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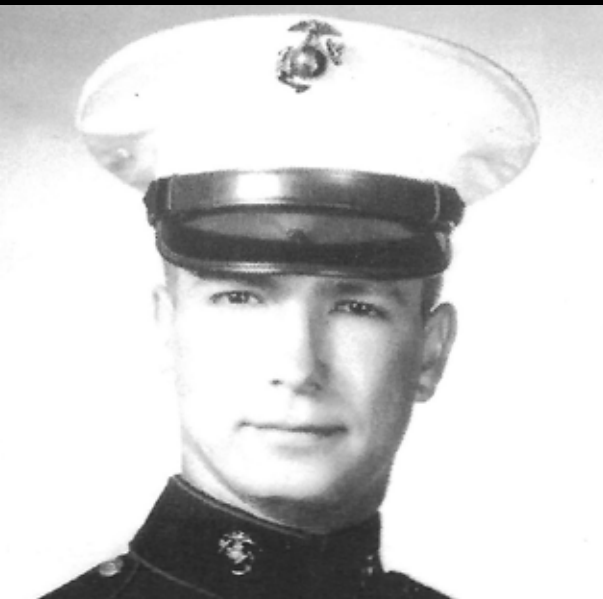
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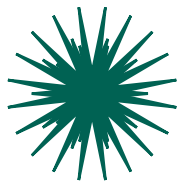
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CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

MARCH 2014

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

The Tribal Council and I were very honored to participate in the grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremonies for the Buford L. Rolin Health Clinic and the Lavan Martin Assisted Living Facility. It is the honor of a lifetime to have the new health clinic bear my name. I hope the legacy of my work will be long lives of healthy families that benefit from having this building and these services here.

Lavan Martin was a good friend to so many of us. He was committed to taking care of our Tribal Members. Lavan was a fellow who quietly fought for what he thought was right. He would have loved the new facility that bears his name. Thanks to Lavan's work, we are now able to take care of our elders right here at home. We can give them a

wonderful closing of life at the same place where their lives began.

I hope you all will have a great Easter and enjoy spending time with your families. All around the Poarch community you can see the fresh growth of spring. The recent rains will ensure rapid growth of grass and the sound of lawn mowers and weed eaters will resonate in your neighborhood and throughout the community.

As I mentioned last month, Tribal Elections will be held on June 7, 2014. The field of candidates grows daily. I encourage you to participate in the process even if it is only to vote on Election Day. There are so many ways you can participate that will help make your voice heard.

LIFE IS MORE

"In talking to children, the old Lakota would place a hand on the ground and explain: 'We sit in the lap of our Mother. From her we, and all other living things, come. We shall soon pass, but the place where we now rest will last forever.' So we, too, learned to sit or lie on the ground and become conscious of life about us in its multitude of forms.

Sometimes we boys would sit motionless and watch the swallows, the tiny ants, or perhaps some small animal at its work

and ponder its industry and ingenuity.... Everything was possessed of personality, only differing from us in form...Interest, wonder, admiration grew, and the fact was appreciated that life was more than mere human manifestation; it was expressed in a multitude of forms...

Life was vivid and pulsing; nothing was casual and commonplace. The Indian lived - lived in every sense of the word - from his first to his last breath."

Chief Luther Standing Bear (Teton Sioux)

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YOUR 2014 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.



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COUNCIL'S CORNER

APRIL 2014

Arthur Mothershed/amothershed@pcigaming.com

TRIBAL
COUNCIL

Growing up in the Poarch Community, I witnessed many acts of kindness. I watched our elders, who had very little, give what they had to help others. I sat in church and listened to the pastor teach us “that it was better to give than receive”. Today we move at a faster pace and it is easy to forget the importance of giving. I, like so many of you, find myself inundated with phone calls and emails allowing myself to forget what is important.

I recently read a book by Adam Grant called “Give and Take”. In it, he details three types of people, givers, takers, and reciprocators. Givers do just that, they give without expecting anything in return. Takers look out for themselves only. Reciprocators give but only if they think you can give them something of value in return.

Who will be the most successful? At first it's the takers. Because they look out only for themselves, they quickly gain an advantage. Eventually people, who are being taken advantage of, lose interest in the taker and will no longer support them. Having alienated everyone around them, they find themselves alone and a failure.

Reciprocators can make their way to the middle of the pack and maintain that level of success for a long time but rarely make it to the top of any organization.

Givers, on the other hand, are slow starters. They are more concerned about the success of others than their

own. Sometimes that means their dreams are put on hold. Not to say they don't have aspirations, it's quite the opposite in most cases. They are just not willing to succeed at the detriment of others.

Givers do not give without thinking. They are strategic. They help people who are trying to help themselves or those who simply cannot help themselves. In the end they are the most successful because they have the most support. It is easy to be successful when everyone wants you to be.

As I read through the book, I thought about us, the Poarch Band of Creek Indians. In the early years, our people gave unselfishly. Recognition was not just about the success of one person but an entire community and tribe. They could not have known what donating the last can of beans to a fish fry would eventually mean, but they gave it anyway because they were givers. They didn't expect anything individually.

Today we are enjoying the fruits of our ancestors' labor. Because they gave unselfishly, we are successful. I am often asked why we donate to so many organizations. I believe its ingrained in us to help others. Some psychiatrists say that what we are taught as children always stays with us. Even though we stray we never forget. I believe it's because of those early teachings. I believe it's because we are givers.

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 Council Election Notice

WHEN: June 7, 2014

LOCATION: PCI Community Resource
Building (old SAIL Center)

TIME*: 8:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

PURPOSE: To elect a Tribal Chairman and
2 At-Large Council Members.

DEADLINE TO DECLARE CANDIDACY:

5:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 8, 2014
To have name printed on official ballot.

5:00 p.m. Thursday, May 8, 2014
To be included as a Write-in Candidate

DEADLINE TO PUBLISH BIO & PHOTO IN POARCH CREEK NEWS:

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.

Contact Edie Jackson, Election Board Chairman, at (251) 368-9136 x 2231, (251) 446-5231 or ejackson@pci-nsn.gov if you have any questions or need more information.

**All times are Central Standard Time (CST).*

2014 Tribal Council Election Calendar

TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2014 – Deadline to submit Letter of Candidacy to Election Board for name to be included on official ballot.

TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2014 – Deadline to submit biography and photo for publication in May 2014 issue of *Poarch Creek News*.

FRIDAY, APRIL 18, 2014 – Names of candidates and any proposed constitutional amendments, ordinances and/or resolutions will be posted.

THURSDAY, MAY 8, 2014 – Last day to submit Letter of Candidacy for Tribal Council to be a Write-in on Ballot. Any additional names of candidates will be posted within 10 days.

TUESDAY, MAY 27, 2014 – Walk-in voting starts. Open daily from 9:00* a.m. to 6:00 p.m. except for Sunday, June 1, 2014.

TUESDAY, MAY 27, 2014 – Last day to request Absentee Ballot be mailed out.

FRIDAY, JUNE 6, 2014 – Walk-in voting ends at 6:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, JUNE 6, 2014 – Deadline to receive Absentee Ballots at 5:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 2014 – Tribal Election Day. Polls open 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. at PCI Community Resource building (old SAIL Center).

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ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST

2014 POARCH CREEK INDIAN TRIBAL COUNCIL ELECTION

SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 2014



I, _____, am an enrolled member of the Poarch Creek Indians, and will be at least eighteen (18) years of age on or before June 7, 2014.

When requesting a ballot one will be mailed to you for the following elections: June 7, 2014 and Run-off election if applicable.

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

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Each person requesting an absentee ballot **"MUST"** fill out this form completely and sign his/her own request.

SIGNATURE: _____

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

RETURN THIS FORM BY MAIL TO: POARCH BAND OF CREEK INDIANS
TRIBAL ELECTION BOARD
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ATMORE, AL 36502
BY FAX: (251) 368-4502
OR EMAIL: ELECTION@PCI-NSN.GOV

Requests for Absentee Ballots must be received by the Election Board no later than the close of business (5 p.m. CST) on Tuesday, May 27, 2014. Requests received after the deadline will not be honored.

Should you have any questions pertaining to the 2014 Tribal Council Elections, please feel free to contact Edie Jackson at (251) 368-9136 ext. 2231 or Gwen Manning at ext. 2281.

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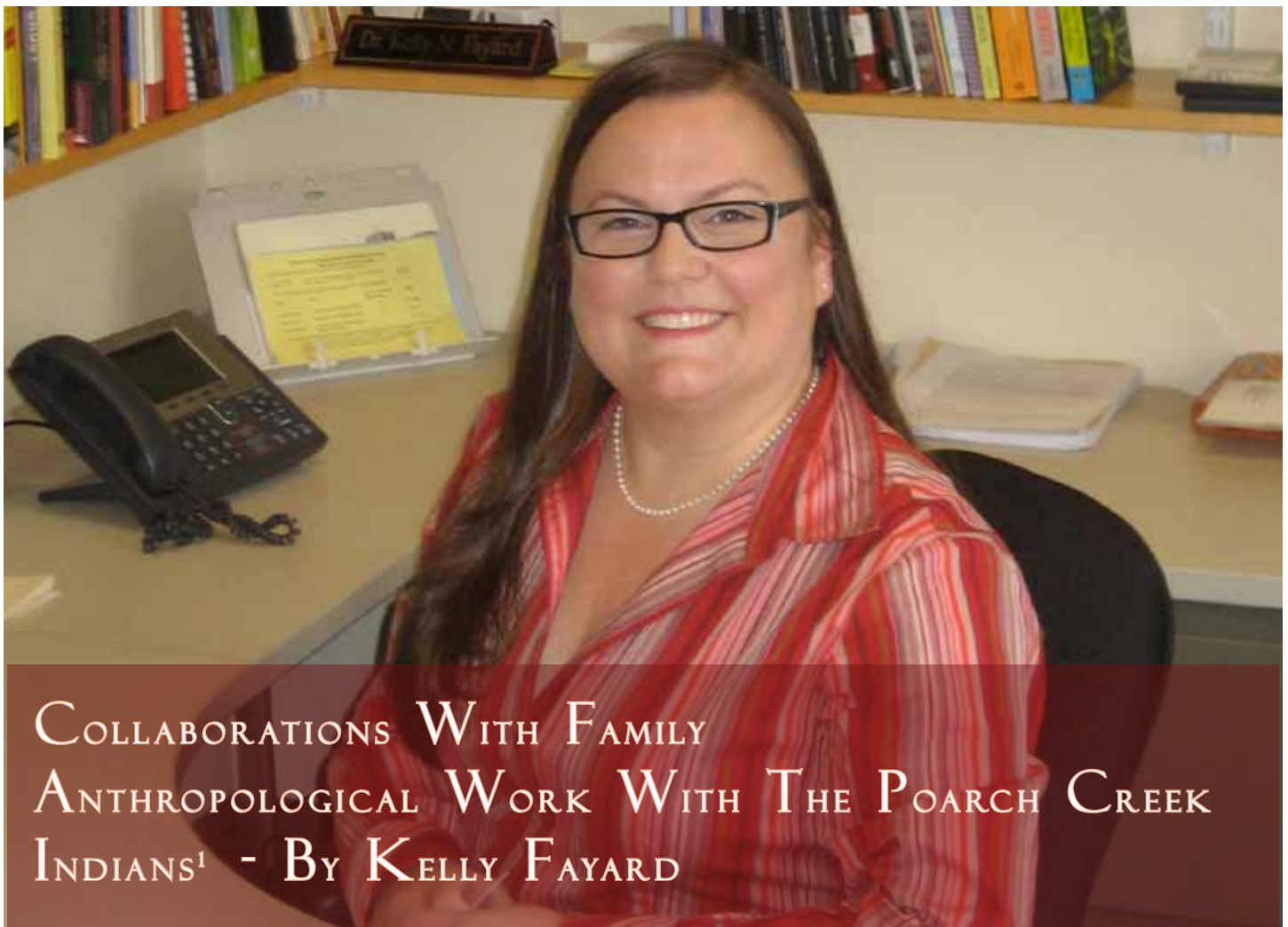
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COLLABORATIONS WITH FAMILY ANTHROPOLOGICAL WORK WITH THE POARCH CREEK INDIANS¹ - BY KELLY FAYARD

Sitting on the front porch with one of the most valuable of collaborators at my field site, I am able to watch the world go by. Elizabeth² lives across the street from the police department of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians in Poarch, Alabama, and it seems like the entire population of the reservation comes by at least a few times a day—on their way to town or on their way home from working at the tribal center. Lower Alabama, or LA as some locals refer to it, may not seem the place to find a vibrant Native American community. Yet, there it is. This community at Poarch is the focus of my anthropological fieldwork examining Native American identity in the Southeastern United States.

