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# A Moment With The Tribal Chair

May 2016

*Stephanie A. Bryan, Tribal Chair*

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Our history is one that overflows with examples of great leadership. Prominent individuals from the past have made tough decisions for the purpose of protecting and bettering the people they served. As a leader of the present, I pray that my legacy will be one that portrays my integrity and the deep devotion and loyalty I have for my people.

Much research has been devoted to leadership and determining if there are particular traits that exist in every leader. While there is no clear consensus, it appears that leaders emerge based upon the needs of the given environment in conjunction with the leadership traits they possess. For example, if a group of individuals are stranded on a remote island, the individual that is likely to arise as the leader might be the one with the most experience in survival techniques

and with the leadership trait of consensus-building. Those attributes are what one would assume to be most needed for that particular environment and situation.

In our environment here at the Poarch Band of Creek Indians, we need to carefully consider the traits that our leaders should possess to protect what we have worked hard to attain as well as better our constituents and communities. With an upcoming election upon us, it is imperative that we ask tough questions of our candidates so that we can better ascertain the type of leader they are and will be for our people. It is important to have individuals on board who have an exemplary work ethic, can collaboratively work for the betterment of those we serve, and reflect the core attributes of our community – love,



humbleness, and perseverance. Our environment today demands that we have business-savvy leaders who continue to stay in touch with the ones we serve – our people.

In closing, I wish all of the candidates much success in your respective campaigns. I encourage you all to search yourselves to determine the type of leader you will be for our Tribe. Ensure that your campaign is executed with the utmost pride and dignity and is run on your own merits and not from tearing another candidate down.

Leadership is a challenging role, but it is well worth the outcome of serving and caring for our beloved community.

In love,  
Stephanie A. Bryan,  
Tribal Chair/CEO

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*True leadership is only possible when character is more important than authority.*

*Joseph Marshall, Lakota Sioux*

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

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



## Tribal Council's Purpose

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

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



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*Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamour and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. Ephesians 4: 31-32*



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Please submit information as soon as possible, any delay may cause you to miss the established deadline.



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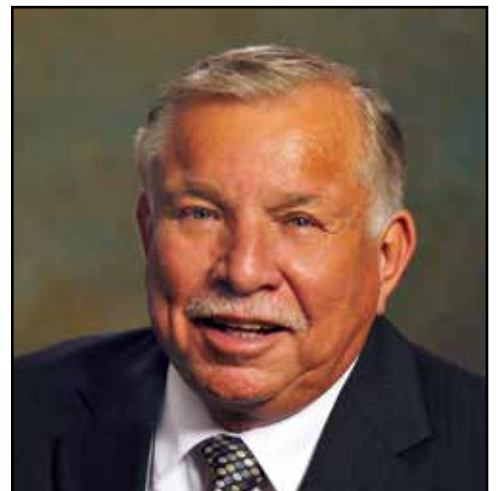
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# Tribal Council Update

May 2016

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As I thought about many topics that I could touch on this month, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize and honor our mothers for Mother's Day. I am thankful to have my mother as a big part of my life. She is a true inspiration to me! I recall growing up not having much, but we had plenty of love, happiness and biblical teachings. We never went without food or main necessities as God always provided. I am blessed to have three beautiful children myself. There's no greater feeling!

I would like to honor many of our elder mothers that have played a big part of my life, mentored me and shown much love to me. I visited homes throughout the community while growing up and was always treated like a child of their own. Those amazing ladies gave me great home cooked meals, vacations with their families, allowed all neighborhood children to play sports in their yards, allow sleepovers, take a truck load of children to the local swimming holes, and so much more. I will cherish these great memories throughout my life.

Mothers don't always get the recognition they deserve. Our tribal mothers have always carried this great community and help to raise many children that wasn't always their own. The quote, "*It takes a village to raise a child*" is so true. They have made sacrifices and faced challenges to get us to where we are today, and I'm forever grateful!

## Mother Prayer

*"Dear Lord, today we pray for mothers-- our own mothers, and mothers everywhere, who have made such a major contribution to the good qualities we have, sometimes through genetics, more often through great effort and patient instruction, and who have done their best to gently polish away our rough edges. Lord, please bless our mothers for the endless hours of time they spent and the boundless energy they invested in us. Bless our mothers for their sacrifices on our behalf as they often gave up or deferred their own dreams so that we could have ours. Bless our mothers for always being there for us, for being the person we know we can turn to when we need comfort, encouragement, or just a hug. Bless our mothers for making a home for us where we could feel safe, where we felt*



*we belonged. Most of all, Lord, bless our mothers for their unconditional love, for loving us no matter what, and for frequently showing love in ways that make us feel valued and cherished. Lord, please bless our mothers mightily. Strengthen them, soothe them, wrap them in your infinite love and shower them with blessings too numerous to count, too magnificent to describe. We love them, admire them, respect them, and we wish that you would give them back many times the good they gave to us. In Jesus' name we pray; Amen."*

As we celebrate Mother's Day this month let us not forget where we came from. Mothers, Grandmothers and anyone that's been an inspiration, let them know how much you care, love and appreciate them. We're not promised tomorrow so we should live each day to the fullest.

*The price of success is hard work, dedication to the job at hand, and the determination that whether we win or lose, we have applied the best of ourselves to the task at hand.*

Vince Lombardi



# Congressional Update

May, 2016

Representative Bradley Byrne (251) 690-2811 [Byrne.House.Gov](http://Byrne.House.Gov)

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For over a year now, I have been pointing out that the Obama Administration lacks a clear strategy to defeat the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS). This is the brutal terrorist organization that holds significant territory in the Middle East and claims responsibility for attacks in Brussels, Paris, and San Bernardino, California.

Given the lack of a strategy, Congress included a provision in the annual National Defense Authorization Act last year that required the Obama Administration to submit a plan outlining their strategy for the Middle East and to defeat ISIS.

The law couldn't have been clearer. It said the report should be submitted to Congress "not later than February 15, 2016." Well, February 15th came and passed without a plan being submitted to Congress.

A few weeks ago, Secretary of Defense Ash Carter testified before the Armed Services Committee

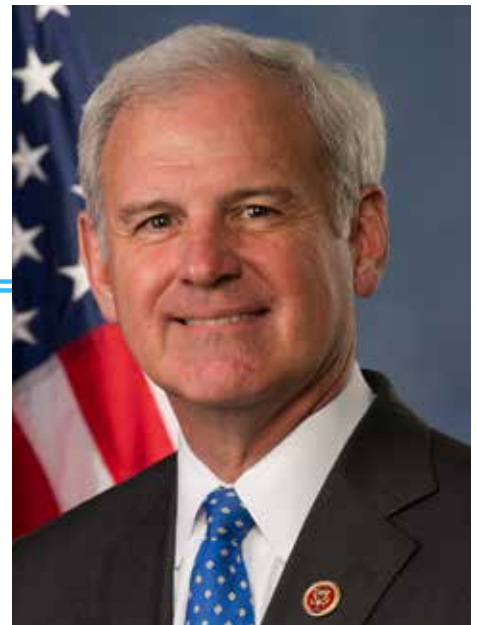
about his annual budget request. I used the hearing to ask Secretary Carter why he had failed to submit the report on time as required by law.

When an average American violates the law, there are consequences. The same should apply to leaders in the federal government. No one, regardless of their political position, should ever be above the law. I asked the Secretary where the report was and if he agreed the law was broken.

Secretary Carter failed to answer my questions and simply said the report's release was "imminent."

Well, two days later and over a month late, the report was submitted to Congress. It was only seven pages long and lacked a clear strategy. It reminded me of a kid who forgot to do their homework, so they recklessly threw something together at the last minute.

Either the Obama Administration didn't take the request from Congress seriously or they actually



don't have a strategy to defeat ISIS and combat Islamic extremism in the Middle East. I fear that both of those are true.

Only the President, as the Commander-in-Chief of the military, can put forward a strategy for our military. So far, President Obama has failed to do that and ISIS continues to grow.

In Congress, it is our job to continue holding the President and his advisors to the fire until they follow the law. As a member of the Armed Services Committee, I will continue doing just that. The safety and security of the American people require it.

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*I think there's no higher calling in terms of a career than public service, which is a chance to make a difference in people's lives and improve the world.*

*Jack Lew*

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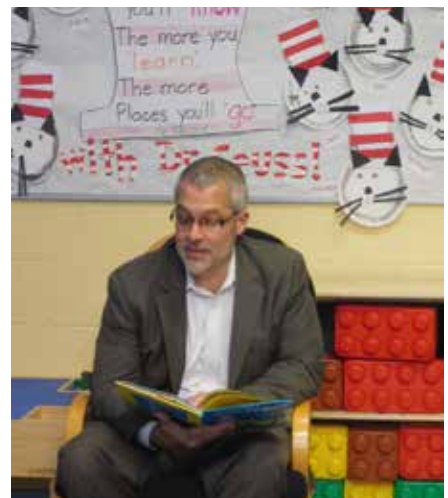




## READ ACROSS AMERICA - CELEBRATING DR. SEUSS!

The Fred L. McGhee Early Learning Center class and staff celebrated “Read Across America Week” February 29 - March 4, 2016. The children dressed up as a Dr. Seuss character for Dr. Seuss’ birthday. Members of the Tribal Council joined the students to read from one of their favorite Dr. Seuss books. Thank you Tribal Chair Stephanie Bryan, Vice-Chair Robbie McGhee, and Council Member Arthur Mothershed for making our week special!

*Pictured above are: Sitting left to right are Kaison Martin, Michael Turberville, Tegan Daughtry, and Kaleb Rayborn. Standing left to right are Krislynn Lee, Eli McGhee, Natalynn Lee, Kadence Rolin, Kintley Flowers, Layla Pettway, Tribal Chair Stephanie Bryan, Sophia Ikner, Kendall Corey, Seth Hammonds, Fran Southard, Ellie Bartley, Tenleigh Peebles, Connor McGhee, Shirley Nettles, Colton Weaver, Aubrey Flowers, Bella Bartley, and Mary Boyte. Pictured below left to right are Tribal Chair Stephanie Bryan, Robbie McGhee, and Arthur Mothershed.*





# POARCH 4-H CLUB



**PERDIDO RIVER FARMS**





# PCI students shine at steer, heifer show



On March 10, 2016, Perdido River Farms, an enterprise of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians, hosted the 2016 Escambia County, Alabama Steer and Heifer show. The show is the highlight of the calf projects that started in September 2015 with a beginning weigh-in. Twenty nine calves were weighed in to start the program, and 24 were shown. This makes the Escambia County show one of the largest in the state.

Eighteen students were from the Poarch 4-H. They were Brianna Bailey, Jordyn Boutwell, Ashkia Weaver, Tyler McGhee, Colbie English, DJ Rolin, Caleb Davis, Wyatt Rutherford, Chaz McGhee, Jacelyn Chunn, Tanner Jackson, Rowdy Rutherford, Halle Ra Peebles, Dylan Rolin, Alexia Ross, Jason Davis, Denver Shuttlesworth and Tyler Jackson.

With a day filled with activities, which included washing, drying and grooming the calves, the show began with Senior, Intermediate and Junior showmanship classes. This provides an opportunity for the participants to showcase their showmanship skills learned.

"We are fortunate to have outstanding young people who are interested in livestock in the county, who learn valuable lessons that will last a lifetime through this great program," General Manager of Perdido River Farms John English said.

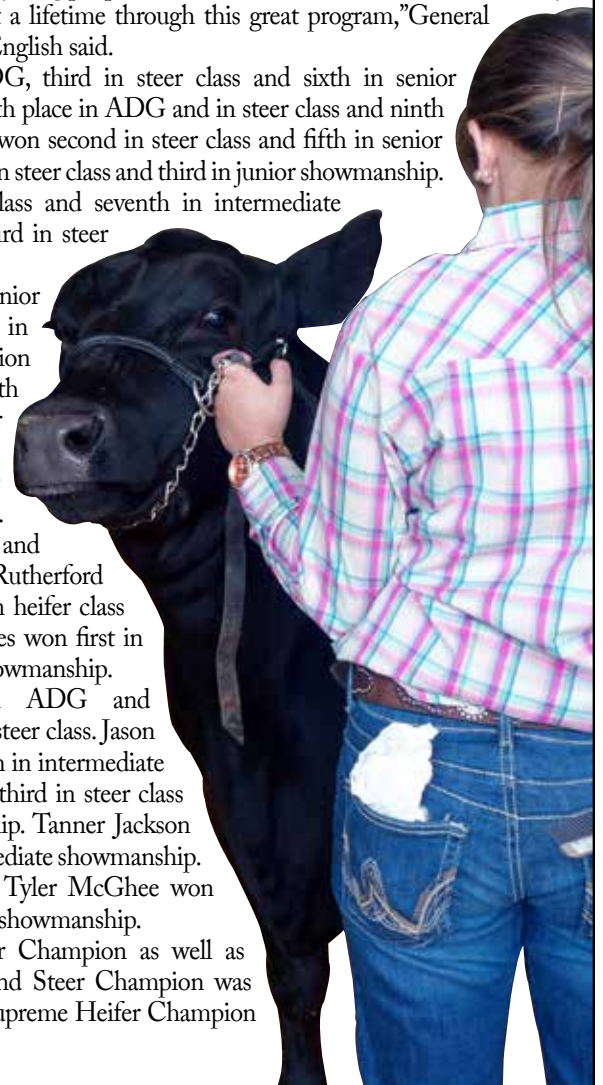
Alexia Ross won first place in ADG, third in steer class and sixth in senior showmanship. Ashkia Weaver won fourth place in ADG and in steer class and ninth in junior showmanship. Brianna Bailey won second in steer class and fifth in senior showmanship. Caleb Davis won second in steer class and third in junior showmanship. Chaz McGhee won fourth in steer class and seventh in intermediate showmanship. Jordyn Boutwell won third in steer class and fifth in junior showmanship.

Colbie English won first in junior showmanship and heifer class, second in steer class and won the supreme champion heifer award. Denver Shuttlesworth won fourth in steer class and in senior showmanship.

DJ Rolin won fourth in junior showmanship and fifth in steer class. Dylan Rolin won fifth in steer class and seventh in junior showmanship. Wyatt Rutherford won first in senior showmanship and in heifer class and third in steer class. Halle Ra Peebles won first in steer class and fourth in intermediate showmanship.

Jacelyn Chunn won second in ADG and intermediate showmanship and fifth in steer class. Jason Davis won second in steer class and sixth in intermediate showmanship. Rowdy Rutherford won third in steer class and eighth in intermediate showmanship. Tanner Jackson won first in steer class and fifth in intermediate showmanship. Tyler Jackson won fifth in steer class. Tyler McGhee won fourth in steer class and eighth in junior showmanship.

Owen Weber was the Grand Steer Champion as well as County Bred Champion. Reserve Grand Steer Champion was won by Denver Schrock, and Reserve Supreme Heifer Champion was won by Austin Schrock.



By Jen Peake | CIEDA Marketing Specialist

# William "Randy" Adams



**1. With your support, I hope to be elected  
for Tribal Council At Large and be a voice  
for the General Council**

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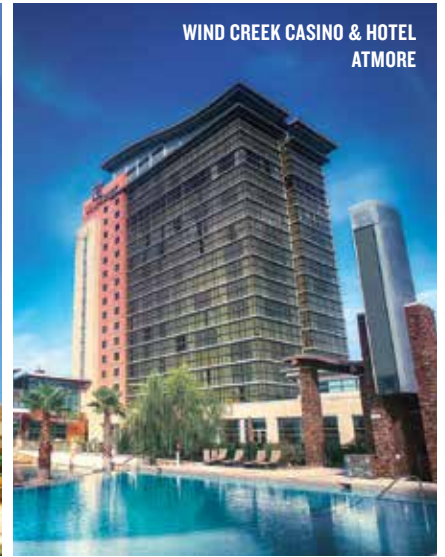


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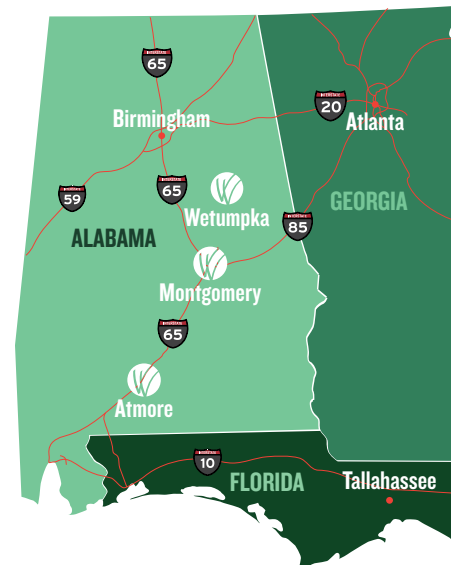


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*St. Anna's Episcopal Church*

"The Episcopal Church had a huge impact on my life. It changed our lives," said Vice Chair Robbie McGhee at the 'Evening with the Elders' on March 8., 2016.

"I'm thankful that they had people who were interested enough to live and work in our community," said former Chairman Buford L. Rolin on the audio-recorded interview by Dr. J. Anthony Paredes, played for almost two-hundred attendees in the auditorium of Building 500.

Guests heard musical performances from Tribal Councilwoman Sandy Hollinger and the Young family, Tribal Council Secretary David Gehman, Kristen Gehman, and Clarence Rolin. Additionally, poetic words written by Tribal Councilman Arthur Mothershed graced our sensibilities reminding us of our connection to each other as Creeks.

Tribal Council Treasurer Eddie L. Tullis explained that Alabama Governor George Wallace was instrumental in transferring Saint Anna's land, making it the first parcel of trust land for the Tribe.

Tribal Councilman Keith Martin read from Frank Speck's report saying, "The timely intervention of Reverend Edwards... resulted in bringing the people together with a closer feeling of unity."

Special guests, Al and Michael Edwards—grandson and great-grandson of Reverend Edwards—shared stories about the Poarch Creek community that had been passed down by Reverend Edwards. Guests from University of Florida and University of South Alabama also attended.

"Getting an education was the main thing!" said former Tribal Councilwoman Roberta McGhee Sells on Dr. Dees' video-recorded interview.

"It would be a lot better if we had the love that we had back then," said her son, Tribal Councilman Garvis Sells, with the audience cheering.

Jack Allen McGhee, former Tribal Councilman, named each of Saint Anna's families by first and last names for the archival record.

Readings of words written by Reverend Edwards, Anna Macey, Fred Walker, and Elloie Bradshaw appeared to bring these saints to life again. Readers included Ellen O'Barr, Emily Fayard, Christy Huskey, Shada Thomas, Westley Woodruff, and Elizabeth Mitchell, some of whom became choked up as the raw history unfurled.

Our Tribal Youth Council read parts of Edwards' autobiography about his work among Creeks. "I could write a whole book on this work," Edwards said. "This whole work seemed like a miracle; so many times my prayers were answered." Readers included Meredith McGhee, Kamryn Mothershed, Talon Overstreet, Collin Martin, Zachary Gardner, and Madelyn Boatwright. They, along with the panelists, did an excellent job.

If you would like a free copy of Edward's book, contact the Office of Archives and Records Management at 446-4940 or stop by their office at 100 Brookwood Road in Atmore.

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*By Gayle Johnson and Deidra Surwanee Dees, Ed.D.*





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# AN EDUCATION SUCCESS STORY

## CHANCE JACKSON, A DETERMINED STUDENT

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4.0. While many of us think of 4.0 as the fourth generation of a phone or computer, this 4.0 stands for the grade point average Chance Jackson has earned during his time at Faulkner State Community College and at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa.

Chance will graduate summa cum laude in May with a degree in Business Management from the University of Alabama. Summa cum laude means Chance is graduating with highest honors. This is a great accomplishment for any student, and we are all very proud of Chance!

Other honors that Chance earned include Golden Key International Honor Society and Delta Epsilon Iota Honor Society.

