

Poarch Creek News 2013



Health Fair



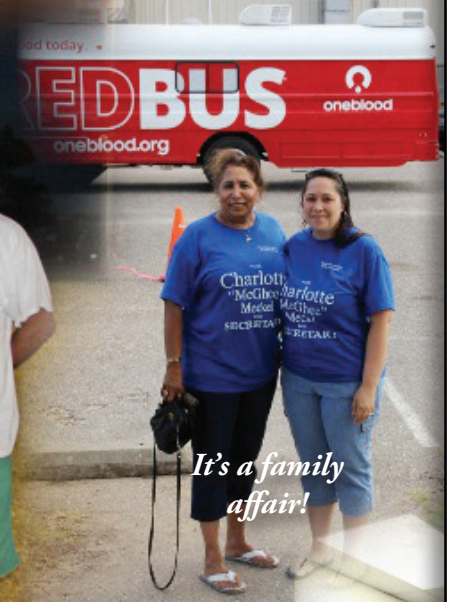
Signs, signs, everywhere signs!



Health Fair - follow the signs for fun & prizes!



Tim Ramer and David Gehman face run-off for Secretary position. Robbie McGhee and Gia Langham face run-off for Treasurer position. Kevin McGhee elected to At-Large seat.

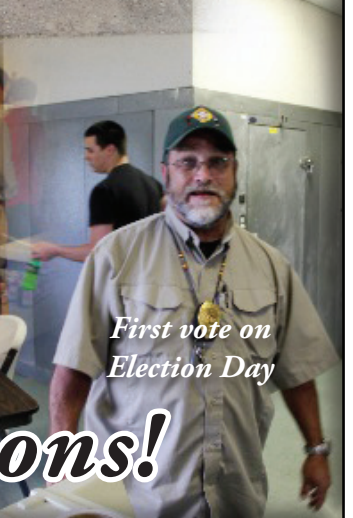


It's a family affair!



Announcing the results

Candidate Meet & Greet



First vote on Election Day

2013 Tribal Elections!

Cokv-Tulvme (joh-guh dub-luh-mee /newspaper)



"Thank you for your Vote in the general election. I ask for your Vote in the runoff election, August 3rd. With your Vote, and with God's help, I will honor the vision of our elders, and Lead to meet the challenges of our future."

(Below are a few images of my Poarch Creek heritage)



Martin Gehman 1955

Grandchildren of Len & Hettie Colbert McGhee in 1955



Martin Gehman 1955

*My Mother 1955
Vernie Lee Gehman*



David Gehman 1997

*My Grandmother
Ruby McGhee Barnhill*



David Gehman 2013

Grandchildren of Len & Hettie Colbert McGhee in 2013

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I would like to congratulate Kevin McGhee on his election to the At-Large position on the Tribal Council. Although he is a newcomer to the Tribal Council table, Kevin has served on various Tribal boards and committees and is very familiar with the needs of the Tribe and community. We welcome him to the Council and look forward to working with him. I am sure he will be a positive and dynamic leader for his people.

I wish the candidates in the August 3, 2013 run-off election the best of luck. Please make

sure you participate in the voting process, it is very important that you make your voice heard. Incumbent David Gehman faces Tim Ramer in a run-off for the Tribal Secretary position. Incumbent Robbie McGhee faces Gia Langham in a run-off for the Tribal Treasurer position.

After more than 45 years Eddie L. Tullis has retired from Tribal politics. We wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors. We know that he has the best



Buford L. Rolin, Tribal Chairman
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interest of the Tribe in his heart and we expect to see him involved with the Tribe in some form or fashion for many years to come.

Summer heat has already come to south Alabama. Magnolia Branch Wildlife Reserve is a great way to beat the heat. Please go out and take advantage of the beautiful area we are privileged to own. Be sure to drink plenty of fluids and try to stay out of the heat when possible.

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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 3074 ENROLLED
MEMBERS OF THE
POARCH BAND OF CREEK INDIANS.**

We have incorporated the use of the Muskogee language as much as possible in the newsletter. You will see examples in the 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.

The Minutes Insert and Election Insert are combined as one insert in this issue. This insert also contains a Calvin McGhee Memorial T-Shirt flyer, and an Annual Sovereignty Celebration flyer. This information is not published in the newsletters received by those on the Subscription Mailing List.



TRIBAL MEMBERS AGE 18 & UP!

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THE TRIBAL MEMBER DISTRIBUTION LIST
FOR DISSEMINATION OF UPDATED
NEWS & INFORMATION!**

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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.

ELECTION RESULTS

There was a total of 1289 General Council Members who voted in the 2013 Tribal Elections. There were 225 Absentee Ballots and 499 Walk-In Ballots counted with 565 General Council Members who voted in person on Election Day, Saturday, June 1, 2013.

This year the General Council voted to directly elect the Tribal Council Secretary, Tribal Council Treasurer, and one At Large position. To claim victory in the At Large position, the winning candidate had to receive the highest number of votes cast for that position. To claim victory for the Tribal Council Secretary and Treasurer positions, the winning candidates would have to have at least 646 votes, which is one vote more than 50 percent of the votes cast.

With a total of 241 votes, political newcomer Kevin D. McGhee was elected to the At Large seat previously held by outgoing Tribal Council Member Eddie L. Tullis. Mr. Tullis decided not to run for re-election after serving the Tribe for over 45 years.

Incumbent David Gehman received 413 votes for Tribal Council Secretary. David will face Tim Ramer in a run-off election on Saturday, August 3, 2013.

Incumbent Robert "Robbie" McGhee received 525 votes for the Tribal Council Treasurer position. Robbie will face Gia Langham in a run-off election on August 3, 2013 as well.

Election Results Breakdown:

At-Large	1277 votes cast
Kevin D. McGhee	241
Gloria Sells Krafka	219
Terri A. Morris	173
Raymond Bucky Rolin	143
Larry Flurnoy	108
Carolyn McGhee White	93
David Adams	90
Vicky Sells Burns	69
Isaac Thomas Rolin	54
Cecelia Bailey Sanspree	46
Leasha Martin	38
<i>Write-In Candidate</i>	3

Tribal Council Secretary	1266 votes cast
David Gehman	413
Tim Ramer	333
Charlotte McGhee Meckel	296
William 'Billy' Bailey	221
<i>Write-In Candidate</i>	3

Tribal Council Treasurer	1267 votes cast
Robert 'Robbie' McGhee	525
Gia Langham	179
Mal D. McGhee	141
Dewitt Carter	123
Rodney Exum	106
Tawana Wicker Parham	81
Andrea Dawn Mitchem	72
Berry L. Ross	40

See the Election Insert in this issue for run-off candidate information and Request for Absentee Ballot.

KEVIN MCGHEE, TRIBAL COUNCIL MEMBER AT-LARGE

Saturday, June 1, 2013 was Tribal Election Day. When the polls closed at 7:00 p.m. and the votes were all counted, Kevin D. McGhee was announced as the candidate selected to fill the At-Large seat of previous Council Member Eddie L. Tullis who elected not to run for re-election.

Kevin, a life long resident of Poarch, is the son of Shirley Von and Eldnar (McGhee) McGhee. He is the grandson of the late Shirley McGhee, the late A.D. and Willie Lee (McGhee) Martin, and the late Levi and Tracey (Walker) McGhee. He is married to Tawana (McDuffie) McGhee, they have three daughters and one grandson.

After taking the Oath of Office at the June 6, 2013 Tribal Council meeting, Kevin took his seat at the Tribal Council table and participated in the rest of the meeting.

Please watch the newsletter for the forthcoming in-depth article on Kevin and his plans for the future.

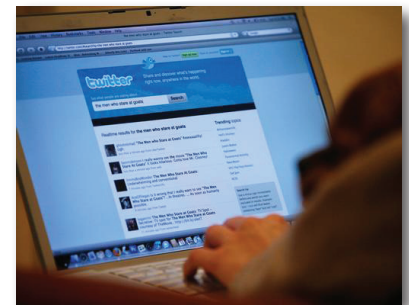


STAY UPDATED VIA EMAIL, FACEBOOK & TWITTER!

We are aware that not all Tribal Members have email addresses and/or 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](https://www.facebook.com/PoarchBandofCreekIndians). You can also follow the Tribe on Twitter at twitter.com/PoarchCreek.

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.

The Tribe's web site, Facebook, Twitter, and Tribal Member Distribution List accounts are maintained by the Government Relations Department.



VICE CHAIR ATTENDS LISTENING SESSION

*United South and Eastern Tribes Press Release
Submitted by Sharon Delmar, Public Relations Tribal Liaison*

The U.S. Department of Education (ED) held a Tribal Consultation and Listening Session on Monday, May 13, 2013 leading up to the United South and Eastern Tribes, Incorporated (USET) Semi-Annual meeting. The meeting was scheduled to last throughout the day with an overview of American Indian Education in the USET region, comments from Tribal leadership in attendance, a report from the USET Education Committee, and for public comments.

Support for Native language, cultural activities, and Tribal history was the opening theme for educators who are taking the opportunity to speak during the consultation. "The concept here is that our Tribes need help with teaching the Native languages and cultural activity. It is shown that students show great signs of improvement when they learn about their culture, history, and know their language and improve their self esteem," says Seneca Nation of Indians Director of Education for the Allegany Territory Chanda Grey.

Poarch Band of Creek Indians Vice-Chair Stephanie Bryan built on Grey's comments by saying, "In our schools we allow Spanish and other foreign languages to be taught and count as credit for foreign languages. But we need to show more effort to support the language that is spoken by our Tribes. Statistics show that when we have cultural activities, teach the language, and our history, the dropout rate declines. Speaking of bricks and mortar, new buildings are nice things to have. But, it's not what the building looks like; it's what's in the building."

Speaking to the session USET President Brian Patterson commented "I thank you for coming to the ancient homeland of the Seneca Nation of Indians. Sometimes our people are left out of the processes. Even though it's a small group, yet we speak of an American value. America honored its veterans and low income. So to should it honor the American value of its trust responsibility to Indian Country. Our children are still being left behind."

