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A Moment With The Tribal Chair

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Recently, I had the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to participate in the Presidential Roundtable Discussion. This discussion, facilitated by President Obama, focused on the concerns and issues that are the most critical to Indian Country. Also attending with me were Vice-Chairman Robbie McGhee and Councilman Keith Martin. During this intimate setting, I, along with a few other Tribal Leaders, had the opportunity to speak directly to the President. I was literally sitting across the table from him within arms-length as I began to speak of our humble beginnings here at PCI and how far we've come. As I expressed the fights and struggles we've endured as a people, I also shared that, "I never would have imagined as that young shy girl from South Alabama that I would be sitting across the table from the President of the United States talking about Indian issues." In return, the President replied, "Washington needs more passionate and humble people to address issues that are important for our country."

Through this experience, I was reminded of three very important things: we are all human, we have much to be thankful for, and we must choose wisely. First, if nothing else, we are all bound together through the condition of being human. In other words, even if you are the President of the United States, you are still human just like me and face some of the same everyday obstacles that everyone else faces. As humans, we all need and seek love, encouragement, and understanding, and we should remain mindful of that as we go through our day.

Second, the Poarch Band of Creek Indians are an incredibly blessed people. I know I say it often, but I remain amazed at how far we've come and how well we're doing. We have endless possibilities before us if we continue to be good stewards of our resources. It hasn't come easily or without hard work and long hours, but the good Lord has certainly blessed us beyond measure.

And third, we must continue to choose wisely in all our decisions. As Tribal Leaders, we have an obligation to look out for the

current generation as well as the next seven generations. This is not an easy task, but it is one that must be taken seriously if we are to remain a sustainable people. This careful decision making process should also be applied to who we choose as our next President. For better or worse, the Obama Administration has made great strides in forging relationships with Indian Country. Personally, I may not have always agreed with everything Obama supports, but we don't always agree with everything leaders do when it comes to policy. However, I am grateful for his support in Indian Country. We need someone in office who will continue this dialogue with Native Americans, will listen to our needs and concerns, and will work with us to build a stronger nation.





In closing, I am humbled and honored to serve as your Tribal Chair and wish all of you a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday. May God continue to bless you and our Tribe!

In love,

Stephanie A. Bryan
Tribal Chair/CEO

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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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Submissions:

Birthday Wishes, Anniversary Wishes, and other Tribal Member Submissions will be limited to Tribal Members, spouses, First Generation Descendants as submitted by Tribal Member, and those living in the Tribal Member household.

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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The requirements for photos are as follows:

- When submitting photos for publication, make sure they are PDF or high resolution (300 ppi) .jpg.
- Photos should be a close-up. Full body photos do not format well when cropped to fit available space.
- 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.
- Send photos that can be cropped and sized. Most photos will be cropped and sized to reflect just the subject matter. Photos with numerous subjects do not crop well.
- If a photo is deemed to be inappropriate or of poor publication quality, every effort will be made to secure another photo.

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Submission guidelines and established deadlines 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.

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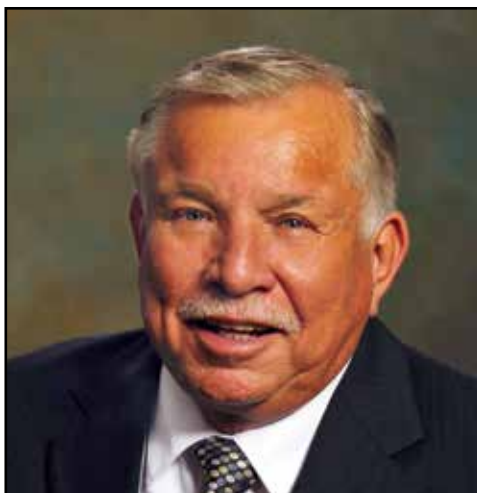
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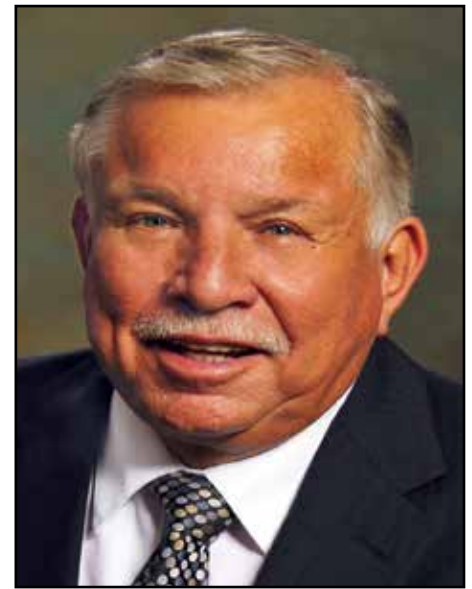
As the holiday season quickly approaches I would like to wish everyone safe and happy travels.

Currently, our Tribe continues to face obstacles on the federal, state, and local levels. I am sure that many of you are aware of the current legal battle that the Tribe is engaged in with Escambia County, and we continue to remain optimistic that we will once again receive a favorable ruling.

A dilemma that currently persists on the federal level is one that could have significant implications toward our Tribe. Ever since the Supreme Court ruling of *Carcieri v. Salazar* in 2009, our Tribe has been vulnerable to lawsuits that attack the very essence of our sovereignty. For several years now the Tribal Council has worked

tirelessly to lobby lawmakers in Washington, D.C to find a fix for this problem. A few of the things that we are pushing include Trust Land Reaffirmation and a clean fix to the *Carcieri* ruling. The past few months have been tremendously positive in this effort and we will continue to fight until all of our goals are met.

On the state level, we continuously strive to build a better relationship with the Legislature, Governor, and people of this state. The effort of being a good neighbor is a motive that will always drive the Poarch Band of Creek Indians in not only our personal lives, but in dealing with people outside of our Tribe. Our relationship with the state of Alabama is one that we hold dear because we too are



Alabamians. Therefore, a good standing relationship with the state is an objective that continues to be a top priority for us.

These collective efforts are critically important to our Tribe. Just know that your Tribal Council continues to work diligently on all fronts and topics to ensure a better Tribe for all.

Happy Thanksgiving and see you at the Pow Wow!

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Our Pow Wow ceremony began as a sort of Thanksgiving tribal reunion. It has since grown to include food vendors, artists, noted guest speakers, and dance and drum competitions.

ON THE COVER-*THE STORY OF POW WOW*

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 feature this month is the Story of Pow Wow exhibits.

Celebration and Reconnection

The story of Pow Wow is the story of our people reclaiming their heritage and striving for a deeper connection with our past.

Pow Wow, which began in 1971 as a Tribal homecoming event, grew out of a renewed interest in Creek and Indian culture in the Poarch Community. We researched the clothing, dances, and history of our ancestors, as well as those of other tribes, and developed our own unique traditions. It has since grown to include food vendors, artists, noted guest speakers, and dance and drum competitions.

In the early days of Pow Wow, the dancers were there to entertain and educate the audience. Today dancers come from across the country to compete for the first place title and cash prizes.

Pow Wow has become a cultural event that stretches over two days and draws over 10,000 people each year.

Even with this growth, the humble roots of Pow Wow are still visible. It is still held on the same grounds, and still allows us to celebrate our culture.

Carrying on the Tradition

“At the outset, their dances – learned from “a book” as one of them put it – were accompanied with only a beat on a drum...the Poarch team learned about the singing that was supposed to go along with powwow dancing. So they made up their own form of “chanting”, as they called it. That was the sound of my first dozen pow wows.” –Dr. Tony Paredes

As Poarch Creek dancers performed across the region during the 1970’s and 1980’s, they learned about the customs and traditions of the pow wow circle.

These exhibits are just few of the many interesting exhibits at the Museum; some of the other items on exhibit at the Museum include, authentic turtle shell shakers and stickball sticks, the original petition for Federal Recognition, and many more exciting items just waiting for you to come explore.

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

Please stop by the next time you visit the Reservation.

¹Kerretv Cuko Brochure/Take a 2,000 year walk with us!

Gayle Johnson, Media Specialist

Information obtained from Cultural Department

Tribal Princesses

The Tribal Princess competition has been an important part of Pow Wow for more than 40 years. The princesses hold the title for one year and serve as ambassadors for the Tribe.

“It has been an honor to be a representative for my Tribe this past year and to learn more about the history and language of my ancestors.” This sentiment has been echoed by Tribal Princesses since the competition began in 1971. The competition originally involved two titles, Senior and Junior Princess. Later a third title, Elementary Princess, was added for younger girls. In 2014, two additional categories were added, Little Miss for ages 4-7, and an Elder Princess for ages 55 and older.

Each princess is an ambassador for the tribe, representing us at public events and other native gatherings. She must have knowledge of Poarch Creek history, language, songs, dances, and traditional crafts.





WE SHOULD FEEL SAFE

With all of the recent shootings in places that we normally should feel safe, such as schools, places of worship, workplace, etc. the Poarch Creek Tribal Emergency Management Department would like to remind each individual of some simple tips that you can do to minimize potential attackers:

- If an intruder sees a well-trained staff, they may not attack. For example, churches should know their members and what they are able to perform and know who are regular attendees and who are guests.
- Build a strong relationship with the local authorities – fire and police, and ask for training on how to handle certain situations.
- Utilize the expertise of law enforcement officials who may attend your church.
- Treat ushering as a ministry that is more than a passing out bulletins and taking the offering.
- Try to lock all the church doors except ones used for the function. Use a central entrance for people, and if multiple entrances are needed don't leave them unmanned. They all need to be manned to observe and serve the people.
- Try not to have a function that is not properly staffed.
- Organize natural barriers to channel people, which would assist in keeping people away from certain areas.
- Properly train leadership on how to react to visitors and obviously mentally ill people.
- Have a plan! Know what to do! The best defense is a strong defense. We shouldn't be afraid, but should be proactive.

