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# A REMINDER OF OUR DEADLINES

**Established Deadline:** The *Poarch Creek News* is generated one month prior to the month of publication. The deadline to submit information to be published in the newsletter is the **5th** of the month prior to the month of publication. If the **5th** falls on a weekend or holiday, the deadline is extended to the next business day. Please keep this deadline in mind when submitting information for publication in all sections of the newsletter.



The *Poarch Creek News* is the official newsletter of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians and is generated on a monthly basis to provide Tribal Members with important news, information, and updates.

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

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The newsletter is furnished to the Head of Household (HOH) of all Tribal Member homes, widows/widowers of deceased Tribal Members, and Tribal entities at no cost. Non-Tribal Members, including First Generation Descendants, interested in receiving the *Poarch Creek News* must pay an annual subscription fee.

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Gayle Johnson

## SUBMISSION RESTRICTIONS, LIMITATIONS & GUIDELINES

**Please keep the established deadline in mind when submitting information for publication.**

Submissions are limited to information pertaining to, or of interest to, Tribal Members & spouses, First Generation & spouses, and those living in a Tribal Member household.

**Contact Information** Always provide contact information when submitting information for the newsletter.

**Word Limitations** Due to space limitations articles submitted for publication should be limited to 500 words or less. Birthday wishes are limited to 30 words or less, excluding the name and date in the title of the birthday wish.

**Photo Submissions:** Photos are limited to one per article submission. Please submit photos in PDF or high resolution .jpg format. Distasteful or inappropriate photos will not be published. Original photos may be brought in or sent to the *Poarch Creek News*; photos will be scanned, saved, and returned.

**Obituaries/Family Thanks** will be published if submitted by the last business day of the second month immediately following the death.

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

**Birth Announcements** will be published as long as the information is received by the last business day of the month immediately following the birth.

**Engagement/Wedding Announcements** will be published as long as the information is received by the last business day of the month immediately following the engagement/wedding.

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



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*Words are singularly the most powerful force available to humanity. We can choose to use this force constructively with words of encouragement, or destructively using words of despair. Words have energy and power with the ability to help, to heal, to hinder, to hurt, to harm, to humiliate and to humble.*

Yehuda Berg



# KEEP YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION UPDATED!

**In order for the annual Tribal Member holiday distributions to be processed accurately, Tribal Member Benefits needs to be informed of any changes you may have to your current banking account or address. Please contact the Tribal Member Benefits Department at (251) 368-9136 ext. 2209 or 2207 so that a new Direct Deposit Form can be mailed to you to be completed and returned for processing.**

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

Albritton, Leslie	Johnson, Gladys
Blackmon, Tina	Lundy, Janice
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Blatten, Blake	McGhee, Mattie
Caudle, James	McGhee, William
Clay, Cherrelle	Price, Burleigh
Daughtry, Tarissa	Price, Helen
Daw, Sara	Rayborn, Barbara
Depetris, Jamie	Rolen, Tommy
Fayard, Kelly	Rolin, Morning
Fuller, Valerie	Stabler, Billy
Gibson, Christie	Walker, Terry
Henson, Daniel	Ward, Phylis
Jackson, Archie	White, Heather
Jackson, Tracy	

## STAY IN THE KNOW!

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

The TMOP is not 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 Only Portal. We are unable to provide assistance beyond confirming that you have the correct username and password to access this area of our website. Confirmation of correct username and password may take up to 24 hours.

We are aware that not all Tribal Members have email addresses and/or access to the internet; however, for

those who do, you can receive updated news and information via the Tribal Member Distribution Email (TMDE). The TMDE distribution list is limited to Tribal Members age 18 and above and is restricted to outgoing emails only. If you would like to be included on this distribution list, please email your contact information and Tribal roll number to [info@pci-nsn.gov](mailto:info@pci-nsn.gov).

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

The Tribe's web site, Facebook, Twitter, and TMDE accounts are maintained by the Government Relations Department. Please contact Hannah Flowers at (251) 368-9136 x 2003 if you have any questions or concerns.



# SUICIDE PREVENTION AND AWARENESS

## 1-800-273-8255

To Talk To Someone NOW



## SEPTEMBER IS SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH

Many times, the effects of war are not just physical. Just as there are numerous support networks for the conflict wounds worn on the outside, it is crucial that there be programs and outlets for military service members and their families that are working through emotional damage. Not all issues will escalate into full blown problems, especially if preventative measures are taken. Have you noticed a loved one withdrawing from family and friends or taking on new and dangerous hobbies? These could be signs that bigger issues are brewing.

Although awareness efforts will continue throughout the year, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has named September National Suicide Prevention Month. Family members, friends, and surrounding community members are encouraged to get involved, learn more, and help spread the word to promote mental health and prevent Veteran suicide.

Education comes first. The VA stresses the importance of individuals and organizations learning the warning signs of depression or the sudden presence of risky behavior. But what of the people that show no classic warning signs, and are hesitant to reach out because of the stigma behind asking for help?

The [Military Crisis Line](#) provides free, confidential support to Veterans and their families from qualified professionals—many of them veterans themselves. Since its launch in 2007, they have answered more

than 640,000 calls and made more than 23,000 life-saving rescues. The Veterans Crisis Line is open around the clock, seven days a week, and veterans can connect via phone, anonymous online chat, and text message. [Click here to learn about the signs of crisis.](#)

[AfterDeployment.org](#) provides interactive videos, resources, assessments and more information focusing on PTSD, anger, depression, and other topics.

[Military Mental Health](#) provides anonymous mental health and alcohol self-assessments, along with additional resources for family members and loved ones.

The [National Center for Telehealth and Technology](#) has put together a list of mobile applications and healthcare provider resources for service members, veterans, and their families. View or download these apps at [www.t2health.org/mobile-apps](http://www.t2health.org/mobile-apps).

Suicide is preventable. During Suicide Prevention Month, show support to those in need and their loved ones by spreading the word about these and other confidential resources that are right at their fingertips.

National Military Family Association  
[www.militaryfamily.org](http://www.militaryfamily.org)



# A MOMENT WITH THE TRIBAL CHAIR

## SEPTEMBER, 2014

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

I can remember back thirty years ago like it was yesterday, and how it felt when I first heard the news that we, the Poarch Creek Indians, had finally achieved federal recognition. Words cannot describe what a proud moment that was for me and our entire Tribal Nation. So much hard work by so many people had gone into achieving this milestone for our Tribe. Since that time we have experienced major progress and positive growth that I think very few of us ever dreamed possible back then. We have come a long way in thirty years, and our Tribe has truly been blessed. I hope that you were able to join us to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the Tribe's sovereignty at the Annual Celebration this year. It was so great to see everyone, and if you couldn't make it— we missed you and make plans to be with us next year!

One of the top priorities for me and the entire Tribal Council has been enrollment. We will be hosting several community meetings for Tribal Members to discuss this issue. As we carefully discuss this endeavor, we are careful to remember that we must look out for the best interest of the Tribe as a

whole. This issue will remain at the forefront of Tribal Council's priority list until it is successfully resolved.

The Tribal Council has been extremely busy handling broader national issues which affect not only our Tribe but tribes across Indian Country. We are working diligently to ensure that our voice is heard on issues impacting the Poarch Creek Indians at all levels of government.

As I settle into the Tribal Chair position, there will be some forthcoming changes within the Chair's Office and to the Tribal Government Complex. We have retained a firm for campus planning, and they will be helping us determine the best use of space for our office buildings. Our goal is to utilize our resources wisely and to make our Tribal Complex a more efficient and effective use of space. Please keep in mind that the transition is a work in progress. Your patience is appreciated as we make these changes. I am excited about these changes and hope that you will share in my excitement as we continue to grow and prosper!

It is now fall and school has

started in most areas. There has been a tremendous response for the school supply program, which is a great benefit. I want to remind you all that we have exceptional educational benefits that offer outstanding opportunities for tribal members and first generation descendants. We are constantly striving to be proactive and offer additional educational benefits.

The youth of this Tribe is the future, and I am so glad that we have a Boys & Girls Club to help nurture, educate, and support them. My heart's desire is to work diligently with my fellow Tribal Council members and the staff for a new facility for the Boys & Girls Club. My desire is to see a new facility emerging by next summer.

I want to congratulate the teams that participated in NASA this year. This year PCI had 9 teams competing, with 30 teams from visiting tribes competing. This gave us an impressive overall total of 39 teams competing at NASA. It is always an honor and privilege to host an event such as this and engage in friendly competition with various native tribes.



# YOUR 2014-2015 TRIBAL COUNCIL



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## \*OFFICER APPOINTMENTS

During the June 19, 2014 Tribal Council meeting, Treasurer Robbie McGhee was appointed by the Tribal Council to temporarily fill the Vice Chair position vacated by Tribal Chair Stephanie Bryan until a special election can be held on December 6, 2014 to elect a Vice Chair. At-Large member Arthur Mothershed was appointed by the Tribal Council to temporarily fill the Treasurer's position until the special election. Once the special election has been held, Robbie and Arthur will resume their regular positions on the Council.



**Keith Martin, At-Large**  
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**Kevin McGhee, At-Large**  
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## THE COUNCIL'S PURPOSE

Our love for our people and our commitment to their future drives us to make tough decisions and stand by them to provide stable governance.

With our blend of mature wisdom and modern knowledge, we grow the Tribe's assets to build self-reliance and enhance quality of life for all.



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

## SEPTEMBER 2014

Robbie McGhee, Vice Chair/rmcghee@pci-nsn.gov

I hope that everyone has had an enjoyable summer; this month many of you will resume the daily routine that you have become accustomed to, once again getting your children ready for another exciting school year. This is the time I am sure each of you ask yourself, is my child getting the education he or she will need to provide them with the basic foundation skills/tools required to further their opportunities in life?

