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Carl "Buster" McGhee Sr., The Quiet Man

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We the Tribal Council hope that each of you had a happy holiday season and got to spend time with your families and loved ones. We courageously go forward into a new year with hopes and dreams of continuing the successes our Tribe has made over the past couple of years.

You may ask why I say 'courageously go forward'. At times there are difficult issues facing the Council; we continue to address issues that sometimes do take courage because you wonder what Tribal Members will think of your actions but we do what we feel is best for our

people. Sometimes the best solution to an issue is not the easiest or most well received.

The new year also brings the second inauguration of President Barack Obama. Myself and several of the Council Members have made plans to attend the inauguration. I thank you all for voting in the Presidential election; even if you did not vote for President Obama, your vote is an inalienable right that helps elect those who govern our nation.



Buford L. Rolin, Tribal Chairman
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I have recently attended meetings for the National Indian Health Board (NIHB) and the Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee. These are just two of the national boards that address Native American health issues. I am honored to serve as an officer on both of these prestigious boards.

I hope that each of you have a prosperous new year.



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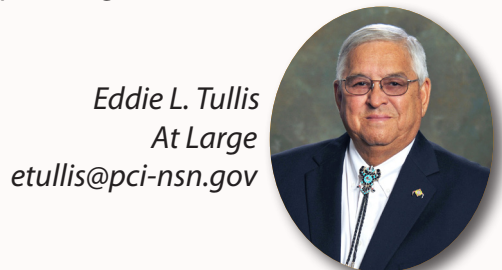
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There are 3070 enrolled members of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians.

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.

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.



ON THE COVER



Carl McGhee, is a quiet and well respected man who is proud to be a member of the Poarch Creek Indians. At age 95 Carl still drives his own car, tills his fields on the tractor, and plants a garden every year.

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Newsletter Information & Deadlines

The *Poarch Creek News* is the official newsletter of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians. The newsletter is furnished to Tribal Members, widows/widowers of deceased Tribal Members, Tribal entities, and representatives of agencies providing funding, i.e. IHS, NRCS, and official representatives of other Federally Recognized Indian Tribes at no cost. Non-Tribal Members interested in receiving the *Poarch Creek News* must pay an annual subscription fee.

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 news, updates, and information to Tribal Members. ***We reserve the right to edit or refuse any item submitted 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 business day.

Due to space limitations, submitted articles should be limited to 500 words or less. Photos are limited to one photo per article submission. When forwarding a photo for publication in the newsletter, please be aware of the quality of the photo you are sending. We all want to look our best when we see ourselves in print! Over the past year we have received several photos that were of poor quality and did not publish well. If possible, do not use photos from a newspaper or magazine. If there is a photo in a newspaper or magazine that you would like to use, please contact the publication and ask them for a digital copy of the original. When using copiers or scanners to scan your photo, please check your settings. When using a scanner that gives you the option, please set the resolution at 300 pixels per inch. If all else fails, you can bring or send the original photo to the *Poarch Creek News*; it will be scanned, saved, and returned to you.

Submissions such as obituaries, birth announcements, wedding & engagement announcements, and birthday & anniversary wishes are limited to Tribal Members & spouses, First Generation & spouses, and those living in a Tribal Member household.

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

Birth Announcements will be published as long as the information is received by the last business day of the month immediately following the birth.

Engagement / Wedding Announcements will be published as long as the information is received by the last business day of the month immediately following the engagement/wedding.

Birthday & Anniversary Wishes may be published the month before, the month of, or the after the birthday/anniversary. Birthday wishes are limited to 30 words or less, excluding name and birth date.

CARL "BUSTER" MCGHEE SR., THE QUIET MAN

Have you met Carl McGhee Sr.? If you have been to the annual celebration the last couple of years you have seen him on the stage being recognized as the oldest male Tribal Member in attendance. He says that he enjoys the annual celebration and looks forward to attending each year.

Carl "Buster" McGhee, Sr. is 95 years old; he was born February 9, 1917 and is the son of the late Littles and Ellen Colbert McGhee. He has four brothers Travis, Luther, Eubie, and Frank who are all deceased; and two sisters, Thelma McGhee Henson, and the late Girlie McGhee Henson.

