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Deputy Sheriff's badge worn by Deputy Dan McGhee, first person in Indian community to serve in law enforcement.

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A Moment With The Tribal Chair

March 2015

Stephanie A. Bryan, Tribal Chair

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It is already into the third month of the year and time is certainly flying by! As John C. Maxwell states, *"Time management is an oxymoron. Time is beyond our control, and the clock keeps ticking regardless of how we lead our lives. Priority management is the answer to maximizing the time we have."* And, priority management is exactly what I believe is occurring here at PCI.

Tribal Government continues to evolve as the organizational structure changes are implemented. I understand that sometimes change brings feelings of anxiety, discomfort, and resistance; however, I want to assure you that these changes are necessary in order for our Tribe to successfully grow. Each of you are my top priority and I believe these changes will positively affect the service you're provided.

I, along with other Tribal Council members, traveled to Atlanta, Georgia and attended

the oral arguments in the case of State of Alabama v. PCI Gaming Authority. In this case, an effort led by Attorney General Luther Strange, the State of Alabama is alleging that our gaming operations are both illegal and a public nuisance. Although the decision will not be revealed for four to six months, we are optimistic that the outcome will be favorable.

The problems we face as a Tribe are numerous. But, your Tribal Council strives to approach these areas of concern in the most diplomatic and strategic ways possible. Our ultimate goal in resolving these situations is to preserve and protect our Tribe and our way of life. Also, I and other Tribal Council members are continuously meeting with legislators at the federal level in order to garner bipartisan support to protect both our homelands and our sovereignty. All of these challenges, Tribal, local, State, and National, have

not come without a fair share of physical, mental, and emotional stress. However, I accepted these challenges when I took the oath of office and I proudly work and fight for our Tribe and my people so that we may continue to have a great quality of life. I ask that all of you continue to uplift our Country, State, and Tribe in prayer.

We are constantly exploring various programs that will increase your quality of life as a Tribal Member. Particularly, we are most interested in providing tax-free benefits that align with the General Welfare Exclusion, such as the utility card. Understandably, many of you have questions about this new benefit. In summary, after becoming Tribal Chair, I met with our former CFO and requested that he research the

utility card benefit and how we might provide it to Tribal Members. Based upon those results, the Tribal Council approved the utility card. However, in November we were informed that this particular utility card provider could not process the cards after all. Since then, we have explored other options and believe that we have found a viable alternative. We are hopeful that our goal to provide utility cards will be accomplished by April 1st.

As spring arrives, (and for many of you, Spring Break) please take the opportunity to enjoy the

new season with your family, friends, and loved ones. I pray that each of you are safe in all of your activities and travels.

In closing, remember that *“The purpose of life is to live it, to taste experience to the utmost, to reach out eagerly and without fear for newer and richer experience.”* -Eleanor Roosevelt.

May God bless you all!

Stephanie A. Bryan, Tribal Chair

“I am convinced that the jealous, the angry, the bitter, and the egotistical are the first to race to the top of mountains. A confident person enjoys the journey, the people they meet along the way and sees life not as a competition. They reach the summit last because they know God isn’t at the top waiting for them. He is down below helping his followers to understand that the view is glorious where ever you stand.”

Shannon L. Alder

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Maya Angelou

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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 TMOP. 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.

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

The Tribe's website, 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.

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T_{RIBAL} C_{OUNCIL}'s P_{URPOSE}

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.

T_{RIBAL} C_{OUNCIL} V_{ALUES}

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.



Tribal Council Update

March 2015

Kevin McGhee, Member At-Large

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Well, the end of last year brought our family a new bundle of joy, Ms. Avery Grace, (Kaiden's little sister). This makes two grandchildren for me and Tawana and we are overjoyed to be grandparents.

Home is where the heart is and that is why I have enjoyed my many years on the Housing Authority. We have had many successes throughout the years insuring that Tribal Members in need of housing have their needs met as housing becomes available.

I am proud to report that the new Moniac Townhouses are ready to be occupied. We have worked hard as an Authority to bring these beautiful homes to reality. There are 20 units with 2 bedrooms and 2 ½ bathrooms in each townhouse.

We also continue with the construction of homes in the Walker Subdivision in Pensacola,

FL. When finished there will be 21 units which will be 2 and 3 bedroom single family homes. Currently, 2 homes are under construction and 13 homes have been completed and are occupied.

I am proud to report that Tullis Manor is completely full of single family homes. Work has begun on the Bell Creek Subdivision; infrastructure is in place which includes 36 lots that will soon be ready for purchase.

Being a Tribal Council member, is like being a family man; it is a full time job and one that I take very seriously. Typically, I am a man of few words during Tribal Council meetings, workshops and conferences. But rest assured I am a thinker and I do not make hasty or rash decisions. I take my time to ponder the best solution to a problem or the best answer to



a question. I do this on behalf of each of you, my constituents.

I would like to leave you with a quote by Harold S. Geneen that sums up how I perform my duties as an employee, a husband, a father, a grandfather, and a Tribal Council member. *"Leadership is practiced not so much in words as in attitude and in actions."*

I am only a phone call, email or visit away if you are ever in need of help or a solution to a particular problem.

From my family to yours, Mvto!

Kevin D. McGhee

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2015 TRIBAL ELECTIONS SCHEDULED

The 2015 Tribal Elections have been scheduled for Saturday, June 6, 2015. Voting will take place at the PCI Community Resource Building (Old SAIL Center). Polls will be open from 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Results will be announced at the Calvin McGhee Memorial, which will be held on the Pow Wow grounds, after the polls close and all votes are tallied and verified; results will be posted at the PCI Community Resource Building (Old SAIL Center back door), at the Tribal Center on the Community Bulletin Board, and will be printed in the July issue of the Poarch Creek News.

This year the General Council will elect a Tribal Vice Chairman and two (2) At-Large Council Members for the standard three (3) year terms. We will also elect a Tribal Treasurer to complete the vacant position created when Robert McGhee was elected to Vice Chairman last December. This position will only be for one (1) year. It is not known at this time if Tribal Vice Chairman Robert “Robbie” McGhee and At-Large Council Members Keith Martin and Sandy Hollinger will seek re-election. There are no proposed amendments to the Tribal Constitution on the ballot at this time.

The deadline to submit Letter of Candidacy to the Election Board for your name to be printed on the official ballot is 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 7, 2015. Candidates wishing to publish a biography and photo in the May newsletter must submit their biography and photo to the Election Board, by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 7, 2015. Biographies are limited to 500 words or less and cannot contain political platform or

views. Digital copies of biographies and photos are preferred and may be submitted by email to Elections@pci-nsn.gov. Any portion of the biography which seems to contain political views, as determined by the Election Board, will be stricken from the biography. The last day to submit Letter of Candidacy to the Election Board to be included as a Write-In Candidate is Thursday, May 7, 2015.

Request for Absentee Ballot will be published in the April and May issues of the Poarch Creek News and will be available through the Tribal Member portal and posted on the Tribe’s official web site www.pci-nsn.gov. The last day to request for an Absentee Ballot to be mailed out is Tuesday, May 26, 2015. All Absentee Ballots must be received by the Election Board no later than close of business (5:00 p.m. CST) on Friday, June 5, 2015.

Walk-in voting will begin on Tuesday, May 26, 2015 and run through Friday, June 5, 2015. Except for Sunday, May 31, 2015, the polls will be open for walk-in voting daily from 9:00 a.m. through 6:00 p.m.

We encourage all eligible Tribal Members to participate in the voting process. This is your chance to make your voice heard. Please vote either by Absentee Ballot, Walk-In Voting, or cast your vote on Election Day, Saturday, June 6, 2015.

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

TRIBAL COUNCIL APPROVES IMPLEMENTATION OF TRIBAL UTILITIES ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Tribal Council has approved the implementation of the Tribal Utilities Assistance Program (TUAP) effective April 1, 2015. The following is a summary of this program; the Tribal Member Benefits Department will mail a copy of the Tribal Utilities Assistance Program and Policies along with the applicable two-page application to all eligible Tribal households that will contain all pertinent information relating to this new Tribal Member Benefit. This information has also been posted in the TMOP of the web site which is accessible to Tribal Members age 18 and older utilizing their assigned username and password.

Per this program, each Tribal household is eligible for assistance each year upon submission of a completed application by one of the adult Tribal Members residing in the household. Even if multiple Tribal Members reside in the household, assistance will only be paid once for the household.

Beginning the month following approval of the Tribal Member's application for the TUAP, the Tribe will provide the Tribal Member who applied for the household a debit/credit card and will deposit \$200.00 per month to pay for eligible expenses. Tribal households and the Tribal Members residing within will receive no more than \$2,400 of assistance each year for eligible expenses.

The target date for issuance of the Tribal Utilities Assistance cards, similar to the Tribal Flex Card, is Wednesday, April 1, 2015. ***No funds will be disbursed prior to April 1, 2015.*** The deadline to submit applications for assistance in the year 2015 is Monday, June 1, 2015.

The Tribal Member must submit a completed application as well as proof of his/her current residence,

which may be shown by providing a utility bill in the Tribal Member's name that lists the residence as the service address. (See TUAP Policies for eligibility if the utility bill is not in a Tribal Member's name.) Any unused funds for a month will be rolled over to the following month and will remain as a credit balance on the card. The funds will not be "refunded" as a direct payment to the Tribal Member.

Due to the delay in implementing the 2015 program, if a complete application, including all supporting documents, is filed by June 1, 2015, each Tribal Household's card will be issued with a credit equal to \$800 for the months of January through April 2015.

For your convenience, a copy of the two-page application for the Tribal Utilities Assistance Program has been included in this issue of the *Poarch Creek News*. Please feel free to complete this application and present it to the Tribal Member Benefits Department along with all necessary documentation.

A Town Hall meeting has been scheduled for 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 10, 2015 in the Auditorium of Building 500 to discuss the policies and procedures for the Tribal Utilities Assistance Program and the Flex Card Program ONLY. Tribal Members age 18 and older, must show ID to attend.

If you have any questions about the Tribal Utilities Assistance Program, please contact Tribal Member Benefits at (251) 368-9136 x 2207 or 2209. Please contact Hannah Flowers in Government Relations at (251) 368-9136 x 2003 if you need assistance with your username and password.

Gayle Johnson, Media Specialist

None of us got to where we are alone. Whether the assistance we received was obvious or subtle, acknowledging someone's help is a big part of understanding the importance of saying 'thank you'. Harvey Mackay



Tribal Utilities Assistance Program Application

Applications will be processed within thirty (30) days of being received by the Tribe.

NO funds will be disbursed prior to April 1, 2015.

You are responsible for making all payments to your utilities companies in a timely manner. You are responsible for any amounts due after the credit balance on your card is exhausted.

Personal Information (Tribal Member Applicant)

Name _____ **Roll Number** _____
First Middle Last Suffix

Social Security Number _____

Email _____ **Phone** _____

Please list the names and roll numbers of any other Tribal Members residing in the Household:

Primary Residence where utility services are provided:

Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip Code** _____

Please provide a copy of the following:

1. Tribal ID
2. Utility bill for Eligible Expenses. Bill must show address of primary residence.
3. If the Bill is not in the Tribal Member's name, please provide proof of either (1) familial relationship to the person whose name is on the account or (2) proof of ownership (i.e. copy of deed) or status as a tenant at the residence (i.e. a lease). For example, if the bill is in a spouse's name, please provide a marriage certificate. If the bill is in a parent's name, please provide a birth certificate.
4. For a full-time student who is applying for the program at a separate address than his/her parents, the student must provide a copy of the lease which must be in either the student's name or in the name of his/her parent and proof of full-time enrollment.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND DISCLAIMER

By signing below, I am acknowledging that I understand that only one (1) Tribal Member per household is eligible to apply for the Utilities Assistance Program. Further, I certify that I am the only Tribal Member in my household who is applying for these benefits. I understand that any attempt to obtain benefits by more than one (1) Tribal Member in the same household, or otherwise obtain or use benefits in violation of the Program policy, will be considered fraud. Furthermore, this action may be considered a criminal offense and may be prosecuted. Additionally, I understand that any benefits that are paid as a result of any fraud or misrepresentation will be considered a Tribal Obligation Default, and the Tribe will take any necessary actions to recover the amounts paid in accordance with the governing Revenue Allocation Ordinance. I knowingly and voluntarily sign this Acknowledgement and Disclaimer, and I hereby request for the Tribal Member Benefits Department to process my Application for the Utilities Assistance Program.

