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A Moment With The Tribal Chair

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It is such a privilege to live in the United States of America. I often watch the news and am astounded by the limited privileges and freedoms that citizens of other countries enjoy. Without a doubt, there is no place else I'd rather be than here in America. But, as we've heard time and time again, "Freedom isn't free." Countless men and women have fought and died so that we might live in peace and with freedom. I want to express my deepest gratitude to each and every individual who has served in the military; and, I especially want to thank my favorite Marine, my son Brannon, for his service - I love you, son.

Just as America continues to fight against terrorist attacks and other foes, so do the Poarch Creek Indians fight in various sectors. We are seemingly being assaulted on every side at the local (PCI v. Hildreth), state (State v. PCI), and national levels (Carcieri

"fix"). During the Calvin McGhee Memorial in June, I was reminded of how hard and diligently our forefathers fought to attain our educational rights, federal recognition, and tribal sovereignty. It appears that it is now our fight to hold on to and defend these precious rights. Please know that this is a fight which we have endeavored to engage in wholeheartedly. As a result, your leaders, lobbyists, and legal team have been working non-stop to attain support in our many efforts. I look forward to the day when our hard work comes to fruition and we can focus our energy more on ways to advance the Tribe instead of constantly fighting to defend it.

However, throughout all of these struggles, I constantly reflect on what matters most: my people. With every decision made around the Tribal Council table, it is you, the Tribal Member, who is truly at the core of that decision. As the Poarch Creek Indians, we all come

from humble beginnings, and I pray that we never lose grasp of those poverty-stricken days. It's important to remember that time in our history, for it was in those days that the community truly came together in love and care for one another.

Unfortunately, it seems that more often than not, I hear negative things in our community instead of uplifting, positive things, and this is truly saddening to me. It is my heart's desire that we will once again surround ourselves with positivity and love, and that we will work and fight together for the betterment of our Tribe.

"My people are all of one family... we are all what you would call a Creek [N]ation."

– Chief Calvin McGhee

2015 Sovereignty Celebration Scheduled

At the request of the Tribal Chair, with full support of the Tribal Council, the 2015 Sovereignty Celebration has been scheduled for Saturday, September 12, 2015.

The celebration will be held at Magnolia Branch Wildlife Reserve from 4:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Contact Magnolia Branch at (251) 446-3423 if you are interested in camper space for the weekend; campsites are still available. All sites must be reserved and paid for by August 1, 2015 or sites will be re-booked.

Door prizes will no longer be given; all Tribal Members will receive a customized beach towel.

Please watch the web site, Tribal social media, and the *Poarch Creek News* for more information.



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

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

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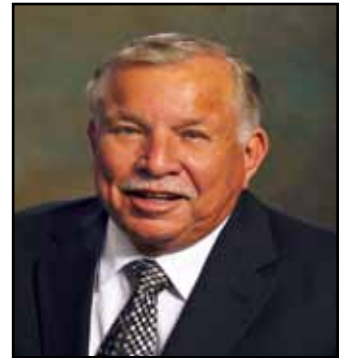
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Tribal Council's Purpose

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

July 2015

David W. Gehman, Secretary

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Happy 4th of July! We are so blessed to live in America. Soldiers often put their life in harm's way, so that we are able to enjoy freedom and the American way of life. Our military, police, and fire-rescue officers deserve respect and honor, they are our true heroes.

The Tribe has filed suit in U.S. District Court to stop attempts by outgoing Escambia County Tax Assessor Jim Hildreth to assess taxes on our Trust land and businesses. The U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals has unanimously upheld a lower court decision that the State of California could not attack acquisition of trust lands for the Big Lagoon Rancheria tribe. That kind of response is what we are working for in the cases against our Trust Lands and Sovereignty.

Any day now we anticipate a ruling from the U.S. 11th Circuit Court in Atlanta, on the appeal by Alabama Attorney General Luther Strange challenging the

Secretary of Interior's authority to take lands into Trust for our Tribe. This is the heart of our efforts working with Congress and the Administration to enact laws to protect the Sovereignty of Tribes and Trust Land. However, recent hearings held by the House Natural Resources Committee's Subcommittee on Indian, Insular, and Alaska Native Affairs give Indian tribes nationwide cause for concern.

The first hearing, which took place on April 22nd, sought to examine the Interior Department's proposed revisions to the federal acknowledgment regulations. Despite this stated goal, one witness at the hearing raised dangerous questions about the very constitutionality of the Executive Branch's ability to recognize tribal governments at all.

Questioning the very authority of the Executive Branch to establish and maintain the tribal-federal



government-to-government relationship dredges up the perilous history of the Termination Era of the 1950s during which the United States ended its sovereign relationship with more than one hundred Indian tribes.

The second hearing, held on May 14th, was "Inadequate Standards for Trust Land Acquisition in the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934." The focus of this hearing was placed on a Hearing Memo that attempted to justify the failed federal policies of Allotment and Assimilation, which took place from the late 1800's through 1934. Oklahoma Republican Congressman Tom Cole called this attempt a misstatement of historic reality and offered testimony that placed the adverse impacts of Allotment

on Indian Country into personal and proper perspective. Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, Kevin Washburn, strongly defended the tribal land to trust process, and proclaimed that he will not permit Congress to erode the land to trust process.

Former U.S. Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell, described the Termination policy as follows: “If you can’t change them, absorb them until they simply disappear into the mainstream culture. ...In Washington’s infinite wisdom, it was decided that tribes should no longer be tribes, never mind that they had been tribes for thousands of years.”

Looking back at the past 30 years, the growth of our Tribe has been incredible. There are tribes across America today where many live in poverty and struggle to survive. My great Uncle Lindsey McGhee determinedly made the trip to the Atmore High School, whether by foot, bicycle or car, from their Bell Creek home. Reportedly he became the first Poarch Creek Indian to graduate from that public high school. With God’s help, if we share the spirit of determination that our ancestors had, our Tribe will continue to grow and be a blessing.



The Tribal Council recently hosted a standing room only meeting with Tribal Seniors to explain tax changes affecting the Senior Benefit. The Senior Citizen monthly benefit is now non-taxable under provisions of the General Welfare Exemption. However, do not confuse this with the per capita check or Christmas check as both are taxable.

Photo and submission by David Gehman



ON THE COVER-*CREEK CEREMONIES*

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

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

involvement, and community betterment. The Museum exhibits invite you to encounter a way of life, a culture woven over centuries¹.

Our exhibit this month is the Rekindling the Fire Exhibit featuring the Green Corn Ceremony and Stomp Dancing.

The Mvskoke do not have a word for religion because it is such an integral part of their daily lives that one cannot separate it from living or breathing. What celebrations are important to you? Mvskoke celebrations combined social and religious aspects. Life centered around everyday practices – from smoking tobacco to asking

pardons of plants being picked – that expressed spiritual beliefs.

The most important celebration was the Green Corn Ceremony, or Vce Lane Emposketv. It occurred every year in late summer, when the corn was ripe. The ceremony lasted as long as eight days. The Green Corn ceremony helped bring the people of every etvlwv together. The days-long festival celebrated the start of a new year. It was a time of cleansing, renewal, and forgiveness for the entire etvlwv. In the first days, the men cleaned the public spaces and the women cleaned the houses. Afterwards the Mvskoke fasted and partook of herbal medicines,

purifying their minds and bodies. The ceremonial days concluded with games, feasting, and dancing.

Most importantly, a ceremonial leader relit the sacred fire in the town square. First he lays four logs in the direction of north, east, south, and west. He places four ears of corn in the fire – an offering to the Creator. Using flint rocks, he sparks the new fire that will burn all year. All families relit their household fires from this central blaze.

During this time, the Mvskoke people were reminded of how to

treat others and of their duties and connection to the sacred fire. This is why they are called People of One Fire.

Stomp dance is the Southeastern Indians' form of social and ceremonial dancing. The Mvskoke name for this style of dancing is Opvkv Haco, which literally means "crazy dance". Men sing stomp dance songs in a call-and-answer format. Women provide the rhythm with shakers worn on their legs. The shakers are traditionally made from turtle shells but are often made from condensed milk cans.

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

The Museum is located at 5484 Jack Springs Road, Atmore, AL, and is open Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Please stop by the next time you visit the Reservation.

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



Deer Toe Shaker – Made from the hooves of deer, these are the earliest documented form of shakers worn by women for stomp dancing. Historical records state that some deer toe shakers had as many as 1500 hooves on each shaker. That's 375 deer per pair!



Lucv (Turtle) Shaker – Lucv shakers are worn by women during stomp dancing. Box turtle shells are filled with pebbles to make a pleasing sound. Many women still use lucv shakers today.



Milk Can Shakers – In the early 1950's, the demand for stomp dance shakers increased. To meet this demand quickly, evaporated milk cans filled with pebbles were used instead of box turtles. Today, most women use cans and save their turtle shakers for special ceremonies.

TRIBE FILES LEGAL ACTION TO STOP THREATENED TAXATION

As you may know, our Tribe filed an action in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Alabama to stop the financial harassment undertaken against us in recent years by an Escambia County official whose actions on this issue do not represent the best interests of county residents – including us. It is important for me to explain to our valued employees and residents of this county why we had to take this action to protect the Tribe.

Jim Hildreth, the tax assessor from Escambia County, is ignoring well-established federal law to try to collect taxes on land that is held in trust by the United States government and is part of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians' reservation (trust lands). He is also ignoring an Attorney General's opinion that was issued in 1986 at his request which specifically stated that the Tribe's trust land was not taxable.

Despite this authority, Hildreth conducted an audit of all the Tribe's property that included both privately owned or "fee" land that is subject to local taxes as well as trust lands that are not. Upon completion of the "audit," Hildreth informed the Tribe that he was prepared to issue an assessment of taxes for the Tribe's trust lands. His initial demand is not supported by law.

Interestingly, the Chairman of the Escambia County Commission, David Stokes, made inquiries to the United States Department of the Interior regarding the status of the Tribe's trust lands in 2012. The Department of the Interior responded to those inquiries by unequivocally affirming the trust status of the Tribe's lands. Several of Stokes' fellow Commissioners publicly expressed their lack of support for his actions. Despite the Department of Interior's very recent

statement on the Tribe's trust lands in Escambia County, Hildreth ignored the facts and pursued his aggressive plan to tax our reservation lands.

The Tribe understands that laws dealing with the status of Indian lands are complicated and require solid legal expertise. But, the appropriate authorities in both state and federal government have consistently maintained that the Poarch Band of Creek Indians is a federally recognized Indian nation with lands that are held in trust by the federal government and, therefore, are not subject to taxation. It is unfortunate that a handful of elected officials in the county continue to waste taxpayer dollars on a legal position that is frivolous, costly, and does not recognize the goodwill built between the Tribe and its neighbors.

The Tribe has provided more than \$5.5 million dollars to Escambia County since 2012. This includes donations to schools and charities throughout the County. Moreover, the Tribe extends the public services it provides to its Tribal Members to its neighbors in Escambia County. The Tribe hopes to continue to support and enjoy positive relationships with its neighbors and with Escambia County well into the future, but positive relationships must be built on mutual respect.

It is unfortunate that the Tribe had to take legal action to stop the threatened taxation, but the Tribal Council must take steps to preserve the Tribe's sovereignty and self-governance rights. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact my office (extension 2202), or the legal department (extension 2525).

Stephanie A. Bryan, Tribal Chair

INCUMBENTS RETAIN SEATS

When all votes were counted and verified by the Election Board, the three incumbents up for re-election retained their seats. There was a total of 1,383 General Council Members who voted in the 2015 Tribal Election; 247 voted by Absentee Ballots, 587 voted by Walk-In, and 549 voted on June 6, 2015, Election Day. With 928 votes, Robbie McGhee was elected to serve a three year term as Vice Chair, retaining the position he has filled since elected in the 2014 Special Election. At-Large Council Members Sandy Hollinger (729 votes) and Keith Martin (675 votes) retained their seats on the Council as well and will serve three year terms.

There will be a run-off for the Treasurer position since no candidate received a majority of votes. The Run-Off election is scheduled for August 1, 2015. The 2015 Run-Off Notice and Calendar along with candidate photos and biographies can be found in this issue of the newsletter starting with page 80. Please be sure to participate in the voting process for the Run-Off Election whether it be by Absentee Ballot, Walk-In voting, or voting at the polls on Saturday, August 1, 2015. Your vote is just as important during the Run-Off Election as it was for the General Election.

We would like to congratulate the winners and say thank you to all candidates who stepped forward to voice an interest in serving as a leader for the Tribe. With the battles facing our Tribe on a daily basis, the role of leadership is not an easy one and often seems to be a thankless one. There are great sacrifices to be made and time away from home, children, and family; but for our leaders it is a choice they willingly make.

We have seen some of the candidate's names on the ballot before and we are sure we will see them again. If your heart is truly to lead your people, it should never be a one-time attempt.



Incumbents retain seats l-r: Robbie McGhee, Vice Chair, and At-Large Council Members Sandy Hollinger and Keith Martin.

OFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS:

AT-LARGE

Sandy Hollinger, Incumbent	729 votes
Keith Martin, Incumbent	675 votes
Sheila Odom	336 votes
Gloria Sells Krafka	268 votes
Deno Rolin	253 votes
Elizabeth Hebert	224 votes
Anita McGhee Tuel	98 votes
Write-In	8 votes

TREASURER

Eddie L. Tullis	556 votes	In Run-Off
Gia Langham	285 votes	In Run-Off
Charlotte Meckel	273 votes	
Dewit Carter	258 votes	
Write-In	1 vote	

VICE-CHAIR

Robbie McGhee	928 votes
Garvis Sells	330 votes
Carolyn White	120 votes

By Gayle Johnson, Media Specialist

We have always held to the hope, the belief, the conviction that there is a better life, a better world, beyond the horizon.

Franklin D. Roosevelt



ELECT GIA LANGHAM FOR TRIBAL COUNCIL TREASURER

AUGUST 1, 2015

I humbly ask for your vote to elect me to serve you as your next treasurer.

- I would like to cut down on spending
- Improve current benefits to tribal members
- Strive to be fair to all tribal members
- Communicate and be transparent with tribal members
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As the Poarch Band of Creek Indians, we are the only federally recognized tribe in Alabama. Our ancient culture has shaped who we are today and inspires us to keep our traditions and history alive. With roots in Alabama that extend into Florida, we look forward to sharing our stories and creating a dialogue that allows us to learn from and about each other. Communities working together make a thriving, more unified world.

