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# A Moment With The Tribal Chair

September 2016

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The new school year is back in full swing and with it comes the hustle and bustle of homework, football, cheerleading, band, and all sorts of school related activities. While I know all of our students enjoyed their summer break, I am excited for each of them to lunge full force into this school year with a zeal for learning. Knowledge is empowering and it's something that no one can ever take away from you.

While many of our students may not enjoy or look forward to school, I encourage them to broaden their perspective and reflect on our history as a tribe. In our fight for federal recognition, opportunities for an equal education were addressed and fought for as well. There was a time when members of our tribe were not allowed to attend the public high school

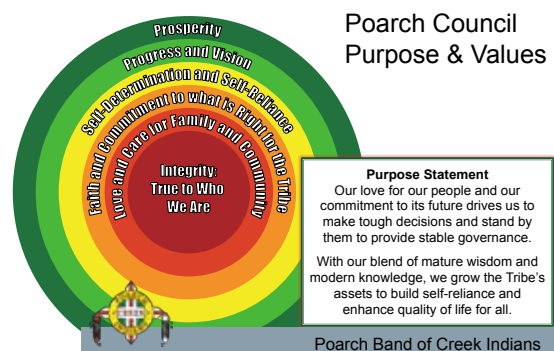
and were limited in their pursuit of a quality education due to discrimination. They knew these obstacles in obtaining a quality education could ultimately hinder them from succeeding in whatever endeavor they chose to pursue. So, they fought persistently and with an unwavering spirit so that their children could have the educational opportunities that were not afforded to them.

Today, our students are fortunate to have access to educational opportunities many of our elders could only dream of. I do realize that school is not easy for everyone, but I'm excited for what the new school year holds for our students and look forward to seeing the progress they make. Remember, the children are our future. Take the time to help, encourage, and



mentor them as they continue their educational journeys.

On August 6, 2016, Tribal Members exercised their right to vote in a critical election for our Tribal Council Secretary as well as the Constitutional Amendment regarding Tribal Membership criteria. I thank everyone who took the time to cast their vote. I believe in the power of democracy and respect the voice of the people. I look forward to working with newly elected Secretary Charlotte McGhee Meckel and thank former Secretary David Gehman for his many years of service with the Poarch Band of Creek Indians.





In regards to the ratification amendment, I clearly voiced my stance on this issue. However, the people have spoken, and I sincerely respect the wishes of the people. As such, I am really looking forward to Tribal Council having the opportunity to focus on other pertinent issues affecting the Tribe. An immense amount of time has been dedicated to the complex enrollment issues, and I am hopeful that Tribal Council can now collectively come together and spend valuable time planning for the future of the Tribe, its sustainability, and uniting in love and harmony once again.

In closing, I humbly ask that everyone continue to pray for Tribal leadership and our Nation as we enter into an election season for our President of the United States.

I am sending much love and prayers to all Tribal Members and their families. May God continue to bless all of you with good health and prosperity.

In love,

Stephanie A. Bryan  
Tribal Chair/CEO

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## APPROVED RESOLUTIONS NOW POSTED IN TMOP

Approved Tribal Council Minutes are posted in the Tribal Member Only Portal (TMOP) which is accessible to Tribal Members only using their established username and password. Beginning with the January 7, 2016 Tribal Council meeting, Resolutions and Public Comments are posted as they are approved.

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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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# Congressional Update

## September, 2016

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### Keeping Up With the US Navy

I recently had the opportunity to travel with the U.S. Navy to observe the Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) naval training exercise in the Pacific Ocean. RIMPAC is the largest naval exercise in the world and involves navies from nations all around the Pacific Ocean.

This year saw the largest cohort of nations participating with 25 navies taking part and six others observing. There were approximately 45 surface ships, 5 submarines, 200 aircraft, and 45,000 personnel.

The highlight of RIMPAC for me was getting to visit the USS Coronado, a Mobile-built Littoral Combat Ship (LCS). RIMPAC served as the “coming out party” of sorts for the Austal USA ship, and it is safe to say that everyone was impressed.

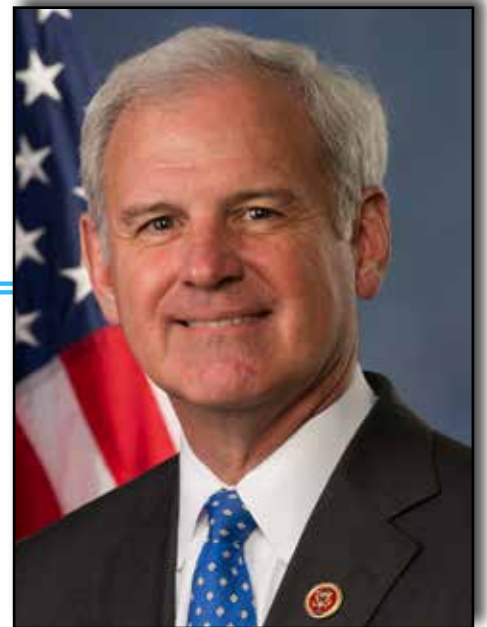
From the Chief of Naval Operations to the Commander of the Pacific Fleet to the

Commander of the USS Coronado, everyone I talked to raved about the LCS’s performance. It gave me such pride to know the ship was built by the hardworking people of Alabama.

While on the Coronado, I had the opportunity to drive the ship. As someone who grew up driving boats on Mobile Bay, it was really something to drive such a large vessel. Most impressive, the LCS can get up to around 38 knots, or 42 miles per hour, and it can turn on a dime.

In addition to visiting the LCS, our group also paid a visit to the USS John C. Stennis, an aircraft carrier. There is nothing quite like landing and shooting off an aircraft carrier.

While on the ship, I was able to eat lunch with some service members from Alabama. I was excited to meet Deshundra Taite from Monroeville. Seeing people from Southwest Alabama



reminded me just how small the world really is.

I asked the sailors I met if they had anything I needed to know. One of them made a pretty powerful statement. She said to remind the American people how hard it is for our service members to be away from their families for so long. It was a powerful reminder about service and sacrifice.

I returned back to my home on Mobile Bay exhausted but all the more impressed by the quality of technology and individuals who make up the Navy. As I laid down that night, I was able to sleep soundly knowing the U.S. Navy patrols the world's seas assuring our freedom and safety.

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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*



## 2017 CHANGES TO NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION DEADLINES

Beginning with the **January 2017** issue of the Poarch Creek News, the deadline to submit information for publication in the newsletter will be the **first business day of each month**. Please remember that the newsletter is generated one month in advance of the month of publication and is mailed on or about the 27<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to the month of publication.

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February 2017 <i>January 27, 2017</i>	Tuesday January 3, 2017	August 2017 <i>July 27, 2017</i>	Monday July 3, 2017
March 2017 <i>February 27, 2017</i>	Wednesday February 1, 2017	September 2017 <i>August 28, 2017</i>	Tuesday August 1, 2017
April 2017 <i>March 27, 2017</i>	Wednesday March 1, 2017	October 2017 <i>September 27, 2017</i>	Friday September 1, 2017
May 2017 <i>April 27, 2017</i>	Monday April 3, 2017	November 2017 <i>October 27, 2017</i>	Monday October 2, 2017
June 2017 <i>May 29, 2017</i>	Monday May 1, 2017	December 2017 <i>November 27, 2017</i>	Wednesday November 1, 2017

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In an effort to lower publication costs of the newsletter, Tribal Members now have the option to select their preferred method of receiving the newsletter.

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## LIVE STREAM ON TRIBAL SOCIAL MEDIA

The Government Relations staff now has the capability to live stream events directly to the Tribe's official Facebook page, [facebook.com/PoarchBandofCreekIndians](https://www.facebook.com/PoarchBandofCreekIndians).

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Amanda Stephens, Brewton, AL

# Into the wild blue yonder of aerospace

By Jen Peake  
 CIEDA Marketing  
 Specialist

After take off comes the landing. But for Muskogee Technology (MT), the company continues to fly high with business. In July, representatives from MT, Creek Indian Enterprises Development Authority (CIEDA) and the Poarch Band of Creek Indians traveled to London to attend the Farnborough International Airshow.

The airshow is a chance for companies, such as Muskogee Technology, to meet with industry leaders, establish new business relationships and strengthen existing ones. Visitors to this year's airshow were provided opportunities to learn more about the future of aviation, source new suppliers, evaluate competitors, experience live demonstrations and discover upcoming innovations.

This year, the airshow saw huge deals come together and closed out with \$123.9 billion in orders. That exceeded the organizer's expectations.

"It is a tremendous blessing for us to be able to attend this event and others like it," CIEDA President/CEO James T. Martin said. "Building relationships that will last is crucial to not only our business but the aerospace and defense industries as a whole."

## What we accomplished

PCI representatives met with other Alabama delegation representatives at the Alabama trade show booth and visited a handful of booths from other states, as

well as numerous aerospace companies that had booths on display.

CIEDA Director of Marketing Mal McGhee was invited by SES, an Aerospace company from Huntsville, to sit in on a meeting with Gov. Robert Bentley and a general of the Kuwaiti Air Force. He also met with Honeycomb Aircraft Repair Center's top representatives Ken Arnold, Steve Walker and Bill Bryson and with GKN Aerospace's Daniele Cagnatel.

**Perhaps some of the biggest discussions came from PCI reps meeting with Airbus and Thales Group officials.** Airbus scored big at Farnborough again this year and with a facility now in Mobile, this could pave the way for Muskogee Technology to gain some extra business as well.

"In talking with Gene Young, who is Airbus' senior director of governmental programs, we could be in a position to do supply chain management with them," McGhee said. "We want to capitalize on new opportunities quickly." McGhee said partnerships with Airbus were discussed and follow-up meetings were set.

The Thales Group is a French multinational company that designs and builds electrical systems and provides services for the aerospace, defense, transportation and security markets. McGhee said

PCI representatives discussed partnerships and subcontracting work for Muskogee Technology to have with Thales. Business development reps from Thales are scheduled to visit MT in the coming months.

## About the airshow

Farnborough saw 98 military delegations attending from 66 countries and 29 commercial and civil delegations attending from 22 countries. Alabama, in general, had a strong showing of delegates, with 120 who attended the airshow. Farnborough officials said 73,000 visitors were present this year.

The Meet-the-Buyer program encountered 1,680 meetings between 40 buyers and 200 suppliers during the three-day event. This allowed companies of all sizes to form new business relationships with international companies.

Although the trade show is open to industry officials, the general public can come out and see static displays and flight demonstrations. To open the airshow, the F35 Joint Strike Fighter performed a flyover to the awe of visitors. And on the third day, a Boeing 737 MAX plane performed a zero-gravity vertical takeoff and free-fall stunt, with onlookers gasping in awe at the demonstration.

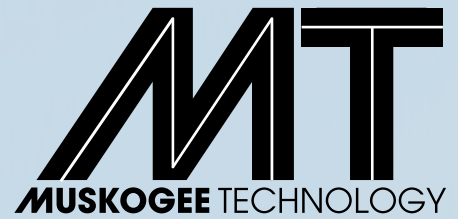
Farnborough takes place every other year, alternating with the Paris Airshow, which MT and PCI reps attended last year.





Supply chain companies, such as MT, represent a large percentage of those who come to meet with aerospace leaders.

Astronaut Tim Peake spoke at the airshow. A group of young people were invited to hear him speak.



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U.S. orders placed at Farnborough 2016

**98**  
military  
delegations  
from  
**66**  
countries  
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— Gov. Robert Bentley



Farnborough website



## CHARLOTTE MCGHEE MECKEL ELECTED TO SERVE AS TRIBAL COUNCIL SECRETARY

*Tribal Chair Stephanie Bryan assists Tribal Judge Joe Brogden as he administers the Oath of Office to newly elected Tribal Council Secretary Charlotte M. Meckel.*

As the Election Board prepared to announce the election results Edie Jackson stated "I think we have had a record breaking turnout for this Special Election!" She was correct. In 2013 there were 894 votes cast in the Runoff Election; in 2014 there were 564 votes cast in the Runoff Election. This year a total of 1,423 General Council Members voted in the Special / Runoff Election held on Saturday, August 6, 2016. Of the 1,423 votes, there were 336 Absentee Ballots, 627 Walk-In Ballots and 460 day of election votes.

On the ballot for August 6<sup>th</sup> was the runoff for the Tribal Council Secretary position and a proposed Constitutional Amendment. With 852 votes, political newcomer Charlotte McGhee Meckel won over long time incumbent Tribal Council Secretary David Gehman.

A total of 834 votes were required to pass the proposed Constitutional Amendment; the proposed amendment passed with a total of 989 votes.

David has served on the Tribal Council for a number of years; we

are sure this is not the last we see of him. We thank David for his service and dedication to the Tribe and wish him the best.

Charlotte was sworn in during the 18<sup>th</sup> Tribal Council Meeting. We extend our congratulations to her and wish her luck in her new capacity as Tribal Council Secretary.

*By Gayle Johnson*



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# SEPTEMBER DECLARED ATTENDANCE AWARENESS MONTH

The Tribal Council approved a proclamation declaring September to be Attendance Awareness Month for the Poarch Creek Tribe. Truancy or lack of attendance, is defined by a child being absent from school and is a primary cause of low academic achievement and a powerful predictor of which students will eventually drop out of school.

As a parent, consider this scenario. You walk into a meeting in progress, which has been going on for 30 minutes. You do not know what is currently being discussed, nor do you know what was reviewed prior to your arrival. You have already missed many of the facts and the reason for the meeting. This is the same situation for a child that misses school. They do not know what was reviewed that day or days before, so they return to the classroom not knowing what information was covered during their absence. A teacher can catch them up on the highlights, but much of the lessons of those days, questions asked and answered by the teacher, will be forever lost.

Research shows us that any absence affects a school aged child and multiple absences have a seriously negative impact on our youth. For children as young as pre-K, absence affects the child's academic future. Information published by the U.S. Department of Education tells us the years of early education are the most important for our youth. Attendance in a quality Pre-school program sets the tone for the child's readiness to enter kindergarten healthy and ready to learn. Children with lower preschool attendance are less ready for kindergarten and those who are absent in both kindergarten and first grade are much less likely to be reading at grade-level by the end of the third grade. Missing school affects how well our children learn and read. This is the foundation for the rest of their education.

## The Role of Parents in School Absence

A child's attendance at school is ultimately the responsibility of the parent. Alabama Code –Section 16-28-12 refers to the law passed in 1928 regarding school attendance and the legal responsibility of the parent, along with the legal consequences of multiple absences. The beginning of the school year will set the tone for your child's success or failure for the rest of the year. Absence is the primary cause of lower academic achievement. There is a direct link between absence and the school dropout rate. Children as young as pre-K, kindergarten and first grade are more likely to fall behind with repeated absences. The Tribe has invested millions of dollars to ensure the educational success of our children.

The community can pull together to solve the problem of repeated absences, with each of us taking responsibility for the part we can play in bringing our children into adulthood successfully. As a parent, there are steps that can be taken to ensure your child attends school and is ready to learn.

- Make getting to school on time every day a high priority in your family.
- Talk with your children about the importance of school attendance from an early age and the effects of too many absences.
- Set two or three alarms, if necessary, to ensure you and your child are up and ready to get to school on time. Being late for school also puts the child in the position of playing catch up right off the bat.
- If you are experiencing car problems, have a backup plan.
- Lay out clothing and set the breakfast table the night before to prevent a hectic morning.
- Make certain that your child gets enough sleep to start the day well rested. Nine to ten hours of sleep for most school aged children is what is required to be well rested.
- Keep electronic devices locked up for the night, to prevent the temptation of texting or playing electronic games well into the night when the child should be sleeping.
- Make any doctor or dental appointments for after school, whenever possible.
- Develop a good working relationship with your child's teacher. Know how to contact the teacher and when is the best time to reach him/her.
- If your child is struggling with school or does not want to attend regularly, please contact the Education Department. We have multiple resources to help your child. We are here to help.

