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Birthday & Anniversary Wishes may be published the month before, the month of, or the month after the birthday/anniversary. Birthday wishes are limited to 30 words or less, excluding name and birth date in the title of the birthday wish.

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Dear General Council,

Words fail me as I try to compose what will be my last Chairman's Corner article and the end of an era. I have been blessed and honored to serve you my fellow Tribal Members in various capacities for the last 50 years. The remarkable people I have worked with through the years have enriched my life and our Tribe in countless ways, large and small.

I would like to thank each of my fellow Tribal Council members, past and present, for their service by my side. When nine individuals come together is serve as leaders, there will always be different ideas, opinions, and passions, but it has been my experience that our Tribal leaders have always come together to make the decisions that are best of the Tribe as a whole, not one individual. I have noticed that in my times away from the office, whether it is for travel on Tribal business or a few days personal leave, our Council Members come together to collectively make any decisions that may need to be made in my absence. I have always had the confidence that my fellow Council Members would make the best decisions for the Tribe.

So, as I end this chapter, I am also eager for the next to begin. I plan to continue my work in Indian healthcare, and I will continue to work to ensure the health and well-being of Poarch - as a people, a government and a family that has given me opportunities of a lifetime. Wherever this next chapter of my life takes me, I will always be proud to say that I am a Tribal Member of the Poarch Creek Indians.

The General Council will vote to elect a new Tribal Chairman on Saturday, June 7, 2014. Please exercise you right to vote and vote for the candidates that you feel will best lead our Tribe into the future.

## Staff Honors Chairman On Birthday

Tribal Chairman's Office staff hosted a birthday reception for Tribal Chairman Buford L. Rolin on his birthday, Wednesday, April 30, 2014. Tribal staff from across the complex stopped by to wish Chairman Rolin a happy birthday and to enjoy light refreshments.

An impromptu singing sprang up as Kathy Ledkins played the piano and led those present in singing Happy Birthday. Following a request from those present, she also played Amazing Grace while others joined in.



Shown left to right are Teresa Franklin, Chairman's Office Secretary/Receptionist, Tribal Chairman Buford L. Rolin, and Tierney Lancaster, Special Assistant to the Tribal Chairman.

# 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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Hello Tribal Members,

I want to take this time to update you on what the Council has been working on the last few months. I feel that one of the biggest problems facing the Tribe is at the national level. At this time we are lobbying Congress for a Carcieri fix. Carcieri is the former governor of Rhode Island, who sued the Secretary of the Interior after the Department of Interior took land into trust for the Narragansett Tribe of Rhode Island. The term "trust land" means that the deed is held by the federal government for the benefit of the tribe. When the Secretary of Interior began this process, Governor Carcieri sued him at the federal court level and lost, but then appealed to the Supreme Court of the United States and won. The Carcieri decision, which was made in 2009, places a black cloud over any federally recognized tribe who was not under federal jurisdiction



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when the Indian Reorganization Act (IRA) was enacted in 1934. We believe the Supreme Court made an error in this decision which has opened the door for lawsuits questioning whether our lands should be held in trust by the federal government. To my knowledge, the Sovereignty of our Tribe has never been challenged prior to the Carcieri decision, and since then numerous legal challenges have been presented. The Escambia County Tax Assessor has never questioned the validity of our trust lands until after this decision in 2009. The current Attorney General of Alabama has sued each member of the Tribal Council and PCI Gaming Authority for unlawful gaming at our three casinos in Alabama. This lawsuit, which was based on the Carcieri decision, has since been thrown out of federal court, but I believe that the Attorney General will attempt to appeal it to the United States Supreme Court.

We are currently working with members of both the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate to pass legislation that will correct this interpretation of the IRA, and reaffirm that the Secretary of the Interior has the authority to take land into trust for all federally recognized tribes. There are currently two bills in Congress, HR279 in the House of Representatives and S2188 in the Senate. The Tribal Council is working relentlessly to ensure that these bills pass, so that the sovereignty of our tribe is no longer in doubt.

In closing, I ask that you all continue to pray for our Tribe and generations to come. There are many complex issues facing our Tribe. I hope that we continue to make our ancestors proud.

Thank you.

## 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.





Friends,

My family and I really appreciate everyone's thoughtfulness and love that you've shown to us. We can't thank you enough. I cannot believe it has been six months since we first found out about Denver's neuroblastoma. God has been our strength through it all; we thank Him for being with us every step of the way.

We have finished cycle four of chemotherapy but still have two cycles remaining. After the chemo treatments are completed, Denver will undergo radiation treatment and then will be in inpatient care at St. Jude's for four to six weeks for the stem cell rescue. I'm hoping and praying we can come home after that and travel back and forth for long term treatment and care. St. Jude's is an amazing place. Everyone here has been so caring and has treated us really special. Denver has bonded with much of the staff, and it thrills my heart. With that being said, we are planning to donate a portion of our benefit proceeds to St. Jude's and Ronald McDonald House on behalf of Denver and our community. Given the exceptional care we've received, and the incredible amount of good that this staff does, I feel compelled to do this. These proceeds will help other families that face this similar situation. Together, we will all be supporters of St. Jude's and the fight against childhood cancer.

As heartbreaking as it is to see children fighting cancer, it is also motivating. They seem to have strength and determination that is not evident in others. Their positive outlook helps me have a positive outlook. As parents we would do anything to keep our children out of harm's way; sometimes that is an impossible task. To see these children smile through the pain makes you want to scoop them up and cover them with hugs and kisses and assure them that everything will be OK.

No one expects to find themselves here, and I certainly never thought we'd be spending so much time at this facility fighting for Denver's life. I can honestly say that we are not fighting this battle alone. We have had the support of family, friends, and community from the beginning. Even strangers have reached out to us and have shown great love and support. We thank God every day for having blessed us with such amazing people in our lives.

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We have good days and we have bad days but knowing that we have the love and support of so many special people helps us fight each battle and rejoice in every victory.

My Tribe is my family and I love and care about each of you. You may not see me physically on a daily basis, but my thoughts and prayers are with you. I am still actively involved with the leadership of the Tribe. I participate in Tribal workshops and Tribal Council meetings via teleconference. My voice, which is your voice, is still heard at the Council table. Please know that I am still here for you when you need me. Do not hesitate to call me at (251) 359-2785 or email me at shollinger@ pci-nsn.gov. We are family and we will get through this together.

Our God is an awesome God and by faith we are believing in, and accepting, a total victory!

Blessings to all, Sandy Hollinger Poarch Creek Tribal Council (251) 359-2785



During a recent weekend trip home Denver had lunch with family and friends at David's Catfish. Shown front row left to right are Anna Grace Hollinger, Denver Shuttlesworth, and Taylor Graham. Back row left to right are Brandy Helton, Dustin Graham, and Noah Graham.

# Tribe Offers Financial Education Classes



Do you know your numbers?

Do you know how your credit is established? Do you know how your credit score is calculated? Do you know why your credit is important? Find the answers to these and other important credit questions at the next Financial Education classes scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday June 24 & 25, 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.

A light lunch will be provided each day. Walk-ins are welcome, you do not have to register for the classes.

Please feel free to contact Angela Devilbiss or Paula Harris at (251) 368-9136 x 2014/2298 for more information.



High school graduates left to right front row are Shanna Presley, Nicole Priest, Meagan Franklin, Heather Rolin, Brice McGhee, Brianna Rolin, Kortlan Peebles, Peyton Findley, Rachel Presley, and Austin Shuttlesworth. Back row left to right are Matthew Vandenburg, Magan Walker, Mason Caraway, Baccari Ramer, Cameron Murphy, Casey Jackson, Homer "Trip" Roberts, III, Tyler Smith, and Douglas Hunter Rolin.

Graduation is a time of promise and great expectation. Some students are happy to simply graduate high school and have no plans to continue their education. They feel they are ready to get a job, get married, and start a family; you know, 'live in the real world'. Well, life is not that simple and we hope they seriously reconsider their plans and take steps to continue their education.

We were happy to hear that the graduating high school seniors recognized at the Tribe's annual Academic Achievement Banquet have plans to continue their education. It was the same with most of the college graduates recognized at the banquet as well. Most of those who have earned their Associate's Degree are already pursuing their Bachelor's Degree; those with their Bachelor's Degree behind them are working toward their Master's Degree; even those who were recognized for receiving their Master's Degree are considering continuing on to the next level in their pursuit of education. Congratulations to them all.

Twenty-nine graduates, along with invited guests, Tribal staff, and guest speakers gathered in the Coosawada Ballroom at Wind Creek Casino & Hotel on Tuesday, April 22, 2014 for the Tribe's annual Academic Achievement Banquet hosted by the Tribal Education Department, the Education Advisory Committee, and the Calvin McGhee Cultural Authority. Tribal Council Treasurer Robbie McGhee was this year's guest speaker. His message addressed the importance of education and self determination. Other speakers during the banquet were Edie Jackson, Sandra Hiebert, Raymond Rolin, and Stephanie Bryan.

To celebrate students' Native heritage, Calvin McGhee Cultural the Authority (CMCA) presented Tribal Member high school graduates with an eagle feather during the academic achievement banquet. Under federal guidelines, only enrolled tribal members could be gifted eagle feathers. Prior to the presentation of the eagle feathers CMCA Chairman Raymond Rolin explained the significance of the eagle feather. A

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feather isn't just something that falls out of a bird, it means much more. The feather symbolizes trust, honor, strength, wisdom, power, freedom and many more things.

Thank you to all who organized the event, the turnout was much greater than expected.

We extend our congratulations to each of the graduates as well as to all others graduating this academic season.

Many of the college graduates stated that they could not have accomplished this major milestone without the assistance of the Tribal Tuition Assistance Program and the First Generation Tuition Assistance Program. Thank you to the Tribal Council, current and past, for striving to provide better educational opportunities for our Tribal Members and families.



College graduates left to right front row are Crystal Sanchez, Gwen Manning, Malori McGhee, Tracy Linam, and Ashley Lowe. Back row left to right are Hunter Franklin, Zachary Miller, Jennifer Thomas, Chance Jackson, and Vance Logan Smith.