Tribal Member Name (printed)

Date

Tribal Member Signature

PLEASE RETURN ALL APPLICATIONS WITH SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS TO THE TRIBAL MEMBER BENEFITS DEPARTMENT.

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By vote of the Tribal Council, the Tribe's Sovereignty Celebration will now be held on a five (5) year cycle.

In 2014 we celebrated 30 years of Tribal sovereignty, the next celebration will be held in 2019, the 35th anniversary of our Tribal sovereignty.

If you have any questions or need more information, please contact the Calvin McGhee Cultural Authority at (251) 368-9136 x 2656.



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ON THE COVER-*DEPUTY DAN MCGHEE*

Have you visited Kerretv Cuko (Building of Learning), the Poarch Band of Creek Indians Museum and Gift Shop? The *Poarch Creek News* would like to take you on a tour of the museum!

"Aceyepvs", come in. You are invited into the living history of the Tribe. This isn't a story of a people at rest and gone, this is a community that has been living, struggling, and overcoming for centuries. Here you will experience the commitment to community and the adaptable spirit that has led the Tribe through centuries of challenge and change. Today we continue to preserve our legacy through tradition, tribal involvement, and community betterment. The Museum exhibits invite you to encounter a way of life, a culture woven over centuries¹.

Our exhibit this month features Deputy Dan McGhee, the first person in the Indian community to serve in law enforcement. The exhibit features his badge, handcuffs, and photos. Dan was good friends with the

High Sheriff, Scottie Burns. He went to Brewton one day and was sworn in as a deputy to help him out in the area. Dan was a Deputy Sheriff for five years. His badge was good for any calls within Escambia County, but he mostly helped locally.

The following information comes from Dan's interview with Dr. J. Anthony Parades on September 12, 1972. These are two men who have had a lasting impact on the Tribe, in more ways than one.

Dan was born in Uriah, AL in 1901. He was partly raised in the Huxford and Uriah areas. Dan attended school at Bell Creek between Poarch and McCullough. He visited the Poarch community often as a young man to attend church and visit with local families. He moved to the Poarch Switch area when he was older and married. He also lived in areas of McCullough and McDavid, FL.

Dan worked on various farms around the area and helped raise cotton, corn, syrup, and potatoes. He

tells of a time during his time farming when very few stores or people would work Indians or trade with Indians. Farmer Supply was a store in Atmore that allowed Indians to trade, buy and make purchases on store credit. Some of the farmers would deduct the purchases from their paycheck. If any was left, then workers got paid. If there was none left, you just didn't have anything. "I was mostly a public worker, " he said. "I wasn't much of a farmer. I mostly worked at log camps. I did farm some, but couldn't call myself a farmer."

Dan drove a school bus for twenty-two years. Dan was the only one driving the buses for Indian children. He drove for Jack Daughtry on a private bus. Jack owned the bus but hired Dan as the driver. He later drove county school buses and the Head Start bus. When Dan began driving, he made \$30 a month. He gardened and had livestock to help support his family. He was also a caretaker of the church for approximately seventeen years.

He bought his first piece of property, two and six-tenths acres, for \$100.00; he later sold that land to his daughter, Bernestine (Daughtry).

Dan McGhee stated during his interview with Dr. Parades that he never wanted to be on the Tribal Council. "One reason, I didn't have an education or mothering to be something like that. I was asked to be the councilman on the Head Start, but I wouldn't take it on account of I didn't have the education I felt that I ought to have."

Dan never registered to vote. He wasn't aware of any particular reasons or problems with Indians not registering to vote. Indian people just didn't have much interest in registering to vote and they just didn't want to go do it.

Deputy Dan McGhee is just one exhibit; some of the other items on exhibit at the Museum include Fred Walker's hunting rifle, authentic turtle shell shakers and stickball sticks, the original petition for Federal Recognition, and many more exciting items just waiting for you to come explore.

The Museum is open Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Please stop by the next time you visit the Reservation.

*¹Kerretv Cuko Brochure/Take a 2,000 year walk with us!
Gayle Johnson, Media Specialist*



Deputy Dan McGhee with his patrol car.



Dan McGhee, respected and beloved father and grandfather, as well as church and Tribal leader.



CHRIS ROLIN, CERTIFIED SOUS CHEF

The American Culinary Federation's Recipe Collection Competition named one winner from each of the four regions of the country. Christopher Rolin, CSC, Sous Chef at Wind Creek Casino & Hotel in Atmore AL was named the Southeast Regional Champion for his submission, Almond Crusted Sea Bass. Chris and the other regional winners were featured in the January edition of *The National Culinary Review*.

Christopher L. Rolin, proud member of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians, is the only Tribal Member certified by The American Culinary Federation as a Certified Sous Chef. Chris is employed with Wind Creek Casino as a Sous Chef and has been for 6 years. He holds 17 certifications in the culinary field. He has won silver & bronze medals in cooking competitions held by the American Culinary Federation.

Chris is currently working on his first cookbook entitled "Spirit of the Earth."

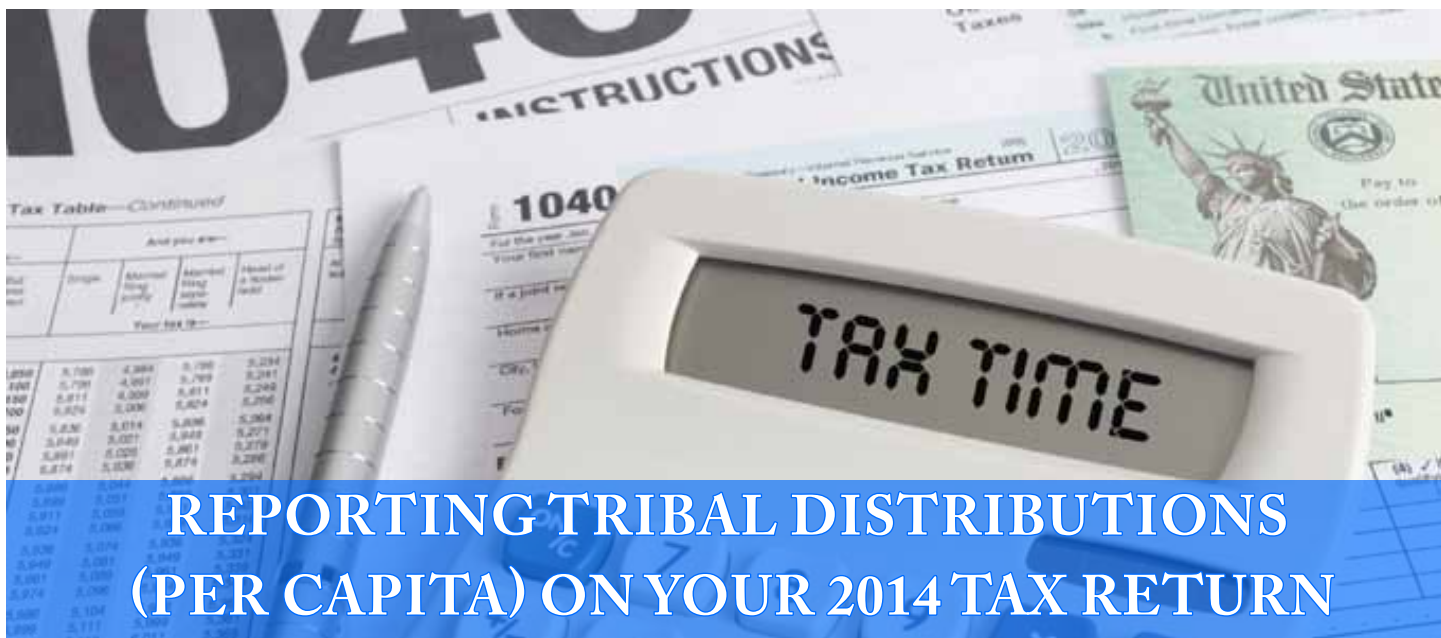
Chris is married to Melanie Rolin; they have been married for 7 years and have 3 sons. Chris enjoys fishing, mud riding, camping, and playing video games with the boys in his spare time.

Melanie is often asked if he cooks a lot at home, sadly, the answer to that would be "no."

Submitted by Melanie Rolin



Chris's award winning submission, Almond Crusted Sea Bass



REPORTING TRIBAL DISTRIBUTIONS (PER CAPITA) ON YOUR 2014 TAX RETURN

As a Tribal Member of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians, a federally recognized Indian tribe, you received taxable distributions from the Tribe in 2014. The Tribe must report these distributions to the IRS and to you on Form 1099-MISC.

If you are expecting a refund, correctly preparing your 2014 federal tax return may help avoid refund delays. Please make sure that you include information from your Form 1099-MISC when you file.

Follow these instructions when filing your 2014 federal income tax return:

- Use Form 1040; not Form 1040A or Form 1040EZ.
- On Form 1040, line 21, enter the amount of tribal distributions from Form 1099-MISC, Box 3.
- On Form 1040, line 21, include a description of the income in the space provided on Line 21. To avoid processing delays, enter one of the following descriptions on Line 21:
 - INDIAN GAMING PROCEEDS
 - INDIAN TRIBAL DISTRIB
 - NATIVE AMERICAN DISTRIB
 - Spell the descriptions exactly as listed above. These descriptions facilitate the processing of your tax return. For example, if you spell

out DISTRIUBTION rather than using DISTRIB, the IRS may reject your return and delay your refund.

If you receive a letter requiring a response from you, respond to the letter in a timely manner. Do not ignore it. While the correct descriptions shown above are important, it is crucial you respond timely to any letter requesting your response. Some letters do not require a response. These are called notices. Notices are sent by the Internal Revenue Service to inform you of the length of time your refund is expected to be delayed.

The IRS's hard work to protect taxpayers from fraud and identity theft may delay refunds for Tribal Members. All tax returns are subject to the refund fraud and identity theft filters. There are NO exceptions.

Although this diligence has affected everyone, Indian Tribal Governments (ITG), an office of the Internal Revenue Service, has gotten involved and the IRS has made strides in streamlining refunds. With automated processes and your following the guidelines in this article, the number and length of delays should be reduced.

ITG/IRS

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BIRTHDAY WISHES

*Mattylyn Juliette Tate
February 2, 2015*



Happy 3rd birthday Mattylyn!
Momma and Daddy love you very much!

*Ethel Rolin Walker
February 3, 2015*



Happy 70th birthday!
We love you!
From your family.

*Emma Bivonna
February 9, 2015*



Happy 7th birthday Baby Girl! Love you!
Mom, Dad, Paisley, Pops, Maw-Maw Sheila,
Nanny, Uncle Craig, Uncle Tommy, Aunt
Cristie, Thomas, Landon, Carson, Grand Pa
Jack, and Granny Helen.

*Carl 'Buster' McGhee, Sr.
February 9, 2015*



Happy 98th birthday!
We love you!
From your family and friends.

*Nathan Dortch
February 10, 2015*



Happy birthday Nathan Dortch, Utilities
Maintenance Foreman!
From your co-workers and board members of
the Tribal Utilities Authority!

*Josh Thomas
February 17, 2015*



Happy birthday Josh Thomas, Utilities
Executive Director!
From your co-workers and board members of
the Tribal Utilities Authority.

*Kenslee Savannah Chavira
February 19, 2015*



Happy 7th birthday Kenslee Savannah!
We love you!
Mom, Dad, Aron, Crimson, Nani, Poppa,
Nae Nae, Ronald, Harper, and Bubba
James.

*Cole Whatley
March 1, 2015*



Happy 21st birthday Cole!
We love you.
From your family.