## Youth Responsibility in Chronic Absenteeism

Youth, especially older youth in Middle and High School, can take some responsibility for their school attendance. The first step is to understand that missing a day of school equals a day of missed opportunity to learn and interact with your peers and teachers. Missing only two days of



school a month places you at risk for falling behind and being considered chronically absent. Education is a priority for the Tribe and the Tribal Council. The Tribe is invested in YOUR education.

As a young adult, there are things that youth can do to avoid some of the pitfalls that create a problem with repeated absences. These include:

- Making school attendance a personal priority for you. Schools recognize those students who make attendance a priority.
- Prepare for the school year by keeping a calendar of deadlines for projects and papers, so that there is not a last minute rush to complete these assignments.
- Lay out your clothes and shoes the night before to prevent a hectic morning, looking for what you are going to wear.
- Go to bed at a reasonable time to ensure that you are well rested. As youth, your bodies are growing and changing at a very rapid rate. You need lots of sleep! Set a bed time of no later than 8:30 or 9:00 for high school youth, earlier for younger youth.
- Use the resources the Education Department offers to help with your school work. Homework Club is a great way to work on projects and papers. We have the supplies, computers and Tutors who can help.
- Attend school every day and talk to your friends about the importance of coming to school every day. When a teacher has to take time to catch up another student, this takes learning time from the entire class.
- Be active in your community to support projects that help avoid other kids missing school.
- If you are a youth who is having problems getting to school, contact the Education Department. We are here to help and will do everything we can to assist with you getting to school on time.

#### Community Help with Attendance

School attendance, or lack of school attendance, is a problem for schools all over the United States. Many of our children have multiple unexcused absences and absences that are keeping them from moving into the next grade level. Children with too many absences suffer with lower reading skills by the Third grade.

Multiple absences can also predict who will drop out of school. Studies show that youth who drop out of school are less likely to find and hold good paying jobs to support themselves and their families are more likely to experiment with drugs and alcohol and are more likely to end up incarcerated. The Tribal Council has recognized the importance of education and the need to address the frequent absences of our Tribal youth. A child who misses just 2 days per month is considered chronically absent.

We as a community can address the problem of school absences by setting a few goals for the 2016-2017 school year. Students, parents, teachers, grandparents, preachers, Tribal Council Members, Tribal Government staff, mentors, and Tribal Police can all work together to increase the number of days of school our kids attend. Here are just a few steps we can take:

- Make school attendance a priority in your house and in the homes of your entire extended family.
- Make High School graduation a goal and a priority for your family members.
- Regularly discuss the importance of school and education with your family.
- Create a safe space to allow your child to discuss any problems they may be having at school or reasons why they do not want to attend school.
- Make a backup plan for emergencies, illness or other challenges come up.
- Reach out for help if you have a student who is struggling with school work or school attendance.
- Monitor attendance and make sure your child is at school every day, on time, and ready to learn.

Our future is in the hands of our Youth. Teaching them well and preparing them for the future is the best way that any of us can ensure the future prosperity of our Tribe, our community, and our nation. If we each recognize and take responsibility for the school attendance of our youth, we are helping to mold and shape a wonderful future.

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

*Nelson Mandela*



## WHAT CAN I DO TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

*By Gayle Johnson*

All lives matter.

It does not matter what color your outside is; we are all the same inside. If we are cut do not we all bleed red? Yes, our nation is in turmoil. We do not need to recap in this article the violence that has spread across our nation, we all know it. All you have to do is turn on the TV or browse the internet and social media. We need to come together and unite.

It is the hope and prayer for unity that motivated Reverend Harold Askew, Tribal Police Officer Billy Bailey, and others to come together and organize the Prayer Walk for Unity held in Atmore, AL on Sunday, July 17, 2016. Citizens of Atmore gathered to show their support for each other, for law enforcement and other first responders, for community, and for family.

A large crowd gathered at Atmore City Hall and walked to Heritage Park. The walk started with a few words from Reverend Askew and a prayer circle, everyone was holding hands. Strangers stood beside each other and held hands in unity; it did not matter if you were black, white, or Indian. The crowd grew during the walk with others joining in all along the route. By the time the crowd reached Heritage Park, it had grown to roughly 200 citizens, united.

Jim Staff, Mayor of Atmore, was emotional as he stepped forth to welcome everyone to the park. "I look out over this crowd and I just cannot get over how we have all come here together in one accord."







Atmore Police Chief Chuck Brooks shared the first sentence of Law Enforcement's Code of Ethics "As a Law Enforcement Officer, it is my fundamental duty to serve mankind. I am most proud," he continues, "of the men and women who wear this badge and serve you on a daily basis. They run to danger, they don't run away. We have Dispatchers that serve, sometimes they have to sit there and hear an officer in trouble but they remain the calm in the storm. It is an honor and privilege to serve you."



Poarch Creek's Public Safety Director Bruce Lee spoke on behalf of the Tribe. He stated that it was an honor for the Tribe to be part of the event. "Support of the community and people like each of you here reminds me, and reminds officers, of why we do this job. We have a calling, but we cannot do it without you."



"Atmore is a good place to live. We don't have any trouble, but it can be better." These words were spoken by Pastor Willie Hawthorne. "I asked myself 'What can I do to make a difference?' We should all ask ourselves this question. It is up to us to make the change, to make things better. Change doesn't come by lip service, it comes from the heart."



After hearing from several pastors, Mayor Staff led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance which was followed by special music from the Atmore Fellowship Mass Choir with a closing prayer by Pastor Bryan Johnson.

What can we, the individual, do to make a difference? Participating in the Unity Walk was our first step, it was a beginning, but let's not make it the ending.



# AN EDUCATION SUCCESS STORY WAY TO GO KAMDEN!

## WAY TO GO KAMDEN MARTIN!

Kamden Martin is our Educational Success Story for this month. Kamden participated in the Education Summer Program.

According to Krista Huber, Kamden's tutor, "Kamden always came to our sessions ready to work and with a great attitude."

Because of how hard Kamden was willing to work, he focused on 55 different categories of math, answering 362 math questions.

Kamden made progress in skills such as Counting and Number Patterns, Addition, Word Problems, Skip Counting, and Even and Odd Numbers.

Krista was very impressed with Kamden's progress and is very proud of him.

Kamden is the son of Josh and Brittany Martin and will be entering the second grade at Huxford Elementary School this fall.

Way to go, Kamden Martin, our successful student!





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*Buford L. Rolin  
E4  
United States Army*

Buford L. Rolin, has served the Poarch Creek Indians as Tribal Chairman, Vice Chairman, Tribal Council Member, and Health Administrator. But, way before that, Buford served in the United States Army.

Buford served in the United States Army from July 12, 1961 to July 12, 1963. During his active duty service he was awarded the Good Conduct Medal. During his military service Buford met and made lifelong friends. Several of those friends made the journey to Poarch to join him at his retirement reception in 2014.

Buford is the son of the late Tracy and Girlie Rolin. He has four sisters, all whom have passed, Leola Manac, Lottie Durst, Bessie O'Barr, and Linda Gail Parker. He has two brothers, William Rolin

of Stapleton, and the late Richard McGhee.

After his service in the military, Buford was employed by Dixie Grading and Paving Company in 1963 as their Office Manager. In 1977 Dixie Grading and Paving was sold to Radcliff Materials; Buford continued his employment with Radcliff Materials for another five years before coming to work for the Tribe.

While working for the Tribe Buford became well known and respected throughout Indian County and across the nation. His hands-on experience with Indian Health issues led to his appointment as Tribal Co-Chair of the National Steering Committee (NSC) for the Reauthorization of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (IHCA) in 1998. He also served as Tribal Co-Chair for the Tribal

## VETERAN'S SALUTE

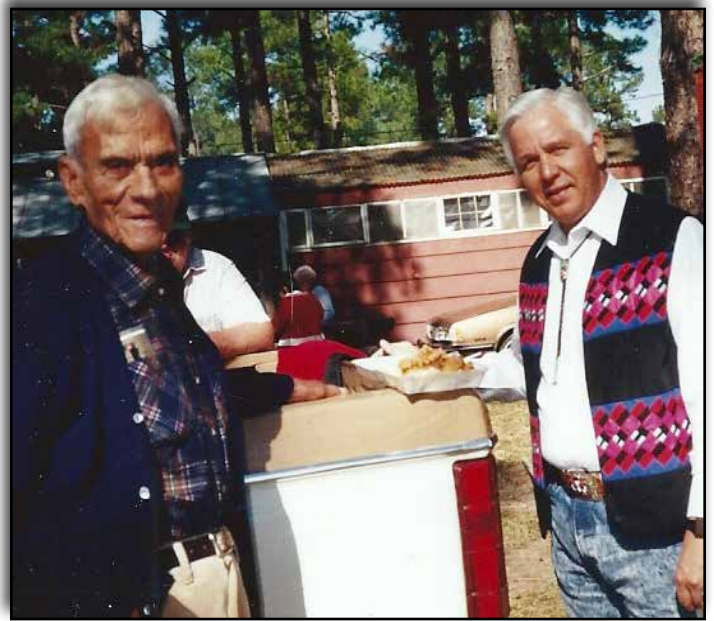
Leaders Diabetes Committee; his outstanding achievements in that area led President Bill Clinton to appoint him to serve on the White House Commission that worked on the Complementary and Alternative Medicine Policy. The National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) recognized his leadership skills and appointed him to serve on the NCAI Tribal Leaders Health Information Technology Task Force. Buford received the Jake Whitecrow Award in 2007 from the National Indian Health Board (NIHB); this award recognizes heroes in Indian County for their phenomenal contributions and achievements toward improving and advancing American Indian and Alaska Native health across the country. Buford has served on



*Buford with his family. Seated left to right is his father Tracy, his mother Girlie, and Buford. Standing left to right is his brother William and sister Linda Gail.*



*Tracy Rolin and family. Standing left to right: Bessie O'Barr, Linda Gail Parker, and Lottie Durst. Standing left to right are Tracy Rolin, Richard McGhee, Buford Rolin, and William Rolin. Not shown are his wife Girlie Rolin and daughter Leola Manac.*



*Tracy and Buford Rolin, father and son; both are legends in their own right.*

the Native American Rights Fund (NARF) Board, and the United South and Eastern Tribes (USET) Board. Just prior to his retirement Buford was awarded the Indian Health Services (IHS) Director's Special Recognition Award for his many years of devotion and service.

When he retired from the Tribal Council and active service to his Tribe, Buford was honored all across Indian Country and at the national level. "For more than three decades Chairman Rolin has

worked tirelessly to build stronger, healthier and more prosperous communities-for his fellow Poarch Band of Creek Indians and for native people across the country" stated the Honorable Nancy Pelosi, US House of Representative from California. "He retires with a towering legacy of leadership and accomplishment, built through the vision, determination and energy that has long defined his many years of service."she continued.

Buford often tells of how Chief

Calvin McGhee called him and asked for his help. "He always called me 'Son'. He called me one day and said 'Son, I need your help.' And of course I went, that was the beginning of my life working for the Tribe."

Buford L. Rolin, 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.



## HONORING OUR VETERANS

You may submit a veteran's information via email to [gjohnson@pci-nsn.gov](mailto:gjohnson@pci-nsn.gov), via hand delivery to the *Poarch Creek News*, or via US Mail to *Poarch Creek News*, 5811 Jack Springs Road, Atmore, AL 36502.

Please be sure to include return address and contact information.



## IDENTIFYING TRIBAL MEMBER SERVICEMEN/WOMEN KILLED IN ACTION

The Alabama Veterans Memorial Park in Birmingham, AL features a Hall of Honor that houses the individual names of over 11,000 Alabamians who lost their lives in the defense of freedom. Their sacrifice will be forever remembered in the etched stone.

The Alabama Veterans Memorial Foundation would like to develop a special memorial for the Poarch Creek Indians veterans who have served and paid the ultimate sacrifice for their Tribe and their Country; they have requested a list of all known Tribal Members who were KIA beginning with WWI.



They feel they may have most, if not all, of the names of service men/women KIA reflected in the Hall of Honor, but they have no way of knowing if they were from Poarch Creek.

Please visit the Hall Of Honor on line at [www.alabamaveterans.org](http://www.alabamaveterans.org) to see if you recognize a Tribal Member who was KIA; if so please let *Poarch Creek News* know by October 1, 2016.

If you know someone who is not listed, please let us know by October 1, 2016 as well so that we can forward this information to the Alabama Veterans Memorial Foundation.

Please feel free to contact us at (251) 368-9136 x 2210 or [gjohnson@pci-nsn.gov](mailto:gjohnson@pci-nsn.gov) if you have any questions or need more information.

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**Burl Barger**  
August 2, 2016

Happy birthday

Buckshot!

From the ones that  
love you!



You are a loving father and a sweet  
love. Hope you have a good year and  
many better ones to follow.

Love you, Cindy.

**Larry McGhee**  
August 2, 2016

Happy birthday!



We love you!

From your family.

**Rebecca Henson**  
August 8, 2016

Happy birthday!



We love you!

From your family.

**Gene Henson**  
August 11, 2016

Happy birthday  
Gene!



We love you.  
From your family.

**Alexis Barnhill**  
August 22, 2016

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



We love you.

From your family and friends.

**Faith-Leigh Grace Wilson**  
August 25, 2016

Happy 1<sup>st</sup> birthday  
to our miracle  
princess!!



We love you very much

Daddy, Momma, and Carson.

**Gary Henson**  
September 3, 2016

Happy birthday  
Gary!



We love you.  
From your family.

**Ben McCurdy**  
September 3, 2016

Happy 80<sup>th</sup>  
birthday Ben!!

We love you!  
You bless our lives!



Being able to attend your first Creek  
Pow-Wow with you and watch you  
devour the roasted corn were special  
blessings.

Bobbie, Laurie, Rick, and all the "grands."

**Kiera Hobbs**  
September 3, 2016

Happy  
birthday!



We love you.

Mom, Alex, Nana, and Papa.

*Happy birthday to all those who are celebrating a birthday this month!*



**Gracelyn Sells**  
September 3, 2016

Happy 2<sup>nd</sup>  
birthday to our  
beautiful girl!



We love you so much!

Love always, Momma, Daddy, Jaelyn,  
Na-Na, Papa, Aunt Canyon, Uncle  
Corey, Uncle Dillon, Uncle Damon,  
and Uncle Brady.

**Amber Alvarez**  
September 4, 2016

Happy  
birthday!



You are one of the two best sisters in  
the world! I love you dearly!

Denise.

**Jeff Findley**  
September 7, 2016

Happy birthday  
Jeff!



Jeff resides in Everett, WA with his  
wife Karen McGhee Findley.

Happy birthday from your Alabama  
family, we love you!

**Jaime McGhee**  
September 7, 2016

Happy  
birthday!



Hope your birthday is as special as you  
are!

Your family loves you very much.

**Deacon Thomas**  
September 8, 2016

Happy 1<sup>st</sup>  
birthday Deacon!  
Love you, Big Chief!



You are growing so fast and we can't  
wait to see what the future holds for  
you!

Daddy, Momma, Major, Ashton, and  
Brantlie.

**Walker Landyn Martin**  
September 8, 2016

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



You are now, and always will be,  
Momma's baby!

Love Momma, Granddaddy, Totonka,  
and family.

**Kamryn Langham**  
September 8, 2016

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



We love you to the moon and back! We  
are so proud of the young lady you are  
growing up to be!

Love, Mom, Dad, and Kylee.

**Emmee Gracyn Hayes**  
September 8, 2016

Happy 5<sup>th</sup> birthday  
Emmee Gracyn!!



What a blessing you are! We love you  
so much!

Mom, Bobo, Aric, Parker, Papa,  
McMaw, Aunt Meg, and family.

**Abby Manac**  
September 9, 2016

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



We love you so much!

Mama, Daddy, and the rest of your  
family.

*Happy birthday to all those who are celebrating a birthday this month!*

**Lexi Ann Hollinger**  
September 11, 2016

Happy  
Sweet 16 baby girl!



You are such a blessing to us. We love you and hope your day is awesome.  
Love, Deddy, Momma, and AJ.

**Harper Rolin**  
September 11, 2016

Happy 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday  
Harper!!



We love you so much!  
Mom, Dad, and the rest of your family.

