

# Poarch Creek News 2013



*Poarch Creek Swim Team-Eat My Bubbles!*

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# Poarch Creek Indians Social Media Campaign

**Reaching Tribal Members around the world via  
Tribal Web Site Facebook Twitter &  
Tribal Member Distribution Emails**

**We have 4,900 friends and 2,526 likes on Facebook. Help us reach 7,000 followers on Facebook & Twitter while we keep you informed!**

**The Tribe uses social media as a way to keep everyone up to date on the current events at the Tribe. Please remember to be respectful and positive when making comments!**

**Visit the Tribal web site: [www.pci-nsn.gov](http://www.pci-nsn.gov)**

**Follow us on Facebook: [facebook.com/PoarchBandofCreekIndians](https://facebook.com/PoarchBandofCreekIndians)**

**Follow us on Twitter: [twitter.com/PoarchCreek](https://twitter.com/PoarchCreek)**

**A Tribal Member Distribution Email (TMDE) list has been established to disseminate updated news and information to Tribal Members age 18 and above. If you are interested in subscribing to TMDE, please forward your contact information and Tribal Roll Number to [info@pci-nsn](mailto:info@pci-nsn). **TMDE is limited to outgoing emails only, please do not send other information or requests to this address.****

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*The Tribe's web site, Facebook, Twitter, & TMDE accounts are maintained by the Government Relations Department.*





It is the fall of the year already; this is a very busy time of year for the Tribe. The United South and Eastern Tribes (USET) Annual Meeting and Expo hosted by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians is this month in Cherokee, NC. USET is dedicated to enhancing the development of Indian Tribes, to improving the capabilities of Tribal governments, and assisting the member Tribes and their governments in dealing effectively with public policy issues and in serving the broad needs of Indian people.

Tribal Council Members and staff representatives will travel to North Carolina to attend and meet with other USET representatives to discuss issues of concern across Indian Country.

I traveled to Traverse City, MI in September to attend the National Indian Health Board's (NIHB) annual consumer conference. NIHB advocates on behalf of all Tribal Governments and American Indians/Alaska Natives in their efforts to provide quality healthcare.



Buford L. Rolin, Tribal Chairman  
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Of course we all know fall brings football! Let's support our Tribal Member athletes who are playing on all levels, from Mini-Mites to college. We must not forget that this support is also inclusive of cheerleaders, band members, team managers, etc.



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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.*

## Support the American Heart Association!

### HELP DO YOUR PART & BUY A HEART!

Hearts may be purchased at the PCI Health Department. All hearts are \$5.00 and can be purchased in honor of/or memory of a special loved one with HEART disease.

All proceeds will benefit the American Heart Association!

Hearts will be displayed in the Health Department lobby.

To purchase, contact Kay Thomas or Nancy Smith at extension 2328.

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; information and decisions that have been made by the Tribal Council, Authorities, Commissions and Tribal Government Departments.

It is also a place where Tribal Members can submit information celebrating their loved one's birthdays, births, and marriage announcements along with other achievements and accomplishments.

It is not the forum where individual Tribal Members can submit their personal views regarding matters of operations of Tribal Government or decisions or policies enacted by Tribal Council, Authorities and/or Boards.

The *Poarch Creek News* is not the vehicle to submit policies issues/concerns by individual Tribal Members and/or groups.

*We reserve the right to edit or refuse any item submitted for publication.*

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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 one month prior to the month of publication. The deadline to submit information to be published in the newsletter is the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to the month of publication. If the 10<sup>th</sup> 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.



# SWIM TEAM COMPLETES SUCCESSFUL SUMMER SESSION

The Poarch Creek Swim Team had a successful summer session. They participated in swim meets in Jackson, AL at the Jackson YMCA and in Mobile, AL at the Hearin Chandler YMCA and at Bishop State Community College. The team is already gearing up for the winter session, which will run from August through December. During the winter session the Poarch Swim Team will co-join the Tiger Sharks from the Brewton YMCA.

The Recreation Department and everyone involved with the swim team are very happy with the success the swim team has had and looks forward to what comes next. Who knows, we may have the next Michael Phelps on our team!

Recreation hosted a summer wrap-up party for the swimmers on Monday, August 12<sup>th</sup>. They were presented with their swim ribbons and a gift bag of goodies!

*Poarch Creek Swim Team top to bottom, left to right: Chaz McGhee, Jason Davis, Caleb Davis, Sydney Lisenby, Riley Baggett, Rylee Huskey, Ruthie Huskey, Dylan Baggett, Tyler McGhee, Hannah Johnson, Tiffany Gookin, Colby Lisenby, Mary-Ashlyn Williams, Jamison McGhee, and Coach Sarah Allen. Team members not shown are Tori White and Daughtry McGhee.*



## Shyrell Gehman Retires

After 27 years with the Tribe, Shyrell Gehman has hung up her stethoscope and retired. Shyrell began her employment as a nurse in the Health Department in August of 1986. She has seen many people come and go during her tenure at the Tribe and says that she has worked with some of the best people in the health field.

Shyrell watched the Tribe grow from less than five employees to more than 300. She has watched services to Tribal Members increase and is proud to have been a part of the success that is the Tribal Health Team.

The Health Department hosted a retirement reception for Shyrell on Wednesday August 21, 2013.

We wish Shyrell the best of luck in all that she does now that she has plenty of time to do it!

*Front row left to right: Glenn McGhee, Shelia Odom, Shyrell Gehman, David Gehman, Kay Watson, and Sandra Day; middle row left to right: Lisa Parker, Teresa Smith, Althea Bell, Linda Selzer, Thelma Williamson, and Nancy Peterson; back row left to right: Lori Welch, Shelly Chavira, Nancy Smith, Dr. Amanda Cobb, Nikole Higdon, Ginger Bergeron, RosaLeigh Boyte, Crystal Sawyer, Julia Gordon, Haley Harrison, and Nioma Till.*

# UPCOMING CHANGES TO NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Beginning with the *January 2014* issue of the *Poarch Creek News*, the submission deadline will change from the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to the month of publication to the 5<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to the month of publication. If the 5<sup>th</sup> falls on a weekend or holiday, the deadline will be extended to the next business day. Please keep this change in mind when submitting information for publication in the newsletter.

The deadline for submission of information to be published in the January 2014 newsletter is Thursday, December 5, 2013. The current deadline of the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to the month of publication is still in effect until that time. Please do not hesitate to contact the *Poarch Creek News* if you have any questions or need further information.

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## 2014 Newsletter Submission Deadlines

<u>ISSUE</u>	<u>SUBMISSION DEADLINE</u>
January 2014	Thursday, December 5, 2013
February 2014	Monday, January 6, 2014
March 2014	Wednesday, February 5, 2014
April 2014	Wednesday, March 5, 2014
May 2014	Monday, April 7, 2014
June 2014	Monday, May 5, 2014
July 2014	Thursday, June 5, 2014
August 2014	Monday, July 7, 2014
September 2014	Tuesday, August 5, 2014
October 2014	Friday, September 5, 2014
November 2014	Monday, October 6, 2014
December 2014	Wednesday, November 5, 2014
January 2015	Friday, December 5, 2014

# HONORING OUR VETERANS-UPDATED

The *Poarch Creek News* would like to honor our Tribal Member veterans for their sacrifice, dedication, and service. We are asking all Tribal Member families to send in information on any Tribal Member veterans you may know. We wish to honor *all* veterans: male and female, those who paid the ultimate sacrifice in the service of our country, those who have passed, those who have served, and those who currently serve.

We would like the veteran's name, Tribal roll number, rank, branch of service, and any medals or awards received. Please share any information you are comfortable sharing. If possible, please identify duty stations, deployment dates, locations, etc, as well as a short bio of three hundred words or less of their personal life such as marriage, children, education, employment, etc.

We will begin honoring our veterans in a special insert in the November newsletter that will feature

the name, rank, branch of service, and photo of each Tribal Member veteran whose information is submitted by Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, the submission deadline for the November newsletter.

The January 2014 newsletter will feature our first *Veteran Of The Month*; this information will be published via random selection and will be pulled from the submissions received. We will accept veteran submissions from this time forward and will feature a veteran each month as long as we have submissions.

You may submit a veteran's information via email to [gjohnson@pci-nsn.gov](mailto:gjohnson@pci-nsn.gov), via hand delivery to the *Poarch Creek News*, or via US Mail to *Poarch Creek News*, 5811 Jack Springs Road, Atmore, AL 36502. Please be sure to include return address and contact information.

*As of October 1<sup>st</sup>, we have received only three veteran submissions.*

# ENHANCEMENT TO TRIBAL WEB SITE

On September 5, 2013, the Tribal web site, [www.pci-nsn.gov](http://www.pci-nsn.gov), went 'live' with a new feature, interactive PDFs. Interactive PDFs are applications for services and/or applicable forms that can be completed and submitted online. Once the form is submitted, it is received by the appropriate staff person and a copy is forwarded to the individual that completed the form. These PDFs include:

## **Tribal Council**

*Board & Committee Vacancy Form*

## **Government Structure**

*Request for Advisory Opinion*

*Ethics Complaint*

## **Authorities & Commissions**

Housing Authority

*Housing Application*

Utilities Authority

*Utilities Application for Services*

Recreation Authority

*Recreation Registration Application*

*Recreation Coaches Application*

## **Tribal Departments**

Boys & Girls Club

*Boys & Girls Club Application*

Environmental Department

*Application for Sanitation Facilities*

*Car Seat Form*

Family Services Department

*Family Services Application*

Human Resources

*Employment Application*

Tribal Newsletter

*Newsletter Subscription Form*

*Anniversary Wishes Submission Form*

*Birth Announcement Submission Form*

*Birthday Wish Submission Form*

*Engagement/Wedding Announcement Form*

*Miscellaneous Information Submission Form*

*Obituary Submission Form*

*Reunions & Accomplishment Submission Form*

Effective January 1, 2014, the official Tribal web site, [www.pci-nsn.gov](http://www.pci-nsn.gov), will host a ***Tribal Members Only Portal (TMOP)*** for Tribal Members age 18 and above wherein confidential information such as audited financials, proposed Ordinances, etc., will be posted. The portal will be located on the left-hand sidebar of the web site's home page.