I hope that each of you remember that we can't expect our school system to do it all. I am sure, you as parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles, understand that it takes each of us to get involved in our children's education. We need to make sure our children are getting the support they need not only in the educational system, but also at home. The

Tribe has many services that are made available to our Tribal Member students and parents, to assist each of you with your child's educational needs. This issue of the newsletter mentions several programs that I hope you, as caregivers, will be taking advantage of this school year.

Also this month, many of you have begun the difficult, and I am sure emotional, task of moving your new high school graduates into the dorm/apartments where they have decided to spend the next 2-4 years of their lives. I am just happy that the Tribe provides the opportunity for all our Tribal Members to acquire an advanced degree. This is an emotional time for each of you, however it is also the time to let go and trust that you have instilled in your son or daughter the tools they will need to survive in this new

environment. Be confident in your parenting that you have raised strong young adults who may become the future leaders of this tribe and their generation. It is time to let them go and allow them to leave their footprints on this world, but also - be ready- to be there when they need that reassurance that they can handle anything that is brought their way. With your unconditional love and support they can become the successful individuals that you have asked for in your prayers. God Bless.

Sincerely,  
Robert "Robbie" McGhee

*Good luck to all my nephews and nieces in this 2014-2015 school year!*

## TRIBAL COUNCIL VALUES

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

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

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



## 2014 Tribal Council Special Election Notice

**WHEN:** December 6, 2014

**LOCATION:** PCI Community Resource Building (old SAIL Center)

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

**PURPOSE:** To elect a Tribal Vice-Chair  
To serve the remainder of current term-until the annual election in June 2015.

### **DEADLINE TO DECLARE CANDIDACY:**

5:00 p.m. Monday, October 6, 2014  
To have name printed on official ballot.

5:00 p.m. Thursday, November 6, 2014  
Last day to submit Letter of Candidacy for Tribal Council to be a Write-In candidate.

### **DEADLINE TO PUBLISH BIO & PHOTO IN POARCH CREEK NEWS:**

Candidates wishing to publish a biography and photo in the November 2014 issue of the *Poarch Creek News* must submit their biography and photo to the Election Board, by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, October 6, 2014.

Biographies are limited to 500 words or less and cannot contain political platform or views. Digital copies of biographies and photos are preferred and may be submitted by email to [Elections@pci-nsn.gov](mailto:Elections@pci-nsn.gov). Any portion of the biography which seems to contain political views, as determined by the Election Board, will be stricken from the biography.

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

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

*If you requested, received, and returned an Absentee Ballot for the 2014 General Election in June, you will automatically receive an Absentee Ballot for the Special Election on December 6, 2014.*

## 2014 Tribal Council Election Calendar

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2014** – Deadline to submit Letter of Candidacy to Election Board for name to be included on official ballot.

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2014** – Deadline to submit biography and photo for publication in November 2014 issue of *Poarch Creek News*.

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2014** – Names of candidates and any proposed constitutional amendments, ordinances and/or resolutions will be posted.

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2014** – Last day to submit Letter of Candidacy for Tribal Council to be a Write-in on Ballot. Any additional names of candidates will be posted within 10 days.

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2014** – Walk-in voting starts. Open daily from 9:00\* a.m. to 6:00 p.m. except for Sunday, November 30, 2014. *Walk-In voting will be open during Pow Wow.*

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2014** – Last day to request Absentee Ballot be mailed out.

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2014** – Walk-in voting ends at 6:00 p.m.

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

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2014** – Tribal Election Day. Polls open 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. at PCI Community Resource building (old SAIL Center).

### **RESULTS OF 2014 TRIBAL SPECIAL ELECTION:** will be posted at/on:

- PCI Community Resource Building (Old SAIL Center back door),
- Tribal Center on the Community Bulletin Board,
- Tribal web site at [pci-nsn.gov](http://pci-nsn.gov),
- Tribal social media pages:
  - [facebook.com/PoarchBandoCreekIndians](https://www.facebook.com/PoarchBandoCreekIndians)
  - [twitter.com/PoarchCreek](https://twitter.com/PoarchCreek), and
- Published in the January 2015 issue of the *Poarch Creek News*.

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

**Larry McGhee**  
*August 2, 2014*

Happy birthday Larry!

We love you!

From your family.

**Destany Young**  
*August 7, 2014*



Happy 19<sup>th</sup> birthday Destany!

We love you!

From your family.

**Rebecca Henson**  
*August 8, 2014*



Happy 20<sup>th</sup> birthday Rebecca!

We love you.

From your family.

**Gene Henson**  
*August 11, 2014*



Happy 72<sup>nd</sup> birthday Gene! Gene is the son of the late Carey and Girlie McGhee Henson.

We love you!

From your family.

**Ernestine Daughtry**  
*August 20, 2014*



Happy belated 85<sup>th</sup> birthday

We love you more than words can say!!!

Family and friends.

**Ben Moye**  
*August 21, 2014*



Happy 7<sup>th</sup> birthday Ben!

We love you!

Momma, Cody, Madysen, Luke, Nonnie & Papa.

**MaKayla Painter**  
*August 21, 2014*



Happy 12<sup>th</sup> birthday MaKayla!

We love you!

From your family.

**Braxton Harrison**  
*August 26, 2014*



Happy 5<sup>th</sup> birthday Braxton!

We love you!

Love, Momma and Dempsey.

**Gary Henson**  
*September 3, 2014*



Happy 63<sup>rd</sup> birthday to Gary Henson. He is the son of Thelma McGhee Henson and the late Glenn Henson.

We love you.

From your family.



**Walker Landyn Martin***September 8, 2014*

On September 8<sup>th</sup> Walker Landyn Martin turns 6 years old.

Happy birthday my sweet man!

Love Momma, brother, Granddaddy, and family.

**Brenda Pruitt***September 10, 2014*

Happy birthday to Brenda Pruitt!

You are such a blessing to this family!

We love you!

From your family.

**Mikenna Jordyn Hutto***September 12, 2014*

Happy 1<sup>st</sup> birthday Mikenna! Mikenna is the daughter of Michael and Billie Sue Hutto, granddaughter of Glenda Ellis, and great-granddaughter of Thelma Henson. We love you!

From your family.

**Carl Farron McGhee, Jr.***September 13, 2014*

Happy birthday Carl, Jr.!

We love you!

From your family.

**Adilyn Jones***September 13, 2014*

Happy 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday "Addi Bug"!

Adilyn is the daughter of Frankie Jones and Jennifer Dellaccio.

We love you!

From all of your family.

**Jessie Henson***September 19, 2014*

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

We love you!

From your family.

**Douglas Martin**  
*September 26, 2014*



Douglas Martin will be celebrating his birthday in Zion, IL on September 26<sup>th</sup>.

Have a great one Ganddaddy, love Walker and Elijah.

I love ya Dad, Leasha.

**Davis Glenn Ellis**  
*September 27, 2014*



Happy 27<sup>th</sup> birthday to Davis Glenn Ellis. He is the son of Glenda and Davis Ellis and grandson of Thelma McGhee Henson.

We love you!

From your family.

**Kyla McKenzie Ford**  
*September 28, 2014*



Happy 5<sup>th</sup> birthday Baby Girl!

You have brought much joy to us all.

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

**Juanita Slate**  
September 29, 2014



Juanita is turning 50! She is the daughter of Howard and Hattie Mae McGhee. Thanks for the love you have showed us. We love you.

Love, Magen, Bo, and family.

**Thelma Henson**  
September 30, 2014



Happy birthday to Thelma McGhee Henson!

We love you.

From your family.



## EXPECT OBSTACLES AND PREPARE FOR RELAPSE

“Fall seven times, stand up eight,” says an old Japanese proverb. In other words, obstacles and relapses are perfectly normal and should be expected during the process of change.

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# WILLIAM DAWSON HORNADY AUGUST 1, 2014

Austin & Miranda Hornady proudly announce the birth of their son, William Dawson Hornady, on August 1, 2014 at 4:35 a.m. At birth Dawson weighed 7 lbs & 7 ozs and was 20 inches long.

Dawson is the grandson of Lisa McGhee & Clifford Comalander and Heath & Paige Hornady. Dawson is the great-grandson of Dewitt McGhee and Mavis McGhee.

*Submitted by Michelle White*



BIRTHDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS



# HARMONY REESE SALTER AUGUST 1, 2014

Ron Salter and Claudia Bigger proudly announce the birth of their daughter, Harmony Reese Salter. At birth she weighed 6 lbs 2 oz, and was 17 inches long.

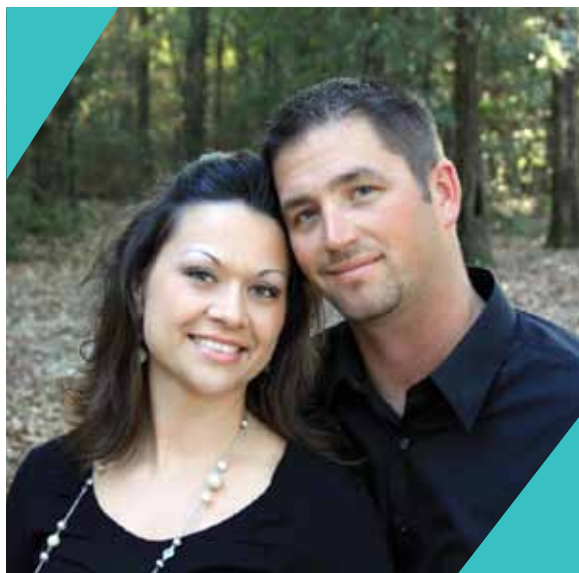
Harmony was born August 1, 2014 at 11:38 a.m. at Kennestone Hospital in Marietta, GA. She is the granddaughter of Charlotte & Martin Meckel of Atmore, AL; Ronnie & Zeila Salter of Cusseta, GA; and Beverly and Jack Bigger, Jr. of Waterford, MI.

Harmony is welcomed home by her siblings, Kyle, Kaylee, Brenton, David, and Ariel.

