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A Moment With The Tribal Chair

May 2015

Stephanie A. Bryan, Tribal Chair sbryan@pci-nsn.gov



May is such a beautiful and fun-filled month. The flowers are in full bloom, students are out of school for the summer, and the weather is warm and perfect for enjoying the beach. With summer quickly approaching (June 21, 2015), many plans are being made for vacations and summer outings. It is my prayer that everyone enjoys these moments together and stays safe wherever your travels may take you.

Recently, representatives of Tribal Council (myself, Robbie McGhee, Arthur Mothershed, David Gehman, Sandy Hollinger, Kevin McGhee, Keith Martin, and Kelli Ramer), CIEDA (Tim Martin, Tim Manning, and Greg Rawls), and PCIGA (Jay Dorris) met with our strategic consulting group Lapin International to discuss the economic vision for the Poarch Creek Indians.

This time spent together was both essential and critical. CIEDA and PCIGA are the economic arms of PCI, and it is important to ensure that the visions these entities have perfectly align with the future that the Tribal Council envisions. This

was an invaluable opportunity to engage in robust discussion which ultimately led to both a five year and ten year plan for the Poarch Creek Indians. This was a very tough working session, and I say “Thank you” to each member that attended and put forth the hard work to make this a success.

As we were deliberating and debating about the best course of action for the economic development of the Tribe, I thought about where the Tribe was ten years ago. We have been blessed beyond measure, and I am past excited to see where the next ten years will lead us! However, I and the Tribal Council remain ever mindful of the challenges that we face.

As many of you have noted, frequent travel has occurred during the first quarter of the year. We all hate being away from our families and friends, but it is a necessary sacrifice that we each have to make in order to protect the future of the Tribe. Our current goal is garnering support for legislation that creates a “Carciere fix” and eliminates confusion regarding the status of

some trust lands. Presently, there are a combined 535 legislators (Senators and Representatives) in the United States. Myself, members of the Tribal Council, and our lobbyists are strenuously working to raise awareness about this issue and gain legislative support. We are all very hopeful that our perseverance will pay off soon.

In closing, I leave you with these powerful words from Martin Luther King, Jr. that remind us to seek a way of life that is dedicated not to just ourselves, but to the advancement of all people.

“The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.”

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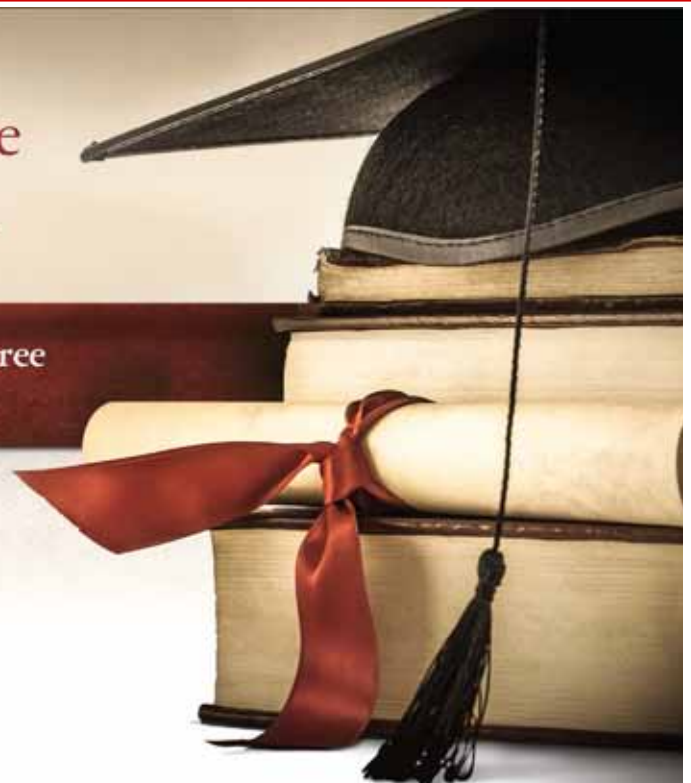
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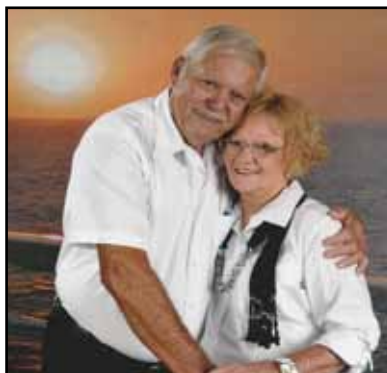
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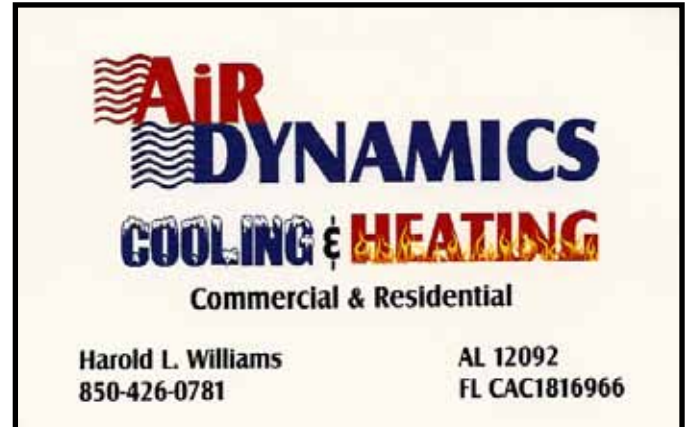



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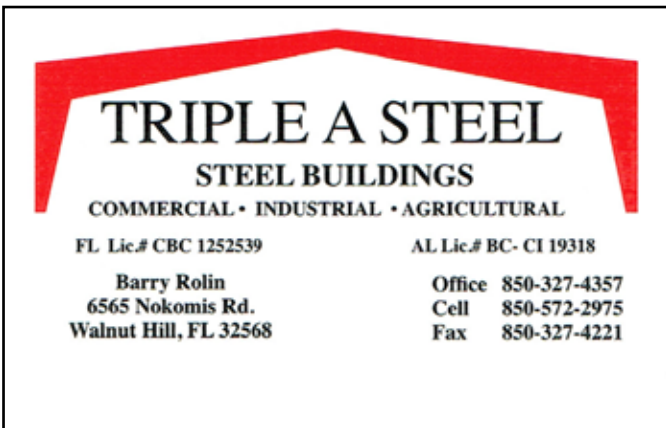
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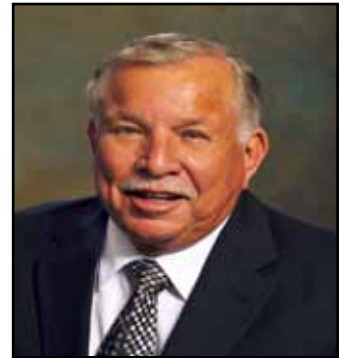
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Tribal Council's Purpose

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

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

Tribal Council Values

As proud leaders of our Tribe, our integrity demands that we are true to who we are. Our integrity is the foundation of our love for family and community, which strengthens our faith and commitment to do what is right for the Tribe.

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



Tribal Council Update

May 2015

Sandy Hollinger, Member At-Large shollinger@pci-nsn.gov

I hope everyone had the chance to enjoy and celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, during the Easter season. He selflessly died on the cross that day to save us so that we may live with him one day in eternity. Without him nothing that we have been blessed with would be possible.

The past months of March and April have been a true whirlwind of travel for most of the Tribal Council. We have literally been traveling weeks on end to meetings and conferences across the country.

Because we are embroiled in serious issues that affect our sovereignty, our faces must be seen and voices must be heard on local, state, and national levels. That is the reason why sometimes our faces are not seen around the office for periods of time. Being away from our families is not always easy but is necessary

to do the job that we took an oath to do.

If ever anyone wonders where we are or what we are doing during these periods of travel please feel free to pick up the phone and give us a call or schedule a meeting.

I feel like I can speak for my fellow Tribal Council members when I say that we will be happy to explain the issues we are facing and the ones we are working on constantly and tirelessly for each and every one of you.

Speaking of someone who worked constantly and tirelessly for all of us, the annual Calvin McGhee Memorial is fast approaching. This year it will be held on June 6, 2015 at the Pow Wow grounds.

Each year our Cultural Department does an outstanding job of making sure that there are plenty of



activities for all ages. Please come join us on June 6th for this annual event.

In closing, I would like to share with you a Bible verse that is dear to me.

If it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully. Romans 12:8.

I am here for you, not just part of the time, but all of the time.

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Applications are now being accepted for the Tribal Utilities Assistance Program (Utility Card). Tribal Members 18 and older are eligible provided they meet the requirements. Please remember that only one card will be issued per household.

You must submit an application in order to receive this benefit. An application is available on the Tribal Member Only Portal (TMOP) of the Tribe's web site, www.pci-nsn.gov, and has been included in this issue of the newsletter. You may also pick up an application or walk-in to fill out your application at the Tribal Member Benefits Department on the 2nd floor of the Buford L. Rolin Health Center. If you do not live locally and do not have access to an application online, you may contact Tribal Member Benefits at 251-368-9136, ext. 2209, and request that one be mailed, faxed, or emailed to you.

There is no deadline for your application. However, it will take approximately 30 days for your application (if completed correctly) to be processed and for you to receive your card.

The monthly benefit on the Utilities Card will be \$200. Cards will be initially credited for \$800; which will be \$200 each for the months of January, February, March, and April. Beginning with the month of May, the cards will be credited with an additional \$200 each month. All applications processed prior to June 1, 2015, will receive the \$800 credit in addition to the \$200 monthly credit

thereafter. Applications processed after June 1, 2015, will only receive \$200 each month.

To enroll for the Utilities Assistance Program, a complete application consists of:

- 1) Completed Application Form. The form requires your name, Social Security number, Tribal Roll number, email, telephone number, address for primary service residence along with mailing address if different, and your signature.
 - 2) A copy of one Utility Bill (Basic landline telephone, water, power, sewer, trash, natural gas/propane). The bill must state the Tribal Member's name, service address, and mailing address. If the bill is in another household member's name, proof of relationship is required, such as a copy of marriage certificate for a spouse, birth certificate for a parent/child, or a proof of ownership such as a copy of a deed or lease agreement. For a full-time student at a different address other than the parent, proof of full-time enrollment is required along with a copy of a lease which must either be in the student's name or parent's name.
 - 3) A copy of your Tribal ID or Driver's License.
- Unused funds from one month will be rolled over to the following month and remain as a credit balance on the card. The funds will not be "refunded" as a direct payment to the Tribal Member.

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 or hflowers@pci-nsn.gov if you need assistance with your username and password for the TMOP.



Tribal Utilities Assistance Program Application

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

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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 or Driver's License
2. Utility bill for Eligible Expenses. Bill must show address of primary residence and **SERVICE** address.
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.

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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.

Date Application Received: _____ Name of Staff that Received: _____

Date Enrolled: _____



CHARLOTTE "McGHEE" MECKEL FOR TRIBAL TREASURER

I Charlotte "McGhee" Meckel declare my candidacy for Treasurer in the Poarch Creek Indians Tribal Council Election. I am retired from Federal Service, so I can devote myself to being a "Full Time" council member. Given my educational background, work experience and knowledge of how the Government works, I feel that I would be a valuable asset. Prior to moving back to Poarch in 2009, I had the opportunity to work with all branches of the US Government, both, military and civilian, stateside and abroad. These opportunities allowed me to become involved in the national concerns that affected all levels of Government.

Just within the past 5-7 years we have seen the amazing success of this Tribe. The benefits we receive have grown by leaps and bounds; but in order for that success to continue in the future, we need more transparency and strong dedicated leaders working together for the common goal.

Although, I will only be one vote at the Council table, I can assure you that I will be a strong voice for you the "General Council". I will have an open door policy to listen to any issues or concerns you may have that will better the Tribe as a majority.

Below are some of my viewpoints that I would advocate and strongly support:

1. SENIOR CITIZENS. I hear on a daily basis that there are different classes of seniors. For example, some of our elderly seniors back in the late 60's early 70's did not have high paying jobs. Therefore their pensions are very low. The present council has done a tremendous job looking out for the seniors and I would like to help them more. If elected, I want to help and give them the quality of life they so richly deserve, so any programs that we could put in place to assist them would get my vote.
2. ELDER COUNCIL. We can all benefit from our past leaders, their wealth of knowledge and experiences are unsurmountable. As the tribe becomes more successful, the decisions of the tribal council become more complex and of vital importance to the lively hood of every Tribal Member. An honorary elder council would have my vote, because without the elders who helped shape the ideas for our future, we would not be where we are today!
3. QUARTERLY TOWN HALL MEETINGS. Communication is the key. I would support quarterly town hall meetings at various locations throughout the servicing area and with the possibility of being able to communicate with tribal members outside the servicing area. I welcome the opportunity to serve my Tribal Family, the Poarch Creek Indians, as a council member with a truly open door policy; to listen to the people and make prudent decisions for everyone.
4. TRIBAL OWNED SCHOOL & DAY CARE. Education benefits for our Tribal children will always have my support. Our youth is the future! We are spending thousands of dollars sending our children to private schools, when we can have our own educational facilities that can cover from day care to high school. In our own facility we can have our children taught the Creek language and have them learn more about our culture and their heritage.
5. MORE TRANSPARENCY. Tribal law requires public notice for any Ordinances and community meetings, this is now being done. Tribal Members now have the opportunity to ask questions and provide comments to the Tribal Council in a timely manner. The Tribal Council has begun live streaming each meetings, this is a big step in keeping the General Council informed. With more openness and Tribal Members involvement, it can limit the number of issues carried in to Executive Session.

Many grants that the Tribe receives do not provide for tribal members that live outside the five servicing areas. If elected, I would constantly look for avenues throughout the Federal government that would aid all our Tribal Members, and the possibility of extending the programs that we currently have in place to benefit everyone.

Please vote Charlotte "McGhee" Meckel as your next Tribal Treasurer. I encourage you to call me with any questions or concerns that you may have. I can be reached via email charlotte.meckel@yahoo.com or cell (251) 229-0002.

The change we need. The voice you deserve.

"Thank You"



ON THE COVER-*FALLEN HERO*

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.

A tradition of Native American military sacrifice and service goes back to before the Civil War. Throughout history, Native Americans have always been first to answer the call to protect our country. Our exhibit this

month features a fallen hero, one who personifies the statement "All gave some, Some gave all." Many of our Tribal Members fought in World War II (WWII). These returning veterans helped improve educational systems—they were frustrated by their own level of literacy.

United States Army Sergeant N.L. Rickard is a prime example of Tribal Members who have answered the call for service to our country and paid the ultimate price. According to the exhibit, Sergeant Rickard was a Poarch Creek who served in WWII and the Korean War. He was killed in action in Korea. During his service he was awarded several purple hearts.

The exhibit does not have much information on Sergeant Rickard, but you may recognize his name from an article in the December 2009 issue of the *Poarch Creek News*. The article, 'Freedom Is Not Free, We Have Paid A High Price For It' was the story of Glen Cardwell of Semiah Springs, AL and his

experiences in the U.S. Army during WWII fighting in campaigns such as D-Day, Belgium, France, and Czechoslovakia. Mr. Cardwell passed away shortly after the article was written, but he had this to say about his boyhood friend N.L. Rickard.

