



It was a beautiful day to hunt Easter Eggs!

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*"With the Lord's help, I will:
Honor the Vision of our Elders
and Lead to meet the challenges
of today."*

*"I ask for your Vote and support
Thank you."*

My Poarch Creek Indian Heritage

Photo: Len & Hettie
Colbert McGhee
family, at the
"Big House" in
Nokomis, AL. -
1955.

*(I created this composite
photo to add in two
that were missing when
this photo was taken.)*



(L-R) Linsey, Len, Narvie, Ida, Hettie, Dorothy, Britt, Ruby, Cobie



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Well, this is shaping up to be yet another busy and productive year for the Tribe. It is hard to believe that we are already in the fifth month of 2013. Spring has sprung and the weather is right for a swim in the pool at the gym or a trip to Magnolia Branch Wildlife Reserve. The staff of Magnolia Branch continues to make improvements and add features to the area for each of you to enjoy. If you happen to be in the area, please stop and take advantage of their hard work and efforts.

I recently attended the bi-annual meeting of the Native American Rights Fund (NARF). NARF Attorney, Tom Tureen actually prepared our initial petition for

federal recognition in the early 1970's. Because of this and the tireless work they do for Indian Country, I am proud to have been elected for my second term as a board member. I, along with fellow Tribal Council members and applicable staff, attended the semi-annual USET meeting. USET, as well, continues to work tirelessly on behalf of the 26 tribes that are members of this organization.

This month we will celebrate Memorial Day as well as Mother's Day. These days are both very important days to celebrate with friends and family. Please remember



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the men and women who continue to protect our freedom as well as the Mothers that gave birth to them.

The 2013 Tribal Council Elections are fast approaching. Please exercise your right to cast your vote for the candidate of your choice. You, the General Council, elect your leaders. So, take pride in the privilege that you have been given which is voting. Remember every vote counts!



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The Council's Purpose Our love for our people and our commitment to their future drives us to make tough decisions and stand by them to provide stable governance. With our blend of mature wisdom and modern knowledge, we grow the Tribe's assets to build self-reliance and enhance quality of life for all.

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There are 3083 enrolled members of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians. Tribal Offices and Boys & Girls Club will close Friday May 10, 2013 at 11:30 a.m. for the Employee Appreciation Picnic. Please keep this in mind when planning your visit to the Reservation and/or submitting information for publication in the newsletter.

We have incorporated the use of the Muskogee language as much as possible in the newsletter. You will see examples in the page numbers and month of issue on 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.

This issue also includes the Election Insert which provides candidate information and a flyer on the Calvin McGhee Memorial and an Absentee Ballot Request Form. The Minutes Insert also includes photos from the Creek Indian Art Show, the Southeastern Indian Festival and opening day for Wee Ball/T-Ball Leagues. This information is not included in the newsletters received by those on the subscription mailing list.

ON THE COVER



Saturday, March 16th was a beautiful day to hunt Easter Eggs! It was sunny with a clear blue sky, the Easter Bunny, lots of eggs, and prizes!



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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 month after the birthday/anniversary. Birthday wishes are limited to 30 words or less, excluding name and birth date.

AN EVENING WITH THE ELDERS

Submitted by Gayle Johnson

I cannot generate an article that would sufficiently relate to you the impact of the first *An Evening with the Elders* presentation hosted by the Calvin McGhee Cultural Authority on February 26, 2013. The night began with a light dinner and then a surprise recording of the late Chief Calvin McGhee at an event at Horseshoe Bend. To our knowledge, this is the only audio recording of his voice. He was soft spoken and articulate; he was funny and he presented his famous war bonnet—the first one ever made—to Judge C.J. Coley, promptly making him an honorary Tribal Member and giving him the Indian name of Chief Big Bear. Calvin said that Judge Coley was a great builder, a true lover of history, and that he reached across cultures and racial boundaries. The Judge, a long term Probate Judge for Tallapoosa County and a staunch supporter of Indian civil rights, was a historian who conducted research on Creek history. The Judge and Calvin were great friends and his research greatly helped Calvin in his pursuit of civil rights for Indians because at that time in history, a lot of people thought there were no Creek Indians remaining in Alabama. It has often been wondered what happened to Calvin's war bonnet. Now we know, from the Chief himself in his own words, exactly what happened to this regalia.

The evening continued with a recorded interview of the late Chief Houston McGhee by Dr. Deidra Suwanee Dees in his home in 2011. During this interview Houston talked about his experiences growing up and his father's fight for education for Indian children. He talked of how he and his two brothers used to ride the bicycle to catch the bus to go to school. He said that he had to ride on the handlebars. He also talked about his experiences at Escambia County High School and playing football. He said that Coach Holmes would give him a ride home from ball practice. They grew quite close during this time, often talking about football, hunting, fishing, and all kinds of things. He also shared that his Dad was the best cook in their house and that he learned to cook from him. (I hope you were able to enjoy some of Houston's fry bread & lima beans at the Annual Celebration a few years back.)

The final presentation of the night was an interview

with Houston and Fields McGhee by Dr. J. Anthony Parades as part of the One Community- Many Voices project of the University of Florida's Samuel Proctor Oral History Program. This interview was conducted on August 28, 1972 and talked about the beginnings of regalia-wearing and Indian dancing in the modern history of the Creek Indians.

Houston and Fields talked about developing the first Creek dance team (the predecessor of our current Powwow Club), their travels, and dance styles like the stomp dance at Green Corn, the Beaver Dance, the Rabbit, and the Forest Spirit Dance. They also discussed why Calvin McGhee wore a war bonnet, a headpiece that is not traditional to the Creek Indians. Calvin's wife Joyce made his war bonnet; he wore it so that he would be recognized as an Indian. He wore it because that is what the public thought an Indian should look like due to the influence of Hollywood and the movies.

Houston and Fields also talked about the land claims money and the hopes and dreams they had for the Tribe. They talked about economic development, bringing back the lost culture and traditions, the need for improved health and dental care, and the care and support of the Tribal elders and youth. Listening to these two men talk about the needs of the Poarch community in 1972 shows that the needs and concerns from 40 years ago are still being addressed and improved upon today.

The evening ended with comments from the audience. These comments expressed how much these presentations meant to them and how proud they are of the efforts of those who came before them. They talked about working with Calvin in the fight for Tribal rights, working together in the fight for federal recognition, and how thankful they were for the benefits offered today that were not available in 1972 and the years before that when the Creek Indians fought so hard just to survive.

If you were unable to attend this presentation, it is our hope that you will be able to attend future presentations which the Calvin McGhee Cultural Authority plans to host on a monthly basis.

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Notice to Bidders

Sealed bids will be taken on several used items. Bids will be taken beginning June 3, 2013 and ending July 10, 2013 at the close of business, 5:00 p.m. Bids will be opened by the CFO. For general information, contact Betty Caraway, Property Control Coordinator, at 368-9136 ext. 2654.

Pharmacy Open Daily During Lunch

The Poarch Creek Pharmacy will no longer close daily for lunch.

Pharmacy hours are 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday except as posted for holidays and other Tribal events. Prescriptions must be in the clinic by 4:00 p.m. to be filled on the same day.

Please keep this schedule in mind when making plans to visit the Pharmacy.

We appreciate your understanding and apologize for any inconvenience.

*Thank you,
Poarch Creek Pharmacy*



WALKING THE HALLS OF CONGRESS: CHIEF CALVIN MCGHEE'S LEGACY

Submitted by Dr. Deidra Suwanee Dees

"The Distinguished Alumni Award goes to Mr. Robert McGhee of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians!" the announcer said at the National Alumni Association Distinguished Alumni and Service Awards Program on March 7, 2013. University of South Alabama hosted the prestigious annual event which was attended by hundreds of "who's who" guests that support the University.

McGhee was selected by the USA National Alumni Association in which Cultural Director Dr. Deidra Suwanee Dees is a member. It was a unanimous decision of the Board to select McGhee for this outstanding award.

McGhee said, "I appreciate being recognized along with the other distinguished recipients" which include Mr. Joseph Lawrence Lilley, Jr., Ms. Hollace Briskman, Dr. J. David Sterns, and Mr. Thomas Zoghby. "I look at these others and I am humbled. I don't think of myself as that special," McGhee said.

"I never thought about getting an award like this. I have been doing the work for the Tribe that I like to do. It is a part of me—my genetic makeup. This job is not just 8 to 5. It is my life 24/7," he said.

With his brother Mr. Daniel McGhee and his father Mr. Robert "Bobby" L. McGhee in the audience, McGhee stepped into the limelight and accepted his award on stage. He said he had thoughts of his late mother Mrs. Doris Daughtry (1946-2005) and his late great grandfather Chief Calvin McGhee (1904?-1970). "I know they would have been very proud of me," McGhee said. "It is not always about seeking higher positions but contributing as much as I can to be effective. You don't have to be the Chief or have the highest title to be satisfied with the work you have done, just always strive to be an advocate for the Tribe and native people."

As McGhee accepted his award, a large photograph of him along with our Tribal Council flashed across the stadium for all to see. He emphasized the importance of working together to accomplish educational and career goals.



Robbie McGhee with his father Bobby McGhee (left) and brother Daniel McGhee (right).

McGhee's family instilled in him the importance of education which led him to enroll in the University of South Alabama. He worked full time at a restaurant while attending college full time to help support his education. At that time, the Tribe did not have a tuition program as we have today.

Working with approximately five other Indian students, McGhee said he assisted in the establishment of the Native American Student Association which was the first time such an organization had been established on campus. This Association provided an opportunity for McGhee and other Indians to be a part of an organization that focused on the needs of Native American students on campus. He became close friends with some of the members who were from both federally and state recognized tribes including MOWA Choctaw, Echota Cherokee, and Creek. He said he was not interested in joining a fraternity; however, he did enjoy the environment of "being together and having fellowship" with other Indians who had a distinctive camaraderie with one another.

McGhee's favorite course at USA was Forensic Anthropology which taught him the tactics of crime scene investigators that we see on the television show CSI. He said he enjoyed the research but, "I always knew I wanted

to work for the Tribe; I always knew.”

Knowing the role of Chief Calvin McGhee’s legacy with the Tribe, he said, “I always wanted to follow in his footsteps.” After graduating from USA in 1993, he obtained a job at the Tribe in Tribal Court. He worked to help parents and mentor children with the vision of opening a group home one day, a passion he inherited from his parents who worked as foster parents. “Young people need motivation,” he said, “the children just want to be loved.”

McGhee then went to the University of Alabama and earned his bachelor’s degree in social work. After graduating, he received a Native American scholarship to Washington University in St. Louis which was considered the “Ivy League of the Midwest” to receive a Masters in Social Work. For the first time in his educational career, he had the opportunity to study in a Native American Studies program, learning the significance of academic advisors. Taking this specialized advice, he went to Washington, D.C. to work at the Bureau of Indian Affairs

(BIA), which proved to be “a blessing in disguise,” he said. This work experience helped him prepare for the job he now holds with the Tribe as Governmental Relations Advisor which he obtained in September of 2007. This job enables him to help educate people in government offices and Congress on the needs of not only this Tribe, but of all Native Americans. For example, he supports the recently reauthorized Violence Against Women Act, and he, along with the Tribal Council, is working diligently to support a “Carcieri” Legislative fix which would restore BIA’s authority to take land into trust for all tribal nations no matter when they were recognized. McGhee said he wants “to make sure Tribes are included in all the decisions impacting them and that the doors are open for dialogue.”

Now that Tuition Assistance is made available to all tribal members, McGhee is working on his Masters of Business Administration at the University of Tennessee. Following in Chief Calvin McGhee’s legacy, McGhee hopes to use his knowledge and continue his service for the Tribe.

Attention Tribal Members

We are aware that not all Tribal Members have access to the internet; however, for those who do, you can receive updated news and information on the Tribe’s Facebook page at facebook.com/PoarchBandofCreekIndians. You can also follow the Tribe on Twitter at twitter.com/PoarchCreek.

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



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YOUR VOTE

CREEK INDIAN ART SHOW

Congratulations to all Tribal artists who participated in the Creek Indian Art Show. The judges had a hard time picking the winner for each category. The winners of the Creek Indian Art Show are listed below:

Best In Show Lois Amos Patchwork Skirt

Oil Painting:

- 1st Kathryn Ward - Grandpa's Land
- 2nd Robert Selzer - "One People"
- 3rd James Roberson - Native Woman

Drawing:

- 1st Willard Rayborn - Warrior Indian
- 2nd Tristin Daughtry - Drawing of two nieces
- 3rd Joyce Philyaw - Drawing w/pen & pencil

Pottery:

- 1st Lois Amos - Pottery Fire Bowl
- 2nd Bonnie Garrett - Story Teller
- 3rd Breiah Adams - Coiled Pitcher

Basketry:

- 1st Chris Allison - Creek Herring Bone Pattern Quiver
- 2nd Linda Selzer - Creek Basket
- 3rd Denise Young - Basket Purse

Beadwork:

- 1st Megan Young - Pakpvkuce
- 2nd Robert Selzer - Dream Catcher
- 3rd Maxine Lassister - Headband w/earrings

Weaving:

- 1st Breiah Adams - Fingerwoven Belt
- 2nd Brittany Adams - Fingerwoven Belt
- 3rd Courtney Morris - Fingerwoven Belt

Jewelry:

- 1st Robert Selzer - Phoenix Brooch Pin
- 2nd Lisa Thompson - Hickory Hull Shell Carved Neaklace
- 3rd Chris Allison - Chinaberry Necklace Set

Traditional Clothing:

- 1st Linda Selzer - Creek Skirt & Top
- 2nd Robert Selzer - Ribbon Shirt
- 3rd Wanda Wasnick - Neck Tie

Photography:

- 1st Linda Selzer - View of Michigan
- 2nd Lindsay Gibbs - Picture of Mommy & Baby
- 3rd Robert Selzer - Sunrise in Hawaii

Weaponry:

- 1st Jacob Rackard - Knives made from deer horns

Gourd:

- 1st Robert Selzer - Feathered Gourd
- 2nd Catherine Siewart - Mother Nature

Quilting:

- 1st Linda Selzer - Quilt of family colors
- 2nd Olivette McGhee - Double Wedding Band Quilt
- 3rd Mary Jane Tullis - Delicate Mountain

Shell - Carving:

- 1st Breiah Adams - Flying Eagle

Mixed Media:

- 1st Robert Selzer - Red Tail Hawk carved in horn
- 2nd Clarence Rolin - Tobacco Pipe
- 3rd Lisa Thompson - Muskoke Creek Word Rocks

*Best of Show
Patchwork Skirt
by Lois Amos*



TRIBE HOSTS FIRST ANNUAL SOUTHEASTERN INDIAN FESTIVAL

Submitted by Gayle Johnson

How can one explain the success of the first Annual Southeastern Indian Festival? It would be hard to do in the space available in the newsletter, you just had to be there!

When you plan an outside event you never know what the weather will be, you just have to go on with the event and hope and pray for the best. That is exactly what happened on March 22-23, 2013. The weather on Friday, March 22nd was cold with a chance of rain. Staff working the event showed up with jackets, hats and gloves, and hoped the rain would hold off. On the 23rd the weather was warmer, but there was a stronger chance of thunderstorms. Fortunately, the rain held off for most of both days but the Festival closed two hours early each day due to the weather.

The opening day of the Festival was open to students from local schools. When the first bus pulled up, the students bounded off the bus with lots of excitement and energy. Some of them were in shorts and many did not have on a jacket. Did this deter them? No way! They were far too excited for the cold and threat of rain to hold them back!

Approximately 1500 children and teachers attended. There were children from Rachel Patterson Elementary, Escambia County High School, Escambia County Middle School, Pollard McCall Junior High School, Flomaton Elementary, W.S. Neal Elementary, Foley Elementary, Perdido Elementary, J.U. Blacksher, Huxford Elementary, and Sweet Water Elementary.

The Festival is a different venue than the annual Thanksgiving Pow Wow. "We wanted to do something different than Pow Wow" stated Deidra Dees, Cultural Director. "We wanted to concentrate on the traditional. There are dancers but no dance competitions. The Festival is about education and traditional Creek culture." The Festival featured demonstrations and hands-on exhibits of basket making, pottery, and other crafts as well as storytellers, and dancers from the Warriors of Anikituhwa, Oklahoma Creek Stomp Dancers, Medicine Lake Traditional Cherokee Dancers, and the Mississippi

Choctaw Tri-Community Dancers.

The one sight you would have to see to enjoy was on Friday March 22nd when the announcement was made that about 100 ears of roasted corn were available at no cost. It is said that it looked like a Black Friday sale, with a swarm of children rushing to the corn booth to get an ear of corn! I hope they had enough to go around!

The crowd on the 23rd was much smaller, but we did see several children who told us that they enjoyed the day so much they had to bring their parents to see what was going on at the Reservation.

The Tribal Museum, Kerretv Cuko (Building of Learning), and gift shop were also open for the Festival. The students from Flomaton Elementary School were overjoyed with their visit. What was their favorite part of the Festival? The Trading Post exhibit at the Pow Wow Grounds, making their own necklace at the craft booth, and touring the museum. "I liked the part with the bus in it" stated 3rd grader Lillie Minchew. "I learned about their struggle for an education." Lillie's teacher, Ms. Virgenna Sanders, said that it was a very wonderful educational and cultural experience. "The only negative was the weather!" she said.