Buster grew up in Huxford, AL.; he started his own family in Huxford before moving to Walnut Hill in 1942. "I went to school in Huxford" Buster said, "but I only went to the fourth grade. I didn't stop learning though; life has taught me a lot. I got a good job and I was able to take care of my family."

Buster is a veteran; he served in the Marines during World War II. After returning home from the war he went to work for St. Regis, the paper mill in Cantonment where he worked for over thirty years. When he was not working in the paper mill, Buster was fishing or farming. "I love to fish. When I was a boy I



Carl "Buster" McGhee, Sr.

fished every fishing hole in and around Huxford." He still takes his tractor out and tills the fields and plants a garden every year.

When you ask his family and friends about Buster, they will all tell you the same thing; he is a quiet man and is well respected by everyone he knows. They tell of how he never says a curse word or loses his temper. "It's true" said Buster's son Gilbert McGhee "I do not remember ever seeing Daddy get mad or lose his temper and I have never heard him use a curse word."

This is a trait we all need to assimilate.

Some of his fellow co-workers from the paper mill used to tell his family of pranks or jokes they played on Buster. He and a group of guys would carpool to work, the ride to and from work was long and tiring. In the morning they would all be sleepy and in the



*The Carl "Buster" & Atré B Dees McGhee Family
Left to right, Robert, Buster (Dad), Carl, Jr., Glenn, Atré B (Mom), and Gilbert.*



*The children of Littles & Ellen Colbert McGhee circa 1964
Left to right, Frank, Thelma (Henson), Girlie (Henson), Luther, Carl, and Travis.*

afternoon they would all be tired from their shift. They learned different ways to entertain themselves to make the journey more tolerable; this 'entertainment' soon grew into jokes and pranks. When it wasn't his turn to

drive Buster would sit in the back seat and go to sleep. One time his fellow carpoolers tricked him by stopping at a different location than the one they usually stopped at; waking when the car stopped and thinking he had arrived at his stop, he opened the door and got out of the car. Once he realized he was not at his stop, he laughed with his friends; he did not get angry or curse at them as some would have done.

Buster married Atre B Dees in 1935; they had eight children, Gilbert, Carl Jr., Robert, Glenn, Larry, Harold, Stephen (an infant who passed away at about 10 months old), and Sandra McGhee Chunn. Buster has 17 grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren, and 5 great-great grandchildren.

It was quite a pleasure to get to know the quiet man a little better.



*The Carl "Buster" McGhee Family at a recent family wedding
Front row left to right: Larry, Carl Jr., Carl Sr., Gilbert, & Sandra.
Back row left to right: Glenn, Robert, & Harold.*

2012-2013 Princesses Selected

It is always a difficult job for the judges to select our Tribal Princesses from among a group of beautiful, talented, and worthy contestants. This year was no different and we commend all contestants for being such great representatives of the Tribe.

The 2012-13 Senior Princess is Samantha Miller. Samantha is the daughter of Lisa Ardis of Atmore, AL. and Phillip Miller of Bogalusa, LA.

The 2012-13 Junior Princess is Madison McGhee. Madison is the daughter of Bryan and Kimberly McGhee, of Atmore, AL.

The 2012-13 Elementary Princess is Kinzie Rackard, the daughter of Jason and Mary Rackard of Atmore, AL.

These beautiful young ladies will serve as Tribal representatives throughout the year. They have already represented the Tribe at Pow Wow, and they have been featured in the Poarch and Atmore Christmas parades.

Congratulations Kinzie, Madison, and Samantha!



2012-13 Princesses left to right: Kinzie Rackard, Elementary Princess, Madison McGhee, Junior Princess, and Samantha Miller, Senior Princess.

BUFORD ROLIN INDUCTED INTO ATMORE HALL OF FAME

Amid laughter and tears, four men were inducted into the Atmore Area Hall of Fame's seventh annual induction ceremony Friday night, November 9, 2012. They are William "Bill" Corman, Wilbur "Buster" Joyner, Buford Rolin and George Robinson "Robin" Swift.