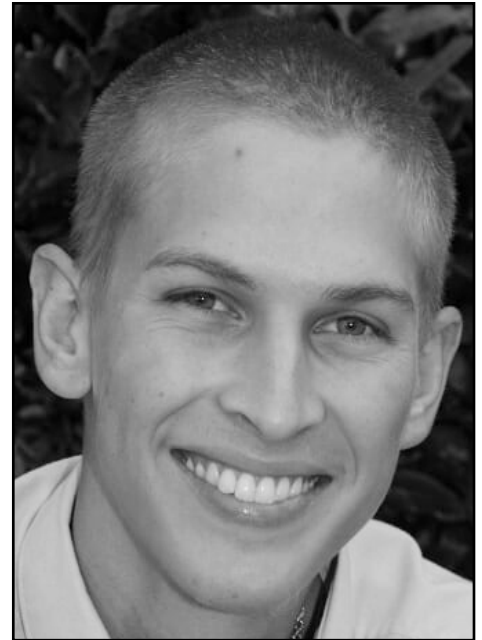
"I am as proud as any Dad could be" said Eddie Jackson, Chance's father. "I have always told my kids not to be afraid of hard work and the sky is the limit. Chance has demonstrated that." Eddie's children have inspired him to complete his degree, which he will earn in August.

Edie Jackson, Chance's mother, had this to say, "I am extremely proud of the focus he has put

into his studies. He takes this opportunity to learn seriously, not to just attend college. Chance is a mature and polite young man; that makes a mother so proud."

The goal that Chance set for himself was to graduate debt free with a degree that he could then use to help the Tribe in any way possible. The McGhee-Tullis Tuition Assistance Program allowed Chance to follow his dreams and focus his efforts on maintaining his grades. Chance also worked part time jobs to earn extra money for expenses. Chance's Mom is extremely proud of his financial independence and how he has managed both his time and his money.

Chance faced challenges similar to others striving for educational success. There were times when he was mentally drained and had to force himself to maintain focus to push through these tough times. He credits his family and his girlfriend for always believing in him and pushing him forward to greater success. He also credits Shelia Fisher, of the Education Department, for smoothing the financial path.



Chance Jackson

While Chance has already been accepted to four law schools, his current plans are to attend FSU and work on his Master in Business Administration or his Jurors Doctorate combined with an MBA. This would allow him to understand business at a deeper lever, rather than becoming a lawyer.

For Chance, the sky really is the limit!

By: Annie Nowak

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*The family. We were a strange little band of characters trudging through life sharing diseases and toothpaste, coveting one another's desserts, hiding shampoo, borrowing money, locking each other out of our rooms, inflicting pain and kissing to heal it in the same instant, loving, laughing, defending, and trying to figure out the common thread that bound us all together.*

Erma Bombeck



# William E. Smith. Jr., MD



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The privilege of practicing orthopaedic surgery for 33 years has been extremely rewarding beyond words. The good news is that it continues to be rewarding and I pursue it vigorously four days per week.

My passions for difficult surgeries, such as the spine and joint replacement, are too physically demanding for my back. These positions of lifting, leaning, and prolonged standing pose a risk of further spine injury. My spine surgery in March 2015 exceeded my expectations and leaves me with a painless spine for the first time in 30 years.

My practice at this point is very busy including outpatient surgeries, injective therapy of the spine and joints. Surgeries include rotator cuff, carpal tunnel, hand surgeries, fracture surgery, and multiple joints. Being a spine surgeon as well as a spine patient has given me a unique perspective in the treatment of spine pain. I continue to perform spine injections under x-ray and perform epidural injections on a daily basis.

I also extensively manage presurgical conditions such as degenerative arthritis of the knee and the spine and multiple areas of the body. When surgery is necessary beyond my self-imposed physical parameters I have a broad collection of trusted colleagues to perform the indicated procedures.

Who would give up this blessing of a life? The privilege and ability to relieve pain and improve lives makes each day an exciting unknown.

I DO NOT PLAN TO RETIRE AT ANY TIME. Fortunately I continue to enjoy a busy orthopaedic surgery practice.



*Gia Langham  
Senior Airman (E-4)  
United States Air Force*

Gia Elizabeth Langham is the daughter of Chris and Janet Rodriguez. She is the sister of Devin Rodriguez, Brittany Pettway, and Tori Rodriguez.

Gia joined the United States Air Force on September 17, 2003, shortly after high school graduation. She left active service as Senior Airman on September 17, 2007 at the end of her four year enlistment period.

Gia attended basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, TX. She attended technical school at Keesler AFB in Biloxi, MS where she got her certification in Information Technology.

Gia's duty station during her enlistment was Davis Monthan AFB in Tucson, AZ. She was stationed in the 355 Operations Group that oversaw five fighter squadrons, two of which were active A-10 Warthog squadrons that were deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan.

## VETERAN'S SALUTE

During her service she was awarded the Air Force Achievement Medal and the Air Force War Hawk Award for Physical Fitness.

Gia is married to Cade Langham; they have two daughters, Kamryn and Kylee Langham. She is currently employed with the Tribe as Executive Assistant in the Legal Department.

Gia Langham, 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.



*Gia with her husband Cade Langham*



*Kylee (left) and Kamryn (right) Langham*



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# HONORING OUR VETERANS

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Please be sure to include return address and contact information.

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## IT IS THE SOLDIER

It is the Soldier, not the minister  
Who has given us freedom of religion.

It is the Soldier, not the reporter  
Who has given us freedom of the press.

It is the Soldier, not the poet  
Who has given us freedom of speech.

It is the Soldier, not the campus organizer  
Who has given us freedom to protest.

It is the Soldier, not the lawyer  
Who has given us the right to a fair trial.



It is the Soldier, not the politician  
Who has given us the right to vote.

It is the Soldier who salutes the flag,  
Who serves beneath the flag,  
And whose coffin is draped by the flag,  
Who allows the protester to burn the flag.

*By Charles M. Province*

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## Daphne Sells Hamilton

### Tribal Secretary



- \* Educated and Experienced Leadership
- \* Compassionate and Concerned
- \* Christian Values
- \* A voice for the people –
- \* Stand by my decisions for the best interest of the General Council and the Tribe-will not agree just to pacify other council members
- \* Eager to listen and pleasant to talk to about concerns or issues.
- \* Fully devoted to the General Council
- \* Full Time Council Member

### “CHANGE YOU CAN BE CONFIDENT IN!”



**Parents  
(Toney & Jannette  
Sells)**

#### My Goals for Our Future

- \* Tribal School/Daycare to advance our youth in knowledge with their Indian heritage
- \* Offer MORE benefits to our elders in order to increase their quality of life
- \* Take consideration of tribal members needs before making large investments
- \* Place tribal members in upper level job positions within the Tribe once educational programs are completed
- \* Develop an on site Tribal Rehabilitation Center for tribal members that struggle with addictions
- \* INCREASE per capita distribution when wealth creation is met

**Grandmother  
(the late Roberta  
McGhee Sells)**





**Larry Gibson**  
**April 6, 2016**

Happy birthday Larry!

We are truly blessed to have you in our lives.

We love you!

Love, your family and friends.



**Vera Walker Ferguson**  
**April 12, 2016**

Happy birthday!

You are a ray of sunshine, thanks for being the best mom and nana!!

We love you! We are truly blessed to have you in our lives.

Love, Nancy & Kameron.



**Kameron Belich**  
**April 19, 2016**

Happy 25<sup>th</sup> birthday to my baby boy!

I'm so very proud of you and I thank God every day for you.

I love you and I am truly blessed to have you in my life.

Love, Mom.



**Elton Colbert**  
**April 24, 2016**

Happy birthday Elton!

We all wish you a very happy birthday with lots of love and joy on your special day.

We are truly blessed to have you in our lives.

With love from your family and friends.



**Chasen Freeman**  
**April 30, 2016**

Happy 19<sup>th</sup> birthday Chasen!

We love you!

We are truly blessed to have you in our lives.

Love, Mom, Brannon, Trent, Jessica, and Leighton.



**Jaycob Luke**  
**May 6, 2016**

Happy 11<sup>th</sup> birthday Jaycob!

We love you and are truly blessed to have you in our lives.

With love, your family.



*Wishing a happy birthday to all those celebrating a birthday this month! Someone is truly blessed to have you in their life.*

**Deidra Suwanee Dees**  
May 8, 2016

Happy birthday to a wonderful wife and great Tribal Archivist!

We love you and are truly blessed to have you in our lives.

With love, Keymari'yan, Kingston, Mari'yauna, and your husband.



**Wayne Colbert**  
May 9, 2016

Happy 59<sup>th</sup> birthday Wayne!

We love you! We are truly blessed to have you in our lives.

From your family and friends.



**Carson Wilson**  
May 12, 2016

Happy 10<sup>th</sup> birthday Carson!

*Philippians 4:13*

We love you so much and are truly blessed to have you in our lives.

Mamma, Daddy, and Faith-Leigh.



**Billy Rolin**  
May 18, 2016

Happy 15<sup>th</sup> birthday Little Foot!

It has been a great joy watching you grow up into a young man. We love you very much!

We are truly blessed to have you in our lives.

Love, your family.



**Cecelia Nobles**  
May 19, 2016

Happy 47<sup>th</sup> birthday!

We love you!

We are truly blessed to have you in our lives.

From your family & friends.



**Alexa Pruitt**  
May 20, 2016

Happy 8<sup>th</sup> birthday!

Time is flying by!

We love you and are truly blessed to have you in our lives.

Love, from Mom & Dad, and all your family.

*Wishing a happy birthday to all those celebrating a birthday this month! Someone is truly blessed to have you in their life.*



Josh Burkett  
May 23, 2016

Happy 11<sup>th</sup> birthday Lil' Josh!

We love you and are truly blessed to have you in our lives.

Love, Daddy and Mama.



Bailey Jones  
May 24, 2016

Happy 13<sup>th</sup> birthday Bailey!

Bailey is the daughter of Frankie Jones and Natalie Rodgers.

We love you and are truly blessed to have you in our lives.

From your family.



## RETURNED NEWSLETTERS

Approximately 20-25 newsletters are returned by the Post Office each month undeliverable due incorrect addresses, incomplete addresses, etc. Sadly, these individuals seldom call and ask about their newsletter. The returned newsletters are customary kept for two months and then recycled.

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Sher Flucher, Powhatan, VA  
Joy Gibson, Atmore, AL  
Nicole Hubbard, Greenville, WI  
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Preston Leon McGhee, Pensacola, FL  
Amy Ochas, Greensboro, NC

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Donna Russell, Royce City, TX  
Marcia Shipps, Pensacola, FL  
Johnny Steadham, Atmore, AL  
Aubrey Walden, Pensacola, FL  
Rance Walker, Pensacola, FL  
Roy Walker, Connell, WA  
Joanna Ward, Pensacola, FL  
Christine Warren, Monroeville, AL  
Deborah Watson, Uriah, AL

## Dewitt Carter Candidate for Tribal Council At-Large

Fellow Tribal Members,

My name is Dewitt Carter and I am running for the seat of Tribal Council At-Large. I would like to take a moment of your time to talk about the current state of affairs of our tribe and share my views for the future of our tribe.

Currently we are facing the additions of two amendments to our Constitution. The first involves ratifying our roll. Some of you may not understand the concept or the definition of ratifying. To put it quite simply, it means to leave our roll alone. Ratifying the roll will not add anyone or take anyone off our roll. What it will do is reaffirm that each person listed on the roll is a member of this Tribe. Though there are rumors floating around that this is nothing more than a temporary fix, in reality, if passed, it would be permanent solution that could only be overturned by the General Council. Furthermore, our Tribal Legal Counsel has assured me that it is a **legal** permanent solution as well. Ratifying the roll will give us the ability to finally move forward. Maybe then we can stop hurting and start healing.

The second amendment is still up for change and may be different at the time you are reading this newsletter. It involves giving additional benefits to First Generation children only if they tie back to the 1982 roll with a parent or grand parent. There is no stipulation as to what these benefits may be, only that they will be determined by the sole discretion of the Tribal Council. Unless changes are made

that are more applicable to fit our whole tribe, I will not be able to support this amendment. First, I cannot vote to allow our children to be segregated into two classes of First Generation. Either we include all our children or we find a better plan. Second, I would prefer the General Council be given the ability to approve the terms of benefits rather than Tribal Council. Hopefully, by the time you are reading this, changes that are more reflective of what is beneficial to **all** of our First Generation, will have been made.

Looking towards the future, I would like to see our Tribal Council assume more responsibility when it comes to Tribal investments. Currently, there is no or very limited accountability as it pertains to financial gains and losses. To be specific if any investments were to show a loss there is no one that is held responsible for that loss. Only the Tribe as a whole will feel that loss. There has to be accountability as well as consequences. Bear in mind, I understand that there are no guarantees when it comes to investments, but major losses and the act of continuing to invest in things that result in a loss should not be tolerated.

Finally, I would like to touch on the need for transparency within our Tribal Council. Transparency is synonymous with candidates for Tribal Council, but this phrase carries much merit. As a Tribe, it is imperative that we improve the communication between the

Council members. More often than not, a business venture is concluded without any communication with the Tribe. This results in Tribal members being left out of the bidding process and thus losing out on potential business. In my opinion, allowing the General Council to be a part of the planning process could alleviate some of these problems

In conclusion, I would appreciate your support this election year. Also, please keep in mind how important it is to take the additional time necessary to vote in the special election that will include the two amendments. Let your voice be heard as this will impact the future of our tribe.

Elect Dewitt Carter, At-Large.





In loving Memory of  
**JIM D. ROBERTS, III**

**MAY 27, 1978 - MARCH 6, 2016**

<sup>1</sup> *The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.*

<sup>2</sup> *He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.*

<sup>3</sup> *He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.*

<sup>4</sup> *Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.*

<sup>5</sup> *Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.*

<sup>6</sup> *Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.*

*Psalm 23*

Jim D. Roberts, III passed away March 6, 2016. He is the son of Annette Daughtry Roberts of Daphne, AL and Jim Roberts, Jr. of Pine Grove, AL. He is the grandson of Lottie McGhee Daughtry (Duerst) and W.C. Daughtry of Poarch, and Jim and Shirley Roberts of Pine Grove, AL.

The family would like to express our thanks and gratitude for the love shown to the family at our time of loss.

It is at times like this that we need each other the most and we will be forever thankful for the response from our family, friends, and community.

The Daughtry/Roberts Family



Jim D. Roberts, III  
May 27, 1978 - March 6, 2016  
*Greatly missed by family & friends*

In loving Memory of  
**MARGARET ANN MAYNARD**

**JANUARY 16, 1944 - MARCH 27, 2016**

Margaret 'Ann' Maynard, age 72, of Riverside, CA passed away March 27, 2016. She is survived by her husband Benjamin; two sons, Samuel and Kenneth Maynard; and her sister, Patsy Smith. She has three granddaughters, Angela, Jessica, and Samantha Maynard, and daughter-in-law Maria Maynard.

Memorial Services were held April 7, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at Arlington Mortuary, 9645 Magnolia Ave., Riverside, CA 92503 with burial following on April 12, 2016 at 12:00 p.m. at Riverside National Cemetery, 22495 Van Buren Blvd., Riverside, CA 92518.

A Life Tributes page has been created to make it easy for friends and loved ones to share memories:  
<http://www.arlingtonmortuary.com>.





# In Loving Memory of WADE STEVERSON

ON HIS BIRTHDAY, MAY 4, 2016

*The following was written shortly after Wade passed in January, 2016. Portions have been edited due to space limitations.*

Dear Mama, I've been in Heaven for a month now. Things here are just as you said... Beautiful! At first I was a little afraid; but when I saw those gates I knew I was going to be okay.

You should have seen everyone that was there to welcome me! I never really knew Big Granny, but she was the first one to hug me and tell me "Welcome Home!" Then there was Granny and Paw Paw. Granny gave me that mischievous smile that only she and I share, and Paw Paw said "We've been waiting for you son."

Guess what! Paw Paw doesn't have gray hair! I had thought I could pull a couple of those gray hairs

so that I could make me a few dollars; you never know when you might need to buy something here.

Aunt Sybil is just as crazy as ever; she is looking after me and Kevin. Uncle Joe doesn't say much, but I know he's happy I'm here.

Mama, don't worry about me. I am at peace. Jesus has taken away all my pain; no more hurting. I look down and see you crying; it breaks my heart. I never want you to be sad. Remember the good times. Remember me in my bull riding, guitar playing, cowboy days.

I am still with you Mama; look around, when you see the roses bloom in the spring, that will be me. Talk to me Mama; I may not be able to answer, but I will hear you.

Wade Steverson  
*Happy birthday in Heaven.  
Love Mama, Jackie, Eric, & Rico.*

Thank you for loving me Mama, and believing in me when it seemed no one else did. I love you and I will see you again.

Until then, hold me in your heart as you held me in your arms. Remember me and smile.

Love, Wade





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# In loving Memory of ARNOLD VICKERY

ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF HIS PASSING: MAY 7, 2016

## The Passing of a Loved One

Although mere words cannot express  
the depth of loss we feel,

It sometimes helps to read a verse, to  
aid the heart to heal.

We want to hold on and not let go,  
the pain seems far too great.

Every fibre they mean to us, we want  
to store and crate.

But life goes on with unwanted  
change, to adapt and forge ahead.

Live the now with those still here, to-  
gether the grief will shed.

Let fond memories that you have,  
heal with their warm glow,

The sorrow in your laden heart, with  
time will surely go.

Our life on Earth is but a moment,  
in God's eternal plan.

The heavenly wonders that awaits  
our soul, is beyond the mortal man.

And when it's time for us to pass,  
reunions are in stall.

All of those that have gone before,  
we'll meet in heaven's hall.

But till that time, be strong and sure,  
and experience all you can.

Have zest for life and make it full, its  
part of God's grand plan.

*Author: Bill Hoeneveld*



*Arnold Vickery*

*January 30, 1957 - May 7, 2015*

*Greatly missed by family & friends*

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## OBITUARIES

To better serve Tribal Members during their time of grief at the loss of a loved one, the *Poarch Creek News* is asking Tribal Members to add our contact information to the media list when completing the appropriate paperwork or planning the funeral of a loved one. The obituary will be published in the next issue of the newsletter after it has been received from the funeral home. Contact information: *Poarch Creek News*, 5811 Jack Springs Road, Atmore, AL 36502 or via email to [gjohnson@pci-nsn.gov](mailto:gjohnson@pci-nsn.gov).

The family of the deceased may continue to submit family thanks/memoriams for publication in the *Poarch Creek News* at the time of their loved one's passing. The information will be published as long as information is submitted by the last business day of the second month immediately following the death. These submissions are limited to 300 words or less. Photos will be cropped to reflect deceased only.

In Memoriams may also be published the month before, the month of, or the month after the birthday of the deceased or the anniversary of the death of the deceased. These submissions are limited to 300 words or less. Photos will be cropped to reflect deceased only. Limit one In Memoriam submission per deceased individual per issue.



Introducing

# Kensley Jaye Blackmon

March 14, 2016    🌟    6 lbs 8 oz    🌟    20 inches

*Kensley is the granddaughter of Donnie & Deanna Macks, Thomas Harris, Terry Blackmon, and Sharon Tolbert.*

*She is the great-granddaughter of Jerry Eugene & Nadine Rolin of Brewton, AL.*

Welcomed with love. Dad & Mom, Jason & Maria Blackmon, & big sister Nevaeh Rae Gilbraith

Celebrating an Anniversary

## GARY & MICHELLE PRUITT

APRIL 7, 2016

Happy 9<sup>th</sup> anniversary Gary & Michelle!

We love you and wish you many more!

Your family.





**Many Tribal Members  
say we need change**

**– Let me be your voice!**

**Together we can  
accomplish this goal.**



**I will advocate for fair  
and equal treatment for  
ALL Tribal Members**

**CHARLOTTE “McGHEE” MECKEL FOR SECRETARY**

**I strongly support:**

- **INCREASED/ADDED BENEFITS FOR:**
  - a. **Senior Citizens:** Ensuring all of their needs are met, especially in Healthcare and Housing.
  - b. **1<sup>st</sup> Generation:** Move to raise the age limit for Healthcare and Education funds. Our children are our future, we need to preserve our heritage and enhance our culture
  - c. **Tribal Member Spouse:** Implementing a Senior Survivor Beneficiary Life Insurance Policy that will aid in funeral expenses for the non- tribal member spouse and assistance in housing.
  - d. **Tribal Members Residing Outside Servicing Area:** Identify services that can be extended to TMs not living in the services areas.
- **QUARTERLY TOWN HALL MEETINGS:** Conduct meetings at various locations so that ALL Tribal Members could stay informed. Live stream the meetings so other Tribal Members are aware of issues or concerns that affect the Tribe.
- **INCREASED TRANSPARENCY:** Communication is essential to restoring peace and harmony to our members.
- **TRIBAL COUNCIL ENHANCEMENTS:**
  - a. Appoint a three (3) Member “Honorary” Elder Council.
  - b. Reduce Tribal Council compensation.
  - c. Appoint Executive Board of Directors.