Quote from Deidra Dees courtesy of Atmore News.

We will soon post an album of photos from the event on the web site, be sure to check it out!



The children were captivated by the stories told by the storytellers.

SELLS INDUCTED INTO 4-H HALL OF FAME

Submitted by Gayle Johnson

Christyn Sells, Children Services Coordinator, has worked hard over the past several years to organize, implement, and coordinate a successful 4-H program at the Tribe. Her efforts have been greatly appreciated by the Tribe and its surrounding community. In honor of her hard work and dedication to the scope and goal of 4-H, Cynthia Knowlton, Regional Extension Agent, nominated Christyn for induction into the 4-H Hall of Fame. Christyn was selected and was inducted into the State 4-H Hall of Fame in March.

Christyn's bio in the induction program reads as follows:

Occasionally one meets someone who really has a passion for 4-H work and Christyn Sells more than meets that qualification. The Poarch Creek 4-H Club is unique because the children are unique. They have a much different cultural experience than most Alabama youth because of their heritage.

Sells has been the 4-H volunteer leader for more than five years. The club meets twice a month, and there are approximately 35 members. Nutrition education is a vital part of the program because the afterschool program feeds the youth a nightly meal. She uses Chef 4-H to help teach the 4-H'ers the keys to good nutrition and lets them have fun cooking and baking while learning.

"I am motivated by young people sharing their experiences and learning new things. It is priceless for me to see them grow and evolve into who they will become," states Sells. "4-H has really allowed me to do this and be a part of the lives of this next generation."

Sells was introduced to 4-H when she was in the fifth grade by her mother. She won first place in public speaking. That win got her started. Her goal is to expose her club members to any positive youth education program and 4-H fills this goal.



Lamar Nichols, Assistant Director of 4-H Youth Development presents Hall of Fame award to Christyn Sells.

Projects include cooking and baking, gardening, learning about chickens and horses, and arts and crafts. The members participate in 4-H contests, go to 4-H Summer Camp, and take field trips to 4-H AU football and basketball days. They also attend and participate in the State 4-H Horse Show by entering exhibits in the passive education classes.

Sells focuses on educating the youth about giving back to the community.

They participate in activities to raise funds for groups including the Tractor Supply Company/4-H Partnership, the Escambia County Humane Society, Share Our Strength, and the Great American Bake Sale.

Sandra Hiebert, Education Director for the Poarch Band of Creek Indians, says, "Christyn is remarkable. I have known her 10 years now, and she has always had a heart for children. We joke that she should have been born during the pioneer days because she loves the art of actually making a home. If she was able, I have no doubt she would be on 100 acres somewhere growing her own food, raising chickens, cows, goats, etc. and children! She is a true role model in every sense of the word, and I am very proud of her efforts on behalf of the Tribe. In my opinion, Christyn is 4-H personified."

In closing, we share Christyn's thoughts on this very prestigious award. "I am so honored to have been chosen for the 4-H Hall of Fame! 4-H is really a wonderful youth organization and I believe whole-heartedly in the principles that it teaches. Also, broadening their horizons is something that our children deeply need and the 4-H program provides that! I am so blessed to be a part of 4-H and to be able share it with our kids!"



THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY AND SUPPORT

Submitted by Gayle Johnson

Raven Beasley presented two steers at the Southeastern Livestock Exposition's (SLE) Alabama Junior Beef Expo sponsored by the Poarch Creek Indians. Her steer Joe placed fourth in the showing; her steer John, shown to the right, was named Grand Champion. Raven is the daughter of Dr. William and Melissa Thompson and Richie Beasley.

Raven and her family wanted to take this opportunity to say thank you to the Tribe for supporting such programs as the Alabama Junior Beef Expo.

The Tribe has also received similar thank you cards from other appreciative children and families including Anna Curtis Sealy, Kurt Tucker, Austin Wiley, Wyatt Hubbard, Mariah E. Hodge, Wyatt Lockart, Benjamin Smith, Alix Waldrep, Jewel Thompson, Austin Hughes, Shane Castleberry, and several others whose signature was illegible.

These children referenced how much they appreciate the Tribe's sponsorship of the Junior Beef Expo and that the prize money they received would be used for feed and other farm related supplies and/or saving for college. It is great to see that the Tribe is having a positive impact on the youth in the State of Alabama.



Pictured with Raven and her Grand Champion Steer John are l-r Tribal representatives Keith Martin and Billy Smith, and SLE representative Thomas Ellis.

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CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS



Gage McGhee
April 7, 2013

Happy birthday 16 year old Gage! Love ya lots!

Nana Bug, Dad, Ian, Aunt Janet, and Marlie.



Harold Rolin
April 8, 2013

Happy 60th birthday Harold! We love you.

From your family & friends.



Slayton Valinsky
April 10, 2013

Happy 1st birthday Slayton! We love you,!

Mommy Rhea, Nana Angela, and Paw Paw Phil.



Layla Pettway
April 13, 2013

Happy late birthday to Layla Pettway on April 13, 2013, she turned 2!

Love Mom, Dad, and Mya. We love you very much.



Kalyn Daniel
April 15, 2013

Happy birthday Kalyn. We love you.

Momma, Daddy, and Ryan.



Breanna Hall
April 15, 2013

Dear Breanna,
You are a blessing to us and we love you very much.

Happy birthday from Mom, Dad, and Dustin.



Cash Griffey
April 20, 2013

Happy belated 4th birthday Cash!!

You're our little cowboy and you bring so much joy, laughter, & happiness into our lives!! We love you, Momma, Daddy, & family!



Mable Cora Steadham
Everette
April 21, 2013

Happy 90th birthday Memaw!

Love from Sam III, Ennis, Sam IV, Meme, Lila Banks, Stutts, Jill, Stutts Jr., Rex, J. Wesley, Ransom, Sheila & Sammy.



Sarah Lynn McGhee
May 8, 2013

Happy birthday Sarah Lynn McGhee. From your Dad.

Love ya, Levon.



Jayce Sells
May 9, 2013

Happy 11th birthday Jayce! We love you!!

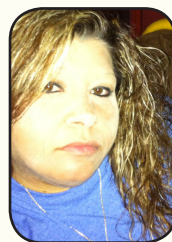
Love, Mom, Josh, Tyler, Talan, and Jayla.



Jake Thomas
May 12, 2013

Happy birthday "Jake Thomas", you are one of a kind!

Love Blaize and your family.



Vicky Burkett
May 13, 2013

Vicky will be celebrating her birthday on May 13th with family and friends. We love you so much !!!

Love, Big Josh and Little Josh.

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS

Mary Jane McGhee
May 17, 2013

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

Josh Burkett
May 23, 2013

Lil' Josh Burkett will celebrate his birthday on May 23, 2013!



Happy birthday, we love you!
Mama and Daddy.

Bailey Jones
May 24, 2013

Bailey Jones will celebrate her 10th birthday on May 24, 2013.



Your family wants to wish you a very happy birthday. We love you very much.

**Krislynn &
Natalynn Lee**
May 24, 2013

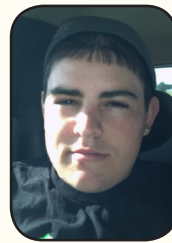
Happy 2nd birthday to our bundle of joy. We love ya'll!



Love Mom, Dad, Kiah, Makayla, and the rest of the family.

Drake McGhee
May 25, 2013

Happy 18th birthday Drake! Drake McGhee will turn 18 on May 25, 2013. We love you!!



Love, Mom, Dalton, Tori, and the rest of the family.

Clara Jones
May 25, 2013

Clara Jones will celebrate her birthday on May 29, 2013. Clara, we love you very much. Happy birthday and hope you have a good time.



From your family.

I'M A BIG SISTER NOW!

JACEN RANDAL ROLIN
APRIL 8, 2013

Lilly Grace Rolin welcomed her baby brother, Jacen Randal Rolin, into the world on Monday, April 8, 2013.

Lilly and Jacen are the children of Johnathon and Samantha Rolin. Maternal grandparents are Rochel and Keith Martin; paternal grandparents are Cathy and the late Randy Rolin.



Mother

To the Mothers around the world
The day has come to "Honor" thee
Shower you with flowers and love
Shower you for all to see
Have you near in our hearts and mind
Our love grows stronger all the time
You take us by the hand and lead us on
By your side is the highest throne
To give you praise, words are not enough
You help us all when things are tough
Your seat in Heaven is secure and in place
You know its true, I can see it in your face
Mother, Dear Mother we love you so
Be around next year and don't let us go.

Larry Jackson

Happy Mother's Day, Mable Jackson from your children
Ronnie, Larry (deceased), Don, Catherine, and Eddie.



Mable Jackson with her children. Left to right: Ronnie, Catherine, Larry, Mable, Don, and Eddie.

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TRIBAL MEMBER SUBMISSIONS



Five Generations of Kuhn/Mobley Family

Tribal Member Linda Kuhn is shown with five generations of her family. Seated, Linda's grandmother Rose Mobley; standing left to right are Linda Kuhn, her father, Marvin Mobley, her grandson Indio Kuhn, and her son Jeremy Kuhn.

Linda is the granddaughter of the late JB Rolin & Dorothy McGhee Rolin.

Submitted by Linda Khun



Scarlet Martin Named As Valedictorian

Scarlet Martin, daughter of Rochel and Keith Martin, has been named Valedictorian for the 2013 graduating class of Escambia County High School in Atmore, AL.

During her high school years Scarlet served as Class Treasurer for four years, was a member of Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) for four years, served as Student Government Association President, placed twice in State HOSA competitions, was a Rural Health Scholar of the University of Alabama, served as Captain of the Scholars Bowl, served as a Chamber Ambassador for the Atmore Chamber of Commerce, and was a member of Youth Leadership Atmore.

Congratulations, we are proud of you and know that you have a bright future ahead of you.

Submitted by Rochel & Keith Martin

375th Annual Steadham Reunion

*May 5, 2013
At The Chapel*

*Please come and
bring a covered dish.*

All are welcome.

2013 TRIBAL COUNCIL NOTICE & CALENDAR

Pursuant to Section 22-3-6 of the Tribal Election Code, notice is hereby given that the 2013 Tribal Council Election shall be held on Saturday, June 1, 2013 at the Community Service Building (PCI SAIL Center). Voting will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Election results will be posted at the Tribal Center on the Community Bulletin Board, and published in the July Tribal Newsletter.

In the 2013 election, the General Council will directly elect the Secretary, Treasurer and one at-large Tribal Council member. Anyone wishing to be a candidate for this year's election must complete a written statement of candidacy with the Election Board no later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 2, 2013.

Walk-in voting will be held beginning Friday, May 17, 2013 through Friday, May 31, 2013 in the Community Services Building (PCI SAIL Center). This does include Saturday, May 25, 2013. Walk-in voting times will be from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily, with the exception that we will be closed on Saturday and Sunday, May 18 and 19, and on Sunday and Monday, May 26 and 27, 2013. Also, on the last Friday, May 31, 2013 the hours will be from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Tribal members may vote by absentee by completing and submitting an Absentee Ballot Request. ***For your convenience, a copy of Request for Absentee Ballot has been incorporated as page 35 of this insert.***

Letter of Candidacy forms may be obtained from Tracy Linam in Tribal Government Accounting or downloaded from the Tribe's official web site at www.poarchcreekindians-nsn.gov.

Tribal Election Calendar

Tuesday, April 2, 2013 Deadline to submit Letter of Candidacy for Tribal Council, Biography, and picture if name to be printed on official ballot, and bio and picture printed in May newsletter.

Friday, April 12, 2013 Names of candidates and any proposed constitutional amendments, ordinances, and/or resolution will be posted. *(There are no proposed constitutional amendments, ordinance and/or resolutions on the ballot for this year's election.)*

Thursday, May 2, 2013 Last day to submit Letter of Candidacy for Tribal Council to be a Write-In on Ballot. All names of candidates will be posted within 10 days.

Saturday, May 11, 2013 Tribally sponsored Meet and Greet for all candidates. Family Services Auditorium 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Friday, May 17, 2013 Walk-in voting begins PCI SAIL Center 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

Tuesday, May 21, 2013 Last day to request that an Absentee Ballot be mailed out.

Saturday, May 27, 2013 Walk-in voting Open 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

Friday, May 31, 2013 Walk-in voting ends at 5:00 p.m.

Friday, May 31, 2013 Deadline to receive Absentee Ballots 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 1, 2013 2013 Tribal Election Day Polls open 8:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. PCI SAIL Center

Should you have any questions pertaining to the 2013 Tribal Council Elections, please feel free to contact Edie Jackson at (251) 368-9136 ext. 2231.

CANDIDATES FOR TRIBAL COUNCIL SECRETARY

The following candidates have submitted their Letter of Candidacy for the Tribal Council Secretary position. These bios are published as submitted except for authorized editing and necessary format changes.

DAVID GEHMAN **INCUMBENT**



Hello. I'm David Gehman, sincerely asking for your vote and support to re-elect me as Secretary of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians Tribal Council. It has been a great honor to serve in this position as my only job and I commit to continuing

'fulltime' upon re-election – as I believe the position of Secretary of the Tribal Council is far too important to our Tribe's success to serve anything less than fulltime.

I am the son of Martin & Vernie Lee Barnhill Gehman; Grandson of P.R. and Ruby McGhee Barnhill; Great Grandson of Len and Hettie Colbert McGhee. My wife is Shyrell; our children are Stephanie & Daniel Alaniz, Emily, Kristen and Stephen. We are happy and eager for the arrival of our newest family member, Miss Addisyn Brooke Alaniz around July 3rd. I proudly stand on my record of honesty and integrity during my tenure as Secretary...providing leadership on the critical issues that have resulted in the most incredible growth years our Tribe has ever experienced.

"Now is not the time the Gamble with our Tribe's Future"... Our Elders envisioned a 'Tribal Future' as they worked so hard in poverty their entire lives to better their children and future generations by painstakingly completing the early stages of work that culminated in our Federal Recognition. It is more important now than ever for Tribal Leaders to clearly define our future goals and actions that must be accomplished by our Tribal Leadership and our Tribal Members in order for those goals to be realized.

Our unique success in recent years has spawned lawsuits from those who challenge the Sovereignty of our Tribe; therefore; I am stating for the record in this election that; "Protecting our Tribal Sovereignty and pressing on with the vision our Elders cast for our Children and Future Generations has been and will continue to be my full time focus in serving you." [*Please visit my website for more information on the challenges we face and the critical importance of this election: www.abettertribe.com*]

"Honest Proven Leadership is more important now than ever before in our Tribal Government"

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

SOVEREIGNTY:

I will continue to work aggressively to protect the Sovereignty of our Tribe. The lawsuit by Alabama Attorney General Luther Strange and others is a challenge we must meet to insure Trust land will be preserved forever. I have been working to build needed support for Congressional legislation to resolve the challenges to our Sovereignty.

HEALTHCARE:

Tribal Health services have changed from being primarily funded thru the Federal Indian Health Service to being funded more by Tribal revenues. I believe that no matter where a Tribal Member resides, healthcare is very important, especially for our senior citizens. My pledge to you is that I will continue to work to improve our health care system and insure availability to every tribal member.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

I am passionate about the development of Tribal economic resources having served on the Creek Indiana Enterprises Economic Development Authority and I work hard to maintain favorable relationships with private industry and government leaders. For example; When the EADS Airbus development in Mobile was announced, I was there representing the Poarch Band of Creek Indians, meeting with key government and Airbus leaders.

GOVERNMENT TRANSPARENCY

I continue to support openness and transparency in the actions of the Tribal Council, Boards and Committees. Tribal law requires public notice of all ordinances and community meetings. Tribal Members must have the opportunity to ask questions and provide comments to the Tribal Council.

EDUCATION:

Before the Tribe had education scholarships, like so many tribal families I also struggled financially to support my family while earning my Bachelor's Degree. Education has made a difference in my life and I pledge to work to ensure Tribal members and First Generation students can take advantage of Tribal scholarships to earn a degree or professional certificate.

CULTURAL HERITAGE

We must always remember that we stand on the shoulders of all those brave Creek men and women who laid the foundation for our lives, but did not live to see their dreams come true. I will never forget their sacrifices and struggles through hard times and I pray that God will help us lead so that future generations will say the same of our generation.

NOW IS NOT THE TIME TO GAMBLE WITH OUR TRIBE'S FUTURE"

If Government is to truly be of the people and by the people, then each of us has a responsibility to roll up our sleeves, get involved and VOTE. Voting is a 'right' that only exists thru freedom but Freedom is not free, someone pays the price. We must always remember that our strength lies in our faith in God, our families and our traditions and never ever forget those who have served and died to insure our Freedom.

With the help of God and our people, we will continue to build A Better Tribe, a place we can all call home, a place called "Poarch". "It is your birthright to be free and dream big dreams... It is up to us as a Tribe to rise up and reclaim our rightful place in the larger community as honest hardworking and decent Americans who love this country and defend our Sovereignty."