Tribal Members are familiar with the Tribe's official web site pci-nsn.gov; but have you visited our sister site poarchneighbors.com?

This site features the Tribe's marketing campaign "Faces", a multimedia campaign that gives citizens throughout the state a meaningful, personal view of the Poarch Band of Creek

Indians. It establishes an honest and emotional connection between the Tribe and Alabamians that will help create positive relationships.

The tag line, "I am Poarch. I am Alabama." is at the heart of the campaign, connecting the Tribe to fellow Alabamians.

You can also find Poarch Neighbors on Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube. Please help Poarch Neighbors grow their social audience, 'like' or 'follow' them at:

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*By Gayle Johnson, Media Specialist &
Jamie Sawyer, poarchneighbors.com*



DRUGS ERASE DREAMS

Edie Jackson, Clifton Buckhault, Aubrey (Tinker) Rolin, Stephanie Bryan and Michael Roley

The Tribe hosted the Drugs Erase Dreams program on Tuesday, June 2, 2015. Megan Young, Executive Assistant to the Tribal Chair, opened the program with a message from the Tribal Chair. She addressed community awareness of the drug addictions in our area and the Tribe's continuing fight against drugs through Drug Court, drug awareness and education programs, and the Tribal Police Department. Megan acknowledged the Tribal Council Members in attendance as well as the other local dignitaries which included Atmore's Mayor Jim Staff and Ruth Harrell, who has been instrumental in getting drug

awareness programs into our local schools. She then introduced the first speaker of the night, Denise Carlee, Escambia County Adult Drug Court Director.

Mrs. Carlee began her presentation by sharing her family's experience with drug addictions. "No family is immune" she said. She shared the story of her brother and of unidentified participants of the Escambia Drug Court program. "Sometimes rehabilitation works, sometimes it doesn't" she said. During her portion of the program Mrs. Carlee discussed the most common drugs you find on the streets as well as the newer drugs

that have recently been made available. "I can give you all sorts of statistics tonight," she said, "but tomorrow those statistics will be out dated. That is how fast the drug culture is growing and changing. Some try it for the first time and get hooked, constantly looking for that high; some try it for the first time...and die." The scariest part of her presentation was when she told of the drugs that are created, packaged and marketed for sale to our children, some as young as 10 years old.

Circuit Court Judge David Jordan was the next speaker. He told of his experiences with the family

and juvenile court systems and the destruction drugs brings to families and to children. Often times he has had to make the legally required decision to terminate parental rights when parents, single mothers more often than fathers, cannot overcome the hold that drug addictions have on them. Bottom line, the drugs meant more to them than their children. "I wish I had a magic wand I could wave to fix the problem, but I don't," he said, "I don't want to take the actions I have to take, but the law requires it. We do all we can to prevent it, we give parents every opportunity to change the outcome, but we have to abide by what the law requires."

"Know what your child is doing," Judge Jordan reiterated to parents; "be up in their business, and don't let them close you out. Will they like it...no, but it is necessary that you stay involved with your children and know what they are doing."

Michael Roley was next on the speaker agenda. He too shared his story of the ugly truth about drugs.

"I had it all, and lost it all. I hit bottom." Michael presented "Don't Take The Bait"; a twofold story of how easy it is to get lost in the world of drugs. Don't take the bait... alcohol, meth, cocaine, heroin, the list goes on; once taken, the bait is hard to release. You may think you are in control, but you are not. We must educate our children of the dangers; we must teach them to say no when drugs or alcohol is offered to them.

Tribal Chair Stephanie Bryan shared memories of how drug addiction has affected her family and our community. She was very emotional about the subject, how can you think of the devastation wrought by drugs on family, friends, loved ones, and community without being emotional?

Stephanie also introduced the last speaker of the night, Tribal Member Jerry Sanchez. Jerry shared his horror story of drug abuse and referenced a subject that was prominent in the presentation of all the speakers; the love and grace

of God and salvation through Jesus Christ. Each speaker throughout the night referenced that no one will be victorious over the demons of drug addictions without the grace of God.

Don't take the bait! It is your choice! Just say no! OK, so these are catch phrases we have heard over and over in drug awareness programs, but truer words cannot be spoken. We must teach our children to say no, so that they will not become addicts and users.

As Michael Roley said in his presentation, "We must break the generational curse." Grandpaw did it, he drank; Dad did it, Mom did it, they smoked marijuana and popped pills; sadly, for many children that is their only lifestyle example, they do not know any different. We have to break the generational curse so that the use and abuse stops now! Do you want to see your beautiful daughter, the apple of your eye, strung out on meth? No. Break the generational curse and stop the abuse.



**ERASE
DRUGS
NOT
DREAMS!**

TRIBAL DRUG COURT

HELPING ERASE DRUGS, NOT DREAMS

The mission of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians Drug Court is to achieve a reduction in recidivism (repeated or habitual relapse) and substance abuse among adult substance abusing offenders. We strive to increase their likelihood for successful rehabilitation through early, continuous, and intensive judicially supervised treatment, mandatory periodic Drug testing, the use of graduated sanctions and incentives, as well as other rehabilitative services such as education, health care, and employment.

Drug Court is a special court given the responsibility to handle cases involving less serious drug-using offenders through an intensive supervision and treatment program. The Drug Court Program brings the full weight of all interveners (the judge, probation officer, law enforcement personnel, prosecutors, defense counsel, drug testing, rehabilitation and treatment specialists, educators, etc.) to bear, forcing the offender to deal with his/her substance abuse problem through the use of sanctions or incentives. In addition, Drug Court ensures consistency in judicial decision making, coordination of agencies and resources, and increased cost-effectiveness.

Tribal Court administers the Tribe's Drug Court Program. This program was developed and implemented in 1997. Mrs. Donna White, Tribal Court Director at the time, saw a need for the program and wrote the first Drug Court Grant. Before the program was implemented, the Judge only had two sentencing alternatives, jail or probation. Donna felt that we needed a treatment aspect for defendants who had drug problems.

The Tribe has received several grants through the Department of Justice but our Drug Court Program has been 100% Tribally funded since 2001. Drug Court Program consists of four (4) Phases each requiring counseling sessions, random urine/swab/blood/alcohol drug screens and regular Drug Court appearances. The

defendant progresses through the program at his/her own pace based upon individual needs and motivation.

The Drug Court team consists of

- John Kirkman Garrett, Drug Court Judge
- Keesha O'Barr, Tribal Court Administrator
- Wes Hayles, Addictions Counselor
- Paul Thomas, Tribal Probation Officer
- Caitlyn Corey, Case Manager
- Brad Stinson, Prosecutor
- James Hart, Public Defender
- Kim K. Snow, Mental Health Coordinator
- Sandra Hiebert, Education Director, and
- Tribal Chief of Police (vacant).

There are currently eight (8) participants in the Drug Court Program. There have been 109 Drug Court cases since its conception with eighty-seven (87) Tribal Members and three (3) 1st generation descendants graduating from the program. We have estimated our recidivism rate at 33%; the national average for recidivism is 67.5% rearrested and 46.9% reconvicted within three (3) years.

Participant's drug of choice in our community are:

- 41% Multiple substances
- 33% Meth only
- 9% Prescription meds only
- 9% Alcohol only
- 6% Marijuana only
- 1-2% Cocaine only

An individual interested in participating in the Tribal Drug Court can complete an Admissions Evaluation Request form, a Participation Agreement and Information and Screening sheet. A background check will be completed and the individual will be approved or denied acceptance by the Drug Court Team.

An individual is eligible to participate in the Poarch Band of Creek Indians Drug Court if:

- He/She is a Tribal Member or a child of a Tribal Member;
- He/She is not a juvenile;
- He/She has a substance abuse problem;
- He/She is charged with a crime or civil offense motivated by substance abuse;
- The Tribal Prosecutor recommends to the Tribal Court that he/she be referred to Drug Court;
- He/She is charged with a nonviolent offense;
- He/She does not have a history of violent acts; provided, however that the Tribal Court Judge may waive this requirement, if the Tribal Prosecutor

believes that the defendant will likely respond to rehabilitative treatment despite the violent nature of the offense;

- He/She has not participated more than twice in Drug Court;
- His/Her participation in the program has never been revoked.

Tribal Members and children of Tribal Members, who are at least eighteen years of age or older, may also participate in Drug Court if he or she is referred to the Drug Court from a State Court or Social Services agency including the Poarch Band of Creek Indians Family Services Department.

Information provided by Keesha O'Barr, Tribal Court Administrator

Every human has four endowments- self awareness, conscience, independent will, and creative imagination. These give us the ultimate human freedom... The power to choose, to respond, to change.

Stephen R Covey

			
			
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"SPICE" USE INCREASES ACROSS THE NATION

*Submitted by Doyle "Butch" Lee
Acting Tribal Police Chief*

In 2014, the Police Department reported a yearly total of 56 drug arrests; this included both state related cases as well as Tribal cases that were generated. Over \$5,000 worth of drugs were taken into evidence and the majority of the drug arrests were for synthetic marijuana or "spice". In April 2015 our total drug arrest was already 25, seeing another increase in "spice" being the primary drug of choice.

The *Drugs Erase Dreams* program hosted by the Tribe on June 2nd was excellent in presenting the facts and consequences of these drugs. I think they hit on a key area in their presentation; the ever increasing epidemic of spice in our community and others across the nation as well.

Spice has become a major problem within many communities. When I first started in law enforcement, I remember when crack cocaine became a popular drug item. I saw people take their own life because of the addiction. Methamphetamines were later introduced and you could see the effects this had on people who were using this drug.

In the past 27 years, I don't recall



Spice packaged all pretty and nice, marketed for sale to our children....the sad thing is, adults who know better are also purchasing these pretty and deadly little packages.

seeing a drug that has managed to cause so many issues as spice has caused. What is so concerning is that people are not even aware of what chemicals are being used in this substance. This has caused many deaths nationwide. Not only does it affect the user of the substance but I have seen how much it has destroyed families.

I can only reflect back to when I was growing up. I guess the most you had to worry about was the person who was drinking alcohol or using marijuana, which was the most frequent drug choice back then.

We were all raised back then to respect family. I don't see so much these days. I remember the old saying that it takes a village to raise a child. Often I recall how true this was. I remember growing

up, our next door neighbors were always referred to as Mr., Mrs. or Aunt, Uncle and yes, they would get on to you if you misbehaved.

The question presented is, why are we seeing so much drug abuse within our country? Honestly, I feel through the years of growing up in a church environment and our belief and faith that was instilled in us at an early age kept us away from the things that kids are getting involved in now. I know many remember the morning devotional at school and the pledge of allegiance that was said every morning. Prayer is not allowed in school anymore, that in itself should say something.

Even as an adult, my faith in God through all the years has never wavered. Now, maybe I am biased in my belief and because I preach,

I surely look to God as a resource through whatever trouble I face.

During the *Drugs Erases Dreams* presentation we saw many successes that came out of faith based rehabs. I have seen a lot of lives turned around from a change in people because they looked to a higher calling to control the problems within their life.

Whatever the approach we take as law enforcement, court system, elected officials and the public at large, one thing is for sure, I still believe that same village that it took to raise a child many years ago to help keep them out of trouble is the same village and community that must come together as a collective group and agree that we have had enough.

We are no longer going to stand by and see our young people destroy themselves and we are no longer going to stand by while people are selling this stuff to our children. Only together can a real difference be made. The approach to this must be unified and it must offer multiple avenues to help and assist our young people to take pride in themselves. Alone, it is hard to find answers to many problems, but as a group, a community and as friends and family we can come together to make a difference in the lives of those these drugs have affected.

You may slip but God isn't going to let you down. His loving arms will always be there to catch you.

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AN EDUCATION SUCCESS STORY

KIMBERLY RACKARD - PERSEVERANCE PAYS OFF

It was a warm evening on May 16, 2015, when Kimberly Marie Rackard achieved her goal of earning a Bachelor's of Science in Business Management from Huntingdon College in Montgomery, Alabama.

Kimberly is extremely thankful and feels truly blessed that the Tribe was able to provide funding for her college education. Without that funding, Kimberly does not feel like she would have been able to pursue an education beyond high school, or would have to get student loans to achieve this goal.

Achieving this goal was especially sweet, since Kimberly had to find a way to work full time, find time to spend with her husband and family, balance church activities and social life, along with scheduling time to complete her school work.

At times, this journey became overwhelming; there did not seem to be enough hours in the day to complete everything and meet all of the demands of her busy life. Kimberly pushed through those times, knowing



David Hudson, Chairman of Huntingdon College's Board of Trustees, congratulates Kimberly.

that the education she was earning would lead to a better future for her family.

Kimberly credits her success at school and in life to her faith in Jesus Christ. She feels strongly that having Christ in her life to guide her and walk by her side, allows her to live a full and meaningful life. According to Kimberly, "Without Him in my life, I am nothing."

Kimberly's husband, Jacob Rackard, has also been a tremendous help during this journey. He has continuously encouraged her to accomplish the educational goals and has always been supportive of what she wanted to accomplish.

With the Tribal Tuition Assistance Program, Kimberly feels like she was given an opportunity to accomplish the goal of graduating with a Business Management degree, which will help her to further her career path. She plans to use the skills and knowledge gained through her educational experience to move forward and assist the Tribal Community. Kimberly is forever grateful for the funding assistance that the Tribe provided.

Congratulations Kimberly Marie Rackard on working hard to achieve your goals!

By Annie Nowak

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To those who participated in the June 6th election, I commend you for your effort.

I need, and will appreciate, your vote in the August 1st run-off for PCI Treasurer.

If you were unable to vote in the June 6th election, please make sure to vote in the run-off.

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BIRTHDAY WISHES

John Berry Stephens, Jr.
June 1, 2015

Happy birthday Daddy!

We love you to the moon
and back! May God bless
you with many more!

Love, Thomas, Taya, &
Abbigail.



Hannah Gregg
June 4, 2015

Happy 12th birthday Hannah!

Hannah is the daughter of
Amy Henry and Stacy Gregg
and granddaughter of Glenda
Henson Ellis.

Happy birthday, we love you.

From your family.



Shane Bowman
June 18, 2015

Happy birthday Shane!