As is the custom, the inductee or family member was introduced by a member of the Hall of Fame Committee. Escambia County High School classmate and Hall of Fame Committee member James Barnett introduced Buford Rolin. Referring to a 1958 Atmorala (the ECHS yearbook), James said Buford was on the student council, a very important position back in the '50s.

James said he called classmate Laura McGhee to see what she remembered about Rolin. She recalled that he taught Sunday school at St. Anna's and that he organized the church Christmas program every year.

It also came to mind that Rolin was an excellent dancer. In fact, James said, he was the John Travolta of his day. The young man who was known as a dancer in high school came back to Atmore to work for his people - the Poarch Band of Creek Indians. His work has spanned decades and the United States.

"I'm honored to have been chosen," Rolin said. "For many years, I lived in Pensacola after I got out of the military. But more than 20 years ago, Gay Drew and Eddie Tullis convinced me I should move back to Atmore. They had already planned for me to take over the health program at the tribe. For more than 24 years, I managed the health program. I'm happy to be back at home and being of service to



Atmore Hall of Fame Inductee Buford L. Rolin surrounded by his family, Christy and Ronnie Huskey, William and Linda Rolin, and Brenda and Ricky Faircloth.

my people and the community."

Rolin worked along side Eddie Tullis, who by the way is his first cousin, in getting federal recognition for the Poarch Band of Creek Indians.

"I'm pleased to accept this recognition. It's good to see we can bring our community together and work together," he said.

James Barnett added that in 1958, Mary Hodnette, a revered high school teacher at ECHS, told Rolin, "I hope you will come back."

Inductee Bio as presented to Committee- *Buford L. Rolin is a member of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians. He has served as Secretary for the Tribe and has served as the Vice-Chairman from 1991-2006. As of June 12, 2006 he was elected Chairman of the Tribe and is now serving his second term as chairman.*

In 1989, Rolin received a service award from the Indian Health Service for improving the Health of Indian People. In 1993, he was awarded the Director's Award for Excellence by the Indian Health Service. In 1996, he also received the Area Director's Special Commendation Award from the Indian Health Service.

Rolin has served on many national organizations including the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), the Atmore Area Partnership for Youth Board of Directors, and the Florida Governor's Council on Indian Affairs. He has held various positions pertaining to the Northwest Florida Creek Indian Council, the National Committee on Indian Work, the Episcopal Church, the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, Creek Indians Arts Council, Creek Indian Heritage Memorial Association, and the United South & Eastern Tribes (USET) and currently as vice-chairman for the National Indian Health Board (NIHB). He also served on the State of Alabama Public Health Advisory Board.

Rolin was appointed in 1998 by Dr. Michael Trujillo, director, Indian Health Service, as Tribal Co-Chair National Steering Committee (NSC), for Reauthorization of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (IHCIA). He was also appointed in 1999 Tribal Co-Chair to the Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee by Dr. Michael Trujillo.

During 2000, Rolin was appointed to the White House Commission on Complimentary and Alternative Medicine Policy by President Bill Clinton.

He was appointed to NCAI Tribal Leaders Health Information Technology Task Force in 2001, by NCAI President Tex Hall, and was elected chairman of that committee.

Rolin was the co-chair for the Healing Our Spirit Worldwide Planning Committee. The last meeting was held in August 2006 in Edmonton Alberta, Canada.