*Submitted by Charlotte Meckel*





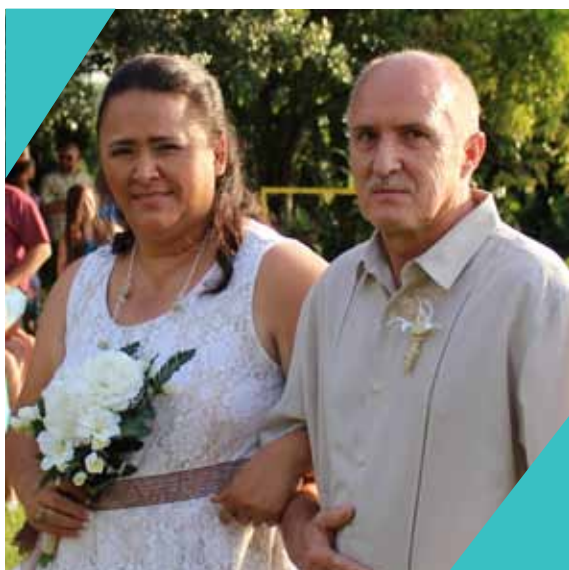


## BRAD & ANNA WILSON

### AUGUST 19, 2014

**B**rad and Anna Wilson celebrated their 14th wedding anniversary on August 19, 2014.

*So thankful for the last 14 years of my life with you by my side and look forward to many more! I love you. Anna.*



## GARY & BRENDA PRUITT

### SEPTEMBER 13, 2014

**G**ary and Brenda will celebrate their 31st anniversary on September 13, 2014.

Happy anniversary to a beautiful couple that we all love and admire. Wishing you many more!

From your family.



## BRYAN & DENISHA HUTTO

### SEPTEMBER 29, 2014

**B**ryan and Denisha Hutto will celebrate their second anniversary on September 29, 2014.

Happy anniversary!

With love, your family.

# JERRY SELLS & SUE WIGGINS WED

Jerry Sells and Sue Wiggins were married on June 20, 2014.

Congratulations from all your family and friends. We love ya'll!!!!

*Submitted by Tabatha Davis*

*This announcement was published in the August 2014 issue of the Poarch Creek News with the erroneous title "Hutto & Easton Wed". The Poarch Creek News apologizes for this error and any misunderstanding or confusion it may have caused. We apologize to Mr. and Mrs. Sells and their families. We wish Jerry and Sue the best of luck in their future together.*



# TRAVIS HALL & LINDA ADAMS WED

Travis Hall and Linda Adams were married on June 20, 2014 in Bay Minette, AL. Linda is the daughter of the late Carl Ben Adams and the granddaughter of Linnie Presley Hayes.

Congratulations from your family and friends.



*Submitted by Amanda Countryman*







# IN MEMORY OF DEWITT SELLS MARCH 12, 1945 - JULY 15, 2014

When someone you love becomes a memory...  
They go to a place that is more beautiful  
Than anything we can imagine.  
A place where there is no more pain and no more sorrow ...

The family of Dewitt Sells thanks all the many friends and families for their generosity, kindness, and thoughtfulness during our time of sorrow. Our heartfelt thanks to Poarch Community Church, Petty Funeral Home, Poarch Police and Fire Department, and Wind Creek for the wonderful meal after the service. Keep the family in your prayers.

God's Blessings,  
The Dewitt Sells Family.



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Veronica McGhee, Casual Help  
(251) 359-2669



# RADIATION ONCOLOGIST SPEAKS AT CANCER SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

The quarterly Cancer Support Group Meeting was held on July 15, 2014 at Wind Creek Casino Atmore. Dr. Adam J. Huddleston, Radiation Oncologist with Gulf Coast Cancer Centers, graciously accepted the invitation to join our meeting. He shared valuable information with us concerning how to detect lung cancer, its outcome, and prevention measures. A question and answer session with the doctor was interesting and helpful. He has agreed to join us again in the near future.

The next Cancer Support Group meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 21, 2014, at Wind Creek Casino Atmore in the Ballroom, we encourage everyone to attend. These meetings have proven to be beneficial in providing support and education in our battles with cancer.

Dinner will be provided. Please RSVP Helen Hallman at (251) 253-5140 or Cindy Martin at (251) 253-4341 if you can attend.

*Submitted by Cindy Martin*

## Huxford Elementary School Fall Festival

*Auction & Country Store*

**Thursday  
October 2, 2014**

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**For more information contact Vicky Burkett at  
(251) 253-1643 or vickyburkett@yahoo.com.**

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## Ollie & Lavada Rolin Family Reunion

**Saturday, September 27, 2014**

**Magnolia Branch Wildlife Reserve**

**Pavilion #3**

**Lunch @ 11:30 a.m.**

**Everyone bring a covered dish, enjoy lunch,  
and stay for the fellowship.**

**For more information contact:  
Vera Ramer (251) 294-0943**



## BARNETT PLAYS ON TEAM USA

Tribal Member Carolyn Hendrix's granddaughter, Ashley Barnett, recently traveled to Italy to play softball with America's Team, Team USA. She and her teammates were selected from all over the United States. Team USA won all 6 games they played and made America proud. Ashley actually scored the winning run during the second game against Italy's Seagulls.

Ashley resides in Molino, FL and attends Tate High School in Pensacola where she plays softball and plays travel ball for West Florida Elite.

Ashley is shown to the left in the white USA uniform with her Italian opponent, Chiara. Ashley and Chiara quickly became friends during and after the games; they attended a banquet in Team USA's honor together.

Ashley says that it was an honor to have been selected to represent her country on the softball field in Italy.

*Submitted by Carolyn Hendrix*

## ERICA DIENES ATTENDS LEAD PROGRAM

Erica Dienes was accepted into the Leadership Education and Development (LEAD) Program at Wharton College of Business on the campus of the University of Pennsylvania.

The LEAD Program hosts thirty accomplished students from across the nation on the University of Pennsylvania campus. Erica was one of six Native American students chosen for the program at Wharton School of Business.

During the program Erica attended class and received lectures by distinguished Wharton School faculty and was engaged in challenging group assignments. During



*Erica Dienes*

the program she traveled to Washington DC where she toured the Pentagon. She visited the FDIC where she listened to top economists discuss their roles in local and national economic issues and

policies. The students also traveled to New York where they met with top executives from Google and Viacom. These corporate site visits allowed the students to apply their learning in the context of a business environment.

After a month of hard work, Erica's group won the top prize in the business plan group in which six groups presented their entrepreneurial project to three venture capital investors.

Erica is the daughter of JP and Anita Dienes of Tampa, FL and granddaughter of AD and Emily Owens of Monroeville, AL

*Submitted by Anita Dienes*

## TRIBAL OFFICES CLOSED TO OBSERVE HOLIDAYS



Tribal Administrative Offices and the Boys & Girls Club will be closed Monday, September 1, 2014 in observance of Labor Day and Friday, September 26, 2014 in observance of American Indian Day.

Please keep these closures in mind when planning your trip to the Clinic, Pharmacy, or other Tribal Administrative offices. Have a safe and happy holiday.

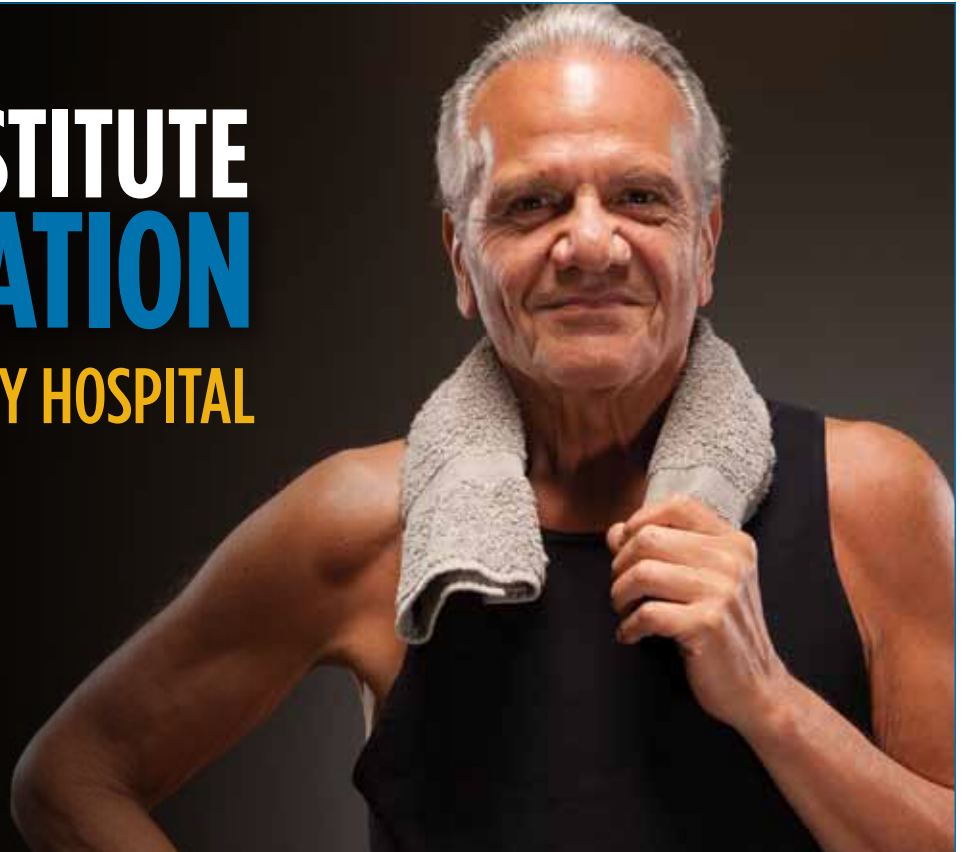
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# CREEK WAR OF 1813-1814

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

## *Disturbing News from Pensacola in 1813*

When spies, David Tate and Will Pierce, sent out by Colornal Carson of Fort Stoddard, returned from Pensacola, it was confirmed that the Redsticks had called upon Spanish Governor Manique, and were successful in their negotiations. Though they had wanted much more, the Redsticks had been given three hundred pounds of gun powder and a large quantity of lead.