*Jeremy "Boo Boo" Odom
March 2, 2015*



Happy birthday Boo Boo!
We love you!
Love, Samantha, Jackson, and the rest of
your family and friends.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Adlee Ann Johnson
March 3, 2015



Happy birthday to our Baby Girl as she turns 4! We love you to the moon and back!

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

Allison Salter Rodriguez
March 4, 2015



Happy 39th birthday to our beautiful and talented daughter, Allison.

We love you very much.
Best wishes, family and friends.

Kyle & Kaylee Salter
March 4, 2015



Happy 17th birthday Kyle & Kaylee! Hope all your wishes come true!!

We love you both very much.
Best wishes, family and friends.

Cierra Leigh McGhee
March 6, 2015



Happy Sweet 16 Cierra!

We love you.
From your family.

Jennifer Thomas
March 7, 2015



Happy birthday Jen!

We love you!
Love, Josh, Ashton, Brantlie, and Major.

Mikayla Spruill
March 8, 2015

Mikayla Spruill will celebrate her 17th birthday on March 8, 2015.

Your family wants to say happy birthday and let you know that we love you and we hope your day is awesome!

Leslie Odom
March 13, 2015



Happy birthday Leslie!

We love you!
Chad, Lea, Myra, Bryant, and the rest of your family and friends.

Crimson Josiah Chavira
March 16, 2015



Happy 1st birthday Crimson Josiah Chavira
We love you!!

Mom, Dad, Aron, Kenslee, Nani, Poppa, Nae Nae, Ronald, Harper, and Bubba James.

Pam Williamson
March 21, 2015



Pamela Williamson will celebrate her birthday on March 21, 2015.

Her family wants to say happy birthday and we love you.
Hope you have a wonderful day.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Douglas Johnson
March 22, 2015



Happy birthday to an awesome son, brother, daddy, & pawpaw.
We love you.
Your family and friends.

Betty Caraway
March 24, 2015



Betty Caraway will celebrate her birthday on March 24, 2015.
Her family wants to say happy birthday and we love you.
Hope your day is wonderful!

Stanley Walker
March 24, 2015



Yep, looks like the face of a senior citizen to me!
Happy birthday!
Love, your wife.

Mace McGhee
March 27, 2015



Mace McGhee, Jr will celebrate his birthday on March 27, 2015. His family wants to say happy birthday and we love you.
Hope you have a wonderful day.

Austin Shuttlesworth
March 27, 2015



Happy 19th birthday!
Love, Momma, Darrell, Daddy, Denver, and Anna Grace.

Joshua Spruill
March 27, 2015

Joshua Spruill will celebrate his 12th birthday on March 27, 2015.
Your family wants to say happy birthday and let you know that we love you and we hope your day is awesome!



Ashley Lowe
March 28, 2015



Happy birthday Ashley Lowe, Utilities Office Manager!
From your co-workers and board members of the Tribal Utilities Authority.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS



Brantlee Karsyn Cree Till December 1, 2014

Shawn and Nioma Till would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Brantlee Karsyn Cree Till on December 1, 2014.

At birth Brantlee weighted 7 lbs. 8 oz. and was 19 inches long.

For this child, we have prayed.



Dezmond Guam Nguyen, Jr. January 12, 2015

Michelle Barron and Dezmond Nguyen proudly announce the birth of their son, Dezmond Guam Nguyen Jr. He was born January 12, 2015 and weighed 7 lbs. 3 oz. and was 21 inches long.

Dezmond is the grandchild of Tracy Jackson and Lisa Nguyen and great grandchild of Larry Jackson and Patricia Wessell McGhee.



Leon Colbert January 17, 2015

Kevin and Judy Colbert would like to announce the birth of their beautiful son, Leon Colbert. At birth Leon weighed 7 lbs. 2 oz. and was 21 inches long. Leon is the grandson of Keith and Sharon Colbert. Leon is named after his great grandfather, Leon "Buddy" Colbert, who passed in 2011.

"Our son is a direct descendant of Willis Colbert and Lillian Gibson. It is our hope that he will be a leader and servant to the people of Poarch, just like his ancestors were. We love you Leon!"

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

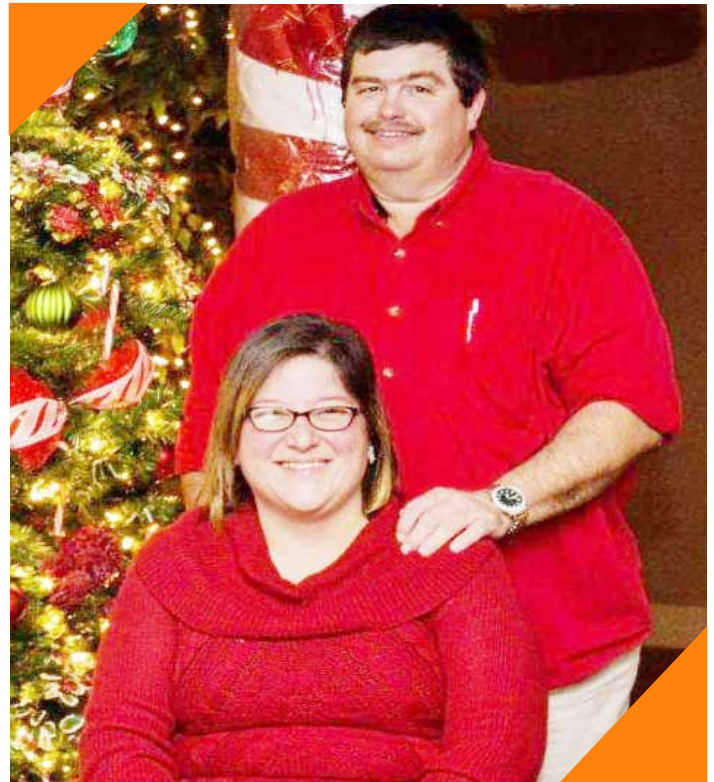
Deanna Rolin and Donnie Macks Announce Engagement

You all knew it was going to happen eventually!

We're excited to announce that we,

Deanna Rolin and Donnie Macks,

Are finally engaged!!!



OBITUARIES/ IN MEMORIAM

Rodney Van Gibson

February 10, 1974 - November 21, 2010

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In Memory Of Rodney Van Gibson

On His Birthday, February 10, 2015



OBITUARIES/ IN MEMORIAM

In Memory Of Peggy Fowler

February 23, 1940 - March 4, 2014

On the anniversary of her passing.



THE DAY YOU WENT AWAY

They say that time is a healer
But as the time goes on,
I seem to find it just as hard
To face the fact you're gone.

Loss has taught me many things
And now I face each day.
With hope and happy memories
Until I see you again that glorious day.

You are dearly missed by your loving husband, children, and family.

Submitted by Tammy Raybon

In Memory Of Dennis Vickery

On His Birthday, March 5, 2015



A PRAYER

Do not stand at my grave and weep
I am not there, I do not sleep
I am a thousand winds that blow
I am the diamond glints of snow
I am the sunlight on ripened grain
I am the gentle autumn rain
When you awaken in the morning's hush
I am the swift uplifting rush
Of quiet white doves in circled flight
I am the soft stars that shine at night
Do not stand at my grave and cry
I am not there, I did not die

By: Mary E. Frye

Submitted by Connie Vickery

TRIBAL MEMBER SUBMISSIONS

Dr. Christina Flint-Lowe

Graduates From University Of Florida

Congratulations to Dr. Christina Flint-Lowe who recently graduated from the University of Florida with a Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Degree.

We are very appreciative of the McGhee-Tullis Tuition Assistance Program which greatly assisted in obtaining this degree.

Your family, friends, and puppies are very proud of you and your accomplishments.

Submitted by Benjamin Lowe



Lauren Jordan Wins HES Spelling Bee

Lauren Jordan, daughter of Anthony Jordan and Corrie Vickery, won first place in the spelling bee held at Huxford Elementary School (HES) on January 9, 2015.

Lauren represented Huxford Elementary in the county spelling bee at Flomaton Elementary on January 15, 2015.

Congratulations Lauren! We are so proud of you!

Submitted by Amy Johns, PCI Education Resource Specialist



The most influential of all educational factors is the conversation in a child's home.

William Temple

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Gayle Johnson (251) 359-0768

TRIBAL MEMBER SUBMISSIONS

Poarch- My Exotic Little Reprieve

A College Admittance Essay

The following is an abbreviation of an essay by Erica Dienes; she submitted her essay as part of her college application process.

Describe a place or environment where you feel perfectly content. What do you do or experience there and why is it meaningful to you?

Do you know the feeling of pure joy you get when you go on a trip to an exotic location you have had planned for months? In my own unique way, I experience the same excitement and joy that others experience traveling to places like Hawaii or Europe, but I only have to travel a small distance to a neighboring state.

My exotic little reprieve is a small, southern town called Poarch, Alabama. A town where the closest mall is forty-five minutes away and probably has more dirt roads than paved streets. This is my Indian Reservation, my heritage, and my second home. It is the place where I am most content. Unlike the majority of my extended family, I was not raised on my Reservation. I live

in a large city in central Florida. While many young people from my Tribe might look forward to leaving, I am always looking for an opportunity to get back to that small town I love so much.

Poarch embodies values and aspects of my life that are important: family, softball, friends, community, and autonomy. While living and working in Poarch over several summers, I had the autonomy to make decisions for myself while still having the support and guidance from my Tribal family. Being on the Reservation gives me a break from my hectic school life, work, and sports. The place and the people of Poarch remind me in simple ways that the support of family and community is the greatest gift of all.

I spent many summers in Poarch playing softball for the Tribe in NAYO tournaments and participating in internships with the elders of the Tribe. I have played a variety of high school athletics from volleyball to basketball, but the softball field is where I am most comfortable. My definition of being perfectly content is playing softball with



family and friends in a community that wraps its strong arms around you.

In my comfort zone of Poarch, Alabama, home of my Tribe, I experience serenity and peace. I am also able to recharge my drive to persevere through the pressures of being a teenager in today's world. The people there are always waiting for me with their arms extended.

Erica is currently a Senior in high school. She is a First Generation Descendant; she is the daughter of JP and Anita (TM) Dienes. She is the granddaughter of Alex and Emily (TM) Owens and the great granddaughter of Adam (TM) and Inez Daughtry.

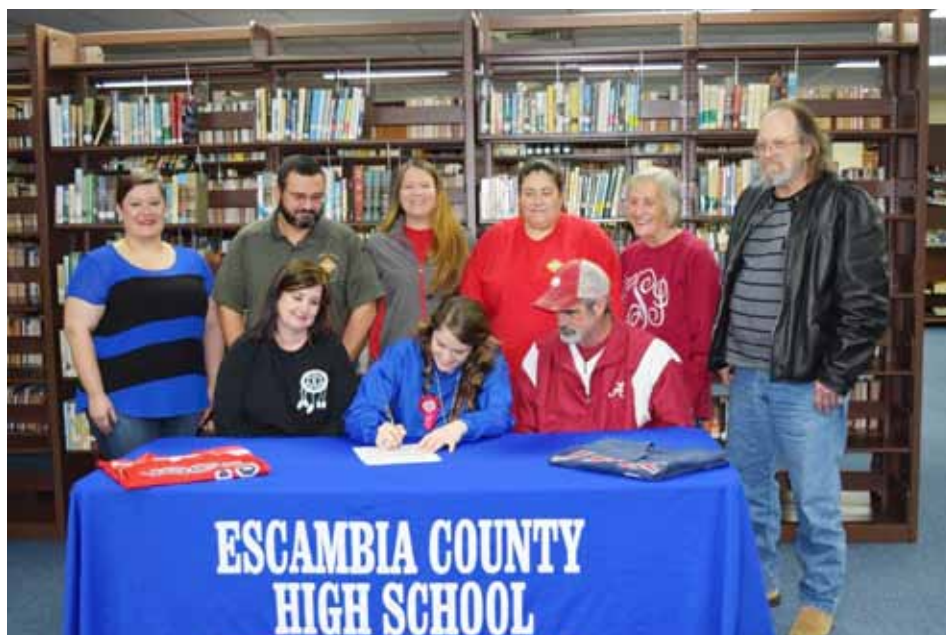
Submitted by Daniel McGhee

Goodness is about character - integrity, honesty, kindness, generosity, moral courage, and the like. More than anything else, it is about how we treat other people.