You may initially access the TMOP by using an established username and password that will be provided to you prior to January 1<sup>st</sup>. Once you log on for the first time, you will be given the option to create your individual username and/or password.

We will need your correct contact information to set up the TMOP ID. We have access to Tribal Member names and roll numbers, but must have a valid email address to complete the TMOP identification process. If you do not have an email address and would like assistance in setting up a free GMAIL account, please let us know. To establish a TMOP account, please forward the following information to [info@pci-nsn.gov](mailto:info@pci-nsn.gov):

Full Name

Tribal Roll Number

Valid Email Address

Please know that the TMOP will not be an automated site; it will be up to individual users to resolve issues they have if they are unable to login to the Tribal Members Portal. We will be unable to provide assistance beyond confirming that you have the correct username and password to access this area of our website. Confirmation of correct username and password may take up to 24 hours.

These enhancements have been made in an effort to better serve you the Tribal Member.



Poarch Band of Creek Indians



State of the Tribe

Friday, October 4, 2013

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Tribal Members Only

Family Services Auditorium

Building 500

For More Information Contact

Sharon Delmar, Public Relations Tribal Liaison, @ (251) 368-9136 x 2216 or [sdelmar@pci-nsn.gov](mailto:sdelmar@pci-nsn.gov).

## ***NOTICE OF HOLIDAY PER CAPITA PAYMENTS***

Tribal Member holiday per capita payments will be made in November. If you have any changes to your current banking account or address, please contact the Tribal Member Benefits Department at (251) 368-9136 x 2501 or 2209 so that a new Direct Deposit Form can be mailed to you to be completed and returned for processing. All changes/Direct Deposit Forms must be received by Tribal Member Benefits by 5:00 p.m. (CST) Friday, October 18, 2013.

Just a reminder, it is very helpful and safe to have all Tribal Per Capita payments deposited into a banking account.

***If you have no changes to your address or current account information, you DO NOT have to contact Tribal Member Benefits.***

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# ***2013 TRIBAL CENSUS INFORMATION***

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The annual Tribal Census study is nearing. Tribal Government expects to send out the Census forms at the beginning of October. Once forms are available they will also be posted on the Tribe's web site at [www.pci-nsn.gov/census](http://www.pci-nsn.gov/census); this will be an interactive form that you can complete and submit on-line.

Completing your Census form provides your Tribal Leaders insights they need to develop programs and benefits specifically tailored to your current needs.

Your participation is mandatory and responses to the Census will be tracked. Please make sure you update your current address and contact information with Tribal Member Benefits.

We are looking forward to seeing your responses!

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## ***TRIBAL COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE LIST***

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Arthur Mothershed

### **LAND/NATURAL RESOURCES**

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Keith Martin  
Kevin McGhee

### **BUDGET/FINANCE**

David W. Gehman  
Arthur Mothershed  
Kevin McGhee



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# 2013 BOARD & COMMITTEE VACANCIES

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The Tribal Council has announced vacancies on the following Tribal Authorities, Commissions, Boards, and Committees. Applications will be accepted through Thursday, October 31, 2013. If you are interested in applying for one of these positions, applications are available on the Tribal Council page of the Tribe's web site [www.pci-nsn.gov](http://www.pci-nsn.gov); you may complete and submit your application from the web site. You can also 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 Thursday, October 31, 2013. Please contact Kelli Ramer, Tribal Council Liaison, at (251) 446-1140 if you have questions or need additional information.

Utilities Authority

Housing Authority

Recreation Authority

PCI Gaming Authority

CIE Development Authority

Calvin McGhee Cultural Authority

TERO Commission

Gaming Commission

Muskogee Inn Board

Magnolia Branch Wildlife Reserve Board

Muskogee Technology Board

Perdido River Farm Board

Education Advisory Committee

Endowment Committee

Enrollment Committee

Investment Committee

Tribal Historic Preservation Committee

Election Board

Ethics Board

Environmental Board

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## WIND CREEK WETUMPKA HOTEL & CASINO JOB FAIR

Over 500 Employment Opportunities!

Wednesday, October 2, 2013

12:00 noon - 9:00 pm

Wetumpka Civic Center

410 South Main Street

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For more information visit:  
[PCIGAMINGJOBS.COM](http://PCIGAMINGJOBS.COM).

# TRIBE MOURNS PASSING OF DR. ANTHONY PAREDES

A familiar face and long time friend of the Poarch Creek Indian community will be missing at this year's Thanksgiving Day Pow Wow. Dr. Anthony "Tony" Paredes quietly passed from this life into eternity on August 24, 2013.

Dr. Paredes was a retired anthropologist and Professor Emeritus from Florida State University. For many years, Dr. Paredes worked with a number of our Tribal Members to research our Tribal genealogy and history and wrote numerous scholarly papers specifically about the Poarch Band of Creek Indians.

He first visited our community in the early 1970's, in which he interviewed over eighty members of our Tribal community as a part of the Sam Proctor Oral History Project. This was the beginning of his relationship to our Tribe, which was to continue to the present time.

When our Tribe was working towards federal recognition, Dr. Paredes, with the help of many others, put together the historical, genealogical, and anthropological evidence which was critical to the federal petition process. As a result of this work, our Tribe achieved federal recognition status on August 11, 1984. As we reflect back upon our Tribe's federal recognition status, we are deeply grateful for his contributions to this process.

Dr. Paredes was present at our first Annual Thanksgiving Day Pow Wow and continued to attend every one of them until 2012. Despite his illness, he made it a priority to be present at last year's Pow Wow. He will certainly be missed at this year's upcoming festivities.



*Dr. Paredes at 2012 Pow Wow*

Throughout the years, Dr. Paredes helped our Tribe in so many ways. He recently helped us to acquire copies of all of the Poarch Creek oral history recordings he conducted in the early 1970's. The Tribe now owns copies of all of these interviews and we are grateful to finally have possession of such a wonderful treasure. Through his work, we now have the voices of many of our ancestors, many of whom passed away a number of years ago. As we listen to these

interviews in the future, we will certainly have a greater appreciation of his voice, as well.

One of the last things that Dr. Paredes helped us with was the initial planning of our new Tribal Museum. He contributed numerous photographs and several historical items that are now a part of the Museum's permanent collections.

At our 2013 Annual Celebration, Tribal Chairman Buford Rolin spoke in recognition of Dr. Paredes, and his contributions to our Tribe:

*"Tony was, and will always be, remembered as a friend to the Poarch Creek community. And though he was not a Tribal Member, he was, and is in so many ways, a member of the Poarch Creek family. Join with me now, in a few moments of silence, to express our gratitude for his work, his dedication, and for his friendship to our people. Let us also remember his family in this time of sorrow. May his memory endure, today, and for the future generations of Poarch Creek Indians to come."*

*Submitted by Robert G. Thrower  
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer  
Poarch Band of Creek Indians.*



# 2013 ANNUAL CELEBRATION

If you are a Tribal Member and were unable to attend the Annual Celebration, please stop by the Museum to pick up your gift. There is a limited supply of duffle bags for adults and sling backpacks for kids that will be given out on a first come first serve basis. You must present your Tribal ID to pick up your gift.





# ATTENTION TRIBAL MEMBER HUNTERS

The Land and Natural Resources Legislative Committee announces the following:

- Hunting on Tribal Lands is open to Tribal Members and members of their household only.
- All State of Alabama rules and Poarch Band of Creek Indians (PBCI) Hunting Policy rules will apply at all times, there will be no exceptions.
- Tribal Hunting License requires the purchase of an Alabama Hunting License; cost is in addition to Tribal Hunting License fees.
- Tribal Hunting License fee: \$300.00
- Regular sign up: September 20, 2013 through October 31, 2013. License may still be purchased through November 30, 2013, but a \$100 late fee will be applied to all licenses purchased after October 31, 2013.
- Fees will be accepted at the Tribal Government Accounting Department, Building 200, during normal business hours. Alabama Hunting License may also be purchased at the Tribal Government Accounting Department.
- A complete copy of the PBCI Hunting Policy and a calendar of dog hunting days will be given to hunters when fees are paid.
- If you have any further questions, please contact the Keith Martin, Land and Natural Resources Committee, (251) 446-1140, ext. 4506.



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**Dr. Valerie Vick**  
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**Dr. David Helton**  
Optometrist

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**Atmore Vision Center**  
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Atmore, Alabama 36502  
**251-368-8767**

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# 2014 PER CAPITA PAYMENTS

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2014 Per Capita payments is fast approaching. **All 2014 per capita payments will be made by direct deposit ONLY.** If you **do not** have an active direct deposit form on file with Tribal Member Benefits or if you have any **changes** to your current banking account or address, please mail in the attached direct deposit form to be processed. All new/changes Direct Deposit Forms must be received by Tribal Member Benefits by **5:00 p.m. (CST) Friday, November 15, 2013.**

Your 2014 Per Capita Amount Letter and Options Form will be forthcoming.

