Wetumpka. Despite statements made by representatives of the Muscogee Nation, the Hickory Ceremonial Ground is protected land that is not part of a casino expansion designed to ensure Poarch's economic stability and create hundreds of jobs.

Robbie McGhee, Poarch's Tribal Treasurer and head of its government affairs office noted, "As an Indian nation with close cultural, if not familial ties to the Muscogee Nation, we are disappointed by recent statements that do not accurately reflect Poarch's efforts to maintain the site and preserve a relationship with the Muscogee Nation, we have honored our agreement to preserve the Ceremonial Ground, just as we honor the history and cultural significance of our shared heritage."

For the past 30 years, the Poarch Band has offered the Muscogee Nation multiple opportunities to partner with them to reclaim land that, centuries ago, was part of Hickory Ground Indian Town; one of America's largest Indian settlements covering more than 1000 acres. Today, only about 20 acres of this once prosperous Indian community are owned by the Poarch Band of Creek Indians.

In 1980, before the Poarch Band had any gaming operations and its economic resources were extremely limited, the Tribe invited the Muscogee Nation's leadership to partner with them in submitting

an application for an historic preservation grant to purchase Hickory Ground. Unfortunately, the Muscogee Nation did not respond to the Poarch Band's leaders by the grant submission deadline. As a result, the Poarch Band received the historic preservation grant and purchased the property, which later became part of the Poarch Band's reservation lands in 1984.

As Poarch's gaming revenues afforded new opportunities to preserve its tribal land and culture, tribal leadership took additional measures to preserve the Hickory Ground's history. In 2000, Poarch hired nationally-recognized archaeologists from Auburn University to perform an archaeological survey of the site. During that survey, the archaeologists found evidence of several historic Creek houses in the area. Creeks Indians who lived in the massive Hickory Ground settlement during that period traditionally buried their ancestors underneath these houses. Auburn University archeologists excavated approximately 52 remains and funerary objects which were kept on-site in a secure location.

In 2005, Auburn University archeologists discovered the Ceremonial Ground on the Hickory Ground Town site. Once that discovery was made, construction was halted immediately and plans were undertaken to begin historic preservation of the area.

In 2007, Poarch and the Muscogee Nation signed a memorandum of agreement stipulating that the Hickory Ceremonial Ground would be preserved as a secure and spiritual

place for perpetuity. At Poarch's invitation, the Muscogee Nation participated in the joint covering and preservation of the Ceremonial Ground that same year. The site continues to be maintained and preserved today.

Poarch Tribal Chairman Buford L. Rolin noted, "While the Muscogee Nation was forcibly moved from Alabama many years before the land in and around the city of Wetumpka was developed to its current level, we understand and respect the importance that members of the Muscogee Nation place on the land. For that reason, the Poarch Band repeatedly endeavored, for more than six years after the archeological discovery, to reach a harmonious resolution with the Muscogee Nation to address both sides' interests in the proper reinterment of the remains and funerary objects found there."

Finally, in 2012, after trying unsuccessfully for six years to get the Muscogee Nation to agree on a location for the reinterment, the Poarch Band as owners of the property, believed it to be legally, morally, and culturally responsible for reintering the remains and funerary objects.

In April, the Poarch Band of Creek Indians once again reached out to the Muscogee Nation and invited them to participate in the reinterment near the sacred Hickory Ceremonial Ground. The reinterment was conducted according to specific Indian traditions that the Muscogee Nation had requested. No representative from Muscogee attended the reinterment ceremony.

SUMMER LEADERSHIP & CAREER PROGRAM

Participants of Education's Summer Youth Leadership and Career Programs were involved in numerous activities during their summer tenure. They are involved in job preparation training, they work on reading, writing and science skills and many other fun activities.

This summer the participants have also worked on enhancing their artistic abilities by attending art classes at the Art Room in Monroeville, AL. Mrs. Sharon Owens opened her classroom to the students from Poarch and through her innovative teaching methods opened a new and exciting creative venue to many of those who attended.

The students also visited the Ronald McDonald House in Pensacola, FL. and learned about the amenities offered to families in need as well as various ways volunteers can help the Ronald McDonald House program. This is a great way for high school students to obtain community service hours as required for scholarships, extra credits, etc. The

group prepared for the trip by gathering donations of paper towels, liquid and bar soaps, bathroom cleaning supplies, bathroom tissue, etc. to take with them.



Shown with their artwork are: seated l-r Mikayla Spruill and Corey Bailey; standing l-r Dalton Walker, Cierra Caraway, and Drake Hamilton.

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2011-2012 Academic Achievement Banquet Held

My ancestors were great warriors.... They were great diplomats and peacemakers as well. As a Native person, it is my turn to take up the battle. I will not fight with bows and arrows, guns, or unkind words; my battle will be fought and won with tolerance, acceptance, knowledge, wisdom, and hope. Tolerance of people who fail to understand that we are all one people; acceptance of people who are different yet appreciate the diversity that makes us all so beautiful; knowledge to lead my people when they need a leader; wisdom to know when I should be a follower; and hope. Because, like my ancestors who come before me, I know I can create a better world for the future generations to come.

Kerry Bird

The Academic Achievement Banquet, hosted by the Tribe's Education Advisory Committee, was held on Monday, August 6, 2012 at Wind Creek Casino. The night began with a welcome from Tribal Chairman Buford L. Rolin in which he shared his opinion on the value and importance of education and the growth and enhancement of educational opportunities now available to Tribal Members.