## High School Graduates Receive EagleFeather During Academic Achievement Banquet

To celebrate students' Native heritage, Tribal Member high school graduates were presented with an eagle feather during the academic achievement banquet. Under federal guidelines, only enrolled tribal members could be gifted eagle feathers.

See the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 668) Title 50, Part 22, of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 U.S.C. 703-712), Title 50, CFR Part 21, Lacey Act (18 U.S.C. 42); Injurious Wildlife, Title 50 CFR Part 16; General Provisions, Title 50 CFR Part 10; General Permit Procedures, Title 50 CFR Part 13; and Wildlife (Import, Export, Transport), Title 50 CFR Part 14 for more information.

Escambia Academy graduate Tribal Member Kortlan Peebles is shown receiving her eagle feather from Calvin McGhee Cultural Authority representatives Chris "Ding Ding" Blackburn and Raymond Rolin. The eagle feathers were donated by Amber Alvarez; the cedar display boxes were constructed and donated by Chris "Ding Ding" Blackburn.



## **Actions Speak Louder Than Words**

# Elect **STEPHANIE A. BRYAN** for Tribal Chairwoman



#### EXPERIENCED.

I've gained valuable experience through my service on local and national boards and committees. For the past 8 years, I have served as the Tribal Vice-Chair, worked closely with Chairman Rolin, and watched many positive endeavors come to fruition. It has been an honor to advocate for you around the Tribal Council table, to various local officials, and to legislators in Washington, D.C. and across the United States.

#### DEDICATED.

I am dedicated to *doing what's right* and *committing due diligence* towards projects to ensure we make wise decisions on your behalf. I will continue to practice an open door policy and will listen to you and your concerns. I am committed to continued advocacy for protection of our sovereignty and federal recognition. Additionally, I am dedicated to the furtherance of our culture because it identifies who we are as Poarch Creek Indians.

#### VISIONARY.

Let's continue to *work together* to create a sustainable Tribe. I look forward to *hearing from you* about ways to improve and preserve the quality of life that we all enjoy. I support year after year increases in educational benefits, the health benefits card, per capita distribution, daycare benefits, and elder benefits.

## I HUMBLY ASK FOR YOUR VOTE AND SUPPORT ON JUNE 7, 2014. ELECT STEPHANIE A. BRYAN FOR TRIBAL CHAIRWOMAN

"It's not about the power or position, it's about the people." – Stephanie A. Bryan

Stay Informed!

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 <u>facebook.com/</u> <u>PoarchBandofCreekIndians</u>. You can also follow the Tribe on Twitter at <u>twitter.com/PoarchCreek</u>.

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



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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 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.

The April newsletter for the following Tribal Members have been returned by the Post Office:

Adams, Christopher Adams, Selena Bailey, Timothy Caudle, James Clay, Cherrelle Colbert, Gordon Estain, Sybil Ferguson, Vera Harrington, Bridgett Johnson, John Kodet, Amanda Krafka, Gloria LaForge, Mary Lambert, Billy McGhee, Gary Ray McGhee, Howard McGhee, Mattie McGhee, Natasha

McGhee-Jones, Anna Pitcock, Shannon Potts-Murphy, Mary Rackard, Charles Ramieri, Alice Rogers, Catherine Rolin, Edward Rolin, Ernest Rolin, Gregory Rolin, Keith Schacle, Tabitha Smith, Sandra Taylor, Payton Walker, Terry Ward, Phyliss Whitt, Bre Wynn, Guy

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#### **VOTE FOR DEWITT CARTER** IF YOU ARE READY FOR YOUR VOICE TO BE HEARD!

Hello, again! My name is Dewitt Carter and I am running for an At-Large position on the Tribal Council. I am the proud son of Dewitt Sells and Grace Philyaw. I am very proud of my parents because they raised me to become who I am today. I was taught to work hard, treat others as I want to be treated; especially your family and neighbors. I have worked hard and will continue to work hard for my family and neighbors. That is how I feel about all Tribal Members-we are friends, neighbors, and family.



I feel a Council Member has more responsibility to Tribal Members than what we have seen in recent years. Tribal Members deserve to feel as though they are speaking to a concerned friend each and every time they speak to a Council Member. I believe that a Council position is a 24 hour/ 7 days a week position. I believe that major decisions with Tribal funds should be put to the General Council. I believe that Tribal Member power should be returned to all Tribal Members and not be solely in the hands of the nine members of the Council.

Not all Tribal Members have the same concerns that I have, and to those members I implore you to exercise your God given right and vote to re-elect your favorite Council Member. But to all of you Tribal Members that are ready for your concerns to be met head on, I am asking for a chance to prove that I am the right choice on Election Day. This will be a chance for you to regain your power at the Council table. I know I will only be one vote, but it will be your vote. I may not please everyone but I will put Tribal Member concerns ahead of my own.

As I speak to Tribal Members during the Election process, I will record in a notebook concerns that Tribal Members want me to address when I am elected to the Council. I will take the most voiced concerns and problems and present them to the Council for a remedy. Your problems will be my directions for improvement. Please decide what you want me to tackle first and let me go to work for you! I want to be able to meet all who read this in person. My phone number is (251) 753-7438, you can call me most any time. I will be happy to meet with you to address your concerns.



On Election Day vote Dewitt Carter for Tribal Council if you are ready for your voice to be heard, if you are ready for a change in leadership!

Thank you for your time. I look forward to working for you.

Sincerely,

Dewitt Carter

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Katelyn Nicole Teach	Kenneth Carl McGhee	Xan McGhee
May 3, 2014	May 12, 2014	May 29, 2014
Katelyn celebrated her 1st birthday on May 3rd with family and friends.Congrats! We love you Bug, GG, Mimi, Babu and Adam.	Happy birthday to Sgt. Kenneth C. McGhee who is currently stationed in Germany. With love from your family in Florida.	Brond With StateHappy 16th birthday!Xan's family would like to wish him a happy birthday and let him know we love him!
Timothy (TJ) Ford June 3, 2014	Greg Carver June 3, 2014	Clay Smith June 11, 2014
Happy birthday TJ! We are proud of the son, man, & daddy you have become.We love you.Pop, Mom, and the rest of your family.	Image: Constraint of the systemHappy 42 <sup>nd</sup> birthday!We love you and hope you have a good day! Mom, Dad, brother, and sister.	Image: Constraint of the set
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June 12, 2014 Happy birthday Sandra! We love you. From your brother Carl and the rest of your family and friends.	June 15, 2014 Fundation of the formula of the form	June 10 2014		
Ronald Gilbert McGhee June 17, 2014	Leslie Charlene Vickery June 17, 2014	Kathy Ledkins June 18, 2014		
Happy birthday to Ronald Gilbert McGhee. With love from your family.	With love from your sister-in-law Connie and the rest of your family.	Image: Addition of the second secon		
Haley Wallace June 18, 2014	Randy Lassister June 24, 2014	Bruce Vickery June 26, 2014		
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From your family and friends. From your family and friends. Happy birthday, we love you!	Stephanie Ledkins June 29, 2014	Stephen Ledkins June 29, 2014	Billy Bailey June 30, 2014	σ
From your family and friends. From your family and friends. Happy birthday, we love you!				IRTHDAY W
From your tamily & triends.			Love, Jake.	

# Bryan & Chris Teach May 17, 2014

ryan and Chris Teach celebrated their 6th wedding anniversary on May 17, 2014. Congrats!

We love you, Grams, Mom, and Dad.



# Aubrey & Natasha Rolin JUNE 23, 2014

ubrey and Natasha Rolin will celebrate their second anniversary on June 23, 2014.

I want to wish my husband a happy second anniversary! We have definitely come a long way! Can't wait to see what the future holds for <u>US</u>. Love you with all my heart! Your loving wife Natasha.



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## Benjamin & Margaret Maynard June 29, 2014

Benjamin Arthur & Margaret Ann (Reed) Maynard will celebrate their 51<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary on June 29, 2014. They were married at Popular Springs Baptist Church in Uriah, AL on June 29, 1963.

Happy 51<sup>st</sup> anniversary! We love you, your family and friends.



# Phillip & Denise Young June 29, 2014

hillip and Denise Young will celebrate their 29<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on June 29, 2014.

Thanking God for our gift of love because in you, I've found the love of my life and my closest, truest friend.

# RECIPE FOR A HAPPY MARRIAGE

A couple handfuls of love and respect

Seasoned with willingness to listen no matter the mood

Allow some silence for alternative communication to bubble up

Throw in a dash of self confidence and a pinch of independent thinking

Mix with hands being careful not to overdo as dough could become tough

Combine the fruit of our labor with a sprinkling of sweetness and place into crust

Dot with the butter of life to "grease" the wheels

Pop into a warm oven to bake until death-doyou-part!

Serve while warm.

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# Brooks Ryan Madden March 22, 2014

Jason & Kelly Madden welcome a new baby boy, Brooks Ryan Madden. Brooks was born March 22, 2014 at 7:23 am; he was 7 pounds 6 ounces and was 19 3/4 inches long.



Brooks is the grandson of Don and Marshann Jackson, Duane & Diane Williamson, and Shorty & Jolene Madden.

Brooks was welcomed home by his big sister, Mary Paige Madden.

# Joseph Lokata Hodges April 8, 2014

Lance and Ashley Hodges are proud to announce the birth of their son Joseph Lakota Hodges. Lakota was born on April 8, 2014, at North Baldwin Infirmary. He weighed 7 pounds 0 ounces and was 20 1/4 inches long.

Lakota is the grandson of Tribal Members Patricia Rolin Weekly of Atmore and the Late Roger Barnhill.



Lakota was welcomed home by his sisters Alaina, Karleigh, and Kayleigh, along with other family and friends

Kvco-Hvse (june)





Sadie Louise Williams Jones, age 87, born in Uriah, AL to Thomas Otis and Bertie Lee Phillips Williams, and a resident of the White House Fork community of Bay Minette, AL died Thursday, February 27, 2014 at her daughter's residence. She was a homemaker. She was also member of the Poarch Band Creek Indians and the Order of Eastern Star.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Wilmer Jones and a brother, Thomas O. Williams.

