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I have spent a lot of time in my life sitting on my Mama's front porch. In the last few weeks, since her passing, that front porch has been the place that I have come to remember her and to remember the best part of growing up at Poarch. Back then, we ran barefoot down red dirt roads, played ball for hours on end, and got into just enough trouble to get regular spankings from Aunt Hattie Mae. I would not have changed a thing.

But that was then, and time moves on. At home here, there have been many changes. Our roads are paved, but many of our elders are no longer with us. We have greater economic security, but less time to spend shelling peas and passing the time with family on the front porch.

Trying to balance our past with our present and our future is the greatest challenge facing us. There are no easy answers, only a desire that we all share to keep what bonds us a family while making sure we can continue to thrive for future generations. And so, from my view from the front porch, as I watched everything turn green and the evenings get warm, it struck me that our Tribe has gone through seasons of its own through our long history.

In the early days, we experienced a season of sheer survival. Then, we experienced a season of fighting for our sovereignty and federal recognition. After we attained federal recognition, we entered a season when the Tribe was dependent on limited federal funding. But, that funding wasn't enough to completely provide for the needs of the people. Health services were cut off before half the year was gone, dental services were administered in a bus, and dollars for housing, education, and other forms of assistance were either very limited or non-existent.

Finally, the season changed again. This time, thanks to economic development led by gaming, our Tribal life is no longer defined by an everyday struggle to survive. These endeavors have enabled us to provide an elevated quality of life to Tribal Members. We now have an excellent health clinic where Members receive the services they need right here within our community. Our Assisted Living Facility provides a comfortable environment for our elders to live in comfort and with dignity.

But, it is inevitable that the season will change again, and we must be looking ahead and prepare for the future. There are signs that we are



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doing that now. At our campus and in our community, there is a lot of construction. These projects are evidence of our commitment to the future of the Tribe.

The Poarch Creek Community Center, for example, is being erected behind the Health Clinic on Green Road. This facility will house the Boys and Girls Club as well as the Cultural and Education departments. Who of us could have imagined that one day, we would have a building especially for our children and for our community -- a safe environment to receive enrichment, cultural education, and mentorship.

All of us who are blessed to have children and grandchildren know that they are wonderful reminders that there is so much that lies ahead. Watching them grow,

develop, and change into wonderful young men and women is incredibly rewarding but it is also important to acknowledge that having a next generation that is better educated and better prepared is essential to our Tribe's future.

My Mama, Julia Ann Stacey, lived to see hope turned into reality. She went home to be with her Savior on March 17, 2017. Watching her take her last breath was one of the most beautiful and difficult things I've ever experienced in my life. My mother was my best friend, my rock,

and my champion. She loved and was loved, and she is dearly missed.

But our lives too have seasons... As scripture tells us, there is a time to be born and a time to die. And many of you helped me and my family through one of life's saddest changes. Your prayers, thoughts, and love were deeply felt and I appreciate you more than you know.

So, as I watch night fall from my Mama's front porch, I feel great comfort knowing that our Poarch family is always there. We will

grow, we will die, we will hang on to what is precious, and we will change – but, we will always be family and we will always have each other.

In love,

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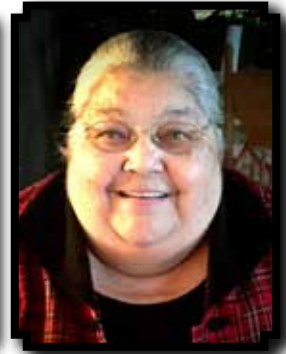
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*On the cover:
Lavan Martin Assisted Living Facility*

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Please keep the established deadline in mind when submitting information for all sections of the newsletter.

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

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In Memory	300 words or less
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The TMOP is not an automated site; it will be up to individual users to resolve

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You can receive updated news and information via the Tribe's social media pages at facebook.com/PoarchBandofCreekIndians; [twitter.com/](https://twitter.com/PoarchBandofCreekIndians)

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The Tribe's website and social media accounts are maintained by the Government Relations Department.

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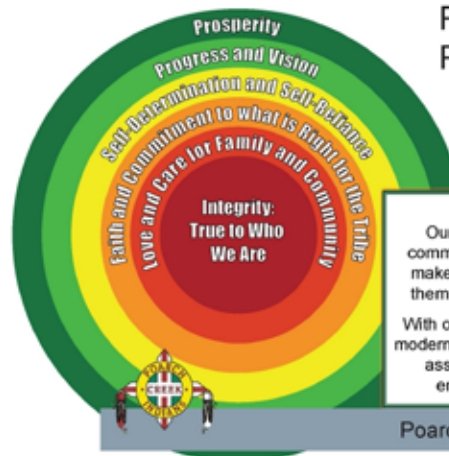
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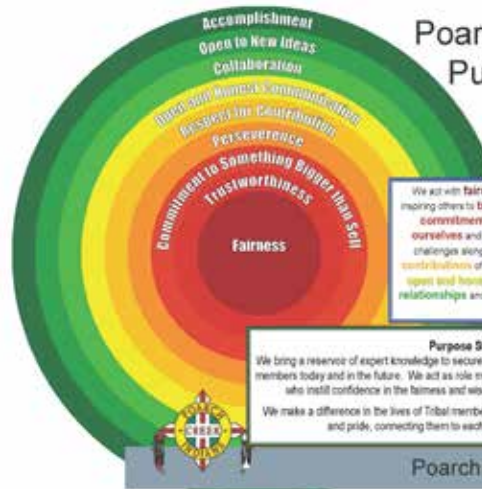


Poarch Council Purpose & Values

Purpose Statement

Our love for our people and our commitment to its future drives us to make tough decisions and stand by them to provide stable governance. With our blend of mature wisdom and modern knowledge, we grow the Tribe's assets to build self-reliance and enhance quality of life for all.

Poarch Band of Creek Indians



Poarch Government Purpose & Values

We act with **fairness** in all our decisions, and policy applications inspiring others to trust our intentions and our actions. This affirms our commitment to something bigger than any one of ourselves and encourages all to persevere when we confront challenges along the journey. The respect we show for the contributions of all to our common purpose creates the platform for open and honest interactions. This leads to collaborative relationships and openness to new ideas and growing levels of accomplishment.

Purpose Statement

We bring a reservoir of expert knowledge to secure the health, education, and well-being of all Tribal members today and in the future. We act as role models who go beyond the call of duty and leaders who instill confidence in the fairness and wisdom of government decisions and actions. We make a difference in the lives of Tribal members by fostering in them a spirit of independence and pride, connecting them to each other and their cultural heritage.

Poarch Band of Creek Indians

PROMISES ARE JUST PROMISES WITHOUT RESULTS

VOTE

Arthur Mothershed

June 3rd, 2017

For many years, we experienced double-digit increases in both Tribal Distributions (Per Cap) and direct Tribal Member Services (Health, Education, etc.). Gaming Revenues are not increasing as rapidly as in years past. We must continue to diversify our economic interest. Our Council must be committed to that mission. I have always supported economic diversity because I believe it is the only way to continue our growth.

In the past, I have and will continue to support initiatives that I believe are beneficial to current and continued success of our Tribe:

- ✓ *Education Benefits*
- ✓ *Healthcare Benefits*
- ✓ *Funding for Tribal Housing*
- ✓ *Elder Benefits*
- ✓ *Better Facilities*
- ✓ *Childcare*
- ✓ *Respite Care*
- ✓ *Cultural and Community activities*
- ✓ *Different Revenue Streams (So Benefits Can Continue to Increase)*
- ✓ *Ideas from our General Council.*

There will be much discussion this election about change. I agree with change, positive change. For the past 12 years I have been a member of the Tribal Council. It has been challenging but that has only helped me grow and expand my horizons as person and a leader. During those 12 years, we have seen positive change. Today we have more resources and opportunities than ever before. That said, we can be better. I have always made myself available to Tribal Members and will continue to listen to your ideas and support initiatives that will make us better. It has been an honor to serve these past twelve years. Thanks, as always for your continued support and if re-elected I look forward to serving you again.



Caring For Our Elders: Assisted Living & Senior Services Programs

Lavan Martin Assisted Living Facility staff: sitting left to right is Michelle Shiver, Administrator, and Tammy Graham, Dietary Manager. Standing left to right are Anthony Peebles, ALF Services Provider; Melanie Owens, Executive Assistant; Holly Carnley, Resident Assistant; Beverly Holcomb, TEP Worker; and James Roberson, Activities Coordinator. Not shown are Rhonda Linam, Nurse Manager, and Resident Assistants: Angela English, Tracey McGhee, Brooke Rabon, Dana Emmons, and LaQuanda Flavors.

This month we are featuring our Senior Services Department and the Lavan Martin Assisted Living Facility.

Older Americans Month is a time to celebrate our Poarch Elders and to focus on their needs and challenges.

As Americans are living longer, we are discovering new opportunities as well as unexpected challenges. Poarch Elders are being offered more services to meet these needs. We want all Tribal Members to feel their best so they can live life to its fullest.

The Lavan Martin Assisted Living Facility is open to provide assistance to Tribal Member seniors who are 55 years old and older who meet the qualifications of admission to our program. We provide families with a peace of mind knowing that their loved ones can have as much independence as they want while personal care and support services are available when needed.

Our friendly staff is available to provide assistance 24 hours a day, 7 days a week with basic living skills such as bathing, grooming, dressing, medication reminders and supervision of safety.

Our assisted living community is different from a nursing home because we don't offer complex medical services or provide one-on-one care. Our facility was designed to provide a more home-like atmosphere with apartment style living.

Our team consists of Michelle Shiver, Administrator; Melanie Owens, Executive Assistant; Rhonda Linam, Nurse Manager; James Roberson, Activities Coordinator; Anthony Peebles, Services Provider; Tammy Graham, Dietary Manager; Alyssia McGhee, Cook; and Resident Assistants: Angela English, Holly Carnley, Tracey

McGhee, Brooke Rabon, Dana Emmons, and LaQuanda Flavors.

The Senior Services Department offers nutritious weekday lunches and various weekday activities at the SAIL Center for participants who are over the age of 55. The Senior Services Department also operates a homebound lunch program to assist those in need. Various special holiday activities, trips and parties are planned throughout the year to celebrate our Tribal elders. We

have special activities planned for May to celebrate Older Americans Month. We invite you all to come enjoy the fun!

The Senior Services Department also plans the annual trip which is open to all Tribal Member seniors who are 55 years and older. This year, we're planning a fun-filled week in Branson, MO.

Our team consists of Michelle Shiver, Administrator; Cyndi Wright, Manager; Casey Walker, Case Manager; Vicky Burns, Services Provider;

Tammy Graham, Dietary Manager; James Green, Cook; Shannon Caraway, Cook; Jason Love, Kitchen/Casual Helper.

Older Americans Month is the perfect opportunity to recognize and celebrate what getting older looks like today. Take charge of your health, strive for wellness and focus on independent and healthy living.

If you or a loved one would like more information about our services; please contact Michelle Shiver, Administrator at 251-446-4801.



The staff of the Lavan Martin Assisted Living Facility and the Senior Services Program are always coming up with unique ways to involve our Elders in exciting and entertaining activities!



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Elect for Tribal Council At-Large

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Brenda Steele Johnson



Dear Fellow Tribal members,

I would sincerely appreciate the opportunity to serve as one of your At-large tribal council members. I am an out of the area tribal member. I am a Sizemore/Bailey/Colbert/Taylor/David descendant. I was added to the PCI roll in 2007. My father was on the roll with several of his siblings, but like them, he left the area to find work and start a family. He died before I was added to the roll. He taught me to be proud of my Native American heritage, work hard to reach my goals, and do it with ethical principals, honesty, and integrity. He also taught me to appreciate every gift we are given in life. I utilized the education assistance that the Tribe offers and have earned an AS degree in Healthcare Administration, and a BS degree in Business. I am currently enrolled as a graduate student at Southeastern Oklahoma State University in the Masters of Science in Native American Leadership degree program. If elected, I promise to work hard for each of you as a Full Time At-Large Council Member.

We are a very diverse group and we need diversity at the table. We need someone who will work for each and every tribal member. You are the reason for PCI and each of you are a valued member of this family. Our tribal family stretches from the southern tips of this country, to the East and West Coast, and to the northern borders. We need our tribal council leaders to be a reflection of our tribe.

We are a very blessed group and we have seen astronomical growth. While financial growth is very important to PCI as a whole, we must remember that there are many people in positions of power who work towards that goal on a daily basis who do not sit around the council table. The position of At-large is one that should be focused on serving our tribal members and representing their needs.

