

# Poarch Creek News

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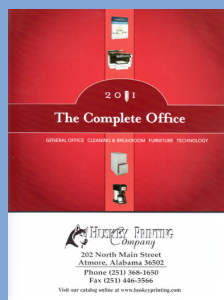


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*My how the year has flown! Where did the time go? This year has been an eventful one for the Tribe. We have made great strides in advancing the Tribe into a future that will greatly benefit our coming generations; we have weathered storms and have come through the battles victoriously.*

Another successful Pow Wow has come and gone. I would like to extend my thanks and gratitude to the staff and board of the Calvin McGhee Cultural Authority, and all who helped make this annual event such a success.

I recently attended a Native

American Rights Fund (NARF) meeting and was honored to be re-elected to serve for another two years on this the oldest and largest non-profit board dedicated to asserting and defending the rights of Indian tribes, organizations, and individuals nationwide. I was also recently inducted into the Atmore Hall of Fame in recognition of the work I have humbly done for the Tribe and Indian Country.

As I close, it has been an honor to serve you for another year as Tribal Chairman, both here at home and throughout Indian Country. I wish you all a safe and joyous



Buford L. Rolin, Tribal Chairman  
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holiday season, a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year. Please remember the reason for the season.

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At age 97 Mrs. Ollie Mae Steadham McPhaul is the oldest living Tribal Member of the Poarch Creek Indians. She has always been proud to be Poarch Creek.

## 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.*

*There are 3071 enrolled members of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians.*

*Once the newsletter has been posted on-line, you can use the embedded hyperlinks to take you directly to articles/pages, web sites, email forms, etc.*

*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.*



## CDC BREAST AND CERVICAL CANCER EARLY DETECTION PROGRAM ENDS

This year, we celebrate the ending of a long and successful partnership as a part of the Center for Disease Control (CDC) Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program.

Thanks to this partnership of more than 15 years with CDC, we have identified and treated several cancers that otherwise could have gone undetected until it was too late. Eleven women were diagnosed during the grant period, this means 11 women were diagnosed who might not have known of their condition without the assistance they received through this program. I would like to personally thank each of you who participated with us to make this program a success. Sadly, our grant funding ended in June\*, but we plan to continue to offer screenings as always. This funding change will mostly impact those of you who are direct only members because we will no longer be able to cover co-pays. It is our hope that you will continue to participate in these screening activities.

I would like to share some numbers with you to show just how successful we have been. During the course of this program, we provided mammograms to more than 300 tribal women. Of these, more than 200 have continued to participate regularly, and 43 of these have had at least 12 mammograms since we started screening. This means they had a mammogram almost every year. What greater encouragement could we have than this?

I know there are many of you who get your screenings using your insurance. We are proud of you for taking time to stay healthy. It would be nice to hear from you by getting a copy of your mammogram. You can have it



sent to us by telling the technician at the hospital that you want a copy sent to us. We would like to get a better idea of how many of our women are getting screened.

We look forward to serving each of you for many years to come. For anyone who has not participated before, but would like information, you can call the clinic at (251) 368-9136 x 2306 and ask for me. I would be glad to answer any questions you have.

We will be celebrating with a drawing at the end of the year. The names of all participants will be placed in the drawing. Winners will be contacted the first week in January. This is just our way of saying "thanks" for making this such a great program.

SHYRELL GEHMAN  
WOMEN'S HEALTH CASE NURSE

*\*The program will continue with Tribal funding.*



### ***Pecan Orchard Open***

Perdido River Farms will open the pecan orchard for Tribal Members interested in picking up pecans on the following dates and times only:

Saturday, December 1, 2012

Saturday, December 15, 2012

Saturday, December 29, 2012

Time: 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

***Tribal ID cards will be required.***

Contact Magan Daughtry at (251) 368-0826 if you have any questions.



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# HAPPY HOLIDAYS

## *The Nicest Present*

Under the tree the gifts enthrall,  
But the nicest present of them all  
Is filling our thoughts with those who care,  
Wanting our Christmas joy to share.

To you, whom we're often thinking of,  
We send our holiday joy and love.

*By Joanna and Karl Fuchs*



*Happy Holidays to you with love from us.*



# UTILITIES AUTHORITY UPDATE

## ***Board Members:***

Josh Martin, Chairman  
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Shaun Rolin, Member  
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Chris (Gerry) McGhee, Member

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Shaun Livermore, Operator  
James Ramer, Maintenance Coordinator  
Dempsey Rolin, Maintenance Technician  
Paul Rolin, Utilities Assistant  
Charles O'Barr, Utilities Assistant

## ***Utility Authority Projects completed in 2012:***

- SCADA upgrade for off-site monitoring and system control
- MPower Asset Management implementation for more efficient maintenance planning and record keeping
- Water and Sewer System Modeling to identify problematic areas and necessary system upgrades for future growth
- Meter Upgrade replacing existing meters to a radio read metering system for a more accurate and efficient metering practice to improve billing, record keeping, and minimize errors.
- Sanitary Sewer Upgrade for Tribal Turning Point program
- Wash Down Building for equipment cleaning and sanitation

## ***Initiated Utility Authority Projects to be completed in 2013:***

- Sewer System Metering to identify high flow areas
- Master Utility Plan to perform hydraulic system analysis, project population growth, and response plans
- Lift Station Rehabilitation to upgrade and repair

Rolin Hills, Red Oak, Moniac, and Sunset lift stations

- Manhole Linings to minimize inflow and infiltration
- Class A Sludge/Compost conversion assessment
- Seek funding for Dewatering Screening Solution
- Huxford Water System evaluation

## ***2012 Organizational Accomplishments:***

- One additional staff member received QCI training and certification
- Two additional staff members successfully completed the Grade II Waste Water Treatment Certification Exam
- One additional staff member successfully completed the Grade III Waste Water Treatment Certification Exam
- Additional staff members received training and certification for sanitary sewer pumper licensing

## ***Interesting Water Facts:***

- *How much of the human body is water?* **66%**
- *How much water does it take to process a quarter pound of hamburger?* **Approximately one gallon.**
- *How much of an ear of corn is water?* **80%**
- *How much water is used in the average five-minute shower?* **25-50 gallons**
- *The word water usually refers to water in its liquid state. The solid state of water is known as ice while the gas state of water is known as steam or water vapor.*
- *The longest river in the USA is the Mississippi River, it reaches 6275 kilometers in length (3902 miles).*
- *Water from a sea or ocean is known as seawater. On average, every kilogram (2.2lb) of seawater contains around 35 grams (1.2 oz) of dissolved salt.*
- *Water in the form of ice is found at the polar ice caps of the planet Mars, some scientists have also suggested the possibility of liquid water on the red planet.*



# Ethics Corner

*Carrie Martin, Ethics Chair*

Greetings everyone, It has been awhile since the Ethics Corner has made a post. We are still here. The Ethics Board recently attended the 11th Annual Society Corporate Compliance Ethics Institute in Las Vegas, Nevada. Those in attendance were Carrie Martin, Cornelia Miller, Charlotte Meckel, Sue Dortch, Barbara Stephens, and Ethics Officer, Chuck Johns.