**REMINDER, ALL 2014 PER CAPITA PAYMENTS WILL BE BY DIRECT DEPOSIT ONLY.**

*If you have no changes to your address or current account information, you **DO NOT** have to mail in this form or contact Tribal Member Benefits.*

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## DIRECT DEPOSIT FORM

For your convenience, a Direct Deposition Form is provided on the next page. If you need to submit a new or updated Direct Deposit Form, please remove and complete the included form and return it with a voided check to the Tribal Member Benefits Department, 5811 Jack Springs Road, Atmore, AL 36502, no later than November 15, 2013. Instructions to complete the form are as follows:

1. Fill in "Tribal Member Name" and "Roll #"
2. Fill in "Name of Financial Institution" and "Address of Financial Institution"
3. Fill in "Routing Number" and "Account Number"
4. Please indicate if the account is "Money Market", "Checking", or "Savings"
5. Please sign form in front of Notary Public
6. Attach voided check and mail to Tribal Member Benefits Department no later than November 15, 2013



## Poarch Band of Creek Indians Direct Deposit Agreement Form

Tribal Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Roll#: \_\_\_\_\_

### Agreement

#### Authorization Agreement

I hereby authorize Poarch Band of Creek Indians to initiate automatic deposits to my account at the financial institution named below. I also authorize Poarch Band of Creek Indians to make withdrawals from this account in the event that a credit entry is made in error.

Further, I agree not to hold Poarch Band of Creek Indians responsible for any delay or loss of funds due to incorrect or incomplete information supplied by me or by my financial institution or due to an error on the part of my financial institution in depositing funds to my account.

This agreement will remain in effect until Poarch Band of Creek Indians receives a written notice of cancellation from me or my financial institution, or until I submit a new direct deposit form to the Tribal Member Benefits Department.

#### Account Information

Name of Financial Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Financial Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Routing Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Money Market Account      \_\_\_\_\_ Checking Account      \_\_\_\_\_ Savings Account

### Notarized Signature

#### Notarized Signature

Authorized Signature (Primary): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Signature (Joint): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

Notary: \_\_\_\_\_

My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach a voided check for payments to checking accounts and return this form to the Tribal Member Benefits Department.



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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](https://twitter.com/PoarchCreek).

We have recently established a Tribal Member Distribution Email (TMDE) 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 subscribe to this distribution list, please email your contact information and Tribal roll number to [info@pci-nsn.gov](mailto:info@pci-nsn.gov).

The Tribe's web site, Facebook, Twitter, and TMDE accounts are maintained by the Government Relations Department.

# CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS



**Brooke Sharrett**  
**September 5, 2013**

Happy birthday to our sweet girl Brooke. We are so proud of the young woman you have become.

We love you; happy 17<sup>th</sup> birthday!  
Love Mom, Glen, Wyatt, and Grandma.



**Walker Martin**  
**September 8, 2013**

Walker Martin celebrated his 5<sup>th</sup> birthday on September 08, 2013.

Happy birthday Little Man; Momma loves you!



**Damon Rolin**  
**September 23, 2013**

Happy birthday!  
We love you.

Momma, Poppa, Aunt Kim and Uncle Eric.



**Maria Elaine McGhee**  
**October 1, 2013**

Happy 68<sup>th</sup> birthday to my dear sister and best friend. You're as beautiful today as you were at 28.

I love you so much, Barbara Jean.



**Olivia Powell**  
**October 1, 2013**

Happy 12<sup>th</sup> birthday! Olivia is the daughter of Elvis and Katie Presley.

Happy birthday from your family, we love you!



**Cloey Powell**  
**October 1, 2013**

Happy 12<sup>th</sup> birthday! Cloey is the daughter of Elvis and Katie Presley.

Happy birthday, we love you!  
From your family.



**Sophia Faith Rutherford**  
**October 8, 2013**

Wanting to wish my sweet baby girl a happy, happy first birthday! Happy birthday wishes

from Momma, Melea and the rest of your family. We love you my sweet pea!!



**Ashkia Nicole Weaver**  
**October 9, 2013**

Ashkia Nicole Weaver turns 7 on October 9<sup>th</sup>. Her family would like to wish her a happy birthday.

Love, Mom, Dad, and Lucas.



**Grace Mae Griffey**  
**October 11, 2013**

Happy birthday Grace Mae; we love you!

Mom, Dad, sister, brother, and grandparents, and family.



**Kylee Johnson**  
**October 14, 2013**

Kylee is turning 5 on Oct 14! Happy 5<sup>th</sup> birthday Kylee!

We love you so much and hope you have an awesome day! Love Mommy, Daddy, Sissy and Si.



**Madyson McGlothern**  
**October 15, 2013**

Happy 17<sup>th</sup> birthday!!

Love, Mama, Tinker, Kyler, Brent C. and TT, and family.



**Shannon Griffey**  
**October 22 2013**

Happy birthday Shannon, the best wife, mom, daughter, sister, and daughter-in-law.

We love you!



# CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS

**Jacob Marcum**  
**October 24, 2013**

Jacob Marcum turns 3 on October 24<sup>th</sup>!

Happy birthday Jacob!

Love, Daddy, Mommy, Abby, Ma-Maw, Pa-Paw, Mimi and Pops!



**Connie Vickery**  
**October 29, 2013**

Happy 50<sup>th</sup> birthday Connie! We love you!

From your family and friends!



**Dalton Walker**  
**October 30, 2013**

Happy 16<sup>th</sup> birthday Dalton! Dalton will turn 16 on October 30, 2013.

We love you!

Mom, Mark, Drake, Tori, and the rest of your family.



# ANNIVERSARY WISHES

**Brad and Anna Wilson**  
**August 19, 2013**



Celebrating 13 faithful years!

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

*In last month's issue Brad and Anna's anniversary date was erroneously published as August 13, 2013. We apologize for any inconvenience or misunderstanding this error may have caused.*

**Lance and Ashley Hodges**  
**October 4, 2013**



Lance & Ashley Hodges will celebrate their 2 year anniversary on October 4, 2013.

Ashley is the daughter of the late Roger Barnhill and Mary Hodges of Atmore.

Lance is the son of Alfred Hodges and Patricia Rolin Weekly of Atmore.

**Isaac and Edna Rolin**  
**October 5, 2013**



Momma and Daddy  
MawMaw and PawPaw

Happy 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary! We wish y'all many more happy years together.

We love y'all!  
Your whole family.

# WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENTS



## ***Jessica McGhee and Brett Jones To Wed***

The parents of Jessica Lee McGhee and Brett Morgan Jones announce their upcoming wedding on Saturday, October 5, 2013 at Holy Hills Baptist Church in Dyersburg, TN.

Jessica is the daughter of Tom and Tina McGhee of Gates, TN. She is the granddaughter of the late Hurley and Nelda McGhee and Kenny and Betty Summers of Sikeston, MO. She is the great granddaughter of the late Lawrence and Maime McGhee.

Brett is the son of Jerry and Pat Jones of Dyersburg, TN and the grandson of Charlie and Betty Wright of Sharon, TN.



## **Rolin and O'Barr To Wed In November**

WE HAVE EXPERIENCED LOVE...in our parents, our families, our friends, and now a new love in each other.

We, Stacie Denise Rolin and Johnathan Evans O'Barr, together with our parents, invite you to share with us a celebration of love on Saturday, November, 2, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Atmore, 310 South Main Street, Atmore, AL.

*We love him, because He loved us first.*

*John 4:19*



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# *Farewell To Loved Ones*

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## **Bessie Cornelius Madison Dorough**

**March 15, 1926 - August 10, 2013**

Bessie Cornelius Madison Dorough passed away on August 10, 2013 in Fort Worth, Texas at the age of 87.

Bessie was born on March 15, 1926 to Gladden and Mary Frances Reynolds Madison. She was married to James Millard Dorough for 50 years before his death in 1996. She is survived by her daughter Sussie Jordan and her husband Ted Jordan; her daughter Fran Murr; six grandchildren: Tammy Jordan Decker, Heather Jordan Gerety, James Murr, Adam Drew Murr and Katie Murr; her brother, John D. Madison and wife Jeannette; and a sister Betty Jean Davenport.

She is preceded in death by siblings Myrtle Gladys Hayles and husband Marvin; Frankie Upton and husband Sim; Martha Mann and husband Cecil; and James Charles Madison and wife Marie.

Bessie graduated from Uriah High School; she studied at Texas A&I for two years and then completed her hospitality certification for restaurant management.

Bessie was a business woman. She owned many businesses during her life, including a beauty



shop, an egg production farm, rental properties and a restaurant. She was a census taker in 1950, 1960, 1970 and 1980. She was named Business Woman of the Year in Bishop, TX.

Bessie was very active in the First Baptist Church in Bishop, teaching Sunday School and Girls Auxiliary. She was a Camp Fire leader and supported the Vocational Education Department at Bishop High School. Many people in Bishop remember getting their first job from Bessie. She felt that she could best help others by providing a path for them to become employed citizens.

Bessie's family remember her as Grandma and her kitchen of wonderful foods like biscuits, cinnamon rolls, and chicken'n dumplings. Her love of family always came first and she'll be greatly missed by many.

*Submitted by Sussie Jordan*

# TRIBAL MEMBER SUBMISSIONS



Sunset over progress in Poarch.  
September 5, 2013

*Photo by Breiah C. Adams*

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

*- Unknown*

Cancer Support Group  
Meeting  
October 15, 2013  
6:00 p.m.  
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# TRIBAL MEMBER SUBMISSIONS

## Selzer Recognized For Job Performance

Linda G. Walker Selzer is a long term employee with the Poarch Creek Indians. She was recently named the September 2013 Employee of the Month. Linda began her employment with the Tribe as Secretary in Tribal Administration under the tutelage of Laura Cook and Tribal Administrator Tim Martin. "I am thankful for the opportunity to work with them." Linda later transferred to the Contract Health Service Clerk position in the Health Department. In transferring to the Health Department Linda worked with Buford Rolin, Teresa Smith, and staff of Health Administration, Business Office, and the Health Department Clinic.