Oneida Indian Nation's Kandice Watson noted some of the struggles USET Tribes have are the effects of



Vice Chair Stephanie Bryan speaks of concerns at Listening Session.

having a poor relationship with the state government. "We have a high truancy and dropout rate in Oneida (Indian Nation- New York). I think with us and a few other Tribes, it's the states' unwillingness to recognize the sovereignty of our nations. In most areas through out the USET region it has been difficult to get anywhere with the states where they reside," Watson stated.

Poarch Band of Creek Indian's Megan Young added to Watson's statement saying, "States don't realize that American Indians make up only one percent of the United

States population. In that perspective we are a national treasure. States don't see any value in bolstering our values and our educational systems. I want to propose an initiative to educate our state and state educators. We have to educate those who are educating our Indian students."

Also in attendance were Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah) Vice Chair Richard Randolph, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indian school board member Lori Blankenship, St. Regis Mohawk's Roderick Cook, and Seneca Indian Nation's Jeff Brown.

Office of Indian Education Director Joyce Silverthorne gave an overview of how the listening session and consultation was taking place. Director Silverthorne stated the Indian Education budget would not suffer from the federal sequestration for the current year (2013). However, if there are no changes to the current legislation regarding federal sequestration, Silverthorne says there will be a five percent reduction to the Indian Education 2014 budget.

OIE listening and consultation sessions are conducted by Director Silverthorne (Salish) and White House Initiative on American Indian and Alaska Native Education Associate Director Sedelta Oosahwee (Mandan, Arikara, Hidatsa, Cherokee). The next listening session and consultation is expected to be held in August in Northern California.

TRIBE DONATES TO AREA ORGANIZATIONS

The Poarch Band of Creek Indians has announced a donation of more than \$300,000 to several area organizations. These contributions are part of the Tribe's ongoing Planned Giving Campaign for 2013. The Tribe's donations will fund a wide variety of community services and projects. The Tribe's contributions will offset funding cuts in organizations as diverse as the United Cerebral Palsy's Camp SMILE, the Westside Athletic Association, and the Lighthouse Counseling Center.

"We are thrilled to have the Poarch Band of Creek Indians join us in sharing a summer camp experience to children and adults with disabilities," says UCP President and CEO, Glenn Harger. "Camp SMILE serves more than 300 individuals each summer, and Poarch Creek's involvement will truly provide a positive impact and life-long memories for everyone involved."

The Tribe's donations include:

- \$100,000 to United Cerebral Palsy/Camp SMILE.
- \$100,000 to the New Beginnings Ministries, Inc.
- \$50,000 to the Lighthouse Counseling Center.
- \$40,000 to the Westside Athletic Association.
- \$12,199 to the Dozier Improvement Committee.

"I can't think of few better days than this one. It is an honor to be able to support these projects and help fund services that do so much for so many. If we can play some part in improving the quality of life for our neighbors in the community and our State, then we are truly blessed. We are committed as a Tribe and as individuals to helping those less fortunate where and when we can," said Tribal Chairman Buford L. Rolin.

Press Release dated May 23, 2013

Sharon Delmar, Public Relations Tribal Liaison

TRIBE DONATES TO LOCAL SCHOOLS

On June 6, 2013, the Poarch Band of Creek Indians donated more than \$200,000 dollars to schools in Escambia and Monroe counties in Alabama. The Tribe made the donation as part of its 2013 Planned Giving Campaign.

"At a time when budget cuts are infiltrating our schools, I am proud that we are able make this investment in the future of our children," noted Tribal Chairman Buford L. Rolin. "I believe knowledge that is gained through education is essential for children to reach their goals in life, and it will enable them to have limitless opportunities."

Listed below are the schools that received donations:

Escambia County

Brewton Elementary School - \$28,431.00

Brewton Middle School - \$29,930.00

Pollard-McCall Jr. High School - \$30,000.00

T.R. Miller High School - \$29,607.74

W.S. Neal Elementary School - \$29,970.17

W.S. Neal Middle School - \$30,042.57

W.S. Neal High School - \$30,001.06

Monroe County

Excel School - \$25,842.00

Earlier this year the Tribe donated more than \$2 million dollars to support area schools in Baldwin, Escambia, and Monroe counties in Alabama and Escambia County in Florida. The Tribe also made donations of more than \$3 million dollars to Alabama schools over the last two years (2011 and 2012).

Press Release dated June 6, 2013

Sharon Delmar, Public Relations Tribal Liaison

EDDIE L. TULLIS HONORED

After more than 45 years of service to the Tribe, Eddie Leon Tullis elected not to run for re-election and officially retired from Tribal politics. This retirement brings about a new era, both for the Tribe and Mr. Tullis.

In recognition of his dedication and service to the Tribe and Indian Country, the United South and Eastern Tribes (USET) honored Mr. Tullis at the USET Semi-Annual meeting held in Niagara Falls, NY. USET President Brian Patterson and USET Board members presented Mr. Tullis with an Eagle Staff and allowed him to preside over one of the meeting sessions. Presiding at a USET meeting is not new to Mr. Tullis, he has served as USET President and held other board positions in the past.



Honoring Mr. Tullis, left to right are Brenda Lintinger, USET Secretary, Chief Kirk Francis, USET Treasurer, Brian Patterson, USET President, Eddie L. Tullis, and Randy Noka, USET Vice President.



Honoring Mr. Tullis, left to right are Edie Jackson, Arthur Mothershed, Stephanie Bryan, Tierney Lancaster, Debra Strickland, Chairman Buford L. Rolin, Garvis Sells, Eddie L. Tullis, Sandy Hollinger, Keith Martin, Kelli Ramer, and Mallory Martin.

On June 6, 2013 the Tribal Council and staff took Mr. Tullis to lunch and presented him with a plaque honoring his years of dedication and service to the Tribe. Mr. Tullis reflected on his years with the Tribe, his travels across the nation and Indian Country, and his hopes for the continued growth and success of the Tribe.

Discussion around the table got a little emotional at times, but everyone left with smiles on their faces and even posed for photos in the big rocking chair at David's Catfish.

Mr. Tullis attended his last Tribal Council meeting on June 6, 2013. After the completion of old business on the agenda, Mr. Tullis spoke to the Tribal Council and the General Council in attendance. He spoke of the past and the future. He ended his farewell speech by welcoming incoming At-Large Council Member Kevin D. McGhee. "I have no problems relinquishing my seat to Kevin. He has served on a number of boards for the Tribe and I know he has a heart for what is best for Tribal Members. I wish him the best of luck." Prior to taking his seat in the audience, the Tribal Council wished him well, thanked him for his years of dedication and service, and honored him with a Pendleton Blanket.



Honoring Mr. Tullis, left to right are Vice Chair Stephanie Bryan, Eddie L. Tullis, and Tribal Chairman Buford L. Rolin.

MCGHEE NAMED ALABAMA VETERAN OF THE YEAR

Leon McGhee, local Commander of DAV Unit 6, Foley, has been selected as "Veteran of the Year" for 2013 by Alabama State DAV for his continued service as Commander, DAV Unit 6, Foley, Alabama. His duties and responsibilities as commander include assisting veterans and their spouses in obtaining VA benefits as a "Certified Service Officer", visiting veterans in the hospitals, and performing weddings and funerals for all veterans throughout the state. He is at Unit 6's Foley office every Monday from 9 AM to 11 AM providing VA benefit claims assistance to veterans and/or their spouses. He serves as "Adjutant-at-Reddy," 24/7 to veteran's and or their families and can be contacted at 251-979-6581.

He contributed over 4000 volunteer hours last year. Mr. McGhee continues to promote patriotism throughout the state as a guest speaker at public schools, special events, and memorials and is quoted as saying: "If you cut me, I bleed Red, White, and Blue! Our veterans, my church, my proud heritage as a member of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians, and my wife are my priorities."

Commander McGhee wears more than one hat. He is a member of VFW Post 5658 in Elberta; past Junior Vice Commander

and a Past Commander of American Legion Post 99 in Foley; Past District Chaplain and Past Commander for American Legion's 33rd District. He is currently serving as the VA Service Officer and Executive Committee Chairman for Post 99, where he has been a member for over 27 years.

Mr. McGhee is grateful for the full support of his loving wife, Eve, in all his veteran activities and in his role as Associate Leader of Crossway Christian Church in Foley. His involvement with veterans is born of a sense of responsibility to "ALL VETERANS OF THE UNITED STATES, NOT JUST THE STATE OF ALABAMA."

CONGRATULATIONS, LEON.



Picture and article submitted by Chris Carver, Post 99 Historian

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Dr. David Helton
Optometrist

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Dr. Sunil Gupta
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KIDS AND CARS

Safety Tips from KidsAndCars.org



- Never leave children alone in or around cars; not even for a minute.
- Get in the habit of always opening the back door of your vehicle every time you reach your destination to make sure no child has been left behind. This will soon become a habit. We call this the “Look Before You Lock” campaign.
- Keep vehicles locked at all times; even in the garage or driveway and always set your parking brake.
- Keys and/or remote openers should never be left within reach of children.
- Make sure all child passengers have left the vehicle after it is parked.
- When a child is missing, check vehicles and car trunks immediately.
- If you see a child alone in a vehicle, get involved. If they are hot or seem sick, get them out as quickly as possible. Call 911 or your local emergency number immediately.
- Be especially careful about keeping children safe in and around cars during busy times, schedule changes and periods of crisis or holidays.
- Use drive-thru services when available. (Restaurants, banks, pharmacies, dry cleaners, etc.)

For additional information about ways to keep children safe in and around vehicles, visit our website at www.KidsAndCars.org.

Submitted by Martha Gookin

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Please vote Tim Ramer for Tribal Secretary, new leadership for a brighter future. Electing me as Secretary means getting outspoken leadership with integrity, dedication, and strong family values. Together we can unite the Tribe, securing our future for many generations to come.