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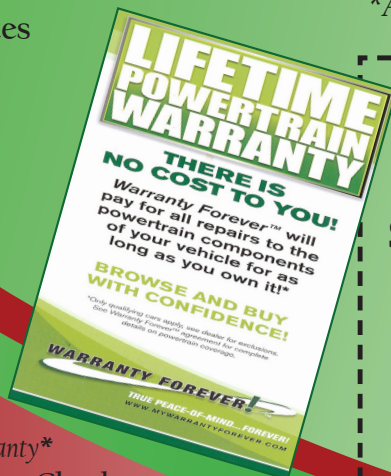
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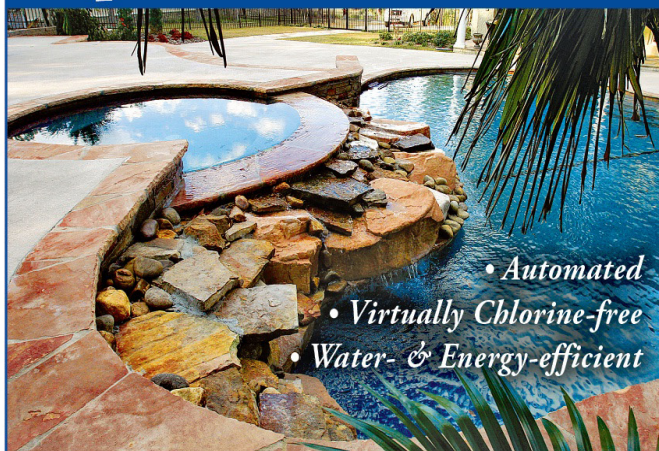
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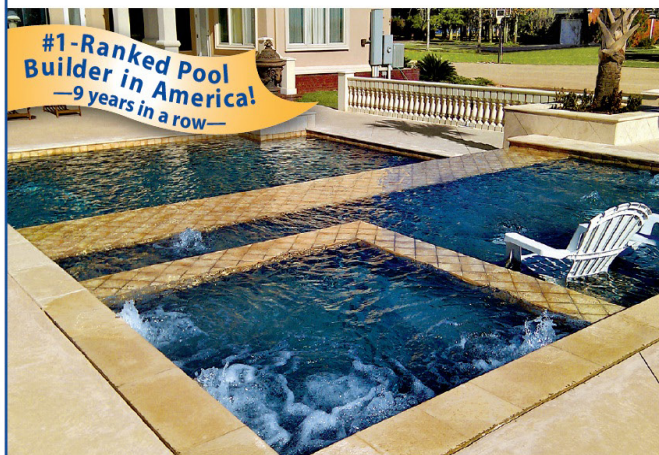
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Atmore Hall of Fame

Rolin is the co-chair of the Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee as well as a member of the IHS Strategic Planning Committee. In October, 2010, Rolin was appointed to serve as a board member of NARF, Native American Rights Fund. In November 2010, he was appointed to the HHS Secretary's Advisory Committee for Region IV.

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Tribal Council Announces Board Vacancies

The Tribal Council has announced the following vacancies on Tribal boards/committee and will be taking applications for the vacancies from 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 2, 2013 through Thursday, January 31, 2013. 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.

Education Advisory Board	1
Investment Committee	1
Ethics Board	1

All applications should be returned to the Tribal Council Offices by close of business Thursday, January 31, 2013.

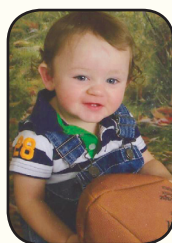
CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS



Canyon Hayles
December 7, 2012

Happy 11th birthday to our beautiful princess who graces our lives with beauty and happiness.

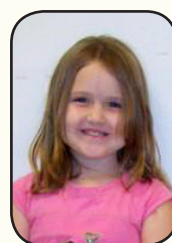
From Aunt Deidra, Champburgers, Livia and family.



Lukas Evans Faircloth
December 20, 2012

Happy first birthday to Lukas Evans Faircloth. We love you!

Luke is the son of Larry Faircloth and Tara Porter and the grandson of Ricky and Brenda Faircloth.



Cristiana Joy (CJ) Ward
December 21, 2012

Happy 5th birthday baby girl! We love you.

CJ is the granddaughter of the late William Raymond McGhee and daughter of Diedra McGhee Ward.

William Kroll & Sharon Loffin
January 5, 2013

Happy 66th birthday Daddy!
I love you, Sharon Loffin.

Happy 43rd birthday Sharon Loffin!
We love you, Daddy & Momma.



Ed Jarman
January 5 2013

Happy Birthday Dad!
We hope you have a wonderful day!

We love you, Laurie, Leeann, Big Steve, Steven & Trevor.



Sydney Raybon
January 9, 2013

Happy Sweet 16! Sydney is the daughter of Jeremy & Tammy Raybon and granddaughter of Dewey & Peggy Fowler.

We love you and hope you have a great birthday!