I love my Tribe and promise to protect our sovereignty. I promise to make sound and wise choices. I will be fair and work hard, for each of you, if given the opportunity. If you truly desire a change of leadership, please allow me to be your voice at the council table.

Here are several things that I will advocate for:

Affordable Heathcare coverage for all Tribal members * Term limits * Shifting the power back to the General Council * Our Disabled & Special Needs Tribal members and children * Implementing a plan to add 1st generation without reducing current benefits * Better communication * Equal treatment and representation for all Tribal members.

United & Moving Forward, one vote, one step at a time!

VOTE FOR BRENDA STEELEY JOHNSON
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Creek History Can No Longer Remain Silent: Almost Forty-Year-Old Soundtracks Spring to Life!

Still image from Cynthia Robison Collection

Once upon a time, in a land far, far away, a young man named James Buford Robison attended Alabama A&M University, near Huntsville, Alabama. Yes, that may sound like the beginning of a fairy tale, but it is the beginning of a very true story; a true story of epic dimensions.

In the late 1970s, Robison graduated from the University and became a Professor in the University's Telecommunications Center. Professor Robinson approached professors in the Center about developing a documentary featuring Alabama's historical Native American sites. With the Center's support, he, along with Hayward Handy and Elizabeth Sloan Ragland, began their

journey to research Native American historical sites throughout the state and to produce a documentary for Alabama Public Television. To Robison's surprise, he learned that a Native American Tribe called Creek Nation East of the Mississippi still resided within the state in a small community in Poarch. From this discovery, in 1978, he broadened his idea and he and the Center set about making a documentary with Creeks in the Poarch community on the Indian Removal Act of 1830, known as the Trail of Tears.

The Removal Act was intended to remove the five indigenous nations in the Southeast to Indian Territory east of the Mississippi to

make way for the new expanding American Nation. This shattering event changed the course of Creek history; indeed, it changed the course of American history.

Utilizing authentic Native American regalia hand-sewn by members of the Creek community, Robison and his crew developed scripts for Creeks and shot film of them reenacting the forced march west. These scenes of removal were enacted by Creeks who, ironically, are descendants of those who were not removed on the Trail of Tears. Before the film was televised on Alabama Public Television, Robison left employment at the University continuing his career in telecommunications.

Time passed. The film became lost. For almost forty years the film has remained lost except in the memory of those who participated in the documentary.

As the number one requested item, Dr. Deidra Suwanee Dees/Team at the Office of Archives and Records Management set out to find this elusive film in order to share it with Tribal Members. They traveled to Alabama A&M University two times within the past six months and worked closely with University officials including Veronica Henderson, Mary Hawthorne, Erica Fox Washington, Elvin Jenkins, Michael Burns, and Michael Morns. They also made contact with Professor Robison and his wife Cynthia who met each other and married while working on this project. Robinson gave our Team directions on where to search for the film and, excitingly, our Team found the reel-to-reel soundtracks in a cabinet in what was the old Telecommunications Center at the University. What a find!

With soundtracks in hand, our Team brought the reel-to-reel tapes home for digitization so that they could listen to the sound that had been silent for thirty-nine years. Tapes in near-perfect condition, our Team was able to recover and restore the soundtracks. Working with George DeGolian and Scotty O. White in Wind Creek's Creative Services Department, our Team developed a slide show of still frame images taken during the filming in 1978 and paired them with the soundtracks which yielded a twenty-two minute segment. The new digitization

brought bursts of sound that could no longer remain silent.

With a crowd of approximately 250 attendees, our Team brought this sound to our "Conference on Lost Trail of Tears Film" which exploded in the Wind Creek Cinema with a shower of emotions on Saturday morning, March 4, 2017. The first soundtrack was played in a setting of near complete darkness. The sounds of whips, chains, the creaking of harnesses and wagon wheels, the moans and cries of tortured souls were breathtaking...literally.

"Get in the line! Come on, faster! Let's move! Move along, man, move along!" yelled the American soldiers against the sounds of thrashing whips. Listening to these audio tapes took your breath away.

Our invited guests from Alabama A&M University sat on a panel to discuss their roles in helping our Team locate these soundtracks. Robison, Veronica Henderson and Mary Hawthorne explained how they observed our Team's commitment and persistence in research on these important tapes that align with the history of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians.

"I could tell this Team was not going to quit looking," Henderson said. *"They were women on a mission!"*

"Documenting this part of Native American history is such an important part of American history; in my opinion, a horrific part of history that needs to be told," Robison said.

Creek panelists Eddie Tullis, Marie Martin, Douglas Daughtry, Lamar Martin, and Vernie Lee Gehman shared their experiences in working on the film production. Eddie Tullis spoke of his mother Florence Walker who drank water from a Styrofoam cup during the filming. "They had to throw that picture away," he said laughing, because Styrofoam had not yet been invented in 1830.

"I did not think the film would be as emotional as it was," Lamar Martin said, wiping his eyes.

"When I think about where we were, and where we came from, it is amazing to me," said Marie Martin, reminding the audience to be thankful for what we have. "We were on the bottom, but the good Lord saw fit for us to be on the top, and I'm so thankful," she said.

At the end of the Conference, Tribal Chair Stephanie A. Bryan invited the audience to share comments about the film, some of whom said they hope our Team finds the lost film.

"Each of us has shed our tears," Madam Chair said, "but we have a lot to be thankful for." She led the audience in giving a standing ovation to our Team at the Office of Archives and Records Management. Humbled and grateful, Dr. Dees said, *"Our Team has never had a standing ovation before! Mvto."*

*Written by Gayle Johnson and
Deidra Suwanee Dees, Ed.D.*

I, Clayton Coon, am seeking an At-Large position on our Tribal Council. I am currently employed with Muskogee Technology as a Project Coordinator. I have been employed with our Tribe for 12 years. Before my employment with the Tribe, I worked primarily in the gas and oil industry for approximately twelve years as a contract welder. I have held positions within Tribal Government and Creek Indian Enterprises. This afforded me the opportunity to become familiar with the policies and procedures of both organizations. In 2005, I was asked by former Tribal Chairman, Fred L. McGhee, to serve as a member of the Pow Wow Committee. Later, I was asked by a council member to serve on the Calvin McGhee Cultural Committee which eventually became the Calvin McGhee Cultural Management Authority. For a period of time, I was the chairman of the Calvin McGhee Cultural Management Authority, before I transferred to a full time position within the Cultural Department. During this time period, I began addressing the Tribal Council with simple, but effective, solutions to issues and with ideas for improvement to tribal affairs; most of these were addressed on behalf of our tribe's culture and our Cultural Department. A lot of hard work goes into making a change and a difference. I understand the process of presenting new ideas and working towards change. It is not easy nor quick. Whoever is elected as your next councilman must have the knowledge and foresight to implement new ideas.



Clayton Coon Tribal Council At-Large

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If elected, I will send quarterly reports providing insights into what I am doing as your Tribal Council representative. You may contact me with any questions, ideas, or concerns that you may have. Text/Call

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- * Tribal Schools
- * Economic Development
- * Continuing growth in cultural/language programs
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2017 Senior Road Trip

***Memphis, Tennessee To Branson, Missouri
September 17, 2017 - September 24, 2017***

SIGN UP DATES:

SAIL Center **May 29, 2017 - June 2, 2017**
Monday - Friday **8:00 a.m. - 5:00 pm**

Health Fair/Wellness Center
June 3, 2017 **8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon**

FEES:

\$100.00 **Senior Tribal Member
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**Non-Tribal spouses must be accompanied by their
enrolled Tribal Member husband/wife.*

Please come by to sign up, call, or email.

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***Must meet at SAIL Center in Poarch for departure
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POARCH DOCTOR RECEIVES U.S. CITIZENSHIP

Dr. Stella Von Troil (right) is shown above at her citizenship ceremony on February 17, 2017. Submitted photo

When Dr. Stella von Troil held her hand up and recited the oath to be a United States citizen on Feb. 17, she got a bit emotional.

Von Troil, a native of Finland, is a primary care physician at the Poarch Creek Indian Health Clinic, and has been in the country for 20 years.

She was granted citizenship during a ceremony at the city hall in Pensacola, Fla. Von Troil was one of 85 representing 38 different countries who became U.S. citizens.

She said the ceremony was more like a court proceeding. "At times, it was quite formal," von Troil said. "It was very nice. The colors come in, and everybody stands. There were a lot of speeches from judges and invited guests."

Von Troil said some eighth graders gave speeches on what it was like and the value of being an American.

While reading the oath, Von Troil said she got emotional, but felt something else, too.

"It's emotional," she said. "It took 20 years to get there. There was a little bit of pride to it as well. That's what the judges said; a lot of people want to get to that point. A lot of people in the entire world want to become U.S. citizens. I never looked at it as an achievement itself, but maybe to some degree it is an achievement.

"You have to work for it," she said. "In many ways, it was the natural progression (for me). I knew it was going to come."

Von Troil has spent most of her time in the U.S. on various visas, whether as a student while attending junior college and the University of Hawaii or working during her residency.

She came to the U.S. on a tennis scholarship, and later graduated from UH. It was during her time as a college student while traveling around the country with her tennis team that von Troil decided America is the place for her.

"When you do five years of undergraduate work in the U.S., and you're 18 years old, you're very impressionable," she quipped. "I just love the sports life in the U.S. Everything about it."

"In Hawaii, it was mainly college sports," she said. "Here, everything from high school to college to professional sports. I enjoy sports so much. You really didn't have that in Finland. There weren't any college sports. I just enjoyed the American lifestyle."

Von Troil eventually went to medical school in Germany, and did her residency in Tallahassee, Fla. Doctors have to do three years in an underserved community. Von Troil worked her residency in southwest Georgia and the Tallahassee region. She was then offered a job at West Florida Hospital in Pensacola, where she worked for six years. She went on to do local work, filling in temporary jobs and found her way to Poarch's health clinic, where she's been since January.

Von Troil said applying for U.S. citizenship isn't as bad as applying for some of her visas.

"If you take all of the different visas and applications, the citizen application was the easiest and shortest application by far," she said. "The most difficult one by far was getting out of residency and that first job, the H1B1, where you have to prove there is a need for your job, that you do medical school and you've kept your nose clean. That was the most difficult part."

In addition to being a citizen of the U.S., Von Troil is also a citizen of her native, Finland. She said it's been surprising to see the amount of support she's gotten from others.

"I've been a little bit surprised at how congratulating everybody has been," Von Troil said. "I didn't quite expect that. Everybody embraces it."

"I really appreciate that," she said. "It makes you appreciate it more yourself when you can see others excited for you."

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Atmore Advance
March 1, 2017
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Contact: Andrew Cannarsa
Phone: (410) 965-2671

Inspector General Warns Public About Phone Calls from OIG “Imposters”

The Acting Inspector General of Social Security, Gale Stallworth Stone, is warning citizens about a nationwide telephone “imposter phishing” scheme. The Social Security Administration (SSA) and its Office of the Inspector General (OIG) have received several reports from citizens across the country about persons receiving phone calls from individuals posing as OIG investigators. The caller indicates an issue exists pertaining to the person’s Social Security account or Social Security number (SSN) and directs the person call a non-SSA telephone number to address the issue.

The reports indicate the calls include a recording from a caller stating she is “Nancy Jones,” an “officer with the Inspector General of Social Security.” The recording goes on to say the person’s Social Security account, SSN, and/or benefits are suspended, and that he or she should call 806-680-2373 to resolve the issue. Citizens should be aware that the scheme’s details may vary; however, citizens should avoid calling the number provided, as the unknown caller might attempt to acquire personal information.

OIG investigators occasionally contact citizens by telephone for investigative purposes, but they will not request sensitive personal information from a citizen over the phone. If a person receives a similar suspicious call from someone alleging to be from the OIG, citizens may report that information to the OIG at 1-800-269-0271 or online via <https://oig.ssa.gov/report>.

Acting Inspector General Stone said, “This phishing scheme is targeting unsuspecting persons for the purpose of Social Security benefit theft or identity theft.” She warns citizens to be cautious, and to avoid providing personal information such as your SSN or bank account numbers to unknown persons over the phone or internet unless you are certain of who is receiving it. “You must be very confident that the source is the correct business party, and that your information will be secure after you release it,” Stone said.

If a person has questions about any communication—email, letter, text or phone call—that claims to be from SSA or the OIG, please contact your local Social Security office, or call Social Security’s toll-free customer service number at **1-800-772-1213**, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday, to verify its legitimacy. (Those who are deaf or hard-of-hearing can call Social Security’s TTY number at 1-800-325-0778.)

For more information, please contact Andrew Cannarsa, OIG’s Communications Director, at (410) 965-2671.