When an Active Shooter is in your vicinity, you must be prepared both mentally and physically to deal with the situation. An active shooter is

an individual actively engaged in killing or attempting to kill people in a confined and populated area. Victims are selected at random; the event is unpredictable and evolves quickly and knowing what to do can save lives. You have three options:

RUN

- Have an escape plan/route in mind.
- Leave your belongings behind.
- Evacuate regardless of whether others agree to follow.
- Help others escape, if possible.
- Do not attempt to move the wounded.
- Prevent others from entering an area where the active shooter may be.
- Keep your hands visible.
- Call 911 when you are safe.

HIDE

- Hide in an area out of the shooter's view.
- Lock door or block entry to your hiding place.

- Silence your cell phone (including vibrate mode) and remain quiet.

FIGHT

- Fight as a last resort and only when your life is in imminent danger. Attempt to incapacitate the shooter.
- Act with as much physical aggression as possible.
- Improvise weapons or throw items at the active shooter.
- Commit to your actions Your life depends on it.

The first officers to arrive on scene will not stop to help the injured. Expect rescue teams to help follow initial officers. These rescue teams will treat and remove the injured.

Once you have reached a safe location, you will likely be held in that area by law enforcement until the situation is under control, and all threats have been identified and witnesses questioned. Do not leave the area until law enforcement authorities have instructed you to do so.

WHEN LAW ENFORCEMENT ARRIVES:

- Remain calm and follow instructions.
- Drop items in your hands (i.e. bags, jackets).
- Raise hands and spread fingers
- Keep hands visible at all times.
- Avoid quick movements toward officers, such as holding on to them for safety.
- Avoid pointing, screaming or yelling.
- Do not ask questions when evacuating.

INFORMATION TO PROVIDE TO 911 OPERATORS:

- Location of the active shooter.
- Number of shooters.
- Physical description of shooters.
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THE WALK OF LIFE-THE RETURN

Elder Princess Cora Peters joins THPO Robert Thrower for The Walk Of Life

By: Robert Perry

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Almost two hundred years ago the Indian Peoples were expelled from the American Southeast. It was winter time and many of the people wore the clothes they had worn when captured in summertime. Many of the young and old died along the way to Indian Territory. Hundreds were loaded on boats at Tuscumbia Landing for the voyage to the far west.

Saturday, September 12th the descendants and other interested citizens gathered at Tuscumbia Landing to honor the ancestors. Everyone came to hear the elders speak softly. Muskogee Creek Jay McGirt spoke and sang. Robert Thrower, Poach Creek THPO, dedicated the 2015 Walk to Dr. John Cottier. He recognized bus

loads of Creeks and Chickasaws who came dressed in their colorful traditional clothing. This year Cora Peters, Poarch Creek Indian, the first-ever Tribal Elder princess, made the walk; she is 82 years old.

These lands are former Chickasaw Homelands and the City of Tuscumbia is named for a Chickasaw, Tuscumbia, who was a War of 1812 veteran. Thrower presented a rare black turkey wing feather to Chickasaw Elder Robert Perry to lead the spirits on the Walk to Tuscumbia Spring Park. The Walk began as the Choctaw singer softly beats the drum to set the pace.

Half way there, the group halts at the softball field to gather the stragglers as the local pack of Cub Scouts hand out bottles of water. The walkers have moved here

quietly, and search the crowd for friends from the previous walks. Then, the last mile. They all stream into Spring Park to be greeted by the crowd at the Oka Kapassa Festival. The rest of the day turned into a joyful celebration and why not – we Indians have survived.

The idea of the Walk to honor the ancestors came from a Mohawk man, "Walking west to Indians is walking toward death; walking east is toward life and rebirth." He told this to Annie Cooper Perry who founded the Walk in 2003 and has remained the Event Coordinator. She doesn't call herself anything more because the only plan is to start and finish. Whatever happens along the way is completely unrehearsed, but is always refreshing to those who attend and especially those who return each year.

AN EDUCATION SUCCESS STORY

AMANDA MARTIN MONTGOMERY

Amanda Martin Montgomery is a wonderful example of a Tribal Member who used Tribal Educational Funding to return to school and continue the lifelong learning process. According to Amanda, when she graduated from high school, there were no programs in place to offer Tribal Members educational assistance. Since funding was not available to pay for additional education, Amanda entered the work force after high school graduation after one semester of college. Educational funding began when Amanda was 28, slightly over the age group that was initially identified in the first years of the program. Pell Grants helped with the first few semesters, until the Educational Program expanded to include adult students returning to school.

Returning to school as an adult, Amanda had a better idea of exactly what she wanted to work toward. She has always enjoyed working with people and pursued a degree in Social Work from the University of West Florida. This area of study has helped Amanda with her current position as the Poarch Creek Indian Museum Coordinator. All of her past experiences have come into play to allow her to be effective in working with people of all ages and social backgrounds. Amanda is passionate about working with and for Tribal Members and their cultural history.

Amanda also feels that her education has assisted with her other passion, the ministry she shares with her husband, Michael Montgomery. Michael recently started a new church plant in Pensacola, Florida, called Pursue Life Church. Amanda works alongside Michael and feels that her social work training has come together to help her both professionally and personally.

Amanda's family has also been very supportive of her educational goals, offering support when she was stressed about goals. Past supervisors have also been



Michael and Amanda Montgomery

instrumental in Amanda's success, allowing her to work various hours to complete her work and work towards the completion of her degrees.

As the first member of her family to earn a college degree, Amanda felt she would never have the opportunities that she has today without assistance. Besides having earned her Associate of Social Science at Pensacola Junior College, her Bachelors of Social Work at University of West Florida, Amanda is now pursuing a Masters of Business Administration at Columbia Southern University.

With the funding that the Tribe has made available and the relief from financial worries about school, Amanda is thankful for the opportunities granted through the Tribal Educational Fund.

Congratulations Amanda.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Tyson Woods
October 28, 2015

Happy 7th birthday Tyson!
We love you son.
Love Momma and Step Dad.



Madyson McGlothorn
October 15, 2015

Happy 19th birthday to my baby girl Madyson!!
Love, Moma and Tinker.



Nadine Rolin
October 21, 2015

Happy birthday to the amazing woman we call wife, Mom and Maw Maw .
We love you.
Your husband, children, grandchildren, & great granddaughter.



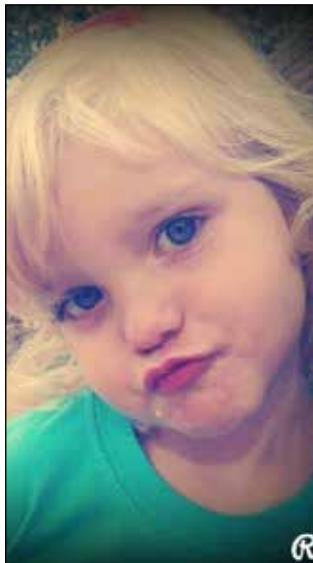
Amber Woods
October 23, 2015

Happy birthday to my beautiful and loving wife, Amber Woods.
Love, you husband Eddie Woods.



Nevaeh Gilbraith
October 24, 2015

Happy 3rd birthday to our little princess!!!
We love you Vaeh Rae!
Nannie, Paw Paw, Maw Maw, Big Paw, & your uncles.



BIRTHDAY WISHES

Joyce Philyaw
November 5, 2015

Happy birthday Mama.
We love you.
George and Ruby.



Jayden Ledkins
November 5, 2015

Happy 7th birthday Jayden!
We love you
From your family.



Jordan King
November 6, 2015

Happy birthday Aunt Jo!
Love, Harrison and Hadley



Ryan Schwender
November 6, 2015

Happy 16th birthday Ryan!
We love you.
From your family.



Angel Conlon
November 9, 2015

WE thank **GOD** every day
for the blessing **HE** shared
with us –**YOU!**

As your life continues,
remember that your family
is here for you and are so
proud!



Blaize Thomas
November 9, 2015

Happy 9th birthday Blaize!
We are so very proud of you.

Love, Dad, Ms Jen, Mom,
and the rest of your family!



BIRTHDAY WISHES

Denisha Hutto
November 9, 2015

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



Willie Henson
November 9, 2015

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



David Gibbs
November 9, 2015

Happy birthday PawPaw!!
We love you very much!
Love Landon, Hayden,
Bryson, Huxley, and Baby #5.



William Lee Vickery
November 13, 2015

Happy 65th birthday!
We love you.
From your sister Connie and
the rest of your family and
friends.



Kaylee Sawyer
November 13, 2015

Happy 13th birthday Kaylee!
We love you.
Momma, Daddy, Kasen,
Kenley, Kathlyn, and Khloe.



Gavin Snow
November 14, 2015

Happy 12th birthday to my
handsome man.
Love you bunches.
Momma, Nick, Alia, Trista,
Taylor, Taya, Ty, and family.



BIRTHDAY WISHES

Robbie McGhee
November 14, 2015

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



Melea McGhee
November 15, 2015

Happy 17th birthday!
We love you!!
Love, Mom, Phia, Dad, Amanda, Jayden, Isaac, Ilana, Granny, Papa, and the rest of the family!



Stacy Lin Gregg III
November 18, 2015

Happy birthday Little Stacy!
We love you.
From your family.



Ronnie Pettway
November 20, 2015

Happy 30th birthday Ronnie!
We love you so very much and hope you have a great birthday.
Love, your Pettway family.