**If elected, I will make decisions that will benefit ALL Tribal Members. I will strive to find solutions to our current challenges, such as Enrollment, so that we can move forward and accomplish great things for our Tribe, Community and our State.**

**I humbly ask for your support on June 4<sup>th</sup>. Please vote for Change. VOTE Charlotte “McGhee” Meckel.**

**I encourage you to call me or email me with any concerns or suggestions. [Charlotte.Meckel@yahoo.com](mailto:Charlotte.Meckel@yahoo.com) (251) 229-0002.**

**Thank You, *Charlotte M. Meckel***

## I AM A SURVIVOR!

Laura James has just celebrated a milestone anniversary; she is a 40 year breast cancer survivor!

In March of 1976 Laura was, and continues to be, a strong woman of faith. She knew the Lord had blessed her with a loving and supportive husband and three beautiful children. Then one day she felt a lump in her left breast. At the urging of a close friend, she went to the doctor. Within two days of finding the lump, she was having surgery, which was followed by six months of chemotherapy.

Laura leaned heavily on her family and church for comfort and support during this time. "It was rough," she said; "back then I had never heard of mammograms or chemotherapy. I spent the next six months just lying on my couch. I was horribly sick all through the chemo treatments. I do not know what I would have done during those six months



without my husband, my family, my church, and my friend Sarah Dalrymple. They were all so good to me and helped me so much."

Laura never wavered in her faith during this time; she never questioned or doubted God. She still thanks the Lord every day for carrying her through that dark time. "I gave it all to the Lord. I prayed about it and left it at His feet. I have never worried about the cancer coming back."

## TRIBAL MEMBER SUBMISSIONS

"When I first started losing my hair, I don't know who was more upset, me or my hairdresser! She contacted a friend of hers and he helped me get a realistic wig that was a perfect match for my hair color, texture, and style. I wore the wig until Christmas; after Christmas I didn't wear the wig because my hair was growing back. It was short, barely an inch, but it was my hair!"

Laura has shared her story with the local cancer support group and others and encourages regular self-exams and following up with your doctor if you feel even the slightest change in your body.

*By Gayle Johnson, as told by Laura James*



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# TRIBAL MEMBER SUBMISSIONS

**STEADHAM FAMILY REUNION**  
**SUNDAY, MAY 1, 2016**  
**STEADHAM CHAPEL**  
**10:00 AM UNTIL**

Bring a covered dish.

See you there!

Questions?

Contact Ken Steadham at (251) 359-6562.

**10<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL**  
**MAMMIE & LAWRENCE MCGHEE**  
**FAMILY REUNION**  
**SATURDAY, MAY 28, 2016**  
**MAGNOLIA BRANCH**  
**11:00 AM UNTIL PARK CLOSES**

Free admission for Tribal Members and those with Family Pass. All others must pay to enter.

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Questions? Contact Kathy Ledkins at (251) 253-5481.



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**PRAYER WALK** We would like to take the time to thank everyone that participated in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Prayer Walk. A special thanks to the Poarch Police Department, Tribal Chair, and everyone that was able to join in and make this happen. We enjoyed being able to come together in unity to pray for our community and city. This event was planned and organized by Trevor Daughtry and Jerry Sanchez. To God be the Glory.



## GARRETT GRADUATES FROM ESCAMBIA ACADEMY

Saige was very active, both academically and athletically during her years at Escambia Academy. She was a member of the Varsity softball and volleyball teams; the Jr. Varsity basketball team, and cheerleading team; served as Varsity Track & Field Assistant, and was a member of the Varsity Cheerleading team, the AISA West Small Squad Cheerleading Champions.

Saige served on the Prom Committee, the Yearbook staff, the Varsity Math team, and the National BETA Club where she served as Vice-President and President. She served as Vice President of her Junior and Senior class, and was a member of the Student Government Association for four years.

She participated in the Escambia County Distinguished Young Woman Little Sister program during her Junior year and is

currently a member of the Atmore Area Chamber Ambassadors and is a four year Atmore Rotary Club Academic All Star. Saige is also a very talented artist as witnessed by her Best of Show in the 2015 AISA District Art Show.

In addition to her academic and athletic accomplishments Saige worked as a cashier at Winn Dixie; volunteered 50 hours as an Atmore Area Chamber Ambassador; assisted with the annual SGA Blood Drive, various Veterans Day programs, food drives, and benefit fundraisers.

Saige, your family is very proud of you and the accomplished, well rounded young lady you have become. We know that you have a bright future ahead of you.

*Submitted by Sarah Garrett*

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## HONORING OUR GRADUATES AND EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Due to varying high school and/or college graduation dates, graduation or educational achievement information for the 2015-2016 academic year may be published through the September issue of the *Poarch Creek News*.

Graduation and or achievement award dates outside of this period may be published if information is received by the last business day of the month immediately following graduation or award. Please keep monthly submission deadlines in mind when submitting information for publication.



A portrait of Carrie Martin, a woman with short brown hair, smiling. She is wearing a maroon top with a decorative, beaded neckline. The background of the photo shows a hallway with columns.

**VOTE**

**CARRIE MARTIN**

**TRIBAL COUNCIL**

**AT LARGE**

**"PUT THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE BACK IN THEIR HANDS"**

**VIEWPOINTS:**

1. Ratify the Roll
2. Better Communication (THIS IS A MAJOR ISSUE)
3. "Show me the Money" Accountability for Tribal Council Spending
4. Spend less on investments, donations, etc. and more on the needs of the people.
5. Let's have TRUE Council meetings, not yes and no meetings.
6. Do not forget the elders, it's because of their sufferings, we are blessed.
7. No cut backs in health or pharmacy. These are basic needs for which all tribal members are entitled.
8. We need a group of individuals on the council who can get along with one another and work as a cohesive group for the betterment of Tribe.
9. Tribal preference in all jobs. We need to encourage our younger generation to get college degrees, but we must be willing to hire them.
10. PUT THE LOVE BACK IN OUR TRIBE.

# COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION

*Karla Martin, Division Director*

## REQUEST FOR PHOTOS

In 2017, a new building will be built that will house the Boys & Girls Club, Education, and Cultural Departments. We are collecting photos of Tribal Members participating in school or educational programs with the Tribe, cultural arts, and music to use as artwork throughout this building.

Please contact Mallory Martin if you have any questions or have any pictures you would like to submit. Mallory can be reached at (251) 368-9136 extension 2930 or by email at [mmartin@pci-nsn.gov](mailto:mmartin@pci-nsn.gov).

## BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

### SUMMER FEEDING PROGRAM

The Poarch Band of Creek Indians Boys & Girls Club will be participating in the Alabama State Department of Education/USDA's Summer Food Service Program (SFSP).

Meals will be provided to all children without charge. Acceptance and participation requirements for the program and all SFSP activities are the same for all regardless of race, color national origin, sex, age, or disability, and there will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service.

Breakfast and lunch will be served beginning Wednesday, June 1, 2016 until July 29, 2016, Monday through Friday. No program on July 4, 2016 due to national holiday.

- Breakfast will be served from 7:30 a.m. -9:00 a.m.
- Lunch will be served from 10:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.

Location: Boys & Girls Club,  
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Contact Samantha White at (251) 368 9136 x 2242 for additional information.




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## **Calvin McGhee Memorial Festival**

**Saturday, June 4, 2016**

**Graveside Memorial Service**

**10:00 a.m. @ New Home Cemetery**

**Memorial Festival begins @ 11:00 a.m.**

**Pow Wow Grounds**

**11:00 a.m. Opening Ceremonies Raymond Rolin**

**Welcome**

**Stephanie Bryan**

**Invocation**

**Clarence Rolin**

**11:30 a.m. Introduction of 2015 - 2016 Princesses**

**Powwow Club Performance**

**12:00 noon LUNCH IS SERVED**

**Gospel Singing – Poarch Community Church**

**12:30 p.m. Gospel Singing - Friendly Holiness Church**

**1:00 p.m. Deadline for Cake and Pie Contest Entries**

**1:30 p.m. Gospel Singing – Renovation Ministries**

**2:30 p.m. Gospel Singing - United Pentecostal Church**

**3:30 p.m. Gospel Singing – Atmore Apostolic Church**

**4:30 p.m. Set up for Concert**

**5:30 p.m. Special Concert – The Bowling Family**

**7:00 p.m. Tribal Election Polls Close**

**8:00 p.m. Announcement of Tribal Election Results**

**Rides & Festival Close**

# EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

## FLORIDA INDIAN YOUTH PROGRAM JULY 9-23, 2016

- Tribal Member and First Generation youth ages 14-17.
- 2 Week program at Florida State University in Tallahassee, FL
- Students receive stipend for participation and learn valuable skills

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

Applications and more information can be obtained from the PCI Education Department at (251) 368-9136 x 2021 or online at [www.fgcia.com](http://www.fgcia.com).

Application deadline: June 10, 2016

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## SUMMER READING PROGRAM BEGINS JUNE 8, 2016 @ 10:30 AM

On your mark, get set...Read!

This summer's Summer Reading Program will begin at 10:30 am on Wednesday, June 8, 2016 and will continue each Wednesday at 10:30 am through the summer.

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

The Boy's and Girls Club participation is automatic.

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

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## JOINT ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE CULTURAL & EDUCATION DEPARTMENTS REGARDING THE GIFTING OF EAGLE FEATHERS

Over the past several years, the Cultural and Education Departments have worked together to celebrate our Tribal Member high school graduates by gifting them an eagle feather. Beginning this year, we will no longer be continuing that practice. It will now be the responsibility of Tribal Member student to get their own eagle feather. It is important to know that there are many Federal laws and regulations regarding the possession of eagle feathers, and they may only be obtained by an enrolled Tribal Member of a Federally-recognized Tribe who has a permit. Permits to obtain eagles or eagle parts are issued by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The permit authorizes the recipient to receive and possess eagle feathers. The following must be presented when applying for an eagle possession permit:

- A completed application found at [www.fws.gov](http://www.fws.gov)
- Certification of tribal enrollment form completed by a certifying Tribal official

Orders are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Currently there are over 4,000 people on a waiting list for approximately 900 eagles that the repository receives each year. Applicants can expect to wait up to approximately 2 ½ years for an order to be filled depending on their request.

For more information, or to obtain the appropriate forms to apply for a permit, visit [www://forms.fws.gov/3-200-15b.pdf](http://www://forms.fws.gov/3-200-15b.pdf).



# Honoring ALL Graduates



## Graduation Banquet



PCI Tribal Members or 1<sup>st</sup> Generation Indian Descent Graduates who have obtained their High School Diploma, GED, or College Degree are invited to attend the 2016 Graduation Banquet!

You must be a 2015-2016 graduate to attend.

Date: Friday, June 3, 2016     ♦     Time: 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Place: Wind Creek Casino Coosawada Ballroom

**Graduates must RSVP by May 20<sup>th</sup> to attend.**

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

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

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check one: Tribal Member \_\_\_\_\_ First Generation: \_\_\_\_\_

School Graduated From: \_\_\_\_\_

Degree Received: \_\_\_\_\_

**You DO NOT have to attend the banquet to get your graduation gift but you must submit this form by the deadline.**

Please indicate if you will be attending the banquet? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate how many guest you will be bringing, not including yourself. This is a celebration for you and your immediate family. **You are allowed to bring a maximum of 4 guest with you to the banquet.** Number of Guest: \_\_\_\_\_

For questions please call Magen Weaver at (251) 368-9136 extension 2021.

**Form must be returned by May 20, 2016 to Magen Weaver.**

Address: Magen Weaver, 5811 Jack Springs Road, Atmore, AL 36502

Fax: (251) 368-0809 ~ Email: mweaver@pci-nsn.gov

# EDUCATION DEPARTMENT OFFERS SUMMER TUTORING

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS  
JUNE 7, 2016 –AUGUST 4, 2016

Our program features small groups and one-on-one tutoring by experienced tutors!

We will address any areas of concern focusing on Math and Reading for all grade levels!

Students must be Tribal Members or 1st generation to participate.

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

To sign your child up or for more information about our summer tutoring program, please contact: Christyn Sells, Children's Services Coordinator @ (251) 368-9136 ext. 2244 or csells@pci-nsn.gov.

## AREAS OF LEARNING

- Reading Comprehension,
- Fluency,
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Tribal Members and First Generation students in PreK thru 12th grade are eligible to attend up to 2 summer camps per summer on a reimbursement only basis.

- Tribal Members students are eligible for \$500.00
- First Generation students are eligible for \$250.00

Parents are responsible for making all arrangements and paying all fees. Travel expenses are eligible to be reimbursed if receipts and mileage is submitted with the application and is within the student's allotted amount.

Applications can only be submitted after student has attended camp. No reimbursements will be issued prior to the student attending camp.

The deadline to submit applications for reimbursement is October 31, 2016!

Applications can be obtained from the Tribe's website ([www.pci-nsn.gov](http://www.pci-nsn.gov)) or from the Education Department.

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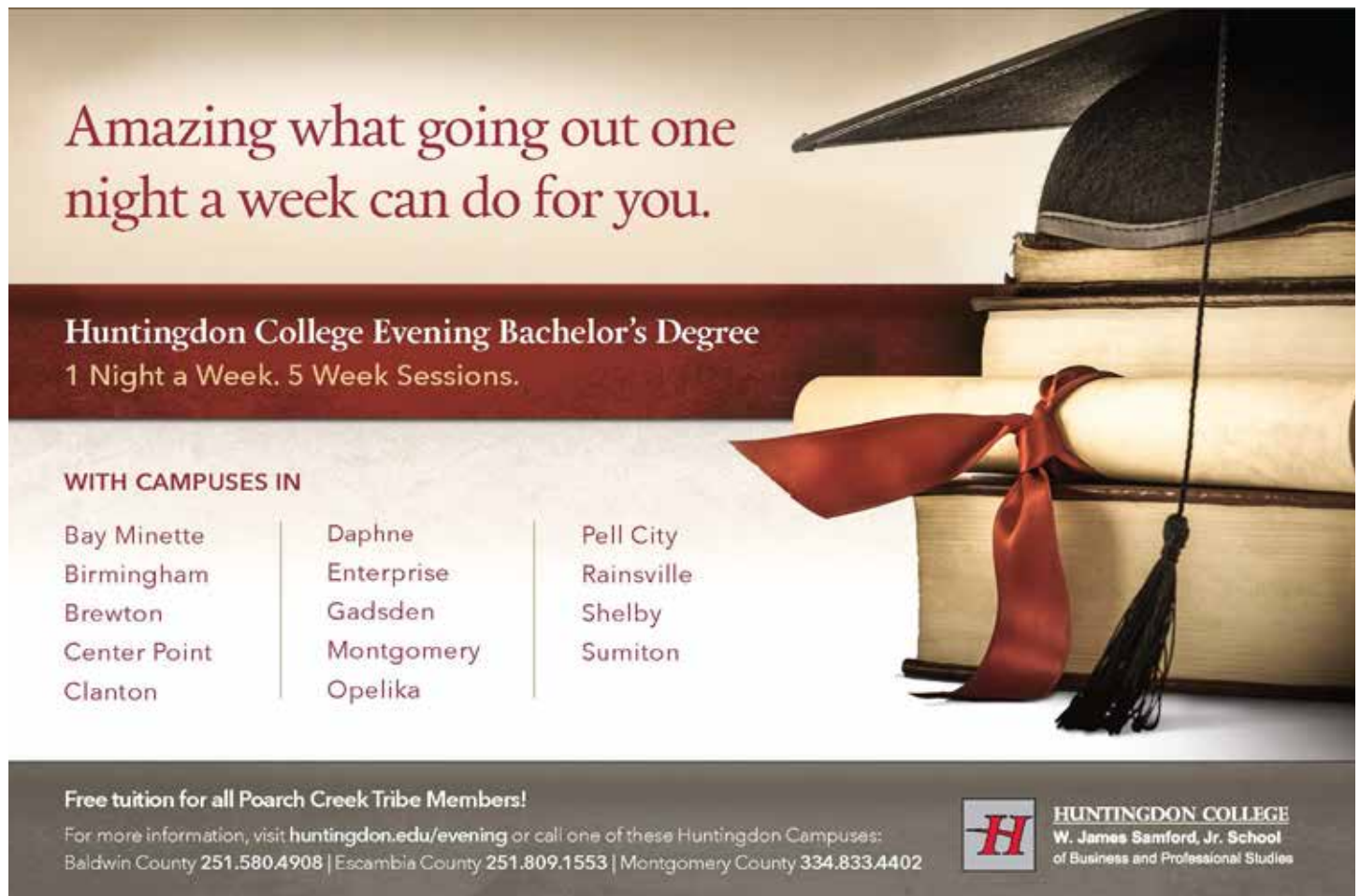
I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.

Maya Angelou

What you're supposed to do when you don't like a thing is change it. If you can't change it, change the way you think about it. Don't complain.

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## 2016 SUMMER LEADERSHIP PROGRAM FOR AGES: 13-15

The Summer Leadership Program is an opportunity for young adults age 13 to 15 to learn to rise above the challenges of today and make a positive impact in their community.

A month of inspiring activities and lessons to encourage youth to shatter social boundaries and gain abilities to resolve conflicts. It prepares them for the future by teaching job skills, career development, teamwork, leadership skills, and cultural education.

Program will be Monday thru Thursday from 8-5.  
Participants will earn \$5.00 per hour.

Session 1: June 6, 2016 – June 30, 2016

Session 2: July 5, 2016 - July 28, 2016

Applications can be obtained from Tribe's web site, [www.pci-nsn.gov](http://www.pci-nsn.gov), or from the Education Department. Applications are due by 5:00 pm May 27, 2016.

All of the following requirements must be met:

- Age 13-15 by June 1, 2016
- Enrolled in 2016-2017 school year
- Tribal Member, first generation or reside in a Tribal Member household
- Submit a completed application by 5:00 pm May 27, 2016
- Successfully Pass Drug Test

Contact Tawana Parham at (251)253-3456 or [tparham@pci-nsn.gov](mailto:tparham@pci-nsn.gov) if you have any questions or need more information.

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## 2016 SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM FOR AGES: 16-18

The Summer Internship Program is an opportunity for Tribal Member or First Generation youth age 16-18 to gain work experience through on-the-job training that will provide the participant with the skills, experience, and insights to allow for enhanced and gainful employment.

June 6, 2016 - July 15, 2016

Monday - Friday

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Participants will earn \$7.25 per hour

Application Deadline:

5:00 P.m. Friday, May 27, 2016

A mandatory meeting with selected Interns, their parents, and Education staff will be held on Monday, June 6, 2016 at 8:00 a.m. in the Education Library.

Applications are posted on Education's page of the Tribal web site, [www.pci-nsn.gov](http://www.pci-nsn.gov), or can be picked up in the Education Department.

Completed applications due by 5:00 p.m. Friday, May 27, 2016.

- Tribal Member, First Generation, or living in a Tribal Household
- 16-18 by June 6, 2016
- Currently attending high school or recent high school or GED graduate
- Must submit application by May 27, 2016
- Must successfully pass drug test

Contact Billie McGhee at (251) 368-9136 x 2243 or [bmcghee@pci-nsn.gov](mailto:bmcghee@pci-nsn.gov) if you have any questions or need more information.