It is also the place that I call home. The Poarch Band of Creek Indians is a small community about 50 miles north of Mobile, Alabama, and it is the only federally recognized tribe in Alabama, though there are numerous state recognized tribes. Since federal recognition in 1984, there are now thriving tribal businesses (including a casino, numerous hotels, and a truck stop) that allow for senior citizen housing, a new assisted living facility, and a health clinic.

In the summer, when fresh produce is bountiful, people in this area shell peas, shuck corn, and pick up pecans to put away in the deep freezers that almost everyone has. One day,

as Elizabeth and I sat there talking, visiting, shelling peas, and watching the rest of the reservation ride by, she got a call. “Renee’s ready for us to come over now.” We get into my car, and drive over to the house of one of the oldest tribal members. When we arrive at Renee’s house, Elizabeth says “Hey how’ya doin’? You remember my granddaughter, Kelly. She wants to ask you some questions. Let’s tell her about all the fun we used to have!” So it begins—interviewing, recording, and participating with my most important informant and collaborator—my granny.

While this is technically my interview, my granny does much of the work.

Not only has she created easier access to this space by making sure the people that I interview are at ease with me, she helps with the interview process itself. I have a list of questions, but soon after the interview begins, I stop trying to interrupt to ask the things that I have deemed important. Instead, I become a complete observer—watching and recording two seniors (as we refer to our elders in Poarch) reminisce about “the olden days” and decide what they want to tell me. “Renee, tell her about how we used to come together to make chicken dinners so [the tribal chief during the 1950s and 1960s, Calvin McGhee] could go to Washington and try to get us organized.” She tells the story, with my granny chiming in to give more details.

Not only was this interview professionally valuable for me to obtain crucial research, methodologically it was interesting to engage in this kind of collaboration. It allowed me to capture details of events that took place through eyewitnesses as they helped each other fill in the gaps of a 45-year-old story. In this situation, I was collaborating with people even by altering the usual semi-structured interview method that most anthropologists use in the field. I altered it to systemically include my grandmother in helping me in my interview.

Following the critiques of anthropology that Deloria (Custer Died for Your Sins 1969) and Smith (Decolonizing Methodologies 1999), as an anthropologist studying a

Native American community, I have worked very hard to assure that the research that I conduct on the Poarch Band reservation includes the community in a true collaboration and partnership. Given the critique of anthropology in Native communities as well as the power imbalance that has historically existed between those writing and those written about (Limon 1991), in my research with the Poarch Band, I sought to create a true partnership and collaboration with the community. In order to do this, I followed the suggestions that Smith (1999) makes in *Decolonizing Methodologies*: I consulted with tribal elders and tribal employees to determine what it was that they wanted me to study. I wanted to investigate what they deemed important.

This collaboration was made easier, but at times harder, given that I am also an enrolled member of the Poarch Band, grew up in the community and continue to have familial connections there. Research was harder, in some ways, because while there conducting fieldwork, there were events and happenings in the community that were ethnographically rich and begging for anthropological inquiry. Being from the community, however, meant that I was always sensitive (and perhaps even overly sensitive or too sensitive) to whether or not it was appropriate for me to do observations or write field notes on the topic, and became an ethnographic refusal on my part to write about it (Simpson “On Ethnographic Refusal: Indigeneity, ‘Voice’ and Colonial Citizenship”

2007). Numerous times I would tell a story to a fellow anthropologist who would say “That sounds like it would be great for the diss!” But, I had to balance my desire to become a unique voice in the scholarly community with my fear of potentially embarrassing or negatively portraying the tribal community. Not that I think that other anthropologists are not thinking about that, because all of my friends and colleagues certainly do consider these outcomes of their research. Unlike other anthropologists, I seemingly have more risk because, if, like Nancy Scheper-Hughes discusses in “The Ire in Ireland” (2000), the community deemed what I wrote about them as hurtful or found it to be unfair, it would affect more than my professional life. A negative reception could affect my personal position within the tribe, long-held relationships, and have similar repercussions for my family members. Having to face that disappointment every time I went home (which is as often as I can) would be unbearable.

Thinking about how collaboration works within my fieldwork, I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge the bountiful support I received from the native community. Before beginning work with my community, I worried about what an anthropologist entering a Native community could expect. Sure, I was raised in and around Poarch, but I had been gone for a while “gettin’ educated” as my grandfather used to say. I came home for summers and holidays, but I had not lived in the community for quite a few years. Would people be okay

with me coming in to do research? While participating in life at Poarch (by taking Creek basket classes, going to Mvskoke language classes, participating in stomp dances), I met people previously unknown to me. The people I met, both older and younger, were accepting and welcoming. Was it because I was from the community and had familial ties? That was probably part of it. Another consideration is that I was asking to tell stories about the community, and most of the people I met were happy to help. Finally, it also probably helped that everyone in Poarch were familiar with anthropologists, thanks to the research that the late J. Anthony Paredes periodically conducted in the 1960s and 1970s. His fieldwork with Poarch Creek people helped produced the document that was sent to DC and allowed the Poarch Creeks to receive federal recognition. In November, Poarch will recognize Paredes with a memorial service in honor of his passing, marking the first time that he has missed the annual

Thanksgiving powwow.

The connections I made during my fieldwork have continued to help me even after I “left” the field. Academically, they help me by reading and making comments on chapters, and stopping me at the powwow or other tribal events to let me know that they found my dissertation online (<http://hdl.handle.net/2027.42/89704>) and read the whole thing. Through it all, I have felt supported by my family and by my tribe. I seek to practice transparent fieldwork, to balance the historically asymmetrical power dynamics of academic research in Native communities, and to offer what I gather back to the tribe by depositing everything in the tribal archives. I will continue researching and collaborating with the Poarch Creeks. As I do, I will strive to be creative in the ways that I work with the people, my family and the community where I grew up, so that true collaborations and partnerships exist.

Kelly Fayard is an enrolled member of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians. She is the daughter of Vicky Burns and Wayne Fayard and the granddaughter of Lucille Sells and the late Elam Fayard, Sarah Fayard, and Milton Sells. She received her PhD in anthropology from the University of Michigan in 2012 and a graduate certificate in Museum Studies. She is currently an assistant professor at Bowdoin College in the department of sociology and anthropology. In September, she will start a yearlong fellowship at The School of Advanced Research in Santa Fe, New Mexico, where she will work on her book about her work in Poarch. She can be reached at kfayard@bowdoin.edu.

¹ This piece first published in Anthropology News October 2013

² Pseudonyms used throughout this article.

APRIL BREAKFAST BRIEFING

FRIDAY, APRIL 11, 2014

7:00 AM

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HEALTH CLINIC AND ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY FACILITIES HONOR LEGACIES OF TRIBAL LEADERS ROLIN AND MARTIN

Poarch Creek Indians Press Release

Dated March 3, 2014

Sharon Delmar, Public Relations Tribal Liaison

The Poarch Band of Creek Indians opened the doors of two new facilities that will provide health care services for the Tribe and its employees and long-term care and housing for its senior citizens, respectively.

The Buford L. Rolin Health Clinic, named after the Tribe's current Chairman, and the Lavan Martin Assisted Living Facility, which honors the revered late Tribal leader, serve as working monuments to the two men's lifelong commitment to providing essential services to Poarch.

Chairman Rolin is nationally recognized for his decades of work in Indian healthcare. Mr. Martin worked tirelessly during his lifetime

to secure tribal services for current and future generations.

"There has been the need to expand our services and build a new health clinic for several years," noted Tribal Administrator Edie Jackson. "We are thrilled to be able to open this state-of-the-art facility, especially one that honors our Chairman who has done so much for so many." She continued, "It is a great comfort, too, that our new assisted living facility now gives our elders the opportunity to stay close to home, live in a premier facility, and be the beneficiaries of high-quality care."

Today's "ribbon cutting" ceremony included Tribal Members, employees, distinguished well-wishers from the community and members of the media.

"I am so proud to be able to walk through these doors today," said Chairman Rolin. "Lavan and I dreamed for many years about having these kinds of facilities for our Tribe. I know that he would be so happy to see that his hard work and commitment were remembered and honored this way. I feel so personally gratified that we are able to provide wonderful healthcare services and care for our elders right here at home."

ABOUT THE BUFORD L. ROLIN HEALTH CLINIC

AREA: 68,430 GSF

The Tribal Health Clinic for the Poarch Band of Creek Indians is a two-story building that will provide health services to Tribal Members and employees. The building is designed around a central, two-story atrium

which serves as a large common area. Stone and wood construction and natural light helps create a warm, welcoming environment. Services to be provided: Diabetes Program, Women-Infant-Children Program (WIC), Women's Health, Primary Care Clinic including Specialty Care, Dental Clinic, Diagnostic Imaging, Laboratory, Rehabilitation Services (Physical Therapy), Behavioral Health, Facility Management, Preventive Health Education and Public Health Nursing, Health Administration, Business Office and Health Information Management. The building will also accommodate Tribal Member Benefits and Family Services. There will more than 200 parking spaces for visitors, patients and staff as well as a covered drive for pedestrian loading and unloading at main entrance.

Sherlock, Smith & Adams provided Medical Planning, Architecture and Engineering, Landscape Architecture and Interior Design services.

The Contractors are White-Spunner and S. Rolin.

