

Poarch Creek News 2013



Spring on the Reservation!

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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, THPO

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.

I know that not everyone will receive their newsletter prior to Tribal Election Day on Saturday, June 1, 2013 but I encourage you to participate in the election process and cast your vote for the candidates of your choice so that your voice may be heard.

This year the Calvin McGhee Cultural Authority (CMCA) will be hosting the Calvin McGhee Memorial on June 1st. The Memorial has been very successful in the past but it is our

hope that having it on the same day as Tribal Elections will allow participation for those of you who were unable to participate in the past. CMCA has lots of food, fun, and activities scheduled for the day, beginning with a grave side memorial service at New Home Cemetery at 10:00 a.m.

My thoughts and prayers go out to those who have recently lost



Buford L. Rolin, Tribal Chairman
tlancaaster@pci-nsn.gov

loved ones. Never let the opportunity pass you by to tell a loved one how you feel about them. I encourage each of you to hold your family and loved ones close; death and sickness has a way of intruding in our lives when we least expect it.



For those of true faith, death is not a time to mourn, but a time to celebrate returning to the Creator.

- Jonathan Lockwood Huie

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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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*Enrolled members of the
Poarch Band of Creek Indians:*
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We have incorporated the use of the Muskogee language as much as possible in the newsletter. You will see examples in the 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.

There are no Minutes in this issue.



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Springtime on the Reservation

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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.

TWO TRIBAL MEMBERS INDUCTED TO HALL OF FAME

By Gayle Johnson

Six men were inducted into the Atmore Area Hall of Fame on Saturday, May 4, 2013. The inductees included Tribal Members, Eddie L. Tullis and the late Charles Madison.

Carl Madison spoke to those present about his brother Charles and presented the Induction Plaque to his widow Sandra Madison. Carl shared that his brother loved hunting, fishing, and football. He told of Charles' undefeated seasons at Escambia County High School, he joked about the friendly competition between brothers, and playing on the "Barnes Boys" football teams in 1946 and 1947. Charles went on to play college ball at the University of Georgia under the tutelage of Coach Red Vickery; in his senior year, he was the leading pass receiver, second in rushing and second in scoring as well as being named the Most Valuable Player for the team. Charles played on the Alabama All Star team the summer after graduating from high school as well as the 1954 Blue & Gray team and the 1955 Senior Bowl and was the subject of dozens of newspaper articles in the Atlanta Constitution, Mobile Press, and other newspapers. Carl shared that it has been said that Pat Dye, University of Georgia alumni and former head coach for the University of Auburn, had stated that as a young man he had idolized Charles Madison, because he was the meanest and toughest football player he ever knew. After finishing college Charles worked at Monsanto until he started coaching football at



Charles Madison

Tate High School as Assistant Coach. Charles later became an Administrator for the Escambia County (FL) School District. He passed away in 2010.

Mrs. Madison was very emotional when she accepted the plaque. She said that Charles was a good man with a deep love of family and the game of football. She stated that she and his family were honored that he was being recognized for his accomplishments.



Eddie L. Tullis

Mal McGhee introduced Eddie L. Tullis and told of his many accomplishments locally as well as in the State of Alabama, Indian Country, and the Nation. After graduating from high school Eddie joined the Navy; when he returned he went to work for Monsanto where he worked for 35 years

before retiring in 1991.

During his 35 years at Monsanto when he was not at work, Eddie was working alongside Buford L. Rolin and countless others trying to secure Federal Recognition for the Poarch Creek Indians. Their hard work, dedication, and sacrifices were rewarded when the Tribe received Federal Recognition in 1984.

Eddie served the Tribe as Chairman for 27 years and currently serves as an At-Large Member of the Tribal Council. Eddie has set an excellent example of Indian leadership through past involvement of several national organizations including the White House Conference on Indian Education, Indian Nations at Risk, National Indian Policy Center Planning Committee, Native American

Rights Fund, National Advisory Council on Indian Education, and the American Indian and Alaska Native Advisory Committee for the United States Census. He has served on the Board of Directors for the United South and Eastern Tribes, Americans for Indian Opportunities and as an Advisory Council Member for the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail. Eddie has also served on the Alabama State Incentive Grant Advisory Committee, the Alabama Archives and History Foundation Board, and the Board of Directors for both the United Bank of Atmore and Leadership Alabama.

After accepting his Induction Plaque Eddie thanked the committee for selecting him followed by a heartfelt thanks to his wife Mary Jane and his daughters for their sacrifices and support through the years. "I could not have done it without you" he said. He

also thanked those in attendance for coming; "Some of you are community leaders, and some of you are future community leaders. Together we are much stronger than we were in the past and together there is so much more we can accomplish in the future."

Other Tribal Members that have been inducted into the Atmore Area Hall of Fame are Chief Calvin McGhee and Carl Madison in 2006, and Buford L. Rolin in 2012.



Sandra Madison (in red jacket) is shown with the Induction Plaque for her late husband Charles Madison. Shown with Mrs. Madison are left to right, Cale Madison, Myles Madison, Whitney Madison, Carl Madison, and Mark Madison.

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Eddie Tullis is shown with members of his family; left to right Eddie Jackson, Casey Jackson, Edie Tullis Jackson, Chance Jackson, Derek Gingerich, Mary Jane Tullis, Lisa Tullis Spivey, Al Naragon, and Connie Tullis Naragon.

TRIBE RECEIVES CHAMBER AWARD



The Atmore Chamber of Commerce recognized the Poarch Band of Creek Indians as the May Business/Organization of the Month.

The committee chose the Tribe because of the Tribe's tremendous commitment and dedication in bettering the quality of life for the community and in recognition for the many volunteer hours of time and talent Tribal Members and employees give to Atmore and the surrounding community.

Shown left to right representing the Tribe are Sharon Delmar, Public Relations Tribal Liaison and Tribal Chairman Buford L. Rolin. Representing the Chamber left to right are Anne Hetzel, Ellis Beachy, Ricky Martin, and Sheryl Vickery.

DR. MELISSA HOERCHER BIDS SAD FAREWELL

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your warm reception and continued support of me during my tenure here at the Tribe and Premiere Family Eye Care. My affiliation with the Poarch Creek Indians has been a very rewarding privilege. I am honored to have been a part of the growth of the Tribe.

Through Premier Family Eye Care, I had the opportunity to get to know so many people. Many of you were patients first, then familiar faces in town, or were involved with me through Rotary or through Leadership Atmore. Now, you remain close in my heart regardless of where my career path leads.

I appreciate your every gesture to make me a part of your community. I appreciate your letting me be part of your lives.

Effective May 1, 2013, I will work closer to my home with Premier Medical at their new location in Daphne.



Dr. Melissa Hoercher

Sincerely,

Melissa Hoercher, OD

I have been flattered by so many of you requesting contact information. I would be glad to continue being your optometrist if you don't mind the commute! The new office address is 7101 US Highway 90, Suite 204, telephone 251-410-9000. Should you need access to your prior eye health record, call 251-446-3937 for assistance.

In closing, a familiar quote comes to mind: "You never really leave a place you love. Part of it you take with you, leaving part of you behind." I take fond memories.