Stephanie Bryan, Vice Chair and Chairperson of the Education and Labor Legislative Committee, followed the Chairman's welcome and shared updated educational and scholarship participation statistics. Stephanie shared that the Education Advisory Committee, the Education and Labor Legislative Committee and the Education Department continually strive to improve educational opportunities available to Tribal Members. Over the past few

years funds for these opportunities has increased tremendously. As of August 3, 2012, the McGhee Tullis Tuition Assistance Program has 456 participants. Of these participants, 21 are at Graduate School Level, 395 are Undergraduates, and 40 are Middle and High School Students. According to records from the Education Department, the program has had 85 graduates since its implementation in 2005. Another asset of the McGhee Tullis Tuition Assistance Program is the Student Loan Repayment Program; there are currently 26 Tribal Members enrolled in this program.

The participation in the First Generation Scholarship Program has increased as well with the availability of additional funds. When this program began in 2008, only \$5,000 was available for distribution; only 14 First Generation students were able to receive scholarships. As funds have increased, so has participation, with 2011 having a record setting 178 students participating with a distribution of \$518,000. The funds available for 2012 total \$1,113,500, with 112 students participating; the new school year is about to begin so we expect to see an increase in student participation. Stephanie encourages Tribal Members to pursue their educational dreams "Children, young adults, men and women, you all have amazing opportunities within the Tribe to achieve a higher education. Life is about choices, so make wise choices and take advantage of these opportunities because an education is something that cannot be taken away," she said. "What is the difference between school and life?" she asked, "In school you are taught a lesson and then given a test.

In life you are given a test that teaches you a lesson." Stephanie concluded by encouraging the youth to listen to their parents and grandparents, "They will always be your biggest fan in life."

Robert Thrower, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, and a life-long supporter of furthering educational opportunities for Tribal Members, blessed the food. After an excellent meal guest speakers Ernestine Daughtry and Venus McGhee Prince shared their education journeys. Ernestine shared the story of her education, from the one room school house to the Poarch School and her short time at St. Mary's All-Girls School in Suwanee, TN. Ernestine ended her speech by saying "Even though I did not receive a diploma, I know how important an education is. I have always encouraged my family and friends to receive an education and go to school. My desire for all of you is that you will continue to go to school so that you may be successful in whatever you choose to do. Take advantage of all the opportunities that this Tribe has given you, because receiving an education hasn't always been this easy in the past due to discrimination and lack of money." (*Ernestine's complete story will be shared in next month's issue of the Poarch Creek News.*)

Venus McGhee Prince shared her educational journey as well. Her journey began in public school, where she was selected for the Gifted & Talented Programs. "These Programs fueled my passion for learning." Venus said. "At the same time, I poured my heart and soul into another deep love of mine—dance. When I wasn't in school, I was taking classes or helping

our local teacher Mrs. Judith Adams to teach classes. Then one day, around 8th grade, Mrs. Adams asked if I would be interested in auditioning for the ballet program at the Alabama School of Fine Arts. I jumped at the chance, auditioned, and, to my surprise, was accepted.” Sadly, tuition assistance was not available to Tribal Members at this time; the Tribe barely offered \$300 per year for college assistance and didn’t offer anything for special high school situations such as hers; her family had to find the money. Her family somehow managed, and she was able to pursue her dream. After graduation from the Alabama School of fine Arts, Venus attended Harvard. Again, sufficient tuition assistance was not available and Venus and her family had to cover most of the cost of her college education. After graduating Harvard, Venus attended Berkeley law school, graduating in 1998. In 2007, the Tribe implemented the loan repayment portion of the tuition assistance program; Venus was one of the first participants in this program and as of 2010, she is free of her educational debt. Venus concluded her speech by saying “I tell you about my educational and personal experiences because I want you to appreciate the educational assistance that you now have. These tuition assistance programs will get you nowhere if you don’t have the passion and the drive to pursue it. Like my grandmother, I had to want my education, and I had to sacrifice and work for it. You can now get that education without going into \$110,000 of debt. Pursuing your education can also make a real difference in your quality of life. With a high school degree, you may earn only \$25,000 per year. With a Bachelor’s degree, you might earn \$40,000-\$50,000 per year. With a professional degree, you could earn over \$100,000. It’s up to you. Not only can you increase your earning potential, but you can have some fun adventures along the way. I know I have. I hope you will, too.”

The night concluded with the presentation of recognition certificates and awards for graduates and academic achievement. Presenting were members of the Educational Advisory Committee, Karla Martin, Megan Young, and Kim Smith.

Those being honored were:

Colby Scott Allen	Honor Roll 2011-2012
Destini Elyse Bethea	College Graduate
Chrystal Brown	College Graduate
Niki Lauren Bryan	Honor Roll 2011-2012
	High School Graduate
Caitlyn Marissa Corey	College Graduate
Hunter Franklin	High School Graduate
Frisco Lee Troyer Gehman	High School Graduate
Marnin Gehman	College Graduate
Shondra N. Hattaway	College Graduate
Christy O’Barr Huskey	College Graduate
Chance Walker Jackson	Honor Roll 2011-2012
	High School Graduate
Ashley Lowe	College Graduate
Brittany Bianca McGhee	College Graduate
Cheyenne McGhee	Honor Roll 2011-2012
Kellie Allein McGhee	College Graduate
Kevin Dewayne McGhee	College Graduate
Tawana W. Parham	College Graduate
Mary LaRose Powell	High School Graduate
Sydney Nicole Raybon	Honor Roll 2011-2012
Tyler Lane Smith	Honor Roll 2011-2012
Mallory Lynn Stanley	College Graduate

Congratulations to each of the honorees!

Shown to the left with certificates and awards are: Front row, Niki Bryan, Brittany McGhee, Christy Huskey, Caitlyn Corey, and Sydney Raybon. Back row, Chance Jackson, Marnin Gehman, Sondra Hattaway, and Kelli McGhee.



WAR 2 Was A Great Success!!