Ed Jarman

Tribal Council At-Large



- Qualifications:

- Communication Degree and a Political Science Minor
- Getting Up to Date information to TM's will be a priority
- Full Time commitment
- I will relocate to the Reservation and be committed Full Time
- Out of Area for new ideas, but connected locally to maintain tradition

Platform:

All

- Term limits for At-Large Seats
- Improve tech infrastructure on Reservation
- A. Improved Productivity for Tribal Government
- B. Improved streaming for meetings
- Health insurance audit
- Real financial stability plan to add 1st Gen and missing 1/4

In service area

- Address the food desert ; Tribal Grocery Store
- Tribal Day Care
- Feasibility Study for a Tribal School

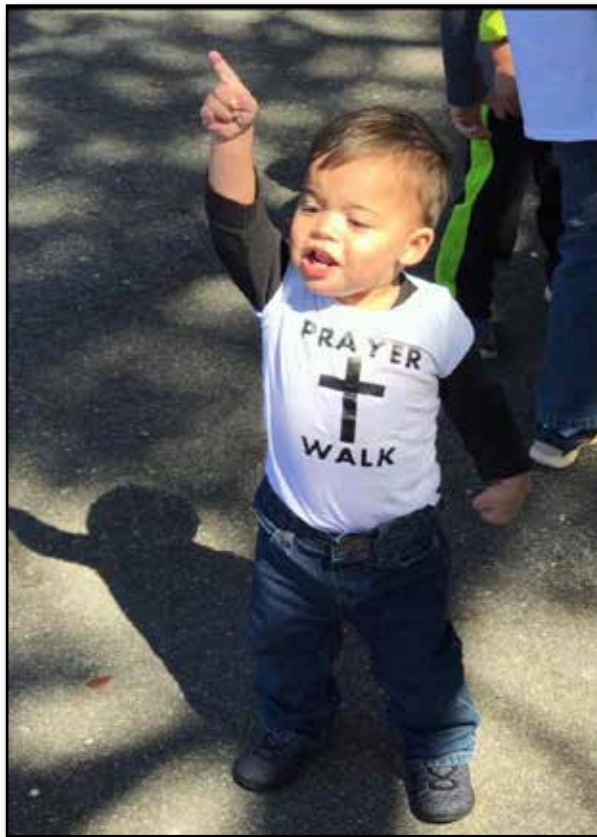
Outside area

- Quarterly meetings within driving distance of tribal members, see a TC member near you at least once a year
- Benefit binders for every member
- Bring a feeling of inclusion in OUR tribe



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I WILL PRAISE THE LORD



Christian Daughtry, the son of Trevor and Magan Daughtry, at the Prayer Walk hosted by Poarch Community Church on March 4, 2017.

Submitted by Stephanie Bryan

[www.facebook.com/groups/
PoarchCreekSpecialNeedsAutismAndLDGroup/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/PoarchCreekSpecialNeedsAutismAndLDGroup/)
www.autismspeaks.org/

Follow *Poarch Creek Special Needs Autism & LD Support Group* on Facebook for information about autism and its effects on individuals, families, society, and our Tribal Community.



Visit *Autism Speaks* at www.autismspeaks.org for more information on autism.



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MENU

Meat (Hamburger, hot dogs) will be provided

Buns: Hamburger & Hot Dogs

Baked Beans

Potato Salad

Potato Chips

Condiments

Water, Drinks, Tea

For further information, please contact:

Carrie Martin 251-294-2028

Jean Ardis 251-577-6419

We will pass the hat around to help with the cost of the meat and a waterslide for the children.

SITTING ON THE FRONT PORCH WILL NEVER BE THE SAME



Sitting on that front porch will never be the same.
Your empty chair only rocks with the nudging of a breeze.
I miss your warm hugs that could dry up all of my tears,
And the blanket of your love that could cover all of my fears.

I'll cherish the sweet memories until I get to where you are.

Until then I'll keep you with me, forever in my heart.

Love, your children

Submitted by Juliette Haikey



Mammie & Lawrence McGhee Family Reunion 2017 Saturday, May 27, 2017 10:00 a.m. - Until Magnolia Branch Wildlife Reserve

Bring food, lawn chairs, camera, ice chest,
canopies, and something for the auction!

Lunch will be served at
12:00 noon

For further information, please contact:

Joyce Philyaw (251) 294-5412

Stella Rutherford (251) 253-1630

Charlene Weaver (251) 446-1973

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HONORING OUR GRADUATES AND EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Due to varying high school and/or college graduation dates, graduation or educational achievement information for the 2016-2017 academic year may be published through the October 2017 issue of the Poarch Creek News.

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

BOATWRIGHT GRADUATES FROM AUBURN UNIVERSITY WITH PLANS TO CONTINUE HIS EDUCATION IN UNIVERSITY'S MASTER'S PROGRAM

The family of Logan Dewayne Boatwright is proud to announce that Logan will receive a Bachelor of Science Degree in Horticulture from the College of Agriculture at Auburn University on Sunday, May 7, 2017.

Logan plans to continue his education at Auburn University as a Graduate Assistant in the Master's Program.

Logan and his family would like to thank the Tribe for supporting his education endeavors.

Logan is the son of Melanie Kinman Owens and Dewayne Boatwright.



Logan's maternal grandparents are David L. Kinman and the late Myrtis McGhee Kinman. His paternal grandparents are Rayford and Shirley Boatwright.

We are so proud of your achievements and the fine young man you have become. Keep God first in this journey and He will guide your path.

We love you dearly and will always support you.

Your family, Mom, Wes, Madelyn, Paw-Paw, Jo, Uncle Dave, Jessica, Hayden, and Kendall.

Submitted by Melanie Kinman Owens

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

Jane Addams

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

Jon Bon Jovi

Birthday Wishes are no longer be published in the newsletter. They are now posted on the Tribal web site and will be featured on the Tribe's social media pages the day of their birthday. The birthday link is a new and exciting addition to the web site!

Please visit www.pci-nsn.gov/birthdays each month to see who is celebrating a birthday. Each month the Birthday List will include the names of all Tribal Members who will be celebrating a birthday that month.

The Birthday List will be posted on the web site at the same time the latest issue of the newsletter is posted, customarily on or around the 17th of each month.



If a birthday wish has been submitted, an icon will appear beside their name. Click on the icon and it will take you to their Birthday Card. This Birthday Card may be printed, saved to your computer, or shared on social media.

If a birthday wish has been submitted for a Tribal Member spouse, First Generation, or someone living in a Tribal household, this submission has been included and a Birthday Card has been generated as well.

If you wish to submit a birthday wish, the criteria remains the same with the exception that submission deadlines are the first business day of the month prior to the month of publication.

TORI WALLACE GRADUATES FROM ESCAMBIA COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

Tori Wallace will graduate from Escambia County High School on May 25, 2017.

Congratulations Tori we are so proud of you!

Keep doing what you are doing and you will achieve your dream.

We love you.

Mom and Dad.

Submitted by Kenneth Wallace



Celebrating an Anniversary
GARY & MICHELLE PRUITT
MAY 26, 2017



Happy 10th anniversary!

We love you!

With all our love, your family.



Celebrating an Anniversary
JOE HENRY & MAXINE FRANKLIN
MAY 26, 2017



Happy 50th anniversary!

We love you!

With all our love, your children
and grandchildren.





IN LOVING MEMORY OF JULIA ANN MCGHEE STACEY
MAY 14, 1942 - MARCH 17, 2017

Our family would like to thank everyone for the outpouring support of condolences during the loss of our mother, Julia Ann McGhee Stacey.

We find great peace and comfort in knowing our mother is in Heaven walking the streets of gold. We will deeply cherish the memories made with her here on earth, until we are reunited again one day in Heaven.

We would like to thank everyone for being so gracious sending food, flowers, texts, and cards during our time of loss.

Juliette Haikey & family
Rodney McGhee & family
Lathaniel McGhee & family
Ruthie Wiggins & family
Stephanie Bryan & family.



IN LOVING MEMORY OF ARNOLD VICKERY
JANUARY 30, 1957 - MAY 7, 2015
ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF HIS PASSING

THE PASSING OF A LOVED ONE

Author: Bill Hoeneveld

Although mere words cannot express the depth of loss we feel,
It sometimes helps to read a verse, to aid the heart to heal.

We want to hold on and not let go, the pain seems far too great.
Every fiber they mean to us, we want to store and crate.

But life goes on with unwanted change, to adapt and forge ahead.
Live the now with those still here, together the grief will shed.

Let fond memories that you have, heal with their warm glow,
The sorrow in your laden heart, with time will surely go.

Our life on Earth is but a moment, in God's eternal plan.
The heavenly wonders that awaits our soul, is beyond the mortal man.

And when it's time for us to pass, reunions are in stall.
All of those that have gone before, we'll meet in heaven's hall.

But till that time, be strong and sure, and experience all you can.
Have zest for life and make it full, its part of God's grand plan.



We love you, miss you, and think of you every day!

Submitted by Connie Vickery

Hugh Rozelle Was Writing a Book: Donation of Records

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

Did you know that former Tribal Attorney Hugh Rozelle was writing a book about Creek Indians using tape recordings? Two years ago, his son Eddie Rozelle donated to the Tribe over 3,000 audiocassette tapes he inherited from his father. Despite the large Collection, his son said the book was never finished.

Our Team at the Office of Archives and Records Management has been preparing his audiocassette tapes for dissemination to Tribal Members through digitization. Working with Dr. Paul Ortiz/Team at the Samuel Proctor Oral History Program at the University of Florida, Dr. Deidra Suwanee Dees and Ms. Ellen O'Barr delivered the audiocassette tapes to them for professional digitization.

Most of Rozelle's research came directly from Tribal Members, authoritative sources on Creek history. His approach was different from many non-Native researchers who, in the past, thought Native Americans were not equipped to conduct research on their own communities. Rozelle realized Creeks were best-suited to observe and study our own community just as Dr. Karla Martin and Dr. Kelly Fayard did in their dissertation research.

Building on this precept, on February 16, 2017, Dr. Dees and Ms. O'Barr gave a presentation to students and



Dr. Deidra Suwanee Dees speaks to University of Florida faculty and students about Rozelle Collection.

faculty at the University of Florida when they delivered the tapes. The presentation title, "Studying Ourselves: Impact of Digital Archives on Elevation of Creek Knowledge," confidently demonstrated that members of the Tribal community have full intellectual capacity to study our own community.

They shared with the audience the significance of digital archives utilized in our Evening with the Elders Program which has drawn several thousand attendees since its inception on February 26, 2013, when we featured Chief Houston McGhee and Mr. Fields McGhee. Our Team evaluated the feedback from attendees, written and oral, and found there is an elevation of Creek knowledge in attendees resulting from the digital presentations.

"We are going to use Rozelle's tapes in our future Evening with the Elders," said Ms. O'Barr. The University of Florida has been such a good help to us with this Collection."

Although his book is unfinished, you can hear Rozelle's interviews of Tribal leaders through digital sound clips at our next Evening with the Elders featuring our Tribal Council, scheduled for June 13.

Dr. Ortiz/Team will be on site at this event helping us conduct interviews with Tribal families for our Oral History Program.

Call Ms. O'Barr at 446-4941 to schedule an appointment to record your family legacy.

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The Office of Archives and Records Management at the Poarch Band of Creek Indians invites you to spend an



Evening With The Elders

Featuring

Tribal Council

Tuesday, June 13, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Wind Creek Atmore Coosawada Ballroom

Everyone is invited. Dinner will be served.

Ms. Ellen O'Barr @ 446-4941; Ms. Wendy Martin-Cox @ 446-4942; Dr. Deidra Suwanee Dees @ 446-4940

Tribal Elite Archery Team Member Places 3rd At Pro-Am Competition



Left to right are Caseano Oliver, 3rd place; Cody Humphries, 1st place; and Josh Bradley, 2nd place.

The Boys & Girls Club (B&G Club) Elite Archery Team competed in the National Ft. Benning Black Eagle/ New Breed ASA Pro-Am Competition the weekend of March 10, 2017.

Tribal Elite Archery Team member Caseano Oliver took third place in the competition! Several members of the PCI B&G Club Elite Archery team attended this shoot and ranked in the top ten.

We congratulate Caseano and all of our team members for their dedication and hard work!

Healthy Habits Market Day

Saturday, May 20, 2017
7:30 am– 11:00 am
Pow Wow Grounds

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Seeking vendors to market home grown produce, eggs, plants, canned goods, and traditional crafts.

Hosted by the T.R.A.I.L. (Together Raising Awareness for Indian Life) Program of the Boys & Girls Club.