This year's conference focused on effective investigation for ethics. ***One of the important things we learned was that complaints, when filed, in most instances are done for an underlying reason.*** It is important to ask each person who files a complaint, "What do you want to see happen with this complaint?" There are various reasons a person files an ethics complaint, unfortunately it is not always for the reason it should be. ***Please do not misconstrue what is being said, ethics complaints should be filed for known ethical violations as set forth in the Ethics Code.***

Another interesting feature of the conference is that anonymous reporting or "hotlines" were recommended because some employees are reluctant to report ethical violations due to fear of retaliation. It is interesting to report that retaliation normally does not come from upper management, but from co-workers, supervisors, etc. Ethics should be incorporated into every level within the organization and all employees should be held accountable to the Ethics Code.

You can obtain Ethics Complaint forms and Advisory Opinions from the Legal Department, Tribal Court, or the Chairman's Office. The Ethics Code is available on the PBCI website.

The Ethics Board encourages anyone who would like clarification on any ethical issue to submit an advisory opinion.

Merry Christmas and Best Wishes for the New Year from the Ethics Board



*Carrie Martin*



*Charlotte Meckel*



*Barbara Stephens*



*Cornelia Miller*

*Not Shown are Board Member Sue Dortch and Ethics Officer Chuck Johns.*



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# CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS



**Jenna Turberville**  
**November 3, 2012**

Happy 5<sup>th</sup> birthday Jenna! Jenna is the daughter of Ben and Lindsey Turberville and the granddaughter of Michael and Lannette Turberville.

Happy birthday, we love you!



**Blaize Thomas**  
**November 9, 2012**

Happy 6<sup>th</sup> birthday Blaize! Blaize celebrated his birthday with family & friends.

We love you, Dad, Mom, and family.



**Trevor Ian McGhee**  
**November 14, 2012**

Happy birthday Ian! Ian is the son of Troy McGhee.

Happy birthday, we love you!

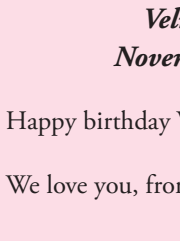
From Dad, Nana B, and the rest of your family.



**Mya Pettway**  
**November 20, 2012**

Happy 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday Mya! We hope you had a great birthday this year and many more to come!

We love you, Mom, Dad, and Layla.



**Velma Layfield**  
**November 20, 2012**

Happy birthday Velma!

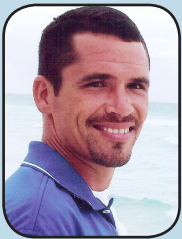
We love you, from your family.



**Michael Turberville**  
**November 29, 2012**

Happy 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday Michael! Michael is the son of Ben and Lindsay Turberville and the grandson of Michael and Lannette Turberville.

Happy birthday, we love you!



**Charles "Bubba" O'Barr**  
**November 30, 2012**

Happy 40<sup>th</sup> birthday Bubba! We love you!

Love from you wife, kids, and family.



**Brent McGhee**  
**December 4, 2012**

Best wishes for a wonderful 36<sup>th</sup> birthday, Brent!

With love, Mommy Dearest, Kevin, and Kayla.



**Betty McGhee Peacock**  
**December 5, 2012**

Happy birthday Betty!

We love you, from your family.



**Becky Williams**  
**December 8, 2012**

Becky Williams will celebrate her birthday on December 8, 2012.

Happy birthday!

Love Jeff, Alexis, and Josh.



**Alexis Williams**  
**December 10, 2012**

Alexis Williams will celebrate her 17<sup>th</sup> birthday on December 10, 2012.

Happy birthday!

Love Dad, Mom, and Josh.



**Cheyenne Sue McGee**  
**December 12, 2012**

Happy Sweet 16!

From Mom & Dad, Grandpa & Granny.

*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

**Brenda Faircloth**  
**December 15, 2012**

Happy birthday Brenda!  
Happy birthday Sis!  
We love you.



From Shada and the rest of the family.

**Jennifer Kelly**  
**December 15, 2012**

Happy 34<sup>th</sup> birthday Jennifer!

We love you, from your  
cousin Connie and the rest  
of the family.



**Marlie McGhee**  
**December 17, 2012**

Happy birthday Marlie!  
Marlie is the granddaughter  
of Janet McGhee Ward.

We love you, from Nanna  
B and the rest of the family.



**Preston McGhee**  
**December 17, 2012**

Happy birthday Preston!

We love you, from your sister Betty and the  
rest of the family.

**Dalton Luke**  
**December 18 2012**

Dalton will celebrate his 12<sup>th</sup>  
birthday December 18, 2012.

Happy birthday Dalton!

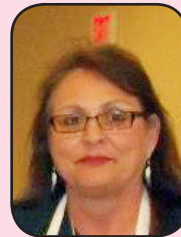
We love you! From your family.



**Teresa "Shada" Thomas**  
**December 18, 2012**

Happy birthday Shada!

We love you, your friends and co-workers!



**Larry & Jerry Faircloth**  
**December 18, 2012**

Happy birthday Larry & Jerry Faircloth!  
We love you. From your family.

**Shania Dallas Caraway**  
**December 21, 2012**

Happy 13<sup>th</sup> birthday Dallas!  
Hope this day is as special  
as you are!

Happy birthday, we love you!  
From your family.



**Glenda Ellis**  
**December 22, 2012**

Glenda will celebrate her  
64<sup>th</sup> birthday, December  
22, 2012.

Happy birthday!

We love you! From your family.



**Kelsey Ledkins**  
**December 23, 2012**

Happy 19<sup>th</sup> birthday Kelsey!  
We love you!

Daddy, Mama, Nana &  
Papa, MawMaw, aunts,  
uncles and cousins.



**Kaleigh Luke**  
**December 24, 2012**

Kaleigh will celebrate her  
11<sup>th</sup> birthday December  
24, 2012.

Happy birthday Kaleigh!