ABOUT THE LAVAN MARTIN ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY

The Poarch Band of Creek Indians wanted to create a home for their elders on Tribal land. The Assisted Living Home project is very progressive in how it brings together seniors, their families and community members. The design includes four Assisted Living homes, an entrance canopy, courtyards, dining, a coffee shop, business center, quilting room and resident laundry. There are 24 one-bedroom apartments, 8 two-bedroom apartments and two guest rooms. The complex also serves elders who live nearby with a 100 seat dining room and recreational and entertainment venues. The architectural concept was inspired by Creek Tribal heritage and elements found in nature. The structure is comprised of rough-hewn timbers with vaulted, exposed wood decking, and stone. A large fireplace provides the focal point for the complex. The housing and commons spaces are surrounded by courtyards that provide a protected environment. They include landscaping features

such as gardens, walks, seating, and gathering areas with a fountain and fire pit.

Sherlock, Smith & Adams provided Programming, Architecture and Engineering, Landscape

Architecture, Interior Design and furniture/artwork consultation.

The Contractors are White-Spunner and S. Rolin.

Michelle Colbert Shaddix has been hired as the Assisted Living Facility Administrator. If you have any questions or need information about the Lavan Martin Assisted Living Facility, please feel free to contact her at (251) 368-9136 x 2801 or mshaddix@pci-nsn.gov.

TRIBAL CENSUS UPDATE

Last month the *Poarch Creek News* published a Tribal Census Update that included a list of Tribal Members who passed away in 2013. Tribal Member Shirley Faye Raines passed away on Friday, June 28, 2013. Her name was inadvertently overlooked by the Tribal Enrollment Department when preparing the list of deceased Tribal Members.

We apologize for any confusion or inconvenience this may have caused. Please continue to keep her family in your thoughts and prayers.

STAY UP TO DATE!

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. 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.

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

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



KEEP YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION UP DATED!

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 by the Post Office and the newsletter has not been delivered for unknown reasons.

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

Blackmon, Tina	Lamm, Shane
Bocusz, Jennifer	Manac, Caleb
Campbell, Natasha	Martin, Karla
Caudle, James	McGhee, Jimmy
Colbert, Jerry	McGhee-Jones, Anna
Corey, Magen	Rogers, Catherine
Creek, Judy	Rolin, Keith
Gibson, Mark	Rolin, Morning Star
Hall, Keith	Seals, Crystal
Harrington, Bridgette	Taylor, Payton
Johnson, Michael	Walker, Terry
Johnson, Sherry	Whitehead, Elisha Nolen
Kodet, Amanda	Whitt, Bre

TRIBE OFFERS FINANCIAL EDUCATION CLASSES



Regions Bank associate will walk you through easy-to-understand seminars and action-oriented handouts to get you on the road to financial success.

The 'Managing Your Money' course will answer the following questions:

- What are the steps for setting financial goals?
- How can you track your daily spending habits?
- Are there ways to increase your income and decrease your spending?
- Wise Use of Credit.

A light lunch will be provided each day.

Please feel free to contact Angela Devilbiss or Paula Harris at (251) 368-9136 x 2014/2298 for more information. Walk-ins are welcome, you do not have to register for the classes.

The Tribe will be hosting Financial Education Classes on Tuesday and Wednesday April 22 & 23, 2014 and Tuesday and Wednesday May 20 & 21, 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.

During these classes, a knowledgeable and friendly

TAX COUNSELING FOR THE ELDERLY (TCE) 2013-2014 TAX SEASON

(Provided by: Escambia County RSVP)

This is a Free tax preparation program for ages 60 and above that have a combined total household income of \$51,000 and below.

**Poarch Creek Indian Reservation
(Building 300 – Tribal Court)**

Tuesdays only 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

January 28, 2014 – April 15, 2014

Call for your appointment:

(251) 867-0255 or (251) 867-0256



Coty Rolin with first kill



Pulling for Stands



With their first kill: left to right Charles Michael Gregson, David Morris, and Melvin Rolin

GOOD HUNTING!

TRIBAL HUNTING PROGRAM

98 Tribal Members joined the Tribal Hunting Program.

According to official records, 117 deer were killed during deer season; 55 bucks & 62 does.

All hunters were happy with the season and gave positive feedback!

Submitted by Keith Martin

TRIBE DONATES TO UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH ALABAMA TO ASSIST IN LAUNCH NATIVE AMERICAN STUDIES PROGRAM

The University of South Alabama (USA) and the Poarch Band of Creek Indians have announced the creation of a Native American studies program that will focus on the history, culture and modern life of the Tribe, along with others in the Southeast and across the United States.

The Poarch Band of Creek Indians Native American Studies Program will be funded, in part, by a \$500,000 gift from the Escambia County, Ala., Tribe.

"We are thrilled to make this opportunity available to USA students so they will be able to further their education in Native American studies," said Buford L. Rolin, Tribal Chairman of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians. "The Tribal Council realizes how important quality education is, and for students to have the opportunity to learn about our history and culture at the University of South Alabama will only enhance the current studies being offered by the University."

"This gift represents a substantial investment in the preservation of Native American heritage and culture," said Dr. Joseph F. Busta Jr., USA Vice President for Development and Alumni Relations. "Together we are celebrating a historic step in a relationship that will improve the community's knowledge of the important contributions the Poarch Creek Indians have made to this state's history and culture, and enrich the education of generations of students at South Alabama. We are

proud that the Poarch Band's tribal leaders have chosen us as partners in this important effort."

The philanthropic support will provide funding to the USA College of Arts and Sciences for an endowed professorship and program support. Among other activities, the University will:

- Offer two or more courses each year specific to Native American studies
- Renew the Native American Student Organization
- Support research by providing travel scholarships and research assistantships
- Host an annual speaker in Native American studies
- Leverage existing USA resources through the Archaeology Museum and the Marx Library to promote awareness of Native American issues

Of the gift, \$400,000 will fund the endowed professorship, which will support scholarly and community outreach activities in perpetuity. The University has committed \$75,000 annually in perpetuity.

"One goal of higher education is to broaden students' horizons and provide them with a new perspective," said Dr. Philip J. Carr, Professor of Anthropology at USA. "The Poarch Band of Creek Indians is a nation within a nation having its own language, customs and unique history. This partnership between the Poarch Band of Creek Indians



and the University of South Alabama will have important and wide-ranging impacts as it enriches the educational experience by providing a fuller understanding of Native peoples across the country and special opportunities to work with the Poarch Band of Creek Indians. It is an honor to be part of this historic moment."

Robert McGhee, the Poarch Band of Creek Indians' Government Relations Adviser and a 1993 graduate of USA in Anthropology, said the partnership with the University would have special meaning to his grandfather, Chief Calvin McGhee, who led the Tribe for two decades until his death in 1970. "My great grandfather valued his Indian history and culture. He stayed true to his roots and his identity, even during years when it was not always easy to be an Indian," McGhee said. "He would be so happy to know that students here will have the opportunity to learn that our history is also part of their state's history and important to everyone who calls Alabama home. I know he would view today as a landmark event and a great honor."

*USA Press Release Dated 3-7-14
Submitted by Sharon Delmar*

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Cole Whatley
March 1, 2014



Cole Whatley celebrated his 20th birthday on March 1, 2014 at the Outback Steakhouse. Happy birthday!
We love you, your family.

Jaylan Countryman
March 7, 2014



Jaylan Countryman celebrates his 7th birthday on April 21, 2014. Happy birthday Jaylan!
With love from Aunt Jenni.

Dillon Rolin
March 11, 2014



Happy 19th birthday!
We love you so much.
Love Dad, Val, Canyon, Damon, and Corey.

DeWitt "Poppa" Sells
March 12, 2014



Happy belated birthday to my Poppa. I love you so much! You are simply the best!

Love you, Valerie and Waylon.

Laurie Jarman
March 12, 2014



Happy birthday Laurie "Lou"! We hope you have a wonderful day!
We love you,
Mom, Shelby, Leeann, Big Steve, Steven, Trevor, Jim, Jay, and Lana Jane.

Cierra Leigh McGhee
March 16, 2014



Cierra Leigh McGhee celebrated her 15th birthday on March 16, 2014 at Stixs Hibachi.

Happy birthday!
We love you, your family.

Bernard Ocie McGhee, Jr.
March 28, 2014



Happy 66th birthday "Pete"! Always remember how much you are loved!

Brenda, Joey, Buddy, Tray, Linda, Elaine, Barbara Jean, and all your family.

Emma Grace Cobb
April 1, 2014



Happy 1st Birthday!
We love you so much. You are the greatest blessing in our lives.

Love Mom & Dad.

Julia Sells
April 2, 2014



Happy birthday!
We love you.
From family & friends.

Frank Rackard*April 3, 2014*

Happy 75th birthday!

We love you so much!

From your family.

Stacie O'Barr*April 8, 2014*

Happy birthday Stacie!

We love you.

Love, your husband and all your family.

Kyleigh Rae Jackson*April 4, 2014*

Kyleigh Rae Jackson will celebrate her 4th birthday on April 4, 2014.

Happy birthday, I love you!

With love from Mom.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Jerry E. Rolin*April 7, 2014*

Happy birthday Daddy!!!

We are both blessed to have you in our lives.

Love your children, Deanna & Donald.

Slayton Valinsky*April 10, 2014*

Happy birthday Slayton!

We love you.

From your entire family.

Victoria Faith Ledkins*April 12, 2014*

Victoria Faith Ledkins celebrates her 14th birthday on April 12, 2014.

Happy birthday, we Love you!

Your family.

Randal Vickery*April 12, 2014*

Randal Vickery will be 37 years young on April 12, 2014.

Happy 37th birthday, we love you!

With love from Aunt Connie and the rest of your beloved family.

Layla Pettway*April 13, 2014*

Happy 3rd birthday Layla!

We Love you and hope you have a great day!

Love, Mommy, Daddy and Mya

Breanna Hall*April 15, 2014*

Happy Sweet 16!!

Happy birthday, we love you.

From Mom, Dad, Dustin and Danielle.

Mandy Peebles
April 15, 2014



Happy birthday Mandy!
We love you.
From your family & friends.

Gavin M. Ford
April 16, 2014



Happy 10th birthday to our very first grandson. We love you so much.
Love, PawPaw, MawMaw & your entire family.

Rhea Leigh Hall
April 21, 2014



Rhea Leigh Hall celebrates her 6th birthday on April 21, 2014.
Happy birthday Rhea!
With love from Aunt Jenni.

Gabriella McGhee
April 25, 2014



Happy 14th birthday Gabby!
Hope your day is great! We love you.
Love, Daddy, Momma, Levi, and the rest of your family.

Buford L. Rolin
April 30, 2014



Happy birthday Buford!
With love from your family and friends.

Shelby Jarman Meager
May 4 2014



Happy birthday! We sure hope you have a wonderful day!
We love you, Mom, Lou & Leeann.

TURTLE POINT ~ FUN & EDUCATIONAL



Turtle Point Science Center is an adventure in hands-on science exploration. Since opening in October 1999, Turtle Point has educated and entertained thousands of school children and visitors from all around the world. Situated on 20 acres adjacent to Big Escambia Creek, the Center is home to a variety of reptiles, amphibians, birds, fish, and mammals. In addition to animal encounters, visitors enjoy a butterfly house, vegetable garden, herb garden, fish pond, and boardwalk. Please call us to schedule a field trip or group tour, or just stop by and visit. Turtle Point is open to the public from 8 am until 3 pm when school is in session. Please call for specific closures (251) 296-3401.

turtlepointscience.al.ecc.schoolinsites.com

HUEY & TERRIE MCGHEE MARCH 16, 2014



STEVEN & LEEANN WHEELER MAY 2, 2014



ANNIVERSARY WISHES

Huey and Terrie McGhee celebrated 40 years of marriage on March 16, 2014.