We love you.

From your family.



Stacy Gregg, Jr.
June 24, 2015

Happy 32nd birthday Stacy!

Stacy is the son of Glenda Ellis.

We love you!

From your family.



Blakelynn Bowman
June 29, 2015

Happy 3rd birthday!

We love you!

Love, Mom, Dad, Sissy, and
Bubba.



Parker Milan Tutton
July 1, 2015

Happy 5th birthday
Princess "P".

We love you.

Momma, Memaw, Uncle
Boo, Sissy & Tuity, Gimmie
& Tyson, and the rest of your
family.



BIRTHDAY WISHES

Kim Flowers
July 1, 2015

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



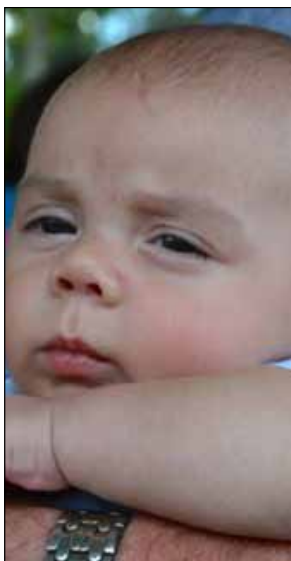
Jeannie Vickery
July 3, 2015

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



Bryant Odom
July 3, 2015

Happy 1st birthday Bryant!
We love you!
Momma, Daddy, Lea, MyMy,
and the rest of your family.



Michael David Glass II
July 3, 2015

Happy 1st birthday Mikey!
We love you so much!
Love, Mommy, Daddy, and
Ari.



Daya Nicole Nobles
July 5, 2015

Happy 14th birthday Daya!
We love you so much and
can't wait to see many more
birthdays!
Mama, Daddy, Nana, Hunter,
Brandy Gregson, Cody Phillips,
and family.



John Henry Colbert, Jr.
July 6, 2015

Happy birthday to the best
husband, father, father-in-law,
and brother.
Love, your family; Jenn,
Connie, Dustin, TJ, Linda,
Jimmy, and Dawn.



BIRTHDAY WISHES

*Arthur Mothershed
July 7, 2015*

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



*Amy Bryan
July 9, 2015*

Happy birthday Amy!
From your family & friends at
Rolin Construction.



*Zhoie Shain Rolin
July 11, 2015*

Happy 2nd birthday to our
beautiful baby girl. You have
been the best thing to come
into our lives!
We love you!
Momma, Daddy, and family!



*Emma Gregg
July 12, 2015*

Happy 10th birthday Emma!
Emma is the daughter of
Amy Henry and Stacy
Gregg, Jr.
Happy birthday, we love you!
From your family.



*Jennifer Colbert
July 13, 2015*

Happy birthday to the best
wife, sister, Mom, mother-in-
law, and MiMi.
Johnny, April, Mikey, Robert,
Connie, Dustin, TJ, Allison,
Brooke, Robert, and Dawn.



*Madison Gregg
July 14, 2015*

Happy 11th birthday Madison!
Madison is the daughter of
Amy Henry and Stacy Gregg,
Jr.
We love you!
From your family.



BIRTHDAY WISHES

Destinee Rolin
July 15, 2015

Happy 11th birthday Destinee (Dessie Ray)!

We love you very much!

Mom, Leah, Aiden, and the rest of your family.



Ashton Thomas
July 19, 2015

Happy 15th birthday, Ashton!

We love you and are proud of the young woman you are becoming.

Love Daddy, Jen, Major, Brantlie, and Deacon!



Chad Odom
July 19, 2015

Happy birthday Chad!

We love you and are proud of all you have overcome. Keep it up!

Leslie, Lea, MyMy, Bryant, and the rest of your family and friends.



Sehoye Buckley
July 20, 2015

Happy 12th birthday Sehoye!

We love you very much!

From all your family and friends.



Sammy Southard
July 26, 2015

Happy birthday Sammy!

From your friends and family at Rolin Construction.



Macey Jones
July 27, 2015

Happy 6th birthday Macey!

Macey is the daughter of Frankie Jones and Jennifer Dellaccio.

Happy birthday Macey, we love you.

From all your family.



BIRTHDAY WISHES

Kaiden Bradley McDuffie
July 27, 2015

Happy 5th birthday Kaiden!

We love you very much.

Love, Mimi, PawPaw, Mom,
WoWo, KeKe, Avery, and
Chance.



Hamp Morris
July 29, 2015

Happy 4th birthday Hamp!
We love you to the moon and
back!

Love, Daddy, Momma, Mia,
Brandy, Colton, and Saban.



Lucas Shane Weaver
July 30, 2015

Happy 6th birthday Lucas
Shane Weaver.

We love you!

Love, Mom, Dad, Ashkia, and
family.



Poarcha Bailey
July 31, 2015

Happy 5th birthday Poarcha!

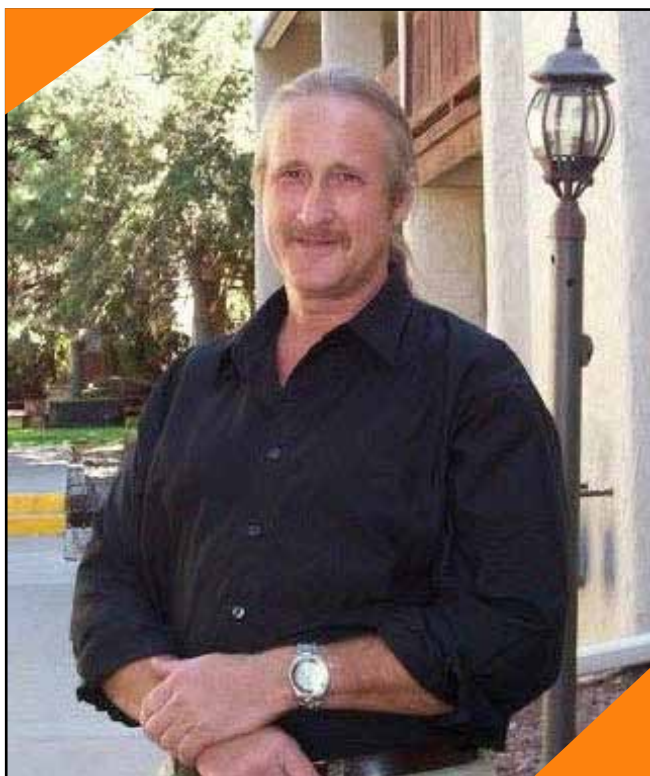
Love, Daddy, Mommy,
Kadence, & Elijah.



Birthday Wishes may be published the month before, the month of, or the month after, the birthday.

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

Please submit information as early as possible, delay in submitting information may cause you to miss the established deadlines.



OBITUARIES/ IN MEMORIAM

AUBREY ALLEN MALONE

January 29, 1957- March 25, 2015

countless aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends.

Allen was very proud of his Poarch Creek heritage, becoming quite the scholar with his tireless pursuit of this knowledge and passing it on to his son and family.

Allen moved to the Pensacola area in May 2012, and was quite thrilled to gain employment within the Tribe doing various jobs.

Aubrey Allen Malone, Jr. passed away on March 25, 2015 in Pensacola, FL after a brief illness.

Allen, as he was known and loved by, was preceded in death by his mother, Rose Marie Jensen Malone and is survived by his son Matthew Allen Malone, his pride and joy. He is also survived by his father, Aubrey, Sr (Connie), his sisters Susan Loocke (Gary), Katrina Malone Haugh, Sabrina Malone Youngblood (William), his brother, Arnold "Arnie" Malone (Christine), and

Allen loved the beach, being outdoors, and playing the guitar. He found beauty in many things and he never met a stranger, always a friend.

He is profoundly missed by all that loved him, but he would not want us to grieve but to carry on finding the beauty that surrounds us all.



In Memory

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

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

Author Unknown

OBITUARIES/ IN MEMORIAM

In Loving Memory Of Zollie Mae McGhee

On Her Birthday, June 8, 2015

Happy birthday!

It's been six long years since you have been gone. Not a day goes by that we don't think of you.

We love you and miss you more than words can express!

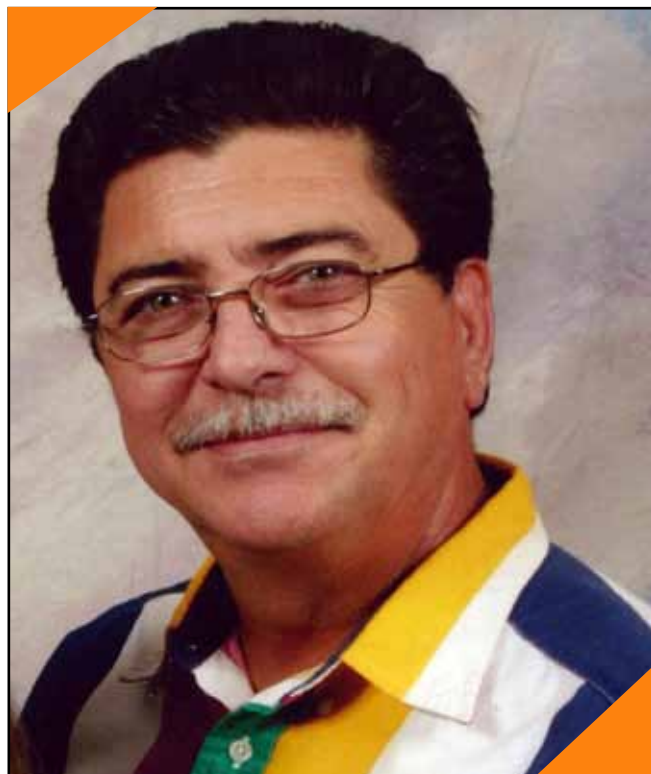
Love, your children and grandchildren.



In Loving Memory Of Preston "Pete" McGhee

On The Anniversary Of His Passing, July 3, 2015

Little did we know that morning
God was going to call your name.
In life we loved you dearly,
In death we do the same.
It broke our hearts to lose you,
But you did not go alone.
For part of us went with you,
The day God called you home.
You left us peaceful memories,
Your love is still our guide.
And though we cannot see you,
You are always by our side.
Our family chain is broken
And nothing seems the same.
But as God calls us one by one,
The chain will link again.





OBITUARIES/ IN MEMORIAM

In Loving Memory Of
Helen Price

On Her Birthday, July 10, 2015

Happy birthday!

Hope you have a good birthday in Heaven.

We miss you and love you.

Love, George, Jennifer, Mikey, April, Bubba, Johnny,
Robert, Allison, Robert, Brooke, Connie, Dustin, TJ,
and Dawn.

*You're in my heart,
You're in my soul.
But now apart,
No hand to hold.
I won't forget the love you gave.
I still can feel it to this day.
I stand without you by my side,
But know that you're watching from way up high.
We will meet again for this I'm sure,
Because our love will last and endure.*

Author Unknown

Benny & Mary Bell McGhee July 15, 2015

Happy 50th wedding anniversary.

Although three years and ten months have gone by, it
seems like it was just yesterday.

I wish you were here but God had a different plan for
us.

You will always be in my heart and never forgotten.

Your loving wife, Mary Belle.

Submitted by Mary Belle McGhee

ANNIVERSARY WISHES

Ray & Kay Archer

June 11, 2015

Ray and Kay Archer will celebrate their 10th year anniversary on June 11, 2015.

Submitted by Kay Archer



Jake & Liesl Bailey

July 18, 2015

Jake and Liesl Bailey will celebrate their 4th wedding anniversary on July 18, 2015.

"Happy anniversary, I love you today and always. God led us to each other; may He bless us everyday."

Love, Jake.

Submitted by Jake Bailey



Life is divided into three terms – that which was, which is, and which will be. Let us learn from the past to profit by the present, and from the present, to live better in the future.

William Wordsworth

TRIBAL MEMBER SUBMISSIONS

Colbert Crowed Miss Erskine 2015



Charlotte Calista "Cali" Colbert is a sophomore at Erskine College in Due West, SC. She is a psychology major with a double minor in Spanish and Family Studies.

Cali recently had the opportunity to participate in the college beauty pageant hosted by one of the literary societies on campus. Never having been in a pageant before, Cali was really nervous standing next to the other 11 contestants. However, she refused to let her nerves get the best of her and decided to have a great time trying something new! To her surprise Calie won the entire competition and was crowned with the honor of serving as Miss Erskine 2015!

She loved representing her family and her Tribe in the pageant and is excited to officially represent Erskine College as their beauty queen.

We are so proud of you Cali!

Love, Mom & Dad.

Submitted by Stan Colbert



Shown are the children of Roy Lee and Opal Fae Reeves McGhee with their mother from a family outing in 1961-62. Left to right on the front are Rose Marie McGhee-Conlon and Barbara Anne McGhee-Stephens. Back row left to right are Linda Carol McGhee, Opal Fae Reeves-McGhee (deceased), Kenneth Roy McGhee (deceased) and Kathryn (Kay) McGhee-Archer. Not shown is Robert "Bobby" Lawrence McGhee who was serving in Vietnam at that time.

Submitted by Kay Archer

FAMILY PHOTOS

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

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

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TRIBAL MEMBER SUBMISSIONS

Community Pulls Together For Stephanie Slate Benefit & Tournament

Community is a feeling of fellowship with others, as a result of sharing common attitudes, interests, and goals. The Slate family feels this is the true meaning of Poarch!

On October 22, 2014, Stephanie found out she had Stage 3 Breast Cancer. After being diagnosed she underwent surgery on November 4, 2014. Since surgery she has gone through several chemo treatments and started radiation. Stephanie is a strong loving wife, mother, daughter, sister, and friend and has not let this disease get her down.

Stephanie and her family would like to thank everyone who had a part in making her benefits held on April 10th and May 9th a huge success! Without the love and support of the Poarch community the benefits would not have been a success.

There are many individuals and organizations that the Slate family would like to thank; unfortunately, it



Shown on back row, l-r are Cecelia Gregson, Mallory Martin, Fran Southard, Sammy Southard, Blake Pearson, Bo Slate, Randy Fretzwell, and David Sells. Front row l-r are Jerry Sanchez, Sr., Shane Gregson, Joyce Melvin, Stephanie Slate, Juanita Slate, Stephanie Rolin, Shawn Rolin, Bunk Peebles, and Colton Peebles. Kneeling, Charles Gregson.

would be hard to name them all! However, the family would like to extend a big thank you to everyone who helped organize, coordinate, and work the fund raiser hosted by Rolin Construction of April 10th and the softball tournament on May 9th.