"One of my best friends lived up the road from me and went to war with me. His name was N.L. Rickard and he was one of my best buddies. I asked N.L. one time how he got his name. He said that his Mama's name was Nacy and his Daddy's name was Lonnie and they named him N.L. We went from picking cotton and cutting paper wood to fighting Germans and were only 18 years old. We went to war not knowing what we were getting into. N.L. was in the 1st Infantry too, but he was in the 16th regiment. We never fought together, but we were always close and we kept in touch and checked on each other every time we got the chance. I was on the boat on the way home when someone came into my room and it was him. We had a glorious meeting. N.L. said to me "Boy we made it! We are going home!" A couple of weeks after we got home him and his brother came by my house one night in an old paper wood truck and wanted to go out and have some fun. We did, we had lots of fun that night. When he

brought me home he said "Let's go back." I told him no, that I didn't want to be regular Army, that was not the life for me. "Why not?" he said. "We've had the bad, let's go now get some of the good, nothing else to happen." We didn't know about Korea then. I could tell he was going back before he left that night, he was some soldier that boy was."

This fallen hero exhibit 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 located at 5484 Jack Springs Road, Atmore, AL. and 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

Information obtained from Cultural Department and 2009 issue of Poarch Creek News.



Honor Flag presented to the family of Sgt. N.L. Rickard

Uriah's Veteran's Memorial

It was not until we went to the Veteran's Memorial in Uriah, AL and saw the name N.L. Rackard on the Korean War side of the monument that we realized that Mr. Cardwell did not tell us his friend had indeed gone back in the Army and was killed in the Korean War. The monument will be dedicated on Veteran's Day this year. Mr. Cardwell plans to attend and honor his dear friend, N.L. Rackard, as well as the other veterans from the Uriah area that have paid the ultimate price for our freedom. A freedom that we should hold dear and not take for granted.

Excerpt from December 2009 issue of Poarch Creek News.

DEWITT CARTER

TRIBAL COUNCIL **TREASURER**

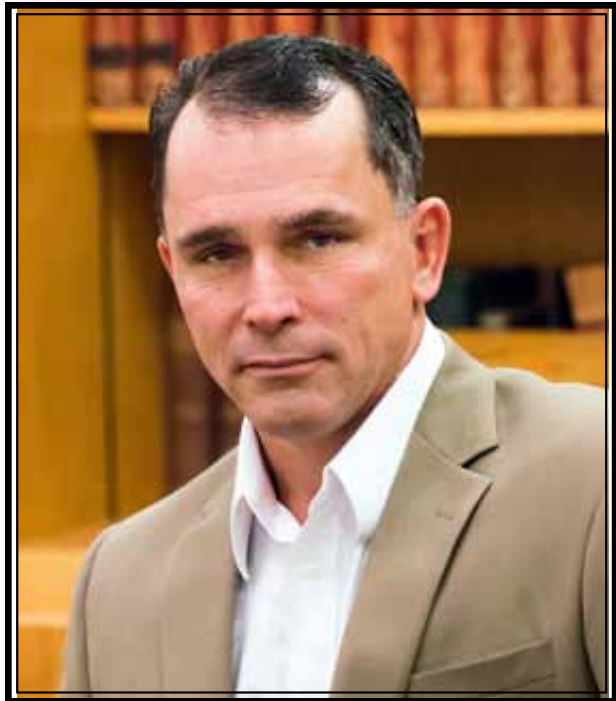
"Let Me Work Hard for You"

Hello to my Poarch Creek friends and family. My name is Dewitt Carter. I am the son of the late Dewitt Sells and the grandson of the late Eugene and Roberta Sells. I have a wonderful wife, Tressa Carter, and three children I am truly blessed to have in my life: My daughter Alyson Hames, my son D.J. Carter and my stepdaughter Candace Smith.

I am announcing my candidacy for Tribal Council Treasurer. I have extensive experience in my personal life and career that enables me to be the right choice for Tribal Council.

I joined the Army National Guard while still in high school, and upon graduation joined the Air Force, active duty, and was stationed at NORAD in Colorado Springs. While working, I attended college during my lunch break and after work at nights.

After the death of my mother, I returned home to Atmore, Alabama where I taught myself welding and pipefitting. In the 1990s, I rode bulls and became an active member of the Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association while also working.



In 1996 I became an active member of the Eastern Indian Rodeo Association. I placed second my first year and I placed first for the next three years. In 1999 I entered the Indian National Finals Rodeo and finished second in the world (I am very proud of that accomplishment.) When I met my soon-to-be wife I decided I wanted to spend more time with her and her daughter and not travel as much. In 2000 I started my own business, Carter Mobile Homes Movers and have been blessed ever since.

DEWITT CARTER TRIBAL COUNCIL **TREASURER**

In 2006 I contracted with the Poarch Creek Indians to transport mobile homes and was confronted with the realism of the way many of our tribal members lived and was shocked at the lack of attention to their needs. After some discussion with Ms. Peggy Couch, probably my number one supporter, I decided that maybe I could do more to help my fellow tribal members. I believe I can do an amazing job for the tribe.

At the time Hurricane Ivan hit I was awarded a subcontract under FEMA for disaster relief. A year later, Hurricane Katrina came along and I had performed so well on my original contract, FEMA awarded me an eight million dollar contract, which I effectively managed and completed. In 2010, I was again awarded multiple disaster relief contracts for federal authorities after the tornadoes in Tuscaloosa, Alabama and Joplin, Missouri.

Growing up in Poarch taught me life lessons and morals that I share with my children and I lean on still to this day. We helped each other. We worked together and we respected each other. At dinner it was normal to have one or two extra kids at the dinner table. It was maintaining a friendship that I still have and cherish to this day. Those good ole days are not so far gone that we can't bring it back.

There's a few things which concern me and other Poarch Creek Indians that we would like to see changed:

First generation: A very big question mark for our tribe. I believe in order to add first generation the council will need to be very diligent in compiling information. We need all of the facts concerning an accurate head count and the exact amount of funds that can be used. This decision will affect the future of our tribe as well as effecting our seniors right now. I want the general council, you, to vote on this

matter. After the vote, as a council member I will support and uphold the decisions of the tribe.

Per Capita: After I received my first few per capita payments, I was led to believe whatever the amount of each check was, we would be guaranteed a check for that amount for the next three to five years. I was pleased that the tribe was looking out for my future as well as yours. Now with the checks extending into the thousands, it seems more important than ever to make sure to provide for our futures. I recently spoke with a respected council member concerning this matter and he told me that it is no longer the situation. For example, if we received \$10,000 this year, next year it is possible to only receive half that amount or less. But, with profits, it could also double. As a council member I would work towards a program that gives you piece of mind that your per capita check will not decrease for at least five years.

Health Insurance: I would like to see tribal spouses added to the group insurance. Not necessarily free to them as it is to us, but at least affordable. A lot of us use our per capita checks to help with healthcare costs. It would help all of us if we were able to add our spouses and dependents.

Elders: I will work towards making the assisted care facility affordable so that our seniors can receive the care they deserve. I see it as a shame to have such a modern facility with so many vacancies due to the high cost.

Our Youth: I would like to see a better program for our youth concerning receipt of their first per capita check. My understanding is they only have to complete an 8-hour class on financial responsibility in order to receive that first check, which is a substantial amount and

DEWITT CARTER TRIBAL COUNCIL TREASURER

increasing every year. It is a rare individual, who at the age of 18 to be able to manage that kind of money. I do have faith in our youth, but I believe a portion of it should be allotted monthly so as our youth will not go into debt and will be better able to manage money.

Our Future: As a council member I want to pursue our options in Florida, the proposed casino in Nokomis, although risky, but necessary, and the possible casino in or around Jacksonville would be extremely beneficial for our families.

As for the growing of marijuana in Florida, I have mixed feelings. I am a father and do not want my children to have exposure to drugs of any kind. However, if Florida does pass the medical use of marijuana as Colorado did and was regulated as Colorado has shown that it can be done successfully, then it might be to our advantage that we discuss this further.

Tribal Member Services: We have a large tribe spread throughout the U.S., with concentrations in Poarch and Pensacola. Because of that concentration in and near Pensacola, I would like to see a small facility dedicated to pharmaceutical pick-up in the area. The savings to tribal members would be significant. Instead of driving 50 miles away to get your prescriptions, you can drive 5 miles to pick them up.

I would like to see an oil change/tune up garage built in Poarch. A tribal member could stop in and get their vehicle tuned up/oil change and only pay for the cost of material.

I would like to see a discount rewards program extended to tribal members. If you eat at the casino or stay the night, you shouldn't have to pay the same amount as a non-tribal member. After all, it is your profits that built it.

I have repeatedly said we need a commissary at or near Poarch. Again, the savings will benefit tribal members and their families.

It saddens me to see the results brought on by these disenrollment discussions. I believe it is a Pandora's Box for our tribe. As a council member concerning this matter, I will lean on our constitution for support and guidance but I'm not foolish either. Sometimes I would have to enlist common sense.

I will work with previous treasurers, Arthur Mothershed and Robbie McGhee to become the best treasurer possible. With our combined knowledge and their experience as council treasurers, I should be able to fulfill this position with little to no trouble.

In conclusion I would like to thank a few tribal members who have helped me tremendously while on my path. Peggy Couch and Catherine McGhee Dees, two of my biggest supporters. Warren Chavis of Michigan, who believes in helping his fellow neighbor. Lindsay Brown, Jennifer and Jimmy Manning, a family who believes in me.

My name is Dewitt Carter and I would like to work for you as our next Tribal Council Treasurer

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BIRTHDAY WISHES

Tony Wright
April 6, 2015



Happy birthday Tony!

From your friends and family at Rolin Construction.

Mary-Ashlynn Williams
April 7, 2015



Happy 7th birthday Mary-Ashlynn!

We love you!!

Mom, Dad, Gabby, Da Da, Paw Paw, BB, Pa Pa Charlie, and Frankye.

Randal Lee Vickery
April 12, 2015



Happy 38th birthday!

We love you!

From your Aunt Connie and the rest of your family and friends.

Tyee Rolin
April 16, 2015



Happy 8th birthday Tyee!

Love, Mama and Daddy.

Linda Rolin
April 19, 2015



Happy birthday to Linda Rolin.

We love you and thank you for all that you do for us.

From Mitsey and family.

Brooklynn Lucas
April 22, 2015



Happy 7th birthday!

We love you.

Mom, Dad, Sissy, and Bubba.

Colin Holcombe
April 23, 2015



Happy 6th birthday to our sweet Colin.

We love you very much!

From your family and friends.

Johnny Johnson
April 24, 2015



Happy birthday Johnny!

We love you.

From your friends and family.

Hadley Claire King
May 1, 2015



Happy 2nd birthday to Hadley Claire King!

We love you!

Daddy, Mommy, and Harrison.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Nevaeh Ledkins
May 3, 2015



Happy 10th birthday Nevaeh!
We love you!
From your family.

Katelyn Nicole Teach
May 3, 2015



Happy 2nd birthday Katelyn !

Love from Grams, Mam-ma and Papa.

Shelby Jarman Meager
May 4, 2015



Happy birthday! We sure hope you have a wonderful day! We love you.
Mom, Lou, Leeann, Big Steve, Steven and Trevor.

Jaycob Luke
May 6, 2015



Happy birthday Jaycob!
We love you.
From your family.

Paisley Elizabeth Bivona
May 7, 2015



Happy 1st birthday!
We love you.
Mom, Dad, Emma, Maw Maw Shelia, Pops, Grandpa Jack, & Granny Helen.

Deidra Surwanee Dees
May 8, 2015



Happy birthday to our family scholar.
We love you!
From your husband, family, and friends.

Jayce Sells
May 9, 2015



Happy 13th birthday Jayce!!
We love you to the moon and back!
Love, your family.

Carson Thomas Villeret
May 9, 2015



Happy birthday Carson! We love you!
Love, Mom, Dad, Landon, Maw Maw Sheila, Pops, Grandpa Jack & Granny Helen Colbert.

Kenneth Carl McGhee
May 12, 2015



Happy birthday Kenneth. We love you and wish you a happy birthday.
Mom and Dad, your sisters Pam, Beth, and Debbie, and brothers Glenn Jr., Ronald, and Boris.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Jake Thomas
May 12, 2015



Happy birthday Daddy ("Jake")! We love you more than words can explain. You're the best dad ever.

Love, "The Blaizer", Ms. Jenn and the rest of your family.

Scottie Lane Macks
May 12, 2015



Happy 10th birthday Lane! It's hard to believe you are hitting the double digits, time has surely gone by quick!!!

We love you, Mom, Dad & family.

Rylee Huskey
May 12, 2015



Happy birthday 12th birthday Rylee!

We love you!!!

Daddy, Mom, Tadd, Brian, Amber, and Ru Ru.

Vicky Burkett
May 13, 2015



Happy birthday Vicky Burkett!

We love you so much!

Love, your 2 Joshuas.

Jackson Rolin
May 17, 2015



Happy birthday 10th birthday Jackson!

Man how time has flown by so fast. It's hard to believe you are going into the double digits!!!

Love you, Aunt Dee & family.

Alexa Pruitt
May 20, 2015



Happy 7th birthday Alexa!

We love you!

Love, Mommy & Daddy and all your family.

Cody Sells
May 20, 2015



Happy birthday Cody!

We love you.

Kate, RoRo, Aiden, Mom, and Dakoda.

Josh Burkett
May 23, 2015



Happy birthday Lil' Josh!

Mama and Daddy love you so much !!!

Bailey Jones
May 24, 2015



Happy 12th birthday Bailey! Bailey is the daughter of Frankie Jones and Natalie Rodgers. Happy birthday, we love you!

From your family.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Drake McGhee
May 25, 2015



Happy 20th birthday Drake!!!
We love you!!!
Mom, Mark, Dalton, & Tori.

Doug Rolin
May 27 2015



Happy birthday Doug.
We love you for all that you do.
Love, your family.

Jeffrey Weaver
May 28, 2015



Happy birthday!
We love you!
From Jackie, Hunter, Hayden, and Hayla.

Aurora Sells
May 29, 2015



Happy birthday Aurora!
We love you!
Daddy, Mom, Aiden, Tracy & Dakota.

Clara Jones
May 29, 2015



Happy birthday Clara.
We love you.
From your family.

Tadd Huskey
May 31, 2015



Happy 18th birthday...Tadd!
We love you!
Love, Mom, Dad, Brian, Amber, Rylee, and Ruthie.

OBITUARIES/ IN MEMORIAM

In Memory

*Those we love remain with us,
For love itself lives on.
Cherished memories never fade
Because a loved one is gone.*

*Those we love can never be,
more than a thought apart.
For as long as there is memory
They'll live on in our heart.*

Author Unknown

In Loving Memory Of Tony Ray Gibson

On His Birthday, May 27, 2015

Tony Ray Gibson

May 27, 1975 - December 23, 2010

Gone but not forgotten

The Tony Ray Gibson Family

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS



Violet Elizabeth Weeden February 18, 2015

Candace and Keith would like to proudly announce the birth of their daughter, Violet Elizabeth Weeden, born on February 18, 2015.

She is the first granddaughter of Tracy Walker Dobyns and great granddaughter of June and W.D. Walker. She is born into family that is proud to be Creek and will be raised knowing and loving her Creek family/tribe and heritage.