TRIBE DONATES K9 UNIT

The Poarch Band of Creek Indians has donated \$32,000 to the Escambia County (AL) Sheriff's Office. The Tribe made the donation as part of its 2013 Planned Giving Campaign, and the funds have been used to purchase a specially equipped K-9 unit for the Escambia County Sheriff's Office, to aid in their continued fight against drugs.

"Our Tribal members, our employees, and our neighbors live in Escambia County," noted Tribal Chairman Buford L. Rolin. "We want to do everything we can to help make this a safe and drug free place to live and raise a family. The addition of this new K-9 unit will enhance these efforts."



Escambia County Sheriff's Officers Danny Lambert and Ajax with Sheriff Grover Smith, Tribal Council Members Garvis Sells and Sandy Hollinger, Commissioner Brandon Smith, and Tribal Police Chief Larry Hammonds.

Escambia County Sheriff's Deputy Danny Lambert, along with his K-9 Ajax, will receive the specially equipped 2013 Chevrolet Tahoe. They have been serving the Escambia County community helping in all areas deemed necessary; this includes suspect apprehension and narcotics detection. The Poarch Creek Tribal Police Department has a law enforcement agreement with the Escambia County Sheriff's Office, which enables them to provide assistance as needed throughout Escambia County. Because of this agreement, the K-9 unit has assisted

the Tribal Police Department in their efforts in taking drugs out of the Poarch Community.

Press Release by Sharon Delmar, Public Relations Tribal Liaison

THE MAN WITH THE DOG

Escambia County Sheriff's Officer Daniel Lambert is a Tribal Member. He is the son of Mable Rolin Lambert and grandson of the late Dorothy McGhee and JB Rolin. Danny and his wife Tammy have been married for 27 years; they have two children, Trent Lambert, a member of the Poarch Creek Indians Fire Department, and Tyler Lambert, a member of the Atmore Fire Department.

Danny has always loved dogs since childhood, especially German Shepherds and has always kept at least one around. He claims his love for dogs began when his Maw Maw (Dorothy) Rolin introduced him to her dog Shep. After ten plus years of construction/home building Danny's love for dogs made him decide a career change was in order.

Thanks in part to the McGhee Tullis Tuition assistance program Danny was able complete the Police K9 Trainer course at US K9 Unlimited in Kaplan, Louisiana in 2010 where he learned how to train dogs for bomb and drug detection, patrol work and basic and advanced obedience. Since that time he has completed the Police Academy in Jefferson County and now works for Escambia County as a K9 Officer. He and his partner Ajax are also available

to the Poarch Creek Tribal Police and all other local departments for call out any time they need a K9.

Danny's partnership with Ajax, who is now four years old, began when Danny was training Ajax during his time at US K9. Ajax is a dual purpose K9. He is trained in narcotics detection as well as criminal apprehension.

Danny is the owner of Dixie K9 which specializes in breeding and selling the best working line of German Shepherds in this area. He keeps any puppies that show promise of becoming a police K9 and sells the rest for personal protection or for a family pet. Danny also does obedience training on some medium and large breed dogs for the public.



Danny with his MawMaw Rolin and Shep

Submitted by Tammy Lambert

GRAND JURY DOES NOT INDITE ON TERRORIST CHARGES

Background information relating to this Press Release is found in the Legal Update published on page 34 of this issue of the Poarch Creek News.

Press Release May 4, 2013

Sharon Delmar, Public Relations Tribal Liaison

It is regrettable that Poarch Tribal law enforcement officials were not invited to show the Grand Jury video of the individual threatening to burn down our casino. That video, and other evidence, clearly shows that this individual has made threats to our property, our Tribal members, our employees and our customers.

When the incident occurred, law enforcement officials from both our Tribe and the county conducted an investigation, and subsequently filed charges of terrorist threat and criminal trespassing. As a Tribe, our concerns about the Oklahoma man only grew as we learned he had prior felony charges. Charges against him are still pending in this case in Alabama.

Publicly, this individual has worked diligently to have his actions against us portrayed as those of a martyr and political activist. However, his prior criminal record, his refusal to respect our property rights, his belligerent behavior toward our Tribal members and employees, and his complete disregard for the truth surrounding our Hickory Ground land clearly call into question both his veracity and motivation.

Additionally, while maintaining his publicly defiant stance in the media, this individual has sent numerous messages to our Tribal leaders pleading that the charges against him be dropped noting that an additional felony conviction would only enhance the sentence imposed against him. These are actions of a man who we consider duplicitous, dangerous and potentially destructive.

Like all citizens of Alabama and the United States, we have the right to restrict access to those who would trespass on our property. We will continue to exercise these rights and maintain the safety and security of our lands.

Below is a short summary of facts surrounding our

development in Wetumpka. We would encourage the attorney “representing” the Muskogee Nation in Alabama to take time to understand both the history and the laws pertaining to Hickory Ground before making further public statements about our property.

Facts About the Tribe’s Wetumpka Property and Its Development

1. Many years ago the Poarch and Muskogee Creek Tribes were separated by historical events. Today, we are separate sovereign nations with completely separate lands.

2. We have continually lived on our Alabama Tribal lands and survived centuries of poverty.

3. Our Wetumpka property is a small portion of what had been a large Indian town called Hickory Ground. The land had been farmed and developed by others for centuries. When it came up for sale, we saw a way to regain some of our historical lands, protect our ancestors and history, and provide for our people and our communities.

- We believed it was historically significant as a center of Creek Indian trade, government, and economic development.

- Unbeknownst to us, a small part of the property we acquired was Hickory Ground Town’s Ceremonial Grounds. The Ceremonial Grounds had not (and has not) been disturbed and the Tribe staunchly protects the site.

- The current town of Wetumpka, Alabama, is built on what was once the Indian town of Hickory Ground. Prior to it becoming a Creek settlement, historians estimate that the area had been occupied by humans since at least 6000 B.C.

4. We asked the Muskogee Nation to join with us in applying for a grant to buy the property. They didn’t respond.

5. If we had known then what we know now, we may have done things differently. However, we cannot rewrite history.

- The site had been eroded for many years due to farming and lack of maintenance.
- State archeologists asked to study the site and we agreed.
- We had limited finances, limited technology, and limited resources.

6. We did not know that our Wetumpka property encompassed the Ceremonial Grounds for the town until 5 years after we had started developing the site. There has been NO development on the Ceremonial Grounds.

7. The Ceremonial Grounds are protected and we have memorialized and preserved the remains found on our land.

- Our northern 17 acres are preserved in perpetuity as a memorial to the historical significance of the site.

- Remains found within the Ceremonial Grounds were never removed.

- In accordance with Creek Indian tradition, remains found outside the Ceremonial Grounds were interred adjacent to the Ceremonial Grounds with prayer and ceremony.

8. This property is Poarch land, and we know best how to protect and preserve our culture while providing for our community. It is inappropriate and divisive for one sovereign nation to try to control the lands of another sovereign.

Help Us Help You!

Send Us Your Email Address!

