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A Moment With The Tribal Chair

September 2015

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



As I was reading my daily devotion, I thought to myself, “These words couldn’t come at a more fitting time.” It is truly wonderful how God will give you a word of encouragement or a message at just the perfect moment when you really need it.

Daily, I’m met with so much joy such as the birth of a precious child, an elder getting well and being released from the hospital, or the graduation of one of our youth. But, I also face hardships as well – lawsuits that affect our Tribe, news of disastrous occurrences around the world, or loved ones that are sick and going through difficult times. Our world is filled with so much uncertainty, and it seems that each day holds an element of surprise – you just never know what the day is going to bring.

However, as I was reminded this morning, Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever (Hebrews 13:8), and His mercy is from everlasting to everlasting (Psalm 103:17). The devotional book *Jesus Calling: Enjoying Peace in His Presence* by Sarah Young reads, “As you focus your thoughts on Me, I will guide you carefully along today’s journey. Don’t worry about what is around the next bend. Just concentrate on enjoying My Presence and staying in step with Me.”

Staying focused on God can be a difficult task with all of life’s distractions constantly swirling around us. But, I’ve found that the way you think about a situation can play a big part in its outcome. We’ve

all heard the “lemon into lemonade” and “glass half empty or half full” clichés numerous times. Yet, these words hold much wisdom and are a great reminder to meet the day head-on with a positive, upbeat attitude. Together, let’s focus on keeping the glass half full and filling it with lemonade for the betterment of ourselves and our Tribe.

“Finally brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.” Phillipians 4:8

Students – I hope all of you had a great summer! Have an outstanding and successful school year!

Stephanie A. Bryan, Tribal Chair



POARCH CREEK INDIANS
NOTICE OF COMMUNITY MEETINGS
PLEASE NOTE THAT DATES AND TIMES MAY CHANGE
TRIBAL MEMBERS WILL BE PROMPTLY NOTIFIED OF ANY CHANGES

Friday, September 11, 2015	6:00 pm	Wellness Center/Gym
Monday October 26, 2015	6:00 pm	Wellness Center/Gym
Thursday, November 5, 2015	2:00 pm	Building 500

Tribal Members Only ID Required To Enter

If you view the meetings on the TMOP and have any questions or concerns about the information presented, please email your questions or concerns to Meeting@pci-nsn.gov. These questions may not be answered at the time of submission but you will get a response in a timely manner.

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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'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.

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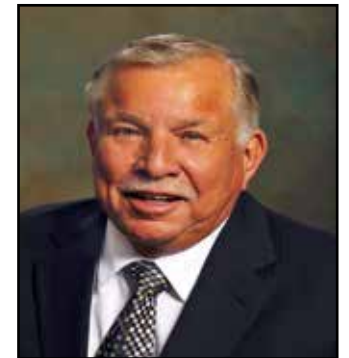
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UPCOMING CHANGES FOR 2016 NEWSLETTER

Beginning with the January 2016 issue of the *Poarch Creek News*, the following changes will take effect:

Word Limits

We have noticed that the established word limits appear to be too restrictive and do not allow sufficient space for certain submissions. *Beginning Monday, December 7, 2015, the submission deadline for the January 2016 issue of the newsletter, the new word limits will be as follows:*

News Article	400 words or less
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Photos

When submitting photos for publication, please make sure they are PDF or high resolution (300 ppi) .jpg.

Please do not send blurry or overly dark photos. Please do not submit photos from newspapers or magazines. Please make sure individuals in the photos are appropriately dressed, example men must wear a shirt, no swim suits except for swim team photos, no photos with cigarettes or alcohol, etc.



Most photos submitted will be cropped and sized to reflect just the individual, example birthday wish, obituary, in memoriam, graduation announcement, etc. Please keep this in mind and do not send photos that cannot be cropped or sized. If a photo is deemed to be inappropriate or of poor publication quality, every effort will be made to secure another photo.

Please look through past issues of the newsletter and you will see many examples of poor quality photos, cropping, etc. Photos deemed inappropriate, blurry, or those that do not format well will not be published.

Advertising

Tribal Member businesses may run a free business card size ad (3.5"x 2.25") in the newsletter. To qualify for a free ad, the business must be 51% Tribal Member owned. *Poarch Creek News* cannot create or develop these ads.

Free business card sized ads are also available for local churches and local drug/addiction recovery programs. All other advertising is subject to established advertising rates.

Free Business Card Size Ad

For Tribal Member owned businesses!

Business must be 51% Tribal Member owned

Submit your free ad today!

Reminder of Submission Guidelines and Deadlines

Submission guidelines and established deadline are published each month. Please adhere to these guidelines and deadlines and keep them in mind when submitting information for publication in all sections of the newsletter. When submitting information, please provide contact information so that you can be contacted if there are any questions about your submission.

Submit information as early as possible, any delay in submitting information may cause you to miss the established deadlines. If possible, do not wait until the 5th of the month to submit your information. Please submit your information as soon as you have all of the pertinent information; you can always edit your submission prior to the deadline.

Over the past year we have had several submissions that were not published because they were received after the deadline. We do not like to tell someone we cannot publish their submission, but we must adhere to the established deadlines. We all get busy and time slips up on us, so please do not delay your submissions.

Tribal Council Update

September 2015

Keith Martin, At-Large

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Hello fellow Tribal Members. I would like to share some interesting facts with you about the Tribal Hunting Club and Tribal Land Management. We are currently closing on the purchase of the 3,250 acre T.R. Miller track of land off Jack Springs Road which will bring total acreage of land under the Tribe's management to just under 12,000 acres.

The Land and Natural Resources Legislative Committee of the Tribal Council is the governing body of land management and the Tribal Hunting Club. Hunting Club board members include Ronnie Rolin, Danny Lambert, Billy Glenn Sells, Kevin Rackard, and Ronnie Ray Jackson. The Hunting Club was established in 2013 and we are just starting our third season. This year we are up to about 100 members. Our first dog hunt in 2013 was very emotional; we were Tribal Members, hunting on Tribal lands.

The Hunting Club has a summer feeding program for the deer and wild turkey that are so abundant. Several food plots were planted with clay peas and soy beans that provided protein for the deer which helped with antler growth and milk production for the doe deer. We also have ten chufa, or nut grass, patches for the wild turkey. This year the Tribe received a NRCS

grant that allowed us to plant petal pollinators, wild wood flowers. Several plots of the petal pollinators will be planted throughout Tribal lands; bee hives will also be placed nearby to assist with pollination.

There are roughly 135 miles of dirt road throughout the Hunting Club that must be maintained. Each road throughout the Hunting Club is named after a Tribal Elder such as the Alton Jackson Road, Ed Rolin Road, and Calvin McGhee Road. The Land Reclamation team from CIEDA can be found throughout Tribal lands planting food plots and petal pollinators, performing road maintenance, etc. This team has done an outstanding job for the Tribe.

All Alabama State Hunting Rules and Regulations apply to the Tribal Hunting Club. Membership is limited to Tribal Members only; members must pay dues, possess a Hunting Club picture ID, and possess a valid State of Alabama Hunting Permit. Family members, guests restrictions, mandatory work days, etc. are addressed in the Hunting Club Policy 2015-2016 Rules which can be obtained when annual dues are paid. Annual dues for existing Hunting Club members are \$500; new member dues are \$600. Dues for Tribal Members age 65 and older are \$300; \$400 for new members.



Legally disabled member permits will be \$400 for existing members; \$500 for new members. Dues are to be paid at Tribal Government Accounting in Building 200 of the Tribal complex.

You can't talk about Tribal lands without mentioning Magnolia Branch Wildlife Reserve. Billy Smith and his crew have done an outstanding job reclaiming the land, building roads, and improving the recreation area of Magnolia Branch. One of the projects we are working on is the grafting of wild persimmon trees with other varieties of persimmon trees. We have grafted several of our wild persimmon trees with Japanese persimmons. We are watching one grafting that was very successful and hope to see some fruit this year.

Over the last eight years Magnolia has planted over 1 million long leaf pine trees. Magnolia Branch has also created a Box Turtle Habitat and has received several forestry awards, including the prestigious Treasure Forest Award.





ON THE COVER-*THE STRUGGLE FOR EDUCATION*

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 big yellow school bus, which symbolizes the struggle for education for the Indian children of our community.

In the early 1900's it was difficult for Indian children obtain a proper education – most only attended up to the sixth grade. There were public schools in Atmore and McCullough, but the school buses would not pick up Indian children.

Episcopal missionaries had constructed the Poarch Consolidated School in 1939. The county provided the teachers. The community was frustrated by the quality of teachers for the school. Parents organized a community boycott, keeping their children out of school for a month. Eventually the school superintendent met with parents and promised new teachers and a new building. These promises were fulfilled about a year later.

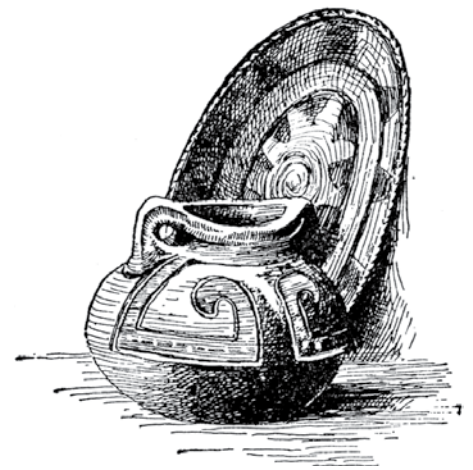
“We all got together and decided that we wouldn’t send our children to school. We felt we didn’t have to have the teacher we had.” – Roberta Sells

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

The Museum is located at 5484 Jack Springs Road, Atmore, AL, and is open Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Please stop by the next time you visit the Reservation.

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



Jack Daughtry Takes a Stand

Jack Daughtry just wanted his seventh grade daughters to be able to get to junior high school. Indian schools only went to sixth grade, and the bus system wouldn't stop for Indian children.

So one morning in 1947 he took his twins, Earline and Pearlline, by the hand. He heard the rumble of the bus and stepped into the road. He stood there, refusing to move until the bus driver stopped and allowed his and other children to ride the bus to school.

Around the same time, Calvin McGhee brought a lawsuit against the county school board to force buses to pick up Indian children. These actions paved the way for all Poarch Creek children to be able to earn a good education.

Earline Daughtry Coleman and Pearlline Daughtry McGhee are shown above in front of the Museum exhibit that features the story of their Dad's historic and heroic actions.



EDDIE L. TULLIS RETURNS TO COUNCIL

Tribal Judge Joseph Brogden, assisted by Kelli Ramer, administers Oath of Office to newly elected Tribal Treasurer, Eddie L. Tullis.

With no candidate receiving a majority of votes for the Treasurer position in the June 2015 Tribal Election, a run-off election between the two candidates with the highest number of votes was required.

The Run-Off Election was scheduled for August 1, 2015; Tribal Members were asked to vote for Gia Langham or Eddie L. Tullis to fill the vacant Treasurer position. The candidate elected will serve the remaining one year term of former Treasurer Robbie McGhee who was elected to serve as Vice Chair.

Tribal Members were encouraged to participate in the voting process whether it be by Absentee Ballot; Walk-In Voting, which began July 21, 2015; or voting on Run-Off Election Day, August 1, 2015.

A total of 924 votes were cast. There were 217 Absentee Ballots, 494 Walk-in Ballots, and 213 votes on Run-Off Election Day.

