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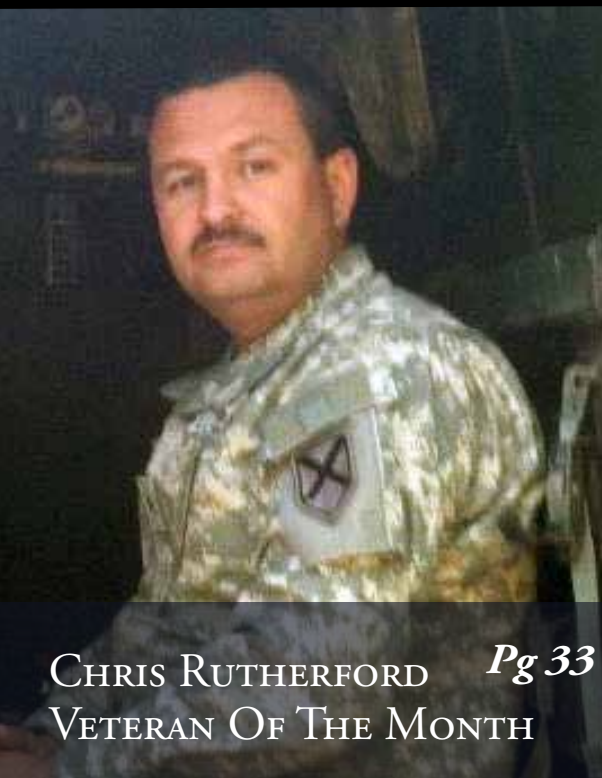
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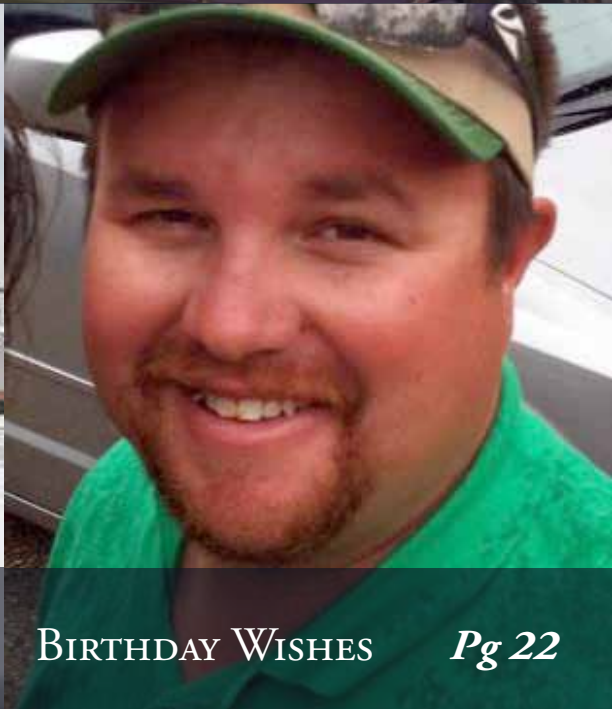
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Gayle Johnson, Media Specialist



The *Poarch Creek News* is the official newsletter of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians.

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

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.

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Due to space limitations, submitted articles should be limited to 500 words or less. Photos are limited to one photo per article submission.

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***Submissions are limited to information pertaining to, or of interest 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.

***In Loving Memory*** submissions may be published the month before, the month of, or the month after the birthday of the deceased or the anniversary of the death of the deceased.

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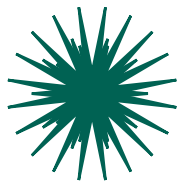
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## MARCH 2014

TRIBAL  
COUNCIL

Buford L. Rolin, Tribal Chairman/[tlancaster@pci-nsn.gov](mailto:tlancaster@pci-nsn.gov)

Members of the Tribal Council and staff traveled to Washington DC in February to attend United South and Eastern Tribes' (USET) Impact Week. During this week, your Tribal Council and representatives had meetings with other USET members to address concerns in Indian Country; we also had meetings with various Senators and Representatives on Capitol Hill. It is through these meetings that we are able to bring attention to the Tribe, address our unmet needs, and show how the Tribe is affecting the state of Alabama, our local community, and Indian Country.

I also attended meetings for NIHB and NCAI during the month of February. These two

organizations are vital to Indian Country and I am honored to serve on NIHB and represent you as a member of NCAI.

The Election Board has officially announced the 2014 elections, which are scheduled for Saturday, June 7, 2014. This year we will directly elect the positions of Tribal Chairman and two at-large Council Members. I strongly encourage you to participate in the election process, whether it be as a voter, a candidate, a volunteer, or simply giving someone a ride to the polls so that they can cast their vote. Each vote is important, it is your voice.

## GRAND OPENING FOR NEW HEALTH CLINIC AND ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 3, 2014

### **Buford L. Rolin Health Clinic**

Ribbon Cutting 9:00 a.m.

Tours available after ribbon cutting

### **Lavan Martin Assisted Living Facility**

Ribbon Cutting 10:30 a.m.

Tours available after ribbon cutting

Watch your mailbox for more information.

# YOUR 2014 TRIBAL COUNCIL

## TRIBAL COUNCIL



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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.*



*Garvis Sells, At-Large*  
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# COUNCIL'S CORNER

## MARCH 2014

TRIBAL  
COUNCIL

Stephanie Bryan/[sbryan@pci-nsn.gov](mailto:sbryan@pci-nsn.gov)

Family and friends,

Thankfully, springtime is upon us and officially begins on March 20<sup>th</sup>. Spring is a beautiful season and proves that life is ever changing. I'm constantly amazed at the transformation of the land as it gradually evolves from brown, barren landscape to vibrant, flourishing scenery. To me, this shifting of the seasons serves as God's reminder that, even in those moments when circumstances look most bleak, change is around the corner and we can hope for a better tomorrow. Many families are enduring some grim, life-changing situations, so please continue praying for them.

The Tribe, like the seasons, has undergone significant changes as well:

- Assisted Living Facility (ALF) and Health Clinic (HC) - As Chair of the Health Legislative Committee for the past three years, it's gratifying and exciting to watch the idea of an ALF and new HC blossom into fruition. The ribbon cutting and open house for both facilities will be held on March 3, 2014. Additional information regarding rates and qualifications for residency at the ALF is forthcoming and will be mailed to Tribal Member households.
- Boys and Girls Club (BGC) – The BGC is a spectacular program that provides a huge benefit to parents. Currently, 277 of the 429 enrolled members are active members. The BGC is literally bursting at the seams! Therefore, the planning process for a new

facility has begun.

- Education – While serving on the Education/Labor Legislative Committee for five years and working closely with the Education Advisory Committee, it was a pleasure to spearhead the increased scholarship initiative for both Tribal Members and First Generation Descendants.

### TRIBAL MEMBER TUITION PROGRAM:

2005- Maximum \$30,000 education benefit  
2014- Maximum \$100,000 education benefit  
330 participants/102 graduates

### FIRST GENERATION TUITION PROGRAM

2005- Maximum \$3,000 education benefit  
2014- Maximum \$40,000 education benefit  
256 participants/99 graduates

As a leader, there is no better feeling than to be a part of decisions that positively impact constituents' quality of life. As always, my door is open to you and I can be contacted at (251) 368-9136, extension 2204 or 2205, [sbryan@pci-nsn.gov](mailto:sbryan@pci-nsn.gov). My prayer for you all, and for this Tribe, is that God continues to bless you with health and prosperity.

Stephanie A. Bryan  
Tribal Vice-Chair

*The best leaders are very often the best listeners....They have an open mind... They are not interested in having their own way....but in finding the best way. - Wilfred Peterson*

## TRIBAL COUNCIL VALUES

*As proud leaders of our Tribe, our integrity demands that we are true to who we are.*

*Our integrity is the foundation of our love for family and community, which strengthens our faith and commitment to do what is right for the Tribe.*

*We will further the legacy of self-determination and self-reliance inherited from our elders by investing in the progress and driving a vision for the future that leads to our prosperity.*







## 2014 TRIBAL ELECTIONS SCHEDULED - ALL ELIGIBLE VOTERS ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE IN VOTING PROCESS

*Election Board Members: Standing l-r Gwen Manning, Vice Chair, Edie Jackson, Chair, Velma Crocker, Board Member Deloris Kelley, Secretary, and Carolyn Peterson, Board Member. Not shown are alternates Brenda Faircloth, Carolyn Rackard, and Gilbert McGhee.*

The 2014 Tribal Elections have been scheduled for Saturday, June 7, 2014. Voting will take place at the PCI Community Resource Building (Old SAIL Center). Polls will be open from 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Results will be announced at the Calvin McGhee Memorial, which will be held on the Pow Wow Grounds, after the polls close and all votes are tallied and verified; results will be posted at the PCI Community Resource Building (Old SAIL Center back door), at the Tribal Center on the Community Bulletin Board, and will be printed in the July issue of the *Poarch Creek News*. This year the General Council will elect a Tribal Chairman and two At-Large Council Members. These positions are currently held by

Tribal Chairman Buford L. Rolin and At Large Members Arthur Mothershed and Garvis Sells. There are no proposed amendments to the Tribal Constitution on the ballot at this time.

The deadline to submit Letter of Candidacy to the Election Board for your name to be printed on the official ballot is 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 8, 2014. Candidates wishing to publish a biography and photo in the May newsletter must submit their biography and photo to the Election Board, by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 8, 2014.