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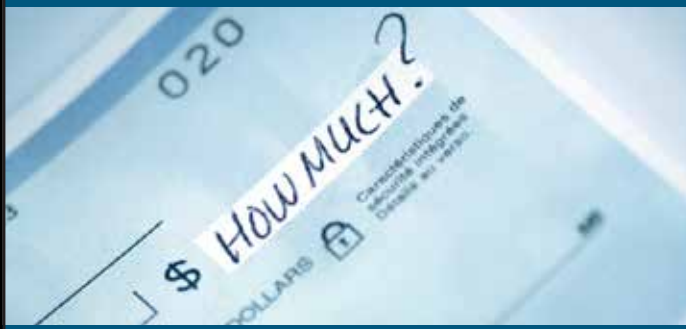
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## NEW MINORS TRUST FINANCIAL LITERACY CLASSES SCHEDULED

Minors' Trust financial literacy classes have been scheduled for June 9th & 10th and June 16th and 17th in the 2nd floor conference room of the Buford L. Rolin Health Clinic. The classes will meet from 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM on both days. Please contact Bryan Fayard at 251-368-9136 ext. 2504 or [bfayard@pci-nsn.gov](mailto:bfayard@pci-nsn.gov) to register for the class.

### DISTANCE MINORS

For Tribal Minors not able to attend classes on the Reservation, the book *Securing Your Financial Future* will be mailed. Candidates will be required to watch several videos by the author, emphasizing important topics covered in the book. When the book has been completed and the videos have been viewed, an online exam must be taken.

### SPECIAL PROVISIONS

Participants who have special needs may request a meeting with the Financial Educator, Bryan Fayard, and the Education Director, Sandra Hiebert. Special needs must be documented and verified through an accredited educational system or a physician.

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## EDUCATION DEPARTMENT OFFERS MONEY SKILLS FOR LIFE PROGRAM



*Pictured, from left to right: Trina Rackard, Nathan Martin, Angela Devilbiss, Monica Johnson, Shannon Peavy, Carolyn Rackard, Bryan Fayard, Lena White, Kevin McGhee, Teresa Smith, Derrick McGhee, Tara Peaden, Chris Smith, Karla Martin, Cornelia Miller, Eddie Tullis, and Steve Potts.*

Money Skills for Life was kicked off Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup> in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor conference room of the Buford L. Rolin Health Clinic. This program, led by author Chris Smith of *Securing Your Financial Future*, will teach Tribal Members practical money skills which will enable them to lead prosperous financial lives.

Chris encourages each graduate of his class to pass their knowledge on to others because, as Chris says, “Knowledge is something you retain as you pass it on.” He embodies the classic adage: *Feed a man a fish and you feed him for a day. Teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime.* Chris reminds us that in doing so, we still know how to fish; knowledge is multiplied by passing it on to others.

The Money Skills for Life classes will meet quarterly in 2016. This class is now available by invitation to Tribal Members only-- but don't worry, the classes won't end until every Tribal Member has graduated. Our dream is to develop the Poarch Creek Tribal Members into the most financially literate Tribe in the nation.

The next classes will be held in May, 2016. If you're interested in attending, or for more information about the class, please contact Bryan Fayard at 251-368-9136 ext. 2504 or [bfayard@pci-nsn.gov](mailto:bfayard@pci-nsn.gov).

Some quotes from the attendees were:

*“I loved being a part of this class. We learned the importance of long-term investments and smart ways to buy cars.”*

*“We learned the importance of preparing for the future, not just the lifestyle at the moment.”*

*“It was truly an eye-opener for me. I spent the 1st night talking with my children and family about learning and being mindful to save.”*

*“Great course! Lots of great information. Real world application!”*



# YOUR HEALTH MATTERS

## Small Decisions Make Big Things Happen

### Food is Love

**Food is the best, right?** We eat to celebrate, we prepare special meals to show our love for each other and even share a treat to soothe a bad day. The challenge is to eat healthy without taking the joy out of food. “How can we do that?” you ask? Well, I have some answers. Here are the top eight food challenges I hear from you and my solutions.

- **What’s a high-protein, packable snack?** I’m a fan of jerky. There are so many new grass-fed types and it’s the perfect high protein snack. You can take it with you and keep some in their desk drawer at work or even in the car.
- **It’s too hard to eat fresh, whole foods all the time.** Minimal processing is ok. Frozen vegetables for example can sometimes have more nutrients because they’re flash frozen at peak harvest.
- **I love protein shakes and smoothies but they’re hard to digest.** Powders are convenient but if you’re having a problem, do a homemade protein smoothie. My favorite, go-to recipe is 1 cup almond milk, 1 banana, 1/4 avocado, 1 tablespoon of peanut butter, cinnamon and ice.
- **I don’t have time to make a healthy dinner every night.** Make the freezer your friend. I prepare some of the week’s meals in advance on a Sunday and freeze them. You can make soups or whole meals with a protein, veggie, and grain and freeze each dinner portion in Tupperware. Then you don’t feel like you’re always cooking.
- **I get bored with healthy, low-fat meals.** First, I’m not a fan of cutting all the fat because it adds flavor, it’s satisfying, and you need it to burn fat. Plus fats like flax, olive oil, and coconut oil have additional health benefits. But herbs and spice are my answer for worries about blandness. They add flavor, nutrients, antioxidants, fiber, and no sodium. Try tarragon, basil or cumin.



- **I don’t have time for breakfast.** Toss a piece of bread in the toaster while you brush your teeth and then spread peanut or almond butter on it. Easy!
- **It’s hard to know if I get enough protein.** For an average person it’s about 1 palm of protein-dense food per meal. This is a rough but easy guideline if you’re eating 3-4 meals per day. That’s about 1 egg, a ½ can of tuna, a ½ can of beans, a small chicken breast or fish fillet per meal.

These are strategies that have worked for me. Please let me know if they work for you too! I’d love to hear from you.

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



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# YOUR HEALTH MATTERS

Small Decisions Make Big Things Happen

## A Healthy Body Starts with Your Head

**I often hear clients express concern about stress and how it interferes with a consistent training program.**

As a trainer and an athlete, I've wondered lately if there's a way to combine the mental benefits I've experienced from meditation with the known cognitive benefits of exercise? Could combining training and meditation provide the ultimate mind-body solution to health?

Just last month researchers from Rutgers University found that when people meditated for 30 minutes then performed 30 minutes of aerobic exercise, they reported fewer depressive symptoms, were less anxious, more motivated, had a more focused outlook, and even saw positive changes in brain activity.

"One hour—30 minutes sweating, 30 minutes sitting: It's a regimen most people could do." says Tracey Shors, Ph.D. and distinguished professor of behavioral and systems neuroscience at Rutgers University and co-author of the study. Using many different body systems brings more blood and oxygen to the brain, which can change brain activity, she adds. "There's something very enhancing about the oxygen part of aerobic activity. There's no doubt that exercise is good for the brain—as is meditation. I think combining them makes it a really efficient use of time and energy."

If you think carving out a place and time to meditate right before your workout may be challenging, try fitting it into another part of your life. There could be a benefit to practicing at *any* time of the day, says Shors. And since there's strong research surrounding the motivation-boosting benefits of aerobic exercise (and reaching a meditative state can prove difficult), you may prefer and benefit equally from meditation post-workout too, he says.



The trick will be finding the time. My experience with meditation is that you have to do it long enough to learn your own mind—you have to work through feeling anxious, bored or whatever other uncomfortable feelings may arise. I've found that meditating first thing in the morning has worked for me. It's reframed how I face the challenges of the day and because my focus has improved, so has my training. It's helped me stay consistent and really, just enjoy my life more! Please let me know your thoughts. If you have any questions, I'm here to help.

Win the Day!  
Spencer

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

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# RECREATION DEPARTMENT

## 2016 SUMMER SWIM TEAM REGISTRATION

March 14, 2016 - May 13, 2016

*No applications will be accepted after May 13, 2016*

*No exceptions*

Tribal Member & first generation  
Boys & Girls

Registration Fee \$30.00

Early Bird Practice May 16<sup>th</sup> -27<sup>th</sup>

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

Recreation Department

Season is June 6<sup>th</sup> - August 1<sup>st</sup>

Practice /Recreation Department

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

Contact the Recreation Department at (251) 368-9136 x 2256 for more information or to pick up an application. Application are also available on Recreation's page of the Tribal web site, [www.pci-nsn.gov](http://www.pci-nsn.gov).

## 2016 ADULT SOFTBALL LEAGUE

### Registration

April 25, 2016 – May 20, 2016

Registration Fee: \$200.00 per team

Ages: 16 & Up

(Leagues are open to the Public)

Team roster/registration will not be accepted without entry fee paid in full

Schedule TBA

*Depending on the number of applications will determine if co-ed, men, and women teams/leagues.*

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



*Shown on the back row left to right are Kamden Martin, Abby Ross, Hannah, Johnson, Kamryn Langham, Tiffany Gookin, and Coach Sarah Allen.*

*Shown on front row left to right are Kylee Langham, Claire Johnson, Mya Pettway, and Mary-Ashlynn Williams.*

## SHORT COURSE SEASON ENDS VICTORIOUSLY!

The PCI Warriors Swim Team attended the Southeastern Region Championships held at University of West Florida in Pensacola, FL on March 5-6, 2016.

Our swimmers did amazing dropping time, winning events and having PBTs ( personal best times). This competition concludes the short course season.

Please take the time to congratulate these swimmers on a great job!!





# ***Poarch Creek Indians Recreation Department***

## ***2016 NAYO Baseball & Softball***

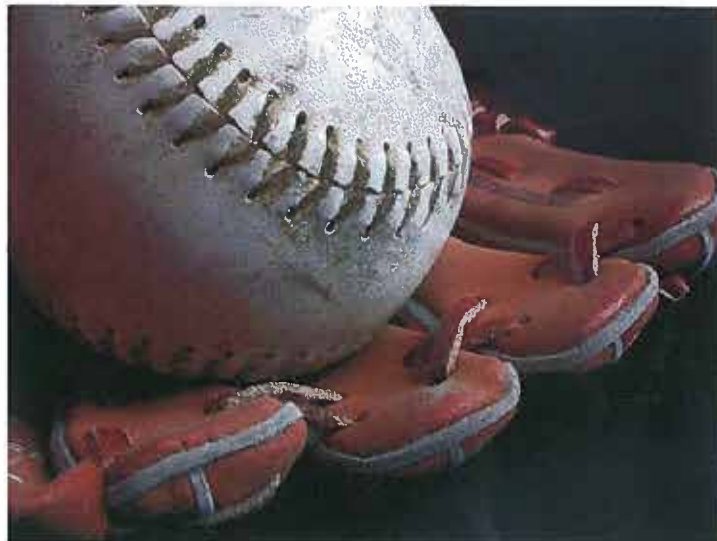
### ***Registration***

***March 23<sup>rd</sup> – June 4<sup>th</sup>***

***Deadline for Coaches: May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016***

***Host Tribe: Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians***

***Tournament Dates: July 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016***



***For more information or registration applications, contact the Recreation Department at  
251-368-9136 ext. 2256***



I am Ed Jarman, Jr. I am running for the At-Large Tribal Council Opening. Our tribe has grown a lot during the years and I am very proud to be a Poarch Creek Indian. My heritage has always been very important to me and my family. My heritage comes from my Grandma's side of the family. She was a Colbert, and her parents were Adams and McGhees. We are a close knit group who always look out for one another. This is how our Tribe should operate.

I am worried about our Elders with the new amendments. I fear that they will lose much needed benefits. The tribe has taken great care up until now. I will fight to keep our **ELDER BENEFITS** that the new amendments **threaten**.

We need someone who will be open and honest with us, and I want to be that person. I will post my voting record in the Newsletter every month. I will use the newsletter to keep you informed because with information comes influence.

I ask for your vote in the coming election, let us band together and send a message, Elders matter.

Mvto and God bless,

-Ed Jarman

864-777-0512 [edwardjarman@gmail.com](mailto:edwardjarman@gmail.com)

# FACILITIES DIVISION

*Wesley Woodruff, Division Director*

## PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

### NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids will be taken on several used items beginning 8:00 am on Friday, May 13, 2016 and ending at 4:00 pm on Friday, May 13, 2016.

For general information, description, serial number, etc. Contact: Betty Caraway, Property Control Coordinator (251) 368-9136 x 2654.

Equipment may be viewed prior to submitting bid. Contact the Public Works Department at (251) 368-9136 x 2632 to make an appointment to look at equipment.

Items for Bid To will be sold as is.

Deliver or mail sealed bids to: Building 200  
5811 Jack Springs Road  
Atmore, AL 36502  
Attn: Angela DeVilbiss  
Bids will be opened by CFO.

#### EQUIPMENT WITH MINIMUM BID:

- 2007 Rayco C140 Track Mulcher \$31,000
- 1994 611-E Hydro-Ax \$ 9,000
- 1974 Smooth drum Roller Packer \$ 4,500
- 1970 Hanson Machinery H446-A
- Rough Terrain Crane \$ 1,800
- 2008 John Deere 650J LGP Dozer \$54,000

#### EQUIPMENT WITH MINIMUM BID:

- 2005 John Deere 160C LC Excavator \$36,000
- 1980 John Deere 570A Motor Grader \$ 4,000
- 1988 Peterbilt 377 SN: 1XPCD29XXJN252998 \$ 4,000
- 1987 Chevrolet Kodiak \$ 5,000

#### FLEET VEHICLES WITH MINIMUM BID:

- 1985 Ford Mustang Red Mileage/111,083  
Minimum Bid \$1,500
- 2002 Chevy Malibu Green Mileage/43,343  
Minimum Bid \$ 750
- 2005 Chevy Malibu White Mileage/75,067  
Minimum Bid \$ 750
- 2002 Ford Taurus Grey Mileage/75,067  
Minimum Bid \$1,000

#### BUSES WITH MINIMUM BID:

- 1987 MCI 102-3 Coach Bus MTR-in opt  
Minimum Bid \$ 4,100
- MCI J4500 Bus  
Minimum Bid \$59,000

*The secret of getting ahead is getting started.*

*Mark Twain*

*Always do your best. What you plant now, you will harvest later.*

*Og Mandino*



## AMENDED DIRT HAULING POLICY APPROVED BY TRIBAL COUNCIL

It shall be the policy of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians to provide to each Tribal Member in the local community, as defined herein, a maximum of four (4) loads of dirt per year, at no cost to the Tribal Member. In the event that more than one Tribal Member resides in the household, each household is limited to four (4) loads of dirt annually. Tribal Community requests for dirt will be evaluated upon request and limited to local cemeteries and local churches within the local community. No dirt services will be provided beyond the local community.

As used in this policy, “local community” is identified as property located within a twenty (20) mile radius of the Tribal Complex. “Dirt” is defined as sand and/or field dirt. Top soil is designated for Tribal Government Operations only. A load is identified as approximately twenty (20) yards of sand/dirt, which may be comprised of one (1) load from a large dump truck, or two (2) loads from a small dump truck (approximately ten (10) yards per load).

If a full load is not needed, a minimum of ten (10) yards will be available.

Loads of dirt may be all of one kind, i.e. four (4) loads of sand or a combination of dirt available, i.e. two (2) loads of sand, and two (2) loads of field dirt.

Tribal Members must complete an application form and submit to the Public Works Department within the first calendar week of each month. No further applications will be accepted until the first calendar week of the following month.

Only 100% completed dirt applications will be considered for service, it is the responsibility of the Tribal Member to ensure the application is completely executed and submitted to Public Works. The application must be executed by the Tribal Member Land Owner.

Dirt services will be performed on a first come, first serve basis and in consideration of current Public Works staff resources, equipment resources, and as

Tribal Government Operations will allow. Applicants that do not make the service months delivery from Public Works will be automatically rescheduled for the following service month in order of application completion date. Dirt hauling services may be postponed by Public Works during the construction of critical projects.

The Tribal Public Works Department will be responsible for the coordination of the delivery of the dirt. The Tribal Member Land Owner must be present at the time of delivery and will be provided a twenty four (24) hour notice of delivery from Public Works. The dump site must be owned by the Tribal Member and must be clearly marked and flagged. Public Works will have flags available if needed. Public Works will not spread the dirt or sand upon delivery. The service for dirt or sand is off-load only.

The Tribal Member must ensure the dirt hauling site is “ready” prior to the approval of the application. A “ready” site is defined as:

- The “ready” site is indeed on the Tribal Member Applicant’s property;
- Utilities and/or sewer have been confirmed NOT to be affected;
- The “ready” site is not on or within right a of way;
- The “ready” site does not negatively affect cultural, environmental, structural, wetlands or commerce of the community; and
- An adequate transportation pathway is provided for the dump trucks to enter and exit the property without affecting adjacent properties.

All conditions and stipulations of this policy shall be effective as of May 2, 2016.

Please contact the Public Works Department at (251) 368-9136 x 2632 if you have any questions or would like to submit an application for a load of dirt.

# Gloria Sells Krafka

**“Government’s first duty is to *protect* the people, not run their *lives*”**

What are *our* people looking for in a leader? They are looking for *someone who will be a servant to the people, not a servant to themselves*. I am that person and that candidate. Every day I sit down with disillusioned tribal members who talk of the hierarchy of the tribe today, the prosperity for some- and the continued repression of others. Everyone wants a change- Most want something different. They want the gap between council members and the people restored- I am offering a chance to change this- to bring a culture of servitude back to our people. I am offering a change.

## **A vision to believe in:**

- Resolving disenrollment fairly for all- making a decision and moving forward.
- Restoring the Rights of the People.
- Community Healing Events to restore our faith in the Tribe and bring us back together as family.

## **Economic Investments:**

- Introduction of any investments over \$1M at Tribal Council meetings, including beneficiaries, return on investment data, breakdown, impact, cost, 2 week review period for the people to give input - no more closed door, workshop reviews of investments- actually give the people an opportunity to understand and voice any opposition or support.
- Poarch Creek Indian Financial Institution (Bank or Credit Union)



- Poarch Creek Indian Grocery Store or Tax Exempt Commissary – make it work.
- Urgent Care and Hospital Services for our Seniors- expand the Tribal Health Clinic.

- Expand services, including Emergency Services for

out of service area tribal members.

- Child Youth Development Center (Boys and Girls, Cultural Center and School) ensure our youth are immersed in the best education possible, with native influence, charge tuition to non- native students and fund the program. Protect our constitution , and educate our youth- they are our future.

## **I promise and Commit to:**

- Being a Full-Time Council Member
- Not being a “yes” man- but to vote in the best interest of the people
- More transparency with regards to tribal businesses
- Answer emails and return phone calls in a timely manner- Assist in finding solutions for all matters in question no matter the size of the issue- big or small.
- Not “pass the buck”
- Promote tribal member employment and services
- Never forget where I came from or who brought us here- Our elders are our most prized asset and should be treated as such.

***If you’re ready for a change- If you’re ready to try something new- then On June 6<sup>th</sup>, I humbly request your vote- Together we can do something great. Thank you.***

# Gloria Krafka

**“Government’s first duty is to *protect* the people, not run their *lives*”**



# HEALTH & ELDER SERVICES DIVISION

*Edie Jackson, Division Director*

## HEALTH DEPARTMENT

### NEW REFERRAL POLICY

In an effort to stay within the budget allocated for the Health Clinic for this year, we have placed some limitations on services for 2016. Referrals from the Health Clinic will follow the Indians Health Service Priority Level Assignment. You may review these and find examples by visiting [www.IHS.gov](http://www.IHS.gov) and searching IHS medical priority levels. They are as follows:

Level 1-Emergent or Acutely Urgent Care Services

Level 2-Preventive Care Services

Level 3-Primary and Secondary Care Services

Level 4-Chronic Tertiary Care Services

Level 5-Excluded Services

As of January 1, 2016, Priority Levels 1 and 2 referrals will trigger co-payment of a deductible for CHS.

The Priority levels 3, 4, and 5 can receive a written referral for medical purposes only but NO payment will be rendered from the Tribe or IHS. In short, you must use your flex card or pay for the co-pay for level 3-5 services received.

### NEED HELP WITH INSURANCE EXCHANGE TRANSITION ?

We will have individuals available to assist Tribal Members who are currently on the Tribal Funded Insurance transitioning to the Healthcare Marketplace.

There will be dates and times established and appointments can be scheduled by calling 251-368-9136 extension 2539. Please schedule an appointment and allow at least an hour to be able to thoroughly complete the application. A list of items needed to have with you at the appointment can also be found on the Tribe's website.