After the polls closed and all ballots were counted and verified, Eddie L. Tullis was declared the winner with a total of 578 votes. Gia Langham received 342 votes and there were 4 write in votes.

"I look forward to returning to the Council table and participating in the leadership of our Tribe. I remain committed to building on the success we have had and please know that I am available to you at all times." Mr. Tullis stated.

Mr. Tullis was sworn in and took his seat at the Council table during the August 6, 2015 Tribal Council meeting.

Gia is not stranger to the election arena and has a strong desire to serve her people. We are sure that we will see her name on the ballot again and wish her the best of luck.

By Gayle Johnson



During these educational events, students are exposed to various facets of Native American history and culture. These endeavors provide Native students a

If you or someone you know is interested in obtaining more information about the Native American Studies Program at the University of South Alabama, please feel free to visit its website: <http://www.southalabama.edu/colleges/artsandsci/nativeamerican/index.html>. Or, you may contact Dr. Philip Carr, the Chief Calvin McGhee Endowed Professor of Native American Studies and professor of Anthropology, at (251) 460-6907 or pcarr@southalabama.edu.

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HEARING THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

On June 25, 2015 the Tribal Council posted a Notice of Proposed Amendment to the Poarch Band Of Creek Indians Constitution. The Tribal Council accepted Tribal Member comments on the proposed Amendment through July 27, 2015. A Public Hearing, for Tribal Members only, was held on Monday, August 3, 2015.

Prior to the Public Hearing a Community Meeting was held on Thursday, July 16, 2015. This meeting, attended by 321 Tribal Members, excluding Tribal Council, staff and security, was held by the Tribal Council to explain the proposed amendment and answer any questions that Tribal Members may have. With the Community Meeting being held prior to the closing date for comments, it was the hope of the Council that there would be a greater response to the request for input prior to the Public Hearing.

Approximately 351 Tribal Members plus Tribal Council, staff, and security attended the Public Hearing on August 3rd. Several Tribal Members from outside the service area attended, some coming from as far away as Virginia.

During the Community Meeting Tribal Members were asked to participate in a hands-on voting process utilizing hand held electronic voting devices. This process would assist the Tribal Council as they proceed, or do not proceed, with the Constitutional Amendment.

The Public Hearing, as well as the Community Meetings were streamed live to the TMOP in an effort to reach those unable to attend. Tribal Members were encouraged to view the meetings on the TMOP and email any questions or concerns about the information presented. These Tribal Members were also able to

participate in the voting process by clicking an active link that allowed them to vote their opinion.

This electronic voting process was something new; some of those present liked it, some did not. Community Meetings will continue to be held and there is a great possibility that the electronic voting process will be used again.

COMMUNITY MEETING SCHEDULE

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**UPDATE-AUGUST 6, 2015*

Adhering to Tribal Member feedback, the Tribal Council declared the Proposed Constitutional Amendment null and void during the August 6, 2015 Council meeting. With this vote on the proposed Constitution Amendment on Membership, no further action is required.

By Gayle Johnson



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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Crystal Brown
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John.



Larry McGhee
August 2, 2015

Happy birthday Larry.
We love you.
From Carl Jr., and the rest of
your family.

Macie McGhee
August 5, 2015

Happy birthday Macie!
We love you!
Pa-Pa, G.G., Mommy,
Daddy, Mason, Maverick,
and the rest of your family
and friends.



Rebecca Henson
August 8, 2015

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



Gene Henson
August 11, 2015

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



Daniel Camden
August 11, 2015

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

BIRTHDAY WISHES

James Gil Caudle
August 15, 2015



Happy 50th birthday to the best brother in the world.

I love you with all my heart. Wishing you many more.

Love, your sister Denise.

Maverick McGhee
August 20, 2015



Happy birthday Maverick!!

We love you!!

Pa-Pa, G.G., Mommy, Daddy, Mason, Macie, Bubba, Greg, aunts, uncles, and the rest of your family and friends.

Gordon McGhee
August 21, 2015



Happy birthday 62nd birthday Daddy!

We love you!

Beth, Aiyannah, Jacob, Niki, Mason, Macie, Maverick, Greg, Monica, Hannah, Claire, Natasha, Bly, J.T., brothers, and sisters.

Braxton Harrison
August 26, 2015



Happy 6th birthday Braxton!!

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

Love, Dempsey, Momma, Bryleigh, and the rest of your family.

Roger Griffey
August 29, 2015

Happy birthday brother-in-law!

We love you.

Your children and family.



Gary Henson
September 3, 2015

Happy birthday Gary!

We love you.

From your family.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Lola Beltram
September 8, 2015

Happy birthday Lola!

You are immensely loved by many Indians and non Indians. May the great spirit bless you.

We love you!

From your family.



Emmee Gracyn Hayes
September 8, 2015

Happy birthday, Emmee Gracyn!

You are a ray of sunshine wherever you go. We love you so much!

Love, Mama, Bobo, McMaw, Papa, Aunt Meg, Daddy, family, and friends.



Walker Landyn Martin
September 8, 2015

Walker Landyn Martin is turning 7 on September 8th.

Happy birthday, sweet man, Momma is so proud of you.

We love you, Momma, brother, Granddaddy, and family.



Gabby Williams
September 8, 2015

Happy 13th birthday!

We love you and are very proud of the young lady you have become. Keep God first in life and you will go far!

Love, your family.



Brenda Pruitt
September 10, 2015

Happy birthday Brenda!!

We love you and wish you many more!

Love, your family.



Harper Rolin
September 11, 2015

Harper will be turning one on September 11th. She is the daughter of Ronald Rolin and Heather White.

We love you Harper!

Happy birthday!

Love Dad, Mom, and family.



BIRTHDAY WISHES

Mikenna Hutto
September 12 , 2015



Happy 2nd birthday Mikenna!
We love you.
From your family.

Scott Griffey
September 12, 2015



Happy birthday Scott!!
We love you and wish you many more!
Love, your Bubba Gordon, Mommy, Daddy, brothers, aunts, uncles, and the rest of your family and friends.

Carl McGhee, Jr.
September 13 , 2015

Happy birthday Carl, Jr.!
We love you.
From your family

Wayne McGhee
September 13 , 2015

Happy birthday Wayne!
We love you.
From Carl Jr. and the rest of your family

DeWitt McGhee
September 13 , 2015



Happy birthday brother!
We love you.
From your brothers and sisters.

Natasha McGhee
September 14, 2015



Happy birthday daughter!
We love you!
Daddy, sisters, brothers, aunts, uncles, Bly, and J.T.

TJ McGhee
September 15, 2015



Happy 27th birthday!!
We are amazed by your strength and love you so much!!!!
Love, Mom, Nanny, PapaB and the rest of your family.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Tori White
September 18, 2015

Happy 13th birthday Tori!!
We love you!
Dad, Mom, Drake, & Dalton.



Christopher Adams
September 18 2015

Happy 18th birthday!
Love Dad, Teresa, Bubba, Jason MawMaw, PawPaw, Nana, Grandpaw Cliff, Grandpaw Bob, and Grandmaw Vicky.



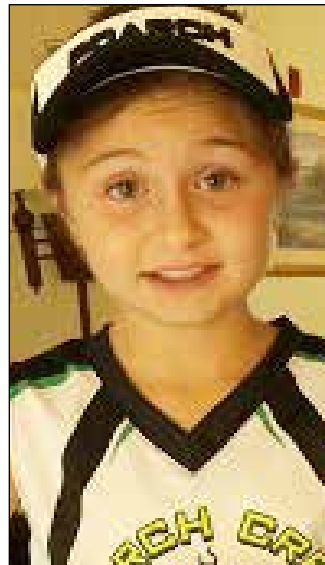
Jessie Henson
September 19, 2015

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



Halona Makinze Walker
September 21, 2015

Happy 9th birthday Halona!
We are so proud of you.
Love, Mama, Daddy, Alexis, & Bella.



Mason McGhee
September 21, 2015

Happy birthday!
We love you.
Pa-Pa, G.G., Mommy, Daddy, Bubba Greg, Beth, Terry, Aiyannah, Mason, Macie, Maverick, aunts, uncles, Pa-Pa Dennis, Me-Ma Janet, and Tyler.



Kyler McGlothern
September 23, 2015

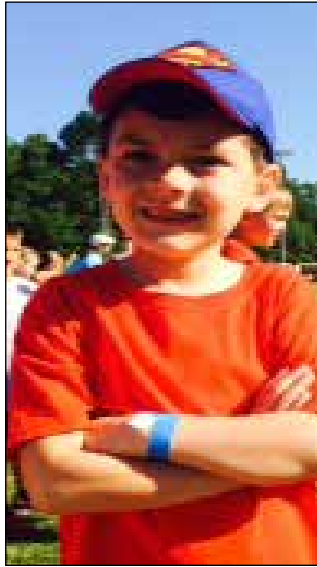
Happy birthday Kyler!
We love you!
Love, Mama, Crystal, Madyson, Tinker, and TT.



BIRTHDAY WISHES

Colton Morris
September 25, 2015

Happy birthday Colton!
We love you!
From all your family.



Caroline Jane McGhee
September 26, 2015

Happy 8th birthday Caroline!
We love you very much.
From Paw Paw, Dot Dot, and
all your Alabama family.



Davis Ellis
September 27, 2015

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



Juanita Slate
September 29, 2015

Happy birthday Choc!
We love you.
Your brothers, sisters,
children, grandchildren, and
friends.



Caleb Corey
September 29, 2015

Happy 18th birthday Caleb!
We love you.
Mom, Dad, Cody, Lauren,
and all your family.



Thelma Henson
September 30, 2015

Happy 87th birthday Granny!
We love you!
From your family.



ANNIVERSARY WISHES

Brian & Sandy Oaks

August 30, 2015

Brian and Sandy Oaks will celebrate their 30th anniversary on August 30, 2015.

Congratulations!

Submitted by Sandy Oaks



Gary & Brenda Pruitt

September 13, 2015

Happy 32nd anniversary to a wonderful couple!

We love you and wish you the best of many more years together!

Love, your family.

Submitted by Denisha Hutto



ANNIVERSARY WISHES



Bryan & Denisha Hutto

September 29, 2015

Happy 3rd anniversary Bryan & Denisha!

We love ya.

From your family.

Submitted by Brenda Pruitt

FALL CARNIVAL COME ONE, COME ALL	Huxford ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTO
October 1st 2015 5-8 pm	
featuring <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div> <p>live auction</p> </div> <div> <p>DUNKING BOOTH</p> </div> <div> <p>bouncy house & slide</p> </div> <div> <p>cadeauk county store</p> </div> <div> <p>raffle</p> </div> <div> <p>cow bingo</p> </div> </div>	
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<p>tickets - 4 for \$1 at the gate</p>	<p>food being prepared & sold by:</p> <div style="text-align: center;"> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> </div> <p>accepted for food only</p> <p>game tickets not accepted for food</p>

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BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Benedict Gregor Breiner July 12, 2015

Dr. Boris & Deborah Diane Breiner welcomed their newborn son, Benedict Gregor Breiner, on July 12, 2015. He weighed 8 lbs. 4 oz., and was 20 inches long.

Ben is the great-grandson of Carl (Buster) McGhee, and the grandson of Glenn and Billie McGhee of Pensacola, FL and Gregor and Brigitte Breiner of Germany.

The young family is currently living in the United Kingdom.