**Mikenna Hutto**  
September 12, 2016

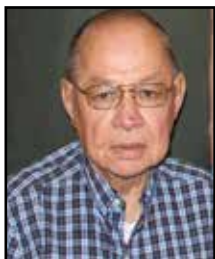
Happy 3<sup>rd</sup>  
birthday!



We love you!  
From your family.

**Carl McGhee, Jr.**  
September 13, 2016

Happy  
birthday!



We love you!  
From your family.

**Cynthia Estes**  
September 13, 2016

Happy  
birthday!



We love you!  
From your family.

**Joshua Logan Milstid**  
September 13, 2016

Happy  
birthday Daddy!



We love you so much!  
Harley Bree and Chelsey.

**Adilyn Jones**  
September 13, 2016

Happy 5<sup>th</sup>  
birthday  
Addie Bug!!



Adilyn is the daughter of Frankie Jones and Jennifer Dellaccio.  
We love you!  
From all your family.

**Tori White**  
September 18, 2016

Happy 14<sup>th</sup>  
birthday!



We love you!  
Dad, Mom, Drake, and Dalton.

**Jessie Henson**  
August 20, 2016

Happy  
birthday!



We love you.  
From your family.

*Happy birthday to all those who are celebrating a birthday this month!*



**Halona Walker**  
September 21, 2016

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



We love you!  
From your family and friends.

**Rosalind Smith**  
September 24, 2016

Happy birthday!



You are one of the two best sisters in the world! I love you dearly.  
Denise.

**Will Ward**  
September 25, 2016

Happy birthday!



I love you very much!  
Holly.

**Brantlie Thomas**  
September 26, 2016

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



We are so proud of the young lady you have become. Officially a teenager!!!  
Love, Daddy, Jen, Ashton, Major, and Deacon.

**Douglas Martin**  
September 26, 2016

Happy birthday!



Still looking good!  
We love you!  
Leasha, Walker, Totonka, and all your family.

**Davis Ellis**  
September 27, 2016

Happy birthday!



We love you!  
From your family.

**Thelma Henson**  
September 30, 2016

Happy 88<sup>th</sup> birthday  
Granny!



We love you very much!  
From your family.



*Happy birthday to all those who are celebrating a birthday this month!*

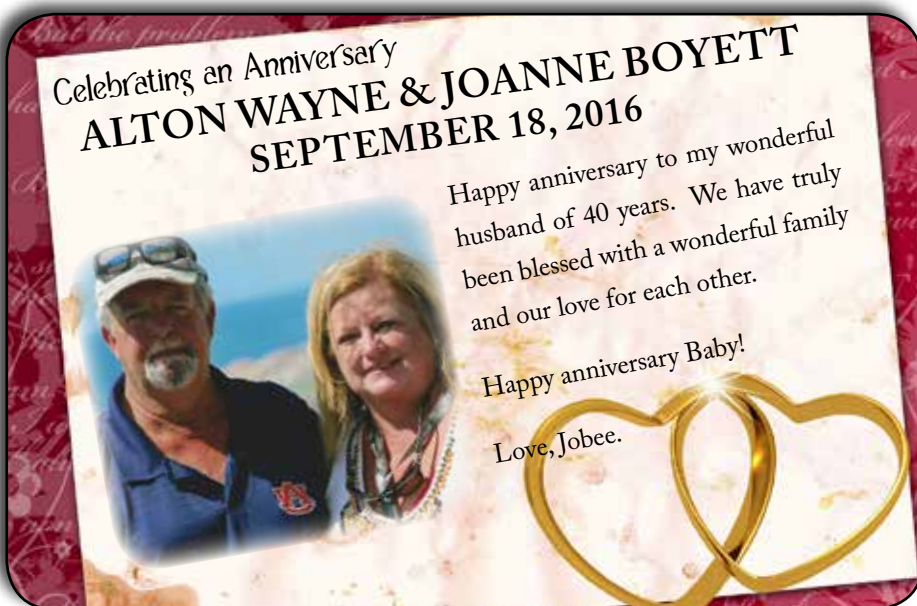
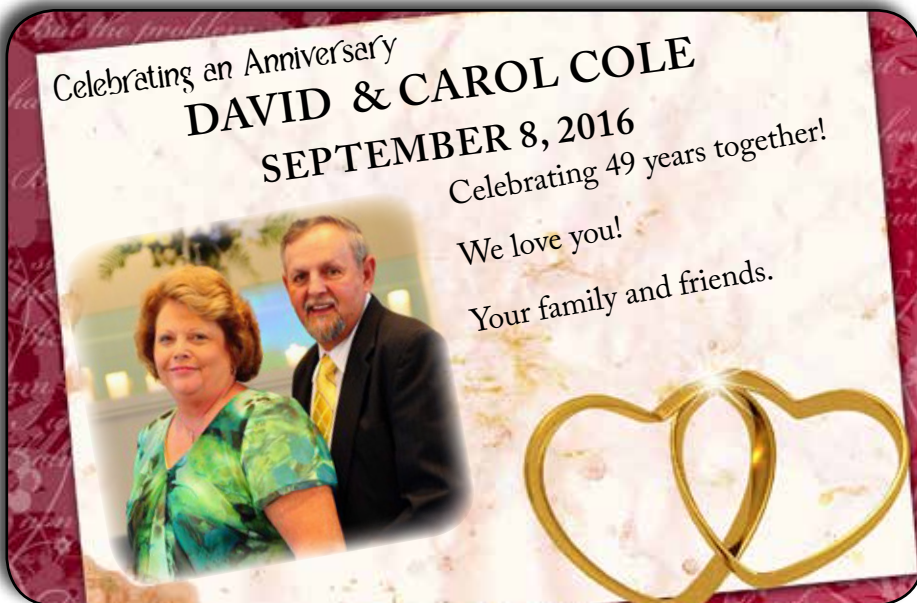


## Remember?

Remember the first flush of love  
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 That makes your marriage so secure.  
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 You found so endearing?  
 They are still there,  
 And new ones create sweet surprises.  
 Remember thinking that this love  
 Would last forever?  
 Your love has strengthened and grown  
 Into eternal affection and admiration.  
 Years from now, you'll look back  
 At this anniversary  
 And realize you love each other  
 More than ever.

Happy Anniversary!

*By Joanna Fuchs poemsource.com*





## 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.

### In Loving Memory of OTHA MARTIN

ON HIS BIRTHDAY: SEPTEMBER 10, 2016

Happy birthday in Heaven, with love... Though we miss you always, each and everyday; it seems to hit us even more today-because it's your birthday. We send wishes to Heaven, carried to you upon a prayer; to the place where you are now, with sweet, tender love and care.

*"Humble And Kind"*

*You know there's a light that glows by  
the front door  
Don't forget the key's under the mat  
Childhood stars shine, always stay  
humble and kind*

*Go to church 'cause your momma says to  
Visit grandpa every chance that you can  
It won't be wasted time  
Always stay humble and kind*

*Hold the door, say please, say thank you  
Don't steal, don't cheat, and don't lie  
I know you got mountains to climb but  
Always stay humble and kind*

*When the dreams you're dreamin' come  
to you  
When the work you put in is realized  
Let yourself feel the pride but  
Always stay humble and kind.*

*Humble And Kind* by Tim McCraw  
Lyrics by Lori McKenna



*Otha Martin  
September 10, 1929 - May 7, 2016  
Sadly Missed By  
Family & Friends*

### In Loving Memory of ERNEST VICKERY

ON HIS BIRTHDAY: SEPTEMBER 26, 2016

It is your first birthday since we lost you.

It doesn't need a special day  
To bring you to our mind;  
For days without a thought of you  
Are very hard to find.

*Ernest Vickery  
September 26, 1952 - June 19, 2016  
Sadly Missed By Family & Friends*







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## HATTIE KNOWLES WINS GRAND PRIZE DURING HAINJE'S FURNITURE FIRECRACKER SALE



Tribal Member Hattie Knowles won the grand prize of Hainje's Furniture's Firecracker Sale!

Hattie won a Catnapper recliner from Hainje's Home Furnishers.

Congratulations Hattie!

*Submitted by Hainje's Furniture*

## 2016 DAVID MCGHEE REUNION

**Saturday October 8, 2016**

**12 Noon - until**

**United Pentecostal Church  
(In the new Fellowship Hall)**

**Bring your favorite foods.**

**If you have any pictures of the older generation  
please bring them for everyone to enjoy.**

**Hope to see you there.**

*Submitted by Debbie Bray*

## WILLIAM HOSEA PRESLEY FAMILY REUNION

**Saturday, September 17, 2016**

**11:00 am - Until**

**Davisville Community Center/Hwy 97**

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

**All extended family is invited.**

**Any questions call:**

**Shirlene Mauldin (850) 291-2658 or**

**Carolyn Dortch (251) 253-5885**

*Submitted by Shirlene Mauldin*

An advertisement for the Mvskoke Language App. It features a hand holding a tablet displaying the app's interface, which includes a photo of two people and a list of items. To the right of the tablet, the text reads: "Mvskoke Language App", "Get it now", "- Apple", "- Android", "- Amazon", and "App stores".

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An advertisement for David Morris Construction. It features a logo with two crosses on the left and a toolbox on the right. The text in the center lists services: "New Construction", "Additions • Remodeling", "Painting • Vinyl Siding", "Locally Owned", "Licensed & Insured", and "Alabama Home Builders License". At the bottom, it provides contact information: "DAVID MORRIS", "Cell: (251) 680-6885", "P.O. Box 287", and "Perdido, AL 36562".

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# COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION

*Karla Martin, Division Director*

**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB**

## **“Shoot For A Cure”**

### **To end Childhood Cancer**

**When:** Thursday, September 29, 2016

**What time:** 4:30 PM-9:00 PM

**Where:** Arrowhead Park Softball Fields Poarch, AL

\*\*There will be a 10 target archery tournament with awards, yummy treats, and awesome items such as a bow, hunting accessories, gifts certificates, and many other items that we will be raffling. There will also be a bounce house for the kids to play in. “Shoot for A Cure” shirts are being sold now by the Boys and Girls Club to help raise money. All proceeds will be donated to St. Jude’s Research Hospital.

\*\*\$5.00 entry fee to compete in the archery tournament

Any questions contact: Blakelee Hendrix 251-359-4442



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## The Cultural Department proudly offers BASIC SEWING CLASSES

4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Cultural Department (Hwy 21 Building)

Classes are free and open to Tribal Members, 1<sup>st</sup> Generation Indian Descent, Tribal Member households & Tribal Employees.

### Session One

Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup>

Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, & 15<sup>th</sup>

### Session Two

Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, & 22<sup>nd</sup>

Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, & 29<sup>th</sup>

Only 8 slots are available for each class.

\*All supplies will be provided\*

## YOU MUST PRE-REGISTER FOR THIS CLASS!

To sign up, or for more information, contact:

Jonathan Martin, Traditional Arts Assistant,

(251) 368-9136, Ext. 2537, or email [jmartin@pci-nns.gov](mailto:jmartin@pci-nns.gov).

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Cultural Department (Hwy 21 Building)

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### Session One

Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, & 6<sup>th</sup>

Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, & 13<sup>th</sup>

### Session Two

Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, & 20<sup>th</sup>

Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, & 27<sup>th</sup>

Only 8 slots are available for each class.

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The Cultural Department invites you to come

## Quilt

We invite all Tribal Members, 1<sup>st</sup> Generation Descendants, Tribal employees, and anyone living in a Tribal Member household to come join us.

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For information contact:

- Margaret Baggett, Traditional Arts Demonstrator 251-368-9136 ext. 2648 / [mbaggett@pci-nns.gov](mailto:mbaggett@pci-nns.gov)
- Jonathan Martin, Traditional Arts Assistant 251-368-9136 ext. 2537 / [jmartin@pci-nns.gov](mailto:jmartin@pci-nns.gov).

# Poarch Creek Indians Tribal Princess Contest Application

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Division: (You must be the appropriate age for your division by November 23, 2016)

☐ Little Miss (Ages 4-7) ☐ Elementary (Ages 8-12) ☐ Junior (Ages 13-16)

☐ Senior (Ages 17-22) ☐ Elder (Age 55 and up)

Signature of Participant

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Orientation Sessions will be on Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup> at the Cultural Office at  
3022 Hwy 21 Atmore, AL 36502 (Across from Dixie Catfish):

2:00pm for Little Miss Division

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

4:00pm for Elder Division

\* Princess Contestants will get participation points for each practice, which starts with the orientation meeting.\*

\*Last Day for all participants to sign up is September 25, 2016 by 5:00 p.m.

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

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

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



# TRIBAL YOUTH COUNCIL Application

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

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

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

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Tribal Member- Roll Number: \_\_\_\_\_

1<sup>st</sup> Generation- Tribal Member Parent's Name and Roll Number: \_\_\_\_\_

School Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Hobbies/Activities/Achievements:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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

Contact phone number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

2 Emergency Contacts:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

I verify that all of the above information and all attachments are correct information.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Youth

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

## CULTURAL DEPARTMENT ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR TRIBAL YOUTH COUNCIL

The Calvin McGhee Cultural Department is taking applications for the 2016-2017 Tribal Youth Council. All Tribal Members and First Generation Indian Descent students in 7th-12th grades this school year can apply.

In order to apply, you need to fill out the attached application.

Please make sure that your application is completely filled out, all questions

are answered to the best of your ability, and all required documents are included.

Please submit your complete application with all attached necessary documents to the Calvin McGhee Cultural Department. Once we have received your application we will review it and notify you when we have made our selection.

In certain cases membership can be granted after the deadline with a completed application and an interview.

If you or your parents have any questions about the application process, please contact Stephen Potts at ext. 2541 or [spotts@pci-nsn.gov](mailto:spotts@pci-nsn.gov) or Jennifer McGhee at 251-368-9136 ext. 2656 or [jcmcghee@pci-nsn.gov](mailto:jcmcghee@pci-nsn.gov).

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### THE FOLLOWING MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH APPLICATION

#### Open-Ended Question Responses

Please answer the following three questions entirely. Make sure to use proper grammar, punctuation etc. Each answer must be typed or written in blue or black ink.

1. Why do you want to be part of the Tribal Youth Council?
2. What activities or ideas would you like to see in the Tribal Youth Council?
3. What are the main issues among Native youth? How would you go about addressing these problems?

#### Two Letters of Reference

A good letter of reference is one that supports your achievements, skills and citizenship experience. The references cannot be from family members, but should be from someone that knows you well. Examples are: a pastor, teacher, coach, or employer.

#### Indian Verification

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

For 1st generation descendants please submit with your application a letter of Indian verification.

#### Report Card

Applicants must submit a copy of their last report card. The purpose of this report card is to show school enrollment. You must be enrolled in school to be a member of the Tribal Youth Council.

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### APPLICANT SELECTION

This is a competitive process. Not all applicants are guaranteed to be selected. Applicants will be selected based on application completeness, tribal membership, open ended question responses, hobbies, activities, achievements, references, and school enrollment.

Note: Please remember to fill out the application entirely. All applications must be turned in to the Calvin McGhee Cultural Department by Friday, September 2nd at 5pm. Membership after this date will be considered based on an interview and a completed application.

You may bring your completed application to the Cultural Department at 3022 Hwy 21 or fax it to (251) 446-1148, email it to [spotts@pci-nsn.gov](mailto:spotts@pci-nsn.gov) or mail it to: Poarch Creek Indians, ATTN: Stephen Potts Cultural Department, 5811 Jack Springs Road , Atmore AL 36502.

For more information, contact Stephen Potts at (251) 368-9136, ext. 2541 or [spotts@pci-nsn.gov](mailto:spotts@pci-nsn.gov).