### HEALTH FAIR 2016

The PCI Health Department will be hosting the annual Health Fair on June 4, 2016.

The Health Fair will once again be at the PCI Wellness center (gym). Health screening will begin at 8:00 am and end promptly at 12:00 noon.

Screenings provided: blood pressure, cholesterol, blood sugar and height/weight. All participants who complete screenings will receive a gift bag.

Must be present to receive gift bag!

### REMINDERS TO 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:

- Driver's License
- Tribal ID
- Insurance Card
- Medication List

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



# Pharmacy & Premier Family Eye Clinic Moving To Temporary Location

## PHARMACY:

**UPDATE:** The Poarch Tribal Pharmacy will be relocating to a temporary building next to the Assisted Living Facility starting Wednesday, June 1, 2016 (date subject to change). The Pharmacy will be closed for several days for the relocation.

In order to minimize inconvenience and prevent running out of medications, we suggest that you plan accordingly and order your refills about 1 week prior to you running out during that week.

Some wait times may be prolonged due to us refilling medication during that week. The new location will have a drive-through window for your continued convenience.

Please pardon our progress, and we thank you for your patience during our transition.

**Dr. Selina Chee, Chief Pharmacist**

*Call (251) 368-9136 x 2304 for questions or more information.*

## PREMIER FAMILY EYE CARE:

**UPDATE:** Premier Family Eye Care will be moving to a temporary location beginning on May 26, 2016. We will be closed from May 26, 2016 thru May 30, 2016 to move equipment and setup to the new building.

During this time if you have any eye emergency please contact the nearest Eye Clinic or Urgent Care Center.

We apologize for any inconvenience and look forward to serving your vision needs as soon as possible during this transition.

**Dr. Amanda Cobb, Optometrist**

*Call (251) 446-3937 for questions or more information.*

**A NATIVE AMERICAN BLESSING**     *Should your blankets be torn, may your breezes be warm. May your treasures be what you find. May the burdens you bear, like your bounties, be shared. May you leave something good behind. Would the sky and the land rise to your command. May your senses come as the night. Live in peace with earth, as in death as in birth. May you prosper and have a good life.*

## For one day only....

**June 9, 2016**

Get your Fluoride Treatment  
In and out in less than 10 minutes

See your hygienist Thursday June 9, 2016  
8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Tribal Member & 1st Generation ages 1-15

Be part of the program and remember  
**ONLY YOU** can stop tooth decay

Please call 251-368-9136 ext 2385  
For appointment time.



No matter who you are,  
An HIV (AIDS) test is for you!

The only way to know if you are infected with HIV is to be tested.

The Primary Care Clinic will be offering HIV screening to patients ages 13 to 64 beginning on May 2, 2016.

All screening will remain confidential.

Call the Clinic today to make an appointment.

# SAIL/SENIOR SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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## FREE SMART PHONE THROUGH NORTH AMERICAN LOCAL

All Creek Tribal Members can now receive a free smart phone. Benefits include a smart phone, which provides access to WiFi and up to 1000 minutes of Talk/Text minutes monthly.

In order to receive a phone:

- You must qualify under the Federal Lifeline Assistance program, and
- Be at least 18 years old and live on Federally Recognized Tribal Lands in the Creek Nation.

Offer limited to one phone per household.

To apply for a smart phone, come to the Tribal Museum and ask for Hilary Cruz. Hilary will be available Monday - Friday, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. Please have your Tribal ID ready as proof of Tribal Membership.

For more information call (251) 321-1508 or contact North American Local at 877-403-517.

*Federal Lifeline Assistance is a government program supported by the federal universal service fund. North American Local LLC is working in conjunction with the Creek Nation to provide this service. NAL is an ETC authorized by the Federal and State government to provide FREE MOBILE PHONE service to all members of the Creek Tribal Nation. Lifeline assistance program is only available for one wireless, wire line, or internet account per household. Offer limited to new eligible customers who are approved for Lifeline service. Minutes do not roll over each month. You must provide proof of tribal membership for program participation.*

North American Local LLC  
38 South Blue Angel Pkwy Suite 401  
Pensacola FL 32506 877-403-8171

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## VIETNAM VETERAN MEMORIAL THE WALL THAT HEALS

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The Vietnam Veteran Memorial  
The Wall That Heals  
USS Alabama Battleship Memorial Park  
2703 Battleship Parkway  
Mobile, AL 36603

Open to the Public

8:00 a.m. Thursday, May 19, 2016  
through

5:00 p.m. Sunday, May 22, 2016

For more information contact:

Robert Glenn Nivens  
Blue Star Salute Foundation  
Rnivens2887@charter.net

*\*Creek Travel Plaza (CRT) has been selected as the final staging area for the Wall to meet up with their escort, the Patriot Riders motorcycle club, on Tuesday, May 17th. Over 200 Patriot Guard riders from across the country are expected to participate.*

*The Wall is scheduled to arrive at CRT at 11:00 a.m.*

*The Patriot Guard will stage with the Wall at this time to escort the Wall to Battleship Park in Mobile.*

*The Wall, with its Patriot Guard escort, is expected to pull out of CRT around 1:00 p.m.*

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*Hosted by Blue Star Salute Foundation; South Alabama Veterans Council, Battleship Memorial Park, and the City of Mobile.*



## National Indian Council On Aging, Inc. (NICOA)

*Advocating for American Indian And Alaska Native Elders*

**Niagara Falls, NY     September 13-15, 2016**



The Poarch Creek Indians Tribal Elders will be taking their annual trip this year to attend the National Indian Council on Aging's (NICOA) Indian Elders Conference in Niagara Falls, NY. The trip will be from September 9-19, 2016.

The NICOA Conference serves as a national forum where American Indian and Alaska Native Elders from across the Continental United States and Alaska convene for biennial meetings. These meetings benefit over 300,000 Elders as well as the entire American Indian and Alaska Native population from all 565 tribes.

The conference consists of educational presentations from tribal, state, federal and a diverse network of aging service partners that provide information and updates on aging services, health care, civic engagement and economic development in Indian Country.

### REGISTRATION

Monday - Friday

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (CST)

May 31, 2016 - June 4, 2016

Tribal Members

Age 55 and older

*(Non-Tribal spouse may accompany Tribal Member spouse.)*

No registrations accepted prior to or after  
established registration dates.

***Registration deadlines will be strictly enforced.***

Applications may be picked up at the Senior Services Department/SAIL Center. Completed applications can be faxed, emailed, or hand delivered to the Senior Services Department.

### Information required at registration:

- Name
- Tribal Roll Number
- Date of Birth
- Address
- Telephone Number

### For more information contact:

Casey Walker (251) 368-936 x 2289 or [cwalker@pci-nsn.gov](mailto:cwalker@pci-nsn.gov).

Carolyn Dortch (251) 368-9136 x 2288, (251) 253-5885, or [cdortch@pci-nsn.gov](mailto:cdortch@pci-nsn.gov).

Cynthia Wright (251) 368-9136 x 2803 or (251) 253-8772.

Transportation will be by Tribal buses only. All buses will depart and return to the SAIL Center; there will be no other pick-up/drop-off locations.



# PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

*Bruce Lee, Division Director*

## TRIBAL COURT

### TRIBAL COURT HOSTS BANQUET FOR NATIONAL DRUG COURT MONTH

In honor of National Drug Court Month, the Poarch Creek Indians Tribal Court will be sponsoring a banquet on May 3, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at Wind Creek Hotel and Casino featuring nationally known speaker Chis Herren.

Chris is a former NBA player that struggled with substance abuse for much of his basketball career. He is also well known for the Emmy nominated ESPN Films documentary about his life/ basketball career, *Unguarded*.

Drug and alcohol free since August 2008, Chris has refocused



his life to put sobriety and family above all else. He often speaks before groups trying to overcome addiction to share his experiences and road to sobriety. Chris is the founder of the Herren Project, a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing treatment navigation and mentoring programs to those touched by addiction, and to educating people of all ages on the dangers of substance abuse.

Please join us by attending this event and enjoying our special speaker present his motivational story.

### 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 Tip Line \* (251) 446-TIP \* (446-4847)**

# REGULATORY, GRANTS, & COMPLIANCE DIVISION

*Carolyn White, Division Director*

## TERO DEPARTMENT

### MEGA CONSTRUCTION PROJECT PROVIDES JOBS IN MOBILE AREA

The TERO Office is providing this information to Tribal Members for potential employment opportunities; Indian Preference may be available.

The U.S. District Court, Southern District of Alabama, and the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) recently broke ground on the \$90 million courthouse project in Mobile, Alabama.

The TERO Office attended the most recent EEO (Equal Employment Opportunity) Committee meeting held on March 31, 2016. At the meeting the prime contractor (WG Yates) shared the type of trades that would be needed for the project and that these new job opportunities would be posted at [www.mobile-works.org](http://www.mobile-works.org). This project is expected to extend into 2019 so check the resources provided regularly.

If interested, please contact Derrick Turner, Career Center Manager of the Mobile Career Center at:

[derrick.turner@alcc.alabama.gov](mailto:derrick.turner@alcc.alabama.gov).

[www.mobile-works.org](http://www.mobile-works.org)  
515 Springhill Plaza Court  
Mobile, Alabama 36608

Career Center Switchboard (251) 461-4146  
Mobile Works, Inc. (251) 432-0909

Projected jobs to be performed on the Courthouse Mega Construction Project (MCP):

- General Laborers, Pile Drivers, Equipment Operators;
- Carpenters-Formwork, Framing, Finish, Cement Masons and Terrazzo workers, Block Masons, Stone Masons;
- Ironworkers-Structural and Reinforcing, Glazers, Painters & Finishers, Tile Setters, Carpet Layers, Roofers, Elevator Mechanics and Helpers, Sheet Metal workers;
- Pipefitters and Helpers-Mechanical Work (Cooling/Heating Water) and Fire Protection;
- Plumbers and Helpers- Domestic Water/Gas and Fuel;
- Electricians and Helpers;
- Low Voltage Technicians-Fire Alarm/Audio Visual.

For specific sub-contractors, contact Mr. Costa ([tcosta@wgyates.com](mailto:tcosta@wgyates.com)). For more information on WG Yates Construction, visit [www.wgyates.com](http://www.wgyates.com).

For more information on MobileWorks, visit [www.mobile-works.org](http://www.mobile-works.org).

*Submitted by:*

*Wesley Manning, TERO Director, Poarch Creek Indians*

### A NATIVE AMERICAN BLESSING

May you have the strength of eagles' wings,  
The faith and courage to fly to new heights,  
And the wisdom of the universe to carry you there.



# TRIBAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION

On Thursday, March 31, 2016, the Poarch Band of Creek Indians Traditional Arts Program and the Tribal Historic Preservation Program hosted a special event entitled **HEART** (Heart Art): Revitalizing Traditional Arts Within the Poarch Band of Creek Indians. This living art show was held in conjunction with the Alabama Writers Symposium being held at Alabama Southern Community College in Monroeville, Alabama.

A multigenerational group of Tribal artisans demonstrated a variety of traditional Creek art forms throughout the day in the gallery of the Nettles Auditorium. The work demonstrated here was the result of the numerous Creek art revitalization classes that have been conducted at the Poarch Creek Reservation.

Lori Sawyer, a Tribal Member and artisan, was also present to discuss her work and her role as the illustrator of the book *Grandmother Five Baskets*.

Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, Robert Thrower, wishes to thank all the Traditional Arts Program staff and the Tribal artisans who braved the rainy weather and came out to assist with this exhibition. "It was refreshing and encouraging to see our people, from youth to elder, working together to demonstrate some of our traditional art forms that are being revived among our people." Thrower adds, "In the old days, there was no word for art in our language...at least not by the definition as we use today. In looking the



*Jonathan Martin and Breanna Hall share the art of basket weaving.*

creativity among our ancestors and within us today, I suppose it can be said that our people didn't need that word, as they saw art as a reflection of life itself... art, as we know it today, was truly from the heart." For more photos of this, and similar events, see: [www.facebook.com/groups/poarchtraditionalart/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/poarchtraditionalart/)

*Submitted by Robert Thrower, THPO*

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- \* Oil & Watercolor Paintings
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*Shown: Dancing Flower's Sterling Silver Spiny Oyster Ring & Bracelet designed and created by Cher Christensen*



# TRIBAL MEMBER SERVICES DIVISION

*Martha Gookin, Division Director*

## FAMILY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

*ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF TRIBAL MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES.*

### EARLY CHILDHOOD LITERACY FUN EVENT

Thursday May 5, 2016  
9:30 am - 11:30 am  
Building 500 Auditorium  
Ages 3-5  
(Parents are welcome to attend!)

Join us for fun & games  
Free book  
Story time  
Group activities

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

*Must have registered by April 29, 2016*

*We are told to let our light shine, and if it does, we won't need to tell anybody it does. Lighthouses don't fire cannons to call attention to their shining - they just shine.*

Dwight L. Moody

*Goodness is about character - integrity, honesty, kindness, generosity, moral courage, and the like. More than anything else, it is about how we treat other people.*

Dennis Prager



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page/Activities](http://magnoliabranch.com/page/Activities)

**251-446-3423**



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I- 65, exit 54

# Family Services Department

## Summer LIHEAP

### \*General Information\*

- **Distribution Dates: May 2, 2016 -July 29, 2016**
- If you previously participated in the 2016 Winter LIHEAP program, you do not need an appointment for Summer LIHEAP. You will need to fill out a one page application and present your current energy bill and current income to Family Services Department. You will not be allowed to turn in your application without this information attached.
- If you did not participate in Winter LIHEAP, you will be required to fill out a full application and will be required to complete the interview process and submit all required documentation.
- ALL 2016 PER CAPITA WILL BE COUNTED AS INCOME.
- Priority is given to Senior Households, clients receiving Disability Income, Households with children under the age of 5, and Households receiving Food Stamps or TANF benefits.
- LIHEAP does NOT pay for any additional fees or services such as late fees, connection fees, outside lights, etc.
- Approval amounts range from \$250-\$325. You will be responsible for any charges that are not covered by LIHEAP. If your bill is less than the awarded amount, only the total amount of the bill will be paid.

### \*Required Documentation\*

- Current energy or gas bill.
- Social Security cards for ALL members of the household. There will be no exceptions or approvals without SS cards. This is a federal requirement.
- Tribal ID for applicant/head of household.
- Current income verification for all household members that are over the age of 19, such as paystubs, paychecks, letters of salary verification, etc...
- If anyone in home over 19 is unemployed, you must bring a statement verifying they are not working. The statement must be signed by three people who do not reside in your household and must include their phone numbers.
- Current verification if receiving state unemployment benefits.
- Verification if household is receiving Food Stamps.
- CURRENT Social Security or Disability Income Verification. We must have current income verification on file for all 2016 applications and services.

### L.I.H.E.A.P. Financial Guidelines

LIHEAP ( 60% of Estimated State Median Income)

State	Estimated State Median Income for a 4-person household	1-person household	2-person household	3-person household	4-person household	5-person household	6-person household	7-person household
Alabama	\$66,253	\$20,671	\$27,031	\$33,392	\$39,752	\$46,112	\$52,473	\$53,665
Florida	\$65,764	\$20,518	\$26,831	\$33,145	\$39,458	\$45,771	\$52,085	\$53,268

\* Please be aware of household income adjustments \*\*

\*\* LIHEAP applicants must meet above listed income guidelines to qualify. \*\*

# TRIBAL MEMBER BENEFITS DEPARTMENT

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## Town Hall Meeting To Address

### Tribal Health Insurance Exchange Transition

Tuesday, May 10, 2016

(Please note that the date has changed since last issue)

6:00 p.m. In Building 500 Auditorium

This meeting is being held to clarify and explain why the Tribe is discontinuing the Tribal Member Self Insured Insurance Program.

There will be a question and answer session after the meeting. However, if you live outside of the service area you may email your questions and/or concerns prior to the meeting to [ejackson@pci-nsn.gov](mailto:ejackson@pci-nsn.gov), [esheets@pci-nsn.gov](mailto:esheets@pci-nsn.gov) or [mmcnairn@pci-nsn.gov](mailto:mmcnairn@pci-nsn.gov).

This meeting will be available for viewing on the Tribal Member Portal.

For more information, please contact Edie Jackson, Health & Elder Services Division Director at 251-368-9136 ext. 2231; Elaine Sheets, Tribal Benefits Liaison at 251-368-9136 ext. 2215, or Marlene McNairn, Tribal Benefits Manager at 251-368-9136 ext. 2207.

Light refreshments will be served.

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## 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.*)

Application Received by

June 30<sup>th</sup>

Check will be mailed

July 30<sup>th</sup>

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



## DBS HEALTH/UTILITY PROGRAMS ONLINE ACCOUNT REGISTRATION

### TRIBAL MEMBER BENEFITS

Creating an Online Account  
with Diversified Benefits Services, Inc.

Creating an online account is simple. Members should begin by visiting [www.dbsbenefits.com](http://www.dbsbenefits.com) to begin his or her individual registration.

On the homepage, members will find a login box with the option to create a new account. The member should click "Create New Account" where he/she will be redirected to a new page. The PIN for the 2017 Poarch Creek Benefit Registration is **PCI** (all uppercase).

After submitting the new user PIN, the member will be redirected to

MEMBERS SHOULD BEGIN BY VISITING  
[WWW.DBSBENEFITS.COM](http://WWW.DBSBENEFITS.COM) TO BEGIN HIS OR HER  
INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION.

a new page to complete his/her information. Members will be required to complete their personal and tribal information before creating a unique log-in name and password for future access.

Once the account is successfully created, the member will be able to access their account information such as:

- Current Account Balance
- Recent Account Transactions
- Submitted Claims for Reimbursement
- Contact DBS

To view your 2016 Health and/or Utility Program Benefits be sure to select "MBP" from the Benefit Plan Type menu.



Monday, March 21, 2016

Benefit Plan Type: **MBP** 1/1/2016 - 12/31/2016 \* Logout

Please contact Diversified Benefits Services at 800-234-1229 if you need additional assistance in setting up your online account. Using your online account is a quick and simple way to access your account information at any time!

### THINGS YOU SHOULD SEE WHEN CREATING YOUR ACCOUNT



ASAP

Log in Name  
Log in Password

Log In To Your Account

Create New Account Help Forget Log In Name/ Password?

This site is secured by a VeriSign SSL Certificate



Welcome to the A.S.A.P.® Online Account Setup.

Enter your Employer PIN below. PIN numbers are available through your Diversified Benefits Services, Inc.

Create New Account  
Enter PIN  
Submit

Do you need your Employer PIN?



Create New Participant A.S.A.P.® Online Account  
for  
The Poarch Band of Creek Indians.

Enter the information below. Fields in bold are required.

A.S.A.P.® Online New Account Information

Tribal Roll Number  
Social Security Number  
First Name MI Last Name  
Street or P.O. Box  
City or Suite Number  
City State Zip Code  
Phone  
Email Address  
Log In Name  
Log In Password  
Confirm Log In Password

Submit

# NON-DIVISIONAL DEPARTMENTS

## HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

### TRIBAL OFFICE CLOSURES

*Friday, May 6, 2016* Government offices, including Boys & Girls Club, gym, and Museum, will close at 11:30 a.m. for Employee Appreciation Day. Please remember these closures when planning your visits to the Tribal Complex, Pharmacy, Health Clinic, gym, Museum, or other Tribal Governmental offices.

*Monday, May 25, 2016* Government offices, including Boys & Girls Club, gym, and Museum, will be closed in observance of Memorial Day.

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### TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM (TEP) SEEKING APPLICANTS FOR TEMPORARY JOBS THROUGH SUMMER SEASON

The Temporary Employment Program (TEP) will be working with the Wind Creek Casino and Hotel to provide temporary jobs. These jobs will be with the Grounds Department and started in April, 2016; positions may still available.

- Applicants must be able to pass background check and/or obtain temporary Gaming License
- Jobs will be outside (April-September)
- Pays \$10.00 per hour

Applicants must complete an application:  
HR Department, Building 600  
5811 Jack Springs Road  
Atmore, AL 36502

If you would like more information, contact Clara Jones, WIA Coordinator, at 251-368-9136, extension 2266.