War 2 was as huge a success as we'd hoped. Warrior Promotions would like to thank Poarch Band of Creek Indians Tribal Council, Recreation Department, and Wind Creek Casino for giving us a chance. Without their support, none of this would be possible! Thanks to the Recreation Authority and MMA Solutions for handling the sanctioning and ensuring the event ran smoothly... looking forward to working with you again soon.

Great job to all the fighters, they did exactly what they said...they came out put on an awesome show. Thanks to all our event staff, too many to list, you know who you are. Thanks to our sponsors Wind Creek Casino, Southern Plumbing, Rollins Used Cars, WWJD Construction, Graffiti Graphics, and Nails 2000, for your support, it is much appreciated.

And last, but definitely not least, all the fight fans that bought tickets and came out to support the sport of

MMA!!! We look to continue to grow and provide some of the best fights in our area for fighters and the fans. Again thanks to all those involved!!!! Get ready, War 3 will be here before you know it!!

*Craig Helton
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Kaylo Coleman of Team Titan

Community Aftercare Reinforcement Program

Attention Drug Court Graduates or Individuals that have completed an Inpatient Treatment Program:

The Poarch Band of Creek Indians Tribal Court Administration would like to invite you to participate in our Community Aftercare Reinforcement Program. We have recently begun an incentive component which allows participants to receive vouchers for rewards for participation in the program.

Wes Hayles, Addictions Counselor for the tribe has worked diligently to provide a program that will assist participants that have graduated from our drug court program or attended in-patient treatment facilities with their continued sobriety. Please contact our office for more information or to schedule an appointment for the aftercare program.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Keesha O'Barr or Wes Hayles at (251) 368-9136 Ext. 2653 or 2652.

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TRIBAL POLICE UPDATE

Coon Graduates Law Enforcement Academy



Tribal Police Chief Larry Hammonds congratulates Tribal Police Officer Kaweta Coon upon his graduation from the Northeast Alabama Law Enforcement Academy.

Tribal Police Officer Kaweta Coon graduated from the Northeast Alabama Law Enforcement Academy in Anniston, Alabama on July 19, 2012. The Alabama Peace Officers Standards and Training requires law enforcement training consisting of 12 weeks of intensified classroom and field work designed to qualify the newly employed law enforcement officer in the “basics” of law enforcement.

Congratulations to Officer Coon on enduring the long 12

week period needed to become a certified law enforcement officer within the State of Alabama.

Special Response Team Takes First In Shooting Competition



Left to right: Tribal Police Officers/SRT members Paul Thomas, Steven Bradley, and Chad Johnson.

Three members of the Tribe’s Special Response Team placed first in the 2012 Mike Malone Memorial Sharpshooter Competition on June 23, 2012. It was a 3 Member Team Pistol/Rifle Competition. The competition was held at the Baldwin County Sheriff’s Office Training Facility.

Congratulations Kaweta and members of the SRT team, great job!!

Submitted by Connie Vickery

COUNCIL ANNOUNCES BOARD VACANCIES

The Tribal Council has announced the following vacancies on Tribal boards/committees/authorities and will be taking applications for the vacancies from 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 29, 2012 until 5:00 p.m. Thursday, September 27, 2012.

Creek Indian Enterprises Development Authority (CIEDA) Board	1 vacancy
Calvin McGhee Cultural Authority	1 vacancy
Tribal Historic Preservation Board	3 vacancies

If you are interested in applying for one or more of these positions, applications are available on the Tribe’s official web site, www.poarchcreekindians-nsn.gov or you may pick up an application at the Tribal Council Offices located on Hwy 21 or contact Kelli Ramer, Tribal Council Liaison, at (251) 446-1140. All applications should be returned to the Tribal Council Offices by close of business Thursday, September 27, 2012.



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REMEMBERING OUR MOTHER

Our mother, Mary Anna McGhee-Covington-Harp, was born in Atmore, AL on October 8, 1926; God called her home on August 22, 2011. She was so proud of her Indian heritage and to be part of the Poach Band of Creek Indians. I can still hear her telling us the wonderful stories of growing up and being an Indian. Mom loved to go fishing and loved to play with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Although Mom was raised in Escambia County, she met our Dad, D.J. Covington, in Mobile, AL; they married in 1943 and made their home there until moving to Texas in 1952. Together they raised a son, D.J. Jr.; and two daughters, Fran and Marylan. Sadly, after twenty-two years of marriage our parents divorced but they remained lifelong friends. They were both blessed with new loves and married again.

My sister Fran and I are the only ones left of our little family. Our brother passed in 1993, we lost our Dad

in 1998, and then Mom in 2011. The sadness is almost overwhelming at times, but we know that one day we will all be together again.

Mom, we miss your sweet and loving ways; you will always be in our hearts.

God Bless and Rest In Peace "GG"

Your loving daughters
Fran and Marylan.



Submitted by Marlan Laviolette

Muskogee Inn Wins Local Award From National Organization



Muskogee Inn has been selected for the 2012 Best of Atmore Award in the Motels category by the Atmore Award Program.

Each year, the Atmore Award Program identifies companies that we believe have achieved exceptional marketing success in their local community and business category. These are local companies that enhance the positive image of small business through service to their customers and our community. These exceptional

companies help make the Atmore area a great place to live, work and play.

Various sources of information were gathered and analyzed to choose the winners in each category. The 2012 Atmore Award Program focuses on quality, not quantity. Winners are determined based on the information gathered both internally by the Atmore Award Program and data provided by third parties.

About Atmore Award Program

The Atmore Award Program is an annual awards program honoring the achievements and accomplishments of local businesses throughout the Atmore area. Recognition is given to those companies that have shown the ability to use their best practices and implemented programs to generate

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The Atmore Award Program was established to recognize the best of local businesses in our community. Our organization works exclusively with local business owners, trade groups, professional associations and other business advertising and marketing groups. Our mission is to recognize the small business community's contributions to the U.S. economy.