To register or for more information please contact:
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B&G Club To Participate in Summer Food Service Program

The Poarch Band of Creek Indians Boys and Girls Club is participating in the Summer Food Service Program. Meals will be provided to all children without charge.

Acceptance and participation requirements for the program and all SFSP activities are the same for all regardless of race, color national origin, sex, age, or disability, and there will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service.



Breakfast and lunch will be served beginning Thursday, June 1, 2017 until July 31, 2017, Monday through Friday. No program on July 4, 2017 due to national holiday.

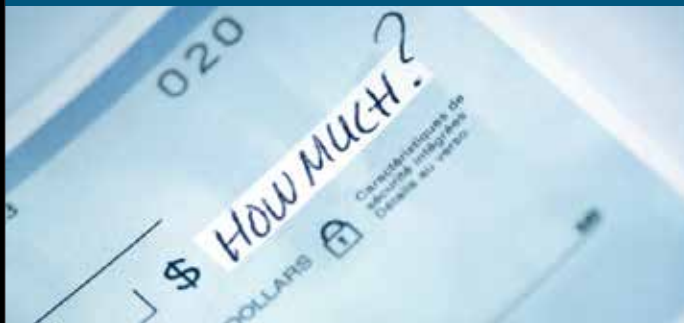
Breakfast will be served
7:30-9:00 am.

Lunch will be served
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High School Graduates/Tuition Assistance Program

The Education Department will not be sending a representative to local high schools to present graduates with a certificate for the Tuition Assistance Program. If you would like for your Principal or Counselor to announce this program please fill out the information below and submit it to Magen Weaver two weeks prior to your award ceremony. Forms can be emailed or faxed to mweaver@pci-nsn.gov or (251) 368-0809.

Student's Full Name: _____

Student's Tribal Affiliation: _____ Tribal Member _____ First Generation

Date of Award Ceremony: _____

School Attending: _____

School Address: _____

School Principal or Counselor: _____

2016-2017 GRADUATION BANQUET HONORS ALL GRADUATES

Friday, June 2, 2017

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Wind Creek Casino Coosawada Ballroom

Graduates must RSVP by May 19, 2017 to attend.

PCI Tribal Members or 1st Generation Indian Descent graduates who have obtained their High School Diploma, GED, or College Degree are invited to attend the 2017 Graduation Banquet!

You must be a 2016-2017 graduate to attend. Graduation must take place before the date of the banquet. If your graduation is after the date of the banquet you will be invited to the 2017-2018 banquet.

You DO NOT have to attend the banquet to get your graduation gift but you must submit the 2016-2017 Graduation Banquet form by the deadline. The form was published in the March issue of the newsletter. It can also be obtained from the Education Department or downloaded from Education's page on the Tribal web site, www.pci-nsn.gov.

This is a celebration for graduates and their immediate family. Each graduate is allowed to bring a maximum of 4 guest to the banquet.

For questions please contact Magen Weaver at (251) 368-9136 x 2021 or mweaver@pci-nsn.gov.

Hosted by: Tribal Council, PCI Education Department, and Education Advisory Board

2017 Summer Internship Program

16-18 Years Old

The Summer Internship Program is an opportunity to gain work experience through on-the-job training that will provide the participant with the skills, experience, and insights to allow for enhanced and gainful employment.

Program will be Monday thru Friday from 8-5.

Participants will earn \$7.25 per hour.

Program begins June 5th -July 28th.

There will be a mandatory meeting with the selected Interns, their parents, and Education staff on June 5th at 8:00 AM in the Education Library.

PREFERENCE SHALL BE GIVEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH TITLE 33 (TRIBAL EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS) OF THE TRIBAL CODE.

Applications can be obtained from the Tribe's website (www.pci-nsn.gov) or from the Education Department. Applications are due by 5:00 pm May 12th.

All of the following requirements must be met:

- Age 16-18 by June 5, 2017
- Currently attending high school or a recent high school or GED graduate
- Tribal Members, First Generation, and Tribal Member Household students
- Submit a completed application and all supporting documents by May 12th
- Successfully PASS drug test prior to starting & randomly throughout program

For additional information contact Billie McGhee at (251) 368-9136 ext. 2243 or bmcghee@pci-nsn.gov.

2017 Summer Leadership Program 13-15 Years Old

EACH SESSION IS CAPPED AT 40 STUDENTS DUE TO SPACE LIMITATIONS. PREFERENCE SHALL BE GIVEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH TITLE 33 (TRIBAL EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS) OF THE TRIBAL CODE.

The Summer Leadership Program is an opportunity for young adults to learn to rise above the challenges of today and make a positive impact in their community. Inspiring activities and lessons to encourage youth to shatter social boundaries and gain abilities to resolve conflicts. It prepares them for the future by teaching job skills, career development, teamwork, leadership skills, and cultural education.

Program will be Monday thru Thursday from 8:00 – 5:00

Participants will earn \$5.00 per hour.

Session 1: June 5 – June 22

Session 2: July 10- July 27

Applications can be obtained from Tribe's website (www.pci-nsn.gov) or from the Education Department. Applications are due by 5:00 pm May 19th.

All of the following requirements must be met:

- Age 13-15 by June 5th, 2017
- Enrolled in 2017-2018 School Year
- Tribal Member, First Generation or reside in a Tribal Member Household
- Submit a completed application and copy of birth certificate by May 12th
- Successfully PASS drug test prior to starting & randomly throughout program

For additional information contact Tawana Parham at (251) 253-3456 or tparham@pci-nsn.gov.



Tribal 4-H Club Participates In County Steer Show

Left to right, back row: Anna Kathryn Rolin, Rowdy Rutherford, Halle Ra Peebles, Dylan Rolin, Wyatt Rutherford, and DJ Rolin. Left to right front row are Jacelyn Chunn, Ashkia Weaver, Tribal Chair Stephanie Bryan, Brianna Bailey, Tribal Council Member Garvis Sells, Colbie English, and Alexia Ross.

On March 9, 2017, the Poarch Creek Indians 4-H Steer Program participated in the Escambia County Steer Show. There were a total of 23 youth that participated in the show and 12 were members of the Tribe's 4-H Club. We would like to congratulate the following participants:

Senior Showmanship:

Wyatt Rutherford 2nd place
Brianna Bailey 5th place
Alexia Ross 6th Place

Intermediate Showmanship:

Rowdy Rutherford 2nd place
Jacelyn Chunn 3rd place
Sehoye Buckley 5th Place
Dylan Rolin 6th place

Junior Showmanship:

Colbie English 1st place
DJ Rolin 3rd place
Ashkia Weaver 4th place

Supreme Champion Heifer:

Colbie English

Light Weight Steer Class:

Anna Kathryn Rolin 2nd place
Brianna Bailey 3rd place
Halle Ra Peebles 4th place
Sehoye Buckley 5th place
Rowdy Rutherford 6th place

Medium Weight Steer Class:

DJ Rolin 2nd place
Jacelyn Chunn 3rd place
Alexia Ross 4th place
Wyatt Rutherford 5th place
Ashkia Weaver 6th place

Heavy Weight Steer Class:

Colbie English 3rd place
Dylan Rolin 6th place

Gain Per Day Champion:

DJ Rolin 1st place 3.64
Colbie English 3rd place 3.48
Dylan Rolin 4th place 3.21

Each of these participants have worked very hard to maintain these steers and we are very proud of them.

The Education Department would like to give a BIG THANK YOU to all that helped make this show a huge success this year. The next 4-H Steer Program will begin in August of 2017.

If your child is interested in joining the Poarch Creek Indians 4-H Club or participating in the Poarch Creek 4-H Steer Program, please contact Kim McGhee or Tanya Kent at (251) 368-9136 x 2662/2240.

Submitted by Kim McGhee, Youth Services Coordinator

PROGRAMS & SERVICES

Education Department



2017 SUMMER TUTORING

Summer Tutoring is designed to be fun and engaging for students while giving them the help they need to keep their mind sharp and active throughout the summer months. Students have an opportunity to have one on one sessions or small group sessions with experienced tutors. Student must be a Tribal Member, 1st Generation, or 2nd Generation student in K-12th Grade. Transportation to and from the Boys & Girls Club will be arranged by the Education Department pending your child's registration is complete. Preference shall be given in accordance with Title 33 (Tribal Employment Rights) of the Tribal code.



Tutoring will take priority over other summer programs.

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

Areas of focus:

- Math Skills
- Fluency
- Enrichment
- Skill Building
- Language Arts Review
- Handwriting Practice
- Reading Comprehension
- Phonics/Decoding

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A vote for Carrie is a vote for:

1. Honesty
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3. Commitment
4. Compassion
5. Full Time Tribal Council Member.
6. Putting Tribal Members First.
7. Working for ALL Tribal Members; near and far.
8. Someone who will stand behind their word.
9. A true believer in Fairness for ALL.
10. Someone who realizes that things cannot stay the same, if we as a Tribe are going to succeed and survive.
11. Trimming the "FAT"
12. A voice for those who are unable to speak for themselves.
13. A supporter of more services for the elderly and disabled.
14. A BIG Supporter for a Nursing Home.
15. Someone who lives in the community and knows our culture, beliefs and way the tribal organization works.
16. Firm believer in holding individuals responsible for their actions.
17. Understand that our children are our FUTURE.
18. Visionary
19. Able to think outside of the box.
20. Has a mind of her own and is not afraid to speak her mind.

FINALLY, AND THE MOST IMPORTANT:

***I AM A TRIBAL
MEMBER, NOT A
POLITICIAN***



Annual Easter Egg Event Was Eggceptionally Great!

The Family Services Department would like to thank everyone who came out to support our 2017 Easter Egg Drop! So thankful that the rain held off and we were able to have a good time with the children.

Special thanks to the Family Services staff for the preparation in getting the event ready, and Martha Gookin for her assistance in preparation!

Another big thank you to the PCI Fire Department & Sparky and the Easter Bunny. We were able to have a fun day together!

We especially thank the Tribal Council for supporting our community events.

If anyone has any photos they would like to share, we would love

to see them! Feel free to email them to Amanda Montgomery at amontgomery@pci-nsn.gov.

Thanks again and we hope everyone has a blessed spring season and Easter celebrations!



***** PUBLIC NOTICE *****

This article provides public notice to all Tribal Members that the following grants will be available for review and discussion at the Family Services Department that is located on the second floor of the Buford L. Rolin Health Department. Grants can be reviewed during regular business hours the week of May 30 – June 2, 2017.

Family Violence Prevention and Services Grant
Community Service Block Grant

Child Care and Development Block Grant
Low Income Heat and Energy Assistance Grant (LIHEAP)

A public hearing is scheduled for June 5, 2017 from 9:00 am – 12:00 noon. Please stop by and the staff will be available to record your comments or questions in response to the grant applications and proposed services.

Family Services Department (251) 368-9136 Ext. 2600

Amanda Montgomery, BSW, MBA
Family Services Director



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2017 SLIHEAP

General Information

- Distribution Dates: May 1, 2017 - July 31, 2017
- If you previously participated in the 2017 Winter LIHEAP program, you do not need an appointment for Summer LIHEAP. You will need to fill out a one page application and present your current energy bill and current income to Family Services Department. You will not be allowed to turn in your application without this information attached.
- If you did not participate in Winter LIHEAP, you will be required to fill out a full application and will be required to complete the interview process and submit all required documentation.
- All 2017 PER CAPITA will be counted as income. (\$3,500)
- Priority is given to Senior households, clients receiving Disability Income, households with children under the age of 5, and households receiving Food Stamps or TANF benefits.
- LIHEAP does NOT pay for any additional fees or services such as late fees, connection fees, outside lights, round-ups, etc.
- Approval amounts range from \$250-\$325. You will be responsible for any charges that are not covered by LIHEAP. If your bill is less than the awarded amount, only the total amount of the bill will be paid.

Required Documentation

- Current energy or gas bill.
- Social Security cards for ALL members of the household. There will be no exceptions or approvals without SS cards. This is a federal requirement.
- Tribal ID for applicant/head of household.
- Current income verification for all household members that are over the age of 19, such as paystubs, paychecks, letters of salary verification, etc.
- If anyone in home over 19 is unemployed, you must bring a statement verifying they are not working. The statement must be signed by three people who do not reside in your household and must include their phone numbers.
- Current verification if receiving state unemployment benefits.
- Verification if household is receiving Food Stamps.
- CURRENT Social Security or Disability Income Verification. We must have current income verification on file for all 2017 applications and services.