Submitted by Billie McGhee & Deborah Diane Breiner



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Ruthie Mae Rackard

February 27, 1920 - September 18, 2014

OBITUARIES/ IN MEMORIAM

One year has passed since that sad day,
When one we loved was called away.
God took her home. It was His will,
But in our hearts she liveth still.
We sure miss you!
Life will never be the same.
Love and miss you, your family.



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

Lonnie Rackard

February 20, 1949 - September 23, 2014

*You had a talent for bringing a special
meaning to life,*

It was such a pleasure to be your wife.

Carolyn

*We love you Dad and want you to
know that you had a heart of gold.*

Jason (Mary) & Jeremy (Jasmine)



*We were blessed when it comes to our
Pa-Paw. We know that we had the
best.*

Kinzie, Dallan,
Destiny, Khalia, and Jackson

We love you and miss you very
much!

The Rackard Family

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

Thank You For Your Vote & Support

Eddie L. Tullis



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

While dining at Dooky Chase's Meredith was serenaded with "*Happy Birthday*" by the entire restaurant, including the patrons. She was then invited back to the kitchen to meet Leah Chase, owner of Dooky Chase's and the "Queen of Creole Cuisine". Leah Chase is also the inspiration of Princess Tiana in the Walt Disney animated film *The Princess and the Frog*.



"This is the best birthday I ever had and I will never forget it!" Meredith said.

Submitted by Tracy McGhee



Shown left to right are Senior Warden Gerrie Bell, Joan Hackman, Dallas Lindsay, Elizabeth Mitchell and Velma Amos.

ST. ANNA'S MEMBERS ATTEND NEW BISHOP ORDINATION

The Rev. Phillip Duncan, third Bishop of the Central Gulf Coast, announced his retirement in 2013 and the search for his replacement began. At the annual conference in Mobile, AL in January of 2015 the Rev. Russell Kendrick was elected as his replacement. All the Episcopal churches in the Central Gulf Coast were invited to attend the ordination of the Rev. Russell Kendrick as the fourth Bishop of the Central Gulf Coast on July 25, 2015. Myself, Senior Warden Gerrie Bell, Joan Hackman, Dallas Lindsay, and Elizabeth Mitchell were honored to attend and represent St. Anna's.

The Rev. Canon Daniel Wagner contacted St. Anna's Senior Warden Gerrie Bell, and asked if St. Anna's would bring the Poarch Creek flag and carry it in as part of the ceremony. I was honored

TRIBAL MEMBER SUBMISSIONS

and privileged to carry the Poarch flag, which entered immediately behind the American flag, followed by the Episcopal flag. In another part of the ceremony the Church banner and holy water were carried by Elizabeth Mitchell and Dallas Lindsay.

During the ordination ceremony I kept thinking of my brother, Lavan Martin. I feel Lavan would have been very proud to see us participate in this historic ceremony. I feel he was looking down and saying "Well done!" He loved St. Anna's and the Tribe and was a very dedicated member of both the Church and Tribe. He is truly missed.

St. Anna's and Poarch Creek Indians go back a long way. The Episcopal Church sent missionaries and a medical doctor to the Poarch community and St. Anna's was built shortly thereafter. The Church later gave land to the Escambia County Board of Education; it is on this land that the Poarch Consolidated School was built. The Church also gave land to the Tribe. We at St. Anna's are proud of our connection to the Tribe; a majority of our members are Tribal Members who are very dedicated to the Church and the Tribe and are very proud of our heritage.

Submitted by Velma Amos

DAVID MCGHEE FAMILY REUNION

Saturday, October 3, 2015

12:00 pm - 2:00 pm

United Pentecostal Church

Main St. Atmore /Across from Walmart

Please come out & enjoy the food & fellowship. Don't forget to bring your favorite foods & desserts for everyone to enjoy.

OLLIE AND LAVADA ROLIN FAMILY REUNION

September 26, 2015

Magnolia Branch Wildlife Reserve

24 Big Creek Road, Atmore, AL Pavilion #3

Bring lunch we will eat around 11:30 a.m. and then fellowship with each other.

HONORING OUR GRADUATES & EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

LIDDY TAKES TOP HONORS AT ADAMSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

Tanner Jack Liddy is the Adamsville High School Class of 2015 Valedictorian with a grade point average of 99.47. Tanner achieved a Composite ACT score of 33.

During his high school career, Tanner has received many academic honors, has been involved in numerous clubs and extracurricular activities and competed at sub-state level of the track team and State runner-up football team.

Being selected for the Aspirnaut Vanderbilt medical research internship as a high-school junior



influenced him to choose to attend Vanderbilt University and major in Biomedical Engineering in the fall of 2015.

Tanner is the son of John and Carolyn Liddy of Adamsville, TN and the grandson of Carl and Laverne Liddy and Dexter and Helen Williams of Bay Minette, Alabama.

Tanner is a First-Generation Descendant of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians.



PRUITT GRADUATES FROM WEBBER INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

Justin Kyle Pruitt graduated from Webber International University on May 1, 2015.

Kyle earned his Bachelor's Degree in Computer Information Systems. Kyle is the first member of his immediate family to graduate from college.

Kyle was a member of the Golf team all 4 years at Webber. He is now pursuing his dream in Professional Golf.

Kyle is the son of Brenda and Gary Pruitt Sr., grandson of Glenda



Henson Ellis and Faye Pruitt, and great grandson of Thelma McGhee Henson.

Kyle, your family loves you and we are so proud of the man that you have become. We know that you will do great things in your future. Congratulations on this huge accomplishment.

Kyle's parents want to thank Shelia Fisher and the McGhee-Tullis Tuition Assistance Program for all the assistance they gave Kyle throughout his college career.

Submitted by Brenda Pruitt



*Tom E. McGhee
Staff Sergeant E-6
United States Army/National Guard*

Tom E. McGhee is the son of Hurley and Nelda McClaine McGhee and the grandson of Lawrence and Mamie Rolin McGhee. He was born on June 11, 1954 in Vanduser, a small town in southeastern Missouri. He has four sisters, the late Mable St. Germain, Louise Glenn, Betty Finley, and Patricia McGhee. He has two brothers, Leon Holt and the late E. James McGhee.

Tom graduated from high school in 1972 and enlisted in the United States Army on June 28, 1973. He went to Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri for his basic training followed by Calvary Scout School at Fort Bliss, Texas. After scout training he became a member of the 3/3 Armored Calvary Regiment; two and a half years later he was

assigned to the Combat Support Company 2/13, 8th Infantry Division in Mannheim Germany. Tom left the Army in 1977 and joined the Missouri National Guard as a Combat Engineer in 1978.

Soon after leaving the Army, Tom started college and met his future wife, Tina Jean Summers. Tom and Tina were married in 1979. They have three children, Andrea J. Brown, Tommy Earon McGhee, and Jessica L. Jones. Tom went back to active duty in March of 1984 and went directly to Nuremburg, Germany to the 1st Armored Division as a Scout in Headquarters Company, 2/81 Armor. Tom was also stationed in Erlangen, Germany before being transferred stateside to Fort Knox, Kentucky in April of 1986 where he became a Range Instructor. He once again left active duty in 1987 and rejoined the National Guard where he served as a Legal Specialist and

VETERAN'S SALUTE

later as a Squad Leader in a Combat Engineer Company. He retired from military service on May 16, 1996.

During his military service Tom received the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the Defense Services Medal, the Humanitarian Service Medal, the Armed Forces Reserve Medal, the Army NCO Professional Development Ribbon, the Army Service Ribbon, the Reserve Components Overseas Training Ribbon, the Missouri National Guard Commendation Medal Ribbon, the Missouri National Guard State Emergency Service Ribbon, and the Missouri National Guard Long Service 10 Year Ribbon.



Proudly taking the oath.

Tom finished his college education in 1987 and received a Bachelor's Degree in Industrial Technology with a Major in Mechanical Drafting and a Minor in Management. He worked in manufacturing laboratories in quality assurance/control for over 12 years; he has worked in the pest control business with Teriminix and several smaller companies over the last 7 years.

In his spare time he enjoys woodworking. "I have always liked building things out of wood." he says.

Tom E. 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.

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.

Gordon D. McGhee
SSGT
U.S. Army



Thank you for your service! A Veteran's Salute to Gordon will appear in a future issue of the Poarch Creek News.



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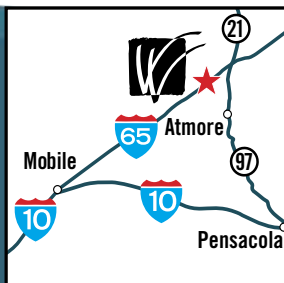
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1-Bedroom Unit	\$1,825 monthly
2-Bedroom Unit	\$2,180 monthly

LEVEL 3 – COMPREHENSIVE CARE

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

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

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

GENERAL PUBLIC (100 % of local market)

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



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB VISITS GULFARIUM



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB NEW MEMBERSHIP RULE

Beginning August 1, 2015 the Boys & Girls Club will open membership to families that have extenuating circumstances such as family relocation to Poarch, change in family composition, etc.

To enroll your child/children you must have sufficient documentation of your circumstances, i.e. marriage license, court papers, old and new lease for proof of change of address, etc.

Acceptance will be at the discretion of the Boys & Girls Club Director.

Contact Stephanie Agerton, Boys & Girls Club Director, at (251) 368-9136 x 2049 or sagerton@pci-nsn.gov if you have questions or need more information.

CULTURAL DEPARTMENT

MVSKOKE LANGUAGE APP



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

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

Anonymous

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No pets, drugs, alcohol, or weapons allowed

Gates Open: 3:00 p.m.

Blessing of Food: 4:00 p.m.

Food Served: 4:00 p.m. – until

Gospel Singing: 4:00 p.m. – 7:30

Shirt or bathing suit cover-up must be worn in Pavilion Area

Tentative Menu:

(Menu is subject to change prior to event)

**Chicken
Fish
Hamburgers
Sausage Dogs**

**Hot Dogs
French Fries
Kona Ice
Hushpuppies**

**Grilled Chicken
Sandwiches
Watermelon
Roasted Corn**

All Tribal Members will receive a gift at the Registration table. If a Tribal Member is unable to attend, they may send a signed letter, with copy of their Tribal ID Card, giving someone else permission to pick up their gift. Any Tribal Member unable to attend who does not have someone else pick up their gift may pick their gift up at the Tribal Museum starting 8:00 a.m. Monday, September 20, 2015. Deadline to pick up your gift is 5:00 p.m. December 31, 2015.

Please remember the Annual Sovereignty Celebration is for PCI Tribal Members and members of their immediate family living in the household only. Please do not invite extended family members, neighbors, or friends to the event.

No Gators with grooved tires or other ATV's are allowed on the Reserve. Golf carts are allowed except in the food pavilion area.

Contact Magnolia Branch at 251-446-3423 if you wish to reserve a camp site. Space is limited and fills up quickly.

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

Poarch Creek Indians Tribal Princess Contest Application

Full Name: _____ Date: _____

Street Address: _____

City/State/Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Alt. Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____ Tribal Roll #: _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s): _____

School Attending/Attended: _____

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

☐ Little Miss (Ages 4-7)

☐ Senior (Ages 17-22)

☐ Elementary (Ages 8-12)

☐ Elder (Age 55 and up)

☐ Junior (Ages 13-16)

Signature of Participant _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____

Orientation Sessions will be on Sunday, August 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

SEEKING APPLICANTS FOR 2015-2016 TRIBAL YOUTH COUNCIL

APPLY NOW FOR THE 2015-2016 TRIBAL YOUTH COUNCIL!