Wyatt Kozell
January 10, 2013

Happy 19th birthday Wyatt! We love you!

Happy birthday with lots of love, Mom, Glenn, Brooke, and Grandma.



Tenleigh Brooke Peebles
January 13, 2013

Happy 2nd birthday Tenleigh Brooke!

We love you!!

From all your family and friends!



William Kohen Wasdin
January 13, 2013

Happy 1st birthday Kohen! You have brought such joy to our lives.

Love, Mom, Dad, Nana, Pop and the rest of the family.



Kaylee Cox
January 13, 2013

Happy Sweet 16! We love you and wish you many more!

Love, Mom, Chris, Malorie, Wyatt, Dawson, Rowdy, Jadon and the rest of your family!



Tyler Lane Smith
January 29, 2013

Happy 17th birthday! Tyler is the son of Rosalind Smith & Vance Smith, great grandson of Ernestine McGhee Daughtery, & grandson of Jackie McGhee Smith.

We love you T-Bug!



Kevin McGhee
January 30, 2013

Your family wants to wish you a very happy birthday number 39!

May you have many more and may New York continue to treat you well!

We love you!!

ANNIVERSARY WISHES

Jack & Helen Colbert *December 18, 2013*

Happy 65th wedding anniversary to Jack and Helen Colbert, who were married on December 18, 1947.

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Remembering My Grandmother

Submitted by Cher Christensen

Mary Louise Jernigan McGhee (hatless to right) and her 5 daughters: left to right, Reva, Trudy, Thelma, Polly (*my Mom*), and Claudia circa 1914. Mary, (Scotch Irish) was married to Carmen "Frazier" McGhee, a full blood Creek Indian; she was stepmother to Noah, Ed, and Riley McGhee. Grandfather called her "Miss Mary" and never remarried after her death in 1924.



The McGhee Girls ~ About 18 Years Later

Submitted by Cher Christensen

From left to right : Trudy, Claudia, Polly, and Reva. circa 1932. Check out those corsages !!! (Gone are those days when men bought a lady a corsage for a date !!!) I think Thelma (sister not in photo) might have taken this picture because she is not in the photo.



Gonzalez Ranked as Eagle Scout

The Scouts, Leaders and Members of the Committee Boy Scout Troop 251 take great pleasure in announcing that having completed the requirements for, and having been examined by an Eagle Scout Board of Review, V. John Walker Gonzalez was found worthy of the rank of Eagle Scout. Only about 4% of Boy Scouts reach the rank of Eagle and we are proud to have another young man join the

ranks of those who honor their community and country by living with character and service to others.

John Walker is a Poarch Creek Tribal Member. He is the son of Jerry and Wanda Tullis Wasnick, the grandson of Eddie and Mary Jane Tullis, and great grandson of Arentha and (the late) Willis McGhee, and (the late) Florence Walker Tullis.



DAILY SPECIALS

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The young keep walking lucky to grow old.
The medicine man searching, searching for a sign
For wisdom and courage I can hear him cry.
We all are dreamers of the life we have lived,
Free and brave always here.
I can see the great names cut in rock,
Their image was large so was their heart.
I can see the people of today, brave in some way,
Their goals not so high and that's sad to say,
I am a dreamer I live that way,
Never tomorrow only yesterday.

By Larry J. Jackson



Larry J. Jackson

Native Dreamer first published in 2003 in "The Colors of Life"

Submitted by Catherine Sells

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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.

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The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is

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

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

Working Lands for Wildlife Announced in Alabama

*News Release from USDA/NRCS dated December 6, 2012
As submitted by David Elliott, NRCS Tribal Liaison*

USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) State Conservationist Dr. William Puckett has announced a partnership opportunity for landowners to voluntarily restore and protect habitat for the gopher tortoise. This program targets at-risk wildlife species across the country.

The gopher tortoise is the species of concern for parts of six states. It is a ground burrowing turtle found in southern Alabama whose habitat is sandy, well-drained soils. Management practices that benefit the gopher tortoise also benefit quail, turkey, deer, and many other wildlife species. Gopher tortoise habitat management, in most situations, is compatible with and even enhances forest production.