State	Estimated State Median Income (4 person Household)	60 % of the estimated SMI (4 person Household)	1-Person Household	2-Person Household	3-Person Household	4-Person Household	5-Person Household	6-Person Household
Alabama	\$67,621	\$40,573	\$21,098	\$27,590	\$34,081	\$40,573	\$47,065	\$53,556
Florida	\$67,643	\$40,586	\$21,105	\$27,598	\$34,092	\$40,586	\$47,080	\$53,574

Indian Health Care Funds-Payor Of Last Resort Rule

When you come to the Health Department or Pharmacy, why do we ask for your health insurance? Why do we require you to apply for All Kids or Medicaid or Medicare before paying health bills or stamping a prescription to be filled?

First, insurance and alternative resources, like All Kids, Medicaid, and Medicare, help the Tribe stretch its health dollars. When third parties pay, the Tribe conserves the funds it receives from Indian Health Service and from the Tribal Council. That allows the Tribe to invest more money into the health care of Tribal Members.

Second, our federal dollars which come from Indian Health Service should be spent only after payments by alternative resources, like insurance, All Kids, Medicaid, and Medicare. In Indian healthcare, this is known as the “payor of last resort” rule. Indian Health Service dollars are spent last. Again, that allows the Indian Health Service and the tribes to stretch the money and provide more health services.

Next time you are at the Health Department or Pharmacy and you are asked for your health insurance, remember you are being asked for a good reason.

HIV/AIDS in Indian Country

Did you know?

CDC estimates that approximately 200 new cases of HIV/AIDS are detected in Indian Country each year. Death from HIV/AIDS among American Indians is double that of other ethnicities.

Good News:

Treatment is available and testing is available with so much more advanced options. If detected early one can live a long productive life and reduce risking infecting others.

The Health Department offers a simple screening test that takes 20 minutes. Please come in and see us for your screening.

Of you have any questions or want to schedule an appointment, please contact Primary Care at (251) 368-9136 x 2306 or 2355.

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DIABETES EDUCATION SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

May 9- 10, 2017 **1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.**
Diabetes Self-Management Education Classes
Upstairs conference room of the Buford L. Rolin Health Clinic

Attend both days to receive a foot care scale

May 16, 2017 **11:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.**
Diabetes Medications
Upstairs conference room of the Buford L. Rolin Health Clinic
Continuing education for nurses (1 CEU)


May 17, 2017 **11:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.**
Diabetes class Pensacola Hyatt Airport
Lunch will be provided at noon

May 23, 2017 **11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**
S.A.I.L. Center located in the Lavan Martin Assisted Living Facility.

“Let food be thy medicine and medicine be thy food.”
Hippocrates

A realistic series on healthy eating

Please call Whitney Smedley at 251-368-9136 x 2326 for reservations or other questions.




Health & Elder Services Purpose

Focusing on prevention and well-being through a variety of medical and educational programs, we guide our members to make choices that will enhance their quality of life and help them make healthy choices that are in their best interest.

We want all Tribal Members to feel their best so they can live life to its fullest.

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New “No Show” Policy Effective March 1, 2017

To help ensure that appointments are available for all patients in need of care the Health Clinic has implemented a policy to deter “No-Shows”.

Any patient with three (3) No-Shows within a six (6) month time period will be placed on a “same-day call status” for a period of six (6) months. Any patient on “same-day call status” will not be allowed to schedule appointments in advance, and must call the day they want to be seen by the physician and ask if there is an available appointment. If there is no available appointment, then the person would have to call the next day, and so forth, until there is an available same day appointment.

At the end of the “same-day call status”, a patient will be eligible for scheduling appointments in advance, and the number of No-Shows for the patient will reset to zero.

PHARMACY REMINDER:

When calling the pharmacy for your medications to be refilled, PLEASE have the following ready:

1. The name of the drug - OR
2. Your prescription number -OR
3. What the medication is being taken for (example Blood pressure, diabetes)

This is for your safety. We want you to be receiving the medications that you currently take.

Please keep in mind prescriptions that are not picked up within 14 days are returned to stock.

QUESTIONS? Please call (251) 368-9136 ext. 2304.

Pardon the progress in existing clinic areas as renovations are taking place to relocate the Pharmacy and Eye Clinic in-house.

Watch the newsletter, web site, and social media for more information.



Tribal Member Maxine Johnson moved into her new TAHO home in Poarch on February 17, 2017. Congratulations Maxine! *This information was originally published in the April issue of the newsletter, Ms. Johnson was erroneously identified as Margaret Johnson. The Poarch Creek News apologizes for this error and any misunderstanding or confusion this mistake may have caused.*



Tribal Member Nick McGhee and his family moved into their new TAHO home in Poarch on March 29, 2017. Congratulations Nick!

RE-ELECT

STEPHANIE A. BRYAN

TRIBAL CHAIR



**ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER
THAN WORDS**

Contact Information:
E-mail: tribalchairbryan@gmail.com
Facebook: Stephanie Abney Bryan

WATER SAFETY TIPS AT HOME

1. Never leave your child unattended around water. Babies can drown in as little as one inch of water.
2. Watch kids when they are in or around water, without being distracted. Keep young children within arm's reach of an adult.

Remove Water from Tubs and Buckets after use

1. Once bath time is over, immediately drain the tub.
2. Empty buckets, containers and kiddie pools immediately after use. Store them upside down so they don't collect water.

Backyard Pools

1. Watch kids when they are in or around water, without being distracted. Keep young children within arm's reach of an adult. Make sure older children swim with a partner every time.
2. When children are swimming and there are several adults present, make sure kids are actively supervised at all times.
3. Install fences around home pools. A pool fence should surround all sides of the pool and be at least four feet tall with self-closing and self-latching gates.
4. Teach children how to swim. Every child is different, so enroll children in swim lessons when they are ready. Consider their age, development and how often they are around water.
5. Make sure kids learn how to swim and develop these five water survival skills:
 - step or jump into water over their heads and return to the surface;
 - float or tread water for one minute;
 - turn around in a full circle and find an exit
 - Swim 25 yards to exit the water; and exit the water.
 - If in a pool, be able to exit without using the ladder.

Effective March 30, 2017, the Human Resources Department has relocated to temporary offices in the first module across from Lavan Martin Assisted Living Facility.

This is the module that formerly housed Tribal Government Accounting. All contact information remains the same.



Re-organization has brought many changes to Magnolia Branch Wildlife Reserve this year. Magnolia Branch management moved from Creek Indian Enterprises Development Authority (CIEDA) to Tribal Government. Construction of a new entrance and office area is underway, as well as a rebranding of the logo, signs, web site, social media, etc. An in-depth article of the re-organization will soon be published in the newsletter.

This recent re-organization has brought many changes, but some things remain the same. Tribal Members are admitted free to Magnolia Branch Wildlife Reserve (MBWR) with proper identification, i.e. Tribal Member ID Card, Tribal Member Youth ID Card, or Tribal Member Family Pass.

A Family Pass allows a Tribal Member, a Tribal Member's spouse, and all children under the age of 18 who are living in the household, to enter the park free of charge when presented at the front gate entrance; if you do not have proper identification or a Family Pass, you will be expected to pay regular admission charges. All applicable fees apply for all additional park amenities.

Tribal Member families that had a Family Pass made last year will not be required to get a new pass this year unless there has been change to the family makeup, i.e. divorce, marriage, birth of a child, a child reaching age 18, etc. or if they have lost their Pass. A maximum of two (2) Family Member passes will be issued per household per year.

If you need a Tribal Member Family Pass to MBWR, please contact the Tribal Member Benefits Department at (251) 368-9136 x 2209 to schedule an appointment and identify required documents to bring to appointment. Passes will not be issued without proper documentation.

Please contact Tracy Sells, MBWR Park Coordinator, at (251) 446-3423 or (251) 253-3153 if you have any questions about MBWR, park services, and/or amenities. Tracy can also be contacted via email at tracy@pcimbwr.com.



ANITA MCGHEE TUEL

TRIBAL COUNCIL

AT LARGE



I respectfully ask that you allow me the opportunity to fearlessly fight for you . Equality starts with tearing down the wall of division and I'll push to restore our beautiful Tribe to a day that we considered each other family and strived to treat one another with respect and love.



TRIBAL HEALTH

- ♦ VOTE TO RESTORE THE PCI INSURANCE
- ♦ EXPLORE 1ST GEN BENEFIT FLEX CARD
- ♦ DISCUSS ANY CHANGES BEFORE THEY ARE MADE

COMMUNICATION

- ♦ ANSWER ALL QUESTION ON THE SPOT
- ♦ CALL 10 NEW TMS EACH DAY
- ♦ HOLD COMMUNITY MEETINGS QUARTERLY

UNITY

- ♦ MAKE HERTIAGE OUR FOCUS
- ♦ BRING TOGETHER ALL LOCAL AND OUT OF AREA TRIBAL MEMBERS



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Playground, Splash Pad & Pavilion Hours of Operation For Summer 2017

SPLASH PAD & PLAYGROUND

Open to Tribal Members/Spouse & one guest each

First Generation/Spouse & one guest each

Non-Tribal Member Spouse/First Generation Spouse
and One Guest

Must Sign in at Recreation Front Desk

Mondays: 12:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Tuesdays - Fridays: 10:00 am – 7:30 pm

Saturdays: 10:00 am – 3:30 pm

Sundays: CLOSED

PAVILION & PLAYGROUND LOCATED BESIDE NEW BASEBALL FIELD

The Pavilion is open to all

No Reservation Needed No Set Time for Usage

First Come First Serve

For more information about summer operating hours for playgrounds, Splash Pad, or pavilion, please contact the Recreation Department at 251-368-9136 ext. 2256.

Poarch Swim Team Wins Big at 2017 Southeastern Championships

It was another great weekend for the Poarch Creek Swim Team. They had a banner weekend March 4-5, 2017 at the 2017 Southeastern Championships held in Pensacola, Florida. They came away winning high point awards in the Girls 8 & Under and finishing top three overall. Several of the swimmers medaled in many other events as well.

Kylee Langham was awarded high point runner up in the Girls 8 & Under age group and medaled in all eight individual events that she swam in.

Kamryn Langham finished top eight overall in the Girls 9-10 age group and finished in the top ten in five individual events that she swam in.

Mary-Ashlynn Williams finished fifth overall in the Girls 8 & Under age group in addition to medaling in six individual events.



Left to right are Kadence Bailey, Mary-Ashlynn Williams, Kylee Langham, and Marlie McGhee.

Marlie McGhee and Kadence Bailey also swam in the meet and successfully completed their first swim season with great times and awards.

Summer Swim Team Season May 30, 2017 - July 31, 2017

Summer Season Registration
March 13, 2017 - May 12, 2017*
(*No applications accepted after May 12, 2017)

Tribal Member & First Generation
Registration Fee \$50.00

Early Bird Practice May 15-26, 2017
Monday-Friday 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm
Wellness Center

Summer Season Practice
Tuesday - Friday 8:00 am - 9:15 am
Wellness Center

For more information contact the Recreation Department at 251-368-9136 ext. 2256. Application are available on Recreation's page of the web site, www.pci-nsn.gov.

Swimming Lessons - Open to Community

Spring Lessons
Registration April 10, 2017 - May 10, 2017
Lessons May 15-25, 2017
Monday - Thursday

Summer Lessons Session I
Registration April 24, 2017 - May 26, 2017
Lessons June 5-20, 2017
Monday, Tuesday & Thursday

Summer Lessons Session II
Registration April 24, 2017 - June 23, 2017
Lessons June 26, 2017 - July 13, 2017
Monday, Tuesday & Thursday

Fee: \$20.00

For more information or register for swimming lessons, contact the Recreation Department at (251) 368-9136 x 2256. Applications are available at Recreation Department or on Recreation's page of the Tribal web site, www.pci-nsn.gov.

2017 NAYO & Softball Registration

Registration
April 5, 2017 - June 3, 2017

Tournament Dates
July 20-22, 2017

Coaches Deadline
May 27, 2017

Host Tribe
Poarch Creek Indians

For more information contact the Recreation Department at (251) 368-9136 x 2256. Applications are available at Recreation Department or on Recreation's page of the Tribal web site, www.pci-nsn.gov.

Your Health Matters

GATHER TOGETHER IN HEALTH



BREATHE ABOUT IT

BY SPENCER TATUM

Advantage Training Director of Training

It's not something we think about very often, or even at all. It just happens without any thought or effort. But what if I told you that you can use breathing to ease a stressful moment, get through a challenging workout or fall asleep faster?

I use breathing techniques every day. Proper breathing is essential whether you're exercising, sitting at work, or trying to go to sleep. If you aren't breathing properly, you may be taking in less oxygen than you need, adding stress to your body and simply making things harder than they need to be.

We need to make things easier on ourselves and breathing will help do just that.