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# New Program

## Student Support Services Program

(August 1, 2016- June 1, 2017)  
Application will be available August 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Tribal Member Students and First Generation Students in K4-12<sup>th</sup> Grade** are eligible to be receive up to \$700.00 **REIMBURSEMENT** for fees or costs of participation in athletic or other extracurricular activities. Student must be 4 years old by September 1, 2016. Activities must be **school-based and/or Tribal-based**. Including band, cheerleading, ball, etc. and/or fees for labs, driver's education, or other school-based charges which are required for student participation. This includes rental of cap and gown for high school graduation. **All other activities that are community or private will require prior approval.**

We **will not** reimburse for the following: lunches and snacks, field trips, fundraisers, donations, pictures, yearbooks, gifts for school personnel, proms or other formal wear. **We reserve the right to refuse reimbursement for any purchases we deem inappropriate for this program. If in doubt, please call the Education Department prior to making the purchase.**

### **Documents Required**

- ◇ Completed Application (Each activity will require a new application)
- ◇ **Original Receipts** for expenses paid (Fees, Uniform, and Equipment are acceptable items)
- ◇ If applicable and Indian Descent Letter is not on file a letter must be submitted  
(This letter can be obtained by contacting the Tribal Enrollment Office at (251) 368-9136 ext. 2281)

## School Clothing, Supplies & Computer

(July 1, 2016 – September 30, 2016)

- \$300.00 Visa Gift Card per **Tribal Member Student** or **First Generation Student** in K4-12<sup>th</sup> Grade for Clothes & Supplies. Student must be 4 years old by September 1, 2016 to participate in program.
- \$600.00 Computer Reimbursement per Household with a Tribal Member Student or 1<sup>st</sup> Generation Student  
You can only claim the computer reimbursement portion of this program every four years. Computer reimbursements will be electronically transferred into your account in 45 days or less.

### **Documents Required**

- ◇ Completed Application (Each student will need to complete individual applications this year)
- ◇ Proof of School Enrollment (report card, letter from the school, school enrollment papers)
- ◇ If applicable and Indian Descent Letter is not on file a letter must be submitted  
(This letter can be obtained by contacting the Tribal Enrollment Office at (251) 368-9136 ext. 2281)
- ◇ If applying for the computer reimbursement you must also submit the **original** computer receipt & notarized bank form.

Applications and documents can be emailed, mailed, or dropped off at the Education Department.

**Faxed applications will not be accepted.**

If you have any questions please call the Education Department at (251) 368-9136 ext. 2021.

PCI Education Dept., 5811 Jack Springs Rd, Atmore, AL 36502

Email: mweaver@pci-nsn.gov





**Poarch Creek Indians**  
**Student Support Program**  
**VISA GIFT CARD**  
**PreK-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Students**  
**July 1- Sept 30**

Student Information		
Student's Full Name:		
Please indicate child's Tribal Affiliation:	<input type="checkbox"/> Tribal Member Roll #: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> First Generation (Letter must be submitted)
Name of school attending in the upcoming school year:		
Date of Birth:	Age:	Grade Entering:
Did the child participate in the school supply program last year?    YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>		

Guardian Information		
<b><u>Tribal Member</u></b>		Tribal Member
Parent Name:		Parent Roll #:
<b><u>Primary</u></b>		
Custodial Parent:		Date:
Mailing Address:		
City:	State:	Zip Code:
Phone:		Email:
How do you want to receive your reimbursement gift card? <input type="checkbox"/> Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Pick Up		

The Student Services Program objective is to help provide the basic school needs of enrolled Tribal Member children and descendent of Tribal Members from Prekindergarten (4 years old) thru 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Failure to provide supporting documents will result in application being returned. This program operates July 1<sup>st</sup> through September 30<sup>th</sup>. All applications for the new school year must be submitted by the deadline. A \$300.00 visa card will be issued for the purchase of school clothing, school supplies and/or school fees.

The following must be submitted with each application:

- Proof of School Enrollment (last report card, letter from school, etc.)
- Indian Descent Letter if applicable (You don't have to submit a new copy every year)  
This letter can be obtained by contacting the Tribal Enrollment Office at (251) 368-9136 ext. 2281.
- Legal documents stating custody/guardianship of student if applicable

I certify that I am the **primary legal guardian** of the child listed on this application and all information above is true. If any other information comes forward that proves I am not the primary legal guardian of the child I understand that charges may be brought against me and I will have to repay \$300.00 to the Tribe. I understand that this program is a benefit to me and my child and I will not misuse this program.

Signature of Primary Legal Guardian of child listed on application	Date
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**For COMPUTER REIMBURSEMENT you must complete page 1, 2, and the notarized bank form.**

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Completed applications can be submitted to:  
Fax: (251) 368-0809      Email: [mweaver@pci-nsn.gov](mailto:mweaver@pci-nsn.gov)      Address: 5811 Jack Springs Road, Atmore, AL 36502



**Poarch Creek Indians**  
**Student Support Program**  
**COMPUTER REIMBURSEMENT**  
**PreK-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Students**  
**July 1- Sept 30**

Guardian Information			
<b><u>Tribal Member</u></b>		Tribal Member	
Parent Name:		Parent Roll #:	
<b><u>Primary</u></b>		Date:	
Custodial Parent:			
Mailing Address:			
City:		State:	Zip Code:
Phone:		Email:	
Have you received a computer reimbursement in the past 4 years? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO			

Household Student Information	
Please list all children who are in PreK-12 <sup>th</sup> Grade that live in your household:	
1. Name: _____	Date of Birth: _____
2. Name: _____	Date of Birth: _____
3. Name: _____	Date of Birth: _____
4. Name: _____	Date of Birth: _____
5. Name: _____	Date of Birth: _____
6. Name: _____	Date of Birth: _____

The computer reimbursement program objective is to help provide a computer device for every household that has a Tribal Member student or First Generation student from Prekindergarten (4 years old) thru 12<sup>th</sup> grade every 4 years. This program is part of the student support program that operates July 1<sup>st</sup> through September 30<sup>th</sup>. The original computer receipt and notarized bank form must be submitted with the application. Computer reimbursement is up to \$600.00 and will be directly deposited into your banking account within 45 days.

I certify that I am the **primary legal guardian** of the child listed on this application and all information above is true. If any other information comes forward that proves I am not the primary legal guardian of the child I understand that charges may be brought against me and I will have to repay the amount of my computer reimbursement to the Tribe. I understand that this program is a benefit to me and my children and I will not misuse this program.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Primary Legal Guardian of child listed on application

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**For COMPUTER REIMBURSEMENT you must complete page 1, 2, and the notarized bank form and submit the ORIGINAL computer receipt.**

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Completed applications can be submitted to:  
Fax: (251) 368-0809      Email: mweaver@pci-nsn.gov      Address: 5811 Jack Springs Road, Atmore, AL 36502

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Poarch Creek Indians  
Student Support Program  
**COMPUTER REIMBURSEMENT**  
PreK-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Students  
July 1- Sept 30

Tribal Member \_\_\_\_\_ Tribal Roll  
**Parent** Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Account Holder: \_\_\_\_\_

**Direct Deposit Agreement Form**

**Authorization Agreement**

I hereby authorize **Poarch Band of Creek Indians** to initiate automatic deposits to my account at the financial institution named below. I also authorize **Poarch Band of Creek Indians** to make withdrawals from this account in the event that a credit entry is made in error.

Further, I agree not to hold **Poarch Band of Creek Indians** responsible for any delay or loss of funds due to incorrect or incomplete information supplied by me or by my financial institution or due to an error on the part of my financial institution in depositing funds to my account.

This agreement will remain in effect until **Poarch Band of Creek Indians** receives a written notice of cancellation from me or my financial institution, or until I submit a new direct deposit form to the Tribal Member Benefits Department.

**Account Information**

Name of Financial Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Financial Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Routing Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Notarized Signature**

Authorized Signature (Primary): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Signature (Joint): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed before me on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary

My Commission Expires \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE ATTACH VOIDED CHECK!

For **COMPUTER REIMBURSEMENT** you must complete page 1, 2, and the notarized bank form.

**Notarized Bank Form**

## 2016 SUMMER CAMP REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM

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 funds 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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## EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WELCOMES NEW MATH TUTOR

PBCI is pleased to announce Krista Huber, Math Tutor, to our Educational Services. Tribal Members and First Generation are welcome to come and receive help in the following areas, as well as college courses and ACT prep.

- Common Core
- Arithmetic
- Algebra

- Geometry
- Trigonometry
- Precalculus

For more information, contact

Kimberly S. McGhee, Youth Services Coordinator  
Office: (251)368-9136 Ext. 2662  
Fax: (251)368-0809 Cell: (251)359-0147  
Email: [ksmcghee@pci-nsn.gov](mailto:ksmcghee@pci-nsn.gov)

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## IT'S TIME FOR AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING!

AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING

MONDAY - THURSDAY

3:30 PM - 5:30 PM

BEGINNING MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2016



- Do you watch your child struggle in school?
- Would you do whatever it takes to prepare your child for a life of success?
- Do what is best for your child and ENROLL them in After School Tutoring!

ELIGIBLE: TRIBAL MEMBER &  
1ST GENERATION STUDENTS

Application are available on the Tribe's web site, [www.pci-nsn.gov](http://www.pci-nsn.gov), and at the PCI Education Department.

For more information call Kimberly S. McGhee, Youth Services Coordinator, at (251)368-9136 ext. 2662 or [ksmcghee@pci-nsn.gov](mailto:ksmcghee@pci-nsn.gov).



# 2016 Summer Camp Application

May 1, 2016 - Oct. 31, 2016

Applicant Information					
Full Name:			Date of Birth:		
Parent/Guardian Name:					
Address:					
City:		State:	Zip Code:		
Phone:		Email:			
Please indicate your Tribal Affiliation:		Tribal Member Roll #: <input type="checkbox"/>		First Generation (Letter must be submitted) <input type="checkbox"/>	

Education			
Are you currently attending school?	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	Last Grade Completed:
Name of School Attending:			

Camp 1 Information			
Name of Camp:			
Camp Address:			
How will the student get to camp?	Personal Vehicle <input type="checkbox"/>	Commercial Bus <input type="checkbox"/>	Airplane <input type="checkbox"/>
Total Camp Cost: (Must Provide Documents)	Mileage to Camp: (Must Provide Documents)		

Camp 2 Information			
Name of Camp:			
Camp Address:			
How will the student get to camp?	Personal Vehicle <input type="checkbox"/>	Commercial Bus <input type="checkbox"/>	Airplane <input type="checkbox"/>
Total Camp Cost: (Must Provide Documents)	Mileage to Camp: (Must Provide Documents)		

## Information and Signature

Please complete this application entirely and make sure all information is correct. Failure to supply correct and necessary information may result in delays. This program is for reimbursement only. You must provide receipts detailing the cost of each camp. If requesting mileage you must submit proof of mileage from mapquest.com. Please map quest round trip from your home address. You may attend up to two camps per year and request reimbursement within the following limits \$500 for Tribal Members and \$250 for First Generation. **Application should not be submitted for reimbursement until after camp. If application is submitted prior to camp all information will be returned to the address above.**

Parent/Guardian  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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

### Complete Applications consist of:

- ◇ Indian Descent Letter (if applicable)
- ◇ Copy of Report Card (Students who are not enrolled in school are not eligible for this program.)
- ◇ Camp Information (brochure, advertisement, etc.)
- ◇ Receipts and mileage information for reimbursement

Applications can be submitted to the following locations:

Fax: (251) 368-0809 ~ Address: Kim McGhee, 5811 Jack Springs Rd, Atmore, AL 36502 ~ Email: ksmcghee@pci-nsn.gov  
For questions and inquiries call **Kim McGhee** at (251) 368-9136 Ext. 2662



# Attention:

**Tribal Member & 1<sup>st</sup> Generation Indian  
Descent Students in the 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade!**

Are You Ready For

**Close Up  
2017?**

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

**When is Close Up?** During the week of February 4<sup>th</sup> -February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017, selected students in grades 9-12 will attend the “Close Up American Indian Youth Summit”, which will be held in conjunction with USET’S annual Impact Week Meeting.

**How can YOU go to Close Up?** Please go to [www.pci-nsn.gov](http://www.pci-nsn.gov) for more information and a printable application. All applications must be received by the PCI Education department no later than Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016@5:00 p.m.!

All applicants must be 15 years old at time of application to attend!

If you or your parents have any questions about Close Up 2017, contact Christyn Sells @ (251) 368-9136 ext. 2244; [csells@pci-nsn.gov](mailto:csells@pci-nsn.gov)

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The 2017 Close Up application and cover letter has been posted on Education's page of the Tribe's official web site, [www.pci-nsn.gov](http://www.pci-nsn.gov). This information is also available through the Education Department.

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- Participate in Conecuh's extracurricular activities (football, basketball, band, track, baseball, softball, etc.)
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### Homework Club!

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

Tribal Member and 1st Generation Indian Youth in grades K5 -12<sup>th</sup> can get help with school work!

- Who is eligible? Any Tribal student who wishes to receive help with homework, research, projects, etc.
- What services are available? Tutoring, homework help, computer usage, math and reading practice and assistance with school projects, etc.
- Where is the Club held? The Homework Club is held in the children's Library area of the PCI Education Department.
- When is it held? The Homework Club is held every Monday-Thursday throughout the school year.

Any eligible student may attend at any time!

For more information please contact: Kimberly McGhee, Youth Services Coordinator, @ (251)368-9136, ext.2662, [ksmcghee@pci-nsn.gov](mailto:ksmcghee@pci-nsn.gov).

Applications are available in the Education Department and have been posted on the Tribe's web site, [www.pci-nsn.gov](http://www.pci-nsn.gov).





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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

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# Your Health Matters

## GATHER TOGETHER IN HEALTH



My PCI WELLNESS



## INFLAMMATION NATION

BY ASHLEY RICHARDS

Advantage Training Nutritionist

***Most of the time, inflammation is a healthy process. It's a response to injury. For example, if you cut your finger while fixing dinner, the body's inflammatory response sends in a bunch of white blood cells to the cut.***

By the time you can observe physical signs of inflammation – heat, soreness and swelling – the cut is well on its way to healing. Sounds like a foolproof process, right?

Unfortunately, inflammation isn't always so efficient. Like a houseguest who overstays their welcome, inflammation sometimes hangs around too long and causes problems. Here's another consideration: as we

age, our bodies are less able to stop the inflammatory process. A genetic predisposition, high blood pressure or even smoking can also interfere with a healthy inflammation response. When the inflammation switch refuses to turn off, the body operates as if it is always under attack. White blood cells flood the system for weeks, months and even years. This causes joint pain and stiffness and drains the immune system, making it hard for the body to fight off other things such as viruses,

[www.mypciwellness.com](http://www.mypciwellness.com)

# My PCI WELLNESS

***A genetic predisposition, high blood pressure or even smoking can also interfere with a healthy inflammation response. When the inflammation switch refuses to turn off, the body operates as if it is always under attack.***

bacterial infections and cancer cells. Factors normally destroyed by a healthy immune system can now slip under the body's radar.

The good news is that there are some natural and easy ways to assist your body's natural response to inflammation with food. Most foods either rev up inflammation or cool it down. A diet high in trans-fatty acids, carbohydrates, and sugar drives the body to create inflammatory chemicals. But a diet of mostly vegetables, lean meats, whole grains, and omega-3 fatty acids assists the inflammatory process in a healthy way. Here are five basic nutrition tips to help you manage inflammation:

**1. FISH IS YOUR NEW BEST FRIEND:** Fish is loaded with two key omega-3 fatty acids (EPA and DHA). Both are potent anti-inflammatories. Studies show that people who eat fish regularly are less likely to be ill from a heart attack or stroke, or develop Alzheimer's disease. In fact, studies have shown that eating omega-3-rich fish just once a week may lower a person's risk of developing Alzheimer's by up to 60 percent.

**2. CHOOSE HEALTHY FATS:** The body uses fatty acids to make prostaglandins, the main hormones that control inflammation. Choose healthy fats like extra-virgin olive oil, walnuts, avocado and flax. Avoid safflower oil, sunflower oil, corn oil, and all partially hydrogenated oils.

**3. EMBRACE YOUR INNER HERBIVORE:** You already know this but it cannot be over-stated: Fruits and vegetables are jam-packed with antioxidants and other anti-inflammatory compounds. The best sources are brightly colored fruits and vegetables, such as blueberries,

strawberries, bell peppers, and spinach.