We have recently established a Tribal Member Distribution List that will be used to disseminate updated news and information as well. This distribution list is limited to Tribal Members age 18 and above and is restricted to outgoing emails only. If you would like to be included on this distribution list, please email your contact information to info@pci-nsn.gov

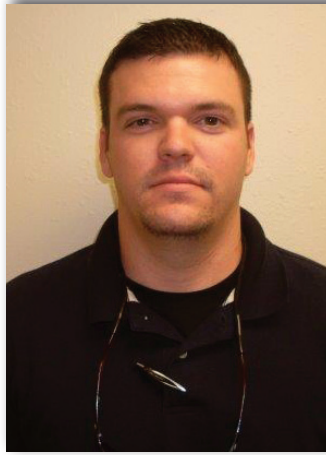
TRIBAL POLICE OFFICER INJURED

At approximately 8:30 p.m. on Friday, May 3, 2013, Poarch Police Officer Lee Fountain was doing a motorist assist on Highway 21 just North of Jeff Davis Community College in Atmore. The vehicle, occupied by several females, had stalled near the roadway. It was raining and, Officer Fountain was assisting them with their stalled vehicle.

A truck coming south on Highway 21 hit Officer Fountain's patrol car and then struck the other motorist's vehicle where Officer Fountain was standing.

Officer Fountain was knocked about 40 feet to the side of the road. The other motorist suffered no injuries.

He was transported to Atmore Community Hospital, and then transferred to USA Medical Center.



The accident was investigated by the Alabama Department of Public Safety. The driver of the truck was reported to be intoxicated and was subsequently charged with DUI and Felony Assault. No other information on the driver is available as the case is currently under investigation by the Department of Public Safety.

Officer Fountain was released from USA Medical Center over the weekend and is currently out on medical leave status.

Update: Officer Fountain has been released by his doctor and has returned to full duty. He states that he is thankful for everyone's prayers on his behalf.

Press Release by Sharon Delmar, Public Relations Tribal Liaison

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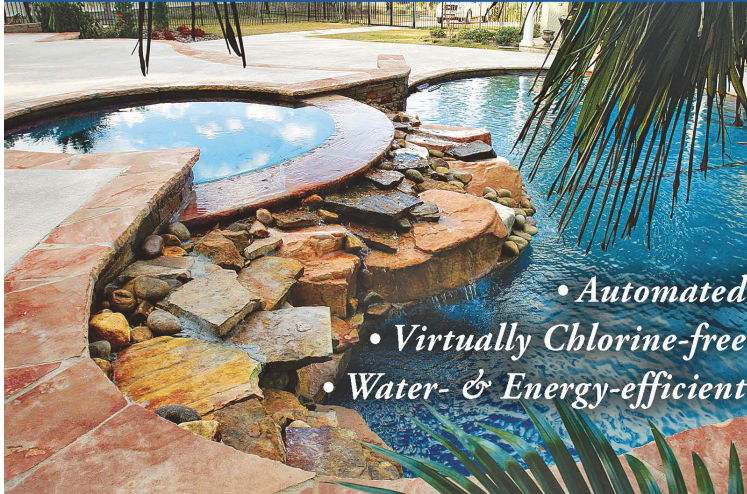


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Annual Celebration Saturday, August 31, 2013 Magnolia Branch Wildlife Reserve

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make plans to attend!
More information will be
published in next month's
newsletter.*

*CMCA tentatively
planning Gospel Singing
and games/entertainment
for kids.*

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS



Jaycob Luke
May 6, 2013

Happy birthday Jaycob!
We love you.

Jaycob is the son of Candy & Johnny Luke, grandson of Brenda & Gary Pruitt, and great-grandson of Glenda Henson-Ellis & Thelma McGhee-Henson.



Brionna Alexis Slate
May 9 2013

We would like to wish Brionna Alexis Slate a Happy 8th birthday.

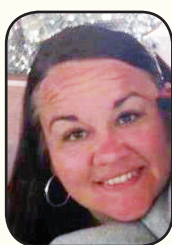
We love you Bri Bri. Love, Dad, Mom, and family.



Alexa Pruitt
May 20 2013

Happy 5th birthday! Alexa is the daughter of Michelle & Gary Pruitt Jr. and granddaughter of Brenda & Gary Pruitt Sr.

We love you!
From your family.



Mindy Jackson
May 23 2013

Happy belated birthday!! You are absolutely the best friend/cousin, I could ever ask for!! Thanks for always being there,

We love you!! Renee, Tyler, Jayce, Talan & Jayla.



Jake Bailey
May 30 2013

Happy birthday Jake! Daddy, you are our heart and mean the world to us.

Love, Liesl, Kadence, Poarcha, & Elijah Bailey.



Caleb J. Rodriguez
May 31, 2013

Happy 10th Birthday from your Mom, Dad, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins in Alabama, Georgia and Texas. Caleb celebrated with a Dinosaur theme pool party.



Sydney Lisenby
June 2, 2013

Sydney Lisenby will turn 10 years old on June 2. *Colofan Afvcke, Sydney, Pomvckenokeces!*

Happy birthday, Sydney! We love you! Love, Mama, Alex, Colby & Yanasa.



Justin Stabler
June 3, 2013

Happy birthday Justin.

From your Mom (Velma).



Hannah Gregg
June 4, 2013

Happy 10th birthday Hannah! Hannah is the daughter of Stacy Gregg and Amy Henry, and granddaughter of Glenda Henson-Ellis. Happy birthday from your family, we love you.



Ariel Salter-Bigger
June 10, 2013

Ariel will celebrate her 1st birthday with family and friends at her Oma's house in Atmore, Al.

Her theme party is the "Little Mermaid"



Sandra McGhee Chunn
June 12, 2013

Happy birthday MiMi!
We love you!

Love, Larue, Mike, Kristy, Kaelyn, & Haylee.



Maj. Evans Colbert
June 14, 2013

Happy 90th birthday! Thank you for your life-long example of unconditional love, prayerful guidance, and unfailing support. We love you!
Your children and grandchildren.

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS

Rebecca Mills
June 15, 2013

Happy birthday Rebecca!!
Hope you have a great one!!

From Renee.



Renee Brown
June 15, 2013

Happy birthday Renee!!

Love, your family.



Gracie Tydlaska
June 15, 2013

Happy birthday to Gracie Tydlaska on June 15, 2013. We love you!

Daddy, Mommy, Justina, Faith, Nanny, Poppy, and Nana.



Ricky Gonzalez
June 20, 2013

Happy 11th birthday Ricky!

Your Mom and Dad love you and are proud of your grades and your achievements on the YMCA swim team.



Candy Luke
June 22, 2013

Happy birthday Candy!
Candy is the daughter of Brenda & Gary Pruitt. She is the granddaughter of Glenda Henson-Ellis and great-granddaughter of Thelma McGhee-Henson.

We love you.



Stacy Gregg
June 24, 2013

Happy 30th birthday Stacy! Stacy is the son of Glenda Henson Ellis, grandson of Thelma McGhee Henson.

We love you. Happy birthday from your family & Natasha.

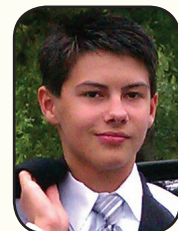


Joshua Williams
June 27, 2013

Happy 16th birthday Joshua!

We love you.

Mom, Dad, & Alexis.



Billy Bailey
June 30, 2013

Happy birthday Billy!
We love you!

Love, from Jake and the rest of your family and friends.



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Dr. Valerie Vick
Ocular Plastics

Dr. David Helton
Optometrist

Dr. Alan Franklin
Retina Specialist

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BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Emma Grace Cobb *April 7, 2013*



Patrick and Amanda (McGhee) Cobb would like to announce the birth of their daughter Emma Grace Cobb. Emma Grace was born on April 7, 2013 at 5:13 p.m. She weighed 7 lbs. and 8 oz. and was 19.5 inches long.