- ✓ Family Values
 - ✓ Proven Leadership
 - ✓ Integrity
 - ✓ Outspoken
 - ✓ Increase education benefits to include a Tribal school
 - ✓ Increase benefits for Seniors
 - ✓ Max benefits for ALL Tribal Members
- "Leadership you can call on"**

Strong Family Values

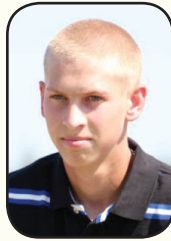
CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS



Cassidy Ann Elyard
June 1, 2013

Happy 18th birthday
Cassidy!

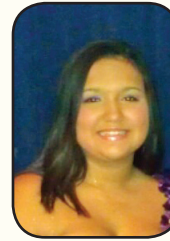
We love you,.
Dad, Mom, Thomas, Breanna, & family.



Chance Jackson
June 15, 2013

Happy 19th birthday
Chance! We love you!

Mom, Dad, Casey, and the rest of your
family and friends.



Halle Ra Peebles
June 16, 2013

Happy 13th birthday Halle
Ra! Halle Ra celebrated
her birthday pool side at
Wind Creek Casino &
Hotel.

We love you, from your family.



Joe Ledkins
June 16, 2013

Happy birthday!

We love you, your family.

Rodney Rackard
June 17, 2013

Happy birthday Rodney! We love you.

From your family.



Kathy Ledkins
June 18, 2013

Happy birthday!

We love you, your family.

Anita Glass
June 21, 2013

Happy birthday Anita! We love you.

From your family.



Ronald Rolin
June 22, 2013

Happy birthday Ronald.
We love you!

Mandy, Kortlan, and Halle Ra.

Megan Rackard
June 23, 2013

Happy birthday Megan! We love you.

From your family.

Stephanie & Steven Ledkins
June 29, 2013

Happy birthday Stephanie and Steven!

We love you, your family.



Justin 'Kyle' Pruitt
July 4, 2013

Happy 20th birthday Kyle.
Kyle is the son of Brenda
& Gary Pruitt, grandson
of Glenda Henson Ellis
and great grandson of
Thelma McGhee Henson.

We love you.



Justina Tydlaska
July 10 2013

Happy 18th birthday
Justina! We love you.

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

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS

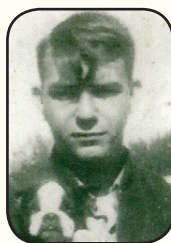
Emma Lou Lin Gregg
July 12, 2013



Happy 8th birthday! We love you! Emma is the daughter of Stacy Gregg Jr. and Amy Henry, and the granddaughter of Glenda Henson Ellis.

From your family.

Earl McGhee
July 14, 2013



Happy 62nd birthday Daddy!! Happy birthday to this beautiful soul that now celebrates this special day in Heaven.

We love you Daddy!
Sherry, Christie, Brandy, & Aaron

Madison Amiley Gregg
July 14, 2013



Happy 9th birthday Madison! We love you. Madison is the daughter of Stacy Gregg Jr. and Amy Henry, and the granddaughter of Glenda Henson Ellis.

From your family.

Ashton Thomas
July 19, 2013



Happy 13th birthday, Ashton!!!! We are so proud of the young lady you have become, and all of your accomplishments!!

Love, Daddy, Jen, Brantlie, Major and family.

Chad Odom
July 19, 2013



Happy 35th birthday!
We love you!

Leslie, Leah, Myra, and the rest of your family & friends.

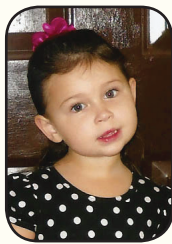
Randy Martin
July 21 2013



Captain's Rules
RULE # 1 - The Captain is always Right
RULE # 2 -If the Captain is wrong, see RULE #1

Happy 60th Birthday "Captain Randy"
Love, your family.

Macey Jones
July 27, 2013



Happy 4th birthday, Macey! Macey is the daughter of Frankie Jones and Jennifer Dellaccio.

We love you!
Happy birthday from your family.

Gary Pruitt, Jr.
July 29, 2013



Happy 29th birthday! Gary is the son of Brenda & Gary Pruitt Sr., grandson of Glenda Henson-Ellis & great-grandson of Thelma McGhee-Henson.

Love, your wife & family.



Birthday Wishes can be published the month before the birthday, the month of the birthday, or the month after the birthday as long as applicable deadlines have been met. When submitting a birthday wish please remember that birthday wishes are limited to 30 words or less excluding the name and birthday. Please pattern your birthday wish using the above submissions as a guide.

ANNIVERSARY WISHES



Davis and Krista Ellis
June 19, 2013

Davis and Krista Ellis will celebrate their 3rd wedding anniversary on June 19, 2013. Davis is the son of Glenda and Clarence Ellis.

Congratulations from your family and friends.



Carolyn and Ervin Thortis
July 24, 2013

Happy 43rd anniversary to two of the best parents and grandparents in the world!

Love, from your family.

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Farewell To Loved Ones

Keith Allen Rolin

December 7, 1971-

April 4, 2013



The family of Keith Allen Rolin would like to thank everyone for the many acts of kindness shown to us during the loss of our loved one. Also, thank you to Mrytle Staff for handling an exhaustive list of things when we were unable to. A special thank you is expressed to Council members Garvis Sells, Stephanie Bryan, Sandy Hollinger, and David Gehman.

To everyone that had a part in the service, please know that we are forever grateful. We ask that you continue to pray for our family as we learn to accept circumstances we cannot change.

Thank you,
Clarence & Diane Rolin, Anja Scheel-Rolin, Kenneth Rolin, Debra Rolin Coon, and Johnny Rolin.

Hubert Lee Rackard

June 26, 1938 -

May 6, 2013



The family of Hubert L. Rackard Sr. would like to say a sincere "Thank You" to all who sent food, flowers, gifts of love, and the abundance of prayers given during our difficult time.

The family would also like to thank the following: Petty Funeral Home, Dr. Shane Harigel, Dr. Sheldon Harigel, the ICU Nurses at Atmore Community Hospital, Dr. Agagan, the CCU nurses at Mobile Infirmary Hospital, Wind Creek, Tribal Council, PCI Sail Center, and Rev. William "Bubba" Rolin for all the support and prayers.

We "Thank You" from the bottom of our hearts!

Lenna Rackard and family.

Help Needed in Identifying Plots At Poplar Springs Cemetery

If you know the location of the plots of those listed below (buried at Poplar Springs Cemetery), please contact JeddoHistoricalResearch@hotmail.com. Those whose plot locations remain unknown will be listed on a plaque at the Cemetery in their honor.

Osceola Gibson died 1936

Sham Adams 1901-1948

John R. Adams 1937-1948

John R. Rackard 1929-1935

William Henson 1884-1930

Arthurine Colbert Henson died approx. 1914

Mrs. Wesley Henson McGhee 1912-1931

Mrs. Elle Henson Gibson 1915-1932

Hugh Timothy died 1911

Lula Simpson died 1921 Choctaw

Allie Simpson died 1951 Choctaw

Ruth Alvy Taylor Dees died 1952

William T. Dees died 1932

Exie Lee Rollin

Nesbie Rackard Reid 1916-1929

Nessie Rackard Reid 1922-1952

Mary Mitchell Colbert died 1945

Fannie David Reid 1885-1967

Please contact us if you know the cemetery where Aaron Rikard/Rackard (approx 1932) or Early Taylor (1918) were buried.

Submitted by Keith Marsden

TRIBAL MEMBER SUBMISSIONS

Choices

Submitted by Debra Rolin Coon

On April 4, 2013, I lost my brother, Keith Allen Rolin. Since his passing, I have found myself thinking more and more about life choices. My brother and I were always very close growing up. As an adult he made choices that I did not approve of. In turn, I made the choice to distance myself from him. Now I find myself once again having to make a choice. Do I remember my brother for all the choices he made that did not meet my approval? No, instead I have chosen to remember the brother who served his country in the United States Navy; who at the peak of his career, as a surgical technologist, worked in some of the finest hospitals in the United States. He received numerous letters of acclamation, not only for his ability in the operating room but also for his willingness to educate others in his field. I have chosen to remember the brother who possessed a wealth of medical knowledge, loved to fish, was musically inclined, and would give you anything he had, even if it meant he went without.

I have often heard people say that they didn't have a choice in various situations. You always have a choice.



Debra Rolin Coon with her brother Keith Rolin

At times those choices are difficult to make. Every day we are given provides us the opportunity to make choices, and hopefully to make the right ones. Rarely do people consider how their choices will affect not only themselves, but others as well. Life is about choices, choose wisely.

On April 4th I lost my brother and my friend. Everything happens for a reason and God doesn't make mistakes. There is a reason he chose to take my brother when he did, just like there is a reason I feel compelled to share my story.

William Hosea Presley Family Reunion Saturday, August 17, 2013

SAIL Center

Lynn McGhee Drive, Atmore, AL

Bring a covered dish & a \$5-\$10 gift for game

All extended family is invited

Any questions call

Shirlene Mauldin (850) 291-2658 or Carolyn Dortch (251) 253-5885

TRIBAL MEMBER SUBMISSIONS

Remembering Fred & Luverne Ward

*Submitted by Ben Ellison
Husband of the late Annabelle McGhee Ellison*

I was deeply saddened when I heard of the recent passing of Mrs. Luverne Ward. Although it has been many years since Fred passed away, I still remember him and Luverne and all the good times we had together like it was yesterday. We were the very best of friends.

Luverne and my wife Annabelle were cousins and they were very close. Fred and Luverne often visited with Annabelle and I. We always enjoyed those visits. Luverne and Annabelle would go shopping and Fred and I would go fishing. Fred was a first class carpenter so he often helped out with those 'honey do' task that always seemed to pop up.

When Annabelle got sick, Fred and Luverne were constantly by our sides. Luverne would come and sit with Annabelle both at the hospital and at home. I don't know what I would have done without them during this devastating period.

Annabelle passed away in July of 1989, I could never thank them enough for their love and support and I have never forgotten how they helped me. Since that time, I have tried to follow their example and be the supportive family member/friend that they were to me.

