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# A Moment With The Tribal Chair

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



Summertime is drawing ever closer along with vacations, summer outings, and time spent outdoors. I hope that all of you enjoy your summer and stay safe in all of your travels and activities. The summer is also a time when many of our youth enjoy the Boys & Girls Club. This is a program that has grown by leaps and bounds, and as a result, a new facility is needed. Please know that our team has been hard at work to get a new facility built. While this is a large project that requires intense planning, I am hopeful that a new facility will be well underway by this time next year.

June is also the month in which our Tribal Elections are held. I strongly encourage each and every one of you to let your voice be heard by voting for the candidates of your choice. As you're aware, serving on Tribal Council is a huge responsibility which potentially impacts the quality of life for each and every member.

To the candidates running for Tribal Council - I commend you for deciding to run in this year's election. It takes courage and perseverance

to withstand the "election season," and it is certainly not for the faint of heart. I believe in being open, honest, and transparent, and it is in that spirit that I offer the following words to you.

As you campaign, I ask that you stay focused on the true meaning of Tribal Council: service to each and every Tribal Member from the youngest to the oldest. Bearing this in mind, please be respectful of each other and remain positive as you travel throughout the community.

This time of year is unfortunately thought of as a time when candidates promise things they cannot actually fulfill. Your Tribal Council is comprised of nine individuals, each of which has a voice around the table. It takes the majority of the Council to make things happen - one individual cannot do it all.

However, this time of year is also very exciting because it creates an atmosphere in which healthy debate about the future of our Tribe can occur. It also brings out the creative and innovative side of people, and I always look forward to hearing about the new ideas and proposals

that each candidate has. And, these ideas ultimately have the potential to positively impact the future of the Poarch Creek Indians.

I wish you all the very best. I am honestly looking forward to working with whomever the people elect to Tribal Council. The Poarch Creek Indians have worked long and hard together as a community, and the fruits of our labor are apparent in our everyday lives. But, it is because of this unity and working together to accomplish one collective vision that we have made it this far. Our future remains bright as long as we continue to work together for the betterment of all our people.

*"Everybody can be great. Because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and your verb agree to serve. You don't have to know about Plato and Aristotle to serve. You don't have to know Einstein's theory of relativity to serve. You don't have to know the second theory of thermodynamics in physics to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love."* - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



## 2015 TRIBAL ELECTIONS

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)/  
Tribal Treasurer\* (1 year term)

## REMAINING DEADLINES:

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.

*\* On page 72 of last month's issue, the term limit for the Treasurer was incorrect; the vacant position is for a one (1) year term. The information was correct in all other locations. We apologize for any confusion this error may have caused.*



## NOTICE FROM TRIBAL COUNCIL

The Tribal Chair, Tribal Council, and support staff are now located in Building 600 of the Tribal Complex.

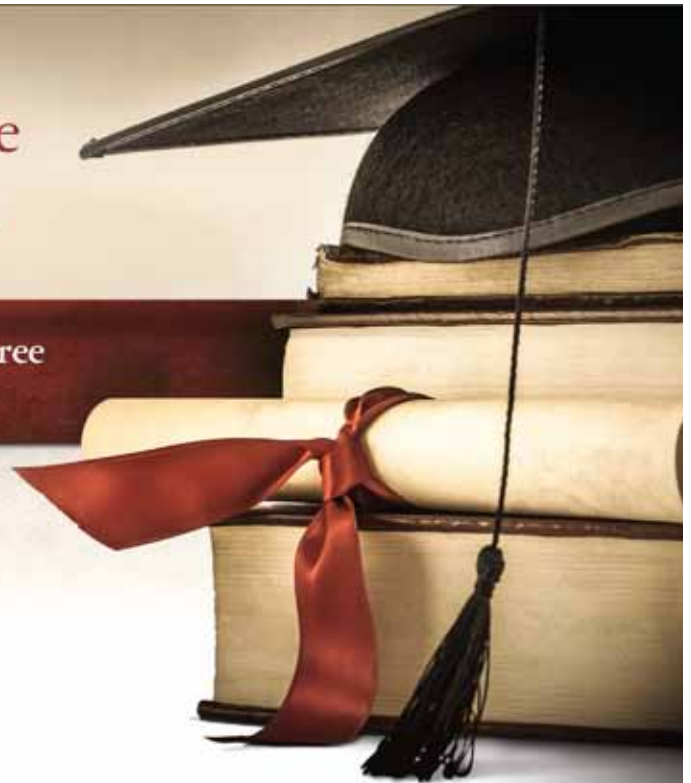
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Engagement/Anniversary	50 words or less
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The TMOP is not an automated site; it will be up to individual users to resolve issues they have if they are unable to login to the TMOP. We are unable to provide assistance beyond confirming that you have the correct username and password to access this area of our website. Confirmation of correct username and password may take up to 24 hours.

We are aware that not all Tribal Members have email addresses and/or access to the internet; however, for those who do, you can receive updated news and

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

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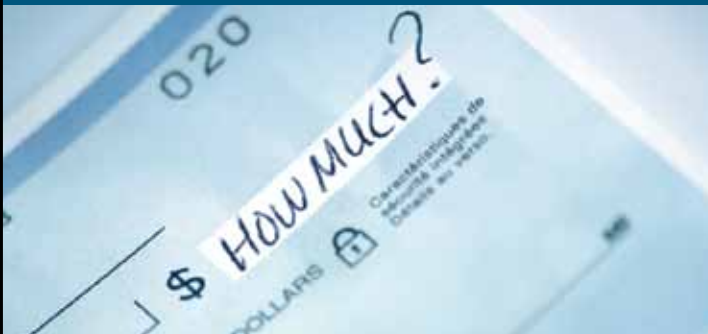
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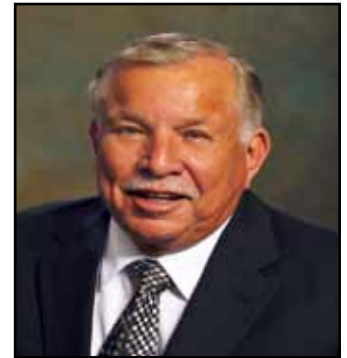
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## Tribal Council's Purpose

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

June 2015

Robert "Robbie" McGhee Vice Chair    [rmcghee@pci-nsn.gov](mailto:rmcghee@pci-nsn.gov)

The Tribe is under attack in a battle with Alabama, Washington, and the Courts. If we lose any of these battles, we could also lose much of what we have worked so hard to gain.

In the past few months Stephanie Bryan, as your Tribal Chair, and I, as your Vice Chair have worked as a team to not only continue providing great services to you, but also fighting against three major threats. These threats involve expansion of non-tribal gambling in the state of Alabama, courts cases involving our Indian lands, and members of Congress threatening our federal recognition as an Indian tribe.

Here in Alabama, there are currently efforts underway to expand gaming to dog tracks owned by individuals; some of which have tried to shut us down and limit our ability to provide for our Tribal Members. If such expansions succeed, it would severely impact our gaming business to the point that we could be in economic turmoil. In turn, it would extremely limit our ability to continue providing the benefits we currently offer.

Regarding the court cases involving Indian lands, we are also fighting a lawsuit brought by Alabama's Attorney General Luther Strange

that basically claims our lands aren't really ours and should be controlled by others, not our people in Poarch.

In Washington, members of Congress are challenging the Secretary of the Interior's authority to federally recognize tribes. Such threats challenge our federal recognition which is the bedrock of our Tribal government. Without federal recognition, we could no longer provide many federally subsidized benefits which include healthcare, education, and housing. This would also prevent us from continuing to operate our gaming businesses legally under the protection of the Federal Government.

As Vice Chair, I have worked closely alongside the Tribal Chair; together as a team we have covered a lot of ground involving these issues. Very often it has been crucial that a Tribal leader speak or attend meetings occurring here at home, in Montgomery, and in Washington on the same day at the same time. In those instances, the Chair and I have coordinated to divide these responsibilities and the travel they involve. We know that it is important to be at these meetings, know the facts, and communicate with clarity and grace our Tribe's position to audiences made up of politicians, attorneys,



and other individuals that are not always our friends. Very often, we have dropped everything at a moment's notice to represent and fight on behalf of the Tribe; but that is the kind of commitment the Tribal Council requires. Whether it is to do battle at home or away, we are always prepared to fight.

Just as important as these broader issues, are the issues here at home. The Tribal Council is working to solve some extremely complex questions about our membership and distribution of revenues. These issues are personally important to several Tribal families. Issues that call upon Tribal leaders to make hard decisions. Decisions that regardless of their vote will upset many people. We, the Tribal Council, promise that our decisions regarding these matters will be made based on sound research, pertinent facts, and Tribal law. We will continue to be thoughtful and careful while considering the long-term effect of potential changes.



## ON THE COVER-*CALVIN MCGHEE*

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

“Aceyepvs”, come in. You are invited into the living history of the Tribe. This isn’t a story of a people at rest and gone, this is a community that has been living, struggling, and overcoming for centuries. Here you will experience the commitment to community and the adaptable spirit that has led the Tribe through centuries of challenge and change. Today we continue to preserve our legacy through tradition, tribal

involvement, and community betterment. The Museum exhibits invite you to encounter a way of life, a culture woven over centuries<sup>1</sup>.

Our exhibit this month is actually two exhibits. They include the exhibit of Chief Calvin McGhee and the exhibit of our other Tribal Leaders from the past, Fred Walker, Alec Rolin, Willis M. “Kent” McGhee, Houston McGhee, Eddie L. Tullis, Fred L. McGhee, and Buford L. Rolin.

Our first featured exhibit is the Calvin McGhee exhibit. The 1950’s marked the beginning of the modern Poarch Creek. The Tribe held it’s first election, voting

Calvin McGhee as Chief. He and other community members raised the visibility of the Tribe.

Calvin was many things: a soft-spoken farmer, a charismatic man of ambition, and a father who wanted a better future for his five boys.

His leadership started with a small issue: school buses for Indian children. After the issue successfully went to court, Calvin began looking to bigger concerns. Beginning in 1948 and continuing until his death, Calvin demanded that the federal government honor its treaties with Indian tribes.



On January 5, 1951, "The Perdido Band of Friendly Creek Indians of Alabama and Northwest Florida" (who later simplify their name to Creek Nation East of the Mississippi) petitioned to take part in a land claims case initiated by the Creek Nation of Oklahoma. Called Docket 21, the case intended to recover damages for the loss of 23,267,000 acres of Creek land under the Treaty of Ft. Jackson.

The Indian Claims Commission (ICC) refused to let the group participate in the case, on the grounds that they were not an "identifiable group". An appeal was made to the U.S. Court of Claims,

who overruled the ICC, allowing that all descendants of the Creek Nation of 1814 could participate.

Chief Calvin traveled in the following years enrolling potential claimants. Suddenly, it was a boon to be Indian – and many who had long assimilated into white culture stepped forward to declare their Indian identity.