She is the granddaughter of Harold and Lynna McGhee of Brewton and Charles and Rhonda Cobb of Opp. She is the great-granddaughter of Carl "Buster" and the late Atre B McGhee of Walnut Hill.

Rhionna Bell Slate *April 15, 2013*



Our family is now complete and we have a new sister we would like you to meet. Her name is Rhionna Bell Slate, she was born on Monday, April 15th. Our parents are Timothy (Bo) and Stephanie Slate.

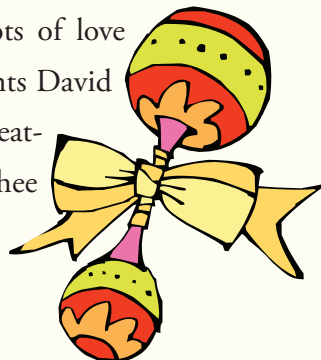
Rhionna weighed 6 pounds 10 ounces and was 19 inches long. We are glad to welcome her to our home. Love, Brionna, Daygen, and Tragen.

Katelyn Nicole Teach *May 3, 2013*



Bryan and Christin Teach, Kernersville North Carolina, would like to announce the birth of their first child - Katelyn Nicole Teach - on Friday May 3, 2013. At birth Katelyn was 6 lbs. 7oz. and was 19 inches long.

Katelyn is welcomed with lots of love from her parents, grandparents David and Brenda Utz Teach and great-grandmother, Claudia McGhee Utz.



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Farewell To Loved Ones

Ellis Kinsey

August 2, 1936 -March 26, 2013

The family of Ellis Kinsey would like to thank the Poarch Band of Creek Indians for their thoughtfulness and generosity to us in the time of our loss when our beloved father passed away on March 26, 2013.

A special "Thank You" is extended to Garvis Sells, Charlotte Meckel and Gloria Krafka for the personal thoughtfulness that each one showed our family during this time.

Ellis was a proud Tribal Member and leaves his family to mourn his loss.



Thelma Corine Partin Jackson

August 12, 1929 - March 24, 2013

In loving memory of Thelma Corine Partin Jackson, daughter of Lecie and Mayo Partin and niece of Chief Calvin McGhee. Thelma lived in Pensacola with her loving husband of 62 years, Walter Lee Jackson. Thelma and Walter would have celebrated their 63rd anniversary on June 1, 2013.

Thelma was the mother of James, Eddie, Thresa, Bobby, and Thelma. Ray Vass and Mike Fulmer considered her to be their adopted mother. Thelma was blessed to have three grandchildren, Patrick, Jade, and Miles. She will be missed by those who loved and cared for her.

The family wishes to express their appreciation for the outpouring of love and sympathy at the loss of their beloved wife, mother, sister, aunt, cousin, and friend. Special appreciation is expressed to Barbara Dorriety with Poarch Band of Creek Indians who came to provide nursing care each month and Wind Creek Casino for providing food for after the funeral service.



TRIBAL MEMBER SUBMISSIONS

We Miss You

*In Memory of Cora McGhee, Reva Walker,
Lenora Walker Harrelson, and Sharon Peebles*

We miss you when something really good happens, because you're the one we want to share it with.

We miss you when something is troubling us, because you're the one who understands each of us so well.

We miss you when we laugh and cry because we know that you are the one that makes our laughter grow and our tears disappear.

We miss you all the time, but we miss you most when we think of all the wonderful times we spent with each other. We miss you because you were four of the most wonderful

women in the world and you are the reason we are who we are today.

We miss you and love you as much now as when we last were together.



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Cotton Patch Cafe in Uriah AL.
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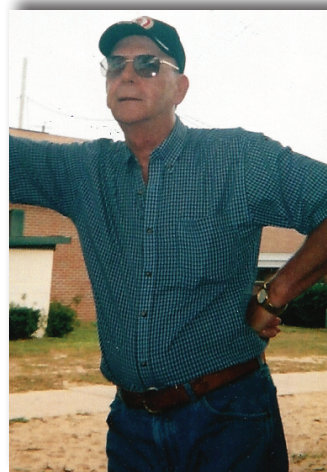
Thank you General Council
for your vote and support
during the 2013 Tribal
Council Election!

Carolyn "McGhee" White

Remembering Daddy

Earl McGhee

July 14, 1951 - June 17, 2011



Now two years have passed. Daddy, it still feels like yesterday. We miss your laugh, we miss all the wonderful times we had with you.

Our tears haven't turned to joy yet but to pain they remain. As time has passed we still feel that your beautiful soul was taken from us to soon. But we have learned God must have needed you also.

We miss you Daddy!

Sherry, Christie, Brandy, & Aaron

Submitted by Christie McGhee

TRIBAL MEMBER SUBMISSIONS

Brandy Helton Rakes In Top Ten Of Alabama's 33rd Annual Homecoming Queen Pageant

Brandy Helton, Escambia Academy's reigning homecoming queen, was selected to participate in Alabama's 33rd Annual Homecoming Queen Pageant. The winner chosen goes on to compete in America's Homecoming Queen Pageant. Brandy was selected as a finalist for the state of Alabama and placed in the top 10.

Brandy is the daughter of Michael and Brenda Helton of Atmore, Alabama and the granddaughter of Alex "Buster" and Yvonne Johnson Hollinger, the late Patricia Woods Hollinger of Uriah, Alabama and the late Roscoe and Gladys Helton.

Congratulations Brandy, we are so proud of you.

We Love you,
Mah, Daddy and family



Submitted by Brenda Helton

Meagan Franklin Named Captain of T.R. Miller's 2013-2014 Majorettes Squad

Meagan Frankin has been selected as Captain of T.R. Miller's Majorettes Squad for the 2013-2014 school year. Meagan will be a senior at T.R. Miller High School in Brewton, AL this coming fall.

Meagan is the daughter of Allen and Teresa Franklin. She is the granddaughter of Charles and Laura James and Bo and Judy Franklin and the great granddaughter of Greely and Alberta McGhee.

Congratulations Meagan, we are so proud of you and all that you have done.

We love you,
Mom, Dad, Hunter, family & friends.



Submitted by Teresa Franklin

"Life is full of beauty. Notice it. Notice the bumble bee, the small child, and the smiling faces. Smell the rain, and feel the wind. Live your life to the fullest potential, and fight for your dreams."

Ashley Smith

GRADUATES & HONORS

Salter Named Student of the Month



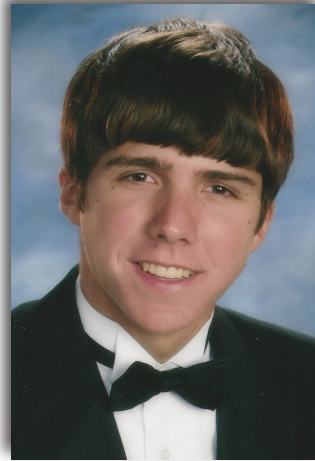
Kaylee Marie Salter was selected as Student of the Month at Woodlawn High School. Kaylee is the daughter of Ron Salter, Cartersville GA and the granddaughter of Charlotte & Martin Meckel of Poarch and Ronnie & Zeila Salter of Cusseta GA.