I extend my condolences to the family of Fred and Luverne Ward and I want you to know that your mother and father were wonderful people and both will be greatly missed.

Luverne and Fred Ward



Annabelle McGhee Ellison



For Sale

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A Heartfelt Thank You

Kevin L. Rackard and family would like to express their sincere "Thank You" for all the prayers, flowers, gifts, donations, and compassion sent our way during Kevin's illness.

The love and support from our community was overwhelming and well received by the Rackard family. God has truly blessed us with a miracle!

We "Thank You" from the bottom of our hearts!

Kevin, Trina, Jacob, Kimberly & Megan Rackard

Submitted by Trina Rackard

You may be surprised by who you see in Heaven, just don't let anyone be surprised to see you.

Unknown

GRADUATES & HONORS



Jones Receives Academic Awards

Bailey Jones, a fourth grader at Escambia Academy, received numerous awards during the Honors Day Award Ceremony. Her awards included A-B Honor Roll, Accelerated Reader, Social Studies and Perfect Attendance for the 2012-2013 school year.

Bailey is the daughter of Frankie Jones and Natalie Rodgers. She is the granddaughter of Clara and Kenny Jones and Melanie and Thomas Guy.

Congratulations Bailey, we are very proud of you and your accomplishments and wish you the best.

Submitted by Clara Jones



Meredith McGhee Excels in AISA Reading Competition

Meredith McGhee was honored by the Alabama Independent School Association (AISA) as its second place winner in the state for the third through

fifth grade division.

Meredith was in Mrs. Heather White's fourth grade class at Escambia Academy in Atmore Alabama. She received the award for reading 26,863 pages since the first of the school year. Meredith also earned 627.2 Accelerated Reading (AR) points for the school year.

On Honors Day at Escambia Academy, Meredith received several awards, including Perfect Attendance, A Honor Roll, Math Award, Science Award, Social Studies Award, and Piano Award. She also received the Accelerated Reader Gold Medal, and the First Place Award for Acrylic Painting. She will advance to the fifth grade for the 2013-2014 school year.

Meredith is the daughter of Kent and Tracy McGhee. She is the granddaughter of Arentha and the late Willis McGhee, and John and the late Dottie Colbert Padgett. Meredith is the younger sister of Del McGhee, Troy McGhee, and Janet McGhee Ward.

Congratulations Meredith, we love you and are very proud of your accomplishments.

Mom, Dad, and family.

Submitted by Tracy McGhee



GRADUATES & HONORS

Andrew Daughtry Graduates From Escambia Academy



**Andrew
Daughtry**



You Did It!

I am so proud of you
and the man you have
become.

The task was not easy,
but you never gave up.

I love you, Dad.



Houston Daughtry

Submitted by Ellen O'Barr

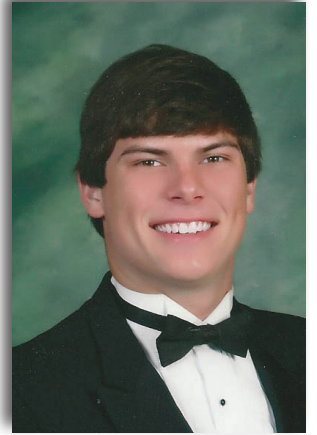
Hall Graduates From Foley High School

Hunter Jackson Hall, graduated
from Foley High School on May
20, 2013.

Hunter is the son of Greg &
Becky Hall and Beth & Joe
Parnell, and the grandson of
Eloise Hall.

Congratulations Hunter, we are so proud of you and all
your accomplishments.

My God bless you in all you do; with all our love, your
family & friends.



Submitted by Eloise Hall

Casey Graduates From Escambia County High School

Congratulations to Dustin
Lee Casey on his graduation
from Escambia County High
School.



Dustin is the son of Jennifer and Terry Casey, the brother
of Joshua Cody Casey, and the grandson of Ethel Walker
and Liley Casey.

Congratulations, we are so proud of you!

Submitted by Ethel Walker

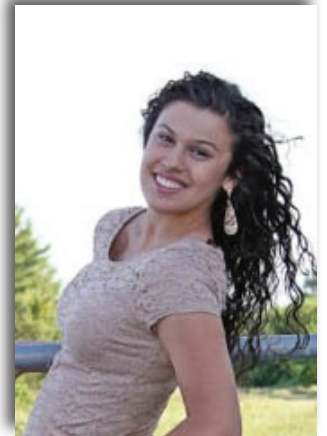
Congratulations On Your Graduation!

Cassidy Ann Elyard
May 31, 2013

Congratulations, we're so
proud of you! May GOD
continue to BLESS you in the
years to come.

We love you!

Dad, Mom, Thomas, Breanna, & family.



Submitted by Maggie Elyard

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

Nelson Mandela

2013 RUN-OFF ELECTION

REQUEST FOR ABSENTEE BALLOT

ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS FOR RUN-OFF

If you requested an absentee ballot for the Tribal Election on June 1, 2013 and marked both boxes at the top of the request, you will automatically be mailed an absentee ballot for the run-off on August 3, 2013.

If you requested an absentee ballot for the Tribal Election on June 1, 2013 and failed to mark the boxes at the top of the request, we will be contacting you, using the phone number provided on your request, to verify that you would like an absentee ballot sent for the run-off on August 3, 2013.

If you requested an absentee ballot for the Tribal Election on June 1, 2013 and need the absentee ballot for the run-off election sent to a different address, you will need to fill out a new Absentee Ballot Request for the run-off. It is posted on-line and is provided on the next page as well.

2013 July - August Run-Off Election Calendar

Monday, July 22, 2013- Saturday, July 27, 2013	Walk In voting daily (9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. CST)
Tuesday, July 23, 2013	Last day to request that an Absentee Ballot be mailed out
Monday, July 29, 2013- Thursday, August 1, 2013	Walk-In voting daily (9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. CST)
Friday, August 2, 2013	Last Day to Walk In voting (8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. CST)
Friday, August 2, 2013	Deadline to receive Absentee Ballots (5:00 p.m. CST)
Saturday, August 3, 2013	Tribal Election Day (8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. CST) Winners will be announced in the gym as soon as results are available.



ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST

2013 POARCH CREEK INDIAN TRIBAL COUNCIL

RUN-OFF ELECTION

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3, 2013



I, _____, am an enrolled member of the Poarch Creek Indians, and will be at least eighteen (18) years of age on or before August 3, 2013.

I am requesting a ballot for the Run Off elections to be held on August 3, 2013.

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

FIRST MIDDLE MAIDEN LAST

STREET ADDRESS CITY STATE ZIP CODE

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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 BY MAIL TO:

POARCH BAND OF CREEK INDIANS
TRIBAL ELECTION BOARD
5811 JACK SPRINGS ROAD
ATMORE, AL 36502

BY FAX TO:

(251) 368-4502

BY EMAIL TO:

ejackson@pci-nsn.gov or gmanning@pci-nsn.gov

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, July 23, 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.

CANDIDATES FOR TRIBAL COUNCIL SECRETARY

The following candidates are in a run-off for the Tribal Council Secretary position. These bios are published as submitted except for authorized editing and necessary format changes.

DAVID GHEMAN, INCUMBENT



“Hesci”

Thank you for your vote. I now ask for your vote as Secretary in the runoff election on August 3rd. The position of Secretary is far too important to our Tribe’s success to serve anything less than

fulltime. Our Tribe is viewed as a success among Indian Tribes. Our reputation as a leader in Indian Country is a testament to how far we have come. I proudly stand on my record of honesty and integrity during my tenure as Secretary, providing leadership on the critical issues that has resulted in the most incredible growth our Tribe has ever experienced.

SOVEREIGNTY:

Our Elders had a dream of a strong, healthy, financially secure Tribe. Though they lived in poverty, they recognized our potential. We have built a strong Tribe. We have been blessed. Yet today our Sovereignty is threatened. **We must have experienced leaders that successfully engage decision makers within all levels of government in order to gain support for legislation that preserves our Sovereignty.**

[Please contact me or visit www.ABetterTribe.com for more information]

HEALTHCARE:

Regardless of where a Tribal Member resides, healthcare is very important. Construction of the new Tribal Health Facility is underway. Soon the new Assisted Living Facility and Sail Center will open.

HOUSING:

Tribal Housing currently provides services to more than 300 households, and is growing. Homeownership is a reality for many Tribal families. I will work to keep that dream alive and growing for all Tribal families.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

I will continue working with private industry and government leaders to bring economic opportunities to the Tribe.

GOVERNMENT TRANSPARENCY:

I support openness and transparency in the actions of the Tribal Council, Boards and Committees. Live or archived video of our meetings is an example; however, we must protect our tribal information from strange eyes on the internet.

EDUCATION:

Education has made a difference in my life. I will continue working to insure Tribal members and First Generation students have Tribal scholarships available 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 we will always seek God's wisdom and blessing in all that we do. 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".

Experienced Leadership is more important now than ever before in our Tribal Government! Please Vote David Gehman, Secretary of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians.

"Mvto"

David Gehman



TIM RAMER



New Leadership For a Brighter Future

I, Tim Ramer, humbly request your support for Tribal Council Secretary. I bring to the position proven civic and

business leadership. I have been involved in Tribal operations for over 15 years in various capacities including 3 years on the Tribal Council. I am a very open individual and I consider myself an approachable person, both of which are very important qualities for the leadership of our

Tribe.

I am asking for your support 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. These improvements, I feel will best serve in the areas of education to include a Tribal school, healthcare options for all Tribal members regardless of where you live, and senior retirement plans.

I fully support our per capita benefits and maximizing the disbursements to Tribal families. 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.

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 have an excellent relationship with the current Council and ask that you reach out to them and inquire about my work ethic and passion for the tribe. I ask for the opportunity to join the fight and defend our Tribe.

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 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

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CANDIDATES FOR TRIBAL COUNCIL TREASURER

The following candidates are in a run-off for the Tribal Council Treasurer position. These bios are published as submitted except for authorized editing and necessary format changes.