There are two types of breathing:

1. Chest Breathing
2. Belly Breathing (best)

1. Chest Breathing

Chest breathing refers to breaths taken from the top of the lungs that use the chest muscles to inflate the lungs. During chest breathing, the chest expands and

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Belly breaths are slow and deep, taking longer to inhale and exhale and delivering a much larger amount of oxygen to the bloodstream.

contracts with each breath while the abdominal area remains relatively unused. These breaths are shorter and quicker, using only a fraction of the lungs and delivering a much smaller amount of oxygen to the bloodstream. Chest breathing is often associated with hyperventilation and a sensation of feeling out of breath as you attempt to take in oxygen quickly despite the low air volume from each breath. Chest breathing can send a message to your brain that you're stressed, unhappy or feeling threatened. Chest breathing should be something we don't engage in very often.

2. Belly Breathing

Belly breathing, also known as diaphragmatic breathing, refers to breaths that use your full lung capacity. During belly breathing, the chest will barely expand, while the abdomen expands considerably. Belly breaths are slow and deep, taking longer to inhale and exhale and delivering a much larger amount of oxygen to the bloodstream. Because this is an extremely effective way of getting oxygen to your blood and brain, deep breathing exercises are often used as a form of relaxation. With regular practice this could lead to the relief and/or prevention of symptoms of stress including high blood pressure, headaches, stomach conditions, depression, anxiety, and trouble falling asleep. Belly breathing can really improve health and happiness.

Now, let's feel the difference between chest and belly breathing.

Lie on your back with your hand on your belly button. Breathe in deeply and notice whether your stomach pushes out into your hand as you breathe, or if your chest rises. Now focus on pushing your belly out with each breath in. Practice this type of breathing for

10-20 breaths upon waking and as you lie in bed at night. You will likely notice that you immediately feel more calm and centered. You may also notice that you fall asleep faster at night.

Start noticing your mood throughout the day. You may find yourself needing a moment to reset and reboot. This is a good time to take a break for a deep belly breath. You can do this anywhere: at home, work, waiting in line at the grocery store - wherever you are. Repeat the belly breathing 5-7 times. You will feel a shift towards a cool, calm, centered you.

This belly breathing technique helps me ease through a challenging weight training session or feeling overwhelmed at work. Give belly breathing a try. Making this small change will benefit you in big ways.

Breathe easy and win the day!

- Spencer



SMALL DECISIONS MAKE BIG THINGS HAPPEN

TERO Relocates

Effective March 27, 2017, the Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) relocated to the Tribal Government Complex with the Regulatory Affairs Division Office in Building 500, at 5811 Jack Springs Road, Atmore, AL 36502.

You may reach TERO temporarily at the old phone number (251) 368-0606 or contact TERO Clerk, Jennifer Colbert at (251) 368-9136 x 2029.



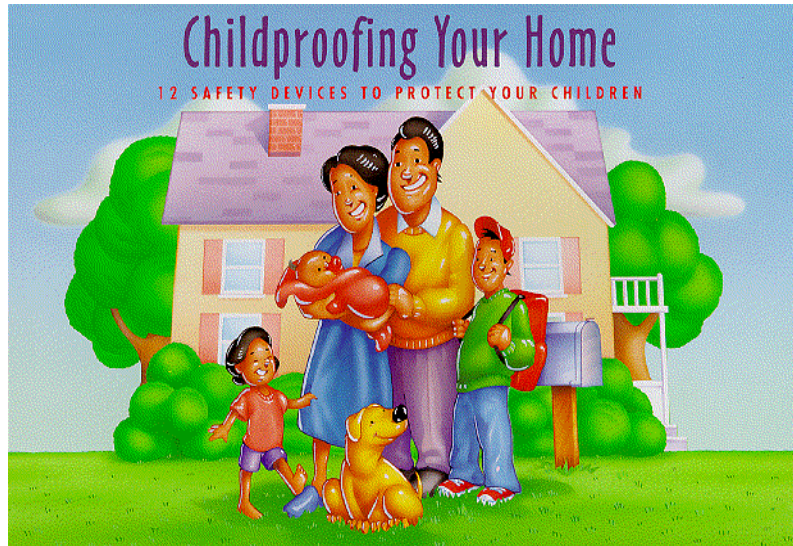
The old TERO fax number of (251) 368-9312 has been disconnected; TERO's new fax number is (251) 368-4502.

If you have questions, please contact Wesley Manning, TERO Director, at Ext. 2027 or wmanning@pci-nsn.gov.

Tribal Accounting Departments Relocate to Building 600

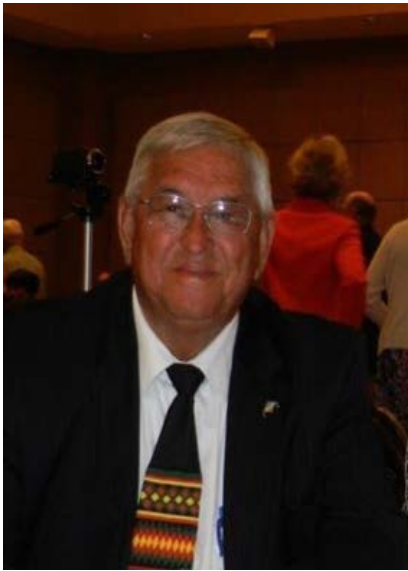


Tribal Government Accounting, Federal Accounting, and Payroll offices have relocated to Building 600, this building formerly housed Human Resources. All contact information remains the same.

Childproofing Your Home*12 Safety Devices to Protect Your Children*

Child safety devices are an important aid to parental supervision. Here are 12 child safety devices that will help keep your home - and children - safer.

1. Use safety latches and locks for cabinets and drawers in kitchens, bathrooms, and other areas to help prevent poisonings and other injuries.
2. Use safety gates to help prevent falls down stairs and to keep children from entering rooms and other areas with possible dangers.
3. Use door knob covers and door locks to help prevent children from entering rooms and other areas with possible dangers.
4. Use anti-scald devices for faucets and shower heads and set your water heater temperature to 120 degrees Fahrenheit to help prevent burns from hot water.
5. Use smoke alarms on every level of your home, inside each bedroom and outside sleeping areas to alert you in fires.
6. Use window guards and safety netting to help prevent falls from windows, balconies, decks, and landings.
7. Use corner and edge bumpers to help prevent injuries from falls against sharp edges of furniture and fire places.
8. Use outlet covers and outlet plates to help prevent electrocution.
9. Use a carbon monoxide (CO) alarm near sleeping areas to help prevent carbon monoxide poisoning.
10. Use cordless window coverings in homes with young children to help prevent strangulation.
11. Use anchors to avoid furniture and appliance tip overs.
12. Use layers of protection with pools and spas to help prevent drownings.



I, Eddie Leon Tullis, ask for your support and vote for the position of Tribal Chairman in the upcoming election on June 3, 2017.

I support and pledge to work toward providing a more visible/transparent accounting of Tribal leadership and Tribal finances. As Chairman, I would commit to scheduling one Saturday each month as a listening session that would open the process of determining our Tribes future. This would be an opportunity for your ideas, opinions, and questions to be asked, answered, and shared in an open and frank manner. Out-of-area tribal members could call-in or submit questions via the tribal portal. These would not be the type of meetings where the Tribal Council makes a presentation to tell you what has already been done, but

which allow tribal members to have real input before the decisions have already been made. These are areas that I feel need attention and could be addressed at these sessions:

- We need to be more transparent in disclosing to tribal members the amount of funds that we spend on outside political entities and candidate donations.
- We are a PAID Tribal Council. There should be no reason for the continued increase of executive sessions and polling approvals at Tribal Council meetings. I believe that Council meetings have become simply an approval process for issues that have been decided elsewhere.
- I support re-evaluation of the current Revenue Allocation Plan that would allow for an increase in the percentage of revenue dedicated to Per Capita returned to tribal members.
- The process of approving budgets for tribal departments should ensure the opportunity for input from all tribal members before Tribal Council approves them. Once these budgets have been proposed, I believe they should be published in a format that is easily understood by tribal members and not in a financial language that only a few are able to understand.

In the past, we were a tribe UNITED. We worked together for the betterment of the whole tribe which ensured advancement of all tribal members, families, and community equally. Today, we are no longer united, but seem to be made up of individual “clicks” that work toward individual success rather than the whole tribe. I pledge to work to change this and unite our Tribe once again.

I again ask for your vote on June 3, 2017 so that I can continue to “work for you” as your Tribal Chairman. I can be reached on my home phone at 251-368-268. Thank you.

Eddie L. Tullis

Burial Assistance Program

As a Tribal Member, you are eligible for the \$10,000.00 burial assistance benefit. If you do not have a form on file or wish to change your beneficiary, please complete the Burial Assistance Form, have it notarized, and return it to:

- Tribal Member Benefits, 5811 Jack Springs Road, Atmore, AL 36502, or
- Email to: awilson@pci-nsn.gov.

Poarch Creek Indians Burial Assistance Enrollment Form			
			Roll Number: _____
Name: _____	SSN: _____	Date Of Birth: _____	
Address: _____	City: _____	State: _____	Zip: _____
Phone: _____			
<p>As an eligible Tribal Member of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians (PBCI), I am hereby entitled to a death benefit payment to be used for my burial expenses. Disbursement of this death benefit may be made directly to a funeral director or to my beneficiary. I understand upon my death, my unpaid distributions (including any remaining Per Capita for the current year) shall be paid to my stated beneficiary.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>SELECT ONLY ONE OPTION:</u></p> <p>_____ OPTION 1----I hereby designate my benefit to be made directly to a funeral home director for the cost of my funeral expenses. Any <u>excess</u> benefits will be paid to my stated beneficiary.</p> <p>_____ OPTION 2----I hereby designate my benefit to be paid to my stated beneficiary.</p> <p><u>Primary Beneficiary</u></p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Phone: _____</p> </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>_____</p> </div> </div> <p><u>Contingent Beneficiary</u></p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Phone: _____</p> </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>_____</p> </div> </div> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">If the Tribal Member is a minor, this form must be authorized by a parent or legal guardian.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Notary</u></p> <p>✓ Tribal Member Sign Here: _____ Date: _____</p> <p>Signed before me this _____ day of _____, 20____.</p> <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>_____ NOTARY PUBLIC My commission expires: _____</p> </div>			

Burial Assistance Forms may also be obtained from the Tribal Member Benefits Department located in the Buford L. Rolin Health Clinic or downloaded from the Tribal Member Benefits page housed in the Tribal Members Only Portal (TMOP) of the Tribe's official web site, www.pci-nsn.gov.

If you have any questions please contact Tribal Member Benefits at 251-368-9316 ext. 2209.

Poarch Band of Creek Indians

2017 ROLLOVER SELECTION FORM AND SPENDING PLAN

Roll # _____

Date: March 30, 2017

Name _____

Address _____



***Return completed and signed
form to Tribal Member Benefits
by May 15, 2017!**

Rollover Selection Options:

Per the enclosed MBP Member Statement, you have a rollover amount greater than \$300.00. Please make **one or more** of the following selections and **sign on the back of this page** as verification of your selection(s):

☐ I select to keep \$ _____ for use on my medical flex card.

☐ I select to receive \$ _____ as a taxable payout with the following tax withholding percentage: ☐ 15% or ☐ 28%. I understand my rollover funds will be frozen once I return this selection form to Tribal Member Benefits. I will receive my rollover funds by electronic deposit to my checking account on file in Tribal Member Benefits no later than July 14, 2017.

☐ I select to use \$ _____ to pay for Eligible Expenses under the General Welfare Assistance Program. I understand my rollover funds will be frozen once I return this selection form to Tribal Member Benefits. I understand the funds I select to use for this option will be electronically deposited to my checking account on file in Tribal Member Benefits no later than July 14, 2017. **Complete the Spending Plan Statement below to show how you plan to utilize the monies to meet Eligible Expenses.**

Spending Plan Statement: (Mark the Eligible Expenses area(s) you wish to allocate these funds.)

☐ Housing ☐ Utilities ☐ Education ☐ Child Care ☐ Needs of the Disabled

Describe your plan to utilize these funds to pay for the areas you have marked: (Attach additional information)

****Describe how your 2017 General Welfare Assistance funds will not meet the needs you have listed above:** (Attach additional information)

General Information:

- A list of eligible expenses is attached for your review.
- You must include a copy of the front and back of your current active health insurance card when you return this form.
- **If you do not have current active health insurance, you are not eligible to participate in this rollover selection and spending plan.**

By my signature below, I indicate I understand:

- * Any unused medical flex card rollover amounts will be cashed out and taxed after January 1, 2018.
- * **My rollover selections are unable to be changed once I turn my selection form into the Tribal Member Benefits Department.**

Signature of the Tribal Member

Date

Return Information by the Following Options:

- Return your documents by mail in the enclosed envelope, or;
- Email your information to: tmb@pci-nsn.gov
- Drop your information off by the Tribal Member Benefits office
- We **do not recommend** you fax this information in as the fax machine is not reliable and is not trackable.