Open to all Tribal Member & 1st Generation Indian Descendants grades 7-12.

Must be in 7-12 grades this year.

All applications must be submitted with the following:

- Written or typed answers to Open Ended Questions as asked on the Application
- Two Letters of Reference
- Indian Verification
- Report Card

Applications that are incomplete or missing required information will not be considered.

You may bring your completed application to 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

Deadline for Applications will be 5:00 pm Friday, September 4, 2015.

For more information contact Jennifer McGhee at (251) 368-9136 x 2656 or jcmcghee@pci-nsn.gov or Karla Martin at (251) 368-9136 x 2655 or ksmartin@pci-nsn.gov.

SEEKING MENTORS FOR 2015-2016 TRIBAL YOUTH COUNCIL

APPLY NOW TO BE A 2015-2016 TRIBAL YOUTH COUNCIL MENTOR!

Open to all Tribal Member & 1st Generation Indian Descendants that have graduated high school through age 25.

Mentors will assist the Tribal Youth Council with the following:

- Weekly Meetings
- Cultural and Educational Lessons
- Community Service Activities
- Fun Activities
- Guides and Role Models

You may bring your completed application to the Museum; fax it to (251) 368-2293; email it to ksmartin@pci-nsn.gov; or mail it to:

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EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

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 travel costs and fees. Travel cost can be reimbursed if receipts and mileage are submitted with application.


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:

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Education Department
5811 Jack Springs Road
Atmore, AL 36502

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



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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.



2015-2016 AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING

It's time for After School Tutoring!

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

Tutoring will begin Monday, September 21, 2015.

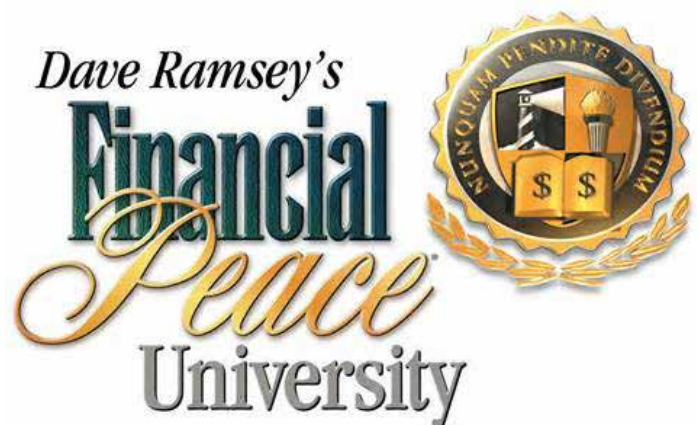
Monday - Thursday 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

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

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.



CLOSE UP 2016

WHAT IS CLOSE UP?

The "Close Up" program is an educational, week-long look at political life in Washington, D.C., where you will experience the beauty of the city, have a chance to visit its landmarks and attend cultural events! You will also have a chance to meet with teens from other USET tribes!

WHEN IS CLOSE UP?

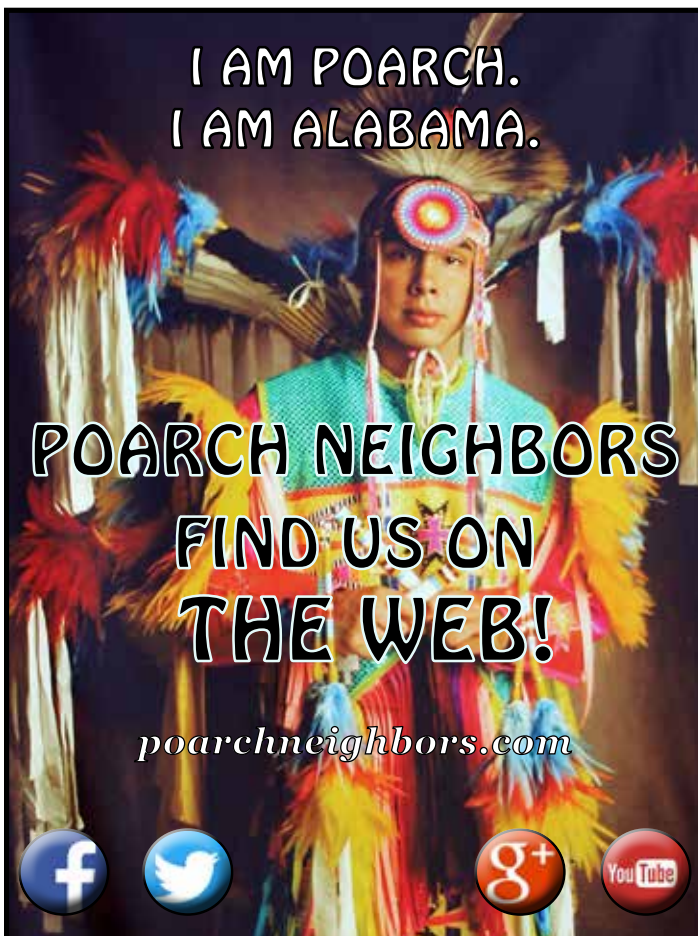
During the week of February 6-12, 2016, selected students in grades 9-12 will attend the "Close Up American Indian Youth Summit", which will be held in conjunction with USET'S annual Impact Week Meeting.

HOW CAN YOU GO TO CLOSE UP?

Please go to www.pci-nsn.gov for more information and a printable application. All applications must be received by the PCI Education department no later than 5:00 p.m. Friday, September 25, 2015.

Tribal Members and First Generation Indian Descent students in the 9th - 12th grades are eligible to apply. All applicants must be 15 years old at time of application to attend!

If you or your parents have any questions about Close Up 2016, contact Christyn Sells @ (251) 368-9136 ext. 2244; csells@pci-nsn.gov.



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FAMILY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF TRIBAL MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES.

PROGRAM NOTICES:

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

The following grants are available for public review:

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

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

We welcome your comments and suggestions!

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

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

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

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



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ATTENTION: PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS OF THE CCDF AND TRIBAL CHILD CARE PROGRAMS

There are two childcare programs provided through Family Services Department, a federally-funded program and the Tribal child care program. The federally-funded CCDF program is available to Tribal Member families living within the Tribe's service area and is based upon the income of the household. The Tribally-funded TCCP program is for families exceeding the CCDF income guidelines and who live in the Tribe's service area or for those Tribal families who live outside of the Tribe's services area.

CHILD CARE RENEWALS ARE DUE BY SEPTEMBER 14, 2015

The Family Services Department will begin taking applications on September 1, 2015 for families who are currently participating in CCDF or in the Tribal Child Care program, or who are families needing assistance with daycare services. The new fiscal year and certification period will begin on October 1, 2015 and end September 30, 2016.

Current participants and new applicants must:

- Schedule an appointment with the Community Services Child Care Coordinator and complete a new current application. Please call (251)-368-9136, ext. 2600 to set up your appointment time.
- BOTH parents must be able to provide documentation verifying they are both working a minimum of 20 hours per week or are attending at least 20 hours in an educational training program or a job training program.

- Parent(s) must be enrolled in an institution of higher learning and physically attending as a full-time or part-time student. Child care payment is determined on part-time or full-time status.
- Provide documents to verify all the household income.
- Provide copies of social security cards for all household members.
- Provide copies of Tribal I.D. for Tribal Members or Letters of Indian Descent for First Generation children.
- Provide verification from the daycare or afterschool care provider to confirm that your child is enrolled in the program and the weekly rate of their program. Must also have a copy of the Daycare license and W-9 form.

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

****Renewal must be completed by September 14, 2015 or childcare payments will be terminated as of October 1, 2015.**

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Poarch Creek Indians Family Services Department 2015 Tribal Kid's Christmas Party Pre-Registration Form



***Children eligible to Pre-Register include:**

- ♦ children between the ages of birth through 12 years of age, and
- ♦ children who live in a PCI Tribal Member's household

****Each child must be pre-registered to attend!****

***The Pre-Registration Form is due to the Family Services Department on or before Friday, November 6, 2015.**

***The Tribal Kid's Christmas Party will be held on Thursday, December 10, 2015 at the Wind Creek Cinema.**

****Pre-registration will not be accepted over the phone!****



2015 Tribal Kid's Christmas Party Pre-registration Form

Parent/Guardian's Name: _____ **Roll #:** _____

Home Address: _____ **Phone #:** _____

***Please list child's name, date of birth, age, gender, and also list any family members planning to attend the Tribal Kid's Christmas Party with your child(ren). You must include a copy of the Tribal Member ID card and verification of the residency of all children listed below with your pre-registration form. Verification of residency forms may include daycare enrollment forms or school enrollment forms.**

Name	Date of Birth	Age	Male/Female	Tribal Member #

The 2015 Kid's Christmas Party Information "Christmas At The Movies"

- * The Family Services Department will host the 2015 Kid's Christmas Party at the Wind Creek Cinema on Thursday, December 10, 2015.
- * The same movie will be shown in three different theater rooms.
- * The times for the movie to start will be staggered to allow everyone a chance to see the movie.
- * The time for the event is 5:30 - 9:00 with the last movie starting at 7:30 p.m.
- * Food including a hot dog, a drink, and candy will be served prior to the movie starting.
- * Each participant will be able to see the movie **one time** and then will be given an opportunity to take a picture with Santa and receive a Christmas gift.

**The Kid's Christmas Pre-Registration is due to Michealene Deese by Friday, November 6, 2015.

**Pre-registrations guidelines have changed to ensure eligible children will be able to participate. You must include a copy of the PCI Tribal Member ID for the household the children live in and verification that these children live in the identified household. Verification of residency may include school registration forms or daycare enrollment forms.



HEALTH DEPARTMENT

HELP US HELP YOU PART II

Last month you learned about the Government Performance Results Act (GPRA). As such it was stated that this month, you would be told how you can HELP US HELP YOU with data collection. The Health Department is aware that not all Tribal Members use the Health Department. However, if you have visited the Health Department for any reason twice in the past three years, GPRA wants us to do a thorough data collection on you according to what chronic illnesses you may have. This can be difficult when a patient comes to just have blood drawn, see the dentist, physical therapy, receives yearly flu shots, etc.

So this is where we need your help. If you have had any of the following procedures, test, shots, etc. and it was not done at the Poarch Health Department, we need you to contact us and provide us with this information so that your chart can be updated to reflect this information. We need to know the date received, location, and the results.

DIABETICS:

- Hemoglobin A1C's (every 6 months).
- Blood work for lipids (fats), kidney function (BUN, Creatinine).

- Yearly eye exam.
- Recording of your blood pressure from other primary care physician.

IMMUNIZATIONS:

- Annual Flu and pneumonia vaccines.
- Childhood Immunizations.

CANCER PREVENTION:

- Pap Smear every 3 years (ages 24-64).
- Mammograms every 2 years (ages 52-64).
- Colorectal Screening (ages 50-75).
 - Stool samples tested in the past year.
 - Flexible Sigmoidoscopy in the past 5 years.
 - Colonoscopy in the past 10 years.
- Stopped Smoking, counseling to stop, prescription to help stop smoking.

DENTAL:

- General preventive.
- Sealants and fluoride treatments.

PREGNANCY:

- Screened for alcohol use.
- Prenatal HIV screening.

CHILDREN (ages 2-5)

- Height and Weight with their Body Mass Index if greater than or equal to 95%.

CARDIOVASCULAR (age 22 and over)

- Blood pressure checks.

- Blood for lipids (fats).
- Tobacco use assessment.
- Body Mass Index Calculated.
- Lifestyle Counseling.