ROBERT “ROBBIE” MCGHEE **INCUMBENT**



First of all, thanks to everyone who came out and voted this June. However as many of you know by now a run-off election is needed so I am encouraging each of you, to come out again and exercise your right to vote in August for Secretary

and Treasurer.

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.

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.

Like many, I have always been a firm believer and advocate of education as evident in my own scholastic ventures. I have two bachelor's degrees 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 which will be completed in December. 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 serve you better on the Tribal Council in the position of Treasurer.

As we look to the future over these next few years, with your support, I will continue to work with the Tribal Council to:

- Diversify our economic opportunities to protect our future;
- Develop programs and services that will benefit all tribal members;
- Grow the wealth of our tribe and our people;
- Support Education initiatives to better serve our youth;
- Work on eradicating the drug issue that is debilitating our people, and;

- Increase the quality of life for our elders and encourage the Tribal Council to support an Elders Council.

During this election season I am reminded of one elder in our community who has provided me guidance over the last two elections with this statement:

“Robbie never lower yourself to another person’s level, you won’t gain supporters you will lose the trust of the people, never try and win with this approach.”

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 August 3rd, 2013. Give me the chance to continue **Listening, Learning, Leading, and Serving.**

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 voice and a vote 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.

There are no additional run off candidates for the Tribal Council Treasurer position.

Notes:

Tribal Council Minutes

Featured below are the Minutes from the Tribal Council Meeting held on April 18, 2013.

TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING

Poarch Band of Creek Indians

Thursday, April 18, 2013

4:00 p.m., Tribal Complex

TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING

Poarch Band of Creek Indians

Thursday, April 18, 2013

4:00 p.m., Tribal Complex

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER: Buford L. Rolin, Tribal Chairman

ROLL CALL: Kelli Ramer, Tribal Council Liaison

INVOCATION: Buford L. Rolin, Tribal Chairman

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Review/approval of minutes for April 4, 2013
2. Resolution for Proposed Constitutional Amendment to Open Tribal Roll to Eligible Members
3. Resolution Regarding the Management and Maintenance of the Fish Ponds
4. Public Comments Responses:
a) Jack Lee b) Carolyn White

NEW BUSINESS

1. Public Comments
2. Resolution to Approve FY 2013 Budget Modification for Implementation of Tribal Government Salary/Wage Compendium
3. Resolution to Amend the Revolving Loan Program
4. Resolution to Approve Community Donations
5. Resolution to Approve Budget Modification for Records Management
6. Public Comments

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Petition for Exclusion from Tribal Lands
2. Resolution to Purchase Davis Property
3. Enrollment

Adjourn: 6:33 p.m.

Attending:

Buford L. Rolin	Stephanie Bryan
David Gehman	Robert McGhee (Conf. Call)
Sandy Hollinger	Keith Martin
Arthur Mothershed (Conf. Call)	
Garvis Sells	Eddie L. Tullis
Recording Secretary:	Kelli Ramer

This meeting was called to order by Buford L. Rolin, Tribal Chairman. Roll call by Kelli Ramer, Tribal Council Liaison, established a quorum present and this to be an official meeting of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians. Invocation was given by Buford L. Rolin.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion was made by Stephanie Bryan and seconded by Sandy Hollinger to approve the agenda with four (4) unfinished and five (5) new items of business. Motion carried with 7 yes, 0 no and 0 abstentions.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. RECORD OF MEETING

Motion was made by Stephanie Bryan and seconded by Eddie L. Tullis to approve the minutes for April 4, 2013, as amended. Motion carried with 7 yes, 0 no and 0 abstentions.

2. RESOLUTION FOR PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO OPEN TRIBAL ROLL TO ELIGIBLE MEMBERS

This item remained on the table for discussion.

3. RESOLUTION REGARDING THE MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF THE FISH PONDS

Eddie L. Tullis recused himself from this discussion.

Motion was made by Keith Martin and seconded by Robert McGhee for approval to remove the resolution regarding the Management and Maintenance of the Fish Ponds from the table for discussion. Motion carried with 7 yes, 0 no and 0 abstentions.

Motion was made by Keith Martin and seconded by Garvis Sells to approve the resolution regarding the Maintenance and Management of the Fish Ponds, as presented. Motion carried with 4 yes, 3 no by Stephanie Bryan, Sandy Hollinger, & Robert McGhee, and 0 abstentions.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT RESPONSES

Kelli Ramer, Tribal Council Liaison, informed the Tribal Council that the Housing Department has responded to Mr. Lee's concerns. The Tribal Council instructed staff to draft a response letter to Mr. Lee as well addressing his concerns.

Carolyn White's public comment response remained on the table.

NEW BUSINESS

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Linda Kuhn, Tribal member, asked the Tribal Council to give a brief synopsis of proposed resolutions.

Courtney Holland, Tribal member, provided the Tribal Council a letter regarding a Housing complaint.

2. RESOLUTION TO APPROVE FY 2013 BUDGET MODIFICATION FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF TRIBAL GOVERNMENT SALARAY/WAGE COMPENDIUM

Jason Rackard, Human Resources Director, presented the Tribal Council a resolution to Approve FY 2013 Budget Modification for Implementation of Tribal Government Salary/Wage Compendium. Motion was made by Robert McGhee and seconded by Stephanie Bryan to approve the resolution, as presented. Motion carried with 7 yes, 0 no and 0 abstentions.

3. RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE REVOLVING LOAN PROGRAM

Motion was made by Robert McGhee and seconded by Eddie L. Tullis to approve the resolution to amend the Revolving Loan Program, as presented. Motion carried with 7 yes, 0 no and 0 abstentions.

4. RESOLUTION TO APPROVE COMMUNITY DONATIONS

Robert McGhee, Tribal Treasurer, presented the Tribal Council the resolution to approve Community Donations for review/approval. Motion was made by Robert McGhee and seconded by Keith Martin to approve the resolution, as amended, removing the Auburn Sports Network. Motion carried with 7 yes, 0 no and 0 abstentions.

5. RESOLUTION TO APPROVE BUDGET MODIFICATION FOR RECORDS MANAGEMENT

Deidra Suwanee Dees, Calvin McGhee Cultural Authority (CMCA) Director, presented the Tribal Council the resolution to approve the Budget Modification for Records Management for review/approval. Motion was made by Robert McGhee and seconded by Eddie L. Tullis, as presented. Motion carried with 7 yes, 0 no and 0 abstentions.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No one addressed the Tribal Council during Public Comments.

With no further business to come before the Tribal Council, motion was made by Keith Martin and seconded by Sandy Hollinger for approval to go into Executive Session to discuss Petition for Exclusion from Tribal Lands, Resolution to Purchase Davis Property & Enrollment. Motion carried with 7 yes, 0 no and 0 abstentions.

All visitors were directed to leave the confines of the Tribal Council Chambers. The Tribal Council closed the regular session and went into executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

REGULAR SESSION

David W. Gehman joined the meeting at 4:50 p.m.

Motion was made by Eddie L. Tullis and seconded by Sandy Hollinger for approval to come out of Executive Session. Motion carried with 8 yes, 0 no and 0 abstentions.

After Executive Session, the Tribal Council returned to a regular meeting. The public was invited to return to the meeting.

Motion was made by Keith Martin and seconded by Sandy

Hollinger for approval of the Petition for exclusion of Michael Brent Deo, Miguel Mandoza, & Wayland Gray from Tribal Lands. Motion carried with 8 yes, 0 no and 0 abstentions.

Motion was made by Keith Martin and seconded by David W. Gehman to approve the resolution to Purchase the Jerry Davis Property, as presented. Motion carried with 5 yes, 3 no by Stephanie Bryan, Sandy Hollinger, & Arthur Mothershed and 0 abstentions.

Motion was made by Eddie L. Tullis and seconded by David W. Gehman to approve the resolution to Enlarge Suspension Period for Per Capita Distribution to Tribal Member(s)

named in Disenrollment Petition(s), as presented. Motion carried with 8 yes, 0 no and 0 abstentions.

With no further business to come before the Tribal Council, motion was made by Eddie L. Tullis and seconded by Sandy Hollinger for approval to adjourn at 6:33 p.m. Motion carried with 8 yes, 0 no and 0 abstentions.

End of April 18, 2013 Tribal Council Meeting

2013 CALVIN MCGHEE MEMORIAL T-SHIRT RE-ORDER



Due to the fast sell out of Calvin McGhee Memorial T-shirts, we are offering a re-order --- if you would like to purchase a 2013 Calvin McGhee Memorial T-shirt, please see Chris "Ding-Ding" Blackburn to place an order.

Deadline to order: Friday, July 12th by 5:00 p.m.

Cost: \$10.00 per shirt

****Money is due at the time of the order****

(Cash or Check only!)

Sizes Available: Youth Small – Youth Large & Adult Small – Adult 5 XL

For more information, contact Chris "Ding Ding" Blackburn, Planning and Events Coordinator at 251-368-9136 ext. 2052 or 2051 or cblackburn@pci-nsn.gov.

2013 ANNUAL SOVEREIGNTY CELEBRATION

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31, 2013

MAGNOLIA BRANCH WILDLIFE RESERVE

TRIBAL MEMBERS & IMMEDIATE FAMILY LIVING IN HOUSEHOLD ONLY

No pets, drugs, alcohol, or weapons allowed

Gates Open: 9:00 a.m.

Registration Begins: 10:00 a.m.

Blessing of Food: 11:30 a.m.

Food Served: 11:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

****Shirt or bathing suit cover-up must be worn in Pavilion Area****

Tentative Menu:

(Menu is subject to change prior to event)

**Chicken
Fish
Hamburgers
Sausage Dogs**

**Hot Dogs
Gumbo
French Fries
Sweet Potato Fries**

**Hushpuppies
Fry Bread
Watermelon
Roasted Corn**

**Door Prize Drawing
@ 2:00 p.m.**

**Door Prizes are for Tribal
Members Only
Must be present to win**

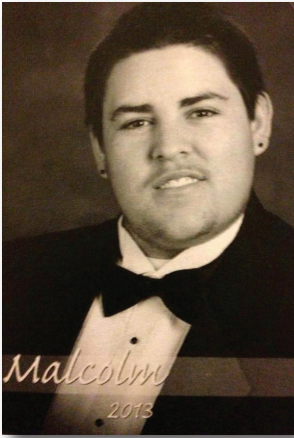
Please remember the Annual Sovereignty Celebration is for PCI Tribal Members and members of their immediate family living in the household only. Please do not invite extended family members, neighbors, or friends to the event.