This award is for academics, leadership qualities and camaraderie with their peers. When asked how she felt about this award, her reply was "I am very proud and honored since I did not begin the 9th grade at Woodlawn High."

Congratulations from your parents, grandparents and family, we are very proud of you.

Submitted by Charlotte Meckel

Gibson Graduates Auburn University



Kyle Gibson is a graduating senior from Auburn University with a degree in finance.

He benefited from the Poarch Band of Creek Indians scholarship program the last two years at Auburn. He graduated in four years and was a three time member

of the Dean's honor roll.

His parents are Bryan and Lynn Gibson of Prattville, AL. His grandparents are Thomas and Neal May of Union Springs, AL and Wilma and the late Glaaden Gibson of Oak Grove, FL.

He hopes to get a job soon and is thankful for the love and support of his family.

Pruitt Graduates From South Florida State College



Congratulations to Michelle Pruitt, wife of Gary Pruitt Jr., for all her hard work and dedication on graduating from South Florida State College on May 6, 2013. She received High Honors and a Medical Administrative Specialist certification.

We know being a mother, wife, and a full time student was not an easy task, but you did it and we are proud of all your achievements.

Best wishes for what the future may bring for all your accomplishments.

We love you from all your family!

Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world.

Nelson Mandela

GRADUATES & HONORS

Lizzie Morton, High School Graduate!

Congrats to Lizzie on your graduation! We are so proud of you!

Lizzie is the daughter of Barry and Missy Morton and the granddaughter of the Polly and the late James Carter.

Good luck in college!



Submitted by Missy Morton

Trevor Wheeler Graduates From Milton High School

Congratulations Trevor John Wheeler and the graduating class of 2013 Milton High School. Graduation is scheduled for June 3, 2013.



We love you and are so very proud of you.

Dad, Mom and Steven.

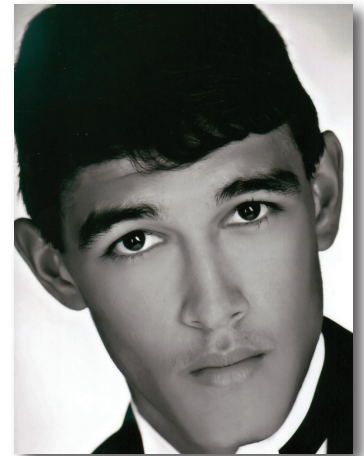
Submitted by Leeann Wheeler

The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character - that is the goal of true education.

Martin Luther King, Jr.

Joshua Peebles, In the Blink Of An Eye

We thought this day would never come. To watch you as you grew from a sweet little boy to a fine young man, in what seems like the blink of an eye!



You have been such a source of joy in our lives Joshua! We are so very proud of you and your accomplishments. Please know that we will continue to be behind you and beside you as you walk these new paths in your life. You can achieve anything you set your mind to-just believe in yourself like we believe in you and you will succeed! Congratulations son, and know that as you set out on your own you will always have our deepest love and support.

Congrats, we love you!

Mom, Dad, Colton, Tenleigh, and family.

Submitted by Chasidy Peebles

Congratulations On Your Graduation

Congratulations Justina on your graduation from Rawlett High School.

Good luck at Sam Houston State.

We love you!

Daddy, Mom, Faith, Gracie, Nanny, Poppy, and Nana.



GRADUATES & HONORS

Spruill Named MVP

Tribal Member Mikayla Spruill was named the Most Valuable Player (Female) of the 2013 Alabama Independent School Association's (AISA) state track and field meetings. The Junior Varsity Track Meet was held at Escambia Academy in Canoe, AL on April 13, 2013; the Varsity Track Meet was held at Morgan Academy in Selma, AL on April 17-18, 2013.

"Mikayla was so excited," stated her mother, Susan Spruill, "she was named MVP for JV at last year's AISA meet, but she never dreamed that she would be named MVP in both JV and Varsity this year!"

Mikayla, who is in her third year at Escambia Academy,



is in the 9th grade. In addition to track, she plays volleyball, basketball, softball and is a cheerleader.

Mikayla is the daughter of Susan and Mark Spruill and the granddaughter of Betty and Jimmy Caraway and Jackie Spruill.

Mikayla is shown receiving her award from Randy Skipper, AISA Executive Director.

*Photo and information provided by
Headmaster Betty Warren, Escambia Academy*

Photo by Michael McLendon, AISA Academic Programs Director



2013 CloseUp participants shown with Tribal Council representatives are l-r, back row are Travis Smith, Preston Presley, Austin Shuttlesworth, Scarlet Martin, Bo Ramer, Wesley Hosteler, Brice McGhee, Heather Rolin, and Caitlyn Barnhill. Front row l-r are Peyton Findley, Chelsea Ramer, Council Member Sandy Hollinger, Vice Chair Stephanie Bryan, Emily Fayard, Erica Dienes, Shanna Presley, Kaitlynn Underwood, and Tribal Chairman Buford L. Rolin. Not pictured are Beth Newsome, Rachel Presley, and Kortlan Peebles.

2013 CloseUp Participants Meet With Members of Tribal Council During Impact Week in Washington DC

CloseUp is a great opportunity for Tribal Member and First Generation students.

Please watch the newsletter and web site for upcoming information on the 2014 CloseUp Program.

Shown to the left are 2013 CloseUp participants during Impact Week with Tribal Council Member Sandy Hollinger, Vice Chair Stephanie Bryan, and Tribal Chairman Buford L. Rolin.

The Calvin McGhee Cultural Authority proudly offers

Pine Needle Basket Classes

June 10, 2013 – June 28, 2013



There will be three (3) class sessions with a maximum of twelve (12) participants per session. Participants must be at least 10 years old to attend.

Class Sessions are:

June 10, 2013 – June 14, 2013

June 17, 2013 – June 21, 2013

June 24, 2013 – June 28, 2013

All classes will be held at the SAIL Center, 5:30 pm – 9:00 pm, Monday - Friday

*******YOU MUST PRE-REGISTER FOR THIS CLASS!*******

Call Margaret Baggett, Traditional Arts Demonstrator, at 251-368-9136, ext. 2648 or email at mbaggett@pci-nsn.gov to register or for more information.

PCI GAMING AUTOMOBILE AUCTION

PCI Gaming will be accepting bids from Tribal Members only for the purchase of (1) 2006 Hyundai Azera LTD. 4 door, beige leather interior, white exterior with 118,000 miles. The minimum bid is \$3000.00. Bids will be accepted June 10, 2013 through June 24, 2013.

All bids should include:

- (1) Amount of the bid
- (2) Name of the Tribal Member
- (3) Tribal Roll number
- (4) Contact number

All bids should be in a sealed envelope and can be mailed to:

Aleta Hudson
Regulatory Compliance
303 Poarch Road
Atmore, AL 36502

To view the vehicle or deliver your bids in person:

Wind Creek Casino
Security Dispatch
303 Poarch Rd
Atmore, AL 36502



CIEDA Small Business Loan Program

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

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

Additional credit criteria as well as loan collateralization requirements apply.