She is survived by her children,

## In Memory Of Sadie Jones July 14, 1926- February 27, 2014

E. Bobby (Gwen) Jones of Montgomery, AL, Sandra L. (Robert) Howard of Tibbie, AL and Randal O. (Sandra) Jones of Stockton, AL; one brother, Mabron E. Williams of Bay Minette, AL; five grandchildren, Michael Martin, Jarrod Jones, Jonathan Jones, Jenna Jones and Sue Ellen Vicol; five great grandchildren, Dresden Moss, Desmond Vicol, Lochlan Vicol, Ashlynn Jones and Kelsi Jones and four step grandchildren, Darryl Howard, Duane Howard, Ryan Howard and Christine (Jason) Wynn.

Funeral services were held Saturday, March 1, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. at the chapel of Norris Funeral Home with the Reverend Dr. Larry Patterson and Chaplain Cindy Still officiating. Burial followed at White House Fork Baptist Cemetery.

The family received friends Saturday, March 1, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. until the 11:00 a.m. service at Norris Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Jonathan Jones, Jarrod Jones, Michael Martin, Ryan Howard, Andrew Lewellen and Alton Chestang. Honorary pallbearers will be Jerry Williams, Jonah Jones and Derrick Howard.

The family suggests memorial donations be made to Southside Baptist Church, P.O. Box 418, Bay Minette, AL 36507, Community Hospice of Baldwin County, 311 D'Olive St., Bay Minette, AL 36507 or to Legacy Hospice, 344 Franklin Ave., Gilbertown, AL 36908-5705.

Submitted by Bobby Jones

## In Memory Of Justin Blake Sims January 2, 1987 - March 22, 2014

The family of Justin Blake Sims acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expression of sympathy during our time of loss. Thanks for all the flowers, food, prayers, and support that was extended during this time.

With much love, Shelshi & Kasonya Sims and the Mike Vickery family.

Submitted by Connie Vickery



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# In Loving Memory Of Nicholas Rolin On His

On May 15<sup>th</sup> we did not get to celebrate your birthday with you, we had to celebrate it alone. What a wonderful day you must of had. Your first birthday in Heaven. I know it must have been grand!

Since you left us a few months ago our lives have forever been I long to see that changed. beautiful smile that you always wore. Many people have told me that the one thing they will always remember about you is your smile. Even when you would get mad, it wouldn't be long before you were smiling. You loved picking on everyone, especially your daddy. It use to make him so mad, but now he wishes you were here so that you could do it again. You were such a joy to be around. You never met a stranger, and if you did they were not a stranger for long.

You had a very big heart. You loved the whole family. All your cousins, aunts, uncles, and friends were dear to you. You were always visiting and calling them. I have seen you do without to give to someone you love. This last Christmas I was reminded of just how loving you are when you gave one of your presents that you had asked for to your brother because you said he needed it more than you.

Your daughter Autumn is such a blessing. Every time I see her, I am reminded of you. She looks so much like you. I pray that God gives her a heart like yours. Your niece Madyson and nephew Peyton are always reminding me about things that you did. They love you so much.



Nick you are always in our hearts and on our minds. Not just on your birthday, but everyday that passes by. We all love you dearly!

Until we meet again,

Mamma

Submitted by Pat Rolin

## In Memory Of Houston Owen Hicks February 27, 1955 - June 7, 2012

Gone, but never forgotten.

With much love, your family and friends.

Submitted by Irene Bryant



#### Kvco-Hvse (june)

## Honoring Our Veterans



MELVIN MCGHEE Specialist Third Class United States Army

(Photo unavailable)

HOUSTON OWEN HICKS United States Marine Corps



## WATCH YOUR STEP!

Warm weather has arrived and the grass is green. Be careful when walking around in this beautiful green grass because it may hide something dangerous. Mike Vickery killed the twelve rattler rattle snake shown to the left at the end of Old Uriah Road on April 15th.

Everyone should be careful this time of year!

Submitted by Connie Vickery



### POARCH CREEK NEWS KVCO-HVSE (JUNE) HONORING OUR GRADUATES & ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

#### Cairra Martin Graduates From Florida State

Cairra Martin graduated Cum Laude from the University of Florida with a Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Policy. We are so proud of your accomplishments!

#### Submitted by Stephanie Bryan

This article was originally published in the May 2014 issue of the Poarch Creek News under the title *Cairra Martin Graduates From Auburn University*.

The *Poarch Creek News* accepts full responsibility for indicating that Ms. Martin graduated from a college that is not her Alma Mater.

We personally apologize to Ms. Martin and to Ms. Stephanie Bryan for this mistake and congratulate Ms. Martin on her graduation and wish her the best of luck in her future endeavors.



# RIBAL MEMBER SUBMISSIONS

#### Johns Earns Doctoral Degree in Education

To: Poarch Band of Creek Indians

I wanted to write a letter to tell you thank you for your financial support through the Fred L. McGhee First Generation Scholarship Program. Because of your generous support, I have been able to earn a Doctoral Degree in Educational Leadership with an Emphasis in Curriculum and Instruction from Mississippi College. Without your support, it would have been financially unobtainable for me to do so.

I have Cystic Fibrosis. For those that do not know about this disease, it is a disease that makes breathing very difficult. Currently there is no cure for this disease but enormous strides are being made in finding a cure each and every day. However, with new advances in medicine there comes a high financial cost that must be paid. It is because of these costs that I would not have been able to afford to go back to school. However, due to the increases in the Fred L. McGhee First Generation Scholarship Program, I have been able to go back to school. None of this would have been possible with out this scholarship.

On May 9, 2014, I walked across the stage at Mississippi College and received my diploma. My family and I will forever be in your debt because of this opportunity.

Thank you, Dr. Brad Johns

Submitted by Brad Johns



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Honoring Our Graduates & Academic Achievements



#### Trawick Graduates from Mississippi College School of Law

Angela Trawick graduated from the Mississippi College School of Law with a Doctor of Jurisprudence Degree on May 16, 2014. She was in the top 20% of her class with a 3.21/4.00 average. Angela was on the Dean's Honor List. Her activates included Lawyers & Judges Assistance Programs.

Angela is also a Licensed Mental Health Counselor, a Licensed Professional Counselor, and has earned numerous Lexis Nexis & West Law Legal Research Certifications.

Congratulation Angela, we are very proud of you and all you have accomplished.

Submitted by Gladys Trawick



#### Mollie Williamson Graduates from University of Alabama

Congratulations on earning your Master's Degree from the University of Alabama! We are very proud of you.

Mollie is the daughter of Pam and Jim Williamson and the greatgrandaughter of Mace and Elba McGhee.

Love Mom, Dad, and all your family!

Submitted by Pam Williamson



#### Chance Jackson Graduates from Faulkner State

Congratulations to Chance Walker Jackson for graduating Summa Cum Laude from Faulkner State Community College on May 9, 2014. Chance completed his Associates' Degree while maintaining a 4.0 GPA. He will be continuing his education at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa in the fall.

Chance is the son of Edie Tullis Jackson and Eddie Jackson and the grandson of Eddie and Mary Jane Tullis and Mable and the late Alton Jackson.

Submitted by Edie Jackson

### POARCH CREEK NEWS KVCO-HVSE (JUNE) HONORING OUR GRADUATES & ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

#### Seth Friedman Graduates From Vanderbilt Unviersity

Congratulations to Seth Friedman on his graduation from Vanderbilt University with a dual major in Computer Science and Mathematics.

Seth has accepted a position with AMAZON in Seattle, WA.

We are so very proud !

We love you.

Mom, Dad, Gabriel, Elliot and Hallie.

Submitted by Michael Friedman



#### Lowe Earns Master's Degree In Business

Joe and Sheila Lowe would like to congratulate their daughter, Ashley Lowe, for receiving her Master's Degree in Business on April 26, 2014 from the University of West Georgia.

Your determination for success has not gone unnoticed and we are very proud of all your accomplishments. We know that you will continue to strive for excellence.

Submitted by Natasha McGhee



#### Justin Stabler Receives Award

Congratulations to Justin Stabler for receiving a Political Science Honor Society Award from the University of Alabama. This is Justin's second National Honor Society Award this academic season.

Justin's Mom, Velma Hollingsworth, family, and friends are very proud of his accomplishments.

Keep up the good work, one day it will pay off! God Bless You!

Submitted by Velma Hollingsworth



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#### Priest Graduates from Baldwin County High School

Congratulations Nicole Priest, 2014 Baldwin County High School graduate!

We love you, and are so proud of you.

Mom, Dad, Tyler, and the rest or your family.

Submitted by Misty Priest



#### **Dees Graduates With Honors**

Haley Louise Dees, daughter of Samuel Mark and Genny M. Dees, is a 2014 graduate of Brewbaker Technology Magnet High School in Montgomery, AL.

Haley was a member of the National Technical Honor Society; the National Honor Society; Mu Alpha Theta; President of the Key Club; Student Government Association; and Health Occupations Students of America; Haley has also served as Youth Representative for Montgomery American Cancer Society; Honorable Talent Recipient for the Distinguished Young Women program; and is a member of the Center for Performing Arts Competition Dance Team. Haley is employed with Family Practice in Montgomery, AL.

Haley plans to attend Troy University majoring in Exercise Science with a minor in Dance.

Submitted by Genny Dees



#### Casey Jackson Graduates From Escambia Academy

Congratulations to Casey Wade Jackson for graduating from Escambia Academy on May 22, 2014. He will be continuing his education at Shelton State Community College in Tuscaloosa in the fall.

Casey is the son of Edie Tullis Jackson and Eddie Jackson and the grandson of Eddie and Mary Jane Tullis and Mable and the late Alton Jackson.

Submitted by Edie Jackson

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# Honoring Our Graduates & Academic Achievements

#### Haley Wallace Graduates

Congratulations on your graduation from high school.

We love you and are very proud of you.

Mom & Dad.