"I feel that you can learn something new from each person you know. I really love my job; I feel that I am able to help each Tribal Member. Here I try to treat each and everyone the same, but I do try to help the older generation a little more. I am thankful to be working in Contract Health; here we send patients to outside providers. We pay the bills in a timely manner. If you get a bill from an outside provider, and you had a referral or a 72 hour notification please bring the bill into our office so we can process. A lot of time we do not get the bill, the patient does and that is why it is important to know if there is an outstanding balance."

Linda is the daughter of William L. (Shorty) and Ruth P. Walker, she is thankful for what they taught her as a person and mother. She is married to James Selzer and has three sons. "If it was not for Selzer, and the boys, my brother and my sisters, and Poarch Creek, I would not had the opportunity to obtain my college degree or to serve you, my fellow Tribal Members. My best advice to you is to reach for your dream, no matter what others say."

*Submitted by Linda Selzer*

## GRADUATES & ACADEMIC HONORS



### ***Strickland Graduates From Faulkner University***

*Submitted by Debra Strickland*

In August Tribal Member Patrick C. Strickland graduated from Faulkner University in Montgomery with a BBS Degree in Business Administration.

We would like to congratulate you on all of your hard work and determination to achieve this goal. We are proud of you and your accomplishments and wish you much success in the next levels of your academic career.

WE LOVE YOU!! , Mom, Amber, Scarlett, and Clint.

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

*Nelson Mandela*

# 2013 South Regional Forestry Field Day

The 2013 South Regional Forestry Field Day sponsored by the Alabama Natural Resources Council and the Alabama State Tree Farm Committee will be held Thursday, October 3, 2013 at Magnolia Branch Wildlife Reserve.

- See how to manage Alabama forest for multiple uses.
- Meet leaders of state natural resource agencies.
- Hear experts speak in the field of forest resource management.

- Tour Magnolia Branch Wildlife Reserve, the 2012 Helene Mosley Winner.

Everyone is invited!

Registration required by September 27, 2013.

Call the Alabama Cooperative Extension System at (251) 867-7760 to register or if you need special accommodations.

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

## CIEDA Small Business Loan Program

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

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

Additional credit criteria as well as loan collateralization requirements apply.

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

### *Natural Resources Conservation Services*

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

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

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

Adam J. Huddleston is a radiation oncologist specializing in external beam radiotherapy and brachytherapy.

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# TRIBAL GAMING COMMISSION UPDATE

*Submitted by Tribal Gaming Commission*

The PCI Tribal Gaming Commission (TGC) is the regulatory body of the Tribe's three gaming facilities. The main objective of the TGC is to enforce the regulations outlining Minimum Internal Control Standards (MICS) involving Indian gaming as mandated by National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC), as well as, protecting the integrity and assets of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians by formulating its own gaming controls identified as Tribal Internal Control Standards (TICS).

The TGC is currently staffed with 49 positions with a total of 55 approved positions on the current TGC organizational chart. Its tribal preference staffing statistics are: 17 Tribal Members; 3 first generation; 3 spouses of tribal members, 2 members of another Indian tribe, and 24 non-tribal preference. Therefore, 51% of our employees fall within Indian preference with 35% of our employees being enrolled PCI Tribal Members. The Tribal Gaming Commission, consists of a 5 member board - all of which are Tribal Members. TGC meetings are held bi-monthly with special-called meetings held throughout the year as needed.

The TGC is comprised of 6 different departments. These departments include Administration, Compliance, Audit, Investigations, Information Technology, and Finance. Administration actually has three sub-departments which include Employee Licensing, Vendor licensing, and Human Resources. The functions of some of these departments are as follows:

The TGC is responsible for ensuring that all team members employed with PCI Gaming Authority have a current employee gaming license. This task is handled through the Employee Licensing Department. Quarterly the Employee Licensing Department conducts an audit of random team members at each of the three gaming operations. A computer generated list is compiled and TGC personnel go into the facilities auditing the gaming licenses of team members. During the 3rd quarter of 2013, audit findings revealed that all gaming licenses reviewed were in compliance. During this same quarter, 200 new licenses were granted and 270 licenses were renewed.

The TGC's Vendor Licensing Department is tasked with ensuring that all vendors (gaming and non-gaming) are licensed to conduct business with the Tribe's gaming entities. Vendor licensing ensures that eligible vendors meet all the necessary criteria to qualify them for vendor license and then continue to ensure these licenses are renewed according to the TGC's Vendor Licensing Policy. To date 103 new vendor licenses have been approved and 112 have been renewed.

The Investigations Department investigates many different matters in relation to Gaming such as complaints that may arise from customers concerning gaming machines and other issues. Investigations is also responsible for investigation all possible or suspected thefts within the casinos. Conducting the background checks for gaming employees or possible employees to determine their eligibility for a gaming licenses based on their criminal backgrounds is another large part of Investigations duties. This process can sometimes

# TRIBAL GAMING COMMISSION UPDATE

be lengthy depending on the number of charges as well as the response time of law enforcement entities. Currently the Investigations Department is working on 19 open investigations and 240 background checks.

The TGC Compliance Department is responsible for conducting testing and internal compliance auditing of each section of the TICS (Tribal Internal Control Standards) as well as PCI Gaming Policies and Procedures. There are approximately 8 sections of the current TICS. The entire process involved with each audit is very time consuming. An initial audit is conducted followed up by a management response on each finding. A follow-up audit is then conducted to verify that all the findings have been addressed as outlined in the original management response. The Compliance Department, with the help of other TGC departments, is currently tasked with revising sections of the TICS.

The TGC Audit Department maintains a very close working relationship with PCI Gaming Regulatory Compliance in order to ensure that any requested necessary changes and/or additions to current PCI Gaming policies are reviewed and placed before the Gaming Commission in a timely manner. As well as ensuring that initial policies are in place to adequately address risks that may arise during operations.

The scope of the department within our organization is broad and involves topics such as risk management and management controls over: efficiency/effectiveness of operations (including safeguarding of assets), the reliability of financial

and management reporting, and compliance with laws and regulations.

The TGC Information Technology (IT) Department functions include working hand in hand with the gaming operations ensuring that all the gaming machines meet Class II gaming technical standards as outlined by the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC). As well as ensure that all TGC departments have the necessary networking tools to adequately communicate, audit, and regulate departments of the Gaming facilities.

The TGC Finance Department functions internally meeting the needs of the TGC itself. Finance processes payroll on a biweekly schedule for all TGC employees, pays all accounts on a weekly basis and provides all necessary financial reports for each department as needed. Financial reports are also presented to the Commissions Board of Directors on a quarterly basis. Also at this same time, a budget comparison report is submitted to the Tribal Council. The Finance Department also prepares invoices to eleven gaming vendors that have leased gaming machines in the Tribes gaming operations.

The TGC is an integral part of Indian Gaming and continues to grow and meet the needs of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians as well as protect its gaming integrity and assets.



# CULTURAL AUTHORITY UPDATES

## GOURD PAINTING CLASSES W/BETSY IRWIN

October 21, 2013 – October 25, 2013

October 28, 2013 – November 1, 2013

November 4, 2013 – November 8, 2013

Monday – Friday

5:30 pm – 9:00 pm

Classes are free of charge. All materials will be provided.

Only 12 slots are available for each week. Registration will be on a first come, first serve basis. All classes will be held at the S.A.I.L. Center.



For more information, contact:

Margaret Baggett, Traditional Arts Demonstrator at 251-368-9136 ext. 2648 or [mbaggett@pci-nsn.gov](mailto:mbaggett@pci-nsn.gov).

## DIGITAL MAMMOGRAPHY NOW AT ATMORE COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

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# Poarch Creek Indians Tribal Princess Contest Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Alt. Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Tribal Roll #: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s)/Guardian(s): \_\_\_\_\_

School Attending/Attended: \_\_\_\_\_

Achievements: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Hobbies/Activities: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Division: (You must be the appropriate age for your division by November 28, 2013)

(☐) Elementary (Ages 8-12) (☐) Junior (Ages 13-16) (☐) Senior (Ages 17-22)

Signature of Participant

Signature of Parent/Guardian  
(Elementary and Junior participants)

**\*\*Orientation Session and first practice: Sunday, September, 8, 2013, 2:00 p.m. at the Museum. \*\***

You may bring your completed application to the orientation session/first practice, drop it off at the Museum, fax it to (251) 368-2293, email it to [analvarez@pci-nsn.gov](mailto:analvarez@pci-nsn.gov), or mail it to: Poarch Creek Indians, ATTN: Amber Alvarez, 5811 Jack Springs Road, Atmore, AL 36502

Tribal Roll Numbers can be obtained by calling Tribal Member Benefits at (251) 368-9136 ext. 2209.

For more information, contact Amber Alvarez at (251) 368-9136, ext. 2649 or [analvarez@pci-nsn.gov](mailto:analvarez@pci-nsn.gov).