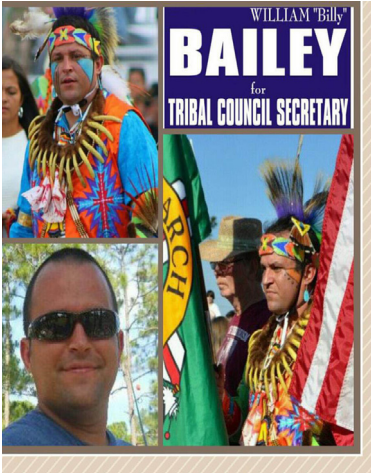
Honest Proven Leadership is more important now than ever before in our Tribal Government! I ask for your Vote and support to be part of that leadership. Please Vote David Gehman, Secretary of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians.

"Mvto" - (Thank you)



Candidate information continued on next page

WILLIAM (BILLY) BAILEY, JR.



HELLO FAMILY,
I AM EXCITED
TO ANNOUNCE
THAT I WILL
BE RUNNING
FOR COUNCIL
S E C R E T A R Y ,
FOR THE 2013
ELECTIONS. I AM
WILLIAM BAILEY,
JR, BUT BETTER
KNOWN AS BILLY.

I AM THE SON OF WILLIAM (Bubba) AND CHERYL BAILEY, THE GRANDSON OF THE LATE VERLIE AND JUNIOR BAILEY, OF POARCH, AL., AND THE LATE MARIE AND EUGENE BLACKWELDER, OF ATMORE, AL. I AM THE GREATGRANDSON OF THE LATE MAMIE AND LAWRENCE MCGHEE, OF POARCH, AL. I HAVE THREE CHILDREN AND A GREAT WIFE OF TEN YEARS, CHEYANNE BAILEY. I HAVE PRACTICED CREEK TRADITIONS, INCLUDING STOMP DANCING AND PARTICIPATED IN POWWOWS SINCE I WAS BORN. I BELIEVE I POSSESS GOOD MORALS AND STANDARDS. I STRIVE TO DO WHAT'S RIGHT, AS WELL AS, DO WHAT IS RIGHT FOR OTHERS. I HAVE BEEN A PCI POLICE OFFICER FOR 2 YEARS AND WAS AN ALABAMA CORRECTIONAL OFFICER FOR APPROXIMATELY 7 YEARS PRIOR TO WORKING WITH THE TRIBE. I TRY TO BE ETHICAL AND FAIR DURING MY JOB DUTIES AS A POLICE OFFICER. IN ADDITION, I TRY TO MAKE A POSITIVE IMPACT ON OUR COMMUNITY BY VISITING WITH THE CHILDREN SO THAT THEY MAY SEE THAT POLICE OFFICERS ARE HERE TO HELP THEM, NOT JUST

HERE WHEN SOMEONE NEEDS TO BE ARRESTED.

IF GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY, I WOULD LIKE TO GIVE THE PEOPLE OF PCI THEIR VOICE BACK. I WOULD ENCOURAGE INDIVIDUALS TO GIVE ME THEIR PERSONAL INPUT ON BIG INVESTMENTS BECAUSE OUR PEOPLE SHOULD KNOW WHAT THEIR MONEY IS BEING SPENT ON. I BELIEVE THAT THE COUNCIL NEEDS TO INCLUDE THE COMMUNITY, AS WELL AS, ALL TRIBAL MEMBERS MORE OFTEN THAN THEY DO. I WOULD LIKE TO SEE OUR TRIBAL MEMBERS MAKING MORE DECISIONS, THAN JUST OUR COUNCIL ALONE. I FEEL THAT HAVING ONLY A FEW VOTE ON OUR BEHALF IS NOT ALWAYS HOW THE MAJORITY WOULD VOTE ON SOME THINGS. I WILL BE VERY DISCRETE AND PRIVATE WHEN A TRIBAL MEMBER COMES TO ME ABOUT THEIR PERSONAL ISSUES. I AM A SUPPORTER OF ALL OUR YOUTH AND ELDERLY PROGRAMS BECAUSE WITHOUT OUR YOUTH, WE HAVE NO FUTURE AND WITHOUT OUR ELDERS STRUGGLE IN THE PAST WE WOULD NOT BE WHERE WE ARE TODAY. I WILL BE ETHICAL AND FAIR TO MY PEOPLE AND ADDRESS THE CONCERNS OF MY PEOPLE. WHETHER YOU BE THE POOREST OR THE RICHEST, I WILL TREAT EVERYONE EQUALLY WITHOUT COMPROMISE. "I WAS RAISED BY THE PCI TRIBAL PEOPLE AND I WILL FIGHT FOR THE PCI TRIBAL PEOPLE, THEY ARE MY FAMILY."

MTVO



CHARLOTTE “MCGHEE” MECKEL



I, Charlotte “McGhee” Meckel hereby declare my candidacy for the Poarch Creek Indians Tribal Council SECRETARY. I am the proud daughter of Ernestine and the late DC Daughtry and Julius “Bubba Jack” McGhee. I am

married to Martin Meckel, we have two children, Ron Salter (42) and Allison Salter-Rodriguez (37), and seven grandchildren, the late Andrew Salter, Kyle, Kaylee, Brenton, David, Ariel Salter, and Caleb Rodriguez.

My decision to run for Tribal Council is solely based on my love for my Tribe and the community. I grew up in Poarch where my beginnings were very meager and humble. I know first-hand the sacrifices that my parents made on my behalf so that I could have a better education and brighter future. I was fortunate to attend St Mary’s School in South Dakota. This was made possible because of a missionary, Ms. Eloise J. Bradshaw, contributions from St Anna’s Episcopal Church, and the financial and emotional support of my parents.

I graduated from the Army Management Staff College in Washington D.C., and I have a degree in Business Administration. Additionally, I have attended numerous executive and upper level management programs at the Army Logistic College at Ft. Lee, Virginia and the Program Management for Executives School in Kansas City, Kansas.

Given my educational background, experience, and knowledge, I feel that I would be a valuable asset to the Tribal Council. I have the ability to make sound financial decisions allowing our Tribe to continue to prosper and grow.

I recently retired after serving as a Civil Servant for the Department of Defense for 36 rewarding and fulfilling years. My assignments afforded me the opportunity to work and travel all over the United States including Alaska and Europe. I have served in a Supervisory or Directorate position for over 30 years. Although my overseas employment with the Department of Defense prevented me from living in the Poarch community and the United States for many years, I have fully supported the Tribe by serving on the Ethics Board from Jan. 2007 – Dec. 2012.

In 2009, I was fortunate to have the opportunity to return to the United States and home (Poarch). Since December 2012, I was appointed to the Housing Authority Board where I currently serve as Secretary. While serving on these boards, I have acquired a vast knowledge of various ordinances, policies, and procedures that affect the Tribe and its entities on a daily basis, it has given me the opportunity to give back to the community I love and grew up in.

Although I worked remotely in the past, I remained informed and aware of the challenges the community has been experiencing. I consistently communicated with my family which allowed me to stay connected with my friends and relatives in Poarch. When possible, I scheduled vacation time so that I could attend the annual PowWow, McGhee reunion, and Tribal elections.

Our past and present council members have worked diligently to ensure Elder Benefits, Health Insurance, Educational Assistance,

Economic Growth, Increased Per Capita Checks, Housing Expansion, Cultural Activities, Work Opportunities, a Boys & Girls Club, the development of a new Health/Assisted Living Facility, and many other ventures.

Since returning to Poarch, I have had the privilege of attending tribal council meetings, and there are some things that I would like to see addressed:

1. Increased Benefits for 1st Generation Descendants
2. More communication between the Tribal Council and the General Public
3. Scheduled town-hall meetings and establish a Tribal Chairman's Hotline
4. More Transparency - limit the issues carried to Executive Session
5. Accountability by hearing from Council Members what they have or have not accomplished the past year

I am just one person and I cannot accomplish all these things alone. As President Abraham Lincoln once said, "A house divided against itself cannot stand", the same goes for the Tribal Council. Therefore, it is important that we have a Tribal Council that will work together for the prosperity and equality of this Tribe.

In closing, I ask that you please consider me as one of your candidates on June 1st. I can be reached via email: charlotte.meckel@yahoo.com or on my cell (251) 229-0002 to answer any question or concerns. I thank you in advance for your vote and support.

Charlotte M. Meckel

"Working together for a better tomorrow"

TIM RAMER



NEW LEADERSHIP FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE

I, Tim Ramer, would like to announce my candidacy for Tribal Council Secretary and to ask for your consideration and support. I am the son

of Ivan and Vera (Rolin) Ramer. My maternal grandparents are the late Jack and Eunice (Presley) Rolin. My paternal grandparents are the late Otis Ramer and Zulean (Hadley) Morris. I am married to a wonderful and supportive lady, Tara Murphy Ramer. We are blessed with 3 sons, River, Cale, and Colt and two lovely daughters, Raeven and Jordan. I am a lifelong resident of the Poarch community and member of Poarch Baptist Church.

I am currently employed at Wind Creek Casino in the role as Assistant Property Manager. Prior to this position, I was a Director for the corporate marketing team at PCI Gaming Authority. Prior to my gaming career, I held various senior management positions at Masland Carpets and Muskogee Technology. I have also been very active in other venues of our Tribe over the past 15 years. I served on the Tribal Council for two years, 2001-2003. I presently serve as Chairperson for the Muskogee Technology Board of Directors and a board member for the Recreation Authority. I also served on the initial Magnolia Branch Board of Directors. I have been blessed to have had the opportunity to coach in all sport leagues with our

Tribal youth for the past 15 years.

I am asking for your support and vote because I truly feel I can represent the Tribe as a whole. I will work hard and relentless to improve the quality of life for all members of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians. We are faced with challenges to our sovereignty on many fronts. The sovereign immunity of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians is being challenged by local and state politicians fueled with greed and jealousy of our accomplishments. I ask for the opportunity to join the fight and defend our Tribe as Tribal Secretary.

Education brings a brighter future to our Tribe and is critical to our future success as a Tribe. Our scholarship programs have created opportunities for many who would not have otherwise been able to achieve a level of higher education. I do feel that we have reached the point where we need to start focusing on the development of Tribal children in the elementary, middle, and high school levels. College is challenging for all, and even more so without solid preparation. A Tribal school would give us accountability for the preparation of our children for college, and who better to lead the charge of that task than ourselves. This would also afford us the ability to teach and educate our children about our culture and history as told by those before us.

Healthcare is on the top of my priority list as it is for most everyone. We are currently expanding the Health Center, and I think that is a wonder achievement for us. Healthcare costs are increasing for the Tribe and the country. Expenses need to be managed and controlled so they do not hinder or affect the level of care we are able to provide our Tribal family.

I fully support our per capita benefits and maximizing the disbursements to our Tribal family. I do believe we must be responsible in sustaining our Tribe's financial future. I feel we can accomplish both through careful planning and stopping unnecessary spending. At no time should a Board, Authority, or the Tribal Council make a large expenditure without a feasible return on investment plan or probability.

If I am blessed to be elected Tribal Secretary, I will humbly serve the Tribe and the needs of all Tribal members. I have been deeply embedded in the community for the entire 35 years of my life. I look upon our Tribe as a family, no matter where you call home. I have always been a very open individual and some may even say a little loud. I am very proud to be a Poarch Creek Indian and that has always been the case. I feel no one can say I am only seen at certain times of the year or around particular Tribal events. I have been and will remain active within our Tribe no matter what the outcome of this election, because I enjoy working and being with my Tribal family. We have always been a people of love, compassion, and perseverance with strong family values. That is the Tribe I want, I know is the Tribe you want, that is the Tribe we all want. I ask that you give me the opportunity to carry the torch that burns bright for the future of The Poarch Band of Creek Indians by electing me as Tribal Secretary. Together we can unite the Tribe, securing our future for many generations to come.

Thank you and May God Bless you.



There are no additional candidates for the Tribal Council Secretary position as of April 2, 2013.

CANDIDATES FOR TRIBAL COUNCIL TREASURER

The following candidates have submitted their Letter of Candidacy for the Tribal Council Treasurer position. These bios are published as submitted except for authorized editing and necessary format changes.

ROBERT “ROBBIE” MCGHEE **INCUMBENT**



I've had the pleasure of meeting many of you throughout my life and especially during my time on the Tribal Council. However, for those of you I have not met, let me introduce myself. My name is Robert "Robbie" McGhee.

My parents are Bobby Lawrence and the late Doris Daughtry McGhee. My grandparents are the late Roy Lee and Opal McGhee and the late Adam and Inez Daughtry. I am also the great grandson of the late Chief Calvin and Joyce McGhee.

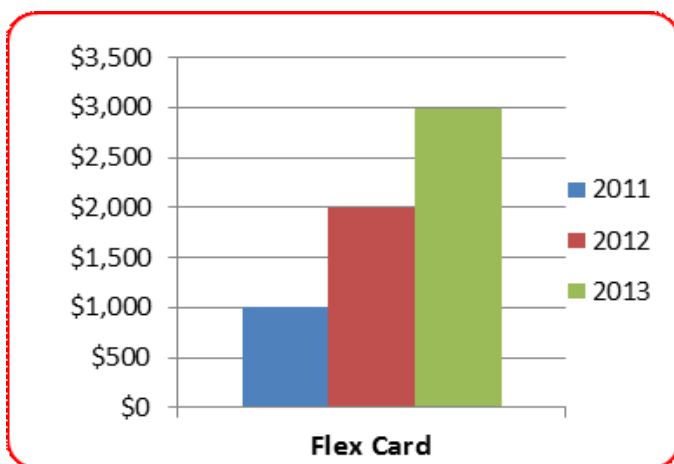
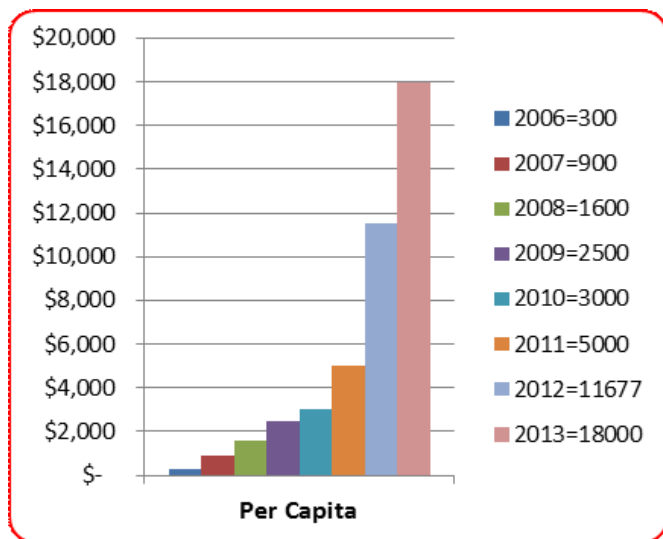
It has been my privilege and honor to serve you as your council member over the last 9 years. I can honestly say it has been one of the most challenging, but yet rewarding experiences of my life thus far. During my time with you on the Council, we have seen amazing improvements and opportunities to our community and way of life.

I am currently employed as the Governmental Relations Director here at the Tribe. My previous employment with the Tribe also included positions as the Tribal Administrator and President of

Creek Indian Enterprises. Prior to moving back home I had the opportunity to work at all levels of government in Washington DC, from the Bureau of Indian Affairs to the halls of the United States Senate. These opportunities allowed me to become involved in the national concerns that affect all tribes at all levels of government. During these years, I always strived to educate myself on the issues impacting Indian tribes so that one day I would be able to contribute that knowledge to my own Tribe. Thanks to you, I have enjoyed that opportunity and hope to continue that contribution in the future.

Over the past three years we have seen tremendous growth and success and of course, with success come challenges and criticisms. These challenges and criticisms have been made by our neighbors, members of our surrounding communities, members of the city, county, state, and federal government. We need individuals on our Tribal Council that understand the issues and are able to advocate for our people and educate others on who we are as a people and a great nation. To make them understand that we are no longer the poor Indians residing in the woods of Alabama. We are a strong nation, rich in our economic development opportunities, rich in our culture, and rich in our values.

In the past I have campaigned on the assurance that I will do my best to work with the other council members to increase services and opportunities for growth. During my time on the council, per capita payments have steadily increased year after year. This past year we saw the highest per capita payments in over 6 years; this is partly due to many of you who work hard every day at our various economic development ventures making them a success.



During my time on Council I supported many services, causes, and projects. Among them being increased educational opportunities, expanded health services, Cultural growth, and support of our elders.

The increase in education scholarships up to \$100,000 for all tribal members has been a blessing to many tribal members. I am proud to report that we have approximately 450 tribal members pursuing their education through the tuition assistance policy. That is amazing and something we should all be proud of, one of these graduates could be your son, daughter, brother, sister, mother or father...or maybe your grandparents! I also supported increased education scholarships to Indian descent children to help tribal members with the burden

of sending their children to college.

I have always been a firm believer and advocate of education as evident in my own scholastic ventures. I have a bachelor's degree from the University of South Alabama, a bachelor's degree from the University of Alabama and a master's degree from Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri. Providing a means for continuing education to our Tribal Members is very important to me. Because of the tribe's tuition assistance fund, I was able to enroll in the University of Tennessee's Executive Masters of Business Administration program. I felt this was important because as our Tribe grows and continues to be a leader in Alabama in regards to areas of economic development it was important that I grow so I could continue to serve you on the Tribal Council in the position of Treasurer. I hope that every tribal member, if possible, is taking advantage of the funds set aside for educational degrees, certifications, and/or licensures.