Dennis Prager

KAYLEE COX SIGNS WITH JEFF DAVIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

TRIBAL MEMBER SUBMISSIONS



Kaylee Cox commits to play softball at JDCC. Kaylee is shown above surrounded by family as she signs with JDCC. Standing left to right are Stephanie Adams, ECHS softball coach, Chris Rutherford, Kaylee's step-father, Misit Nims, JDCC softball coach, Wendy Cox, Kaylee's step-mother, and Kaylee's grandparents Nancy Smith and Walt Session. Seated left to right are Theresa Rutherford, Kaylee's mother, Kaylee Cox, student athlete, and Donnie Cox, Kaylee's father.

Photo submitted by Theresa Rutherford

After her senior year at Escambia County High School, Kaylee Cox will be continuing her education at Jefferson Davis Community College under a Softball Scholarship.

Kaylee plans to become a Registered Nurse and continue her career working with children.

Kaylee is the daughter of Theresa and Chris Rutherford and Donnie and Wendy Cox.

We are very proud of you Kaylee and wish you the best of luck in the future as you work hard and accomplish all of your goals in life!!

Love, Mom, Chris, Dad, Wendy and the rest of your family!

WILL & BESSIE MCGHEE FAMILY REUNION SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2015

All descendants of the Will and Bessie McGhee family are invited to join in the fun, fellowship, and activities at the Pow Wow Grounds on Saturday, May 16, 2015.

Gathering and Fellowship at 12:00 noon.
LUNCH IS PLANNED FOR 1:00 P.M.

Memorial tribute and cemetery visit is scheduled after lunch.

Family representatives are meeting to plan a great gathering. Join in to make this year's reunion a great event!

As always, each family is asked to bring lawn chairs, beverages, and a covered dish.

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If you are someone or know someone who has grown corn and may have been damaged by the above conduct, please contact **Chris Sansfree** at [334-262-1001](tel:334-262-1001) or directly via e-mail at chris.sansfree@sansfreeclaw.com

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Carlvin Manac
United States Navy

Carlvin Manac was born in Atmore, Alabama in 1939. Times were rough back in those days and his family moved around a lot; his

parents always trying to provide a better life for their children.

They lived in communities such as Huxford, Hog Fork, Headapadeda, and Bell Creek (Carlvin used to call it Barrel Creek). The family moved to the Dice community, then to a forgotten little community called Jumping Gully. The family later moved to Louisiana, then to Georgia where they eventually settled.

Carlvin joined the Navy in 1962. He has served on two Naval Destroyers, the USS The Sullivans (DD 537) and the USS Robert K. Huntington (DD-781).

Carlvin and his shipmates on The Sullivans were part of the Cuban Missile Blockade, a 13-day confrontation in October of 1962 between the United States and the

VETERAN'S SALUTE

Soviet Union over Soviet ballistic missiles deployed in Cuba. After a period of tense negotiations the Soviets dismantled their offensive weapons in Cuba and returned them to the Soviet Union.

For their service during this crisis, Navy and Marine personnel who served in the Cuban waters during the crisis were awarded the Navy Expeditionary Medal and the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal.

Carlvin Manac, just one of many Tribal Members who have proudly served for their family, their Tribe, and their country. Because of their sacrifices, we enjoy the freedoms we have today.

RECOGNIZING OUR TRIBAL VETERANS

"Veterans are fathers, mothers, sons, daughters, brothers, sisters, friends and lovers. They are the elderly people who can barely stand but refuse to sit when Old Glory passes by. They are the people, young and old, who sit quietly thinking of a plan when everyone else is panicking. They are the ones who stand up for somebody's rights even though they may disagree with them. They are the ones who celebrate Memorial Day and Veterans Day everyday of the year.

They are the people who keep going when everybody else gives up. They know the meaning of "The Ultimate

Sacrifice" and are willing to make it without a second thought. They do not ask for praise or glory, only that you Honor those who have given their all."

Robert A. Sanchas

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

who have passed, those who have served, and those who currently serve.

We would like the veteran's name, Tribal roll number, rank, branch of service, and any medals or awards received.

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

ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY

ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY EXPANDS SERVICES

The Lavan Martin Assisted Living Facility (ALF) was built to provide Tribal Member services to those Tribal Members who needed assistance with daily living skills. However the facility has few residents. The Tribal Council has approved the expansion of services provided at the ALF to a greater number of individuals, including spouses and widows of Tribal Members, First Generation Descent, and the general public.

The Tribal Council re-evaluated the payment rates based on the status of the individual receiving services. Tribal Members will continue to pay based on a level of care scale, with the highest level of care rate equal to approximately sixty-five percent (65%) of the local market rate. The level of care is based on the individual's needs as determined by the Care Plan team which includes the individual, his/her physician, and the ALF management team.

The rate for spouses and widows of Tribal Members and First Generation Descent will be eighty-five percent (85%) of the local market rate with the general public paying the full market rate (100%). There will be no level of care rates for these individuals.

TRIBAL MEMBERS ONLY:

LEVEL 1 – BASIC CARE

1-Bedroom Unit	\$1,525 monthly
2-Bedroom Unit	\$1,880 monthly

LEVEL 2 – SUPPORTIVE CARE

1-Bedroom Unit	\$1,825 monthly
2-Bedroom Unit	\$2,180 monthly

LEVEL 3 – COMPREHENSIVE CARE

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

SPOUSES AND WIDOWS OF TRIBAL MEMBERS AND FIRST GENERATION DESCENT:

1-Bedroom Unit	\$2,700 monthly
2-Bedroom Unit	\$3,040 monthly

GENERAL PUBLIC:

1-Bedroom Unit	\$3,175 monthly
2-Bedroom Unit	\$3,575 monthly

Please contact Michelle Colbert Shaddix, Assisted Living Administrator, at 251-446-4899 for additional information.



As you grow older, you will discover that you have two hands, one for helping yourself, the other for helping others.

Audrey Hepburn

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

The Boys & Girls Club is proud to announce their 2015 Archery Team!

The children have been practicing regularly for months with their Archery Instructor, Blakelee White Hendrix.

Please come out and support the Archery Team during their competitions. The first competition will be held on March 7, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. right before the entrance to Little River State Park. You will see signs on the road to guide you into the event.

We look forward to seeing you there!



Boys & Girls Club Archery Team: (Back row from left to right) Phenix Crews, Madison Gattis, Olivia Powell and Cloey Powell. (Front row from left to right) Isaiah Madison, Ashkia Weaver, Jayla Brown, and Caseano Oliver. (Kneeling) Tanna Spence; not pictured Tanner Jackson.

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CALVIN MCGHEE CULTURAL AUTHORITY

ARTIST MARKET

Our 2nd Artist Market will be held on Friday, March 13, 2015 in the auditorium of Building 500 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

For more information, please contact Margaret Baggett, Traditional Arts Demonstrator, at (251) 368-9136 x 2648 or mbaggett@pci-nsn.gov.

MUSEUM GIFT SHOP

The Museum Gift Shop will begin closing each month for monthly inventory. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. The Museum Gift Shop will be closed on the following dates in March:

Monday & Tuesday, March 2 & 3, 2015

ATTENTION ALL TRIBAL ARTISANS

We are holding a meeting with all Tribal Artisans about upcoming opportunities to exhibit and share your work. The meeting will be held on March 9, 2015 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the Building 500 Auditorium.

If you have any questions please contact Margaret Baggett at 368-9136 ext. 2648 or mbaggett@pci-nsn.gov.

CREEK SHELL CARVING CLASS AND COPPER TOOLING

Advanced Shell Carving & Copper Tooling

March 30, 2015 - April 24, 2015

4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Beginner Shell Carving

April 27, 2015 - May 8, 2015

4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Beginner Copper Tooling

May 11, 2015 - May 22, 2015

4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

To help offset the cost of equipment and supplies needed, there will be a non-refundable \$40.00 fee for the beginner course and \$20.00 fee for the advanced course.

Payments are due by March 30, 2015.

Only 10 slots are available for each series. If you have never been in shell carving class before, you must take the beginner course only.

Registration will be on a first-come, first-serve basis.

All classes will be held in the Pavilion located on the Powwow Grounds.

To sign up, or for more information, contact Margaret Baggett, Traditional Arts Demonstrator, at (251) 368-9136 Ext. 2648 or by email at mbaggett@pci-nsn.gov.

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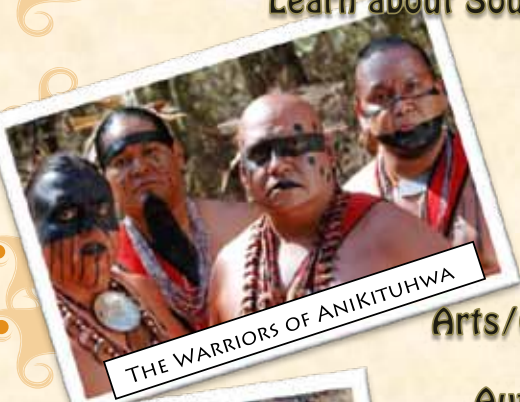
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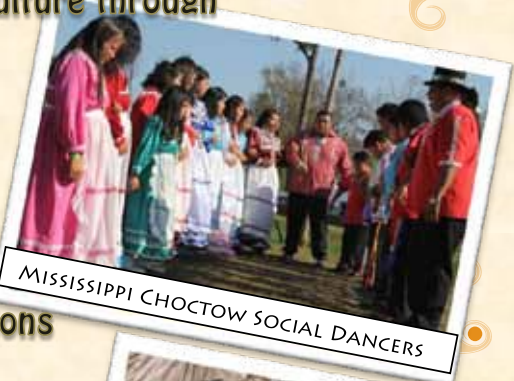
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2015 CREEK INDIAN ART SHOW

March 25, 2015 ~ Building 500 Auditorium



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

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

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

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

Traditional Clothing ~ Photography ~ Weaponry ~ Musical Instruments

Wood ~ Gourds ~ Quilting ~ Mixed Media ~ Shell Carving

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

Entries will be received at the Building 500 Auditorium from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. beginning Wednesday, March 18, 2015 and ending at 12:00 noon on Tuesday, March 24, 2015.

Announcement of winners will be made at the Awards Ceremony at 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 25, 2015 at the Building 500 Auditorium.

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

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

2015 CREEK INDIAN ART SHOW RULES & REGULATIONS

Please read all the rules and information carefully. If you have a question regarding any of the following, please ask a Calvin McGhee Cultural Authority (CMCA) representative at (251) 368-9136 x 2656.