Biographies are limited to 500 words or less and cannot contain political platform or views. Digital copies of biographies and photos are preferred and may be submitted by email to elections@

pci-nsn.gov. Any portion of the biography which seems to contain political views, as determined by the Election Board, will be stricken from the biography.

The last day to submit Letter of Candidacy to the Election Board to be included as a Write-In Candidate is Thursday, May 8, 2014.

Request for Absentee Ballot will be published in the April and May issues of the *Poarch Creek News* and will be available through the Election Board and posted on the Tribe's official website

www.pci-nsn.gov. The last day to request for an Absentee Ballot to be mailed out is Tuesday, May 27, 2014. All Absentee Ballots must be received by the Election Board



no later than close of business (5:00 p.m. CST) on Friday, June 6, 2014.

Walk-in voting will begin on Tuesday, May 27, 2014 and run through Friday, June 6, 2014. Except for Sunday, June 1, 2014, the polls will be open for walk-in voting daily from 9:00 a.m. through 6:00 p.m.

We encourage all eligible Tribal Members to participate in the voting process. This is your chance to make your voice heard. Please vote either by Absentee Ballot, Walk-In Voting, or casting your vote on Election Day, Saturday, June 7, 2014.

Please contact Edie Jackson, Election Board Chairman, at (251) 368-9136 ex. 2231 or [ejackson@pci-nsn.gov](mailto:ejackson@pci-nsn.gov) if you have any questions or need more information.

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## SOMEONE SHOULD WRITE A BOOK! AN EVENING WITH THE ELDERS

*Tribal Chairman Buford L. Rolin and former Chairman Eddie L. Tullis*

*Gayle Johnson, Media Specialist*

Coming away from the January Evening with the Elders program, I had a thought; one that kept coming back to me....someone should write a book. Someone SHOULD write a book about the Poarch Creek Indians, a book that truly reflects the history of the Tribe, a tome (*a large or scholarly book*) that covers the day to day life of our ancestors that shares their passions and beliefs.

The Evening with the Elders program on January 14, 2014 featured the digitalized recordings of Dr. J. Anthony Paredes and his 1972 interviews with Florence Walker Tullis, Tracy "Tom" and Girlie Rolin as well as the 1973 interview with

then Council Member Buford L. Rolin, and the 1974 interview with then Chairman Eddie L. Tullis. These recordings are a treasure indeed.

Did you know that Florence Walker Tullis was a midwife who 'caught' 60 to 70 babies over her lifetime, her first being the second born of a set of twins? She was not an experienced midwife at that time and had never delivered a baby. A very frantic man came knocking on her door asking for help. He told her that his wife was having a baby; he had sent for the doctor but he had not come. Being the person that she was, Florence rushed over to the man's house to just in time to 'catch' the second. The first baby had been born while the father was out seeking help. "That man was running around scared to

death,' she said; 'he was expecting one baby, not two! He acted like he didn't know what to do!" Did you know that those babies were all white, that she was never a midwife to an Indian? Back in those days there was a colored woman (her words) who 'caught' most of the Indian babies being born. Did you know that she drove a truck and hauled workers to the potato fields in Baldwin County, and drove around collecting junk on the back of the truck after the growing season?

Girlie Walker Rolin was Florence's sister. She talked about going to school; she didn't go to school until she was 12 years old and only went to the seventh grade. She said that her father paid \$1 for her to go to school. She said that teachers were paid \$1



per child. She remembered her father talking about going to school near McCullough and that classes were made up of community children, it was not just Indian children. Mr. Tullis later asked that if anyone knows the location of that school or has any pictures please let Diedra know. "We have been trying to find the site for years. If you have any old maps or pictures, please let us know" he said.

Girlie was also the organist at St. Anna's Episcopal Church. She stated that she played by ear at home and felt that she never learned too much. (People that know her feel different, they state that she was a very talented organ player.)

Tracy "Tom" Rolin was also interviewed, but in the tapes shared he mostly made one or two word statements and let the ladies do all the talking. Girlie told of how Tom would drive Mrs. Anna Macy, the missionary, around. After her husband passed Mrs. Macy moved to town; Tom would be her driver and take her around the area so she could do her missionary work. Buford later stated that it was during this time with Mrs. Macy that his father realized how important an education was and it instilled in him the desire to make sure that his children were afforded every opportunity for education.

Eddie Tullis's 1974 interview with Dr. Paredes shared how he began traveling to Washington DC with Chief Calvin McGhee. It was through these trips that his passion for his people and

their needs was first fueled. He later told of an incident with Calvin in Washington DC. During this particular visit Mr. Tullis was at the Department of Interior when a friend asked him why he wasn't at the Court of Appeals meeting. He asked him to explain because he did not know the meeting was going on. He was told that the lawyers representing the Tribe in the Lands Claim Act had petitioned the court for fees from the proposed settlement and that the hearing was supposed to start in about 10 minutes. Mr. Tullis shared "If you have ever been to Washington you know it is hard to catch a cab. I ran from the Department of Interior to the Cozy Inn where we were staying. I asked Calvin if he knew about the hearing. He didn't know about it and immediately jumped up and we both ran down the streets of Washington to the Court of Appeals. They ran straight to the courtroom and Calvin approached the Judge and requested to be heard. Of course the lawyers objected but the Judge allowed Calvin to speak. He told the Judge that the lawyers were not entitled to a fee that the Poarch community had raised all the money to cover the lawyers' expenses. The Judge did not make a ruling at that time, he rescheduled the hearing for another date but the lawyers did not receive a fee from the settlement. This is the kind of luck we had during the process. We were at the right place at the right time to do what was right for our people."

Tribal Chairman Buford L. Rolin's April 6, 1973 interview with Dr. Paredes touched on his early years,

the love in his home while growing up, his father's desire for an education for his children, his involvement with St. Anna's Episcopal Church, and working at the potato shed in Baldwin County and on his father's small farm.

After the recording, Buford, and Mr. Tullis, reiterated the importance of the work that Dr. Paredes did with the Tribe back in the 1970's. The information gathered by Dr. Paredes was part of the information used to help the Tribe gain Federal Recognition.

Jean Ardis attended the program and made the following statement "I have been to every one of these events. They are great and I think everyone should come." Eldnar McGhee, a TERO employee working with the Office of Archives and Records Management stated "Deidra (Dees) has a passion for this. She is doing a great job. I had no idea of the depth of what she has been doing until I started to work over there. She has done an awesome job."

The next Evening with the Elders is scheduled for Tuesday, February 18, 2014 and will feature Joyce McGhee, the widow of Chief Calvin McGhee. I hope you were able to attend. There will be no program for March.

Please continue to watch the newsletter for upcoming presentations. If you are interested in visiting the Office of Archives and Records Management just give them a call at (251) 446-4531 or 446-4540.

# TRIBAL CENSUS UPDATE

According to current Tribal Enrollment records, there are 3,084 members of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians.

1,554 Female

1,530 Male

1,945 Five county service area

1,139 Outside service area

583 Age 65 & older

542 Age 55-64

576 Age 45-54

748 Age 30-44

286 Age 21-29

077 Age 18-20

273 Age 17 & under

The following Tribal Members passed away in 2013; please continue to keep their families in your thoughts and prayers.

## JANUARY

Elsie Freeman Henry

Connie Colbert Thomas

Willie Lois Troutman

## February

Betty Jean Woolley

Roger Wayne Barnhill

## MARCH

James Aaron Rikard

Ellis Kinsey

Thelma Corine Jackson

## APRIL

Keith Allen Rolin

Allie Lucille McGhee

Annie Mae Rone

## MAY

Hubert Lee Rackard Sr.

Edward Eugene Rolin

Luverne Ward

Henry James Price

Oliver H Jackson

Aaron Lee Rackard Sr.

Bonnie Lynn Miles

## JUNE

Hattie Lou Morris

## JULY

Bobby Wayne Kleinatland

Billy Graham Locke

## AUGUST

Bessie Cornelius Dorough

Payton Tunsel Taylor Jr.

Lola Galloway Herring

Gail Louise Butler

## SEPTEMBER

Mary Virginia

Bernice Qualls

## OCTOBER

William Lineon Desilvey

Hubert L. Adams

Thomas L. McGhee

Ollie McDurmott

Roy Barnhill

## NOVEMBER

Beder Rayborn Jr.

## DECEMBER

Eva Nell Burkett

Wanda Byrd

## THE FALLEN LIMB

A limb has fallen from the family tree.

I keep hearing a voice that says, Grieve not for me.

Remember the best times, the laughter, the song.

The good life I lived while I was strong.

Continue my heritage, I'm counting on you.

Keep smiling and surely the sun will shine through.

My mind is at ease, my soul at rest.

Remembering all, how I truly was blessed.

Continue traditions, no matter how small.

Go on with your life, don't worry about falls.

I miss you all dearly, so keep up your chin.

Until the day comes when we're together again.

*Author Unknown*



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The Tribe will be hosting Financial Education Classes on Tuesday and Wednesday March 4-5, 2014. These classes will be held in the Training Room of Building 600 in thirty minute increments.

The first class each day will be held at 11:00 a.m. followed by a second class at 11:45 a.m.; the third and final class of each day will be at 12:30 p.m.