A lot of planning and preparation went into the design of the state of the art health clinic. When driving through Poarch you can see it is now under construction. I, along with the other council members, heard your voices on providing an assisted living facility to allow our seniors to live and continue to be a part of this community. This facility is also currently being built adjacent to the new health clinic. Also at this location a new SAIL center is being constructed that will provide our seniors with increased space to conduct more activities allowing them the opportunity to fellowship and continue to enjoy life.

The people of our community wanted a place where we could tell the story of our past. We wanted to hear the voices of our elders, now this is possible in a beautiful well designed and

educational Cultural museum that opened last year.

As you vote during this election I would like to remind you that last year you voted and changed our Oath of Office to read:

As a proud leader of our Tribe, my integrity demands that I be true to who I am. My integrity is the foundation of my love for my family and our community, which strengthens my faith and commitment to do what is right for the Tribe. I will further the legacy of self-determination and self-reliance inherited from our elders by investing in the progress and driving a vision for the future that leads to our prosperity. I understand that I am beholden to the electorate and to the other Tribal Council members. To that end, I shall conduct myself in a manner which will foster respect and dignity.

So when determining who will get your support as Secretary, Treasurer, and At-Large remember the oath they will be asked to take when representing you and this Tribe.

As we look to the future over these next few years, I will continue to work with the Tribal Council to diversify our economic opportunities and develop programs and services that will benefit all tribal members. With your support and continuous guidance, we as a people can continue to accomplish great things for our Tribe.

I ask respectfully that you entrust your vote to me, Robert "Robbie" McGhee, on June 1st, 2013. Give me the chance to continue **Listening, Learning, Leading, and Serving.**

DEWITT CARTER



Greetings my fellow Poarch Creek Indians. I, Dewitt Carter, announce my candidacy for Tribal Council. I am running for the position of Tribal Council Treasurer.

I am the son of Dewitt Sells and the late Grace Philyaw. I am the grandson of the late Joe Philyaw Jr., the late Eugene (Popcorn) Sells, and the late Roberta Sells (Granny).

Growing up in Poarch was more work than play. I'm not complaining because I got to appreciate helping my neighbor. Weekends in the spring and summer were usually spent on my grandfather's tractor. I usually bush hogged, plowed gardens or planted. None of us had much money so the payment was usually in some form of a trade. My favorite was government cheese! Life was simple then and neighbors worked together more.

I joined the Air Force after graduating high school in Atmore. I attended college in Colorado Springs while I served five years in the Air Force. I was involved in all aspects of office management and funds appropriation for our office. The Air Force sent me to several classes to ensure my knowledge of office skills and record keeping.

After the Air Force I came home to Poarch and started working with my father. I wanted to better know him and my family. My childhood in Poarch was without my father, thus I wanted to know more about him.

I have been raised in such a manner that we were poor and those around us were poor so we helped each other. That's what it took for us to get by. That's what I offer, that sense of helping others that need the help. In our Poarch Creek Indians Community we need more individuals willing to help each other as I did grow up here. I want to be one of the leaders for our tribe that can, and actually wants to, help you.

I believe that a tribal council member cannot understand how to help members if you don't understand what it means to be poor. I've experienced the knowledge of not knowing how we were going to pay bills. So if you come to me for help rest assured I know where you're coming from. I understand your desperation and believe me when I say I will help you one way or another.

I believe the future of the tribe is our young people and we need to set examples for them to follow. Our heritage should always be protected and handed down to our children to save and learn from. It is ours and it is what gives us the right to say "I am a proud Poarch Creek Indian!"

I started my own mobile home moving business in 2001. I am proud to say we stay fairly busy and we have no form of advertisement, all of our work comes from word of mouth. I have a strict work ethic that has allowed my company to survive for nearly 13 years and I bring that to the tribal council for your benefit.

Our current Treasurer has a full load. He is a part time Tribal Council member, a full time employee of the Tribe, and my understanding is that he plans on returning to college. I am proud that he has the desire to return to college, but I believe all of our executive officers should be full time and be available to all our tribal members if

the need arises. I can offer that to you. I will be at your service whenever you need me. I cannot say that I will be able to help with every problem that you have, but I will do my best to solve it or get you in touch with whoever may be able to help you.

For those of you who worry that I may not be qualified, rest your worries. There will be a learning curve I'm sure, but I will have my fellow council members to lend guidance just as my predecessor did and I will bring a hunger to do my best for you.

My goal for the council is to help as many members as possible during my term, to make the tribe's finances as visible to the tribal members as possible without hurting the tribe, and to move the tribe forward in all endeavors to ensure that you continue receiving birthday checks from now on.

Helping tribal members will be my number one goal. Too often members complain that the council doesn't help or won't return calls, even act as though they are better than you. Understand my belief, the council works for you, let me repeat the Council works for you. You elected them, you decided their salaries, you decided who leads us. I understand and accept that responsibility. So don't ever feel less than any council member, you put them in office to make you money and help you with a better way of life.

Most of us want to understand where our finances are going. You want to know where money is spent and why we get birthday checks in the amount they are, and why these checks are not more or less. I will give that to you, I will make it plain to read and see. I will ensure you know where every penny is spent and saved. It will not be a secret to any tribal member. I can't promise many things

without the chance of becoming a liar, but this I can promise – You will be able to have the answer to any and all tribal finance questions you ask me.

The tribe is expanding at a phenomenal rate. We are building in Wetumpka, Poarch, Pensacola (hotel & dog track), not to mention Tallahassee, Florida. Some of these ventures appear to have the potential to be very lucrative and others not so much. I will bring a level head to the council. I will not spend your money without regard. I aim for the tribes birthday checks to be around from now on. Let the Pequot tribe of Connecticut be an example for us to avoid.

Some senior members of our tribe have told me they would like their checks now and not year to year; I understand their concerns and as long as it doesn't hurt the tribe as a whole I am behind it. I am speaking of a one-time payment just as long as it doesn't hurt the rest of us. It's your money; you deserve the right to decide for yourself.

I am asking for your vote in return I promise an honest, fair, and level headed approach to leadership for this tribe. I give you my word. I will work for you. I will never treat a single member as though I am better than them-you. I will do my best to lead this tribe into the future. I'm asking for a chance to show you I will be the best council member you ever had. I am asking for a chance to be a council member that you can rely on for support and for help.

Every vote counts so if you like what you've read them please vote for me. If I make it on to the council you will appreciate what I bring and the help you will receive from me. Please, if you can't make walk in voting (May 17-31) or Election Day (June 1), please request an absentee ballot. Every vote counts and it might just be your vote that determines the future of this tribe, maybe even

the amount of your next birthday check.

Please give me your vote and a chance to show you that I can make a difference to you and our future. If you have any further questions or concerns please call me at (251) 753-7438.

Again, vote-vote Dewitt Carter for Tribal Treasurer.



RODNEY EXUM



Honesty, Integrity and Experience

I, Rodney Exum, declare my candidacy for the 2013 Tribal Council Election to be held on Saturday, June 1, 2013. I have submitted my letter of candidacy for the position of Treasurer on the Tribal Council.

I graduated from Cottonwood High School and Riley Business College in Dothan, Alabama. I proudly served in the United States navy as a quartermaster on the U.S.S. Mahan with assignments in the Middle East. I have resided and served in the Poarch Creek Community for over 20 years now and have enjoyed every minute of it. As a young child visiting my grandparents here in the summer, I always knew this is where I wanted to be.

As a result of making Poarch my home, I have been afforded the opportunity to gain experience as an employee of Tribal government, Creek Indian Enterprises and PCI Gaming. I have

served as a member of the recreation Board and have witnessed great improvement and expansion in our programs and facilities. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with the youth of our community as Wellness Coordinator. I have watched them grow into fine upstanding citizens who have made us very proud of who they have become. They now have taken the stand to teach and share with the youth of our tribe and community today with what they have learned. I have served three years on the Tribal Council. This council was strongly instrumental in providing you with per capita distributions and the development of our gaming enterprises. I am now an employee of Wind Creek Casino as an ambassador. I have witnessed the success of our gaming efforts first hand. I definitely foresee continued growth in this endeavor.

We have come such a long way from where we were with hard work and determination. Just visit the Poarch Community and you will see. To become more self-sufficient, I would like to see future development in our community with a school providing a quality education for our children, a bank, a grocery store and a civic center that would accommodate large crowds.

I love and respect my people. I am a man of few words but not afraid to speak up for you. Anyone who knows me will attest to that fact. I firmly believe that it's not about "Me and Mine" ...it's about "Us and Ours". You need control over what is happening to your money.

I would like to serve you as Tribal Treasurer. I have an understanding of the financial planning and budgeting for this tribe. Sound management and reporting responsibilities are essential to the growth of this tribe. I believe we should closely monitor donations made by our tribe. First and foremost, we should receive the correct

percentage of our assets. I would like to see our tribal members, the general council, have a vote in where our money is being delegated. We need to know where our money is being spent. I propose expenditures greater than \$5 mil will be open for public comment by the General Council before the purchase is finalized.

I would appreciate your vote to put these thoughts into action.



GIA LANGHAM



I am Gia Langham and I'm running for Tribal Council Treasurer. I'm the daughter of Chris & Janet Rodriguez and the grand-daughter of Mary Bell and the late Benny McGhee.

I currently work in the Tribe's Legal Department as the Executive Assistant. Before working for the Legal Department I worked at PCI Gaming in the Marketing Department. I served 4 years in the US Air Force and graduated from Escambia County High School.

I am running for Treasurer because I want to see a change in the way our money is spent in our Tribe. I believe Tribal Members should be informed and have a chance to voice their opinions' on large investments and purchases, and not after the deal is done. I believe too much money has been invested and spent on business that are not making the Tribe any money and that needs to change. I want to work with the

Council to change that and figure out ways to improve our current business and investments to increase the revenue and return that money back into the Tribe and Tribal Members.

I believe that Tribal Members are the boss. I promise that if I'm elected I will live by that motto. Tribal Members are the most important thing at the end of the day. I also want to say that I do not believe that I'm better than anyone. I will try my best to always be available to all Tribal Members and will make it a point to speak with and listen to Tribal Members.

Please vote for me Gia Langham to be your next Tribal Council Treasurer! I promise to be a vote and a voice for you. Thank you and I would consider it an honor to serve.

My Ways to Better Our Tribe

- Be more transparent- No more polling on any sort of purchase and investments
- More for Tribal Members- Increase the % that Tribal Members get off the top and put more back into Tribal programs.
- Return the power to the people- No spending or investing over a certain amount without the people's vote or at least the chance to voice an opinion on it.
- Equality to all Tribal Employees- Not letting a select few get preferential treatment.

MAL D. MCGHEE



I, Mal Dewayne McGhee, officially declare my candidacy for Treasurer of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians Tribal Council.

I am confident that my quality of character, extensive experience in

business and community leadership and long standing servitude to the Tribe will show that I am the most qualified candidate for the position of Tribal Council Treasurer.

As Treasurer, I pledge to be a good steward of the Tribe's financial resources and will work to ensure that these assets are protected and invested in the best ways possible to create a lasting legacy of wealth for future generations. I understand that there needs to be a balanced approach for building a solid fiscal foundation that will protect our Tribe for generations to come and providing Tribal Members appropriate per capita increases that adequately reflect our Tribe's revenue growth. We must invest responsibly and secure the largest returns possible.

Past leadership positions have developed in me the skills needed to effectively execute the office of Treasurer. I have a full understanding of financial statements and how to gauge fiscal growth and progress from my 20 years of experience in leading commercial businesses, working with government contracting and trainings specific to understanding finances.

I have lived all of my life in the heart of the

Poarch community, this has allowed me to see firsthand the issues and needs of tribal Housing, Community development, recreational activities, new land purchases and police and fire protection. Senior Activities will always be on the top of my list of priorities and appropriations. Some of our members are out there still needing a helping hand, I will lead an effort to make sure that the opportunities are there for them to improve their life. As a council member, I would bring a humble approach to the office with a willingness to listen, always striving to reach a common understanding in our decision making.

I am the son of Martha McGhee Jackson and the late Mal McGhee. I am the grandson of the late Will and Bessie McGhee and Mattie Lou McGhee. I am married to Tami Perry McGhee and we have been blessed with three children Joshua, Nicholas and Malori. It is with pride that I may state that I am a lifelong resident of the Poarch community.

I have served the Tribe in many capacities over the years. I served on the Tribal Council for thirteen years having served a term each as Treasurer and Secretary. In past years I served as Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Tribe's Recreation Committee, Chairman of the Calvin McGhee Cultural Authority's Board of Directors, and served as a member of the Creek Indian Enterprises Development Authority's Board of Directors. I am currently on the Tribal Investment Committee tasked with managing the Elders Trust, the Education Trust and the Minors Trust. Additionally, I volunteered for many years working as a coach and manager for our Tribal Sports teams.

I have been very active within the Atmore community by serving on the Atmore Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, on

the Leadership Atmore Steering Committee, Leadership Alabama Initiative and as a volunteer for the Atmore Hall of Fame Committee.

Presently, I serve the Tribe as Marketing Director of Creek Indian Enterprise Development authority. I have had the privilege of leading Muskogee Metalworks and Muskogee Technology (MT) over the past twenty years. It was through my love of the aviation industry that I helped transform MT from a low-skilled metal stamping company into a highly respected, high-precision computer controlled machining/manufacturing enterprise. Throughout the last fifteen years, the MT team has been recognized on many occasions as a top supplier in quality and delivery to many of our major customers within the Aerospace and Defense Industries. In 2012, MT was recognized as a Gold Supplier by the Boeing Company and as a Star Supplier of Lockheed Martin Aeronautics. People and companies do business with people they like and trust. I recognize the benefits of maintaining strong business relationships and work hard to build and facilitate such relationships in tribal and governmental affairs.

Our Tribe exists today because of our forefathers' commitment to hold our people and our community together.

Despite having to endure times of poverty; lack of job opportunities, withheld educational opportunities, rising health issues and racism, our elders persevered, fought for and won our Tribe's Federal Recognition and secured a legacy for future generations. It was the natural drive, inherent wisdom, hard work, and persistence of our elders that allowed our Tribe to survive as an indigenous people. We must learn from our ancestors' struggles and honor their wisdom by continuing to use the same common sense approach when making decisions for our Tribe.

We must think about our people and the community in which we live, and we must never forget that our decisions affect both who we are as a sovereign nation and a people.

There are so many of our elders that I wish to thank for their efforts to build in me a strong foundation of family and strength of character. I would like to thank first my father who instilled in me the great love of family and our Tribe. Also, I thank my mother who instilled in me the importance of hard work and honesty. Growing up in the Headapeda community during the sixties and seventies, it was the women of our Tribal community that seemed to be the leaders. Two of my father's sisters, Aunt Bert and Aunt Willie Lee, were the advice givers. It was they who reinforced my parent's teachings and made me a better person.

Having served on the Council in the early years, before federal recognition, allows me the unique perspective to bring forth both new ideas while working to honor the ideals set forth by our early leaders. In those early years, we worked tireless hours to plan and carry out the Pow Wow as a major fund raiser and fellowship opportunity for our tribal members and their family's. We worked together for a common goal with little or no compensation. We did it just for the love of our people and community. I worked countless hours together with Houston McGhee, Frank Flurnoy, John A. McGhee, and Billy Smith among others to execute the early Pow Wow's. As some of these elders are now passing along, we must ensure we keep them and their values close to our hearts.

Today is a new day for our Tribe. Economic prosperity is in reach, we have more job and educational opportunities available, and we are able to provide higher quality healthcare options

for our Tribe than ever before. Going forward, we must continue to focus on a community of togetherness. This focus on community starts with our leadership, the Tribal Council. Individual minds and collective ideas can come together with a unified voice for the betterment of our Tribe. There is power in unification and when coupled with economic strength, our Tribe will truly become self- determined and ultimately self- sufficient.

The Tribal Council's Purpose clearly aligns with my motives to again serve on the Tribal Council. It is because of my love for our people, I am committed to working to improve and further their legacy. I can and will make the tough decisions for the betterment of our Tribe, and promise to stand by our members to ensure stability. With my mature wisdom and modern knowledge, I will strive to grow the Tribe's assets to safeguard our self-reliance and to improve the quality of life for my people.

I humbly ask for your vote and support in this year's Tribal Council election as Tribal Treasurer. I promise to lean upon the foundation of good character to always work hard, be fair and honest, willing to listen and to always put the Tribe's interests and well-being before my own.

Respectfully Yours,
Mal D. McGhee



ANDREA DAWN MITCHEM

I, Andrea Dawn Mitchem, am declaring my candidacy for the office of Treasurer. I am the daughter of Polly Walker Carter and James Hewitt and the granddaughter of the late Liza Rolin Walker and the late Lonnie Walker (son of former chief, Fred Walker). I am married to Jack Mitchem. Together we have 8 children and 8 grandchildren.