SOURCE: Atmore Award Program

CONTACT: Atmore Award Program

Email: PublicRelations@awardprogram.org

URL: <http://www.awardprogram.org>

Copy of Press Release from Atmore Award Programs dated July 12, 2012 as submitted by Jennifer Chism, CIEDA Marketing Manager.

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.

Mark Your Calendars!

The Calvin McGhee Memorial and grand opening of the Poarch Creek Museum has been scheduled for Saturday, October 27, 2012. More information will be published in the October issue of the Poarch Creek News.

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.

Calvin McGhee Cultural Authority

The Calvin McGhee Cultural Authority (hereafter CMCA) is currently comprised of six members: Megan L. Young, Chairperson; Raymond Rolin, Vice-Chairman; Kaci Martin, Secretary; Gwen Manning, Robbie McGhee, and Catherine Sells.

Additionally, the CMCA staff members are: Deidra Suwane Dees, Ed. D., Cultural Director; Jennifer

McGhee, Administrative Assistant; Margaret Baggett, Traditional Arts Demonstrator; Amber Alvarez, Museum Coordinator; Norah Franklin, Museum Gift Shop Clerk; Ellen O'Barr, Records Coordinator; and, Christopher "Ding Ding" Blackburn, Planning and Events Coordinator. The CMCA is responsible for the tribal museum, cultural programs, gift shop, and archives.

Currently, the CMCA is busy making preparations for several upcoming events including the Annual Celebration, Calvin McGhee Memorial, Creek Indian Art Show, Museum Grand Opening, Princess Contest, and the Thanksgiving Powwow. Announcements and additional details regarding these forthcoming occasions will be published in the newsletter.

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Family Services Department Updates for September, 2012

ATTENTION CHILD CARE PARTICIPANTS:

Application renewals & recertification must be done during the month of September to qualify for the new fiscal year beginning October 1, 2012 – September 30, 2013. ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST SUBMIT NEW APPLICATION & CURRENT DOCUMENTATION TO QUALIFY FOR ASSISTANCE!

No clients will be automatically renewed for the upcoming year.

Current Child Care Participant Information:

If you are currently in the day care assistance program, you will not need an appointment. You can simply submit a new/current application with all necessary supporting documentation. Your documentation must be received by September 20, 2012. If proper paperwork is not turned in by this date, your current funding will end on September 30, 2012 and you will have to re-apply for services. You will be responsible for any charges or fees from daycares if your funding is cancelled due to not renewing your information. You will have to make an appointment to apply for reinstatement.

AGAIN, CURRENT PARTICIPANTS HAVE UNTIL SEPTEMBER 20, 2012 TO SUBMIT UPDATED INFORMATION!

New Child Care Applicant Information:

If you are not currently in the day care assistance program and you would like to apply for services, you must make an appointment to apply for this service. Appointments can be made by contacting the Family Services Department. Please review the eligibility requirements to see if you qualify for this service. The eligibility information is listed on the next page.

If you have any questions, please contact Family Services.

PHONE: 251-368-9136 EXT.2600

FAX: 251-368-0828

Current participants can email documentation to:

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Lena White lwhite@pci-nsn.gov



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Family Services Department Updates for September, 2012—Continued

The following information is the eligibility criteria the must be meet to be able to participate in the Child Care Services:

Eligible Population:

Poarch Band of Creek Indians Tribal Member children; and First Generation Indian Descent (FGID) children. Indian child is defined for the CCDF Plan as any unmarried person who is under the age of thirteen (13) and is an enrolled member of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians (PCI), a federally recognized tribe, OR the biological child of an enrolled PCI tribal member.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Household must reside in the five-county service area of Escambia, Baldwin, Monroe, and Mobile counties of Alabama, and Escambia County, Florida.
- Child must be a Tribal Member OR of First Generation Indian Descent (FGID).
- Child must be 0 to 12 years of age.
- Child must be residing more than 50% of the time in the home of the parent(s), foster parent(s), adoptive parent(s) or legal guardian(s).
- Household must meet the 85% of the State Median Income for Alabama or Florida
- Parent(s) must work at least 20 hours or more
- Household must verify household earned income for the time employed or the last two full months
- Parent(s) must be attending full-time or be a part-time student of an institution of higher education. Child care allotment determined on part-time or full-time status.
- Household must verify all unearned income, i.e. social security, SSI, VA, child support, etc.
- Household must provide statement from Day Care Provider to confirm child's enrollment and the weekly rate for services.
- Other verification may be required depending upon your unique household situation.
- ***There is Tribal Child Care assistance for Tribal Members that live outside of the five-county service area. Child care assistance is offered to all Tribal Members that meet program guidelines. Please contact Family Services for more information.***

Required Verification:

- Verification of identity and residency.
- Verification of tribal membership or FGID documentation for applicant child
- Verification of earned income for last two full months from any type of employment: i.e. pay stubs, statement from employer, tips, etc.
- All unearned income must be verified, i.e. social security, SSI, VA, child support, etc.
- If parent is a full-time or part-time student, enrollment status must be verified on an official school letterhead.
- Statement from Day Care Provider confirming child's enrollment and the weekly rate for services.
- Verification that the daycare is a state licensed or has exempt status from the State.
- Other verification may be needed depending upon your unique household situation.