## TRIBAL COUNCIL ANNOUNCES VACANCY ON MUSKOGEE TECHNOLOGY BOARD

The Tribal Council has announced one (1) vacancy on the Muskogee Technology Board. Applications will be accepted through Monday, March 31, 2014.

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](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 Highway 21.

All applications should be returned to the Tribal Council Office by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 31, 2014.

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



## MMFA FAMILY FUN DAY!

On Saturday, March 8, 2014 the Tribe will host Family Fun Day at the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts (MMFA) in Montgomery, AL. The Tribe will share aspects of our heritage through an afternoon of story telling, drumming and dancing. Poarch Creek Artisans will be featured and you can try your hand at medallion making, weaving and clay work in the Creek tradition. Everyone is invited to attend; the event will be from 1 pm - 4 pm.

MMFA is the oldest fine arts museum in the

state of Alabama. Founded in 1930, the Museum holds an outstanding collection of American paintings, Old Master prints, Southern regional art, and decorative arts. The MMFA also hosts an interesting array of temporary exhibitions and educational programs throughout the year.

Several of the exhibits from the Kerretv Cuko (Building of Learning) Tribal Museum will be on display at MMFA. With the exhibits on loan, the Tribal Museum will be closed Tuesday, March 4, 2014 through Wednesday, March 12, 2014.

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### *Native American Prayer:*

*"Oh, Great Spirit, Whose voice I hear in the winds, And whose breath gives life to all the world, Let me walk in beauty and let me learn the lessons you have hidden in every leaf and rock. So when life fades, as the fading sunset, my Spirit may come to you without shame."*





## PREPARING AMC STUDENTS FOR A BETTER FUTURE!

The students in Angela Brown's forth-grade class at A.C. Moore Elementary School (ACM) use the school's new iPads. Pictured are the students in alphabetical order, Jayla Adams, Cachaz Alfred, Ayrea Barron, Neveah Cox, Jasmin Cuenca, Xavier Finney, Jnisha Hines, Jakanye Hooks, Aniyah James, Katelyn Johnson, Tommorrior Knight, Kailey Knighten, Shane Morse, Jaydan Peoples, Jaylee Redmond, Rachel Redmond, Willie Walker, Jemalra Williams and Jykeria Wilson.

Students at A. C. Moore Elementary School (ACM) are finding it easier to prepare for the future in a world driven by technology thanks to the addition of iPads in their classrooms.

"We received a grant from the Poarch Creek Indians last year," ACM Principal John Brantley said. "With it we purchased 100 iPads for the students to use in their classrooms. They were split among our two grades and divided into two pods for each grade, allowing teachers to put them in the hands of each student every day."

The iPads are used for advanced work in math and reading, according to Brantley, as well as testing and research in all subjects. They are used by student groups to build on objectives and find greater success in projects.

"Our ultimate goal is to place one iPad in every student's hand when they enter school that will be theirs as long as they are at A. C. Moore," Brantley said.

Brantley emphasized the importance of using advancing technology to

educate students and help them better prepare for the future.

"This has helped tremendously," Brantley said. "We can accomplish more and keep the students engaged better with the iPads. Without the grant from Poarch, this would not have been possible. We are very appreciative to them for this opportunity."

*Photo and article by:*

*Phil Johnson, News Staff Writer*

*Atmore News/As published January 28, 2014*

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The *Tribal Members Only Portal (TMOP)* for Tribal Members age 18 and above is now active. The portal is located on the left-hand sidebar of the web site's home page, [www.pci-nsn.gov](http://www.pci-nsn.gov). Information such as Tribal Council Minutes, proposed ordinances and other confidential information, will be posted in this area that is accessible to Tribal Members only.

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.

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 via the Tribal Member Distribution Email (TMDE). The TMDE 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 and Tribal roll number to [info@pci-nsn.gov](mailto:info@pci-nsn.gov).

You may also receive updated news and information on the Tribe's Facebook page at [facebook.com/PoarchBandofCreekIndians](https://facebook.com/PoarchBandofCreekIndians). You can also follow the Tribe on Twitter at [twitter.com/PoarchCreek](https://twitter.com/PoarchCreek).

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



# KEEP YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION UP DATE!

**Please notify the Tribal Member Benefits Department as soon as possible if you have a new address, email, or banking account information. Call (251) 368-9136 x 2209 or 2251 to make changes to your contact information or if you have any questions.**

It is very important to keep your Tribal Census information up to date. When preparing the newsletter for publication each month an updated Head Of Household mailing list is obtained from Tribal Member Benefits/Enrollment to ensure that the address information is current and up-to-date.

Unfortunately each month the Post Office returns numerous newsletters that are undeliverable due to incorrect or incomplete addresses, no mail receptacle, individual moved and left no forwarding addresses, etc. These newsletters are held for one month after publication, if the individual does not claim their newsletter, it is forwarded for recycling. Tribal Members often call when they do not receive their newsletter; however, most of the time the newsletter for the person calling has not been returned to us by the Post Office.

The January newsletter for the following Tribal Members has been returned by the Post Office:

Adams, Christopher	McGhee, Melissa
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Caudle, James	Pierce, Kenneth
Colbert, Ashley	Presley, Travis
Colbert, Craig	Rayborn, Trenton
Colbert, Todd	Rogers, Catherine
Gibson, Mark	Rolin, Keith
Hall, Keith	Sanchez, Jerry
Jackson, Jenni	Seals, Crystal
Johnson, Sherry	Stricklin, Sharon
King, Tammy	Szabo, Becky
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# TRIBAL STUDENTS PLACE IN SPELLING BEES

On January 10, 2014 Huxford Elementary School held its annual spelling bee competition. The 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade winner was Sydney Lisenby and the runner-up was Destinee Rolin. The 6<sup>th</sup> grade winner was Ian McGhee and the runner-up was Tucker Spence.

These students competed in the county spelling bee held at Flomaton High School on January 16, 2014. Sydney Lisenby won second place in the 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade division and Ian McGhee placed fourth in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade division.

Congratulations to these young scholars!

*Submitted by Amy Johns, Title VII Indian Aid*



*Top l-r are Tucker Spence and Ian McGhee.  
Bottom l-r are Sydney Lisenby and Destinee Rolin*

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## BIRTHDAY WISHES

**Ed Jarman***January 5, 2014*

Happy birthday Dad! We hope you had a wonderful day! We love you, Laurie, Leeann, Big Steve, Steven & Trevor.

This birthday wish was published in last month's issue reflecting a December birth date, this was incorrect. We apologize for this error..

**Corey Flowers***February 11, 2014*

Happy 25<sup>th</sup> birthday!

We love you! Hope you had a great birthday!

Love, Kintley Drew, Raylin, and family.

**Bryan Hutto***February 14, 2014*

Happy 40<sup>th</sup> birthday!

We love you!

From your family.

**Shawn Rolin***February 16, 2014*

Happy birthday!

We love you!

From your family & friends.

Roll Tide!

**Zachary Hutto***February 17, 2014*

Happy 11<sup>th</sup> birthday!

We love you!

From your family.

**Noah O'Neal***February 17, 2014*

Happy 10<sup>th</sup> birthday Noah!

Noah celebrated his birthday with family and friends.

We love you, Mamaw and family.

**Jayla Jackson***February 22, 2014*

Happy birthday Jayla!

We love you!

From Mom.

**Tabatha O'Neal***February 25, 2014*

Happy birthday Tabatha!

Tabatha celebrated her birthday with family and friends.

We love you, Mom and family.

**Coty Rolin***March 2, 2014*

Happy 24<sup>th</sup> birthday Coty!

We love you!

Brooke, Zhoie, and family.



**Jeremy "BooBoo" Odom***March 2, 2014*

Happy birthday BooBoo!

We love you!

Jackson, Samantha, and the rest of your family.

**Adlee Ann Johnson***March 3, 2014*

Happy 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday!

We love you very much!

Love, PawPaw, MawMaw, Sassy, and the rest of your family.

**Kyle & Kaylee Salter***March 4, 2014*

Happy 16<sup>th</sup> birthday, Kyle & Kaylee!

May all your wishes come true!

We love you both with all our hearts.

From all your family and friends in Alabama and Georgia, especially your OMA.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

**Allison R. Rodriguez***March 4, 2014*

Happy 38<sup>th</sup> birthday, Allison!

From your hubby Jose', son Caleb, and all your Georgia, Alabama, and Texas family and friends in the US and abroad.

**Mikayla Spruill***March 8, 2014*

Happy 16<sup>th</sup> birthday KK!

We hope you have a great birthday!

Love Mom, Dad, Josh, and your family.

**Leslie Stallworth Odom***March 13, 2014*

Happy birthday Mama!

We love you!

Lea, MyMy, and the rest of your family.

**Kintley Flowers***March 15, 2014*

Happy 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday to the most outgoing, smartest, and loving little girl! Hope you have a great birthday!

We love you very much!

Love, Momma, Daddy, and family.

**Evelyn Overstreet***March 17, 2014*

Happy birthday!

We love you!

From your family.

**Ralph L. Overstreet***March 22, 2014*

Happy birthday Ralph L. Overstreet of Pittsburg, CA.

We love you and hope 2014 is a good year for you.

From your entire family.



**Betty Caraway**  
*March 24, 2014*



Happy birthday Betty!

Your family hopes you have a blessed and wonderful day.

**Mae McGhee**  
*March 27, 2014*



Happy 65<sup>th</sup> birthday Mace! Mace lives in Bow, WA and is the son of the late Mace and Coot McGhee.