I grew up in Pensacola Florida. I graduated from Tate High School in the top 10% of my class. My nurturing personality and a strong desire to help others, along with influence from my mother, led me into the nursing field.

I graduated from Pensacola Junior College as a Licensed Practical Nurse. After working with a staffing agency in all area hospitals from Pensacola to Ft. Walton, with the help of my Tribal Education Benefit, I returned to the classroom to receive my degree as a Registered Nurse.

Throughout my adult life I have been a dedicated health administrator, helping to make critical decisions on behalf of my patients. I have taken care of many, many of our Tribal Members over the years. They know me as a loving, kind, capable, determined person. I am presently employed at Baptist Hospital Infusion Center.

Even though my family moved from the reservation to Pensacola, we have always been involved in Tribal Affairs. My aunt, Annie Ruth Walker Lewis and uncle, Eddie James Walker are strong

supporters of the political process. We make our voices heard loud and clear. My desire is to influence more people to become involved.

I am proud to say I come from a family of strong women with hard work ethics and strong moral values. My Granny Liza used to tell how she would walk from Poarch to Canoe through the woods to pick cotton to help support her six children. My mother, Polly, entered college at the age of 32, using her Tribal Education Benefit, to become a Registered Nurse to improve her life's Status in order to help support our family. I am proud of my family and Indian Heritage.

One of the most memorable and honorable times of my life was representing Poarch Creek as Senior Indian Princess two out of three years. With my children all grown and living life on their own, I now have time to devote full time to Tribal Affairs. After much prayer and family support, I would like to represent the Tribe as a Council Member. I have an inherent, competitive, spirit and a willingness to commit to the time and hard work it takes to stand up and fight for what is right for our people.

I am running for Treasurer because I am more of a black and white thinker. I prefer things that add up numerically to get a definite solution. Being brought up in a family that was forced to work hard for success in life, I feel I am a cautious, grounded, determined individual that will make good sound judgement calls in the area of finances. I had to learn early on to manage my money well.

My other passion is for our seniors. Without them, we would not be here! The Tribe has made great strides in taking care of them with medical care, monthly support checks, low cost housing, a senior center, annual vacations and soon a new

assisted living facility. I would like to see them receive a larger monthly support check when they reach a certain age to be able to relax and live life without worry and with the dignity they deserve. Reining in unnecessary spending could make that possible.

I would also like to see appointed representatives for all five county service areas to open up better communication between Council and General Council. I will cast my vote for what is best for all the people on all of the issues. If it doesn't benefit you...the people...my vote will be NO!!

If elected, I will resign my position at Baptist hospital and make this my full time job.

I AM A QUALIFIED CANDIDATE! PLEASE VOTE FOR ME, ANDREA MITCHEM, FOR YOUR NEXT TREASURER!!

Feel free to call me anytime. 850-324-3665 or email, andreamitchem@gmail.com.



TAWANA WICKER PARHAM



My name is Tawana Wicker Parham. I am the daughter of Charles and Susan Wicker. I am the granddaughter of the late Jack and Leola Manac and the late Euby and Malzie Gregg. My husband Ross and I have been married fifteen years,

and God has blessed us with two children, Jude, 14 and Charleigh, 11.

Both Ross and I are employed by the tribe. He is the IT Director for the Tribal Government, and I work in the Education Department as the Indian Education Aide. My job entails working directly with all tribal students at Escambia County Middle School, and at this time, Escambia County High School as well. This is a program that benefits tribal member as well as first and second generation students. My goal is to help our students' complete high school and attend college or vocational school. I enjoy serving as a liaison between the local schools, our students, parents, and tribe. I was also recently honored to be elected to serve on the board of the Boys and Girls Club. This is a great organization which provides a vital service to our youth and community. I am the happiest when serving my community and this board is giving me a wonderful opportunity to do that.

I was raised as a member of St. Anna's Episcopal Church, and currently attends First Assembly of God in Atmore. My faith is very important to me, and it serves as a standard for every decision I make. It is my strong commitment to Christ that has shaped my character and influenced every facet of my life. I believe in serving others before myself.

Throughout my childhood, I took part in a variety of Tribal activities and events. I had the honor of serving the Tribe as elementary, junior, and senior princess. I played on the tribes NAYO softball and basketball team. I have represented the tribe in various rolls both in my youth and as a working adult. I have wonderful memories of growing up watching my mother serve on the Tribal Council as treasurer. Her contribution and dedication to our tribe helped to shape my thoughts about public service from a very young age.

I am a recent graduate of Faulkner University

where I obtained a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice. I am currently enrolled at Troy University where I am pursuing a Master's Degree in Public Administration. I hope to be able to serve my Tribe throughout the course of my lifetime as an effort to repay the investment they have made in me. I also hope to serve as a role model for my children, as well as other community children. I have not always valued education, but adulthood has taught me that without an education, we have a job. With an education, we have a career. I hope to impart that wisdom to my children and yours.

Those of you who know me understand that I am passionate about our youth. We all agree that they are the future of this Tribe, but I am blessed to work with them on a daily basis. I see their struggles. I hear their hopes and dreams. It's my desire to bring these struggles, hopes and dreams to the attention of the Tribe. I am an enthusiastic advocate for our children. I believe we can graduate 100 percent of our students and inspire them to reach even higher. I would love to see even more students by utilizing the scholarship programs offer by the Tribe.

My goal in running for Treasurer is to bring a more conservative voice to the table. We need to make smart business decisions that will help diversify our enterprises. We need these decisions to be made on the basis of making money and providing jobs, not rescuing failing companies only to see them continue to fail once we've invested money in them. We also need to be more transparent with the general council. As a voter, you elect people you trust to make decisions on your behalf. I hear a lot of people complain that they have no part in the decision making process, or that they disagree with major decisions made by the Council. I'm just one person. If elected I can't change everything, and I don't intend to

make any promises to you other than this—I will thoroughly evaluate each and every decision I make, and I will vote with the understanding that an entire Tribe depends on me. I will take that responsibility very seriously, and I pledge to be there to serve all of my Tribe, not just a select few. I am asking for your vote on June 1, 2013.

Together we can be heard.



BERRY L. ROSS

TO ALL TRIBAL MEMBER'S

My Name is BERRY L. ROSS I am blessed to be able to run for TRIBAL COUNCIL TREASURE. My wife is Melissa and my two sons are Troy and Eliot Ross. My parents are GENE

and MARILYN ROSS. My father retired out of the UNITED STATES MARINES as a hero to me and a great friend to those who knew him. My grandparents are M.C. AND HATTIE LUE MORRIS. I love my family very much.



I would like to start by saying to for those who have lost a love one this past year my prayers are with the family and their love one. native Americans are a dying race. One day the tribe will have to look at lowering the blood quota and we must look at adding first generation too protect our tribe's existence. I know one day that this will happen. I would like to ask forgiveness

to anyone I have affined in the past and knowing this I never have affined my tribe as a whole. Remember to forgive is Godly., When problems happen, it is always good to have some one that has been there and has the compassion to help them get through their loss. I have been taken more college classes in business administration I attend Atmore Apostolic Church and Brother Steve Ward is my pastor. Let us remember that elections come and go. Nevertheless, one this will be here forever is the word of God and salvation.

If elected I will work very hard to make my voice be heard for everyone. I promise everyone that I will never forget where I came from. Remember when I was on the Council I lobbied to get everyone a choice to get there per capital money in January or when they wanted it. I also helped raise the burial from 5,000 to 7,000, because the cost of a funeral is very high. I could have not done this without the support of Tribal members and the majority of Tribal Council. These are just a few things I help do there are a lot more.

If you the people will not a change I BERRY L. ROSS is “**BY THE PEOPLE FOR THE PEOPLE**” and will always will be. Remember if it were not for our past leaders, we would not be where we are today. We must not forget this Tribe have a lot of great employees and a lot of tribal members are getting their education is need to do a lot of these day to day jobs and I think everyone or this. Remember education must be the highest goal for all. I know some cannot go to college because of age and you may have to provide for your family, but let us challenge all of those who can to do so. We as a tribe need to put a lot more back for our 1st generation so that we do not forget them. They are our family, and we need to recognize them more than what we do now. Another way is to extend their medical benefits to the age of 21. This would give them some

medical benefits while in college. Remember by working together we can make a better future for all tribal members and give first generation a lot more tools to work with as well. In addition, the wife’s and husbands that are married to tribal member need help to. For example, some more scholarships’ and some medical benefits will be great. This would help a great deal.

I would like to thank everyone that has taken the time to read this. If you like, what you read and would like a **CHANGE** then vote for a **CHANGE** allow me to represent you the people. I am one of you and I want the best for us all. I ask you, the people, once again to vote for a **CHANGE**. **VOTE FOR BERRY L ROSS FOR TRIBAL COUNCIL TREASURE “BY THE PEOPLE FOR THE PEOPLE.”** I will never forget where I came from and I will put the people’s interest first. Please do not hesitate to call me on any issue you may have at 1-251-294-1099, a vote for me is a vote for yourself, and your family as well. GOD BLESS YOU!



There are no additional candidates for the Tribal Council Treasurer position as of April 2, 2013.

Notes:

CANDIDATES FOR THE TRIBAL COUNCIL AT LARGE POSITION

The following candidates have submitted their Letter of Candidacy for the Tribal Council At Large position. These bios are published as submitted except for authorized editing and necessary format changes.

DAVID ADAMS

I, David Adams, would like to announce my candidacy for Tribal council. I have lived in Atmore all my life, born and raised in the Poarch Community.



My parents are the (late Carl Ben Adams) and Margaret Hayes Adams. Paternal grandparents are the (late William Weatherford Adams and Mollie Colbert Adams). Maternal grandparents are the (late Bill Hayes and Linnie Presley Hayes).

I am married to Marissa Guyton Adams. We have two beautiful daughters, Brittany Alleen Adams, age 23 and Breiah Calleen Adams age 19.

For the past 23 years I have been employed with Pepsi Cola Bottling Company of Atmore and have been in management for 20 years.

I am also a graduate of leadership Atmore and a participant of the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life.

If elected to Tribal council, I would like to see it broke into districts so you as the general council

can be better served. I am not going to make any promises because I am only one person/one vote. It takes the council as a whole to change things. I feel that my experience in management and life experience has prepared for a seat at the council table.

Mvto (thank you) for your vote and support.



VICKY SELLS BURNS

I, Vicky Sells Burns, am writing to declare my candidacy for tribal council. First, let me tell you that I will not make false promises. I can't promise that I can increase the birthday checks, reopen the tribal roll, or lower the blood quota. I am but one voice.



What I can do is promise with all of my heart that I will sincerely consider each and every issue that is brought before me with fairness, prayer, and sincerity. I also promise that I will always do what I believe to be the best for our Poarch family and larger community. For these reasons, I would like to ask that you consider voting for me for the at-large position on tribal council.

Family is very important to me. I was born and raised in Poarch, lived there until college, moved to Troy, Alabama where I attended college, and upon graduation, I moved to Atmore. I currently live in Perdido with my husband Douglas. My

parents are Lucille Sells and the late Milton (Half) Sells. My children are Kelly Fayard and Jason Fayard (Shannon) and three grandchildren, Jason N., Elam J., and Elizabeth-Ann Fayard. I have been a member of St. Anna's Episcopal Church, which helped provide names and dates in our case for federal recognition, since I was a small child. Our community really is all one family: people that did not grow up in one of our communities can't quite comprehend how we are all connected.

I attended the Poarch Consolidated School until sixth grade, Escambia County Junior High until ninth grade, and graduated from Escambia County High School. My college education started at Faulkner State for two years and finally finished at Troy State University. With the work-study program and federal education grants, I was able to obtain my degree, a Bachelor of Science in Education. I'm very proud of where I came from and have never been ashamed of who I am: Poarch Creek born and raised.

I have always been involved with the powwows at Poarch. I have never missed one since they began in 1971. I loved participating in our tribal community even in high school. In 1972, at the second Poarch powwow, I was crowned the senior princess. This meant the world to me: to represent Poarch Creeks everywhere I went. I have a huge love for my family, but also my extended family (that may or may not be related by blood). Being able to represent Poarch again in a different role would truly be an honor.

My work experience ranges from store clerk, working at an unemployment office, retail grocery office, teaching K-12, to working at the Poarch SAIL Center for the last nine years. The best of all these experiences is definitely the latter (not to mention the picking up pecans, chopping and picking cotton and cucumbers which a lot

of us had to do back in the old days). I feel very fortunate to have a close relationship with the seniors I work with daily.

One of my main commitments outside of work in the last twelve years has been my service on the Gaming Commission. I am honored to hold that position. We at the commission strive very hard to protect the assets of our tribe. Having that experience has given me the confidence to know that I am able to stand up for what I believe in, even if it is not the most popular voice at the table.

Finally, I want you to know that I will really be there for you, my tribal people, the same way I am there for my family, the same way I am there for my church, and the same way I am there for the seniors that I work with at the SAIL center. I will put your best interests before my own, and will listen to each and every one of you with an open heart and mind. I pray that you will seriously consider each and every candidate and vote for someone who is up to the task of tribal council. Trust that if it is God's will that I serve the community, I will do everything in my power to stand up for you. Once elected, I will not forget who put me into that seat.

On election day, remember that Vicky stands for Virtue, Integrity, Commitment, Kinship, Your tribal leader. I will not let you down. I thank you for considering me for your vote.

Sincerely,
Vicky Sells Burns



LARRY FLURNOY

I Larry Flurnoy would like to declare my candidacy for the Tribal Council At-Large. I would like to take this opportunity to run and serve you again. I am the sone of Ruby and the late Frank Flurnoy. I am the grandson of Ruthie Mae and the late Edgar Rackard.



I am proud to say that my grandmother is the only living sibling of the former Chief Calvin McGhee. I am married to Kim Flurnoy and we have 6 children and 3 grandchildren. My wife and two daughters are currently employed with the tribe.

I remember as a child my father being on the council and I share his deep love for our tribe and community as well. As I look at the tribe today we have come so far. I am very thankful for all the great benefits we now have. I am so thankful to our forefathers that started this journey for us. I want to continue to help by being a council member for you.

As we all know the senior citizens play a vital role in our tribes past, present, and future. I am happy to see the assisted living facility making such progress. This is a well-earned and much needed project for the elders of our tribe. I would like to see more youth services for the children of this tribe as well as the community. I know as parents of children who grew up in this community there is limited options for the children both weekdays and weekends. I would like to see more afterschool and weekend activities. Hopefully

this would keep them out of trouble and get them involved in their tribe. We need to bring more cultural activities to the people of the tribe, as we all know the culture is slowly diminishing. I want more equality and unity among our people, and the voice of the people to be heard not only from the council's stand point but from the people of the tribe.

I believe it is time to reach out to all members; this includes members from surrounding counties. These individuals are just as much tribal as the tribal person living within 10 miles of the reservation.

I served over 10 years ago and decided to wait until my children were older to run again. Now that my youngest son is 14 I feel I can now devote my full attention once again to my people as a full time council person.

If given this opportunity I will be your eyes, ears, and voice with on open door policy. Your vote is greatly appreciated! Together we can keep moving forward!



GLORIA SELLS KRAFKA

**Vote to Elect
GLORIA SELLS
KRAFKA
For Tribal Council
– At Large**

Hello, my name is Gloria Sells Krafka and I am announcing my candidacy for Tribal Council Member-at-large. I

am the daughter of the late Roberta and Eugene Sells and the sister of the late Anna Bell McGhee



Ellison. I have 6 brothers, Garvis, Dewitt, Tony, Harold Julius and Jerry. I am blessed to have a wonderful loving husband, Mr. Gerald Krafka and two children, Amy Bryan and Guy Wynn, Jr. My goal for this Tribe is that EVERY tribal member regardless of status or family affiliation receives equal benefits and is able to participate in any program offered by the tribe. As a member of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians, you have an inherent right to any support the tribe has to offer. One of my goals is to ensure tribal members who live outside of the service area, receive more services than currently available today. Whether you live on or off this reservation, you're still a member of this tribe.

Tribal members' concerns should receive a prompt response from the responsible tribal department and the response should be in accordance with Tribal law and policy and applied uniformly to everyone.

I strongly believe our money should be invested in the members of this tribe before it is arbitrarily given away, for example; better homes for our elderly members. We all give to charities but we ensure that our families are well cared for and our bills paid before we donate elsewhere. CHARITY BEGINS AT HOME. We need to provide for the basic needs (education, job training, medical treatment, adequate housing, utilities, legal services and food) before giving to outside communities. Ensure better communication of available programs for tribal members and elderly, and developing "no payback" programs for our Seniors, disabled and Elderly. I understand donating to schools in our local area, and "helping our neighboring communities", but feel our top priority should be given to those schools and organizations that educate and support tribal members and Indian descendants first and foremost. Most of the money this tribe gives away

is without any accountability – why not have a quarterly expense report sent out to the Tribal members, and require that the organizations we're donating to account for where the money is spent.

The tribe has come a long way, but it seems unfair some employees of the tribe are making six digit salaries, while other tribal members are under paid, struggling to make ends meet or worse yet, unemployed. It seems like only yesterday when this community of families pulled together to make sure every tribal member was fed, clothed and housed. Today, it seems like you are either in or you are out. I would like to see this changed and our families reunited. The only way to accomplish this is to elect tribal council members who really care about the people and will speak up for you at the council table and will work diligently to reunite the community. THIS I WILL DO.