“God has truly blessed our family!”

Happy 27th anniversary Steven! I remember the day I met you like it was yesterday! You are amazing and as each day goes by I fall more in love with you!

I love you my angel, Leeann.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF ETHAN DAVID WARDEN 3-8-92 - 2-28-14

God called, and Ethan answered. He will be sadly missed by his wife Shea Warden, his daughter Halyn Warden, his mother Janet Welch, his sister Whitney Warden, his grandparents Glen and Hattie Knowles, and his uncle and aunt Waylon and Valerie Rolin.

You will forever be in our hearts.

Submitted by Valerie Rolin



IN MEMORY OF EVA NELL MCGHEE BURKETT 3-13-52 - 12-27-13

Not enough time has passed to ease the pain lingering from the loss of our sister, Eva Nell Burkett, who left this earth too soon. An old saying states that time heals all wounds; we know differently. In time, the wound may not sting so sharply, instead the wound will become a dull, throbbing ache. The pain is always there. A huge, gaping hole remains where Eva Nell is missing in our lives.

Every day, little things remind us of Eva Nell. Sometimes, one of us might see a shopper in the dollar store, dressed in an Alabama T shirt and jeans. And, for a brief moment, we are so glad to think it could have all been just a bad dream! Morning has finally come to end the nightmare and Eva Nell is just out “running errands.” When the phone rings in the evening around supper time, we think for a minute that we can all get together and eat rice with salmon gravy. Then there are those times when one of us will pick up the phone to check in on Eva Nell, dial her number, and wait for an answer. In a cold burst of remembering that she is gone, a recorded voice mail offers a small modicum of comfort.

It is difficult to put into words exactly who Eva Nell was and how her life touched each one of us. For me personally, she was someone that I could always count on. At the same time, she knew that I would protect her when and if possible, no matter what the cost. Our humble beginnings never defined her; it only served to make her the hard worker that she became. At various stages of her life, she experienced highs and lows. At times, she served others—another time she lived in Jamaica and was waited on hand and foot like royalty. Undeniably, Eva Nell lived



an interesting life and we were blessed to enjoy her charm and laughter.

Eva Nell was such a precious, treasured member of our family. Not only was she beloved by her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, she also was dearly loved by her sisters, nieces, and nephews. To her sisters she was a friend, a companion, a baby sister to love and cherish. Her friends—Eloise McGhee Peacock, Joyce Ann Jackson, and too many others to mention—experienced just how extraordinarily deep her loyalty ran. Co-workers from every level of the organization at Poarch Creek experienced a unique relationship with Eva Burkett and still grieve her unexpected passing. She is sorely missed by her co-workers in the public works and custodial departments.

Eva Nell is survived by her loving sisters Helen Hallman, Deloris Kelley, Velma Crocker, Eldnar McGhee, Myrtis Kinman, and Judy McGhee.

GONE, BUT NEVER FORGOTTEN

*Submitted by: Helen McGhee Hallman
February 11, 2014*

COMMUNITY SHOWS SUPPORT FOR DENVER SHUTTLESWORTH



Creek Indian Enterprise Development Authority staff shows support with "Team Denver" prayers & t-shirts.

Photo submitted by Vicky Johnson



Blaze Thomas proudly sports his "Team Denver" wristband that reflects: "Team Denver" and "All is Well"

Photo submitted by Stephanie Bryan

CARVER COMPLETES BOOTCAMP

TRIBAL MEMBER SUBMISSIONS



Congratulations Airman Carver!

Jacob "Jake" Carver has successfully completed U.S. Air Force bootcamp at Lackland AFB in San Antonio, Texas.

He is attending aircraft hydraulics mechanic technical school at Sheppard AFB, Wichita Falls, Texas. After tech school Jake will be stationed at Eielson AFB in Fairbanks, Alaska.

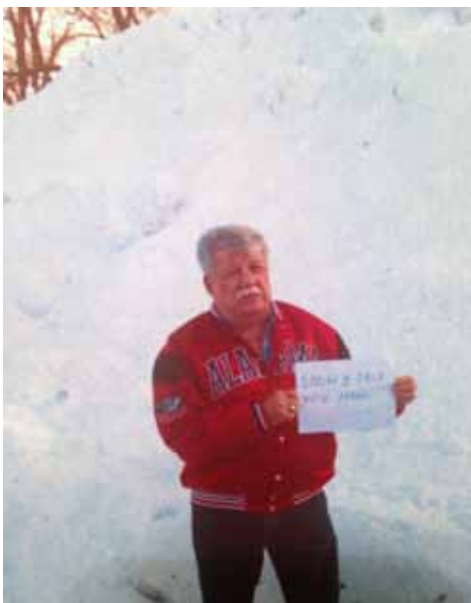
Jake's very proud parents are Tribal Member Toni and Robbie Carver.

We are so proud of you Jake!!

Aim High-Fly-Fight-Win

Submitted by Toni Carver

WANT SNOW?



Did you enjoy our recent ice storm? Would you like some snow with that? Pedro Rolin from Michigan says he has plenty of snow for you; you just have to come get it!

Photo submitted by Jeffrey Weaver

DAUGHTRY SIGNS WITH MIDLAND UNIVERSITY



Midland University women's soccer coach Greg Jarosik, center, helps Englewood High School senior Kadie Kavinsky prepare to sign her letter of intent to attend Midland in Fremont, Neb.. Kavinsky's teammate Elijah Daughtry, right, waits her turn sign the letter of intent to attend Midland and play soccer for the Warriors.

WO PIRATES SIGN LETTERS OF INTENT

Englewood Herald/englewoodherald.net

About 100 classmates, friends and family gathered January 27, 2014, for a short ceremony as Englewood High School seniors Kadie Kavinsky and Elijah Daughtry signed letters of intent to play soccer for Midland University in Fremont, Neb.

"We don't have a lot of letter-of-intent events so we decided to invite students to attend this one," said Paul Evans, EHS athletic director. "Today is also significant as we are holding it in the commons of the new portion of the high school."

Greg Jarosik, Midland's women's soccer coach, said he had a strong local connection because EHS soccer coach Chris Kavinsky had been a graduate assistant with him at Midland. "Chris talked about Kadie so

we came to see her play," Jarosik said. "This is my first recruiting class, I was impressed by Kadie's soccer skills and decided to sign her. We also saw Elijah play, and I felt she would be an asset to our team so we offered her a scholarship as well."

The Warriors are a National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics team. They have finished in the top four in the 12-team conference for each of the last eight years. "I feel these young women will help us build our team," the Warriors coach said. "I believe they can fit right into our system and immediately have an impact for us."

Last year, Elijah Daughtry was the leading scorer for the Pirates girls soccer team with 37 goals and three assists. Kadie Kavinsky was the team's No. 2 scorer with 17 goals and five assists. Their efforts helped the Pirates post an 11-3 season record.

Daughtry said she was excited to sign the letter of intent with Midland University. "I was kind of surprised by the number of colleges that contacted me," she said. "I took my time and when I visited Midland I really felt good about the college. It was a good fit for me. I am looking forward to attending the school and playing soccer there." She said she plans to study criminal justice.

Kavinsky agreed she was surprised by the number of college that contacted her. "I looked at the offers and I visited some of the schools," she said. "Like Elijah, when I visited Midland it felt like a fit for me. I was impressed with the new soccer stadium they are building; I liked the soccer players I met and I like the coach. I am excited to go there." She said she plans to study business at Midland.

Submitted by Charles Daughtry/Sharon Klinck

VEGA RECEIVES NATIONAL CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

Luke Vega received a Boy Scout National Certificate of Merit on February 8, 2014, for his outstanding actions when his house caught on fire. The National Certificate of Merit is awarded to a youth member or adult leader who has performed a significant act of service that is deserving of special national recognition.

Luke's actions the day his house caught fire deserved special recognition. Luke was presented the award by a District Boy Scout representative during the Blue and Gold Banquet, a celebration of the birthday of Scouting. Luke also received his Arrow of Light Award, the highest achievement in Cub Scouting. Luke was a Super Achiever, meaning that he completed all of the activity badges that were available during his Webelos years in Cub Scouting. Luke also crossed over into Boy



Luke Vega with his National Certificate of Merit

Scouts the same night the award was given to him. Luke hopes to continue his career in Scouting to achieve Eagle Scout rank when he gets older.

Luke is the son Terri Crosby-Vega

and the grandson of Kay and Ray Archer. He is 11 years old and will be moving up to middle school this year and a straight A student. Their house burned down a year ago and the family spent 10 weeks in a motel and eventually moved into a rental house while their home was being re-built. Luke continued to go to school and participate in football and scouts. This was a very difficult time for him and his family but he maintained his faith that "God is in control". He is an amazing young man. He lost everything but did not give up on his future. They are in their new home and starting over and doing well.

They had an awesome community, friends and church to help see them through.

Submitted by Kay Archer

STABLER RECEIVES NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY AWARD



Justin receives award.

Justin Stabler, a Junior at Auburn University, received a National Honor Society Award on February 5, 2014. Justin will be a Senior next quarter. He is known for his great studies at Auburn University.

Justin has been a student at Auburn for 2 years and is now working at the Auburn University Athletic Department.

His Mom, Velma Hollingsworth, and his family are very proud of him and the man he has turned out to be.

Congratulations on your dedication and hard work in studying.
Love your Mom, and family.

"I miss you when you're not at home. I wish your Dad could have been there when you received your award, but I know that he is watching you and is proud of you. God Bless you." Mom.

Submitted by Velma Hollingsworth

CREEK WAR OF 1813-1814

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



Robert Thrower, THPO

The ancestors of the Poarch Creek Indians moved down from Upper Creek Towns along the Coosa, Tallapoosa, and Alabama Rivers into the Tensaw region in the late 1700's. They came with the blessings of the Creek Nation and served as interpreters, guides, ferry operators, and tavern owners, in what was then called "Mississippi Territory".

In the early 1800's one of the series of events that would bring about divisions within the Creek Nation was when Benjamin Hawkins was appointed by the Federal Government to serve as an Indian agent and Hawkins began to implement the "Plan of Civilization" among the Creeks. This plan encouraged private land ownership and various agricultural practices such as crop farming and cattle raising. Some of our ancestors took readily to this plan and began to successfully establish their own plantations.

Our Upper Creek relatives were largely against this plan for a number of reasons. In the early days of the Creek Nation, one the traditional roles of Creek women was gardening and farming. The Creek men were responsible for hunting. Traditionally, the Creeks did not believe in private land ownership and thus

viewed individually owned farms as a threat to their communal ways of living. The more traditional men resented taking on the role of "women's work" and saw the development of individual farms as a means of both containing them in a general area and giving them less time and access to their vast hunting areas.