1. Artist eligibility will be limited to certified artisans only. Certification can be obtained upon delivery of art show entry(ies). Proof of Poarch Creek Tribal membership or descent is required.
2. Adult Division participants may enter one (1) piece in each category. Youth Division participants may enter only one (1) piece.
3. Youth participants may choose to move up to the Adult Division; however, they cannot have entries in both divisions.
4. Artwork entered must be the original work of the person entering the piece.
5. Artwork with the Poarch Band of Creek Indians logo will not be accepted.
6. Any work that is deemed to be plagiaristic or have libelous content in regard to known persons and/or well-known characters will not be accepted.
7. Traced/copied work will be removed by the CMCA or the Juried Panel. (For example, you may not freehand copy an existing piece of official art to place in the art show, even if colors or small details are changed.)
8. The CMCA reserves the right to refuse any entry.
9. Reproductions (prints) by the artist of his/her own work may be displayed.
10. Artists must complete an entry form for each piece entered into the art show. Be sure to indicate on the entry form if someone other than yourself has permission to pick up your entry and who should receive the check for your sales, if applicable. Artists are required to provide a valid mailing address, email address, and phone number.
11. All artwork entered should be ready for display. All artwork will either be hung or displayed on available table space or in existing display cases.
 - Flat artwork should be mounted, matted, or framed. This is for the protection of both the art and the Creek Indian Art Show's patrons.
 - Two-dimensional work should be matted, framed, or appropriately mounted to permit hanging, if necessary.
 - Paintings must be thoroughly dry; drawings should be appropriately sealed or protected.
 - Pottery/sculptures must be appropriately finished. Not unfired pieces will be accepted.
 - Three-dimensional work must come with appropriate supports or cases for display on table top.
 - It is highly recommended that if jewelry or other fragile items are submitted, you provide a sturdy, secure display case for your pieces.
 - The CMCA reserves the right to move or change the way your artwork is displayed if necessary.
12. If you have special needs for display of your artwork, please let us know in advance. We will do our best to accommodate you.
13. Artwork entered may be entered as either "For Sale" or "Not For Sale." Pricing of your artwork may be done at the time of submission or prior to the opening of the Creek Indian Art Show on Wednesday, March 25, 2015. If the artist wishes to change the "For Sale" or "Not For Sale" status of his or her work, he or she may do so at any time prior to the sale of the piece by delivering written notification to the CMCA of the change.
14. Artists may provide business cards or contact information to be displayed with their submissions during the Creek Indian Art Show on Wednesday, March 25, 2015. This information will be kept private during the jurying and judging processes.
15. The CMCA is not responsible for holding or shipping artwork for purchasers or artists after the Creek Indian Art Show.
16. The CMCA does not provide insurance on the artwork in its possession. The CMCA will not be held responsible for damaged, lost, or stolen works.
17. Artwork must be picked up by Wednesday, April 1, 2015. The artist or appointed representative must sign a log sheet stating the item was picked up. Any artwork left after 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 1, 2015 may be considered abandoned and may become the property of the CMCA.
18. Food and drink will not be allowed near the artwork.

AWARD INFORMATION:

Adult Division

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

Prizes are ribbons/cash:

1 st	\$200
2 nd	\$100
3 rd	\$ 75
Best of Show	\$250

Youth Division

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

Prizes are ribbons/cash:

1 st	\$50	4 th	\$35
2 nd	\$45	5 th	\$30
3 rd	\$40		

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT



FRED L. MCGHEE LEARNING CENTER PRE-K REGISTRATION

Monday, April 13, 2015 - Friday, April 17, 2015

Fred L. McGhee Learning Center

44 Creek Drive

Atmore, AL 36502

CHILD MUST BE 4 YEARS OLD ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1, 2015.

Applications will be available April 1, 2015. Applications will be available on Education's page of the web site, www.pci-nsn.gov. We will only

accept applications for PCI Tribal Members and First and Second Generation Descent students.

Must bring:

- Certified birth certificate
- Shot Record (Alabama Blue Card)
- Social Security Card
- Proof of Tribal Enrollment or Indian Descent letter

Parents of First and Second Generation Indian Descent students please note: If your child does not have a First or Second Generation Indian Descent letter, you must contact Tribal Member Benefits at 251 368-9136 x 2281 as soon as possible; to receive the letter, your child will be required to undergo DNA testing, which is scheduled two times per month on a first come first served basis. We cannot accept students who do not have a letter at the time of registration.

If you have questions about registration, contact Fran Southard at (251) 446-4885 or Megan Weaver at (251) 368-9136 x 2021.

FINANCIAL PEACE CLASSES

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University kits are available **free** to Tribal Members, First Generation Indian Descendants and Tribal Employees. These home based kits are easy to follow and entertaining as Dave teaches you how to save, budget, dump debt, invest, and plan for college and retirement. You may complete the course in the comfort of your own home, at your own pace or attend a live class which will be offered on the Reservation (Total enrollment must be 10 or more to offer class sessions).

Contact Bryan Fayard, Financial Education Coordinator, in the Education Department at (251) 368-9136 x 2504 or bfayard@pci-nsn.gov for more information.

Additional information may also be found on the Education page of the Tribe's official web site, www.pci-nsn.gov.

2015 GED CLASSES

Day Classes Monday - Thursday
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Evening Classes Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Please contact Billie McGhee at (251) 368-9136 x 2243 or bmcghee@pci-nsn.gov if you need more information.

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

Nelson Mandela

HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR AWARD NIGHT

PCI Tribal Members or 1st Generation Indian Descent Graduates who are graduating High School and would like for their Tuition Assistance funds announced at their award ceremony must fill out the information below and return it by APRIL 3, 2015.

All information must be complete!

Full Name: _____
Phone Number: _____ Graduation Date: _____
Please check one: Tribal Member _____ First Generation: _____
Name of High School: _____
School Mailing Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Date and Time of Awards/ Honor's Day: _____
Person in charge of Event (Name and Contact Info): _____

A letter and certificate will be mailed to your school at the address you listed above.
Your guidance counselor or principal will present you with your certificate. In order to utilize the tuition programs you must fill out an application before you start college.
Applications for the tuition programs can be obtained from the Tribe's website.

For questions please call Magen Weaver at (251) 368-9136 extension 2021.
Address: Magen Weaver, 5811 Jack Springs Road, Atmore, AL 36502
Fax: (251) 368-0809 or Email: mweaver@pci-nsn.gov



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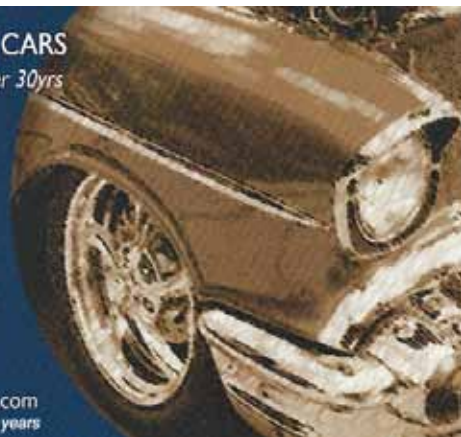
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Graduation Banquet

PCI Tribal Members or 1st Generation Indian Descent Graduates who have obtained their High School Diploma, GED, or College Degree are invited to attend the 2015 Graduation Banquet!

You must be a 2014-2015 graduate to attend.

Date: Friday, June 5, 2015 ♦ Time: 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Place: Wind Creek Casino Coosawada Ballroom

Graduates must RSVP by May 22nd to attend.

Full Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____ Graduation Date: _____

Please check one: Tribal Member _____ First Generation: _____

School Graduated From: _____

Degree Received: _____

You DO NOT have to attend the banquet to get your graduation gift!

Please indicate if you will be attending the banquet? Yes _____ No _____

Please indicate how many guest you will be bringing, not including yourself. This is a celebration for you and your immediate family. **You are allowed to bring a maximum of 4 guests with you to the banquet. Number of Guest:** _____

Hosted by: Tribal Council, PCI Education Dept, Education Advisory Board, and Cultural Authority

For questions please call Magen Weaver at (251) 368-9136 extension 2021.

RSVP form must be returned by May 22, 2015 to Magen Weaver.

Address: Magen Weaver, 5811 Jack Springs Road, Atmore, AL 36502

Fax: (251) 368-0809 ~ Email: mweaver@pci-nsn.gov

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

POARCH CREEK 4-H CLUB PARTICIPATES IN THE 2015 4-H LIVESTOCK SKILLATHON & QUIZ BOWL



4-H Livestock Skillathon & Quiz Bowl participants shown left to right are Dylan Rolin, Wyatt Rutherford, Rowdy Rutherford, Cheyenne McGee, and DJ Rolin.

The Poarch Creek 4-H Club had 5 members participate in the 2015 4-H Livestock Skillathon & Quiz Bowl in January. Members were Cheyenne McGee, Dylan Rolin, DJ Rolin, Wyatt Rutherford and Rowdy Rutherford.

During the quiz bowl, our kids were placed with kids from different counties. Cheyenne and Wyatt were

on a team with participants from Etowah, Houston & Tuscaloosa Counties. They placed 4th in the Senior Division.

Rowdy was on a team with participants from Cherokee County. They placed 3rd in the Intermediate Division. Dylan & DJ were also on a team with participants from Cherokee County. They placed 1st in the Junior Division.

During the Skillathon, participants had to identify different types of livestock tools, feed, breeds and meat cuts. They also had to rank hay samples, wool samples, meats and livestock. Cheyenne placed 10th overall in the Senior Division. DJ placed 10th overall in the Junior Division. Dylan placed 1st overall in the Junior Division, 2nd in Junior Evaluation, 2nd in Junior Quality Assurance, and 4th in Junior Meat Identification.

Congratulations, Dylan, Wyatt, Rowdy, Cheyenne, and DJ! Job well done!!

Escambia County 4-H Calf Show & Sale

Thursday, March 5, 2015

**Perdido River Farms
5535 Poarch Road
Atmore, AL 36502**

Come join the fun!

Steer & Heifer Show: 1:00 p.m.

Premium Sale: 6:00 p.m.

Resale will follow the premium sale.

For more information contact:

**Escambia County Extension Office
175 Ag Science Drive, Suite D
Brewton, AL 36426
(251) 867-7760**

**Ken Kelley
County Extension Coordinator**

**Spencer Williamson
4-H Agent Assistant**

FAMILY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF TRIBAL MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES.

PROGRAM NOTICES:

LIHEAP or CSBG Services: PBCI Tribal Per Capita monies and Senior Benefit monies will be included in the calculation of household income.

The following grants are available for public review:

- Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
- Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)
- Family Violence (FVPSA)
- Elder Abuse Prevention & Intervention Grant

If you wish to review these grants, please come by our office to view these documents.

We welcome your comments and suggestions!

Easter Egg Hunt

Pow Wow Grounds

March 21, 2015

10:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Contact (251) 368-9126 x 2603 for more information

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

You can reach Frank at (251) 368-9136, ext. 2212, or via e-mail at fmccloskey@pci-nsn.gov.

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



If you suspect fraud, waste, or abuse in any of the Community Services Programs please contact the Family Services Department at (251) 368-9136 x 2600.

Family Services Department

5811 Jack Springs Road

Atmore, AL 36502

Office (251) 368-9136 Fax (251) 368-0828

2015 WINTER LIHEAP INFORMATION

(Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program)

Distribution Dates: March 3, 4, 5, & 17, 18, 19

General Information

- Applications will be accepted in the Family Services Department.
- No appointments are necessary. Services are offered on a first come, first served basis.
- Note the various dates and come in according to your household composition.
- Priority is given to Senior households, clients receiving disability income, households with children

under the age of 5, and households receiving Food Stamps or TANF benefits.

- LIHEAP does NOT pay for any additional fees or services such as late fees, connection fees, outside lights, etc.
- Approved amounts range from \$250-\$325. You will be responsible for any charges that are not covered by LIHEAP. If your bill is less than the amount awarded, only the total amount of the bill will be paid.

ALL PER CAPITA WILL BE COUNTED AS INCOME.

2015 WINTER LIHEAP INFORMATION

(Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program)

Required Documentation for ALL applicants

- Current energy or gas bill.
- Social Security cards for ALL members of the household. There will be no exceptions or approvals without SS cards. This is a Federal requirement.
- Tribal ID for applicant/head of household.
- Current income verification for all household members that are over the age of 19 such as pay stubs, paychecks, letters of salary verification, etc.
- If anyone in the house over the age of 19 is unemployed, you must bring a statement verifying they are not working. The statement must be signed by three people who do not reside in your household and must include their phone numbers.
- Current verification if receiving state unemployment benefits.
- CURRENT Social Security or Disability Income Verification. We must have current income verification on file for all 2015 applications and services.