Violet Elizabeth is our *Merkw cutke* (little blessing)!



Bryleigh Grace Rolin March 19, 2015

Dempsey and Haley Rolin are excited to announce the birth of their baby girl Bryleigh Grace Rolin. Bryleigh was born March 19, 2015 at North Baldwin Infirmary. She weighed 5 pounds, 8 ounces and was 18 inches long.

Bryleigh is the granddaughter of Curtis and Margaret Colbert and Ronnie and Margie Rolin.

Bryleigh was welcomed home by family, friends, and her big brother, Braxton.

ANNIVERSARY WISHES

Steven & Leeann Wheeler
May 2, 2015

Happy 28th anniversary Steven!

Every day I fall more in love with you! I am so proud to be your wife!

You continue to take my breath away and I love you so much!

Here's to 28 more blissful years!

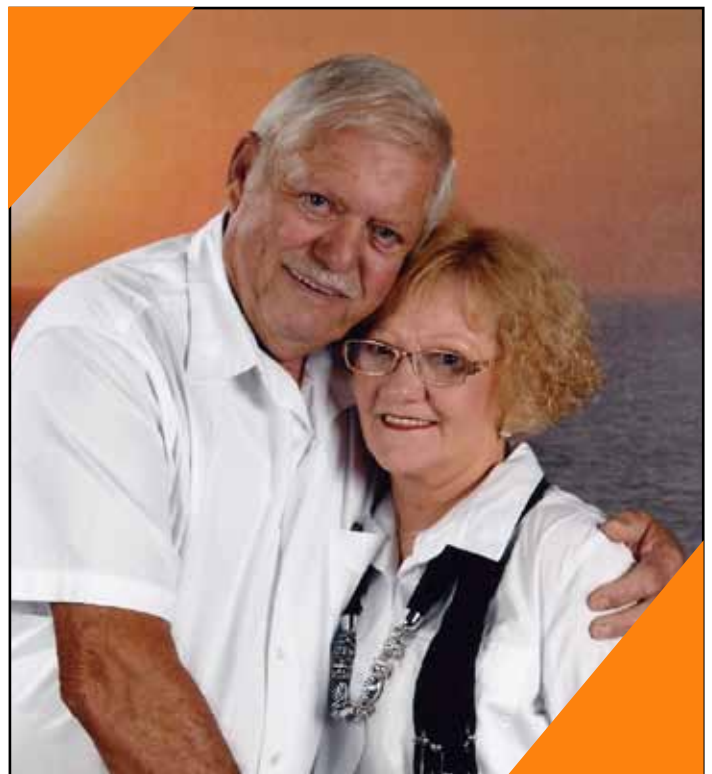


Roy & Evie Baggett
May 7, 2015

Happy 50th anniversary to Daddy & Mother, Pops & Me Me.

We love ya'll!

From Rex, Stephanie, Lindsey, and Clay.





TRIBAL MEMBER SUBMISSIONS

Samantha Miller
Accepted to South Alabama
Chapter of National Society of
Collegiate Scholars

Congratulations to Samantha Miller for being accepted into the South Alabama Chapter of National Society of Collegiate Scholars at the University of South Alabama.

We are very proud of your accomplishments and hard work!!!

We love you!!!

Your family.

Submitted by Michelle White



Chance Jackson Receives The Burton R. Morley Award

Chance Jackson was awarded "The Burton R. Morley Award" for Outstanding Academic Achievement in Management at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa on April 3, 2015. Chance has maintained a 4.0 GPA through his junior college and college career.

Chance is a Tribal Member and is the son of Eddie Jackson and Edie Tullis Jackson. He is the grandson of Mable Jackson and the late Alton Jackson and Eddie and Mary Jane Tullis. He is the great grandson of Arentha McGhee.

Submitted by Edie Jackson

MAMA'S GERMAN CHOCOLATE CAKE

TRIBAL MEMBER SUBMISSIONS

Mama's German Chocolate Cake

• INGREDIENTS:

1 – Box of Duncan Hines German Chocolate Cake mix*

1 Large can of coconut

1 Large can of Pet milk

1 Cup of chopped pecans

1 Teaspoon of vanilla

1 ½ Sticks of Parkay*

4 Eggs – divide whites & yolks, keep both

1 ½ Cups of sugar

1 ¼ Cups of regular milk

1/3 Cup of butter (Parkay)

**Mama always used Duncan Hines German Chocolate Cake mix and Parkay when making her cakes.*



Mary Anna McGhee-Rolin-Covington-Harp

1925 - 2011

• CAKE:

Mix cake mix with 1/3 cup of butter (melted) and 1 ¼ cup of milk, blend well and fold in the 4 beaten egg whites. Bake in 2 round pans for 25 to 30 minutes on 350 degrees.

• ICING:

Put sugar and Pet milk in a sauce pan, stir well. Beat egg yolks (4) and add 1 ½ sticks of butter, boil on medium heat until thickened. Add coconut, pecans & vanilla then remove from heat. Spread warm icing on the bottom cake layer. Complete icing on top layer once icing has cooled down.

Mama was a terrific cook, I truly believe she could cook or bake anything and make it awesome. Our family gatherings would not have been the same if we weren't able to enjoy her G.C. cake – It is truly a Blue Ribbon Recipe. Thank you GG.

Marylan Laviolette & Fran Arp, daughters of Mary Anna McGhee-Rolin-Covington-Harp.

FAMILY PHOTOS

Do you have an old family photo that you would like to share with your fellow Tribal Members? *Poarch Creek News* will be happy to publish your family photos.

When submitting your photos, please identify everyone in the photo and give a brief description of the photo such as 'Photo taken at wedding of....'

Please submit your photos by email to gjohnson@pci-nsn.gov, via U.S. Mail, or hand deliver to:

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THANK YOU

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The Gibson Family.

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Memorial tribute and cemetery visit is scheduled after lunch.

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TRIBAL MEMBER SUBMISSIONS

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SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2015**

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LOCAL RECEPTION PLANNED FOR NEWLYWED COUPLE



A local reception for Olivia and Thomas Edward Morgan, III will be held at Wind Creek Casino on Saturday, May 30, 2015. Invitations will be sent to family.

Olivia Johnson and Thomas Edward Morgan, III were married on January 24, 2015 in Atlanta, Georgia at Peachtree Christian Church. A reception was held at The Fox Theater in Atlanta.

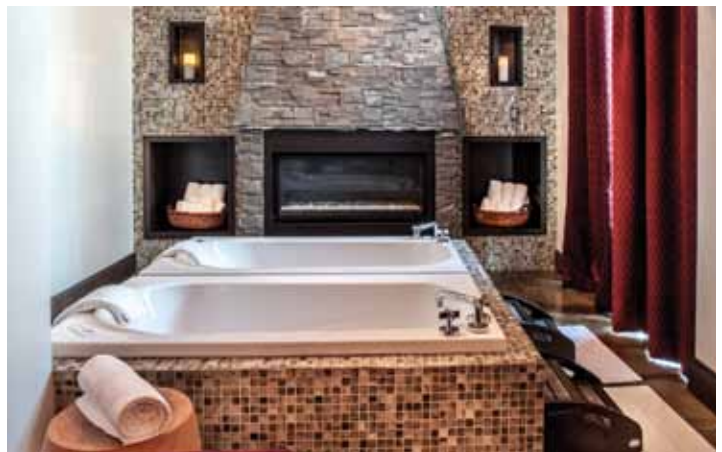
Olivia is the daughter of Mike and Brenda Johnson of Douglasville, Georgia. Thomas (Tip) is the son of Tom and Stacy Morgan of Ellijay, Georgia.

Olivia is the granddaughter of John and Bernice McGhee of Atmore, Alabama and Wilma Johnson of Bainbridge, Georgia and the late Willard Johnson of Atmore.

Thomas is the grandson of Kay Sharp and the late Herbert Sharp of Ellijay, Georgia. Thomas is also the grandson of the late Carmen Morgan and Dr. Thomas E. Morgan, Sr. of Lawrenceville, Georgia.

The couple resides in Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

Submitted by Brenda Johnson



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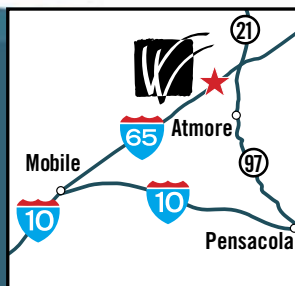
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This month the *Poarch Creek News* is honored to feature two Tribal Member Veterans, United States Army veteran William Wilbert Vickery, and United State Marine Corps veteran Jason Bryan Madison.

VETERAN'S SALUTE



*William Wilbert Vickery
Private
United States Army*

William Wilbert "Slick" Vickery, son of the late Zollie and Lillie McGhee Vickery, was born October 23, 1926. He passed away on April 16, 2002.

Wilbert served twenty-two months in the U.S. Army during World War II, serving in Germany and throughout Europe.

Wilbert married his love, Larncile McGhee, on February 4, 1950 they traveled to Lucedale, Mississippi to wed. They made their home in a little community called Hogfork until Larncile passed away on October 18, 1980.

Wilbert and Larncile had seven children, William, Ernest, Dennis (deceased), Arnold, Bruce, Mike, and Connie; nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

After the service, Wilbert joined forces with Johnny Jackson in the pulp-wood business (co-owners) and they worked together for several years. This was a hard job, sometimes never knowing if they would make any money because of inclement weather conditions.

He also worked at Standard Furniture Company in Bay Minette, AL for several years. After leaving Standard Furniture, he came to work for the Tribe, working with the Public Works Department.



*Larncile McGhee Vickery
Beloved wife & mother
September 9, 1928 - October 18, 1980*



Six of the Vickery children, at the time of this photo the oldest son, William, had already joined the U.S. Army. Shown on the back row left to right are Dennis, Ernest, and Arnold. Shown on the front row are Bruce, Connie, and Mike.

Wilbert was a quiet man, he never really showed his emotions but was a hard worker all of his life, always working to make ends meet for his family. He was loved and respected very much by his children as well as family, friends, and community members.

William Wilbert Vickery, 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.



*Jason Bryan Madison
Sergeant
United States Marine Corps*

Jason Bryan Madison proudly served in the United States Marine Corps. He attended recruit training in Parris Island, SC. He was stationed at Camp Lejeune,

NC from 1998 - 2002. From 2002 - 2005 he served with the 3D Force Recon Co.

Jason was deployed to Iraq in 2004-2005 for Operation Iraqi Freedom II (OIF II). His MOS was 3051 Supply; his duties consisted of convoy security and detention security. He was Sergeant of the Guard and Squad leader.

For his service and valor, Jason has received the Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal, the Navy Marine Corps Achievement Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Armed Forces Reserve Medal, and the National Defense Service Medal.

Jason is a Detention Deputy for the Santa Rosa County Sheriff's Office. He and his wife Erin have two beautiful daughters, Katie and Jenna.

VETERAN'S SALUTE

Jason Bryan Madison, 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.



*U.S. Marine Corps
The Few. The Proud. The Marines
Semper Fidelis*

RECOGNIZING OUR TRIBAL VETERANS

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.





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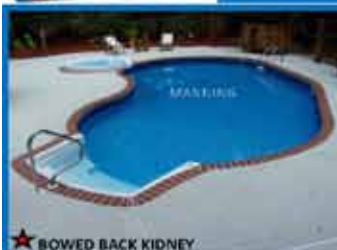
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1-Bedroom Unit	\$1,825 monthly
2-Bedroom Unit	\$2,180 monthly

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 (85% of local market)

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

GENERAL PUBLIC (100 % of local market)

1-Bedroom Unit	\$3,175 monthly	2-Bedroom Unit	\$3,575 monthly
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Please contact Michelle Colbert Shaddix, Assisted Living Administrator, at 251-446-4899 for additional information about the Lavan Martin Assisted Living Facility and services provided.



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

PAINTING FOR PILOTS COLOR RUN



Painting For Pilots Color Run

Saturday, May 23, 2015

Sign In & Late Registration 9:00 am

Color Run starts 10:00 am

Location: Boys & Girls Club
6477 Jack Springs Road, Atmore, AL

Day of Event Late Registration:

Adults \$30

Child (12 & under) \$25

Shirt sizes & quantity limited, not guaranteed.

The Boys & Girls Club of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians T.R.A.I.L. Program is sponsoring our 2nd Annual Color Run in honor of Denver Shuttlesworth on Saturday, May 23, 2015.

Proceeds from the event will benefit "Pilots for Christ" an organization which strives to provide transportation for those in need, due to medical reasons, unable to travel by any other means.

Pre-Registration: April 1-30, 2015

Adult \$25.00

Child (12 & under) \$20.00

Pre-Registration fee includes t-shirt

Everyone is invited to participate in this fun and exciting community event. Spectators are welcome and encouraged. The Boys & Girls Club will be accepting donations throughout the day to support this local non-profit organization.

Registration forms available at the Boys & Girls Club and can be downloaded from the Boys & Girls Club page of the Tribal web site www.pci-nsn.gov.

Please contact Janet Shultz, T.R.A.I.L. Coordinator @368-9136 X 2411 for more information

You're never too old, too wacky, or too wild, to pick up a book and read to a child.

Dr. Seuss

"Everything you've seen or heard about me began with lessons I learned to live by at the Club."

Denzel Washington

"Like many Club alumni, I can honestly say I don't know where I'd be today without the Club. Thanks to Boys & Girls Clubs from the bottom of my heart, for all you have done for me, and for so many others."

Jennifer Lopez



CULTURAL DEPARTMENT

COPPER TOOLING CLASSES

Beginner Copper Tooling
May 11, 2015 - May 22, 2015
4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

(Must have registered and paid fees by 3-30-2015)

Only 10 slots are available. All classes will be held in the Pavilion located on the Powwow Grounds.

Contact Margaret Baggett, Traditional Arts Demonstrator, at (251) 368-9136 Ext. 2648 or by email at mbaggett@pci-nsn.gov.

SOUTHEASTERN INDIAN FESTIVAL

The third annual Southeastern Indian Festival was another great success for the Cultural Department.

Students from twenty (20) schools across southern Alabama attended Thursday and Friday to learn more about southeastern Indian culture and they all walked away with a better understanding and deeper appreciation of our Tribal history and culture. The event was open to the public after 6:00 p.m. and all day on Saturday.

Those who attended were fascinated by the living history stations, song and dance presentations, storytelling, arts & crafts, authentic Indian foods, hands on activities for kids, and the every popular stickball game.



MVSKOKE LANGUAGE APP



The Creek Nation and Mvskoke Language Program presents the Mvskoke Creek Language learning app. The app is available for free in three major app stores: Apple, Android (Google Play), and Amazon.

Download this app and begin learning or practicing our Mvskoke language. You can use the app to learn the correct pronunciation of the Mvskoke numbers used on each page of the newsletter.

CREEK INDIAN ART SHOW

The true talents of many of our Tribal Members were showcased in the 2015 Creek Indian Art Show on Wednesday, March 25, 2015. Participants could make one entry in each of the following categories: Painting, Drawing, Pottery, Basketry, Beadwork, Weaving, Jewelry, Traditional Clothing, Photography, Weaponry, Musical Instruments, Wood, Gourds, Quilting, Mixed Media, and Shell Carving.

Breiah Adams received the Best of Show award for her shell carving necklace.