To obtain this large supply of ammunition and gunpowder, Peter McQueen, one of the Red Stick leaders, had given the Governor a list of the Redstick towns ready to take up arms, which amounted to some four thousand eight hundred warriors.

David Tate reported that, according to the prisoners that the Redsticks had brought with them, the Redsticks had repeatedly threatened vengeance against the white people and there had been some talk of possibly attacking Tensaw settlers on their way back home. Tate and Pierce also reported that the Redstick Creeks had held their war dance and openly declared that they were going to war against the Americans; and that upon their return to their nation, they would be joined by seven



Robert Thrower, THPO

hundred warriors at the Whet Stone Hill.

The Redstick's plans were to distribute their ammunition at Whet Stone Hill and then return to attack the Tombigbee and Tensaw settlers.

With these confirmations of imminent threat, Colonel

James Caller, a senior militia officer from Washington County, ordered the enrollment of a militia to confront the threat of the Redsticks. Colonel Caller and his forces were to intercept the Creeks upon their return from Pensacola and capture the ammunition and gunpowder they had obtained.

Next month: *The March Toward Burnt Corn Creek*

## FROM THE SKY

WIND	<i>Hotvlē</i>
LIGHTENING	<i>Vtokyehattē</i>
RAIN	<i>Oskē</i>
FOG	<i>Hoperē</i>
RAINBOW	<i>Oskē Entacv</i>
CLOUD	<i>holocē</i>
STAR	<i>Kolaswv</i>
MOON	<i>Hvrēssē</i>

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

## JAMES H. MADISON, SR. VETERAN OF THE MONTH

James Harold Madison, Sr. was born on November 14, 1946 to Sam and Lillie Belle Peacock Madison in Escambia County (Alabama). Harold served in the Army Alabama National Guard's 711th Signal Battalion based in Atmore, AL from November 1996 to November 2008. His training included basic training at Ft. Campbell, KY; AIT (artillery) training at Ft. Sill, OK; and numerous summer camps including two in South Korea. He has been deployed to Team Spirit 90 Republic of South Korea and Operation Iraqi Freedom from January 2004 through January 2005 which included service in Iraq/Kuwait.

Among his many military service obligations (MSO) he was in artillery, telephone switch board communications, a wire sergeant, and a platoon sergeant over the Mobile Subscriber Equipment (MSE).

Harold was one of the platoon sergeants in charge of operations from 2004-2005 when he and the 711th Signal Battalion unit was in charge of phone communication sites in certain locations in Iraq from Babylon to Bagdad.

Harold has never been one to brag about his awards and accomplishments, but during his service he was awarded

*"I am proud to say that I have lived in Atmore all of my life and have been a member of the Tribe since we were first recognized."*

*Harold Madison*



*James Harold Madison, Sr.  
SFC E7 31W40 Platoon Sergeant  
Army-Alabama National Guard*

the Bronze Star Medal; the Army Achievement Medal; the Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal (8th Award); the National Defense Service Medal (2nd Award); the War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal; the War on Terrorism Service Medal; the Humanitarian Service Medal, the Armed Forces Reserve Medal with Ten Year Device (3rd Award); the Armed Forces Reserve Medal with 'M' Device; the Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon w/Numeral 3; the Army Service Ribbon; the Army Reserve Components Overseas Training Ribbon; the Army Lapel Button; the Expert Badge (Rifle); and two Combat Action Badges 9/8/04 and 4/20/06 (for actively engaging or being engaged by the enemy).

Harold has been married to his wife Beverly for almost nineteen years and together they are blessed with five children and nine grandchildren: James Madison, Jr. and his wife Lisa and daughters Haley and Olivia; Monica Pennington and her husband Rusty and daughter Abby and son Zack; Jason Madison and his wife Erin and daughters Katie and Jenna; John Moxley and his wife Janna and daughter Savannah; and Angela Chavez and her husband Rob and daughters Cristina and Makayla.

Harold graduated from Escambia County High School in 1965 and went to work at Vanity Fair as a cutter. After that he worked at Edgar's Business Machines as a technician for thirty-five years. He recently retired from Wind Creek Casino and Hotel after four years of employment in the Slots Department as a technician.

James Harold Madison, Sr., one of many Tribal Members who have proudly served for their family, their Tribe, and their country.





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# ADMINISTRATION LUNCH & LEARN

## AUDITORIUM OF BUILDING 500

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2014  
FEATURED: UTILITIES AUTHORITY

Join us on Friday, September 12, 2014 for the September "Lunch & Learn" from 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. The Utilities Authority will be highlighted this month.



A light lunch will be served and staff will be introduced. Programs will be explained so that Tribal Members will know what services/benefits the department/program offers. There will also be time to mingle and ask questions of the staff.

Contact Tribal Administration at (251) 368-9136 x 2234 if you have any questions or concerns.

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## COMMEMORATIVE GIFT

### NOTICE:

Due to the recent installment of the new fence at the Pow Wow Grounds, the Calvin McGhee Cultural Authority is asking that NO posters, flyers, signs, and/or similiar materials be placed, tied, hung, erected, etc. on the fence.

If posters, signs, or flyers are placed on the fence, they will be removed without notification. This will help keep the fence around the facility in the best condition possible.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Any questions or concerns please contact, Chris "Ding-Ding" Blackburn at 251-368-9136 x 2052 or Karla Martin at 251-368-9136 x 2655.

### ***CMCA MUSEUM GIFT SHOP HAS CLEARANCE ITEMS!***

Youth & Adult PCI Logo Hoodies

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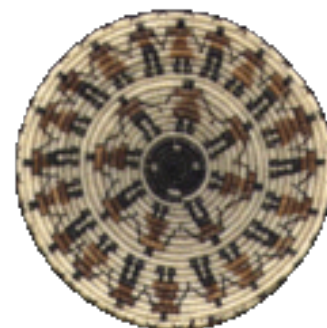
Contact Norah Franklin, Museum Gift Shop Clerk, at (251) 368-9136 x 2053 or [nfranklin@pci-nsn.gov](mailto:nfranklin@pci-nsn.gov) for more information.



In honor of the Tribe's 30 years of Sovereignty, each Tribal Member will receive a special commemorative ornament.

If you were unable to attend the Annual Sovereignty Celebration, your commemorative ornament will be available for pick-up at the PBCI Museum beginning Wednesday, September 3, 2014. Tribal ID MUST BE presented at the time of pick-up.

If you have any questions, please contact Chris Blackburn at 251-368-9136 ext. 2052 or [cblackburn@pci-nsn.gov](mailto:cblackburn@pci-nsn.gov).



# Poarch Creek Indians Tribal Princess Contest Application

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Signature of Participant

Signature of Parent/Guardian  
(Elementary and Junior participants)

**\*\*Orientation Session and first practice: Sunday, August 24, 2:00 p.m. at the Museum. \*\***

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

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

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



# EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

## NEWS & INFORMATION

### 2014-2015 SCHOOL SUPPLY REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM

#### 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) **every 4 years.**
- \$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](mailto: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.

#### GED TEST PAYMENT ASSISTANCE

The Poarch Creek Education Department will assist Tribal Members and First Generation with the cost of the new 2014 GED Test. First Generation descendants will need to supply us a copy of their official First Generation documentation to qualify for vouchers. Tribal Members can send a copy of their Tribal Enrollment card. Please let us know if you have any problems with the vouchers or testing process.

##### Contact Information:

Mrs. Billie McGhee  
5811 Jack Springs Road  
Atmore, AL 36502  
(251) 368-9136, ext. 2243  
FAX (251)368-0809  
[bmcghee@pci-nsn.gov](mailto:bmcghee@pci-nsn.gov).

#### 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](mailto: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](http://www.pci-nsn.gov).

## ***Story Time At The PCI Library***

Every Wednesday at 12:15 p.m.  
*Program began August 20, 2014*

Activities include story time, crafts, games, and much more.

All young families with PreK age children in the Poarch Community are invited to attend.

For more information, please contact Christyn Sells at (251) 368-9136 x 2244 or Kim McGhee at (251) 368-9136 x 2662.

## ***After School Tutoring It's time for After School tutoring!***

Tutoring begins Monday, September 22, 2014.

Applications will be available in September at the Education Department or on Education's page of the Tribe's web site at [www.pci-nsn.gov](http://www.pci-nsn.gov).

Come by the PCI Education Department to find out more or call Christyn Sells, Children's Services Coordinator at (251) 368-9136 x 2244.

## ***Are You Ready For Close Up 2015?***

Tribal Member & 1st Generation Indian Descent Students in the 9th-12th Grade!

- What is Close Up? The "Close Up" program is an educational, week-long look at political life in Washington, D.C., where you will experience the beauty of the city, have a chance to visit its landmarks and attend cultural events! You will also have a chance to meet with teens from other USET tribes!
- When is Close Up? During the week of February 7-13, 2015, selected students in grades 9-12 will attend the "Close Up American Indian Youth Summit", which will be held in conjunction with USET'S annual Impact Week Meeting.
- How can YOU go to Close Up? Please go to [www.pci-nsn.gov](http://www.pci-nsn.gov) for more information and a printable application. All applications must be received by the PCI Education Department no later than Friday, October 3, 2014 @ 5:00 p.m.!
- All applicants must be 15 years old at time of application to attend!

If you or your parents have any questions about Close Up 2015, contact Kim McGhee @ (251) 368-9136 x 2662 or [ksmcghee@pci-nsn.gov](mailto:ksmcghee@pci-nsn.gov).

## ***Get help with school work at: Homework Club!***

- Who is eligible? Any Tribal Member or 1st Generation student in grades 1-12 who wishes to receive help with homework, research, projects, etc.
- What services are available? Tutoring, homework help, computer usage, math and reading practice and assistance with school projects, etc.
- Where is the Club held? The Homework Club is held in the Children's Library area of the Education Department.
- When is it held? The Homework Club is held every Monday-Thursday throughout the school year from 5:00-7:30 p.m.