Submitted by Ken Wallace



# RIBAL MEMBER SUBMISSIONS

#### Baccari Ramer Graduates From Northview High School

Baccari Ramer graduated from Northview on May 31, 2014. He is the son of Kelli Ramer and the grandson of Janice Rollin Moye (Robert) and Eddie Ramer (Edna).

Baccari plans to pursue a degree in welding technology at JDCC.

Congratulations B! We love you.

Submitted by Kelli Ramer



#### Villeret Receives Young Authors Award

We are proud to announce Landon Michael Villeret received an Award from the Young Authors Award program, at Norco Elementary School.

The third place Young Authors Award in the Non Fiction category was given to Landon for his story about his family trip to the Pow Wow last year and his family's stay at the Indian Hotel (Wind Creek).

Landon is the son of Craig & Shelley Berthelot Villeret, grandson of Thomas & Sheila Colbert Berthelot, great-grandson of Jack & Helen Colbert, and brother of Carson Thomas Villeret.

We are so proud of you Landon!!!!

Mom, Dad, Carson, & family!

Submitted by Sheila Berthelot







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Sharing Our Culture & Traditions

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## CREEK WAR OF 1813-1814

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

The first road to ruin for the Creek Nation was the development of a horse path intended to make mail delivery faster between New Orleans and Washington, D.C. This "postal road" would be later widened into a second road called

the military or "Federal Road". While the Creeks had granted permission for the establishment of the postal road, they raised strong opposition when the United States proposed the construction of the Federal Road which would link Savannah, Georgia, to New Orleans and cut directly through some of the Creek Nation. The Creeks were convinced that it would create more hostilities between their people and the Americans. Despite strong opposition from the Creeks, the United States proceeded with the conversion of the postal road into the Federal Road in 1811. The Federal Road would prove to be the ultimate road to ruin as it opened up access to wheeled vehicles, leading to an increasing influx of non-Indian traffic through Creek Territory. Many non-Indians, along with their cattle, hogs, and horses, began flooding through, and in some cases illegally settling on Creek Nation lands.

Early historians Halbert & Ball saw the invasion of white pioneers into Creek territory, made possible by the military road, as a primary

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cause for the Creek War. The Federal Road, built against the will of the Creek Nation, created a stronger sense of discontent among the progressive and the more traditional Creeks. The authors Southerland and Brown drew an insightful conclusion about the Federal Road: "The overriding irony of the military road building is that, although

Robert Thrower, THPO

it looked to one war (the war with Britain), it was the major cause of another....although the Federal Road sparked the Creek War of 1813-14, the root of the conflict involved a clash between two incompatible cultures."

Submitted by: Robert G. Thrower, THPO

BOOKS OF THE New Testament

Marco	MATTHEW
Mak	MARK
Luk	Luke
Cane	John

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

## 2014 CALVIN MCGHEE MEMORIAL SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 2014



10:00 a.m. - Graveside Service - New Home Cemetery 11:00 a.m. - Memorial Festival Begins - Pow Wow Grounds 12:00 noon - Lunch - Pow Wow Grounds

\*\*This event is only for Tribal Members and their families!\*\*

#### Festival Activities Include:

\*Gospel Singing \*Bounce Houses \*Powwow Club Performance \*Water Slides \*Kiddie Train Ride \*Pony Rides \*Midway Fair Rides \*Announcement of Tribal Council Election Results!

## \*\*Special concert featuring The Bowling Family at 5:30 p.m. \*

Cake/Pie Contest 1<sup>st</sup> (\$100), 2<sup>nd</sup> (\$75), 3<sup>rd</sup> (\$50) place prizes will be awarded for each category. One entry per person per category. Entries must be received by 1:00 p.m. CMCA is not responsible for refrigeration.

The Kerretv Cuko (Building of Learning) Poarch Band of Creek Indians Museum and Museum Gift Shop will be open 1.00 p.m. – 6.00 p.m.

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



Shannon Audwin Peavy 1SG/E-8 United States Army

Shannon is the son of Hilton and Jessie McGhee Peavy and the grandson of the late Allie Rolin McGhee of Atmore, Al. He has three sons Justin, Matthew, and Wesley. He is married to Memori Talmage Peavy of Atmore, AL. He has a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management from Huntingdon College; in which he graduated with honors. He has worked with the Tribe since 2012. His first position was the Activities Coordinator for the Boys and Girls Club and then he became the Teen Center Coordinator. Currently, he is serving as the Housing Counselor in the Housing Department.

Shannon retired from the US Army in 2011 after almost 22 years of faithful service to our country. He had an outstanding career in the military and one of his greatest achievements was becoming a company First Sergeant of an Infantry Unit.

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He has also served as an Army Ranger Instructor at Eglin Air Force Base. Becoming an Airborne Ranger was one of the toughest challenges of his career, but one that he met head on with heart and determination. This also has a special meaning to him because he was following in his father's footsteps. While stationed at Fort Campbell, KY, Shannon's outstanding leadership earned him the status of being the youngest Sergeant First Class in the 3rd Brigade 101st Airborne Division at that time. Shannon has always followed the Army Values and has constantly placed his men before himself. Shannon has often been classified as a natural leader but gives all the credit to those who were his mentors and taught him everything they knew about leadership and professionalism.



Shannon and Memori attending an Annual Ball in Panama City Beach, FL.

Shannon has been personally recognized by the Presidential Secret Service, Governors, Generals. Shannon's and deployments include: 1991 Iraq (18th Airborne Corp Long Range Surveillance Unit), 2003 Iraq (3rd Battalion 124th Infantry Regiment), 2008 Pakistan (1st Squadron 153rd Cavalry Regiment) and 2009 Kuwait (1st Squadron 153rd Cavalry Regiment).



2003 Baghdad, Iraq. One of the harshest realties of war, is the faces of the innocent.

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A list of his awards and decorations include: Ranger Tab; Combat Infantryman Badge (second award); Expert Infantryman Badge; Master Parachutist Badge; Air Assault Badge; Royal Australian Army Parachutist Badge; German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge (Silver); US Army Presidential Unit Citation (2nd Award); US/USMC Navy Presidential Unit Citation; Superior Unit Citation; Florida Governor's Meritorious Unit Citation (2nd Award); Meritorious Service; Medal (2nd Award); Army Commendation Service Medal (6th Award); Army Achievement Medal (4th Award); Navy Achievement Medal; Good Conduct Medal (4th Award); National Defense Service Medal with Bronze Star; Southwest Asia Service Medal with three Bronze Stars; Iraq Campaign Medal with two Campaign Stars; Global War

on Terrorism; Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; Humanitarian Service Medal; Army Armed Forces Reserve Medal with Numeral 2, Bronze Hourglass Device, Mobilization Device; Army NCO Professional Development Ribbon Numeral 3; Army Service Ribbon; Army Overseas Service Ribbon Numeral 2; Army Reserve Components Overseas Training Ribbon; Kuwait Liberation Medal (Saudi Arabia); Kuwait Liberation Medal (Kuwait); Florida Distinguished Service Medal; Florida Commendation medal; Florida Meritorious Service Ribbon; Florida State Active Duty Ribbon (3rd Award); Florida National Guard Retention Ribbon; and the Mississippi National Guard Emergency Service Medal.

We thank Shannon for his service and sacrifices.

**SECURE OUR FUTURE** 

#### "WHAT WE DO AS A PEOPLE IS WHAT MATTERS. I WILL DO MY BEST TO PROTECT OUR TRIBE, OUR RIGHTS AND OUR SOVEREIGNTY THAT WILL STRENGTHEN THE DESTINY OF THE POARCH BAND OF CREEK INDIANS." – ROBBIE MCGHEE

The way we fight to *secure our future* is changing dramatically. As the Tribe's public profile grows beyond our state's borders, the issues faced by the Chairman's office become more and more complex. To prevail from Montgomery to Washington, D.C., our Chairman must be armed with a deep understanding of politics, the law, finance and how all these work together to influence decisions, from the State House to the White House. We are dealing with sophisticated financial issues and public policies on three levels of government – local, state, and Federal. The Chairman must be able to navigate politics and policy on all levels of government as well as in Indian Country. The Chairman needs the financial foresight to carefully plan for the long-term needs of our Tribal members.

These broader needs demand a full-time leader who can fight for the Tribe on many battlefields beyond

Atmore. Great leadership created this sovereign nation and only confident, experienced leaders can protect our legacy and our future.

VOTE MCGHEE JUNE 7TH



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# NEWS & INFORMATION

## Utilities Authority

The Utilities Authority continues to improve and maintain an efficient water and wastewater system.

During the month of April 2014, the maintenance, operations, and administrative staff have fulfilled many occupational duties and responsibilities.

Utilities has implemented a new pump at the Sunset Drive lift station needed for effective operations. We have provided new water and sewer services to three residents this month and look forward to adequately serving all customers. Utilities has started the Nitrate and Nitrite samples for the summer monitoring program at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

In addition to, maintaining compliance with all discharging permits. Utilities has implemented a flushing program on the Escambia Community system and installed automatic flushers on our Poarch system located at the Wind Creek Casino and the Travel Plaza sites to enhance water quality.

The Utilities Authority sent two employees to attend the 2014 5th Annual Tribal Utility Summit that was hosted by the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation located in Mashantucket, Connecticut which allow Tribes an opportunity to correlate industry initiatives and take training classes to attain continuing education units.

## Tribal Gaming Commission

Poarch Creek Indian Tribal Gaming Commission (TGC) staff members recently attended training offered by the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC) and International Game Technology (IGT).

The trainings were held April 15-17, 2014 and were hosted by the Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana at their Cypress Bayou Casino in Charenton, Louisiana. The training was designed for tribal leaders, gaming commissioners, commission staff, operation managers, and operation staff.

Day 1 of the training was sponsored by IGT featuring the latest in gaming technologies.

Day 2 and 3 was sponsored by the NIGC with discussions held on Gaming Forensics, Drop and Count, Information Technology (IT) Standards, and general resources for Tribal Gaming Regulatory Authorities.