# POARCH CREEK INDIAN THANKSGIVING POW WOW 2013

## GOLDEN AGE 50 PLUS

1<sup>st</sup> \$700/2<sup>nd</sup> \$500/3<sup>rd</sup> \$300/4<sup>th</sup> \$200

Men's (N.Traditional/Straight/Fancy/Grass)

Women's (Buckskin/Cloth/Jingle/Fancy)

## ADULT'S 18 - 49

1<sup>st</sup> \$700/2<sup>nd</sup> \$500/3<sup>rd</sup> \$300/4<sup>th</sup> \$200

Men's (N.Traditional/Straight/Fancy/Grass/Chicken)

Women's (N.Traditional/S.Cloth/S. Buckskin/Jingle/Fancy)

## TEEN'S 13 - 17

1<sup>st</sup> \$400/2<sup>nd</sup> \$300/3<sup>rd</sup> \$200/4<sup>th</sup> \$100

Boy's (N.Traditional/Straight/Fancy/Grass)

Girl's (S. Cloth/Buckskin/Jingle/Fancy)

## JUNIOR'S 7 - 12

1<sup>st</sup> \$200/2<sup>nd</sup> \$100/3<sup>rd</sup> \$75/4<sup>th</sup> \$50

Boy's (N.Traditional/Straight/Fancy/Grass)

Girl's (Traditional/Jingle/Fancy)

Tiny Tots 0 - 6 \$5 a day

## GRAND ENTRY

November 28<sup>th</sup> 1:00 pm

November 29<sup>th</sup> 11:00 am

Emcee Yogie Bread

Arena Director- Dude Blalock

Head Man/Head Lady Picked Per Session

Gates Open @ 10:00 am

Dancers & Singers must pay Thursday

General Admission is your registration fee

No Pets, Drugs, Alcohol, Weapons or Ice Chests

Vendor Spacing Available (see web site)

## GENERAL ADMISSION

\$10 - Adults 18 & up

\$5 - Children 7-17

Children 6 and under free

## 2 DAY WRIST BAND

\$15 - Adults 18 & up

\$7 - Children 7-17

## LOCAL ACCOMMODATIONS

Wind Creek Casino & Hotel/Atmore (866) 946-3360

Magnolia Branch Wildlife Reserve (251) 446-3423

Muskogee Inn/Atmore (251) 368-8182

Quality Inn/Atmore (251) 368-9999

Hampton Inn and Suites/Atmore (251) 368-9090

Holiday Inn Express/Atmore (251) 368-1585

## DRUM CONTEST

Northern

Southern

5 Singer Minimum

1<sup>st</sup> \$5,000

1<sup>st</sup> \$5,000

2<sup>nd</sup> \$3,000

2<sup>nd</sup> \$3,000

3<sup>rd</sup> \$1,500

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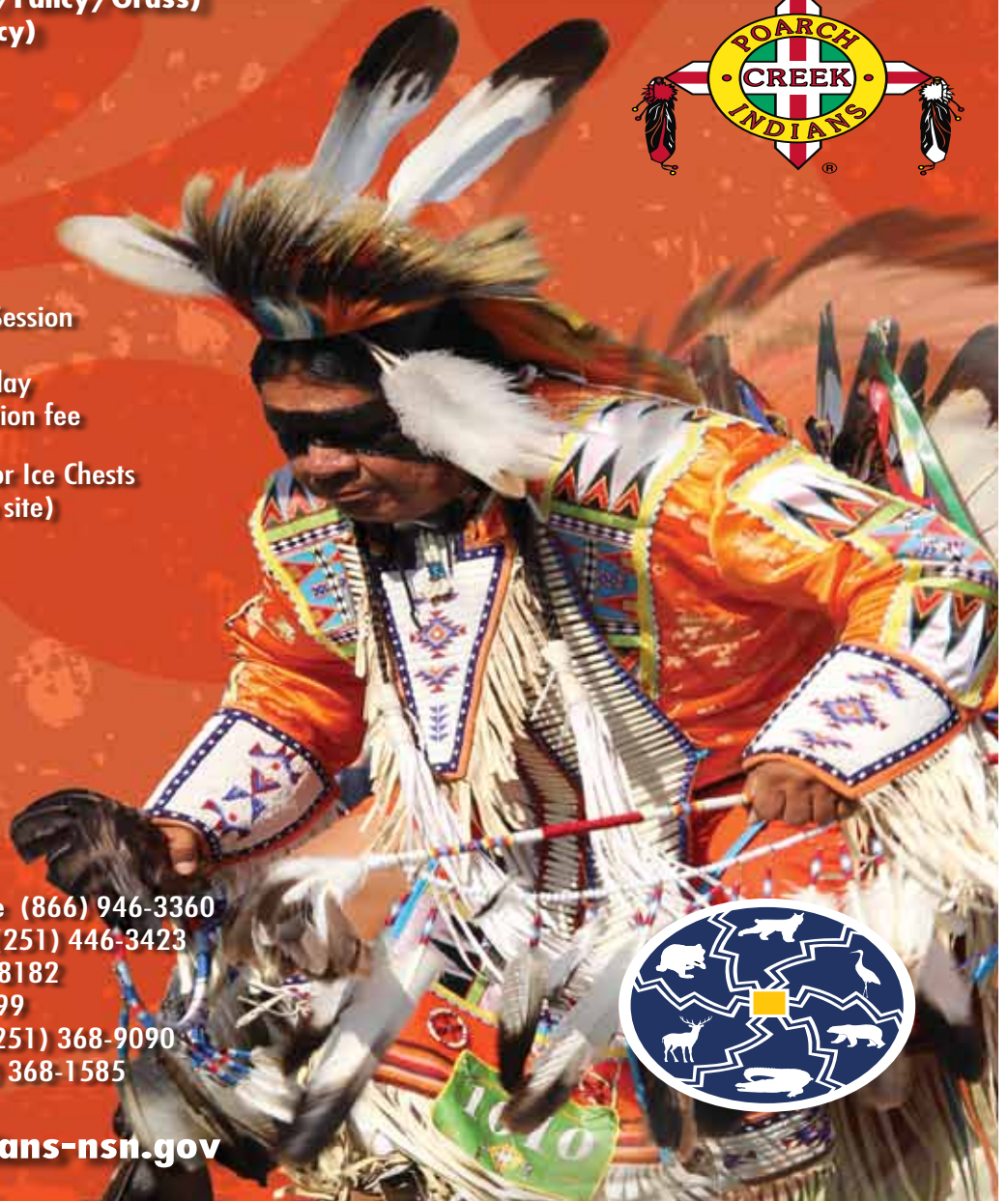
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4<sup>th</sup> \$1,000

5<sup>th</sup> \$500

5<sup>th</sup> \$500

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# POW WOW INFORMATION

## DEAR POARCH CREEK TRIBAL MEMBER:

The Poarch Creek Indians 43rd Annual Thanksgiving Pow Wow will be held on Thursday, November 28, 2013 and Friday, November 29, 2013 in Atmore, Alabama. We would love to have you come celebrate with us and would like to invite you to reserve a booth space to display and sell your arts, crafts, and other commercial items.

If you wish to reserve a booth space, please complete the attached vendor application and return it along with your payment to:

**Poarch Creek Indians**

**Calvin McGhee Cultural Authority**

**Attn: Chris Blackburn**

**5811 Jack Springs Road**

**Atmore, AL 36502**

### BOOTH PRICES:

Native American Handmade Crafts . . . . . \$50.00

Commercial Native American Items . . . . . \$75.00

Booth spaces are 10' frontage x 10' deep (10' x 10'). If you desire additional space, you must purchase an additional booth. All items must be sold in craft booths.

Applications must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, November 22, 2013.

All applicable fees must accompany the application.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please call the Calvin McGhee Cultural Authority offices at 251-368-9136 ext. 2052 or 2656.

We look forward to seeing and working with you this Thanksgiving!

Mvto,

Christopher Blackburn

Planning and Events Coordinator

Calvin McGhee Cultural Authority





## POARCH CREEK INDIANS TRIBAL MEMBER POW WOW VENDOR APPLICATION

Application Deadline: Application must be received by Friday, November 22, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.

Name and Address of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Roll # \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### NO PROMOTIONAL ITEMS WITH "POARCH CREEK" ON THEM CAN BE SOLD BY INDIVIDUAL VENDORS.

The purpose of the Pow Wow is to provide a family type gathering. Tools, vulgar items, and other goods that would more likely be offered in a flea market will not be permitted. Traditional weapons such as knives, arrowheads, spears, etc., will be allowed for sale, but must be exhibited in boxes, display cases, etc., out of the reach of children. Under no circumstances should this type of item be sold to a minor! If this is abused, you will be asked to remove the items in question. Absolutely no pets will be allowed on Pow Wow grounds.

\*Must attach a minimum of four (4) photographs of merchandise.\*

### I. ARTS AND CRAFTS:

#### A. HANDMADE:

\_\_\_\_\_ Native American Arts/Crafts (Describe)

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Other (Describe) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

#### B. COMMERCIALY PRODUCED:

\_\_\_\_\_ Native American Arts/Crafts (Describe)

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Other (Describe) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

At least one Tribal Member will need to be at the booth at all times. **NO EXCEPTIONS!!!**

The above limitations will be strictly enforced. Should a vendor fail to cooperate on size of space or items offered for sale, they will be asked to leave and forfeit booth fee(s).

### II. ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE TIME:

#### A. WEDNESDAY, November 27, 2013

- Check in from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 27, 2013.

#### B. THURSDAY, November 28, 2013

- Vendor gates will be open from 5:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.
- Gates open to the public at 10:00 a.m.
- All vehicles will have to be removed from the Pow Wow grounds by 9:00 a.m.
- Vendor Gates will be re-opened after all activities are completed at the end of the day.

#### C. FRIDAY, November 29, 2013

- Vendor gates will be open from 5:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.
- Gates open to the public at 10:00 a.m.
- All vehicles will have to be removed from the Pow Wow grounds by 9:00 a.m.
- On Friday evening, the Emcee will make an announcement when it is deemed safe to re-open the vendor gates.

### NO PETS ALLOWED!!

The Calvin McGhee Cultural Authority reserves the right to remove a vendor for any action(s) that threatens the health and safety of the public or the integrity of the event.

I hereby sign that I have read, understand, and agree to abide by the aforementioned rules and regulations of the Poarch Creek Indian Thanksgiving Pow Wow.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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# ***HOUSING AUTHORITY UPDATE***

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

Emergency/Transitional Housing

Rental - All Poarch Subdivisions

Rental - Walker Subdivision, Pensacola, FL

Rehabilitation Assistance

Renovation Loan Program

Heating & Cooling Loan Program

Senior Emergency Program

TAHO

Applicants are responsible for providing all necessary information and accurately completing all applications and must certify that all information is true and accurate to the best of his/her knowledge. The applicant is also responsible for making corrections or updating applications. Failure to update an application for a period of twelve months is grounds for removing the application for consideration and you will be ineligible for consideration until an updated application is on file.