**** DAYCARES MUST BE STATE LICENSED OR HAVE AN EXEMPTION STATUS FROM THE STATE (such as religious facilities)**

**** Include a copy of daycare license with your application or have daycare send a copy to our department.**

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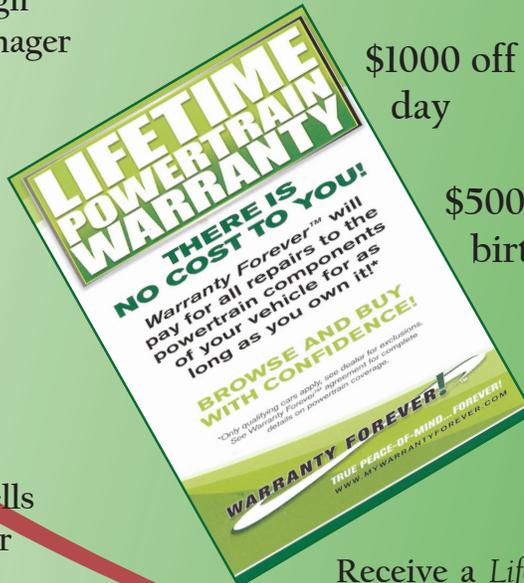
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TRIBAL MEMBER SUBMISSIONS

Native Assembly 2012

Submitted by Catherine Sells

On Monday, July 23, 2012, a group from Poarch traveled to Choctaw, MS to attend Native Assembly 2012. The meetings were held July 23-26, 2012 on the campus of the Choctaw High School.

Monday evening the assembly began with the banner march which consists of each church represented, Poarch Creek provided the special music and the speaker for the night was Nelson Roth. Speakers for the rest of the assembly were Howard Jolly, Cree, Ontario; Cheryl Bear, Yinka Dene Nation, British Columbia; and Iris de Leon, Hartshorn Mexican descent from Hubbard, Oregon. Tribes represented at the assembly were Mississippi Choctaws, Southern Cheyenne, Northern Cheyenne, Poarch Creek, and the First Nation Tribes from Canada.

After morning services, workshops were offered covering topics such as Alcohol & Drug Abuse, Pornography, Diabetes/Healthy Eating, and Reading Through Native Eyes. The afternoons were open for tours in the Choctaw communities. Thursday, the last day of the assembly, was Choctaw Traditional Day.

Benefit Dance For Cancer

Patient Paula Smith

September 28, 2012

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7:00 p.m. - until



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September 22, 2012

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We are planning on ordering t-shirts, so if you want one please call ASAP so we can place your order in time for it to be ready by the reunion.

Hope to see you all there for this fun filled day!

Any questions call:

Deanna Rolin @ (251) 593-7542 or

Isaac Rolin @ (251) 423-5838

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We are looking forward to seeing you there!

TRIBAL MEMBER SUBMISSIONS-CONTINUED

Jordan Colbert Named To President's List At University Of Alabama



Jordan Allene Colbert has been named to the President's List for academic excellence at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, AL. Jordan is in the Honors College Dual Enrollment Program and has been inducted into the Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society and the Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society.

Jordan was the only underclassman chosen to be part of a prestigious tutoring program aimed at helping other students scholastically.

Jordan is the granddaughter of Robbie and Judy Colbert.

Congratulations Jordan, we are so proud of you and are proud to be a part of the Poarch Creek Indian family.

Submitted by Robbie & Judy Colbert

McGhee Retires After 44 Years of Dedicated Employment



Mace McGhee with friend Carol Sullivan

Mace McGhee, Jr. celebrated his retirement after 44 years with Weyerhaeuser and Northwest Hardwood Company of Arlington, WA. A party was held in his honor on July 14, 2012 at the home of his dear friend, Carol Sullivan. The party's theme was "Music for Life" and "Seatown Rhythm & Blues Players" of Seattle, WA, provided the music. A guest appearance of Johnny Barnes of "The Platters" & "Inkspots" was an added highlight to the party.

Joining Mace in celebrating his retirement were his sisters

Joshua Colbert Named to Dean's List At University Of Alabama

Joshua Keith Colbert has been named to the Dean's List at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, AL. Joshua has been inducted into the Alpha Phi Sigma National Criminal Justice Honor Society.

Jousha is the grandson of Robbie and Judy Colbert.

Congratulations Jousha, we are so proud of you and are proud to be a part of the Poarch Creek Indian family.

Submitted by Robbie & Judy Colbert

Lee Receives High Score On Florida FCAT



Congratulations to Adam Cooper Lee for achieving the highest score possible on the State of Florida FCAT 3rd grade math test.

Adam is the great grandson of Lavern Cooper.

Congratulations Adam, we are so proud of you!

Submitted by Lavern Cooper

Betty Caraway, Clara Jones of Atmore, Alabama and Karen Findley and husband Jeff Findley of Everett, Washington and great niece Bailey Jones from Atmore, Alabama. Mace's brother-in-law, Jeff Findley, was the chef for the event. Pulled pork was the main dish, along with sides of potato salad, baked beans, cole slaw. Desserts for the party were provided by the attendants, as they share their favorite with Mace in celebration.

A great time was had by all that attended. Best wishes and congratulations on your retirement from your family and dear friends. Mace is the son of the late Mace and Elba McGhee.

Slumber Party At Wind Creek

Submitted by Tracy McGhee

Meredith McGhee, daughter of Kent and Tracy McGhee, recently invited a group of friends to a cooking class and slumber party at Wind Creek Casino and Hotel.

The girls had a great time making their own supper of pizza and fruit smoothies. They were also pampered at the spa, they had their nails done, and they had fun in the pool. After staying up late giggling and doing all sorts of 'girl stuff' they finally fell asleep in their beds in the Laurel Villa at Wind Creek.

Morning came much too early, but with the morning came breakfast at the Grill, so no one was complaining! Meredith and her friends all had a great time and hope all their friends can have a slumber party at Wind Creek as well!



Meredith and her friends at the Cooking Studio with Sous Chef Chris! Front row: Reagan Lassister, Meredith McGhee, and Raige Lassister. Back row: Lillian Bonner, Ruthie Huskey, Melissa Wilson, Rylee Huskey, Megan Wilson, and Bailey Jones.