Mya Pettway
November 20, 2015

Happy 6th birthday Maya!
We love you so very much and hope you have a great birthday.
Love, your Pettway family.



Leeann Wheeler
November 20, 2015

A big shout out to "Princess Leeann Wheeler" for her 51st birthday!
We love you very much!



BIRTHDAY WISHES

Donald Eugene Rolin
November 23, 2015

Happy birthday to my baby brother!!

Life has been wonderful with you in my life!!

Love you always, your sister Deanna.



Thomas "Bubba" Harris
November 23, 2015

Happy 24th birthday!

Life is always great with you in it, never a dull moment!!

Love you always, your family.



Billie Sue Hutto
November 27, 2015

Happy birthday Billie Sue!

We love you.

From your family.



Linda Selzer
November 28, 2015

Happy birthday Linda Walker Selzer!

We love you Mom!

From Selzer, Joey, and Robert.



Birthday Wishes may be published the month before, the month of, or the month after, the birthday. Birthday Wishes are limited to 30 words or less, excluding the name and date in the title.

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

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

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Faith-Leigh Grace Wilson

August 25, 2015

Brad and Anna Wilson are happy to announce the birth of their daughter, Faith-Leigh Grace Wilson on August 25, 2015. At birth she weighted 8 lb., 3 oz., and was 22 inches long.

Faith-Leigh was welcomed home by her big brother Carson.

We give God all the glory for our miracle! *Psalm 37: 4*

Submitted by Anna Wilson



Jaye-Harper Rae Stabler

August 25, 2015

Justin Stabler and Maggie Jaye welcomed their beautiful baby girl, Jaye-Harper Rae Stabler, on August 25, 2015. She weighed 7 lbs. 15.5 oz., and was 21 inches long.

Jaye-Harper is the granddaughter of the late Woodrow and Velma Stabler of Atmore, Alabama and Robby and SaNetta Jaye of Nokomis, Alabama.

The young family currently resides in the Poarch, Alabama area and is overcome with joy on the newest addition to their family!



BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT



Joshua Deacon Thomas

September 8, 2015

Josh and Jennifer Thomas are excited to announce the birth of their son, Joshua Deacon Thomas. Deacon was born on September 8, 2015 at 5:40pm at South Baldwin Regional Medical Center in Foley, AL.

Deacon was welcomed home by his older brother, Major, and sisters Ashton and Brantlie.

We would like to thank everyone for their kind regards and prayers as we proudly welcome this new addition to our family.

Submitted by Josh Thomas

ANNIVERSARY WISHES



Miki & Joyce McGhee

November 10, 2015

Miki and Joyce McGhee will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on November 10, 2015.

Happy anniversary, you have always provided for us and shown us what true love and compassion is; as a result, we are a very close and loving family.

We love you, your children.

Submitted by David S. McGhee

ANNIVERSARY WISHES

Waylon & Valerie Rolin

November 13, 2015

Thank you for 3 of the happiest years I've ever had!

I look forward to many more.

I love you, Val.

Submitted by Valerie Rolin



Jonathan & Karie Rolin

November 13, 2015

Jonathan and Karie Rolin will celebrate their 3rd anniversary on November 13, 2015.

Submitted by Karie Rolin



FRAN COVINGTON-ARP

May 12, 1950 - August 28, 2015

OBITUARIES/ IN MEMORIAM

Fran Covington-Arp passed away on August 28, 2015. She is the daughter of the late D.J. Covington, Sr. and Mary Anna McGhee-Rolin-Harp.

Fran was beautiful inside and out, she was a very loving and caring lady. I am truly proud to be her baby sister and I find it comforting to know I will see Fran, our parents, and our brother D.J., Jr. again one day. "Keep 'em straight for me Fran!"




Benjamin sends his love to you and your 'Honey'. We love you and miss you very much.

God bless our beautiful Indian Princess.

Your loving sister & family, Marylan "Meddie".

Submitted by Marylan Laviolette



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OUR LITTLE MIRACLE

A star fell from heaven,
And landed in our arms
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And all of daddy's charm
We are star struck by the arrival of our sweet baby girl.



This Thanksgiving season we are thankful for our little miracle, Kennedy-Reese Evans O'Barr. She gave us a little scare at birth but through faith, prayers, and modern medicine, she is doing great. We witness a miracle each day as we watch her develop and grow. We thank everyone for their continued prayers and support.

Kennedy-Reese is the daughter of John and Stacie (Rolin) O'Barr. She was born on July 25, 2015, at

Sacred Heart Hospital. At birth she weighed only 4 lbs., 1 oz. and was 18 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Billy R. Rolin and Michelle Amerson Boyington. Paternal grandparents are Joe and Ellen O'Barr. She is the great-granddaughter of Isaac and Edna Rolin; Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Amerson; the late Adam and Inez Daughtry; and the late Joe and Bessie O'Barr.

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Sneaky Creek

The Sneaky Creek and Lady Creek Softball Teams would like to say Thank You to ALL of our valued sponsors. Because of the generosity of sponsors like you, the 2015 softball season has been a success.

Both teams represented the Tribe at the annual NASA Softball Tournament hosted by the Seminole Tribe in Florida with Sneaky Creek bringing home the Championship in the Men's Division and the Lady

Creek's finishing 4th in the Women's Division.

With the help of our sponsors we were able to purchase equipment, compete and triumph in numerous local tournaments, participate in league softball in preparation for NASA, and supplement uniform purchases for these events.

We value not only the donations provided by our sponsors, but

the relationships established and fostered through the devoted support you have exhibited to us throughout the entire year and by giving back to our community.

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COUPLE CELEBRATES 50 YEARS WITH VOW RENEWAL

In celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary, Billy and Carolyn Graddy recommitted their love for each other with a vow renewal ceremony and reception at the Fargo Church of God on August 14, 2015.

The couple met in Fargo, GA in 1960 and married five years later. Fifty years has brought them much happiness, 5 children, 12 grandchildren, and 13 great grandchildren, with 3 more expected in 2016.

Although no invitation were sent, the church was filled with friends, family, and loved ones. The bride's cousin, Gene Henson and his son Marty, traveled from Florida to join in the celebration.

The couple would like to thank their family and friends for making this 'dream wedding' possible by doing all the coordination and planning which included bringing flowers and decor all the way from Atlanta.

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Carolyn is a proud member of the Poarch Creek Indians. She is the daughter of the late Harve and Loney Manac.

Carolyn and Billy are members of the Fargo Church of God and reside in Fargo, GA.

Submitted by Carolyn Graddy



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ONE OF HARVARD'S NEWEST COACHES ADJUSTS TO THE BOSTON LIFESTYLE

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The following is an excerpt of an article on Jasmine Sborov. Please visit the web site shown above for the complete article.



Jasmine Sborov, of CU, drives on San Jose State, during the second half of the December 5, 2014 game in Boulder. Cliff Grassmick / December 5, 2014

Jasmine Sborov has lived in Texas, Colorado and even England. And yet one of Harvard College's newest coaches had never set foot in Boston until a few months ago. "When I came out on my interview, that was the first time I'd ever been here," Sborov said in a recent interview with BostInno. "It's a beautiful city. It's different for me. I was never a city girl, but it's a new experience. I'm excited."

As a new assistant coach for the women's basketball team, Sborov has been on the fast track

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since finishing her senior year at the University of Colorado, where she started all 34 games for the Buffaloes in 2014-2015. Multiple Colorado coaches have Harvard backgrounds, and when Sborov (who participated in the "So You Want To Be a Coach" program) expressed interest, it led to a conversation with Harvard head coach Kathy Delaney Smith.

"The rest is history," Sborov noted, recounting the swift process which resulted in her hiring. Now settled into Cambridge, Sborov has been adapting to life in a new place at a new job.

The team will return several key players and ultimately Sborov said that she's focused with everyone else on the clearcut goal: Winning a championship. Harvard has not won an Ivy League title in women's basketball since 2008. And there hasn't been an NCAA Tournament appearance from the team since 2007.

But for the moment, Sborov is merely trying to keep acclimating to her new home. In that respect, it's been positive so far.

"You kind of have this preconceived notion about what Boston is like with the stereotypes and whatever, but it's not like that at all."

Jasmine is the daughter of John and Tara Sborov and the granddaughter of Charles Daughtry.

Submitted by Charles Daughtry

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

William Wordsworth

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*Kenneth McGhee
Sergeant
United States Army*

Kenneth McGhee is the son of Glenn and Billie McGhee of Pensacola, Florida. He has three sisters, Pamela, Elizabeth, and Deborah, and two brothers, Glenn, Jr., and Ronald.

Kenneth enlisted in USMC Reserves in November of 1996 as a tank crewman. He attended Florida State University from 1996-2001 and graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology.

He enlisted in the Army in 2004 and has served as a medic since then. His additional duties include unit armorer, ammunition and hazardous material handler, and non-combatant evacuation manager.

Kenneth has been stationed at Fort Riley, KS, Katterbach, Germany, Uijeongby, South Korea, and Vilseck, Germany. He has been deployed to Iraq three times, he was deployed from February 2005 through January 2006; July 2007 through September, 2009, and November 2009 through July 2010. He was also deployed to Afghanistan in August of 2013 where he worked as company intelligence support team manager and operations and logistics manager. Since his return from Afghanistan Kenneth has also attending training exercises in Lithuania from January 2015 through April 2015.

During his service, Kenneth has received the Army Commendation Medal x7; the Meritorious Unit Citation; the Army Good Conduct Medal (3rd Award); the

VETERAN'S SALUTE

National Defense Service Medal; the Korean Defense Service Medal; the Iraqi Campaign Medal (2 stars); the Global War on Terror Expeditionary Medal; the Global War on Terror Service Medal; the Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon; the Army Service Ribbon; the Overseas Service Ribbon (2nd Award); and the Combat Medical Badge.