Please continue to keep Stephanie in your prayers as she continues to fight her battle with breast cancer.

Thank you and God Bless you all!

Submitted by Mallory Martin

Family Thanks Community

The family of Lois Amos would like to express their deepest gratitude and heartfelt thanks to the Poarch Creek Indians, Wind Creek Casino, and all the family and friends that provided food, flowers, and expressions of sympathy following the death of her daughter, Donna Sue Lord, on May 4, 2015.

Thank you and God Bless.
Lois Amos and family.

Submitted by Lois Amos



Lois Amos with her daughter Donna Sue Lord

TRIBAL MEMBER SUBMISSIONS

Smillie Retires After 30 Years With Escambia County Road Department



Danny Smillie has retired from the Escambia County Road Department after 30 years of faithful service and dedication.

Over the years, Danny advanced from Equipment Operator to Correctional Officer, to Code Enforcement, and to Road Supervisor.

He has worked throughout the county alongside great coworkers, with many of those years in District 5.

May your new life be an adventure! Here's to an end of an era of early mornings and late night call-outs to the start of a brand new chapter. God bless you!

Submitted by Rebecca Mills

Kindness is the language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see. - Mark Twain

THANK YOU POARCH CREEK!

The Loviolette family would like to thank everyone in the Tribal offices, especially Gwen, Lisa, and Megan of the Enrollment Department, for all of their hard work in helping me, Marylan Laviolette, give my children their Creek Indian Heritage. This has truly been a life time dream come true for me.

A special thank you to my son-in-law Bod and daughter-in-law Leighann.

Thank you and God Bless.

Marylan Laviolette, John Laviolette, Anna Jarl, Katina (Nina) Olsen, and Wayne Laviolette, Jr.

Submitted by Marylan Laviolette

William Hosea Presley

Family Reunion

Saturday, August 15, 2015

Location To Be Determined

Bring a covered dish & a \$5-\$10 gift for game.

All extended family is invited.

Any questions call:

Shirlene Mauldin (850) 291-2658

Carolyn Dortch (251) 253-5885

TRIBAL MEMBER SUBMISSIONS

Quarterly Cancer Support Group Meeting Scheduled For July 21, 2015

Support. What is the meaning of the word Support? To bear or hold up a load or structure. To serve as a foundation. To sustain or withstand.

We would like to once again invite everyone to our next quarterly Cancer Support Group Meeting which will be held at Wind Creek Casino. Everyone who is or has been affected by cancer are encouraged to attend. The purpose of these meetings are to gain encouragement, education and support.

Cancer survivors - we would like to ask you to think on these three points and share your thoughts on at least one of these points with us at our meeting.

- What coping tip has worked best for you?
- What is the biggest challenge your illness presents in your life?
- Share a tip you have learned that has helped your

family understand how you are feeling.

We would like to say a GREAT BIG THANK YOU to Carrie Martin! She came to our rescue during the last Cancer Support Group Meeting. Our speaker was unable to attend the meeting at the last moment. I turned and saw Carrie, tapped her on the shoulder and asked if she would be our speaker. She graciously accepted without hesitation. She provided us with a wealth of information about the subject of cancer. This was a shining example of the definition of SUPPORT!

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

Tuesday, July 21, 2015 at 6 p.m.

Wind Creek Atmore Hospitality Ballroom

Dinner served at 6:00 p.m.

Please RSVP to Helen Hallman - 251-253-5140 or Cindy Martin - 251-253-4341.

Submitted by Cindy Martin

PROTECT YOUR SKIN FROM THE SUN

It's natural to want to get out in the sun when the days get longer and the temperature gets warmer. It's also a good time to review the latest expert advice about how to protect your skin from damage.

Ultraviolet (UV) rays – from the sun and other sources like tanning beds – are the primary cause of skin cancer. Too much exposure can also cause sunburn, eye damage and premature wrinkles. But shielding your skin with clothing, broad-spectrum sunscreen of sun protection factor (SPF) 30 or higher, and staying in the shade can help lower your risk.

Take these steps to stay sun-safe:

- Cover up: When you are out in the sun, wear clothing and a wide-brimmed hat to protect as much skin as possible. Protect your eyes with sunglasses that block at least 99% of UV light.
- Use a broad spectrum sunscreen with SPF of at least 30: Be sure to reapply at least every 2 hours, as well as after swimming or sweating.
- Seek shade: Limit your direct exposure to the sun, especially between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., when UV rays are strongest.
- Avoid tanning beds and sunlamps: Both can cause serious long-term skin damage and contribute to skin cancer.

cancer.org

HONORING OUR GRADUATES & EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

COLEMAN GRADUATES FROM AUBURN UNIVERSITY



Austin Coleman graduated from the Auburn University with a Bachelor's Degree in Building Science. Austin is the son of Michelle Bowen Watson and Doyle Coleman; he is the grandson of Earline and the late Ralph Coleman, and Jerry and JoAnn Bowen.

After graduation Austin accepted an offer from Doster Construction Company as an assistant supervisor on a construction project in Melbourne, FL.

Austin would like to thank the Poarch Creek Indians for providing the First Generation Education funding and the Education Department for being so helpful to him. He states "This benefit, along with my supportive family, hard work and determination, allowed me to obtain my goal of graduation from Auburn University. War Eagle!"

Submitted by Michelle Bowen Watson

DEBRA HUNTER GRADUATES GONZAGA UNIVERSITY



Congratulations to Debra L. Hunter on her graduation from Gonzaga University with a Master's Degree in Communication and Leadership Studies.

Submitted by Debra Hunter



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.

HONORING OUR GRADUATES & EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

STALVEY GRADUATES VALENCIA COLLEGE

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Stalvey are proud to announce the college graduation of their daughter Samantha Stalvey from Valencia College with an Associate Arts Diploma.

Samantha will continue her education at University of Central Florida in Orlando, FL where she will be pursuing a degree in Elementary Education.

Submitted by Janice Stalvey



KIMBERLY RACKARD GRADUATES FROM HUNTINGDON

Kimberly Rolin Rackard graduated from Huntingdon College with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Management.

Congratulations Kimberly!!

We are so proud of you!

We love you.

Krystal, Destinee, Leah, and Aiden.

Submitted by Krystal Rolin



Discipline is the bridge between goals and accomplishment.

Jim Rohn

HONORING OUR GRADUATES & EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS



BRITTANY MCGHEE EARNS ASSOCIATE DEGREE IN NURSING

Brittany McGhee recently earned her Associate of Science Degree in Nursing, earning honors as the Salutatorian of her class. She has passed her NCLEX exam and is now working as a Registered Nurse (RN) in the Emergency Room at D. W. McMillan Memorial Hospital in Brewton, AL.

Brittany is the granddaughter of Buddy and Janice McGhee. They, along with Justin, Lexy, and the rest of the family, would like to congratulate her for all her hard work and accomplishments and wish her luck in the future.

Submitted by Kelly Madden



ELIZABETH MITCHELL GRADUATES CUM LAUDE

Elizabeth Mae Mitchell of Lottie, AL, daughter of Jeannie Ardis, graduated Cum Laude from Faulkner State Community College in Bay Minette with an Associates Degree in Science, majoring in Pre-Medicine. She will be continuing her education at the University of South Alabama in hopes of obtaining a doctorate in emergency medicine.

She would like to thank her family, friends, and the Tribe for all their love and support. "It has been a blessing to have people behind me that are always encouraging me and pushing me to go for the next step."

Her family wants Elizabeth to know how proud they are of her and encourages her to keep following her dreams.

Submitted by Regina Brown

If you don't like something, change it. If you can't change it, change your attitude.

Maya Angelou

HONORING OUR GRADUATES & EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

WILLIAM JASON VICKERY GRADUATES FROM BALDWIN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

William Jason Vickery graduated from Baldwin County High School on May 18, 2015.

Jason is the son of Travis and Jennifer Vickery Kelly of Bay Minette, AL. He is the grandson of William Lee and Charlene Vickery of Atmore, AL.

Congratulations Jason! We are proud of you and wish you the best.

With love from your Aunt Connie and the rest of you family and friends.

Submitted by Connie Vickery



ZACH GREGSON GRADUATES FROM CLARKE PREP SCHOOL

Congratulations to Tribal Member Zachariah Cole Gregson on his graduation from Clarke Prep School in Grove Hill, AL on May 15, 2015!

Zach is the son of Timothy Gregson and Michelle Moree. He is the grandson of the late Charles E. Gregson and Daisy Rolin, and Kevin and Janell Moree.

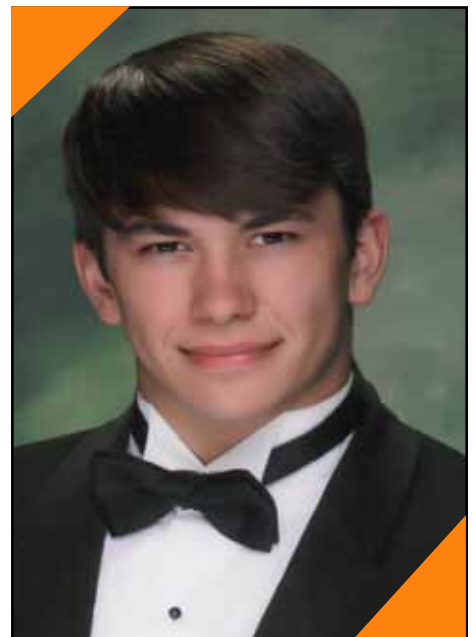
We love you very much and are very proud of you!!

Mama, Rachael, and family.

"He shall cover you with His feathers, and under His wings you shall take refuge."-Psalm 91:4



Submitted by Michelle Moree



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

Jane Addams

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

Jon Bon Jovi

HONORING OUR GRADUATES & EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS



CAITLYN BARNHILL GRADUATES FROM ATMORE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Caitlyn Rose Barnhill, daughter of Donald and Lisa Barnhill graduated as part of the Class of 2015 at Atmore Christian School on May 22, 2015.

Caitlyn has been accepted to the University of Birmingham and plans to start classes in the fall. She plans to study political science and later pursue a career in tribal law.

Caitlyn also reigns as the 2014-2015 Poarch Band of Creek Indian Senior Princess.

Her family is very proud of her many accomplishments.

Submitted by Casey Walker

GRADUATION

Graduation is here, you've really come far,
Rejoice and be happy, accept who you are,
Address every day with purpose and aim,
Decide what you want, make living your game.

Understand and discover,
Always be true,
The world is you canvas,
Inviting and new.

Opportunity awaits you, just walk through the door,
New moments each day are yours to explore.



CHASEN LEE FREEMAN GRADUATES FROM NORTHVIEW HIGH SCHOOL

Congratulations Chasen!

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

Chasen is the son of Jennifer Colbert and the grandson of Larry and Carolyn Gibson.

We love you!

Mama, Trent, Brannon, Nannie, & Pawpaw.

Submitted by Jennifer Colbert

HONORING OUR GRADUATES & EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

COURTNEY MCGHEE GRADUATES FROM ESCAMBIA ACADEMY

Mr. and Mrs. Kevin McGhee are proud to announce that their daughter, Courtney McGhee, received her high school diploma during commencement exercises on May 21, 2015 at Escambia Academy.

Courtney will be furthering her education at Jefferson Davis Community College.

Congratulations Courtney, we are proud of you and love you so much!

Love, Mom & Dad.

Submitted by Tarwana McGhee



SYDNEY STALVEY GRADUATES FROM WILLIAM R. BOONE HIGH SCHOOL

Sydney Stalvey graduated from William R. Boone High School in Orlando FL where she received her high school diploma.

Sydney will be continuing her education at Valencia College in Orlando, FL where she will be pursuing a degree in Marine Biology.

Submitted by Janice Stalvey



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

Jimmy Dean

HONORING OUR GRADUATES & EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS



DYLAN MCGHEE GRADUATES FROM ESCAMBIA COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

Congratulation to Mr. Dylan McGhee for graduating from Escambia County High on May 29, 2015.

We are so proud of you and love you so much!!!

Love, Megan, Aubrey, and the whole family.

Submitted by Megan Stabler



KAYLEE COX GRADUATES FROM ESCAMBIA COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

Kaylee Diane Cox graduated from the Escambia County High School in the top 15 of her Senior Class and was a member of the National Honor Society. While attending high school, Kaylee played softball and volleyball, and was a majorette and cheerleader.

Kaylee will be continuing her education at Jefferson Davis Community College with a Softball Scholarship to pursue a career in Nursing.

Kaylee's family would like to wish her nothing but a bright future!

We love you and so proud of you!!

Submitted by Theresa Rutherford

The greatest accomplishment is not in never falling, but in rising again after you fall.

Vince Lombardi

HONORING OUR GRADUATES & EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

NIKOLAS SHIVERS GRADUATES FROM FLOMATON HIGH SCHOOL

Nikolas Kaleb Shivers graduated from Flomaton High School on May 29, 2015. Nikolas is the son of Kenny Shivers and the late Penny Morris Shivers. He is the grandson of Roy W. Shivers Sr. and the late Geneva Rolin Shivers, and Robert Morris and the late Linda Seales Morris. Nikolas is a proud First Generation Descendant of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians, and is the great-grandson of the late J.B. Rolin and Dorothy McGhee Rolin. Alongside his tassel he wore the eagle feather to honor his Native heritage.

Nikolas has been awarded the University of Alabama Alumni Association's Walter Lewis Scholarship, Curtis Finlay Scholarship, Alabama Indian Affairs Commission Scholarship, and the Poarch Band of Creek Indians First Generation Scholarship. He will be attending the University of Alabama this fall, and plans to major in Sports Training.

Congratulations and soar high Nik! I love you! - Dad.