All newborns up to the age of 1 should be assessed for breastfeeding.

Since all of our documentation is electronic using Indian Health Services software, everything that is recorded automatically is supplied to Indian Health Services who then uses this information to provide us with a quarterly report of how the Health Department is doing in collecting the needed data from our patients.

You may call the Health Department at 368-8630 or stop by and provide us with this information.

Once again, HELP US HELP YOU. Remember, the better our numbers, the better the funding. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

CHILDHOOD OBESITY

September is Childhood Obesity Month. One in 3 children in the United States is overweight or obese. Childhood obesity puts kids at risk for health problems that were once seen only in adults, like type 2 diabetes, high blood pressure, and heart disease.

The good news is that childhood obesity can be prevented. In honor of National Childhood Obesity Awareness Month, the Buford L Rolin Health Department encourages your family to make healthy changes together.

- Get active outside: Walk around the neighborhood, go on a bike ride, or play basketball at the park.
- Limit screen time: Keep screen time (time spent on the computer, watching TV, or playing video games) to 2 hours or less a day.
- Make healthy meals: Buy and serve more vegetables, fruits, and whole-grain foods.

Taking small steps as a family can help your child stay at a healthy weight

Marsha Fendley is our Registered

Dietician here at the Health Department. She can be reached by calling (251) 368-9136 ext. 2354. If you feel that your child could benefit from nutritional counseling please call to schedule an appointment.

REMINDERS FOR ALL OUR PATIENTS

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

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

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

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



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HOUSING DEPARTMENT

The Housing Department is busy with many projects like the following:

- Bell Creek Subdivision - four (4) home buyers have moved in and eight (8) homes are under construction.
- Walker Subdivision located in Pensacola, Florida, - bids are being taken on building the remaining six (6) units.
- Moniac Townhouses are complete and are 80% occupied.

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

- Emergency/Transitional Housing
- Rental - All Poarch Subdivisions
- Rental - Manac Townhouses
- Rental - Walker Subdivision, Pensacola, FL

- Rehabilitation Assistance
- Renovation Loan Program
- Heating & Cooling Loan Program
- Senior Emergency Program
- TAHO

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

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

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

MOBILE HOME FOR SALE

The Housing Department will be accepting sealed bids on:

- One (1) two (2) bedroom mobile home located at 10802 Highway 31 Lot 13, Atmore, AL 36502.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

- This trailer is sold “*as- is, where-is.*” Housing is not responsible for transportation, set up, or repairs of trailers being sold.
- All bids must be sealed.
- Minimum bid is \$3,000.00.
- ***NO FINANCING.*** Payment must be made in full.
- You have *5 calendar days* after bid is awarded to submit payment.
- You have *16 calendar days* from date of payment to move mobile home from its current location or

make arrangements with the property owner.

- Failure to comply with the timeline will result in a refund, and bid will be awarded to the next highest bidder.
- Housing reserves the right to withdraw the trailer from the auction for good cause prior to the bids for the trailer being opened.

All bids are due in the Housing Department by ***Thursday, September 17, 2015 before 2:00 p.m.***

ALL BIDS MUST INCLUDE:

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

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

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 affecting your interests as Tribal Members. If you have any questions regarding any of these matters, please feel free to contact your Tribal Council members at (251) 368-9136 or the Legal Department at (251) 368-9136 Ext. 2525.

TRIBAL LEGISLATION

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.

TRIBAL LITIGATION

This update outlines the activity that has occurred since the last update on these cases.

Poarch Band of Creek Indians v. James H. Hildreth, Jr. (Federal Court)

The Tribe filed this complaint in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Alabama on May 26, 2015, against Escambia County, Alabama Tax Assessor Jim Hildreth. The Tribe's Complaint requests that the Court declare that the lands are not within Hildreth's taxing jurisdiction and asks the Court to issue a preliminary and permanent injunction to prevent him from taxing the Tribe's trust property in the future. Hildreth filed his brief in opposition to the Motion for Preliminary Injunction on June 16th and filed his answer and counterclaim and amended brief on June 24th. In his counterclaim, Hildreth asks the Court to (a) declare the Tribe is not an Indian tribe and not entitled to any of the rights and privileges, (b) declare that any federal trust established for the Tribe's benefit is void, (c) declare that the lands are not "Indian country", (d) declare that the Tribe does not

have sovereign immunity, and (e) order the Tribe to pay its attorney fees. The Tribe's reply brief was also filed on June 24th.

The Court granted a preliminary injunction in favor of the Tribe on July 22, 2015. Hildreth appealed this order to the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals on July 28th. The parties will now submit briefs on this issue.

Kelly et al. v. Poarch Band of Creek Indians et al. (State Court)

On March 21, 2013, Adrienne Kelly and Edward Gilbert filed a complaint against the Poarch Band of Creek Indians and PCI Gaming Authority d/b/a Creek Casino Montgomery (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Tribe") in the Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Alabama. The Alabama Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, Alabama Beverage Control Board Administrator H. Mac Gipson, and Elfago Ramos Ramirez were also named as defendants. The suit alleges that the Tribe furnished alcoholic beverages to a visibly intoxicated person, namely Elfago Ramos Ramirez and that Mr. Ramirez caused an accident that injured Ms. Kelly and Mr. Gilbert.

On April 24, 2013, the Tribe filed a motion to dismiss the complaint arguing that the court lacked jurisdiction and that the Tribe enjoyed sovereign immunity. In response to the Tribe's motion to dismiss, Ms. Kelly and Mr. Gilbert have argued that the Tribe waived sovereign immunity by purchasing insurance and applying for a license from the Alabama Beverage Control Board. On July 22, 2013, the Tribe's motion to dismiss was denied.

On September 3, 2013, the Tribe filed a mandamus petition with the Alabama Supreme Court asking that the Court order the circuit court judge to dismiss the case on the basis of sovereign immunity and lack of subject matter jurisdiction. The circuit court judge stayed the case in circuit court pending the outcome of the mandamus petition. The mandamus petition was denied on May 23, 2014, and litigation resumed.

The Tribe filed a Motion for Summary Judgement on July 20, 2015. The Court has not ruled on that motion.

This case is set for a jury trial on September 21, 2015.

OFFICE OF ARCHIVES & RECORDS MANAGEMENT



Tribal Council Secretary/Records Committee Chair David Gehman invited the Tribal Council to visit the Office of Archives and Records Management at 100 Brookwood Drive so that they could see firsthand the enormous progress our staff has made since its inception.

The Office of Archives and Records Management (OARM) was established by the Tribal Council under the Records Management Ordinance in 2010. At that time, Attorney General Venus McGhee Prince and Chief Financial Officer Mr. Mike Wesaw were serving on the Records Committee with Tribal Councilman David Gehman. In 2011 the Records Committee hired Dr. Deidra Suwanee Dees as the Tribal Archivist/Director of the OARM in order to develop the Office. Records Coordinator Ms. Ellen O'Barr joined the OARM in 2011 bringing with her a vast amount of knowledge from almost thirty years of experience with land records. Together they advanced the records infrastructure of the Tribe by establishing safeguards and building our archival collections. So much progress was being made that it became necessary to hire Administrative Assistant Ms. Wendy Phillips-Cox who joined us in 2014. She described her experience saying she hit the ground running and, "I've been running ever since! I love my job."

The OARM Team was delighted to have the Tribal Council and our Attorney General Lori Madison Stinson visit us and see with their own eyes the work being done. Temporary staff from the Tribal Employment Program, Ms. Delores Kelley, Ms. Judy McGhee and Ms. Carolyn Peterson, helped staff provide the tour for the Council by telling them about their work experiences. They described our new Research Station which provides a tool for patrons to access records in our archives.

Tribal Chair Ms. Stephanie Bryan said to staff, "You have done an amazing job!" CIEDA employees Ms. Jennifer Chism and Ms. Jennifer Peak took great pictures of the Council's visit including the above picture. "I am coming back to stay all day!" Vice Chair Mr. Robbie McGhee exclaimed as he looked through the very rare Chief Calvin McGhee Collection.

The Office is open to everyone from Monday to Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Our telephone number has changed and we can now be reached through the Tribe's main telephone number at 368-9136. Our professional energetic staff is ready to help you. Mvto.

Submitted by Deidra Dees



YOUR HEALTH MATTERS

Small Decisions Make Big Things Happen

Built in Breaks

Have you heard the news? Sitting is the new smoking. Ugh. Maybe we're guilty of spending too much time at our desks at work or binge-watching our favorite show. But doctors are saying even if you spend an hour at the gym every day you still need to break up any long period of time you spend sitting with some movement. Here's a strategy that has worked for me:

Take a few minutes right now to set up two schedule reminders — one in the morning and one in the afternoon — to go off every day this week (use your computer's calendar, your desk calendar or day planner, and/or your watch or smartphone). When the alarm sounds, get up and move your body for just five minutes.

You could:

- Jog/walk around the building
- Walk a few flights of stairs (Maybe even two at a time!)
- Lift and lower your chair
- Do wall pushups
- Do squats or lunges
- Stretch

It doesn't matter what you do, just be active for a few minutes. Taking regular breaks during your workday has been proven to markedly improve energy, metabolism, mood, concentration, and productivity. And even a small increase in activity can have profound results. So consider this an experiment and notice what impact it has on you. And keep in mind, these breaks are not only good for your body, they are good for your job performance and career, too!

So, I am reading the thought bubble over your head from here.

"I am too busy to squeeze in any activity during the day." You say?



On the contrary, the 10 minutes you invest in intermittent movement will pay you back several times in the form of reclaimed energy, productivity, and focus.

"I'll look silly exercising in my office."

Well, that's a mighty small price to pay for feeling great. Besides, anyone who "catches" you exercising will probably respect you for it and may follow your example.

Try it and see for yourself. You can do this! Start a new trend at work. Please let me know how you're doing. I'm excited to hear about your progress.

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

Sweet Spot

We're friends, right? I'd like to create a judgement-free zone here. I must confess something. Ok, great, deep breath, here goes: I am a nutritionist and I love sugar. I'm well aware of the dangers, as I'm sure you are, of excessive sugar consumption. For quite some time, nutritionists, medical experts and publications (including this one) have been talking about everything from inflammation to diabetes to heart disease and more. I would like to say that I quit the sweet stuff the day I started studying nutrition, but I didn't.

There's been more talk over the last year or so about how sugar addiction is biologically similar to drug or alcohol addiction. To name a couple of articles, Mark Hyman, MD, talks on his Web site how some people need more stimulation to activate pleasure receptors, and Dr. Frank Lipman cites a 2007 study where rats chose sugar water over water laced with cocaine. While I find that interesting, also comforting to know that my cravings are more than just lack of willpower, I owe it to myself and to you to figure out a healthy way to live with sugar cravings.

I can't imagine living in an unsweetened world. Here are some of the things I do to maintain a healthy relationship with sugar:

- I rarely keep binge-worthy foods in the house.
- I've mostly stopped using refined sugar. At home, I use natural sweeteners for my coffee, and occasionally when I'm out I'll use a little raw sugar.
- I've cut about 80 percent of the processed foods I used to eat out of my diet.
- When a sugar craving hits, I always start with something natural. I try to keep at least one type of fresh fruit (grapes and apples are a couple of my favorites) around and I usually



have raisins on hand in case I'm out of everything else.

- When I do slip, as soon as I can, I forgive myself. I try to learn what I can from the experience, and move on.