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

successfully complete any educational assistance program provided by the tribe. If the tribe is willing to provide financial and other support to a tribal member, then the tribe should deem it an obligation to employ tribal members, so they don't have to leave home to find employment.

I have a strong desire to serve my constituents and work in an honest, professional manner with accountability for the betterment of our People. I served on the tribal council before and am proud to say that I always represented my people with honesty and integrity. Although I was only one vote, I always voted for the good of the people, without regard for personal prejudice or opinion. My service is dedicated to the dignified representation of you, the members of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians. I not only ask for your vote, I further ask that you allow me to be your voice in all matters that are crucial and fundamental to you.

Thank you!
Gloria Sells Krafka



LEASHA E. MARTIN

Greetings Tribal
Members

My name, is Eia Leasha Elizabeth Martin, most people call me "Leasha". I am employed, by the Poarch Band of Creek Indians Education, Department, as your Library Clerk. I am the daughter of Douglas



Martin and the late Dorothy Nelson Martin. My grandparents are the late Elsie Martin Holland and Willis McGhee. My great-grandparents are the late Alice Rolin and Robert Otis Martin.

I would consider it an honor and a privilege to serve as your "council representative". I will be running for the council at large.

If elected I will remain at my job which I truly enjoy. On my job, I have the chance to interact with both the tribal children and tribal elders. If elected I will also place half of my yearly salary into an "emergency fund" to help families with unexpected deaths. I myself suffered two family losses in a year within seven months of each other. I found myself being so overwhelmed with excess expenses you never thought of. Although as Tribal members, we do have a burial fund; it does not cover clothes, flowers, transportation, and lodging. These are added expenses. Sometimes there is not enough insurance, this fund will help, also if your spouse is not tribal or family member is not tribal this fund will help.

If elected I will always put Tribal members and 1st generation first. As a Tribal member, myself, what affects you, affects me.

The Tribe has prospered and flourished over the years, together we can keep ourselves on track. There are so many other ventures, besides gaming...Broaden the horizon.

One of my many concerns deals with the employing of our Tribal people. We have a wonderful education program. Many of our Tribal members have received degrees, but our tribe is not utilizing their investment (in the people). We have doctors, lawyers, judges, Obstetricians, Optometrist, and Psychologist. Do we hire them? "NO". We, choose an outsider

over our own. We do not offer enough pay for them to return home or relocate to this area.

As Tribal employee I would also like to see a retirement program put into place. Some salaries do not allow employees to participate in the 401K. We need a company retirement that would benefit everyone.

These are just a few things concern me as a Tribal member. If you would to see, "CHANGE" then vote for me. I will be out visiting from now until election. If you see me, stop me. For Tribal members who are out of state call me 251-368-8369 home or 251-253-1903 cell or email me on Facebook. On the other hand, email me at lemartin23@frontier.com.



KEVIN D. MCGHEE



I, Kevin McGhee, declare my candidacy for the at large seat in the 2013 Tribal Election. I am the son of Shirley Von and Eldnar (McGhee) McGhee, both of Poarch. I am the grandson of the late Shirley McGhee, of Poarch,

the late A.D. and Willie Lee (McGhee) Martin, both of Poarch, and the late Levi and Tracey (Walker) McGhee, both of Poarch. I am married to Tawana (McDuffie) McGhee, the daughter of the late Charlie McDuffie and Linda Kay (Aplin) Reymundo. We have three daughters and one grandson; Stacey (19), Courtney (17), Kennedy (14), and Kaiden (2). I live in the Poarch

Community.

I have a Bachelor's Degree in Business from Faulkner University. I have worked in the Business/Accounting field for the past seventeen (17) years. I am currently employed with Wind Creek Casino and Hotel in Poarch, AL as a Sr. Staff Accountant. I have been on the Housing Authority for the past six (6) years where I have served as Treasurer; and also severed one year on the Board of Directors for the PCI Boys and Girls Club as Vice-Chairman. I have been involved in several of the Tribal and Community events/activities throughout my life such things that involved the youth as well as our Tribal elders.

I believe in Honesty, Loyalty, and Fairness. If elected to the position of At Large on the Tribal Council this year I promise to bring forth these characteristics to the best of my ability. These characteristics are the foundation of me as a person in my personal and work life. As a Tribal member of this great Tribe I feel that we have gotten away from the accountability of these characteristics. We have been growing at a fast pace these past few years, such things as new developments, organizational changes, and new services provided. These are all great aspects for what our tribe has become, but we always need to remember where we originated from and what it took to get here. With all this being said I would greatly appreciate your support by voting for me on June 1, 2013.

Thanks in Advance
Kevin McGhee



TERRI A. MORRIS

I am Terri Albritton Morris. I may have grown up in Nokomis, but my roots start in Poarch. I am the daughter of Hazel McGhee Albritton and the granddaughter of the late Norvie Lee & Gladys Presley McGhee. I have four children- Logan, Hunter, Chloe', and Sophia, and one granddaughter – Avaiha.



It is with great honor and respect for you that I submit my letter of candidacy for Tribal Council. I am asking for your support because we need experienced Tribal members who have a deep concern for the well- being of our People – A Tribal Member with a Voice! I have the passion, commitment and experience that it takes to carry your voice to the Council table. If you want change, I will make your voice present at the table!

My diverse experience and knowledge from past and present employment with Tribal entities will be an asset when making decisions that will help improve the quality of life for Tribal Members. I have been employed with PCI Gaming as a Director in HR for over 5 years. I worked for CIEDA Human Resource department for 3 years, served as a Commissioner on the Gaming Commission for 3 years, and am currently on the CIEDA Board of Directors. I have a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration. I will bring this experience and education to the table if you elect me at large.

Gaming funds the majority of the Tribal Programs. PCIG has benchmarked Tribal Gaming in Indian Country. We've grown from a \$54 Million company to a \$1 billion company just since 2007. Other Tribes in this country seek to model their gaming enterprises after PCI Gaming. It is a tremendous blessing that enables us to be prosperous and self-sufficient. I will support future growth and development in Gaming to sustain our future generations!

We have under construction Wind Creek Wetumpka, Creek Casino Montgomery Expansion and Hotel, Assisted Living Facility, Medical Complex, Pensacola Airport and 12th Hotel, Pensacola Housing Subdivision, management contracts for gaming in California, as well as gaming investment opportunities in Mississippi, Iowa and Florida. There are many investment opportunities but feel confident that I will do my due diligence to make sure they are viable investment opportunities that will have good returns so that we can diversify revenue to provide even more benefits to Tribal Members. I will work to make sure all of our future investments are SOUND and are what YOU want. I will listen to your voice!

I will enhance our current programs, make the access to our benefits seamless, more efficient, and seek new opportunities for our People. Those plans include the following:

- Block land purchases that do not have a plan for the land.
- Put a cap on donations that this Tribe gives to various organizations.
- Support the creation of an Elder's Council that gives our current Council a place to go to seek advice through our Tribe's Elders.
- Increase our Senior Benefits and implement

a reduced rental rate on senior housing- our Elders should not want for anything!

- Support more funding to Family Services.
- Work with our younger generation so they have a voice at the council table. They are the Tribe's future so we must invest and instill positive ethical morals at a young age.
- I support an Indian School that features a higher level of learning- infused with our heritage, culture and sense of pride.
- Create competitive wages within Tribal Government.
- Maximum Per Capita (Birthday Check) disbursements- this way ALL tribal members can invest their share of the profits as they see fit.
- Implement a Career Development Program that will prepare our Tribal Members and Indian Descent for any position within our Tribal group of businesses.
- Work with CIEDA to increase our return on investment and also seek other SOUND business endeavors.
- Work to understand all investments and vote according to general council input.
- Expansion of our Housing assistance and child care subsidy to the North to encourage our Tribal Members to take advantage of employment opportunities at WCW and CCM.
- Expand housing opportunities to those who live outside the five county service areas.
- Financial Advisors to guide our Tribal members to financial freedom.
- Work to recognize our 1st Generation Indian Descents in an even greater capacity. They are our TRIBAL family- our sons-daughters-cousins-nieces and nephews.
- Provide more health care benefits such as assist elders with their supplemental insurance premiums and increase the flex card benefit.

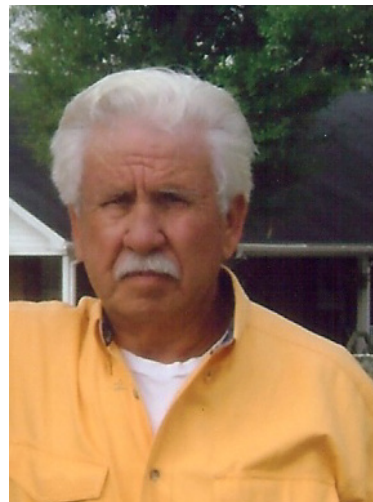
- Support the preservation of our unique culture and heritage- we must always remember our past to be successful into the future.

My promise to you is to be a team player because we can ALL be winners when your leaders work together to provide opportunity for ALL Tribal Member's to have a better quality of life. I will work with the current Council to better understand where we are on issues, projects, and business endeavors, while making sure that my vote represents what the majority of the people want and need. I promise to remain humble in my service to you the PEOPLE of my Tribe.

Give me a chance to prove myself ~ Vote TERRI A. MORRIS on June 1, 2013! The Voice for Change ~ A New Vision ~ A New Direction!



ISAAC THOMAS ROLIN



I Isaac Thomas Rolin would like to announce my candidacy for the 2013 Tribal council Election at large seat.

I am currently employed with Slaughter Construction of Gulf Shores Ala, as

a supervisor, I am the son of the late Judge & Irene Rolin, and the grandson of the late Ollie & Luvada McGhee Rolin. I have been married to my wife Edna Stringer Rolin for 49 years, we have three children, Billy Rolin who has coached Ball for the Tribe for several years, also served on environmental committee & now on Boys &

RAYMOND BUCKY ROLIN

Hello,

My name is Raymond Rolin. I am 55 years old and have lived in the Atmore/Poarch area all my life. I am the son of the late Dorothy McGhee Rolin and the late J.B. Rolin. I was raised in a family of 11 brothers and sisters. My Mothers parents were Len McGhee and Hattie Colbert. My Fathers parents were Cleve Rolin and Rita Gallaway. I think my parents taught me some good values in life, to be honest in all you do, how to help your fellowman whenever possible, how to work hard to make an honest dollar and that sometimes all you have is a good name. I have tried to live my life under those guidelines, and it has always paid off. I have raised my daughters in the same way. My three daughters are Nicole Rolin Teauge, Megan Rolin Gordon and Hillary Rolin. I have 4 darling grandchildren and if I never have anything else in my life I can truly say I am a blessed man. I have worked in the automotive industry for over 35 years and I am currently employed at Chuck Stevens Chevrolet here in Atmore. Over my years in this industry I have been in management since I first started and have dealt with budgets, contracts, and people for along time, so I feel that will help me in this position if elected. I have also served on our Tribal Council in the past. My relationship with Christ is important to me, it is so good to know he is there to help me through this life. I am also on staff at Pine Grove Baptist Church as the Minister of Music.



girls Club board. Kenny & (Lisa) Rolin Thomas & (Stephanie) Rolin, Stephanie who was Tribal Administrator for several years, having to resign for Health Reasons. Our children are the future of this tribe, with that being said my goals if elected,

#1 My vote at the table will be for the best interest of all the people of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians

#2 To help and Protect our Seniors as much as possible, To vote for programs that will be helpful to them.

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

#4 To continue to have programs and leadership that will Protect and benefit our youth of this Tribe (They are our future)

#5 I believe in Per Capita payments a lot of our People need and can use this money to better their lives of their families

#6 If elected I will always listen to you the People of our tribe. I will have a open door to you always and return your phone calls and to look at every issue honestly

We as tribal members need to support our community and form a council that will make our community stronger in the future, We must all strive together to have unity in our tribe

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

Thank you for your vote & support
Isaac Thomas Rolin



I am currently serving on The Calvin McGhee Cultural Authority where I have the honor of being its Chairman. We have worked hard in recent years to present back to our people things that they can be proud of. Our new museum that is second to none. We now host one of the best Pow Wows in Indian country. The Creek Art Show grows bigger each year. The Calvin McGhee Memorial has become a time for our people to come together and visit and fellowship and celebrates one of this tribes great leaders. And the latest jewel in the tribes crown The Southeastern Indian Festival. It has been such a blessing to see these projects become a reality.

We as a tribe have been very blessed, economic development is only headed in an upward trend; gaming operations are at full throttle. It would seem that all is well in the land of the Poarch Creeks, yet in my talks with my fellow members, there still so many issues that remain unresolved and still so many needs our members are not seeing met. Please don't get me wrong, I am so thankful for what we have, for I came from a family that never had a lot of material possessions, living in a old wood frame house that in the winter was as cold inside as it was outside. I saw my mother before she passed away living in the best home she had been in because of housing benefits provided to our elders by the tribe. The progression of our tribe I believe has come about because of several factors, one being we have been blessed by strong leadership over the years, another factor in what we have become I think is, we are a people that just do whatever is necessary to survive. Someone asked me recently where would we have been if we didn't have the casinos and other gaming operations, my statement was that we would still be here and be a strong and proud people. I know that we need strong leaders to push this tribe into the future and I feel that I have that ability, desire and passion to get it done.

Making promises that one cannot keep is not my way. But some of the things I will work on if elected is for our government to be more transparent in the things we do and are involved in. My door will always be open to all tribal members for their thoughts, needs and ideas. I work for you and that I will not forget.

In the coming months I am going to try and see as many of you as I can. If I don't get to see you in person, I am taking this opportunity to ask for your vote and support. If at any time you would like to talk to me, feel free to call me or send me an email and I would be glad to discuss any issue you may have.

One thing my mother was asked before she passed away was if you could leave one message for you family what would it be, these words that are forever in my memory she said "FOLLOW ME."

Thank you for your time and consideration
PHONE # 1-251-455-5899
E-MAIL pbc1008@yahoo.com

FOLLOW ME
RAYMOND BUCKY ROLIN



CECELIA BAILEY SANSPREE



I'd like to announce my candidacy for Tribal Council (at large.) I am the daughter of the late Verlie McGhee Bailey and Junior Bailey of Poarch, AL. my grandparents are the late Larence

and Mammie McGhee of Poarch AL. Also, my grandmother's father was the first Chief, Fred Walker, for the Poarch Creeks. I've been married to Rodney Sanspree for 14 years, and we have 9 children together.

I've lived in Poarch for 50 years and learned my culture as a small child and never wavered for the attributes. My morals and convictions are built in faith in God. My elders whom I looked up to were Mace and Elba McGhee, Hawk and Ella Daughtry, Gertrude Rolin and Zollie Mae McGhee, just to name few.

As a child I was a member of and raised in the Friendly Holiness Church. This church as one time was a school and mission field to help all.

My mentor was my mother, Verlie, who raised five kids on her own, without depriving us of love. She taught me, always to you past and mix it with your future to corporate a medium. I never forgot how I was raised, or the struggles to make me better. It worked to my advantage. it made me a better person inside out. She said everything you want you must pay a price. I must admit getting here was not easy. But fate had great intentions for me.

I was taught, treat people as you would like to be treated and love doesn't cost a cent so show it and give it all times.

My record is this: I am a cosmetologist (hair dresser) for 22 years as present. My skills and callings are a Minister and Sunday school teacher for the Body of Christ. In late 1970 I world work with Chief Huston McGhee with BBQ sandwiches and Turkey plates for Powwows. I'd fit in where I was needed.

I worked with Dentist Dr. Crum in the summer when the State of Alabama would send him to

nourish our teeth. In the early 1980s, I worked on a documentary. I learned how to use still photography and studio cameras. I also worked with Gay Drew, Mrs. Janie Dees on the enrollment who was the Chairperson.

I feel I am qualified to be on out Tribal Council (at large) because I have lived in sorrow and success. I feel I can be an asset to my people by representing them with my skills and tools of honesty.

I feel there are issues that need to be addressed and it's a critical time for change. There has to be a change and openness in order to bridge the gap between bitterness and hostile personalities. There is not just a few that owns these operation and corporations. It's a "whole" unit. The common denominator is communication. If we're ever going to have unity, it must begin with our leaders being faithful to their peers (general council.) we must defeat this sprit within the Tribal Members as thinking we own all there for we are supreme! The truth is the people have always felt that we were too uneducated to fill the tasks that are before us. So they took the saying "A man is as good as his words." Not so fond of this anymore. It's more like greed and cover-up!

We need changes in the CIE and PCI Gaming. You have all these little Branches and none of us ever voted on, yet they call the shots just as our council, this is not fair by any means. Why is not the Creek Indian Enterprise, which as five members, voted on, just as the council is. This part holds the key to us "crumbling" or being a "giant!"