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#### HAVE YOU BEEN BY THE MUSEUM GIFT SHOP?

Assorted sizes, colors, and styles of hats, T-shirts, and other merchandize is available.

Tribal Members get a 15% discount unless noted otherwise.

#### STOP BY TO CHECK OUT WHAT IS IN STOCK!

Gift Shop hours: Monday-Friday  
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Call the Gift Shop at (251) 368-9136 x 2050/2053 if you have any questions.

# OFFICE OF ARCHIVES & RECORDS MANAGEMENT

## LITERATURE FROM OUR ELDERS AT ALABAMA WRITERS SYMPOSIUM

“How would you feel if somebody had drove a bunch of people out like they was driving cows and you was left behind? Don’t you feel like they might turn around and come back and get you?” Ms. Roberta McGhee Sells [former Tribal Councilwoman] asked as her fingers clinched up on the arms of her rocking chair. Barefoot, easing toward eighty-four, she kept rocking slowly, ...back and forth, and directly her fingers relaxed again. With gray-black hair pulled back in a bun and supple wrinkles pleasing to the eyes, she took a sip of iced tea as we sat on her porch watching the sun walk behind the trees. She appeared attentive, tired, but nonetheless a beautiful matriarch.”

Dr. Deidra Suwanee Dees read these words from the pages of her dissertation to a captivated audience at the Alabama Writers Symposium on March 31 at Alabama Southern Community College in Monroeville. She had interviewed Ms. Sells in 2001 when they were recording Creek Tribal history together. Presenting literature from our elders, Dr. Dees, along with Ms. Carolyn White and Mr. Robert Thrower, engaged the audience with picturesque literature unique to Creek Indian elders, revealing the rich descriptive words that form our historical record. While Ms.



*Dr. Deidra Suwanee Dees, Dr. Edward Wilson, and Ms. Carolyn White posture for the camera amidst discussions about a new national park in Alabama*

Sells’ words elucidated removal, Ms. White’s words demonstrated her connection to the literature from our elders by narrating the presentation. Mr. Thrower’s words exhibited his unique poetry which connects us to the natural world and to each other.

In addition to the presentation, Creek artisans showcased their cultural crafts with demonstrations of basket weaving, quilting and finger weaving. The art show was overseen by Dr. Karla Martin and Mr. Thrower who welcomed attendees. The artisans drew praising words from onlookers who were mesmerized by their outstanding talents.

In addition to the art show and the presentation, Dr. Dees and Ms. White attended other conference

sessions including the presentation by Dr. Edward Wilson who received the 2016 Harper Lee Award—named after the famous *To Kill a Mocking Bird* writer—which recognizes the lifetime achievement of an Alabama writer. Dr. Wilson is one of the world’s leading biologists who has taught at Harvard for sixty-five years. He recently turned his attention toward the Tensaw Delta of Alabama and hopes to enlist support for the establishment of a national park around this waterway in order to protect wildlife species. He believes that when wildlife species thrive, humans survive. “This is worthy of protection,” said Ms. White. “This waterway region is our ancestral Creek homeland.”

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



## RARE BOOKS AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING

The Office of Archives and Records Management houses rare books about Creek Indians and one-of-a-kind records that are found nowhere else in the world. These rare and one-of-a-kind records include:

- A 1937 Muskogee Hymn book that provides words to worship hymns in the Creek language.
- Handwritten Tribal Council Minutes by Ms. Roberta McGhee Sells who served as the Tribal Council Secretary from 1950 to 1977.
- The Federal Recognition Petition that was developed under the tutelage of Chairman Eddie Tullis who retired from the Tribal Council after serving this Tribe for over 45 years.
- The only known film of Chief Calvin McGhee delivering the groundbreaking Declaration of Indian Purpose to President John F. Kennedy, along with other tribal chiefs at the White House in 1962.

Tribal Members can access treasures like these when visiting the Office of Archives and Records Management located at 100 Brookwood Road, Atmore, AL 36502. Contact (251) 446-2941 for more information.

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

The [Pay Tribal Bill Here](#) link is on the left sidebar of the homepage under the Tribal Member Portal heading. Tribal Finance will provide usernames and passwords for the Tribal Loan Portal to all Tribal Members with a current loan as well as future Tribal loan program participants.

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



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

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

# TRIBAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY

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For the Utilities Authority, time is always of essence and there seems to never be enough of it in the day; especially since we now have three (PCI, Huxford, and Canoe) uniquely different systems to efficiently operate and maintain. Each one has their own special responsibilities as well as guidelines that must be met on a daily basis. In doing so, it often requires prompt, knowledgeable reactions from our staff to make sure all standards are met.

The Poarch Creek Utilities Authority has recently completed multiple projects and currently has a couple of on-going utility projects that are scheduled to be completed in the coming months.

The Expanded Metal Project is complete. The purpose of this project was to enclose and protect vital equipment to prolong the life of those assets.

The East Well Ultraviolet (UV) Project is near completion. We are waiting for Control System Inc. (CSI) to integrate the SCADA system. The on-site visit to do so is scheduled for the end of the month. The feasibility study is being performed to appropriate the adequate equipment for the application that best fits the needs for our UV disinfection implementation for the Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP).

The design portion of the Drinking Water Infrastructure Grant Project for the new office space has been awarded

to the architectural & engineering firm and is currently in the planning and design phase.

Canoe residents/customers with Escambia Community Utilities (ECU) will soon start experiencing progressive upgrades and changes to that portion of the system. The installation of the Neptune radio read meters for the Canoe residences have been ordered and will soon be underway. These innovative meters will bring multiple benefits to our water system as a whole, with more accurate water usage readings and protective backflow devices. This is part of the first improvement phase for the Canoe system. The drawings, specifications, and bid documents for the Water Line Replacement Project that will replace problematic asbestos lines has been prepared and is ready for submittal. These are just the beginning of some of the improvements being made to our ECU System in the Canoe community.

The Utilities Authority continues to strive at providing the best quality water and sewer services to our valuable customers and look forward into improving our systems.

If you every have any questions or concerns, please contact our office Monday through Friday between 7:00 am and 4:00 pm, excluding holidays, at 251-446-1617.

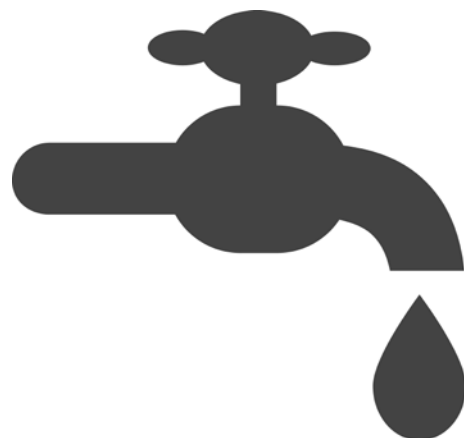
Thank You.

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## APPLICATIONS FOR SERVICE

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

Application must be downloaded, completed, signed, and returned to the Utilities Authority. Signed applications must be hand delivered or mailed to Poarch Creek Indians Utilities Authority at 263 Aplin Road, Atmore, AL 36502.





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

## CIEDA SMALL BUSINESS LOAN PROGRAM

Offering valuable business assistance to Tribal Members seeking small business loans.

**Getting your loan request approved depends on how well you represent**

- Yourself
- Your business
- 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 considering starting a business and are interested in obtaining a small business loan, you may request additional information or schedule and appointment by calling or emailing the CIEDA offices at 251-368-0819.

Please ask for:

Ed Powell, Business Development Analyst, (epowell@pcicie.com), or

Chad Klinck, CIEDA CFO (cklinck@pcicie.com).



The beauty of the trees,  
The softness of the air,  
The fragrance of the grass speaks to me.  
The summit of the mountain,  
The thunder of the sky,  
The rhythm of the sea, speaks to me.

The faintness of the stars,  
The freshness of the morning,  
The dewdrop on the flower, speaks to me.  
The strength of the fire,  
The taste of salmon,  
The trail of the sun,  
And the life that never goes away,  
They speak to me and my heart soars.

*Chief Dan George*





Creek Indian Enterprises  
Development Authority

# Creek Indian Enterprises Development Authority

## Securing the Tribe's legacy

Looking back on the history of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians, many will appreciate what a long, hard road the Tribe has traveled to become who they are today.

*This is the second installment in a series about the history of Creek Indian Enterprises Development Authority (CIEDA).*

### Leadership forges prosperity

Eddie Tullis was the first chairman of the Board of Directors at CIEDA and was the first president when it was born under Tribal government. He continued as president for a short time when CIEDA was spun off into its own organization.

"I'm a big supporter of diversification," Tullis said. "I'm a big supporter of getting out and competing in the real world so our people understand what happened here at Poarch Creek with our ancestors."

He said CIEDA's success is a result of having the best people possible to operate the organization and each enterprise to accomplish the end goal: to provide revenue streams for the Tribal people.

"We here at Poarch Creek have done an outstanding job in understanding the complexity of the organization (CIEDA). Economic development is something you have to work at for it to succeed," Tullis said.

Taking the reins after Tullis was Robert McGhee, who is now Tribal Council Vice Chair. Current CIEDA President and CEO James T. Martin served as Tribal Administrator under Tribal government when the company was created. He then went to work with United South and Eastern Tribes and later came to be the head of CIEDA.

Martin has excelled at bringing CIEDA to self-sufficiency and is spearheading the entertainment project in Foley.

"It's exciting to see the progression of things for our people," Martin said. "To see where we were a few decades ago to where we are now is amazing. And it says a lot about who we are as a Tribe and as individuals in the community."

### Education is key

Tullis emphasized the importance of education for Tribal members as another reason CIEDA strived to be a success.

"We started long ago in stressing education for our people,"



By Jen Peake | CIEDA Marketing Specialist

he said. "Back then, we had very few people who were able to get an education, but today (in recent years), we send all our young people to college and they are beginning to come home and utilize those skills and knowledge to help their own and set up future generations with hope and prosperity. However, you have to be able to provide them with a job when they come back, and that's where CIEDA comes into play."

Martin reiterated Tullis' remarks by saying the more diverse the Tribe is in business, the more Tribal members will want to be a part of making the Tribe successful.

"You have to create a path for education then you have to create the opportunities for those who gain knowledge to put their skills to good use and give back to the communities they live in," Martin said.

The Tribe recently has funded a scholarship for students in Alabama and the Florida Panhandle. The \$1 million fund ensures that two scholarships will be awarded each year to one male and one female residing in Alabama or the Panhandle. Selected students are expected to receive up to \$6,000 each.

"Being able to help change someone's quality of life, and in turn raise the profile of a community, makes the education component incredibly important to the tribe," Tribal Chair Stephanie Bryan said. "It's important that we look out for the now but really what we as leaders are doing is for the next seven generations," she said.

*Look for the third part in this series next month.*

# HARD WORK AND PERSEVERANCE



## Tribal Member Tim Neal benefits from CIEDA loan program

Finding success in the real estate industry can be challenging, especially within the past eight or so years. But that doesn't stop Tribal Member Tim Neal, a broker in South Florida.

"We strive every day, no matter the circumstances, to bring an exceedingly high level of professional expertise and ethical conduct into our marketplace. We have earned an excellent reputation supported by results," Neal said.

Neal is president of Neal Realty and Investments Inc. and has been in business for 26 years. The company is a leader in the commercial real estate field in South Florida. And like any business, upgrades and maintenance were necessary to continue its success.

So four years ago, Neal looked to the Creek Indian Enterprises Development Authority (CIEDA) Loan Program so he could purchase a new printer, computers and some office furniture for his business.

"The loan helped us get new equipment that was much needed and freed up some cash flow to use on other business needs, such as advertising and updating our property management software," Neal said.

Neal's expertise is in all phases of commercial real estate, including sales and leasing, tenant representation, property management and build-to-suit. He also has a diversified background, with experience in retail, office, industrial and vacant land transactions.

"I was working with another company, doing great, when in 1990, I decided I wanted to start my own firm," Neal said. And it didn't take long

for Neal Realty and Investments Inc. to become a success in the tri-county area.

"We currently represent landlords in the successful leasing of more than 1.88 million square feet of retail properties in Broward, Dade and Palm Beach counties," he said.

It wasn't always easy, Neal said. But with "hard work and perseverance — something gained from my Native American father — we have earned a high level of respect in the community."

Neal said his heritage and upbringing is a major part of who he is today. And that's why when he needed a loan, he knew the CIEDA Loan Program was the way to go. He said the CIEDA staff was very helpful in implementing the needed paperwork to complete the loan process.

"They made it very painless. There was great communication and a willingness to help."

Neal said he is extremely pleased with his experience in getting a business loan through the Tribe.

"I highly recommend to other tribal members to consider using the CIEDA Loan Program as an option for their financing," Neal said. "It is a great program specifically designed to help the Creek Indians advance their business growth. The process is smooth and easy, and the loan rates are very competitive. If other members are in need of a business loan, they should make CIEDA their **first** stop. It is one of the benefits of belonging to this tribe that we all should take advantage of."

If you are a loan recipient and would like to be featured in upcoming articles, call Jen Peake at 251-359-4340 or email [jpeake@pcicie.com](mailto:jpeake@pcicie.com).



**TIM NEAL**  
PRESIDENT OF  
NEAL REALTY AND  
INVESTMENTS INC.



Creek Indian Enterprises  
Development Authority

By Jen Peake  
CIEDA  
Marketing  
Specialist



# Seasonal retail at **CREEK** Travel Plaza

**Must-haves  
for spring,  
summer**



## **SAVE THE DATE**

**CREEK**  
Travel Plaza

The Wall That Heals, the traveling replica of the Vietnam Wall, will be at Creek Travel Plaza from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 17. A motorcycle escort of about 200 bikers will accompany the memorial before it heads to Battleship Park in Mobile to get set up. Come out and support this organization!





# Summer adventures

At first it was shocking, but then it became normal. This big ... yellow ... THING in the water at Magnolia Branch Wildlife Reserve (MBWR). As soon as summertime came, people were climbing to the top of a 15 foot wooden platform and just dropping off, letting this waterblob break their fall and catapult another person into the air to land safely in the water.

It was an amazing sight you had to see and watch all day long.

Opening the first weekend in May, the blob and other water activities will be in full swing at MBWR. The waterblob is a stunning draw for adventurous souls who love a good thrill.

The blob resembles something like an air mattress, but on the water. One

person climbs the steps to the wooden platform while another gets into position at the end of the inflatable. Then the jumper drops onto the blob, which cushions his landing, and projects the bouncer up into the air and back down into the deep waters of the lake.

"Always practice safety when doing anything water related," MBWR General Manager Billy Smith said. "Some people like to get creative, but you should always listen to the instructor to have a safe experience. It's really fun for all ages."

Another invigorating activity available for guests to try is the zip lines. An instructor will strap you into a safety harness that attaches to a pulley line and off you go, sailing through the air and over the water to the other side.

The waterblob and zip line are open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays through Labor Day. The cost is \$5 per activity for an all-day pass.

Tubing also begins May 1. Canoeing and kayaking are year-round activities, but tubing is always a big hit for the summer.

The cost is \$5 per tube for the two-hour trip. For more pricing details, visit [magnoliabrand.com/page/Pricing](http://magnoliabrand.com/page/Pricing).

So suit up and hit the water this summer at Magnolia Branch.

If you are looking for some thrills or just to relax on a tube and let the water carry you away, then you have come to the right place.



By Jen Peake | CIEDA Marketing Specialist

**The blob and zip line are open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays through Labor Day.**

**The cost is \$5 for an all-day pass.**

**Magnolia Branch  
Wildlife Reserve**



# Get refreshed

Planning a summer vacation this year but looking for some water fun without the hassle of a crowded beach? Then look no further than Atmore, Ala., and Muskogee Inn.

Sitting directly off Interstate 65 exit 57 is this quaint independent hotel that offers much more than meets the eye. And with summertime approaching (and the hot May sun), a nice refreshing pool is just what the doctor ordered.

According to the American Hotel and Lodging Association, between 47 to 58 percent of hotels have either an indoor or outdoor pool. Here at Muskogee Inn, we offer a huge outdoor pool and lounging area, complete with a cabana for your gathering needs. The luscious blue water glistens in the sunlight, inviting you to dip your toes in and sink down into the water to cool off from the heat. And our comfortable lounge chairs just beg for guests to read a book poolside, sun tan or just relax with friends. We offer free Wi-Fi for your convenience that reaches all the way to the pool.

Are you a local? We are the perfect option for a staycation. Google Trends reports a 10 percent increase in online searches for staycations. Let us treat you to a getaway right at home. Just pack a bag and leave the rest to us.

Hop on our complimentary shuttle to Wind Creek's entertainment venue, and let us do the driving. See a movie or go bowling ... just have fun. And we will even pick you up when you are ready for more fun at our pool.

Just know Muskogee Inn has your comfort and ideals in mind. If you are looking for a budget getaway without leaving the South, choose Muskogee Inn. Take a dip in our pool, and you will walk away refreshed.

Cool off  
this summer  
at the pool at  
Muskogee Inn

By Jen Peake  
CIEDA Marketing Specialist





# There's something IN THE WIND



Finished tip stand

**"Wind energy is going to be really big for us this year."**

**— John Schierer,**  
Sales Engineer

Muskogee Technology (MT) has been busy lately churning out products for the wind energy industry.

In the past few months, MT has been working on a contract for General Electric Co. (GE). This contract produces transportation parts for wind turbine blades that also double as erection frames to attach the blades to the turbines on the wind farms. A contract with Siemens also is in the works.

"Wind energy is going to be really big for us this year," MT Sales Engineer John Schierer said. "Not only with GE but with Siemens as well. I'm getting orders left and right for lifting and transport equipment for Siemens. They just came out with a new offshore blade and will need the hub equipment for those."

Schierer said the parts MT supplies for Siemens are

mainly truck and train transports for blades.

"We recently finished an order for Siemens for the e-foot, or elephant foot, that is the base connector for the transport. We just received word that we will be making two more full sets of those, so that's a big deal," he said.

The equipment Muskogee Tech is manufacturing for GE are root stands and tip stands.

"A root stand bolts to the flange of a wind turbine blade, and a tip bolts onto the blade at the opposite end of the root stand," Production Supervisor Scott Randle said. "The tip stand is contoured to the curvature of the blade and is cushioned to protect the blade during transport."

GE buys blades from composite companies in various parts of the U.S. and needs a way to transport them, Schierer said.

"GE supplies worldwide, so these fixtures will go overseas as well. We manufacture the parts for them, then they take those parts to the composite companies for transport to GE wind farms." He said MT has made 258 sets (one root stand and one tip stand) for GE so far. There

also is an order for 6,000 adapter plate sets (six pieces per set).

"Muskogee Technology does more than just aerospace," Schierer said. "Capitalizing on the wind energy industry is huge and will mean a great deal for us this year and years to come."

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Root stand before (above), after (below)



Boot transport part



# Just a tank away ...

Fill up your car at **Creek Convenience Store Atmore and Wetumpka** and drive to fun destinations that only cost you one tank of gas to get there.

## Wetumpka, Montgomery, Ala.

There are lots of things to do in Montgomery and Wetumpka. Check out a museum or two, stroll along the Tallapoosa River or try your luck at the one of the casinos. Maybe see a concert or two. The possibilities are endless.



**Wetumpka, Montgomery**

## Foley, Ala.

The City of Foley draws thousands to its Tanger Outlets mall every day. Eat at Lamberts Restaurant, "home of the throwed rolls." And it won't be too long before the entertainment district and sports complex opens.



**Atlanta**



Road trip season is here, and if you're on a budget, you might not want to go very far. Check out these places that are within driving distance of CCSA and CCSW. The top leisure travel activities for U.S. domestic travelers are (1) visiting relatives, (2) shopping, (3) visiting friends, (4) fine dining and (5) beaches. So pack your bags and hit the road!

## Atlanta, Ga.

Home of the Atlanta Braves, this city and the surrounding areas are like a world of their own. Visit the Coca Cola museum, ESPN, the science museum and so much more.

## Mobile, Ala.

Catch a Bay Bears baseball game tour the battleship or experience Mardi Gras in its birthplace city of Mobile.