I've cut as much sugar from my diet as I can and still keep life bearable. The first few days of starting a new habit are the toughest so hang in there. Hey, remember, we're in this together! Please lean on me for support or if you have any questions about these strategies.

- Ashley

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



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RECREATION DEPARTMENT

NAYO TOURNAMENT/POARCH GIRLS



7-8 Year Old Girls

Bottom row (l to r)- Josie Daughtry, Mary-Ashlynn Williams, and Kenslee Chavira. Second row (l to r)- Regan McGhee, Naomie Ward, Allison Flowers, Dani Chunn, Temple Albritton, Kadence Bailey, and Brooklynn Lucas. Third row (l to r)- Adaline Dortch, Jayla Brown, Aleka Ward, Kamryn Langham, Ashkia Weaver, Halona Walker, and Sophia Morris. Top row (l to r)- Coach Kenny Williams, Coach Melton “Duck” Weaver, and Coach Shelly Chavira.



9-10 Year Old Girls - First Place

Bottom row (1 to r)- Leah Rolin, McKenna Pettis, Brionna Slate, Jalia Lassiter, Kaitlin Gafford, and Destinee Rolin. Middle row (1 to r)- Peyton Rolin, Chloe Morris, Alexis Barnhill, Harley Sells, Macie Chunn, Ruthie Huskey, Jaycee Parker, and Lea Odom. Top row (1 to r)- Coach Rusty Lassiter, Coach Cassie Lassiter, and Coach Jamie Gafford.



11-12 Year Old Girls - Third Place

Bottom row (l to r)- Lylia Albritton, Lauren Jordan, Savannah Haikey, Rylee Huskey, and Hannah Newsome. Top row (l to r)- Coach Kristen James, Makenzie Rolin, Tori White, Jacelyn Chunn, Sydney Lisenby, Colby Hollinger, Coach Hunter Bonds, and Coach Samantha Miller.



13-15 Year Old Girls - Second Place

Bottom row (l to r)- Trista Hill, Madysen Griffey, Taya Hill, Sheridan Mauldin, and Ashley Gibson. Middle row (l to r)- Alia Snow, Lexi Daughtry, Brianna Bailey, Hannah Martin, Gabby McGhee, Lexi Hollinger, Raeven Ramer, and Coach John O'Barr. Top row- Coach Jarrell Hollinger.

NAYO TOURNAMENT/POARCH BOYS



7-8 Year Old Boys - Second Place

Bottom row (l to r)- Daygen Slate, Brayden Bailey, Lance Presley, James Kohls, and Lagan Rolin. Middle row (l to r)- Ben Moye, Jamison McGhee, Blaize Thomas, Isaiah Madison, Carson Wilson, Gage Lambert, and Logan Gregson. Top row (l to r)- Coach Bo Slate, Coach Larry Bailey, and Coach Jake Thomas.



9-10 Year Old Boys - First Place

Bottom row (l to r)- Silas Albritton, Gavin Snow, and Braeden McGhee. Second row (l to r)- Colbie English, DJ Rolin, Waylon Langford, River Ramer, and Tommy Lucas. Third row (l to r)- Josh Burkett, Kolby Peavy, John Michael Ward, Scotty Macks, and Daughtry McGhee. Top row (l to r)- Coach Carl Ward, Coach Josh Burkett, Coach Tim Ramer, and Coach Eddie Jackson.



11-12 Year Old Boys - Second Place

Bottom row (l to r)- Shane Gregson, Dawson Cox, Layton Martin, Jayce Sells, Caleb Davis, and Talan Daughtry. Top row (l to r)- Coach Donnie Cox, Donovan Murphy, Noah Martin, Damon Rolin, Jason Davis Jr., and Coach Jason Davis Sr.



13-15 Year Old Boys - First Place

Bottom row (l to r)- Henry Langford, Billy Rolin, Hunter Revel, Chase Helton, Jared Gibbs, and Justin Pearson. Middle row (l to r)- Tanner Jackson, Brendon Rolin, Corey Bailey, Jaylan Daughtry, Tyler Sells, Tyler Jackson, Coach Bryan Gregson, and Coach Billy Rolin. Top row (l to r)- Coach Michael Rolin, Curt Fayard, Luke Ward, Christian Murphy, and Brad Childs.

SWIMMERS RECOGNIZED



Most Improved Female Swimmer

Hannah Johnson, shown above with swim coach Sarah Allen, received the award for Most Improved Female Swimmer for the 2014-2015 Summer Swim Season.

Not shown is Colby Lisenby, the Most Improved Male Swimmer.



Female MVP

Kylee Langham, shown above with swim coach Sarah Allen, received the Female MVP Award for the 2014-2015 Summer Swim Season.

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Male MVP

Cash Griffey, shown above with swim coach Sarah Allen, received the Male MVP Award for the Summer Swim Season.

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SENIOR SERVICES PROGRAM



The Poarch Creek Senior Center is open to senior citizens age 55 and over from Poarch and surrounding communities. The Poarch Creek Senior Center is dedicated to helping seniors in various ways. If you have any questions, or would like to know more about our services and programs, please feel to stop by or contact us at (251) 368-9136 x 2289 or cwalker@pci-nsn.gov. The Center is open Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.


CONGREGATE MEALS

- Congregate meals are served Monday through Friday to seniors age 55 and older. Meet your friends and make new ones as you join us for a delicious and nutritious meal.
- The food is prepared and cooked at the Senior Center for all seniors over 55 years of age.
- If you are not a regular participant, reservations should be made up to 9:00 a.m. the day you plan to eat at the Center. Call (251) 368-9136 x 2802 to make reservations
- The Senior Center does NOT allow grandchildren to come visit for lunch. This program is for seniors 55 and older ONLY.
- If you have any questions or need clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us at (251) 368-9136 x 2289.

HOME-BOUND MEALS

- The Center provides home delivered meals to seniors age 55 and above who are home-bound.
- Home-bound seniors can have a well-balanced meal delivered five days a week.
- Home-bound meals are the same menu served at the Senior Center. Transportation drivers will carry the meal into your kitchen or hand it to you at the door, whichever you prefer.
- If you get a home-bound lunch and decide that you would like to visit the Senior Center for lunch on a particular day, please call and notify the Center by 9:00 a.m. so that a home-bound lunch will not be delivered that day. The Center does not allow home-bound participants to receive a lunch at home and at the Center on the same day.
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TRIBAL ADMINISTRATION

OFFICE CLOSURES

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

Monday, September 7, 2015

Tribal Offices, Boys & Girls Club, and Gym will be closed in observance of Labor Day.

Friday, September 25, 2015

Tribal Offices, Boys & Girls Club, and Gym will be closed in observance of American Indian Day.

TRIBAL COURT

MY SUCCESS STORY!!



My name is Dakota Sheets and I graduated PCI Drug Court on August 7, 2015.

I was addicted to Meth & Spice. I have been clean for 1 year and 6 months. I owe so much to the Tribal Court staff for helping me go through rehab and completing Drug Court. Most of all for helping me find Jesus Christ! I was once a child but now I'm a man of God and I could not do it without my family, my church family, and most of all my Drug Court family.

Thank you for your love and support!

Sincerely

Dakota R. Sheets

Transformation; a complete or major change in someone's or something's appearance, form, etc.

I can't think of any other word that best describes Dakota Sheets as he graduates PCI Drug Court.

I personally have been witness to a complete transformation: physically, mentally, spiritually, and characterologically. I've witnessed him in an orange jumpsuit with his hands cuffed to chains around his waist. I've seen the daily struggle to remain abstinent in spite of the anger, depression, anxiety, and shame that comes along with addiction. I've seen him have to swallow pride and work for minimum wage at jobs that many would look down upon. But I have also witnessed personal and spiritual growth, along with the maturity that comes with learning from mistakes.

What many people won't realize is that Dakota completed the PCI Drug Court program voluntarily. He could have chosen to walk away at any point, especially after his State charges were settled. But he chose to remain in the program and finish things out. I think this speaks volumes about his dedication and is an example to all of what commitment really is. The same commitment that will be required of him to remain clean and sober. Dakota is scheduled to complete his Welding degree from JDCC in October and I have no doubt he will be a success if he continues to apply the same level of effort in all areas of his life.

Congratulations to Dakota from the entire Drug Court staff.

*Wes Hayles, Addictions Counselor
Printed with permission from Dakota Sheets*

ATTENTION DRUG COURT GRADUATES OR INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE COMPLETED AN INPATIENT TREATMENT PROGRAM

The Poarch Creek Indians Tribal Court Administration would like to invite you to participate in our Community Aftercare Reinforcement Program. We have recently begun an incentive component which allows participants to receive vouchers for rewards for participation in the program.

Wes Hayles, Addictions Counselor for the Tribe, has worked diligently to provide a program that will assist

participants that have graduated from our Drug Court Program or attended in-patient treatment facilities with their continued sobriety.

Please contact our office for more information or to schedule an appointment for the aftercare program.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Keesha O'Barr or Wes Hayles at (251) 368-9136 x 2653 or 2652.

TRIBAL COURT COMMUNITY AWARENESS EVENTS

- SMART Recovery Meets every Monday night at 6:00 pm in the Tribal Court lobby. This meeting is open to anyone seeking to gain independence from addictive behaviors. Light snacks provided.
- Parenting Skills Meets every Wednesday at 11:00 am in the Tribal Court activity Room. This is an open meeting to all Tribal Members and 1st Generation. (Please RSVP/Lunch is provided.)
- Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest. Children age 5-18 in all Tribal households are eligible for participation. Submission deadline: Friday 5:00 September 4, 2015.
- Age categories: 5-7, 8-11, 12-14, and 15-18.
- Prizes will be given to top three posters in each age category. 1st/\$100 2nd/\$ 50 3rd/\$25
- \$100 for best slogan.
- All 1st place posters will be published in the *Poarch Creek News*.
- Guidelines and all supplies needed for the Post Contest can be picked up in Tribal Court (Building 300).

Contact Charity Miller at (251) 368-9136 x 2660 or cmiller@pci-nsn.gov if you have any questions about any of the programs offered by Tribal Court.

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Audrey Hepburn

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.

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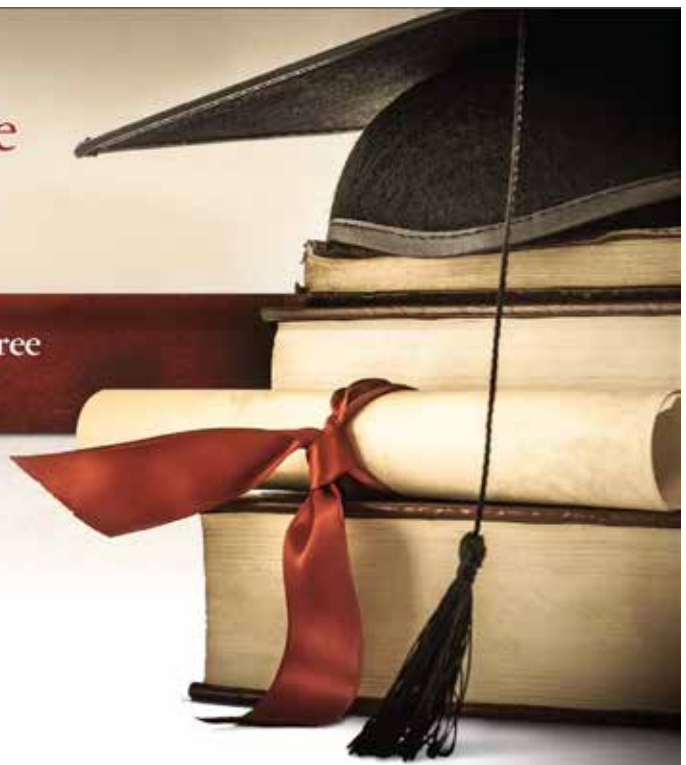
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TRIBAL MEMBER BENEFITS DEPARTMENT

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

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

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

TRIBAL UTILITIES ASSISTANCE PROGRAM REIMBURSEMENT

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

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.)