The Tribal Gaming Commission was represented by eight team members from five departments which included Tammy Rolin, Audit; Doug Murphy and Brian McGill, Investigations; Derrick McGhee and Mark Fields, IT; Matthew Johnson and David Wigley, Compliance; and Glenda Carlton, Finance.
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## NEWS & INFORMATION

### What Is Assisted Living?

Residents in assisted living have as much independence as they want knowing that personal care and support services are available if they need them. The Lavan Martin Assisted Living Facility was designed to provide residents with assistance with basic daily living skills such as bathing, grooming, dressing, medication reminders and supervision for safety.

SISTED LIVING

### What services/amenities are provided at Lavan Martin Assisted Living?

- Prepared meals three times a day
- Assistance with daily living skills
- Medication reminders/ assistance
- Safety/supervision
- Scheduled activities
- Housekeeping services
- Laundry/Room services



- Chapel
- Fitness Center
- Beauty Salon
- Ice Cream / Coffee Shop
- Media Room
- Post Office
- Transportation services

## How is assisted living different from a nursing ho me?

Our assisted living community is different from a nursing home because we don't offer complex medical services or provide one on one care. Our facility was designed to provide a more home-like atmosphere with apartment style living.

### Is there a lot of paperwork to complete?

You will have to complete an initial 2 page assessment and your physician will complete a health assessment. The Assisted Living staff will schedule a care plan meeting. At that meeting, a care plan will be developed to determine the level of assistance needed and pertinent resident information will be discussed and a few more forms will be explained and discussed at that time.

### How much does it cost?

Our rates, as recently updated by the Tribal Council, are:

1 Bedroom Unit	\$2,075 monthly
2 Bedroom Unit	\$2,430 monthly

### Questions?

For additional information, please contact the Assisted Living Administrator, Michelle Colbert Shaddix, at (251) 446-4899.



## NEWS & INFORMATION Barn Dance Was Great Success









Summer Session Begins June 2,2014!!

JUNE BREAKFAST BRIEFING FRIDAY, JUNE 13, 2014 7:00 Am AUDITORIUM - BUILDING 500 FEATURED DEPARTMENT: BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

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NEWS & INFORMATION Summer Camp Program Assistance Updated Requirement Eliminated

The Education Department is proud to announce an exciting new program beginning May 2014. Tribal Member and First Generation students 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



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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.

### 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.



### SCHOOL UNIFORM & SUPPLIES

- \$300 Reimbursement per child
  - (No receipt required.)
- Must be Tribal Member or First Generation student who is entering 4K-12th grade in the 2014-2015 school year.

### **COMPUTER REIMBURSEMENT**

- Every household with a Tribal Member or First Generation student is eligible for 1 computer device (includes iPad) <u>every 4 years</u>.
- \$600 reimbursement per household (receipt and bank form is required.)
- Program will start July 1, 2014 and end on October 31, 2014.
- Must be a Tribal Member or First Generation student in 4K-12th Grade.
- Computer reimbursements will be electronically transferred into your account in 45 days or less.
- Each student must show proof of school enrollment, i.e. current school bill, letter from the school, copy of your child's report card from school year 2013-2014.
- Applications can be faxed to (251) 368-0809, emailed to Magen Weaver at mweaver@pci-nsn.gov, mailed to PCI Education Department at 5811 Jack Springs Road, Atmore, AL 36502, or dropped off at the Education Department.

If you have any questions please call the Education Department at (251) 368-9136 x 2021.

### Poarch Creek Indians Incentive Program Pool Party Friday, June 20, 2014 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm @ Wellness Center/Pool

For all K-11 Tribal Member and First Generation Students who have maintained Perfect Attendance or honor roll all year.

RSVP required. RSVP Christyn Sells (251) 368-9136 x 2244 or csells@pci-nsn.gov.

## JEWS & INFORMATION

### 2014-2015 School Supply Reimbursement Program

### Learn More About 4-H Club Steer Program July 7, 2014@ 5:30 p.m. Education Department

This meeting is open to current Poarch Creek 4-H Club members and youth ages 9-18 who reside in a Tribal household who wish to learn more about the 4-H steer program and their Parents/Guardians are all invited! We will be discussing details of the 4-H steer program and go over some basics of showing a steer.

Supper will be served.

For more information, please contact Christyn Sells-Children's Services Coordinator/4-H Leader at (251) 368-9136 x 2244 or csells@pci-nsn.gov.

### Thank You!



The Fred L. McGhee Early Learning Center students, parents and staff would like to thank Gregory McGhee for all of his hard work and dedication to teaching the students their Native Language.

Greg has worked with the students all year to teach them more about their culture. He is a great teacher and a wonderful mentor to the students!

Thank you Greg for teaching our children, you did an awesome job!



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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.

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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 fmccloskey@pci-nsn. gov.

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



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Beginning May 1, 2014, all applications will be accepted in The Family Services Department waiting room located on the second floor of the Health Department

If you previously participated in the 2014 Winter LIHEAP program, you do not need an appointment for Summer LIHEAP. You will need to fill out a one page application and present your current energy bill and current income to Family Services Department. You will not be allowed to turn in your application without this information attached.

If you did not participate in Winter LIHEAP, you will be required to fill out a full application and will be required to complete the interview process and submit all required documentation.

Priority is given to Senior households, clients receiving disability income, households with children under the age of 5, and households receiving Food Stamps or TANF benefits.

LIHEAP does NOT pay for any additional fees or services such as late fees, connection fees, outside lights, etc.

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

\*Required Documentation\*

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

State	Estimated State Me- dian In- come for a 4-person household	1-person household	2-person household	3-person household	4-person household	8-person household	6-person household	For eac addition person add :
Alabama	\$64,899	\$20,249	\$26,479	\$32,709	\$38,939	\$45,169	\$51,399	\$6,230
Florida	\$65,406	\$20,407	\$26,686	\$32,965	\$39,244	\$45,523	\$51,802	\$6,27

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### NEWS & INFORMATION Crisis Assessment Program

The purpose of the Crisis Assessment Program is to assess cases to determine need and to establish appropriate intervention goals to help the Tribal Member household become financially solvent. Please contact us to schedule an assessment if you are experiencing financial crisis situation before you take out a title loan. Title loans will destroy you financially!

Common issues addressed through this program include but are not limited to:

- Financial Management
- Major Medical issues not covered by insurance or the flex card
- Transportation
- Housing
- Other circumstances addressed on an individual basis

Timing is essential. Please do not wait until a crisis situation devastates you financially.

Please note it can take several weeks to complete and process program applications.

The Crisis Assessment process includes:

- Meeting with the Crisis Assessment Coordinator so that your current situation can be assessed and a case plan can be created.
- Taking a drug test.
- Meeting and working with the Financial Counselor to enhance financial management skills.
- Agreeing to get 2015 per capita monthly to secure financial solvency throughout the year.
- Proof of how you spent 2014 per capita.
- Payment, if approved, is rendered to vendors to cover financial expenses.

To apply for the Crisis Assessment Program, please contact Melissa Durden at (251) 368-9136 ext. 2061 to schedule an appointment.

### **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!



### **RADIOLOGY:**

Radiology has successfully completed training on the new x-ray equipment and passed the initial inspection by the State of Alabama for radiation safety requirements. We have already x-rayed over 80 patients! We look forward to serving you.

### NUTRITION/WIC:

We have a full time Registered Dietetic Technician who offers Women, Infants and Children's services and Diabetes counseling. We have a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist Consultant who teaches Diabetes education classes, weight loss and any high risk patients needing Medical Nutrition therapy.

### **AUDIOLOGY SERVICES:**

We have contracted with NARO Audiology & Hearing Solutions who have offices in Brewton and Bay Minette. They have been providing exceptional service to Tribal Members and have agreed to work in our clinic to provide onsite, diagnostic audiological testing services. Services will be provided by Angelene Naro, Audiologist, licensed every Monday, starting May 19, 2014. If you are experiencing hearing loss or have any kind of hearing problems, please contact us. You may call 251-937-8731 or 251-867-7711 to schedule an appointment. We look forward to serving you and improving your health.

#### **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH:**

Behavioral Health welcomed Mr. George Hamilton on May 7, 2014 and he is a great addition to our staff. Mr. Hamilton is able to provide counseling services in such areas as relationship issues, depression, anxiety, anger and addiction. He is also available to assist parents and teenagers/ problematic children with behavioral issues and life skills training. Mr. Hamilton has been a licensed counselor since 1987 and enjoys working with people. So please stop by the Behavioral Health Department and welcome Mr. George Hamilton.

### CALL-IN PRESCRIPTIONS AT THE CLINIC: (IMPORTANT CHANGE IN CURRENT PROCESS)

Beginning June 15, 2014, callins for refill/renewals will be filled within 24 hours of the call. Please check your medications and anticipate that it will take 24 hours to refill a prescription. If you call in to the clinic after 12:00 noon on Friday, your prescription will be filled on the following Monday.

### PHARMACY

Tips for the Pharmacy Drive-Thru Window:

- 1. The pharmacy drive-thru window is for drop off and pick up of prescription orders.
- 2. When picking up medications, please give the pharmacy staff member the name and date of birth of the person for whom you are picking up medications.

3. Please refrain from using cell phones while at the drive-thru window.

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- 4. Please turn off windshield wipers and radio while at the drive-thru window.
- 5. You may be asked to park your vehicle and come inside the pharmacy to receive personalized assistance for special circumstances such as the following:
  - You are requesting a pharmacy staff member to review your chart for medication lists and items for refill
  - If you have questions regarding your medications
  - If your provider has prescribed new medications and private counseling is required
  - Immunization services

#### **MAMMOGRAPHY:**

For an appointment, please contact Nioma Till at 251-368-9136, extension 2386. Our mammogram bus comes 3 times a year.

#### **HEALTH INSURANCE:**

The Health Department offers health insurance assistance to any Tribal Member who does not have health insurance. Please contact Teresa Smith at 251-368-9136, extension 2317.



### JOIN US FOR A FREE RETINAL SCREENING Thursday, June 26th 2014 from 2:30-3:30PM

## **Free Diabetic Retinal Screeing**

A once yearly retinal screening appointment is carried out to identify early signs of diabetic retinopathy. If allowed to develop, diabetic retinopathy can lead to blindness.