**4. CUT BACK ON WHEAT AND DAIRY:** No two foods are bigger triggers than dairy and wheat. For people who suffer from lactose intolerance, celiac disease, or have gluten sensitivity, the stomach treats dairy and wheat products as hostile invaders. Often it only takes a bite of bread or a spoonful of ice cream to kick inflammation into high gear.

**5. SAY NO TO SUGAR:** Sugary foods can also be a problem, especially when eaten between meals, since they cause a surge in blood-sugar levels. To regain balance, the pancreas releases a rush of insulin, which activates inflammation. This biochemical roller coaster is thought to contribute to the onset of type 2 diabetes.

Here is an important point: the trick to adopting these nutritional habits is to focus on what we CAN eat instead of what we can't. Being aware of how we feel when we eat in an anti-inflammatory way will help our minds connect the good feeling with the healthy eating. Try these nutritional tips and see if your aches and pains are reduced as well. Soon enough, making nutritional choices that enhance health won't leave us feeling deprived but more vibrant and energetic.



## SMALL DECISIONS MAKE BIG THINGS HAPPEN

# RECREATION DEPARTMENT

## PCI WARRIORS SWIM TEAMS ENDS SUMMER SEASON IN VICTORY



*Sydney Gregson with her High Point Trophy*



*Kylee Langham and Coach Allen with her High Point Trophy*



*Kamryn Langham and Coach Allen with her High Point Trophy*



*Swim Coach Sarah Allen named 2016 GCAAL Coach of the Year*

It was another banner weekend for the PCI Warriors Swim Team as they recently attended the 2016 Gulf Coast Area Aquatic League (GCAAL) City Meet Championships at the Bodenhammer Recreation Center, on July 15-16, 2016. The Warriors finished their summer season with a banner weekend winning high points awards in the girl's 6 and under, girl's 7 year old, and girl's 9 year old age groups, as well as swimmers who medaled and received ribbons in many other events. "Our swimmers did an amazing job in representing the Poarch Band of Creek Indians," said Poarch Head Coach Sarah Allen.

Sydney Gregson, daughter of Tricia and Michael Gregson, trophied in the 6 and under age group. Sydney is an amazing swimmer and has shown a great deal of potential this summer. She won the overall High Point trophy for her age group and medaled in every event she swam. "Sydney has only been swimming for one summer and it just proves

how much dedication and hard work pays off," Coach Sarah Allen said.

Kylee Langham, daughter of Cade and Gia Langham, trophied in the 7 year old age group division and won the overall High Point trophy for her age group. This is Kylee's second summer competing and her second overall trophy win. She previously won the 6 and under trophy last summer at the 2015 GCAAL City Meet Championships. "She is an amazing swimmer and is getting better each and every day. She has the potential to go far and represent Poarch Creek well," Coach Sarah Allen said.

Kamryn Langham, daughter of Cade and Gia Langham, trophied in the 9 year old age group division and tied for 1st runner up alongside Skylar Grant from Gulf Shores Swim Team. This is Kamryn's second summer competing for the Warriors and has placed both summers. She previously placed 1st runner up last summer in the 8 year old age group

division at the 2015 GCAAL City Meet Championships. "To be only 9 years old, Kamryn has proven to herself that if she works hard anything is possible," Coach Sarah Allen said.

McKenna Pettis, daughter of Carla Hammonds and Roy Pettis, medaled in all five individual events. "McKenna is a hardworking swimmer who has gotten better and better every day since joining the team," said Coach Sarah Allen.

Head Coach Sarah Allen received the 2016 GCAAL Coach of the Year Award due to her dedication and hard working attitude.

The Warriors had many other standout swimmers who medaled or received ribbons including Hannah Johnson, McKenna Pettis, Tiffany Gookin, Alexis Barnhill, Shane Gregson, Natalynn Lee, Krislynn Lee, Mya Pettway, Seth Hammonds, Kamden Martin, Maci McGhee, Meredith McGhee, Kadence Bailey, Aubree Wiggins, and Marlie McGhee.



## PCI WARRIORS BREAK RECORDS

The PCI Warriors Swim Team attended the 2016 JR Championship Meet held at the Brewton YMCA. We had multiple award winners and several swimmers who broke the previous JR Champs time standards and they received medals for these accomplishments. Our swimmers are working very hard to represent Poarch in an amazing way. Please congratulate all of our swimmers.



Kamryn Langham broke three records in the 9 year old division.



Mary-Ashlyn Williams broke three records and placed 1st in two other events in the 8 year old division.



Kylee Langham broke four records and placed 1st in one other event in the 7 year old division.



Mya Pettway broke a record and placed 1st and 2nd in two other events in the 6 and under division.



Sydney Gregson broke two records and placed first in one other event in the 6 and under division.

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*"So many people along the way, whatever it is you aspire to do, will tell you it can't be done. But all it takes is imagination. You dream. You plan. You reach."* Michael Phelps

You will always encounter negative people both in life and in the pool. Anytime you upset the status quo or challenge someone else's idea of what is possible you are going to find resistance and negativity. Perhaps they have limited ambitions of their own. Jealousy. Or you are chasing something they were never able to achieve. Whatever the case, it doesn't really matter what their motivations are. Until provided with concrete, 100% proof that you are incapable of achieving your goal, act as otherwise.

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## 2016 SPORTS BANQUET/ATHLETE OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS

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The Poarch Creek Indians Recreation Department and Staff will be hosting the “2016 Sports Banquet” to be held at the Wind Creek Casino Thursday, October 20, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

In order to attend the Sports Banquet, Eligible Athletes must be:

- Enrolled in High School (9th – 12th Grades) and participated in a sports program at the school he or she attends
- Athletes and coaches who participated in the 2016 NAYO Tournament held in Philadelphia Mississippi 2016
- Tribal Member or 1st Generation to attend

All players and coaches must RSVP to the Recreation Department by close of business October 14, 2016.

Athletes may RSVP by calling (251) 368-9136 ext. 2256 or by emailing [cparker@pci-nsn.gov](mailto:cparker@pci-nsn.gov). If you are unable to reach a staff member at the Recreation Department, please leave a detailed message of the athlete’s information. Information should include name, what sport he/she participates in, and a contact number at which he/she can be reached.

Only the athletes that RSVP by the deadline will be recognized and receive a certificate.

Athletes attending the Sports Banquet may bring two guests. If you RSVP to attend the banquet and you do not attend, you will be required to reimburse the cost of the meal for the athlete and guest.

For more information, please contact Chad Parker or Jake McGhee, Recreation Coordinators (251) 368-9136 ext. 2256 or by email at [cparker@pci-nsn.gov](mailto:cparker@pci-nsn.gov) or [jdmcghee@pci-nsn.gov](mailto:jdmcghee@pci-nsn.gov).

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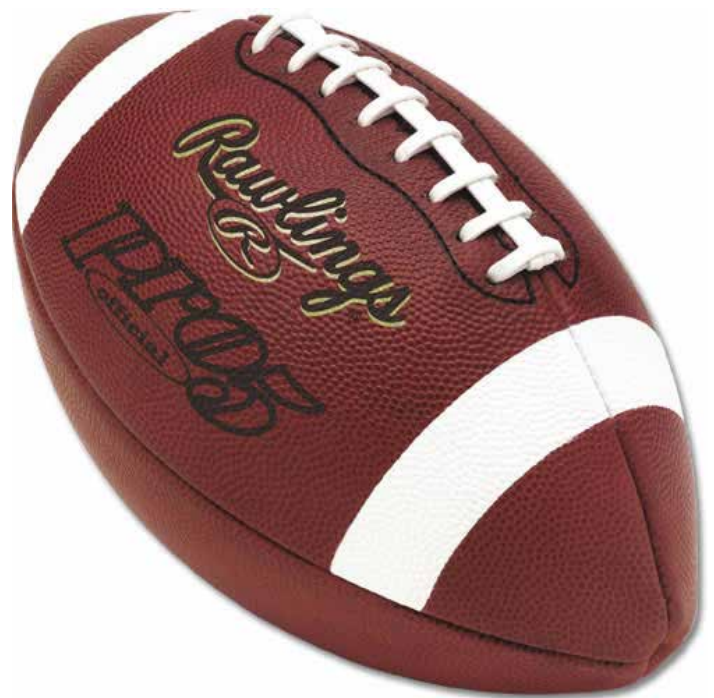
### 2016 “ATHLETE OF THE YEAR” QUALIFICATIONS

- Enrolled in High School (9th-12th Grades) and participated in a sports program at the school he or she attends.
- Previous NAYO Participant
- Must be a Tribal Member or 1st Generation

Athlete of the year applications are available at the Recreation Department (Gym) and online at [www.pci-nsn.gov](http://www.pci-nsn.gov). Applications must be submitted to the Recreation Department Attention: Chad Parker.

Registration deadline for the “Athlete of the Year” is September 3, 2016.

For more information, please contact Chad Parker or Jake McGhee, Recreation Coordinators (251) 368-9136 ext. 2256 or by email at [cparker@pci-nsn.gov](mailto:cparker@pci-nsn.gov) or [jdmcghee@pci-nsn.gov](mailto:jdmcghee@pci-nsn.gov).



Poarch Band of Creek Indians

Recreation Department

**Athlete of the Year Award Application**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(First) (Middle) (Last)

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

Telephone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Please Check: Tribal Member: \_\_\_\_\_ Roll #: \_\_\_\_\_ 1<sup>st</sup> Generation: \_\_\_\_\_

\*If 1<sup>st</sup> Generation Descendant, please list affiliated Tribal Member's Name and Roll Number:

\_\_\_\_\_

What school do you attend? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your current Grade Point Average? \_\_\_\_\_

List all sports/programs in which you have participated in with your School and/or Tribe:

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Write a summary of your past participation in sports and leagues. List all awards, achievements, and accomplishments in which you have succeeded in your involvement of sports and education: (summary may be attached separately)

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Why do you think you would be a good candidate for the PCI Athlete of the Year Award?

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What is your opinion of your success in Sports as well as Education?

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# OFFICE OF ARCHIVES & RECORDS MANAGEMENT

## RECORDS REALLY DO HAVE MEANING: SOCIETY OF AMERICAN ARCHIVISTS TRAINING

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

Our Team at the Office of Archives and Records Management strengthened our knowledge on Oral History through interviews on the spread and containment of Ebola virus in West Africa by attending the Society of American Archivists Conference (SAA) in Atlanta, Georgia August 1-4. Team members Dr. Deidra Suwanee Dees, Ms. Ellen O'Barr, and Ms. Wendy Phillips-Cox experienced the presentation by the Center for Disease Control who recorded the containment of the life-threatening virus in 2014, a measure they said was led by President Barack Obama to prevent a worldwide pandemic.

On August 1, our Team attended President Obama's speech at the Disabled American Veterans Conference in Atlanta where he praised soldiers for their war record of protecting us from harm. Soldiers from all backgrounds, among them Native Americans, "made the sacrifice for us," therefore, the VA should pay the expense for them, the President said, applause reverberating throughout the hall. "This was a once-in-a-lifetime chance for me to see the President," reported Ms. O'Barr, taking numerous pictures for the Archives.

There are standards for Archivists and Records Managers to follow that can be applied to all records including collections on



*Deidra Dees, Ellen O'Barr, and Wendy Phillips-Cox attend Society of American Archivists conference.*

presidential speeches, war records, and pandemics. These standards give repositories consistency in accessibility, preservation, and researchability. When patrons come into our Office, because these standards have been applied to Tribal records, our Team is able to locate records in a timely manner and give visitors copies to take home.

Ms. Phillips-Cox said, "The digitization session showed different ways to store digital records." Our Team witnessed digital formats at Georgia State University Library.

Our Team learned how other repositories are developing their collections despite emotionally charged records such as those related to the Boston Marathon bombing, the 9-11 World Trade Center bombing, and the Kennedy assassination. Ms. O'Barr said, "They showed how the archives came together, step-by-step, to help families in the midst of these tragedies." The records of hot spots under the rubble showed police where the fires were still burning so

that police avoided further loss of life.

Regarding Kennedy, our Team inquired whether a letter from Chief Calvin McGhee might be included in a collection of condolence letters to Ms. Jackie Kennedy; following up on this.

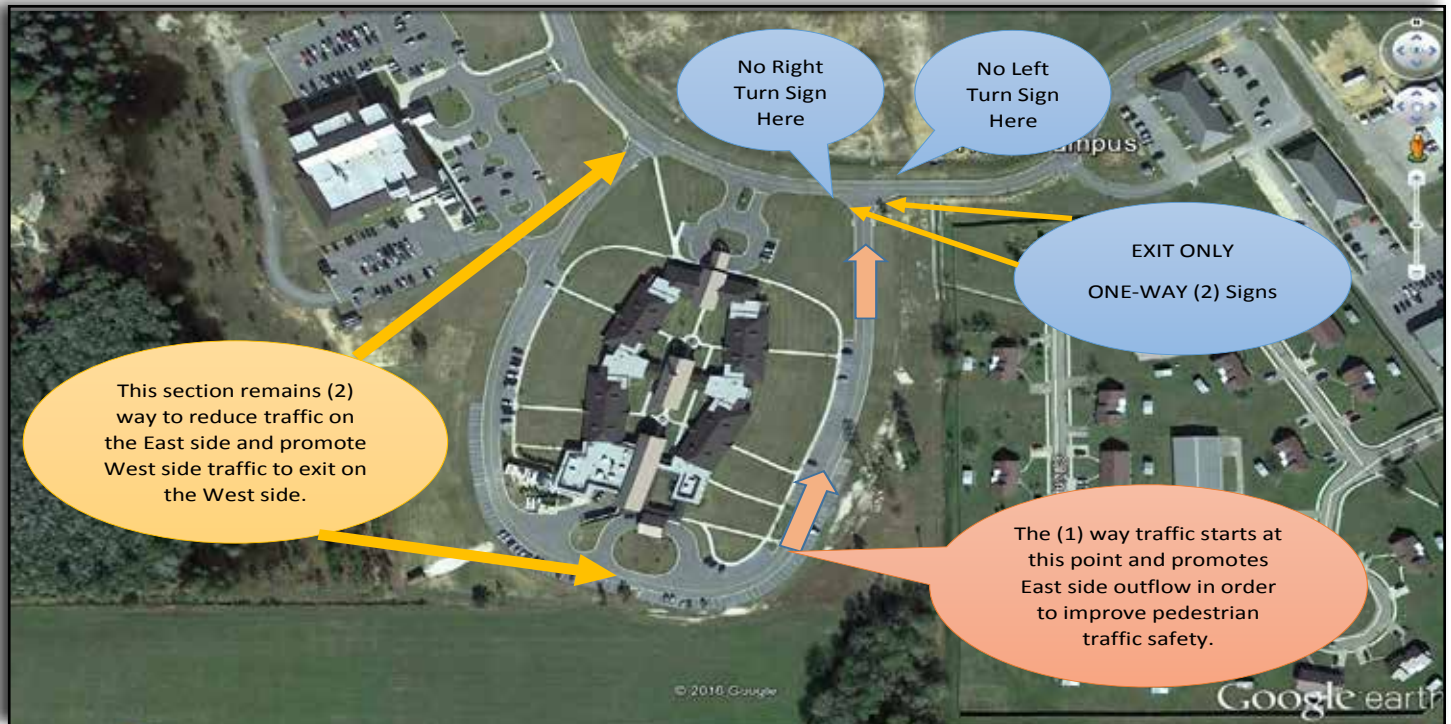
After training, August 3, our Team gave a presentation on Creek history at the United States Environmental Protection Agency, requested by Ms. Terri Crosby-Vega. Showing records really do have meaning, Ms. O'Barr described the triumphant era of the Muscogee Education Movement where her Uncle Jack Daughtry blocked the passage of the school bus which led to equal access to public education for Creek children. Our Team—employing SAA standards for which we received certificates—maintains these records and many others for you to access at 100 Brookwood Road (446-4940).