Quarterly Reimbursement Pay-Out Schedule:

<u>Application Received by</u>	<u>Check will be mailed</u>
March 30 th	April 30 th
June 30 th	July 30 th
September 30 th	October 30 th
December 30 th	January 30 th

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

UTILITY CARDS PAY ELIGIBLE EXPENSES ONLY

“Eligible Expenses” means basic utilities services, specifically water, sewer, trash, electricity, and natural gas/propane, and basic communication services, specifically landline and/or basic cellular telephone service.

Telephone bills may be made with your Utilities Card ONLY for BASIC service. You cannot pay for someone else's phone bill, even if it is a family member on the same plan. Please, if you have any doubt or questions, contact Tribal Member Benefits at 251-368-9136, extension 2209.

Tribal Member Benefits is now accepting applications for reimbursement for utility payments made in cases where the card is not accepted by a vendor and all other utilities have been paid. You may view the application and all the requirements on the Tribal Member Portal. Again, please contact Tribal Member Benefits if you have questions.

Please be reminded that any misuse of the Utilities Card may result in being placed on a Reimbursement Only Status.

If you have moved, or planning to move, you are required to contact Tribal Member Benefits and register your new address and new Utilities service address.

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.

Requests To Lower Tribal Flag

The Tribal Police Department will be honored to lower the Tribal flag to show respect for the unfortunate passing of a Tribal Member. To lower the flag the date of the wake and/or funeral, please contact the Tribal Police Department at (251) 368-9136 x 2621 or cvickery@pci-nsn.gov.

When calling or emailing the information, please provide the name, roll number, and funeral arrangements of the deceased Tribal Member. We will also show our respect for the family and friends during their time of sorrow through our thoughts and prayers.

It shall remain the responsibility of the family of the deceased to contact Tribal Member Benefits, or other applicable programs, in reference to other applicable needs or concerns.

Thank you for your assistance in this important matter.



TRIBAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

Tribal Regulatory Commission (formerly TERO Commission) meetings will be held the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month.

The TERO Department will soon be moving back to their offices on Highway 21. Please watch the newsletter and Tribal web site, www.pci-nsn.gov, for more information.

TRIBAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY

The Poarch Creek Utilities Authority welcomed a new employee since our last update. Tribal Member Trent Flowers has started work in our Maintenance Department. PCI Utilities is thankful to be able to include the experience that Trent has to our staff and we believe it will increase our ability to deliver the services that we provide.

PCIUA held the bid opening for East Well Ultraviolet (UV) Project and those bids are under review. We hope to have this project completed by the end of October 2015. Our Expanded Metal project is underway. The design phase has been awarded to Weatherford & Associates. We held a pre-bid meeting on August 3, 2015 to review and discuss any portion of the project. Bids have been received on the construction scope and are under review.

The Tribal Council has approved the Resolution to move forward with the Canoe Water System acquisition. The Utilities Authority is currently waiting on a scheduled hearing date with the Public Service Commission to present the proposed Canoe acquisition to their representatives and are hopeful to have that hearing in September.

Some of you may have already noticed that we have installed security/surveillance cameras at dumpster locations, including the Tribal subdivisions dumpster sites, in an effort to minimize and deter unauthorized

dumping and usage. This is an effort to keep our cost down so that we can continue to offer these services at an affordable rate to our customers.

The regularly scheduled Utility Board Meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 1:00 pm at the Utilities Office. If you would like to attend one of these meetings and need directions or to be put on the agenda please let us know, as seating is limited.

The Utilities Authority strives at making our valuable customers satisfied. We work hard at providing the best quality water, sewer, and solid waste services to our community and surrounding areas.

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.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding any utility services that we provide, please contact our office Monday through Friday, excluding holidays, from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at 251-446-1617 and we will be glad to help.



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 in aggregate to any Tribal Member.

All loans exceeding \$50,000 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 call Economic Development Coordinator Donna Steele at 251-368-0819 or email at dsteale@pcicie.com for additional information or to schedule an appointment.




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Celebrating Kitty Stuart

For 30 years, Kitty Stuart has been a constant in Poarch Creek Indian business ventures. From the beginning of Creek Bingo Palace all the way through to the envision and completion of Creek Travel Plaza (CTP), Creek Convenience Store Atmore (CCSA) and Creek Convenience Store Wetumpka (CCSW), Stuart had a hand in it all.

**KITTY
STUART**



Now, after three decades, Stuart is hanging up her many hats to enjoy retirement. To show appreciation for all the hard work she has put in throughout the years, Creek Indian Enterprises Development Authority and PCI Gaming threw a celebration in honor of Stuart on June 30, 2015.

"During my 30 years, I met some really awesome people," Stuart said. "I have friends and employees who I will think about long after I've left. I've just had a good life, and I appreciate



"Never once did I regret going to work; not once," Stuart said. "And not many people can say that."

— Kitty Stuart

the Tribe and want to thank the Poarch Creek Indians for the opportunity I was given to do the things that I have done."

Stuart was the second employee hired at Creek Bingo Palace, and for 27 years, worked in the gaming industry before taking over as director of retail operations for CTP, CCSA and CCSW.

"Kitty has a great character," former Chief Eddie Tullis said. "That character of say what you mean and mean what you say has always been Kitty's trademark. She has always been willing to accept the challenge and be very forgiving with me — we didn't always see eye to eye, but we got things accomplished, and she did a wonderful job."

Stuart echoed his remarks. "I knew one thing — Eddie always had my back. And I say the same thing about Tim Martin and Edith Travers. I admire and respect all three.

"Never once did I regret going to work; not once," Stuart said. "And not many people can say that."

May you always have work for your hands to do.
May your pockets hold always a coin or two.
May the sun shine bright on your windowpane.
May the rainbow be certain to follow each rain.
May the hand of a friend always be near you.
And may God fill your heart with gladness to cheer you.

— Irish Retirement Blessing



Creek Indian Enterprises Development Authority is in full-swing mode when it comes to construction management projects. The finished products are usually what people remember, but it's the behind-the-scenes work and planning that make it all happen.

Although these efforts are accomplished by many people, to the general public it seems almost like only a few people are onsite to build or remodel a structure. However, projects of all sizes have levels of management and supervision, and those people are planning, brainstorming, reworking,

changes and have hands-on oversight of the entire task.

The CIEDA construction management crew has been busy with an array of projects within the holdings of the Tribe. Internal clients include Tribal Government, PCI Gaming and CIEDA. To date, eight to 10 construction activities are either ongoing or have been completed under Project Manager Kevin Rackard. Rackard is a Tribal Member with 17 years' experience in construction management.

Projects currently under Rackard's supervision include the completed cultural kiosk display at Wind Creek Atmore (WCA), the ongoing remodels of the Fire Steakhouse, Grill and Center Bar at WCA, the completed installation of 2,058 fixed seating at the WCA amphitheater as well as the ongoing installation of automatic entrances at WCA and more.

"The best analogy for how these things work is likened to a football game," Rackard said. "I am like a quarterback, who strategizes and leads the team. Project Controls Manager Jim Angus is like the head coach, who gives direction and calls plays but allows his team to participate in the decision-making process, too."

Rackard said a project typically begins by assessing all of the duties needed for success.

“This process can be very extensive,” he said. “It begins with the programming — identifying the client’s needs,

budgeting and allocating necessary funds, securing and researching land ownership, devising a timeline of completion, etc.”

Next comes the design development phase, where the team captures the overall idea of the project and develops the concept, evaluates proposals, awards a firm the contract, communicates with architects and a multitude of other fine-tuning efforts. Then comes the bidding phase of the project to contractors and determining requirements for either a Tribal Set-Aside or a competitive bid in the outside market.

After months of work, the construction finally begins, but the behind-the-scenes work is not done.

“Once the project breaks ground, there still are many changes and updates that happen,” Rackard said. “The client might change his mind and add to or subtract from the project. My job is to facilitate meetings and change estimates, crunch numbers and get the best quotes for the client to stay on schedule within the given budget restraints.” All of this can take months or even years, depending on the size and scope of the project and the amount of changes being made.

Once the project is complete, the team begins the closeout process, which is like an overall checklist of making sure everything the client wanted was delivered and correct. There are also checklists over the duration of a project for which the manager is responsible, making sure everything is up to par.

"A ton of documents and paperwork is involved throughout the whole process," Rackard said. "There's so much attention to detail that is required to provide the highest quality service to our clients."

Rackard also said his involvement does not stop even after a project is finished and his team moves on to the next project. He follows up on the warranty periods and coordinates repairs as needed. Plus, Rackard said he remains in contact with the client to assist with questions and requests regarding the completed project.

This showcases the CIEDA construction teams' dedication to providing excellence in service throughout the whole process.

“It’s more than just a construction job,” Rackard said. “The reward is the fact that I know our team had a small hand in helping build the Tribe’s assets.”

So next time you see construction happening, remember there is way more going on than what meets the eye.

—By Jen Peake, CIEDA Marketing Specialist



KEVIN RACKARD
Project Manager



CIEDA CUSTODIAL DEPARTMENT

THE CLEAN TEAM



It all begins at 5:30 a.m. Just as the sun begins to peek above the horizon, a team of angels with wings made of dusting cloths and Clorox wipes turns on the lights at the CIEDA procurement offices and embarks on their mission to leave the

CIEDA enterprises better than they found them. Often, they are unseen, but they leave behind an undeniable trail of clean bathrooms, freshly vacuumed floors, dust-free desks and emptied trash bins, all topped off with a sweet smell of clean.

Armed with vacuum cleaners, mops, cleaning agents and disinfectants, this small tight-knit group stages an all-out assault, determined to fulfill their duties of beautifying every bit of CIEDA.

Esther Dortch, Melissa Ross and Rhonda Tillman are the faces of CIEDA's janitorial team. However, up until recently, this team was only two members, daily cleaning CIEDA headquarters, the Employee Center and Procurement offices, Reid State Practical Nursing site across from CIEDA HQ and the PCI Gaming Call Center, along with cleaning twice a week Muskogee Technology, MT North, Perdido River Farms and the

PCI Archives Department.

"People often focus on what is not done compared to what is done," Dortch said. "But that doesn't matter to us. We love our job. Everyone here is so nice and we are all like family, and it makes our work fun."

Dortch, who has worked with CIEDA since 2010, is the only nontribal member on the team. Ross began October 2014 and is first generation, and Tillman, who began in July, and is a Tribal Member.

When asked what the best part of their job was, Tillman said, "The people we work with. Everyone has a great personality and are super sweet. We make it a point to say hello and talk with everyone each day. It's just great."

These women provide our customers first impression of our businesses and our organization and they do a wonderful job.

"We are a well-oiled machine, and we have this down to a science," Ross said. "Teamwork is critical. We know the goal is to get it all accomplished and do it right. We have a system, it works and we have fun."

Brandishing smiling faces and positive attitudes, this team notices and remembers some of the smallest aspects of each office's special requests or preferences, such as whether or not you like things moved on your desk or how often you want your office vacuumed or dusted.