Your family in Alabama and Washington loves you.

**Joshua Spruill**  
*March 27, 2014*

Happy 11<sup>th</sup> birthday Josh!

We hope you have a great birthday!

Love Mom, Dad, Mikayla, (Especially!) Papa, and the rest of your family.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

## HALEY COLBERT & DEMPSEY ROLIN To WED

Haley Nichole Colbert and Dempsey Ray Rolin, together with their parents, are pleased to announce their engagement and forthcoming marriage.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Curtis and Margaret Colbert of Atmore, Alabama. She is the granddaughter of the late David Colbert and Lula Mae Parker of Atmore, Alabama and the late Ed and Hattie Taylor of Greenville, Alabama.

Miss Colbert is a graduate of Escambia County High School and Reid State Technical College. She is employed with the Poarch Band of Creek Indians as a clinic nurse for the Health Department.

The prospective groom is the son of Ronnie and Margie Rolin of Poarch, Alabama. He is the grandson of the late Jack and Eunice Rolin and Ray and Bobbie Pearson of Poarch, Alabama.

Mr. Rolin is a graduate of Escambia County High School and is employed with the Poarch Band of Creek Indians Utilities Authority.

Bridesmaids for the event will be Ashley Barnhill Hodges, Brandi Rutherford, and Chastity Rolin Peebles. Groomsmen for the event will be Ronald Rolin, Tim Ramer, and Nathan Dortch.

The couple will exchange vows Saturday, March 15, 2014 at five o'clock in the afternoon at the First Baptist Church of Atmore. A reception will follow at The Club on Highway 21 in Atmore.

Friends and family are invited to attend.



ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

# HONORING OUR TRIBAL VETERANS

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Crowfoot, Blackfoot warrior and orator



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JANUARY 2014 SNOW AND ICE IN THE SOUTH



# CREEK WAR OF 1813-1814

*Submitted by Robert Thrower,  
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO)*

*This year is the bicentennial of the ending of the Creek War of 1813-14. As your Tribal Historic Preservation Officer I've been doing a lot of public speaking on this subject. I thought I'd share with you in an ongoing series some information about this war. It was an important conflict that affected our ancestors and shaped the course of American history. It is uniquely part of our Tribe's history.*

Until the early 1790's, sixteen families of Poarch Creek ancestors lived in at least ten known Creek Tribal Towns along the Tallapoosa/Coosa Rivers and the Upper Alabama River Region in the Wetumpka, Montgomery area. After 1790, our ancestors begin moving southward to Tensaw where Fort Mims is located. They settled there as "friendly Creeks", with the blessings of the powerful Creek Nation, to help colonize what was to become the Mississippi Territory. The Mississippi Territory was established on May 7, 1798, and soon occupied most of the present day states of Alabama and Mississippi.

The Mississippi Territory was the first area to be described as the "Western Frontier" in American History. Long before the Gold Rush and push towards California, early settlers were



Robert Thrower, THPO

moving "west" into the Southwestern Frontier. This would later change as Mississippi became a state in 1817, followed by Alabama which became a state in 1819.

The ancestors of Poarch Creek Indians were all from Upper Creek Towns. They had left with the blessings of the Creek Nation; however,

by 1813, all of our ancestral Upper Creek towns had turned hostile during the Redstick movement. The Creek Nation was becoming divided from within, paving the way for the Creek War of 1813-14.

Next month we will examine some of the reasons why these divisions occurred.

## DAYS OF THE WEEK

Sunday	<i>Tvcakuce</i>
Monday	<i>Mvnte</i>
Tuesday	<i>Mvnte Enhvvytke</i>
Wednesday	<i>Ennvrvkpv</i>
Thursday	<i>Ennvrvkpv Enhvvytke</i>
Friday	<i>Flite</i>
Saturday	<i>Tvcako 'Cuse</i>

*From: A Dictionary of Creek/Muskogee  
by Jack B. Martin and Margaret McKane Mauldin*



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6:00 pm – 8:00 pm (Open to the Public)

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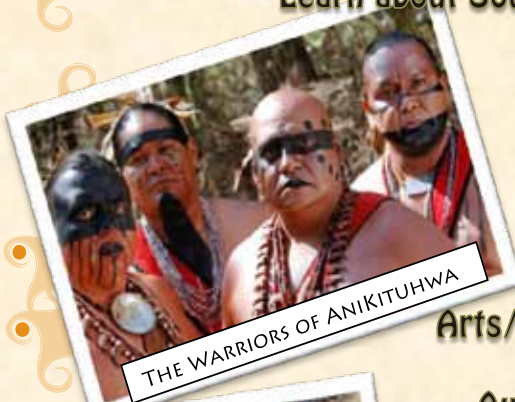
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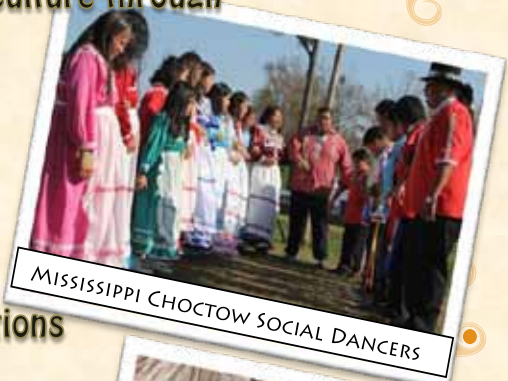
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# 2014 CREEK INDIAN ART SHOW

April 2, 2014 ~ Family Services Auditorium



Youth Age Divisions ~ may enter only one (1) piece per person

4-5 ~ 6-7 ~ 8-10 ~ 11-13 ~ 14-18

Adult Division Categories ~ may enter one (1) piece per category

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All entrants must be certified artisans. Certification can be obtained upon delivery of art show entry(ies).

Entries will be received at the Kerretv Cuko Poarch Band of Creek Indians Museum from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. beginning Wednesday, March 26, 2014 and ending at 12:00 noon on Tuesday, April 1, 2014.

Announcement of winners will be made at the Awards Ceremony at 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 2, 2014 at the Family Services Auditorium.

Prospective participants are strongly encouraged to read and understand the 2014 Creek Indian Art Show Rules & Regulations prior to submitting an entry. The Rules and Regulations can be viewed on the Tribe's website, [www.poarchcreekindians.org](http://www.poarchcreekindians.org), or by contacting the Calvin McGhee Cultural Authority at 251-368-9136 ext. 2656.

For more information, please contact Chris Blackburn, Planning & Events Coordinator at 251-368-9136 ext. 2052 or [cblackburn@pci-nsn.gov](mailto:cblackburn@pci-nsn.gov).



# 2014 CREEK INDIAN ART SHOW RULES & REGULATIONS

Please read all the rules and information carefully. If you have a question regarding any of the following, please ask a Calvin McGhee Cultural Authority (CMCA) representative.

1. Artist eligibility will be limited to certified artisans only. Certification can be obtained upon delivery of art show entry(ies). Proof of Poarch Creek Tribal membership or descent is required.

2. Adult Division participants may enter one (1) piece in each category. Youth Division participants may enter only one (1) piece.

3. Youth participants may choose to move up to the Adult Division; however, they cannot have entries in both divisions.

4. Artwork entered must be the original work of the person entering the piece.

5. Artwork with the Poarch Band of Creek Indians logo will not be accepted.

6. Any work that is deemed to be plagiaristic or have libelous content in regard to known persons and/or well-known characters will not be accepted.

7. Traced/copied work will be removed by the CMCA or the Juried Panel. (For example, you may not freehand copy an existing piece of official art to place in the art show, even if colors or small details are changed.)

8. The CMCA reserves the right to refuse any entry.

9. Reproductions (prints) by the artist of his/her own work may be displayed.

10. Artists must complete an entry form for each piece entered into the art show. Be sure to indicate on the entry form if someone other than yourself has permission to pick up your entry and who should receive the check for your sales, if applicable. Artists are required to provide a valid mailing address, email address, and phone number.

11. All artwork entered should be ready for display. All artwork will either be hung or displayed on available table space or in existing display cases.

a. Flat artwork should be mounted, matted, or framed. This is for the protection of both the art and the Creek Indian Art Show's patrons.

b. Two-dimensional work should be matted, framed, or appropriately mounted to permit hanging, if necessary.

c. Paintings must be thoroughly dry; drawings should be appropriately sealed or protected.

d. Pottery/sculptures must be appropriately finished.

No unfired pieces will be accepted.

e. Three-dimensional work must come with appropriate supports or cases for display on table top.

f. It is highly recommended that if jewelry or other fragile items are submitted, you provide a sturdy, secure display case for your pieces.

g. The CMCA reserves the right to move or change the way your artwork is displayed if necessary.

12. If you have special needs for display of your artwork, please let us know in advance. We will do our best to accommodate you.

13. Artwork entered may be entered as either "For Sale" or "Not For Sale." Pricing of your artwork may be done at the time of submission or prior to the opening of the Creek Indian Art Show on Wednesday, April 2, 2014. If the artist wishes to change the "For Sale" or "Not For Sale" status of his or her work, he or she may do so at any time prior to the sale of the piece by delivering written notification to the CMCA of the change.

14. Artists may provide business cards or contact information to be displayed with their submissions during the Creek Indian Art Show on Wednesday, April 2, 2014. This information will be kept private during the jurying and judging processes.