Kenneth 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.



On the mountain top in Korea

"Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same."

Ronald Reagan

REMEMBERING OUR VETERANS

Veteran's Day is Wednesday, November 11, 2015. To all veterans, past and present, we thank you for your service. If not for your sacrifices, we would not enjoy the freedoms we have today. Listed below are the Tribal Veterans that have been submitted for recognition the last couple of years.

If you are a Tribal Veteran, or if you know a Tribal Veteran, who is not listed below, please let us know.

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Larry Jackson	John Howard McGhee	Gillis Presley	James Wilder, Jr.
Jimmy L. Johnson	Kenneth McGhee	Brady Rackard	Mabron E. Williams

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.



Submitted this month:

Lamar Martin
SP4
U.S. Army



Thank you for your service. We will do a feature article on Lamar in a future issue of the newsletter.

THE WAY OF THE WARRIOR

The following are excerpts from the book *The Way Of The Warrior*, by the Editors of Time Life Books as presented to the *Poarch Creek News* by Elizabeth Marsden.

Soldiering In The Civil War

Units that were composed entirely of Native Americans served as auxiliary troops to the armies on both sides during the Civil War. They served largely in the western border states, winning respect that helped pave the way for their acceptance into the post war military. "The officers and soldiers of our own regiments now freely acknowledge them to be valuable allies," wrote a Union officer in an 1862 battlefield dispatch. "The prejudice once existing against them is fast disappearing from our army."

Colonel Ely Samuel Parker, a Seneca educated as a lawyer and engineer, served as Ulysses S. Grant's military secretary and prepared the surrender documents at Appomattox. In 1869 he was the first Native American to be appointed as Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

Special Duty in the Great War

More than 10,000 Native Americans served in the U.S. Military during the first World War. In units such as Oklahoma's 142nd Infantry, with its sizable Choctaw contingent, Indian Code Talkers speaking by telephone easily confounded German eavesdroppers who had tapped Allied lines.

More than 40,000 Native Americans served in the U.S. Military during the second World War. Japanese cryptographers never deciphered the code of the Navajo Code Talkers during WWII. The code was based on an unwritten language spoken by fewer than 30 people outside the Navajo nation.

Finding Honor In the Military

On December 7, 1941, the superintendent of the Navajo Indian Reservation at Window Rock, Arizona, saw a crowd of armed young men assembling outside his office. When asked why they had come, they answered, "We're going to fight." The Navajos' resolve to join in the conflict followed a long tradition of Indians serving in the U.S. Armed Forces.

In October of 1942 a group of Navajo volunteers were sworn in to the Marine Corps at Fort Wingate, New Mexico. At the time, an Army official noted that "If the entire population enlisted in the same proportion as Indians, there would be no need for selective service."

A Passion For The Fray

The proportion of Native American who served in Vietnam was significantly higher than that of the population as a whole. Like other soldiers, Indian veterans have sometimes returned to find the nation seemingly indifferent to their sacrifice. But among their own people, they receive the same honor accorded their warrior ancestors. "Our veterans are never forgotten." declared Max Little, a Seminole who saw combat in Vietnam.

The Passion Continues

Native Americans have continued to contribute mightily to America's fighting up to the present day. The book *The Way Of The Warrior* chronicles Native American service through the Vietnam War. However, the passion and dedication of Native American soldiers continues today as witnessed by U.S. Army Sergeant Kenneth McGhee who is featured in the Veteran's Salute section of this month's issue. Our list of veterans on page 33 is also a testament to the brave Native American men and women who have proudly served for their family, their Tribe, and their country. It is because of their sacrifices, that we enjoy the freedoms we have today.

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EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

ADDICTIONS AND OUR CHILDREN - PART II

By Annie Nowak, Prevention Coordinator

We want our children to grow and thrive in a way that allows them to be happy, successful adults. Unfortunately, addiction is an issue we all deal with.

According to Dr. Ruben Baler of the National Institute on Drug Abuse, there are things that we, as parents and guardians can do to help our youth face the stresses and temptations in life rather than choosing drugs or alcohol.

The following is a list of areas to focus on to help a child develop the ability to effectively deal with situations in life that present a challenge.

1. The first area of focus is the spiritual aspect of a child's life. This means supporting the development of each child's unique skills and talents. It means helping each child

to understand they have a purpose in life.

2. The second area of focus is the area of cognitive or brain growth. In this area of development, adults help by encouraging positive self-esteem, knowledge, and academic skills.

3. Behavior is the third area of focus for building the resiliency framework. With this topic, adults model, coach, and reinforce the behavior we want to see in our youth. Youth watch everything adults do in their lives and are influenced by these actions. The phrase "actions speak louder than words" is very appropriate in this situation. It is important that adults provide a positive idea of how to handle situations and to encourage good behavior by example.

4. Emotions are an important area where we can help our youth. Often times, young children

cannot name the emotions they are feeling when upset. It is helpful to describe anger, hurt, fear, tiredness, embarrassment, and other emotions children may feel, to help them put a name to what they are feeling. Managing moods is also important for children to learn. A bad mood does not have to last the entire day, teach children to choose a good mood rather than a bad mood.

5. The last area to reinforce is physical health. Teaching children the importance of good nutrition and healthy choices help them throughout their lives since many habits are formed at a young age. Instead of processed snack foods, keep fresh fruit, cheese, and yogurt as choices for snacks will help in forming healthy habits. Play time can also be a time of physical activity.

Let's help our youth choose positive, healthy lives!

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Food and Gift Pickup will be from 6:00 – 8:00 in the ballroom.

After dinner teens will be given a voucher for entertainment activities. This event will not be supervised by the Education Staff after the teen has left the ballroom area.

Teen must be between the ages of 13-17 and live in a Tribal household.

Registration is required! Deadline to submit registration forms is December 11!

Please call (251) 368-9136 Ext. 2021 for questions



Registration Form

Name: _____

Contact Number: (_____) Age: _____

Please check ONE of the following: _____ Tribal Member
_____ First Generation
_____ Tribal Household

Registration form must be returned to the PCI Education Department by **December 11, 2015.**

You must be registered to attend this event.

Registration forms can be submitted to the following locations:

Fax: (251) 368-0809 ~ Address: 5811 Jack Springs Rd, Atmore, AL 36502 ~ Email: mweaver@pci-nsn.gov

ENVIRONMENTAL DEPARTMENT

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November 14, 2015

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ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF TRIBAL MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES.

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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)
- Family Violence Prevention (FVPSA)
- Elder Abuse Prevention Initiative

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 are not alone. We are here to help you.

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



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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.**

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Time: 9:00 am until 2:00pm
Location: South Alabama Regional Planning Commission - Area Agency on Aging
 110 Beauregard St. Mobile, AL 36602
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- ***Wednesday, Oct 21 : 9:00 am - 1:00 pm**
BPSOS
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- ***Monday, Nov 2 : 9:00 am - 1:00 pm**
Unity House, Concerned Citizens of Atmore
313 N Main St, Atmore, AL 36502
- ***Wednesday, Nov 4 : 9:00 am - 1:00 pm**
Mt Olive A.M.E. Zion Church
701 Bella St, Prichard, AL 36610
- ***Wednesday, Nov 18 : 9:00 am - 1:00 pm**
Semmes Senior Center
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- ***Wednesday, Dec 2 : 9:00 am - 1:00 pm**
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HEALTH DEPARTMENT

FLU / PNEUMONIA TIME

It is that time of the year when everyone needs to start thinking about the flu and pneumonia vaccinations. For some of the seniors who went on the second trip to Alaska, they found out the hard way; the flu is already here! The Health Department will be offering the flu, pneumonia, tetanus, shingles, and any other vaccinations which may be due.

Some guidelines:

- Flu - 6 months and over
- Pneumonia - 65 and over or high risk individuals. (Those with chronic illnesses, including alcoholism and smokers.)
- Tetanus - Every 10 years. Rule of thumb, if you can't remember when you last had a tetanus shot, you should get one.
- T-DAP/Whooping Cough Vaccine - It is very important that all persons 11 years old and over have had at least one T-DAP vaccine which contains the Whooping Cough. This protects our young babies who have not developed protections from this disease.
- Shingles - 65 and over. If you've had chickenpox, you can get Shingles at any time. It doesn't matter how healthy you feel.

You can either make an appointment to receive the immunizations or come to the Clinic and let the Registration Clerk know you want to receive one of these shots.

Please, if you receive these immunizations somewhere other than the Tribal Health Department, call and let us know, so we can enter this information into the IHS system.

Remember **HELP US HELP YOU.**

MASK TIME

It's that time of the year, when you may see someone at the Health Department wearing a mask. This is not intended to offend anyone. The employee may have an upper respiratory illness; but not be sick enough to stay away from work. This is to prevent the spread germs to other employees and patients.

On the other hand, patients who come to the Clinic with a cough or fever will be asked to wear a mask.

Thank you in advance for your understanding in this matter. Also; please remember the number 1 (#1) way to prevent the spread of germs is **HAND WASHING!!!**

DENTAL DRAWING

Bring a Tribal Member or 1st Generation Descendant age 0-9 for a cleaning and enter them for a drawing for a stuffed animal.

Appointments must be made in November or December to be eligible.

Please call or stop by the Dental Clinic for an appointment; (251) 368-9136 x 2385.

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.

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.

Friday, November 20, 2015

Primary Care Clinic of Health Department will close at 12:00 noon for Employee Morale.