ESTIMATED STATE MEDIAN INCOME BY HOUSEHOLD SIZE AND BY STATE, FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2015

State	Est. State Median income for four person family	60% of Est. State median income for four-person family	60% of Estimated State Median Income					
			One Person Family	Two Person Family	Three Person Family	Four Person Family	Five Person Family	Six Person Family
Alabama	\$65,575	\$39,345	\$20,459	\$26,755	\$33,050	\$39,345	\$45,640	\$51,935
Florida	\$65,166	\$39,099	\$20,332	\$26,588	\$32,844	\$39,100	\$45,356	\$51,612

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

Please be aware of household income adjustments

*LIHEAP applicants must meet above listed income guidelines to qualify

2015 Per Capita Total: \$22,237.53

2015 Winter LIHEAP Dates and Times

Day	Date	Time	Priority Schedule
Tuesday	March 3, 2015	9 am - 4 pm	All Types of Households
Wednesday	March 4, 2015	9 am - 4 pm	All Types of Households
Thursday	March 5, 2015	9 am - 4 pm	All Types of Households
Tuesday	March 17, 2015	9 am - 4 pm	All Types of Households
Wednesday	March 18, 2015	9 am - 4 pm	All Types of Households
Thursday	March 19, 2015	9 am - 4 pm	All Types of Households

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

DIABETES PREVENTION PROGRAM

The Poarch Creek Health Department is proud to offer the Diabetes Prevention Program. Are you ready to make the changes to prevent or delay the onset of diabetes? The DPP is a 16 week program that will help guide and support participants as they learn to make small healthy changes!

Please join today if you have been diagnosed with pre-diabetes, history of gestational diabetes, BMI > 24, elevated fasting glucose or if you have an A1C of 5.7 – 6.4!

Classes start March 2, 2015. Classes will be offered at lunch to accommodate everyone's busy work schedules. Lunch will be provided.

For additional information contact Kay Gattis at 251-368-9136 ext. 2326, Donna Johnson at ext. 2332, Kay Thomas at ext. 2328, or Jill Lee at ext. 2372.

RADIOLOGY DEPARTMENT

Did you know that we offer a comprehensive diagnostic radiology department at our Tribal health clinic? While all X-ray exams must be ordered by a medical provider, it is not required that a physician from our clinic order the test. We are happy to perform x-ray procedures

requested by outside medical providers as well. Radiology exams are read by University of South Alabama Radiologists and a report is sent to the ordering physician once the exam is completed. We do not offer CT, fluoroscopy, or MRI at this time. However; we will begin offering ultrasound services within the next month. An update will be sent out as soon as these services begin.

PHARMACY REMINDER

Please keep in mind when you or your designated person requests refills to be processed whether by phone or on paper that you provide the pharmacy with the following:

1. Names of medication or prescription numbers.
2. What you are taking the medications for if you do not know the names or prescription number, or
3. Bring your bottles.

This helps the pharmacy process only the medications that you are currently taking. We want to keep you safe.

You may request prescriptions to be refilled 3 days in advance of your due date.

STAFF CHANGES



Dr. Estvold retired and we will miss him dearly and wish him a very happy retirement. We encourage all Tribal members to call and schedule your yearly check up with one of our existing providers.

We are pleased to welcome Dr. Ted Woods to our staff. Dr Woods joins Dr. Carmen DelaRosa and Ms. Julie Gordon, CRNP.

We are proud to welcome Dr. Glenn H. Glass, Orthodontics, and his staff. Dr. Glenn H. Glass completed his undergraduate studies at the University of Alabama before moving on to UA's School of Dentistry where he graduated with honors. He would later earn his Master's degree in Orthodontics before heading further south in 2003 to practice along Alabama's beautiful Gulf

Coast. Often lecturing at schools and study clubs, Dr. Glass stays abreast of the latest technological advances in his field through continuing education and memberships in the following professional organizations: American Dental Association, American Association of Orthodontists, Southern Association of Orthodontists, Mobile Area Dental Society, and the Baldwin County Study Club.

Dr. Glass is married to Suzanne and they are expecting their first child this month (March 2015). He loves spending time with his three beautiful children, Isabelle, Gabrielle, and Houston. Dr. Glass's hobbies include hunting, fishing, and cooking. Dr. Glass and his staff are excited to serve the Poarch community. They offer full service treatment options and a variety of payment options including interest free payments. Please call (251) 626-7770 or (251) 580-4447 to schedule your appointment.

TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

For PCI Tribal Members with transportation needs, please contact our Transportation Providers, Randy Adams at extension 2391 or Juanita Slate at extension 2367. Services are available to PCI Tribal Members who live in the five county service area, who are age 55 and over and/or disabled. Please call to arrange your transportation at least 3 days in advance of your appointment. To better serve all our patients, please notify the transportation providers of cancellations at least 24 hours in advance.

MARCH IS COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

March has been designated as Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month. Are you at risk for developing colorectal cancer? Take a moment and answer the following questions to determine if you are at risk for developing Colorectal Cancer.

- Are you aged 50 years old or older?
- Have you had a colorectal polyp or cancer in the past?
- Has anyone in your family had polyps or colorectal cancer?
- Do you eat more fats than fiber?
- Have you had inflammatory bowel disease, such as ulcerative colitis?
- Have you noticed persistent changes in your bowel habits?

If you answered yes to one or more questions, you may be at risk for developing colorectal polyps or cancers. Please contact your primary care physician or gastroenterologist for a screening appointment.

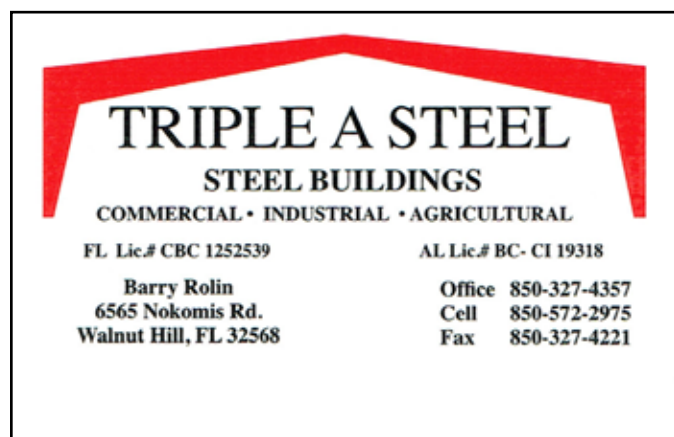



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HOUSING AUTHORITY

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 - Manac Townhouses
Rental - Walker Subdivision, Pensacola, FL
Rehabilitation Assistance
Renovation Loan Program
Heating & Cooling Loan Program
Senior Emergency Program
TAHO

Applicants are responsible for accurately completing, correcting, and updating all applications and must certify that all information is true and accurate to the best of his/her knowledge.

Failure to update an application for a period of twelve months is grounds for removing the application for consideration and the applicant will be ineligible for consideration until an updated application is on file.

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



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**FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 2015
1:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.**

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The measure of who we are is what we do with what we have.

Vince Lombardi

Nothing is impossible, the word itself says 'I'm possible'!

Audrey Hepburn

LEGAL DEPARTMENT

As always, to promote dissemination and public access to Tribal laws, Tribal Member public viewing is available during office hours at the Tribal Chair's Office, Tribal Council Office, Tribal Court, Education Department, 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 web site, 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.



As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.

Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future.

John F. Kennedy



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OFFICE OF ARCHIVES & RECORDS MANAGEMENT

The tribal archival collections in the Office of Archives and Records Management are growing in leaps and bounds! Tribal Archivist/Archives Director Dr. Deidra Suwanee Dees and Records Coordinator Ms. Ellen O'Barr traveled to the University of Florida and Florida State University in January of this year to conduct research on Creek history to help build our archives. On this trip, staff was "looking for records related to Creek history that we do not have in our archives. We hope to fill voids in our records on tribal history," Dr. Dees said.

Ms. O'Barr found remarkable records on Creek history relating to the Red Stick War (Creek War) in the early 1800s in the Special Collections at Smathers Library at the University of Florida. They identified and brought back hundreds of records related to Creek history including records on specific items that Creeks traded with Europeans.

They found rare records on the 1960s Eastern Creek Land Claims cases in the Special Collections at the Claude Pepper Library at Florida State University. Senator Pepper served as one of the attorneys for Creek Nation East



Dr. Dees and Ms. O'Barr find intriguing Creek records at the University of Florida.

of the Mississippi during the era of the Land Claims cases, working with Chief Calvin McGhee and Attorney Hugh Rozelle. These enriching papers are now available for you to look at in the archives.

What else is going on? Our Administrative Assistant Ms. Wendy Phillips-Cox reported, "We've been cleaning the Rozelle Collection, creating CDs for Tribal Members of the audio recordings and slideshows that we've used during our 'Evening with the Elders' program, and have assisted numerous patrons with [research]. We've digitized several collections that Tribal Members and patrons have donated to the Tribe." If you have records you would like to share with us, such as photographs, letters, Indian Consolidated School

yearbooks, or memorabilia, please bring them by and we will make a copy for the archives.

Our records offer an abundance of resources to researchers and students. Recently, staff provided Auburn University student and Tribal Member, Justin Stabler, with transcripts and audio recordings, as well as numerous documents from the Gail Thrower Collection to use in his research paper on the Poarch Band of Creek Indians' Federal Recognition process.

If you are looking for records on Creek history, please call us at 446-4528. Better yet, drop by our Office at 100 Brookwood Drive (CIE Building) and check out our new acquisitions.

Mvto.

There were some errors in The Voice of Visions picture book that was mailed to Tribal Members in December. We reflect the correction to those errors below.

Page 12 correction Lena Rolin
Page 47 correction House behind or near
 Episcopal Church

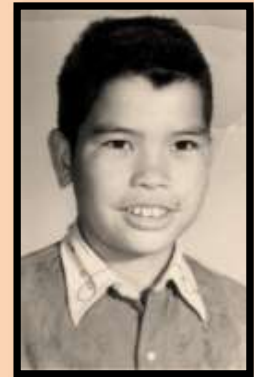
Page 52 correction

Page 53 correction
Page 55 correction

Bryant Rolin in rocker, Buster Rolin beside post, and Lawrence Walker

Little's McGhee
Ruby Jackson not Lula Radcliffe

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



**EVENING WITH THE ELDERS
FEATURING THE CLASS REUNION OF
INDIAN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL
1949-1970**



Tuesday, March 17, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

**Old Family Services Auditorium
Everyone is invited. Dinner will be served.**

Join us for this historic class reunion of students who attended the Indian Consolidated School from 1949 to 1970. Students are invited to bring memorabilia and yearbooks, and share stories with us about their classmates, teachers, and school experiences.

Bring your photographs to the Archives—at the latest—one week before the event.

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



YOUR HEALTH MATTERS

Small Decisions Make Big Things Happen

Just Breathe

What's Most Important Thing For Good Health? You're Doing It Right Now.

A very powerful tool to improve strength, cardiovascular health, flexibility, and reduce stress is breathing. Breathing is an important resource that we often overlook and not use to our best advantage. Proper breathing can help us with our training programs by increasing strength and flexibility. Improving our breathing will reduce tension and will take our lives from good to great. Let's look into breathing a little more...

Are you breathing correctly? Babies are, most adults are not. We should be breathing from our belly or diaphragm and not our chest. Breathing by expanding our lungs and not our bellies can induce a stress or "fight or flight" response. During training if we are breathing from our belly, we will maximize our oxygen intake expand flexibility in our upper back and shoulders.

How to check your breathing:

- Lay on our stomach
- Place your hands on top of each other and place on your belly
- Breathing naturally for a few breaths, notice if your belly is rising before your chest.

If your belly is rising before your chest, this is the breathing pattern we want. If your chest is rising before your belly, focus on getting your belly to rise before your chest. You will need to continue to work on this everyday a few times a day to make this a habit. When breathing into your belly make sure to fill that space entirely with air. Visualize filling up a jug with water right up to the top.



Be mindful of your breathing, keeping it smooth and steady.

When you are feeling stress from training or life, take a few breaths into your belly. It will help reduce your blood pressure and allow you to regroup. In stressful situation, remaining calm can diminish any bad effects stress can have on our bodies. Discover the power of breathing and use it to your advantage.

Win the Day!