Homework Club will begin on August 18th, with adjusted hours! Any eligible student may attend at any time!

For more information, please contact Christyn Sells @ (251)368-9136 x 2244, [csells@pci-nsn.gov](mailto:csells@pci-nsn.gov) or Kim McGhee @ x 2662, [ksmcghee@pci-nsn.gov](mailto:ksmcghee@pci-nsn.gov).

## Attention:

### Tribal Member and 1<sup>st</sup> Generation Indian Youth in grades K -12

You may be eligible for the PCI Education Department's  
**INCENTIVE PROGRAM 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR**

■ **WHO IS ELIGIBLE?**

All **Tribal Member** and **1<sup>st</sup> Generation** PCI students in grades K-12 who have made A, A/B Honor Roll, or have attained perfect attendance on report card!

■ **WHAT INCENTIVES ARE AVAILABLE?**

Each grading period there will be a gift card and small prize for student. Prizes vary with each grading period.

■ **HOW ARE INCENTIVES REDEEMED?**

Local students may simply bring their **report card**, including **roll number and/or 1<sup>st</sup> generation verification**, by the Tribal Education department or it may be faxed to (251)368-9136 ext. 0809. **Student must be present to receive incentive.** (Applies to local Tribal & 1<sup>st</sup> generation children) Students not living locally may email a copy of their report card and an address to send their incentive too.

■ **DEADLINE:** Each grading period students will have up to **two weeks** after receiving their report card to come in and receive their incentive.

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■ **ARE PRIZES AVAILABLE FOR YEAR-LONG SUCCESS?**

Special prizes will be available to those students who have maintained A, A/B Honor Roll and/or perfect attendance for each grading period during the entire school year!

For more information, please contact **Kim McGhee**-Children's Services Assistant  
@ (251) 368-9136 ext. 2662 or email: [ksmcghee@pci-nsn.gov](mailto:ksmcghee@pci-nsn.gov)

## 2014 Summer Camp Program Assistance Deadline

The last day to turn in application for the 2014 Summer Camp Assistance Program will be close of business Wednesday, October 1, 2014.



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### RED CROSS HONORS PCI

*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](mailto:fmccloskey@pci-nsn.gov).*

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

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

Poarch Band of Creek Indians was named the American Red Cross Partner of the Year 2014. The Tribe received the Clara Barton Award at the Volunteer Recognition Reception held on June 19th in Mobile.

Shown are, from left to right, presenter Laurie Gruenloh, Alabama Gulf Coast Chapter, Mobile Board Chair; Crystal Hadley, Kathy Ledkins, Juanita Slate, and Melissa Durden, all from PCI Family Services; and Michael Brown, Alabama Gulf Coast Chapter Executive in Mobile.

*Article originally published in Atmore News*

*atmorenews.com*



### Poarch Creek Indians Family Services Department 2014 Tribal Kid's Christmas Party “Christmas at the Movies”

The Tribal Kid's Christmas Party will be held on Thursday, December 11, 2014 from 5:00 p. m. until 8:00 p.m. at Wind Creek Cinema!

Children eligible to attend include all children between the age of birth to 12 years old who live in a Tribal Member's household.

#### 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)





# NEWS & INFORMATION

## CHILD CARE RENEWALS ARE DUE BY SEPTEMBER 26, 2014

The Family Services Department will begin taking applications on September 1, 2014 for families who are currently participating in CCDF or in the Tribal Child Care program, or who are families needing assistance with daycare services. The new fiscal year and certification period will begin on October 1, 2014 and end September 30, 2015.

Current participants and new applicants must:

- Schedule an appointment with the Community Services Child Care Coordinator and complete a new application. Please call (251)-368-9136, x 2600 to set up your appointment time.
- All adults 19 years and older living in the household must be able to provide documentation verifying they are both working a minimum of 20 hours per week or are attending at least 20 hours in an educational training program or a job training program.
- Provide documents to verify the household income.
- Provide copies of social security cards for all household members.
- Provide copies of Tribal I.D. for Tribal Members or Letters of Indian Descent for First Generation children.
- Provide verification from the daycare or afterschool care provider to confirm that your child is enrolled in the program and the weekly rate of their program.

**\*\*No existing child care participants will be automatically renewed.**

**\*\*Renewal must be completed by September 25, 2014 or childcare payments will be terminated!**

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*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!*



## NEWS & INFORMATION

### HEALTH PROGRAMS UPDATE

#### 2 IS TOO LATE!

If you are the parent of a Tribal Member or 1st generation child 2 years old or younger we would like to see them in the Dental Clinic!

Children who start seeing a dentist early (as soon as they get their first tooth in) have fewer dental problems than those who wait to visit the dentist. So please come see us today for a quick exam and a fluoride treatment. NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED!!!

Dental Clinic: (251) 368-9136 x 2385

#### FORMER CHAIRMAN VISITS THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT AS THE HEALTH AMBASSADOR



*Pictured left to right: Kim Snow, Teresa Smith, Buford Rolin, Ginger Bergeron.*

Buford L. Rolin has devoted his life and career to improving the health care of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians and other Tribes in Indian Country. In recognition of Mr. Rolin's diligent service and devotion to health care issues, the Tribal Council proclaimed Buford L. Rolin to be the Health Ambassador.

We were fortunate to have Mr. Rolin join us for the Health Department's Leadership Team Meeting "Team 15" where he shared words of wisdom, support, and encouragement.

#### NEW BILLING SERVICES

The Health Department is in the process of implementing a revenue cycle improvement project to streamline and automate billing processes. We have been working to install new software to automate insurance billing and increase clinic revenue so that we may continue to expand services.

***Revenue Cycle Management, What does it mean?*** In a nutshell, it means taking steps to assure the PCI Health Department is paid by insurance companies for medical services provided. The revenue cycle process manages claims processing, payment and revenue generated from Medicare, Medicaid, and other commercial insurance companies. ***What this means for you?*** Your experience at the Health Department will not change; however, if you have insurance with Medicare, Medicaid or a commercial insurance company, it is important you provide this information to the Patient Registration Specialist at check-in. This insurance information is used by the Business Office to bill your health insurance company for services provided to you. Remember, you will never be personally billed or responsible for any services not covered by your health insurance.

Since the opening of the Buford L. Rolin Health Clinic, new services have been made available, which has increased the number of billable services to health insurance companies. As we embark on this new journey, we will be experiencing changes with new technology which will create a stronger Revenue Cycle Team. Our goal is to ensure that each and every one of our patients receive the best care, diagnostic testing, and educational services to promote the best overall health.

**YOU ARE INVITED TO HAVE A FREE RETINAL SCREENING**  
**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2014**  
**FROM 2:30-3:30**  
**EVERYONE IS INVITED—WALKINS WELCOME!**

# Free Retinal Screening

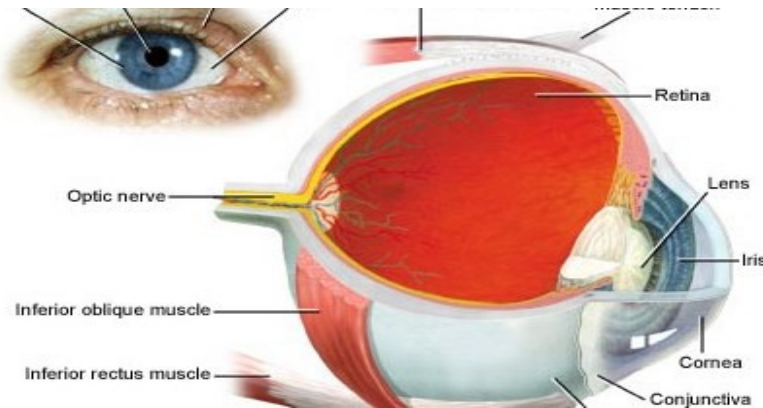
Have you had your  
yearly Eye exam ?  
If not call and  
schedule today!

- ♦ Tribal Members & 1st Gen receive 1 free eye exam each year
- ♦ We have frames as low as \$49.00
- ♦ We carry sun wear such as Maui Jim , Ray Ban, Vera Bradley and Kaenon

## PREMIER FAMILY EYE CARE

5811 Jack Springs Rd.  
Atmore, AL 36502

**251.446.3937**



Premier Family Eye Care will be providing free retinal screenings once a month. A Retinal screening is when we take photographs of the inside of your eyes.

Your eyes give us a bigger picture of what is going on in your body. This is the only place that we can see your blood vessels directly. Therefore, we can tell a lot about your cholesterol, diabetes, and hypertension. Not only that, but we are able to see your macula (center of your vision) and your optic nerve (nerve to your brain) to determine glaucoma, macular degeneration or other eye diseases.

Our September special is \$50.00 off any Ray Ban Sunglass! Stop in and see the latest styles available!



**Dr. Amanda Cobb**



**THE PHARMACY DRIVE-THRU IS OFFICIALLY OPEN.  
PLEASE USE THE TIPS BELOW WHEN USING THE DRIVE THROUGH 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. This is for verification purposes.
- 3) Please refrain from using cell phones while at the drive-thru window.
- 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:

- a) You are requesting a Pharmacy staff member to review your chart for medication lists and items for refill;
- b) If you have questions regarding your medications;
- c) If your provider has prescribed new medications and private counseling is required; or
- d) Immunization services.

Please feel free to contact the Pharmacy at (251) 368-9136 x 2304 if you have any questions or need more information.

# HOUSING AUTHORITY

## NEWS & INFORMATION

### APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED ON A DAILY BASIS

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

Emergency/Transitional Housing  
Rental - All Poarch Subdivisions  
Rental - Walker Subdivision, Pensacola, FL  
Rehabilitation Assistance  
Renovation Loan Program  
Heating & Cooling Loan Program  
Senior Emergency Program  
TAHO

Applicants are responsible for providing all necessary information and accurately completing all applications; applicant 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.