Other artists who placed in the Adult Division were:

Painting

1. Kathy Ward/*Three Lodges*
2. Breiah Adams
3. Cornelia Miller

Drawing

1. Rosa Walker/*Drawing of Mother*
2. Joyce Philyaw

Pottery

1. Breiah Adams/*Wind Design*
2. Rosa Walker
3. Carolyn Peterson

Basketry

1. Breiah Adams/*3-6 Weave Basket*
2. Carolyn Peterson
3. Cornelia Miller

Beadwork

1. Harold Rolin/*Cheyenne Pink Bead Strip*
2. Jennifer McGhee
3. Linda Selzer



Best of Show - Shell Carved Necklace by Breiah Adams

Weaving

1. Ruth Hogan/*Fingerwoven Sash*
2. Carolyn Peterson
3. Breiah Adams

Jewelry

1. Breiah Adams/*Shell Carved Necklace*
2. Sabra Henderson
3. Carolyn Peterson

Traditional Clothing

1. Carolyn Peterson/*Man's Tie w/Fingerweave*
2. Cornelia Miller
3. Breiah Adams

Photography

1. Kathy Ward/*Magnolia Branch*
2. Carolyn Peterson
3. Linda Selzer

Musical Instruments

1. Carolyn Peterson/*Carved Coconut Rattle*

Wood

- Carolyn Peterson/*Turtle on Driftwood*

Gourd

1. Carolyn Peterson/*Carved and Wood burned*
2. Kathy Ward
3. Cornelia Miller

Quilting

1. Joyce Philyaw/*Tacked Quilt*

Shell Carving

1. Brittany Adams/*Shell Carved Spoon*
2. Carolyn Peterson
3. Kathy Ward

Mixed Media

1. Carolyn Peterson/*Embossed Copper Bag*
2. Nora Franklin
3. Tracy Bottjer

The following placed in the Youth Division:

Age 6-7

1. Sophia Morris/*Painting*
2. Naomie Ward
3. Josie Daughtry

Age 8-10

1. Macie Chunn/*Painting*
2. Jayla Brown
3. Aleka Ward
4. Neveah Barnhill
5. Hannah Johnson

Age 11-13

1. Gabrielle Williams/*Painting*
2. Kyiah Bailey
3. Rylee Huskey
4. Meredith McGhee

Age 14-18

1. Tyler Sells/*Pottery-Clay Mask*
2. Melissa Baggett

2015 CALVIN MCGHEE MEMORIAL

SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 2015



10:00 a.m. - Graveside Service - New Home Cemetery

11:00 a.m. - Memorial Festival Begins - Pow Wow Grounds

12:00 noon - Lunch - Pow Wow Grounds

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

Festival Activities Include:

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

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

Cake/Pie Contest

1st (\$100), 2nd (\$75), 3rd (\$50) place prizes will be awarded for each category. One entry per person per category. Entries must be received by 1:00 p.m.

CMCA is not responsible for refrigeration.

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(Building of Learning)

Poarch Band of Creek Indians Museum and Museum Gift Shop will be open

1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

2015 SUMMER LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

The Summer Leadership Program is an opportunity for young adults to learn to rise above the challenges of today and make a positive impact in their community. The program is a month of inspiring activities and lessons to encourage youth to shatter social boundaries and gain abilities to resolve conflicts. It prepares them for the future by teaching job skills, career development, teamwork, and leadership skills. Participants will earn \$5.00 per hour.

Session I June 1, 2015 - June 19, 2015

Session II July 6, 2015 - July 24, 2015

Monday through Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Applications can be obtained from Education's page on the Tribal web site, www.pci-nsn.gov, or from the Education Department. For your convenience, an application has been included in this issue of the newsletter. **Applications are due by 5:00 pm May 22, 2015.**

All of the following requirements must be met:

- Age 13-15 by June 1, 2015
- Enrolled in 2015-2016 School Year
- Tribal Member, First Generation, or reside in a Tribal Member Household
- Submit a Completed application by May 22, 2015
- Successfully pass drug test

For additional information please contact Tawana Parham at (251) 253-3456 or tparham@pci-nsn.gov.

2015 SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

The Summer Internship Program is an opportunity to gain work experience through on-the-job training that will provide the participant with the skills, experience, and insights to allow for enhanced and gainful employment. Participants will earn \$7.25 per hour.

JUNE 1, 2015 - July 10, 2015

Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

There will be a **REQUIRED** meeting with the selected Interns, their parents, and Education Staff at 5:00 p.m. on May 26, 2015 in the Education Library.

Applications can be obtained from Education's page on the Tribal web site, www.pci-nsn.gov, or from the Education Department. For your convenience, an application has been included in this issue of the newsletter. **Applications are due by 5:00 pm May 22, 2015.**

All of the following requirements must be met:

- Age 16-18 by June 1, 2015
- Currently attending high school or recent high school graduate or GED graduate
- Tribal Member, First Generation, or reside in a Tribal Member Household
- Submit a Completed application by May 22, 2015
- Successfully pass drug test

For additional information please contact Billie McGhee at (251) 368-9136 x 2243 or bmcghee@pci-nsn.gov.

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

Nelson Mandela



2015 Internship Program 16-18 years old

Applicant Information					
Full Name:				Date:	
Address:					
City:		State:		Zip Code:	
Phone:			Email:		
Date of Birth:		Age:		Social Sec. Number :	
Please indicate your Tribal Affiliation?		Tribal Member Roll #:		First Generation (Letter must be submitted)	
		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
				Reside in TM Household (Must submit proof of resident)	
				<input type="checkbox"/>	
Do you have your own transportation?		YES <input type="checkbox"/>		NO <input type="checkbox"/>	
Have you participated in this program in the past?		YES <input type="checkbox"/>		NO <input type="checkbox"/>	
Do you have relatives that work for the Tribe? (Includes PCI, CIE, Gaming, Etc.)				YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	
If yes, please list their name and department:					

Education		
Are you currently attending school?	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/> Last Grade Completed:
Name of School Attending:		
Career areas are you interested in (List at least 3):		

Parent/ Guardian Information		
Parent/ Guardian Name:		
Home Phone:	Cell Phone:	
Please list any information pertaining to your child that we should be aware of such as allergies, etc.		
Does your child have any health problems that should be taken in consideration when placing them in a work situation?		YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Please provide a signed doctor's statement listing what types of work your child can perform.		

Notification and Signature

All applicants will be drug tested. A positive result excludes participation in this program. This application must be returned to the Poarch Creek Indians Education Department no later than 5:00 pm on May 22, 2015. This program is for students 16-18 years old. Participant must be 16 years of age by June 1, 2015. Applicant must be enrolled in school or be a 2015 High School Graduate or have earned their GED Certificate in 2014/2015 or have attended their first year of college in 2014/2015. If you have any questions, please call Billie McGhee at (251) 368-9136 ext. 2243.

Participant
Signature: _____ Date: _____
Parent/Guardian
Signature: _____ Date: _____



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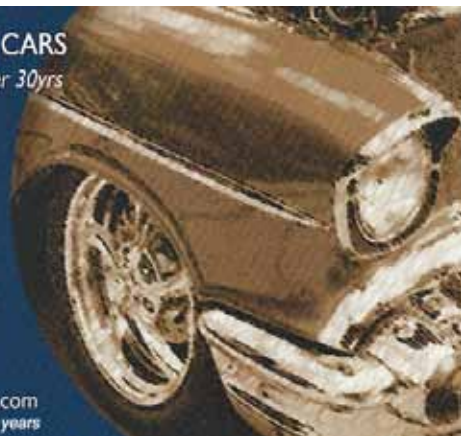
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2015 Leadership Program 13-15 years old

Applicant Information						
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Phone:			Email:			
Date of Birth:		Age:		Social Sec. Number :		
Please indicate your Tribal Affiliation?		Tribal Member Roll #: <input type="checkbox"/>	First Generation (Letter must be submitted) <input type="checkbox"/>	Reside in TM Household (Must submit proof of resident) <input type="checkbox"/>		
Have you participated in this program in the past?		YES <input type="checkbox"/>		NO <input type="checkbox"/>		
Do you have relatives that work for the Tribe? (Includes PCI, CIE, Gaming, Etc.)				YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	
If yes, please list their name and department:						

Education			
Are you currently attending school?	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	Last Grade Completed:
Name of School Attending:			
Career areas are you interested in (List at least 3):			

Parent/ Guardian Information			
Parent/ Guardian Name:			
Home Phone:		Cell Phone:	
Please list any information pertaining to your child that we should be aware of such as allergies, etc.			
Does your child have any health problems that should be taken in consideration when placing them in a work situation?		YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
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Notification and Signature	
<p><i>All applicants will be drug tested. A positive result excludes participation in this program. This application must be returned to the Poarch Creek Indians Education Department no later than 5:00 pm on May 22, 2015. This program is for students 13-15 years old. Participant must be 13 years of age by June 1, 2015. Applicant must be enrolled in school. If you have any questions, please call Tawana Parham at (251) 253-3456 or Magen Weaver at (251) 368-9136 ext. 2021.</i></p>	
Participant Signature:	Date:
Parent/Guardian Signature:	Date:

Honoring ALL Graduates

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

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.

FLORIDA INDIAN YOUTH PROGRAM

July 11-25, 2015

Tribal Member and First Generation youth

Ages 14-17

Two week program at Florida State University in Tallahassee, FL.

Students receive stipend for participation and will learn valuable skills.

Applications and more information can be obtained from the Education Department or online at www.fgcia.com.

Application Deadline June 12, 2015

Mail application to:

Florida Governor's Council on Indian Affairs
1341 Cross Creek Circle
Tallahassee, FL 32301

SUMMER CAMP REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM

Tribal Members and First Generation Students in Pre-K through 12th grade are eligible to attend up to two (2) summer camps and receive financial assistance to help cover the cost of the programs.

Tribal Member Students	\$500.00 total
First Generation Students	\$250.00 total

This program is **REIMBURSEMENT ONLY**. Parents are responsible for making all arrangements and paying all fees and travel cost. Travel cost can be reimbursed if receipts and mileage are submitted with application. (Travel cost is included with the above limits.)

Applications can be picked up from the Education Department or downloaded from Education's page on the Tribal web site, www.pci-nsn.gov.

APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED MAY 1, 2015 - OCTOBER 31, 2015

Return your application with receipts and other supporting documentation to the Education Department. You may also forward to Kim McGhee at ksmcghee@pci-nsn.gov, fax to (251) 368-0809, or mail to:

Poarch Creek Indians
Education Department
5811 Jack Springs Road
Atmore, AL 36502

Please contact Kim McGhee at (251) 368-9136 x 2662 if you have questions or need more information.

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)
- Child Care Development (CSBG)

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

We welcome your comments and suggestions!

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.

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 fmcclloskey@pci-nsn.gov.

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



Family Services Department
5811 Jack Springs Road
Atmore, AL 36502
Office (251) 368-9136 x 2600 Fax (251) 368-0828

EARLY CHILDHOOD LITERACY FUN EVENT

Monday, May 11, 2015

Ages 3-5 years old

9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Auditorium of Building 500

Join us for fun and games, free books, story time, and group activities. Lunch will be provided. Parents are welcome to attend.

Must have registered by Friday, April 24, 2015

Hosted by The Early Childhood Directions (GRCMA), Mobile Museum of Art, Tribal Education and Family Services Department.

SUMMER LIHEAP (SIHEAP)

SLIHEAP will begin May 1, 2015.

Per Capita and Senior Benefits income will be included in the calculation of household income.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

HEALTH FAIR

Saturday, June 6, 2015

8:00 am - 12:00 noon

PCI Recreation Center (Gym)

Please note that the Health Fair hours have changed this year. The Health Fair and all screenings will end at 12:00 noon.

HEALTH CAMP

JUNE 21-26, 2015

AT CAMP ALAMISCO

AGES 7-12

Please contact Sheila Odom or Kay Thomas at (251) 368-9136 x 2311/2328.

Children may sign up at the Health Fair on Saturday, June 6, 2015/Election Day.

Deadline to register Friday, June 12, 2015.

NATIONAL STROKE AWARENESS MONTH

May is National Stroke Awareness Month.

Signs of stroke include: sudden numbness or weakness of the face, arm or leg, especially on one side of the body; sudden confusion, trouble speaking or understanding; sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes; sudden trouble walking, dizziness or loss of balance; and/or sudden severe headache with no known cause. Make a note of the time when any symptoms first appear. If given within three hours of the first symptom, there is an FDA-approved clot-buster medication that may reduce long-term disability for the most common type of stroke.

Remember call 911 immediately: Time is precious for preserving brain function.....Get to the Emergency Department!

REMINDER TO ALL OUR PATIENTS

Please bring the following items on every visit to the Health Department:

1. Driver's License
2. Tribal ID
3. Insurance Card
4. Medication List

These items are needed so that we may keep all your information and medications updated.

HOUSING DEPARTMENT

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 4942 or 2251.

OPEN HOUSE SHOWS PROGRESS & FUTURE OF TRIBE

The Housing Department hosted an open house on March 20, 2015 at the newly built Moniac Townhouses. This event was a success and a great way to show our community the progress and future of the Tribe. All of the units are spacious two bedrooms with two and a half bathrooms. There are still some units available, you can either apply online or pick-up an application from the Housing Department.



HOUSING POSTER CONTEST WINNERS

The Housing Authority wants to acknowledge the winners of our Poster Contest.

K-3 rd Grade	1 st Place	Aurora Sells
4 th -6 th Grade	1 st Place	Ava Davis
	2 nd Place	Caleb Davis
	3 rd Place	Alexus McGhee
7 th -8 th Grade	1 st Place	Jonah Tillery

Housing's first place winners were judged on a Regional level. We are pleased to announce that Ava Davis and Jonah Tillery won at Regional 1 Level and will be submitted for judging at the National level.

The first place National winners in each category will receive \$1,000.00 cash. The winning posters for National will be announced at the 29th Annual AMERIND Risk Conference & Trade Fair held in Scottsdale, Arizona on May 12-14, 2015.

Congratulations to our winners.



Left to right are Jonah Tillery, Ava Davis, Aurora Sells, and Alexis McGhee. Not shown is Caleb Davis.

LEGAL DEPARTMENT

The Legal Department would like to provide Tribal Members with a synopsis of recent revisions to Tribal laws and updates to pending litigation. If you have any questions regarding any of these matters, please feel free to contact your Tribal Council members at (251) 368-9136 or the Legal Department at (251) 368-9136 Ext. 2525.

TRIBAL LEGISLATION

The Legal Department highlights 2015 amendments to the Tribal Code that reflect the overall reorganization of Tribal Government as approved November 20, 2014 by Tribal Council Resolution 2014-103 and with delayed implementation affirmed December 31, 2014 by Tribal Council Resolution 2014-111 to be effective April 1, 2015. Specifically, the Title amendments related to reorganization will become effective April 1, 2015, and are described below:

Title 3 (Judicial)

TCO 2015-01 (February 19, 2015) amended Chapter 2 and Chapter 5 of Title 3 (Judicial) to delete the supervisory relationship between the Tribal Court Administrator and the Tribal Court Judge and to reorganize the operational structure and chain of command for Tribal Court Administration under the newly developed Public Safety Division.