Calvin wanted the government to know that there were still Creek Indians in Alabama. He made frequent trips to Washington, DC, meeting with Presidents Kennedy and Johnson, members of Congress, and the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Because he was light-skinned and blue-eyed, he often brought Tribal members who looked more like what Americans expected of an Indian. One story goes that upon meeting Chief Calvin, President John F. Kennedy remarked, "I've never seen a blue-eyed Indian before." Chief Calvin replied, "You've seen one now."

Calvin died in 1970 at the age of 67. His work paved the way for federal recognition and much of what the Tribe has achieved today.



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Our other featured exhibit this month honors all of the leaders who have brought us here, including our past Chiefs and Chairmen.



FRED WALKER

Fred Walker was not officially elected as a Tribal chief, but he had the backing of his community and served in a leadership capacity during the years 1895-1941.



ALEC ROLIN

Alec Rolin was seen as a Chief by Episcopal missionaries in 1929. He was the oldest man in the community, over 90, and well-respected.



CALVIN MCGHEE

Calvin McGhee was the first officially-elected Chief of the Creek Nation East of the Mississippi. During his 20-year tenure, he brought this small community of Creek Indians to the attention of the country.



HOUSTON MCGHEE

Houston McGhee served as Chief after his father, Calvin, passed away. He oversaw a second land claims case, Docket 275, and was an early proponent of federal recognition. Under his leadership, Creek Nation East of the Mississippi was officially incorporated. He helped build the infrastructure of the Tribal Government – a necessary component in the quest for federal recognition.



WILLIS M. "KENT"  
MCGHEE, JR.

After Chief Calvin's death, Willis "Kent" McGhee was instrumental in forming the Creek Nation East of the Mississippi, a non-profit tribal organization formed in 1971.



EDDIE L. TULLIS

Eddie L. Tullis was elected as Tribal Chairman in 1978. He was the first person to hold the position of Chairman and has held the position the longest, over 20 years. He was one of the early architects of the Tribal infrastructure who helped this community achieve its goal of becoming a sovereign nation.



FRED L. MCGHEE

Fred McGhee served five years on the Tribal Council. He passed away during his second term in office. As Tribal Chairman, McGhee oversaw all aspects of Tribal government operations and administration.



BUFORD L. ROLIN

Buford L. Rolin has dedicated his life's work to improving the health of Indian people. This passion for Indian healthcare led him to serve on numerous tribal, state, and national boards and committees. His commitment of service to the Tribe also earned him awards from the Indian Health Service and National Indian Health Board.



## STEPHANIE ABNEY BRYAN



We cannot honor our Tribal Leaders without including our current Tribal Chair, Stephanie Abney Bryan.

Stephanie made history after being elected as the Tribe's first female Tribal Chair on June 7, 2014. Prior to being elected as Tribal Chair, Stephanie served in the capacity of Vice Chair for nine (9) years beginning in June of 2006.

Stephanie has a great passion for her people and strives to better their lives by enhancing their education and health benefits. She champions the cause to preserve our native culture.

She continues the fight of her predecessors to preserve the sovereignty of the Tribe that continues to be threatened.

These exhibits of our past Tribal Leaders are just two exhibits; 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.

<sup>1</sup>Kerreto Cuko Brochure/Take a 2,000 year walk with us!

Gayle Johnson, Media Specialist

Information obtained from Cultural Department



*To the left is the exhibit of "The Torchbearer, Chief Calvin McGhee". It has often been said that Calvin wore his war bonnet and fringed jacket, which were not traditional Creek clothing, so that people would recognize him as Native American...back then when people thought of Indians they thought of the western tribes, and the "Indians" they saw on TV.*

*Above is Fred Walker's hunting rifle.*

# TRIBAL MEMBER BENEFITS DEPARTMENT NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR TRIBAL UTILITIES ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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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 Benefits page in the Tribal Member Only Portal (TMOP) of the Tribe's web site, [www.pci-nsn.gov](http://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.

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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](mailto:hflowers@pci-nsn.gov) if you need assistance with your username and password for the TMOP.





## **Tribal Utilities Assistance Program Application**

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

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

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

### **Personal Information (Tribal Member Applicant)**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Roll Number** \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last Suffix

**Social Security Number** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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**Primary Residence where utility services are provided:**

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**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.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND DISCLAIMER**

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Tribal Member Name (printed)**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Tribal Member Signature**

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

Date Application Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Staff that Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Enrolled: \_\_\_\_\_



# TRIBAL COUNCIL ANNOUNCES BOARD & COMMITTEE VACANCIES

The Tribal Council has announced the following vacancies on Tribal boards/committees/authorities and will be taking applications for the vacancies from 8:00 a.m. June 1, 2015 through 5:00 p.m. June 30, 2015.

If you are interested in applying for one or more of these positions, applications are available on the Tribal Council page of the Tribe's official web site, [www.pci-nsn.gov](http://www.pci-nsn.gov); application may be completed and submitted directly from the web site. You may pick up an application at the Tribal Chair's office in Building

600 of the Tribal Complex located at 5811 Jack Springs Road, Atmore AL or contact Kelli Ramer, Tribal Council Office Director, at (251) 368-9136 x 2110.

All applications, and resumes if applicable, should be returned to the Tribal Chair's Office by close of business Tuesday, June 30, 2015. Applications may be submitted via online submission, U.S. Mail, hand delivery, or email to [boards-committees@pci-nsn.gov](mailto:boards-committees@pci-nsn.gov).

Once the June 30, 2015 deadline has passed, a list of all applicants

will be published for your review. Please review to ensure that your name is listed if you applied for any board/committee/authority. If your name is not listed, please contact the Tribal Chair's office immediately at (251) 368-9136 x 2110.

For your convenience, the list will be posted on the outside bulletin board in front of Building 100, the Receptionist/Front Desk at the Lavan Martin Assisted Living Facility, the Health Department, and the Tribal Council page of the web site.

## Board & Committees with 7 members

If interested applicant must submit an application; a resume NOT required for these vacancies.

Utilities Authority:	3 vacancies
Gaming Commission:	4 vacancies
Housing Advisory Board:	3 vacancies
Recreation Advisory Board:	3 vacancies
CMCA Advisory Board:	3 vacancies
Regulatory Board:	4 vacancies
Education Advisory Board:	3 vacancies
Endowment Board:	3 vacancies
Grievance Board (Cannot be Employee):	7 vacancies
Ethics Board (Cannot be Employee):	5 vacancies
	• 3 board members
	• 2 alternates
Enrollment Committee:	3 vacancies

## Board & Committees with 5 members

If interested applicant must submit an application & resume. *Current members must reapply.*

PCIGA:	5 vacancies
CIEDA:	5 vacancies

## Board & Committees with 5 board members and 3 alternates

If interested applicant must submit an application; a resume is NOT required for these vacancies.

Election Board:	2 vacancies
	• 1 board member
	• 1 alternate

Please contact Kelli Ramer, Tribal Council Office Director, at (251) 368-9136 x 2110 or [kramer@pci-nsn.gov](mailto:kramer@pci-nsn.gov) if you have any questions or need assistance.

# MCGHEE NAMED AS ONE OF 50 MOST POWERFUL AND INFLUENTIAL PEOPLE IN ALABAMA

The Yellowhammer Power & Influence 50 has named Robert McGhee, Governmental Relations Advisor for the Poarch Creek Indians to its annual list of Alabama's 50 most powerful people in the State. This is a list that is comprised of the most powerful and influential men and women in Alabama politics and business.

"We are so proud to see a member of our Tribal community being recognized as a leader in the State, and that his work is making a positive and effective change for our Tribe," commented Stephanie Bryan, Tribal Chair.

When asked about being recognized as one of the 50 most powerful and influential people in Alabama, Robert McGhee,



Governmental Relations Advisor stated, "It is an extreme honor to be recognized, and I am grateful to work with and have the support of the Tribal Chair and Tribal Council. I consider myself very fortunate to be in a position where I can give back to my Tribal community and the State."

To read the entire story go to the link below: <http://yellowhammernews.com/business-2/the-50-most-powerful-influential-people-in-alabama/30/>

Other individuals on the list include leaders both public and private:

- Governor Robert Bentley
- Lt. Governor Kay Ivey
- David Bronner, CEO, Retirement Systems of Alabama
- Mark Crosswhite, CEO, Alabama Power Company
- Chief Justice Roy Moore, and
- Dr. Robert Witt, Chancellor, University of Alabama.

Congratulations Robbie, this is a well deserved honor.

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# JENNIFER MARTIN THOMAS

## AN EDUCATION SUCCESS STORY

One Tribal Member who has taken advantage of the Poarch Creek Indian Tuition Assistance Program is Jennifer Martin Thomas. Jennifer's story is one of hard work which has led to advanced degrees and the desire to continue learning.

Jennifer earned her Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Auburn at Montgomery and a Master in Business Administration from the University of West Georgia.

Jennifer began her education at Auburn University. Her excellent ACT score qualified her for two scholarships which helped with her first two years of school. She was able to take advantage of the Tuition Assistance Program the first year it began and used the funding to complete her undergraduate work.

Like many college students, Jennifer experienced home sickness and wanted to be closer to family and friends. At that time Creek Gaming Operations began to gear up in Wetumpka. Jennifer relocated to the Montgomery area, got a job with PCI Gaming, and completed her Bachelor's degree at Auburn University Montgomery.



After graduating, Jennifer returned home, married and started a family. With the encouragement of her mother, Pam Martin, and support of her husband, Josh Thomas, she enrolled in the Masters in Business Administration at the University of West Georgia, an online program. Jennifer felt this was the best choice for advancing her education while holding down a full time job and taking care of her family.

The biggest challenge Jennifer faced was the burn out of working hard and going to school at the same time. According to Jennifer, her mother and husband, her greatest support systems, helped her to complete these degree programs and continue taking classes that will assist in allowing her to sit for the Certified Public Accountant exam.

Jennifer feels these degrees have created opportunities for continued growth in her career field.

When asked what advice she would give to the Poarch Creek youth, Jennifer encourages them to take advantage of all the programs that are available to them. She has noticed a big difference in what is available now, compared to when she was growing up in Poarch. There are Summer Programs, Cultural Programs, After School Tutoring, Homework Club, Pow Wow Club, and the Boys & Girls Club, to name a few.

By utilizing the Tuition Assistance Program, kids can be whatever they want to be, without worries of the financial barriers that normally exist for non-Tribal youth.

When asked what she would have done without the Tuition Assistance Program, Jennifer commented that she would have had to utilize student loans and probably would have postponed earning her Master of Business Administration degree.

Congratulations to Jennifer for all of her hard work and dedication to education.