Heartfelt Thanks From Godwin Family

Submitted by Virginia "Bell" Godwin

Hawkeye and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the wonderful people who made the Alton "Hawkeye" Godwin Benefit such a success. This could not have turned out as great as it did if it were not for all of you taking the time to come out and buy a plate, make a donation, or just stopping by to show your support.

I would like to thank all of the workers who worked tirelessly preparing and cleaning up. I want to recognize all of those who participated in donating items: S. Rolin, Inc., Wind Creek Casino, Pepsi Cola Bottling Co., Wrangler Steak House, Dixie Catfish, Chuck Stevens Chevrolet, Pre-Furred Pet Grooming, Buster's Restaurant, Alabama Wing House, Pizza Hut, The Coffee House, David's Catfish, Ellen Johnson, Ruthie Wiggins, Anchor Café, and Ronnie Pettway's Detailing.

I would also like to thank the Major Moves Band for taking time out to their busy schedule to come and play some great music for us; the Calvin McGhee Cultural Authority for use of the Pow Wow Grounds, Tribal Government for the use of their money boxes, Janet and Randell Ward for the water slide, Recreation for use of their snowball machine, and North Baldwin Pharmacy for the donation of the banners.

I would like to give a big heartfelt thank you to Beth and Monty Monachella and all the bikers who bravely participated in the Marble Ride under such rough weather conditions; and to Modern Woodmen of America for their generous donation.

Again, thank you for all of your support, and please continue to keep my beloved hawkeye in your prayers.

Love, Virginia "Bell" Godwin and family.

2012 Annual Celebration
Saturday, September 1, 2012
Magnolia Branch Wildlife Reserve
Tribal Members & Immediate Family Living In Household Only
No pets, drugs, alcohol, or weapons are allowed.

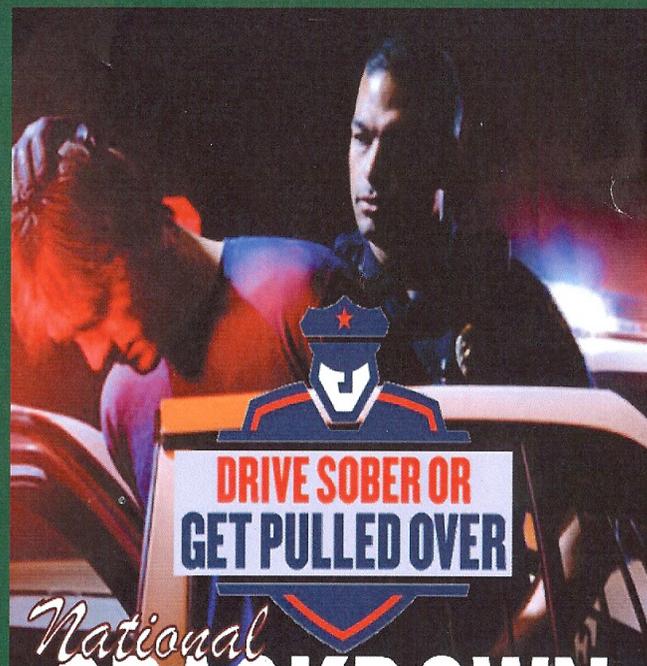
Gates open: 9:00 a.m.
Registration Begins: 10:00 a.m.
Blessing of food: 11:30 a.m.
Food served 11:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Shirt or cover-up must be worn in Pavilion area

Tentative Menu:
Hamburgers Hot Dogs BBQ Sandwiches Chips

All Door Prizes given away @ 2:00 p.m.
Door Prizes are for Tribal Members Only
Must be present to win

Please remember that the Annual Celebration is for Tribal Members and members of immediate family living in the household only. Please do not invite extended family members, neighbors or friends to event.

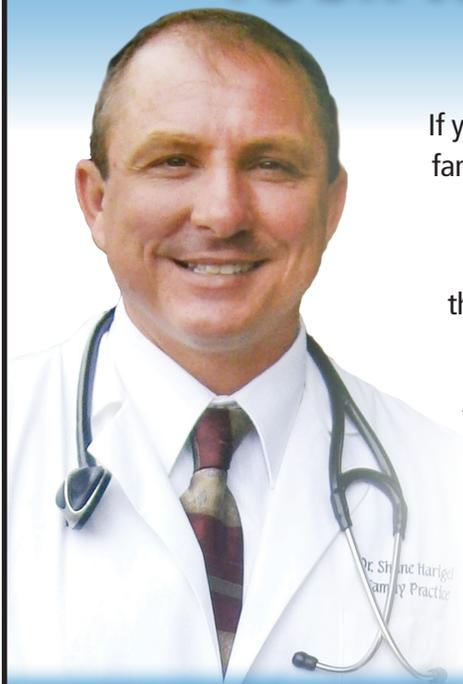
No Gators with grooved tires or other ATVs are allowed on the Reserve. Golf carts are allowed except in the food pavilion area.