HOUSING DEPARTMENT

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

- Emergency/Transitional Housing
- Rental - All Poarch Subdivisions
- Rental - Manac Townhouses
- Rental - Walker Subdivision, Pensacola, FL
- Rehabilitation Assistance
- Renovation Loan Program
- Heating & Cooling Loan Program
- Senior Emergency Program
- TAHO

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

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

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


TIME TO UPDATE!

Any Tribal Member 21 years old or older interested in a new house must come into the Poarch Creek Indian Housing Department to submit a new application or update your current application.

Applicants must provide a copy of their 2014 tax returns and social security cards for all persons on the application plus other required documents.

Friday, December 18, 2015 is the last day to update or submit your application.

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



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Creek Indian Education: Barefoot at the Schoolhouse

Written by Ellen O'Barr and Deidra Suwanee Dees, Ed.D.

"We have been blessed that back in the late 1940's, we got the Escambia County Board of Education to help us build a school because we, as Creek Indians, we were not able to attend the white schools," Records Coordinator Ms. Ellen O'Barr said. She looked through old pictures of St. Anna's Church-School and the Indian Consolidated School in our archives. "They really didn't have much of a school building before then. They had to get books and supplies wherever they could," she said.

According to our records, the Indian Consolidated School was built in 1949 as a result of activism and by the Creek leadership including Chief Calvin McGhee, Mrs. Roberta McGhee Sells, and many others who sacrificed their personal time, energy and money seeking equal access to public education for our Creek children. Powerful archival images bear witness to this challenging but triumphant era that has been labeled as the Muscogee Education Movement.

"We built a school just for Creek Indians," Ms. O'Barr said. It consisted of only three classrooms in the schoolhouse, she recalled as a former student. "The first and second grades were together in one room," she said. "The third



and fourth grades were together in another room. And the fifth and sixth grades were in the other room."

Called the Red Brick Schoolhouse by many, Ms. O'Barr pointed out that this photograph depicts some of the children standing barefoot beside the schoolhouse. "Some have no shoes on—that was just the way life was back then," she said. Despite having no shoes, the more important asset the children bore was the hope of a brighter future through education.

"We have other pictures in our archives of our parents in the little auditorium having a PTA meeting. They are meeting to decide what to do for their children to get a better education," Ms. O'Barr said.

Reminiscing over the school that she once attended from first to sixth grade—the school that gave her the foundation of her education—she recalled that the school has been utilized for many different programs over the years. "Today, this Little Red School House is now used for

our Boys and Girls Club," she said proudly.

In March of this year, the Office of Archives and Records Management held our Evening with the Elders program featuring a class reunion of the students who attended the Indian Consolidated School. Ms. O'Barr was one of the hardworking staff members who put in many hours of behind-the-scenes planning for that historic day. "Those who graduated came back and attended the Evening with Elders for the reunion," Ms. O'Barr said. "It was great success!" she added.

"There have been many obstacles trying to tear us down but we have made it through them." She sees the work the Creek leadership did back then continuing through to present-day. Ms. O'Barr hopes "all of our children" will aspire to obtain a long-lasting education as her generation did. "We are truly blessed to have a Council that looks out for Tribal Members."

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

SWIM TEAM COMPETES IN HARVEST CLASSIC



Hannah Johnson, Abby Ross, and Kamryn Langham

The Poarch Swim Team competed in the Pensacola Harvest Classic on September 12th-13th. Our swimmers did an excellent job with most of them making top 10 in their events.

Abby Ross placed top 6 in all of her events and medaled in the 50 Breaststroke in the 8 and under age group.

Others that were in attendance were Kamryn Langham, Mya Pettway, Hannah Johnson, Aviya Labue, Kamden Martin, Meredith McGhee and Regan McGhee. These swimmers dropped time in every event including best times by Hannah Johnson and Kamryn Langham.

Our next meet will be November 7th - 9th in Dothan, AL. Our meet schedule has been posted on Recreation's page of the web site, www.pci-nsn.gov.

YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE REGISTRATION

Ages: 5 - 16

Co-Ed age 5-6

7 & up Male and Female Teams

Registration Fee: \$30.00

Registration: September 9, 2015 - November 30, 2015

Games will begin after completion of registration and selection of teams.

Registration and Coaches Applications are available upon request at the Recreation Department or can be downloaded from Recreation's page of the Tribal web site, www.pci-nsn.gov.

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

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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.

Wednesday, November 11, 2015

Tribal Offices, Boys & Girls Club, Museum Gift Shop, and Gym will be closed in observance of Veterans Day.

Thursday, November 26, 2015

Tribal Museum and Gift Shop will be closed in observance of Thanksgiving. Museum and Gift Shop will be open on Friday, November 27, 2015.

Thursday/Friday, November 26-27, 2015

Tribal Offices, Boys & Girls Club, and Gym will be closed in observance of Thanksgiving and Tribal Administrative Holiday.

TRIBAL COURT

SUBSTANCE ABUSE AWARENESS POSTER CONTEST

Tribal Court would like to thank all the young people that participated in the Substance Abuse Awareness Poster contest. A total of 198 posters were submitted for the contest, far exceeding our expectations. All the posters were colorful and creative, making the judge's job very difficult.

1. Bella Hilburn (age 5) won 1st place in the 5-7 year old age group with her poster "Your Life will blossom without drugs".
2. Leah Baggett (age 5) won best slogan with her poster "My Life Shines Brighter without drugs".
3. Jaycee Parker (age 10) won first place in the 8-11 year old age group with her poster "Make positive life choices, stay true to you".
4. Joshua Burkett (age 10) won best slogan with his poster "My Life. My Body. No place for Drugs".
5. Caitlyn Lambeth (age 12) won first place in the 12-14 year old age group with her poster "Don't be SORRY later. Drugs are not a game".
6. Daughtry McGhee (age 12) won best slogan in the 12-14 year old age group with his poster "Drugs are a hole that ruins the soul".

7. Ashton Thomas (age 15) won first place and best slogan in the 15-18 year old age group with her poster "Beth and Beth on Meth".

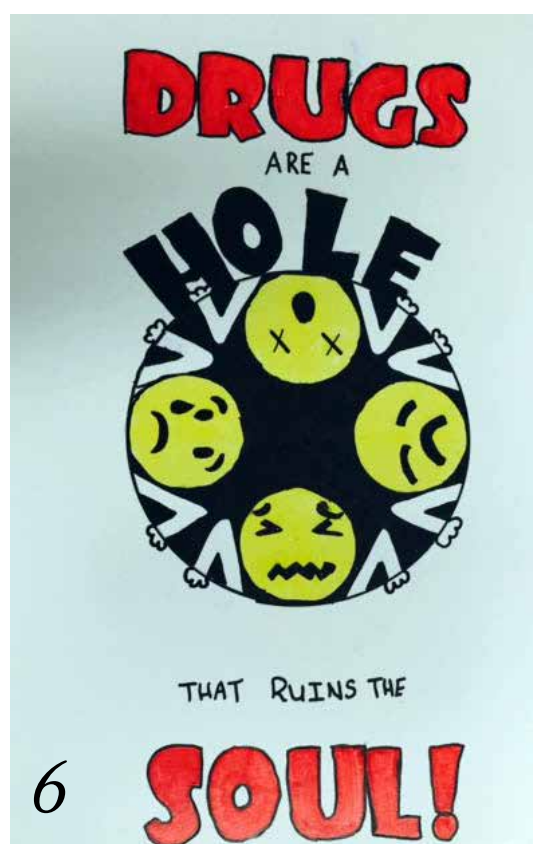
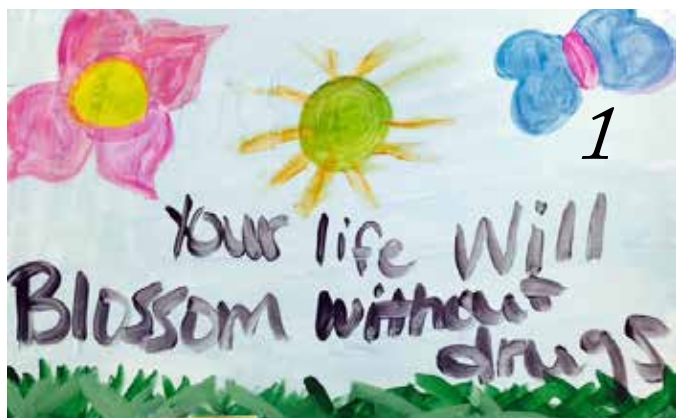
Thanks to the Boys and Girls Club and the Education Department for all their help with this project.

Drugs are a huge problem, not only in the Poarch community but throughout our country. Alcoholism and drug abuse cut across all age groups, races, and social and economic levels.

As a member of the Poarch community, you can help make things better. It is everyone's responsibility to educate the young people in our community about the dangers of drugs, and to help ensure young people have healthy outlets such as jobs, chemical-free entertainment, athletic and arts outlets, and educational opportunities. All of these can provide fulfilling goals that help keep young people rooted in society instead of looking for an escape.

Please join Tribal Court in our combat against drugs on the Reservation.

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 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The Poarch Creek Fire Department (PCIFD) would like to take this month and remind everyone why we use air medical helicopters and the associated dangers of land zones for the public.

Our area is serviced by two medical helicopter services. Lifelight (formally operated by Baptist Hospital of Pensacola, now operated by Air Methods) and Lifeguard 1 (operated by Lifeguard Ambulance). Lifelight has base operations in Pensacola, Mobile, and Greenville. Lifeguard 1 is operated out of Milton, Florida.