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# FACILITIES DIVISION

*Westly L. Woodruff, Division Director*

## TRAFFIC FLOW AROUND ALF CHANGES



Hello and good day. We would like to share this map with everyone to better signify the traffic flow around the ALF Facility. Operations has altered the traffic flow for the duration of the MODSPACE Units with the intent to increase pedestrian safety while walking in close proximity to-and-from the relocated Departments. There is a high probability of both auto-to-auto traffic accidents and auto-to-pedestrian accidents with a two-way pattern, so we have altered the traffic pattern to **ONE-WAY** for the duration of the MODSPACE site. We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience in this matter, but the safety of our staff, visitors, and community are most important.

*Westly L. Woodruff, CPP- Division Director*

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## FACILITIES STAFF PARTICIPATES IN BREAKOUT TEAM BUILDING EXERCISES

Breakout Games isn't your average outing or everyday experience—Breakout is for those who would rather solve the mysteries than watch someone else have all the fun. With different rooms that follow unique story lines, you and your friends will have 60 minutes to escape at your adventure of choice by cracking codes, solving puzzles and following clues. Part problem solving, part adrenaline, end-to-end fun. Breakout Games is also a team building exercise for corporate teams, schools, nonprofits, and more.

Team building has a bad rap. These experiences usually come with a white board and cheesy role-playing. But that's not Breakout's version. They offer something more than your average trust fall, where office mates,

classmates and teammates can breakout with a real life adventure where everyone has a part to play. All you need is a willingness to put your heads together and try something new. Breakout will supply the props, a game master, 60 minutes of challenging fun, and after game exercises that extend the experience beyond the room.

The Facilities Division recently participated in a Breakout team building exercise. Needless to say it was way different from any team building exercise they had ever participated in.



Team members: front row left to right are Christy Huskey, Shada Thomas, and Ron Marshall. Back row left to right are Rowdy Boyte, Bert Gantt, and Jason Davis.

*"No one person could solve everything, you had to depend on each other and most importantly pay attention to the little details"* Jason Davis



Team members: left to right Jason Griffey, John Stephens, Amber Alvarez, Linda Weaver, Wes Woodruff, and James Agerton.

*"We had to recognize what tools we had as a team to solve the problem and 'Break Out'"* John Stephens



Team members: left to right are Jeremy Odom, Bunk Peebles, Serena Hollinger, Josh Burkett, Ronnie Huskey, and Gary Gibson.

*"Teamwork means everything... everyone has to work together to complete your goal"* Jeremy "Boo Boo" Odom

"We must all hang together, or assuredly, we shall all hang separately." - Benjamin Franklin

"The future belongs to those who see possibilities before they become obvious." - John Scully



# HEALTH & ELDER SERVICES DIVISION

*Edie Jackson, Division Director*

## HEALTH DEPARTMENT

### HEALTH DEPARTMENT WELCOMES NEW EMPLOYEES



Recently there have been some new employees hired at the Health Department. We would like to welcome from left to right Emily Fretwell, Front Desk Receptionist; Malori McGhee, X-Ray Technologist; Whitney Smedley, Diabetes Receptionist; Tausha Brazzille, Laboratory Phlebotomist; Lisa Rolin, Patient Care Registration; and Terri Davis, LPN, Community Health.

### ATTENTION TRIBAL MEMBERS: LAB AND X-RAY SERVICES AVAILABLE TO YOU

We're striving to improve and give the best quality of healthcare here at the Health Department. We would like for you to remember the services that we offer right here in Poarch, at no additional cost to you.

We have a Laboratory that can perform almost any blood test that can be ordered.

Also, we have a Radiology department that performs X-Rays and Ultrasounds. When you go to specialists and they order bloodwork and/or radiology services that we can offer here at the Health Department, kindly ask them if you can have them done here.

We'll be glad to fax them the results. The time it takes us to get results is fast, and we'll be glad to perform those services. We want your business and are here for you!

Call us at 251-368-8630 if you have questions.

Dr. Jamie McKinley  
Chief Physician/Chief Medical Officer

## HEALTH DEPARTMENT CONTACT NUMBER

The official contact number for the Buford L. Rolin Health Clinic is (251) 368-8630. This number is for Health Department calls only.

The main contact number the Poarch Creek Indians for Tribal offices is (251) 368-9136; all Tribal Government departments/programs can be reached by dialing this number. If you choose not to use the animated system, please dial 0 and you will be connected with Thelma Williamson, Receptionist. Thelma will be happy to assist in connecting you with the appropriate person, department, or program.

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### 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.

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## PLEASE REMEMBER:

Parking spaces marked "RESERVED" outside the Behavioral Health Department at the Tribal Health Clinic are for patients of the Health Department.

Please do not park in these parking spaces if you are not a patient.

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### BARIATRIC SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

Tuesday, September 6, 2016

12:00 Noon

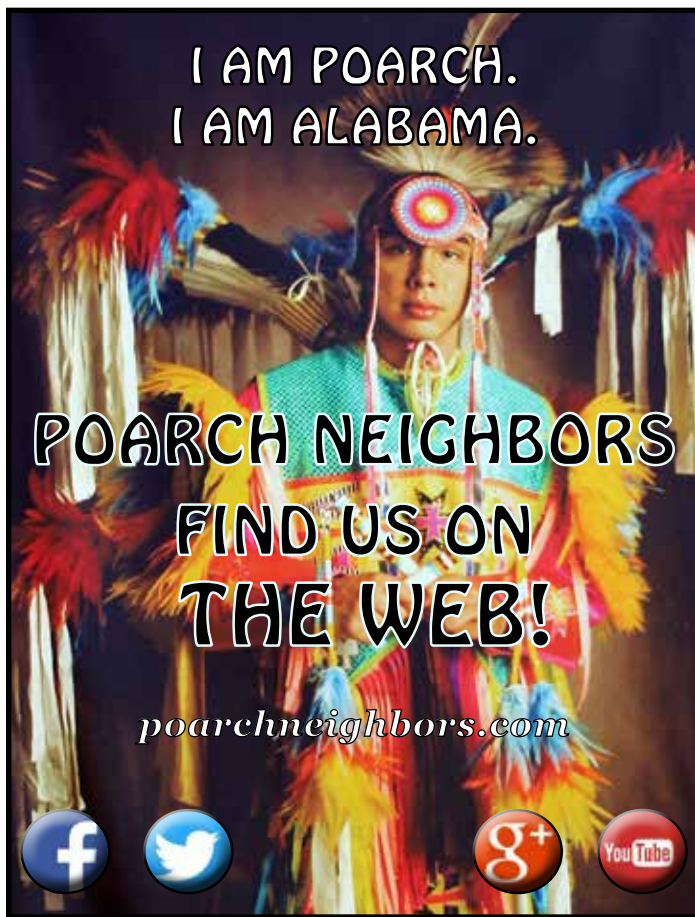
Diabetes Conference Room

Questions?

Call Jill Lee or Jessica Dortch at

(251) 368-9136 x 2371





September is recognized as National Preparedness Month (NPM) which serves as a reminder that we all must take action to prepare, now and throughout the year, for the types of emergencies that could affect us where we live, work, and also where we visit.



## PRIMARY CARE CLINIC INITIATES 24-HOUR ANSWERING SERVICE

The Poarch Band of Creek Indians Primary Care Clinic now has a 24-hour answering service.

We have contracted with Dr. Shane Harigel and Dr. Sheldon Harigel for after-hours phone call services.

This service will be for urgent medical questions only outside of the normal business hours of Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. This service can be reached after hours by calling (251) 368-8630.

Please note that this service is NOT for medication refills, appointment requests, or lab results. Do not call the Answering Service and ask for a staff member to return your call. Those calls/questions should be made during normal business hours.

As always, if you have a potential life threatening emergency, call 911 immediately for emergency services.

We welcome all Tribal Members to utilize our healthcare services, and it is a pleasure to serve your healthcare needs at the Health Department.



James E. "Jamie" McKinley, M.D., M.S.  
Chief Physician/Chief Medical Officer



# PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

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*Bruce Lee, Division Director*

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## TRIBAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT/FIRE DEPT.

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### TURN YOUR ATTENTION TO FIRE PREVENTION

In June 2014, the Alabama Association of Fire Chiefs launched Turn Your Attention to Fire Prevention, a statewide campaign to reduce fire fatalities in Alabama. The goals of our campaign are to promote personal responsibility for fire prevention, change behaviors that cause most unintentional fires and train citizens to avoid serious injury or death if fire occurs.

People living in Alabama have a greater risk of dying in a fire than people in almost any other state. According to the U.S. Fire Administration, Alabama ranks third in the US for deadly fires per capita, following the District of Columbia and Mississippi. As fire chiefs, we asked "Why"? Alabama clearly has high-risk citizens: persons of low economic status, older adults and children. We have older construction, substandard housing and cultural diversity, but



so do states surrounding Alabama in the southeastern United States. Why is our risk so much greater?

Research points to simple human behavior as the cause of almost every home fire in Alabama. Unattended cooking, careless use of tobacco products, improper use of space heaters and extension cords, and unsafe storage of combustibles are leading causes of fires that kill. Our focus is on helping citizens understand common causes of fire

so they will choose to change these behaviors. In addition, we will provide information on the use and maintenance of smoke alarms, and developing and practicing escape plans.

The website, [www.turnyourattention.com](http://www.turnyourattention.com), will provide up-to-date information on trending fire risks, sites for educators and students, and current data on local fire fatalities.

TURN YOUR ATTENTION TO FIRE PREVENTION and join us as we unite fire prevention efforts across Alabama.

TURN YOUR ATTENTION TO FIRE PREVENTION is endorsed by the Alabama Fire Marshal's Office, Alabama Fire Marshal Association, Southeastern Association of Fire Chiefs, and the Fire Chiefs Associations of Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, Tennessee and West Virginia and is sponsored by the Poarch Band of Creek Indians.

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Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time.

Thomas A. Edison

You can't cross the sea merely by standing and staring at the water.

Rabindranath Tagore

The secret of getting ahead is getting started.

Mark Twain

# REGULATORY, GRANTS, & COMPLIANCE DIVISION

*Carolyn White, Division Director*

## TRIBAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE

### OPPORTUNITIES FOR TRIBAL ARTISTS

The Tribal Historic Preservation Office is assisting the Traditional Arts Component of the Cultural Department with the coordination of some opportunities for our Tribal Artists.

The Pensacola Interstate Fair in Pensacola, Florida, is seeking Poarch Creek artisans to both demonstrate and display their art during the Interstate Fair October 20-30, 2016.

The range of hours of potential demonstration/display for October 20-30, would be Mondays through Fridays from 4:00 pm to 10:00 pm, Saturdays from 10:00 am to 10:00 pm, and, Sundays from 11:00 am to 9:00 pm.

Artisans would schedule specific time frames within these time frame choices. Since this is an exhibition only, sales of your artwork during demonstration/display are permitted.

Interested artisans should contact Margaret Baggett, Traditional Arts Demonstrator, by phone at 251-368-9136, ext. 2648, or by email at [mbaggett@pci-nsn.gov](mailto:mbaggett@pci-nsn.gov), or, Jonathan Martin, Traditional Arts Assistant, at 251-368-916, ext. 2537 or by email at [jmartin@pci-nsn.gov](mailto:jmartin@pci-nsn.gov).

### CREEK INDIAN ART SHOW

The deadline for all submissions for the Annual 2016 Poarch Creek Indian Art Show will be at 5:00 pm, Friday, December 4, 2016, with work being submitted to the Cultural Department (old Tribal Council headquarters) on Highway 21.

Final judging and preparation for display will occur December 4-8, 2016, with the public announcement of awards and artists reception at 6:00 pm, on Friday, December 9, 2016.

All participating artists must be certified by the Tribal Historic Preservation Office. If you need certification as a Tribal Artist, contact Candace Fayard within the Regulatory, Grants, and Compliance Division, at 251-368-9136 ext. 2286.

Stay tuned to your next Tribal newsletter for additional information on this exciting opportunity.

Living History, Historical Festivals, and other opportunities to remember:

- September 10, 2016 Okakapassa Native American Festival and Return Walk of Life (Trail of Tears Memorial) in Tuscumbia, Alabama
- October 5-8, 2016 Moundville Native American Festival at Moundville Park
- November 2-5, 2016 Alabama Frontier Days in Wetumpka, Alabama.

*Submitted by Robert Thrower, THPO*



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# TRIBAL REGULATORY OFFICE

## Tribe Receives Grant Award from the Department of Homeland Security

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security recently published award notices for Fiscal Year 2016 Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program awards. The Tribe has been awarded \$830,000 "to help strengthen the Nation against risks associated with potential terrorist attacks." These highly competitive grant funds are to assist federally-recognized Tribes in the implementation of the National Preparedness System by supporting the building, sustainment, and delivery of core capabilities essential to achieving the goal of a secure and resilient Nation.

The five primary Mission areas of the Department of Homeland Security include Prevention, Protection, Mitigation, Response and Disaster Recovery. The Agency updated the National action steps and framework for each Mission area and awarded the Tribe funding for Equipment to be jointly used by Fire, Police and other first responders to maximize interoperable communications and minimize downtime or miscommunication during catastrophic events, such as hurricanes or other natural or man-made disasters.

*The moral values, ethical codes and laws that guide our choices in normal times are, if anything, even more important to help us navigate the confusing and disorienting time of a disaster.* -Sheri Fink

*We cannot stop natural disasters but we can arm ourselves with knowledge: so many lives wouldn't have to be lost if there was enough disaster preparedness.* -Petra Nemcova

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# TRIBAL MEMBER SERVICES DIVISION

Martha Gookin, Division Director

## FAMILY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF TRIBAL MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES.

### FAMILY SERVICES COMMUNITY CHILD CARE PROGRAM UPDATES

#### ATTENTION: PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS IN THE CCDF AND TRIBAL CHILD CARE PROGRAM

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

*Child Care Renewals are DUE by September 16, 2016.*

The Family Services Department will begin taking applications on September 1, 2016 for families who are currently participating in CCDF or in the Tribal Child Care program, or who are families needing assistance with daycare services. The new fiscal year and certification period will begin on October 1, 2016 and end September 30, 2017.

Current participants and new applicants must:

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



time student of an institution of higher education. Child care payment is determined on part-time or full-time status.

- Provide documents to verify all the household income.
- Provide copies of Social Security cards for all household members.
- Provide copies of Tribal I.D. for Tribal Members or Letters of Indian Descent for First Generation Children.
- Provide verification from the daycare or afterschool care provider to confirm that your

child is enrolled in the program and the weekly rate of their program. ***MUST ALSO HAVE A COPY OF THE DAYCARE LICENSE AND W-9 FORM.***

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

***\*\* Renewal must be completed by September 16, 2016 or childcare payments will be terminated as of October 1, 2016.***

# 2016 National Suicide Prevention Week

September 5<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> is National Suicide Prevention Week. Please join PCI Tribal Court in supporting suicide prevention.

**Date: September 7, 2016**

**Time: 11:30 to 1:30**

**Where: Tribal Courtroom Lobby**

PCI Tribal Court would like to welcome you to stop by and gather information and resources about this important topic.

**SNACKS**

**PRIZES**

## **DID YOU KNOW**

- In the United States, approximately 42,700 Americans kill themselves every year. That's 1 suicide every 12.3 minutes
- In the United States, each year twice as many people die by suicide than by homicide.
- Suicide is the 2<sup>nd</sup> leading cause of death among young people ages 15-24, and it is the 10<sup>th</sup> leading cause of death among all persons.
- The suicide rate is higher among the elderly than any other age group.
- Altogether, people who abuse alcohol and drugs attempt suicide nearly 6 times as frequently as people who don't abuse alcohol and drugs.
- Each suicide has devastating effects and on average intimately affects 18 other people; that's over 750,000 lives affected by suicide each year.

### **For more information contact:**

Poarch Creek Indians Tribal Court  
5811 Jack Springs Road  
Atmore, AL 36502  
(251) 368-9136 ext. 2660





# FALL FESTIVAL

## OCTOBER 28, 2016

### 6:00 PM- 8:00 PM

Please come and join us for our Fall Festival located at the ball field behind the Pow Wow grounds.

Everything is FREE!

Open to all Boy & Girls Club members and Tribal Member households.