Tensions and resentment slowly grew between the progressive Creeks and traditionalist Creeks as free range cattle began to invade the communal fields and gardens of Creek towns. These cattle slowly became a source of resentment for some Creeks because of their destructive nature and the cattle would eventually become a target of destruction during the Creek War of 1813-1814.

SEASONS

Spring	<i>tasahcē</i>
Summer	<i>meskē</i>
Winter	<i>rvfo</i>

There is no fixed expression for 'autumn' in Creek, though *rvfo hakof* 'when it becomes winter' may be used.

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

Southeastern Indian Festival

April 3-5, 2014



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

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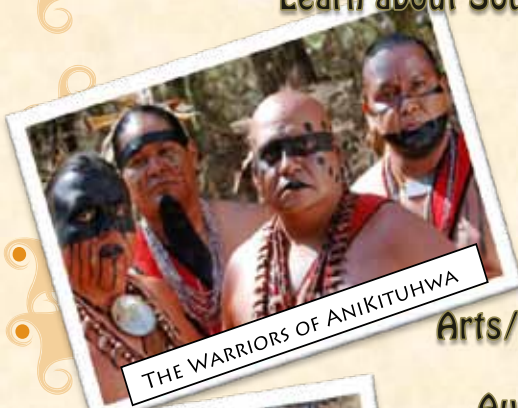
FREE Admission

Kerretv Cuko ~ Poarch Band of Creek Indians Museum
will also be open for tours both days of the festival.

For more information, contact Chris Blackburn, Planning & Events Coordinator,

251-368-9136 ext. 2052 or cblackburn@pci-nsn.gov

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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

Painting ~ Drawing ~ Pottery ~ Basketry ~ Beadwork ~ Weaving ~ Jewelry

Traditional Clothing ~ Photography ~ Weaponry ~ Musical Instruments

Wood ~ Gourds ~ Quilting ~ Mixed Media ~ Shell Carving

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, 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.

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United States Marine Corps



FRANK A. RACKARD
United States Air Force



BRADY T. RACKARD
United States Marine Corps

H.B. "Bud" and Stella Rackard had eleven children. Four of their sons served in the military and were honorably discharged. All four sons proudly served and are very patriotic and proud of their Creek Indian heritage.

L. D. Rackard, who passed before he was able to get on the Tribal Roll, served in the U.S. Army and the United State Navy during World War II; he served two tours of duty. After his military service L.D. was a boilermaker working for Chicago Bridge & Iron on water towers & tanks. He loved to travel, hunt, and collect knives and guns. He was married to Lois Sizemore and had four children.

James "Jim" Aaron Rikard served in Vietnam three times and retired from the Marines as a postal worker. He earned a degree in Education and taught the mentally handicapped at the Caswell Center in North Carolina. He loved attending church functions and playing softball. Jim,

who passed away in March of 2013, was married to Shirley Moody. They had nine children.

Frank Alton Rackard served in the United States Air Force during peace time. After his military service Frank was a jet aircraft & missile mechanic as well as a crane operator and auto body mechanic. He enjoys softball, hunting, traveling, and collecting guns and knives. Frank is married to Sandra Ard and they have three children.

Brady Truman Rackard served in the Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. Brady enjoys hunting, fishing, softball, & traveling. Brady is married to Yvonne Du'Bois; they have two children.

Brady, along with his wife Yvonne and brother Frank, worked at Cape Kennedy in the 1960s and were directly involved with the Apollo 11 launch and the first moon landing. Frank worked as a supervisor in high pressure gases; his crew loaded the



Bud Rackard with three of his sons. Back row left to right L.D. and Bud. Front row left to right Frank and Jim. Brady would be born two years after this photo was taken.

propellants onboard, Brady worked in the armament division and Yvonne was a secretary for NASA.

L.D., Jim, Frank, and Brady come from a long line of patriotic ancestors with their great-grandparents losing all five of their Rikard sons in the Civil War!

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

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SECOND ANNUAL BARN DANCE

The Boys & Girls Club second annual Barn Dance has been scheduled for Saturday, April 12, 2014 from 6:00 p.m. through 10:30 p.m. at Cook's Barn, located at 9641 Hwy 97, Century, FL.

Live music will be provided by the Major Moves Band and will kick off at 6:30 p.m.

All Boys & Girls Club members and family are invited; this is a family friendly, non-alcoholic, drug free environment.

BBQ Plates \$5.00 each

For more info, contact Connie Crews at 251-368-9136 x 2283 or 251-359-0264.

COLORING FOR DENVER

A *Team Denver* Fundraiser
May 17, 2014

The Boys & Girls Club's Together Raising Awareness (for) Indian Life Program (T.R.A.I.L.) is sponsoring our very own color run in honor of Denver Shuttlesworth on Saturday, May 17, 2014.

TIME: Race starts at 10 a.m.

PRE-REGISTRATION:

Adult \$20 Shirt included
Child (12 & under) \$15 Shirt included

DAY OF RACE REGISTRATION

Beginning at 9 a.m.

Adult \$25

Child \$20

(Shirt sizes and quantity may vary)

LOCATION: Boys & Girls Club
Everyone is invited so come out and join the fun! Even if you don't want to participate in the run... you can still come out and watch.

We will have baked goods available to purchase and a bucket available for any extra donations. Further details are on the registration forms which are available at the Boys & Girls Club.

For more info, contact Victoria Lambert, T.R.A.I.L. Coordinator at 251-368-9136 x 2278.

SUMMER SESSION

June 2, 2014 - August 8, 2014



STRENGTHENING NATIVE AMERICAN COMMUNITIES THROUGH MENTORING

“Our ancestors had the spiritual understanding that it is sacred work to evoke the gifts in our children; that each child is irreplaceable and has meaning and purpose to and for the community. They taught us that interdependence is part of the natural system of life and that each person is precious.”

The National Native American Mentoring Program is a site based program and will be taking place through the Boys & Girls Club of



PCI. This program allows matches to participate in fun and engaging activities in a supervised and safe environment. Additionally, group activities are planned on a regular basis. Matches meet for an average

of one hour each week or two hours twice a month with their assigned mentee for one year.

We are looking for mentors who will help to make a difference in a child's life today. We are particularly in need of male mentors.

If you are interested in making a positive impact on a child's life through mentoring please contact Donna Koehrsen, Mentor Coordinator, at 251-359-5279 or dkoehrsen@pci-nsn.gov or Amanda Jones, Mentor Coordinator, at apierce@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.

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

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

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TEST PREP GUIDES AVAILABLE

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

1. Test Success Test-Taking techniques for Beginning Nursing Students
2. Compass Exam Secrets Study Guide
3. Compass Strategy
4. ACT for BAD test-takers
5. 2014-2015 Up Your Score ACT
6. GMAT Premier 2014 with 6 Practice tests+ DVD + Online + Mobile
7. GRE Premier 2014 with 6 practice tests
8. Math Review for Standardized Tests
9. Kaplan 2014 GED Test Strategies, Practice & Review

Contact Billie McGhee at (251) 368-9136 x 2243 or bmcghee@pci-nsn.gov if you are interested in checking out one of these study guides.



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We are excited to announce we accept flex cards and your BCBS along with other major medical insurances. We are open Mon-Fri for your convenience, fast turn-around time on glasses, same/next day appointments available. We consider our patient's health our number ONE priority, therefore, we offer thorough eye exams, eye disease prevention education and DNA testing. We have a variety of name brand frames to choose from Kate Spade, Nine West, Juicy, Coach and name brand sunglasses from Maui Jim and Costa Del Mar.

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Dr. Alan Franklin Retina Specialist	Dr. Rollins Tindell Cataract Specialist	Dr. Sunil Gupta Retina Specialist

Atmore Vision Center
166 Lindberg Avenue
Atmore, Alabama 36502
251-368-8767

Monroeville Eye Care
3016 S Alabama Avenue
Monroeville, Alabama 36460
251-743-3384

"We have glasses to fit your budget."

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 Bryan Fayard, Financial Education Coordinator, in the Education Department at (251) 368-9136 x 2504 or bfayard@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.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

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EDUCATION INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Applications are now available for the 2014 Poarch Creek Education Internship Program. The program is open to Tribal Members and First Generation Descendants ages 16-18. *Participant must be 16 years of age by June 2, 2014.*

The program will run from June 2, 2014 through July 11, 2014. Participants must be enrolled in school or be a 2014 high school graduate or have earned their GED Certificate in 2014.

The Interns will work 8-hour workdays under the supervision of a Tribal Departmental staff member, Tribal Authority staff member, or a Tribal Enterprise staff member.

Applications are available on Education's page of the Tribal web site at pci-nsn.gov and in the Education Department.

Completed applications must be received in the Education Department no later than 5:00 p.m. Friday, May 16, 2014. There will be a meeting with the selected Interns, their parents, and Education staff on Monday, May 19, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. in the Education Library.

If you have any questions, please call the Education Department at (251) 368-9136, ext. 2243.

EDUCATION SUMMER LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Applications are now available for the 2014 Poarch Creek Education Summer Leadership Program. The program is open to Tribal Members and First Generation Descendants ages 13-15. *Participant must be 13 years of age by June 2, 2014.* Participants must successfully pass a drug test and will earn \$5.00 per hour.

The program will run Monday through Thursday from 8:00 a.m. -5:00 p.m. in two sessions. The first session will run from June 2, 2014 through June 26, 2014. The second session will run from July 7, 2014 through July 31, 2014.

Participants must be enrolled in school for the 2013-2014 school year.

The Summer Leadership Program is an opportunity for young adults to learn to rise above of the challenges of today and make a

positive impact in their community. It is a month of inspiring activities and lessons to encourage youth to shatter social boundaries and gain abilities to resolve conflicts. It prepares them for the future by teaching job skills, career development, teamwork, and leadership skills.

Applications are available on Education's page of the Tribal web site at pci-nsn.gov and in the Education Department.

Completed applications must be received in the Education Department no later than 5:00 p.m. Friday, May 16, 2014.

If you have any questions, please contact Tawana Parham at (251) 253-3456 or tparham@pci-nsn.gov or call the Education Department at (251) 368-9136, ext. 2021.



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

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: _____

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

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PRE-K REGISTRATION SCHEDULED

Fred L. McGhee Early Learning Center Pre-K Registration

Thursday, April 17, 2014

8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. (Closed for lunch 12:00 - 1:00)

Child must be 4 years old on or before September 1, 2014.

You must bring:

- Certified Birth Certificate
- Shot Record (Alabama Blue Card)
- Social Security Card
- Proof of Tribal Enrollment –OR– Indian descent letter



PARENTS OF FIRST GENERATION INDIAN DESCENT STUDENTS PLEASE NOTE:

If your child does not have a first generation Indian descent letter you must contact Tribal Member Benefits at 251-368-9136 ext. 2281 as soon as possible. Your child will be required to undergo DNA testing, which is scheduled two times per month on a first come first served basis. We cannot accept students who do not have a letter at the time of registration. If you have questions about registration you may contact Fran Southard @ 251-446-4885.

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WANT TO BE A MASTER GARDENER?

Are you interested in becoming a Master Gardener?

The Environmental Department is signing up people to participate in a Master Gardener Class through the Alabama Extension Service.

The class has not been scheduled yet. Anyone interested in participating in this class is asked to please contact Tiffany Janes or Ralph McCullers in the Environmental Department.