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

Contact Magnolia Branch at 251-446-3423 if you wish to reserve a camp site. Space is limited and fills up quickly.

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

GRADUATES & HONORS



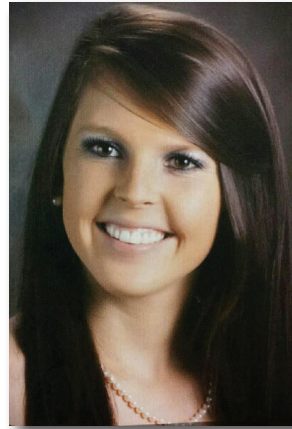
Drake McGhee Graduates From Escambia County High School

Congratulations to Drake for his graduation from Escambia County High School on May 24, 2013.

We love you and are so proud of you!

Mom, Mark, Dalton, & Tori.

Submitted by Michelle White



Samantha Miller Graduates From Baldwin County High School

Congratulations to Samantha for her graduation from Baldwin County High School on May 20, 2013.

We love you and are so proud of you!

Your family.

Submitted by Michelle White

Jackson & Murphy Attend Boys State

Casey Jackson, son of Eddie and Edie Jackson, and Cameron Murphy, son of Doug and Ginger Murphy, were selected to participate in Alabama Boy's State held at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, AL June 9-15, 2013.

Both have also graduated from the Youth Leadership Atmore (YLA) Program in May of 2013 and have been selected as Atmore Chamber Ambassadors for 2013-2014.

Both young men are Tribal Members and will be upcoming seniors at Escambia Academy.

We are proud of your accomplishments.

Love, Eddie, Edie, and Chance Jackson and
Doug, Ginger, Cassidy, Callie and Carlie Murphy



Submitted by Edie Jackson

Photo by Doug Murphy

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.

GRADUATES & HONORS

Strickland Graduates Summa Cum Laude From University of Alabama Birmingham

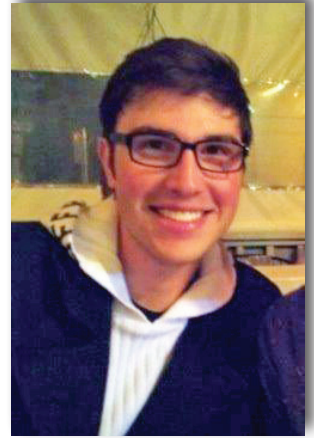
Clinton J. Strickland graduated Summa Cum Laude with University Honors, Departmental Honors in Psychology, and a BS degree in Psychology, from the University of Alabama Birmingham.

The University Honors Program (UHP) recruited Clint in the fall of 2009 and he was selected by the faculty of the UHP as a Teachers Assistant for the fall of 2011. He was also selected as a McNair Scholar and was awarded the Spencer Scholarship for the academic year 2011-2012. Clint has served as chair of the UHP Recruitment and Steering Committee.

Clint is presently in Tokyo, Japan for an intensive Japanese language immersion program and hopes to be teaching English as a second language there soon. When he returns he plans to continue his education toward a Master's Degree in Business Administration.

Best wishes to you in whatever direction life may take you.

We love you and are very proud of your accomplishments. Mom, Patrick, Amber and Scarlett.

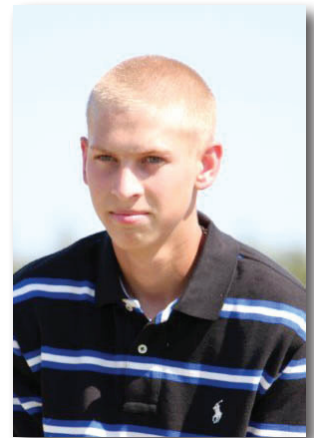


Jackson Completes First Year At Faulkner State

Chance Jackson, son of Eddie and Edie Jackson, has completed his first year of college at Faulkner State Community College in Bay Minette and has maintained a 4.0 GPA.

Congratulation Chance! We love you and are very proud of your accomplishments.

Love, Mom, Dad, and Casey.



Submitted by Edie Jackson

Poarch Creek News will be honored to publish 2013 graduation announcements, recognition of academic achievements, etc. as long as applicable deadlines have been met.

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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.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT HOSTS MEET & GREET FOR NEW EMPLOYEES

A Meet & Greet reception was hosted by the Health Department in the Health Department waiting room on June 6, 2013 to introduce several new employees to Tribal Members, patients, and staff. For some this was the first interaction they had with them, for others it was the first time to put a face with a name. The Health Department waiting room was decorated with beautiful flowers and refreshments were served.



Shown left to right are Dr. Carmen De La Rosa, Physician, Selina Chee, Acting Chief Pharmacist, Crystal Holder, Medical Record Clerk, Nioma Dees, Case Manager, Dr. Amanda McGhee-Cobb, Optometrist, Ginger Bergeron, Health Administrator, Jimmy Lynn, Staff Pharmacist, Nancy Peterson, medical Lab Technician, and Nancy Smith, Director of Nursing.

SUMMER STEPS FOR HEALTHY LIVING

In the warmer, longer, lazier days of summer, the living may not be easy, but your life probably feels less chaotic. Even adults tend to adopt a “school’s out!” attitude in summer. That’s why this is a perfect time to improve your health in a fashion so seasonally laid back you’ll barely notice the effort.

Give Your Diet a Berry Boost

If you do one thing this summer to improve your diet, have a cup of mixed fresh berries -- blackberries, blueberries, or strawberries -- every day.

Get Dirty -- and Stress Less

To improve your stress level, plant a small garden, cultivate a flower box, or if space is really limited, plant a few flower pots -- indoors or out.

Get Outside to Exercise

Pick one outdoor activity -- going on a hike, taking a nature walk, playing games such as tag with your kids, cycling, roller blading, or swimming -- to shed that cooped-up feeling of gym workouts.

Floss Daily

You know you need to, now it’s time to start: floss every single day. Do it at the beach (in a secluded spot), while reading on your patio, or when watching TV -- and the task will breeze by.

Be Good to Your Eyes

To protect your vision at work and at play, wear protective eyewear. When outdoors, wear sunglasses that block at least 99% of ultraviolet A and B rays. Sunglasses can help prevent cataracts, as well as wrinkles around the eyes.

Vacation Time!

Improve your heart health: take advantage of summer’s slower schedule by using your vacation time to unwind.

Sleep Well

Resist the urge to stay up later during long summer days. Instead pay attention to good sleep hygiene by keeping the same bedtime and wake-up schedule and not drinking alcohol within three hours of bedtime.

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PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN

Poarch Creek Indians Needs Assessment – Tribal Members ONLY

The Poarch Creek Indians are conducting a Needs Assessment for improving services through the Tribal Health Department. Please complete this form and return it to the PBCI Health Department. Please provide feedback for our Health Department. The survey below will help us to improve our services. We encourage written comments at the end of the survey. *We ask that you have surveys completed by August 1, 2013.* You may drop off your completed surveys at the Poarch Health Department

Thank you, Ginger Bergeron, Health Administrator.

How often do you use the following services? (Select the best answer.)

Dental	<input type="checkbox"/> Never	<input type="checkbox"/> 1-5 Times per Year	<input type="checkbox"/> More than 5 per Year
Family Doctor	<input type="checkbox"/> Never	<input type="checkbox"/> 1-5 Times per Year	<input type="checkbox"/> More than 5 per Year
Nurse Practitioner	<input type="checkbox"/> Never	<input type="checkbox"/> 1-5 Times per Year	<input type="checkbox"/> More than 5 per Year
Community Health Nurse	<input type="checkbox"/> Never	<input type="checkbox"/> 1-5 Times per Year	<input type="checkbox"/> More than 5 per Year
Pharmacy	<input type="checkbox"/> Never	<input type="checkbox"/> 1-5 Times per Year	<input type="checkbox"/> More than 5 per Year
Mental Health	<input type="checkbox"/> Never	<input type="checkbox"/> 1-5 Times per Year	<input type="checkbox"/> More than 5 per Year
WIC	<input type="checkbox"/> Never	<input type="checkbox"/> 1-5 Times per Year	<input type="checkbox"/> More than 5 per Year

General Information

What is your age? _____

Are you the person in your family who schedules medical appointments or request pharmacy items?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Do you have at least one immediate family member older than 62 years of age?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Do you have at least one immediate family member less than 18 years of age?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Does anyone in your family have Diabetes?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If you have Diabetes, do you feel you have enough contact with your health team?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Is there any heart disease in your family?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Is there high blood pressure in your family?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If you have a baby, do you have a car seat?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Does anyone in your immediate family use tobacco?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

Medical and Ambulatory Services

Do you have a regular doctor or nurse that you see at the clinic?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Do you ever not go to the doctor, dentist or nurse because you can't get off from work or can't find a baby sitter?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Do you get a flu shot every year?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Have you had a pneumonia shot?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Have you had a tetanus shot in the last 10 years?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Do you know how to obtain more education for you or your family?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

Pharmacy or Drug Services

Do you take prescription medication on a regular basis?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Do you have problems getting to the Pharmacy to get your medication?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

Nutrition and Fitness

Do you eat fast food? (McDonald's, Burger King, Hardee's)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Do you think you need to lose weight?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Do you exercise at least three times each week?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

Additional Services

Please list any additional services you would like offered at the Tribal Health Department.