15. The CMCA is not responsible for holding or shipping artwork for purchasers or artists after the Creek Indian Art Show.

16. The CMCA does not provide insurance on the artwork in its possession. The CMCA will not be held responsible for damaged, lost or stolen works.

17. Artwork must be picked up by Wednesday, April 9, 2014. The artist or appointed representative must sign a log sheet stating the item was picked up. Any artwork left after 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 9, 2014 may be considered abandoned and may become the property of the CMCA.

18. Food and drink will not be allowed near the artwork.

## AWARD INFORMATION:

### ADULT DIVISION -

Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places for each category and one Best of Show award.

Prizes are ribbons/cash (1st - \$200; 2nd - \$100; 3rd - \$75; Best of Show - \$250)

### YOUTH DIVISION -

Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th places for each age group.

Prizes are ribbons/cash (1st - \$50; 2nd - \$45; 3rd - \$40; 4th - \$35; 5th - \$30)

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*Christopher Wayne Rutherford  
Sgt. E-5 United States Army/  
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Chris Rutherford recently retired after 21 years in the Army National Guard with the rank of Sgt. E-5. He attended Army basic training at Fort Jackson in SC with advanced individual training (AIT) at Fort Gordon, GA. Chris attended Combat Life Saver training at Camp Shelby in MS and Retention NCO training at Gunter Annex in Montgomery, AL. He was deployed to Babylon, Iraq with the Multi-National Division Headquarters in 2003 for 18 months.

While home on leave from Iraq, Chris was one of the first to respond when Hurricane Ivan struck the Poarch Community. He did not hesitate to respond to assist the Poarch Volunteer Fire Department with clearing trees out of the roads and other emergency response needs.

In 2005 he was deployed to Slidell, LA as support after Hurricane Katrina. During his service Chris has received numerous awards and accommodations including: the Combat Action Badge, Good Conduct Award, Army Achievement Medal, Global War on Terrorism Medal, and the Alabama Defense Medal.

Chris is the son of Wayne and Stella (Rolin) Rutherford. He has one sister, Brandi Rutherford, and two nieces. He is married to Theresa (Jackson) Rutherford and together they have five children and one grandson.

Chris is a 1992 graduate of Escambia County High School. He attended Jefferson Davis Community College for his Basic and Intermediate EMT certification; he attended Laurleen B. Wallace Community College for Paramedic certification. Chris has attended the Alabama Fire College where he received his Fire Fighter Certification as well as training for high angle rescue, basic self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA), fire service instructor, confined space rescue, etc. He also serves as a basic cardiac life support (BCLS) instructor for the American Red Cross.

Always striving to be the best he can, Chris is a Nitrox Diver and Stress and Rescue Diver through Scuba Schools International in Pensacola, Florida and has received his Pilot's license as an Instrument Rated Private Pilot through the flight school located at Pensacola Regional Airport.

Chris is a twenty plus year employee with the Tribe; he currently serves as Investigator for the Tribal Police Department. He also works part time with Atmore Ambulance as a Paramedic, a position he has held for the past seventeen years.

Chris' family would like for him to know that they are very proud of his dedication and accomplishments.



*The Rutherford family. Standing l-r are Kaylee Cox, Dawson Cox, Rowdy Rutherford, Mallory Cox, and Wyatt Rutherford. Seated are Jadon Cox, Theresa Rutherford, and Chris Rutherford.*

# EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

## NEWS & INFORMATION

### STEER & HEIFER SHOW

The PCI Education Department, along with Perdido River Farms, is proud to announce that the Escambia County Steer and Heifer Show will be held at Perdido River Farms on Thursday, March 6, 2014 at 1:00 p.m.

The Premium Sale will be held at 6:00 p.m and we invite all premium buyers to attend. Anyone interested in purchasing these steers are encouraged to be at the Brewton Stockyards on Saturday, March 8, 2014 for the Re-Sale!

Perdido River Farms is located at 5535 Poarch Road, Atmore AL 36502

For any questions, please contact John English, Agricultural Manager, Perdido River Farms at (251) 368-0826



## 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 2022 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).

## SUMMER CAMP PROGRAM ASSISTANCE NOW AVAILABLE

The Education Department is proud to announce an exciting new program beginning May 2014. Tribal Member and First Generation students entering ninth through twelfth grades, and/or students who will graduate high school this year, are eligible to attend up to two summer camps and receive financial assistance to help cover the cost of the programs.

Tribal Member students are eligible for up to \$500 and First Generation students are eligible for up to \$250 assistance.

Parents are responsible for making all arrangements and paying any fees over the amount paid by the Tribe. Travel costs will be paid by reimbursement only.

Applications for assistance must be submitted at least four weeks prior to the camp. Applications will be available at the Education Department or on the Tribe's website at [www.pci-nsn.gov](http://www.pci-nsn.gov).

Please call 251-368-9136 ext. 2021 with any questions.





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## ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT BANQUET

### 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 September 2013 - May 2014.

**WHAT:** Academic Achievement Banquet

**WHEN:** April 22, 2014 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

**WHERE:** Wind Creek Casino & Hotel, Coosawada Ballroom

**WHY:** To honor the academic success of our high school and college graduates

**HOSTED BY:** Tribal Council, PCI Education Department, Education Advisory Committee, and Calvin McGhee Cultural Authority

**RSVP's ARE REQUIRED!** This form must be completed and turned in to Magen Weaver in the PCI Education Department by **APRIL 8, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.**

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email or Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

School Graduated From: \_\_\_\_\_

Degree Received and Major if Applicable: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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-nns.gov](mailto:mweaver@pci-nns.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

### FOR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

If you would like to be presented with your Tribal Scholarship at your class night/awards banquet, please provide the following information to the PCI Education Department by **APRIL 8, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.**

Date & time of Awards/Honors Day: \_\_\_\_\_

Person in charge of event (name & contact information): \_\_\_\_\_

High School mailing address & phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

# **F** **S** FAMILY **D** SERVICES DEPARTMENT

## NEWS & INFORMATION FAMILY SERVICES TO RELOCATE

*If you or a loved one is a victim of domestic violence, please contact Dr. Frank McCloskey, Abuse Prevention Coordinator, for assistance or information.*

*You can reach Frank at (251)-368-9136, ext. 2212, or via e-mail at [fmcloskey@pci-nsn.gov](mailto:fmcloskey@pci-nsn.gov).*

*You are not alone. We are here to help you.*

“ Stop the

Violence

Prevent the

Abuse ”

The Family Services Department will close February 26-28, 2014 to relocate their offices to the second floor of the BUFORD L. ROLIN HEALTH CLINIC. Clients will not be seen on Monday, March 3, 2014 due to the facility's grand opening activities. Clients seeking services on and after March 4, 2014 should come to our new location. All departmental contact information remains the same.

### 2014 WINTER LIHEAP INFORMATION

(Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program)

#### DISTRIBUTION DATES:

March 4, 5, 6, and March 18, 19, 20

#### \*\*General Information\*\*

- Applications will be accepted in the Family Services Department waiting room located on the second floor of the new Health Clinic.
- No appointments are necessary. Services are offered on a first come, first served basis.
- Note the various dates and come in according to your household composition.
- Priority is given to senior households, clients receiving disability income, households with children under the age of 5, and households receiving food stamps or TANF benefits.
- LIHEAP does NOT pay for any additional fees or services such as late fees, connection fees, outside lights, etc.

Approval amounts range from \$250-\$325. You will be responsible for any charges that are not covered by LIHEAP. If your bill is less than the awarded amount, only

the total amount of the bill will be paid.

#### \*\*REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION FOR ALL APPLICANTS\*\*

- Current energy or gas bill.
- Social Security cards for ALL members of the household. There will be no exceptions or approvals without Social Security cards. This is a federal requirement.
- Tribal ID for applicant/head of household.
- Current income verification for all household members that are over the age of 19, such as pay stubs, paychecks, letters of salary verification, etc.
- If anyone in the home over age 19 is unemployed, you must bring a statement verifying they are not working. The statement must be signed by three people who do not reside in your household and must include their phone numbers.
- Current verification if receiving state unemployment benefits.
- CURRENT Social Security or Disability Income Verification. We must have current income verification on file for all 2014 applications and services.

Please call the Family Services Department at (251) 368-9136 x 2600 if you have any questions.



**Family Services Department  
2014 LIHEAP Information Continued**

**ESTIMATED STATE MEDIAN INCOME, BY HOUSEHOLD SIZE AND BY STATE,  
FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2014**

State	Est. State median income for four person family	60 % of Est. State median income for four-person family	60% of Estimated State Median Income					
			One Person Family	Two Person Family	Three Person Family	Four Person Family	Five Person Family	Six Person Family
<b>Ala.</b>	\$64,899	\$38,939	\$20,249	\$26,479	\$32,709	\$38,939	\$45,169	\$51,399
<b>Fla.</b>	\$65,406	\$39,244	\$20,407	\$26,686	\$33,965	\$39,244	\$45,523	\$51,802

Please note income guidelines have changed due to changes in federal guidelines.