\* Free Food \* Games \* Prizes \* Cake Walk

Live Entertainment

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Great job to all the employees practicing safety drills to protect employees and members in the event of an emergency!

*Submitted by: Stephanie A. Bryan, Tribal Chair/CEO*

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# HOUSING DEPARTMENT

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POARCH CREEK INDIANS  
3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL HOUSING FAIR  
BUILDING 500 AUDITORIUM  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2016  
5:30 PM

## Programs Available:

Renovation Loan Program  
Senior Emergency Program  
A/C Loan  
TAHO Program  
Rehabilitation Program

## Presenters:

AMERIND Risk (Content Insurance)  
Sears (Government Rates for Tribal Members)  
Home Depot (Demonstrations)  
United Bank (Section 184)  
Belfor (Services they provided)  
Salter's (Services they provide)  
(Presenters are subject to change.)

## Door Prizes and Snacks Provided

If you have any questions please feel free to contact  
Regina Brown at (251) 368-9136 ext. 2254.

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## EMERGENCY REHABILITATION PROGRAM

The Emergency Rehabilitation Program is for elderly and disabled Tribal Members. The program has completed twelve (12) projects in the months of June and July with three (3) being outside of the service area.

These projects consisted of roof repair, heating and cooling, wheelchair ramps and handicap bathrooms.



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## RENTAL HOUSING UPDATE

The Walker Subdivision is located in Pensacola, Florida.

In this subdivision construction is now complete on three (3), three (3) bedroom units, one of which is handicap accessible.

Three (3), two (2) bedroom units have also been completed in this subdivision.

Housing hopes to have begun placing applicants in the new rental units in August.

## TAHO PROGRAM

Matthew Walker of Walnut Hill, Florida moved into his new home in July of this year. Matthew is a new homeowner through the Tribally Assisted Home Ownership (TAHO) Program.

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## NOTICE

The Housing Department will be out of the office on Thursday, September 22, 2016 from 12:00-5:00 for Employee Morale.

All Tribal offices will be closed on Friday, September 23, 2016 to observe American Indian Day.

# TRIBAL MEMBER BENEFITS DEPARTMENT

## 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:

- Must first pay any and all other utility companies that will accept the Utility card
- Rejection letter from the Utility Company
- Detailed Utility Invoice showing service address

- Proof of detailed receipt showing payment (Payments must have been made after April 1, 2015.)

Quarterly Reimbursement Pay-Out Schedule:

Application Received by	Check will be mailed
September 30th	October 30th

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

## NOTICE TO TRIBAL MEMBERS

The Direct Deposit Form currently being used has been updated with a Benefits Card option. This option will be used for the direct deposit of your DBS Health and Utility reimbursements. This form has been included in this issue and has been posted in the Tribal Member Only Portal of the Tribal web site, [www.pci-nsn.gov](http://www.pci-nsn.gov)

If you do not have a Burial Assistance Form on file, please contact the Tribal Member Benefits Department at 251-368-9136 ext. 2209 and one will be mailed to you.

The Tribal Member Benefits office will close at 12:00 noon on Thursday, September 22, 2016. Tribal Offices will be closed Friday, September 23, 2016 in observance

of American Indian Day. Tribal Member Benefits and other Tribal offices will return Monday, September 26, 2016 at 8:00 a.m.

In order for annual Tribal Member distributions and benefits to be processed accurately, Tribal Member Benefits must be informed of any changes you may have to your address, phone number, banking information, and/or other personal information. Numerous newsletters and other Tribal correspondences have been returned by the Post Office marked 'undeliverable as addressed', 'insufficient address', 'unable to forward', etc. Contact Tribal Member Benefits at (251) 368-9136 x 2209 to update your information.

## NOTICE TO TRIBAL MEMBERS WITH MARKETPLACE INSURANCE ONLY

In order to process all of your information correctly and in a timely manner, Tribal Member Benefits **MUST** be given:

- Completed DBS Enrollment form
- Insurance Policy # (*may be found on the insurance card or billing statement*)

- Correct premium amount
- Correct premium due date
- Payment Processing Address must be called to be confirmed by the Tribal Member. (*This address is not always the address on the back of the card*)



**Poarch Band of Creek Indians**  
**Direct Deposit Agreement Form**

Roll #: \_\_\_\_\_

Tribal Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Per-Cap \_\_\_\_\_ Elder \_\_\_\_\_ Benefits Card \_\_\_\_\_

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***Authorization Agreement***

I hereby authorize the Poarch Band of Creek Indians to initiate automatic deposits to my account at the financial institution named below. I also authorize Poarch Band of Creek Indians to make withdrawals from this account in the event that a credit entry is made in error. Further, I agree not to hold Poarch Band of Creek Indians responsible for any delay or loss of funds due to incorrect or incomplete information supplied by me or by my financial institution or due to an error on the part of my financial institution in depositing funds to my account. This agreement will remain in effect until Poarch Band of Creek Indians receives a written notice of cancellation from me or my financial institution, or until I submit a new direct deposit form to the Tribal Member Benefits Department.

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***Account Information***

Name of Financial Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Financial Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Routing Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Money Market Account      \_\_\_\_\_ Checking Account      \_\_\_\_\_ Savings Account

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***Notarized Signature***

Authorized Signature (Primary): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Signature (Joint): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

Notary: \_\_\_\_\_

My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

My Commission Number: \_\_\_\_\_

***Please attach a voided check for payments to checking accounts and return this form to the Tribal Member Benefits Department.***



# All Tribal Member Head of Households Participating in the Tribal Utilities Assistance Program

If you have moved and have NOT recertified your address with Tribal Member Benefits by providing a new utility bill verifying your new address, please do so IMMEDIATELY to avoid your utility card being frozen.

Beginning September 1, 2016 when changing your address, your utility card will be frozen until you provide a current utility bill showing your new “primary” service address.

Contact Tribal Member Benefits at (251) 368-9136 x 2209 for assistance.

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## Change of Address Form

Tribal Roll Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**NEW Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_

**PREVIOUS Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_

*Are there any other Tribal members living with you? Roll#'s* \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you receive:** ☐ Tribe's Benny Medical Health Card

☐ Tribe's BCBS Insurance

☐ Mail Order RX

☐ Tribe's Utility Card\*

**\*Beginning September 1<sup>st</sup>, when changing your address, your utility card will be frozen until you provide a current utility bill showing your "primary" service address.**

**TMB Staff Only:**

**Address changed in: CRM / DBS Benny / BCBS / Rx Program / Utility?**

**Staff initials:** \_\_\_\_\_

Revised May 27, 2015 (aw)

# NON-DIVISIONAL DEPARTMENTS

## HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

### TRIBAL OFFICE CLOSURES

*Monday, September 5, 2016* Government offices, including Boys & Girls Club, gym, and Museum, will be closed in observance of Labor Day.

*Friday, September 23, 2016* Government offices, including Boys & Girls Club, gym, and Museum, will be closed in observance of American Indian Day.

Please remember these closures when planning your visits to the Tribal Complex, Pharmacy, Health Clinic, gym, Museum, or other Tribal Governmental offices.

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## LEGAL DEPARTMENT

The Legal Department would like to provide Tribal Members with an update regarding the “tax assessor litigation.”

As you may recall, the Poarch Band of Creek Indians (“Tribe”) filed a complaint against Escambia County, Alabama Tax Assessor Jim Hildreth in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Alabama on May 26, 2015.

The Tribe’s complaint requested that the court declare that the lands are not within the Escambia County Tax Assessor’s taxing jurisdiction and asked the court to issue a preliminary and permanent injunction to prevent him from taxing the Tribe’s trust property in the future. The Court granted a preliminary injunction in favor of the Tribe on July 22, 2015.

The Tax Assessor appealed the District Court’s preliminary

injunction order to the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals on July 28<sup>th</sup>. The Eleventh Circuit ruled in favor of the Tribe and affirmed the preliminary injunction.

The Tribe is pleased with the Eleventh Circuit’s well-reasoned decision and looks forward to completing this case in the District Court. When the Tax Assessor filed his answer to the Tribe’s complaint in the District Court, he also asserted a counterclaim against the Tribe. In his counterclaim, the Tax Assessor asked the Court to (a) declare the Tribe is not an Indian tribe and not entitled to any of the rights and privileges, (b) declare that any federal trust established for the Tribe’s benefit is void, (c) declare that the lands are not “Indian country”, (d) declare that the Tribe does not have sovereign immunity, and (e) order the Tribe to pay his attorney fees. On or about August 4, 2015, the Tax Assessor amended his answer and counterclaim to

add the Tribal Council in their official capacity, the United States of America, and various federal officials, departments, and agencies as defendants.

Both the Tribal defendants and federal defendants submitted Motions to Dismiss on November 2, 2015. Arguments on the motions to dismiss were heard in the United States District Court on December 22, 2015.

Since this case was filed, Hildreth retired from the office of Escambia County Tax Assessor. The current Escambia County Tax Assessor is Thad Moore, Jr.

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



# TRIBAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY

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It is a very busy time of the year for the PCI Utilities Authority. With the multiple water systems that we own, operate, and/or manage, we continue to perform at a high level in order to ensure that all customers' needs are met.

Since our last monthly update, the PCI Utilities Authority is continuing to install the Neptune Radio Read meters in the rural communities that we serve to replace inefficient outdated meters and backflow prevention devices in those areas. The installation of these meters and backflow prevention devices will furnish our customers with a protective potable water supply and provide us with a more accurate record of the water being distributed. We also continue to replace and install hydrants in the Canoe community as an effort to improve the services in that area. In the upcoming months we will begin installing new water mains in problematic areas as we continue to make improvements to the system. As our Canoe customers continue to experience upgrades to their water system, these improvements will significantly outweigh any brief service interruptions that may be encountered and we ask all customers to be patient with our progress.

The Utilities Authority regularly manages multiple utility projects and some are still on-going. Our Waste Water Treatment Plant UV implementation project is in the design phase to ensure the most effective integration method is met with our existing equipment. The Ultraviolet (UV) approach is a more environmentally friendly method, requiring fewer chemicals for the disinfection of wastewater effluents. In addition to, Utilities is now finalizing the design to and preparing to send bid packages out for the Drinking Water Infrastructure Grant Project that will expand our office space, parking area, testing lab, and provide an easier way for our customers to make payments.

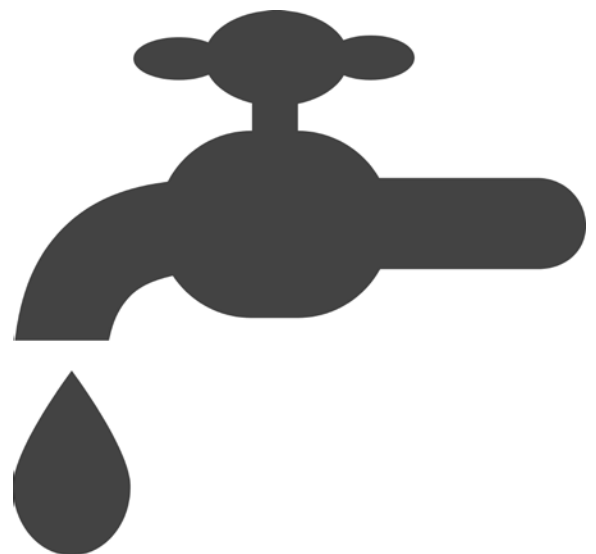
Should you ever have any questions or concerns regarding the Utilities Authority, the services that we provide, or need assistance from us, please feel free to contact our office Monday through Friday from 7a.m. to 4 p.m. at 251-446-1617. We will continue to strive at providing the best services possible as well as improving our systems for reliable utility services.

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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.





# CIEDA

SMALL BUSINESS

## Loan Program

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 an appointment by calling 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).

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

***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.

## ***Lending Guidelines***

***Are you or have you...***

- At least 18 year of age?
- An enrolled member of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians?
- Established a one year period of residency at your current address?
- Have a credit score of at least 650?
- Have had the same job or worked in the area of business in which the loan is being requested for atleast one year?
- Own atleast 51% of the business that the loan is being applied for?
- Providing real value for your stated ownership in the business?
- Receiving a percentage of all profits that are equal to your ownership stake in the business?

***If so, you are a good match for the loan program!***

***Will I have to disclose personal information?***

Yes, personal information, such as tax returns, credit score and a personal financial statement, are required.

***How do the rates compare to banks and financial institutions?***

Often the CIEDA loan program lending rates are more competitive than traditional banks.

***How successful is the CIEDA loan program?***

To date this program has a 95 percent success rate.

*Due to space limitations, Part 2 of the history of Muskogee Technology will run in next month's issue.*

# Up in SMOKE



**C**reek Convenience Store Atmore (CCSA) and Creek Convenience Store Wetumpka (CCSW) both started off as Creek Smoke Shops. Long before the gas and convenience store concept, Creek Indian Enterprises Development Authority operated the two discount tobacco stores, exclusively selling tobacco products.

But like most industries, the economy changed how things were done. And so the move to a full-service convenience store and gas station emerged with the incentive of continuing to sell discount tobacco.

"The majority of our sales still comes from discount tobacco products," Director of Retail Operations Leo Hammons said.

Tobacco in America dates all the way back to the 1500s, perhaps even later. Native Americans first introduced tobacco, and it was the first crop grown for money trading in the country.

Initially tobacco was used for spiritual and medicinal purposes by Indians and was smoked through a pipe; it wasn't until later years that it was rolled into cigarettes for smoking. However, Native Americans did not over use the product; tobacco was not recreational and wasn't smoked every day.

The Poarch Band of Creek Indians have continuously capitalized on this industry and continue to profit from it.

Both CCSA and CCSW carry major national brands of cigarettes and tobacco, but the businesses are looking into stocking Native American brands as well. Typically, these brands are less expensive, and are popular with the general public as well as Native Americans, and many contain no additives. Being additive free

**By Jen Peake  
CIEDA Marketing  
Specialist**

does not make the cigarettes healthier, it just means they are produced naturally without all the extra chemicals used in mainstream tobacco products.

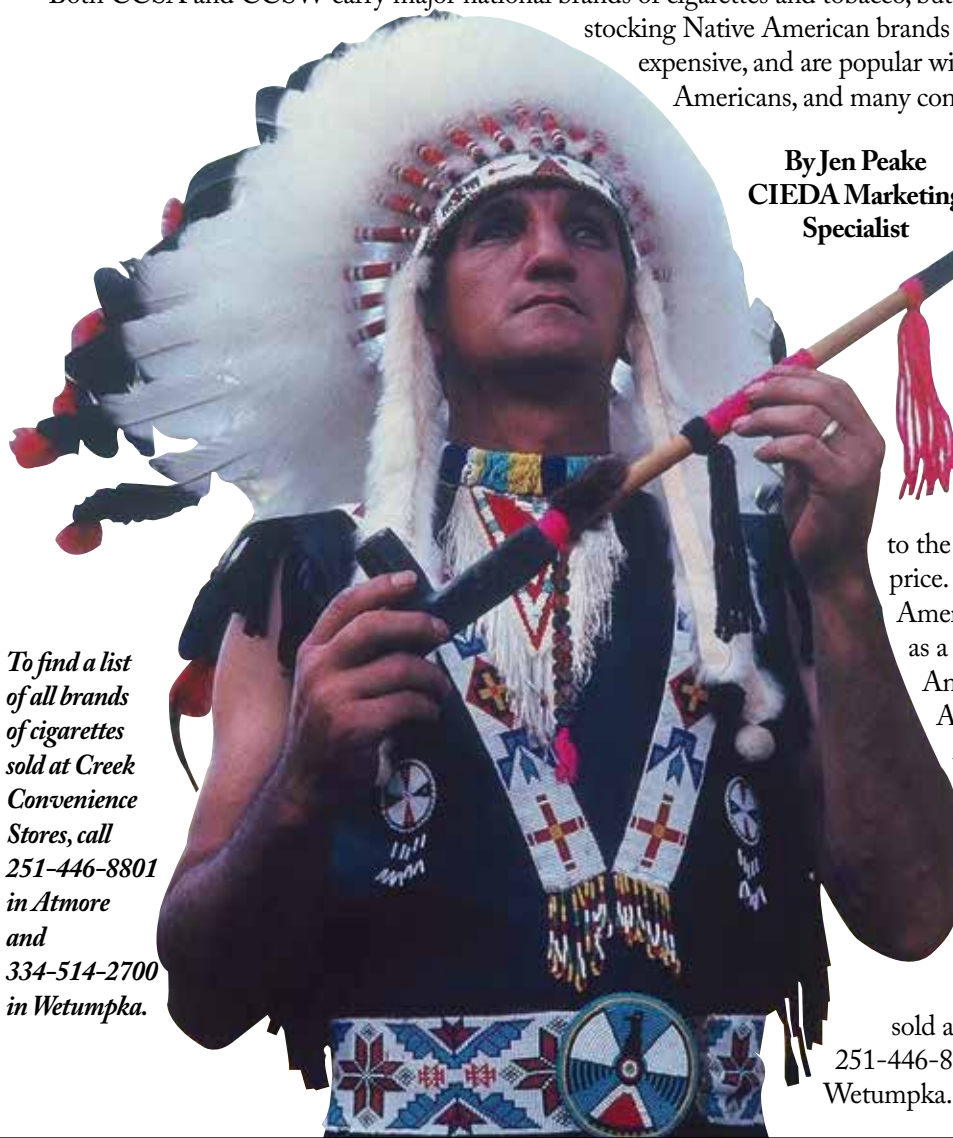
According to online research, Native brand Light cigarettes are the most popular

at smoke shops across the country, being compared as the best alternative to the Marlboro brand in terms of taste and price. Smoking Joes brand is the first Native American-owned brand to be fully licensed as a tobacco manufacturer in America.