*By Annie Nowak*



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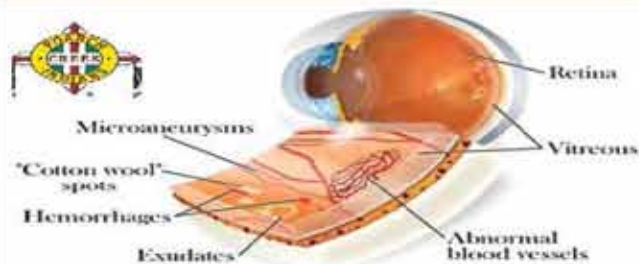
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## EVENSTART STUDENTS EXCEL

*Evenstart students left to right are Elizabeth Faircloth, Emily Rolin, Maci McGhee, Ashlyn Parker, Aubree Wiggins, Brayden Faircloth, Tragen Slate, Khloe Wynn, Mya Pettway, Jackson Odom, Kennedy McGhee, Kendrianna Smith, and Chloe Bailey.*

The Fred L. McGhee Early Learning Center took 13 students to compete in the Oklahoma Native American Youth Language Fair (ONAYLF) in Norman, OK on April 6, 2015. They won 1st place in their skit: "The Great Animal Ball Game" and 1st place with their song: "Pass Me Not". Our students represented our Tribe well. We are so proud of them!

The students have done a great job learning our Mvskoke language throughout the school year. Greg McGhee made teaching our language fun and exciting to these students every day throughout the school year.

Mary Boyte is a master planner! She was diligent and creative when planning this trip and working with the kids.

Christine Ward, Cornelia Miller, and Margaret Baggett patiently worked with parents and family to teach them how to make patchwork and their vests/skirts for the kids to wear. Their dedication to these children was evident in their interaction.

Whitney Smedley and Laura Sells taught the parents how to make and bead pucker toe moccasins that the students wore in their song performance.

Thanks to everyone for teaching each of these arts and passing them down to our children and their families. Thanks to all of the parents and families for working so hard to make your child's outfits and moccasins and help prepare your child for the language fair!

These children are like sponges, they soak up and retain knowledge that will be useful to them far into the future.

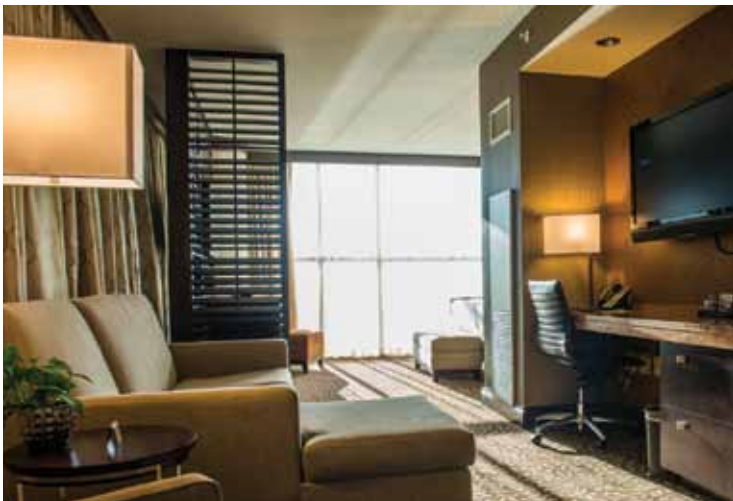
*Submitted by Karla Martin, Cultural Director*

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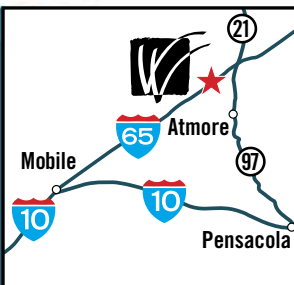
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# BIRTHDAY WISHES

***Billy Joe Gibson***  
***May 1, 2015***



Happy 69<sup>th</sup> birthday Billy Joe!  
We love you.  
From your family and friends.

***Laila O'Neal***  
***May 8, 2015***



Happy birthday Laila!  
Mamaw loves you very much!

***Uriah Orozco***  
***May 8, 2015***



Happy birthday Uriah!  
Mamaw loves you very much!

***Martin Meckel***  
***May 29, 2015***



Happy birthday to the best husband and friend.  
From your loving wife Charlotte.

***Jake Bailey***  
***May 30, 2015***



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

***Caleb Rodriguez***  
***May 31, 2015***



Happy 12<sup>th</sup> birthday to Master Caleb!  
You are such a joy to our family, we love you dearly.  
Mom, Dad, Oma, Opa, Papa, MeMaw, uncles, aunts, & cousins.

***Blakley "Claire" Johnson***  
***June 3, 2015***



Happy 5<sup>th</sup> birthday!  
We love you!  
Love, Mama, Daddy, and Hannah.

***Daphne Ledkins***  
***June 3, 2015***



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

***Timothy (TJ) Ford***  
***June 3, 2015***



Happy birthday TJ!  
We hope you, have a wonderful day!  
Love you son!

# BIRTHDAY WISHES

*Camryn O'Barr  
June 8, 2015*



Happy 16<sup>th</sup> birthday Camryn!  
We love you!  
Dad, Selina, Mom, and family.

*Harrison Craig King  
June 9, 2015*



Happy 5<sup>th</sup> birthday to Harrison Craig King!  
We love you!  
Daddy, Mommy, and Hadley.

*Ariel Jane Salter  
June 10, 2015*



Happy 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday Princess Ariel!  
We love you!  
Mom, Dad, Oma, Opa, Meme, Papa, Memaw, aunts, uncles, brothers & sisters.

*Calvin Manac  
June 10, 2015*



Happy 18<sup>th</sup> birthday Calvin!  
We love you!  
From your family and friends.

*Ella McKenzie Gregson  
June 11, 2015*



Happy 7<sup>th</sup> birthday baby girl!  
We love you so much!  
Love, Daddy and Tucker.

*Olivia Paige Seals  
June 11, 2015*



Happy 14<sup>th</sup> birthday to our beautiful baby girl!!!  
We love you.  
Mom, Dad, Haiden, & Ryland.

*Garvis Sells  
June 12, 2015*



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

*Joe Ledkins  
June 16, 2015*



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

*Charlene Vickery  
June 17, 2015*



Happy birthday Charlene!  
We love you.  
From your sister-in-law Connie and the rest of you family & friends.



# BIRTHDAY WISHES

***Kathy Ledkins***  
***June 18, 2015***



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

***Kim O'Barr***  
***June 20, 2015***



Happy birthday Kim.  
We love you!  
Mom, Dad, Alia, Gavin, Nick, brothers,  
sisters, and the rest of the family.

***Trista Hill***  
***June 21, 2015***



Happy 16<sup>th</sup> birthday Trista!  
We love you!  
From your family.

***Dakota O'Barr***  
***June 21, 2015***



Happy 16<sup>th</sup> birthday Dakota!  
We hope you have a great day.  
Love Mom, Buddy, Memaw, Papa, Shyla,  
Camryn, Karaghan, and the rest of the  
family.

***Annie Ruth Bunch***  
***June 22, 2015***



Happy 81<sup>st</sup> birthday!  
We love you to the moon and back  
Love, your family.

***Bruce Vickery***  
***June 26, 2015***



Happy 56<sup>th</sup> birthday Bruce!  
We love you.  
From your sister Connie and the rest of your  
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***Stephanie Ledkins***  
***June 29, 2015***



Happy 41<sup>st</sup> birthday Stephanie!  
We love you!  
Love, Mom & Dad.

***Steven Ledkins***  
***June 29, 2015***



Happy 41<sup>st</sup> birthday Steven!  
We love you!  
Love, Mom & Dad.

We love you both the same!

***Billy Bailey***  
***June 30, 2015***



Happy birthday Billy!  
We love you.  
From your brother Jake and the rest of your  
family and friends.

## OBITUARIES/ IN MEMORIAM

### In Loving Memory Of Eve Joy McGhee

December 24, 1959 - April 11, 2015



Eve Joy McGhee, wife of Leon McGhee, passed away on April 11, 2015. Visitation was held on Tuesday, April 14, 2015 at the Pine Rest Funeral Home in Foley, AL; funeral services were held on Wednesday, April 15, 2015. Burial followed at Pine Rest Memorial Park.

We love you and miss you, your brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law.

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## ANNIVERSARY WISHES

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### CRAIG & AMY HILDEBRAND May 9, 2015



Happy 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary!

Craig,

I love you more than you will ever know! Today, tomorrow, and always! I am so blessed to have you as my partner for life! You are an amazing husband and father!

I look forward to many more years together!!!

Love, Amy.

*Submitted by Amy Hildebrand*

# ANNIVERSARY WISHES

## JOSE' & ALLISON RODRIGUEZ JUNE 3, 2015

Jose' and Allison Rodriguez will celebrate their 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a cruise to the Virgin Islands.

Congratulations to you both, we love you!

*Submitted by Charlotte Meckel*



## BRIAN & FELICIA MARSHALL JUNE 8, 2015

Brian and Felicia Marshall will celebrate their third anniversary on June 8, 2015.

I love you Brian and I look forward to spending many more years together!

With love, your wife Felicia.





# TRIBAL MEMBER SUBMISSIONS

## Schachle State Finalist In 2015 Miss Alabama Junior Pre-Teen Pageant

Allie Anna Schachle, daughter of Tony and Tabatha Schacle, has been named as a State finalist in the 2015 National American Miss's Miss Alabama Junior Pre-Teen Pageant.

Congratulations Allie! We are proud of you!

*Submitted by Tabatha Schacle*



## McNairn Wins At State Archery Competition

Micah McNairn, a fifth grade student at Huxford Elementary School (HES), won third place at the state elementary archery competition held in Montgomery on April 10, 2015.

This event was held for students who had placed in the top three from their schools at the elementary, middle, and high school levels of the archery competition held in Prattville on March 19, 2015.

Micah is the son of David and Marlene McNairn. Congratulations Micah! We are very proud of you!

*Submitted by Amy Johns*



*HES PE teacher and Archery Club Sponsor, Alice White congratulates Micah McNairn*

*Whoever is happy will make others happy too. Anne Frank*

# HONORING OUR GRADUATES & EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

## MANAC GRADUATES FROM HIGH SCHOOL

Mr. and Mrs. Dewayne O'Berry are proud to announce that their son, Calvin Manac, received his high school diploma during commencement exercises on May 26, 2015 at Echols County High School.

Calvin's maternal grandparents are the late Calvin Manac, Sr. and Wanda Manac Terry of Valdosta, GA. Calvin's great grandparents are Harve and Lonnie Bell (Nona) Manac from Fargo, GA.

Calvin will be furthering his education at Georgia Southern University in Statesboro, GA to pursue a bachelor's degree in Construction Management.

*Submitted by Felicia O'Berry*



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## DAWE NAMED VALEDICTORIAN

Claire Brooklyn Dawe was named Valedictorian of the class of 2015 at Escambia Academy. Claire will be attending Auburn University this fall.

Claire is the daughter of Adam & Candice Dawe, and the granddaughter of Jimmy & Judi McElhaney (Tribal Member) and Annette Dawe.

Congratulations Claire on all your hard work.

We are very proud of you and LOVE you very much.....