- Section 3-2-3(a) is amended to delete the Tribal Court Judge's duty to oversee Tribal Court Administration;

- Section 3-2-3(b)(1) is amended to add coordination between Tribal Court and Tribal Court Administration when setting trial dockets and scheduling sessions;

- Section 3-5-1 renamed "Establishment";

- Section 3-5-2 was renamed "Delegation of Authority" and new language was added to allow the Tribal Council to delegate the authority for management and oversight to a department, entity, or employee within Tribal Government;

- Section 3-5-3 was renamed "Tribal Court Administration" to clarify the basic personnel composition of this Department;

- Section 3-5-4 was renamed "Duties of Tribal Court Administration" and the duties were amended to reflect the responsibilities of the Department rather than the person hired as Tribal Court Administrator; and

- Section 3-5-5 was renamed "Civil Immunity of Tribal Court Administrative Personnel" and amended to extend the civil immunity to Tribal Court Administration personnel.

Title 19 (Housing Authority, Title 31 (Calvin McGhee Cultural Authority, and Title 48 (Recreation Authority)

TCO 2015-02 (February 19, 2015) repealed Title 19 (Housing Authority), Title 31 (Calvin McGhee Cultural Authority), and Title 48 (Recreation Authority) of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians Tribal Code in their entirety in order to implement Tribal Government's new organizational structure. Each of the Departments under Tribal Government will maintain its same mission, operational goals, and services provided to the Tribal community.

Title 28 (Ethics)

TCO 2015-06 (February 19, 2015) amended specifically Section 28-1-7, as follows:

- Original subsections of Section 28-1-7 are revised to remove provisions regarding membership of the Ethics Board so that it is governed by the provisions of Title 45 (Board and Committee Organization Act).

- Section 28-1-7(a) is amended to establish that the uniform system for the size, term, and selection of members of the Ethics Board are governed by Title 45 (Board and Committee Organization Act).

- Section 28-1-7(b) sets forth additional qualifications for the Ethics Board, even if the

additional requirements are more stringent than those contained in Title 45.

- New Sections 28-1-7(c) and (d) are added to address the appointment of alternates to the Ethics Board and the constitution of the Board required for decisions.
- Recusal of the Ethics Advisor (original Section 28-1-7(g)) is relocated to subsection (2) of Section 28-1-7(f).

Title 30 (Utilities Authority)

TCO 2015-03 (February 19, 2015) amended Title 30 (Utilities Authority) to revise and add new provisions in Chapter 1 and repeal Chapter 2 in its entirety as follows:

- Section 30-1-2 is amended to revise certain definitions and add others to better clarify how the terms are used within the Title;
- Section 30-1-5 will establish that the uniform system for the size, term, and selection of members to the Utilities Authority are governed by Title 45 (Board and Committee Organization Act);
- Sections 30-1-5(b),(c), and (d) are amended to remove references to board terms and composition, which are now governed by Title 45, and the remaining subsections were renamed and renumbered; and
- Section 30-1-6(b) is revised to reflect that Title 42 now governs the distribution of revenues for Tribal authorities.

Title 34 (Enrollment)

TCO 2015-07 (February 19, 2015) amended Title 34 (Enrollment) by specifically removing provisions regarding membership of the Enrollment Review Committee so that it is governed by the provisions of Title 45 (Board and Committee Organization Act) as follows:

- Amend Section 34-3-3(a) to remove all details regarding committee composition and include to the purpose for the Enrollment Review Committee reflect the authority of the Committee under the new Tribal organizational structure;
- Revise Section 34-3-3(b) to state that “[t]he uniform system for the size, term, and selection of members for boards and committees is governed by legislation established under Title 45 (Board and Committee organization Act) of the Tribal Code”; and
- Add Sections 34-3-3(c) and (d) to provide for the appointment of alternates and specify how many members are needed for making decisions.

Title 45 (Board and Committee Reorganization Act)

TCO 2015-05 (February 19, 2015) amended Title 45 (Board and Committee Reorganization Act) extensively to implement the reorganization of Tribal Government and the structure of applicable boards and committees as follows:

- Amend Sections 45-1-4(d), 45-1-6(b) and 45-1-7(a) and (c) to allow non-Tribal Member representation on a board or committee if a non-Tribal Member is appointed due to the requirements of his/her employment with the Tribe;
- Add Section 45-1-5 to establish new provisions regarding terms for all boards and committees and the selection of the chairperson by Tribal Council;
- Amend Section 45-1-6(a) which establishes an exception to the age restriction to serve on a board or committee; and
- Expand Section 45-1-13 to state “and all amendments shall be effective on the date of approval by the Tribal Council unless otherwise noted”.

Title 47 (Creek Indian Enterprises Development Authority)

TCO 2015-04 (February 19, 2015) amended Title 47 (Creek Indian Enterprises Authority) is amended to reflect the new Tribal Government structure as follows:

- Section 47-1-2 is amended to revise certain definitions to better clarify how the terms are used within the Title;
- Section 47-1-5 will establish that the uniform system for the size, term, and selection of members to the CIEDA Board of Directors are governed by Title 45 (Board and Committee Organization Act);

- Sections 47-1-5(a),(b), and (c) are renamed and amended to remove references to board terms and composition, which are now governed by Title 45, and the remaining subsections are deleted; and

- Section 47-1-7(b) is amended to reflect that revenue distribution for Tribal Authorities is now governed by Title 42 (Budgeting and Distribution Formula for Tribal Authorities and Enterprises) of the Tribal Code.

Title 50 (PCI Gaming Authority)

TCO 2015-08 (March 5, 2015) enacted Title 50 (PCI Gaming Authority) to adopt the Charter of PCI Gaming Authority in its entirety and to incorporate the laws into Tribal Code.

The PCI Gaming Authority Charter was never amended to reflect the passage of and amendments to Title 45 (Board and Committee Organization Act); therefore, certain sections of Title 50 were amended as follows:

- Section 50-1-5 established the uniform system for the size, term, and selection of members to the PCI Gaming Authority Board of Directors are governed by Title 45;

- Sections 50-1-5(b),(c) was amended and (d) deleted to remove references to board terms and composition, which are now governed by Title 45; and

- Section 50-1-6(b) was amended to reflect that revenue distribution for Tribal Authorities is now governed by Title 42

(Budget and Distribution for Tribal Authorities and Enterprises) of the Tribal Code.

As always, to promote dissemination and public access to Tribal laws, Tribal Member public viewing is available during office hours at the Tribal Chairman'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 website, 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.

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YOUR HEALTH MATTERS

Small Decisions Make Big Things Happen

Happiness RX

It's human nature to want to feel good any way we can. One of the quickest and most effective ways to improve our state of mind is through exercise. Research has shown that exercise will improve our mood and reduce stress within the first five minutes of activity.

When we exercise, we release chemicals called endorphins. This provides us with a positive, happy feeling. The endorphin release is what we call "runner's high". Exercise also provides us with a sense of accomplishment. It makes us feel good about ourselves. Exercise is great for regulating our sleep. Sleep is critical for mood stability, stress management and healthy eating patterns. If you want to be happy and calm, exercise is a great prescription!

So, if exercise makes us feel so good, how can you turn it into a regular habit?

I recommend that workout newbies start slowly, with a moderate exercise plan. I like using the F.I.T. Plan:

F = Frequency *how often*
I = Intensity *how hard*
T = Time *how long*

Start with small steps and either increase your **Frequency** of exercise (1-2 days a week, with a goal of 2-3 days a week), your **Intensity** of exercise (heart rate at 60% of your MAX, with a goal of 75% of your MAX), or the **Time** you spend exercising (20 minutes each workout, with a goal of 45 minutes each workout). Just choose one small way to improve each week and you'll progress toward developing a habit of consistent exercise.



The Big Payoff

Your body was created to move and enjoy the beautiful elements that we have here on earth. Today – go for a walk or do some type of exercise and take in some deep breaths. I can't promise many things, but I can bet that you'll feel better after!

My prescription for improving your mood and increasing happiness is a good dose of exercise.

Just Move and you'll find ways to **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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Food and Your Mood

What you eat has a direct impact on how you feel. When you eat the right foods, you can keep yourself feeling great, physically and mentally. Follow these tips below and you'll be able to tackle the day with more energy, focus and stamina.

Eat the proper nutrients for your brain. Your brain needs fuel to function, just like your muscles. Certain nutrients can boost overall cognitive function. They can improve your attention span, elevate your mood, increase problem-solving skills and help prevent memory loss. Try to have these essential vitamins and minerals each day:

- **Omega-3 fatty acids:** Found in salmon and flax seed, fatty acids positively affect the part of the brain that controls depression and mood. This means they can regulate emotions and help you to feel more content.
- **B Vitamins:** Found in eggs, dairy, poultry, these vitamins are used to convert the food you eat into the energy your body uses. Low levels can lead to a feeling of fatigue.
- **Vitamin D:** Found in dairy products, eggs, salmon, also by getting some sunshine! Vitamin D can increase serotonin levels in your brain. This will counteract feelings of depression, leading to a more consistently elevated mood.
- **Iron:** Found in meat, spinach, lentils and sweet potatoes, iron is a cofactor in the production of neurotransmitters. Therefore iron has a direct effect on how your mind functions. Proper levels of iron in your body can help increase attention span, improve learning capability and overall problem solving skills.



Timing is Everything

In addition to getting the right nutrients, timing your meals can improve your mood by giving you steady energy all day. Big shifts in your blood sugar, from skipping meals, can leave you feeling stressed and irritable. Try to get three meals a day with a snack in between. Adding protein and fiber to those meals will prevent your blood sugar from spiking and the subsequent energy crash afterwards. When you give your body and mind the fuel they need, you'll find yourself feeling your best.

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

- Ashley

Ashley Richards is the Health Coach for Advantage Training. She believes that it is never too late to make a change and taking small steps can make a big impact towards your overall health. 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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SUMMER REGISTRATION

FEE: \$20.00

Session I April 20, 2015 - May 22, 2015

Session II April 27, 2015 - June 29, 2015

Summer Lessons

Session I June 2, 2015 - June 25, 2015
Tuesdays & Thursdays

Session II July 6, 2015 - July 30, 2015
Tuesdays & Thursdays

For more information, registration, or applications, contact the Recreation Department at 251-368-9136 ext. 2256 or on the Recreation page of the Tribe's web site www.pci-nsn.gov.

PCI SUMMER SWIM TEAM REGISTRATION

March 16, 2015 – May 8, 2015

No applications accepted after May 8th, no exceptions

Tribal Member or First Generation

Registration Fee: \$30.00

Early Bird Practice

May 18th – May 29th

Poarch Recreation Department

Monday-Thursday

3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Summer Season

June 1st – August 1st

Practice at Poarch Recreation Department

Monday - Thursday

10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

WATER AEROBIC CLASS

Open to Tribal Members & First Generation

Starting Tuesday, May 5, 2015

No Registration Required

Contact Sarah Allen at (251) 368-9136 x 2256 for the schedule and more information.

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.

WEIGHT LIFTING CLASS

Ages 13-17

Recreation Department

Tuesdays & Thursdays 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

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Sean McClellan

Megan Flurnoy

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

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, May 8, 2015

Tribal Offices and Boys & Girls Club will close at 11:30 a.m. for Employee Appreciation Day.

Monday, May 25, 2015

Tribal Offices and Boys & Girls Club will be closed in observance of Memorial Day.

The offices and staff of Tribal Administration and the TERO Department are now located in Building 500 of the Tribal Complex. All contact information remains the same.

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 Deborah Hammons at 251-368-9136 ext. 2007.

TRIBAL GAMING COMMISSION

Representatives from the Tribal Gaming Commission (TGC) recently attended the Spring 2015 session of the National Tribal Gaming Commissioners and Regulators (NTGC/R) held at the Harrah's Rincon Casino owned by the Rincon Band of Luiseno Indians in Valley Center, CA.

Approximately 270 Tribal gaming commissioners/regulators were in attendance during this conference representing 42 Tribal Gaming Commissions from 7 regions throughout the United States (US).

Attendees were asked by NTGC/R Chairman Jamie Hummingbird to meet with their respective regional delegates in order to provide an update on the recent activities within their Tribes or Commissions.

TGC Administrator and Tribal Member Daniel McGhee sits on the NTGC/R Board of Directors representing participating Tribes in the Eastern

region. After meeting with the other Eastern region Tribes present, which included representatives from St. Regis Mohawk and the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, Mr. McGhee addressed conference attendees on recent developments within the region.

Among the reports he made involving other Eastern Gaming Tribes, Mr. McGhee reported that the Poarch Creek Indians TGC would be transitioning from a Commission of 5 members to 7 members as part of a reorganization initiative of the Tribal Council. Mr. McGhee also updated the conference on the Tribe's current hotel/restaurant expansion plans at Creek Casino Montgomery.

Attendance at the Spring 2015 session of NTGC/R made it the largest to date with 270 attendees present which included 32 of the 55 voting members. The 3 day conference included over 30 speakers in 40 workshops and 11 roundtable sessions.

Destiny is no matter of chance. It is a matter of choice. It is not a thing to be waited for, it is a thing to be achieved.

William Jennings Bryan

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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.

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.

THANK YOU FOR MANPOWER ASSISTANCE

William T. Riley, Chief of Police for Selma, AL, sent the following letter to the Tribal Police Department.

Dear Lt. Weaver, Investigator Davis, Corp. Linam and Officers Bradley & Williams:

Thank you for the manpower assistance that you provided to our department on March 7-8, 2015.

Your officers were professional and dutiful. We truly appreciate their efforts and your willingness to support our agency and community when you were called upon.

Because you responded when we called, we were able to ensure the safety of this year's record-setting number of Jubilee attendees and ultimately had an uneventful, incident-free weekend.

Again, thank you, we are very grateful for your assistance. Please call upon us if the need arises and we will happily assist your agency in any way that we can.

With appreciation,

*William T. Riley, III
Chief of Police*

This is another example of how we are Alabama Natives, Alabama Neighbors.



TRIBAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY

The PCI Utilities Authority continues to experience growth while striving to offer unsurpassed services to our appreciated customers.

In March, we began the installation for the Intellipro Project. The project is comprised of a hardware and software upgrade to allow treatment adjustments based on current incoming flow. This will result in a better effluent. In addition to the Intellipro Project, Utilities has selected and purchased the equipment for the UV (Ultraviolet) Disinfection Project for the East Well and the project is underway. The UV system will allow us to adequately disinfect the water, meeting all standards, in order to serve customers in close proximity to the well like the residents in Tullis Manor.

Utilities has moved forward with the implementation of the Nexbill Program, so we can accept electronic and utility card payments for the ECU/Huxford System beginning in April 2015.

To better serve our customers promptly, we have initiated a new service application process. For the

April billing cycle, each valuable customer will receive a service application with their bill and this application should be returned to the Utilities Authority office located on 263 Aplin Road, Atmore, AL for processing.

Utilities has drafted the Canoe Acquisition Proposal and it is currently under review to begin the approval process.

As always, the Utilities Authority has a revolving door that is always open for any questions or concerns our valuable customers may have. The PCI Utilities office number is 251-446-1617. Any customer with an emergency after normal operating hours should call 251-446-4920 and the appropriate Utilities staff will be dispatched.

Thanks again to our valued customers and we look forward to continuing to provide the best services possible to our communities.

Applications for Service with the Utilities Authority are available at the Utilities Department and have been posted on the Utilities Authority page of the Tribal web site, www.pci-nsn.gov.

Application must be downloaded, completed, signed, and returned to the Utilities Authority.