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

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## ***TIME TO UPDATE HOUSING APPLICATIONS***

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### **IT'S TIME TO UPDATE**

Tribal Members age 21 or older interested in a new house must come to the Poarch Creek Indian Housing Department to submit a new application or update a current application.

Applicants must provide a copy of their 2012 tax returns and social security cards for all persons on the application plus other required documents.

Contact Wendy Davis, Programs Manager, at (251) 368- 9136 x 2257 if you have any questions or need further information.

LAST DAY TO UPDATE:  
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2013

# HEALTH DEPARTMENT NEWS & INFORMATION

Greetings from the Health Department!

Congratulations to several of our employees who have been moved into new positions. Congratulations to Rosie Boyte, our new Office Manager for Premier Family Eye Center; Shelia Odom, our new Senior Health Information System Manager; and Christine Ward, our new Coder. We welcome aboard Candace Fayard, our new Compliance Officer; Nikole Higdon, our new Referral Assistant, and to Susan Hayes, our new Pharmacist

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Help show your support by wearing pink on October 25<sup>th</sup>. The mammography van will be on site at the Health Department October 9<sup>th</sup>. Call 368-8630 for an appointment.

September was National Cholesterol Education Month. We offered cholesterol screenings at the Health Department on September 11<sup>th</sup> and had a lot of response. Thank you for your participation. Cholesterol is an important part of our bodies daily functioning, but too much cholesterol can increase risk for heart attack and stroke. High cholesterol does not have any symptoms. Cholesterol screenings are used to detect elevated levels. The National Cholesterol Education Program recommends that adults 20 years or older have their cholesterol checked every five years. If you have any questions about cholesterol and would like more information, please call Donna Johnson or Jill Lee at 251-368-2332 or 2372.

The Health Clinic is pleased to announce that we are now an Alabama Board of Nursing approved Continuing Education Provider for Nurses in the state of Alabama. We will be offering nursing education opportunities which nurses can use to renew their license. Each nurse is required to complete 12 hours of continuing education per year to keep their nursing license. We will now be able to offer these education hours to our own nurses and those in our Community.

## FLU SHOT TIME AGAIN

It is that time of year again! The PBCI Health Department will have the 2013-2014 Influenza vaccine available beginning September 16<sup>th</sup> for patients over 18 years of age. The Flu vaccine for children and adolescents is obtained through the AL Department of Public Health's Vaccines for Children program and usually becomes available around the 1st of October. Please check the PBCI website periodically for announcements of its arrival in order to schedule your children 6 months to 18 years for their Flu Shots.

Why Get Vaccinated? Influenza ("flu") is a contagious disease that spreads around the United States every winter, usually between October and May. Flu is caused by the influenza virus, and can be spread by coughing, sneezing, and close contact.

Anyone can get flu, but the risk of getting flu is highest among children. Symptoms come on suddenly and may last several days. They can include:

- fever/chills
- sore throat
- muscle aches
- cough
- fatigue
- runny or stuffy nose

Flu can make some people much sicker than others. These people include young children, people 65 and older, pregnant women, and people with certain health conditions—such as heart, lung or kidney disease, or a weakened immune system. Flu vaccine is especially important for these people, and anyone in close contact with them.

Flu can also lead to pneumonia, and make existing medical conditions worse. It can cause diarrhea and seizures in children.

Each year thousands of people in the United States die from flu, and many more are hospitalized. Flu vaccine is the best protection we have from flu and its complications. Flu vaccine also helps prevent spreading flu from person to person.



# SEXUAL HEALTH: HOW DOES ALABAMA RANK?

"Sexual Health: How Does Alabama Rank?"  
(Sexual Health, Alabama Youth & Persons Living w/HIV)

## PRESENTERS:

Rick Meriwether, Program Manager,  
University of Alabama at Birmingham

Nicholas Van Wagoner, M.D.,  
UAB Dept. of Medicine/Infectious Diseases

Theresa Miller, PA-C, USAMC,  
Dept. of Medicine/Infectious Diseases

PLACE: Poarch Creek Indians  
Family Services Department, Bldg. 500  
5811 Jack Springs Road  
Atmore, AL 36502

WHEN: Friday, October 25th, 2013  
9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

TO REGISTER: Please click on the web address below  
and follow the instructions.

<https://aetnec.virtualforum.com/pifidform.cfm?erid=24397&sc=310862&aetccode=15>

## Learning Objectives

At the end of the presentation, participants will be able to:

1. Describe the different dermatological terms used to describe a variety of different skin conditions;
2. Describe common non-sexually transmitted infections (STI) genital dermatomes encountered in clinical care; and
3. Identify/discuss the following about the more

common STIs, including HIV, seen in Alabama: epidemiology, signs/symptoms, and diagnosis/treatment and case management issues esp. among the youth of Alabama, PLwHIV & pregnant women.

## AGENDA

- 9:00 – 9:30 Icebreaker Activity; review of the day, forms, etc. (*Meriwether*)
- 9:30 – 11:15 Non-STI Dermatology: a Primer/ "Derm 101" (*Van Wagoner, MD*)
- 11:15 – 12:30 LUNCH ON YOUR OWN
- 12:30 – 2:00 "Sexual Health & Alabama's Youth" (*Meriwether*)
- 2:00 – 2:45 "Sexual Health & the HIV-Positive Individual" (*Miller, PA-C*)
- 2:45 – 3:00 BREAK
- 3:00 – 3:30 Continuation of "Sexual Health & HIV+"
- 3:20 – 3:30 Wrap Up, Evaluations, Certificates

Contract hours: (for nurses and social workers): 4.5

There is no fee charged for this event as it is being sponsored by the UAB AIDS Education & Training Center (a HRSA-funded project), the AL-NC STD/HIV Prevention Training Center (a CDC-funded project), Alabama Department of Public Health (STD/HIV Bureaus), and the Poarch Creek Indians Health Department.

*Submitted by Sandra Day, Community Health & Education Director*

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# NASA & NAYO TEAMS



*Lady Creeks NASA Team*



*PCI Legends NASA Team*



*Sneaky Creek Legends NASA Team*



*Red Stix NASA Team*

*NASA Teams Not Pictured  
Poarch Creek (Ladies Team)  
NDN Softball (Men's Team)*

*NAYO Team Not Pictured  
13-15 year old girls team*



*Sneaky Creek NASA Team*



*NAYO 7-8 year old Girls Team Poarch Creek*

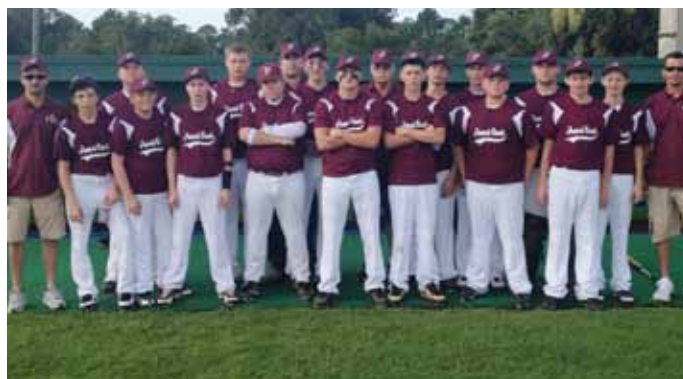


*NAYO 9-10 year old Girls Team Lil Creek*





*NAYO 11-12 year old Girls Team Poarch Creek*



*NAYO 13-15 year old Boys Team Poarch Creek Champions!*



*NAYO 16-18 year old Girls Team PCI 2nd Place!*



*NAYO 16-18 year old Boys Team Indian Outlaws Champions!*



*NAYO 7-8 year old Boys Team Poarch Creek Champions!*



*NAYO 9-12 year old Boys Team Poarch Warriors*

## RECREATION DEPARTMENT'S Haunted House

Monday and Tuesday  
October 28 & 29, 2013  
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Thursday and Friday  
October 31 & November 1, 2013  
7:00 pm - 9:30 pm

Location - 1st white house on left past Judson  
Baptist Church in Poarch, AL.

Plenty parking & concessions available  
Admission \$5.00

For more information contact the Recreation  
Department at (251) 368-9136 ext. 2256.



## Break the Fat Loss Code

**If you are on a regular exercise program, you are bound to hit a plateau.** While plateau's can be frustrating, this is a great time to re-evaluate your program and implement some new habits. I have dealt with this challenge for my own training and with many of my clients. But don't worry, I have the solution! Focusing on the following 3 areas will help you break a plateau and keep you making progress on your fat loss journey: *Mindset, Nutrition, and Sleep.*

### 1. Mindset

The first area of focus to breaking plateaus is developing the training mindset. Training mindset is focusing on the goals you set when you completed your Individual Performance Analysis at Poarch Recreation. Once you set your goals, your mindset shifts to developing a commitment within yourself that everything you do is getting you one step closer to your goals. You are no longer just exercising - you are *training* to reach your goals. This is the first step to breaking your plateau!

### 2. Nutrition

The next area of focus to breaking plateaus is nutrition. There is a common saying in the training world that "you are what you eat". Now that you have the training mindset and are training consistently, you need to apply this mindset to foods and liquids that you are consuming. Your training will only be as good as the nutrients you are feeding your body. Think of yourself as a racecar. If you were competing in the Daytona 500, would you put in high performance octane fuel or cheap gas? Of course you would put high performance octane fuel in your car to give yourself the **highest possible advantage** of winning the race. Think of your body the same way. When choosing a food, ask yourself: *Did this food come from the refrigerator or the cupboard? (Usually Fridge = fresh; Cupboard = processed) Will this food make me feel great all day, or will I need a nap within an hour of eating? Is this meal moving me closer or further away from my goals?* If you need help with your nutrition, contact Advantage Training Nutritionist, Ben Brown, directly in the mypciwellness.com portal. He is smart and passionate about helping people. Use your resources.