*Submitted by Judi McElhaney*



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*Due to varying high school and/or college graduation dates, graduation or educational achievement information for the 2014-2015 academic year may be published in the June through October issues of the Poarch Creek News. Graduation and or achievement award dates outside of this period may be published if information is received by the last business day of the month immediately following graduation or award. Please keep monthly submission deadlines in mind when submitting information for publication.*

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### COLBERT GRADUATES WITH DOUBLE MAJORS

Jordan Allene Colbert of Perdido, AL, graduated Summa Cum Laude from the University of Alabama Culverhouse College of Commerce & Business Administration and Honors College with a double major Bachelors of Science degree in Finance and Economics at

the University of Alabama's commencement ceremony, held on May 2, 2015.

Jordan participated in various volunteer work including the University's Alternative Spring Break by assisting in tornado damage cleanup in Mississippi, serving as an Art Enrichment Mentor at a local elementary school as part of the Honors College Art Exploration staff. In addition she served as an academic peer tutor for the University for three years.

She was selected by Merrill Lynch Wealth Management to serve as an intern utilizing her knowledge of Quantitive Economics and Mathematical Statics to assist financial consultants by researching market fluctuations, account reviews, and seminar planning.

Jordan received numerous honors and scholarships while attending the University. She is a member of the Beta Gamma Sigma International Business Honor Society, Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society, and Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society. She received scholarships such as the Actuarial Sciences Scholarship, H. H. Mitchell Memorial Scholarship, and Presidential Scholarship. She was also awarded the Double Major with Distinction Award and the Certificate of Analytical Excellence.

Jordan will be working for Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Tennessee at the Corporate Office in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Jordan is the granddaughter of Robbie and Judy Colbert of Perdido, AL and daughter of Keith Colbert of Atmore.

*Submitted by Judy Colbert*



### NELSON EXCELS AT TROY

#### UNIVERSITY

Elizabeth Nelson is a sophomore at Troy University. She is majoring in physics and minoring in mathematics. She serves as the Secretary of the Troy Physics Club and is a member of the Archeology Club.

Elizabeth will be traveling to Israel this June for an archeological dig that is being sponsored by the Leon Levy Foundation. She will be gone for six weeks and will get to experience the opportunity of a lifetime.

Elizabeth plans to attend graduate school to pursue a degree in astrophysics.

Elizabeth is from Headland, AL and is the daughter of Tribal Member, April Eisenman and granddaughter of Tribal Member, Patricia Moody McGhee. She is the great granddaughter of Nelda Lee McGhee and the late Hurley H. McGhee.

*Submitted by April Eisenman*





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*Benjamin McCurdy  
SP4  
United States Army*

Ben McCurdy was born in Foley, Alabama in 1936, to Bert and Emma McCurdy. His grandmother was Hettie McGhee.

As a young boy Ben helped his father farm, carried water to their home from a nearby spring, and grew his first watermelon patch at the age of six.

When there was a need for an auxiliary airfield to support flight training at Pensacola Naval Station, the U.S. Navy purchased some of his family's acreage for what then became the Barin Naval Outlying Airfield during WW II. Ben remembers watching the pilots practice 'touch and go landings' near their home.

Ben left Alabama in 1954 and joined the U.S. Army and served active duty from 1956 to 1959. He was stationed at Fort Bliss, Texas and served 30 months in Carrizozo, New Mexico, as a generator mechanic, test firing Nike Ajax missiles.

After his active duty service, he served in the Reserves until April 15, 1965. He was placed in Standby Reserve during the Cuban Missile crisis in 1962, but was not activated.

During his service Ben was awarded the Sharpshooter Medal.

Ben later moved to Florida and married his wife Barbara, on December 29, 1958. They will celebrate their 57<sup>th</sup> anniversary in December.

## VETERAN'S SALUTE

Ben and Barbara have two children, Laurie McCurdy McGowan and the late Erin Kristine McCurdy. They have 3 grandchildren, and 4 great-grandsons.

Ben retired from CSX Railroad in Nashville, TN in 1996 after 30 years of service as a refrigeration/diesel/electrical supervisor.

Following his retirement Ben and Barbara bought a motorhome and became "full-time RV'ers" and work-campers for five years and were chosen as "Work Campers of the Year" in 2000.



*Left: Grandson Matthew McGowan, Ft. Bliss (El Paso, Texas) in 2012; right grandfather Ben McCurdy at same location in 1957.*





1957: Barracks Inspection Time



2006: Ben and Barbara in Jerusalem

They have visited all 50 states, Israel, Canada, and parts of Europe.

Ben and Barbara now live in central Florida and enjoy spending time with their daughter, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Ben serves as Deacon at Winter Haven Baptist Church and is very

active in that ministry. He is a volunteer for Rock of Ages Prison Ministry and has been a member of the Polk County, FL Sheriff's Department CAP program.

"I am very proud of my Creek heritage and appreciate the many benefits that has provided me. God has been good and I greatly

praise Him for his blessings. Thank you *Poarch Creek News* for the opportunity to share my story."

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

## RECOGNIZING OUR TRIBAL VETERANS

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](mailto:gjohnson@pci-nsn.gov), via hand delivery to the *Poarch Creek News*, 5811 Jack Springs Road, Atmore, AL 36502. Please be sure to include return address and contact information.





# ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY

## ESTABLISHED RATES

### TRIBAL MEMBERS ONLY (65% of local market)

#### LEVEL 1 – BASIC CARE

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

#### LEVEL 2 – SUPPORTIVE CARE

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

#### LEVEL 3 – COMPREHENSIVE CARE

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

### SPOUSES AND WIDOWS OF TRIBAL MEMBERS AND FIRST GENERATION DESCENT (85% of local market)

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

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### 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

## SUMMER SESSION BEGINS JUNE 1, 2015!!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
B: Milk, Hashbrowns, 1 3- Cheese Omelet, Toast L: Milk, Chicken Alfredo, Broccoli, Garlic Bread and Strawberry Shortcake S: Frozen Chocolate Banana, Granola Bar	B: Milk, Eggs, Bacon 2 Grits & Tropical Fruit Cup L: Milk, Meatball Sub Pineapple S: Popcorn and Juice	B: Milk, Pineapple 3 Breakfast Burrito L: Milk, Hotdogs, Melon Baked Beans S: Apple Slices, Nutella, Teddy Grahams	B: Milk, Waffle, 4 Canadian Bacon, Fruit L: Milk, Pork Chop, Corn on the Cob Mac & Cheese and Roll S: Peanut Butter Cookies Ice Cream Cup	B: Milk, Cheese Stick 5 Cinnamon Bun and Banana L: Milk, PB&J Sandwich, Apple Slices & Cheese Stick S: Quaker Snack Mix
B: Milk, Sausage, Egg & Cheese Biscuit, Peaches L: Milk, Sub Sandwiches Chips S: Apple Slices, Nutella Teddy Grahams	B: Milk, Apple Sauce 9 Bacon, Egg & Grits L: Milk, Pizza, Carrot Sticks Ranch and Yogurt S: Poptart and Milk	B: Milk, Pancake 10 Link Sausage, Fruit L: Milk, Chicken Salad Pita Fruit Cup, Cheese Stick S: Frozen Grapes, Cheese-its	B: Milk and Pear Halves 11 Sausage, Gravy & Biscuit L: Milk, Hamburger Steak Mashed Potatoes and Gravy Lima Beans and Roll S: Frozen Fruit Bars Graham Crackers and PB	B: Milk, Melon, Syrup 12 French Toast Sticks L: Milk, PB&J Sandwich, Apple Slices & Cheese Stick <b>"BGC will eat at Sam's Fun City"</b> S: Pringles and Juice
B: Milk, Ham & Cheese 15 English Muffin, Melon L: Milk, Tuna Pita, Pickle S: Oranges and Juice	B: Milk, Apple, Oatmeal 16 Cinnamon Toast L: Milk, Beef Stroganoff, Green Beans and Garlic Bread S: Fruit Parfait and Milk	B: Milk, Muffin & Orange 17 L: Milk, Cheese Grits, Bacon Fruit Cup S: Cream Cheese Bagel, Ants on a Log, Juice	B: Milk, Cheese Toast 18 Yogurt, Fruit L: Milk, Chicken Nuggets, Fries, Fruit Salad, Roll S: Orange Sherbet, Graham Crackers	B: Milk, Cheese Stick 19 Honey Bun and Apple L: Milk, Turkey & Cheese Wrap Pickle and Animal Crackers S: Quaker Snack Mix and Juice
B: Milk, Banana 22 Cereal and Cheese Stick L: Milk, PB&J Sandwich Apple Slices and Pretzels S: Popcorn and Juice	B: Milk and Grapes 23 Sausage, Gravy & Biscuit L: Milk, Chicken Alfredo, Baja Veggies and Roll S: Granola Bar and Melon	B: Milk, Pear Halves 24 Pancakes and Bacon L: Milk, Meatball Sub, Pineapple S: Cheese Stick Veggies and Ranch	B: Milk, Fruit, Toast 25 3- Cheese Omelet L: Milk, BBQ Sandwich, Cole Slaw, Fruit S: Rice Crispy Treat, Frozen Choco Banana	B: Milk, Cream Cheese 26 Mini Bagel and Fruit L: Milk, Hotdogs, Melon Baked Beans S: Muffin, Apple, Milk
B: Milk, Apple Slices 29 Cereal and Cheese Stick L: Milk, Corn Dog, Chips Pickle, Fruit S: Frozen Fruit Bar, Cookie Milk	B: Milk, Clementine 30 Bacon, Egg & Cheese Biscuit L: Milk, Popcorn Chicken, Mac & Cheese, Green Beans S: Super Pretzel, Juice Cheese Sauce	B: Milk, Waffles 1 Link Sausage, Fruit L: Milk, Ham & Cheese Wrap Popcorn, Juice S: Cheese Stick, Veggies and Ranch	B: Milk, Poptart 2 Banana and Yogurt L: Milk, BBQ Tenders, Roll Corn on the Cob, Watermelon S: Strawberry & Blueberry Parfait	<b>HOLIDAY Closed</b> B: Breakfast 7:30-8:30 L: Lunch 11:30-12:30 S: Snack 2:30-3:30

### June Activities/Events\*

#### Monday, June 1, 2015

Summer Session begins

Monday- Friday

7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

#### Wednesday, June 3, 2015

K-2nd Grade Splash Pad

3rd -6th Grade Magnolia

#### Friday, June 5, 2015

All Ages Dreamland Skating

#### Monday, June 8, 2015

All Ages Blue Wahoos

#### Wednesday, June 10, 2015

K-2nd Grade NAS

3rd - 6th Grade Lighthouse

#### Friday, June 12, 2015

All Ages Sam's Fun City Waterpark

#### Monday, June 15, 2015

All Ages Montgomery Zoo

#### Wednesday, June 17, 2015

All Ages Wind Creek Bowling

#### Thursday, June 18, 2015

All Ages

World's Largest Swimming Lesson

#### Friday, June 19, 2015

All Ages Desoto Caverns

#### Monday, June 22, 2015

All Ages Planetarium

#### Wednesday, June 24, 2015

All Ages Wind Creek Cinema

Movie "Inside Out"

#### Friday, June 26, 2015

K-2nd Grade Splash Pad

3rd - 6th Grade Magnolia

#### Monday, June 29, 2015

All Ages Water Day!