"Some co-workers only want things done once a week, while others prefer every day," Ross said. "We like to accommodate everybody."

And this team has no complaints. The hardest part of their job, they said, is the physicality it takes to do so many businesses. But even that is said with a smile and a chuckle.

"It's like a daily workout," Dortch said. "And that's a good thing!"

They are unsung heroes who take personal pride in their work, and each employee and guest to our businesses, regardless of whether they realize it or not, enjoy the fruits of their labor.

After a break for lunch, they jump back into their job, never missing a beat. Their day ends at 2 p.m. The total square footage they cover each week: 288,436. Three ladies, 10 businesses, one job, all smiles.

By Jen Peake, CIEDA Marketing Specialist

BY THE NUMBERS: The Clean Team Breakdown

Bathrooms

Per Week



86

Breakrooms

Per Week



46

Offices

Per Week



331

Kitchens

Per Week



27

Toilets

Per Week



250

Trashcans

Per Week



703

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Per Week

46

Classrooms

Per Week

66





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Female drivers: Clean, safe top priorities on the road

When it comes to clean, no one does it better than Creek Travel Plaza. And if you are a woman, rest assured knowing the staff at Creek Travel Plaza has you in mind as well as the fellas.

Boasting exceptionally clean showers and bathrooms, ample police presence and a mostly female staff, CTP knows that women are drivers, too, and wants everyone to feel safe and refreshed when visiting.

“The entire complex is well lit and extremely safe,” Travel Plaza Manager Tammy Smith said. “The police are on the premises all the time and there are

no dark areas where you can't be seen."

Women from all walks of life stop by the travel plaza, Smith said. And being so close to Tribal Government offices, many Tribal Members come to eat at The Diner inside CTP, get gas and pick up convenience items.

A 2014 survey taken among 3,035 adults ages 18 and older suggests that people stop to use the restroom based on how bad they have to go, the proximity to the highway, cleanliness and safety. Women are more concerned with the cleanliness of the restrooms than men, with 58 percent of women citing it as a

factor compared to 47 percent of men.

Smith said plenty of females frequent the plaza, with many of them being regulars. Female trucker drivers are on the rise, too. Recent statistics show there are about 200,000 women truck drivers in the United States, and most say cleanliness and safety are top priorities when choosing a truck stop.

Bottom line: Creek Travel Plaza provides a safe place for women to rest after a long drive and a well-trained staff ready to help out and make a patron's layover memorable.

By Jen Peake
CIEDA Marketing Specialist

Fall in love with biking at MBWR

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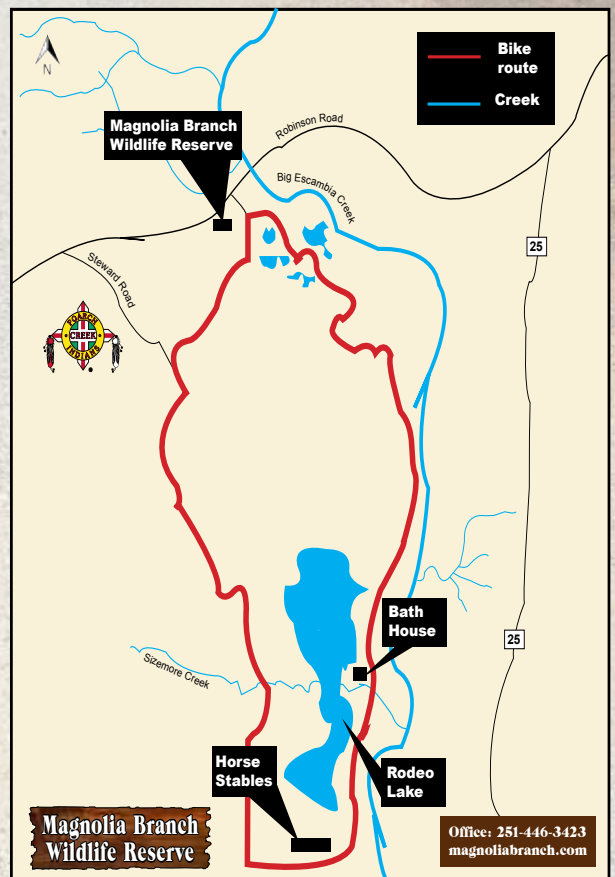
The autumn equinox, or fall season, begins Sept. 23. So what better way to get out and enjoy the outdoors than on a bicycle ride. Plus, there are benefits to riding a bike beyond the enjoyment of nature and sightseeing.

Did you know that a 135-pound woman pedaling 12-14 mph blasts 488 calories in 60 minutes? Biking/cycling is an excellent way to stay in shape.

At Magnolia Branch Wildlife Reserve, you now can rent bicycles for \$5/hour and ride around the park at your leisure. Take in the sights and sounds of Magnolia Branch as you pedal down the roadways or on a trail on one of the Specialized Hardrock mountain bikes available at the park.

Another reason that makes biking great is it gets you just about anywhere a car or your own feet can take you. Half of American workers live within 5 miles of their workplace, according to the most recent National Household Transportation Survey. That's a doable 20-minute ride each way. And at Magnolia Branch, everything is within a bike distance away. Why waste your fuel when you can easily hop on a bicycle?

With the leaves changing and falling, there is just something about the fall that makes you want to be outside. So hop on a bike and explore Magnolia Branch in a new way.



By Jen Peake
CIEDA Marketing
Specialist



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September (Otvoskuce) 2015

New barn structures to store hay bales at PRF



The construction of the first of three barns began in July at Perdido River Farms.

General Manager John English said the barns are being built to store hay bales so that the current structure for hay can be used to house equipment from the effects of the weather.

"We just got started on our second round of cutting," English said. "The last will be around the middle to end of September. So the need for more barns

is definitely necessary. By building three barns, we will have the ability to store more rolls than we currently do, and the barn by the office will be utilized more efficiently."

In July, the farm had 2,992 bales of hay to store. English said by the end of harvesting season, they should have about 4,265 bales.

Last year, Perdido River Farms suffered a fire in September. A lightning storm started the fire in one of the barns,

and the farm lost a significant amount of hay. Equipment also was damaged, as was part of the office building. However, no one was injured, and no animals were lost.

English said these new barns will be placed 40 feet apart in an effort to keep tremendous loss from happening again in case of another fire. The dimension of each structure will be 40 feet by 96 feet.

By Jen Peake,
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The CIEDA internal construction crew is building the first of three barns at Perdido River Farms to house hay bales and free up the current barn for equipment storage.

NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICES



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

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

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

Farm Service Agencies

www.fsa.usda.gov

www.fsa.usda.gov/al

www.nrcs.usda.gov/farmbill

USDA Rural Development

www.rurdev.usda.gov

www.rurdev.usa.gov/al

Alabama Forestry Commission

www.forestry.state.al.us

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POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY

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All local businesses and citizens are encouraged to observe this day of honor and remembrance by placing black and white ribbons, balloons, wreaths, etc. on their doors, windows, and or mailboxes and dressing in black and white on this day as a show of honor and remembrance of America's Prisoners of War and Missing in Action.

Tribal Administrative employees are encouraged to wear black and white and decorate their department/work area in black and white on Friday, September 18, 2015 and in honor and remembrance of America's Prisoners of War and Missing in Action.



WHY BLACK AND WHITE? The POW/MIA flag is black and white. The POW/MIA flag is an American flag designed as a symbol of citizen concern about United States military personnel taken as prisoners of war (POWs) or listed as missing in action (MIA).

The flag is black, and bears in the center, in black and white, the emblem of the league. The emblem was designed by Newt Heisley, and features a white disk bearing in black silhouette the bust of a man (Jeffery Heisley), watch tower with a guard on patrol, and a strand of barbed wire; above the disk are the white letters POW and MIA framing a white 5-pointed star; below the disk is a black and white wreath above the white motto: "You Are Not Forgotten."

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SMART Recovery

Every Monday night @ 6:00 pm
Tribal Court Lobby

Parenting Skills

Every Wednesday @ 11:00 am
Tribal Court Activity Room
Open to TM & FG
RSVP/Lunch Provided

Criminal & Addictive Thinking

Six Week Program Continues
Every Thursday Tribal Court Lobby

August 31, 2015 & September 1, 2015

Monday & Tuesday,
Museum gift shop closed for monthly inventory.

Monday, September 7, 2015

Tribal Offices, Boys & Girls Club and Gym
Closed in observance of Labor Day

Tuesday, September 8, 2015

5:00 pm (CST)

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

Friday, September 11, 2015

Community Meeting 6:00 pm
Wellness Center (Gym)
Tribal Members Only ID Required

Saturday, September 12, 2015

Annual Sovereignty Celebration
Magnolia Branch Wildlife Reserve
4:00 pm - 7:30 pm Gates open at 3:00 pm

Monday, September 14, 2015

Last day to submit Child Care Programs Renewal
Applications

Friday, September 18, 2015

Free Retinal Screening Premiere Family Eyecare
1:30 pm - 2:30 pm

Friday, September 18, 2015

Museum & Gift Shop closed for maintenance

Monday, September 21, 2015

State of Tribe Presentation 6:00 pm
Wellness Center/Gym

Friday, September 25, 2015

Tribal Offices, Boys & Girls Club and Gym
Closed in observance of American Indian Day

Tribal Council Meetings

Thursday, September 3rd & 17th 4:00 pm
Building 500 Auditorium

Tribal Court Sessions

Monday, September 14th 9:00 am
Tribal Courtroom

CIEDA Meetings

Friday, September 4th & 18th 7:30 am
CIEDA Offices

Tribal Regulatory Commission Meetings

Tuesday, September 8th & 22nd 8:00 am
Building 500

Calvin McGhee Cultural Advisory Committee

Monday, September 14th 4:00 pm
Cultural Building on Hwy 21
(Formerly Tribal Council Offices)

Education Advisory Committee

Wednesday, September 9th 3:00 pm
Family Services Conference Room
Buford L. Rolin Health Clinic

Utility Authority Board Meeting

Thursday, September 17th 1:00 pm
Utilities Office

4-H Club

Monday, September 14th & 28th 6:00 pm
Education Department

GED Day & Evening Classes

Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 11:00 am
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

After School Tutoring

Beginning Monday, September 21st
Monday - Thursday 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm
Education Department

Gym & Weight Room Hours

Monday - Friday
6:00 am - 8:00 pm
Saturday 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Weight Lifting Class Age 13-17

Tuesdays & Thursdays
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Gym/Weight Room

Batting Cages Open Weather Permitting

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

Water Aerobics Class

Recreation Department
Tuesdays @ 9:30 am
Thursdays @ 7:00 pm

Pool & Splash Pad Open

April 1, 2015 - November 1, 2015
Tribal Member/First Generation and one guest
Must sign in at Recreation Front Desk

Pool Hours Open Swim

Monday	1:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Tues-Fri	10:00 am - 7:30 pm
Saturday	10:00 am - 3:30 pm
Sunday	Closed

Pool Hours Swim Team Practice

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

Pool Hours Swim Lessons

Tuesday & Thursday 4:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Splash Pad & Playground

Tribal Member/First Generation and one guest
Must sign in at Recreation Front Desk
Monday Closed for routine maintenance
Tuesday-Friday 10:00 am - 8:00 pm
Saturday 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Sunday Closed

Playground Pavilion/No reservations needed

Located by new baseball field

No set time for usage/First come first serve

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