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

Financial assistance is available for practices such as:

- Longleaf pine planting at any spacing between 10 x 12 feet (363 trees per acre) and 8 x 12 feet (454 trees per acre)
- Pre-commercial thinning to below 500 trees per acre
- Native warm season grass and forbs planting
- Mid-rotation release of pine timber by removing hardwood brush
- Release of young longleaf pine trees by removing hardwood competition
- Other supporting practices such as firebreaks, site preparation for longleaf planting, and invasive species control may also be eligible

Funding for this initiative is provided through the Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP) administered by NRCS. Applications will be accepted on a continuous basis; however applications for 2013 funding must be received by the following batching date: January 25, 2013.

Poarch Band of Creek Indian Tribal members can contact David Elliott, NRCS Tribal Liaison at the NRCS Tribal Office, 5535 Poarch Road, Atmore, Alabama 36502 or call 1-251-368-0826 to find out more information about NRCS programs and to determine eligibility.

Individuals are not eligible for WHIP until they have completed the Farm Bill eligibility requirements. Contact your local NRCS or Farm Service Agency Office to begin this process. NRCS field offices are listed in the telephone directory under U.S. Department of Agriculture or on-line at <http://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov>.



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The Family Services Department

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The Family Services Department Announces The Tribal Adult Respite Care Program

The Tribal Adult Respite Care program will provide limited financial assistance to Tribal families for procuring licensed respite care services for a specified number of hours per week. This program will be available for all Tribal Members regardless of where they live. Please contact Wanda Fowler, Adult Services Coordinator, at (251)-368-9136, ext. 2600 for more details.

The Family Services Department Announces The Elder Abuse Prevention Interventions Program

The Family Services Department has received a three-year grant to conduct research into the prevalence of elder abuse within our Tribal population. The Department will work in partnership with the University of West Florida to conduct surveys to assist in developing an assessment tool for elder abuse identification. This grant enables us to provide educational events for the community regarding elder abuse identification and prevention and enables us to establish a Multidisciplinary Team to respond to incidents of elder abuse.

The Family Services Department Staff

Martha Gookin, Director
Amanda Montgomery, Community Services Coordinator
Angela Bartley, Homemaker Aide
Crystal Hadley, Clerk
Judy Camden, Clerk
Jaunita Slate, Homemaker Aide
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. 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)-368-9136, ext. 2600 Fax: (251)-368-0828

Submitted by Donna Johnson, RN/Diabetes Case Manager

Moving Forward

2012 is giving way to a whole new year. With each New Year comes change. Being one that doesn't care much for change, ringing out the old and in the new brings mixed emotions, however; change in the way of diabetes is exciting! Every year we inch closer to a cure. New technologies are being introduced daily. This year will prove no different. Already major drug makers are gearing up to apply to the Food and Drug Administration for approval on new medications and products for 2013.

We have left behind procedures and treatments that were a God send at their time, but would be considered something of a horror today. While reusable glass syringes with needles that had to be sharpened, large clunky blood glucose meters, beef and pork insulin, along with many other treatments, have faded into the past; they are part of the revolutionary path of change that has led us to where we are today. Who would have thought in the eighties and early nineties, we would now be talking on cell phones that offer apps to track our

sugar, exercise, food intake and everything in between. (We were so proud of those gigantic portable phones in the house.)

There have been many people that have made great sacrifices throughout their lifetimes, so that our generation can reap the benefits of years of research and dedication. Even before the discovery of insulin by Dr Banting in 1921, there were many that devoted their lives to learning what diabetes was and how it affected the body. Dr. Banting himself worked in a small cramped and often sweltering laboratory, along with his partner Dr. Charles Best, a medical student. Many animals had to be sacrificed for the sake of research. The first insulin injection undoubtedly was a painful and distressing procedure to say the least; as the insulin was impure. I'm sure fourteen year old, sixty five pound recipient Leonard Thompson was glad to get it, as it prolonged his life for fifteen more years.

While we may be unsure of the future and the changes 2013 will bring our way, we know it can only be brighter than our hard fought past.