Submitted by Kenny Shivers

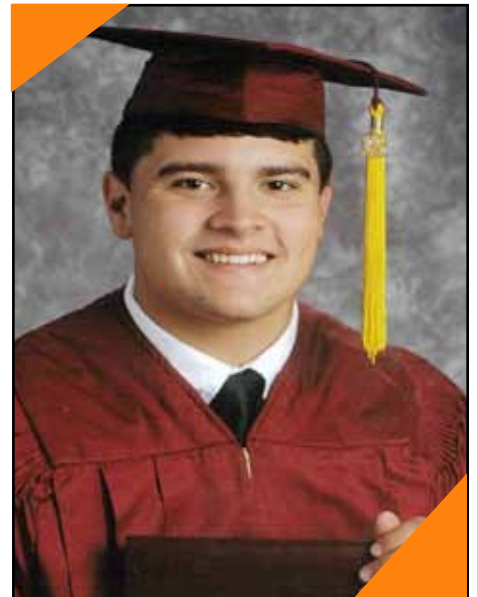


TAD HUSKEY GRADUATES FROM ESCAMBIA ACADEMY

Tad, we are so proud of you!

Love, Mom, Dad, Brian, Amber, Rylee, Ruthie, and your family!

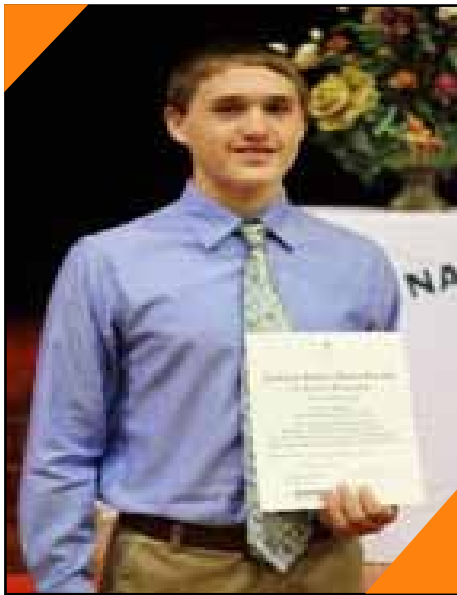
Submitted by Christi Huskey



Why do we close our eyes when we pray, cry, kiss, or dream? Because the most beautiful things in life are not seen, but felt by the heart.

Denzel Washington

HONORING OUR GRADUATES & EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS



ALEX WARD INDUCTED INTO NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY

Tribal Member Alex Ward was inducted into the National Junior Honor Society on May 5, 2015 at Thompson Middle School in Alabaster, AL.

Alex excels in both academics and school sports. He worked very hard to keep his grades up while participating in multiple school sports. Alex is on the Thompson Middle School wrestling, track, and football teams. Alex finished his first wrestling season 14-5 (three of those losses were to the same opponent) and earned the nickname “Cradle King”.

Alex is 13 years old and is the grandson of the late William Raymond McGhee.

We are very proud of him and his accomplishments. We love you Alex!

Dad, Mom & Cristi.

Submitted by Jeffrey Ward



KAYLEE SALTER RECEIVES MULTIPLE AWARDS

Kaylee Marie Salter, a student at Woodland High School in Cartersville, GA, received the award for Highest Academic Average on the Woodland Tennis team, the Most Improved Scholar Athlete Award and her Varsity Letter!

Kaylee also received the National Academy of Future Scientists and Technologists Award of Excellence for outstanding academic achievement, leadership potential, and determination to serve humanity in the field of science and technology.

Congratulations Kaylee! Fantastic job! We are proud of you!

Dad, OMA, OPA, Papa, Allison, and Jose are very proud of you!

Submitted by Charlotte Meckel

In school, you're taught a lesson and then given a test. In life, you're given a test that teaches you a lesson.

Tom Bodett

HONORING OUR GRADUATES & EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

ZACH GREGSON RECEIVES BEST OFFENSIVE BACK FOOTBALL AWARD

Clarke Prep School Senior and Tribal Member Zachariah Gregson received the Best Offensive Back Football Award at Clarke Prep School in Grove Hill, AL.

Statistics: 910 yards on 140 carries!!

We love you Zach!

Mama (Michelle Moree), little sister Rachael, and all your family!

Submitted by Michelle Moree



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*David Adam McGhee
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United States Air Force*

USAF Captain Adam McGhee is the son of David McGhee and Cyndi McGhee. He is the grandson of Maxine and Russell Lassiter and brother of Brooke Turner, Anna-Lisa McGhee, and Cameron “Cowboy” McGhee. He has too many other family members to list, but appreciates the support (often just a simple phone call) each of them has provided while he has uprooted and moved his family all over the place.

Adam and his wife Jennifer have 3 children, Madilyn (6) Samuel (4), and Abigail (1). They live in Universal City, TX and have really enjoyed the Air Force way of life.

One of the hardest parts of being in the Air Force is leaving behind

family and friends in Alabama, but one of the greatest parts is meeting new people and living in new states and countries, learning about different cultures and societies. This summer, they will move to Hurlburt AFB, Florida where Adam will be in the 823d Rapid Engineer Deployable Heavy Operational Repair Squadron Engineering (aka RED HORSE)...only a couple hours from home! They are looking forward to this location near Fort Walton Beach.

Adam and Jennifer attended the University of Alabama, and Adam enrolled in the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corp (ROTC) while in college. He went on active duty in June 2005, not long

VETERAN'S SALUTE

after graduation, as a Second Lieutenant. He was promoted to First Lieutenant in July of 2007; Captain in July of 2009; and has a projection date for promotion to Major in February of 2016.

He and his family have made the Air Force their home and really enjoy seeing the world with the Air Force. The Air Force has really taken care of them and Adam recommends it to anyone interested. There are deployments which will isolate you even further from family and friends, but it's for a good cause...supporting and defending our freedom.



Adam with his family left to right are Samuel, Adam holding Abigail, Jennifer, and Madilyn.

During his service with the Air Force, Adam has been deployed to Kuwait in 2007 and Afghanistan in 2012. He has served with the 314th & 19th Airlift Wing (AMC) at Little Rock Air Force Base in Arkansas; the 51st Civil Engineer Squadron (PACAF), at Osan Air Base in the Republic of Korea; Headquarters, AETC, Civil Engineer Staff, at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas; and Air Education and Training Command, Directorate of Logistics, Installations and Mission Support (A4/7), JBSA-Randolph, Texas as Executive Officer.

Throughout his career Adam has received many awards in recognition of his hard work, dedication, and service to his country.

- 314th Civil Engineer Squadron Company Grade Officer of the Quarter (2nd Quarter 2007);
- 387th Air Expeditionary Group Company Grade Officer of the Quarter (3rd Quarter 2007);
- 314th Civil Engineer Squadron Company Grade Officer of the Quarter (2nd Quarter 2008);
- 51st Fighter Wing Nominee,

General Eugene Lupia Award (Civil Engineer Company Grade Manager of the Year 2010);

- 51st Mission Support Group Company Grade Officer of the Quarter, (3rd Quarter 2010);
- Headquarters, Air Education and Training Command, Civil Engineer Company Grade Officer of the Year (2012);
- Headquarters, US Forces Afghanistan, Company Grade Officer of the Month (September 2012); and
- Headquarters, Air Education and Training Command (AETC), A4/7 Company Grade Officer of the Quarter (2nd Quarter 2013).

Adam has also received the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Air Force Achievement Medal, the Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon (rifle), the Air Force Commendation Medal, the Korean Defense Service Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal, the Joint Services Commendation Medal, and the Air Force

Meritorious Service Medal.

Off-duty, Adam enjoys spending time together with the family, doing things outdoors, and of course hunting, and fishing. He also enjoys watching Alabama football with family and friends. Adam and his family attend and are actively involved in Discovery Church in Cibolo, TX.

To all of the Veterans that have gone before and who will serve after, Thank You! Thank you for the sacrifice that each of you contribute. You cannot change everything on your own, but you can do your part. Thanks for doing your part!

Thanks to the tribal team and our family for supporting me and other military members, even while we're living all over the place!

Adam McGhee, 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.

Official US Air Force Motto

"Aim High ...Fly-Fight-Win"

Official US Air Force Core Values

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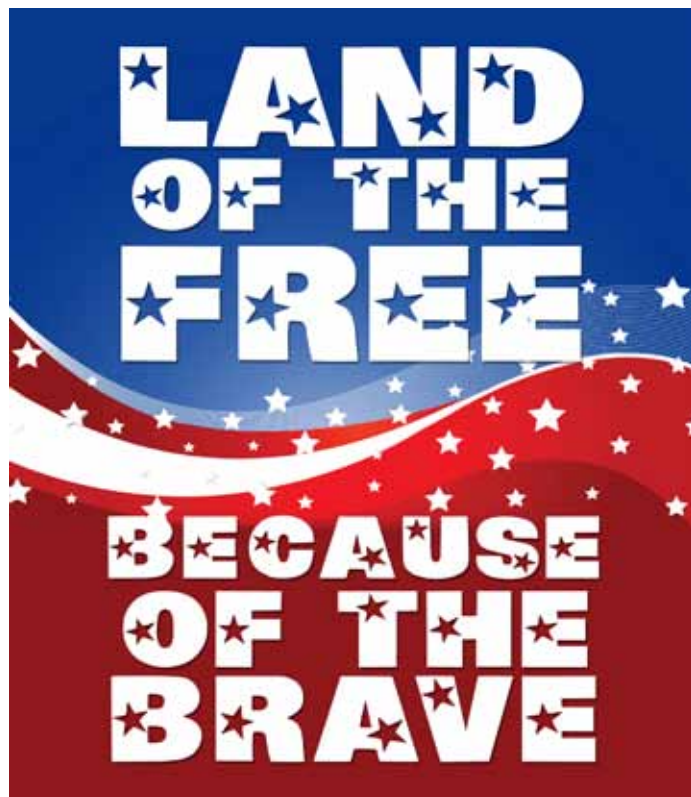
RECOGNIZING OUR TRIBAL VETERANS

The *Poarch Creek News* honors our Tribal Member veterans for their sacrifice, dedication, and service.

We are asking all Tribal Member families to send in information on any Tribal Member veterans you may know. We wish to honor all veterans: male and female, those who paid the ultimate sacrifice in the service of our country, those who have passed, those who have served, and those who currently serve.

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

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



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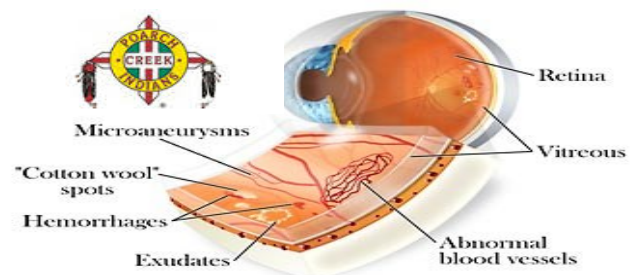
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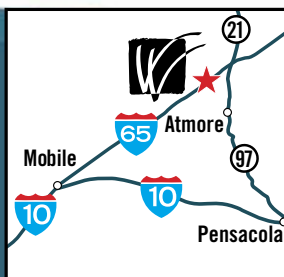
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1-Bedroom Unit	\$2,700 monthly
2-Bedroom Unit	\$3,040 monthly

GENERAL PUBLIC (100 % of local market)

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




BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

The Boys & Girls Club would like to thank everyone who participated in the color run! We had approximately 175 people (children and adults) who either ran, bought t-shirts and/or other items, or just donated and we had countless volunteers!

Our numbers are in! Together with your help, our 2nd Annual Color Run raised \$3805.00 for Pilots For Christ!! Pilots For Christ has helped many Tribal Members and their families. We encourage you to visit their website at pilotsforchrist.net to find out more about them and how you can help them or they can help in your time of need.

Of course, we couldn't have done it without a lot of help and support. We would like to thank all the volunteers, Wind Creek, PCI Printing, Pepsi Cola of Atmore, PCI Fire and Police Departments, our Tribal Council, PCI Public Works, PCI Recreation Department, and anyone and everyone who helped make this year's color run a success.

AGAIN... THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU to ALL who participated!!



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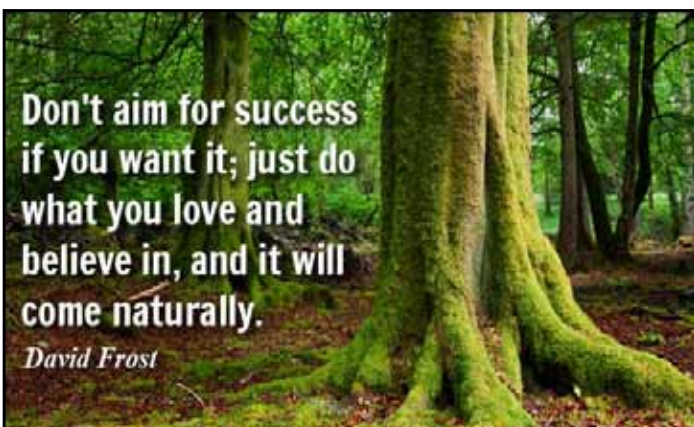


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*Senior Princess Caitlyn Barnhill and
Elder Princess Voncile Peters*



Madison McGhee

The Tribe's Elder Princess, Senior Princess, junior and senior Pow Wow Club members, and representatives from the Cultural Department attended the 32nd Annual Gathering of the Nations in Albuquerque, NM. We are so proud of the Poarch Creek women and men that represented us as they danced alongside others from all over the United States, Canada, and Mexico.

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Poarch Creek Indians Tribal Princess Contest Application

Full Name: _____ Date: _____

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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 2nd 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 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 or Karla Martin at ext. 2655 or 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.



Join us at 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!

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

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SUMMER CAMP REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM

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

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

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

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

APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED MAY 1, 2015 - OCTOBER 31, 2015

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

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

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

2015-2016 SCHOOL SUPPLY REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM

The 2015-2016 School Supply Reimbursement Program for school uniform 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 K4-12th 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

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.



SUMMER TUTORING PROGRAM

The Summer Tutoring Program will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays from June 2, 2015 - July 30, 2015. For more information, please contact Christyn Sells at (251) 368-9136 x 2244 or csells@pci-nsn.gov.

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
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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 monies will be included in the calculation of household income. *Beginning June 1, 2015 Elder Benefits will not be included in the calculation of household income.*

The following grants are available for public review:

- Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
- Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)
- Child Care Development (CSBG)

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

We welcome your comments and suggestions!

SUMMER LIHEAP (SIHEAP)

SLIHEAP continues through July 31, 2015.

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

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.

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

Family Services Department

5811 Jack Springs Road

Atmore, AL 36502

Office (251) 368-9136 x 2600 Fax (251) 368-0828



WHAT IS ELDER ABUSE?