YOUR HEALTH MATTERS

Small Decisions Make Big Things Happen

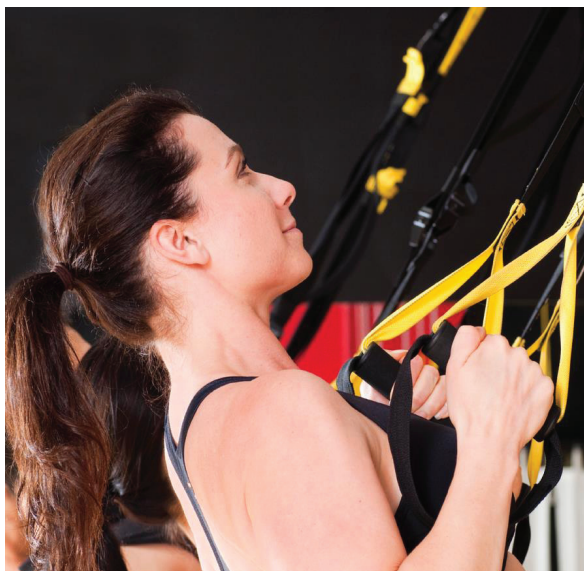
The Importance of Strength Training

I grew up in the south and from a young age played sports, mainly track and football. Over the years I have witnessed people start many different exercise programs. I have also seen people get frustrated and stop exercising. But I have also witnessed people make complete transformations to their bodies by sticking to some basic training principles. How did 100% of these people reach success? Strength training. Strength training is the foundation for fitness and the key for fat loss. When looking at body transformation, we need to look at fat loss over weight loss. Strength training ranks number one as the best way to lose fat. Here a few reasons why strength training is the best for fat lost:

1. Strength training promotes or maintains muscle tissue. It is important in training programs to maintain or promote muscle because muscle will burn more calories than fat. Muscle is constantly being broken down and rebuilt. It needs calories to rebuild and to create movement. Every kilogram of muscle burns approximately 10 calories a day. On the other hand, fat does not burn calories. Muscle tissue is like an oven that melts our fat away. With more muscle, a person will burn more calories throughout the course of the day and when they move.

2. Strength training causes the afterburn effect or EPOC (Excess Post-Oxygen Consumption). After a person preforms strength training, they will continue to burn calories for as much as 38 hours post workout. Strength training elevates the metabolism during the training and maintains the elevated metabolism. Who would not like to keep burning calories while watching TV after a workout?

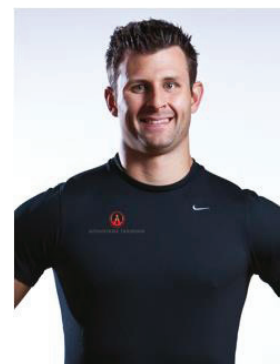
3. Muscle also takes up less space than fat. The less fat and the more muscle tissue a person has will equate to smaller clothes and a smaller waist line. It is important that we measure our success by how our clothes are fitting and how we look in the mirror over what the scale shows.



My suggestion? Start a 2-3 day a week strength training program and stick to it. You'll see noticeable results in the first two weeks and even better results within 12 weeks. Visit Poarch Recreation to get a workout program that is best for you.

Win the Day!
Spencer

Spencer Tatum is the National Training Director for Advantage Training. He has worked with all levels of fitness and currently oversees all of the program writing at Poarch Recreation. You can connect directly to Spencer by clicking on Exercise/Talk to a Trainer inside the My PCI Wellness online portal.



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Benefits of a Food Diary

Want to hear a secret? The majority of the successful nutrition and fat loss clients I work with keep a food diary. Why, you ask?

Because, bottom line, a food diary holds you accountable for what you put in your mouth, which means less in-between meal snacking and less late night bingeing. This allows me the opportunity to access their compliance to the plan and adjust any areas that are deficient.

Another important aspect of food logging is increasing awareness around food choices; time of day and how emotional eating can sabotage weight loss intentions.

For me, I always tend to snack right when I get home from work and before dinner is ready. It's those sneaky times when calories can really add up. By keeping a food diary, I identify this habit and work to change it by having a healthy snack in the afternoon at work so I'm not as hungry when I get home.

Even clients that want to maintain weight or improve muscle mass benefit from recording their food choices, quantity and timing. It's a very realistic way to see if you're eating enough of the right types of foods that are going to support your goals.

Here are 5 tips for keeping a food log:

1. **Write as you go.** Don't wait until the end of the day to record what you ate and drank. Do it as soon as possible after eating.
2. **Focus on portion size.** You don't have to get too technical, but it can be helpful to get an idea of serving sizes. Practice at home with measuring cups, measuring spoons, or food scales. And be aware that people tend to underestimate how much food they're served.
3. **Use whatever type of food diary works for you.** It doesn't matter whether you use scrap paper, a smartphone app, or a notebook. What matters is that you use it.



4. **Don't skip your indulgent days.** Don't just keep a record on days when you eat well, but also on more liberal eating days. That way you can get a better idea of when/what you tend to eat and identify with the reasons behind less than ideal eating habits.
5. **Cook at home.** You'll have more control over what you consume, and you know what that food contains, and how much of it you're eating. That makes for a more detailed entry in your food diary.

Regardless of what your health goals are, keeping a detailed food log can be the first step in long-term health. Reach out to me if you have any questions.

- Ben

Ben Brown is the Nutritionist for Advantage Training. He believes the key to a successful nutrition plan rests on changing one's habits, rather than focusing on good and bad foods. You can connect directly to Ben by clicking on Nutrition/Talk to a Nutritionist inside the My PCI Wellness online portal.

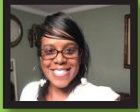


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The Family Services Department Update

July, 2013

Family Services Child and Family Welfare Services



"I believe knowledge that is gained through education is essential for children to reach their goals in life, and it will enable them to have limitless opportunities."

Tribal Chairman Buford L. Rolin

Michealine Deese is the Child and Family Welfare Services Coordinator. She has been with the Family Services Department for the past year. She enjoys working with the Family Services team and with our tribal families. Michealine is a parent of two children and she has worked with children for over 15 years. She continues to attend trainings in order to enhance her skills to meet the needs of all tribal member families and their children. She is willing to listen to the concerns to ensure that the needs of all tribal children are met. She has worked diligently with the Sexual Assault Awareness Month and Child Abuse Prevention Month Campaign, Easter Egg Hunt, Stopping Abuse, Assault & Violence Identification and Prevention Conference, and looks forward in heading the Kid's Christmas Party this year.

Michealine is actively recruiting tribal foster and adoptive homes for tribal children. Michealine works diligently with families to attempt to prevent disruptions within family units, but should a disruption occur, placement within another tribal family is preferred. Please contact Michealine if you are interested in learning more about becoming a foster or an adoptive home for the Tribe.

As noted above, Michealine headed up the Family Services Awareness Campaign for Sexual Assault Awareness Month and Child Abuse Prevention Month. The Family Services Department combined these two events into a door-to-door awareness campaign. We distributed bags with goodies and pertinent information to the Tribal Housing subdivisions. If individuals were not home, a bag was left on their door knob. If any Tribal Member needs more information regarding Sexual Assault Awareness or Child Abuse Prevention, please contact Family Services at (251) 368-9136, Ext. 2603.





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.

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.

**Low Income Energy Assistance Grant (LIHEAP)
Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)
Child Care Development Funds (CCDF)
Family Violence Prevention (FVPSA)**

****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

2013 School Supply Reimbursement Program

**July 1, 2013 thru
October 31, 2013**

School Uniform and Supplies:

- \$300.00 Reimbursement Per Child (no receipt required)
- Must be Tribal Member or First Generation Child
- Must be in 4K-12th Grade

Computer Reimbursement

- Every household with a Tribal Member or First Generation 4K-12th Grade Student is eligible for 1 computer device (includes Ipad).
- \$600.00 Reimbursement per household (original receipt required)

- **Applications will be available beginning July 1st.**
- The student must be an enrolled Tribal Member or First Generation descent.
- Reimbursements will be electronically transferred into your account in 45 days or less.
- Proof of enrollment ex. Current bill, letter from the school, copy of your child's report card from school year 2012-2013 is required for each child.
- If you have any questions please call the Education Department at (251) 368-9136 Extension 2021.

DIG INTO READING-SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Come join Whitney in the Ant Hill!

Dig Into Reading

Wednesdays

10:00 a.m.

Education Department

Join us for story time, crafts, games, movie nights, special guests and much more!

For more information contact Christyn Sells or Whitney Smedley at (251) 368-9136 x 2244.



TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM REMINDER

This is a reminder for the 2013-2014 School year. All participants must have submitted the following before the beginning of the Fall 2013 school term:

- Update Tuition Assistance Program application. Send an email or letter that there have been changes to the contact information, changes regarding the education institution or no changes since the previous academic year.

- Grades for the Spring and/or Summer semester. Grades must show your cumulative GPA. An "unofficial transcript" if sufficient.

- Federal Student Loan (FAFSA) results for the 2013-14 school year

Unless you have these items on file, the Education Department will not send an authorization for billing to your school for the 2013-14 school year.

If you have any questions please contact Shelia Fisher, Tuition Program Coordinator at sfisher@pci-nsn.gov or (251) 368-9136 ext. 2241.

NOTE: The Tuition Assistance application has been revised. If you have not completed an application since May 2012, you will need to complete a new application.

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

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB NEWS

We will be **CLOSED** July 4th, 2013 in observance of Independence Day!



These children participated in the Atmore Artmore Gallery Contest that was held on Saturday May 18th.



A special thanks to all the Mentors who come out and mentored the kids regularly. We really appreciate the effort you gave and the difference it makes in the children's lives.



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 reasonable 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.

HOUSING AUTHORITY RECOGNIZES AMERIND'S 2013 POSTER CONTEST WINNERS

During the May 22, 2013 Housing Authority Meeting, the Housing Authority recognized the 2013 Amerind Poster Contest winners. These posters will be forwarded for Regional competition.