We love you! From your family.



**Michael Hutto**  
**December 25, 2012**

Michael will celebrate his  
37<sup>th</sup> birthday December 25,  
2012.

Happy birthday Michael!

We love you! From your family.



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***Dakota Lambeth***  
***December 27, 2012***

Happy 16<sup>th</sup> birthday  
Dakota! I wish you many  
more to come!

I love you! Nanny.

***Jason Vickery***  
***December 29, 2012***

Happy birthday Jason!  
We love you! From your family.

***Kierra Kelly***  
***December 29, 2012***

Happy birthday Kierra!  
We love you! From your family.



***Kaden Hutto***  
***December 29, 2012***

Happy 1<sup>st</sup> birthday Kaden,  
we love you!

Kaden is the son of Bryan  
& Denisha Hutto, grandson  
of Glenda Ellis, and great-  
grandson of Thelma Henson.

From your family.

***Johnny McGhee***  
***December 31, 2012***

Happy birthday Johnny!  
We love you, from your family.



***Janet McGhee Ward***  
***January 29, 2013***

Happy birthday Janet!

We love you, from your family.

## ANNIVERSARY WISHES

***Joe & Ellen O'Barr***  
***December 10, 2012***

Happy anniversary, we love you!

With love from your kids, grandchildren, and family.



***Bo & Debbie Bray***  
***December 15, 2012***

Bo & Debbie Bray will  
celebrate their 40th wedding  
anniversary on December 15.  
Congratulations!!!! We love  
you!

From all your relatives and 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 and are limited to Tribal Members, First Generation Indian Descent, or those living in Tribal Member households.*

# BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

## ***Sophia Faith Rutherford*** ***October 10, 2012***

Brandi Ruthord announces the birth of her daughter, Sophia Faith Rutherford, on October 10, 2012 at 2:24 p.m. At birth Sophia weighed 6 lbs. 8 oz. and was 20 inches long.

Sophia was welcomed home by her big sister Melea Rutherford. Sophia is the granddaughter of Wayne and Stella Rutherford.



## ***Callie Beth and Carlie Anna Murphy*** ***October 21, 2012***

Doug and Ginger Murphy are happy to announce the birth of their twin daughters Callie Beth (*right*) and Carlie Anna (*left*) Murphy on October 21, 2012. The twins were born at the North Baldwin Infirmary in Bay Minette, AL. At birth Callie Beth weighed 4 lbs. 9 oz. and was 17 inches long; Carlie Anna weighed 4 lbs. 11 oz. and was 17.5 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Ivan and Vera Ramer of Poarch and the late Fred and Shirley Murphy of Martinville.

Callie Beth and Carlie Anna were welcomed home by their big brother Cameron Murphy and big sister Cassidy Murphy.



*Twice the joy, twice the fun!*

*The most precious jewels you'll ever wear around your neck, are the arms of your children.*

*Ditte Kirkegaard*

*A new baby is like the beginning of all things...hope, a dream of possibilities.*

*Eda LeShan*



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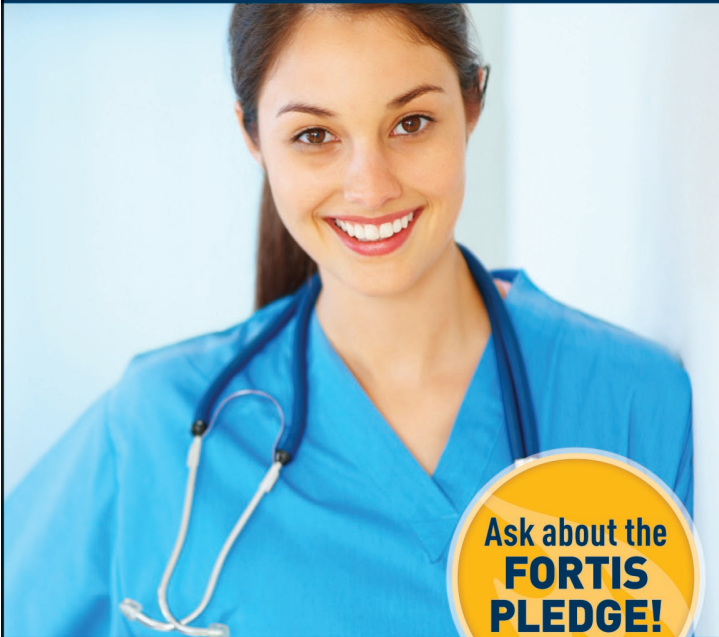
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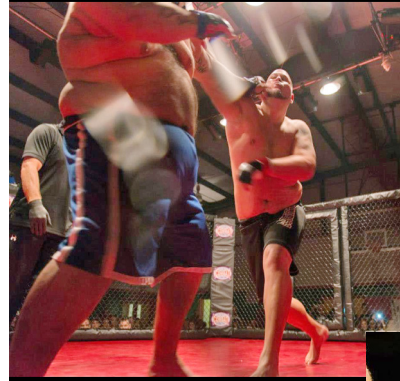
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## WAR 3

War 3, hosted by the Recreation Department, lived up to all expectations! Warrior Promotions is continuing to provide the best MMA event in our area with the help of our sponsors! Thanks to all who attended and those that helped!



Gary Presley Jr. defeats Jason Taylor (JNut) in a quick 1st round TKO.

Bobby Ledkins laying heaving hands on his opponent looking to win the War 3 135 title.



2012 PCI Recreation Department

"Haunted Forest"





## **PCI Recreation Department**

### **December 2012 Leagues, Gym Activity Schedule & Program Information**

Normal Hours of operation for Gym and Weight Room are Monday through Friday 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Pool is closed until March 1, 2013.

Nike discounted clothing and accessories can be purchased each month through the Recreation Department contact Trina Rackard, Brooke Rolin, or Kimberly Rolin for more information and/or to set up an appointment for viewing of the catalog and submitting orders.

PCI Wellness Program – Available to Tribal Members, 1st Generation, Tribal Spouse, and PCI Employees. For questions concerning the Wellness Program or to make appointments for assessments contact Tiffany Faircloth.

The Recreation Department and En Fuego Baseball will be hosting a Baseball Clinic on Friday, December 28, 2012 for ages 7-17 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. A registration fee of \$35 is required of all participants. Registration is open to the public; applications will be accepted through December 28, 2012. Applications are posted on the Tribe's web site at [poarchcreekindians-nsn.gov](http://poarchcreekindians-nsn.gov). All participants are required to meet at the gym to meet and greet clinic instructors at 8:30 a.m. Lunch will be provided.