# LEGAL DEPARTMENT

## NEWS & INFORMATION

### LEGAL UPDATE

The Legal Department would like to provide membership with recent revisions to Tribal laws and an update on the pending litigation initiated by the State of Alabama. If you have any questions regarding any of these matters, please feel free to contact your Tribal Council members at (251) 446-1140 or the Legal Department at (251) 368-9136 Ext. 2525.

#### TRIBAL LEGISLATION

The Legal Department highlights below the 2014 amendment and recent revision to the Tribal Code:

##### ***Title 35 (Worker's Compensation)***

TCO 2014-04 (June 5, 2014) amended Title 35 to clarify that injured employees are not prohibited from seeking and attempting to recover damages from a non-tribal third party wrongdoer if that party caused the injury and to specifically allow the employer or insurance carrier for the employer to be reimbursed subrogation benefits.

As always, to promote dissemination and public access to Tribal laws, Tribal Member viewing is available during office hours at the Tribal Chairman's Office, Tribal Council Office, Tribal Court, Education, and the Office of Archives and Records Management. The Tribal Code is also available online, 24 hours a day, by clicking on the links found on the Tribe's website, [www.pci-nsn.gov](http://www.pci-nsn.gov). Also full copies of any Titles or amended legislation may be obtained by contacting the Office of Archives and Records Management at (251) 446-4540.

#### TRIBAL LITIGATION

Earlier in the year, the Legal Department provided an update on significant litigation involving the Tribe and Tribal entities. All of the previous cases are still pending in various state and federal courts. Since the last update, there have been developments in the State of Alabama v. PCI Gaming Authority et al., and the following is a synopsis of that pending litigation:

On February 19, 2013, the Alabama Attorney General, on behalf of the State of Alabama, filed a complaint against PCI Gaming Authority, individual Tribal Council members, and individual PCI Gaming Authority Board members (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Tribe") in the Circuit Court of Elmore County, Alabama. The suit alleges that the Tribe's gaming activities are public nuisances and seeks to prohibit gaming on the Tribe's trust lands. The State of Alabama further claims that the Tribe is not operating on Indian lands, under the United States Supreme Court's 2009 decision *Carcieri v. Salazar*, and that the Tribe's lands should not be held in trust.

The Tribe removed the State's complaint to federal court on March 21, 2013, and filed a motion to dismiss the complaint on March 28, 2013. The State then amended its complaint in federal court to include both a state public nuisance claim and a federal public nuisance claim. The Tribe subsequently filed a motion to dismiss the amended complaint. The United States filed an amicus curiae brief in support of the Tribe, and the State of Michigan filed an amicus brief in support of the State of Alabama's position on July 3, 2013.

On April 10, 2014, Chief Judge Keith Watkins of the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Alabama issued an opinion and order dismissing the State of Alabama's claims against PCI Gaming and various tribal officials.

The State of Alabama submitted a Notice of Appeal to the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals on May 5, 2014. The State's appellate brief was filed on July 7, 2014.

On July 14, 2014, the State of Michigan filed an amicus curiae brief in support of the State of Alabama's position. Michigan was joined by Arizona, Kansas, South Dakota, and Utah.

The Tribe is currently preparing and filing its appellate brief in the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals.

**OFFICE OF ARCHIVES &  
RECORDS MANAGEMENT**

# NEWS & INFORMATION

## EVENING WITH LIVING ELDERS

The Office of Archives and Records Management at the Poarch Band of Creek Indians invites you to spend an



### **Evening with the Elders**

**Ms. Martha (Calle) Jackson, Ms. Ernestine Daughtry,  
Ms. Pearlina McGhee, Ms. Mable Jackson**

**Tuesday, September 30, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.**

**Old Family Services Auditorium, Building 500**

*Join us to hear our elders share their stories about Creek tribal history.*

*Family photographs of our elders will be shown at the program.*

**Everyone is invited. Dinner will be served.**

Questions? Contact Mrs. Ellen O'Barr at 446-4531 or Dr. Deidra Suwanee Dees at 446-4540.



# YOUR HEALTH MATTERS

Small Decisions Make Big Things Happen

## Cortisol: “The Good & The Bad”

### Cortisol- the hormone that packs a punch!

Cortisol is a key hormone in your body. It lowers inflammation, improves recovery time, breaks down fats, boosts your immune system and controls blood pressure levels. Cortisol is primarily released at night after a strength or endurance training day.

#### How does cortisol impact your body during training?

1. **Breakdown of Fatty Acids:** Cortisol enables you to burn more fat, both during *and* after your training session!
2. **Breakdown of protein:** The breaking down of protein helps your body recover faster between training sessions.

KEEP IN MIND; there can be too much of a good thing! When your cortisol levels are increased for more than 24 hours, its reaction changes in the body. Cortisol shifts from optimizing your fat loss to increasing fat storage and the breakdown of muscle tissue.

#### How can you maintain GOOD cortisol levels?

- Take regular, planned breaks from intense training.
- Consume enough calories from non-processed foods to prevent depletion.
- Get 7 to 9 hours of sleep each night to lower the amount of cortisol released.
- Have a post-workout snack consisting of carbohydrates and proteins.
- Try not to isolate yourself. Spend time with friends and family.
- Participate regularly in stress-relieving activities such as yoga or meditation.
- Avoid excessive amounts of intense aerobic endurance training (unless training for an endurance event).



#### The top culprits that cause high levels of cortisol:

- Lack of Sleep.
- High Stress Levels.
- Being Alone. When you are by yourself, your stress level can increase by 50%.
- Not having enough carbohydrates after high intensity training.

Remember, you can train better and feel better by keeping your cortisol levels in check. Find balance in your daily life and make everyday count!

*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.*



[www.mypciwellness.com](http://www.mypciwellness.com)  
[facebook.mypciwellness.com](https://facebook.com/mypciwellness.com)





# YOUR HEALTH MATTERS

Small Decisions Make Big Things Happen

## Keeping Control of Your Cholesterol

**Burgers. Bacon. Cheesey-fries. OH MY!** Ok, now that I have your attention, do you know what these foods have in common? Other than being super-tempting, they are all high in *cholesterol*.

Cholesterol, a substance made by the liver and found in certain foods, can be our friend. It is needed to make vitamin D, build cell walls, and create bile salts that help you digest fats from your food. A certain amount of cholesterol is actually necessary for good health! However, too much can lead to serious problems like heart disease.

Many factors can contribute to high cholesterol, but the good news is that there are things you can do to naturally keep your cholesterol levels low:

**1. Remember the Saying, "You are What you Eat?":**

Foods that are high in cholesterol, saturated fat and trans fat include fried, processed and packaged foods like french fries, cookies and chips. Give your body more whole foods, lean proteins, and keep away from the packaged stuff, to help manage cholesterol naturally.

**2. Control your Weight:** Excess body weight has been linked to high cholesterol levels. Regular physical activity helps to control weight and strengthen your heart, all the while helping to lower cholesterol levels!

**3. Limit your Sugar Consumption:** Eating sugary foods, especially those made with High Fructose Corn Syrup, can lead to increased cholesterol. Instead of reaching for a sugar filled snack, try having fruits, vegetables and whole grain crackers. They are high in fiber, which can help eliminate cholesterol.



Other factors that may contribute to your body's natural production of cholesterol are lack of sleep, smoking and alcohol consumption, stress, and over-exertion.

If you are concerned about cholesterol and heart disease, talk to your doctor. Although not all the factors contributing to heart disease and high cholesterol can be controlled, many can. Start taking care of your body now and it will thank you in the future!

Reach out to me if you have any questions and have a great September!

- 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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[facebook.mypciwellness.com](https://facebook.mypciwellness.com)

# TRIBAL COURT

## NEWS & INFORMATION

### TEAMWORK SMART RECOVERY

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

SMART Recovery meetings are open to all who are interested. There are no requirements. Meetings are focused on current problems and challenges that participants are facing to encourage an open dialogue and discussion. 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](mailto:whayles@pci-nsn.gov).



### IS THERE SADNESS BEHIND THE SMILE?

Teenage suicide is a serious and growing problem. The teenage years can be emotionally turbulent and stressful. Teenagers face pressures to succeed and fit in. They may struggle with self-esteem issues, self-doubt, and feelings of alienation. For some, this leads to suicide. Depression is also a major risk factor for teen suicide. Other risk factors for teenage suicide include:

- Childhood abuse
- Recent traumatic event
- Lack of a support network
- Availability of a gun
- Hostile social or school environment
- Exposure to other teen suicides

The highest suicide rates of any age group occur among persons aged 65 years and older. One contributing factor is depression in the elderly that is undiagnosed and untreated. Other risk factors for suicide in the elderly include recent death of a loved one; physical illness, disability, or pain; isolation and loneliness; major life changes, such as retirement; loss of independence; and loss of sense of purpose.

**You are not alone, there is someone who cares!**

**1-800-273-TALK (8255)**

**[www.suicide.org](http://www.suicide.org)**

# TRIBAL ENROLLMENT DEPARTMENT

## NEWS & INFORMATION

### IDENTIFYING FIRST GENERATION DESCENDANTS

The Tribal Enrollment Department is developing a data base of First Generation Descendants of the Poarch Creek Indians and requests assistance from Tribal Member with this project.

The *Identifying First Generation Descendants* form is accessible to Tribal Members in the TMOP of the web site, [www.pci-nsn.gov](http://www.pci-nsn.gov). Please list the name and birth date of all First Generation Descendants in *your* immediate family as well as any other First Generation

Descendants that reside in your household. Please note that immediate family *does not* have to reside in your household to be identified on the form.

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

# TRIBAL HISTORIC RESERVATION

## NEWS & INFORMATION

### SEPTEMBER EVENTS!

September 12, 2014

#### *The Colbert Reunion*

We encourage anyone with family connections to the Colbert family to attend...find your Colbert relatives from Oklahoma, Poarch Creek, Colbert County, Alabama, and across the country! The theme of this year's reunion will be *Reflections Upon the Return* a series of presentations on the past history, present accomplishments, and future plans for Tuscumbia Landing. This event will also highlight twelve years of the The Return: Walk of Life.