\*\* Please be aware of household income adjustments \*\*

\*\* LIHEAP applicants must meet above listed income guidelines to qualify. \*\*

**\*WINTER LIHEAP APPLICATION DATES AND TIMES\***

DAY	DATE	TIME	PRIORITY SCHEDULE
Tuesday	March 4, 2014	9 a.m. – 4 p.m.	All Types of Households
Wednesday	March 5, 2014	9 a.m. – 4 p.m.	All Types of Households
Thursday	March 6, 2014	9 a.m. – 4 p.m.	All Types of Households
Tuesday	March 18, 2014	9 a.m. – 4 p.m.	All Types of Households
Wednesday	March 19, 2014	9 a.m. – 4 p.m.	All Types of Households
Thursday	March 20, 2014	9 a.m. – 4 p.m.	All Types of Households

The Family Services Department 5811 Jack Springs Rd Atmore, AL 36502 Phone: (251) 368-9136 2600 Fax: (251) 368-0828

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 If you wish to review these grants, please come by our office to view these documents. We welcome you comments and suggestions!



## NEWS & INFORMATION

### IMPROVING PATIENT CARE

We are proud to announce that PCI Health Department has been selected by Indian Health Services to be part of an initiative called "Improving Patient Care 5," or IPC 5. What this means for you, the patient, is your health care team is diligently working to enhance a positive, nurturing environment. Our goal is to improve the quality of, and access to, care through the development of a system of care called the "Indian Health Medical Home."

As an honored participant in this program, clinic staff will:

- Focus on patient- and family-centered care;
- Ensure access to primary care for all Tribal Members;
- Provide consistent, high-quality care by health care teams;
- Act on the guidance of the community and of Tribal leadership; and
- Make positive, sustainable, and measurable improvements in care.

We are committed to providing the absolute best experience and the

highest quality of care to all patients who choose us as their Indian Health Medical Home. As always, we are open to your suggestions for improvements in the services that we provide to you. Please feel free to submit your comments in person, by phone, or by email to Candace Fayard at 251-368-9136, extension 2318 or cfayard@pci-nsn.gov.

#### Get Ready for Health Care in 2014

The Affordable Care Act, also known as the health care law, was created to expand access to affordable health care coverage to all Americans, lower costs and improve quality and care coordination. The health care law requires people to:

- Maintain health insurance coverage that meets the minimum essential coverage requirement by January 1, 2014; or
- Qualify for an exemption from the shared responsibility payment; or
- Make a payment when filing their taxes if they have affordable options but remain uninsured

#### Health Insurance Marketplace

The "Marketplace" has been

mentioned in headline news many times over the past year. What does this mean for Tribal Members? It means good news for Tribal Members without insurance coverage or those with pricy policies. The Marketplace provides an easy way to identify health insurance coverage, find out if you're eligible for health insurance at reduced or no cost, and compare qualified health programs. In the Marketplace, some people are eligible for lower health premiums and out-of-pocket costs based on their income. The Marketplace offers a streamlined application process to help people understand what benefits are available and which protections may apply. Visit [HealthCare.gov](http://HealthCare.gov) for more information, to learn special provisions for members of federally recognized tribes, and to apply.

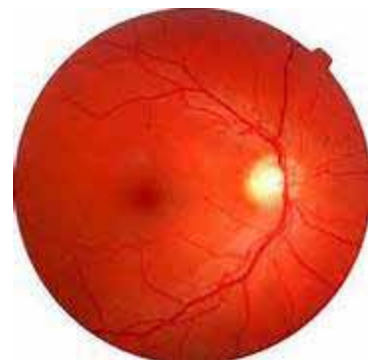
If you have questions, or need assistance, please contact Teresa Smith, Business Office Director, at ext. 2317.

#### Pharmacy

Flu shot is still available.

## MONTHLY RETINAL SCREENINGS

REMINDER: Next Retinal Screening is March 27, 2014 from 8:30-10:00. If you cannot make that one, the next one is April 24, 2014 from 2:00-3:30.







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## SAFE & LEGAL DISPOSAL OF UNUSED MEDS

*(Part 1 of a 2 part article)*

To prevent intentional or accidental use of unwanted, expired, or unneeded prescription or over-the-counter medications:

1. Take them to a medication disposal program or police department drop box

- Prattville Police Department located at 101 West Main St., Prattville, AL
- Mobile Sheriff Department's "medicine cabinet" located at Theodore satellite location at 5808 U.S. 90

2. Take them to a Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) National Take Back Day on Saturday, April 26, 2014 (locations to be determined).

3. If the above options are unavailable, follow Food and Drug Administration guidelines for at home disposal:

- Do NOT flush medications down the sink or

toilet, unless label indicates

- Do NOT give medications to family or friends, this could be dangerous and cause them harm
- Remove medication from container and mix with kitty litter or used coffee grounds (do NOT crush tablets or capsules);
- Place mixture in a sealable container
- Throw the sealable container in household garbage
- Scratch out all personal information on the prescription label of the empty packaging before throwing into household garbage

References: [www.awarerx.org](http://www.awarerx.org), FDA website <http://www.fda.gov/forconsumers/consumerupdates/ucm101653.htm>.



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## APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED ON A DAILY BASIS

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.

*Submitted by Lori Stinson, Attorney General*

Since the formation of the Legal Department, we have engaged in extensive research of tribal laws, and over the last few years, the Legal Department has developed legislative histories for the Titles (or sections) within the Tribal Code. During 2013, we performed a final review in preparation for publication, which should occur in the next few months. The published Tribal Code will be distributed to Tribal Officials, departments, and entities responsible for administering and enforcing Tribal laws.

In preparation for the newly published Tribal Code, we would like to highlight the 2013 amendments and additions to the Tribal Code.

### **A. Title 6 (Juries and Trials)**

TCO 2013-11 (November 21, 2013) amended Title 6 to revise juror qualifications, include detailed provisions related to jury selection, and increase juror compensation.

### **B. Title 9 (Criminal Procedure)**

TCO 2013-11 (November 21, 2013) amended Title 9 to make the jury procedures consistent with the procedures within Title 6.

### **C. Title 20 (Gaming)**

TCO 2013-07 (July 18, 2013) amended Title 20 to allow persons under eighteen years of age to work in the Wind Creek Entertainment Center and in other non-gaming positions at the Tribe's gaming facilities.

### **D. Title 21 (Executive)**

TCO 2013-02 (March 7, 2013) amended Title 21 to establish a process for the promulgation of rules and regulations and policies and procedures, outline the powers and duties of each Executive Officer of the Tribal Council, and revise the process for the delegation of authority by Tribal Chairman and others within Tribal Government. The revised Executive Code also added the Human Resources Director as one of the four Executive Employees in Tribal Government. This Title was further amended by TCO 2013-09 (October 3, 2013) to clarify that policies and procedures affecting services and benefits to Tribal Members should be issued in accordance with the provisions of this Title, including the provision of at least three days' notice to affected parties.

### **E. Title 34 (Enrollment)**

TCO 2013-03 (April 4, 2013) and TCO 2013-06 (June 20, 2013) amended Title 34 to clarify provisions and procedures relative to disenrollment actions.

### **F. Title 38 (Tribal Sex Offender Code)**

TCO 2013-01 (February 21, 2013) amended Title 38 to comply with the recommendation from the SORNA Substantial Implementation Review. The amendments included requiring 21-day advanced notice by sex offenders prior to international travel, correcting the mis-tiering of 18 U.S.C. 2243 (sexual abuse of a minor or ward) from a Tier 2 offense to a Tier 3 offense, and requiring Tribal Court to notify sex offenders of their obligation to register prior to entering a plea of guilty.

### **G. Title 46 (Boys & Girls Club)**

TCO 2013-04 (June 6, 2013) amended Title 46 to rename the Club the Boys & Girls Club of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians and restructure the Club as a part of Tribal Government with the Tribal Council acting in the capacity of the Board of Directors.

### **H. Title 49 (Tribal Athletic Commission)**

TCO 2013-05 (June 6, 2013) enacted Title 49 and formed the Tribal Athletic Commission to regulate sporting events for commercial gain.

### **I. Title 44 (Tribal Support and Benefits)**

TCO 2013-10 (October 3, 2013) amended Title 44 to revise the income supplement for Elder Tribal Council to base the amount of their income on years of service rather than terms of service.

### **J. Title 41 (Revenue Allocation Plan)**

TCO 2013-08 (October 3, 2013) amended Title 41 to comply with federal laws relative to child support and other federal debts when garnishing per capita payments.

Full copies of any legislation may be obtained by contacting Dr. Deidra Dees, Tribal Archivist, at (251) 446-4540.

If you have any questions regarding any of these matters, please feel free to contact your Tribal Council members at (251) 446-1140 or the Legal Department at (251) 368-9136 Ext. 2525.



## REPORTING TRIBAL PER CAPITA DISTRIBUTIONS ON YOUR 2013 TAX RETURN

If you are a member of a federally recognized tribe, you may receive taxable distributions from your tribe. The tribe must report these distributions to the IRS and to you on Form 1099-MISC.

If you are expecting a refund, make sure you correctly prepare your 2013 federal tax return to avoid a delay. Make sure you include information from your Form 1099-MISC.

Follow these instructions when filing your 2013 federal income tax return:

- Use Form 1040; not Form 1040A or Form 1040EZ.
- Enter tribal distributions from Form 1099-MISC, Box 3 on Line 21, Form 1040.
- Include a description of the income in the space provided on Line 21.
- Use the correct description to make sure your tax return goes through processing without delays. For paper or e-file returns, please enter one of the following descriptions on Line 21:
  - o INDIAN GAMING PROCEEDS
  - o INDIAN TRIBAL DISTRIB
  - o NATIVE AMERICAN DISTRIB
- Spell the descriptions exactly as listed above. For example, if you spell out DISTRIBUTION rather than using DISTRIB, the IRS may reject your return and delay your refund.