The most common emergencies for using air medical helicopters are suspected stroke, suspected myocardial infarction, a trauma related incident, and any emergency the medical personnel believes the patient needs immediate attention from a service not provided locally. Emergency personnel have a checklist to ensure the landing zone is safe for the helicopter and the incident scene personnel. PCIFD, law enforcement agencies,



and ambulance services positions our equipment to secure a safe landing zone.

PCIFD reminds the community that the helicopter may malfunction and cause harm to those around. PCIFD ask that bystanders keep back at least 500 feet in all directions.



Trent Lambert, April Sells, and Christopher Cain

BLUE SUNDAY

Members of the Poarch Creek Fire/Rescue Department participated in the Blue Sunday Services held every year at Trinity Episcopal Church in Atmore. The event was held this year on September 13, 2015. Trinity Episcopal Church's program that day is in recognition and blessing of all First Responders for Atmore and Poarch, in memory of those that perished during the September 11th attack on the United States. After the service, all First Responders and Civic Leaders in the area are treated to a Potluck Brunch.

The Poarch Creek Fire/Rescue Department would like to thank the members of Trinity Episcopal Church for their yearly invitation to this special event.

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.

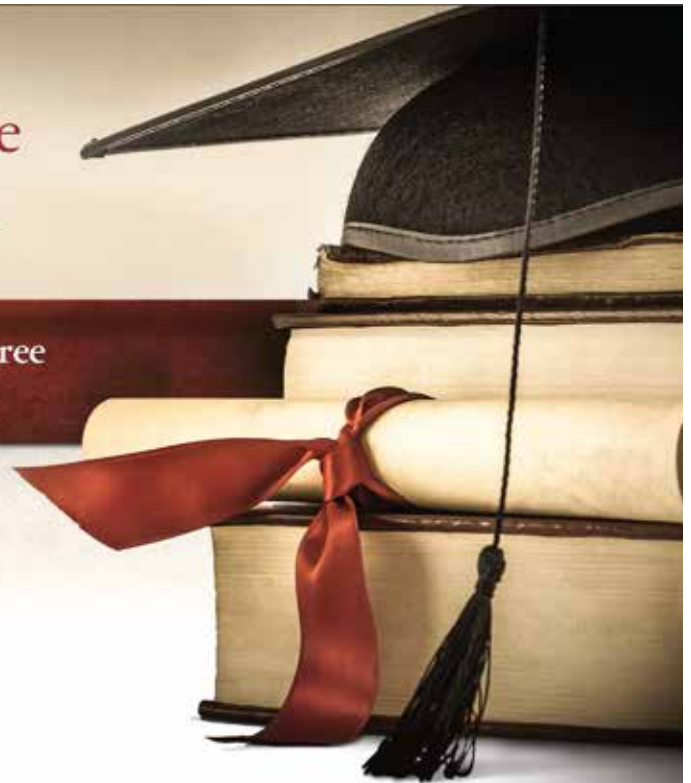
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TRIBAL INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

The Tribal Council has appointed members to the Tribal Investment Committee. The purpose of the Investment Committee is to manage and oversee designated investment accounts. The Investment Committee evaluates and make recommendations to the Tribal Council with regard to the investment policies and strategies to be followed by the Tribe's investment portfolio

The Investment Committee consists of the CFO for Tribal Government, CFO for PCI Gaming, and CFO for CIEDA as well as Ann Brooks, Welsey Manning, Pam Martin, and Carolyn Peterson.

Established terms:

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Wesley Manning	3 years
Pam Martin	2 years
Carolyn Peterson	1 year

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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.

IMPORTANT DIVERSIFIED BENEFITS SERVICES (DBS BENNY CARD) INFORMATION

A reminder for your PCI Health Card:

Please remember to keep all itemized receipts associated with purchases on your health card. The plan administrator may request documentation for these transactions at any time. Even though the card may process with a vendor as an “approved” transaction, the items or services purchased may not be eligible by the definition of approved medical expenses. This applies mainly to vision, dental and physician vendors. You may be asked to provide an itemized receipt or letter of medical need from your physician. Below is a list of eligible medical expenses; however eligible items are not limited to the list below, it is merely a guideline for common products.

The following is a list of expenses that potentially qualify under the Tribal Health Card Program.
(This list is not all inclusive)

Alcoholism treatment
Ambulance expenses
Artificial limbs
Birth control pills and other contraceptive devices
Blood tests and transfusions
Braces/orthodontia expenses
Breast Reconstruction Surgery (following mastectomy for cancer)
Chiropractor fees
Co-insurance expenses
Contact lenses, contact lens solutions and enzyme cleaners
Co-pays (for office visits, prescription drugs, urgent care, etc.)
Crutches
Deductible expenses under a medical plan
Dental Fees such as X-rays, cleanings, exams, crowns
Dentures
Diabetic supplies and insulin treatments
Drug addiction treatments (medical expenses amounts you pay for an inpatient's treatment)
Eyeglasses & Eye Surgeries
Gum treatment
Gynecologist services
Hearing aids and batteries
Hospital services
Hydrotherapy (medically necessary)
Invalid chair
Lab tests and fees
Lodging (away from home for outpatient care)
Mammograms
Nursing home and services (including board and meals)
Obstetrician services
Optometrist fees
Oral surgery
Organ transplant (including donor's expenses)
Orthopedist fees and orthopedic shoes
Oxygen and oxygen equipment
Pediatrician services
Physician services
Practical nurse for medical services
Premiums for voluntary federal Medicare insurance
Prenatal care
Prescription medicines
Prosthesis
Psychiatrist fees

Reclining chair (with letter of medical necessity)
Smoking cessation programs (by prescription only)
Special auto equipment for the handicapped
Splints
Surgeon and surgery fees
Therapy equipment
Transplants
Transportation expenses (relative to health care)
Tuition for child with learning disability
Ultra-violet ray treatment
Vaccines
Weight loss programs fees (with approved letter of medical necessity from physician)
Wheelchair
X-ray

Special Circumstance Expenses:

Capitol Expenses (for special equipment installed in a home, or for improvements, if for medical purposes)
Lead paint removal
Registered nurses fees
Long term care insurance premiums
Exercise equipment (by prescription)

Examples of Non-Qualifying Medical Expenses

Advance payment for services rendered in the next year
Athletic club memberships
Cosmetic surgery
Diaper service
Funeral, cremation or burial expenses
Hygiene products
Marriage Counseling
Maternity clothes
Nonprescription medications
Swimming pool
Vitamins and dietary supplements for general health

Note: Expenses cannot be reimbursed or paid for by any other source that includes but is not limited to: Insurance Contracts, Health Reimbursement Arrangements, Flexible Spending Accounts, Health Savings Accounts, Employers, etc.

TRIBAL POLICE DEPARTMENT

TRIBAL TIP LINE

Call (251) 446-ITIP (446-4847) to leave an anonymous tip about:

- Drug Activity
- Alcohol Activity
- Known Underage Drinking Parties
- Recent Crimes-Thefts, Vandalism, Drug Sales, etc.
- Bullying
- Concealed Weapons
- Other Safety or Community Concerns

As a partner with our Tribal Community, the Poarch Creek Tribal Police Department is pleased to provide this service. We hope this service will be a great benefit to you as a citizen. Together we can make our community safer.

The Tip Line is not monitored; your name or phone number will never be required.

All information provided via the Tip Line will be investigated.

TRIBAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

The Tribal Regulatory Commission/TERO Department welcomes aboard Wesley Manning, the new TERO Director.

The TERO Office has moved back to their offices at 3480 Highway 21 North, Atmore, AL., and can be reached at (251) 368-6060.

Tribal Regulatory Commission (formerly TERO Commission) meetings will be held the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 8:00 a.m. at the TERO Office.

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

Ronald Reagan

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

Aristotle



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TRIBAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY

November has swiftly approached and this means that the 2015 Utilities Authority year is close to an end. Our 2016 operation budgets for the PCI and ECU systems has been prepared, analyzed, and submitted to Tribal Council for approval and finalization. We continue to strive at decreasing any unnecessary expenses while increasing generated revenues to become more self-sustainable in the future.

In previous years, our planning and responsibilities only encompassed the operations of one system. We now have to rationalize and plan for the future of 3 water systems, including what was previously known as Canoe Water and Huxford Water, as well as our sewer collection and treatment systems, and garbage collection system, which requires a great amount of proficiency in the utility industry.

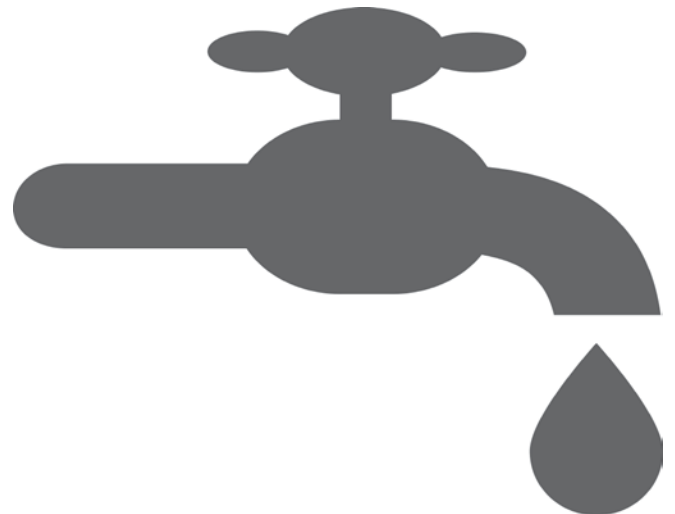
Not only have we experienced a diversity of changes, so has the required responsibilities along with on-going projects. With only 11 full time employees we have successfully managed and provided 24/7 operations and maintenance to the PCI system as well as the (ECU) Escambia Community Utilities LLC, a subsidiary of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians Utilities Authority.