**Foley**

**ATMORE**

**Fort Walton Beach, Destin area**



## Fort Walton Beach and Destin, Fla.

On the beautiful Emerald Coast sits a pair of cities known as family destinations and tourist attractions. See dolphins perform tricks at the Gulfarium and stay at the Holiday Inn Resort to be close to everything. Destin Commons offers upscale shopping and restaurants.



## Pensacola, Fla.

Historic downtown Pensacola has a wealth of education to offer. In America's first settlement, plenty of entertainment and food options are available. And minor league baseball, too, with the Blue Wahoos, the Double-A affiliate of the Cincinnati Reds.



**Pensacola**

**Panama City**

## Panama City, Fla.

Panama City and Panama City Beach offer more than just spring break parties. Upscale shopping centers and remodeled theaters provide a plethora of entertainment for all ages.



**CCS**  
**ATMORE**



**CCS**  
**WETUMPKA**

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Mission: Helping people help the land

Vision: Productive soil, healthy land

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

Visit the NRCS web site [www.al.nrcs.usda.gov](http://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](http://www.fsa.usda.gov)

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

[www.nrcs.usda.gov/farmbill](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/farmbill)

USDA Rural Development

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

[www.rurdev.usa.gov/al](http://www.rurdev.usa.gov/al)

Alabama Forestry Commission

[www.forestry.state.al.us](http://www.forestry.state.al.us)

For more information contact:

David Elliott, NRCS Tribal Liaison

5535 Poarch Road, Atmore, AL 36502

(251) 368-0826

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Harmony with land is like harmony with a friend; you cannot cherish his right hand and chop off his left.

Aldo Leopold

Try to leave the Earth a better place than when you arrived.

Sidney Sheldon

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## GAMING FLOOR CHAIR GIVEAWAY

Saturday May 14, 2016

12:00 noon – 5:00 pm

Limit 5 chairs per Tribal Member.

1027 Dozier Rd., Montgomery

(Next to Tallapoosa Lakes Golf Course)

Come and get your gaming floor chairs

While supplies last!



# 2016 Tribal Council Election Notice

**When:** June 4, 2016

**Location:** PCI Community Resource Building (Old SAIL Center)

**Time:** 8 a.m.-7 p.m.

**Purpose:** The purpose is to elect a Tribal Secretary, a Tribal Treasurer and one(1) at-large councilman for three(3) year terms.

**Deadline to Declare Candidacy:** A written statement of candidacy must be filed with the Election Board no later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 5, 2016 in order for the name to appear on the official ballot and to have a biography published in the May newsletter. The biography is limited to 500 words and includes a photograph. It shall only include biographical information and not any political platform or views.

A written statement of candidacy must be filed with the Election Board no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 5, 2016. However, any written statements of candidacy filed after April 5, 2016, but before May 5, 2016 will be a write in on the ballot and will not be published in the newsletter.

**Walk-In voting:** Monday, May 23-Friday, June 3, 2016 as listed:

\*Monday, May 23-Saturday, May 28 daily from 9 a.m.-6p.m.

\*Closed on Sunday and Monday, May 29 and May 30.

\*Tuesday, May 31-Friday, June 3 daily from 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

**Request for Absentee Ballot** must be received by the Election Board no later than close of business on Tuesday, May 24, 2016.

Absentee Ballots must be received by the Election Board no later than close of business (5 p.m. CST) on Friday, June 3, 2016.

**Results of 2016 Tribal Election** will be posted at the PCI Community Resource Building (Old SAIL Center back door), at the Tribal Center on the Community Bulletin Board, and will be printed in the July PCI Newsletter.





# ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST

## 2016 POARCH CREEK INDIAN TRIBAL COUNCIL ELECTION

### SATURDAY, JUNE 4, 2016



I, \_\_\_\_\_, am an enrolled member of the Poarch Creek Indians, and will be at least eighteen (18) years of age on or before June 4, 2016.

When requesting a ballot one will be mailed to you for the following elections: June 4, 2016 and August 6, 2016, for Run-Off, if applicable.

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

FIRST MIDDLE MAIDEN LAST

STREET ADDRESS CITY STATE ZIP CODE

( )  
TELEPHONE NUMBER DATE OF BIRTH TRIBAL ROLL NO.

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

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**Requests for Absentee Ballots must be received by the Election Board no later than the close of business (5 p.m. CST) on Tuesday, May 24, 2016. Requests received after the deadline will not be honored.**

Should you have any questions pertaining to the 2016 Tribal Council Elections, please feel free to contact Gwen Manning at (251) 368-9136 ext. 2281 or Brenda Faircloth at (251) 368-9136 ext. 2206.

# TRIBAL COUNCIL CANDIDATES & BIOGRAPHIES

## TRIBAL COUNCIL SECRETARY

The following candidates have submitted their Letter of Candidacy for the position of Tribal Council Secretary. David Gehman, Incumbent, Daphne Sells Hamilton, Charlotte McGhee Meckel, and Carolyn McGhee White. When placing your vote, please vote for the candidate of your choice. The candidate elected will serve a three (3) year term. All bio information has been reviewed, approved, and/or edited by the Election Board. The bio information provided has been published as submitted by the Election Board without edit except as authorized. Applicable formatting has been used.

### DAVID GEHMAN INCUMBENT

Hello, I'm David Gehman, candidate for Secretary.

I am the son of Martin and Vernie Barnhill Gehman, the grandson of Petro and Ruby McGhee Barnhill, the great grandson of Len and Hettie Colbert McGhee. I was born and raised in Atmore and live with my wife, Shyrell Gehman and our children just outside of Atmore in the Malta community. We are blessed with three daughters and a son. Our oldest daughter is married – Stephanie and Daniel Alaniz, they have our first grandchild, Miss Addisyn. They are expecting our first grandson this June. Emily recently completed her CPA examinations and just received official certification from the State of Alabama as a CPA. Kristen is recently became engaged to be married to David Vaughn in 2017. Stephen is a junior in high school, and plans to attend the University of Alabama, and join the Million Dollar Band.

I currently serve as Secretary of the Tribal Council. Previously I was elected to the Tribal Council



in 1995 and served as Treasurer until 2001. In 2009 I was elected by the Tribal Council to serve as Tribal Secretary and was re-elected to this position in 2013. I now serve on the Health Legislative Committee, the Budget and Finance Legislative Committee and have served on Land and Natural Resources Legislative Committee and Creek Indian Economic Development Authority..

I have been blessed to serve as a professional corporate pilot safely flying in excess of 6,500 hours pilot in command flight in several different types of aircraft including Learjet's and turbo-props such as the King

Air. I served as chief pilot for Yates Construction in Biloxi, Mississippi and for Magnum Capital of Mobile, Alabama and Panama City, Florida. I have flown passenger and cargo chartered flights, including the federal banking system, domestically and internationally. I currently hold FAA certification as Airline Transport Pilot, in addition to instrument and multi-engine Flight Instructor. I began flying at an early age, working at the Atmore airport to pay for flying lessons, soloing after only 3 hours of instruction at the young age of 16, and earning my private license at age 17.

During high school, I worked as a DJ at WATM - AM and FM. Shortly after graduating high school in Atmore, my family formed a partnership and constructed, opened and operated radio stations WASG AM and WYDH FM from 1981-1992. Later I had an opportunity to fly for AT&T as an air patrol pilot throughout the Southeastern U.S., which lead me to work in the AT&T Network Control Center near Atlanta as a communication technician.

I earned a bachelor's degree in Management from Auburn University in Montgomery and associate's degree in Business from Jefferson Davis Community College, where I graduated Magna Cume Laude. In 1981, while serving as a volunteer fireman with the Atmore fire department, I also earned Alabama certification as an EMT.

I am a member of Gospel Light Church, and serve on the church board of trustees.

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**DAPHNE SELLS  
HAMILTON**

I, Daphne Sells Hamilton, hereby declare my candidacy for the Tribal Secretary seat in the 2016 tribal election.

I am the daughter of Toney and Jannette Sells. Some of you may know my parents from the senior trips. My dad would drive the bus, and when able, my mom would accompany him. My grandparents are the late Eugene "Popcorn" Sells and Roberta Sells, who was known for her many accomplishments in the advancement of our tribe. She was on the Tribal Council as secretary for 27 years and took part in the struggles for our Federal recognition. I have been blessed with four children: Drake, Trennon, Christa, and Raelyn. I am also a lifelong resident of the Poarch Community.

My previous experience and employment was working in the Human Resources departments at Creek Indian Enterprises and Wind Creek Hospitality- this is where I developed my passion for helping others. While



working full time, I also received a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration in 2011 and in 2015, fulfilled a life long dream and received a Master's Degree in Management. My education, and experience combined with my compassion for our people makes me the best candidate for the Secretary position of the Poarch Creek Indian Tribal Council.

I am blessed to be a proud member of Poarch Community Church, where I teach Sunday school and sing in the choir. In 2014, I was elected by the members of the congregation to serve on the PCC Church Board and was recently selected by the board to fulfill the secretary position.

My decision to run for Tribal Council was solely based on my passion to help others. I am a person that is eager to listen and quick to react. I am not a person that will sit back and do nothing. My decisions will have the General Council in mind at all times. The interest of ALL tribal members will be my priority. I am a loving person, but not one to be taken lightly. I have the backbone for a fight, but will work hard to achieve resolution.

I am asking for your support in the efforts to bring compassion, honesty, respect, and loyalty.

I respectfully request you entrust your vote to me, Daphne Sells Hamilton.

Thank you for your consideration and God Bless you.

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# CHARLOTTE McGHEE MECKEL

*Committed to Community -  
Dedicated to Progress*

I, Charlotte “McGhee” Meckel declare my candidacy for “SECRETARY” in the upcoming 2016 Poarch Creek Indians Tribal Council Election.

The decision to run for this office is based on the compassion and concern I have for the Poarch community and its members. I believe that I can be a true asset for our Tribe. I was born and raised in the Poarch community and have vast knowledge and fond memories of many Tribal members.

I am the proud daughter of Ernestine and the late DC Daughtry and Julius “ Jack” McGhee. My husband, Martin Meckel and I, have two children; Ron Salter and Allison Salter-Rodriguez; eight grandchildren: Kyle, Kaylee, Brenton, David, Caleb, Ariel, Harmony, and the late Andrew Salter.

## EDUCATION:

- Army Management Staff College Graduate; Washington D.C.
- Business Administration Degree.
- Program Management I & II for Executives in Kansas City, Kansas – Received College credits towards Masters.



- Executive and Upper Level Management Programs from Army Logistic College at Ft. Lee, Virginia – College credits - Masters
- Managerial and Supply Management Courses from Logistic College, Ft. Lee VA. – College credits - Masters

## EXPERIENCE:

- Retired from the Department of Defense; 36 years.
- Director of multi-million dollar Organization, US Army Printing and Publication Distribution Center, Europe (USAPPDCE); 20 years.
- Supervisory experience: Military (Officers and Enlisted) US Civilian and Foreign Nationals; 30 years.
- Served on various steering committees stateside and abroad for over 20 years.
- Family Readiness Group President; 3 years.

Served on the following Tribal Boards and Committees:

1. Ethics Board (2006-2012) as Secretary
2. Housing Board (2012-2015) as Secretary
3. Tribal Regulatory Commission (Aug 2015 to present) as Secretary
4. Tribal Grievance Board (Nov 2015 to present) as Secretary/Treasurer

While serving on these boards, I have acquired a vast knowledge of Tribal resolutions, ordinances, and policies/procedures, all of which govern our Tribe and its entities.

**LEADERSHIP:** I feel that I would be a valuable asset to the Tribal Council and Tribal Members in the position of full-time Secretary because of my educational background, work experience, and knowledge of governmental functions.

**VISIONARY & AUDITORY:** I welcome the opportunity to serve my Tribal Family as a council member with an open door policy and to listen to all Tribal members while making prudent decisions for everyone. It would be an honor and a privilege to assist in this position to help further the Tribal legacy of self-determination and self-reliance. I will strive to further diversify our economic opportunities and to develop programs/services that will benefit all tribal members. With my strength and dedication, I can whole-heartedly assist our Tribe in prosperity and growth.

In this position, integrity will be exemplified in all day-to-day decisions.

Please consider me as your candidate for Secretary on June 4th. I sincerely appreciate your vote and support.

Charlotte.Meckel@yahoo.com

(251) 229-0002

## CAROLYN MALINE McGHEE WHITE

### VOTE

CAROLYN MALINE  
"MCGHEE" WHITE

AS YOUR TRIBAL  
SECRETARY!

I, Carolyn Maline "McGhee" White, declare my candidacy for Tribal Secretary. I am Honest, Dedicated, Committed, and Hardworking. I present my resume for your review below. I ask for your vote to elect me as your Tribal Secretary. I will work just as hard and committed as I have in the Tribal jobs I have served in over the last 11 years.

### CAROLYN MALINE MCGHEE WHITE RESUME

P. O. Box 452  
Atmore, AL 36504  
(251) 368-3576

### STRENGTHS:

Excellent communication and organizational skills . . . Proficient in computer applications . . . Personable . . . Enthusiastic . . .



Conscientious . . . Honest . . .

### EDUCATION:

2012 - 2013

Faulkner State Community College – Bay Minette, AL  
Associate in Applied Science – Paralegal

May 1999

University of Alabama – Tuscaloosa, AL  
Master's Degree in Social Work

August 1990

University of South Alabama – Mobile, AL  
Bachelor of Science Degree in Human Relations Administration

May 1972 and 1980

Jefferson Davis Jr. College – Brewton, AL  
2-year Certificate and Associate of Arts Degree

May 1970

Escambia County High School – Atmore, AL  
Graduate

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AND QUALIFICATIONS:

Nov. 2015 to Present

Regulatory, Grants, and Compliance Division Director to Poarch Band of Creek Indians – Atmore, AL

Responsible for overseeing the regulatory activities for the Tribe; including supervising the Tribal Employment Rights Office, Tribal Historic Preservation Office, Environmental Department, Tribal Regulatory Commission, Tribal Grievance Board, and the Tribal Regulatory Office.

Oct. 2011 to Nov. 2015

Paralegal working as a Legislative Assistant with Legal Department to Poarch Band of Creek Indians – Atmore, AL

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Responsible for drafting legislation, ordinances, resolutions, rules, regulations, policies, and procedures.

Nov. 2004 to Oct. 2011

Family Services Director to Poarch Band of Creek Indians –

Atmore, AL

Responsible for administration and management of social service grants; including Child Welfare and other service delivery programs for a federally recognized Indian tribe.

Nov. 2000 to Feb. 2005

County Human Resources Director III to Escambia County Dept. of Human Resources –  
Brewton, AL

Responsible for administration and management of federal, state, and county-level social and means-tested programs and staff of 40 professional employees.

August 2000 Oct. 2000

Senior Service Social Worker (Child Protective Service Supervisor) to Escambia Co. Dept. of Human Resources - Brewton, AL

Supervision of Child Protective Service Unit comprised of five social workers and three social work case aides. Responsible for assessing safety risks, assigning casework, reviewing documentation, and monitoring case practice.

May 1999 to August 2000

Senior Service Social Worker (Quality Assurance/Resource to Development/Special Projects)

Escambia Co. Dept. of Human Resources - Brewton, AL

Responsible for organization, facilitation, and coordination of interchanges between DHR and the local QA Committee following guidelines provided by State DHR and Court Monitor.

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# TRIBAL COUNCIL TREASURER

The following candidates have submitted their Letter of Candidacy for the position of Tribal Council Treasurer. Eddie L. Tullis, Incumbent, Wesley Manning, and Kevin McGhee. When placing your vote, please vote for the candidate of your choice. The candidate elected will serve a three (3) year term. All bio information has been reviewed, approved, and/or edited by the Election Board. The bio information provided has been published as submitted by the Election Board without edit except as authorized. Applicable formatting has been used.

## EDDIE L. TULLIS INCUMBENT

I, Eddie Leon Tullis, am the son of the late Volt and Florence Walker Tullis. My wife, Mary Jane McGhee Tullis and I have been married for 59 years.

I have been honored and proud to serve the Tribe for more than 45 years, 5 of those as Treasurer and 27 as your Chairman. I would appreciate the opportunity to continue serving you as Treasurer in this upcoming election.

I began working with Chief Calvin McGhee on the land claims cases which were the first major efforts of our Tribe to be involved in national Indian affairs. After Calvin's passing, I continued to work alongside John Arthur McGhee, Houston McGhee, Buford Rolin, Ernestine Daughtry, Roberta Sells and many, many others to advance the long, hard fought battle to obtain our Federal Recognition. Because of my involvement in these endeavors, I had the opportunity to work with members of the U.S. Congress and U.S. Senate, as well as the BIA, to create the policies and procedures used for tribes across the nation to become



federally recognized. During this time, I also served as President of the Coalition of Eastern Native Americans (CENA), one of the first organizations to promote and support these efforts.

I have had the honor of serving in a leadership role of many major national Indian organizations including my 2nd term as Chairman of the Board of the National Indian Council on Aging (NICOA). This organization serves Tribal Elders across the nation. I was appointed by President Ronald Regan to the National Advisory Council on Indian Education (NACIE) and was re-appointed by President George H. W. Bush as Chairman of this organization that works to secure and advance education

opportunities for tribal members. I am filled with pride every time I witness the result of our Tribe's commitment to education and impressed by the dedication of our members who continue to further their education. This dedication is evident today in how many of our tribal members are employed and serving in leadership positions within our Tribe.

As a former member of the United States Navy it has been especially gratifying to currently serve as our Tribe's representative to the Veterans Committee for United South and Eastern Tribes (USET). I have also served with the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), Native American Rights Fund (NARF), and the National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA). Each of these groups work to protect and further the rights of all Native Americans.

The struggle to get to where we are today began long ago. In honor of those whom I have fought alongside throughout the years, I pledge to continue to work every day to protect our rights and benefits so that their efforts will not be forgotten.

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Thank you for the confidence placed in me in previous elections. Please allow me to serve you again as your Treasurer in 2016 by casting your vote for me on June 4th.

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## WESLEY MANNING

I, Wesley Manning, would like to announce my candidacy for Tribal Council Treasurer. I am the son of Clark and Marsha Manning. I am the grandson of Evelyn McGhee Manning and Floyd Manning, and the great grandson of David McGhee and Maggie Rolin. My wife Angela and I have been married for nearly five years and have one son, Jacob.

I have very fond memories of my grandmother, Evelyn McGhee. Every time I went to visit her, she would always make me feel at home. She was by far the sweetest woman in the world. She would always offer me more food than I could eat and she would make her world famous banana pudding just for me. As time passed, I realized she didn't have much, but she always put others first. This attribute has resonated with me as an adult, and I continue to strive to be as good of a person as she was. My values didn't stop there. My parents raised me to work hard, be fair, and display integrity in everything I do. Plus my parents taught me to be unselfish. I have watched them give to others their whole life and never expect anything in return.

Upon completing high school, I went on to work directly under



my father, Clark Manning and his brother David Manning, co-owners of Manning Brothers Pools in Pensacola, Florida. I had the privilege of working for a successful family owned business for over 15 years and have gained invaluable knowledge and experience in managing all aspects of a business.

In 2010, I graduated from the University of West Florida and received my Bachelor of Science in Business Administration in Accounting/Professional Accountancy. I then went on to serve as an Accountant for Wind Creek Casino and Hotel for five years.

I am currently serving as Tribal Employment Rights (TERO) Director for the Poarch Band of Creek Indians and I also serve as the Secretary for the PCI

Investment Committee. As the TERO Director, I have a front row seat to many issues facing our Tribe and this has made me even more passionate about serving my Tribe in any way that I can. As a member of the PCI Investment Committee, our purpose is to manage and oversee designated investment accounts. The Investment Committee evaluates and makes recommendations to the Tribal Council with regard to the investment policies and strategies to be followed by the Tribe's investment portfolio. As the Secretary of the PCI Investment Committee, I prepare the Agenda and the Meeting Minutes for approval.

I have been humbled and honored to be able to serve our great Tribe in the capacities that I have been afforded thus far, and I will continue to serve with fairness, integrity, drive and with the betterment of our Tribe in the forefront of my mind at all times. Thank you in advance for your support this June.