For this reason it is important to attend your retinal screening once a year. We do free retinal screenings each month and invite everyone to attend.

### **Do I qualify for diabetic retinopathy screening?**

Everyone with diabetes should have a retinal examination once a year. If you are concerned that you may be developing retinopathy, schedule a Comprehensive eye exam today with Dr. Amanda Cobb by calling 251.446.3937.

### I'm not diabetic, Do I still need to have a screening?

You do not have to be diabetic to attend the free retinal screenings at Premier Family Eye Care. Retinal screenings not only detect diabetic retinopathy, but glaucoma and macular degeneration as well. We provide this service at no charge.

### What happens at a retinal screening?

The technician will sit you down in front of a machine, enter your information and then align the camera up precisely to take the photograph of your retina. Each eye will be photographed then you will be shown what the inside of your eye looks like. There is no pain involved in a retinal screening.

### When will I get the retinopathy screening results?

The photographs need to be examined in detail by the Optometrist. You will be notified within 48 hours if there is an issue that requires further testing.

### Premier Family Eye Care

5811 Jack Springs Rd. Atmore, AL 36502 251.446.3937



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### Applications Accepted On A Daily Basis

pplications 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.

# URGENT CARE AT ACH MEDPLUS

- Wait times are shorter than the ER.
- Care is affordable.
- Open on weekends.

#### ACH MedPlus Urgent Care 406 Medical Park Drive (across from Atmore Community Hospital)

Monday – Friday	Saturdays	Sundays
3 to 9 p.m.	9 a.m. to 3 p.m.	1 to 7 p.m.



### 251.368.6245 • ATMOREHOSPITAL.ORG



On April 10, 2014, Chief Judge Keith Watkins of the United States District Court for the Middle District of Alabama dismissed all of the State of Alabama's claims against PCI Gaming Authority, individual Tribal Council members, and individual PCI Gaming Authority Board members (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Tribe").

This case began on February 19, 2013, when the Alabama Attorney General on behalf of the State of Alabama filed a complaint against the Tribe in the Circuit Court of Elmore County, Alabama. The Tribe removed the State's complaint to federal court on March 21, 2013 and filed a motion to dismiss both the original complaint and an amended complaint filed by the State. The State alleged that the

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### Federal Court Dismisses Case Initiated By The State of Alabama

Tribe's gaming activities are public nuisances pursuant to both State and federal law. The State of Alabama also sought to prohibit gaming on the Tribe's trust lands.

Briefing on the issues followed. Earlier this year, additional briefing was submitted by all parties after the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeal's ruling in Big Lagoon Rancheria v. California.

Judge Watkins' opinion confirmed that the lands on which the Tribe's casinos are located are held in trust by the United States of America and that the United States Supreme Court decision in Carcieri v. Salazar did not affect the trust status. Furthermore, the opinion stated that the Big Lagoon decision, which some have cited to support the idea that the Tribe's lands do not qualify as Indian lands, does not control the outcome of this case and was wrongly decided.

On May 5, 2014, the State of Alabama appealed this decision to the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals. Once the record is transmitted, we will begin briefing.

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



### Cherokee Huckleberry Bread

- 2 cups self-rising flour
- 1 egg
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 stick butter
- 1 cup milk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 cups berries (huckleberries or blueberries)

Cream eggs, butter and sugar together. Add flour, milk, and vanilla. Sprinkle flour on berries to prevent them from going to the bottom. Add berries to mixture.

Put in baking pan and bake in over at 350 degrees for approximately 40 minutes or until done



## Do You Know Anyone On The Whereabouts Unknown List For The Cobell Settlement?

The Legal Department received a Whereabouts Unknown List (WUL) from David Smith and Bill Dorris of the law firm Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP, who has requested assistance from the Tribe to identify names that may be Poarch Creek members. Their following article provides a history leading up to the class action settlement and how you may participate in it.

Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP, class counsel in the Cobell v. Jewell (formerly Cobell v. Salazar) lawsuit, is seeking to locate members of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians entitled to participate in the settlement of that lawsuit. The Cobell case was filed in 1996, settled in December 2009, was approved by Congress in December 2010, and received final court approval in November 2012. The total settlement, \$3.5 billion, is currently the largest class action settlement against the federal government.

The Cobell case resolves certain claims relating to mismanagement of individual Indian money ("IIM") accounts and individual trust assets by the federal government. There are approximately 500,000 individuals who are eligible to participate in this settlement. This includes principally individuals who had IIM accounts between approximately 1985 and September 30, 2009 and individuals who owned trust or restricted land as of September 30, 2009.

The Department of Interior provided the Claims Administrator for the Cobell settlement, the Garden City Group, information it had regarding the individuals who may be entitled to participate in the settlement. However, that information is not always accurate or complete. In particular, Garden City Group has over 100,000 individuals who may be entitled to a payment under the settlement but for whom they have no contact information. The Class Counsel wants to make sure that everyone who is entitled to participate in the settlement has the opportunity to do so.

The names of over 1900 potential Cobell class members who are identified by the Department of Interior (DOI)

as members of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians and for whom there are no addresses in Interior's records has been posted on the Tribe's web site at www.pci-nsn.gov. The list is posted on the Legal Department's page as well as in the Pressroom. We encourage anyone who sees his or her name, or the name of a friend or family member, on this list to call the Garden City Group at 866-591-2958. In addition, if the individual listed has passed away, but you are an heir to that individual, please let the Garden City Group know that as well.

If you have any further questions about the settlement, you can also contact Class Counsel by phone at 866-383-6554 or by email at: beneficiaryline@kilpatricktownsend. com

Please note that the Legal Department had independently tried to navigate the identification process with the Garden City Group, Trust Beneficiary Call Center, and the Regional BIA Office for a few Tribal Member names; but have encountered difficulties in obtaining the required Individual Indian Money Account No. (IIM#) for the verification on the Whereabouts Unknown List (WUL). With that in mind, Legal is attempting to create internal and streamline guidelines that may assist Tribal Members in completing the verification process with the Garden City Group and/or securing a court order to appoint a personal representative for estates.

In the meantime, if you have questions or know anyone on the list and wish to have the Legal Department to assist you, please contact Carolyn M. White, Legislative Assistant, at the Legal Department (251) 368-9136 Ext. 2532. Leave a message with your name and a contact phone number so that you can be reached, also including the person identified, their date of birth, and whether or not they are deceased.

Lori M. Stinson, Attorney General

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### **Recognize Anyone?**



### Can You Help Identify The Creek Indians In This Photo?

Submitted by Delores Kelley and Eldnar McGhee

Can You Help Us Name the Creek Indians in this Picture?

The Office of Archives and Records Management at the Poarch Band of Creek Indians is an interesting place to work. The Office has the responsibility of preserving, maintaining, cataloguing, and protecting all of the historically significant records of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians. The records include items such as documents, photographs, audio and video recordings, posters, artwork, maps, blueprints, and land deeds.

Some of the Tribal Member benefits that are offered through

the Office of Archives and Records Management include access to the Eastern Creek Land Claims Index and digitized historical documents and images. Our staff members are available and willing to assist you in searching for information related to Poarch Band of Creek Indians' history.

Over the past few months my sister, Eldnar McGhee, and I [Delores Kelley] have had the pleasure of working in the Office of Archives and Records Management with Tribal Archivist Dr. Deidra Suwanee Dees and Records Coordinator Ellen O'Barr who regularly assist our visitors. Our staff can help you, but you can also help our staff. Can you help us name the Creek

Indians in the above picture? If so, please call us at 446-4540 or 446-4531 to identify the children.

The Office of Archives and Records Management demonstrates that the Poarch Band of Creek Indians has a lot to be thankful for because of the work of our grandmothers and grandfathers and the past and present Tribal Council members. They, along with other dedicated Tribal Members in this community, have made it possible for us to see the dream that our ancestors envisioned become a reality.

Hats off to our Tribal Council! We encourage them to keep up the good work. We appreciate their dedicated service.



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### VOTE ARTHUR MOTHERSHED June 7, 2014

My name is Arthur Mothershed. It has been a privilege to serve you these last nine years. I am the son of Deloris McGhee Kelley and the late Carl Mothershed. I am the grandson of the late Levi and Treacy McGhee. I am married to Samantha Canova Mothershed. We have three beautiful daughters; Katie, Shelley, and Kamryn. I have a Bachelor's in Business Administration from Faulkner University and a Master's in Business Administration from the University of Alabama. I also have over twenty years of management experience

We are fortunate. In a time when federal funding for Tribal programs continues to be slashed, we have the resources to expand and not contract. Over the years, I have worked, as have my fellow Council Members, to increase Tribal Member benefits and make sound investments to protect our future. Education, cultural, housing, elder benefits, and youth programs have always been at the top of my priority list. These programs, although not perfect or complete, continue to grow and are made available to more Tribal Members. I originally intended to spend a lot of time discussing the improvements in these areas but have chosen to focus on more pressing issues.

We are faced with serious issues. Many of you are aware of the numerous lawsuits filed against our Tribe questioning our sovereignty and livelihood. We are diligently fighting those battles and recently won a decision in the United States District Court for the Middle District of Alabama. The presiding judge ruled that our lands are held in trust and qualify for gaming activities that Alabama Attorney General Strange challenged as illegal. The Judge found that Alabama has no right under state or federal law to interfere with our gaming activities. Although we are encouraged by the decision, we cannot let our guard down. There are at least three other pending lawsuits filed by various parties that will be decided soon. Please continue to follow the legal updates in the Tribal newsletter.

We also face a significant internal issue. Enrollment is not only a complicated issue for our Tribe but across the Indian Country. My position on the matter is simple. Over the years, we have revised our enrollment code several times. As a result, members have been enrolled based on different criteria. I believe you should be held to the standard that was in place at the time you were enrolled. If there are cases where it can be proven that a person was placed on the roll using false or fraudulent information, the Council must take appropriate action. The burden of proof should be on the person making the allegation. If the Council has been provided with enough information to disenroll, then a DNA sample should be requested. If the party does not submit a DNA test, the Council should rule based on the information presented. Refusal to submit to DNA testing should be a part of the evidence.