****For questions or concerns, please contact the Tribal Member Benefits office at: (251)-368-9136, ext. 2209**

**Received by Tribal Member Benefits on: ____/____/ 2017 by: _____
TMB Staff Signature

**Received by Tribal Government Accounting on: ____/____/ 2017 by: _____
TGA Staff Signature

Forms are also available at the Tribal Member Benefits Department and are posted in the Tribal Member Only Portal (TMOP) of the Tribal web site, www.pci-nsn.gov. Forms housed in the TMOP may be completed in your computer browser and downloaded for signature and forwarding to Tribal Member Benefits.

General Welfare Assistance Program 2017 Eligible Expenses

<p>* <u>What are General Welfare needs?</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Child Care * Education * Food and Clothing * Housing * Medical Expenses * The needs for Disabled Tribal Member or the needs for Disabled Dependents * Utilities 	<p>* <u>Child Care:</u> <i>For the Tribal Member and Dependents</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Payments to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Daycare or Preschool Facilities, * In-Home Care Facilities * Transportation to and from Child Care * Note: If your household receives financial assistance through Family Services or the Health Department to pay for any of these services, you can only count the monies you personally spend.
<p>* <u>Education:</u> <i>For the Tribal Members or Dependents</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Tuition for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Preschool, School, College/University, and Online School * Educational Seminars * Vocational Education * Technical Education * Adult Education * Alternative Education * Fees for Extracurricular Activities and related Mileage Expenses * Reasonable Room and Board for On or Off Campus Living * Supplies and Equipment * Training or Interviewing away from Home including Travel, Auto Expenses, Lodging, and Food. * Tutoring <p>Note: These are not “eligible expenses” if the Education Department is paying for these cost!</p>	<p>* <u>Food and Clothing:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * \$2,000 per Tribal Member and per their Dependent(s) per year for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Food and Personal Hygiene Products * \$500.00 per Tribal Member and per their Dependent per year for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Clothing * Note: “Exigent Circumstances” will be considered in this category and must be determined as an “Exigent Circumstance” by the Family Services Department. * <u>“Exigent Circumstances” may include but is not limited to:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * A reduction in household income * A crisis caused by a medical issues, domestic violence, or fire * A natural disaster * Involuntary displacement from one’s home.

<p>* <u>Housing:</u> <i>For the Tribal Member's Primary Residence Only</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Mortgage Payments * Down Payments * Rent Payments * Home Renovations * Rehabilitation Work * Housing Loans * Property Taxes * Homeowner's Insurance * Content Insurance * Routine Home Maintenance * Household Repairs * Home Security Measures * Enhancing the Habitability of the Home 	<p>* <u>Medical Expenses:</u> <i>For the Tribal Member Household</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Health Insurance Premiums (<i>**if not paid by another party</i>) * Medical Treatment and Prevention Services that promote the proper functions of the body * Mental Health * Transportation to and from Medical Appointments (<i>**Cannot also count these on your itemized tax return for 2017</i>) * Qualified Long-Term Care Services. * <u>Note:</u> Cosmetic surgery is NOT an eligible expense unless it is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. necessary to restructure a deformity resulting from or related to a congenital abnormality, or b. a personal injury resulting from an accident, trauma, or disfiguring disease.
<p><u>The Needs of the Disabled:</u> <i>For the Disabled Tribal Member needs or the needs of Disabled Dependents</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Payments to daycare or in-home care providers * Payments for meals, assistance with meal preparation, and assistance with doing chores * Payments for equipment to make a vehicle handicap accessible <p>* <u>Note:</u> If your household receives financial assistance through Family Services or the Health Department to pay for any of these services, you can only count monies you spend towards your General Welfare expenses.</p>	<p>* <u>Utilities:</u> <i>For the Tribal Member's Primary Residence Only</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Water * Sewer * Trash * Electricity * Natural Gas/Propane * Landline Phone * Cell Phone * Internet * Cable Services

Tribal Officers Attend U.S. Indian Police Academy Training in Artesia, New Mexico

Investigator Dale Lisenby (Tribal Member), Investigator Ron Davis, along with Corporal Caleb Linam (Tribal Member) attended a BIA Lieutenant Command School in Artesia, NM from March 6-16, 2017.

The Lieutenant Command School is an interactive police supervisory training program designed for first line supervisors. The nine day program combines key leadership skill development with BIA-OJS police and operational procedures for Indian Country Policing.

Participants are engaged in job performance activities to build decision making, leadership, and emotional skills. The program was



Left to right are Corporal Caleb Linam, Investigator Ron Davis, and Investigator Dale Lisenby.

jointly developed by the United States Indian Police Academy and Federal Law Enforcement Training Center.

Graduation was held on March 16, 2017, each received their certificate of completion.

TRIBAL TIP LINE

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

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

As a partner with our Tribal Community, the Poarch Creek Tribal Police Department is pleased to provide this service.

We hope this service will be a great benefit to you as a citizen. Together we can make our community safer.

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

All information provided via the Tip Line will be investigated.




Tribal Tip Line * (251) 446-TIP * (446-4847)

Lowering The Tribal Flag When A Tribal Member Passes

In order to make sure the Tribal Flag is lowered to show respect for the unfortunate passing of a TRIBAL MEMBER we request that the family notify the Poarch Tribal Police Department at (251) 368-9136 x 2621 or email Connie Vickery at cvickery@pci-nsn.gov.

We would like to lower the Tribal Flag for the wake and funeral, therefore when calling please leave the name of the Tribal Member and funeral arrangements.

We will also show our respect through prayer for the family and friends during their time of sorrow.



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THE **THREE TYPES** OF DISTRACTED DRIVING AND HOW TO AVOID THEM



VISUAL



Keep your eyes on the road.

Pull over to read directions.

Put your phone in “Do Not Disturb” mode.



MANUAL



Keep your phone out of reach.

Make all adjustments before driving.

Don’t reach for items while driving.



COGNITIVE



Avoid phone calls, even hands-free.

Stay focused on the road.

Keep your emotions in check.

Unfortunately, more and more Americans are injured or die because they are distracted while operating a vehicle.

While there are many potential distractions for drivers, cell phones are an especially common form of distraction. Most of us use them frequently throughout the day.

While many of us have seen drivers distracted by cell phones, we rarely recognize that same behavior in ourselves.

Please take time to make a change to your behavior and pledge to drive distraction-free!

Here are a few tips to help you keep your eyes on the road, your hands on the wheel and your mind on the drive.

- Turn off your cell phone, and put it away! There is no safe way to make a call while driving – not even hands-free.

- Send and read text messages and emails before you start driving
- If you must use your phone, schedule breaks to stop, park safely, and respond to messages and calls.
- Know where you’re going before you leave. Reduce stress and plan your route in advance.

Make it a SPA day

Friday, May 26th • 12:30-4:30

Facial Plastic Surgeon Derek Jones, MD, will schedule cosmetic injectable appointments at the SPA in the Wind Creek Casino Resort in Atmore.

Services Offered:

- Botox
- Dysport
- Restylane
- Restylane Silk
- Restylane Lyft
- Juvederm
- Juvederm Voluma

Wind Creek Special:

- Botox \$11.00 a unit, (regularly \$13.00)

Latisse appointments or refills available!

To book your appointment call Andrea at 850.474.8178 or 850.484.FACE.



Derek Jones, MD

- DrDerekJones.com
- MedicalCenterClinic.com



Spring has sprung and we here at the PCI Utilities Authority are looking forward to all the wonderful things that spring promises. Completion of ongoing projects and the beginnings of new ones.

We are so pleased to welcome Kimberly Weatherford to the Utilities family as the Office Coordinator. Kim comes to us with 16 years of experience from the Uriah water system. When you have the pleasure of meeting Kim, please help us welcome her to the family.

Last month, we spoke about leak's and leak detection, what it cost you AND the environment in loss each year, as well as silent water consumers such as toilets. This month we will continue our discussion with leaks concerning faucets and showerheads.

FAUCETS & SHOWERHEADS:

- A leaky faucet that drips at the rate of one drip per second can waste more than 3,000 gallons per year. That's the amount of water needed to take more than 180 showers!!!
- A showerhead leaking at 10 drips per minute wastes more than 500 gallons per year. That's the amount of water it takes to wash 60 loads of dishes in your dishwasher.

EASY FIXES:

- Leaky faucets can be fixed by checking faucet washers and

gaskets for wear and replacing them if necessary. If you are replacing a faucet, look for the WaterSense label.

- Most leaky showerheads can be fixed by ensuring a tight connection using pipe tape and a wrench. If you are replacing a showerhead, again look for one that has earned the WaterSense label.

PROJECT UPDATES:

The Safe Drinking Water Revolving Fund Project is well underway. The prefabricated metal building has been delivered and the frame work is completed. Colors for the exterior walls, trim and stone have been selected to complement the existing Utilities complex. Some minor changes have been made to the access road, customer drive through, and the loading dock areas due to elevation variances. With weather permitting, we are hopeful to complete this project and occupy this building in July 2017.

The improvements and changes in water main sizes and material, for the Canoe Water Improvements Project, has created expected changes in the hydraulics of the system. These changes resulted in numerous leaks within the system that caused many emergency repairs to be made, many of which were after hours and on weekends. We are pleased to announce that the project has been completed. The system shows signs of stabilization once again, and we

are hopeful that leaks and breaks will reduce significantly.

PCI Utilities was able to obtain a grant for financial assistance from EPA for the Sanitary Sewer Structure Lining Project. The project is approaching the design phase. The field work of identifying and assessing the 12 to 15 man holes with the most significant inflow and infiltration is nearly complete. We are working with IHS to prepare the specifications in an effort to finalize the bid package with the start of construction targeted for July 2017.

The PCI Utilities Authority Board and Staff would like to wish a happy Mother's Day to all the wonderful women in our lives and the Tribal community. Thank you for being the chauffeur, nurse, secret keeper and play-mate. Most of all thank you for your selfless love.

"Motherhood is a great honor and privilege, yet it is also synonymous with servanthood. Every day women are called upon to selflessly meet the needs of their families. Whether they are awake at night nursing a baby, spending their time and money on less-than-grateful teenagers, or preparing meals, moms continuously put others before themselves." – Charles Stanley (Baptist pastor)

Please contact our office between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday should you need assistance or have questions at 251-446-1617.

Serving up a Taste of Wind Creek

By: Kristen Gehman, *WCH public relations specialist*
May 2017

Wind Creek Hospitality (WCH) is serving up something special in Alabama during 2017. In January WCH began a campaign called Taste of Wind Creek. The goal of the project is to take Wind Creek's brand on the road to different cities around the state and share a taste of what we offer – something people will travel to get more of.

One leader of the program, WCH Executive Chef Peter D'Andrea, explained how the program will work. "Taste of Wind Creek is a brand new way to find your winning moment on the road, at food tastings and community events all over the Southeast."

Taste of Wind Creek events will take place one time per month in conjunction with other community events. At the events, the culinary team puts on a show – doing live cooking demonstrations and serving delicious samplings to guests. For guests who have never visited a Wind Creek property before, the reaction could be, "Wow, I didn't know how great the food was at Wind Creek. When can I come visit?!"



Pictured above: (left to right) Michael Perhaes, Magi Williams, Chef Peter D'Andrea, Evelyn Kwan Green of University of South Alabama Hospitality & Tourism Management Dept.

Chef Peter hopes the project will help Wind Creek stand out among competitors and bring attention to the AAA Four-Diamond restaurant options at each property. "Taking the signature dishes from our restaurants, as well as our Four-Diamond service and the chef's interaction, is something no one is doing in our markets at the moment. Our chefs and servers become story tellers for our brand at each event – the guests love the interaction."



Pictured in photos above: Wind Creek team members and food demonstrations from recent events in Birmingham and Mobile.

Photo credit: Kristen Gehman & Carey Crantford

The WCH sponsorships and events team works closely with the culinary team to execute the events. Trina Rackard, a Tribal Member and the Operations Manager for sponsorships, explained what it means to be involved in Taste of Wind Creek:

"When we're on the road promoting Taste of Wind Creek, we're really promoting what we have to offer at the properties. It's the excitement, the food is great, the atmosphere is awesome. Ultimately hospitality is at it's finest at Wind Creek and that's what we're taking on the road and it's a lot of fun. Our focus with Taste of Wind Creek is to connect the dots with the community - the movers and the shakers - so people will come see us at Wind Creek. At our events, the food is donated by WCH, so there is no charge. You just get to come and enjoy. Taste of Wind Creek is a win-win for the Tribe, for Wind Creek Hospitality and for the communities that we serve."