What is elder abuse and what are the signs that an older person is a victim of abuse?

- *A son with power of attorney for his mother, who suffers from dementia, becomes impatient to inherit her assets. He begins to help himself.*
- *A daughter takes her mother into her home after she suffers a stroke, but screams at her when she soils her diapers and threatens to throw her out if she does not keep herself clean.*
- *A grandson, who is addicted to drugs, visits his grandmother, takes her cash, steals her jewelry, and -- when she tries to stop him -- hits her and knocks her to the floor.*
- *A home care worker ignores the needs of the disabled man she is supposed to care for whenever her favorite TV shows are on -- most of the time -- and often forgets to give him medication that he needs to take regularly.*

If you suspect an elderly friend is being financially abused you should call the appropriate hot line number and report what you honestly witnessed. The investigation reveals no abuse actually occurred.

Q. Can you be prosecuted and have to pay a penalty or receive criminal punishment?

A. No, as long as it is what you honestly witnessed you are exempt from prosecution. This is "Good Faith" reporting².

Think about how you wish to be treated when you need help one day. Honor your Elderly Senior Adults and report to law enforcement or the Family Services Department when abuse is witnessed.

Let's show that "We Show Honor!"

Alabama Abuse Hot Line 1-800-458-7214
1-800-356-9596

National Center For Elder Abuse 1-855-500-3537

PCI Tribal Police 368-5011

Escambia Co. Sheriff 867-0304
368-4779

If the situation is serious, threatening, or dangerous, call 911 or the local police for immediate help.

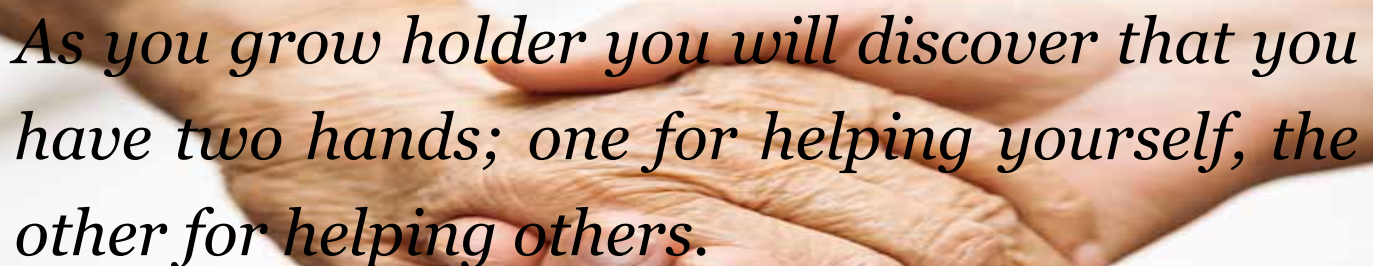
¹Be on the Lookout for Elder Abuse

By Michael Friedman, L.M.S. W., Joy Solomon, Esq. and
Malya Kurzweil Lavin, Esq. www.buffingtonpost.com

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

Aubrey Hepburn

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

IT'S INVENTORY TIME

Have you ever stopped and wondered about the medications you have stored in your home, which you are not taking? Take a trip to your closet, drawer, cabinet, etc. and take an inventory. You will probably find left over antibiotics, nausea, pain and anxiety meds. I would suspect these would be the most common. However, there may be some bottles of half used medications, which the doctor has given you for a specific illness and you decided it just wasn't working. Instead of throwing that medication away, you thought, "I might better keep this just in case."

Now, I want you to go to your current medications you are taking and let's take an inventory there. Medications are filled on a 30 day supply if you are getting your meds from the Poarch Pharmacy. How much of each of your current medications do you have? Is it a 30, 60, or 90 day supply or more? You need to include in this inventory all of the insulins, needles, strips, lancets, inhalers, creams, ointments, etc.

Now that you have taken this inventory, review the result. Medications are given to treat a specific illness that you have been diagnosed with. With antibiotics, the prescribed amount and number of days

is what is needed to kill the infection which you have in your body. By not completing the antibiotics because, "I feel better" has only stunned those "bugs" but they are not dead! They will be back. And when enough of them have multiplied, you will be sick again. Nausea and pain pills are normally used only as needed; it is understandable to have some left, but please remember, they have an expiration date. Look on your bottle and it will tell you when to discard this medication. There is no guarantee that it will be as effective in treating your symptoms. In some cases, expired medications have caused severe illnesses due to break down of the chemical components of the medication over time. Sometimes, it has been found that kids are taking these and other medications to school. When discovered and questioned where the medication came from, the most common response is "From my parent's or grandparent's home." Would you want to be responsible for the death of a child?



Current medications also have an expiration date. When you stock pile a medication, it may expire before you get around to taking it. Even though these medications do not cost directly out of pocket to Tribal patients, they significantly cost the tribal patient indirectly through the tribe's operating expenses. Some of these medications are very expensive. For example: a vial of Lantus is \$260, Levemir Flex pen (box 5) \$360, Novolog Flex pen (box 3) \$250, and Victoza (box 3) \$655. Inhalers are expensive also: Albuterol \$75, Spiriva \$340.

If you are no longer taking a medication, please dispose of it properly. Please do not order a medication when you have enough for another month. Let's all work together to make our lives better and danger free as possible. Remember, by keeping cost down, we are actually helping ourselves.

GOODBYE TO AN OLD FRIEND

Dr. Delarosa retired on June 10, 2015. We wish her all the very best during her retirement and throughout the next chapter in her life. Her beautiful spirit and smiling face will be sorely missed by patients and staff alike.

BACK TO SCHOOL DENTAL EXAMS

You've tucked away the swim suits and bought new backpack. You've sharpened their pencils and visited the doctor. But have they seen their dentist? A dental exam should be part of the back to school checklist.

Tooth decay is one of the most common reasons for toothaches in children and can lead to problems focusing in school.

Just because their teeth look OK doesn't mean that they are OK. If we catch a problem early, it is easier to treat.

Seeing the dentist isn't the only step to keeping your children's teeth healthy. The following tips can help them stay away from cavities.

- Have them brush their teeth at least twice a day with a pea size amount of fluoride toothpaste, a smear for younger children.
- Children should floss once a day
- Give your children healthy snack foods such as fresh fruit, veggies, and cheeses. Milk is great.

- Limit sugary snacks. The bacteria that causes tooth decay live on sugars, especially the sticky ones.
- If they like to chew gum, try to find a sugar free option
- Have dental sealants applied.

The Dental Department has reserved 80 back to school dental appointments for July and August. Space is limited so please call (251) 368-9136 x 2385 today and reserve your spot!

REMINDERS FOR 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.

Remember that one of our providers will continue to see patients during the traditional lunch hour. Visits are scheduled

by appointment on. A limited number of visits each day are reserved for "work ins" so if you are sick and require a "work in" appointment, please call the clinic early in the morning and we will do our best to assign an appointment time that day.

The lovely entrance to the Buford L. Rolin Tribal Health Clinic serves as a covered drive thru for elderly and physically challenged patients needing valet assistance. Patients who need someone to park their car for them should drive under the covered area and take their keys to the front desk. The valet will be glad to park your car for you.

Your comments and suggestions for improvements are always welcome! A box is located at the front desk for your convenience to leave your thoughts with us. You are also welcome to send email messages to Candace Fayard, Compliance Officer, at cfayard@pci-nsn.gov.

REACHING YOUR GOAL

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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.

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LEGAL DEPARTMENT

The Legal Department would like to provide Tribal Members with a synopsis of recent revisions to Tribal laws and updates to pending litigation. If you have any questions regarding any of these matters, please feel free to contact your Tribal Council members at (251) 446-1140 or the Legal Department at (251) 368-9136 Ext. 2930.

TRIBAL LEGISLATION

The Legal Department continues to highlight 2015 amendments to the Tribal Code that reflect the overall reorganization of Tribal Government as approved November 20, 2014 with delayed implementation affirmed December 31, 2014. Specifically, the remaining Title amendments cited below became effective upon approval on May 7, 2015 and are described below:

Title 26 (Environmental Protection)

TCO 2015-09 (May 7, 2015) amended Title 26 (Environmental Protection) to reflect the new Tribal Government structure and Chain of Command for the Environmental Department and to replace the Environmental Protection Board with the Tribal Regulatory Commission. Specifically, the following sections were amended to reflect these necessary revisions:

- Throughout Title 26 “Board” was replaced with “Tribal Regulatory Commission”, and chapter-related definitions in Sections 26-1-2, 26-2-2, 26-3-2 were rearranged alphabetically and renumbered accordingly;
- Sections throughout the Title were revised to include provisions for the newly created Regulatory Affairs Division within the Tribal Government organizational structure;
- Sections 26-1-10(b),(c), and (d) related to the Environmental Protection Board were deleted and replaced by new provisions in Sections 26-1-10 and 26-1-11 which establish oversight of Title 26 by a new Tribal Regulatory Commission;

- Sections 26-1-13, 26-2-7, 26-3-5, and 26-4-5 relating to Promulgation of Rules were revised to include only Guidance documents and to reflect the process for issuance; and
- For clarification, “and” was replaced by “any” in Section 26-1-22(a).

Title 20 (Gaming)

TCO 2015-10 (May 7, 2017) amended Title 20 (Gaming) to reflect the new Tribal Government structure and remove provisions regarding membership of the Tribal Gaming Commission so that it is governed by the provisions of Title 45 (Board and Committee Organization Act). Specifically, the sections amended are as follows:

- Section 20-2-3 was revised to delete provisions regarding membership of the Gaming Commission, which is now governed by Title 45; and
- Section 20-2-8(a) was revised to reflect the new reporting requirement for the Commission Administrator.

Title 49 (Tribal Athletic Regulation Act)

TCO 2015-11 (May 7, 2015) amended and renamed Title 49 from the Tribal Athletic Commission to the Tribal Athletic Regulation Act to implement the new Tribal Government structure. Specifically, the following sections were amended or added to reflect the necessary revisions:

- Language included in Section 49-1-2 to reflect the Tribe’s “power to regulate Sporting Events conducted on the Reservation...”;
- Definitions added in Section 49-1-4 to reflect how terms are used throughout the Title;
- Language amended throughout Title 49 to replace “Athletic Board” with “Regulatory Commission” or “Commission” as it relates to the Commission name;

- Section 49-2-1 Establishment and Section 49-2-2 Commission Structure were deleted;
- Delegation of authority was added for the Tribal Regulatory Commission and its Duties and Authority under Sections 49-2-1 and 49-2-2; and
- Section 49-2-4 Rules and Regulations was deleted to reflect that the Rules are now promulgated by the Tribal Regulatory Commission pursuant to the new organizational structure of Tribal Government.
- Chapter II - Tribal Elders Support Program was repealed as the parameters and funding for the program no longer exists;
- Chapter III - Burial Assistance Program was amended to allow for delegation of administration of the program to a particular department to develop program description and eligibility guidelines with special parameters to allow for tax exemption under the General Welfare provision of the IRS guidelines;
- Chapter IV was renamed the "Tribal Council Service Recognition Program";
- Chapter V - Revolving Loan Program was repealed; and
- Chapter VI – Tribal Elders Supplemental Support Program was adopted as a new program with special parameters that allows for tax exemption under the General Welfare provisions.

Title 51 (Tribal Regulatory Commission)

TCO 2015-12 (May 7, 2015) enacted Title 51 as the Tribal Regulatory Commission to implement the reorganization of Tribal Government. The Tribal Regulatory Commission will monitor, regulate and enforce matters which were formerly handled by multiple boards or commissions which are being dissolved under the new Tribal Government structure, and will specifically monitor and regulate the environment on Tribal lands, employment rights issues, the historic and cultural resources of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians, and sporting events conducted on the Reservation for commercial gain.

Title 39 (Tribal Historic Preservation)

TCO 2015-13 (May 7, 2015) amended Title 39 (Tribal Historic Preservation) to replace "Historic Preservation Review Board" with "Regulatory Commission". Specifically, the following sections were amended to reflect the necessary revisions:

- Section 39-2-4 was added to establish the scope of the Tribal Regulatory Commission's authority; and
- Chapter 3 was deleted and the remaining chapters renumbered accordingly.

Title 44 (Tribal Benefits and Support)

TCO 2015-14 (May 21, 2015) amended Title 44 (Tribal Benefits and Support) to repeal Chapter II and adopt Chapter VI. Specifically, the following Chapters were amended to reflect the necessary revisions:

COBELL SETTLEMENT UPDATE

During May 2014, the Legal Department partnered with the law firm of Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton, LLP to identify names that may be Poarch Creek members on the Cobell Settlement's "Whereabouts Unknown List." The list was placed on the Tribe's website and is still accessible under the Legal Department's web page.

Even though the process is somewhat lengthy, the Legal Department has assisted many Tribal Members and non-Tribal Members to confirm their Individual Indian Money number and ultimately receive their distribution check from the Cobell Settlement. This identifying process continues to be in place when individuals recognize their names or the names of their family members on the list and provide the necessary verification to go through the steps to confirm participation in the Cobell Settlement.

During May 2015, the Legal Department developed and finalized a sample petition and procedures for filing in Tribal Court under Title 16 (Estates) for heirs of deceased tribal members on the "Whereabouts Unknown List". We are pleased to report that two families of deceased Tribal Members have presented

their case to Judge Brogden on May 11, 2015 under Title 16 (Estates) and received a Probate Order that has been submitted in order for the family to receive proceeds from the Cobell Settlement.

If you have a Tribal Member relative that is deceased and is listed on the Cobell Settlement and you have not already contacted the Legal Department, the project is still underway. The Legal Department does not provide legal counsel, only assistance in collecting documents for verification and facilitating the sharing of information with the Office of Special Trustee for American Indians in Nashville, TN and/or the Garden City Group in Seattle, Washington.

If you have questions about the Cobell Settlement, you may contact Carolyn M. White in the Legal Department at (251) 368-9136 Ext. 2532

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

We must reject the idea that every time a law's broken, society is guilty rather than the lawbreaker. It is time to restore the American precept that each individual is accountable for his actions.

Ronald Reagan

At his best, man is the noblest of all animals; separated from law and justice he is the worst.