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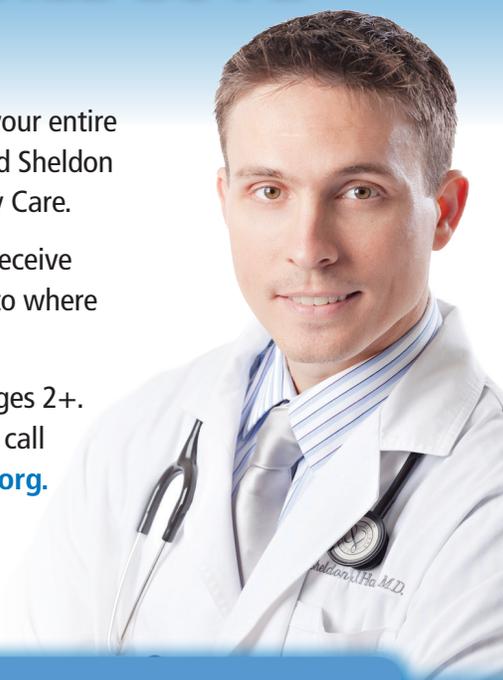


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MODERN WOODMEN DONATES MATCHING FUNDS

The Modern Woodmen matching funds fundraiser for Alton E. "Hawkeye" Godwin was a great success. Members of the Atmore Modern Woodmen of America Chapter recently helped raise money for Hawkeye by selling chicken and fish plates, hamburgers and hot dogs, having a cake auction, and having a motorcycle ride. The event raised \$5,350, including the \$2,500 matching funds from Modern Woodmen's home office through the organization's Matching Fund Program. The money will be used for medical bills.

The matching Fund program offers Modern Woodmen members nationwide the chance to show their support for a community cause, organization or individual in need by holding fundraisers. Modern Woodmen matches up to \$2,500. These fundraising projects contribute more than \$6.5 million to community needs nationwide each year. Coordinated by local Modern Woodmen members, chapters provide opportunities to connect through social activities and volunteer projects.

For more information about the local chapter and how you can get involved, contact Teresa Smith at 251 368-6549.



Shown above are: Front row, Colton, Josh, and Lawrence Peebles. Second row, Virginia Bell Godwin, Elizabeth Monachella, Teresa Smith, Modern Woodmen representative, Alton 'Hawkeye' Godwin, Irene Godwin, Chastity Peebles, and Kathy McDuffie. Back row, Monty Monachella, Gregg Findley, Modern Woodmen representative, Larry McDuffie, Jaime McGhee, Eric McDuffie, Necole Rolin, and Buddy Johnson. Not shown, Erica Stacey and Ruthie Wiggins.

CIEDA To Hold Auction

Creek Indian Enterprises Development Authority (CIEDA) will be having a sale on some items. The items for sale include refrigerators, microwaves, stoves, A/C units, and couch/loveseat. All items are sold as is. The refrigerators will sell for \$100 each, the stoves will sell for \$50 each, the microwaves will sell for \$25 each and the A/C units will sell for \$150 each. The location for the sale is the warehouse behind the current TERO offices located at 3480 Highway 21, Atmore, Al. 36502. The items for sale will be 1st come, 1st served. The items for sale will be sold on Tuesday, September 11, 2012 8 AM – 4 PM and if everything is not sold on this date we will extend the sale to the next Tuesday, September 18, 2012 same time frame. All sale items will have to be removed the day of the sale. No items will be delivered; buyer is responsible for removing items the day of the sale. Tribal Members may purchase no more than 1 stove, 1 refrigerator, 1 microwave and 1 A/C unit on sale items.

CIEDA also has some bid items. The items for bid are; 2

trucks, a travel trailer, and a disc. All bid items are sold as is. The bid items have a minimum bid amount that has been established. All bids must be submitted/received at the CIEDA main office located at 100 Brookwood Road, Atmore, Al. by 4 PM on Friday, September 14, 2012 and to the attention of Wesly Woodruff, CIEDA Procurement Officer. You may view the bid items on Tuesday, September 11, 2012 at the warehouse located behind the TERO building 8 AM – 4 PM. Following the collection of all bids received, notice of award will be deemed the following week. Bid items will need to be removed at least 1 week after the notice of award. Bid awardee will be responsible for pickup of items and should contact Wesly Woodruff, CIEDA Procurement Officer to arrange pickup.

The sale and bid process is for Tribal Members only. Tribal Members must present their Tribal ID to purchase items.

All questions should be directed to the CIEDA Procurement Officer, Wesly Woodruff at 251.368.0819 x 4507.

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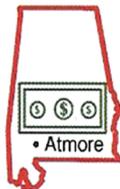
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS SEPTEMBER 2012

Tribal Council Meetings

Thursday, September 6th 6:00 pm
Thursday, September 20th 4:00 pm
Tribal Council Chambers

Tribal Court Sessions

Monday, September 10th & 17th 9:00 am
Tribal Courtroom

CIEDA Meetings

Friday, September 7th & 21st
7:30 am
CIEDA Offices

Calvin McGhee Cultural Authority

Monday, September 17th 4:00 pm
Welcome Center

Housing Authority Meetings

Thursday, September 13th & 27th
4:00 pm
Building 400 Conference Room

Recreation Authority Meetings

Tuesday, September 11th & 25th
11:00 am
Recreation Center (Gym)

TERO Commission Meetings

Tuesday, September 11th & 25th
3:00 pm
TERO Offices

NA Meetings have been cancelled until further notice.

Education Classes/Club Meetings

4-H Club

Monday, August 13th & 27th 6:00 pm
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
Tuesday & Wednesday
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Thursday 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Education Department

Homework Club

Monday-Thursday
5:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Throughout school year
Education Department

After School Tutoring

Applications available September 10, 2012
Tutoring begins September 17, 2012

Recreation Programs

Gym Hours

Monday - Friday
6:00 am - 8:00 pm
Saturday 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

***Dance Classes every Thursday
Contact the Recreation Department for more information.***

Weight Room

Monday - Friday
6:00 am - 8:00 pm
Saturday 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Pool Hours

March 1, 2012 - November 1, 2012
Monday - Friday 10:30 am - 8:00 pm
Saturday 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Lifeguards are required to be on duty while guests are swimming. No Exceptions!