I would like to see PCI Gaming have their auditors and general council audit and combine figures. There should be a report given on the capital per quarter and let the people know this

percentage. This is only fair! I would like to see out own bank and enforce something for those that want a new business. The article in the news letter is not a future for those who have to give collateral of everything they own "to borrow!" It's our money (PCI.) The majority do not have a lot of credit, either no credit or poor credit. I feel the council could do better on their part. You cut out the emergency funds so there is also no help in this area. If I am elected I will push laws to govern how much money goes out to businesses and organizations. Our People will be taken care of first!

I believe there should be stipulation on howmany terms you can serve. There needs to be order with this. I believe you should serve two terms and sit our one session and then run again. Give other people a chance. There's a problem when you get in to 4 or 5 terms back to back. The people that do this usually feel they own this tribe and they control everything.

This power motivates their minds therefore they don't have the mind of a steward, but to be served.

I think there needs to be an opened book on salaries and bonuses. I think the truth needs to come out on these high salaries and it needs to be done in a modest way. Most of these high positions have secretaries that do their jobs. This is not fair and it's sure not fair for some of these that make \$500,000 plus bonus. The seniors have always be taken care of and this is the least of our worries. All things fall in place for them and it's been good to this point. However there needs to be something for the disabled and special need kids. They are left out.

I will go the last mile to see proposals past for to better you and your children. I am always open to any suggestions. My number is 251-368-

1511. I will work for my people and be swift to get answers and solutions.

I know it's been said one can't do much, if the council doesn't pull together. However that's not true. You can push the system to you find a resolution to always benefit the people. I will serve, honor, and respect all! This is my will!

Cecelia Bailey Sanspree
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CAROLYN MCGHEE WHITE



I, Carolyn McGhee White, declare my candidacy for the At-Large Tribal Council position.

I am the granddaughter descendant of Will and Bess McGhee. My father, the late Mal McGhee, was a community leader in his time, and was married to my mother, Martha Jane McGhee Jackson. I am the step-daughter of the late Fay Jackson. I have two brothers, Rickey and Mal McGhee and two sisters, Edna McGhee Parker and Cynthia Jackson Alvarez. I am married to Don White and have one daughter, Paula White.

I have been employed by the Tribe for the last 8 years, first as the Family Services Director, and

currently as Legislative Assistant in the Legal Department. I am retired a State of Alabama employee.

I graduated from the University of South Alabama with a B.S. Degree in Human Relations Administration and the University of Alabama with a Master's Degree in Social Work. I am currently attending Faulkner State Community College in their Paralegal Certification Program and will graduate in May 2013.

In declaring my candidacy for a Tribal Council position, I also affirm that I will perform the duties as a tribal representative and serve General Council to best of my ability. I will work hard to represent you as a "fulltime" Tribal Council member as follows:

I DECLARE to uphold the Constitution of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians and Tribal laws.

I DECLARE to work diligently to increase communication between leadership, Tribal Government, entities, and the General Council.

I DECLARE to work hard toward improving the delivery of services; making services accessible to all tribal members.

I DECLARE to refrain from activities that may be viewed as unethical and breach the code of impropriety.

I DECLARE to strive for development of programs and services that are fair and have equal access.

I DECLARE to continue my efforts to get the Tribal Code codified in a published and web-based form during 2013.

I DECLARE to give priority to tribal members and their needs.

I DECLARE to review and draft legislation which will serve to make Tribal laws applicable and enforceable.

I DECLARE to introduce legislation establishing a Sunshine Law, which will prohibit private meetings that are not open and accessible to General Council.

I DECLARE to make recommendations for quarterly financial reports so General Council is informed about the financial condition of the Tribe.

If you, as a tribal member, have other concerns not mentioned in these declaration of issues, please contact me at (251) 368-8321. I will be happy to talk with you about your additional concerns.

I ask for your vote and appreciate an opportunity to serve you as a "fulltime" representative for the Tribe.

VOTE TO ELECT CAROLYN "MCGHEE" WHITE YOUR "FULLTIME" TRIBAL COUNCIL MEMBER AT-LARGE



There are no additional candidates for the Tribal Council At-Large position as of April 2, 2013.

2013 CALVIN MCGHEE MEMORIAL

SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 2013



10:00 a.m. ~ Graveside Service ~ New Home Cemetery

11:00 a.m. ~ Memorial Festival Begins ~ Pow Wow Grounds

12:00 noon ~ Lunch ~ Pow Wow Grounds

****THIS EVENT IS ONLY FOR TRIBAL MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES!****

Festival Activities Include:

- *Gospel Singing *Bounce Houses
- *Powwow Club Performance
- *Water Slides *Kiddie Train Ride
- *Pony Rides *Midway Fair Rides
- *AND MUCH MORE!!

Cake/Pie Contest

1st (\$100), 2nd (\$75), 3rd (\$50) place
prizes will be awarded for each category.

One entry per person per category.

Entries must be received by 1:00 p.m.

CMCA is not responsible for refrigeration.

Special Video Presentations

with Robert Thrower, THP0

at the old School House (Boys & Girls Club)

Chief Calvin and the Forgotten Creeks

Show times: 1:00 p.m. & 5:00 p.m.

Tuscumbia Landing: Walk of Life

Show times: 3:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

The Kerretv Cuko

(Building of Learning)

Poarch Band of Creek Indians Museum

and Museum Gift Shop will be open

1.00 p.m. – 6.00 p.m.

For more information, contact Chris "Ding Ding" Blackburn, Planning & Events Coordinator
at 251-368-9136 -ext. 2052 or cblackburn@pci-nsn.gov.



ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST

2013 POARCH CREEK INDIAN TRIBAL COUNCIL ELECTION

SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 2013



I, _____, am an enrolled member of the Poarch Creek Indians, and will be at least eighteen (18) years of age on or before June 1, 2013.

I am requesting a ballot for the following elections. Please check all that apply:

☐ June 1, 2013

☐ Run off election if applicable.

Please send an Absentee Ballot to me at the address listed below:

FIRST MIDDLE MAIDEN LAST

STREET ADDRESS CITY STATE ZIP CODE

()
TELEPHONE NUMBER DATE OF BIRTH TRIBAL ROLL NO.

Each person requesting an absentee ballot "**MUST**" sign his/her own request.

SIGNATURE: _____

*(This **must** be the signature of the Tribal Member to whom the ballot will be mailed)*

**RETURN THIS FORM TO: POARCH BAND OF CREEK INDIANS
TRIBAL ELECTION BOARD
5811 JACK SPRINGS ROAD
ATMORE, AL 36502
FAX (251) 368-4502**

Requests for Absentee Ballots that are to be mailed must be received by the Election Board no later than the close of business (5pm CST) on Tuesday, May 21, 2013. Requests received after the deadline will not be honored.

Should you have any questions pertaining to the 2013 Tribal Council Elections, please feel free to contact Edie Jackson at (251) 368-9136 ext. 2231 or Gwen Manning at ext. 2502.

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TRIBAL MEMBER SUBMISSIONS

Annual Reunion Mammie & Lawrence McGhee Descendants May 25, 2013 At Magnolia Branch Wildlife Reserve

Lunch starts at 12:00 noon

“Pot Luck Lunch”, bring your favorite drink, your lawn chairs/table/umbrella, and your own supplies for the creek. We will have 2 pavilions and the stage area so if anyone wants to play an instrument, sing or talk bring your own set up. If you have games that you’d like to play such as horseshoes, volleyball, etc., bring those too.

We will take up an offering for cost of the pavilions and paper products. Hope to see you there!!



FIVE GENERATIONS OF RUTHIE MAE RACKARD FAMILY

Pictured above at the dedication services held at New Home Holiness Church for Hayden Smedley are his mother, grandfather, great-grandmother, and great great-grandmother.

Pictured left to right with Hayden are his great-grandmother Ruby Hawkins, mother Whitney Smedley holding Hayden, his great-great-grandmother Ruthie Mae Rackard, and his grandfather Larry Flurnoy.



USDA LAUNCHES STRIKEFORCE INITIATIVE

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack has announced that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will launch its "StrikeForce" initiative in 10 additional states, including Alabama. The primary goal of the StrikeForce initiative is to increase partnership with rural communities and leverage community resources in targeted, persistent poverty communities. Vilsack noted that through the StrikeForce initiative, USDA will do more to partner with local and state governments and community organizations on projects that promote economic development and job creation.

"During my travels across the country, I've heard mayors and other community leaders say they have a hard time competing for USDA loan and grant programs. They have a plan to develop a new business or create jobs in their regions, but they lack development capital and they view our application and review processes as a barrier," said Vilsack. "StrikeForce changes that. By increasing outreach and technical assistance to communities, we can serve as better partners and help communities leverage resources."

"USDA in Alabama is actively involved in community outreach, service, and economic development," said State Food and Agriculture Council Chair and StrikeForce Lead

Dr. William Puckett. "We look forward to expanding this effort to help rebuild and revitalize rural communities in targeted areas."

The "StrikeForce" initiative started as a pilot project in 2010 in selected regions in three states: Arkansas, Georgia and Mississippi. In 2011 it

was expanded to include Colorado, New Mexico and Nevada. Today, Secretary Vilsack announced new efforts to bring the StrikeForce for Rural Growth and Opportunity to Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, North Carolina, North Dakota, South Carolina, South Dakota, Texas, Utah and Virginia.

To identify persistent poverty counties, USDA identifies census tracts with over 20 percent poverty (according to the Census Bureau's American Community Survey data) to identify sub-county pockets of poverty. As areas of persistent poverty are identified, USDA staff work with state, local and community officials to increase awareness of USDA programs, and help build program participation.

Vilsack noted in his announcement that often USDA conducts special outreach activities in an area, and that since 2010, USDA has partnered with over 400 local community based organizations to promote local or regional development projects.

Secretary Vilsack also discussed how the StrikeForce initiative has already had an impact across the nation.

- In Arkansas, StrikeForce is tackling food insecurity and access to healthy food. USDA established a partnership with Heifer International through the East Arkansas Enterprise Community. This partnership is developing a sustainable food system in order to address existing food deserts in a nine-county area in the Mississippi Delta region.

- In Nevada, StrikeForce is improving access to farm programs in Indian Country. USDA has

partnered with the Indian Nations Conservation Alliance, Nevada Department of Agriculture and local extension services to promote locally grown food on Tribal lands in Nevada.

- In Georgia, USDA is collaborating with Fort Valley State University to provide technical assistance to develop a cooperative business structure in the Georgia goat industry.

- In New Mexico, StrikeForce is helping more children get a healthy meal when school's out. USDA partnered with New Mexico Collaborative to End Hunger, Share Our Strength and Dairy Max to fund its first mobile Summer Food Service Program bus, delivering meals to 45,000 children each summer weekday at 700 partner sites.

Vilsack also noted that Farm Service Agency direct lending in StrikeForce areas saw an increase last year, even as lending by the agency nationwide was down slightly.

"The StrikeForce Initiative is helping us direct additional resources to better serve producers in persistent poverty rural communities," said Vilsack. "We are focusing on these identified high poverty counties to help improve the quality of life of producers and to accelerate implementation of conservation practices on their land."

Participants in the Strike Force include the Natural Resources Conservation Service, Rural Development, the Farm Service Agency, the Food and Nutrition Service and other USDA offices and agencies.

*USDA/NRCS Press Release submitted by
David Elloit, NRCS Tribal Liaison*



TRIBAL MEMBER JOB FAIR FOR WIND CREEK WETUMPKA

Date • May 11th, 2013

Time • 10 am – 2 pm

Location • Coosawada Ballroom
at Wind Creek Casino Atmore

303 Poarch Road
Atmore, AL 36502

* Hiring Managers will be on-site
to discuss all opportunities available *



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Creek Indian Enterprises Development Authority offers valuable business assistance to Tribal Members seeking small business loans. Getting your loan request approved depends on how well you represent yourself, your business, and your financial needs.

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

credit criteria as well as loan collateralization requirements apply.

If you are a Tribal Member who owns a business or is thinking about starting a business and are interested in obtaining a small business loan, please contact Donna Henry, Economic Development Coordinator, at 251-368-0819, or by e-mail at dhenry@pcicie.com for additional information.

Natural Resources Conservation Services

Mission: Helping People Help the Land

Vision: Productive soil, healthy land

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is the USDA agency which works at the local level to help people conserve all natural resources on private lands.

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

Contact David Elliott, NRCS Tribal Liaison, at (251) 368-0826 or 5770 Poarch Road, Atmore, AL for more information.

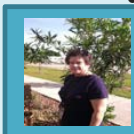
The Family Services Department Update

May, 2013

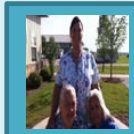
Family Services Department Celebrates Elder Abuse Prevention Month



The Family Services Department strives to meet the needs of tribal members and their families. We have a variety of services available to aid adult and senior tribal members. The Adult Services Coordinator is Wanda Fowler. The following programs are provided through the Adult Services program:



- **Homemaker Aide:** This program is limited to the five-county service area and provides limited homemaker services to eligible tribal member households. This program has specific guidelines governing the eligibility and delivery of services. **Our current Homemaker Aides are Angela Bartley, Juanita Slate, Mary Murphy, and Shirley "Pug" Roberson.**



- **Respite Care:** This is a **tribally-funded program** available to all tribal members regardless of their residence. This program provides time-limited respite services for Tribal Households providing care for members of their household who require twenty-four (24) hour in-home care; and for those disabled Tribal Members adults living alone who require twenty-four (24) hour in-home care. This program has specific guidelines governing the eligibility and delivery of services.

Please contact Wanda Fowler if you have any questions about these services or if you have any other questions or concerns regarding adult and senior services. You can reach Wanda at (251)-368-9136, ext. 2600, or via e-mail at wfowler@pci-nsn.gov.

2013 Summer L.I.H.E.A.P. program will begin May 1, 2013 and will go through July 31, 2013

- **If your household received** the 2013 Winter L.I.H.E.A.P. services, please bring your current bill to the Family Services Department. You will need to complete a one-page application and leave your bill with the Department. **You will not need to make an appointment!**
- **If your household did not receive services** through the 2013 Winter L.I.H.E.A.P. program, you will need to schedule an appointment with the Community Services program to determine your eligibility for the L.I.H.E.A.P. program. You can schedule an appointment by calling the Family Services Department at (251)-368-9136, ext. 2600.

****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 Michealene Deese for assistance or information. You can reach Michealene at (251)-368-9136, ext. 2600, or via e-mail at mdeese@pci-nsn.gov. You are not alone. We are here to help you.

The Family Services Department will be hosting a conference titled Stopping Abuse, Assault & Violence-Identification and Prevention on May 2, 2013 in the Family Services Auditorium. This conference is open to the public. Contact Michealene Deese for more information.

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

PCI WELLNESS UPDATE

THE PERFECT SHAKE 101

By: Ben Brown

In today's fast paced society it's not uncommon to turn to a meal replacement bar or shake to help you get through the day. Let's face it, not everyone has the time (or the desire) to shop, prep and cook every single meal. The fact is, even those that do attempt to diligently plan ahead still manage to have less-than-desirable diets; often lacking the quintessential nutrients that they need every day.

Does this mean that I think meal replacement bars and shakes are ok? Well.... not exactly. Often these quick and easy "replacement" foods are processed, sugar-laden Franken-foods with roughly the nutritional value of a candy bar, or sometimes even worse.

Are they quick and easy? Yes. Are they good for you? Typically, no. My suggestion: make the best of both worlds. Utilize a quick and easy "meal-replacement", with the nutritional value of a healthy, real food meal.

Without further ado, I introduce The Perfect Shake 101

The Perfect Shake isn't like the typical meal replacement shake – you know, the mystery powder and water we're accustomed to. Rather, it's literally a meal, blended into a shake. Protein, veggies, fruits and fats. You can tailor your Perfect Shake to your own set of food preferences, caloric needs, and comfort level. Here are some of the basic ingredients I would use in building a Perfect Shake recipe:

- A liquid: Water, coffee, green tea, freshly juiced fruit and/or veggies (made in your own juicer) or bottled fruit juice (avoid any high fructose corn syrup). Unsweetened coconut, almond and rice milk also serves as a great liquid base.
- A protein: I recommend a quality protein powder like an un-denatured (low temperature processed) whey protein or a rice/pea protein.
- A fruit: organic frozen berries, mango, and pineapple work great to add sweetness, texture and the coldness that a good shake should have.
- A vegetable: Mixing in a handful of spinach or kale is as easy as it gets, and the kids will never know it's in there.

Also, you could use a concentrated greens supplemental powder to further boost antioxidants and fiber.

- Fiber: ground flax or chia seeds are a potent fiber and healthy fat source. Make sure to grind them yourself for freshness.
- Fats: mixed nuts work well, including almonds, cashews, or pecans, and nut butters and avocado make a nice smooth consistency.
- Dairy: cottage cheese or plain Greek yogurt can add an excellent texture and richness to the shake. If you're lactose intolerant, you may want to skip it all together.
- Grains: Adding a handful of quick cooking, gluten free oats (cooked or raw) can go a long way towards consistency and fiber intake.
- Sweetener: natural sweeteners, like honey, stevia and xylitol can be a great addition.