Signed applications may be emailed to alowe@pci-nsn.gov, faxed to (251) 446-1624, or hand delivered or mailed to Poarch Creek Indians Utilities Authority at 263 Aplin Road, Atmore, AL 36502.



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.

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LOAN PROGRAM PROFILE: CHRISTY HUSKEY

Making the decision to venture into the business world isn't easy. But Tribal Member Christy Huskey knows firsthand the benefits of running her own business and is a true success story of the CIEDA Small Business Loan Program. Huskey used the program to purchase Advance Printing, and she and her husband ran the company together.

Advance Printing became Huskey Printing and took on all the Tribe's printing products, including the Tribal newsletter, as well as commercial print jobs for community members in Atmore.

"That was my baby," Huskey said of the newsletter. "I was so proud to be able to print our Tribal newsletter; that's a big deal (to me)."

Huskey said after constructing a business plan, the CIEDA staff assisted in tailoring the plan to Huskey's vision for the company. She said one of the benefits and



Christy Huskey

goals of the loan was spending more quality time with her family and being able to do the things she wanted to do.

"Working there allowed us the flexibility to improve our education," Huskey said. Her husband is finishing his master's degree while she has earned a cosmetology degree and is now working to finish up her Bachelor's degree.

"Achieving a loan, making a good partnership ... this (loan) made us a good living." Two of Huskey's five children are now in college, and all her children have attended private school. Huskey also was one of the first recipients to pay off the loan in full, according to Donna Henry, Economic Development Coordinator for CIEDA.

Another benefit to getting the loan was being able to grow the business. Huskey said they retained the two existing employees who still work there now, even after she sold the

business to PCI Gaming, which changed the name to PCI Printing and leases the building from Huskey and her husband. Huskey also employed her cousins and children for a while.

"It was a true family affair," Huskey said. "My children learned all about printing and helped in producing the products we put out. They truly enjoyed every aspect of it." Huskey said there were times they made a camping trip of sorts out of working there. "We had a loft where we would watch movies and sometimes just spend the night when we needed to get work done," she said. "It was a fun, fast ride."

During her tenure in printing, Huskey used additional loan funds from the program to upgrade equipment, such as a bigger copier and a digital cutter, and to purchase a new building on Main Street where the business sits now. Huskey said every loan dollar made was put back into the business.

She advises Tribal Members considering a loan to do their homework and know the competition.

"Don't jump into something that's not going to pan out. Being able to be successful with what you're given is key to knowing where you can go," she said.

Submitted by Jen Peake



U.S. REPRESENTATIVE BRADLEY BYRNE TOURS MUSKOGEE TECHNOLOGY FACILITIES

U.S. Rep. Bradley Byrne (R-Ala., 1st District) paid a visit to Muskogee Technology on Friday, March 13, to tour both facilities and learn about the company's accomplishments and how it is contributing to the growth of Atmore.

"It was a pleasure to be able to show Rep. Byrne our facilities and to showcase our talent in the manufacturing and aerospace industries," said Jeff Nelson, plant manager at Muskogee Technology. "For Rep. Byrne to take an interest in us means a lot to this community."

After a brief presentation by Muskogee Tech officials, Byrne saw first-hand what goes into manufacturing parts, stopping by each station and observing workers. Byrne first toured the flagship location at MT South, then experienced the newest facility at MT North in the heart of downtown Atmore.

"I enjoyed visiting Muskogee Technology to visit with employees and tour their impressive facilities," Rep. Byrne said. "I was very struck



Atmore Mayor Jim Staff, U.S. Rep. Bradley Byrne, Tribal Council Member Sandy Hollinger, and Tribal Council Member Garvis Sells took a tour of Muskogee Technology facilities on March 13, 2015.

by the complexity of their operation and their flexibility to expand production to such a wide range of products. I can certainly say that Muskogee is a true asset to Escambia County and our entire region."

"We are delighted Congressman Byrne was here to see first-hand our Muskogee Technology facilities,"

Tribal Chair Stephanie A. Bryan said. "And we look forward to additional opportunities that will offer jobs to enhance the quality workmanship that has made Muskogee Technology a multi award-winning company."

Submitted by Jen Peake

America's future will be determined by the home and the school. The child becomes largely what he is taught; hence we must watch what we teach, and how we live.

Jane Addams

Map out your future - but do it in pencil. The road ahead is as long as you make it. Make it worth the trip.

Jon Bon Jovi

www.brainyquote.com

MUSKOGEE INN RENOVATIONS ON TARGET FOR COMPLETION

Muskogee Inn in Atmore, Ala., is getting a facelift. Owned by the Poarch Band of Creek Indians since the 1980s, the hotel is within walking distance of Wind Creek Casino, right off I-65 at exit 57.

The remodel of Muskogee Inn, which began in October 2014, is halfway complete, said General Manager Rochel Martin. All 88 rooms are being renovated with new paint, bedding, drapes and carpet. Hallways and wall décor also are being updated to include tribal history and photographs relevant to the Tribe.

The CIEDA maintenance and grounds team, led by Duke Bradley, has been working on the project and is on schedule for the completion. The team is meticulous on the site and is making the property look more upscale, both inside and out.

In addition to inside renovations, Muskogee Inn has upgraded the landscaping on the property. Martin said each spring, the hotel refreshes the outdoor areas and keeps it up throughout the seasons. About 55 rooms have been done, and the entire remodel should be finished during the next offseason in the fall.



“We had a busy February,” Martin said. She said the hotel sees the majority of its traffic during the months of April through August.

“Most people stay about two to five days with us,” Martin said. “We get a lot of business travelers who are in town for conferences or have other business in the area, and they choose to stay with us and enjoy the amenities we have to offer.”

Budget-friendly lodging at its best, this hotel offers everything a traveler wants at a fraction of the cost. Free Wi-Fi is available on the property, so guests are able to surf

the Internet as they lounge by the pool, eat in the lobby or relax in their rooms. HBO and cable TV service is in every room, as well as a microwave, refrigerator, coffee maker, ironing board and hair dryer.

Whether you are looking for just a place to crash after a long day of driving or you plan to stay and enjoy the sights and sounds of Atmore, the staff at Muskogee Inn will make sure you are comfortable and enjoy your stay, each and every time.

Submitted by Jen Peake

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

Poarch Creek 4-H Club shows off prize cattle

The 2015 Escambia County Steer and Heifer calf show started long before the audience actually saw the prize cattle. Early in the morning at Perdido River Farms in Atmore, Ala., calves were brought into the stables to begin the grooming process, which includes bathing, brushing, blow drying and fluffing. The key ingredient in making a calf beautiful is shaving cream, which helps the hair puff out and become smooth and shiny.

"We begin with a bath and when all is said and done, use a bit of shaving cream and blow dry upward," said Teresa Rutherford, whose son, Dawson Cox, was showing for the first time at the event. She said it is about a four-month process getting Dawson's calf ready to show, including making sure he is in control of the animal, is comfortable and not nervous around the calf.

In addition to training, John English, general manager at Perdido River Farms, said it takes about two hours to get his son's calf ready on the day of the show. Colbie English was brushing his calf and putting on the final touches as his father looked on. This is Colbie's second year at the event.

Then it was show time. Show Chairman Ken Kelley introduced the participants as they filed into the arena. There were 21 exhibitors showing almost 50 animals in 15 classes of cattle. Twelve children were from the Poarch Creek 4-H Club. The

Poarch children were Caleb Davis, Jason Davis, Charleigh Parham, Jude Parham, Jacelyn Chunn, Colbie English, Dylan Rolin, DJ Rolin, Rowdy Rutherford, Wyatt Rutherford, Shawnee McGee and Cheyenne McGee. This is the second year Perdido River Farms has hosted the event.

In the senior showmanship class, Wyatt Rutherford placed second and Jude Parham fourth. In intermediate showmanship, Jason Davis took second place, Rowdy Rutherford fifth and Jacelyn Chunn sixth. In junior showmanship, Colbie English won first place, DJ Rolin second, Caleb Davis third and Dylan Rolin sixth. In the heifer class born December 2013-March 2014, Jude Parham placed second and Dylan Rolin third. In the heifer class born June 2013, Jude Parham placed fourth. In lightweight steer class, Caleb Davis took second, DJ Rolin third, Wyatt Rutherford fourth and Jacelyn Chunn fifth. In medium weight steer class, Rowdy Rutherford placed fourth and Dylan Rolin fifth.

In heavyweight steer, Colbie English placed first, Jason Davis second and Charleigh Parham third. In gain per day class, Colbie English won second, Jason Davis third and Charleigh Parham fourth.

Show judge Smokey Spears said he has a few criteria he looks for when choosing winners. The children must always know where the judge is in the ring and keep eye contact with him throughout the judging.

This tells the judge the participant is knowledgeable,

respectful and proud of his or her calf. Another rule of showing is how well the participant keeps the calf under control and sets the animal's feet in the correct position/stance.

The feet must be set directly underneath the calf, side by side, and its back should align straight with the horizon.

The judge also evaluates the handler's quick response to the animal's demeanor. This is achieved by using a show stick. The handler uses the stick to scratch the calf's



belly, which keeps the animal calm while standing at attention. The stick also helps set the animal's feet properly. Judge Spears walked around the ring, made assessments and pointed to each calf representing the winner and runners up. Spears then told the audience and children how each represented, what they could do better and gave accolades to each student for a job well done.

After the heifers were shown, the steers were judged. When the event was over, there was a break for dinner, and the premium sale auction of the calves began, which benefits the children who own the calf. A resale followed for any animals that went unsold at auction.



Submitted by Jen Peake

TRIBAL MEMBER FAMILY PASS AVAILABLE FOR MBWR

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

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

Tribal Member families that had a Family Pass made last year will not be required to get a new pass this year unless there has been a change to the family makeup, i.e. divorce,

marriage, birth of a child, a child reaching age 18, etc. or if they have lost their Pass. A maximum of two (2) Family Member passes will be issued per household per year.

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

Please contact Tracy Sells, MBWR Park Coordinator, at (251) 446-3423 or (251) 253-3153 if you have any questions about MBWR, park services, and/or amenities. Tracy can also be contacted via email at tracy@pcimbwr.com.

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

2015 TRIBAL COUNCIL ELECTION NOTICE

WHEN: Saturday, June 6, 2015

LOCATION: PCI Community Resource
Building (old SAIL
Center)

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

PURPOSE: To elect the following:
Tribal Vice Chair (3 year term),
2 At-Large Council Members (3 year terms),
and Tribal Treasurer (1 year term)

**DEADLINE TO DECLARE
CANDIDACY:**
5:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 7, 2015
To have name printed on official ballot.

5:00 p.m. Thursday, May 7, 2015
To be included as a Write-in Candidate

**DEADLINE TO PUBLISH BIO &
PHOTO IN POARCH CREEK NEWS:**
Candidates wishing to publish a biography and
photo in the May newsletter must submit their
biography and photo to the Election Board, by
5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 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.

2015 TRIBAL COUNCIL ELECTION CALENDAR

TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2015 – Deadline to
submit Letter of Candidacy to Election Board
for name to be included on official ballot.

TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2015 – Deadline to
submit biography and photo for publication in
May 2015 issue of Poarch Creek News.

FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 2015 – Names of
candidates and any proposed constitutional
amendments, ordinances and/or resolutions will
be posted.

THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2015 – Last day to
submit Letter of Candidacy for Tribal Council
to be a Write-in on Ballot. Any additional
names of candidates will be posted within 10
days.

TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2015 – Walk-in voting
starts. Open daily from 9:00* a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
except for Sunday, May 31, 2015.

TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2015 – Last day to
request Absentee Ballot be mailed out.

FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 2015 – Walk-in voting ends
at 6:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 2015 – Deadline to receive
Absentee Ballots at 5:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 2015 – Tribal Election
Day. Polls open 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. at PCI
Community Resource building (old SAIL
Center).

Contact Gwen Manning, at (251) 368-9136 x 2281 or gmanning@pci-nsn.gov if you have any
questions or need more information.

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

Voting is a right best exercised by people who have taken time to learn about the issues.

Tony Snow



ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST

2015 POARCH CREEK INDIAN TRIBAL COUNCIL ELECTION

SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 2015



I, _____, am an enrolled member of the Poarch Creek Indians, and will be at least eighteen (18) years of age on or before June 6, 2015.

When requesting a ballot one will be mailed to you for the following elections: June 6, 2015 and Run-off election if applicable.

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

FIRST MIDDLE MAIDEN LAST

STREET ADDRESS CITY STATE ZIP CODE

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TELEPHONE NUMBER DATE OF BIRTH TRIBAL ROLL NO.

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

SIGNATURE: _____

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

RETURN THIS FORM BY MAIL TO: POARCH BAND OF CREEK INDIANS
TRIBAL ELECTION BOARD
5811 JACK SPRINGS ROAD
ATMORE, AL 36502
BY FAX: (251) 368-4502
OR EMAIL: ELECTION@PCI-NSN.GOV

Requests for Absentee Ballots must be received by the Election Board no later than the close of business (5 p.m. CST) on Tuesday, May 26, 2015. Requests received after the deadline will not be honored.

Should you have any questions pertaining to the 2015 Tribal Council Elections, please feel free to contact Edie Jackson at (251) 368-9136 ext. 2231 or Gwen Manning at ext. 2281.

VICE CHAIR CANDIDATES

The following candidates have submitted their Letter of Candidacy for the Vice Chair position. When elected, this candidate will serve a regular three (3) year term.

Robert "Robbie" McGhee
Garvis Sells
Carolyn "McGhee" White

Please vote for one (1) candidate of your choice.

ROBERT "ROBBIE" MCGHEE

First of all I would like to thank the individuals who came out and voted during the Vice Chairman's race in December. I think you for giving me the opportunity to serve you in this capacity over these last 6 months. This June I am asking for your continued support in my effort to be re-elected for a three year term as Vice Chairman. My name is Robert "Robbie" McGhee. My parents are Bobby Lawrence and the late Doris Daughtry McGhee.

As a young boy, I was aware of the commitment my great grandfather, Chief Calvin McGhee, made to our Tribe. He cared equally for all his Poarch brothers and sisters. He saw each of our tribe's members as family whose needs deserved to be met. He sought to lead for all the right reasons, and I continue to learn from his example.

The issues that face our Tribe currently and the challenges that we will face in the future are many and complex. As a Sovereign Nation, our Council must have a deep understanding of those issues and effectively represent our Tribe at all of levels of government. We must be willing to fight for what



Robbie McGhee

is right, work tirelessly, make good decisions and think strategically. I believe I am prepared to meet those challenges, and I want to serve our Tribe and you with a level of energy and commitment that I think would make my great grandfather proud.

I have spent most of my adult years learning and educating myself on the issues affecting American Indians. I have been fortunate to work at the highest levels of federal government. I have first-hand knowledge of how Washington works and how federal policies affect Indian Country.

Every day, I am reminded that education made these experiences possible to me. My education opened doors that may have been shut otherwise, and I am blessed

that my parents encouraged me to push myself to earn my College Degrees.

Still, I understand that a formal education is not everything and that life experiences and learning from others is what makes us resilient.