This year's winners are:

Kindergarten - Third Grade:

1st Place	Stephen Dunn	\$150
2nd Place	Ava Davis	\$100
3rd Place	Phoenix Cao	\$ 75
Honorable Mention	Nixon Nguyen	\$ 50

Fourth - Sixth Grade:

1st Place	Jornie Cao	\$150
2nd Place	Jason Davis	\$100
3rd Place	Caleb Davis	\$ 75
Honorable Mention	Rayya Cao	\$ 50



Back row left to right are Kevin McGhee, Charlotte Meckel, Lynn Woodcock, Kelli Ramer, Shada Thomas, and Regina Brown. Front row left to right are Jornie Cao, Stephen Dunn, Nixon Nguyen, Phoenix Cao, and Rayya Cao.

HOUSING AUTHORITY RECOGNIZES AMERIND'S 2012 POSTER CONTEST WINNERS

Proper recognition takes time! On the facing page we recognize the winners of Amerind's 2013 Poster Contest. In this article we are recognizing the final accomplishments of Amerind's 2012 Poster Contest winners! Rylee Huskey, Jori Cao, and Shea Davis; each girl was presented with a check from Amerind.

These three young ladies won first place in their division last year. Each of their entries were forwarded for Regional completion. Rylee won first place the Regional level and went on to compete in the on-line voting process in the National level. Jori placed second in her division at the Regional level; Shea placed third in her division at the Regional level. Thanks to your votes and support, Rylee won her division at the National level as well. Her first place showing won her a \$3000 Savings Bond.

K-3 Rylee Huskey	1 st Place	\$ 250.00
4-5 Jori Cao	2 nd Place	\$ 150.00
6-7 Shea Davis	3 rd Place	\$ 100.00



Shown left to right are Shea Davis, Rylee Huskey, and Jori Cao.

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 William Mote, Chief Financial Officer.

For general information, description, serial number, etc. contact: Betty Caraway, Property Control Coordinator at (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
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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

Housing Board Vacancy

The Tribal Council has announced one vacancy on the Housing Authority Board. Applications will be accepted through Wednesday, July 31, 2012. If you are interested in applying for this position applications are available on the Tribal Council page of the Tribe's web site www.pci-nsn.gov or you can pick up an application at the Tribal Council Offices located on Hwy 21.

All applications should be returned to the Tribal Council Office by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 31, 2013.

Please contact Kelli Ramer, Tribal Council Liaison, at (251) 446-1140 if you have any questions.

TRIBAL MEMBER BENEFITS UPDATES & INFORMATION

The Tribal Member Benefits Department provides a wide variety of services to Tribal Members and Descendants. If you are simply looking for directions and struggling on where to begin regarding resources and benefits, Mrs. Carolyn Rackard is ready, willing, and able to help you clearly navigate through the myriad of services that are available.

DNA testing is available through our office for Tribal Members to confirm parental connections with their child. Professional testing with LabCorp is coordinated through our office, and testing space is provided here on site twice each month on the first and third Thursday. Tribal Members who wish to participate in this program are required to complete the necessary documents before an appointment for testing can be scheduled.

In an effort to maximize the efficiency of our operations and to ensure prompt attention to your need, we ask that you phone ahead or email us to schedule an appointment.



Shown left to right are Carolyn Rackard, Candy Sells, Candace Fayard, and Marlene McNairn.

Tribal Member Benefits Staff:

Marlene McNairn, Tribal Member Benefits Clerk
(251) 368-9136 x 2209 or mmcnairn@pci-nsn.gov

Candy Sells, Tribal Member Benefits Clerk
(251) 368-9136 x 2281 or cmsells@pci-nsn.gov

Carolyn Rackard, Tribal Member Benefits Coordinator
(251) 368-9136 x 2501 or crackard@pci-nsn.gov

Candace Fayard, Tribal Enrollment/Census Analyst
(251) 368-9136 x 2281 or cfayard@pci-nsn.gov

Office hours are Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

- ***Tuesday & Thursday***

Appointments available for Enrollment issues and Tribal ID cards. *Please bring driver's license or State issued non-driver I.D with you to the appointment.*

- ***Friday***

First Generation Letters will be ready if the request is submitted at least three days in advance.

Appointments available for Magnolia Branch passes. *Please bring birth certificates for each child under the age of 19, living in the household and a marriage certificate for your non-tribal spouse.*

*Submitted by Candace Fayard
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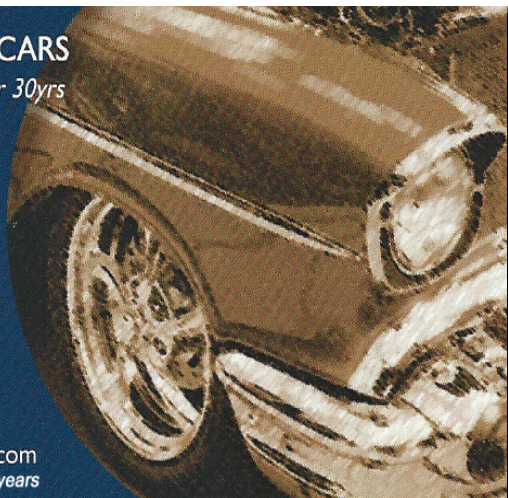
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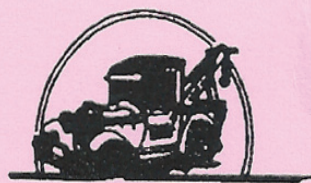
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Vote Robert “Robbie” McGhee

I understand it's been a long campaign season. Sending and receiving numerous mail outs, calls and personal requests for support can be a very tiring process. The run-off concept is still new for the Tribe. It has made an already contentious time longer and stressful on us all. I am committed to making the next several weeks a bit easier for you.

In the upcoming weeks I will stand on my experience and qualifications to become your next Tribal Council Treasurer. I can only assure you that my reasons for wishing to continue as a public servant for this Tribe are pure. We have and will continue to have many tough decisions placed before us and I have and will continue to make those decisions based on what I believe is best for the Tribe as a whole.

I have enjoyed my work here for the last 9 years. But more importantly I have enjoyed the opportunity serving as your Tribal Council member since 2004. I understand that many times our own individual situation may not let us realize how far the Tribe has come over the last several years. However, when you compare our Tribe today to even five years ago we have expanded services and benefits beyond many hopes and expectations. Today, no Tribal Member should be without health coverage or educational opportunities. Information is more readily available. Flex Cards, Per Cap and Christmas checks have continued to increase. We have many exciting projects on the horizon such as, an assisted living facility and an expanded health clinic. We are also looking at many different retail and entertainment venues to support our economic growth at exit 57.



Robbie w/ 2013 Close Up participants in Washington DC

With our success, other things may have fallen into the shadows and I have recognized that myself, as well as heard the concern from many of you. The question has been raised, “What about our values, our sense of family, our unity?” I agree - and I want to pledge that these next few years, if you give me the chance, not only will I continue to make decisions that help our Tribe grow economically; I will make decisions that help our Tribe grow as a family.

I tell you these things in hopes that you can gain a sense of how committed I have been since my youth to helping our people. I understand it's hard to get to know someone in a campaign, or by seeing them from afar, or across a business table. I hope I can come to know more of you in the future regardless of my status on the Council or in the community. I know some may have a preconceived notion about me and I want to change that and let them see that I am a hard worker and caring person. I hope this has become more evident in my commitment and long hours as an employee in Indian issues and as your council member for the last 9 years. I hope that you will continue to put your trust in me for another 3 years and in August make one of those votes for me as your Treasurer. Thank you.



The McGhee Family. Back row: Zan, Robbie, Bobby, Daniel, and Brice. Front row: Daughtry, and Jameson.



Robbie with his Dad, Bobby McGhee



*Future Tribal Leaders
Austin Shuttlesworth, Bo Ramer, & Brice McGhee*

JULY (*Hvuyuce*) 2013

Tribal Council Meetings

Thursday, July 18th 4:00 pm

Tribal Council Chambers

Please note that there is only one Tribal Council Meeting this month.

Tribal Court Sessions

Monday, July 1st & 15th 9:00 am

Tribal Courtroom

CIEDA Meetings

Friday, July 5th & 19th 7:30 am

CIEDA Offices

CMCA

Monday, July 1st & 15th 5:00 pm

Welcome Center

Housing Authority Meetings

Wednesday, July 10th & 24th 4:00 pm

Building 400 Conference Room

Please note that the Housing Authority Meeting schedule has changed to the second and fourth Wednesday of each month.

Recreation Authority Meetings

Tuesday, July 9th 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, July 9th & 23rd 3:00 pm

TERO Offices

Education Classes/Club Meetings

Dig Into Reading

Summer Reading Program

Every Wednesday @ 10:30 am

Education Department

4-H Club

Monday, July 8th & 22nd 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

Open Swim

Adults Only Age 18 & up.

Monday - Friday 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Saturday 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Swimming Lessons Summer II

July 8, 2013 - July 31, 2013

Pee Wee Football Registration

June 24, 2013 - July 31, 2013

Gymnastic & Dance Camp

July 29, 2013 - August 2, 2013

Other Dates To Remember This Month

Monday, July 1, 2013

First day to submit application for School

Supply Reimbursement Program. Program

runs through October 31, 2013.

Thursday, July 4, 2013

Tribal Office & Boys & Girls Club Closed

In observance of Independence Day

Wednesday, July 10, 2013

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

Wednesday, July 10, 2013

Last day to place sealed bid on several used items located at Public Works Dept.

Friday, July 12, 2013

Deadline to RSVP for

Academic Achievement Banquet

Friday, July 12, 2013

Last day to pre-order Calvin McGhee Memorial T-shirt.

Run-Off Election Walk-In Voting

9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

July 22-27, 2013 &

July 29 - August 2, 2013

August 2nd Walk-in Voting 8:00 am.- 5:00 pm

Tuesday, July 23, 2013

Last Day to Request Absentee Ballot

July 31, 2013

Deadline to submit application for Housing Authority Board vacancy

Friday, August 2, 2013

Last day to receive Absentee Ballots

Thursday, August 1, 2013

5:00 p.m. deadline to turn in Health

Department's Need Assessment forms

Saturday, August 3, 2013

Run-Off Election Day

SAIL Center

Polls open 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 31, 2013

Annual Celebration Magnolia Branch

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