#### Wednesday, July 1, 2015

All Ages Exploreum

#### Friday, July 3, 2015

Holiday B&G Club Closed

*\*All trips and activities subject to change.*

# CULTURAL DEPARTMENT

## FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT AT POW WOW GROUNDS

Friday, June 19, 2015 8:00 p.m.

Featured Movie: Crooked Arrows

Free Drinks & Popcorn!

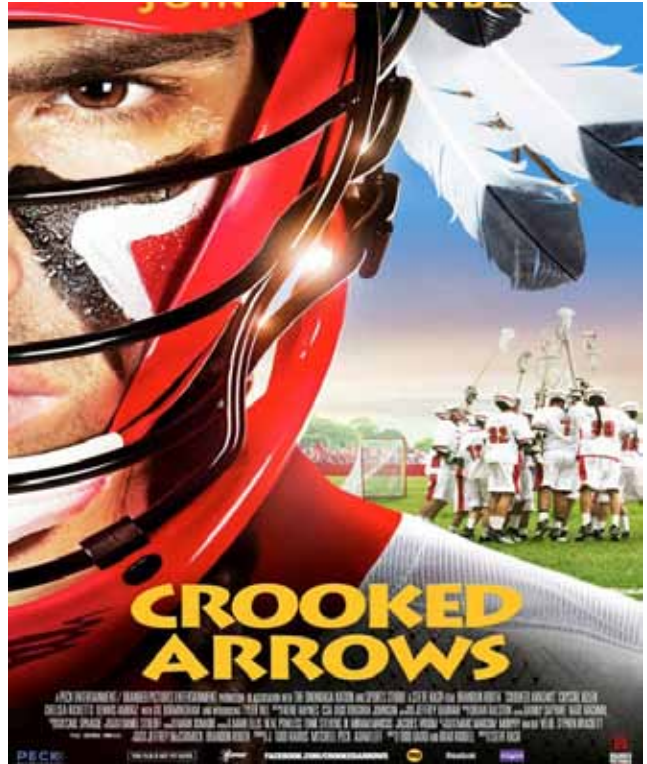
Bring your lawn chairs or blankets!

Tribal Members & Tribal Families

Hosted By Cultural Department

Contact Chris "Ding Ding" Blackburn at (251) 368-9136 x 2052 or [cblackburn@pci-nsn.gov](mailto:cblackburn@pci-nsn.gov) for more information.

**NO DRUGS, ALCOHOL, OR PETS ALLOWED**



**Synopsis:** *A mixed-blood Native American, Joe Logan, is eager to modernize his reservation's casino by expanding on the land of his ancestors, but first he must prove himself to his father, the traditionalist Tribal Chairman.*

*The Chairman will only grant Joe's request on the condition that he meets his challenge - coaching the reservation's struggling high school lacrosse team, which competes against the better equipped and better trained players of the Prep*

*School league. Joe reluctantly accepts, only to soon realize the challenge will require a leadership he had forfeited years ago as a star lacrosse player.*

*Lost on how to reach his players, Joe finds that the answer lies deep in the traditional cultural heritage of the sport. Gaining the respect of his team, Joe helps them restore pride and return the game of lacrosse to their people.*

## 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.



# Technology Workshops

“Bridging the Gap of Technology with Our Elders”  
Hosted by: Poarch Creek Tribal Youth Council

Would you like to learn how to work a computer,  
cell phone, or tablet?

Well you can learn how to at these amazing workshops.  
The workshops will include the following:

- ☐ How to use a computer.
- ☐ Fraud, scam, and safety
- ☐ Word
- ☐ E-mail
- ☐ How to use social media
- ☐ How to access your tribal member benefits, wellness program, etc.
- ☐ How to use a cell phone.
- ☐ Texting, apps, etc.
- ☐ Plus more

Dates: June 15-17 and June 22-24  
11 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
Lunch will be served from 12 noon – 1:00 pm

Location: Assisted Living Facility

Who: Elders 55 and Older

This is the project that our **Tribal Youth Council** has decided to do as their **Generation Indigenous Challenge**. Please come out and support them. If you want more information on the project the website is <http://genindigenous.com>.

If you have any questions please contact Jennifer McGhee at (251) 368-9136 ext. 2656/jcmcghee@pci-nsn.gov or Karla Martin at ext. 2655/ksmartin@pci-nsn.gov.

# Poarch Creek Indians Tribal Princess Contest Application

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

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

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

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

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

Division: (You must be the appropriate age for your division by November 25, 2015)

( ) Little Miss (Ages 4-7)

( ) Senior (Ages 17-22)

( ) Elementary (Ages 8-12)

( ) Elder (Age 55 and up)

( ) Junior (Ages 13-16)

Signature of Participant \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Orientation Sessions will be on Sunday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Museum:

2:00 pm for Little Miss Division

3:00 pm for Elementary, Junior, and Senior Divisions

4:00 pm for Elder Division

\*Last Day for all participants to sign up is September 27, 2015 by 5:00 p.m.

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

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

For more information, contact Jennifer McGhee at (251) 368-9136 ext. 2656 or [jcmcghee@pci-nsn.gov](mailto:jcmcghee@pci-nsn.gov) or Karla Martin at ext. 2655 or [ksmartin@pci-nsn.gov](mailto:ksmartin@pci-nsn.gov)

# EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

## FINANCIAL PEACE CLASSES

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University kits are available **free** to Tribal Members, First Generation Indian Descendants, and Tribal Employees. Contact Bryan Fayard, Financial Education Counselor at (251)368-9136 X 2504 or bfayard@pci-nsn.gov for more information.

## POARCH CREEK 4-H STEER PROGRAM

Come learn about the Poarch Creek 4-H Steer Program!

When: Monday, July 6, 2015 6:30 p.m.

Where: Education Department

What: Overview of the Poarch Creek 4-H Steer Program and the Escambia County 4-H Steer Program.

Who: Current Poarch Creek 4-H Club Members and youth ages 9-18 who reside in a Tribal household along with parents/guardians.

For more information contact Christyn Sells at (251) 368-9136 x 2244 or csells@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 on online at [www.fgcia.com](http://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



## PRESERVATION INDIGENOUS-NATIVE YOUTH FACEBOOK PAGE

The Office of Native American Affairs at the ACHP is thrilled to announce that they have launched a Facebook page for Native youth. The Preservation Indigenous – Native Youth page is focused on connecting American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian youth with information and opportunities related to historic and cultural preservation developments, and career and educational opportunities.

The goal through this page is to increase interest in preservation among the next generation of Native youth. If you use Facebook, please visit <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Preservation-Indigenous-Native-Youth/618814861585123>, and be sure to “Like” us!

Any questions related to the Facebook page may be directed to Rae Gould at [rgould@achp.gov](mailto:rgould@achp.gov) or 202-517-0196.

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

*Nelson Mandela*



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## SUMMER CAMP REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM

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Tribal Member and First Generation Students in Pre-K through 12<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](mailto: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.

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## 2015-2016 SCHOOL SUPPLY REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM

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The 2015-2016 School Supply Reimbursement Program for school uniforms and supplies will run from July 1, 2015 through October 31, 2015.

- \$300.00 reimbursement per child/no receipt required
- Must be Tribal Member or First Generation student who is entering K4-12<sup>th</sup> grade in the 2015-2016 school year.
- Each student must show proof of school enrollment such as current school bill, letter from school, or copy of child's report card from 2014-2015 school year, etc.
- Every household with a Tribal Member or First Generation student is eligible for one (1) computer device (includes Ipad) every four (4) years.
  - \$600.00 reimbursement per household. Receipt and bank form is required.

- Computer reimbursements will be electronically transferred into your account in 45 days or less after receipt is submitted for reimbursement.

Applications can be faxed, emailed, mailed, or dropped off at the Education Department:

Email: [mweaver@pci-nsn.gov](mailto:mweaver@pci-nsn.gov)

Fax: (251) 368-0809

U.S. Mail: PCI Education Department  
5811 Jack Springs Road  
Atmore, AL 36502

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



# EVERY HERO HAS A STORY

Join us at 10:00 a.m. the PCI Library on Wednesdays beginning June 3, 2015 for the Summer Reading Program. The theme for this summer is "Every Hero Has A Story."

Activities include story time, crafts, games, movie nights, special guests, and much more!

Note: The Boys & Girls Club participation is automatic.

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



## SUMMER TUTORING PROGRAM



The Summer Tutoring Program will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays from June 2, 2015 - July 30, 2015.

Join the Education Department in keeping your child on track with summer learning!

- Our program features small groups and one on one tutoring by experienced tutors!
- We will address any areas of concern focusing on Math and Reading for all grade levels!
- Students must be Tribal Members or 1st Generation to participate.

### AREAS OF LEARNING:

- Reading Comprehension
- Fluency
- Phonics/Decoding
- Language Arts Review
- Math Review
- Skill Building
- Enrichment
- Special Needs,
- Handwriting Practice,
- Essay Writing
- Book Reports and MORE!

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

# 4-H SWINE SHOW & SALE



Youth from L-R: Back Row-Chaz McGhee, Cheyenne McGee, Dylan Rolin, Wyatt Rutherford, Rowdy Rutherford, Shawnee McGee/Front row: Caleb Davis, Seboye Buckley, D.J. Rolin and Jordyn Boutwell.

On Saturday, April 25, 2015, the Poarch Creek 4-H club participated in the Escambia County Swine Show and Sale.


For this 4-H project, the kids raised their show animals at their homes from January until the end of April. During the 4 month long program the 4-H participants learned all the basics of pig care from feeding and housing to training and grooming!

When the pigs first arrived, they weighed around 40-50 lbs. each; on the day of the show they weighed around 250 lbs. each. At the end of the program, the 4-H member's hard work was showcased at Brewton Feed and Seed.

The youth participated in showmanship classes as well as weight classes; after the show the hogs were sold to the highest bidders.

For more information on this or any 4-H program, please contact Christyn Sells (csells@pci-nsn.gov) or Tanya Rolin (trolin@pci-nsn.gov) at (251)368-9136 ext. 2244

Thank you Tribal Councilman Garvis Sells and Mr. Tim Martin for supporting our Poarch Creek 4-H members!



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# 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.

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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!

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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.