And contrary to popular belief, Natural American Spirits brand is not a Native American Indian tobacco product and states on its website it is not affiliated with any tribe. However, its products are "based on our belief in the traditional American Indian usage of tobacco — in moderation and in its natural state."

To find a list of all brands of cigarettes sold at Creek Convenience Stores, call 251-446-8801 in Atmore and 334-514-2700 in Wetumpka.

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FRIED CHICK'N' EGGS

# NEW

## 'Mouth-watering delicious'

Sometimes change is good. And when it comes to trying new foods, you might wish you had explored new options sooner. Well now's your chance.

At Creek Travel Plaza's diner, there are new items on the menu for you to delve into. And not only that, the look of the menu has changed as well.

"We decided to mix it up a bit and refresh the look and feel of our menu," Diner Manager Candy Stuckey said. "We have bigger pictures to showcase some of our best-selling items and to show our guests exactly what they are getting. We also have added new specialty burger options that I think everyone will love. They are mouth-watering delicious!"

Stuckey said the new creations have come from listening to customers and seeing what they order.

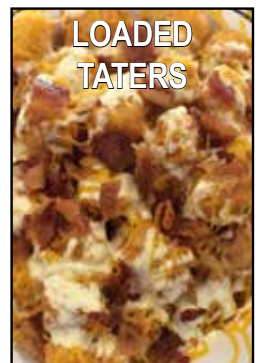
"Some people will add and subtract ingredients from their meals, such as removing tomatoes and onions from burgers but are asking for mushrooms, bacon, extra cheese or even a different sauce. Or when ordering hashbrowns, they might want to add all the toppings we have. That can be costly to customers, so we have created some cool options to make it easier and cost effective for everyone."

New lunch/dinner dishes that have been added include brisket, which can be ordered as an entrée, hearty brisket burger or as a po-boy sandwich; loaded tater tots/fries, which come topped with chili and cheese or with bacon, ranch and cheddar; and the stroganoff burger, which is topped with mushrooms, stroganoff sauce and onions.

On the breakfast side, try out Fried Chick'n' Eggs, which are three eggs scrambled with crispy fried chicken smothered with cheese and wrapped in a tortilla; or some loaded hashbrowns, topped with red and green peppers, mushrooms, onions, sausage, bacon, ham and cheese. And an old favorite was brought back, too: the 18-wheeler, which comes with three eggs, three sausages, three bacon strips and three pancakes.

As far as desserts go, funnel cake is a welcomed addition, and milkshakes and sundaes have been highlighted with photos so patrons can think about what craving they might get after finishing their meal.

"I think our customers will love the new items and the look of the menu," Stuckey said. "This is something that we have been wanting to do for a while, and it's been fun to come up with different items. All of our staples and regulars are still there, along with our daily specials. But don't hesitate to try something new," she said. "It's time to 'step outside the box' as the saying goes. Maybe you will have a new favorite to enjoy."



LOADED TATERS



BRISKET BURGER

By Jen Peake | CIEDA Marketing Specialist

# Budget friendly travel



By Jen Peake | CIEDA Marketing Specialist



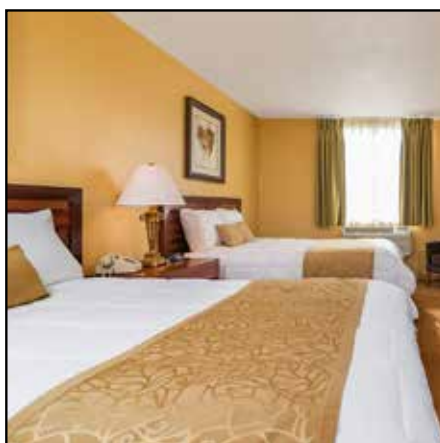
It's vacation time, and you have saved all your days off from work for this one trip. Your friends or family are on board for a getaway and all that's left is booking a hotel room at or near your destination.

However, this year you are on a budget. Let's face it; unexpected expenses have a way of being a downer for a good time. But that doesn't mean you have to stay at home on your vacation. You just need to get creative about how to spend your money wisely and still be able to have an adventure.

## Lodging

One of those ways is to choose a local/independent hotel instead of the national brand chains that are available. Typically, local lodging establishments are less expensive than the well-known places and usually make guests feel like they are locals themselves. Choose one with a great pool so you can relax and cool off during the hot summer months.

Here at Muskogee Inn, we are proud to offer low rates and Southern hospitality. We even give you a free play at the casino, which is just an eighth of a mile down the street. And to top it all off, we offer continental breakfast and a free shuttle to the entertainment center at Wind Creek Atmore. That frees up some room in your budget so you can treat yourself to a spa day or learn to cook an exquisite meal in the cooking studio at Wind Creek.



## Eateries

Speaking of food, one of the best things about traveling and vacations is the chance to try out local restaurants and new entrees. The staff at Muskogee Inn is very helpful and always on top of where guests should go to get the local experience of South Alabama.

Another way to stay within your budget is to not go too far away. Destinations within an hour or two from home are sometimes the most fun. So what makes Atmore, Ala., a vacation destination? Well believe it or not, small towns do have big entertainment. And if you happen to live in an even smaller town, Atmore has great appeal.

## Entertainment

But what's a vacation without a little fun, right? There's no need to spend all your money on one big-ticket activity. Why not spread it out among a few ideas.

Magnolia Branch Wildlife Reserve is one of Atmore's best kept secrets. With a plethora of activities for the whole family, Magnolia Branch will give you the best bang for your buck. Go hiking and experience the beauty of nature. Float leisurely down the creek on an inner tube or row a canoe and kayak through the waterways. There's even a beach to lounge on and soak up the sun, plus much more.

Remember that big entertainment idea? Atmore hosts some of the best concerts in the Southeast during the summer. This year already has seen a sold-out show featuring Rascal Flatts and coming up will be Ceelo Green. In 2015, Lady Antebellum rocked the house, as well as Thompson Square and Earth, Wind and Fire.

Atmore also puts on a few festivals throughout the year, featuring local goods and arts/crafts, such as William Station Day, a street party in October. And don't forget about the Poarch Band of Creek Indians Pow Wow every Thanksgiving. Learn about the Native American culture that thrives here, and enjoy some Indian food and entertainment as well.

So put a few strategies together and plan your adventure. Start by staying with us at Muskogee Inn, and if you need some help figuring out what to do once you get here, we will be glad to point you in the right direction!



# Ways to enjoy the GREAT OUTDOORS

By Jen Peake | CIEDA Marketing Specialist

Blue skies and warm weather entice people to enjoy the great outdoors. For many people, few things are more enjoyable than soaking up some rays and breathing in some fresh air.

Moderate temperatures help make many outdoor activities that much more enjoyable. But even if the weather isn't perfect, individuals can make the best of the situation and still get out of the house.

As the seasons of warm weather return, those itching to get outside can explore these entertaining outdoor activities.

## HIKING

Thousands of miles of hiking trails crisscross North America, but did you know that South Alabama has some of the prettiest terrain tucked deep into the woods?

Here at Magnolia Branch Wildlife Reserve, you can take in the sights in a place you wouldn't have imagined being so beautiful.

Hiking is a great outdoor activity in part because it can be enjoyed by people of any age and just about any fitness level. When hiking, it's best to go in pairs. In the event anything occurs, such as an injury, the other hiker will be able to go for help. Hikers also should alert people at home or at the camp as to their itineraries. Remember to pack a portable snack and plenty of water. And when out in the sun, apply sunscreen and reapply as needed.

## BIKING

Biking is another outdoor activity available at Magnolia Branch. Once you have learned to ride a bicycle, that ability stays with you, whether you ride a bike every day or haven't taken one for a spin in years.

Check that your bike is in good working order or you can even rent one from us.

## HORSEBACK RIDING

Nature takes on an entirely different look when you are atop a horse. It can be a great workout as well as a recreational retreat. It takes balance, strong legs and quick reflexes to stay in a saddle.

Those who like to camp with their horses can take advantage of Magnolia Branch's stables. Just pull your horse trailer up and unload your horse into one of the 10 stalls.

These are just a few of the many outdoor activities people can enjoy at Magnolia Branch. Check out our activities page for more adventurous fun: [www.magnoliabrand.com/page/Activities](http://www.magnoliabrand.com/page/Activities). Scan the QR at right to access the activities page quickly.





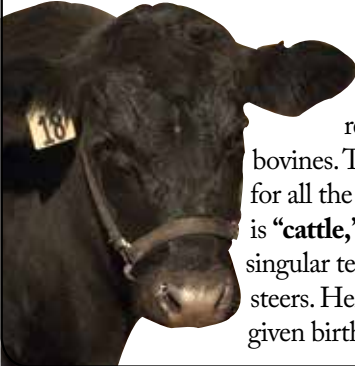
# Did you know ...?

By Jen Peake | CIEDA Marketing Specialist

Driving on a gorgeous day in rural America, one can hardly go very far without passing a pasture full of cattle grazing. It's an awesome sight for someone from the city to be able to view these animals up close.

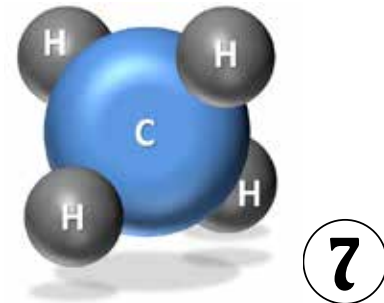
But how much do you know about cows, bulls and steers? Here at Perdido River Farms, we have about 1,651 in our herd as of summer 2016. **Our herd consists of 1,075 cows, 51 bulls and 525 calves.**

Here are a few facts about the cute agricultural animals we adore:



**1**

The term "**cow**" actually refers only to the **female** bovines. The broad and **preferred term** for all the herd, **regardless of gender**, is "**cattle**," which is plural. There is no singular term. Males are called bulls or steers. Heifers are cows that have never given birth.



**250-500 liters**

The amount of **methane gas** a bovine produces per day. As cattle digest its food, fermentation causes the animals to produce methane.




The **gestation period** for a pregnant cow is the same as humans. It lasts **nine months**.

**3**

The average cattle sleep about four hours a day, but they spend about **10 hours lying down**.

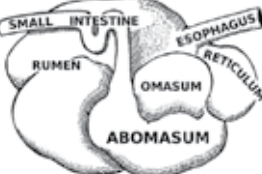
**\$1.2 million**



**8**


The world's most expensive cow was Missy, who was sold for **\$1.2 million** in 2009 at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair.

**4**



Cattle have only **one stomach**, but it has **four chambers** for digestion: rumen, reticulum, omasum and abomasum.

**5**



Cattle can **walk up** a flight of stairs but they **cannot come back down**. No, it's not because they are scared. It's because their knees don't bend properly to accommodate a downstairs walk.

Learn more about Perdido River Farms at <http://tinyurl.com/prfatmore>.

**9**



Cows do not produce milk until after having a calf. It takes **350 squirts** to make a gallon of milk.

**6**

Bovines **can't see** the color **red**, and therefore do not become angrier when a red flag is held in front of them. They also cannot see **green**. However, they are not completely color blind.





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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)

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## ***2016-2017 Miss Indian Alabama Competition***

\$5000 Scholarship

Sponsored by the Alabama Indian Affairs Commission (AIAC) and the Alabama Intertribal Council.

\$150 Application fee; application and fees must be received by AIAC 4:30 pm, September 30, 2016.

An application and details have been posted on Education's page of the web site, [www.pci-nsn.gov](http://www.pci-nsn.gov); additional information available at <http://aiac.alabama.gov>.



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# September (Otvwoskuce) 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

## **Quilting Classes** - Ongoing

Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays  
1:00 pm - 7:00 pm  
Cultural Department/Hwy 31

## **Summer Camp Reimbursement Program**

Ongoing through October 31, 2016

## **Student Support Services Program**

School Supply Reimbursement  
Ongoing through Sept. 30, 2016

## **Thursday, September 1, 2016**

Tribal Health Plan ends

## **Friday, September 2, 2016**

Last day to submit Tribal Youth Council  
Application 5:00 pm

## **Saturday, September 3, 2016**

Last day to submit application for  
Athlete of the Year

## **Monday, September 5, 2016**

Tribal Government Offices Closed  
In Observance of Labor Day

## **Tuesday - Wednesday, Sept. 6-7, 2016**

Museum Gift Shop closed for inventory

## **Tuesday, September 6, 2016**

Deadline to submit information for  
publication in the October 2016 issue of  
Poarch Creek News

## **Tuesday, September 6, 2016**

Bariatric Support Group Meeting  
Diabetes Conference Room  
12:00 noon

## **Tuesday, September 6, 2016**

Session I Basic Sewing Classes  
4:00 pm - 7:00 pm  
September 6-8, 12-13, & 15

## **Friday, September 16, 2016**

Last day to submit Child Care Renewals

## **Tuesday, September 6, 2016**

Session II Basic Sewing Classes  
4:00 pm - 7:00 pm  
September 19-20, & 22; 26-27, & 29

## **Monday, September 19, 2016**

After School Tutoring Begins  
Monday - Thursday  
3:30 pm - 7:00 pm

## **Thursday, September 22, 2016**

Tribal Member Benefits and  
Housing Department Closes  
At 12:00 noon.

## **Friday, September 23, 2016**

Tribal Government Offices Closed  
In Observance of American Indian Day

## **Friday, September 23, 2016**

Last day to submit Close Up  
Application

## **Sunday, September 25, 2016**

Last day to sign up for  
Tribal Princess Contest  
5:00 pm

## **Wednesday, September 28, 2016**

Keep Your Eyes Open  
Vision Screening  
501 S. Pensacola Ave #B, Atmore, AL

## **Tribal Council Meetings**

Thursday, September 1<sup>st</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>  
Building 500 Auditorium 4:00 pm

## **Tribal Court Sessions**

Monday, September 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Tribal Courtroom 9:00 am

## **Tribal Regulatory Commission Meetings**

Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>  
Building 500 Auditorium 9:00 am

## **Tribal Grievance Board**

Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>  
Building 500 Auditorium 1:00 pm

## **Calvin McGhee Cultural**

### **Advisory Committee**

Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup> 4:00 pm  
Cultural Building on Hwy 21

### **Education Advisory Committee**

Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> 3:00 pm  
Family Services Conference Room  
Buford L. Rolin Health Clinic

## **4-H Club**

Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup>  
Education Department  
3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

## **Utility Authority Board Meeting**

Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup> 1:00 pm  
Utilities Office

## **Wednesday, October 5, 2016**

Deadline to submit information for  
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