### 3. Sleep

The last area of focus is sleep. Sleep, you say? Yes, sleep. Sleep plays a huge role in fat loss, hormonal regulation, appetite regulation, and training recovery. Do you ever feel



like you can't get full from eating or crave sugars or starchy foods? This feeling is due to lack of sleep and the levels of hormones *leptin* and *ghrelin* being off balance. Leptin and ghrelin are the hormones that tell our body that we are full or hungry. Sleep regulates leptin and ghrelin. If these hormones are out of balance, we over-eat which leads to weight gain.

Now that you have this knowledge, challenge yourself to break through the plateau! Stay focused on your goals and develop a mindset for success. What will you do this year with the right mindset? You'll break the fat loss code.

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 My Message Center/Talk to a Trainer inside the My PCI Wellness online portal.*



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## Ditch the Scale - Part 2

In part one of “Ditch the Scale”, we touched on two very important points regarding effective fat loss:

1. Scale weight is an unreliable indicator of fat loss and/or muscle gains. Instead focusing on the two independently, through body fat assessment techniques, like pictures, how your clothes fit, body fat analyses, and circumference measurements, are the key to tracking successful changes in body composition.

2. Both having muscle mass and the process by which one attains muscle (lifting heavy weights) has a multitude of hormonal benefits, from improving the body's blood sugar handling mechanism to simply burning more calories at rest.

In part 2, we'll lay out some basic exercise and nutritional components that, if followed consistently, is sure to fire up some serious fat loss. Because ultimately, when you can move past analyzing what the scale says and focus entirely on what is happening with body composition, only then, can you truly track progress.

### Here's what you need to know

Losing body fat is not always easy, but with consistency and the right mindset, can be very realistic for just about anyone. Here are a few guidelines that we have complete control over in our daily lives that can easily contribute heavily to optimizing body composition:

1. **Exercise Daily:** Try to accumulate 60 minutes per day, at least 5 days per week. Surprisingly, this is one of the most neglected aspects of those trying to improve body composition.

2. **Replace Your Grains with Greens:** Adding more colorful and leafy green vegetables to every single meal throughout the day is a fantastic way to improve the nutrient density of your meals. Exchange those breads, pastas, rice, oats and potatoes for more fibrous vegetables, which will ultimately add far more vitamins and minerals (and fiber) with far fewer calories.

3. **Achieve Adequate Protein Intake:** Protein is essential for fueling metabolism, improving muscle mass and recovery and stimulating fat loss. Without adequate protein intake throughout the day, body composition will suffer, plain and simple.



Protein dense foods (lean meats, fish, eggs, dairy, and beans) should complement the predominant serving of vegetables on your plate.

To keep things very simple here, women should aim for one serving of protein per meal (20-30g), while men should have closer to two (40-60g). A serving of protein is often described as roughly the size of a deck of cards (4oz).

Finish this article by logging into the My PCI Wellness Online Portal and navigating to the Blog section.

In the meantime, reach out to me if you have any questions and have a great October.

- 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 My Message Center/Talk to a Nutritionist inside the My PCI Wellness online portal.*



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## The Family Services Department Update for October, 2013



OCTOBER  
NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE  
AWARENESS MONTH



If you or a loved one is a victim of domestic violence, please contact Dr. Frank McCloskey, the Abuse Prevention Coordinator, for assistance and information. You can reach Frank at (251)-368-9136, ext. 2212; or via e-mail at [fmccloskey@pci-nsn.gov](mailto:fmccloskey@pci-nsn.gov). You are not alone. We are here to help you.



## The 2013 Kid's Christmas Party Information "Christmas At The Movies"



- \* The Family Services Department will host the 2013 Kid's Christmas Party at the new Wind Creek Cinema on Thursday, December 12, 2013.
- \* The same movie will be shown in three different theater rooms.
- \* The times for the movie to start will be staggered to allow everyone a chance to see the movie.
- \* Movie start times are: 5:30, 6:00, 6:30, and 7:15.
- \* Seating in each theater room is limited. Once a theater room is filled, the remaining participants will wait to see the movie at the next showing time.
- \* Food including a hot dog, popcorn, and a drink will be served prior to the movie starting.
- \* Each participant will be able to see the movie **one time** and then will be given an opportunity to take a picture with Santa and receive a Christmas gift.
- \* Plan to join us for this event and also take time to enjoy the beautiful Christmas lights in the Wind Creek Casino's courtyard area!

\*Please complete the Kid's Christmas Pre-Registration and return it to Michealine Deese by Friday, November 15, 2013.

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





# Poarch Creek Indians Family Services Department 2013 Tribal Kid's Christmas Party Pre-Registration Form



The Tribal Kid's Christmas Party  
Thursday, December 12, 2013  
Wind Creek Cinema

**\*\*Each child must be pre-registered to attend!\*\***

**Children eligible to Pre-Register include:**

- ♦ children between the ages of birth through 12 years of age, and
- ♦ children who reside in a Tribal Member's household

Pre-Registration Forms are **due** to the Family Services Department on or before  
**Friday, November 15, 2013.**

**\*\*Pre-registration will not be accepted over the phone!\*\***



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## 2013 Tribal Kid's Christmas Party Pre-registration Form

Parent/Guardian's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Roll #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Please list child's name, date of birth, age, gender, and any family members planning to attend the Tribal Kid's Christmas Party with your child(ren):**

Name	Date of Birth	Age	Male/Female	Tribal Member #

# EDUCATION NEWS & INFORMATION

## CHANGES TO MCGHEE-TULLIS TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Please be advised that as of **August 1, 2013**, the Tribal Council of the Poarch Creek Indians approved revisions to the McGhee-Tullis Tuition Assistance Program. If you are currently participating in or plan to participate in this program, it is **VERY IMPORTANT** you read the entire policy to find out how the following revisions will affect you. Major policy changes include:

- Program eligibility age changed from ten (10) to four (4).
- Homeschooling under the guidance of a recognized umbrella organization now eligible for participation in the program.
- Elementary and Secondary students who are placed on academic probation by the Education Department will be required to attend tutoring sessions.
- For a loan to be repaid, the Tribal Member must complete the degree that the loan was used to finance, or if a Tribal Member did not complete a degree but completed an equivalent or higher educational level after the date of the loan, then the Tribal Member's loans may be repaid.
- Student loan repayment will now be made at one time up to a student's total limit.
- Students shall submit a written request for his or her academic achievement bonus and a final transcript within six (6) month of graduation.
- Cash awards for the academic achievement bonus shall be paid only upon graduation.

These changes are very important, and it is your responsibility to be familiar with them. All current participants will be receiving a revised policy by mail. It will also be placed on the Tribe's web page at [www.pci-nsn.gov](http://www.pci-nsn.gov) as soon as possible.

Please call the Education Department at (251) 368-9136 extension 2021 or 2240 with any questions!

## FINANCIAL PEACE CLASSES

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University Classes are currently underway. Enrollment is open to Tribal Members, First Generation Indian Descendants, and Tribal Employees. The home based kit that includes all materials to complete the course in the comfort of your own home, at your own pace, is also available.

Contact Annie Nowak in the Education Department at (251) 368-9136 x 2043 or [anowak@pci-nsn.gov](mailto:anowak@pci-nsn.gov) for more information. Additional information may also be found on the Education page of the Tribe's official web site, [www.pci-nsn.gov](http://www.pci-nsn.gov).



# EDUCATION NEWS & INFORMATION

## LEAD SUMMER BUSINESS INSTITUTE

DARTMOUTH COLLEGE  
DUKE UNIVERSITY  
STANFORD UNIVERSITY  
UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

Attention all Tribal Member high school students currently in their junior year (2013-2014 academic year).

Are you thinking about a career in finance or business?

This dynamic summer program is for Native American, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian high school students in their junior year (during the 2013-2014 academic year). Students spend 3 weeks on a college campus learning about finance and business careers.

Students take business courses and converse with executives during corporate site visits. Students gain insider knowledge from Tribal leaders and Native American industry professionals about how a career in finance or business can benefit tribal communities.

This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to attend 3 weeks next summer at one of our Country's top universities learning about finance and business careers. See the information below for more information. Applications will be available on-line in October and you will need to submit an application and be selected for this competitive program.

Please take time to apply. Many former participants have gone on to attend some of our Country's top universities.

Applications available online, October 2013.

[www.nafoa.org](http://www.nafoa.org).

Tuition scholarships are available.

For more information contact Tashina Etter, Deputy Executive Director, at [Tashina@nafoa.org](mailto:Tashina@nafoa.org).

## 4-H STEER PROGRAM UNDERWAY



The Poarch Creek 4-H Club is proud to announce that the 4-H Steer program is underway, thanks to help from Perdido River Farms in conjunction with the PCI Education Department!

The program began on August 25, 2013, with nine kids and nine steers. Each day, Monday-Sunday, the kids feed and care for their steer and will soon begin training their steer to walk on a lead rope. Once the steers have officially been weighed in, the kids will begin to keep records on their steers and record all the time and care they put into their show animal! Right now, the steers are averaging in weight between 500-600 pounds and they should grow to weigh "ideally" 1200 pounds by the time the show gets here in early March.

The fun has just begun; The PCI Education Department is working with the Escambia County Extension office to put together training workshops for our area!

Please Note: While it is too late for your child to work with one of our program steers at this time, it is NOT too late for your child to participate showing their own steer or to participate in our upcoming training workshops!