We should have completed the transfer acquisition of the Canoe Water system by November. We are currently awaiting the approval from the Public Service Commission for acquiring the Canoe Water System. In support of our efforts, the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) just visited both sites and is very pleased with how we have effectively taken on the responsibilities of managing the Huxford Water System in conjunction with the PCI system. Their annual inspection report notated no problems or concerns and ADEM has submitted a letter of support to the Public Service Commission that recommends ECU acquire the Canoe Water System.

During our September 2015 Utility Authority monthly board meeting, we acknowledged the newly elected and returning board members. The Utility Authority used

the Title 45 Tribal Code to elect the terms for each new board member. Josh Martin has been reappointed by Tribal Council as Chairman of the Utility Authority with a 3 year term. There were 2 positions for one year, 2 positions for 2 year, and 2 positions for 3 year terms. Ron Marshall and Teddy Walker Jr. will represent Utilities with one year terms; Charles Bray and Shawn Rolin both have two year terms, and Patrick Strickland and Chris McGhee have three year terms. Our seven member Board of Directors will continue to work closely with the Utility Authority management and staff to make the most preeminent valuable decisions that best serve our customers, communities, and Tribe. The Utilities Authority believes the future of our community and surrounding areas begins with providing the residences with one of the main ingredients to a healthy life, quality potable water.

If you ever have any utility questions or concerns please contact our office at 251-446-1617, Monday through Friday between the hours of 7:00 am and 4:00 pm, as we continue to strive at providing uninterrupted services to our customers. If you are a customer of PCI Utilities or Escambia Community Utilities and have a utility related emergency our After Hours Hotline # is 251-446-4920 and a qualified staff member will be notified and dispatched 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.





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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Poarch Band of Creek Indians sponsors 5k event

The Poarch Band of Creek Indians were proud title sponsors, along with Airbus, for the second annual 5k on the Runway event Sept. 12 at Brookley Field in Mobile.

Put together by the Mobile Airport Authority, the 5k race and 1 mile fun run/walk was a benefit event for Doyle Park, an overgrown 24-acre space adjacent to Mobile Aeroplex at Brookley.

Muskogee Technology was a represented vendor at the event, with a booth set up with information materials and giveaway items about the Poarch Band of Creek Indians and Muskogee Tech. Vendors from many other organizations also were on hand, as well as food and game vendors for children of all ages.

Muskogee Technology's Director of Marketing Mal McGhee was the spokesman for the Tribe and using the police radio from a squad car, got the crowd ready before the race.

"On behalf of the

Poarch Band of Creek Indians, we are proud to help sponsor this event. The proceeds will go to the Doyle Park project, which will benefit kids and families for years to come," McGhee said.

Three people running for Poarch placed first and second in their age groups. Dusty Adams won the Male Grand Masters Overall for the 50-54 age group, Ross Parham placed second in the Male 35-39 age group, Steven Reynolds placed first in the Male 45-49 age group, and 14-year-old Jackson Bonner placed second in the 10-14 age group.

According to the website about the renovations, "Doyle Park's transformation will see the addition of amenities such as athletic fields, a playground, walking trail, splash park and event pavilions. The project also calls for the addition of observation terraces that will provide families with an unmatched vantage point to watch flights by the passenger jets produced at the Airbus A320 Family Assembly Line at the Aeroplex." A miracle league field for handicap players also is planned.

A live band ended the festivities at the post race after-party as participants and guests milled about the area mingling with friends and talking with companies at each station.

By Jen Peake
Marketing Specialist



Facts about bird migration

Alabama sees a variety of species of birds that migrate each year. Here are a few tid-bits about what kinds can be seen here:

Magnolia Branch Wildlife Reserve

By Jen Peake, CIEDA Marketing Specialist

✎ 80 species migrate through Alabama

✎ 2 species are extirpated (locally extinct)

✎ 158 species regularly breed in Alabama

✎ 3 species that used to migrate are extinct

✎ 174 species stay the winter in Alabama

✎ 4 species are exotic and non-native



Flock to Magnolia Branch Wildlife Reserve for bird watching

While everyone is just now dusting off their winter jackets and sweaters, our feathered friends have been preparing to head for warmer climates for quite some time now.

The fall and winter migratory seasons often overlap with some species of birds. According to allaboutbirds.org, there are different types of migration, usually categorized as short-, medium- and long-distance migrants.

And at Magnolia Branch Wildlife Reserve (MBWR), you can already witness a flock of birds getting a head start on migrating for the winter.

Alabama Ornithological Society lists 421 species that fly through the state during migratory seasons:

- 158 species regularly breed

in Alabama

- 174 species stay the winter in Alabama

- 80 species migrate through Alabama

- 3 species that use to migrate are extinct

- 2 species are extirpated
- 4 species are exotic and non-native

Magnolia Branch is the perfect spot for bird watching because it falls within the Mississippi Flyway, which is one of the main migration routes stretching from the Arctic Circle to Mexico and South America. Lots of waterfowl stop over at MBWR; if you are lucky, you can also spot the ruby-throated hummingbird. Recently,

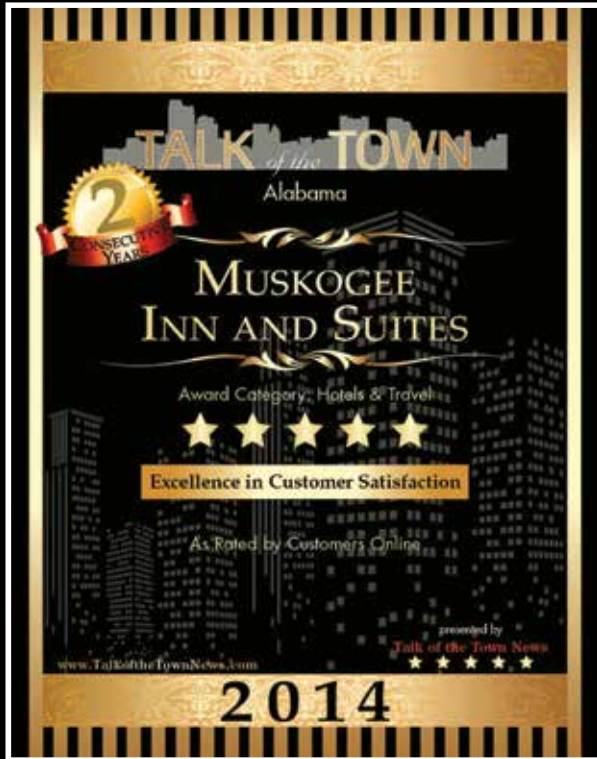


the olive-sided flycatcher, northern shoveler and a few warblers were among the species sighted by an online site.

But why do birds migrate in the first place? It's not only to escape the harsh weather conditions of the north. Birds migrate to find better food sources and habitats as well. When winter sets in, many resources are frozen or killed by the cold weather, so birds must migrate elsewhere in order to survive.

Southwest Alabama is a safe haven for many fowl because of the relatively mild winters and natural habitats that exist here, such as Magnolia Branch, which even has bird feeders installed on the property.

So next time you are hiking on our trails, pause for a second and look up. See if you can identify the next bird you see.



Muskogee Inn: Winner of Talk of the Town Award

Muskogee Inn is on a roll with awards and customer service this year. It was recently announced that the Atmore hotel has won the 2015 Talk of the Town Customer Satisfaction Award and has received a 5-star rating.

Only the highest rated businesses have been chosen to receive this award, presented by Talk of the Town News and Celebration Media,

according to a news release.

This is the second year in a row Muskogee Inn has won the award.

“We are so excited and honored to be given this award,” General Manager Rochel Martin said. “To be rated a 5-star hotel is exactly what we aim for, and providing

high quality customer service is our top priority. If our customers are not happy, we are not happy. Our goal is to make your

stay with us effortless and as comfortable as possible.”

Martin said Muskogee Inn repeatedly has topped websites with good reviews and is proud its customers hold the hotel in such high regards.

“Our staff goes above and beyond in assisting our guests,” Martin said. “And that translates into repeat customers.”

By Jen Peake
CIEDA Marketing
Specialist



Southern Region Minority Supplier Development Council



Gateway Business Connections Conference and Expo

In August, the Southern Region Minority Supplier Development Council (SRMSDC) invited Muskogee Technology (MT) to attend the Gateway Business Connections Conference and Expo in New Orleans.

Gateway draws hundreds of minority businesses from across the country for the annual two-day event, which provides venues for discussion, training, matchmaking, awards and business exhibition. MT has been a member of the SRMSDC for more than 20 years. This has led to MT achieving relationships with large suppliers throughout the nation.

Premiere sponsors included Northrop Grumman, Chevron, BP,

Toyota, Nissan, Shell, ExxonMobil, Entergy, Blue Cross Blue Shield of LA, U.S. Department of Commerce Minority Business Development Agency, Worldwide Label & Packaging, ARD Logistics, Jackson Offshore Operators, APC Construction and many more.

The conference gives minority-owned businesses a chance to connect with large corporations in an effort to facilitate more partnerships and contracts.

“Being a part of the SRMSDC gives us so many opportunities to work with some of the most prestigious companies out there,” Director of Marketing for MT, Mal McGhee, said. “We are honored

to be part of this wonderful opportunity to be good neighbors in our state and our country.”

Muskogee Technology met with several companies, including Shell/Motiva, BP, Alabama Power, Mississippi Power, GIS Oilfield Contractors, Motion Industries Inc. and Tyonek Manufacturing Group Inc.