The Recreation Department and Alabama Southern will be hosting a Softball Clinic on Monday, January 21, 2013 for ages 7-17 from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Registration is open to the public; applications will be accepted through December 28, 2012. Applications are posted on the Tribe's web site at [poarchcreekindians-nsn.gov](http://poarchcreekindians-nsn.gov). All participants are required to meet at the gym to meet and greet clinic instructors at 9:30 a.m. Lunch will be provided.

Registration is now open for the Spring Volleyball League. Registration will be open December 3-28, 2012. Registration fee of \$125 per team paid in full required before registration will be accepted. CO-ED Teams with 12 on a roster/minimum 2 ladies on the court at all times. Ages 16 & older. Schedule to be announced at later date.

The 2013 NASA Basketball Tournament, to be held on

the Seminole Reservation, Miami, FL, is scheduled for January 11-12, 2013. Registration Deadline is December 12, 2012. PCI Team Registration Applications are available at the front desk of the Recreation Department. *(Must be Tribal Member or 1st Generation to participate.)*

Youth Basketball League registration open December 3-28, 2012. Games to begin first of January/after completion of registration. Registration fee of \$25 required. Boys and girls ages 5 to 18. Schedule to be announced at later date. Coaches applications available upon request at the Recreation Department.

Please contact the Recreation Department for additional information about any of the clinics, tournaments, leagues, or programs.

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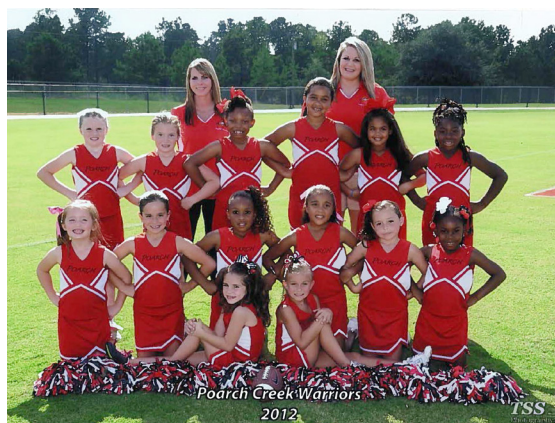
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Cheerleaders*



*Monroe  
Escambia  
Youth Football  
Champions*



*9-10 Year Old  
Tiny Mites  
Football team  
&  
Cheerleaders*



*Monroe  
Escambia  
Youth Football  
Champions*



*11-12 Year Old  
Pee Wee  
Football team  
&  
Cheerleaders*





*Poarch Creek Indians Recreation Department*

# Batting Cages are Open!

## Hours of Operation

**Monday – Friday**

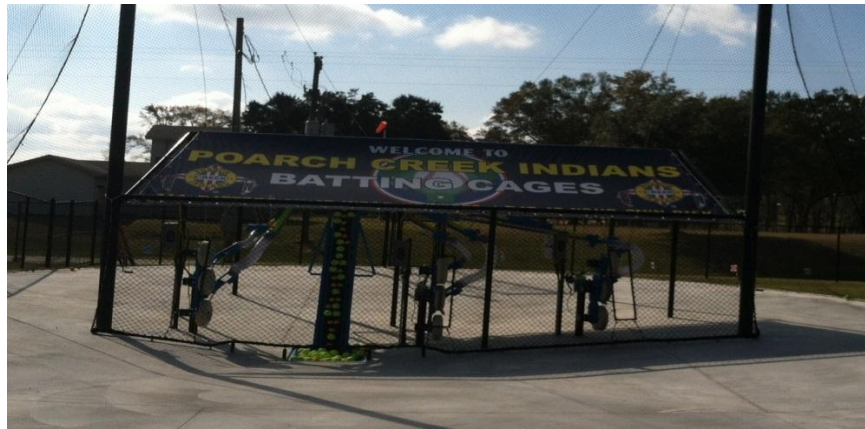
**10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

**Saturday**

**10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

**Cost: \$1.00 per token / One token = 15 balls**

**Tokens are available at the front desk of the Recreation Department**



- **Bats and helmets are available upon request. Helmets must be worn at all times!**
- **Anyone under 8 years of age MUST be accompanied by adult supervision in the batting cages at all times.**
- **No one is allowed in the batting cages without a helmet, shirt, and shoes.**
- **Do not stand on home plate. No switch hitting during batting session.**
- **All patrons utilizing the batting cages must sign the PCI Recreation Waiver and Sportsmanship Policy upon purchase of token.**
- **Batting cages are closed during inclement weather.**
- **A complete list of Batting Cages Safety Rules and Regulations are available at the front desk of the Recreation Department. Failure to comply with the all Safety Rules will result in termination of session without a refund!**

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# *Remembering Mama On Her Birthday*

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Gone but not forgotten  
We miss you dearly Mama

Verlie McGhee Bailey  
Born 12/5/1924  
Died 11/9/1989

she was all we had

she was all we had  
her family of five  
she was all we had  
as she kept us alive  
she was all we had  
but she was enough  
we were all she had



when her time on earth was up  
we were all she had  
as she sipped her final cup  
we were all she had  
as we held her hand  
we were all she had  
when the angel came and took her away from  
this land

We miss you so much, the best we ever had  
In Memory of our loving mother Verlie McGhee  
Bailey who slipped away to be with Jesus on  
November 9, 1989.

*by Kathy Bailey Ledkins*

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## *You are invited ...*

“Christmas Comes Alive”  
Friday, December 14 and Saturday, December 15  
6:00 – 8:00 p.m. each night  
on the practice ball field in front of  
Frisco City High School

We are so excited that God has blessed our efforts and once again we will present this incredible free event. Our Frisco City area churches have come together again in a cooperative spirit to present this gift to you in an effort to bring honor and glory to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

From the comfort of your car, listen to a beautiful CD narrative, complete with background music and narrated by David Stewart of Monroeville Radio Station WMFC. You will travel back in time through sight and sound while viewing this live nativity with ten stations as you drive around the ball field. Complete with live animals, more than 100 costumed biblical characters, and outstanding background scenes prepared by each individual church, you will be spellbound as you relive the story of the birth of Christ.

We are pleased to provide a complimentary hayride; you

may park your car in the Frisco City United Methodist Church's parking lot, and join the hay ride, compliments of Leonard Ives. We want adults as well as young people and children to participate. Bring a blanket, snuggle up and let Leonard do the driving while you enjoy seeing the nativity scenes. The church fellowship hall will be open and you are invited to come inside and let us serve you a cup of coffee or cocoa and cookies either before or after the hayride.