I am privileged to have learned from leaders such as Eddie L. Tullis, Fred L. McGhee, and Buford L. Rolin. For the past 10 years I have had the opportunity to serve under each of these Chairmen. Each one of them brought their own unique style of leadership to the table and each has done great things for Poarch. Now, over the past year I have had the experience to work under the leadership of our Tribal Chair Stephanie Bryan. Together, tirelessly we have worked along with the other Council Members on addressing the issues affecting our Tribe and secure our future.

I will fight for our Tribe. If I am given the opportunity to serve, I will continue to work alongside the Tribal Chair and Council to protect our home, our sovereignty, our livelihood, our culture, and our ability to make dreams become reality in our lifetimes and for future generations.

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GARVIS SELLS

I, Garvis Sells, do hereby declare my candidacy for Tribal Council Vice Chair of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians. I am the son of the late Roberta McGhee Sells and Eugene Sells.

I have been married to Catherine Jackson Sells for 51 years and we have two children, April Sells and the late Alton Eugene Sells. I have attended church at Poarch Community Church all my life. I have been a member of this community living in the same house for 48 years.

I am proud to have grown up and completed a high school education during a time when many were not as fortunate because they had to quit school and work to provide for their families. I am also proud of the fact that the younger generations will have the opportunity to go to college and that they have no reason to quit school. This is just one of the many benefits we as your Tribal Council have been able to provide for you. Education is very important



Garvis Sells

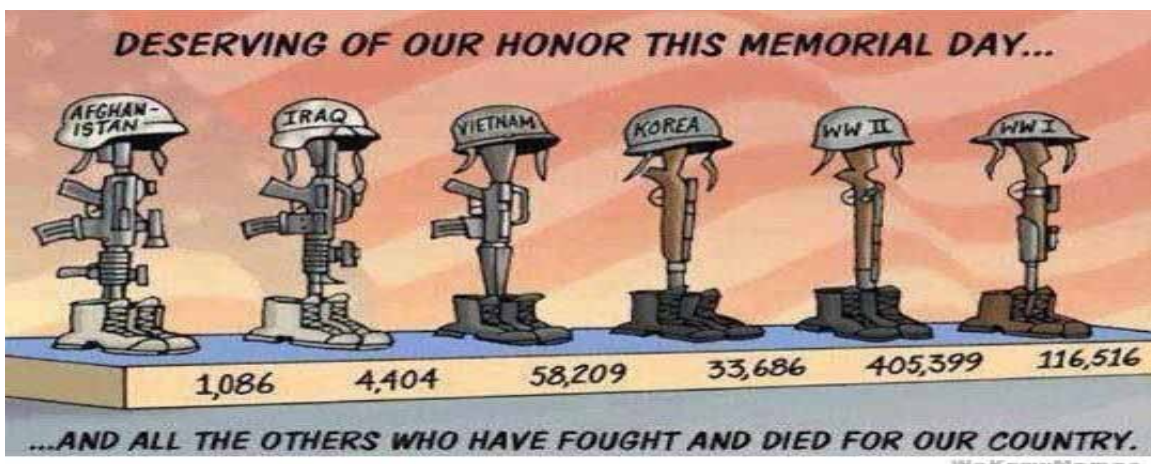
to me and will always be because my mother only finished the 6th grade. She went on to be a great success by not only being the first school teacher hired to teach our Poarch Creek children but also she became the Tribal Council Secretary during Calvin McGhee's tenure.

Before I became a Tribal Council member I owned my own cross-country trucking company for more than 40 years. As your Vice Chair, I feel like I have the experience needed to address the issues of the Tribe because the Tribe, in my opinion, is a multifaceted business. There

are many issues facing the Tribe on a daily basis. I will face these issues with honesty and integrity on your behalf just as I have for the past 7 years. My interest has been and always will be for the good of the People. I will work diligently to assist my fellow Tribal Council members in ensuring that we all receive what is needed in our Tribe. I continue to have a strong desire to serve my constituents and work in an honest, professional manner with accountability for the betterment of our People at heart. I hope that our Tribal members feel that when they have come to me with an issue I will listen and assist them to the best of my ability.

It is my sincere hope that none of us ever take for granted our success but work toward maintaining our future as we know it today. Please always know that my door is open for you and I am just a phone call away if you ever need me. I humbly ask for your support for Tribal Council Vice Chair, June 6, 2015.

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**CAROLYN "MCGHEE"
WHITE**

**VOTE
CAROLYN "MCGHEE"
WHITE
FOR YOUR "FULL TIME"
VICE CHAIRMAN**

**VOTE FOR HONEST, FAIR AND
ACCOUNTABLE LEADERSHIP!**

I, Carolyn "McGhee" White,
declare my candidacy for the Vice
Chairman position.

I am the daughter of the late Mal
McGhee and Martha Jane McGhee
Jackson and step-daughter of Fay
Jackson. Will and Bessie McGhee
are my grandparents and Ed and
Margie McGhee are my great-
grandparents. I am married to Don
White and our daughter, Paula,
resides in Tuscaloosa.



Carolyn White

My college education includes a
Master's Degree from the University
of Alabama and more recently an
Associate of Arts Degree (Paralegal)
from Faulkner State Community
College. I am currently employed as
a Legislative Assistant in the Legal
Department.

I thank my campaign supporters for
writing my name in on the ballot

for the Vice Chairman position
in the December 2014 election.
It is considered a historical event
as it is the largest write-in total
in the Tribe's history. Even more
importantly, I appreciate the "NO"
vote on the Vacancies Constitutional
Amendment that, if passed, would
have given up more of our Council
representation. Again, I ask for
your vote and support.

**VOTE FOR FULL TIME
REPRESENTATION!**

**VOTE CAROLYN "MCGHEE"
WHITE AS YOUR VICE
CHAIRMAN.**

Carolyn M. White
(251) 368-8321
cwhite14@frontiernet.net

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TREASURER CANDIDATES

The following candidates have submitted their Letter of Candidacy for the Treasurer position. When elected, this candidate will serve two (2) years, thereby completing the term vacated when Robbie McGhee was elected to serve as Vice Chair until the June 2015 elections.

Dewitt Carter
Gia Langham
Charlotte "McGhee" Meckel
Eddie L. Tullis

Please vote for one (1) candidate of your choice.

DEWITT CARTER

Hello, my name is Dewitt Carter and I am running for Tribal Council Treasurer. I am the proud son of Dewitt Sells and Grace Philyaw, I am the grandson of Joe Philyaw, Jr. and "Popcorn" and "Granny" Sells (Eugene and Roberta Sells). I graduated from Escambia C. High School in 1987. I spent five years in the U.S. Airforce and attended colleg in Colo. Springs, Colo. I started my own company (Carter Mobile Home Movers) in 2001 and after 13 years we are still supporting this community strong.



Dewitt Sells

I grew up in Poarch under my Grand Paw Joe's roof with a strong belief word ward, always be honest, and "do unto others as you wold have them do unto you." I have taken those morals into every job I have rewarded.

It has promoted respect and admiration from every person I have met and dictates who I am as an employee, a friend, and a husband.

I have two children - Alyson and DJ. My wife Teresa and I have been married fourteen years and I have one step-daughter. We live in Repton, Ala on 50 acres, twenty five minutes from Poarch. I hope to support the Poarch Community as one of the next Council Members. Thank you and hope to meet you soon.

Dewitt Carter

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GIA LANGHAM

I am Gia Langham and I am running for Tribal Council Treasurer. I am married to Cade Langham and have two daughters, Kamryn and Kylee. I am the daughter of Chris and Janet Rodriguez, and the granddaughter of Mary Bell and the late Benny McGhee. I am the great-granddaughter of Carlie McGhee and Adam Daughtry, and the late MC and Hattie Lou Morris. I have been a part of the Poarch Community all my life and am a very proud member of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians. I am also member of McCullough Christian Center, and serve on the praise and worship team there.

While in High School, I started working at the age of 15 and have been employed since then. I graduated from Escambia County High School in 2003. After high school, I joined the United States Air Force and attended basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, TX. I attended the US Air Force Technical College,



Gia Langham

and received a certification in Information Technology at Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, MS. After serving in the Air Force for 4 years, I decided to move back home and was honorably discharged. After coming home, I attended Jefferson Davis Community College in pursuit of a degree in Business Administration.

I worked for PCI Gaming for three years in the Marketing Department as the Executive Assistant to the Vice President of Marketing and was later promoted to the Supervisor of Promotions

and Special Events while there. Five years ago, I moved from PCI Gaming to take the job that I currently hold as Executive Assistant to the Legal Department.

I served as the Chairman of the Election Board for three years. I am heavily involved in our community in numerous ways. I have served as a mentor at the Boys and Girls Club, and coached t-ball team for the Recreation Authority. I enjoy being a part of our community, and I would enjoy the opportunity to serve in a Tribal-wide leadership position. I feel that my prior roles have given me the skills to become a leader. I am not afraid of a challenge, and hope to serve you and our Tribe as our next Tribal Council Treasurer. Thank you and God Bless you!

I can do all things through Christ which strengthened me.

Philippians 4:13

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CHARLOTTE "MCGHEE" MECKEL

I, Charlotte "McGhee" Meckel declare my candidacy for Treasurer in the upcoming Poarch Creek Indians Tribal Council Election held on June 6, 2015. I am the proud daughter of Ernestine and the late DC Daughtry and Julius "Bubba Jack" McGhee. I am married to Martin Meckel, and we have two children, Ron Salter (44) and Allison Salter-Rodriguez (39), and eight grandchildren, the late Andrew Salter, Kyle, Kaylee, Brenton, David, Caleb, Ariel and Harmony.

I graduated from the Army Management Staff College in Washington D.C., and have a degree in Business Administration. I retired from the Department of Defense after 36 rewarding and fulfilling years. During my years of Federal Service, I have attended numerous executive and upper level management programs at the Army Logistic College at Ft. Lee, Virginia and the Program Management for Executives School in Kansas City, Kansas. For 20 years I managed a multi-million dollar Organization for the US Government. Parts of my duties were the formulation & execution of the annual operating budget as well as the close monitoring of spending plans. I have the skills



Charlotte Meckel

and the ability to make sound financial decisions.

In 2006, I was appointed to the Ethics Board for the Tribe and I now serve as Secretary on the Housing Advisory Board since 2012. While serving on these boards, I have acquired a vast knowledge of various ordinances, policies, and procedures that affect the Tribe and its entities on a daily basis. Given my educational background, work experience, and knowledge of how the government works, I feel that I would be a valuable asset to the Tribal Council not only in this position but as a council member in its entirety. Honesty is at the top of my list. I have the strength and dedication needed to allow our Tribe to continue to prosper and grow. We have been so fortunate to experience ALOT of success and growth throughout the years.

A stable financial foundation has been established.

Our Tribe exists today because of our forefathers' commitment to hold our people and our community together. We must learn from our ancestors' struggles and honor their wisdom by continuing to use the same common sense approach when making decisions for our Tribe. With your support and continuous guidance, we the people can continue to accomplish great things working together in unity and peace, as we move forward to the future.

I relish the idea of working with the Tribal Council and the General Council to further the legacy of self-determination and self-reliance as in the Tribes motto and to diversify our economic opportunities and to further develop programs and services that will benefit all tribal members everywhere.

Please consider me as one of your candidates on June 6th, appreciate your vote and support.

Charlotte M. Meckel
Charlotte.Meckel@yahoo.com
(251) 229-0002
Committed to community,
dedicated to progress

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EDDIE L. TULLIS

Eddie L. Tullis

188 Lynn McGhee Drive Atmore,
AL 36502

Born: January 9, 1938 to Volt and
Florence Walker Tullis
Mobile, AL

School:
Nokomis Elementary

Davisville Elementary

Ernest Ward High School-
graduated 1956

Faulkner State Community
College

U.S. Navy- honorably discharged

Married: 4/22/57
Mary Jane McGhee

Children:
Connie Naragon-Birmingham, AL
Anna Lisa Spivey-Iowa City, Iowa
Wanda Wasnick-Tulare, CA
Edie Jackson-Atmore, AL

Work:
Monsanto Company- 35 Y, years
in Power House--retired 2/1/91

Current Positions:
Chairman of National Indian
Council on Aging (NICOA)

Vice-Chairman of Americans for
Indian Opportunities (AIO)

Member of Reid State Community
College Foundation Board of



Eddie Tullis

Directors

Member of Alabama Indian Affairs
Commission Board of Directors

Member of Alabama Archives
and History Foundation Board of
Directors

Member of Portland State
University Institute of Tribal
Government Board of Directors

Previously Held Positions:
Tribal Chairman of Poarch Creek
Indians - 27 years

Member of PCI Tribal Council-

Member of National Indian
Gaming Association (NIGA)
Board of Directors Chainnan of
PCI Land and Natural Resources
Legislative Committee

Vice-Chairman of Creek Indian
Enterprise Development Authority
(CIEDA)

Chairman of National Advisory
Council on Indian Education
(NACIE) 2 terms-Presidential
Appointment

Member of White House
Conference on Indian Education
Board of Directors- Presidential
Appointment

President of United South and
Eastern Tribes (USET)

President of Coalition of Eastern
Native Americans (CENA)

First Vice-President of National
Congress of American Indians
(NCAI)

Member of Native American
Rights Fund (NARF) Board of
Directors

Member of United Bank Board of
Directors

Member of National Historic Trail
of Tears Commission Board of
Directors

President of Indian and Native
Alaskan Employment and Training
Coalition

Member of Native American
Housing and Self Determination
Act (NAHASDA) Negotiated
Rule Making Committee

Chairman of Northwest Florida
Creek Indian Council

President of Escambia County
Young Republican Committee

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AT-LARGE CANDIDATES

The following candidates have submitted their Letter of Candidacy for an At-Large position on the Tribal Council. There are two (2) At-Large positions; when elected these candidates will each serve a regular three (3) year term.

Please vote for two (2) candidates of your choice.

Elizabeth Hebert
Sandy Hollinger
Gloria Sells Krafka
Keith Martin
Sheila Rolin Odom
Deno Rolin
Anita McGhee Tuel

ELIZABETH HEBERT

My name is Elizabeth Jackson Hebert, daughter of Alfred and Ruby Walker Jackson. My grandparents are the late "Chief" Fred and Lula Radcliff Walker, and the late Walter and Missy Bell McGhee Jackson. I have one daughter, Nicole Pires, son-in-law, Isiah and two grandsons, Jaxson and Nash.

Papa Fred was one of the most prominent and influential leaders of the early informal Poarch Creek years, from 1885 to 1941. My "Big Mama" Lula was a strong, independent determined woman with an entrepreneurial spirit. They have had 5 descendants serve our people on the Tribal Council, in which two are currently serving. I now realize that leadership and an entrepreneurial spirit are qualities that many of their descendants have inherited.

I graduated Pensacola Technical High School (I wanted business skills); Attended Pensacola Jr. College; Completed extensive studies in Health, Nutrition, Exercise and Behavioral Modification; Certificate of



Elizabeth Hebert

Completion in Underlying Cravings and Psychology of Compulsive Behavior; Continuing Professional Education and Advanced Training in Weight Management for Professionals; Certification for Physical Culture and Diet Control and Lifestream Behavior Modification and Leadership Clinic.

I entered the work force while still in high school. I started at entry level position being quickly promoted into management. I co-owned a Ladies Boutique and was employed with Nationwide Health System as Club Manager and was promoted to Area Manager.