God Bless you,  
Wesley Manning

"Actions speak louder than Words"

## KEVIN McGHEE

I, Kevin McGhee, declare my candidacy for position of Treasurer in the 2016 Tribal Elections.

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve our Tribe for the past three years. Serving as a Council member has provided me with invaluable insights to the challenges before us. I have eagerly seized every opportunity available to me as a Council member to listen and learn all that I can. A deep rooted appreciation and a desire to serve our people has been instilled in me since birth; experience from serving on Council has fostered and further nurtured my commitment to our Tribe.

I am the son of Shirley Von and Eldnar (McGhee) McGhee, both of Poarch. I am the grandson of the late Shirley McGhee, of Poarch, the late A.D. and Willie Lee (McGhee) Martin, both of Poarch, and the late Levi and Treacy (Walker) McGhee, both of Poarch. I am married to Tawana (McDuffie) McGhee. We have three daughters Stacey, Courtney, and Kennedy and three grandchildren: Kaiden, Avery and Easton. Poarch is my home; I have always lived here and played an active role in the community.



As our Tribe continues to grow at a rapid pace, new developments, organizational changes, and new services are established. Now is the time when an experienced candidate is crucial to our success and progress. Experience has uniquely qualified me for the position of Treasurer for our Tribe. Currently, I serve as Director of the Entertainment Center at Wind Creek Casino & Hotel. Prior to this position, I continuously held positions in the accounting field with PCI Gaming and PCI Tribal Government, for more than 17 years. Additionally, I have enjoyed the opportunity to serve our people over the years, serving on the Election Board, Boy's and Girl's Club as Vice Chairman, and the Housing Authority as treasurer to name a few. Alongside my children, I have been involved in many of

our Tribal and Community events/activities throughout my life such as Pow Wow Club and Relay for Life.

Education has taught me critical and analytical skills that are necessary for the position of Treasurer. After earning a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration, I have continued to pursue higher learning. In August of this year, I will receive an Executive MBA degree from Faulkner University. With the complexity of financial issues that arise, our accounting records must be transparent and translatable for easy understanding. I am confident in my capabilities to report our financial information in a way that may be easily grasped.

If elected to the position of Treasurer on the Tribal Council, my promise is to always diligently strive for excellence in serving you. With all the prosperity that our Tribe enjoys today, we should always remember where we came from and what it took to get here. I humbly ask for your support and I greatly appreciate your vote for me on June 4, 2016.

Thank you in advance for your support!



## TRIBAL COUNCIL AT-LARGE

The following candidates have submitted their Letter of Candidacy for the position of Tribal Council At-Large: William 'Randy' Adams, Dewitt Carter, Clayton Coon, Rodney Exum, Ed B. Jarman, Jr., Gloria Sells Krafka, Gia Langham, Carrie Martin, and Sheila Odom. When placing your vote, please vote for the candidate of your choice. The candidate elected will serve a three (3) year term. All bio information has been reviewed, approved, and/or edited by the Election Board. The bio information provided has been published as submitted by the Election Board without edit except as authorized. Applicable formatting has been used.

### **WILLIAM 'RANDY' ADAMS**

Hello, my name is William "Randy" Adams and I am announcing my candidacy for Tribal Council at Large. I am the son of Jeannette and William "Duck" Adams. I am the grandson of Pearle Colbert Adams and Sham Adams. My great-grandparents were Lizzie McGhee and William "Bud" Adams. My grandmother Pearle died at a young age, this left the children to be raised by Hettie "Big Mama" Colbert McGhee. "Big Mama" instilled hard work, responsibility and integrity in all of the children that she raised. My father passed these values to his children. Both my sister Linda Martin (who works in the PCI Health Dental department for 28 years) and I have pursued a career of serving and caring for people.

I grew up in Bay Minette, Alabama and I am a graduate from Baldwin County High School. I attended and graduated from Reid State Technical College as a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN). To further my career, I completed the nursing program as a Registered Nurse (RN) from Jefferson Davis Community College.



As an RN, I became a traveling nurse and lived in variety places. This gave me an opportunity to experience different cultures and lifestyles. It was during one of these positions that I went to New York City and participated in the Rescue and Recovery after the 911 attacks. This situation caused me to have a greater appreciation of the life I have within our Tribal Community; where we focus on family and the prosperity of our Tribe.

Currently, I reside in Chickasaw, Alabama and I am an employee of the Buford L. Rolin Health Department as a Transportation Provider. In this position, I have

found great pleasure in becoming acquainted with our elders and assisting them in their endeavors to seek medical treatment. It is an honor to listen to their stories of 'days gone by' or 'I remember when...' and I find myself envying their wisdom. I can see pride in their tribal heritage, revealed by the sparkle in their eyes and the strength in their voice. Often I find that the elders appreciate my willingness to converse with them and my desire to listen attentively.

Additionally, I volunteered to be a chaperon for our Tribal children attending Camp Alamisco Summer Camp in 2015. These children are our future leaders and protectors of traditions. By encouraging and educating them to make healthy choices, we are preserving our Tribal prosperity. I also encourage participation in physical activity in both children and adults. I am a member of the 2015 Creek Tomahawk Legends softball team and will participate in NASA 2016.

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## DEWITT CARTER

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

I grew up in Poarch under my Grand Paw Joe’s roof with a strong belief word hard, always be honest, and “do unto others as you would



have them do unto you.” I have taken those morals into every job I have rewarded. It has promoted respect and admiration from every person i have met and dictates who I am as an employee, a friend, and a husband.

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

Dewitt Carter

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## CLAYTON COON

I, Clayton Coon, hereby declare my candidacy for Tribal Council, At-Large. I am the son of Rickie and Rose McGhee Coon and the grandson of Buford and Olean Coon, as well as, Curtis and Pearline Daughtry McGhee. My great grandparents are Chief Calvin and Joyce McGhee; and Jack and Nora Bell Daughtry.

I have been married to my wife, Debra Rolin Coon, for 26 years. We have four children: Kaweta Jack Coon, a Tribal Police Officer with the Poarch Band of Creeks; Cedo Calvin Coon, employed with Slaughter Construction; Noah John Coon, a student at the University of Alabama majoring in Political Science; and Emerie Grace Coon, a



junior at Atmore Christian School. We also have six grandchildren; Jordan, Jonah, Josiah, Easton, Isaiah, and Sophia.

I have been employed with our tribe for 11 years. I currently work in mid-level management at Muskogee Technology.

I would greatly appreciate the opportunity to work for you the General Council; there is so much we can accomplish together for the future of our children and grandchildren.

I thank each and every Tribal Member for your vote and support.

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## RODNEY EXUM

I, Rodney Exum, do hereby declare my candidacy for the At-Large seat with the Poarch Creek Indians Tribal Council.

I am the son of Helen Hallman and the late Don Exum. I am the grandson of the late Levi McGhee and Treacy Walker McGhee.

I graduated from Cottonwood High School and Riley Business College, Dothan, Alabama. I proudly served our country in the United States Navy, 1982-86, as quartermaster on board the USS Mahan with assignment in the Middle East.

My employment with the Tribe includes positions with Tribal Government, Creek Indian Enterprises and PCI Gaming. I am currently employed by Windcreek Hospitality in Atmore as Executive Host.



I have had the pleasure of calling Poarch my home for the last 28 years. It has been an amazing experience to actually witness the "fruits of labor" that our forefathers struggled and prayed for. We, Poarch Creek Indians, have so much to be thankful for. We have a heritage which is rich in culture, beliefs and a strong will to survive and prosper. Let us always remember where we came from! Our ancestors had a dream for a better life for you and me.

Giving back to the community has been rewarding. I have enjoyed serving on the Recreation Board for six years and working with the youth and Legends softball teams in the annual NAYO and NASA tournaments.

I had the honor of serving you on Tribal Council for three years.

My fellow Tribal members, as you know, there is a lot of work to be done. Your input is most important.

I am confident I have the experience, desire and determination to represent you as your Full-time Tribal Council Representative.

**I appreciate your Vote for  
Rodney Exum  
At-Large Tribal Council  
Saturday, June 4, 2016**

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## ED B. JARMAN, JR.

I, Edward B. Jarman Jr, would like to announce my candidacy seeking election for At-Large Tribal Council member.

My Creek heritage comes from my Grandmother, Willie Lee Colbert. Grandma always told the most fantastic and sometimes scary stories of growing up. My three sisters live in the 5-county area, while I live in South Carolina.

I graduated from University of South Carolina in May of 2015,



thanks to our education program. My degree is in Communications,

which I feel would benefit the Tribal Council.

I want to represent the tribal members who live outside the 5-county area, as well as those inside the area. Living outside the 5-county area has posed many problems. This is why I am running for office.

I appreciate all the effort the current council has made to include us, but I feel like an outsider when I call or show up to meetings. I have met a lot of great people. Our



passionate meetings the last year and a half have been an eye opener. The general council's opinion seems to be easily figured out.

My main focus is to keep the tribe updated. Information is the key to making good decisions. I will have an open door policy, and will be accessible to all.

Thank you for your vote and confidence,

Ed Jarman, Jr  
864-777-0512  
edwardjarman@gmail.com

## GLORIA SELLS KRAFKA

I, Gloria "Sells" Krafka, do hereby declare my candidacy for an At Large position in the upcoming Poarch Band of Creek Indians Tribal Council Election.

I am a mother, career business woman, grandmother, fighter, sister, cousin, Christian and a leader. I hold a degree in common sense and a lifetime of experience in overcoming obstacles through self determination. I am a passionate individual who understands family values and knows how to listen to the people.

My Creek Heritage comes from my parents, the Late Eugene and Roberta Sells and my grandparents, the Late Will McGhee and Bessie Rolin McGhee.

As a young woman, I taught in the public school system (Head Start) working directly with Indian children with disabilities. The majority of my career included 20 plus years working for the federal



government on various projects all over the United States. As a business woman, I strived to hire tribal members first and I made sure each one under my watch was treated fairly.

I have always been aware of the commitment, my mother and so many others made to this Tribe when seeking our Federal Recognition. I was equally aware we were an impoverished community, but a community filled with a spirit of love and bonding. I can remember the deplorable conditions and challenges; under

performing schools, poor housing and health conditions; limited jobs were the norm for Indian people; those who had too little to eat were outnumbered by those who had plenty. I have also seen the strength of Indian people pull together and overcome all of the injustices they were dealt.

In 1983, I was elected to serve a term on the Tribal Council, with NO salary or benefits. Over the years, our tribe has prospered immensely- I feel we need compassionate tribal members elected to protect and serve our people. Proven talented management and Directors to lead our businesses. I will bring a strong element of compassion and servitude to the Council table. These are the best qualifications for a tribal council member. I do promise to listen to my people and support the decisions of the majority of the tribal members.

I am at a point in my life I know I can make a difference by giving

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the issues affecting our Tribe my undivided attention, by serving you as a full-time tribal council member.

“There is nothing noble in being superior to your fellow man; true nobility is being superior to your former self”- If you believe this to be true, I humbly ask for your support in the 2016 election as a new At-Large Member of the Poarch Creek Tribal Council. Please contact me at 251-253-7041 or email me at gkrafka@yahoo.com.

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## GIA LANGHAM

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

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

I attended the US Air Force Technical College, and received a certification in Information



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

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

Executive Assistant to the Legal Department.

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

I can do all things through Christ which strengthened me.

Philippians 4:13

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# CARRIE MARTIN

I, Carrie Martin, declare my candidacy for the position of Tribal Council at Large. I am the granddaughter of the Late Chief Calvin and Joyce McGhee. My parents are Pearline Daughtry McGhee and the late Curtis McGhee. I am married to Randy Martin; son of A.D. and Willie Lee Martin, both deceased.

I received a scholarship with Indian Health Services in 1985 which enabled me to receive a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing. I am currently pursuing a Master's Degree in Health Administration. During my many years in the nursing profession, I have held many different positions which have included an educator, charge nurse, house supervisor, as well as Assistant Director of Nursing. I am currently employed with the Poarch Health Department as a Community Health Representative.

Over the years I have served on many different types of committees, one of which was our tribal Ethics Board where I held the position of Chairman for five years. Serving on various committees over the years, I have learned:

1. In order to be successful with any issue, concern or task placed in the hands of the committee, the group must work together.

2. Difference of opinions must be placed to the side. Everyone is entitled to their opinion and



should be able to voice their thoughts, but the opinions should never outweigh the reason for the task of the group.

3. Personal agendas are not part of the solution.

4. Respect must be shown to all members of the group in order for them to work effectively together.

5. Negotiation is part of the group. The group members must be willing to listen to others ideas and realize that their solution is not always what is best for the group as a whole.

6. Finally, the committee must realize that they are there for the organization as a whole and that whatever decision that is made; must always be in the best interest of the organization and this can only be done by listening to the people within the organization.

If you are looking to put someone on the Tribal Council who is a yes person, who does not think for themselves, or question

when something does not seem right then I AM NOT YOUR CANDIDATE.

However, if you are looking for someone who is willing to step out on the limb when everyone else is gathered around the trunk of the tree, then I AM YOUR CANDIDATE.

I am willing to work with the other members of the Tribal Council to ensure the best outcome for all tribal members is achieved. I understand the importance of listening to the people and acting on their request.

Thank you for considering me for the position of At Large candidate for the Tribal Council on June 4, 2016.

This image shows a full page of handwriting practice paper. It features multiple sets of horizontal lines designed to guide letter formation. Each set consists of three lines: a solid top line, a dashed middle line, and a solid bottom line. These sets are repeated vertically down the entire page, providing ample space for practicing letter height and placement. The paper is otherwise blank, with no margins or additional markings.

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**SHEILA ROLIN  
ODOM**

I, Sheila Rolin Odom, declare my candidacy for the Tribal Council at large for 2016.

My tribal connections are through the families of Ollie L. Rolin, Levada McGhee Rolin, William Hosey Presley and Rena Heathcock Presley. I am the daughter of the late Jack Dempsey Rolin and Eunice Presley Rolin. I am married to Jackey Odom. We have two sons, Chad and Jeremy "BooBoo". Chad is married to Leslie Stallworth Odom. They have three children; Lea, Myra and Bryant Odom. Jeremy is married to Samantha Caraway Odom. They have one son, Jackson Odom.

I am proud to be a member of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians roll number 1017 and very proud of my Indian heritage. I am a member of Poarch Baptist Church.



I lived in and around the Poarch Community until my family and I purchased a home through the tribal Housing program and moved to Nokomis, Alabama. I have worked with The Poarch Creek Health Department for 28 years. I have served on the National IHS EHR team and RPMS team for the development of the RPMS system for about 10 years. Poarch Creek Health Department has recently transitioned to Electronic Health Records. We have come a

long way from paper to electronic.

Health is my passion; I want to see that all of our tribal members get the best health care that money can buy. I love working with the health department taking care of my tribal members. We need to have employees at the health department that love our patients and also in other departments throughout the Tribe that will work to take care of the tribal member's needs.

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

Thank you in advance for your vote. Please go out and vote for your candidate of your choice. If you have any questions please email me or call me.

Thanks.

Sheila Rolin Odom  
sheila\_odom2000@yahoo.com  
251-321-8893

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# DAVID GEHMAN SECRETARY

Hello, I'm David Gehman asking for your Vote and support to re-elect me as Secretary. It has been a great honor serving tribal members and I am proud of my record of leadership, honesty and integrity. During my years of service, our Tribe has experienced the most incredible growth of any Tribe in America.



Vernie Barnhill Gehman  
My Mother

Our Elders worked hard in years past, with nothing but a dream - envisioning a better quality of life for their families and future generations. We are blessed beyond our Tribal Elders wildest dreams. We all have so much to thank God for every day.

However, our success is not without challenges and anger expressed thru outsiders seeking to undermine the Sovereignty we struggled to obtain. Re-electing an experienced leader as Secretary is important now more than ever. Please Vote to re-elect me based on my record of successfully engaging one-on-one with Federal, State and Local governments - so that I will be able to continue working to secure legislation that will fully protect our Sovereignty.



Ruby McGhee Barnhill  
My Grandmother

Therefore I am stating for the record: Protecting our Tribal Sovereignty and pressing on with the vision cast by our Tribal Elders, has been and will continue to be my full-time focus as I continue to serve you as Secretary of the Tribe. With the help of God and Tribal Members, I pledge to continue to build "A Better Tribe"; a place we can all call home.

**VOTE** DAVID GEHMAN SECRETARY

Email: [flyguy@frontiernet.net](mailto:flyguy@frontiernet.net)

"I BELIEVE" JOHN 3:16





# May (Kē-Hvse) 2016

## **SMART Recovery**

Every Monday night @ 6:00 pm  
Tribal Court Lobby

## **Parenting Skills**

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

## **Summer Camp Reimbursement Program**

Ongoing through October 31, 2016

## **Summer Swim Team Registration**

Ongoing through May 13, 2016

## **Adult Softball League Registration**

Ongoing through May 20, 2016

## **Summer LIEAP**

Ongoing through July 29, 2016

## **May 2, 2016**

HIV Testing begins in Clinic

## **May 2-3, 2016**

Monday & Tuesday,  
Museum gift shop closed for monthly inventory

## **Tuesday, May 3, 2016**

Public Hearing  
Proposed Constitutional Amendment  
5:30 pm Wellness Center/Gym

## **Tuesday, May 3, 2016**

Drug Court Banquet  
6:00 pm Wind Creek Ballroom

## **Thursday, May 5, 2016**

**5:00 pm (CST)**

**Deadline to submit information for publication in June 2016 issue of Poarch Creek News**

## **Thursday, May 5, 2016**

Childhood Early Literacy Fun Day  
9:30 am - 11:30 am  
Building 500 Auditorium

## **Friday, May 6, 2016**

Employee Appreciation Day  
Tribal Offices will close at 11:30 am

## **Tuesday, May 10, 2016**

Town Hall Meeting  
To address Tribal Health Insurance Exchange Transition  
6:00 pm Building 500 Auditorium

## **Elders Annual Trip**

Registration  
May 31, 2016 - June 4, 2016

## **Tribal Council Meetings**

Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>  
Building 500 Auditorium 4:00 pm

## **Tribal Court Sessions**

Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>  
Tribal Courtroom 9:00 am

## **Tribal Regulatory Commission Meetings**

Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>  
Building 500 Auditorium 9:00 am

## **Tribal Grievance Board**

Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>  
Building 500 Auditorium 1:00 pm

## **Calvin McGhee Cultural Advisory Committee**

Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup> 4:00 pm  
Cultural Building on Hwy 21

## **Education Advisory Committee**

Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup> 3:00 pm  
Family Services Conference Room  
Buford L. Rolin Health Clinic

## **Utility Authority Board Meeting**

Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup> 1:00 pm  
Utilities Office

## **4H Club**

Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Education Department 6:00 pm

## **TRIBAL ELECTION DATES & DEADLINES**

### **Thursday, May 5, 2016**

Last day to submit Letter of Candidacy for 2016 Tribal Elections. Will be a Write-In candidate, name will not appear on the ballot. Bio will not be published in the newsletter.

### **Tuesday, May 24, 2016 5:00 pm**

Last day for Election Board to receive Request for Absentee Ballot.

### **Monday, May 23 -28, 2016**

Walk-in Voting  
9:00 am - 6:00 pm  
Community Resources Building  
Old SAIL Center)

### **Tuesday, May 31, 2016 -June 2, 2016**

Walk-in Voting  
9:00 am - 6:00 pm  
Community Resources Building  
(Old SAIL Center)

### **Friday, June 3, 2016**

- Last day for Election Board to receive Absentee Ballot 5:00 pm
- Walk-In Voting ends at 6:00 pm

### **Saturday, June 4, 2016**

Tribal Election Day  
Polls open 8:00 am - 7:00 pm  
Community Resource Building  
(Old SAIL Center)  
Winners will be announced at Pow Wow Grounds.

### **Saturday, June 4, 2016**

Calvin McGhee Memorial  
Grave Side Service  
10:00 am @ New Home Cemetery  
Memorial Festival  
Pow Wow Grounds  
11:00 am - 8:00 pm

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