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

Natural Resources Conservation Services

Mission: Helping People Help the Land
Vision: Productive soil, healthy land

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

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

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

MT RECEIVES BOEING PERFORMANCE EXCELLENCE AWARD

Submitted by Jennifer Chism

Muskogee Technology has received a 2012 Boeing Performance Excellence Award. The Boeing Company issues the award annually to recognize suppliers who have achieved superior performance. Muskogee Technology maintained a Gold composite performance rating for each month of the 12-month performance period, from Oct. 1, 2011, to Sept. 30, 2012. This year, Boeing recognized 594 suppliers who achieved either a Gold or Silver level Boeing Performance Excellence Award. Muskogee Technology is one of only 153 suppliers to receive the Gold level of recognition.

Muskogee Technology supplies manufactured aerospace products to Boeing for its Network & Space Systems and Boeing Military Aircraft divisions. Muskogee Technology has been providing high quality products to Boeing for over six years with the highest level of success. The Boeing Company and Muskogee Technology signed a Mentor/Protégé agreement back in 2006 in which technology and training was transferred to assist Muskogee Technology to reach this high level of performance. Muskogee continues today providing many of these machined and fabricated products through long term contracts.



“We strive for excellence at Muskogee Technology” stated James T. Martin, President/ CEO of Creek Indian Enterprises Development Authority, the Economic Development Arm of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians. “Our primary goal at Muskogee Technology is excellence, being recognized by an industry leader of Boeing’s caliber is truly an honor, and our team at Muskogee Technology is dedicated to maintaining this level of performance and delivery.”

For more information on the Boeing Performance Excellence Award, visit http://www.boeing.com/companyoffices/doingbiz/supplier_portal/bpea.html.

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

PCI Football Field 12:00 noon - 12:00 Midnight
Opening Ceremonies 6:00 p.m.
Luminiara Ceremony 9:00 p.m.



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.

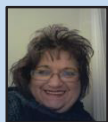
All monies raised will be donated to American Cancer Society/Relay For Life

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.

The Family Services Department Update

June, 2013

Family Services Administrative Staff

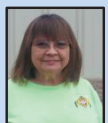


MVTO! My name is Kathy Ledkins. I am a tribal member of the Poarch Creek Indians and I am the Family Services Special Assistant to the Director. I supervise four ladies in the Family Services Department. My mission and goal as a supervisor is to strive to make a more excellent financial component within the Family Services Department.

When I first started working with the Tribe almost 22 years ago I did all of the front desk work such as answering the telephone, receiving and taking the mail, typing all the purchase orders and making all the travel arrangements. It was a hard task but working with great people helped me to learn what I needed to know in a short time. Even though I stand as a veteran employee I am still tested at times but I still believe in giving a hard day's work to our company.

Working with money and its paper trail is a challenge at times but I'm blessed with staff that I can rely on for their expertise in getting the job done with minimal mistakes. For our department to be the best we can be we must stay on top of the new rules and regulations that are placed on grants by the federal government therefore, spotting discrepancies are easier and we make less mistakes.

The following people make up the Administrative component of the Family Services Department: Kathy Ledkins, Special Assistant to the Family Services Director, and Family Services Clerks Stella Rutherford, Judy Camden and Crystal Hadley. Each lady has different duties assigned to them. They are all diversified in their work duties and if one of them is out, the others can perform their duties.



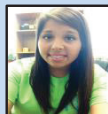
Stella Rutherford is a tribal member and she has been working as a clerk for the Family Services since January, 2009; her main duties are working up and typing purchase orders for federal and tribal programs. She is responsible for the data entry in each program. She is a very detailed and accurate employee. She makes sure her budgets are in sync with both the federal and tribal government accounting departments and makes our department look good. Stella has had a hard road this past year but God blessed her and she continues to bless our department.



Judy Camden is a tribal member and she has been working as a clerk for Family Services since July, 2010. Judy's duties consist of maintaining the voucher system for the Child Care Development Block Grant and the Tribal Child Care Program, ID Abuse (entails entering information in a data base that tracks Domestic offenders), and OVW (Victim's Against Domestic Violence). She is also the recorder for the Domestic Violence Task Force Committee. Judy also leads in the preparations of Domestic Violence conferences and she does a great job ensuring the success of these events.



Crystal Hadley is a first generation decent and she has been working as a clerk since October 31, 2012. She has been filling in for Community Services. She is a very easy going person and we are well pleased with her service to our tribal members and their families.



We do request the services from PCI TERO and we have been well pleased with the people they have placed in our department for a six months period. Thursa Griffey has been serving as the Family Services front desk receptionist through the TERO program. She is a tribal member and a college student at Jefferson Davis College. Thursa is easily taught and the front desk is a challenging job at times. She has adapted well in this position. Sad to say, but we lost her great services May 24, 2013.

Public Notice

This article provide public notice to all Tribal Members that the following grants will be available for review, discussion, and public comment during office hours at the Family Services Department, Building 500, during the weeks of May 20 – June 7, 2013.

Low Income Energy Assistance Grant (LIHEAP)

Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)

Child Care Development Funds (CCDF)

2013 Summer L.I.H.E.A.P. program is continuing through June and will end on 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.

Special Thank You

A special Thank You to all those who helped make the Family Service's Stopping Abuse, Assault and Violence Identification and Prevention Conference such a success!!

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.

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

TRIBAL POLICE OFFICER COMPLETES FIREARM COURSE

Submitted by Connie Vickery

Tribal Police Officer Chad Johnson recently completed an 80 hour course at the Police Firearms Instructor School at the NASA Protective Service Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, AL and is now one of the Tribe's certified Firearms Instructors. Officer Johnson was ranked 2nd in the class and was less than 2 points from being named TOP GUN.

Prior to attending the Police Firearms Instructor School, Officer Johnson had to pre-qualify with the FBI. Mobile area FBI Agent George Glaser worked with Chad at the Mobile Firing Range where he was pre-qualified in March.



Tribal Police Officer Chad Johnson

The Tribal Police Department fully supported Chad, who is also a member of the Special Response Team, in his pursuit of this certification and had no doubt that he could successfully complete the course.

The Public Safety Department would like to express their appreciation to the Agent Glaser, Ms. Vanessa Finney, and others from the Mobile FBI office who were very instrumental in making arrangements for Chad to obtain his pre-certification and attend the class in Huntsville, AL.

TRIBAL DISPATCHERS HONORED

Submitted by Connie Vickery

April 14-20, 2013 was National Public Safety Telecommunications Week (NPSTW). NPSTW was established in 1981 to recognize and honor dispatchers and other telecommunication staff across the country who work hard every day to protect our communities in times of personal or national crisis.

The Tribal Police Department honored Tribal Dispatchers with a luncheon at David's Catfish in Atmore. Tribal Police Chief Hammonds purchased each dispatcher a Poarch Creek Indians keychain from Kerretv Cuko, the Poarch Creek Indians Museum. Lead Dispatcher Susan Rolin also presented each of her co-workers a 911 T-shirt.

Dispatchers rarely get credit for the job they perform, they are the behind the scenes heroes. The Tribe and the Tribal Police Department would like to say a personal

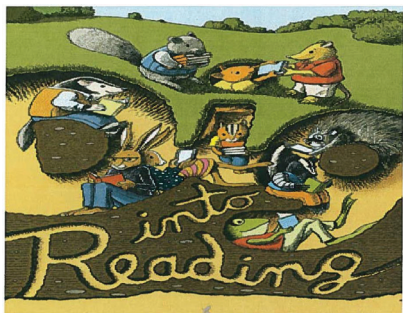


Left to right are Tribal Dispatchers Melinda McCurdy, Chastity Shoumake, Dan Currie, Susan Rolin, Lead Dispatcher, Tribal Dispatcher Melissa Kendrick, and Tribal Police Chief Larry Hammonds.

thank you to each of the Dispatchers and congratulates them on a job well done.