McGhee said the training sessions were proactive and touched on topics such as how to improve in a changing economy, how to be a proactive marketer and how to use different perspectives in the supplier industry to enhance opportunities with corporations.

By Jen Peake
CIEDA Marketing Specialist

Photo caption: Muskogee Technology’s Director of Marketing Mal McGhee, center, met with representatives of Honda Manufacturing of Alabama LLC, Marvin Haynes at left and Kenneth L. Peterson at right, at the Gateway Business Connections Conference and Expo in New Orleans.



“Being a part of the SRMSDC gives us so many opportunities to work with some of the most prestigious companies out there.”

— MT Director of Marketing Mal McGhee



PERDIDO RIVER FARMS

WHAT'S YOUR BEEF?



A few facts about cattle producers, including Perdido River Farms

According to the Alabama Cattlemen's Association, there were 671,000 beef cows that gave birth in January 2014. The state ranks 14th among all states in beef cow numbers. The total value of cattle on Alabama farms for fiscal year 2014 was \$1,252.4 million, a record high.

Alabama cattle producers primarily are cow-calf operations; this includes

Perdido River Farms, which has more than 1,300 heads of cattle. A cow-calf operation is a method of raising beef cattle using a permanent herd to produce calves with the intent to be sold later.

Did you know the term "cow" actually refers only to the female? Most people who don't work on a farm or ranch use the term to describe

all cattle, regardless of gender or status. However, those who work in the industry use the official names of each animal. So how do you tell the difference?

Below are the classified names and definitions of each animal in a cattle herd.

By Jen Peake
CIEDA Marketing Specialist

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Cattle: General plural term for more than one bovine

Cow: A mature female bovine that has given birth to at least one or two calves

Ox (plural: Oxen): A bovine that is trained for draft work

Calf (plural: Calves): An immature bovine reliant on milk in order to survive and grow

Freemartin: An infertile or sterile heifer or heifer calf

First-calf Heifer or First-calver: A female bovine that has given birth to her first calf

Heifer: A female bovine (often immature, but beyond the "calf" stage) less than 1 to 2 years of age that has never calved

Stag: A male bovine (or bull) that has been castrated **after or upon** reaching sexual maturity and is primarily used for beef

Steer: A male bovine (or bull) that has been **precastrated** and is primarily used for beef

Bull: A mature, intact (testicles present and not removed) male bovine used for breeding purposes. Not all bulls have horns

CIEDA promotes SAFETY

FY 2015 Training and Safety Meetings:

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|---|---|
| 1. Smoking Policy, Emer. Action Plans | Portable Tools |
| 2. Fire Extinguisher Safety | 6. Cold & Flu Prevention, |
| 3. Bloodborne Pathogens & Hazard Communication | First-Aid Training, CPR |
| 4. Machine Guarding & Safety Switches, Powered Ind. Truck | 7. Full Body Harness & Scaffold, Back Safety & Lifting, Ladder Safety |
| 5. Leadership Training, Hand & | 8. Heat Stress, Driving |
| | 9. Sexual Harassment |

25 percent
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behind falls in construction
injuries? Equipment-related
injuries are ranked third.



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nonfatal workplace injuries
and illnesses were reported by
private industry employers in
2013, according to the latest
numbers by the Bureau of Labor
Statistics.

Slips, trips and falls
are the most common injuries at
work and home.

When it comes to safety, Creek Indian Enterprises Development Authority (CIEDA) takes no chances.

Every month, the staff gathers for a safety meeting, led by Training and Development Coordinator Jemison Cunningham. CIEDA also runs safety slides at all seven properties it manages to remind workers to take precautions to ensure a safe work environment.

These are fun and informative ways to stay alert and safe without management always bringing up issues, Cunningham said.



WES WOODRUFF
Procurement
Manager

In addition to safety meetings, the procurement department also has regular training and safety courses for its teams. Under the direction of Wes Woodruff, teams are overseen by James Agerton and Duke Bradley.

“Our employees go through a considerable number of hours of training to stay on top of safety issues,” Woodruff said. “We are also in compliance with OSHA guidelines and regulations and take great measures to stay that way.”

Woodruff said he and Cunningham attend an OSHA seminar each year to learn updated and new regulations to implement at CIEDA properties.

“A lot of our employees work with heavy equipment,” Woodruff said. “It’s important that we train properly and wear the right safety equipment to avoid any injuries or health conditions that might occur.”

By Jen Peake, CIEDA Marketing Specialist

NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICES



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Vision: Productive soil, healthy land

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

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

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

Farm Service Agencies

www.fsa.usda.gov

www.fsa.usda.gov/al

www.nrcs.usda.gov/farmbill

USDA Rural Development

www.rurdev.usda.gov

www.rurdev.usa.gov/al

Alabama Forestry Commission

www.forestry.state.al.us

For more information contact:

David Elliott, NRCS Tribal Liaison

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(251) 368-0826

BEN MALONE TO SERVE AS STATE CONSERVATIONIST

Ben Malone of McCalla, AL, will begin serving as Alabama's State Conservationist on Monday, October 5, 2015.

Malone currently serves as NRCS Alabama's Assistant State Conservationist for Field Operations (ASTC-FO) for the Central Area in Bessemer.

He holds a degree in forest management from Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University (Alabama A&M). Malone began his career with the U.S. Forest Service while in college. He served as a Forester until he accepted a position with the NRCS as a Soil Conservationist in Mobile, Ala. in February 1997.



Over the next few years, Malone became a District Conservationist and served in the Jasper and Mobile Ala. offices. In 2003, he accepted a position as a Resource Conservation

and Development Coordinator in Hammond, Louisiana. During this time, Malone worked extensively on Hurricane Katrina recovery efforts.

In March 2008, Malone became the Central Area's ASTC-FO. He has served on two National Technical Teams and in the summer of 2014, he served as Acting State Conservationist in Alabama.

A native of Monroeville, AL., Malone is married to Felicia, his wife of 12 years. They are the proud parents of Benjamin and Alan.

Submitted by David Elliott, NRCS Tribal Liaison

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The following programs are available:

Conservation Technical Assistance Program (CTA) is available to any group or individual interested in conserving their natural resources and sustaining agricultural production. Included in this program is a mutually agreed to conservation plan for your land.

Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) provides financial and technical assistance to help plan and implement conservation practices to improve soil, water, plant, animal, air and related resources on agricultural land and non-industrial private forestland.

Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP) provides financial and technical assistance to help conserve agricultural lands and wetlands. This includes two components:

Agricultural Land Easements help farmers and ranchers keep their land in agriculture. Eligible partners are Indian tribes, state and local governments and non-governmental organizations that have farmland or grassland protection programs.

Wetland Reserve Easements offer technical and financial assistance directly to private landowners and Indian tribes to restore, protect and enhance wetlands through the purchase of a wetland easement.

*Although applications are accepted on a continuous basis for all programs, Florida NRCS has established an application cut-off date of **Dec. 18, 2015**, for the 2016 program year. Other programs may have different cut-off dates.*

*In addition to the local NRCS offices, we now have an online website, **Conservation Client Gateway**, available to current participants. After signup, producers can log on to the website 24/7 from their home or office computer to apply for conservation program assistance, manage applications, review and sign documents, access conservation plans, maps and other documents.*

See your local office for more details:

<http://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app?state=FL>

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November (Eholē) 2015

Teen Christmas Party

Registration continues
Deadline to register December 11th

SMART Recovery

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Parenting Skills

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

November 2-3, 2015

Monday & Tuesday,
Museum gift shop closed for monthly
inventory

Thursday, November 5, 2015

5:00 pm (CST)

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

Friday, November 6, 2015

Last day to register of Kids Christmas Party

Wednesday, November 11, 2015

Tribal Offices, Boys & Girls Club, Museum
Gift Shop, and Gym will be closed in
observance of Veteran's Day

Friday, November 13, 2015

Free Retinal Screening
Premiere Family Eyecare
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Saturday, November 14, 2015

Household Hazardous Waste
Collection Day
Fire Station #1 on Jack Springs Rd.
8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Friday, November 20, 2015

Primary Care Clinic of Health Department
Will close at 12:00 noon.

Thursday & Friday November 26-27, 2015

Tribal Offices, Boys & Girls Club, and Gym
will be closed in observance of Thanksgiving
and Tribal Administrative Holiday

Thursday & Friday

November 26-27, 2015

Pow Wow

Friday, November 27, 2015

Museum & Gift Shop will be open
8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Monday, November 30, 2015

Last day to register for Youth Basketball
League

Tribal Council Meetings

Thursday, November 5th & 19th
Building 500 Auditorium 4:00 pm

Tribal Court Sessions

Monday, November 2nd, 16th, & 20th
Tribal Courtroom 9:00 am

CIEDA Meetings

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

Tribal Regulatory Commission Meetings

Tuesday, November 10th & 24th
Building 500 8:00 am

Calvin McGhee Cultural Advisory Committee

Monday, November 9th 4:00 pm
Cultural Building on Hwy 21

Education Advisory Committee

Wednesday, November 11th 3:00 pm
Family Services Conference Room
Buford L. Rolin Health Clinic

Utility Authority Board Meeting

Thursday, November 19th
Utilities Office 1:00 pm

4-H Club

Monday, November 9th & 23rd
Education Department 6:00 pm

After School Tutoring

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

Homework Club

Monday - Thursday 5:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Education Department

GED Classes

Day: Monday-Thursday
9:00 am - 11:00 am &
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Evening: Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday
5:00 pm - 7:00 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-Closed

Pool & Splash Pad Closed

Playground Pavilion/No reservations needed

Located by new baseball field
No set time for usage/First come first serve

Newsletter Contact Information

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