Aristotle

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YOUR HEALTH MATTERS

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Fun in the Sun Fitness

Summer time is here! This is a fantastic time of the year. Time to reconnect with relatives, see new places and enjoy long picnics and cookouts. Summer can also be a challenging time to maintain our fitness goals. Vacations, kids-camps, and work travel can all impose on our training time. We know how important it is to move.

Here are some fun and fast solutions to your exercise challenges this summer:

1. Play Games

Games that require movement are a great way to get fit while having some fun with your friends and family. When we play games or sports, we are not only burning calories, but engaging our sympathetic nervous system or fight or flight response. This response triggers a higher calorie burn than traditional movement that does not engage your brain as intensely. Anytime you can make something into a game, do it! Water balloon battles, swimming pool races even a friendly horseshoe toss will get you fit faster. So the next time someone asks if you want to play, take them up on it!

2. Create small workouts in your day

Many times life gets busy and it's hard for us to carve out some time for a workout. It happens to all of us, but if you sneak in some movement here and there you'll be just as effective as an hour in the gym and happier for it. Mini workouts could be a walk around the building, 10 body weight squats, or 10 push-ups. If you have been in an office building all day, I really recommend getting outside a few times a day. Getting outside will not only provide some movement and relieve stress but you'll get a healthy burst of vitamin D from the sun.



3. First things first

One the best ways to get your day off on the right foot is to move first thing in the morning. Getting your training or movement in the morning will get your metabolism burning and your body feeling great. You'll be thinking more clearly too. After just 10 minutes of movement our brains are operating at a higher level.

You will never regret having had a great work out. Keep it fun and simple and your fitness will not suffer during the summer months.

Win the Day!
Spencer

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

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YOUR HEALTH MATTERS

Small Decisions Make Big Things Happen

Fast Food Makeover

Too often we get that post-vacation sluggish feeling from over indulging on food or spending. If you're lucky enough to get away with friends or family this summer, wouldn't it be great to just feel healthy and happy instead? Pre-packing food to take with you is an easy and super-effective way to feel your best and have extra money on your vacation. Food that you eat at a restaurant generally has about *twice* as many calories as the food you make at home and costs about twice as much. Putting together a few quick food items at home before you leave for vacation may save money and calories.

Here are some fast and easy ideas:

- **Almonds or cashews with dried cranberries.** This non-perishable snack can be thrown in a bag and can be eaten anywhere, anytime.
- **Ants on a log.** Celery with peanut butter, topped with raisins. Not only is this fun to play with (for kids and grown kids alike), but it is also a filling snack.
- **A turkey sandwich cut into four pieces.** No plate? No problem! A quartered sandwich is the perfect size to eat right out of the bag, no mess or having to worry about holding a sandwich with both hands.
- **A bagful of berries.** With a bag of blueberries, raspberries and strawberries, you can have a boost of vitamin C and satisfy your sweet tooth. Also, when you eat a sweeter fruit after lunch, you'll be less tempted to get that ice-cream cone later in the day.

Packing your own food also means more time to enjoy your vacation! You can avoid long lines and traveling to a restaurant. I know when I am on vacation, I would rather spend time laughing and talking to the people I'm with.



Making small changes to your eating habits 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 July.

- 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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Poarch Creek Indians Recreation Department

2015 Football & Cheerleading

*Registration
June 8th – July 25th*



Registration Open to Public

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without registration fee*

For more information contact:

The Recreation Department at (251) 368-9136 ext. 2256

TRIBAL ADMINISTRATION

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, Boys & Girls Club, and Gym will be closed in observance of Independence Day.

Saturday, July 4, 2015

Gym closed in observance of Independence Day.

OFFICE RELOCATION

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.

Instead of giving myself reasons why I can't, I give myself reasons why I can.

Anonymous

TRIBAL FINANCE DEPARTMENT



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

TRIBAL MEMBER BENEFITS DEPARTMENT

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

Please contact the Tribal Member Benefits Department at (251) 368-9136 x 2209 or 2207 to update your contact information or to have a new Direct Deposit Form mailed to you to be completed and returned for processing. The Direct Deposit Form may also be downloaded from the Tribal Member Benefits page accessible through the Tribal Members Only Portal (TMOP). Banking information will not be taken over the phone.

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

TRIBAL UTILITIES ASSISTANCE PROGRAM REIMBURSEMENT

If your Utility company does not accept the debit/credit card, you may be eligible for reimbursement.

The following items are required:

1. Must first pay any and all other utility companies that will accept the Utility card
2. Rejection letter from the Utility Company
3. Detailed Utility Invoice showing service address
4. Proof of detailed receipt showing payment
(Payments must have been made after April 1, 2015.)

For further information, please contact Tribal Member Benefits at 251-368-9136 ext. 2209

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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 GAMING COMMISSION

The Tribal Gaming Commission (TGC) held its annual employee picnic on Friday, May 15, 2015 at the Magnolia Branch Wildlife Reserve. The employee morale event was a fun-filled afternoon which included games, food, and employee recognition for years of service with the Tribe as well as the TGC. Employees are recognized with service awards having served in 5 year increments.

The following employees were recognized for their years of service to the Tribe (in various capacities):

Carla Hammonds- 15 years

Amanda McGhee- 10 years

Magdelina "Tina" Overton- 10 years

Pauline Jones- 10 years

Cynthia Dales- 5 years

Glenda McCaw- 5 years

Karen Stacey- 5 years

La Tia Brooks- 5 years



Top row left to right- Amanda McGhee, Karen Stacey, Administrator Daniel McGhee, La Tia Brooks and David Kinman; Sitting left to right- Glenda McCaw, Heather White, Natasha Rolin and Carla Hammonds. Not pictured Tina Overton and Pauline Jones.

The following employees were recognized for years of service to the TGC specifically:

Cynthia Dales – 5 years

David Kinman- 5 years

Glenda McCaw- 5 years

Heather White- 5 years

Karen Stacy- 5 years

Natasha Rolin- 5 years

TRIBAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY

The Poarch Band of Creek Indians Utilities Authority subsidiary, Escambia Community Utilities, has successfully implemented the Nexcheck payment processing system for our valuable customers who wish to process their monthly payments by electronic transfers. The utilization of this method continues to grow as customers become more familiar with these payment options that include the benefit of making payments online or at the Utility office with credit/debit card, with check by phone, and/or the Tribal utility card.

The Tribal Council approved a Resolution for Escambia Community Utilities, LLC. to move forward with the acquisition of the Canoe Water System at the May 21, 2015 meeting. Escambia Community Utilities is humbled for the opportunity to efficiently serve the Canoe community during a time when economic shortfall has been experienced across many areas and we look forward to recognizing them as esteemed customers of our systems.

After the completion of continuing education seminars on water and wastewater held this past month, James Ramer has successfully obtained his Grade 1C Wastewater Certification and other employees will be scheduling to take their certification exams soon.

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 continuing to work cooperatively with us to make certain that all utility service applications are up to date. If you are a customer of PCI Utilities, whether a Residential Housing Tenant or a Tribal Department Head, and you or your facility does not have a utility service application on record with the Utilities Authority please submit one immediately. If you are not sure if you or your facility has a completed application on file, contact Utilities at 251-446-1617 to verify and to obtain an application if necessary.



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

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

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



Working as the economic development arm of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians, Creek Indian Enterprises Development Authority (CIEDA) oversees the non-gaming enterprises owned by the Tribe. CIEDA actively supports each business achieving their specific business goals and to grow and maintain economic sustainability as put forth by the CIEDA Board of Directors and Tribal Council. Additionally, CIEDA executes and oversees building, construction and development projects commissioned by the Tribe.

CIEDA SMALL BUSINESS LOAN PROGRAM

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

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

Additional credit criteria as well as loan collateralization requirements apply.

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




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Sizemore Creek a fountain of business success

Nancy Lowrey has done more than get her feet wet in the business world — she dove in and started swimming.

Founded in 2009, Sizemore Creek Beverage Co. is a wholesale beverage business that provides coffee, private-label water and tea to all Wind Creek Casino locations, as well as to the Mobile Bay Bears and Pensacola Blue Wahoos baseball teams.

After a few years, Lowrey said upgrades were needed to existing equipment so she sought help from the Creek Indian Enterprises Development Authority Small Business Loan Program, which is available to all Tribal members.

“We needed to purchase a box truck to replace the one we had, which is used to deliver our products,” Lowrey said. “We also purchased a forklift to use at the warehouse.”

Getting this loan was easier than dealing with a bank, Lowrey said, because the interest rate and terms were better. She said CIEDA staff helped by addressing cash flow and getting the necessary documents in order to justify the 20-year loan, which helped retain the two employees she had.

“(Because of this loan), we now have four employees. My husband, Ed Lowrey, is the company manager. We also have a part time bookkeeper and two warehouse employees, of which two are Tribal members and one is a spouse of Tribal member. Also, we have expanded by purchasing our own warehouse for our products,” she said.

“Most recently we have created our own water called Native Pure,” Lowrey said. “We are working to get that into some of the convenience stores and other PCI locations.”

This is not Lowrey’s first go-around with the loan program. Her first loan was for FS Advisors, started in 2005, for expansion of employees and upgrading office equipment. Lowrey got the loan in 2008 and paid it off in 2013.

Lowrey has advice for Tribal members considering a startup business loan: “Be sure you put together a thorough business plan and that the business you are going into is something you have experience in. Owning a business is not what some think it is. It’s a lot of hard work, and it’s not for everybody. You really should know what you’re doing — have a passion for it.”

If you are a loan recipient and would like your business featured in upcoming articles, call Jen Peake at 251-359-4340.

By Jen Peake
CIEDA Marketing Specialist



NANCY LOWREY
owner, Sizemore
Creek Beverage Co.



Bird watching picks up at Magnolia Branch

"Hear me, hear me, hear me!" From somewhere in the distance, a bird is calling, making itself known.

"Pew, pew," another says rather sharply. Glancing up, you see something fly by and land on a branch. There are a variety of birds that come through South Alabama at any given time of year. Spring migration season ended a few months ago, with some sparrows and warblers stopping over on their way home.

At Magnolia Branch Wildlife Reserve, a few different kinds of fowl can be spotted if you are in the right areas. It is the perfect place to bird watch, Park Coordinator Tracy Sells said. Those with binoculars might even see birds hiding high in the trees.

"With so many wooded areas and the lake, Magnolia Branch is home to a variety of species (of birds) year-round," Sells said.

The Eastern bluebird is a regular at the park. Its song sometimes sounds like a newborn puppy ... a little shrill and repetitious, a low-pitched tu-a-wee sound in search of a mate or some attention.

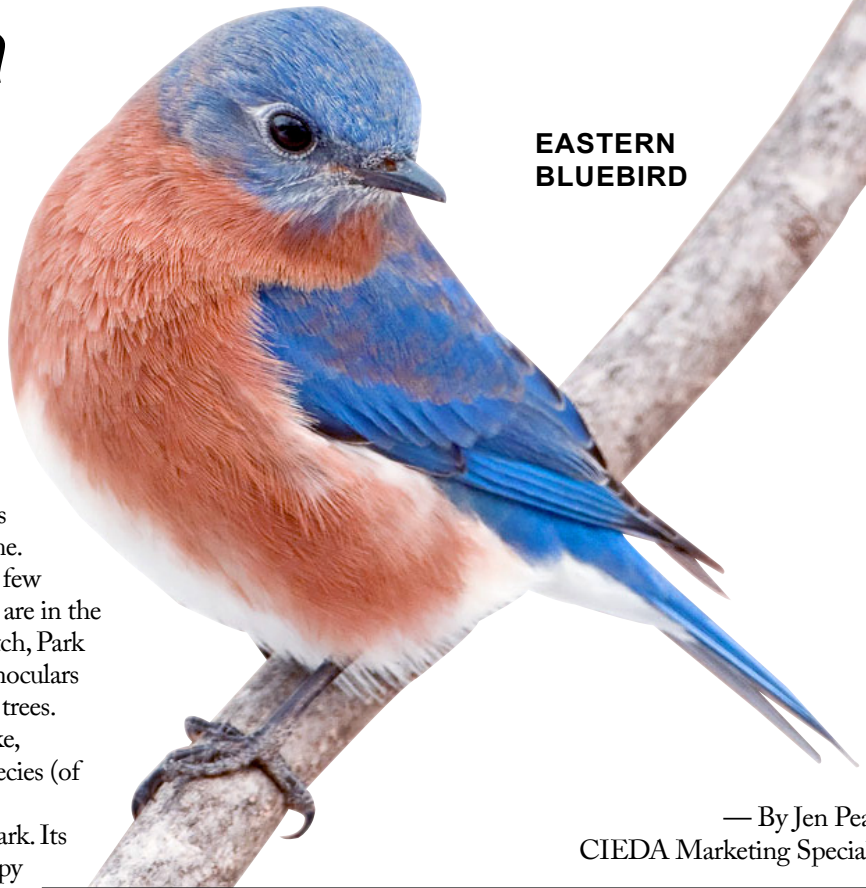
The painted bunting also vacations at Magnolia Branch. These birds look like, well, a painting, sporting all the colors of the rainbow. Painted buntings are migratory songbirds that breed from eastern North Carolina south to northern Florida, including in South Alabama. They tend to arrive in late April and are gone by the end of October.

Another bunting that makes an appearance is the indigo bunting. A brilliant blue color, these birds migrate mostly at night and make their habitats in open woodland areas and marshes. They are closely related to the lazuli bunting, which also

**INDIGO
BUNTING**



**EASTERN
BLUEBIRD**



— By Jen Peake
CIEDA Marketing Specialist

can be seen at Magnolia Branch.

Magnolia Branch's General Manager Billy Smith said he has spotted a couple of Eastern whip-poor-wills, cardinals and an egret-type bird at the park recently.

"I couldn't get close enough to take a good picture," Smith said. "It glowed a brilliant white in the sunlight though." He also said a few hawks and eagles have been seen flying around.

Anyone can come out and enjoy the park, Sells said. There is a \$5 entrance fee, and for Tribal members, entrance is free with tribal ID. Other activities at Magnolia Branch include canoeing, tubing, kayaking, hiking, camping, horse riding ... just to name a few. Visit magnoliabrand.com for more details and pricing.

But for those with a special spot in their hearts for nature and wildlife, "Birding is exceptional this time of year at Magnolia Branch," Sells said.