Upon entering downtown Frisco City, carolers will present carols of the season, performed by several local groups. You then will drive up School Street where more carolers will be performing.

After seeing the ten stations, you may park your vehicle and visit our prayer tent and/or visit our hospitality tent where light refreshments will be served. Come as a family, a church group, neighborhood group, or on your own. Either way, you will be warmly welcomed in Christian joy and love. This is our gift to you from our area churches working together to promote Christian love and unity.

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Frisco City Town Council & Revive Frisco, Inc.  
and area churches



# OLLIE MAE MCPHAUL, PROUD TO BE POARCH CREEK!

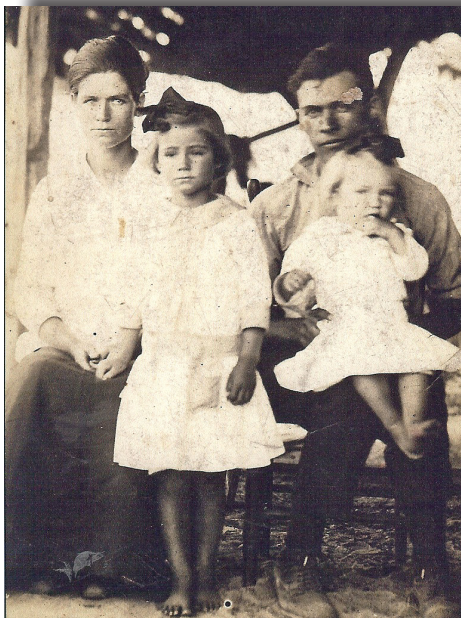
Ollie Mae Steadham McPhaul was born to Floyd Edward Steadham and his wife Bessie Belle Walsingham Steadham on July 16, 1915 in Vernon, Florida. She has three brothers Robert, J.V., and Moody, and four sisters, Annie Mae Steadham Gainer, Ruby Steadham Luker, Mable Steadham Everette, and Willie Steadham Troutman.



Ms. Ollie was raised and attended school in Chipley, FL. Her mother passed when she was quite young; she and her older sister Annie helped their father raise their younger brothers and sisters. "Mama used to tell us how she would drive a mule and wagon through the community and pick up kids and take them to and from school. She also told us that she used to help with their exercise classes. She was always helping someone" said Elizabeth Reed, Ms. Ollie's daughter.

You may remember Ms. Ollie from this year's Annual Celebration; she was recognized as the oldest female Tribal Member in attendance. Ms. Ollie accepted this honor with grace and a big smile on her face. "I am always happy to be here," she said, "I love my people and I enjoy coming out and being here with so many of my fellow Tribal Members." This was not Ms. Ollie's first time to be recognized as the oldest female Tribal Member at the Annual Celebration; she has been so honored at least twice in the past few years.

With the passing of 101 year old Mrs. Dollie McClellan on September 21, 2012, Ms. Ollie, at age 97, became the oldest living Tribal Member of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians.



*In a photo from 1917 two year old Ollie Mae Steadham sits on her father's lap; shown with Ollie Mae and her father are her mother Bessie and older sister Annie Mae.*

Ms. Ollie loves to fish. She has told her children many stories of fishing and playing in Hard Labor Creek when she was young. She once told them that she had always been told that Hard Labor Creek was bottomless. She climbed a tree on the creek bank one day; the tree limb she climbed out on broke and she fell in. "I was terrified!" she told her children; "I thought I was going to drown since the creek was bottomless!" Well, as we all know, she did not drown but lived on to fish and play in Hard Labor Creek for many more years. Ms. Ollie continues to love to fish, often fishing at the pond behind her daughter Elizabeth's house.

Ms. Ollie was married to Richard Durwood "Dick" McPhaul for 32 years before his passing in 1968. She was helping a lady friend at a hotel in Foley, AL when a young surveyor on a local road crew came to stay. Was it love at first sight? We don't know, but they did develop a relationship and began to date...with a chaperone! Ms. Ollie's father felt that she should not date a man without a chaperone. Ms. Ollie's friend served as their chaperone until they married; with her father's approval of course!

Ms. Ollie and Dick had four children, Richard Floyd "Buddy" McPhaul (deceased), Adelaide McPhaul Phillips, Elizabeth McPhaul Reed, and John A. McPhaul. She has 10 grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren, and two great-great grandchild, with another great-great grandchild due in December.

The McPhaul family lived in Bay Minette, AL where Mr. McPhaul owned and operated Dick's Pool Hall. "Mama always called it a game room" Elizabeth stated. Ms. Ollie was a housewife until her husband passed; after that she

worked at Stapleton Brother's 5 & 10, a local daycare/nursery, and at the Bay Minette Flower Shop owned by Mrs. Mary Maude Emmons.

Ms. Ollie's current health condition prevented me from talking with her directly but her daughter Elizabeth says that she has always been proud to be a Tribal Member of the Poarch Creek Indians. "That is all she would talk about," she said; "any time she would meet someone new she would proudly share her heritage with them."

*Note: We were saddened to hear that Ms. Ollie passed away on Wednesday, November 7, 2012, just a few short days after this article was generated. Our prayers and condolences go out to her family and friends.*

*With Ms. Ollie's passing, Mr. Ralph D. Steadham, Sr., age 97, becomes the oldest living Tribal Member; watch your newsletter for an article on Mr. Steadham.*



*Ollie Mae Steadham McPhaul surrounded by 8 of her 13 great grandchildren on her 97th birthday. Shown left to right on front row are Ahmad Al Salem, Andi Marie Reed, Ms. Ollie, and Colton Thompson. Back row left to right are Sarah-Reed Stacey, Trae Stacey, twins Tammy Jo and Emily Thompson, and Jesse Ann Reed.*

## ***I Just Could Not Keep Quiet***

*The following letter was sent to Tribal Chairman Buford L. Rolin. With the author's permission, we share it with you.*

Mr. Rolin,

I just couldn't be quiet about it and had to write you. Last week I received surgical placement of a spinal cord stimulator. For those that don't quite know what that is, basically it's two small wires that are placed in the epidural space of the spinal column (mine enter the spine just above the lumbar region and run all the way up to the middle of my neck). The lower end of the wires come out of the spine and run under the skin down to my hip to an impulse transmitter. I can control the amount of power being sent to the wires using a wireless remote. The purpose of this wonderful device is to stop or control pain impulses to the brain and replace it with a different sensation. I feel a kind of very soft massage to almost non-existent tingle instead of the constant every moment of every day and night searing pain that has crippled me physically and mentally for the past years.