-*Spencer*

Spencer Tatum is the National Training Director for Advantage Training. He has worked with all levels of fitness and currently oversees all of the program writing at Poarch Recreation. You can connect directly to Spencer by clicking on My Message Center/Talk to a Trainer inside the My PCI Wellness online portal.



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YOUR HEALTH MATTERS

Small Decisions Make Big Things Happen

Feel Great All Day Every Day

You can stay at your peak level of performance all day. Imagine yourself working with steady energy and concentration throughout the day. Sounds pretty great, right? The key to sustained energy and focus is choosing specific foods throughout the day. What you choose for a snack has a direct impact on how you feel.

The difference between eating a snickers bar and eating an apple with peanut butter is big, especially in terms of the energy. A snickers bar will give you quick energy for 30 minutes, but then you will feel a drop or “crash” soon after; leaving you more tired and hungry than before. Choosing an apple with peanut butter will give you a boost of energy that will last longer and prevent an energy crash.

Here are 3 tips for healthy snacking:

- **Choose snacks that are high in vitamins and minerals.** The B-vitamins (folate, niacin, thiamin, B6, B12) and Vitamin C will restore your cells and give your body some needed energy. Try having an orange with a small salad, focusing on dark green leafy vegetables and some chicken.
- **Mix in protein and fat with carbohydrates.** Have some dried fruit with almonds, or an apple with peanut butter. The protein and fat from the almonds and peanut butter will provide you with sustained energy and will slow down the digestion of the fruit. A snack that's totally carbohydrates will spike your blood sugar and then cause you to feel sluggish soon afterwards.
- **Water, water, water.** Thirst is often confused for hunger. Try drinking water with lemon, or take it up a notch and have carbonated water with strawberries. Include fruit that will make your water more flavorful and enjoyable to drink.



When you have healthy snacks, you will feel more energized during the day and you can prevent any energy crashes. That means more productivity and doing more of what you love to do.

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

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

- Ashley

Ashley Richards is a Health Coach and Nutritionist for Advantage Training. She believes that the key to creating healthy habits is to start by making small, sustainable changes. You can connect directly to Ashley by clicking on My Message Center/Talk to a Health Coach inside the My PCI Wellness online portal.



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RECREATION AUTHORITY



SPRING SWIMMING LESSONS OPEN TO COMMUNITY

Registration March 2, 2015 - May 29, 2015

Spring I: April 6, 2015 - May 1, 2015

Spring II: May 4, 2015 - May 29, 2015

Fee: \$20.00

For more information, registration, or applications, contact the Recreation Department at 251-368-9136 ext. 2256 or online at www.pci-nsn.gov.

WEIGHT LIFTING CLASS

Ages 13-17

Recreation Department

Tuesdays & Thursdays

5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.



Participant must be Tribal Member or 1st Generation Descendant.

Instructors: Coach Frankie Bell
Sean McClellan
Megan Flurnoy

For more information contact Tiffany Faircloth at 251-368-9136 ext. 2249 or tfaircloth@pci-nsn.gov.



BATTING CAGES OPEN

Weather permitting, the hours of operation for the batting cages are:

Monday - Friday 4:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Batting cages are closed if temperature drops below 60 degrees and/or for sleet, rain, or misting rain.

Please call the Recreation Department at (251) 368-9136 x 2256 to confirm the batting cages are open.

Why did the baseball player shut down his website?

He wasn't getting any hits!

Why is it so windy at Candlestick Park?

Because of all the Giant fans!

Why did the cop go to the baseball game?

Someone stole second base!

Why are spiders good baseball players?

Because they know how to catch flies!

Why was Cinderella kicked out of the baseball game?

She ran away from the ball!

Why do girls like baseball?

It's the only sport played on a diamond!

TRIBAL ADMINISTRATION

OLD SAIL CENTER UNAVAILABLE FOR RENT

Until further notice, the Old SAIL Center located on Lynn McGhee Drive will no longer be available for rent by Tribal Members.

This facility is currently occupied by the Boys and Girls Club and is used for daily activities.

OFFICE CLOSURES

Please remember the following closure when planning your visits to the Pharmacy, Health Clinic, or other Tribal Administrative offices.

Friday, April 3, 2015

Tribal Offices and Boys & Girls Club will also be closed in observance of Good Friday.

Beware of little expenses. A small leak will sink a great ship.

Benjamin Franklin

I believe that through knowledge and discipline, financial peace is possible for all of us.

Dave Ramsey

TRIBAL FINANCE DEPARTMENT



Tribal Government Finance has established a Tribal Loan Portal accessible to Tribal Members Only through a link on the front page of the Tribe's web site at www.pci-nsn.gov.

The [Pay Tribal Bill Here](#) link is on the left sidebar of the homepage under the Tribal Member Portal heading. Tribal Finance will provide usernames and passwords

for the Tribal Loan Portal to all Tribal Members with a current loan as well as future Tribal loan program participants.

Tribal Government now accepts Tribal loan payments via VISA and Master Card through the Tribal Loan Portal or on-site payments at Tribal Government.

VISA and Master Card payments are not accepted for other programs at this time.

Please remember to keep your contact information up to date. Numerous loan statements and other correspondences from the Tribal Finance Department have been returned by the Post Office marked 'undeliverable as addressed', 'insufficient address', 'unable to forward', etc.

If you have any questions please call Candy Byrd at 251-368-9136 ext. 2006 or Deborah Hammons at 251-368-9136 ext. 2007.

TRIBAL MEMBER BENEFITS DEPARTMENT

In order for annual Tribal Member distributions to be processed accurately, Tribal Member Benefits must be informed of any changes you may have to your address, phone number, and/or other personal information. Numerous correspondences have been returned by the Post Office marked 'undeliverable as addressed', 'insufficient address', 'unable to forward', etc.

Please contact the Tribal Member Benefits Department at (251) 368-9136 x 2209 or 2207 to update your contact information or to have a new Direct Deposit Form 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). Banking information will not be taken over the phone.

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

*Please note that the Health Insurance Marketplace offer for free or low-cost health insurance is **not** affiliated with the Poarch Creek Indians. Please do not contact Tribal Member Benefits in reference to this program.*

TRIBAL POLICE DEPARTMENT

TRIBAL TIP LINE

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

Law enforcement officers are never 'off duty.' They are dedicated public servants who are sworn to protect public safety at any time and place that the peace is threatened. They need all the help that they can get. Barbara Boxer

No one ever said that fighting the war against terrorism and defending our homeland would be easy. So let's support our troops, law enforcement workers, and our mission to keep our nation and our children safe in the days and years to come.

Judy Biggert

TRIBAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY

The Utilities Authority continues to strive to provide the best service possible to our customers.

Utilities has completed 100% of the meter change outs for Escambia Community Utilities. We now have a total of four employees who have obtained their pumper license. In addition, we continue to acquire new Solid Waste customers for tribally owned homes on a regular basis.

Utilities has worked hard at repairing a sewer main rupture on Jack Springs Road. Their prompt response and work ethics ensured all regulatory compliance standards were met.

The old Utilities garbage truck has been sent out for a complete overhaul and it will serve as a redundant vehicle for trash collections for the new Peterbilt Garbage Truck with Heil Compactor.

Utilities made a new connection on O'Barr Lane that will transfer five new tribal member customers to our system.

On Monday January 26, 2015, the Utilities Authority sent 3 Upper Management Staff Members to attend the John Maxwell Leadership Training Conference held at Pensacola Bay Center.

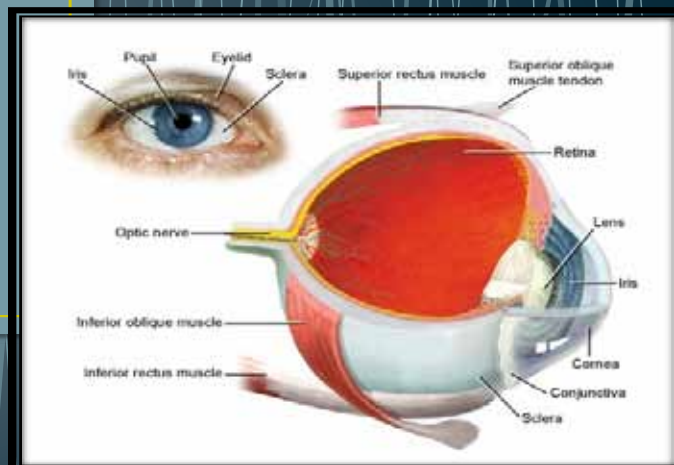
The Utilities Authority would like to wish the following staff members a happy birthday:

February 10, 2015	Nathan Dortch Utilities Maintenance Foreman
February 17, 2015	Josh Thomas Utilities Executive Director
March 28, 2015	Ashley Lowe, Utilities Office Manager

The Utilities Authority looks forward to continuing to serve our customers in 2015.

***You can have an eye disease and not even know it.
When was the last time you had your eye's checked?***

**Come join us at
Premier Family Eye Care
Thursday, March 19th
2:00-4:00pm
for a FREE Retinal Screening**





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 for additional information or to schedule an appointment.

New Menu Items Coming in March

Watch our Facebook Page and our Website for Updates

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251-368-0085 i65exit54.com

We Offer Call Ahead and To Go Orders!

Love Me Tenders

4 Tenders
4 Potato Wedges
just \$5.99

Eat in or Take Out
Offer valid during March 2015

CREEK Travel Plaza
i65exit54.com

Did You Know..

You can fuel after hours!

Pay at the Pump with a Credit or Debit Card.

Call 251-446-8801
Next to Wind Creek Casino
Gift Certificates Now Available

MBWR'S LAKE RECLAMATION PROJECT

MY, WHAT BIG LAKES YOU HAVE!

The ongoing effort to connect the smaller lakes at Magnolia Branch Wildlife Reserve is progressing nicely. The CIEDA Land Management Team has been working for the past two years during the off season to create substantially larger bodies of water at Magnolia Branch. This will allow the Reserve to reclaim previously unusable soil and land within the park and expand it into more usable lake areas. These areas previously were mined areas which later filled with water creating an array of small lakes and waterways.

Using a system of dredging, excavating, and flooding, the CIEDA Land Management Team has moved tons of material to create a massive lake system, which will enhance the ascetic nature of our park and provide for more water-based entertainment options. It is anticipated when this project is completed that the new lake system will encompass roughly 50 acres of connected waterways and will allow for additional areas

to be explored by kayak and canoe. Water activities, such as paddleboards, paddleboats and johnboats, are being considered for use in the improved lake system. Also being considered are ways to improve the fish habitat in the lakes to provide for a better fishing experience.

Once this land reclamation project is completed, the roadways will be opened for use by park patrons and will boast approximately 5 miles of roadways through the park, which will be perfect for biking or hiking. Additional lake view primitive camping opportunities will be available once the improvements are completed. So make plans to see these improvements on your next day trip or camping excursion to Magnolia Branch Wildlife Reserve, just off I-65 in Atmore.

Submitted by Jen Peake, CIEDA Marketing Content Specialist



The photograph above shows the current progress on the land reclamation efforts; the Google Earth map to the right shows the progress from an aerial view and depicts its proximity to the main campground area.



BUILD IT AND THEY WILL COME

What do you do when you have huge machines and equipment but do not have a facility large enough to house them? As the old adage goes, “build it and they will come.”

That is exactly what Muskogee Technology in Atmore, AL has done. In July 2014, the need for expansion was obvious when the Poarch Creek-owned company started receiving heavy fabrication contracts, which required a new brake press machine so big they are literally erecting a building around them. Thus, MT North was born.

“By having this machine in-house, it allows us to eliminate the cost of going outside the company and it is a lot faster for us to do it ourselves instead of sending products off to be finished,” said Accounting Manager Lou Roberts.

After purchasing the old Brantley’s Tires building on North Main Street, part of the building was torn down to make room for the machine in its 12,000-square-foot space. Roberts said the machine is on order and will be arriving within a few weeks. After arrival and placement on the recently poured foundation, it will take another couple of weeks to build the building.