Addie's Angels

Submitted by Donna Johnson, RN/Diabetes Case Manager

Let me tell you about an awesome group of fourteen people that dedicated their Saturday morning to a great cause! The following people walked in the December 1st American Diabetes Walk, held in Pensacola, Florida:

Cindy and Scott Martin, Sheila Odom, Lea Odom, Kim Flowers, Jeri and Hosea Cisneros, Chastity Peebles, Nichole Higdon, Jill Lee, Addie Lee, Kathy McDuffy, Hannah Flowers and Amy Wasilewski.

The team had a special mascot to help them along, fifteen year old Addie Lee. Addie is the daughter of our own Jill Lee. Addie was diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes at the age of eight. Jill teaches diabetes education, but knows firsthand just how heart wrenching this disease can be, not only for the ones diagnosed, but also their families.



A special thank you to Jeri Cisneros for her determination, hard work and drive in getting everything organized and all the donations collected. This was not an easy task. Jeri spent many hours of her own personal time securing donations and working out all the details. Congratulations Addie's Angels, we appreciate you all!

LEGAL UPDATE

Submitted by Legal Department

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

Significant Tribal Legislation

Enrollment Code

The Tribal Council approved amendments to the Enrollment Code on September 10, 2012. The Tribal Council made revisions to comply with the passage of the June 5, 2010 Constitutional amendment, which sets forth the eligibility requirements for tribal membership. The revisions also now require a deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) test for membership. The revised Code also deleted the time limitation for disenrollment based on an administrative error and establishes a new procedure for the disenrollment of Tribal Members.

Criminal Code

Along with revisions to the Enrollment Code, the Tribal Council approved amendments to the Criminal Code on September 10, 2012. The Criminal Code revisions establish fraudulent submissions of enrollment application and subsequent receipt of tribal benefits as part of the crime of fraud.

Board and Committee Organization Act

On November 15, 2012, the Tribal Council enacted the Board and Committee Organization Act, which provides centralized location for all governing provisions relating to tribal boards, committees, and commissions. It also establishes a uniform system for advertising vacancies and selecting members for tribal boards, committees, and commissions.

Tribal Historic Preservation Code

The Tribal Council amended and updated the Tribal Historic Preservation Code on November 15, 2012. The revisions added a provision for the Tribal Historic Preservation Office to manage and administer any funds

appropriated by the Tribal Council for cultural and historic preservation activities. It was also clarified the restrictions on the land-use permit previously approved to expand the gaming facility at Wetumpka. The land-use permit is restricted so that no further archeological related activity and no construction or development, except for maintenance and construction required to protect the site, is to be conducted on the northern part of the Hickory Ground Town Site or the Hickory Ground Ceremonial Grounds Site.

Significant Court Cases

White v. PBCI et al. (Tribal Court)

White v. McGhee et al. (State Court)

On May 1, 2009, former Tribal Judge Ernie White filed suit in Tribal Court against the Tribe and six individual Tribal Council members that voted to remove him from judicial office, alleging violations of his constitutional rights and demanding damages exceeding \$3 million for each of his four claims, and in Escambia County circuit court against the six individual Tribal Council members who voted to remove him, alleging invasion of privacy and outrage claims and demanding damages exceeding \$2.5 million for each of his five claims.

Tribal Case

The Tribe filed a motion to dismiss all claims based on sovereign immunity. In May 2010, the Tribal Court granted the Tribe's motion to dismiss. White moved for reconsideration of that ruling, and the Tribal Court denied that motion in December 2010.

On April 5, 2011, the Tribal Supreme Court entered a Decision affirming the dismissal of the claims against the Tribe and the named Tribal Council members in their individual capacities because there was no waiver of sovereign immunity. The Tribal Supreme Court, however, remanded the matter for consideration of the Tribe's motion to strike White's second amended complaint, which alleged claims against the individual Tribal Council members in their official capacities and was filed after the notice of appeal.

Per the Tribal Judge's May 2011 Order responding to the remand from the Tribal Supreme Court, the parties submitted briefs regarding the motion to strike the second amended complaint. On July 13, 2011, the Tribal Judge denied the motion to strike the second amended complaint. The individual Tribal Council member defendants then filed its answer on September 12, 2011.