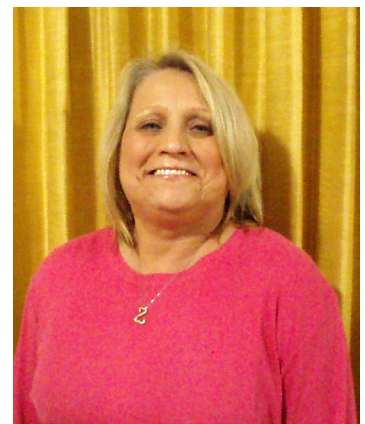
I have a degenerative spinal disease and unfortunately surgery just can't help. I used to have a very active life and loved to jog, go fishing, hunt with my husband, visit with family and friends and go dancing with my husband. All of that came to an end. Even with all the pain meds I was still suffering constantly. The

pain kept me awake without cease until I would finally just pass out from sheer exhaustion. I am so grateful my husband has been able to remain so loving and supportive through all the pain and suffering I have had to endure.

This brings us to the need for the letter. I want to thank all in the tribal council for the wise decision to purchase the health insurance for the tribal members with all my heart. I would never have been able to receive this surgery without the council and every single member of the Creek tribe. I know that sometimes we quarrel and disagree but beyond that we are all brothers and sisters and none should forget, the elders didn't. Believe me, I could go on a lot longer but I just had to let you all know how grateful I am. I'm not 100 % and never will be but I can walk now, I can feel and wiggle my toes, my arms and hands aren't numb anymore. I feel like laughing again. With God's blessings and the combined strength of our tribe we can do anything.

Thank you with all my heart,

Darlene Williams





# A Walk in My Shoes

The A Walk in My Shoes conference was a success with approximately 137 individuals in attendance.

Poarch Creek's Lead Investigator Doyle (Butch) Lee was the first speaker and received excellent feedback on his presentation evaluations. The next speaker was Judge Pamela W. Baschab who is a former Baldwin County Judge. The third presentation was a panel of Poarch Creek Indian staff members which included Michealine Deese, Melissa Durden, Julia Gordon, Haley Harrison, Amanda Montgomery, Chris Rutherford and Brad Stinson with narration by Jerry Gehman. The last speaker traveled all the way from Bellingham, WA to present a case study titled, *A Domestic Violence Murder and a Police Chief's Suicide*.

The welcome and introductions were made by Buford L. Rolin, Tribal Chairman, and Edie Jackson, Tribal Administrator, followed by the invocation by Robert Thrower, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, and Martha Gookin, Family Services Director. After the invocation, 2011-2012 Princesses, Breiah Adams and Mallory Gibson, sang a Creek song. Shelter presentations were made by Leslie Weaver from Penelope House and Sonja Bowen from The Lighthouse. A drumming ceremony was completed by Chris Blackburn for the Domestic Violence Vigil.

We would like to thank the following conference co-sponsors: Poarch Creek Indians Tribal Government, Wind Creek Casino and Hotel, and Office on Violence Against



Women. Also, we would like to thank the following individuals for all of their behind the scenes work on the conference: Jennifer Arsenian, Angela Bartley, Renee Cain, Judy Camden, Debra Coon, Sandra Day, Michealine Deese, Melissa Durden, Rhyon Ervin, Wanda Fowler, Heather Glass, Martha Gookin, Julia Gordon, Haley Harrison, Kathy Ledkins, Dale Lisenby, Kaylee Long, Arelene Mack, Gwen Manning, Donna McCarley, Valon McGhee, Lisa Milliken, Amanda Montgomery, Michael Montgomery, Arthur Mothershed, Roger Peebles, Shirley "Pug" Roberson, Chris Rutherford, Stella Rutherford, Wayne Rutherford, Martha Salter, Juanita Slate, Joan Sulzmann, Leigh Torrence, Jeffrey Weaver, Lena White, and Denise Young.

An important message from Medicare

## Medicare Open Enrollment

October 15 - December 7, 2012



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#### With the health care law, Medicare offers:

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The Area Agency on Aging/SHIP will provide FREE help to people on Medicare in the Mobile, Baldwin and Escambia county region.

No appointments necessary and all walk-ins are welcome.

**\*\*Please bring a current listing of medications, proof of income and Medicare card (red, white and blue card).**

## New Year Wishes

I Wish in this new year God gives You...  
12 months of Happiness,  
52 weeks of Fun,  
365 days of Success,  
8,760 hours of Good Health,  
52,600 minutes of Good Luck, and  
3,153,600 seconds of Joy!



## Family Services Department Update for December, 2012

### The Tribal Kid's Christmas Party Schedule:



**Date: Thursday, December 13, 2012**

**Time: 6:00 p. m. until 8:00 p. m.**

**Location: PCI Gym**

**\*Each child must have been pre-registered by November 16, 2012 to attend !**



The Family Services Department attempts to provide all up-dated information regarding current services we have available for all Tribal Members in this monthly newsletter. Please make sure to review our information and contact us if you have any questions!

A special thank you to all who made the "A Walk in my Shoes" Domestic Violence Conference a success!

#### Family Services Staff

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

**\*\*If you suspect fraud, waste, or abuse in any of the Community Services Programs (LIHEAP, Community Services Block Grant, Child Care, or the Tribal Assistance or Crisis Funds, please contact the Family Services Department at (251)-368-9136, ext. 2600.**

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

**Stop the Violence ♦ Prevent Abuse**

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



## Boys & Girls Club Holiday Schedule

December 2012

1-23 Regular after school hours 3:00pm - 5:30pm  
 24th Closed  
 25th Closed  
 26th Open from 7:30am - 5:30pm  
 27th Open from 7:30am - 5:30pm  
 28th Open from 7:30am - 5:30pm  
 31st Open from 7:30am - 5:30pm

January 2013

1st Closed  
 2nd Open from 7:30am - 5:30pm  
 3rd Regular after school hours resume



## Boys & Girls Club Sends a Merry Christmas to Soldiers



*Merry Christmas to our soldiers at home and around the world!*



*Teen group at Boys & Girls Club just hanging around and wishing our soldiers a Merry Christmas!*



*Fred L. McGhee students drawing pictures to send along with a care package for a Soldier for Christmas.*



*Dear Soldier, Merry Christmas and thank you for all you do! I love you!*



# USET Establishes Tribal Emergency Relief Fund

The United South and Eastern Tribes, Incorporated, (USET) is announcing the establishment of a Tribal Emergency Relief Fund (TERF) to support response and recovery efforts from the devastating effects of Hurricane Sandy. Financial resources will be needed to rescue and restore healthy living in the affected communities.