September 12-13, 2014

#### *Oka kapassa: Return to Coldwater Native American Festival*

THERE IS NO ADMISSION FEE! For more festival information, including a schedule of events, see the festival website at: [www.okakapassa.org](http://www.okakapassa.org).

September 13, 2014

#### *The Return: Walk of Life*

The Return - Walk of Life is an annual event which memorializes our ancestors who were forced out of Alabama onto the infamous Trail of Tears and celebrates our survival as native people and the homecoming of many of our Tribal people back to their ancestral homelands within Alabama today. The Walk begins at Tuscumbia Landing, a historical site on the Tennessee River in which thousands of Cherokee, Creek, and Chickasaw Indians were loaded onto flatboats and steamboats to be removed to Indian Territory (present day Oklahoma and Arkansas). From the Landing, we walk two miles along a known removal route back to Spring Park in Tuscumbia.



# TRIBAL MEMBER BENEFITS DEPARTMENT

## NEWS & INFORMATION

### UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION

In order for the annual Tribal Member holiday distributions to be processed accurately, Tribal Member Benefits needs to be informed of any changes you may have to your personal information. If you have any change in your current banking account or address, please contact the Tribal Member Benefits Department at (251) 368-9136 ext. 2209 or 2207 so that a new Direct Deposit Form can be mailed to you to be completed and returned for processing. The Direct Deposit Form may also be downloaded from the Tribal Member Benefits page accessible through the Tribal Members Only Portal (TMOP).

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

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

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

### Atmore Vision Center & Monroeville Eye Care



We have Convenient Appointments with Fast turn-around times. Your health is our number ONE priority, therefore, we offer thorough eye exams, and eye disease prevention education. We accept flex cards, BCBS and other major medical insurances.

We have special deals and name brand frames: Michael Kors & Kate Spade. And quality sunglasses from Maui Jim & Costa Del Mar.

**Dr. Stephen M. Gross**  
Optometrist

**Dr. David Helton**  
Optometrist

**Dr. Alan Franklin**  
Retina Specialist

**Dr. Rollins Tindell**  
Cataract Specialist

**Dr. Ryan Tarantola**  
Retina Specialist

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

Monroeville Eye Care  
3016 S Alabama Avenue  
Monroeville, Alabama 36460  
251-743-3305

*"We have glasses to fit your budget."*

### Ask About The Native American Indian Program (184 Program)\*

- No minimum credit score requirement
- 2.25% down payment
- No monthly PMI insurance
- One time construction loan available
- Primary Residence Only

**United Bank** 

Mortgage Services

251-965-5315

[www.unitedbank.com/mortgage](http://www.unitedbank.com/mortgage)

\*All loans subject to credit approval, verification and collateral evaluation. 184 Program is only offered to members on active tribal roll and in designated geographic areas. See a United Bank representative for complete details. United Bank NMLS# 494759





# NEWS & INFORMATION

## 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

## OFFICER COMMENDATION

Police Chief Larry Hammonds received the following Letter of Commendation for Tribal Police Officer William L. Bailey, Jr.

*My name is Jon Pascal and I am the Director of the Krav Maga Worldwide Force Training Division. From May 5-9, 2014, we conducted a Krav Maga Defensive Tactics Law Enforcement Instructor Certification Course in New Orleans, Louisiana.*

*During this course I had the pleasure of working with Officer William Bailey. I was very impressed by his professionalism, dynamic work ethic, and commitment to excellence in training.*

*During my 15 years of defensive tactics training, I have taught personnel from over 600 agencies and academies throughout the United States. Your*



William L. "Billy" Bailey, TPO

*agency should be proud to have sent Officer Bailey as a representative.*

*During this physically demanding course I saw his passion and uncompromising commitment to bringing the very best in law enforcement training to your agency personnel as exemplified by his*

*hard work throughout the week.*

*I encourage you to take the opportunity to personally view some of the recently learned Krav Maga training methods in a dynamic demonstration. These training methods are designed to give your sworn personnel the ability to use the appropriate level of force in a time of need, and build the skills and attributes desired in your officers.*

*The mission of the Krav Maga Worldwide Force Training Division is "to save lives by providing the best law enforcement training possible." Again, it was a pleasure to work with such a fine representative of your staff. I look forward to fostering this relationship.*

Congratulations to Officer Bailey for representing the true nature of the Poarch Creek Indians and our Tribal Police force!



# NEWS & INFORMATION

## CHANGES TO SOLID WASTE PICKUP

The Poarch Creek Indians Utilities Authority (PCIUA) would like inform you of a change in the Solid Waste collection service. PCIUA will no longer be picking up bagged garbage from any customers. All customers will be issued a 96 gallon garbage tote or have dumpsters placed near your residence.

All rental units, except Willow Creek and most office buildings, will be using dumpsters placed in a convenient location in the subdivision or complex. All outlying customers will be issued a 96 gallon garbage tote.

Please understand that the reason for this change is to improve service and make it more comparable to other local providers. If you have a complaint about the location or the change to the dumpster format in the subdivisions please understand that Tribal Administration, Housing, and PCIUA all came to an agreement about how to proceed.

Customers will be responsible for replacing the garbage tote if damaged, lost, or stolen. PCIUA's Unauthorized Usage Policy identifies fees and other possible consequences that will be assessed if dumpsters are abused or misused. A copy of the policy is available at PCIUA's offices.

What not to put in 96 gallon totes or Dumpsters:

- Substances hazardous to health such as toxic or corrosive materials or liquids.
- Any liquids of any kind whether contained or not.
- Cans, drums or other containers of any kind unless they are empty and crushed; so incapable of carrying any liquid.
- Medical waste of animal carcasses of any kind or quantity.
- Any other material not listed above however considered unsuitable for containment e.g. malodorous waste including but not limited to: asbestos, paint, tires, gas bottle, fridges, freezers, TVs, fluorescent tubes, light bulbs, vehicle batteries, computer monitors, liquids and solvents.
- Extremely heavy materials such as dirt, rock, or concrete.
- Fill any dumpster higher than the top of its sides and in such a manner as to prevent spillage of material from the refuse dumpster either while stationary or in transit.
- Light fires in the dumpster.
- Furniture or bulky items.

## Best of the Best Awards

Look who was named to *Atmore Advance's* 2014 Best of the Best Awards!

Best Steak *Fire Restaurant/Wind Creek Atmore*

Best Convenience Store *Creek Travel Plaza*

Best Hotel *Wind Creek Casino & Hotel*

Best Lodging *Wind Creek Casino & Hotel*

Best Manicurist *Janet Ward/Greg's*

Best Boss *Rita Hall/Poarch Creek*

**Congratulations for being the best!**







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.

## CIEDA SMALL BUSINESS LOAN PROGRAM

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

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

Additional credit criteria as well as loan collateralization requirements apply.

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

# MT RECEIVES INTERNATIONAL AWARD

GKN Aerospace presented the Lean & Innovation Award to Muskogee Technology of Atmore, Alabama at the Farnborough Air Show Muskogee in Farnborough, England on July 24, 2014. Muskogee Technology (MT) was recognized for its innovative approach to handling the carbon composite supply chain for GKN's Tallassee, Alabama production facility. The award is given to only one of hundreds of companies worldwide comprising the supply chain for GKN's aerospace products.

Rob Soen, Senior Vice President Supply Chain commented: "Muskogee Technology's dedication to innovation, attention to detail, and their commitment to excellence are second to none."



*Left- GKN Aerospace North America, President & CEO, Daniele Cagnatet and Right- Mal McGhee, Muskogee Technology, Director of Marketing*

"We are honored to support GKN's role as a leader in supplying a wide range of products to the aerospace industry", said James T. Martin, President and CEO of Creek Indian

Development Authority (CIEDA). "We look forward to a continuing and mutually beneficial relationship with GKN"

GKN is a leading global tier one aerospace supplier providing high performance, high-value integrated assemblies and components for both aero structures and engine systems.

Muskogee Technology is a Native-American Indian business specializing in metal fabrication, composites and a range of other products. Muskogee is a subsidiary of the Creek Indian Enterprises Development Authority of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians.

*Muskogee Technologies Press Release  
July 24, 2014*

## MT MAKING JOBS & MORE

Historically known for its manufacturing expertise and precision machining for the aerospace and defense industries, Muskogee Technology has recently expanded its capabilities to serve industries requiring heavy steel fabrication. Having acquired new clients from industries in natural gas, heavy equipment, and renewable wind energy, Muskogee Technology has had to seek out additional production facilities to better accommodate the manufacturing needs of their new clientele. This new focus has brought on a catalyst of change for the Atmore based manufacturing company. To produce these larger heavy steel fabricated parts, they are having to increase not only their production facilities but also their workforce.



Remodeling efforts are currently underway at the newly acquired 12,000 sq. ft. northern manufacturing plant, located at 516 North Main Street in Downtown Atmore. This new facility, refitted with high ceilings, will provide the additional space for the manufacturers large scale steel sheering, cutting, bending and welding needs. The new northern production site will be the primary manufacturing facility for Muskogee Technology's production of steel components for the Siemens

Company's wind mill generators; for their building of heavy steel fracking pumps for Garner Denver, a natural gas drilling company; and for their manufacturing of heavy equipment for mini excavators and bull dozers for the Caterpillar Company.

Twenty to thirty new positions are expected to be created at Muskogee Technology initially when the new plant opens within the next month, with a total of one hundred new jobs created over the next year. The types of positions needed to be filled will be High Level Certified Welders, Fitters, Machine Operators and Assemblers. All interested job applicants can apply online at [www.CIEjobs.com](http://www.CIEjobs.com).

*Muskogee Technologies Press Release  
July 25, 2014*

# FRAN BAGGETT RETIRES AFTER 27 YEARS



*Fran Baggett, seated, is shown with Kitty Stuart.*

Fran Baggett was hired at Creek Bingo Palace on July 13, 1987. Fran began her employment as an admission clerk selling bingo packages; she also worked in what was called at that time the Money Room as a desk clerk.