Shortly thereafter, I became Regional Supervisor of Training and Sales for the Ladies Division in Four states. I founded and operated both Isadora Figure Spa and a chain of National Medical Weight Loss Centers. After a near fatal accident and a five year recovery period, I founded the now existing Women's Weight Control and Wellness Center. Looking back, I realize I have been a public servant most of my business career. I chose the Health and Fitness Industry to help people regain optimal health, so they may reach their full potential. One of my dearest friends that is a professional student (having more degrees than I can count) taught me it's not the degree that counts.....it's "finding what you have a passion for, educate yourself," put it into action" and "do it to the best of your ability."

With the many challenges facing our Tribe, a leader must be willing to FIGHT FOR WHAT IS RIGHT, work tirelessly and make researched, fair decisions. Combined with my education, business leadership experience, life experiences, and humbly

continuing to learn from others, I believe I am prepared to meet those challenges of a Tribal Council Member. I will work alongside the Council as your voice to protect your rights, improve communication and vote for equal and fair governance. I am ready to roll up my sleeves and go to work for you to become the

leader that you and my parents and grandparents would be proud of. A wise woman once said, "Actions speak louder than words".

On June 6, I humbly ask for your vote! I will be YOUR VOICE, if you make me YOUR CHOICE!

Call me, 850-393-7444, e-mail me: elizabethhebert443@yahoo.com or go to my Facebook page: Elect Elizabeth Hebert Tribal Council At-Large.

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SANDY HOLLINGER

Incumbent

I, Sandy Fretwell Hollinger, would like to announce my candidacy seeking Re-Election for At-Large Tribal Council member. I would like to thank you for the opportunity to serve you since 2011, as your full time, At-Large Tribal Council member. What an honor to have gained your faith and trust in my leadership role.

I am the daughter of Arbie Ruth McGhee Bailey, the late William Fretwell and step-daughter of the late Jerry Bailey. My grandparents are the late Gracie Mae McGhee Spence, Greely and Alberta McGhee, Will and Lavada Fretwell. I'm married to Darrell Hollinger and blessed with three



Sandy Hollinger

children, Austin, Denver and Anna Grace. I am enrolled at Columbia Southern University.

Our Tribe is blessed, and it's great to know that we can all share what our forefathers began for us. I am happy to lead the way and

bring new ideas to the table. I'm honest, dependable, fair and very compassionate. Thank you again for your confidence in me, as I always make decisions from my heart to benefit the Tribe holistically.

If I'm blessed to be Re-Elected, I promise to work towards a better future for all and listen to your suggestions. I'm always here for you and extend my open door policy. I humbly ask for your vote and support for the upcoming June 6, 2015 election.

Thank you and God bless!

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**GLORIA SELLS
KRAFKA**

Vote to Elect
GLORIA SELLS KRAFKA
For
Tribal Council – At Large

I, Gloria Sells Krafka declare my candidacy for Council At Large in the Tribal Elections held June 6, 2015. I am the daughter of Roberta McGhee Sells and Eugene Sells. I have five brothers who are all locals of this tribe. I have two loving children. And an amazing husband Gerald Krafka. Between both of my children I have 11 grandchildren and three great grandchildren. One of the most important thoughts for the reason I want to be a tribal council member is education. Our children are



Gloria Krafka

more than economic beings, and learning and development cannot be reduced to a few test scores. I long to hear more in our tribal discussion about the powerful effect education can have on young people's lives. During most of

my time in school I was vaguely fearful of our circumstances, full of longing but without much direction. School is a place where your world can open up—mine certainly did through history, and geography, and literature, but, too, through the people you meet and through your own growing sense of where you fit in the scheme of things. School was the best training I could've gotten for vocation and citizenship. We as a tribe could begin a wider discussion than we've had in decades about why we educate children in a free society.

Gloria Krafka Council at Large

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KEITH MARTIN

Dear Tribal Members,

My name is Keith Martin and I am asking for your support for re-election to the Tribal Council as an at large member. My Creek heritage comes from my great grandmother Alice Rolin, Grandfather Willis McGhee, Grandmother Elsie Holland, and mother Janette Martin Beck.

My years of service to the Tribe began in 2002 when I sat on the very first Gaming Commission. From 2004 to 2013 I served as Chairman of PCI Gaming and from 2006 to present I have served as an at large Tribal Council member. I have not ceased to learn and to grow from my experience as a Tribal Council member. We have all worked hard on behalf of the General Council and I am proud of what we have accomplished.

Every day, I am amazed at how far we have come and what opportunity for growth and success lies ahead. I hope to continue my service on the Tribal Council so that together, we can build an



Keith Martin

even better future. Now is the time when we must pursue new avenues for development and growth. We must use our gaming revenue to grow new businesses, invest wisely and improve the quality of the lives of those who have entrusted their future to the people that they have elected.

Improving education and education benefits to tribal members and their descendants, creating jobs, and ensuring that our tribal elders live out their lives in dignity is important. All of us stand on the shoulders of our parents, grandparents and all those

who withstood the indignities of prejudice and discrimination. We owe them all a debt of gratitude. Just as they dreamed that one day their children and grandchildren would live fuller lives, we must now make that same promise to all those that will one day look back at us.

When I think about my Granny chopping wood and gathering kindling to keep us all warm, I close my eyes and I wish that she could have been able to visit our state of the art tribal health clinic and assisted living facility where people can live with dignity and comfort. How proud she would be to see how far our tribe has come.

I humbly ask you for your support for re-election to the Tribal Council. Please take this letter as my pledge to you that I will continue to work hard for our tribe.

Please vote Keith Martin for Tribal Council on June 6, 2015.

Sincerely,

Keith Martin

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**SHEILA ROLIN
ODOM**

I, Sheila Rolin Odom, declare my candidacy for Tribal Council – At Large position in the 2015 Tribal Council Election.

My tribal connections are through the families of the late Ollie L. Rolin, Levada McGhee Rolin, William Hosey Presley and Rena Heathcock Presley. I am the daughter of the late Jack Dempsey Rolin and Eunice Presley Rolin. I am married to Jackey Odom. We have two sons, Chad (wife, Leslie) Odom and Jeremy (wife, Samantha) Odom. We also are blessed with 4 grandchildren: Lea, Jackson, Myra and Bryant Odom.

I am a member of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians and very proud of my Tribal heritage. I am also a member of Poarch Baptist Church and feel fortunate that our church has served an active role in our Creek Indian community. I lived in Poarch most of my life--until I married and moved to Nokomis, Alabama.



Sheila Odom

Health is my passion; I want to see that all of our tribal members get the best health care possible. I love working with the health department because it offers the opportunity to be a part of taking care of my fellow tribal members. I firmly believe that our employees in the health department must love our patients and demonstrate their commitment to tribal members by providing the finest care.

I have worked with Poarch Creek Health Department for 27 years. I have served on the National IHS

Electronic Health Record Team for 10 years and the RPMS (computer system) team where I developed packages for the RPMS system. Poarch Creek Health Department has transitioned to Electronic Health Records; we have come a long way from paper charts to electronic! I am honored to have served my Tribe through my job in the Health Department. My sincere and heartfelt dedication to making our Tribe a stronger unit does not end with Health Care.

Please know and be assured that I am someone you can count on! I am prepared to find solutions to situations in which you might need a helping hand. My heart and my door will always be open to you and your concerns.

If elected, I will serve you, the tribal member, to the best of my ability.

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DENO ROLIN

ELECT DENO ROLIN

HELLO, (HESCI) FELLOW
TRIBAL MEMBERS, FRIENDS
AND FAMILY,

DECLARATION

I, Deno Rolin, declare my
candidacy for the Poarch Creek
Indian Tribal Council Member-at
Large position.

BIOGRAPHY

I was born the proud son to Eugene
“Buster” and Bessie Rolin; the
middle of 13 children. I have lived
on the reservation my entire life,
even before we were recognized as
a reservation. My Father was 100%
Creek Indian and our family has
taken immense pride in our Tribal
Heritage and remained involved
with the Poarch Creek community.
I attended Escambia County High
School through the 11th grade and
finished High School in South
Florida. I have enjoyed a career
in Engineering and have traveled
throughout Florida and Alabama
on various projects.

I have been married to my beautiful
wife Necole for 20 years and have
been blessed with three children;
Ronja, Dustin, and Breann. Ronja
received her Masters Degree
in Education, Dustin received
his Doctorate of Medicine, and
Breann has just completed High
School and is currently en-rolled
in college. I have instilled many
core values in all of my children and



Deno Rolin

I am very proud of their success.

I was elected to the PCI Gaming
board in 2013 and have played an
active role on the board, focusing
on ensuring prosperity and self-
sufficiency for generations to come.
Many of my siblings have served
on the Tribal

Council and have participated in
our federal recognition, developing
our community, and advancing the
Poarch Creek Indian Tribe. I value
God, family, and education. In
my spare time, I enjoy playing golf,
fishing, and spending time with my
family.

It would be a privilege and an honor
to serve as your Tribal Council
representative. I would represent
you and the Tribe with the utmost
honor and dignity. My dedication
to this Tribe and community
would be exemplified through
my accessibility and service to my
people.

One of my favorite quotes is from
Ralph Waldo Emerson in which he
says “We are always getting ready
to live, but never living.” That has
always inspired me to live for the
day and cherish every moment we
have on earth. If you ask anyone
that knows me; they will tell you,
I am always willing and available
to offer a helping hand. I feel
strongly this should be the primary
responsibility of our Tribal Council.
I think we are blessed to have our
heritage, a heritage of closeness
and community, and I do not want
to see that lost. I have enrolled
in college and will begin taking
classes in the fall; I am extremely
interested in learning about the
history and language of our people.

As my tribal campaign takes off,
I look forward to meeting and
discussing my platform and core
values with as many of you as
possible. My door is always open
and If you live a far; my phone is
always on.

Thank you (mvto), for your support.

Deno

Deno Rolin
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ANITA MCGHEE TUEL

I, Anita Mcghee Tuel, hereby declare my candidacy for the tribal council at-large seat.

I am the proud daughter of Kathleen and the late Leo Mcghee. My grandparents are the late Levi and Nealy Rolin Mcghee and Leroy and Kate Maulden.

As the executive house keeper, for a million dollar hotel, I managed a staff of over 20 workers. Scheduling, resupplying and quality Control were just some of the responsibilities of the position. I have also worked as a Manager of a Commercial Cleaning Service for over 10 years. This position was over 30 employees and the job included all the above responsibilities to include payroll and recruitment of accounts and employee's. Right now I have my own small residential cleaning business and I manage a Montessori school. I am responsible for everything to do with the cleaning. Duties range from managing records, cleaning, ordering and inventory.

I have been married for 32 years to my husband Todd. We have 4 beautiful daughters. Amanda, Dallas, Savannah and Skylar. We also have 5 wonderful



Anita Tuel

grandchildren. Landon, Kendelyn, Bricelyn, Koi and our angel baby Adelyn. We are expecting another in June. I am truly blessed with a loving and caring family that whole heartedly supports me in whatever endeavor I choice to partake in.

My daddy was born and raised in the area known as Hog Fork. I was also born in Atmore, but moved to the town of Frostproof, Florida in 1969. We never lost contact with our roots, Always coming back to visit family and friends.

My parents gave me a work ethic like no other. Growing up with the belief that hard work will always pay off. It has benefited me throughout my life. My parents taught by example and they are the hardest working people I have ever known.

My lifes journey began at age 17 when I married my husband Todd in 1983. In 1984 we began our lives within in the United States Air Force. Within the next 20 years of supporting my husband, no matter where the military sent us, I managed to raise our family of 4 and build myself into a productive asset to society. My y first job was as a convenience store clerk. Our first assignment took us to where we now call home now, Charleston S.C. What a huge difference coming from the small town of Frostproof.

Our next stop took us to the United Kingdom. During our 4 year tour there I did mostly volunteer work, because of the limited opportunities offered to military dependents, within the Family Support and Services Squadron. The job was demanding but so fulfilling helping out newly assigned service member families adjust to what my family had already went through.

I hope to share my experiences and gain more knowledge of my cultural past. My intentions are to have a positive input to the future of our people and progression of the tribe as a whole.

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VOTE for...



Trust



Fairness



Honesty



Integrity



Experience

-Vote for what's needed to protect our future-

"With your support, I hope to continue working as your Vice Chairman to protect what we've built and bring even more prosperity to our Tribe."

Robert McGhee for Vice Chairman

May (Kē-Hvse) 2015

Tribal Utilities Assistance Program (TUAP)

Applications for 2015 accepted through June 1, 2015.

March 2, 2015 - May 29, 2015

Swimming Lesson Registration
Summer Session I
Open to Community

April 27, 2015 - June 29, 2015

Swimming Lesson Registration
Summer Session II
Open to Community

Friday, May 1, 2015

Summer LIHEAP Program begins

May 4-5, 2015

Museum gift shop closed for monthly inventory.

Tuesday, May 5, 2015

5:00 pm (CST)

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

Thursday, May 7, 2015

Last day to submit Letter of Candidacy for Tribal Council to be Write-in on Ballot; additional names of candidates will be posted within 10 days.

Friday, May 8, 2015

Deadline to register for Summer Swim Team
Early Bird practice May 18-29, 2015

Friday, May 8, 2015

Tribal Offices and Boys & Girls Club will close at 11:30 a.m. for Employee Appreciation Day.

Monday, May 11, 2015

Early Childhood Literacy Fun Event
Building 500 Auditorium
9:30 am - 11:30 am
Must have registered by April 24, 2015

Friday, May 22, 2015

Last day to apply for Education Department's Summer Leadership Program and Summer Internship Program

Saturday, May 23, 2015

Boys & Girls Club Color Run
Painting For Pilots

Monday, May 25, 2015

Tribal Offices and B&G Club Closed
In observance of Memorial Day

Tuesday, May 26, 2015

- ***Walk-In Voting begins 9:00 am - 6:00 pm***
- ***Last day to request Absentee Ballot be mailed out.***

Thursday, May 28, 2015

Free Retinal Screening
Premiere Family Eyecare
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Tribal Council Meetings

Thursday, May 7th & 21st 4:00 pm
Tribal Council Chambers

Tribal Court Sessions

Monday, May 4th & 11th 9:00 am
Tribal Courtroom

CIEDA Meetings

Friday, May 1st & 15th 7:30 am
CIEDA Offices

Cultural Advisory Committee Meeting

Monday, May 4th & 18th 4:00 pm
Building 500 Auditorium

Housing Advisory Committee Meetings

Thursday, May 8th & 22nd 4:00 pm
Building 400 Conference Room

Recreation Advisory Committee Meetings

Thursday, May 14th & 28th 11:00 am
Recreation Department (Gym)

TERO Commission Meetings

Tuesday, May 12th & 26th 8:00 am
Building 600 Training Room

4-H Club

Monday, May 11th & 25th 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 & 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

Water Aerobics Class

Recreation Department
Tribal Member & First Generation
No registration required Starts May 5, 2015
Contact Recreation Department for schedule.

Pool & Splash Pad Open

April 1, 2015 - November 1, 2015

Playground Pavilion/No reservations needed

No set time for usage/First come first serve

Friday, June 5, 2015

- ***Walk-In Voting ends 6:00 pm***
- ***Deadline to receive Absentee Ballots***

Saturday, June 6, 2015

- ***Tribal Election Day***
- ***Calvin McGhee Memorial***
- ***Health Fair 8-12 @ Gym***

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