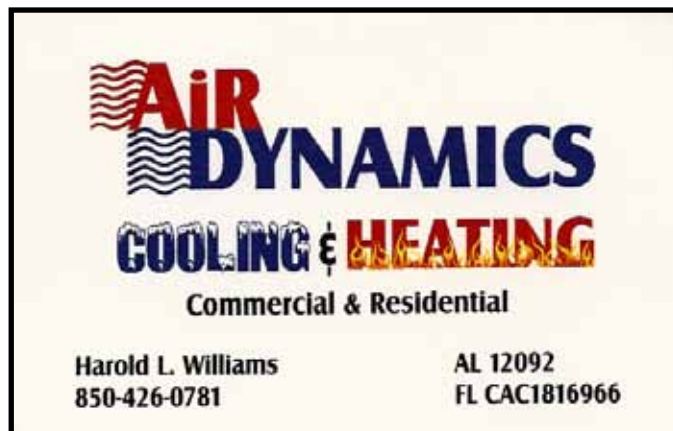
You can reach Frank at (251) 368-9136, ext. 2212, or via e-mail at [fmccloskey@pci-nsn.gov](mailto:fmccloskey@pci-nsn.gov).

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



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



## SUMMER LIHEAP (SIHEAP)

SLIHEAP continues through July 31, 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.

## NEWS FROM YOUR PHARMACY:

Pharmacy will close at 12:00 p.m. on Friday, June 26, 2015 for an employee event. Please make arrangements for prescriptions accordingly. Thank you.



## EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Dr. Gus Bahos, April Employee of the Month!

Thank you for a job well done.

We are proud of you!!

## 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.



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## 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.*

*I can't change the direction of the wind, but I can adjust my sails to always reach my destination.*

*Jimmy Dean*

# 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.

## MOBILE HOMES FOR SALE

The Housing Department will be accepting sealed bids on nine (9) mobile homes located at *WEST WIND VILLAGE 3316 Poarch Road, Atmore, AL*. The mobile homes are located on the following lots:

Lot #14	(2 Bedroom)
Lot #15	(3 Bedroom)
Lot #16	(3 Bedroom)
Lot #17	(3 bedroom)
Lot #18	(3 Bedroom)
Lot #20	(2 Bedroom)
Lot #22	(2 Bedroom)
Lot #23	(2 Bedroom)
Lot #24	(2 Bedroom)

- *NO FINANCING*. Payment must be made in full.
- You have *5 calendar days* after bid is awarded to submit payment.
- You have *16 calendar days* from date of payment to move mobile home from its current location or make arrangements with the property owners.
  - Failure to comply with the timeline will result in a refund, and bid will be awarded to the next highest bidder.
- Housing reserves the right to withdraw any trailer from the auction for good cause prior to the bids for that trailer being opened.

All bids are due in the Housing Department by *Friday, June 12, 2015 before 2:00 p.m.*

### PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

- Each trailer sold "*as- is, where-is.*" Housing is not responsible for transportation, set up, or repairs of trailers being sold.
- All bids must be sealed.
- Minimum bid is *\$3,000.00 per trailer*. You may bid on individual unit(s) or the lot of nine (9).

### ALL BIDS MUST INCLUDE:

Tribal Member name, roll number, address, phone number, and bid amount. Envelope must list which item(s) you are bidding on.

Contact the Housing Department at (251) 368-9136 x 2251 for more information.



# LEGAL DEPARTMENT



*Pictured: Front Row from Left to Right, Carolyn M. White, Erica Kemmer, Lori Madison Stinson, Debra Coon, and Gia Langham. Back Row from Left to Right, Ronald "Link" Loegler, Jeff Trattner, Todd Chandler, and Brad Stinson.*

As a part of the activities to update our Tribal webpage, the Legal Department staff is showcased in this June edition of the Legal Update. There have been many changes over the last two years, including the addition of support staff, attorneys, and departments under the administration of the Legal Department.

The mission of the Legal Department is to protect all Tribal assets, defend the integrity of the Tribe and its sovereignty, and assist and advise all Tribal entities in their pursuit of progress on behalf of Tribal Members.

The Legal Department is responsible for providing legal services and representation to the Tribe, Tribal Council, Tribal Government, and all

Tribal authorities, commissions, enterprises and other entities, and its areas of responsibility include, but are not limited to, the following:

- General Counsel to the Tribal Council,
- Litigation and Regulatory Affairs,
- Government Operations and Legislative Affairs,
- Tribal and Economic Development, and
- Gaming Operations.

In January 2014, Lori M. Stinson was hired as Attorney General, and Debra Coon was hired as Litigation Assistant. Ronald "Link" Loegler and Erica Kemmer joined the staff in July 2014 as Assistant Attorney Generals.

## SPECIALTY AREAS WITHIN THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT

Office of Archives and Records Management: In 2013, the Office of Archives and Records Management, directed by Dr. Deidra Dees, was transferred to the Legal Department from the Calvin McGhee Cultural Authority.

Procurement: Tracy Bottjer McGhee, Procurement Officer, was hired in September 2014 to handle procurement services in Tribal Government. In November 2014, the Procurement Officer was assigned temporarily to the supervision of the Attorney General until a new Chief Financial Officer is hired.

Risk Management: Todd Chandler was hired in October 2014 as the Director for risk management services. Risk Management moved under the Legal Department as part of the Tribal Government reorganization which was effective April 1, 2015.

Enrollment Department: In November 2014, the Enrollment Department was temporarily assigned to the Attorney General. This transfer became permanent with the restructuring of Tribal Government on April 1, 2015.



# OFFICE OF ARCHIVES & RECORDS MANAGEMENT

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



## EVENING WITH THE ELDERS

### Featuring our Tribal Council

Tuesday, June 23, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

Old Family Services Auditorium, Building 500

*Join us to hear our Tribal Council and the voices of their family members who were interviewed by Dr. J. Anthony Paredes in 1972 and whose voices were digitized by the University of Florida*

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

Questions? Call Ms. Ellen O'Barr at 446-4941 or Dr. Deidra Suwanee Dees at 446-4940

# WRITING OUR OWN HISTORY AT ALABAMA WRITERS SYMPOSIUM

"I learned so much about the Tribe that I had never heard before," conference attendee Ms. Annie Champa said to the panelists. Dr. Deidra Suwanee Dees, Ms. Carolyn White and Mr. Robert Thrower, wearing their traditional Creek regalia, gave a panel presentation titled "Writing Our Own History" at the Alabama Writers Symposium in Monroeville, Alabama on April 24, 2015. The presentation was well attended and was the first time, to our knowledge, that the Poarch Band of Creek Indians were represented at this conference which has enjoyed 18 years of renowned success.

Writer Ms. Annie Champa, pictured to the right with the panelists, introduced herself and stated that she wrote a novel titled *Three Notches of Destiny* which was based on Creek history, and that she donated her book to the Tribe some years ago. The Office of Archives and Records Management Team looked for the book and were happy to find it exactly where it should be—on the bookshelf in our library. "This is a testament to things being done correctly in the archives," Dr. Dees said smiling, breathing in an air of great pride in our Team. Dr. Dees was happy to share this information with Ms. Champa, letting her know that her book is still available for patrons to read today.

Ms. Carolyn White, who has attended the Alabama Writers Symposium for four years, described



the panel session saying, "I believe the presence of our ancestors flowed and their silent voices were heard through the readings from Mr. Thrower about the history leading up to the Trail of Tears and the family story from Dr. Dees of the treatment of Creek Indians during the early 1900s."

Ms. White and the panel vocalized their prayers together before the panel session began asking for education, understanding and enlightenment to come to their audience. Ms. White spoke about how personal this experience was for her by saying, "Emerging from the sadness, I was left with a sense of hope and healing that there was a receptive audience who now hears the once silent voices of our Creek family and the struggles they endured in Alabama. I am grateful and honored that I could be a part of

the recapturing and presentation of the history of the Tribe that provides a voice for our Creek people and to promote a living history of the Tribe then and now."

The Tribe's presence at the Symposium appears to have opened doors for us as Dr. Reginald Sykes, President of Alabama Southern College, invited the Poarch Band of Creek Indians to exhibit our artwork at next year's Alabama Writers Symposium which is held on the campus of Alabama Southern College. Dr. Melinda Byrd-Murphy, Director of the Alabama Center for Literary Arts, provided glowing comments to Dr. Dees on the success of the panel session. She invited the panelists back next year to give another outstanding presentation.

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





# YOUR HEALTH MATTERS

Small Decisions Make Big Things Happen

## Whittle Your Waist

**You can achieve a tighter tummy!** A slim waist may seem like a far-away goal, but there are changes you can make *right now* to help you get there. Decreasing the amount of fat around your waist will make a big impact on your body, inside and out. On the outside, your clothes will fit and feel better. On the inside, you lower your risk for heart disease and Type 2 Diabetes. Whittle away abdominal fat quickly and effectively with nutritional changes. Give yourself an advantage by following these tips:

- **Water, water, water**

Water helps to flush the toxins out of your body and carry nutrients to your cells. If you are not drinking enough water, your body can actually confuse thirst for hunger. To prevent false hunger cues, keep a bottle of water with you and make it your goal to drink at least 64 ounces per day.

- **Reduce salt**

Salt causes your body hold onto water, causing you to feel, and look bloated. Don't add salt to your food. Keep in mind that even liquids (like diet soda!) can contain sodium. To be sure, take a peek at the nutrition label when you're choosing food at the grocery store.

- **Fiber in every meal**

Fiber, found in vegetables, whole grains, legumes and fruit, actually slows down your digestion. This helps you stay fuller longer and prevents your blood sugar from spiking. No energy crash an hour after eating! Include vegetables to each meal. For example: have tomatoes with breakfast, spinach salad with lunch and squash with dinner.



July 2014



April 2015

**Ross Parham**

*Added Fruits/Veggies – cut out greasy foods*

Making small changes to your diet will add up quickly. Follow these three tips and you'll start to notice great changes in your waistline, overall health, as well as feeling good in a bathing suit this summer.

Reach out to me if you have any questions and have a great June.

- Ashley

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



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# YOUR HEALTH MATTERS

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## 3 Movements to get Swimsuit Ready

**I love summer!** I can already breathe in the smell of the beach and suntan oil. I'm sure you are also looking forward to some time off and fun in the sun. But getting back into our bathing suit can be a nerve-racking experience. It can be, but it doesn't have to be. Here are a few training movements that will help shed extra pounds around your waist, burn fat, and improve your functional strength.

Complete each movement 8 reps x 3 sets with a 1 minute break in between sets.

### 1. Goblet Squat

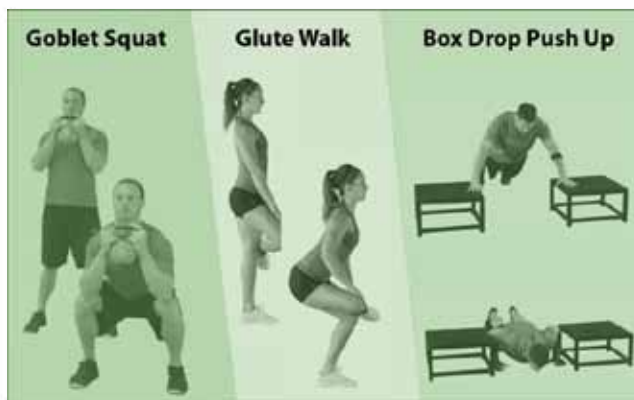
One of the best exercises to strengthen the legs, core, and cardio! This exercise will not only improve your fitness but also your mobility. It teaches you proper squatting mechanics and improves hip, knee, and ankle mobility. Face both palms upward on the weighted end of the kettlebell or dumbbell. Squat down to a sitting position and stand back up. Repeat.