Photo by Connie Vickery

EDUCATION NEWS & INFORMATION



@ The PCILibrary, on Wednesdays,

Beginning June 5, 2013!

Activities begin at 10:30 a.m. and include:
story time, crafts, games, movie nights, special guests,
and much more!!

Note: The PCIBoys and Girls Club participation is automatic.

For more information, please contact Christyn Sells or Whitney Smedley
@ (251) 368-9136 ext. 2244



There's still time to sign up for
the National Flight Academy!

Go to
www.nationalflightacademy.com
to sign up.

More information is available
on Education's page of the Tribal
web site www.pci-nsn.gov.

4H CLUB ATTENDS DAIRY U!

Submitted by Christyn Sells

On May 4, 2013, youth from the Poarch Creek 4-H Club participated in a program put on by Auburn University called Dairy U. This event is held annually on the first Saturday in May. All activities took place at the Stanley Wilson Beef Teaching Laboratory on the Auburn University campus.

This program is a hands on educational program for youth 9-19 which deals with different aspects of the dairy industry. Topics this year included: cattle health and nutrition, showing dairy cattle, making butter, plastic, ice cream & Dipping Dots from milk, and other unique hands-on science experiments.

This year was extra special because a novice dairy show was incorporated for all interested youth participants. Tribal 4H members Shawnee McGee and Ron Marshall participated in the show; they met with the judges and got constructive feedback, which gave them real life experience.

If you would like more information on how your child can participate in this program or the Poarch Creek 4-H Club, please contact Christyn Sells @ (251)368-9136 ext. 2244 or csells@pci-nsn.gov.



Shawnee McGee checks a calf's heartbeat.

YOU ARE INVITED!

Who: PCI Tribal Members or 1st Generation PCI Descendents that are:

- Graduates with a High School Diploma, GED, or College Degree from August 2012-August 2013.
- High School Students in grades 9-12 that have made A or A-B Honor Roll for the entire 2012-2013 school year. You must attach your report card to this form for verification purposes.

What: Academic Achievement Banquet

When: August 6, 2013, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Where: Wind Creek Casino & Hotel, Coosawada Ballroom

Why: To honor the academic success of our high school students and graduates

Hosted by: Tribal Council, PCI Education Department, and Education Advisory Committee

RSVP's ARE REQUIRED! This form must be completed and turned in to Magen Weaver in the PCI Education Department by July 12, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.

Full Name: _____

Email or Mailing Address: _____

Degree Received and Major if Applicable: _____

Graduation Date: _____

School Graduated From: _____

Attendance: *Please indicate if you will be attending the banquet.*

_____ I will be attending the banquet.

_____ I have graduated but am unable to attend the banquet.

Number of Guests: _____ *Please indicate how many guests you will be bringing, not including yourself. This is a celebration for you and your immediate family. You are allowed to bring a maximum of 4 guests with you to the banquet.*

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.

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

HOUSING AUTHORITY UPDATE

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.

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Boys & Girls Club Will Be Closed July 4, 2013 For Independence Day

Boys & Girls Club Summer Program will end August 9, 2013.

Boys & Girls Club will be hosting stickball games at the dates and times listed below and we would like to invite everyone to come out and share the fun with us!!

Boys & Girls Club Stickball Games will be held Tuesday, June 4th, 2013 & Tuesday, June 18th, 2013 from 6:00 to 9:00.

The Poarch Creek Indians Recreation Department Presents: Rising Stars Gymnastic & Dance Camp

Ages	6 - 16
Dates	June 24-28, 2013
Time	9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. <i>(8:00 drop-off is provided to everyone if needed.)</i>
Cost	\$75

This camp is designed for beginner, intermediate, and advanced dancers. Our instructors will be able to divide the different ages and levels into different groups. If you've never tried dance or gymnastics, this is a perfect time to try! During this week long camp the dancers will learn: gymnastics, jazz, hip-hop and lyrical. By the end of the week, the dancers will have learned 4 different dances! We will also do many arts, crafts, games and much more. On Friday June 28th

at 5:00pm all parents are invited to come and watch what all the dancers have learned.

Our main attraction during the dance camp is our music video! While the dancers are in camp all week they will be working on making a music video. A couple of weeks after camp, each dancer will be able to come pick up their own copy of the music video they starred in!

We will only take a certain number of students so sign up now to reserve your spot!

****Bring a sack lunch each day. Snacks will be provided.****

Sign up at the Poarch Creek Indians Recreation Department:

444 Lynn McGhee Drive

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Father's Day

Over the years
As we grow old,
We remember our father
So brave and bold.

In the garden,
Leaning on the plow,
He would listen to me;
I see him now.

He would give advice
And understand;
He was always there
To lend a hand.

God made fathers
Strong and firm,
For he knew our lives
Would have great concerns.

So he gave us fathers
To teach us to pray,
And guide our lives,
And show us the way.

So on his day
Let's take the time
To say "Thanks, dad.
I'm glad you're mine."



Mary Frances Bogle

Notice To Bidders

Sealed bids will be taken on several used items beginning 8:00 a.m. on June 3, 2013 and ending at 5:00 p.m. July 10, 2013.

Bids will be opened by CFO.

For general information, description, serial number, etc. contact:

Betty Caraway, Property Control Coordinator
(251) 368-9136 x 2654

Items for Bid are located at the Tribe's Public Works Department and will be sold as is.

EQUIPMENT	MINIMUM BID
TD-15C Dozier	\$1,200
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Case Frontend Loader	\$1,800
Vermeer V-800 Trencher	\$1,700
1997 New Holland Back Hoe	\$1,000
1995 Ford 655D Back Hoe	\$1,000
Cat 426C Back Hoe	\$1,000
3910 Ford Tractor	\$ 300
Cub Cadet AVT	\$ 500
Kubota B21 Tractor Back Hoe	\$3,000
Rubber Tire Packer	\$ 500
1999 Oldsmobile Van	\$ 400

LEGAL UPDATE

Submitted by Legal Department

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

Significant Tribal Legislation

Enrollment Code

The Tribal Council approved amendments to the Enrollment Code on April 4, 2013. The revisions require a Tribal Council Resolution for the approval or denial of enrollment applications and petitions for disenrollment or blood quantum corrections. The revisions also clarifies the disenrollment proceedings by, among other things, adding a blood quantum reduction as a ground for disenrollment, adding examples of documentary evidence and first-hand knowledge to be used in making a report, clarifying that any tribal members who may be affected should be notified, and clarifying the burden of proof.

Significant Court Cases

White v. PBCI et al. (Tribal Court)

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

The Tribe filed a motion to dismiss all claims based on sovereign immunity. In May 2010, the Tribal Court granted the Tribe's motion to dismiss. On April 5, 2011, the Tribal Supreme Court entered a Decision affirming the dismissal of the claims against the Tribe and the named Tribal Council members in their individual capacities because there was no waiver of sovereign immunity. The Tribal Supreme Court, however, remanded the matter for consideration of the Tribe's motion to strike White's

second amended complaint, which alleged claims against the individual Tribal Council members in their official capacities and was filed after the notice of appeal. The Tribal Judge denied the motion to strike the second amended complaint.