****There will be a fee for this class****

Please fill out the information requested below and email it to either tjanes@pci-nsn.gov

or rmccullers@pci-nsn.gov with the subject "Master Gardener Class". If you do not have access to email please mail this sheet with the information to:

Poarch Band of Creek Indians
Environmental Department
5811 Jack Springs Road
Atmore, AL 36502

Once we have enough participants for a full class we will be in contact with those that have signed up with information about date, time, location and fee.

For more information contact Tiffany Janes at (251) 368-9136 x 2683 or tjanes@pci-nsn.gov.

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY IN BLUE OR BLACK INK.

Name _____

Address: _____

Phone Number (*Please indicate the best number you can be reached at.*)

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

FAMILY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

NEWS & INFORMATION

APRIL IS NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

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.

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

“ Stop the
Violence
Prevent the
Abuse **”**

My name is Michealine Deese and I am your Child and Family Welfare Coordinator. April is the National Child Abuse Prevention Month, a time to recognize that we each can play a part in promoting the social and emotional well-being of children and families in our community.

I look forward to our “Prevent Abuse

April is



**Prevent Child Abuse
Awareness Month**

Campaign” in which Frank McCloskey (Abuse Prevention Coordinator) and I will be going door to door on Friday, April 25, 2014, in the PBCI

Housing neighborhoods to distribute prevention materials. My primary goal is to ensure that we have a strong community that will continue to support families and keep children safe.

If you need assistance or resources please feel free to contact me at (251)-368-9136, ext. 2603 or mdeese@pci-nsn.gov.

The Family Services Department is proud to host the 2014 Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 12, 2014 at 11:00 a.m.

Pow-Wow Grounds

Ages: Birth through 12 years old

****Will be held in the auditorium in Building 500, if it is raining.****



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APRIL IS...

SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

My name is Frank McCloskey and I am the Abuse Prevention Coordinator. My office is located in the Family Services Department. If you need assistance or resources please feel free to contact me at (251)-368-9136, ext. 2212 or fmccloskey@pci-nsn.gov.



The goal of Sexual Assault Awareness Month is to increase public awareness about sexual violence and to educate communities and individuals on how to prevent sexual violence.

- 42.2% of female rape victims were first raped before age 18.
- 29.9% of female rape victims were first raped between the ages of 11-17.
- 12.3% female rape victims and 27.8% of male rape victims were first raped when they were age 10 or younger.
- Every 2 minutes, someone in the U.S. is sexually assaulted.
- There is an average of 237,868 victims (age 12 or older) of sexual assault each year.
- 60% of sexual assaults are not reported to police.
- Approximately 2/3 of assaults are committed by someone known to the victim.

Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network (RAINN)

PUBLIC NOTICE

This article provides public notice to all Tribal Members that the following grants will be available for review and discussion during office hours at the Family Services Department:

- Low Income Energy Assistance Grant (LIHEAP)
- Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)
- Child Care Development Funds (CCDF)

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 your comments and suggestions!

FAMILY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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100 WAYS TO PRAISE A CHILD



- Wow
- Way To Go
- Super
- You're Special
- Outstanding
- Excellent
- Great
- Good
- Neat
- Well Done
- Remarkable
- I Knew You Could Do It
- I'm Proud Of You
- Fantastic
- Super Star
- Nice Work
- Looking Good
- You're On Top Of It
- Beautiful
- Now You're Flying
- You're Catching On
- Now You've Got It
- You're Incredible
- Bravo
- You're Fantastic
- Hurray For You
- You're On Target
- You're On Your Way
- How Nice
- How Smart

- Good Job
- That's Incredible
- Hot Dog
- Dynamic
- You're Beautiful
- You're Unique
- Nothing Can Stop You Now
- Good For You
- I like You
- You're A Winner
- Remarkable Job
- Beautiful Work
- Spectacular
- You're Spectacular
- You're A Darling
- You're Precious
- Great Discovery
- You've Discovered The Secret
- You Figured It Out
- Fantastic Job
- Hip, Hip, Hurray
- Bingo
- Magnificent
- Marvelous
- Terrific
- You're Important
- Phenomenal
- You're Sensational
- Super Work
- Creative Job
- Super Job
- Fantastic Job
- Exceptional Performance
- You're A Real Trooper
- You Are Responsible
- You Are Exciting
- You Learned It Right
- What An Imagination
- What A Good Listener
- You Are Fun
- You're Growing Up
- You Tried Hard
- You Care
- Beautiful Sharing
- Outstanding Performance
- You're A Good Friend
- I Trust You
- You're Important
- You Mean A lot To Me
- You Make Me Happy
- You Belong
- You've Got A Friend
- You Make Me Laugh
- You Brighten My Day
- I Respect You
- You Mean The World To Me
- That's Correct
- You're A Joy
- You're A Treasure
- You're Wonderful
- You're Perfect
- Awesome
- A Plus Job
- You're The Best
- Great job
- I Believe In You
- Magnanimous
- A Big Hug
- A Big Kiss
- I Love You!

Keep in mind, body language is just as important as your words. A smile is always an awesome gift of affirmation!





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STAFF WIN AREA AWARDS

Three Health Department employees were selected for Nashville Area Office awards. This is quite an honor; the Nashville Area is one of the largest service areas in the country.

Judy McGhee, Patient Registration Specialist, received the Employee of the Year Award: Outstanding Customer Service.

Parker Estvold, Chief Physician, received the Employee of the Year Award: Medical Provider.

Christine Williams, Medical Technologist, received the 2013 Area Honor Award: Exceptional Performance.

We would like to congratulate them on a job well done.

EXCITING NEWS IN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Behavioral Health has moved into our amazing new home in the Buford L. Rolin Health Department.



Left to right are Judy McGhee, Dr. Parker Estvold, and Christine Williams

We are located on the back left side of the building and have a private entrance you can use. We will also be hiring two full time positions in the near future which will allow us to offer new services such as group counseling and Alcoholics Anonymous/Narcotics Anonymous meetings.

PHARMACY NEWS

- Please excuse our appearance in the next several months as the pharmacy will be undergoing construction renovations.
- Have you wondered who

the new faces in pharmacy are? Pharmacy students! We are excited to inform you that our Chief Pharmacist- Selina Chee, Pharm.D. is an Affiliate Faculty Preceptor for pharmacy students from Lipscomb University, Virginia Commonwealth University, and Union University.

These students are in their last year of pharmacy school and will be learning from the Poarch Band of Creek Indians Health Department.

Please join us in welcoming them throughout the year

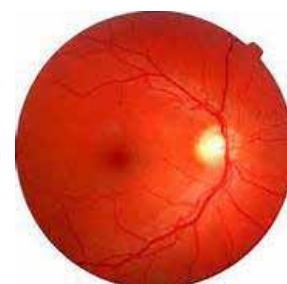
RADIOLOGY NEWS

Our Health Department will be opening the Radiology Department in mid April. This service will help the Physicians diagnose and treat patients by viewing the x-ray right at the time of your visit.

Our system is state-of-the-art for ambulatory clinic sights. This service is offered to keep our patients from traveling to other sites for simple X-rays procedures.

MONTHLY RETINAL SCREENINGS

REMINDER: Next Retinal Screening is
April 29, 2014 from 2:00 - 3:30.





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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.

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LEGAL DEPARTMENT

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SIGNIFICANT PENDING LITIGATION

The Legal Department would like provide you with an update on significant pending litigation involving the Tribe and Tribal entities. 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.

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

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

On January 20, 2012, the Tribe

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

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

On January 28, 2014, the Escambia County Tax Assessor submitted *Big Lagoon Rancheria v. California* as a supplemental authority supporting his position in the pending matter. The Tribe has submitted a response distinguishing this matter from the Big Lagoon case.

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

On December 12, 2012, the

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

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

On January 24, 2014, the Muscogees submitted *Big Lagoon Rancheria v. California* as a supplemental authority supporting their position in the pending matter. The Tribe and the federal defendants have submitted a response distinguishing this pending matter from the Big Lagoon case.

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

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

The Tribe removed the State's complaint to federal court on March 21, 2013, and filed a motion to dismiss the complaint on March 28, 2013. The State then amended its complaint in federal court to include both a state public nuisance claim

and a federal public nuisance claim. The Tribe filed a motion to dismiss the amended complaint on May 9, 2013. The State filed a response on June 4, 2013, and the United States filed an amicus brief in support of the Tribe's motion to dismiss two days later. The State of Michigan filed an amicus brief in support of the State of Alabama's position on July 3, 2013. The Tribe filed a consolidated reply in support of its motion to dismiss on July 22, 2013. All briefing is now completed.

On January 24, 2014, the State of Alabama submitted *Big Lagoon Rancheria v. California* as a supplemental authority supporting its position in the pending matter. The Tribe and the United States have submitted responses distinguishing this matter from the Big Lagoon case.

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

On March 21, 2013, Adrienne Kelly and Edward Gilbert filed a complaint against the Poarch Band of Creek Indians and PCI Gaming Authority d/b/a Creek Casino Montgomery (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Tribe") in the Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Alabama. The Alabama Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, Alabama Beverage Control Board Administrator H. Mac Gipson, and Elfago Ramos Ramirez were also named as defendants. The suit alleges that the Tribe furnished

alcoholic beverages to a visibly intoxicated person, namely Elfago Ramos Ramirez and that Mr. Ramirez caused an accident that injured Ms. Kelly and Mr. Gilbert.

On April 24, 2013, the Tribe filed a motion to dismiss the complaint arguing that the court lacked jurisdiction and that the Tribe enjoyed sovereign immunity. In response to the Tribe's motion to dismiss, Ms. Kelly and Mr. Gilbert have argued that the Tribe waived sovereign immunity by purchasing insurance and applying for a license from the Alabama Beverage Control Board. On July 22, 2013, the Tribe's motion to dismiss was denied.

On September 3, 2013, the Tribe filed a mandamus petition with the Alabama Supreme Court asking that the Court order the circuit court judge to dismiss the case on the basis of sovereign immunity and lack of subject matter jurisdiction. All briefing on the mandamus petition is now completed.

The circuit court judge stayed the case in circuit court pending the outcome of the mandamus petition.

E. Harrison. v. PCI Gaming et al. (State Court)

On May 16, 2013, Amada Harrison, as mother and next friend of Benjamin C. Harrison, filed a complaint against PCI Gaming d/b/a

LEGAL DEPARTMENT

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SIGNIFICANT PENDING LITIGATION

Creek Entertainment Center, Wind Creek Casino & Hotel, Creek Indian Enterprises, and the Poarch Band of Creek Indians, and tribal police officers (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Tribe") in the Circuit Court of Escambia County, Alabama. The suit alleges that the Tribe furnished alcoholic beverages to a visibly intoxicated person, namely Roil Lamar Hadley, Jr. The suit further alleges that Mr. Harrison was a passenger in Mr. Hadley's automobile and that Mr. Harrison was injured in an accident that occurred after a high speed chase involving tribal police officers.