USET has established a fund to assist in the immediate response and long-term recovery from Hurricane Sandy. Funds will be utilized to provide resources that fill identified needs not provided by the federal, state, and non-governmental agencies.

Send a check or money order to:

United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.  
Attention: TERF-Sandy  
711 Stewarts Ferry Pike, Suite 100  
Nashville, Tennessee 37214

Please make checks payable to USET, Inc. Please write in the memo: TERF-Sandy. USET is accepting ATM/Debit and Credit Cards. For more information visit: <http://www.usetinc.org>.

USET is working with the United States Department of Homeland Security/Federal Emergency Management Agency, U.S. Housing and Urban Development, Bureau of Indian Affairs, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Indian Health Service, and the Red Cross to identify needs and resources. A ground team of federal and Tribal officials are assessing damage and need.

USET is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit and your donation is tax deductible.

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*USET Press Release dated 11-06-12*

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Cataract Specialist

**Dr. Sunil Gupta**  
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Monroeville, Alabama 36460  
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# Tribe Partners With Reid State Technical College To Relocate Practical Nursing Program to CIEDA Facility

*Submitted by Jennifer Chism, CIEDA Marketing Manager*

Reid State Technical College and Creek Indian Enterprises entered into a partnership to relocate Reid State's Practical Nursing program to the CIEDA facility located at 201 Brookwood Road. The partnership allows Reid to lease classroom and office space in a downstairs portion of the building.

Reid State President Dr. Douglas M. Little plans to utilize the new location as a health career training facility for Practical Nursing day classes with expansion to evening classes in 2013. Future plans are to add additional allied health programs to meet the growth in the health career industry. The new facility provides approximately 24,000 square feet. The space will include three large classrooms and four exam rooms designed to provide learning experiences to replicate employment experiences at health care facilities.

Students moved into the new site in November. New students will be accepted for upcoming spring semester with classes beginning January 9, 2013. For enrollment information contact Cathy Langley at (251) 368-1066 or [clangley@rstc.edu](mailto:clangley@rstc.edu).



*201 Brookwood Road*



*Pictured to the left is Haley Colbert, a 2004 graduate of Reid State's Atmore LPN class. Haley is a Poarch Creek Indian first generation Indian descendant and is an employee of the Tribe's Health Department.*

## 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](mailto:dhenry@pcicie.com) for additional information.

### *Natural Resources Conservation Services*

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Vision: Productive soil, healthy land

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is

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

Visit the NRCS web site [www.al.nrcs.usda.gov](http://www.al.nrcs.usda.gov) to see updated news and information about services that may be helpful to you and your family.



## Annual Tribal Christmas Parade Friday, December 9, 2012 5:30 p.m.

Parade starts at Gym, ends at Tribal Council Chambers

Theme: Christmas Around The World

Be sure to dress your children for the weather. Please help us keep our children safe by not allowing them to run out into the road for candy or throws.

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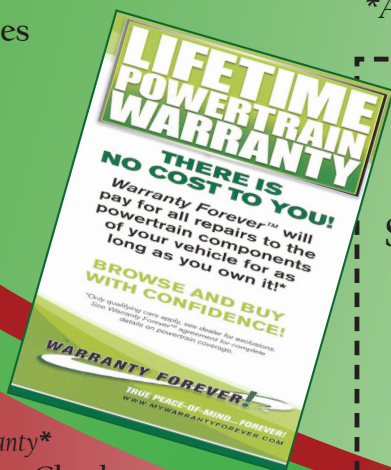
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# TRIBAL MUSEUM NOW OPEN



It was a pleasure to have you and your families as our guests at the Grand Opening of our Museum and the Calvin McGhee Memorial. We estimate that approximately 300 people came to the Grand Opening of Kerretv Cuko (Building of Learning) Poarch Band of Creek Indians Museum on Saturday, October 27, 2012. Exciting! Despite the chilly weather, our events were a great success!

We are now open for business Monday to Friday from 8 to 5, along with our Gift Shop which had closed temporarily for construction. Welcome to Kerretv Cuko.

*Heleswv heres, Deidra Suwanee Dees, Ed.D.  
Cultural Director/Tribal Archivist  
Calvin McGhee Cultural Authority  
Office of Archives and Records Management*

## *In Memoriam Display*

The Kerretv Cuko (Building of Learning) Poarch Band of Creek Indians Museum has created an 'In Memoriam' display area for items Tribal Members can submit 'on loan' as temporary exhibits in memory of a loved one who has passed.

Do you have an item or photo of a loved one who has gone on that you would temporarily loan the museum for display? The length of the loan would be up to you.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Amber Alvarez at (251) 368-9136 x 2649.



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# TRIBAL MEMBER SUBMISSIONS

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## ***Brandy Helton Crowned Homecoming Queen***

Brandy Helton, daughter of Michael and Brenda Helton, was crowned 2012-2013 Escambia Academy Homecoming Queen during Escambia County's homecoming game on October 19, 2012.

Brandy is the granddaughter of the late Roscoe and Gladys Helton of Atmore,

Alabama and Alex (Buster) Hollinger and the late Patricia Hollinger of Uriah, Alabama.

Congratulations Brandy, we are very proud of you.

*Submitted by Brenda Helton*

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## ***In Memory of Dennis Vickery***

Why you felt you had to go  
We will never know  
We will miss your smile  
We will miss your glow  
Our hearts are heavy  
But our love is strong  
We will survive and  
Our faith will help us go on  
We will miss you  
Our friend, our brother, our love  
We will be sad for awhile but  
Will always remember you with love.

Written by Wanda Sue Jackson

## ***Thank You and May God Bless You***

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for all you've done for me and my family during our time of grief. All the prayers, food, money and time spent with me and my family, we will evermore be grateful.

God has really helped me and my family make it thru this ordeal, if it had not been for HIM and the love felt from you my fellow Tribal Members and co-workers I don't know how I could have made it thus far.

May GOD Bless each and every one of you for the kindness you've shown.

Love you,  
Connie F .Vickery

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## ***Thank You For Your Assistance***

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Family Services Department for their help and assistance after we lost our home to fire.

We extend a special thank you to David Gehman and Martha Gookin for their quick response to our need.

We were in a state of shock when tragedy struck us so unexpectedly. We are thankful for the help and assistance

that was available to us during this most difficult time.