**PAINTED
BUNTING**





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THE BODY PROCESS FOOD EFFICIENTLY

ANTI-TUMOR PROPERTIES

PERSIMMONS CONTAIN BETULINIC ACID,
A PROVEN ANTI-TUMOR COMPOUND

ANTI-AGING PROPERTIES

RICH IN VITAMINS, REDUCE OXIDATIVE
STRESS, PREVENT WRINKLES, AGE SPOTS

EYE HEALTH

ZEAXANTHIN, WHICH IS IN PERSIMMONS,
IS DIRECTLY LINKED TO IMPROVED EYES

BLOOD PRESSURE

POTASSIUM CAN ACT AS A VASODILATOR
AND LOWER BLOOD PRESSURE,
THEREBY INCREASING BLOOD FLOW
TO VARIOUS PARTS OF THE BODY.

Source: organicfacts.net

Magnolia Branch cultivates persimmons, which provide a plethora of health aids

Persimmons: It's a love/hate relationship with Americans. Many people don't know much about the fruit at all. But however you feel about them, they provide many health benefits and are known to be a natural form of medicine because of its nutrients, including vitamin C, vitamin A and many B-complex vitamins.

According to online sources, the tree grows wild but has been cultivated for its fruit and wood since prehistoric times by Native Americans. That makes it the perfect tree to propagate at Magnolia Branch Wildlife Reserve.

The park already has persimmon trees that are native on the land, Park Coordinator Tracy Sells said.

"Recently we began budding the trees with three different species of persimmons," Sells said. "We did this so we could give the wildlife out here, mainly the deer, more valuable fruit to eat. The deer just love them!"

Sells said budding extends persimmon production and is accomplished by inserting budwood into the root stock of the existing tree, wrapping them in horticulture or budding tape then sealing them with grafting wax.

"We cut a 'T' into the tree and affix the new buds to them," she said.

Jeff Thurmond, a certified wildlife biologist with the USDA/NRCS, brought the park three varieties of Japanese persimmons to improve production, Sells said.

"We have one non-astringent and two astringent types," she said. "The suruga is a sweet persimmon, as is the suya fruit. The ormond persimmon is the astringent one and needs to be fully ripe to eat."

The new buds will begin producing fruit by the second growing season, Sells said. Suruga usually produces through October, while the ormond stays productive through December.

The health benefits of persimmons are numerous. Many online sources state that the fruit promotes weight loss, protects and nourishes eyes, improves the digestive system, fights cancer, protects against aging, improves the immune system and more.

Nutrients

Carbs 11%
Calories 6%
Protein 2%



Vitamins

A, C, D, E, K
plus B-6, B-12

Minerals

Iron 14%
Potassium 9%



By Jen Peake
CIEDA Marketing Specialist

Poarch Creeks showcased at White House conference

The Poarch Band of Creek Indians was honored to be one of only 12 tribes invited to the 10th OECD Rural Development Conference, which took place May 19-21 in Memphis, Tenn.

The seminar was hosted by the White House Rural Council with the support of the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency and Mexico's Secretariat for Agrarian, Territorial and Urban Development.

Out of the 12 tribes that were invited, only two tribes were asked to speak at the conference — the Poarch Band of Creek Indians and the Mississippi Band of Choctaws. Representing PBCI was Muskogee Technology's Director of Marketing, Mal McGhee.

McGhee showcased how the Poarch Band of Creek Indians has utilized governmental programs to spring board growth and sustainability, allowing them to enter into many diverse economic businesses. McGhee was the only representative who was asked to speak twice at the event. Each time, McGhee was surrounded by attendees who wanted to know more about how the tribe and its enterprises operate.

**MAL MCGHEE,
PATRICE
KUNESH &
RONNIE
DAVIS**



"I was very honored and proud to attend on behalf of the



tribe," McGhee said. "My background and experience of being in past leadership roles, and now working in a business development role, allowed me to present our tribe's growth and tell our story.

"We are a true success story. We are proud to be a part of Southwest Alabama, working with multiple organizations to help our community be a better place," he said. "This conference brought a lot of exposure to our tribe and as a result, afforded us an opportunity to discuss the tribe's successful rural development."

Leading policy officials and international experts from all over the world, as well as from the private sector attended the conference to discuss of the best practices for rural areas.

"I believe

that indigenous people everywhere have abundant opportunities to secure prosperity through self-determination and, in doing so, should honor their rich culture and traditions, enhance the excellence of their governing institutions and celebrate the well-being of their children," said Patrice Kunesh, Deputy Under Secretary for USDA Rural Development. "The Poarch Band's participation in the RD - OECD Conference provided valuable insight into the depth of this essential self-determination work."

Also attending the conference was Alabama's State Director of Rural Development, Ronald Davis.

"It is encouraging to see PCBI partner with USDA to promote community and economic development in Escambia County," Davis said. "PCBI's participation in the OECD conference demonstrated their willingness to share best practices which reflected their ability to develop successful partnerships inside and outside tribal communities. I consider them to be a strong economic motivator within the state of Alabama."

— By Jen Peake
CIEDA Marketing Specialist

NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICES



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Vision: Productive soil, healthy land

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

Visit the NRCS web site www.al.nrcs.usda.gov to see updated news and information about services that may be helpful to you and your family.

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

Farm Service Agencies

www.fsa.usda.gov

www.fsa.usda.gov/al

www.nrcs.usda.gov/farmbill

USDA Rural Development

www.rurdev.usda.gov

www.rurdev.usa.gov/al

Alabama Forestry Commission

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2015 TRIBAL COUNCIL RUN-OFF ELECTION NOTICE

WHEN: Saturday, August 1, 2015

LOCATION: PCI Community Resource
Building (old SAIL Center)

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

PURPOSE: To elect a Treasurer to serve remainder of current term-until Annual Tribal Election in June 2016.

Request for Absentee Ballot: Request for Absentee Ballot Forms will be published in the July issue of the *Poarch Creek News*. The form will also be available for download from the home page of the Tribe's web site www.pci-nsn.gov.

Please note: If you requested an Absentee Ballot for the regular election held on June 6, 2015; you will automatically receive an Absentee Ballot for this run-off election.

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

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

2015 TRIBAL COUNCIL RUN-OFF ELECTION CALENDAR

Tuesday, July 21, 2015

Walk-in voting starts. Open daily from 9:00* a.m. to 6:00 p.m. *except for Sunday, July 26, 2015.*
PCI Community Resource Building
Old SAIL Center

Tuesday, July 21, 2015

Last day to request an Absentee Ballot to be mailed out.

Friday, July 31, 2015

Walk-in voting ends at 6:00 p.m.
Deadline to receive Absentee Ballots at 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 1, 2015 – Tribal Election Day.
Polls open 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. at PCI Community Resource building (old SAIL Center).
Winners will be announced at this location as soon as results are available.

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





ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST

2015 POARCH CREEK INDIAN TRIBAL COUNCIL

RUN-OFF ELECTION

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1, 2015



I, _____, am an enrolled member of the Poarch Creek Indians, and will be at least eighteen (18) years of age on or before August 1, 2015.

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

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TELEPHONE NUMBER DATE OF BIRTH TRIBAL ROLL NO.

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

SIGNATURE: _____

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

RETURN THIS FORM BY MAIL TO: POARCH BAND OF CREEK INDIANS
TRIBAL ELECTION BOARD
5811 JACK SPRINGS ROAD
ATMORE, AL 36502
BY FAX: (251) 368-5079
OR EMAIL: ELECTION@PCI-NSN.GOV

Requests for Absentee Ballots must be received by the Election Board no later than the close of business (5 p.m. CST) on Tuesday, July 21, 2015. Requests received after the deadline will not be honored.

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

CANDIDATES FOR RUN-OFF ELECTION

A Run-off election between Gia Langham and Eddie L. Tullis to fill the remaining term of the Treasurer position which became vacant in December of 2014 when Robbie McGhee was elected to serve as Vice Chair has been scheduled for Saturday, August 1, 2015. Please vote for the candidate of your choice. For Tribal Member reference, their photos and biographies have been provided.

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

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



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

I worked for PCI Gaming for three years in the Marketing Department as the Executive Assistant to the Vice President of Marketing and

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

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

I can do all things through Christ which strengthened me.

Philippians 4:13

Nobody will ever deprive the American people of the right to vote except the American people themselves and the only way they could do this is by not voting.

Franklin D. Roosevelt

EDDIE L. TULLIS

I, Eddie Leon Tullis, am the son of Volt D. and Florence Walker Tullis. I am married and the father of four daughters.

I have served the Tribe for 44 plus years as a Council Member, four of those as Treasurer and 27 of them as your chairman. I will appreciate the opportunity to serve you again as your Treasurer in 2015.

I worked with Chief Calvin McGhee on the land claims cases which was the first major effort of our Tribe to be involved in national Indian affairs. I have worked with members of the U.S. Congress and the U.S. Senate as well as the BIA to create the policies and procedures for tribes to be recognized.



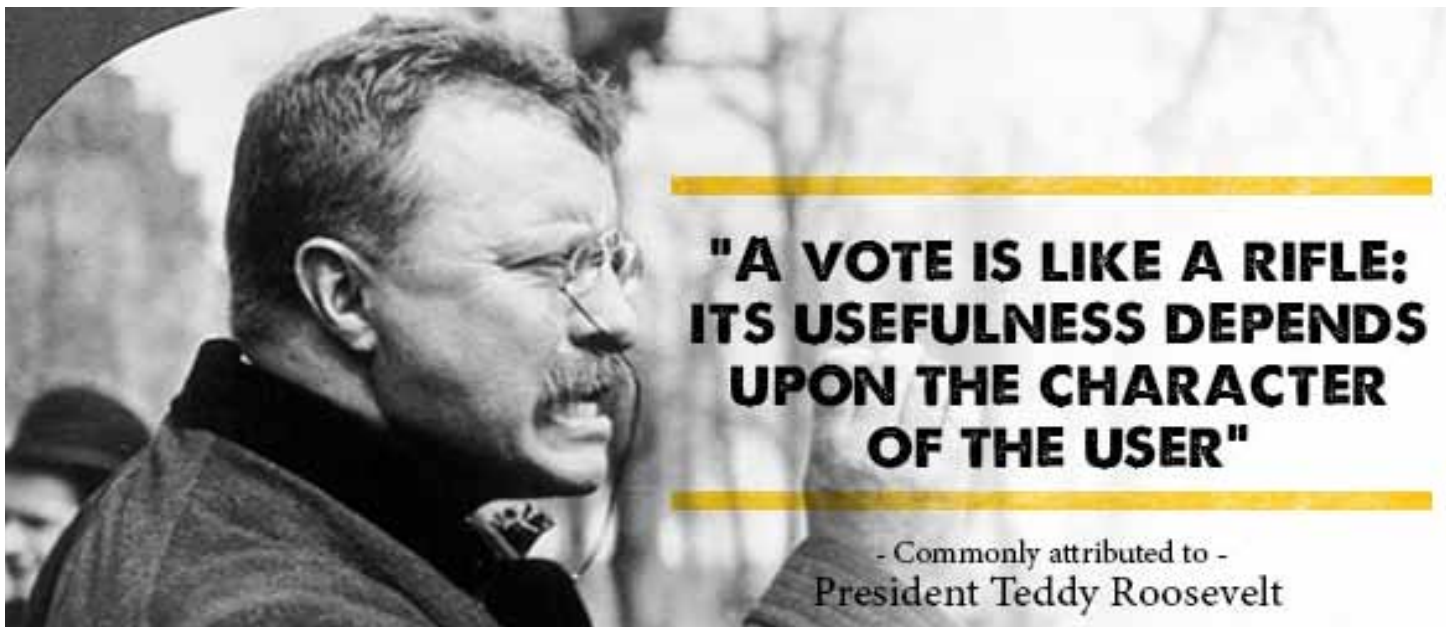
I have served with the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), the Coalition of Eastern Native Americans (CENA) to find and assist a number of tribes in the effort to become Federally recognized.

I have had the honor of serving in a leadership role of some of the major Indian organizations in the country, including my present role as Chairman of the board of the nation Indian Council on Aging. This organization serves Tribal Elders from all across the nation.

Thank you for the confidence placed in me in previous elections. Please allow me to serve you again as your Treasurer in 2015 by casting your vote for me on August 1st.

To make democracy work, we must be a nation of participants, not simply observers. One who does not vote has no right to complain.

Louis L'Amour



July (*Hvyuce*) 2015

2015 Pee Wee Football & Cheerleading Registration
June 8, 2015 - July 25, 2014

Summer LIHEAP

Continues through July 31, 2015

Friday, July 3, 2015

Tribal Offices, Boys & Girls Club, & Gym will be closed in observance of Independence Day

Saturday, July 4, 2015

Gym closed in observance of Independence Day

July 6-30, 2015

Swimming Lessons/Summer Session II
Must have registered by June 29, 2015

July 6-7, 2015

Museum gift shop closed for monthly inventory.

Monday, July 6, 2015

5:00 pm (CST)

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

Thursday, July 23, 2015

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

Friday, July 31, 2015

Last day of Summer Session for Boys & Girls Club

Run-Off Election Dates

Tuesday, July 21, 2015

- *Walk-In Voting begins*
- *Last day to request Absentee Ballot be mailed*

Friday, July 31, 2015

- *Walk-In Voting ends*
- *5:00 pm Deadline to receive Absentee Ballots*

Saturday, August 1, 2015

- *Run-Off Election Day*
- *Polls open 8:00 am - 7:00 pm*
- *PCI Community Resource Building (Old SAIL Center)*

Tribal Council Meetings

Thursday, July 2nd & 16th 4:00 pm
Building 500 Auditorium

Tribal Court Sessions

Monday, July 13th & 20th 9:00 am
Tribal Courtroom

CIEDA Meetings

Friday, July 3rd & 17th 7:30 am
CIEDA Offices

Tribal Regulatory Commission Meetings (Formerly TERO Commission)

Tuesday, July 14th & 28th 8:00 am
TBD

Calvin McGhee Cultural Advisory Committee (CMCAC)

Monday, July 13th 4:00 pm
Cultural Building on Hwy 21
(Formerly Tribal Council Offices)

Education Advisory Committee

Wednesday, July 8, 2015 3:00 pm
Family Services Conference Room
Buford L. Rolin Health Clinic

4-H Club

Monday, July 13th & 27th 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

Newsletter Contact Information

Poarch Creek News

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