On June 21, 2013, the Tribe filed a motion to dismiss the complaint arguing that the court lacked jurisdiction and that the Tribe enjoyed sovereign immunity. The motion to dismiss was granted as to PCI Gaming d/b/a Creek Entertainment Center, Wind Creek Casino and Hotel, Creek Indian Enterprises, and the Poarch Band of Creek Indians. The motion to dismiss was denied as to the individual tribal police officers.

On October 17, 2013, the circuit court judge granted Ms. Harrison's request to make this a final judgment

and stayed the case against the individual police officers pending an appeal to the Alabama Supreme Court. The appeal was filed November 7, 2013. Briefing will begin in March.

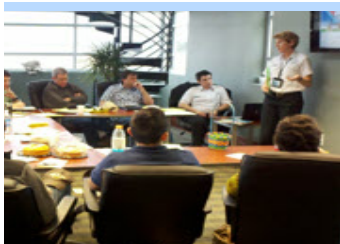


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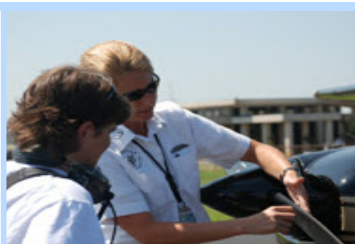
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NEWS & INFORMATION

AN EVENING WITH THE ELDERS



Adam Daughtry

Tuesday, April 8, 2014

Building 500 Auditorium

Featuring Mr. Adam Daughtry, Mr. Jack Daughtry
Mr. Benny McGhee, & Mr. Charles Daughtry

For our "Evening with the Elders" program, join us to hear the voices of Adam Daughtry, Jack Daughtry and Benny McGhee who were interviewed by Dr. J. Anthony Paredes in 1972 and whose voices were digitized by the University of Florida.

Everyone is invited. Dinner will be served.

Questions? Contact Mrs. Ellen O'Barr at 446-4531 or
Dr. Deidra Suwanee Dees at 446-4540 / ddees@pci-nsn.gov

SEEKING TRIBAL ARTIST TO PROVIDE 3-D ARTWORK

The Tribal Historic Preservation Review Board and the Office of Archives and Records Management announce a call for Tribal Members artists to provide 3-D artwork for the Lavan Martin Assisted Living Facility.

Would you like your 3-D artwork to be showcased at the new Lavan Martin Assisted Living Facility? This is your chance! Please submit artwork approximately 8" deep/wide/tall or smaller to Tribal Administrator Edie Jackson, in Building 600 by 5:00 p.m. (CST) Friday, April 11, 2014.

EXAMPLES OF 3-D ART:

Baskets	Pottery
Beadwork	Gourds
Shell Carvings	Finger Woven Sashes
Wood Carvings	Mixed Media

Please contact Tribal Archivist Dr. Deidra Suwanee Dees at 446-4540 or THPO Robert Thrower at (251) 253-5620 for questions or further information.

NEWS & INFORMATION

CHIEF'S WIFE HONORS HIM



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

"Knowing the life that Alexander McGillivray lived, knowing how he felt of his people, it made me many times wonder if Calvin wasn't living the life over that Alexander McGillivray once lived," Mrs. Joyce McGhee said. The audience listened intently as her strong voice, recorded by Anthropologist J. Anthony Paredes in 1972, and digitized by the University of Florida in 2012, penetrated the listeners in the Family Services Auditorium at the Evening with the Elders program on February 18, 2014.

The Office of Archives and Records Management provided transcripts for people to read along with Mrs. Joyce McGhee, widow of Chief Calvin McGhee, who served as the Chief from 1950 until his death in 1970. Mrs. McGhee compared her husband to Creek Chief McGillivray saying they both represented their people before the Presidents of the U.S., McGillivray with President George Washington and McGhee with President John Kennedy.

Dewey (son) and Olivette McGhee, and Tribal Council Treasurer Robbie McGhee (great grandson) were invited as special guests to



Joyce and Chief Calvin McGhee

answer questions about Joyce and Calvin. Robbie explained that Calvin presented the "Declaration of Indian Purpose" to President Kennedy to advance the rights of Creeks and other Indians across America. Likewise, McGillivray, who served as the Creek Chief in the late 1700s, worked to advance the rights of Creeks. The letter to O'Neill in 1785 shows his pleading with governmental leaders to find an agreement "for the purpose of settling and fixing the limits and boundary of the lands between the Indians and the States of America." He warned that the conflict could "create a war."

We know from history that war did come to Creek Nation and was known as the Redstick War/Creek

War of 1813-1814. However, McGillivray's skilled leadership had staved off a full-scale war for several decades.

Mrs. Joyce McGhee witnessed these same leadership skills in her husband who worked to prevent Creeks from being discriminated against by the School Board which would not permit Creeks to ride the school bus. In 1949, Chief McGhee prevailed, the new school was built, and finally Creek children were allowed to ride the bus to school.

"We are talking a lot about Calvin but my mother really worked hard for this Tribe; she made a lot of sacrifices," Dewey McGhee said with tears in his eyes. "What is that saying?" Olivette McGhee asked trying to remember. "Behind every powerful man there is a powerful woman," she added. "That's right," accompanied by affirmative nods from the audience told them the attendees resolutely agreed with them.

If you would like a copy of Joyce McGhee's audio recordings or transcripts, please contact the Office of Archives and Records Management, and staff will be happy to help you. You may contact Dr. Deidra Suwanee Dees at 446-4540. We look forward to your call. Mvto.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

NEWS & INFORMATION

PLAYGROUNDS AND PAVILION NOW OPEN

Recreation's Pool, Splash Pad, playgrounds, and pavilion, are now open. One playground is located next to the Splash Pad. The other playground and pavilion is located at the top of the hill across the road from the Community Resource Center (Old SAIL Center).

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

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NEWS & INFORMATION

SWIMMING LESSONS

2014 NAYO/NASA INFORMATION

NAYO Baseball & Softball

Registration: March 1, 2014 – May 31, 2014

Host Tribe: Cherokee, NC

Tournament Dates: July 17–20, 2014

NASA Softball

Registration: April 1, 2014 – June 30, 2014

Host Tribe: Poarch Creek Indians

Tournament Dates: August 8-9, 2014

NASA Co-Ed Softball

Registration: March 1, 2014 – April 12, 2014

Host Tribe: Choctaw, MS

Tournament Dates: May 22-25, 2014

For more information on leagues, events, Wellness Program, and tournaments contact the Recreation Department at (251) 368-9136 ext. 2256.

SWIMMING LESSONS REGISTRATION

March 3, 2014

Through

April 11, 2014

Open to Community

Registration Fee \$20.00

First Session

April 14 - May 8, 2014

Second Session

May 12-22, 2014

For more information or to pick up an application, contact the Recreation Department at (251) 368-9136 x 2256 or visit the Tribal web site at www.pci-nsn.gov.

SUMMER SWIM TEAM REGISTRATION CONTINUES THROUGH MAY 9, 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.

SUMMER SWIM TEAM REGISTRATION

April 7, 2014 through May 9, 2014

Open to Tribal Members & First Generation

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

Hidden Sugars – Part 1

Sugar is everywhere. You may not realize it, but sugar is found in many places other than the sugar bowl in your kitchen. High amounts of sugar can be hidden in many of your daily foods and beverages.

A diet high in sugar is a direct contributor to a variety of health problems. These problems can include insulin resistance, diabetes, cardiovascular disease, and weight gain, to name a few.

How can you eat less sugar? Read the nutrition label on the back of your foods and compare different products.

Take a look at this table to see how comparing labels can help you to eat less sugar:

More Sugar	Less Sugar Option
Honey Nut Cheerios 9 grams	Cheerios: 1 gram
Regular Vanilla Yogurt: 26 grams	Light Vanilla Yogurt: 7 grams
16oz regular soda: 55 grams	Unsweetened Iced Tea: 0 grams
Fruit cup in fruit juice: 16 grams	Fruit cup, no sugar added: 5 grams
Little Debbie Muffin: 24 grams	Fiber One Brownie: 8 grams

By making healthy choices and choosing products with less sugar, you could cut out around 100 grams of sugar per day!

Each gram of sugar is equal to 4 calories. If you cut out just 50 grams of sugar from your diet each day, you can save 200 calories!



A good way to reduce sugar intake is to choose as many “real” foods as possible from the grocery store. This includes fresh produce, meats, and unsweetened dairy products. This way, it becomes harder to load up on hidden sugars.

Next month, in Part 2 of this article, we’ll break down the difference between the numerous types of sugars and which one’s are best to consume and when.

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

- 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



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YOUR HEALTH MATTERS

Small Decisions Make Big Things Happen

Avoid Mixing Alcohol with Your Training

Alcohol is a big contributor to weight gain.

Just one drink can be around 150 empty calories that your body treats as fat. However, alcohol does not just affect your waistline, it creates numerous adverse effects on your body. Just one night of drinking excessively can affect you both mentally and physically for up to 5 days.

Having more than 1-2 drinks per day can have a significant impact on your health, wellness, and decrease the effectiveness of your training. Two elements of your training that suffer the most from drinking, are your muscle recovery and your quality of sleep each night.

Alcohol slows down muscle recovery by:

- Decreasing the absorption of Human growth hormone (HGH), up to 70%! HGH is a key ingredient of muscle recovery and growth. If we are not maintaining muscle tissue, it becomes more difficult to lose fat.
- Lowering testosterone levels. Alcohol stimulates the production of a toxin that decreases the amount of testosterone in your body. Testosterone plays a key role in metabolic rate and has a big influence on muscle mass, and how your body stores fat.

Alcohol can affect your sleep by:

- Disrupting your amount of REM sleep. REM is the last stage in your sleep cycle and is where most of the recovery for your body and mind occurs. Disrupting the REM stage in sleep leads to drowsiness, poor concentration and even some confusion the next day.

Drinking heavily can make training more difficult and can slow down progress towards reaching your goals.



For these reasons, it is important to drink in moderation. Enjoying a healthy lifestyle means making daily decisions that can promote your wellness and keep you on track to reaching your goals.

Instead of having a drink at the end of the day, find a new way to unwind. This could be taking a walk or writing in a journal. Live with balance and you'll find new ways to get the best out of each day.

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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NEWS & INFORMATION

TRIBAL ELDERS TO ATTEND INDIAN ELDER CONFERENCE IN SEPTEMBER

The Poarch Creek Indians Senior Citizens will be taking their annual trip this year to attend the National Indian Council on Aging's (NICOA) Indian Elders Conference in Phoenix, AZ, August 31– September 9, 2014.

The National Indian Council on Aging (NICOA) conference serves as a national forum where American Indian and Alaska Native Elders come from across the Continental United States and Alaska to convene for Biennial meetings. These meetings benefit over 300,000 Elders as well as the entire American Indian and Alaska Native population from all 565 tribes.

The conference consists of educational presentations from tribal, state, federal and a diverse network of aging service partners that provide information and updates on aging

services, health care, civic engagement and economic development in Indian Country.

Tribal Members age 55 and older interested in going on this trip may register during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. **April 28, 2014 through Friday, May 9, 2014.** You can register at the SAIL Center or by calling the SAIL Center at (251) 368-9136 extensions 2617, 2288, and 2289. You may also contact Carolyn Dortch at (251) 253-5885 or Cyndi Wright at (251) 253-8772. No one can register before April 28th or after May 9th. Registration deadlines will be strictly enforced.