### 2. Glute Walks

A great exercise to improve core strength, gluteal (butt) strength, leg strength and strengthen your lower back! This exercise is sneaky good and gives a big bang for your buck. Elevate one foot and place on top of your other knee and slightly squat down. Pause for a quick moment. Release your crossed leg and take a step forward. Replicate the exercise with the other side. 8 reps each leg.

### 3. Box Drop Push Up

This exercise is advanced and will definitely challenge you. The Box Drop Push Up will not only strength your arms and chest, but will give you a great core workout. Place your hands somewhat wider than shoulder width on the edge of the low boxes. Extend your arms and



maintain your chest out and head, back and hips aligned. Keep your legs extended. Drop off both boxes to bring your chest muscles to the floor in a controlled manner. Explode up so that your hands land on the boxes. Repeat.

These powerful body-changing movements will help your body burn off fat and get you ready for the sun! Perform three times a week and you'll be swimsuit ready! Have a great June!

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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# RECREATION DEPARTMENT

## SWIMMING LESSONS OPEN TO COMMUNITY

SUMMER REGISTRATION  
FEE: \$20.00

Session II April 27, 2015 - June 29, 2015

### Summer Lessons

Session I June 2, 2015 - June 25, 2015  
Tuesdays & Thursdays  
4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Session II July 6, 2015 - July 30, 2015  
Tuesdays & Thursdays  
4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

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

## WATER AEROBIC CLASS

Open to Tribal Members & spouses, First Generation & spouses, and Tribal employees.

No Registration Required

Tuesdays 9:30 a.m.  
Thursdays 7:00 p.m.

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

## POOL & SPLASH PAD OPEN

April 1, 2015 - November 1, 2015

*Tribal Member/First Generation and one guest*

*Must sign in at Recreation Front Desk*

<u>Pool Hours</u>	<u>Open Swim</u>
Monday	1:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Tues-Fri	10:00 am - 7:30 pm
Saturday	10:00 am - 3:30 pm
Sunday	Closed

### Pool Hours Swim Team Practice

Summer Session June 1, 2015 - August 1, 2015

Monday - Thursday 10:00 am - 11:30 am

<u>Pool Hours</u>	<u>Swim Lessons</u>
Tuesday & Thursday	4:30 pm - 7:30 pm

## Splash Pad & Playground

*Tribal Member/First Generation and one guest*

*Must sign in at Recreation Front Desk*

Monday	Closed for routine maintenance
Tuesday-Friday	10:00 am - 8:00 pm
Saturday	10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Sunday	Closed

### *Playground Pavilion/No reservations needed*

*Located by new baseball field*

No set time for usage/First come first served

# SOFTBALL CLINIC

Softball Clinic conducted by University of Alabama  
Softball coaches and team.

Age 13-17 Tuesday, June 9, 2015

Age 7-12 Wednesday, June 10, 2015

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

PCI Arrowhead Park

Lunch will be provided

Clinic is open to Tribal Members & community.  
Limited space of 75 participants per day.

Cost will be \$30.00 for Non-Tribal Members

Deadline to Register: 5:00 p.m.

Friday, June 5, 2015

For additional information please contact the  
Recreation Department at (251) 368-9136 x 2256.



## JUST MOVE CHALLENGE WINNERS !



*First Place-Hips Aboy L-R: Megan Flurnoy, Tiffany Faircloth, Ashley Edwards, Brittany Martin. Hips Aboy lost 22.2 pounds of fat and gained 12.4 pounds of muscle*



*Second Place-Heavyweights L-R: Chad Parker, Jacob McGhee, Sean McClellan, Kyler McGlothorn, and Advance Training representatives Spencer Tatum and Ashley Richards. The Heavyweights lost 42 pounds and gained 10.8 pounds of muscle.*



*Third Place-The Ashleys L-R: Victoria Madden, Britney Sanders, Ashley Williams, and Lori Johnson. The Ashleys lost 13.3 pounds of fat and gained 7.1 pounds of muscle.*



*Ross Parham made a 28% change in body fat and lost 8.5 pounds*

The last major challenge of the 2014-2015 Wellness Program was the six week Just Move Challenge. Ross Parham excelled at this challenge, losing 8.5 pounds while making a 28% body fat change. Not everyone was as successful as Ross, but the average participant of the challenge lost approximately 5% body fat, which was the minimum goal of the challenge.

There were 293 participants; as a group, 537 pounds of body fat were lost. There were 665,777 minutes of exercise and 88,548,341 steps logged in.

Congratulations to everyone who participated. Remember, small steps make big changes!

# SENIOR SERVICES DEPARTMENT

## FOOTBALL HERO VISITS SAIL CENTER

Bobby Humphrey played football for Glenn High in Birmingham and the University of Alabama in the mid to late 1980s. In his four seasons playing for the Crimson Tide, he rushed for 3,420 yards, caught 60 passes for 523 yards, and scored 40 touchdowns. He made the College Football All-America Team in 1986 and 1987. In 1986, he set a school record with 1,471 rushing yards. In 1987, he was voted as UPI's offensive player of the year and finished 10<sup>th</sup> in the Heisman Trophy balloting.

He was selected in the first round of the NFL's supplemental draft in 1989 by the Denver Broncos; he played for the Miami Dolphins in 1992 and 1993. After leaving the NFL, Humphrey was the head coach of the Birmingham Steeldogs of the Arena Football League 2 from 2000-2005.

Bobby and Barbara Humphrey, who now partner with Hershel Walker and Renaissance Man Food Services, were on a promotional tour with food products which they sell through US Food, the vendor that provides food services to the SAIL Center when they stopped by the PCI SAIL Center on April 17, 2015. The staff enjoyed his visit and enjoyed hearing some of his Alabama football stories.

Originally founded by Herschel Walker in 1999, Renaissance Man Food Services (RMFS) is a certified




*Left to right are Cameron Murphy, Velma Crocker, Carolyn Dortch, Bobby Humphrey, Willie Faye Thomas, Peggy Williams, Murphy McGhee, Myrtis Kinman, Vicky Burns, Cyndi Wright, Casey Walker, and Barbara Humphrey.*

minority-owned food company with offices in Siloam Springs, AR, Savannah, GA, and Birmingham, AL. RMFS joins with Simmons Foods to bring quality poultry, pork and bakery products to the retail and food service marketplace.

Roll Tide!

*Biographical information from wikipedia.org*



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# TRIBAL ADMINISTRATION

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## 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, July 3, 2015**

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

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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.

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# TRIBAL FINANCE DEPARTMENT

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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](http://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 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.

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# 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.

## TRIBAL OFFICERS PLACE SECOND IN SHOOTING COMPETITION



*Chad Johnson*

The Tribal Police Department has participated in the Annual Mike Malone Shooting Competition for several years and have placed within the top three spots in each competition.

The 2015 Annual Mike Malone Shooting Competition was held in Stapleton, AL at the Alabama Law Enforcement Academy on Saturday, April 18, 2015. Participating in the competition were Tribal Officers Chad Johnson, Kaweta Coon, and Steven Bradley.

Our team placed second and was barely out scored by the first place team from the FBI.

Congratulations guys!



*Steven Bradley*



*Kaweta Coon*

# TRIBAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY

The Poarch Band of Creek Indians Utilities Authority's subsidiary, Escambia Community Utilities, has implemented an electronic payment system from Nexcheck to support the utility cards provided to Tribal Members as well as make the process of monthly utility payments easier for all customers. Escambia Community Utilities customers now have the option to pay by using electronic payment options including credit/debit cards, pay online, and by telephone.

We have established a new website for Escambia Community Utilities for online payment and to stay informed about water system news. The website can be found at [www.escambiacomunityutilities.com](http://www.escambiacomunityutilities.com).

The Utilities Authority, among other local, county, and Tribal representatives, attended a public meeting for the Canoe Water system on Thursday April 16, 2015 at Canoe First Baptist Church. The purpose of this meeting was to advise the system's members of Canoe's current financial conditions and to inform the customers of the capital investment needed for the system to improve and even continue its current services. The customers of the Canoe Water System present at the meeting were in favor of Escambia Community Utilities acquiring the

system. At this time, Utilities is working with Legal on what actions need to be taken next.

The solid waste service provided by Utilities continues to prosper. Utilities has been working with Creek Indian Enterprises to establish commercial dumpster services for their Tribal properties. Currently, Utilities has reserved one site for the Brown Shop and hope to take on more Tribal commercial properties in the very near future.

The Utilities Authority held a Water Distribution Class to educate employees in preparation for certification.

In an effort to ensure that we continue to deliver the best services possible to our customers and surrounding communities, PCI Utilities provides 24/7 support for all services offered. Should you need to report an after-hours utility emergency please call 251-446-4920 to speak directly to a qualified utility professional.

In closing, PCI Utilities would like to express our sincerest appreciation to our customers for working cooperatively with us in recent months to make certain that all utility service applications are up to date.

**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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:dhenry@pcicie.com) for additional information or to schedule an appointment.

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# MUSKOGEE INN WINS BEST OF 2015 ATMORE FOR FOURTH STRAIGHT YEAR

Muskogee Inn was recently honored with the Best of 2015 Atmore business award by the Atmore Award Program. This is the fourth consecutive year the hotel has won the award. Muskogee Inn now qualifies to be in the Atmore Business Hall of Fame.

Every year, the Atmore Award Program, an active member of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, chooses the businesses it feels has gone above and beyond in the local community and exemplifies success. It was established to recognize the best of local businesses in the area. Consistently for the past four years, Muskogee Inn has proven



to be a staple in the small business community and has thrived even in a down economy.

“Our staff is very excited to be a part of welcoming guests to our city,” said General Manager Rochel

Martin. “To receive this honor is a testament to our commitment of providing great hospitality to our customers, and making sure they are comfortable is our top priority.”

According to program officials, “various sources of information were gathered and analyzed to choose the winners in each category. The 2015 Atmore Award Program focuses on quality, not quantity. Winners are determined based on the information gathered both internally by the Atmore Award Program and data provided by third parties.”

*Submitted by Jen Peake  
CIEDA Marketing Specialist*



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# Aerospace partnership celebrated

A crowd of more than 200 came out to Muskogee Technology's open house April 24 to celebrate the partnership it has established with GKN Aerospace. City, state and local government officials, economic developers and educational institution leaders were given tours of the flagship manufacturing plant and the new heavy fabrication facility, Muskogee Technology North, both in Atmore, Ala.

"The reason we are gathered here today is to unveil to the general public the transformation that has happened here at Muskogee Technology," said James T. Martin, CEO of Creek Indian Enterprises Development Authority.

Many public figures spoke during a special presentation.