For more information on how your child can participate in the above program, and/or to join 4-H, please contact Christyn Sells, Poarch Creek 4-H Club Leader/Children's Services Coordinator, at (251) 368-9136 ext. 2244 or [csells@pci-nsn.gov](mailto:csells@pci-nsn.gov).





**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

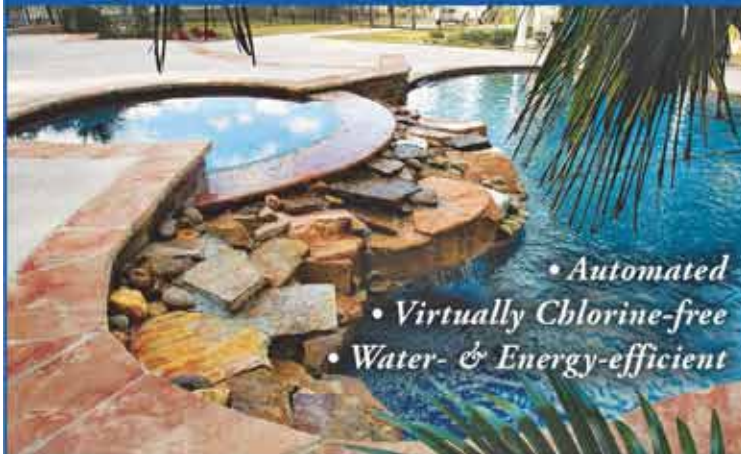
**Computer Reimbursement**

Every household with a Tribal Member or First Generation Student is eligible for one computer device up to \$600 per household (Receipt Required)! Reimbursement only!

- Deadline is October 31<sup>st</sup> for both the computer and the uniform/supplies.
- Must be a Tribal Roll Member or First Generation Student
- Each student must show proof of school enrollment
- Reimbursements for computer is electronically transferred into banking account and can take up to 45 days.
- If you have any questions or need an application please call the Education Department at (251) 368-9136 Extension 2021.

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# OFFICE OF ARCHIVES AND RECORDS MANAGEMENT

*Submitted by Deidra Suwanee Dees, Ed.D.*

## ***Creek Tribal Treasures Relocated:***

### ***Office of Archives and Records Management has Moved!***

"This rare, one-of-a-kind letter is written in the hand of Chief Calvin McGhee," Dr. Deidra Suwanee Dees told the audience. Dees, who serves as the Tribal Archivist, read from the damaged but valuable letter which identifies the author. "Mr. T.C. Hand and myself C.W. McGhee sold these [lineage] forms from August 1955 until his death in 1961." She and Records Coordinator Mrs. Ellen O'Barr had traveled to the Society of American Archivists Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana in August, 2013 to receive advanced training to better protect and preserve our records, earning certificates in archival preservation methods.

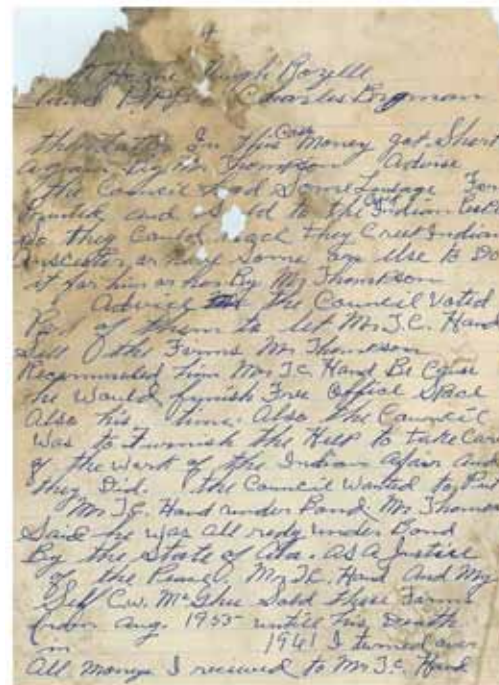
Mrs. O'Barr made photographic records of the presentation while Dr. Dees explained that the Office of Archives and Records Management at the Poarch Band of Creek Indians houses this exceptional treasure in our archives. The letter appears to have been six pages long but the parasites presumably destroyed the first two pages leaving us with only the last four pages. "However, without preservation methods that were applied in our archives, the whole document could have been lost forever," Dees said.

In September Chief Calvin McGhee's letter and other treasures just like it were relocated with the Office of Archives and Records Management to the CIE building at 100 Brookwood Road in Atmore in order to consolidate our records under one central location. "We are putting the tribal records in a good environment—to protect them so our parents and grandparents can see them," Mrs. O'Barr said. Dr. Dees and Mrs. O'Barr, along with interns from the University of South Alabama, are now working on the preservation of our records at the new office space at the CIE building.

Do you want to help us preserve our records? Ask us about our Volunteer Program that provides training on how to preserve fragile and damaged documents in our archives. You are invited to come by the Office of Archives and Records Management during the same work hours as before from Monday to Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., or call us at our new telephone number: 446-4540. Our professional well-trained staff is happy to share with you the wonderful Creek tribal treasures in our archives.



*Mrs. Ellen O'Barr and Dr. Deidra Suwanee Dees receive training on Creek research in the archives at the Armistad Research Center at Tulane University as a part of the Society of American Archivists Conference in New Orleans in August, 2013.*



*Chief Calvin McGhee's letter and other treasures just like it were relocated with the Office of Archives and Records Management.*





# The Boys & Girls Club

## News

- Open House will be on **Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup>** from 4:00-6:00 at the Boys & Girls Club and also at the Teen Center. Hotdogs and Hamburgers will be served. Come out and see your child's projects and also our new bathroom facilities.
- The Annual Meeting will be **Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014** at the gym starting at **5:30**. This meeting is **MANDATORY** for parents and/or guardians, and is the only time to sign up for Club membership for the 2014 Program Year.



The Boys & Girls Club recently purchased new IPADS for the kids to use in the Technology Portable!



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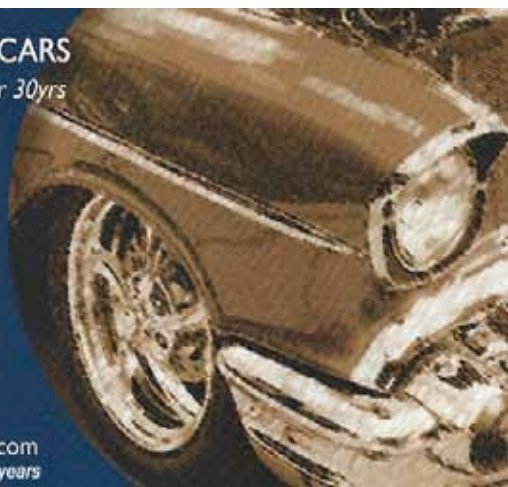


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# OCTOBER (*Otvvoskv-Rakko*) 2013

## ***Tribal Council Meetings***

Thursday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> 4:00 pm  
Tribal Council Chambers

## ***Tribal Court Sessions***

Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> 9:00 am  
Tribal Courtroom

## ***CIEDA Meetings***

Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> 7:30 am  
CIEDA Offices

## ***CMCA***

Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> 4:00 pm  
Museum

## ***Housing Authority Meetings***

Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> 4:00 pm  
Building 400 Conference Room

## ***Recreation Authority Meetings***

Tuesday, October 9<sup>th</sup> 11:00 am  
Recreation Department (Gym)

## ***TERO Commission Meetings***

Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> 3:00 pm  
TERO Offices

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

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

Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> 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

## ***Homework Club***

Monday - Thursday  
5:00 pm - 7:30 pm  
Education Department

## ***After School Tutoring***

Begins September 23, 2013

## ***Recreation Programs***

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

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

### ***Winter Swim Team Practice Schedule***

***August 26th - December 20th***

***Monday - Thursday 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm***

### ***Pool Open***

#### ***Open Swim w/Lifeguard on duty***

***Monday - Thursday***

***11:00 am - 12 pm.***

***6:00 pm - 7:30 pm***

***Friday 10:00 am - 7:30 pm***

***Saturday 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm***

### ***Open Swim No Lifeguard on duty***

***Adults 18 and older only***

***Monday - Friday 6:00 am - 8:00 am***

***Saturday 10:00 am - 12:00 pm***

### ***Splash Pad***

***Monday - Closed***

***Tuesday - Saturday 10:00 am - 8:00 pm***

***Sunday 1:00 pm - 8:00 pm***

### ***Rising Star Studio Of Dance***

***Thursday 4:00 pm***

***Time varies by age category***

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

***School Supply Reimbursement Program***  
***Ongoing through October 31, 2013***

***Wednesday, October 2, 2013***

***Wind Creek Wetumpka Job Fair***

***12 noon - 9:00 pm***

***Thursday, October 3, 2013***

***South Regional Forestry Field Day***

***Magnolia Branch***

***Friday, October 4, 2013***

***State of Tribe Presentation***

***Wind Creek Cinema 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm***

***Thursday, October 10, 2013***

***5:00 p.m. (CST) Submission deadline for***  
***November 2013 newsletter.***

***Tuesday, October 15, 2013***

***Cancer Support Group Meeting***

***Wind Creek Casino 6:00 pm***

***Friday, October 18, 2013***

***Last date to update Census information***  
***for holiday per capita payment 5:00 pm***

***Gourd Painting Classes 5:30 pm - 9:00 pm***

***October 21-25, 2013***

***October 28 - November 1, 2013***

***Thursday, October 31, 2013***

***last day to submit application for Board &***  
***Committee Vacancies 5:00 pm***

***Thursday, October 31, 2013***

***Last day to obtain Tribal Hunting License***  
***without late penalty.***

***Haunted House***

***October 28 & 29, 2013 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm***

***October 31 - November 1, 2013***

***7:00 pm - 9:30 pm***

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