Transportation will be by Tribal Bus. All buses will depart and return to the SAIL Center; there will be no other pick-up/drop-off locations.

2014 VALENTINE KING AND QUEEN CROWNED



Johnny Johnson and Vicky Burns were crowned as the 2014 Valentine King & Queen.



Valentine King Johnny Johnson and Valentine Queen Vicky Burns are shown with their court, Harold and Joyce Rolin.



NEWS & INFORMATION

TEAMWORK - SMART RECOVERY

SMART stands for Self-Management And Recovery Training. SMART Recovery is a self-help, abstinence-based program for people who want to kick an alcohol or drug or other addictive habit. Using principles of psychology, individuals help themselves to kick a problem habit, prevent relapses, and address habit-related personal problems.

SMART Recovery meetings are open to all who are interested. There are no requirements. Meetings are based on discussion and focus on current problems and challenges that participants are facing. The goals are 1.) learning how to increase motivation to quit, 2.) handling urges without acting on them, 3.) developing new ways of coping with problems, and 4.) creating a healthy, positive lifestyle.

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SMART Recovery is a psychological approach to recovery that is not in any way 12-step related. SMART Recovery focuses on empowering the individual to choose abstinence, with the emphasis being on the individuals' own choices in one's own recovery. The meetings are free and self-supporting. There will be information and materials present for anyone who is interested.

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Please contact Wes Hayles for any questions or further information at (251)368-9136, ext.2652 or whayles@pci-nsn.gov.

Submitted by Wes Hayles



NEWS & INFORMATION

TRIBAL GAMING COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVES ATTEND SEMINAR

On February 26, 2014, Joseph Eve, Certified Public Accountants-Certified Fraud Examiners, presented a seminar in New Orleans, LA entitled "Implementation of NIGC's Publication of 25 CFR Part 543". Recently the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC) released changes to various sections of 25 CFR Part 543 which is commonly referred to as the Minimum Internal Control Systems (MICS). This

seminar provided necessary training on how the implementation of Part 543 would impact Class II Gaming operations.

The Seminar included an introduction of the Rule from the Federal Register, new definitions, new tiers, auditing checklists, and strategies and handouts on implementing these Class II MICS.

Joseph Eve provides financial

auditing services to over 120 Tribal Entities per year ranging from Tribal Governments to Indian Gaming Operations.

Representing the Tribal Gaming Commission at this training were TGC Chair Stephanie Bryan, TGC Administrator Daniel McGhee and TGC Commission Liaison Chris Gibson.

Submitted by Chris Gibson

TRIBAL POLICE DEPARTMENT

NEWS & INFORMATION

TRIBAL POLICE TIP LINE (251) 446-ITIP (446-4847)

Call (251) 446-ITIP (446-4847) to leave an anonymous tip about:

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

Additional credit criteria as well as loan collateralization requirements apply.

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

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

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

Farm Service Agencies

www.fsa.usda.gov

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USDA Rural Development

www.rurdev.usda.gov

www.rurdev.usa.gov/al

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

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~Steuart Henderson Britt

CONSERVATIONISTS DESCEND ON MONTGOMERY

*USDA News Release
Submitted by David Elliott*

Conservation leaders from throughout Alabama descended on Montgomery to meet with elected officials on agricultural issues facing rural communities. This year's Legislative Reception, hosted by the Alabama Association of Conservation Districts (AACD), attracted more than 300 conservationists who work with farmers and ranchers to protect natural resources on private lands. The reception was held on February 19, 2014, at the RSA Activity Center.

This year's event drew Speaker of the House Mike Hubbard as well as numerous state representatives and senators. "This event was a chance to thank our legislators for their support in the past, as well as to express our concerns for the future," said Alabama Association of Conservation Districts President Sue Gaines. "Conserving our natural resources is an important process that cannot be neglected."

Conservation districts are local units of government established under state law to carry out natural resource management programs at the local level. Districts work with millions of cooperating landowners and operators to




Representative Alan Baker (2nd from left) met with conservation leaders from the Poarch Band of Creek Indians. Shown with Representative Baker left to right are David Elliott, NRCS Tribal Liaison, Representative Baker, Billy Smith, Magnolia Branch Wildlife Reserve, and Tim Martin, Creek Indian Enterprises Development Authority.

help them manage and protect land and water resources on private lands and many public lands in the United States.

For more information or to discuss these NRCS programs, you can contact David Elliott at 1-251-368-0826 or visit the NRCS Tribal Office at 5535 Poarch Road, Atmore, Alabama 36502.

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is the federal agency that works hand-in-hand with the American people to conserve natural resources on private lands.



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Puzzle Strike Out Game

Strike out words in the table below according to the instruction. When you are finished the words that remain in the table will spell out a quote when you read them from left to right, top to bottom. See example in bold below. The answer will be published in next month's issue.

1. STRIKE OUT words rhyming with "where" in column B & row 2.

2. STRIKE OUT words containing hidden numbers like "hONEst" in column C & row 4.

3. STRIKE OUT five-letter words whose letters are in reverse alphabetical order, like "wrong" in column D & row 10.

4. STRIKE OUT evergreens in rows 5 & 10.

5. STRIKE OUT words containing the letter 'X' in columns A & C.

6. STRIKE OUT words that form new words when "T" is placed in front of them, like "(t) rain" in Column E & row 5.

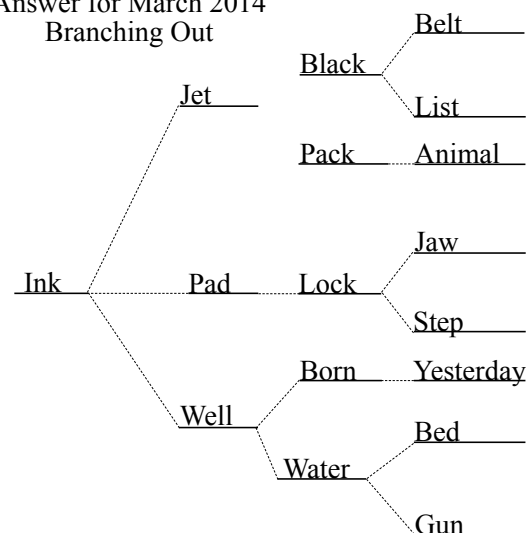
7. STRIKE OUT modes of transportation in column B & row 8.

8. STRIKE OUT styles of music in column E & row 3.

9. STRIKE OUT six-letter words in which "O" is the only vowel in column D & row 6.

10. STRIKE OUT ways eggs can be prepared in Column D & row

Answer for March 2014
Branching Out



	A	B	C	D	E
1	TOXIC	BEAR	FAMILY	YOKED	RUST
2	FEAR	BOAT	SCARE	BORROW	JAZZ
3	COUNTRY	TREES	ARTWORK	REGGAE	WIN
4	ATTEND	FAIR	REFLEX	CAN	CONDONE
5	YEW	ANGLE	PINE	ERROR	SPRUCE
6	HONORS	CAB	LEXICON	SCRAMBLES	SWING
7	MIXTURE	SHARE	FREIGHT	TRIED	PRODUCE
8	PLANE	MANY	HORSE	POACHED	HUMP
9	NUTS	SHIP	AXIOM	COMMON	BLUES
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THE RACE There was a man named Cletus that lived in a small town with only one traffic light. Cletus had saved up his money and bought a mo-ped. One day Cletus was at the light waiting for it to turn green when a shiny new Corvette convertible pulled up next to him. Cletus had never seen anything like this in his life. The Corvette had its top down so Cletus leans over the side of the car and starts checking out the interior. This annoys the driver of the vette so when the light turns green he steps on the gas, laying down rubber as he leaves the intersection. He gets up to 60mph when suddenly Cletus flies by him on his mo-ped. The driver of the vette says to himself "This clown wants to race". Shifting into 4th gear he steps on the gas again. He leaves Cletus in his dust as he gets up to 100mph. Then out of nowhere he sees Cletus coming up fast in his rear view mirror. He can't believe it as Cletus flies by him again on his mo-ped. Shocked, the driver of the vette pulls over to the side of the road. He hears gravel flying and brakes squalling as Cletus pulls up next to him. The driver of the vette congratulates Cletus on winning the race and asks him what kind of an engine he has in his mo-ped. Puzzled Cletus replied "Race? I was just trying to get my suspenders off of your side-view mirror."

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APRIL (*TASAHCE-RAKKO*) 2014

Tuesday, April 1-30, 2014

Purchase 2014 Memorial Bricks from
Recreation Department

April 2, 2014

Creek Indian Art Show
Building 500 Auditorium

April 3-5, 2014

Southeastern Indian Festival
Pow Wow Grounds

Monday, April 7, 2014

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

Monday, April 7, 2014

First day to sign up for Summer Swim Team

Tuesday, April 8, 2014

Deadline to submit Letter of Candidacy to
Election Board for name to be included on
official ballot.

Tuesday, April 8, 2014

Deadline to submit biography and photo
for publication in May 2014 issue of *Poarch
Creek News*.

Tuesday, April 8, 2014

Deadline to RSVP to attend Academic
Achievement Banquet

Tuesday, April 8, 2014

Evening With The Elders
Building 500 Auditorium
6:00 p.m.

Friday, April 11, 2014

Breakfast Briefing 7:00 a.m.
Building 500 Auditorium

Friday, April 11, 2014

Last day to sign up for Swimming lessons.
First day of swimming lessons on 4-14-14

Saturday, April 12, 2014

Easter Egg Hunt @ Pow Wow Grounds
(Building 500 Auditorium if rain.)

Thursday, April 17, 2014

Pre-K Registration at FLMLC
8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Friday, April 18, 2014

Names of candidates and any proposed
constitutional amendments, ordinances, and/
or resolutions will be posted.

Tuesday, April 22, 2014

Academic Achievement Banquet
Wind Creek Casino & Hotel

Tuesday & Wednesday April 22 & 23, 2014

Financial Education Classes
Training Room, Building 500

Saturday, April 25, 2014

Prevent Abuse Campaign
Door to Door in Housing Subdivisions

Monday, April 28, 2014

First day to register for Senior Trip to
NICOA Indian Elders Conference

Thursday, April 29, 2014

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

Tribal Council Meetings

Thursday, April 3rd & 17th 4:00 pm
Tribal Council Chambers

Tribal Court Sessions

Monday, April 14 & 28th 9:00 am
Tribal Courtroom

CIEDA Meetings

Friday, April 4th & 18th 7:30 am
CIEDA Offices

CMCA

Monday, April 7th & 21st 4:00 pm
Tribal Museum/Welcome Center

Housing Authority Meetings

Thursday, April 10th & 24th 4:00 pm
Building 400 Conference Room

Recreation Authority Meetings

Thursday, April 3rd & 17th 11:00 am
Recreation Department (Gym)

TERO Commission Meetings

Tuesday, April 8th & 22nd 3:00 pm
TERO Offices on Highway 21

4-H Club

Monday, April 14th & 28th 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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By Appointment

Monday & Tuesday
8:00 am - 11:00 am or
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Summer Intern/Leadership Program

Accepting applications daily

Gym & Weight Room Hours

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

Batting Cages Now Open

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