"Without companies like Muskogee Technology and GKN, we would not be able to do what we do in the state," Deputy Secretary of Commerce Angela Till said. "We look at new industries ... and everybody gets excited over those, but actually it's our existing industries in the state that is the backbone of our economy."

GKN's top officials also spoke at the event.

"Muskogee Technology delivers quality parts to the very first private jet ever made of carbon fiber, and this is just the start of a journey," President and CEO of GKN Aerostructures North America Daniele Cagnetel said.

"I was very excited to see the facilities here, and when we walked around (Friday) morning, I was introduced to a member of staff, and the first thing she told me was, 'You know, I love my job.' That's the true fiber that makes Alabama successful and makes this place successful and will keep them (MT) growing."



Vice President and General Manager of GKN Aerospace North America Jeff Barger said he was impressed with Muskogee Technology from the beginning.

"What I have experienced in the last six months ... is the speed at which Muskogee Technology has responded to our needs, both from the capital investment side ... but also their ability to hire and train their employees and how fast they have ramped up to where they are today, supplying the different kits of parts for our jet fuselage program," Barger said. "The quality of the parts and the on-time delivery has been exceptional."

Also on hand were members of the Tribal Council of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians.

Tribal Vice Chair Robert McGhee spoke of the history of the tribe and how the partnership with GKN is meaningful.

"I love the fact that GKN's own facility in Tallassee, Ala., are on the lands that once was Creek Indian lands of Tukabatchee," McGhee said.

"Poarch is a family; it is our family. So our business ventures, all of them, are deeply personal to us. These enterprises create jobs and economic security for us and for our neighbors, and that is critically important now and years to come."

— Submitted by Jen Peake,  
CIEDA Marketing Specialist

“ We know the importance of building relationships with companies, as shown in our partnership with GKN, and how opportunities for businesses creates jobs for the state of Alabama. ”

— **Stephanie A. Bryan**  
*Tribal Chair*





# LAND MANAGEMENT TEAM SPRUCES UP MAGNOLIA BRANCH WILDLIFE RESERVE

Spring is here, and summer is fast approaching. With that comes gorgeous weather and the need to be outdoors.

Birds are chirping, the creek is bubbling and calmness settles in as the sun beams through the trees and warms the Earth. If you close your eyes, you just might can picture yourself stretched out in a hammock feeling the breeze rush over you as your children run around and play.

Magnolia Branch Wildlife Reserve has been in full swing preparing the park for visitors. The horse trails opened in March, and the campground has been filling up with RVs and tents as families and friends gather to relax and enjoy the peacefulness.

Canoes, kayaks, tubes, primitive and improved camps ... you name it, Magnolia Branch has it. And recently, the park has been continuing its efforts to keep the grounds pristine and beautiful by applying hydroseed to areas that need it. Hydroseeding is a

mechanical method of applying seed, fertilizer and mulch to land in one step.

The lake area at Magnolia Branch was prepped and cleared for the job. This project was done by the CIEDA land management team, led by Project Coordinator James Agerton, in conjunction with Magnolia Branch Wildlife Reserve General Manager Billy Smith. The team has been working on various projects at Magnolia as well as property adjacent to the park and at other CIE businesses. Heavy equipment operators on the team are Andrew McGhee, Jerry Searcy, David Sells, John Sells, Richard Guy, Ronnie Howell, Randy Wearran; heavy equipment mechanic Ron Marshall rounds out the group.

“John Sells has been using a CAT Skid Steer to clear out the entire understory around the lake at Magnolia Branch Wildlife Reserve,” Agerton said. “John has done a great job opening up the area and making it look like a resort.”



*Hydroseeding underway*

Reese Dunn with M&M Trucking was brought in to apply the hydroseed. He covered ground quickly and efficiently, spraying high and low in a methodical pattern. Once finished, the area was coated in green mixtures that will turn into a green lawn within a few weeks.

This work is part of the lake reclamation project that will allow the reserve to reclaim previously unusable soil and land within the park and expand it into more usable lake areas for visitors. Hydroseeding is environmentally friendly, and there are no adverse effects to wildlife.

For more about Magnolia Branch Wildlife Reserve, read their blogs and check out the website at [magnoliabranch.com](http://magnoliabranch.com).

*Submitted by Jen Peake  
CIEDA Marketing Content Specialist*



*Lake reclamation project-ready for hydroseeding*



# Perdido River Farms readies calves for market, sells 137 heads of cattle

Perdido River Farms is a cow-calf operation based in Atmore, Ala. Owned by the Poarch Band of Creek Indians, the farm raises high quality cattle for later sale in the beef industry.

Recently the staff at the farm began evaluating the calves by separating or herding them so they could be graded and sent to market.

Herding is a method of moving a herd of cattle from one area to another, either from a grazed area to a fresh pasture, or from the pasture to the handling facilities. This is done a few times a year depending on the number of cattle available and ready for sale.

General Manager John English said Perdido River Farms primarily has a spring calving season. But with this size of operation, different herds are on different calving seasons. The benefits of different calving seasons allows for more flexibility in meeting market demands and achieving maximum profitability, he said.

"The cattle market has been good, and we have been able to capitalize on record high calf prices," English said. "After a harsh winter, we are proud to be selling high quality calves from our Tribal lands."

Most of the fall born calves are already sorted and ready for the market.

Now that winter grazing has ended, English is evaluating the farm's cattle. The cattle are appraised based on age, weight and body condition scores, which are good indicators for market-ready cattle.

To meet land stewardship needs, calves are weaned at 6 months of age, or about 550 pounds, English said. This enables the cows to maintain good body condition and takes stress off the land. It removes the stress of over-grazing and allows the brood cows time to put on necessary weight in preparation of the next calving season.

During the month of April, Perdido River Farms sold 109 calves and 28 cows. The farm is at the peak of its selling season.

— Submitted by Jen Peake  
CIEDA Marketing  
Specialist





# TRIBE'S CONSERVATION EFFORTS ENHANCED WITH PLANTING OF LONGLEAF PINE TREES

In the past few months, the land management team at Creek Indian Enterprises Development Authority (CIEDA) has been busy clearing about 93.1 acres of what is called the CLM Property in preparation for planting longleaf pine trees.

The CLM property sits on Highway 21 about a mile south of Wind Creek Casino and Hotel and is part of ongoing conservation efforts managed by the Tribe, Project Coordinator James Agerton said.

This work, performed under an EQIP (Environmental Quality Incentive Program) contract established with the Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS), was completed in March under the supervision of Agerton and David Elliott, NRCS Tribal Liaison, who maintains the government-to-government relationship between the Tribe and NRCS and addresses the resource needs of the Tribe and Tribal Members.

By planting the trees, these conservation practices address natural resource concerns and provide opportunities to improve soil, water, plant, animal, air and related resources on agricultural land and non-industrial private forestland.

The trees will reach maturity height in the next 30 years but can continue



*Longleaf pine sapling*

to grow for about 150 years. They can live as long as 300-500 years.

According to the USDA, longleaf pine is a highly recommended species for reforestation on many soil types in the southeastern U.S. It also is great for the wildlife that might live in the area. Birds and

small mammals eat the large seeds, and ants feed on germinating seeds. The USDA says longleaf pine provides an excellent habitat for the gopher tortoise, eastern diamondback rattlesnake, indigo snake, fox squirrel and many more species.

“NRCS has a national initiative for longleaf pine ecosystem restoration,” Elliott said. “It’s a priority nationally because the ecosystem for longleaf pine has decreased tremendously for the past 200 years.

“It is the most diverse ecosystem there is, even more than the rainforests,” Elliott said. “And that is very important to the Tribe. It is cultural.”

*Submitted by Jen Peake  
CIEDA Marketing Specialist*



*Workers plant longleaf pine trees on the CLM property owned by the Poarch Band of Creek Indians as part of a conservation effort the Tribe has with NRCS.*



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

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

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

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Alabama Forestry Commission

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# June (*Kvco-Hvse*) 2015

## ***Tribal Utilities Assistance Program (TUAP)***

Applications for 2015 accepted through June 1, 2015.

## ***June 1-30, 2015***

Tribal Council accepting applications for Board-Committee Vacancies

## ***Summer LIHEAP***

Continues through July 31, 2015

## ***April 27, 2015 - June 29, 2015***

Swimming Lesson Registration

Summer Session II

Open to Community

## ***June 1-2, 2015***

Museum gift shop closed for monthly inventory.

## ***Friday June 5, 2015***

***5:00 pm (CST)***

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

## ***Friday, June 5, 2015***

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

## ***Saturday, June 6, 2015***

- ***Tribal Election Day***
  - Polls Open 8:00 am - 7:00 pm***
  - PCI Community Resource Building (Old SAIL Center)***
- ***Health Fair 8-12 @ Gym***
- ***Calvin McGhee Memorial***
  - Graveside service 10:00 am***
  - New Home Cemetery***
  - Festival begins 11:00 am***
  - Lunch 12:00 noon***
  - Bowling Family Concert 5:30 pm***

## ***Friday, June 19, 2015***

Family Movie Night at Pow Wow Grounds  
8:00 p.m.

Featured Movie: Crooked Arrows

## ***Thursday, June 25, 2015***

Free Retinal Screening

Premiere Family Eyecare

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

## ***Friday, June 26, 2015***

Pharmacy will close at 12:00 noon

## ***Tribal Council Meetings***

Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>

4:00 pm

Tribal Council Chambers

## ***Tribal Court Sessions***

Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am

Tribal Courtroom

## ***CIEDA Meetings***

Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>

7:30 am

CIEDA Offices

## ***TERO Commission Meetings***

Tuesday, June 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>

8:00 am

Building 500 Auditorium

## ***4-H Club***

Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>

6:00 pm

Education Department

## ***Summer Reading Program***

Wednesdays

10:00 am

PCI Library

Every Hero Has A Story-Beginning June 3, 2015

## ***Summer Tutoring Program***

Tuesdays & Thursdays

Education Department

June 2, 2015 - July 30, 2015

## ***GED Classes***

Day Classes

Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 11:00 am

Evening Classes

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

## ***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

Tuesdays @ 9:30 am

Thursdays @ 7:00 pm

## ***Pool & Splash Pad Open***

April 1, 2015 - November 1, 2015

*Tribal Member/First Generation and one guest*

*Must sign in at Recreation Front Desk*

## ***Pool Hours***

## ***Open Swim***

Monday

1:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Tues-Fri

10:00 am - 7:30 pm

Saturday

10:00 am - 3:30 pm

Sunday

Closed

## ***Pool Hours***

## ***Swim Team Practice***

Monday - Thursday 10:00 am - 11:30 am

## ***Pool Hours***

## ***Swim Lessons***

Tuesday & Thursday

4:30 pm - 7:30 pm

## ***Splash Pad & Playground***

*Tribal Member/First Generation and one guest*

*Must sign in at Recreation Front Desk*

Monday

Closed for routine maintenance

Tuesday-Friday

10:00 am - 8:00 pm

Saturday

10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Sunday

Closed

## ***Playground Pavilion/No reservations needed***

***Located by new baseball field***

No set time for usage/First come first serve

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