“The brake press is AB 600-14, which allows for a 600-ton capacity and has a 14-foot bed,” said Procurement Officer Wes Woodruff.

According to Jeff Nelson, Muskogee Technology plant manager, the

equipment forms sheet metal and will allow the company to better fabricate steel parts for its customers, which include Caterpillar, Gardner Denver, Siemens, and others.

MT North also has a new plasma cutter. This machine will cut up to 6 inches of carbon steel and is more efficient than the water jets used at the south end facility.

The plasma cutter is an HPR 400 machine, which uses a special technology for cutting metal to create extreme and lasting results.

Muskogee Technology North opened in August 2014 and already churns out tons of parts using the plasma cutting machine, straightening presses and heavy welding areas to make FRAC pumps and wind turbine tooling. The company prides itself on 100 percent

on-time delivery and responsiveness in creating and manufacturing high-quality products and by implementing government-needed services with precision.

Capitalizing on its state-of-the-art software, Muskogee Technology demonstrates its professionalism and accuracy on doing things right the first time and every time. Muskogee Tech measures its success by making sure its customers are satisfied and get supreme products that are set to high standards.

*Submitted by Jen Peake, CIEDA Marketing
Content Specialist*



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 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

www.fsa.usda.gov/al

www.nrcs.usda.gov/farmbill

USDA Rural Development

www.rurdev.usda.gov

www.rurdev.usa.gov/al

Alabama Forestry Commission

www.forestry.state.al.us

For more information contact:

David Elliott, NRCS Tribal Liaison

5535 Poarch Road, Atmore, AL 36502

(251) 368-0826

NRCS FLORIDA AGRICULTURAL ASSISTANCE

The USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Florida has designated funding for longleaf pine forests, seasonal high tunnels, pollinators, organic farming, on-farm energy, and gopher tortoise habitat. Farmers and ranchers can apply through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program.

Longleaf Pine Initiative--helps private landowners improve the sustainability and profitability of Longleaf pine forest ecosystems.

Pollinators-- helps producers develop habitat for pollinators.

Organic Initiative--helps producers install conservation practices on USDA certified organic operations or those working toward organic certification.

Seasonal High Tunnel Initiative--helps producers install high tunnels designed to extend the growing season, increase productivity, keep plants at a steady temperature, and conserve water and energy.

On-farm Energy Initiative--helps producers conserve energy on their operations.

Working Lands for Wildlife Initiative--helps producers create gopher tortoise habitat.

Farmers and ranchers can apply until March 20, 2015 for conservation technical assistance and financial assistance. Do you want help conserving resources on your farm or ranch? The first step is to develop a conservation plan with a NRCS specialist.

- Escambia County District Conservationist Joshua McElhaney at (850) 587-5404, x3, 151 Highway 97, Molino, FL, 32577.
- Santa Rosa County District Conservationist Trent Mathews at (850) 623-3229, x3, 6285 Dogwood Drive, Milton, FL, 32570-3544.

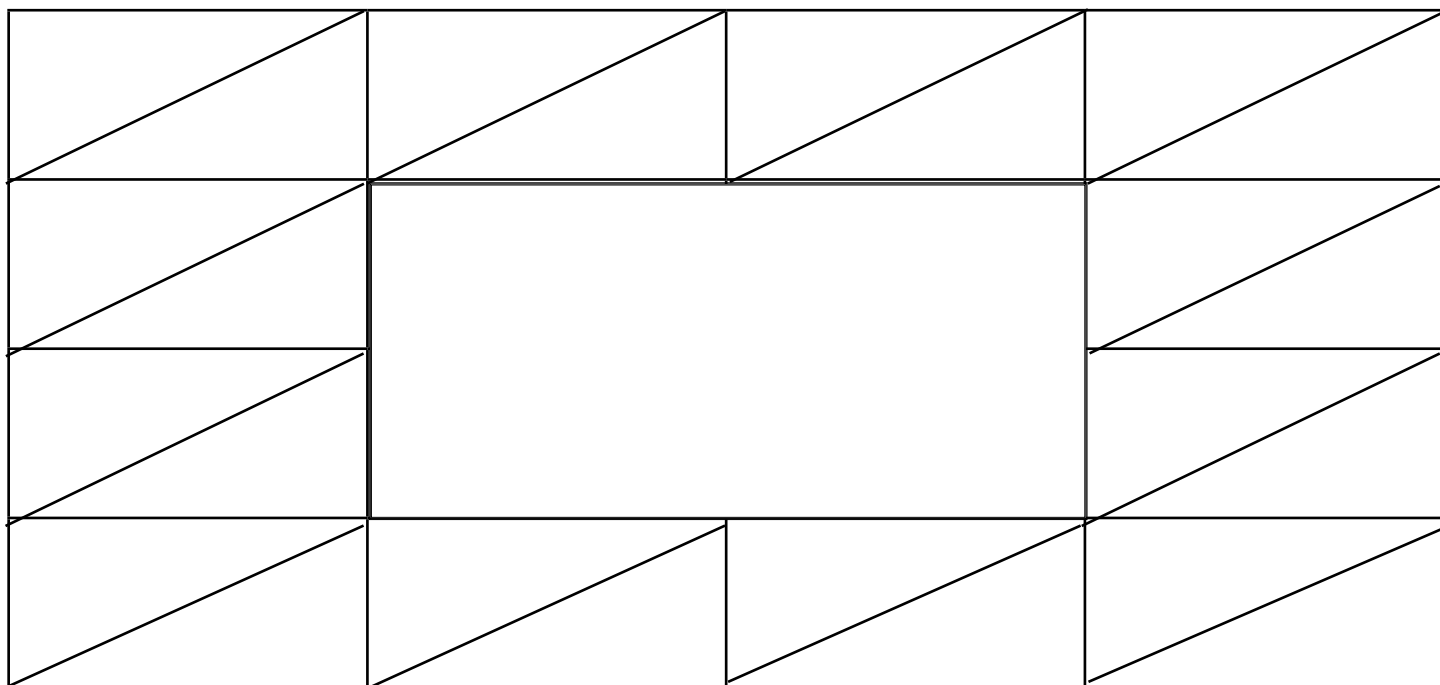
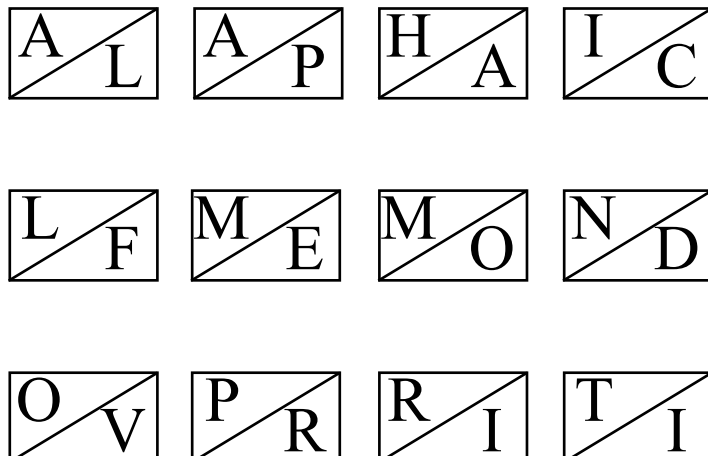
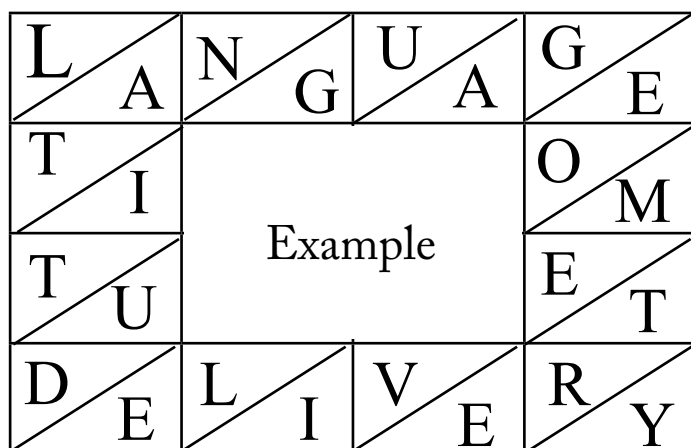
Additional information on NRCS, conservation assistance, and available programs is offered on its website at www.fl.nrcs.usda.gov or at your local USDA - NRCS office. To find the nearest office go to: <http://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app>.

Submitted by David Elliott, NRCS Tribal Liaison

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

For your entertainment.

Letterbox: Place the contents of the twelve boxes in the diagram so that you form four eight-letter words, two of them across and two down. As you can see in the example, the corner boxes are used in both the across word and the down word. *The answers will be published in next month's issue.*



www.kappapuzzles.com

Answers to last month's puzzle -

www.kappapuzzles.com

Cryptogram

1. When your troubles seem endless, remember that a diamond is only a piece of coal that has been hard-pressed for a long time.
2. The hardest thing in life to learn is which bridges to cross and which to burn. (David Russell)
3. An office clock is rarely stolen, probably because everybody watches it.

MARCH (Tasahcuce) 2015

Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday, March 8, 2015 and ends Sunday, November 1, 2015

Tribal Utilities Assistance Program **Applications accepted through June 1, 2015**

March 2, 2015 - May 29, 2015
Swimming Lesson Registration
Open To Community

Monday & Tuesday, March 2 & 3, 2015
Museum Gift Shop will be closed for monthly inventory.

LIHEAP Distribution Dates
March 3rd, 4th, 5th, & 17th, 18th, & 19th
All Households

Thursday, March 5, 2015
5:00 pm (CST)

Deadline to submit information for publication in April 2015 issue of Poarch Creek News

Monday, March 9, 2015
Tribal Artisans Meeting
Auditorium of Building 500
5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Friday, March 13, 2015
2nd Artist Market
Building 500 Auditorium
10:00 am - 6:00 pm

Tuesday, March 17, 2015
Evening With The Elders
Auditorium/Building 500
6:00 pm

Thursday, March 19, 2015
Free Retinal Screening
Premiere Family Eyecare
8:30 am - 10:30 am

Friday, March 20, 2015
Open House
Moniac Townhouses
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Light refreshments will be served

Saturday, March 21, 2015
Easter Egg Hunt
Pow Wow Grounds
10:30 am - 12:00 noon

Wednesday, March 25, 2015
Creek Indian Art Show & Reception
Auditorium of Building 500

Thursday - Saturday
March 26 - 28, 2015
Southeastern Indian Festival
Pow Wow Grounds
Open for schools only *March 26th & 27th*
Open to public *March 28th*

Tribal Council Meetings
Thursday, March 5th & 19th 4:00 pm
Tribal Council Chambers

Tribal Court Sessions
Monday, March 2nd & 16th 9:00 am
Tribal Courtroom

CIEDA Meetings
Friday, March 6th & 20th 7:30 am
CIEDA Offices

CMCA
Monday, March 2nd & 16th 4:00 pm
Building 500 Auditorium

Housing Authority Meetings
Thursday, March 12th & 26th 4:00 pm
Building 400 Conference Room

Recreation Authority Meetings
Thursday, March 12th & 26th 11:00 am
Recreation Department (Gym)

TERO Commission Meetings
Tuesday, March 10th & 24th 8:00 am
Building 600 Training Room

4-H Club
Monday, March 9th & 23rd 6:00 pm
Education Department

Story Time
Wednesdays 12:15 pm
PCI Library

GED Classes
Day Classes
Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 11:00 am
Evening Classes
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

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

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

Weight Lifting Class Age 13-17
Tuesdays & Thursdays
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Gym/Weight Room

Batting Cages Open
Monday - Friday 4:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Saturday 10:00 am - 3:30 pm

Pool & Splash Pad Open
April 1, 2015 - November 1, 2015

Playground Pavilion/No reservations needed
No set time for usage/First come first serve

April 1, 2015
Tribal Utilities Assistance Program
Effective date

April 13-17, 2015
Pre-K Registration
Fred L. McGhee Learning Center
Applications available April 1, 2015

Newsletter Contact Information *Poarch Creek News*

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