On October 5, 2011, the individual Tribal Council member defendants filed a motion for summary judgment. After briefing by all parties, the Tribal Court granted the individual Tribal Council member defendants' motion for summary judgment on December 7, 2011.

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

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

Rape v. Poarch Band of Creek Indians et al. (State Court)

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

of the alleged jackpot, punitive damages, and damages for mental anguish and emotional distress.

On January 20, 2012, the Tribe filed a motion to dismiss the state complaint arguing that the court lacked jurisdiction and that the defendants enjoyed sovereign immunity. On May 2, 2012, the state court granted the Tribe's motion to dismiss.

On June 8, 2012, Rape filed a notice of appeal to the Alabama Supreme Court. On January 23, 2013, Rape filed his brief with the Alabama Supreme Court, and the Alabama Attorney General and Jim Hildreth, Escambia County, Alabama Tax Assessor, filed briefs in support of Rape's position. The Tribe, as well as the National Congress of American Indians and the United South and Eastern Tribes, filed responsive briefs on April 17, 2013. Rape filed his reply brief on April 30, 2013. The briefing is now complete in this matter, and the Tribe is awaiting a decision from the Alabama Supreme Court.

Muscogee Creek Nation et al. v. Poarch Band of Creek Indians et al. (Federal Court)

On December 12, 2012, the Muscogee Creek Nation, Hickory Ground Tribal Town, and Mekko George Thompson (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Muscogee") filed a complaint against the Tribe, individual Tribal Council members, the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, PCI Gaming Authority, individual PCI Gaming Authority Board members (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Tribe") in the United States District Court for the Middle District of Alabama. The Department of Interior, the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Interior, the Director of the National Park Service, the Assistant Secretary for the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Auburn University, Flintco, LLC, Martin Construction, Inc., and D.H. Griffin Wrecking Company, Inc. were also named as defendants. The Muscogees have requested that the Court permanently prohibit the Tribe from engaging in any construction, improvement, or other "ground disturbing activity" on the Tribe's trust property located in Wetumpka, Alabama and order the Tribe to restore the property to its natural state. To justify this request to the Court, the Muscogees allege violations of numerous federal laws pertaining to Indian tribes and the preservation of historic, cultural, and archeological resources on federal and Indian lands. The Tribe and several defendants in this case have filed motions to

dismiss. The briefing on the motions to dismiss is now complete, and the parties are awaiting a ruling from the federal district court.

Related Case

On February 14, 2013, several Hickory Ground protestors approached Creek Casino Wetumpka, claiming that they wanted to access the ceremonial ground site for prayer and ceremony but walking toward the front entrance of the casino. After being told by tribal police officers to stop, four protestors continued and were arrested for trespassing. One of the four protestors, who has a prior criminal record and was acting belligerently toward tribal employees, threatened to burn the casino down and was also charged with a terrorist threat.

The Elmore County District Court sent the evidence to a grand jury to determine whether there was probable cause to prosecute the belligerent protestor for a terrorist threat, but tribal police officers were not allowed to present the video that showed the protestor when he made the threatening comment. As a result, the grand jury dismissed the terrorist threat charge. A hearing is scheduled for May 14, 2013, on the criminal trespassing charges against the four protestors.

State of Alabama v. PCI Gaming Authority et al. (Federal Court)

On February 19, 2013, the Alabama Attorney General on behalf of the State of Alabama filed a complaint against PCI Gaming Authority, individual Tribal Council members, and individual PCI Gaming Authority Board members (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Tribe") in the Circuit Court of Elmore County, Alabama. The suit alleges that the Tribe's gaming activities are public nuisances and seeks to enjoin gaming on the Tribe's trust lands.

The Tribe removed the State's complaint to federal court on March 21, 2013, and filed a motion to dismiss the complaint on March 28, 2013. The State then amended its complaint in federal court to include both a state public nuisance claim and a federal public nuisance claim. The Tribe filed a motion to dismiss the amended complaint on May 9, 2013. The briefing should be complete by June 14, 2013.

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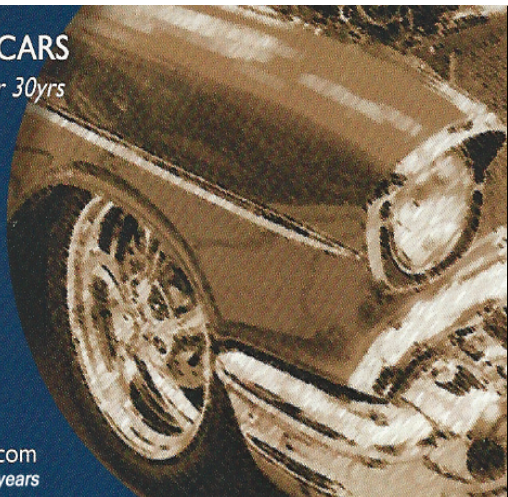
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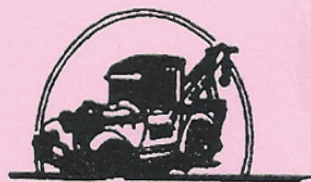
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Tribal Council Meetings

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

Tribal Court Sessions

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

CIEDA Meetings

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

CMCA

Monday, June 3rd & 17th 5:00 pm
Welcome Center

Housing Authority Meetings

Wednesday, June 12th & 26th 4:00 pm
Building 400 Conference Room

Recreation Authority Meetings

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

Education Classes/Club Meetings

Dig Into Reading

Summer Reading Program
Every Wednesday beginning June 5th
Education Department

4-H Club

Monday, June 10th & 24th 6:00 pm
Education Department

GED Classes-Day Schedule

By Appointment
Monday & Tuesday
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

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 adults age 18 & up.

Pool Hours
Open Swim adults 18 & up only
Monday – Friday 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Saturday 1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Other Dates To Remember This Month

Saturday, June 1, 2013

Tribal Election Day
Pools open 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
PCI SAIL Center

Saturday, June 1, 2013

Calvin McGhee Memorial
Graveside Service 10:00 a.m.
New Home Cemetery
Memorial Festival 11:00 a.m.
Pow Wow Grounds

June 3, 2013 - July 10, 2013

Property Control Coordinator accepting sealed bids on several used items located at Public Works Department.

Monday, June 10, 2013

5:00 p.m. (CST) Deadline to submit information to be published in the July 2013 newsletter.

June 14, 2013

Relay on the Rez
12:00 noon - 12:00 Midnight
Opening Ceremonies 6:00 p.m.

June 17, 2013

Last day to apply for Revolving Loan

June 10-24, 2013

PCI Gaming Accepting Sealed Bids for 2006 Hyundai

June 23-28-2013

Health Camp/Camp Alamisco

June 24-28-2013

Rising Star Dance & Gymnastic Camp
Recreation Department

Thursday, July 4, 2013

Tribal Office & Boys & Girls Club Closed
In observance of Independence Day

Tuesday, August 6, 2013

Academic Achievement Banquet
Deadline for RSVP Friday, July 12, 2013

Saturday, August 31, 2013

Annual Celebration
Magnolia Branch Wildlife Reserve

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