If you receive a notice, which would delay your refund, respond to it in a timely manner. Do not ignore it.

The IRS's hard work to protect taxpayers from fraud and identity theft has sometimes delayed refunds for Tribal members. Although this diligence has affected everyone, ITG has gotten involved. Following these instructions, will help the IRS expedite your return- and any refund you should receive.

## Did You Know.... *At Premier Family Eye Care*

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## TEACHING TRIBAL HISTORY

### OFFICE OF ARCHIVES & RECORDS MANAGEMENT



*Dr. Deidra Suwanee Dees provides instruction to new employees about her research on the Muscogee Education Movement in which she interviewed elders about tribal history.*

“This is a picture of me at the Consolidated Indian School when I was in fourth grade,” Ms. Eldnar McGhee pointed out with great pride to the Tribal History Training class of newly hired employees at the Wind Creek Casino and Hotel in Atmore. She provided details of tribal history along with the team of instructors from the Office of Archives and Records Management including Dr. Deidra Suwanee Dees and Ms. Ellen Daughtry O’Barr on December 17, 2013. Utilizing the archives for primary source documents such as letters, treaties, oral history interviews

and photographs, the team explained how Chief Calvin McGhee and the Creek leadership led the way to gain equal access to public education for Creek Indian students during the segregation era in the 1930s and 1940s. “Chief McGhee was unable to obtain an education beyond elementary school for himself,” Dr. Dees said, “but he opened the door so that Creeks who followed would be able to get an education.”

Ms. Eldnar McGhee and Ms. Ellen O’Barr are examples of Creeks who were able to get an education at the

Consolidated Indian School which was built in 1949 in response to Chief Calvin McGhee’s discrimination law suit against the Escambia County Board of Education. In the newspaper article titled “Indian Pupils Treated Fairly” in the Mobile Press on January 1, 1949, the writer argues that the Board of Education said they have always accepted Indian children into their schools. Chief McGhee’s law suit showed that “although the children lived on public highways and school buses passed near their homes, they were denied transportation.” (You can



full article and court documents on the law suit in the Office of Archives and Records Management).

Leaning back on the table, with matter-of-fact ease in her voice, Ms. O'Barr answered questions from new employees by explaining how far Creeks have come. Ms. O'Barr told the training class that her parents and those in her parents' generation carried the burden of discriminatory actions from non-Indians. By the time she attended school, Ms. O'Barr said the discrimination against Creeks had become diminished to a degree.

Under the vivid painting of Chief Calvin McGhee with his war bonnet prominently displayed in the Employee Center, Ms. Eldnar McGhee tells the newly hired employees that Creeks were not allowed to ride the school bus because of racial discrimination. Ms. O'Barr adds details to the story of how her relative Jack Daughtry and his children stood in front of the school bus to prevent its passage. This was an effort, Ms. O'Barr said, to change the bussing practices so that Creek children could ride the school bus. After a significant amount of activism which Dr. Dees wrote about in her dissertation on the Muscogee Education Movement, eventually, Creeks prevailed and the children were finally allowed to ride the bus to school. (Dr. Dees' dissertation is available to read in the Office of Archives and Records Management.) This pivotal bussing event is brilliantly displayed in



*Ms. Eldar McGhee and Dr. Deidra Suwanee Dees utilize archival images from the Office of Archives and Records Management to tell the story of Creek Indian history to newly hired employees at the Wind Creek Casino and Hotel in Atmore.*

Kerretv Cuko Poarch Band of Creek Indians Museum which the newly hired employees toured after the Tribal History Training class.

In addition to the training at Wind Creek Atmore, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Mr. Robert Thrower has been providing instruction to the newly hired employees at our northern properties at Wetumpka and Montgomery. These training classes at the northern properties and in Atmore were organized by Mr. Armondo Love, Director of Training and Development at PCI Gaming. The Training classes are administered by the very talented Training Team which includes Ms. Brenda White, Mr. Dave Stephens, Ms. Alicia Haynes, Ms. Carolyn Beno, Ms. Donna McReynolds and Ms. Melissa Martinez. Ms. Brenda White said the classes give new employees a deeper appreciation for the Poarch Band of Creek Indians "by understanding the hardships the Tribe went through." Mr. Dave Stephens emphasized the importance

of the new employees getting to know more "about the people who are employing them—their bosses. It gives them a sense of pride."

"They love it," Ms. Carolyn Beno said in an excited tone. She said the new employees really delight in becoming enlightened in the classes and in the Museum tours at Kerretv Cuko. She said they often come to see her afterwards and exclaim, "Wow! I didn't know this about Creek history."

By providing this training, new employees are given background knowledge about tribal history so they can answer questions that patrons may have. This training ensures that the story of where the Poarch Band of Creek Indians came from will be perpetuated not only in Tribal Members but will also live on through our employees.

*Office of Archives & Records Management Offers Tribal History Training to New Employees*

*Submitted by Tribal Archivist Dr. Deidra Suwanee Dees  
Photos by Brenda White*



# NEWS & INFORMATION

## SWIM TEAM-KEEPING THE POOL HOT!

### RICK BYERS MEMORIAL INVITATIONAL

#### 10 & UNDER GIRLS 200 FREESTYLE RELAY

3rd place Riley Huskey, Ruthie Huskey, Tiffany Gookin, and Hannah Johnson

#### 10 & UNDER GIRLS 200 MEDLEY RELAY

4th place Riley Huskey, Ruthie Huskey, Tiffany Gookin, and Hannah Johnson

#### 8 & UNDER GIRLS 100 FREESTYLE RELAY

3rd place Ruthie Huskey, Hannah Johnson, Mary-Ashlynn Williams, and Tiffany Gookin

#### 8 & UNDER BOYS 25 YARD BREASTSTROKE

4th place Tyler McGhee

### GPAC GRAVY BOWL INVITATIONAL

#### 10 & UNDER 25 YARD BACKSTROKE

Braxton Peebles 4th place

Caleb Davis

10 & UNDER 25 YARD BUTTERFLY 3rd place

10 & UNDER 25 YARD BACKSTROKE 6th place

10 & UNDER 25 YARD FREESTYLE 8th place

*Great job Tigersharks!*

### PENSACOLA NAVY YOUTH POLAR BEAR SWIM MEET

PCI & Blast Tigersharks win second overall!

## SUMMER SWIM TEAM REGISTRATION OPENS APRIL 7, 2014

Have you been following the swim team? Have you noticed all the fun they are having? Do you want to join?

The Recreation Department will open registration for the Summer Swim Session on Monday, April 7, 2014; registration will be open through Friday May 9, 2014.

For more information contact the Recreation Department at (251) 368-9136 x 2256 or apply online at [pci-nsn.gov](http://pci-nsn.gov).

### SUMMER SWIM TEAM REGISTRATION

**April 7, 2014 through May 9, 2014**

**Open to Tribal Members & First Generation**

**Ages 5-17**

**Registration Fee \$50.00**

**Early Bird Practice May 19-30, 2014**

**Swim Season June 2, 2014 - August 2, 2014**





# YOUR HEALTH MATTERS

## Small Decisions Make Big Things Happen

# Strengthen Your Formula for Success!

**March is the month where we can start to struggle with staying on the path to reaching our goals.** Our schedules become busier, new obstacles may form and our goals may start to seem far away. This is why it is important to evaluate our progress. Taking a deeper look at how your goals are set, your readiness to change and how you recover from your training sessions can make a huge impact on your success!

**There are 3 important questions to ask yourself regarding accomplishing your goals:**

#### Do I have a clear vision of my goals?

- Your goals should be measureable and attainable. Instead of "I want to live a healthier lifestyle," think of **actions** you can take to become healthier. For example, your goals could be: "I want to eat breakfast everyday, exercise at least 3 times a week and drink 6 glasses of water a day." These are actions that can be easily measured each week.
- Think of **WHY** you want to reach your goals. Do you want to lose weight because your doctor told you? Or do you want to lose weight to get better control of your blood sugar and have more energy to play with your children? When we become more connected to our goals, we will then have a greater sense of purpose. This sense of purpose will help to drive us to success!

#### Am I ready to implement small changes?

- Be prepared to make changes. Thinking about necessary changes is a big step in the right direction. We must be ready to let go of old behaviors and accept new ones. This could mean instead of sitting down on the couch first thing after work, you take a walk with your family outside.
- Achieving your goals is not done instantly because of one big change. Your goals are reached by making small changes consistently, every day.

#### Am I allowing my body to recover?

- Recovery ensures you are progressing towards your goal and not setting yourself back.



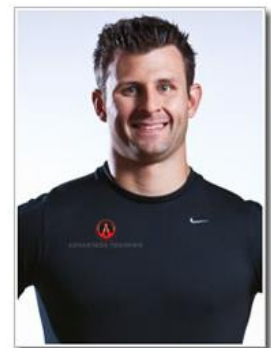
#### 4 key elements of recovery

1. Get 6-8 hours of sleep every night. Sleep increases energy levels and can help fight both obesity and depression.
2. Drink 60 ounces of water per day to keep hydrated. Remember, thirst is often confused for hunger.
3. Eat a healthy breakfast every morning. Breakfast helps to regulate your metabolism and blood sugar levels for the rest of the day.
4. Take time to breathe. Breathing helps lower your stress levels immediately. Inhale slowly, exhale slowly.