There are several questions surrounding the audit. The Tribal Council received a recommendation to increase the blood quota of 376 members and to decrease the blood quota of 317 members. The proposed increases are easy. If we accepted documentation for one, then we should do the same for others. The decreases are difficult. As with the other disenrollment questions I believe that before we dis-enroll we must prove beyond a shadow of doubt the person in question is not eligible for membership. Many of you may be wondering why the recommendations are being questioned. First I believe it is crucial to understand those recommendations. Over 300 decreases were proposed. After the Council insisted the audit team review the federal acknowledge documents the number dropped by over 50. The audit also sent out over 40 increase letters in error. These two errors have caused me significant concern. I feel we must review their findings and recommendations carefully before agreeing to them.

The audit team made two interpretations during their audit. One could potentially increase several members while the other could be detrimental to our Tribe as a whole. Interestingly, some of the same families are affected by both. One would increase their blood quota and the other would decrease it. The Council is considering these interpretations. Before I make a decision, I will take the time to research and review the interpretations. The impact on our Tribe and the harmful impact on individual lives is too great for me to blindly accept their view of our Constitution. I also think it would be disingenuous to accept one interpretation and simply dismiss the other.

Finally, I have been asked about my view on lowering the blood quota. My children are first generation and I would love to see them enrolled. In my role as a Council Member, my first priority is to protect our Tribe as a whole. We cannot make these decisions without considering the financial impact on all our programs, not just per capita. If we lower the blood quota requirement by 1/16, we would double our roll almost immediately. I am not suggesting we cannot lower the blood quota, but I am stating it would be fiscally irresponsible to do so without a long term plan. The effect of lowering the blood quota is being reviewed and I support making all information available to the General Council so we can discuss and make an informed decision. I believe it will take a series of community meetings to explain a constitutional amendment to lower the blood quota and the impact it will have on our Tribe.

It has been a pleasure serving you these last nine years. With the help of my fellow Tribal Council Members and your support, we have been able to accomplish some remarkable things. My promise to you is that I will continue to work towards improving our Tribe. My decisions will be for the good of the whole and not individual parts. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at poarchcreek@gmail.com.

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### **2014 NAYO/NASA INFORMATION**

NAYO Baseball & Softball Registration: March 1, 2014 - June 7, 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

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

### **RECREATION MURAL PROJECT**

The Recreation Authority is seeking Tribal Member artists interested in painting a mural on the wall of the gym. If you are interested, please contact Megan Crabtree at (251) 368-9136 x 2246 for more information.

#### SCOPE OF WORK

- Paint American flag on the gym wall.
- Size 5 ft. x 8 ft.

- Design: Picture of Chief Calvin McGhee in the flag.
- Give owner warranties or guarantees of workmanship.
- Must show proof of work experiences in this field and have at least five (5) years of experience in the field of painting murals.
- Project to be completed over four (4) three (3) day weekends and approx. 24-30 hrs per weekend.
- Contractor provides all materials and supplies to complete project.
- Contractor will check with owner for dates to start and finish project.



## **YOUR HEALTH MATTER\$** Small Decisions Make Big Things Happen

## **How Many Calories?!?**

A key factor in any weight loss program is to be aware of your actions. You have the power to change your eating patterns for the long-term, but only once you recognize your habits. Once you are aware of your eating habits, you can identify changes that will support your goals. A food journal can help you make small or large changes, leading to a healthier diet and weight loss!

#### Here are 5 tips for keeping a food log:

- Write as you go. Write down (or log) your meals, drinks and snacks as soon as possible. Try not to wait until the end of the day, you may forget. Hint: Use the My PCI Wellness smart phone app.
- Focus on portion size. Knowing the correct portion sizes can help you to be more accurate. People tend to underestimate how much food they're served, so practice at home with measuring cups, measuring spoons, or food scales. You'll have a much better idea of how much you're actually eating at a restaurant.
- Use whatever type of food log works for you. You can use an actual journal or the My PCI Wellness online portal food log, available on your computer and your smartphone.
- Don't skip logging your indulgent days. Do you tend to splurge every Friday with a Snickers ice cream bar? Have spaghetti in the morning? Make sure to log your "unhealthy" foods as well. That way you can get a better idea of when and what you tend to eat and identify with the reasons behind your less than ideal choices.
- Cook at home. You'll have more control over what you consume, and you will know the exact ingredients, and how much of it you're eating.



Keeping a food log will help you to understand how your body is being fueled, and identify the foods that are either helping or hindering your weight loss goals.

It is also important to take note about how you feel at the end of everyday. See if you can identify a pattern with what foods you are eating and how you feel. Choose foods that are healthy and that increase your energy level. You have the ability to take control of your diet and make every day count!

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

- Ben

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

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## **YOUR HEALTH MATTERS** Small Decisions Make Big Things Happen

## **Improve Quality of Life with Exercise**

Today is a new day, a new adventure, and a new opportunity to improve your quality of lifel. Start on your path to health and well-

**life!** Start on your path to health and wellness with exercise. Exercise can add years to your life and increase your overall well-being. Exercise can do more than just make you feel better and look better. Exercise can lower your chances against disease, reduce inflammation, and improve cardiovascular function.

Here are three ways exercise affects your physical health:

#### 1. Guards Against Disease:

Exercise can help protect you against disease. One study showed that walking 6 miles a week reduced the risk of Type 2 Diabetes by 58%! Research has also shown a 40% reduction risk of colon cancer for people that exercise regularly.

#### 2. Reduces Inflammation:

People who are aerobically fit and exercise regularly have lower levels of inflammation in their bodies. Constant inflammation can cause damage to your arteries and lead to heart problems later on down the line. We should be reducing inflammation in our bodies every chance that we get.

#### 3. Improves Cardiovascular Function:

Our cardiovascular system is composed of our hearts, blood vessels, arteries, and about 5 liters of blood. When we perform cardiovascular training, our hearts become stronger and we increase the amount of oxygen that is pumped to our muscles and brains.



No matter what level you are at, make it a goal to exercise at least three days a week. You will start to make a huge impact on your physical health.

Now that you have the knowledge about exercise reducing inflammation, guarding against disease and improving your cardiovascular function, you can take control of your health. It is up to you to determine how you want to feel everyday and how you want to live your life.

Try to live each day stronger, happier and healthier!

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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### Teamwork - Smart Recovery

SMART stands for Self-Management And Recovery Training. SMART Recovery is a self-help, abstinencebased 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 habitrelated 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.

### YOU ARE NOT POWERLESS. **UNLESS YOU WANT TO BE...**

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.

### SMART RECOVERY

Self-Management And Recovery Training SMART Recovery Advisor: Wes Hayles, M.S.

Friendly Holiness Church 3266 Atmosphere Road, Atmore, AL 36502 Thursdays @ 6:00 p.m.

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

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### DEPARTMENT RELOCATES

Development/Tribal Resource Benefits Department (TMB) has relocated to the Buford L. Rolin Health Clinic and is still located in Building 200. located on the second floor.

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Please contact TMB at (251) 368-9136 x 2209 for more information relating to Tribal Member benefits, services, ID requests, or resource development.

Member The Tribal Enrollment Department is a standalone department separate from TMB, and is

### The Enrollment Department is open to the public 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm daily.

Please contact Tribal Enrollment at (251) 368-9136 x 2281 for any enrollment, genealogy, verification letters, and DNA related inquiries.



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

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

- Drug Activity
- Alcohol Activity
- Known Underage Drinking Parties
- Recent Crimes-Thefts, Vandalism, Drug Sales, etc.
- Bullying
- Concealed Weapons
- Other Safety or Community Concerns

As a partner with our Tribal Community, the Poarch Creek Tribal Police Department is pleased to provide this service. We hope this service will be a great benefit to you as a citizen. Together we can make our community safer.

The Tip Line is not monitored; your name or phone number will never be required.

All information provided via the Tip Line will be investigated.

Larry Hammonds, Chief of Police

## Tribal Dispatchers Honored

April 13-19, 2014 was National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week. On Tuesday, April 15, 2014, the Tribal Police Department treated Tribal Dispatchers to lunch at David's Catfish.

Susan Rolin-Lead Dispatcher, and Dispatchers Melinda McCurdy and Cory Chavers attended along with Police Chief Larry Hammonds, Assistant Chief Butch Lee, and Executive Assistant Connie Vickery. Melissa Kendrick and Chassidy Shoumake were not able to attend but were honored as well.

The group enjoyed a great lunch and great fellowship. Each dispatcher was presented with a shadowbox with a 911 patch and a Poarch Creek Badge; the museum also donated a Poarch Creek Indian coffee cup to each Dispatcher.

Thanks to our 911 Dispatchers, Tribal Police, and First Responders for all they do for the Tribe and community.



Pictured left to right are Connie Vickery, Larry Hammonds, Melinda McCurdy, Cory Chavers, Susan Rolin, and Butch Lee.

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## Cieda Small Business Loan Program

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

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

Additional credit criteria as well as loan collateralization requirements apply.

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

Additionally, CIEDA executes and oversees building, construction and development projects commissioned by the Tribe.



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- Primary Residence Only



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

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

Farm Service Agencies

www.fsa.usda.gov www.fsa.usda.gov/al

USDA Rural Development

www.rurdev.usda.gov www.rurdev.usa.gov/al

Alabama Forestry Commission <u>www.forestry.state.al.us</u>

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

## Tribal Member Family Pass Available For MBWR

Tribal Members are admitted free to Magnolia Branch Wildlife Reserve with proper identification, i.e. Tribal Member ID Card, Tribal Member Youth ID Card, or Tribal Member Family Pass.

A Family Pass allows a Tribal Member, a Tribal Member's spouse, and all children under the age of 18 who are living in the household, to enter the park free of charge when presented at the front gate entrance; if you do not have proper identification or a Family Pass, you will be expected to pay regular admission charges. All applicable fees apply for all additional park amenities.