She was later promoted to Deli Manager and worked there many years and became the Smoke Shop Manager when the Tribe started selling tobacco products inside the Bingo Palace and later moved out to the stand alone Smoke Shop. She became Manager for Creek Convenience Store Atmore when it was built; she remained in that position until her retirement on July 16, 2014.

The retirement event was held in the Taskigi room at WCA. There was around 50 people that was there to wish Fran well and to thank her for the 27 years of dedication to the Tribe.

## NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICES

Mission: Helping people help the land

Vision: Productive soil, healthy land

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

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

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

Farm Service Agencies

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

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

[www.nrcs.usda.gov/farmbill](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/farmbill)

USDA Rural Development

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

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

Alabama Forestry Commission

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

For more information contact:

David Elliott, NRCS Tribal Liaison  
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# 2014 FARM BILL REQUIRES FARMERS TO FILE AD-1026 CERTIFICATION

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack has reminded producers that changes mandated through the 2014 Farm Bill require them to have on file a Highly Erodible Land Conservation and Wetland Conservation Certification (AD-1026). The Farm Bill relinked highly erodible land conservation and wetland conservation compliance with eligibility for premium support paid under the federal crop insurance program.

"It's important that farmers and ranchers taking the right steps to conserve valuable farm and natural resources have completed AD-1026 forms on file at their local Farm Service Agency (FSA) office," said Vilsack. "This will ensure they remain eligible for crop insurance support."

For farmers to be eligible for premium support on their federal crop insurance, a completed and signed AD-1026 form must be on file with the FSA. Since many FSA and Natural Resource Conservation (NRCS) programs have this requirement, most producers should already have an AD-1026 on file. If producers have not filed, they must do so by June 1, 2015.

When a farmer completes the AD-1026, FSA and NRCS staff will outline any additional actions that may be required for compliance with the provisions. The Risk Management Agency, through the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC), manages the federal crop insurance program that provides the modern farm safety net for American farmers and ranchers.

Since enactment of the 1985 Farm Bill, eligibility for most commodity, disaster, and conservation programs has been linked to compliance with the highly erodible land conservation and wetland conservation provisions. The 2014 Farm Bill continues the requirement that producers adhere to conservation compliance guidelines to be eligible for most programs administered by FSA

and NRCS. This includes the new price and revenue protection programs, the Conservation Reserve Program, the Livestock Disaster Assistance programs and Marketing Assistance Loans implemented by FSA. It also includes the Environmental Quality Incentives Program, the Conservation Stewardship Program, and other conservation programs.

FSA recently released a revised form AD-1026, which is available at USDA Service Centers, [www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/contact/local](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/contact/local), and online at: [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov). Producers can also contact David Elliott, Tribal Liaison, NRCS Tribal Office, 5535 Poarch Road, Atmore, Alabama, telephone (251) 368-0826. USDA will publish a rule later this year that will provide details outlining the connection of conservation compliance with crop insurance premium support.

Today's announcement was made possible by the 2014 Farm Bill. The Farm Bill builds on historic economic gains in rural America over the past five years, while achieving meaningful reform and billions of dollars in savings for taxpayers. Since enactment, USDA has made significant progress to implement each provision of this critical legislation, including providing disaster relief to farmers and ranchers; strengthening risk management tools; expanding access to rural credit; funding critical research; establishing innovative public-private conservation partnerships; developing new markets for rural-made products; and investing in infrastructure, housing and community facilities to help improve quality of life in rural America. For more information, visit: [www.usda.gov/farmbill](http://www.usda.gov/farmbill).

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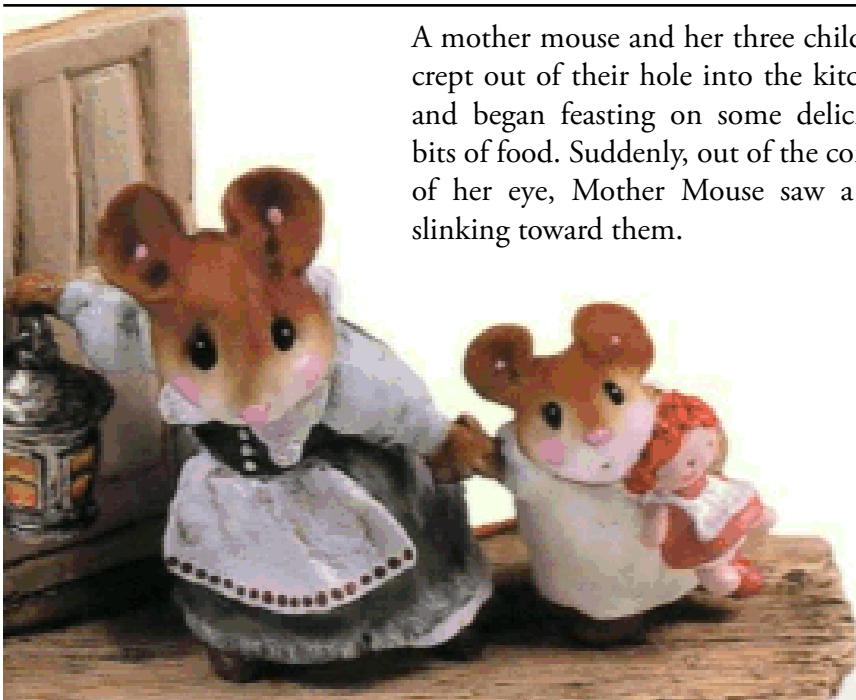


# ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

For your entertainment.

**Think Ups** Think up something belonging in each category on the left that also begins with the letter above each column. An example has been given for each category. Many different answers are acceptable. The answer will be published in next month's issue.

1.	S	C	O	W	L
Things With Shells	Snail				
Musical Instruments		Clarinet			
State Nicknames			Old Line (Maryland)		
Basketball Terms				Walking	



A mother mouse and her three children crept out of their hole into the kitchen and began feasting on some delicious bits of food. Suddenly, out of the corner of her eye, Mother Mouse saw a cat slinking toward them.

When the cat was between the mice and their hole, the mother mouse puffed up her lungs and went, "Woof! Woof!" The cat turned tail and ran. With that, the mother quickly led her children back to safety in their hole.

When they were settled and breathing normally, Mother Mouse said to her children. "Now, what's the lesson from that experience?"

"We don't know," the baby mice squeaked. "It is this," said Mother Mouse. "It's always good to know a second language!"

[www.ajokeaday.com](http://www.ajokeaday.com)

Answers to last month's puzzles:

[www.kappapuzzles.com](http://www.kappapuzzles.com)

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# SEPTEMBER (OTVWOSKUCE) 2014

**Pharmacy Notice:** 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. **Drive Through Window Now Open!**

**School Supply Reimbursement Program**  
Continues through October 31, 2014

**Purchase Tribal Hunting License**  
Tribal Government Accounting  
Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 pm

**Monday, September 1, 2014**  
Tribal Administrative Offices & Boys & Girls Club will be closed in observance of Labor Day

**Wednesday, September 3, 2014**  
Commemorative 30 Year Sovereignty Gift Available at Museum Gift Shop  
Tribal ID required

**Tuesday, September 5, 2014**  
*Deadline to submit information for publication in September issue of Poarch Creek News.*

**Friday, September 12, 2014**  
Lunch and Learn  
12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m.  
Building 500 Auditorium  
Featured Department: Utilities Authority

**Thursday, September 25, 2014**  
Free Retinal Screening  
Premiere Family Eyecare  
2:30 pm - 3:30 pm

**Thursday, September 25, 2014**  
Deadline to complete Child Care renewal.

**Friday, September 26, 2014**  
Tribal Administrative Offices & Boys & Girls Club will be closed in observance of American Indian Day.

**Tuesday, September 30, 2014**  
An Evening With The Elders  
Building 500 Auditorium  
6:00 p.m.

**Tribal Council Meetings**  
Thursday, September 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> 4:00 pm  
Tribal Council Chambers

**Tribal Court Sessions**  
Monday, September 15<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am  
Tribal Courtroom

**CIEDA Meetings**  
Friday, September 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> 7:30 am  
CIEDA Offices

**CMCA**  
Monday, September 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> 4:00 pm  
Tribal Museum/Welcome Center

**Housing Authority Meetings**  
Thursday, September 11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> 4:00 pm  
Building 400 Conference Room

**Recreation Authority Meetings**  
Thursday, September 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> 11:00 am  
Recreation Department (Gym)

**TERO Commission Meetings**  
Tuesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> 3:00 pm  
Building 600 Training Room

**4-H Club**  
Monday, September 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> 6:00 pm  
Education Department

**After School Tutoring and Homework Club**  
For Tribal Members & 1st Generation Descendant students in grades 1-12  
Education Department

**Story Time**  
Wednesdays at @ 12:15  
PCI Library

**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

**Pool Open**  
**Tribal Members & First Generation w/ one guest Open Swim**  
Monday 1:00 pm - 7:30 pm  
Tuesday - Friday 10:00 am - 7:30 pm  
Saturday 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

**Swim Team Practice**  
Tuesday-Friday 7:00 am - 8:30 am  
**Swimming Lessons**  
Tuesday & Thursday 4:00 pm - 7:30 pm

**Splash Pad/Playgrounds/Pavilion Open**  
**Tribal Members & First Generation w/ one guest**  
Splash Pad closed on Monday  
Open Tuesday - Friday 10:00 am - 8:00 pm  
Open Saturday 10:00 am - 4:00 pm  
Closed Sunday

**Playground Pavilion/No reservations needed**  
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**Wednesday, October 1, 2014**  
Last day to turn in application for the 2014 Summer Camp Assistance Program.

**Friday, October 3, 2014**  
Last day to turn in application for 2015 Close Up

**Monday, October 6, 2014**  
Deadline for candidates of Special Election to submit biography and photo for publication in November 2014 issue of *Poarch Creek News*.

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