When you strengthen your formula for success, anything is possible!

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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# YOUR HEALTH MATTERS

## Small Decisions Make Big Things Happen

## Boost Your Metabolism

2014 is officially upon us and there are many of you that are well into your new years resolutions, geared towards living a healthier lifestyle. This can be more challenging as we move further into the year. Finding time for physical activity can be challenging, but raising your metabolic rate is easy! Certain foods and habits can warm our bodies, as well as raise our metabolisms for optimal health and fat loss.

### Metabolism Boosting Foods and Drinks

#### 1. Caffeine and Green Tea

Caffeine and green tea have thermogenic (fat-burning) properties. These thermogenic properties promote fat loss and increase the overall calories that a person burns in a day. Green tea has been shown to be a powerful fat burner in addition to being a powerful antioxidant. Having one or two cups a day of green tea is a good addition to any nutritional plan.

#### 2. Lean Proteins

Lean proteins have the highest thermic effect of food - up to 30% of calories. This means that you burn calories simply by digesting what you have just eaten. Eating lean protein will help you burn more calories and also help you to feel more satisfied. Some examples of lean protein are:

- Skinless chicken breast
- Grilled salmon
- Top sirloin
- Pork tenderloin
- Black beans
- Kidney beans

### Metabolism Boosting Habits

#### 1. A Good Night's Sleep

Getting around 8 hours of sleep every night is vital for our overall health. Sleeping helps us regulate our metabolisms and blood sugar levels. Insufficient sleep can lead to low energy, weight gain and increased risk for depression. Tips for a better nights sleep are:

- Stick to a sleep schedule, go to bed and wake-up at the same time everyday.
- Pay attention to what you eat and drink. Going to bed too hungry or full can cause discomfort.
- Limit daytime naps.

Tea is a powerful fat burner



#### 2. Consistent Exercise

Sticking to a workout plan will help to keep your metabolic rate up. The more lean muscle mass you have, the higher your metabolic rate.

#### 3. Reducing Stress Levels

Constant stress can put you at risk for heart disease, weight gain, not to mention memory and concentration impairment. If you are feeling overwhelmed or stressed, take a few minutes each day to sit down in a quiet place, close your eyes and focus on slowing your breathing.

Following these tips can help to improve your health and help you lose inches faster. In the meantime, reach out to me if you have any questions and have a great March!

- 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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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.

Working as the economic development arm of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians, Creek Indian Enterprises Development Authority (CIEDA) oversees the non-gaming enterprises owned by the Tribe. CIEDA actively supports each business achieving their specific business goals and to grow and maintain economic sustainability as put forth by the CIEDA Board of Directors and Tribal Council.

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Other sites that may be of interest to Tribal Members include:

Farm Service Agencies

[www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov)

[www.fsa.usda.gov/al](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/al)

USDA Rural Development

[www.rurdev.usda.gov](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov)

[www.rurdev.usa.gov/al](http://www.rurdev.usa.gov/al)

Alabama Forestry Commission

[www.forestry.state.al.us](http://www.forestry.state.al.us)

Contact David Elliott, NRCS Tribal Liaison, at (251) 368-0826 or 5535 Poarch Road, Atmore, AL for more information.

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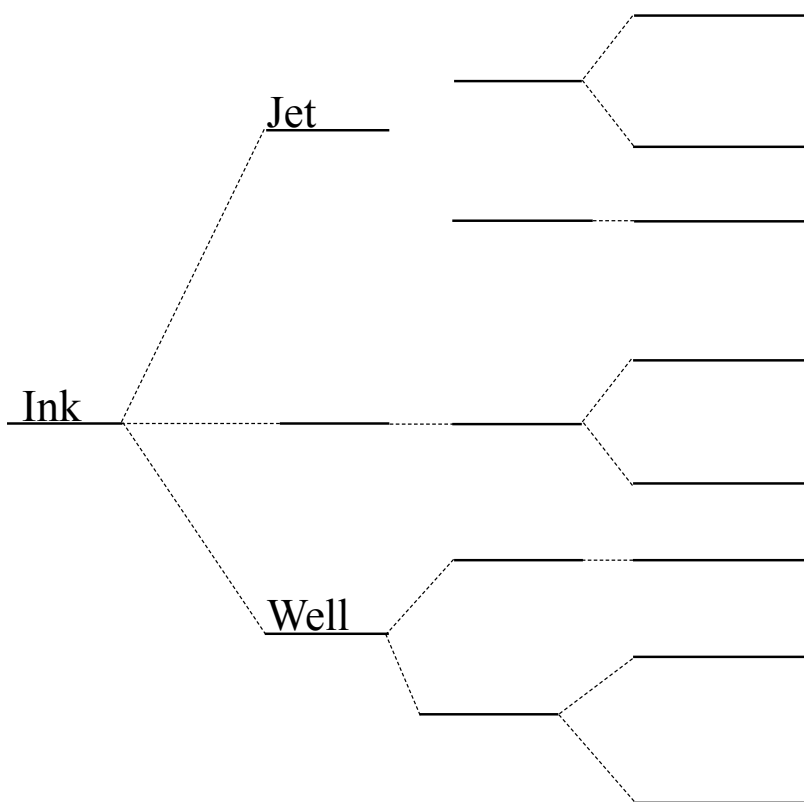
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February Answer  
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Riddle: A man is stuck in a room with a table and a mirror, how does he get out?

*He looks in the mirror, he sees what he saw, he takes the saw cuts the table in half, two halves make a hole and he climbs out the hole!*

riddlesandanswers.org

There were three men on a hill with their watches. The first man threw his watch down the hill and it broke. The second man threw his watch down the hill and it broke. The third man threw his watch down the hill, walked all the way to the bottom, and caught it. The other two men were puzzled and asked the third man how he did it. The third man said, "Easy. My watch is 5 minutes slow!"

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# MARCH (*TASAHCUCE*) 2014

## **Monday, March 3, 2014**

Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting  
 Buford L. Rolin Health Clinic 9:00 am  
 Lavan Martin Assist. Living Facility 10:30 am  
 Guided tours will be offered after ribbon cutting

## **Tuesday, March 4, 2014 - Wednesday March 12, 2014**

Tribal museum closed. Exhibits will be on loan to the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts for a Family Day event hosted by the Tribe. That event is on Saturday, March 8, 1-4pm and everyone is invited

## **March 4, 5, 6 & 18, 19, 20, 2014**

LIHEAP Assistance  
 Family Services Department

## **Tuesday & Wednesday March 4-5, 2014**

Financial Education Classes (30 minutes)  
 11:00, 11:45 and 12:30  
 Walk-Ins Welcome/Light lunch provided  
 Building 600 Training Room

## **Wednesday March 5, 2014**

Deadline to submit information for publication in April issue of *Poarch Creek News*

## **Escambia County Steer & Heifer Show**

Thursday, March 6, 2014  
 Perdido River Farms

## **Friday, March 14, 2014**

Breakfast Briefing 7:00 a.m.  
 Building 500 Auditorium  
 Featured Department: Health Department  
 Light breakfast will be served

## **Thursday, March 27, 2014**

Free Retinal Screening  
 Premiere Family Eyecare  
 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

## **Monday, March 31, 2014**

Last day to submit application for Muskogee Technology Board vacancy

## **Easter Egg Hunt -Date Change:**

Saturday, April 12, 2014  
 Pow Wow Grounds  
 (Building 500 Auditorium if rain.)  
 Age birth - 12 years old  
 Hosted by Family Services Department

## **Tribal Council Meetings**

Thursday, March 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> 4:00 pm  
 Tribal Council Chambers

## **Tribal Court Sessions**

Monday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> 9:00 am  
 Tribal Courtroom

## **CIEDA Meetings**

Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> 7:30 am  
 CIEDA Offices

## **CMCA**

Monday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> 4:00 pm  
 Tribal Museum/Welcome Center

## **Housing Authority Meetings**

Thursday, March 13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> 4:00 pm  
 Building 400 Conference Room

## **Recreation Authority Meetings**

Thursday, March 20<sup>th</sup> 11:00 am  
 Recreation Department (Gym)

## **TERO Commission Meetings**

Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> 3:00 pm  
 TERO Offices on Highway 21

## **4-H Club**

Monday, March 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<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

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## **Test Prep Books**

*The Education Department has test prep books that will be helpful to Tribal Member/First Generation students preparing for upcoming academic testing*

## **Pool Hours March 1 - May 24, 2014**

### **Monday - Friday**

Swim at your own risk 8:00 am - 4:00 pm  
 Lifeguard on duty 4:00 pm - 7:30 pm

### **Saturday**

Swim at your own risk 10:00 am - 1:00 pm  
 Lifeguard on duty 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm

## **Splash Pad Hours March 1 - Nov. 1, 2014**

Monday Closed for maintenance

Tuesday - Saturday 10:00 am - 8:00 pm  
 Sunday 1:00 pm - 8:00 pm

## **Gym & Weight Room Hours**

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

## **Baseball & Softball League Registration Deadline March 1, 2014**

*Batting Cages closed until further notice*

## Newsletter Contact Information

### Poarch Creek News

*The Poarch Creek News is the official newsletter of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians.*

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