Words will never be sufficient to convey the gratitude we feel.

Thank you, and may God bless each of you.

Carl & Kattie Barnhill

# TRIBAL MEMBER SUBMISSIONS

## *Peebles Selected for Honor Band*



*Kortlan is on top row in jersey #5.*

Congratulations to Kortlan Peebles for being selected to march in the University of South Alabama marching honor band! This is quite an honor as only a few from her school were selected.

Congratulations Kortlan, we are so proud of you!

## *Poplar Springs Cemetery - Jeddo*

Tribal Member Liz Marsden has been working on a project to identify and mark all unmarked Native American graves at Poplar Springs Cemetery – Jeddo. Ms. Marsden says that if you have loved ones buried in an unmarked grave in this cemetery now is a good time to permanently mark the grave. If you have any questions, please contact her at (209) 952-8540.



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## *Boys & Girls Club's Mentoring Program: Celebrating the heritage, art, traditions and impact of American Indians and Alaska Natives*

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Greg McGhee is a tribal member, youth counselor, and mentor at the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians in Atmore, AL. Greg is also a drumming instructor who teaches drumming to five Club members in the mentoring program. The young men Greg mentors enjoy learning about their culture at the same time they're learning about drumming. They also enjoy the company and have a good time when they get together, which enhances the "fun" element of their Boys & Girls Club experience.

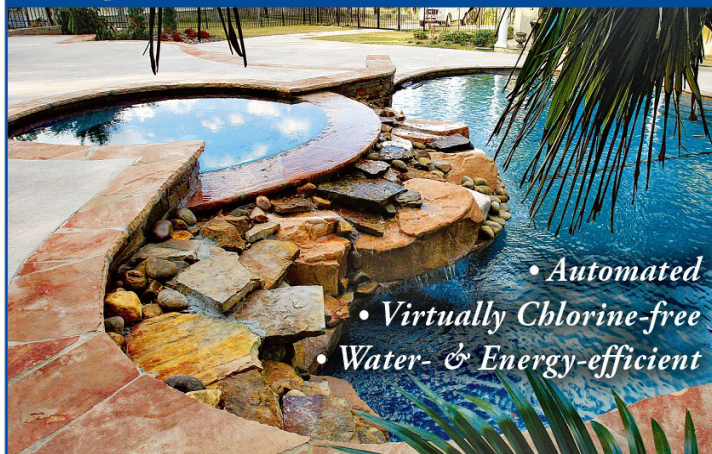
Greg became involved with drumming when he was a child. He always loved the sounds of drumming at the local powwow. When he got older, he joined the powwow club and began to drum. He enjoys teaching drumming because of the tradition and values behind it. He wants youth to know their heritage and feels one of the best ways to learn is through drumming, which gives them a life-long connection to their culture.

Submitted by Stephanie Agerton as published in Boys & Girls Club Magazine "Club Notes"



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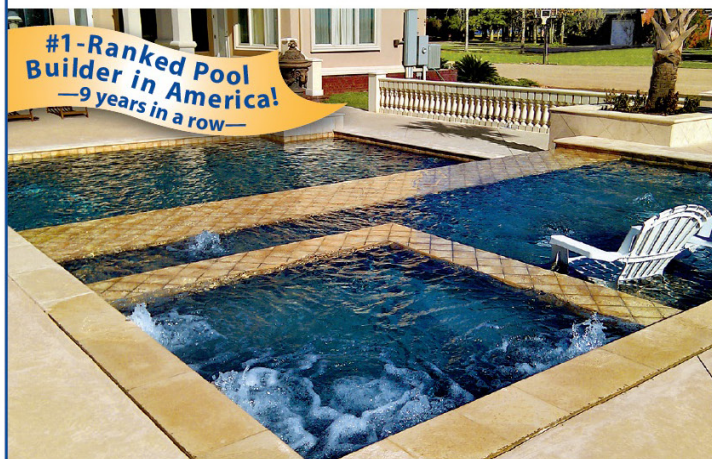
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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## DECEMBER 2012

### ***Tribal Council Meetings***

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

### ***Tribal Court Sessions***

Monday, December 3rd & 17th 9:00 am  
Tribal Courtroom

### ***CIEDA Meetings***

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

### ***Calvin McGhee Cultural Authority***

Monday, December 3rd & 17th 4:00 pm  
Welcome Center

### ***Housing Authority Meetings***

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

### ***Recreation Authority Meetings***

Tuesday, December 11th & 18th 11:00 am  
Recreation Center (Gym)

### ***TERO Commission Meetings***

Tuesday, December 4th & 18th 3:00 pm  
TERO Offices

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

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

Monday, December 10th 6:00 pm  
Education Department

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

#### ***By Appointment***

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday  
8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. or  
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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

Tuesday & Wednesday  
5:00 pm - 8:00 pm  
Thursday 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm  
Education Department

### ***Homework Club***

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

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

Monday - Thursday  
3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Education Department

### ***Recreation Programs***

#### ***Gym & Weight Room Hours***

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

#### ***Pool Is Closed For The Winter***

#### ***Softball Clinic***

January 21, 2013  
Registration:  
November 8, 2012 - January 21, 2013

#### ***Baseball Clinic***

Friday, December 28, 2012  
Registration:  
November 8, 2012 - December 28, 2012

#### ***Spring Volleyball League***

Registration December 3-28, 2012

#### ***Youth Basketball League***

Registration December 3-28, 2012

#### ***2013 NASA Basketball Tournament***

January 11-12, 2013  
Seminole Reservation, Miami, FL  
Registration Deadline December 12, 2012

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

***Friday, December 7, 2012***

***Tribal Christmas Parade -departs from Gym 5:30 p.m.***

***Light refreshments and lighting of Christmas Tree after parade.***

***Monday, December 10, 2012***

***Deadline to submit information to be published in the January 2013 newsletter is 5:00 pm (CST).***

***Thursday, December 13, 2012***

***Tribal Kids Christmas Party-Gym***

***6:00 pm - 8:00 pm***

***Deadline to pre-register was 11-16-12***

***Friday, December 21, 2012***

***Tribal Offices and Boys & Girls Club will close at 12 noon for the Employee Christmas Party***

***Monday, December 24, 2012***

***Tuesday, December 25, 2012***

***Tribal Offices and Boys & Girls Club will be closed in observance of Christmas Eve and Christmas Day***

***Tuesday, January 1, 2013***

***Tribal Offices and Boys & Girls Club will be closed in observance of New Years Day***

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