On October 5, 2011, the individual Tribal Council member defendants filed a motion for summary judgment. The Tribal Court then set a briefing schedule for the summary judgment motion and a trial date of December 12, 2011. After briefing by all parties, the Tribal Court granted the individual Tribal Council member defendants' motion for summary judgment on December 7, 2011. As a result, the trial date is moot.

White filed a notice of appeal on December 15, 2011. On August 3, 2012, the Tribal Supreme Court reversed the Tribal Court's decision and remanded the case to the Tribal Court for a trial on whether the individual Tribal Council member defendants' violated White's due process rights.

Both the Tribe and White filed motions for summary judgment regarding back pay. On November 17, 2012, the Tribal Judge issued an order declaring that the individual defendants in official capacities violated White's procedural due process rights and awarded him \$315,000 in back pay. The individual Tribal Council member defendants filed an appeal to the Tribal Supreme Court on November 30 arguing that an award of back pay is impermissible under the law.

State Case

On August 17, 2011, the State Court granted the Tribe's motion for summary judgment. White did not appeal the final decision.

Rape v. Poarch Band of Creek Indians, PCI Gaming, Creek Indian Enterprises, Creek Casino Montgomery et al. (Tribal and State Courts)

On November 16, 2011, Jerry Rape filed a complaint against the Tribe, PCI Gaming, Creek Indian Enterprises, Creek Casino Montgomery, and gaming employees (the "Tribe") in the Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Alabama. Rape asserts, among other things, that he hit a jackpot of approximately \$1,377,015, but that the Tribe refused to pay him. The Tribe verified that the jackpot was the result of a machine malfunction. Rape alleges breach of contract, unjust enrichment, misrepresentation, suppression, civil conspiracy, negligence, negligent hiring and/or supervision, respondent superior, and spoliation of evidence and seeks compensatory damages in the amount of the alleged jackpot, punitive damages, and damages for mental anguish and emotional distress.

On November 18, 2011, Rape filed substantially the same complaint in the Tribal Court.

State Case

On January 20, 2012, the Tribe filed a motion to dismiss the state complaint arguing that the court lacked jurisdiction and that the defendants enjoyed sovereign immunity. On May 2, 2012, the state court granted the Tribe's motion to dismiss. On June 8, 2012, Rape filed a notice of appeal to the Alabama Supreme Court. The case was referred to appellate mediation, but the mediation was unsuccessful. On October 17, 2012, the case was placed back on the appellate docket. The parties are awaiting a schedule for appellate briefing.

Tribal Case

On January 20, 2012, the Tribe filed a motion to dismiss based on sovereign immunity. On June 7, 2012, the tribal court granted the Tribe's motion to dismiss. Rape did not appeal this ruling.

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The Tribe's Facebook & Twitter accounts are maintained by the Government Relations Department.

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Tribal Council Meetings

Thursday, January 3rd & 17th 4:00 pm
Tribal Council Chambers

Tribal Court Sessions

Monday, January 7th & 21st 9:00 am
Tribal Courtroom

CIEDA Meetings

Friday, January 6th & 20th 7:30 am
CIEDA Offices

CMCA

Tuesday, January 10th & 24th 5:30 pm
Welcome Center

Housing Authority Meetings

Thursday, January 10th & 24th 4:00 pm
Building 400 Conference Room

Recreation Authority Meetings

Tuesday, January 14th & 28th 11:00 am
Recreation Department (Gym)

TERO Commission Meetings

Tuesday, January 10th & 24th 3:00 pm
TERO Offices

Education Classes/Club Meetings

4-H Club

Monday, January 14th & 28th 6:00 pm
Education Department

GED Classes-Day Schedule By Appointment

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
8:00 am - 11:00 am or
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

GED Classes-Night Schedule

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

After School Tutoring

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Education Department

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Grades 1-12
All through school year
Education Department

After School Tutoring

Monday - Thursday 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm
Grades 1-6
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Education Department

Recreation Programs

Gym & Weight Room Hours

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

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Other Dates To Remember This Month

*Tribal Offices Closed January 1, 2013
in observance of New Year's Day*

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