You can easily modify ingredients depending on the time of day (more fruity), if it's pre- or post-workout (more juice or protein), or maybe a midday pick-me-up (use coffee as your liquid base). Here are a couple favorites to get you started:

Berrylicious Shake

- 1 cup fresh squeezed OJ
- 1 scoop vanilla whey protein
- 1 handful spinach
- 3 tbs. plain Greek yogurt
- 1 tbs. coconut oil
- 1 cup frozen organic mixed berries

Get Up and GO Shake

- 1 cup ice
- 2 cup iced organic coffee
- 2 scoops chocolate whey protein
- 1 tbs. natural peanut butter
- 1 handful spinach
- 1 cup fresh berries

Ben Brown is the nutritionist with Advantage Training and can be reached directly through "Talk to a Nutritionist" within the My PCI Wellness online portal at www.mypciwellness.com



Boys & Girls Club News



Summer is approaching fast! Here at the Boys & Girls Club we are excited about the months ahead.

We are looking forward to a fun and eventful summer with your children.

Summer session will begin May 28th and will end on August 9th.

During these dates our hours of operations will be Monday-Friday from 7:30a.m-5:30p.m.

The Form below must be filled out completely and returned to the Boys and Girls Club

no later than 5:30p.m on May 15th

(We will only accept one child per form, Please do not put multiple children on one form)

I give my permission to the Boys & Girls Club of The Poarch Band of Creek Indians and Tribal Staff to transport my child to the following locations for daily activities and/or fieldtrips. Notices will be sent out before field trips to notify parents of the date and time of trip.

Field Trip Locations (Fridays Only)

Magnolia Branch Creek (Atmore)
Fast Eddie's (Pensacola)
Kangarooz (Mobile)
Dreamland Skate Center (Pensacola)
Sam's Fun Center (Pensacola)
Gulfarium (Destin)
Bowling (Malbis, Pensacola)
Chuck-E-Cheese (Pensacola)
Movies (Atmore, Malbis, Pensacola)
Ferry Ride (Dauphine Island)
Dauphine Island Sea Lab (Dauphine Island)
The Zoo (Gulf Breeze)

Daily Activities

Family Services Building
Education Department
Atmore Public Library
Gym/Pool
Fields/Playground

Time of Departures: After Breakfast or Lunch

Time of Returns: No later than 5:00 p.m.

****We may be adding Field Trip locations throughout the summer. However, parents/guardians will be notified within an adequate time frame and permission forms passed out at check out and/or email****

WAIVER AND RELEASE

I do for myself and my heirs, legal representatives, successors and assigns hereby, waive, release, discharge, and covenant not to sue the Poarch Band of Creek Indians, a federally recognized Indian Tribe; the Boys and Girls Club of The Poarch Band of Creek Indians, and each of their respective directors, employees, agents, servants, officers, affiliates, parents, subsidiaries, successors, predecessors and assigns from any and all costs, liabilities, expenses, claims, demands, actions, causes of action, or suits of whatsoever or nature arising from, relating to, or in connection with my participation in any recreation programs, events, or activities sponsored by the Boys and Girls Club of The Poarch Band of Creek Indians. Claimant understands that this is full, complete and final waiver and release of liability of intended to be as broad and as inclusive as permitted by the laws of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians and if any portion is held invalid, it is agreed that the balance shall continue in full force and effect. If you have any questions please contact Stephanie Agerton at (251) 368-9136 ext. 2049.

Child's Name: _____ Child's Age: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please list any/all allergies, including food, your child has below. We need to update our records accurately. If your child does not have any allergies, please state "None" in the space provided. Also list any medications your child will require during the day:

Child's Shirt Size- Summer Field Trip Shirts (Please Circle):

Adult S M L XL 2X

Child S M L

HOUSING AUTHORITY NEWS & UPDATES

Submitted by Teresa "Shada" Thomas

Housing Authority Board Members:

Chairman: Teresa "Shada" Thomas

Vice-Chair: J. "Tim" Martin

Secretary: Charlotte Meckel

Treasurer: Kevin McGhee

Board Members: Kelli Ramer
Lynn Woodcock
Arthur Mothershed

The Housing Authority is proud to announce that we now have a total of 150 Homeownership homes. We have 7 homes of Project 29 (our most recent selection) that are ready to go out in a bid package to contractors. The other homes have either been purchased or they are waiting on title searches and surveys.

The engineers have been contracted for the infrastructure at Moniac and Bell Creek Subdivisions. Moniac Subdivision will be expanded to include 20 townhouses for the rental program. These units will be built with

NAHASDA funds. The Bell Creek Subdivision has been allotted to build TAHO homes and will accommodate approximately 36 homes. The funding for this project has been allocated from the Tribal Council.

Construction of the first 2 units at the Walker Subdivision (Pensacola, FL, rental project) has begun. This subdivision will have 10 units built during the first phase. Another 10 units will be built during the second phase for a total of 20 units to be made available to Tribal Members of the Escambia County, FL, area. Rental applications for these properties are currently being accepted.

Housing has multiple programs that assist Tribal Members regardless of where they live. These programs include "Section 184" and a "Down Payment Assistant Program."

The staff of the Housing Department is available Monday thru Friday, 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. The Housing Authority Board meets twice a month on the second and fourth Thursday at 4:00 p.m. in Building 400 (Chairman's office building). These meetings are open to the public.

The Poarch Creek Indians Housing Authority has two homes for sale.

- I 27037 Hwy 31
Flomaton, AL
Minimum purchase price \$ 67,500.00
- II 13697 County Road 32
Summerdale, AL
Minimum purchase price \$ 50,000.00

The above prices do not include closing cost; buyers will be responsible for all closing costs. Buyers will need to obtain their own financing. Homes are sold as is with no warranty.

If you are interested in one of the homes listed, please contact:

Wendy Davis, Programs Manager
Poarch Creek Indians Housing Authority
5811 Jack Springs Road
Atmore, AL 36502
(251) 368-9136 x 2257 or wdavis@pci-nsn.gov.

Applications for the following Housing programs are available on a daily basis and will be processed as vacancies/funds become available:

Emergency/Transitional Housing
Rental - All Poarch Subdivisions
Rental - Walker Subdivision, Pensacola, FL
Rehabilitation Assistance
Renovation Loan Program
Heating & Cooling Loan Program
Senior Emergency Program
TAHO

Applicants are responsible for providing all necessary information and accurately completing all applications and must certify that all information is true and accurate to the best of his/her knowledge. The applicant is also responsible for making corrections or updating applications. Failure to update an application for a period of twelve months is grounds for discarding the application.

For questions or concerns contact the Housing Department at (251) 368-9136 x 2251.

EDUCATION NEWS & UPDATES

2013 POARCH CREEK EDUCATION INTERNSHIP PROGRAM JUNE 10, 2013 - JULY 18, 2013

Eligible: Tribal Members and 1st Generation
Descendants 16-18 Years of Age.

Application Deadline: May 17, 2013 by 5 pm

Applications and more detailed information are posted on the Tribe's Web page at www.porachcreekindians-nsn.gov and on the Tribes Facebook page at [facebook.com/PoarchBandofCreekIndians](https://www.facebook.com/PoarchBandofCreekIndians). The Interns will work 8-hour workdays under the supervision of a Tribal Departmental staff member, Tribal Authority staff member, or a Tribal Enterprise staff member. Each Intern must have his/her own transportation for work. The Interns work attire will be based on the guidelines of their work site.

There will be a meeting with the selected Interns, their parents, and Education staff on May 24th at 6:00 p.m. in the Education Library.

NATIONAL FLIGHT ACADEMY

The National Flight Academy inspires, engages, and educates by delivering uniquely innovative, fully immersing, aviation inspired science, technology, engineering & mathematics learning experiences and 21st century learning skills.

Where: Naval Air Station, Pensacola, FL.

Who is eligible? Tribal Member and 1st Generation youth ages 11-17, and incoming grades 7-12.

When: Beginning June 9, 2013. There will be nine different programs throughout the summer, all beginning with different dates.

Cost: All program cost will be paid by the Tribe.

Contact Christyn Sells or Whitney Smedley at (251) 368-9136 x 2244 or via email at csells@pci-nsn.gov

wflurnoy@pci-nsn.gov to receive the code to register at www.nationalflightacademy.com.

Please contact Christyn or Whitney if you have any questions or need further information.

POARCH CREEK INDIANS 2013 SUMMER YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

ATTENTION TO ALL TRIBAL MEMBER AND
FIRST GENERATION YOUTH!!!!

Summer is almost here, and it's time to sign up for the youth leadership program. Never been a participant? This is your chance to work and learn in a four week paid program. It's a great opportunity for you to earn money and have fun doing it! Openings are limited, so be one of the first 20 to apply.

WHERE: Poarch Creek Education Department

DEADLINE: May 17, 2013

WHO: All tribal members and first generation youth ages 13 - 15, who are enrolled in school year for 2013 -2014. Students are required to be 13 by June 2, 2013.

Pick up your application by coming by the Education Department or visit the Poarch Creek website <http://www.poarchcreekindians.org>

There will be two sessions:

Session 1: June 3, 2013 – June 27, 2013

Session 2: July 8, 2013 – August 1, 2013

If you have any questions please contact Tawana W. Parham at (251) 253-3456 or email at tparham@pci-nsn.gov



ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES



The Tribal Council, Education Advisory Committee and Education Department would like to recognize all tribal members and first generation PCI descendants that are graduating from high school this year.

Complete this form and **return to the PCI Education Department before 5pm on May 3, 2013.**

Full Name: _____

Select one of the following:

_____ I am a tribal member.

_____ I am a first generation PCI descendant.

High School Attended: _____

High School's Mailing Address: _____

School Counselor or Contact Person (name, phone number, and email address): _____

Date of Awards Banquet or Honor's Day: _____

*It is the responsibility of the graduate to complete all portions of this form with accurate information. If all portions of this form are not complete, the graduate will not be recognized on his/her award's/honor's day. Please direct any questions to Magen Weaver at 251-368-9136 ext. 2021 or via email mweaver@pci-nsn.gov in the PCI Education Department.

Complete and return this form to: The Poarch Band of Creek Indians, Attn: Magen Weaver, Education Department, 5811 Jack Springs Rd. Atmore, AL 36502

2013 BASKETBALL LEAGUES



PCI Heat K-2nd Grade



Lil Rascals 3rd - 5th Grade



PCI Mavericks K-2nd Grade



PCI Razzel Dazzel 3rd - 5th Grade



PCI Thunder K-2nd Grade



PCI Celtics 6th - 8th Grade



PCI Clippers 3rd - 5th Grade



NDN Heat 6th - 8th Grade



Poarch Creek Indians 3rd - 5th Grade



Poarch Warriors 6th - 8th Grade



PCI Relay for Life Relay On the Rez Rescheduled June 14, 2013

PCI Football Field 12:00 noon - 12:00 Midnight
All Tribal Members, their families, and Poarch
Community families are invited to attend!

There is still time to start your own team!

We have all been touched by cancer so let's join together to

Remember – Celebrate– Fight Back

Join us for fun, food, games & activities.

All monies raised will be donated to
American Cancer Society/Relay For Life

Please contact Tawana McGhee at tmcghee@pci-nsn.gov / (251) 368-9136
x 2234 or Edie Jackson at ejackson@pci-nsn.gov or (251) 368-9136 x 2231
for more information.



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Tribal Members & First Generation

Descendants age 7 – 12.

Please contact Sheila Odom or Kay Thomas in the Health Department at 368-8630 to reserve a spot for your child.

Applications have been posted on-line or can be picked up at the front desk. Limited number of spots available! Don't delay call today!

Attention Tribal Member Businesses Owners

Advertise your business in the Poarch Creek News with a free business card sized ad!

Doing business without advertising is like winking at a girl in the dark. You know what you are doing, but nobody else does.

~Steuart Henderson Britt

The Calvin McGhee Cultural Authority at the Poarch Band of Creek Indians invites you to attend

A Meeting of the Minds!

Attention:
Open to ALL Tribal Members and
First Generation 7th-12th Grade!

It's time to get INVOLVED!
Be the influence that leads the future!



TRIBAL YOUTH COUNCIL
MEETING



Come, be a part and participate
Monday, May 20th, 2013 at 5:30 p.m.
Kerretv Cuko Poarch Band of Creek Indians Museum

Contact Cultural Educator Ms. Rachel Chambers or
Cultural Director Dr. Deidra Dees at 368-9136 x 2655 or x 2656

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Upcoming Calvin McGhee Cultural Authority events
Look for more information in future editions
of the *Poarch Creek News*

MARCH 21, 2013 ~ CREEK INDIAN ART SHOW

MARCH 22-23, 2013 ~ SOUTHEAST INDIAN FESTIVAL

JUNE 1, 2013 ~ CALVIN MCGHEE MEMORIAL

AUGUST 31, 2013 ~ ANNUAL SOVEREIGNTY CELEBRATION

NOVEMBER 28-29, 2013 ~ THANKSGIVING POWWOW

DECEMBER 31, 2013 ~ NEW YEAR'S EVE SOBRIETY YOUTH POWWOW

****Dates are subject to change****

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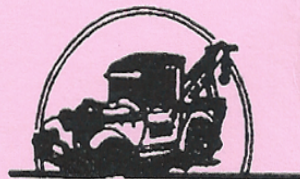
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Tribal Life is about Families

When I look at the Tribe and the amazing things we have accomplished over the years, I feel so much joy, happiness, and appreciation that I find myself smiling- even when I'm alone! When I see how good things are for us now, I often wish my loved ones who have moved on before me could be here to share and experience our success with me.

Loved ones, such as, my mom, Doris Daughtry McGhee. I know many of you have those same feelings about your lost loved ones. However, I find comfort in knowing my mom is looking down over me, this Tribe, and all her family (such as her grandchildren pictured with me Xan, Brice, Daughtry and Jamison).

We can rest assured knowing the lost loved ones that hoped for a day when our

worries would be a little less and we would begin to reap the rewards of their struggles are still watching over us. They are excited about the opportunities being provided to their families. I am sure they are thankful that funds are set aside for their descendents to attend college. I am sure they are happy that their health care needs are addressed and they have the support of their Tribal family that will always protect their own.

As a Council Member, I continually work hard every day to make my mother proud of the decisions I make for this Tribe and all of you for whom she cared so much. So when you are thinking about who you will support this year for Tribal Council, look for the candidate who will care for you, your family, and their Tribal family as a whole. It doesn't matter if you are a descendant of the McGhee's, Moniac's, Rolin's, Colbert's, Gibson's, Daughtry's and/or Hollinger's, we are all Poarch Creek. We are one big Tribal family that has been through a lot together. We didn't weather the Tribes storms all these years by acting as one individual family, but as one big Tribal family regardless of where our family tree plants its roots. I believe in family. I believe in this Tribe. I believe in you!

Please Re-elect Robert "Robbie" McGhee for Tribal Council Treasurer

MAY 2013

Tribal Council Meetings

Thursday, May 2nd & 16th 4:00 pm
Tribal Council Chambers

Tribal Court Sessions

Monday, May 6th & 20th 9:00 am
Tribal Courtroom

CIEDA Meetings

Friday, May 3rd & 17th 7:30 am
CIEDA Offices

CMCA

Monday, May 6th & 20th 5:00 pm
Welcome Center

Housing Authority Meetings

Thursday, May 9th & 23rd 4:00 pm
Building 400 Conference Room

Recreation Authority Meetings

Tuesday, May 14th 11:00 am
Recreation Department (Gym)
Please note that the Recreation Meeting schedule has changed and will now meet once a month.

TERO Commission Meetings

Tuesday, May 7th & 21st 3:00 pm
TERO Offices

Education Classes/Club Meetings

4-H Club

Monday, May 13th & 20th 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
Education Department

Homework Club

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

After School Tutoring

Monday - Thursday 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Education Department

Deadline for applications for Education Internship Program & Summer Youth Leadership Program

5:00 p.m. Friday, May 17, 2013

Now accepting applications for Naval Flight Academy

Contact Education for more information.

Recreation Programs

Gym & Weight Room Hours

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

Pool Open April 1, 2013

Open Swim for age 18 and up only

Other Dates To Remember This Month

Tribal Members: See your Election Insert for relative dates and information relating to the 2013 Tribal Elections and Calvin McGhee Memorial.

Now accepting applications for Health Camp. Contact Sheila Odom or Kay Thomas for more information.

Friday, May 3, 2013

Stopping Abuse, Assault & Violence Conference hosted by Family Services Contact Family Services for more information.

Friday, May 3, 2013

Last day to turn in Recognition forms for graduating high school seniors. Contact Education for more information.

Friday, May 10, 2013

Tribal Offices will close at 11:30 a.m. for Employee Appreciation Picnic.

Friday, May 10, 2013

5:00 p.m. (CST) Deadline to submit information to be published in the June 2013 newsletter. Email submissions received prior to 5:00 p.m. on this date will still be accepted, all other submissions must be received prior to closing of Tribal offices at 11:30 a.m.

Saturday, May 11, 2013

Tribal Member Job Fair for Wind Creek Wetumpka 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Wind Creek Casino Atmore

Saturday, May 25, 2013

AJCA Field Day Perdido River Farms

Monday, May 27, 2013

Tribal Offices & Boys & Girls Club Closed in observance of Memorial Day

Tuesday, May 28, 2013

Boys & Girls Club Summer Session Begins

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