Tribal Member families that had a Family Pass made last year will not be required to get a new pass this year unless there has been a change to the family makeup, i.e. divorce, marriage, birth of child, child reaching age 18, etc. or if they have lost their Pass. A maximum of two (2) Family Member passes will be issued per household per year.

If you need a Tribal Member Family Pass to MBWR, please contact the Tribal Member Benefits Department at (251) 368-9136 x 2209 to schedule an appointment. Be sure to bring all required documentation to your appointment; Passes will not be issued without proper documentation.



Muskogee Inn, owned and operated by the Poarch Band of Creek Indians, is pleased to announce they have earned the Talk of the Town Customer Satisfaction Award for 2013. The award is presented by Celebration Media for excellence in customer satisfaction. Muskogee Inn is conveniently located on Interstate 65 at Exit 57 in Atmore, just walking distance from the Wind Creek Casino & Hotel.

Muskogee Inn offers affordability, comfort and convenience. The Muskogee Inn consists of 88 guest rooms, a large pool, and complimentary cable television, wireless internet, and continental breakfast. Guests can take the courtesy shuttle to

### Muskogee Inn Wins Talk

the casino or just relax by the pool and enjoy the barbeque area. Muskogee Inn is the area's leader in corporate housing and offers a great value and easy access to I-65.

Rochelle Martin, General Manager stated, "We are delighted to receive this award as it shows that others have recognized our hard work that went into creating a welcoming & comfortable environment. We couldn't have earned this award without the focused efforts of our wonderful team."

Muskogee Inn received a 5 star rating score from Celebration Media a hotel & travel industry survey company. Celebration Media uses comprehensive research and analysis to decide winners for their Talk of the Town business awards. They study scores and data from social networks, businessreview websites, business-rating services, userreview websites, and other industry resources. These scores are then calculated by hand to get the most accurate rating possible for businesses across all industries.

> CIEDA Press Release Submitted by Jennifer Chism

### ANNUAL CELEBRATION AUGUST 30, 2014 HAVE YOU RESERVED YOUR CAMP SITE AT MBWR? CALL (251) 446-3423 TO CHECK AVAILABILITY.

### Gulf Of Mexico Initiative Expanded In Alabama

USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) State Conservationist Dr. William Puckett has announced a sign-up for the Gulf of Mexico Initiative (GoMI). The initiative is designed to help farmers in Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas improve water quality and ensure sustainable production of food and fiber.

The Alabama priority watersheds include the Weeks Bay (Upper Fish River, Middle Fish River, and Lower Fish River) in Baldwin County and the Escambia River (Canoe Creek and Pine Barren Creek–Sandy Hollow) in Escambia County, Alabama.

Financial assistance is available to help producers apply sustainable agricultural and wildlife habitat management systems that will focus on reducing soil erosion, improving water quality, and improving wildlife habitat on cropland, pastureland, and hayland. Applications will be accepted on a continuous basis; however applications for 2014 funding must be received by the following batching date: May 16, 2014.

Some of the conservation practices include:

- Installing grade control structures to stabilize eroding gullies
- Implementing precision agriculture to reduce chemical application overlap and protect sensitive environmental areas



- Increasing adoption of residue and tillage management, cover crops, and conservation crop rotations to reduce sheet and rill erosion and improve soil organic matter, which will result in cleaner runoff and improved water quality
- Planting grass and trees to stabilize eroding areas
- Installing cross-fences and watering facilities to facilitate grazing distribution
- Controlling cattle access to streams to improve water quality and streambank stability
- Planting and managing native plant species to improve wildlife habitat and to assist with restoration of a multitude of declining species

NRCS programs supporting GoMI are the Environmental Quality Incentives Program, Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (Wetlands Reserve Easement Component) and the Conservation Stewardship Program.

NRCS and conservation partners developed this initiative in response to the Deepwater Horizon oil spill and President Obama's call to action to help restore the waters, shores, and wildlife populations along the Gulf Coast. This effort incorporates what the public and communities have requested through their input into the Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Task Force Strategy to restore the Gulf Coast.

"We are excited to be a part of this locally-led effort to improve the health of the Gulf Coast Region," Puckett said. "Alabama citizens will benefit by enjoying clean waterways, safe drinking water, and healthy habitat for fish and wildlife."

Interested landowners are encouraged to visit the Alabama NRCS Website at http://www.al.nrcs.usda.gov/ programs to view maps of the announced watersheds. For more information about signing-up for the initiative, please contact your local NRCS office. Poarch Band fo Creek Indians members can contact NRCS Tribal Liaison, David Elliott at 5535 Poarch Road, Atmore Alabama 36502 or call his office at 1-251-368-0826.

> USDA Press Release Submitted by David Elliott

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~Steuart Henderson Britt



For your entertainment.

**Scrambled** This list consists of ten scrambled items that are names for communities of people. Unscramble the words to find all of them. See example in bold below. The answer will be published in next month's issue.

Answer	to Last Month's puzzle:			
1.	Streamline	1.	I L G A V E L	
		2.	MOBO WONT	
2.	Disapprove	3.	S P O R T O M I L E	
3.	Hemisphere	-		
4.	Apologized	4.	YONCUT ETAS	
		5.	R U B B U S	
5.	Intervenes	6.	ЕЬМАТН	
6.	Percussion			
7.	Recreation	7.	MELTNESTTE	
		8.	IPAYMINICULT	
8.	Schoolboys	9.	LEWISHT OPTS	WHISTLE STOP
9.	Estimation			<u></u>
10.	Abbreviate	10.	H O G R I B H E N O D O	
10.	10010,100			www.kappapuzzles.com

### THE DOOR

Eight men have been at a mental hospital for a period of time and are being tested to find out how they are progressing in order for them to leave the institution.

The doctor in charge takes them all into a room and with a ball pen draws a door on the wall and asks each one of the patients to try and open the door for him as part of the test. Seven of them rushed out and attempted to open the door on the wall. The doctor was disappointed with the results but never the less call on the last one who was still sitting down and asked him why didn't he stand up and try to open the door with the others.

The eighth man replied: "because I was holding the key to the door"

### **NO FISHING**

There once was a blonde who had always heard about ice fishing, so one day she tried it. She went to an icy area, cut a hole, and started fishing.

All of a sudden, she hears a voice. "THERE ARE NO FISH UNDER THE ICE!" She ignores it and moves to another area, cutting a hole, and beginning to fish again. Again she hears the booming voice. "THERE ARE NO FISH UNDER THE ICE!!"

She is starting to get freaked out now. "Lord? Is that you?" she asks. In reply she hears, "NO, THIS IS THE RINK MANAGER!"

### BASEBALL

Teacher: Class, you have 30 minutes to write a composition on the subject of baseball.

Jonah: Here's my paper

Teacher: Jonah, you spent only one minute writing your essay! Lets hear what you wrote.

Jonah: Game called off on account of rain!

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## JUNE (Kvco-Hvse) 2014

*Summer LIHEAP* May 1, 2014 - July 31, 2014

Boys & Girls Club Summer Session June 2, 2014 - August 8, 2014

*School Supply Reimbursement Program* July 1, 2014 - October 31, 2014

*Thursday, June 5, 2014* Deadline to submit information for publication in July issue of *Poarch Creek News* 

*Friday, June 6, 2014* Walk-In Voting Ends Last day to receive Absentee Ballot

#### Saturday, June 7, 2014

**Tribal Elections** Polls Open 8:00 am - 7:00 pm Community Resource Center (Old SAIL Center)

- Health Fair @ Gym
- Sign up for Health Camp @ Gym

#### • Calvin McGhee Memorial Grave Side Service 10:00 am New Home Cemetery Festival begins at 11:00 am Pow Wow Grounds

*Friday, June 13, 2014* Breakfast Briefing 7:00 am Building 500 Auditorium Featured Department: Boys & Girls Club Light breakfast will be served

#### Sunday, June 15, 2014

Beginning this date call-ins for refill/renewal will be filled within 24 hours. If refill/renewal is called in on Friday after 12:00 noon, it will be filled the following Monday.

*Friday, June 20, 2014* Incentive Program Pool Party Wellness Center/Pool 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm

> <u>Newsletter Contact Information</u> Poarch Creek News

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Government Relations Department Gayle Johnson, Media Specialist (251) 368-9136 x 2210 gjohnson@pci-nsn.gov www.pci-nsn.gov

*Tuesday & Wednesday June 24-25, 2014* Financial Education Classes Building 600 Training Room 11:00 & 11:45 & 12:30

*Thursday, June 26, 2014* Free Retinal Screening Premiere Family Eyecare 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

**Tribal Council Meetings** Thursday, June 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> 4:00 pm Tribal Council Chambers

*Tribal Court Sessions* Monday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, & 30<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am Tribal Courtroom

*CIEDA Meetings* Friday, June 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> 7:30 am CIEDA Offices

### CMCA

Monday, June  $2^{nd}$  &  $16^{th}$  4:00 pm Tribal Museum/Welcome Center

*Housing Authority Meetings* Thursday, June 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> 4:00 pm Building 400 Conference Room

**Recreation Authority Meetings** Thursday, June 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> 11:00 am Recreation Department (Gym)

*TERO Commission Meetings* Tuesday, June 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> 3:00 pm TERO Offices on Highway 21

**4-H Club** Monday, June 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> 6:00 pm Education Department

#### GED Classes-Day Schedule

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

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*Gym & Weight Room Hours* Monday - Friday 6:00 am - 8:00 pm Saturday 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Batting Cages Now Open

Weather Permitting Monday - Friday 4:00 pm - 7:30 pm Saturday 10:00 am - 3:30 pm

#### Splash Pad/Playgrounds/Pavilion Open

Open to Community Splash Pad closed on Monday Open Tuesday - Saturday 10:00 am - 8:00 pm Open Sunday 1:00 pm - 8:00 pm Pavilion is open/No reservations needed Not set time for usage/First come first serve

#### Monday, July 7, 2014

4-H Steer Program Meeting5:30 p.m. Education Department

Saturday, August 30, 2014

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