Poarch Youth Football League Schedule

Sept. 8, 2012	Weigh Ins	Excel
Sept. 15, 2012	Jamboree	Excel
Sept. 22, 2012	Poarch @ Uriah	
Sept. 29, 2012	Excel @ Poarch	
Oct. 6, 2012	Poarch @ Flomaton	
Oct. 13, 2012	Flomaton @ Poarch	
Oct. 20, 2012	Uriah @ Poarch	
Oct. 27, 2012	Poarch @ Excel	

Other Dates To Remember This Month

Saturday, September 1, 2012

Annual Celebration

Magnolia Branch Wildlife Reserve

Saturday, September 1-3, 2012

Grand Opening Creek Travel Plaza

9-1-12 - Ribbon Cutting @ 9:00 am

***9-3-12 - #22 NASCAR & Race Simulator
10:00 am - 4:00 pm***

September 1- October 31, 2012

***School Uniform & Supply
Reimbursement Program.***

Monday, September 10, 2012

***Deadline to submit information to be
published in the October newsletter
is 5:00 pm (CST).***

Tuesday, September 11 2012

***PCI Gaming & CIEDA Auction
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.***

Sunday, September 23, 2012

Motivational Speaker/Country Star

Jeff Bates and Burg Rabe

A Message for our Youth

(This is not a concert)

Wind Creek Amphitheater

6:00 p.m.

Open to Public/Free Admission

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Poarch Creek Indians Tribal Princess Contest Application

Name: _____ Date: _____

Street Address: _____

City/State/Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Alt. Phone: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____ Tribal Roll #: _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s): _____

School Attending/Attended: _____

Achievements: _____

Hobbies/Activities: _____

Division: (You must be the appropriate age for your division by November 22, 2012)

() Elementary (Ages 8-12) () Junior (Ages 13-16) () Senior (Ages 17-22)

Signature of Participant

Signature of Parent/Guardian
(Elementary and Junior participants)

****Orientation Session and first practice: Sunday, August, 12, 2012, 2:00 p.m. at the Museum. ****

You may bring your completed application to the orientation session/first practice, drop it off at the Museum, fax it to (251) 368-2293, email it to asmith@pci-nsn.gov, or mail it to: Poarch Creek Indians, ATTN: Amber Alvarez, 5811 Jack Springs Road, Atmore, AL 36502

Tribal Roll Numbers can be obtained by calling Tribal Member Benefits at (251) 368-9136 ext. 2209.

For more information, contact Amber Alvarez at (251) 368-9136, ext. 2649 or asmith@pci-nsn.gov.

*Please note change of age limit for Senior Princess!
Although the first meeting has passed, you may still participate if interested.*

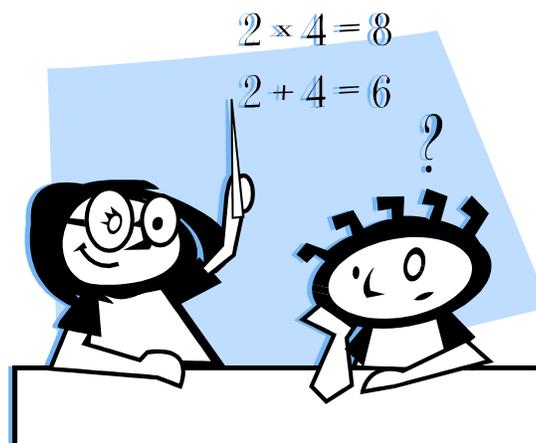
It's Time for After School Tutoring!

Note: Applications will be available on
September 10, 2012

@ the PCI Education Department.

Tutoring will begin on

Monday, September 17, 2012!



Come by the PCI Education Department to find out more, or call

Christyn Sells-Children's Services Coordinator @ (251)368-9136 ext. 2244.

Attention

Tribal Member and 1st Generation Indian Youth in grades 1st -12th:

Get help with school work at:

Homework Club!

▪ Who is eligible?

- Any tribal student who wishes to receive help with homework, research, projects, etc.

▪ What services are available?

- Tutoring, homework help, computer usage, math and reading practice and assistance with school projects, etc.

▪ Where is the Club held?

- The Homework Club is held in the children's Library area of the PCI Education Department.

▪ When is it held?

- The Homework Club is held every **Monday-Thursday** throughout the school year from **5:00-7:30 p.m.** beginning on **August 20, 2012.**

Any eligible student may attend at any time!

For more information, please contact **Christyn Sells-Children's Services Coordinator** @ (251)368-9136 ext. 2244 or csells@pci-nsn.gov

Attention

**Tribal Member & 1st Generation Indian
Descent Students in the 9th-12th Grade!**

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

When is Close Up? During the week of February 4th-February 9th, 2013 selected students in grades 9-12 will attend the “Close UP American Indian Youth Summit”, which will be held in conjunction with USET’S annual Impact Week Meeting.

How can YOU go to Close Up? Please go to www.poarchcreekindians-nsn.gov for more information and a printable application. All applications must be received by the PCI Education department no later than Friday, October 5, 2012 @5:00 p.m.!

All applicants must be at least 15 years old to attend!

If you or your parents have any questions about Close Up 2013, contact **Christyn Sells@** (251) 368-9136 ext. 2244; csells@pci-nsn.gov

Poarch Creek 4-H'ers make a Rain Barrel!

On Wednesday, July 25, 2012, 4 members of the Poarch Creek 4-H Club participated in the "Make and Take Rain Barrel Workshop" hosted by the Poarch Creek Environmental Department and the Alabama Clean Water Partnership.

The workshop was held at the Wrangler Steakhouse & Buffet on HWY 21 in Atmore. Club participants learned all about the benefits of using rain barrels at home. Benefits include: plants love it, conserves water, reduces runoff, convenient and saves money! Everyone needs a rain barrel!!

4-H'ers: Anna Thomas, Cheyenne McGee, Shawnee McGee and Alex Ross, Christyn Sells, Children's Services Coordinator, and Janet Wofford of the Alabama Clean Water Partnership.