"Taste of Wind Creek is a win-win for the Tribe, for Wind Creek Hospitality and for the communities that we serve."

Since January, Taste of Wind Creek has hosted events in Atmore, Birmingham and Mobile, AL. Upcoming events are planned for Birmingham, Huntsville and other locations throughout the Southeast.



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.

DINER OF DISTINCTION



As a true testament to the Creek Travel Plaza's Diner commitment to quality food service and best restaurant management practices, Sysco, a leading national food distributor, just selected the Diner as one of their 2017 Distinguished Restaurants.

Annually, Sysco recognizes independently owned food service establishments who continually offer outstanding dining experiences that appeal to a wide variety of North American customers. This is the first time that the Diner has received this distinction.

"It is a real pleasure to see the hard work of manager Candy Stucky and the entire Diner team be acknowledged by a national food service company like Sysco," Retail Sales Director, Leo Hammons said.

"At Creek Travel Plaza we are well aware of how great the staff is at the Diner," CTP General Manager Tammy Smith said. "It's refreshing to know others agree that the Diner is delivering great food and great service."

This year, the Diner began staying open 24 hours a day to better serve the community, truckers and travelers.

"We knew we were doing a good job because we really do care about making sure our guests are happy with their experience here, and we know this is why our customers come back. However, we didn't expect Sysco to choose us as a Distinguished Restaurant, it is truly an honor", commented Diner Manager, Candy Stucky.



Diner

To Go Orders Welcome
251-368-0088

Pictured: (L-R)
Jason Collings- Sysco General Manager
Candy Stucky- CTP Diner Manager
Tammy Smith- CTP General Manager
Scott Chaffin Sysco District Manager

By: CIEDA Marketing Department

2017 Tribal Council Election Notice

WHEN: June 3, 2017

LOCATION: PCI Community Resource Building (old SAIL Center)

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

PURPOSE: To elect the following:
Tribal Chairman (3 year term) and
2 At-Large Council Member (3 year term)

DEADLINE TO DECLARE CANDIDACY:
5:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 4, 2017
Deadline to have name printed on official ballot.

5:00 p.m. Thursday, May 4, 2017
Deadline to be included as a Write-in Candidate

DEADLINE TO PUBLISH BIO & PHOTO IN POARCH CREEK NEWS:

Candidates wishing to publish a biography and photo in the May newsletter must submit their biography and photo to the Election Board, by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 4, 2017.

Biographies are limited to 500 words or less and cannot contain political platform or views. Digital copies of biographies and photos are preferred and may be submitted by email to Elections@pci-nsn.gov. Any portion of the biography which seems to contain political views, as determined by the Election Board, will be stricken from the biography.

Contact Carolyn Rackard, Election Board Chairman, at (251) 368-9136 x 2501, (251) 508-5879 or crackard@pci-nsn.gov if you have any questions or need more information.

2017 Tribal Council Election Calendar

TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2017 – Deadline to submit Candidate Fee and Letter of Candidacy to Election Board for name to be included on official ballot.

TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2017 – Deadline to submit biography and photo for publication in May 2017 issue of *Poarch Creek News*.

FRIDAY, APRIL 14, 2017 – Names of candidates and any proposed constitutional amendments, ordinances and/or resolutions will be posted.

MAY 4, 2017 – Last day to submit Candidate Fee and Letter of Candidacy for Tribal Council to be a Write-in on Ballot. Any additional names of candidates will be posted within 10 days.

MONDAY, MAY 22, 2017 – Walk-in voting starts and continues through Friday, June 2, 2017. Open daily from 9:00* a.m. to 6:00 p.m. except for Sunday, May 28, 2017 and Monday, May 29, 2017.

TUESDAY, MAY 23, 2017 – Last day to request Absentee Ballot to be mailed out.

FRIDAY, JUNE 2, 2017 – Walk-in voting ends at 6:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, JUNE 2, 2017 – Deadline to receive Absentee Ballots at 5:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, JUNE 3, 2017 – Tribal Election Day. Polls open 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. at PCI Community Resource building (old SAIL Center). Results will be announced at the Pow Wow Grounds during the Calvin McGhee Memorial, and will be posted at the PCI Community Resource Building (Old SAIL Center) back door, on the Community Bulletin Board, and will be printed in the July issue of the *Poarch Creek News*.

* All times are Central Standard Time (CST)



POARCH CREEK INDIANS

WRITTEN STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY

For the Tribal Election of the Poarch Creek Indians to be held Saturday, June 3, 2017, I, _____, declare my candidacy for [] Chairman of the Tribal Council, or [] an at large Tribal Council position. I am enclosing my fees of [] \$250 for an Officer position or [] \$100 for an at large position.

Name as you desire it to be listed on the official Election Ballot: Must be legal name or nickname. **No Slogans.**

Please Print

Consent for Background Verification

I authorize the Tribal Election Board of the Poarch Creek Indians to investigate and verify my eligibility, as established in the Tribal Election Procedures, to be a candidate for a position on the Tribal Council, in the Tribal Election of the Poarch Creek Indians to be held on Saturday, June 3, 2017.

Tribal Roll No: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Social Security No: _____

I will be at least twenty-one (21) years of age on the date of the Election and have never been convicted of a felony. I agree to make public, in writing to the Election Board, any contributions to my campaign in accordance with the Election Code.

Signature

Date



ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST

2017 POARCH CREEK INDIAN TRIBAL COUNCIL ELECTION

SATURDAY, JUNE 3, 2017



I, _____, am an enrolled member of the Poarch Creek Indians, and will be at least eighteen (18) years of age on or before June 3, 2017.

When requesting a ballot one will be mailed to you for the following elections: June 3, 2017 and Run-off election if applicable.

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

FIRST MIDDLE MAIDEN LAST

STREET ADDRESS CITY STATE ZIP CODE

(_____) _____
TELEPHONE NUMBER DATE OF BIRTH TRIBAL ROLL NO.

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

SIGNATURE: _____

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

RETURN THIS FORM BY MAIL TO: POARCH BAND OF CREEK INDIANS
TRIBAL ELECTION BOARD
5811 JACK SPRINGS ROAD
ATMORE, AL 36502
BY FAX: (251) 368-0940
OR EMAIL: ELECTION@PCI-NSN.GOV

Requests for Absentee Ballots must be received by the Election Board no later than the close of business (5 p.m. CST) on Tuesday, May 23, 2017. Requests received after the deadline will not be honored.

Should you have any questions pertaining to the 2017 Tribal Council Elections, please feel free to contact Carolyn Rackard at (251) 368-9136 ext. 2501 or Brenda Faircloth at (251) 368-9136 ext. 2206.

TRIBAL CHAIR

The following candidates have submitted their Letter of Candidacy for the position of Tribal Chair:

Stephanie A. Bryan, Incumbent

Anthony G. Peebles

Eddie L. Tullis

When placing your vote, please vote for the candidate of your choice. The candidate elected will serve a three (3) year term. All bio information has been reviewed, approved, and/or edited by the Election Board. The bio information provided has been published as submitted by the Election Board without edit except as authorized. Applicable formatting has been used.

STEPHANIE A. BRYAN INCUMBENT

I, Stephanie A. Bryan, declare my candidacy for Tribal Chair. I am a lifelong member of the Poarch Community and am the proud daughter of the late Julia Ann McGhee Stacey and Donald Ray Abney. My grandparents are the late Doris "Buck" McGhee and the late Lunie Mae Presley McGhee. I have been happily married to Keith Bryan for 24 years, and we have three wonderful children: Keisha, Brannon, and Niki. We have also been blessed with ten lovely grandchildren.

I have experienced first-hand the transformation of the Tribe from poverty to prosperity. I remember the days of running barefoot down dirt roads as well as helping Tony Parades sort through papers at the old schools while getting the necessary documents together for federal recognition. I also well



remember the days of raising my family in federally funded Tribal housing and working two jobs while attending college. Prior to serving on Tribal Council, I worked for the Tribe and in the insurance industry for a combined twenty years. I firmly believe that hardship builds character, and I am never far from my roots and remain humble and grateful.

I have a big heart and a strong mind, and while serving on

Tribal Council, I have learned to identify realistic actions that can be reached. I come from humble beginnings, and I'm grounded in what matters most: love, doing the right thing, and family. I listen and learn, and this has enabled me to build relationships on a tribal, local, state, and national level to enhance the quality of life for all.

Since serving on Tribal Council in 2006, I've learned that leading a Tribe into the future takes stamina, consideration of what's right for the Tribe, and a bold vision for the future. We cannot become stagnant nor can we rest on our laurels. We must continue to build a Tribe that is sustainable for the present and forges forward for the benefit of future generations.

In 2014, I became the first female elected to the position of Tribal Chair for the Poarch Band of Creek Indians. Serving my people in the capacity as Tribal Chair is

an honor and responsibility that I do not take for granted. While on Tribal Council for the past eleven years, I have been an active and effective advocate for the Poarch Band of Creek Indians and have served on over 15 boards and committees spanning tribal, local, state, and national arenas.

As your Tribal Chair, I remain just as passionate about my people and our community as I've ever been. Under my leadership, the Tribe has embarked on many positive, forward thinking initiatives. However, there is always more work to be done! I humbly ask for the opportunity to continue

working on your behalf as Tribal Chair, and ask for your support on June 3, 2017. Please feel free to contact me at tribalchairbryan@gmail.com.

ANTHONY G. PEEBLES

I, Anthony G. Peebles, declare my candidacy for Chairman of the Tribal Council.

There are many issues facing our tribe.



You can find out more about me, my goals, my ideas, and my values at my website:

www.makepoarchnativeagain.com

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EDDIE L. TULLIS

I, Eddie Leon Tullis, announce my candidacy for the position of Tribal Chairman.

I have served the Tribe in an elected capacity for more than 45 years, but my earliest involvement begin in 1964 working alongside Chief Calvin McGhee and Dave Presley on the land claims cases. This was before our Tribal Council had elected positions and long before there was any



monetary compensation. Those I worked alongside during the process of obtaining our Federal Recognition, John Arthur McGhee, Houston McGhee, Buford Rolin, Ernestine Daughtry and Roberta Sells, did so because of our love for the Tribe and our determination to ensure that we received what was due us. None of us expected or received any sort of monetary compensation for our service.

I have served as your Chairman for 27 years and 6 as your Treasurer. I

Thank you for the confidence placed in me in previous elections. Please allow me to serve you again as Tribal Chairman by casting your vote for me on June 3, 2017.

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COUNCIL MEMBER AT-LARGE (2 POSITIONS)

The following candidates have submitted their Letter of Candidacy for an At-Large position on the Tribal Council:

Randy Adams

Clayton Coon

Rodney Exum

Edward Jarman, Jr.*

Brenda Johnson*

Gloria Krafka

Steven Ledkins

Wesley Manning

Carrie Martin

Eialeasha Martin

Kevin McGhee

Arthur Mothershed, Incumbent

Garvis Sells, Incumbent

Anita McGhee Tuel

When placing your vote, please vote for two (2) candidates of your choice. The candidates elected will each serve a three (3) year term. All bio information has been reviewed, approved, and/or edited by the Election Board. The bio information provided has been published as submitted by the Election Board without edit except as authorized. Applicable formatting has been used.

* *This candidate did not submit a candidate bio for publication.*

ARTHUR MOTHERSHED INCUMBENT

VOTE

ARTHUR MOTHERSHED

Tribal Council

June 3rd, 2017



My name is Arthur Mothershed. I am the son of Deloris McGhee Kelley and the late Carl Mothershed. I am the grandson of the late Levi and Treacy McGhee. I am married to Samantha Canova Mothershed and we have three beautiful daughters; Katie, Shelley, and Kamryn.

My career began at 15 when I took a job with Winn Dixie as a bag boy. I worked there during high school but always

believed that after graduation I would move on to other things. I graduated from Escambia County High School in 1986. After high school, I attempted to work two jobs and go to Jefferson Davis Community College. After a few semesters, I dropped out of college and focused on my career at Winn Dixie. It seemed

like the right decision because I moved into management quickly and eventually became a Store Director. I managed four stores and helped set up and open many more.

I was content, if not happy, with my professional life for many years. However, one day I began to notice that my peers were selected for jobs instead of me. I realized that, without an education, that trend would continue. At the age of 33, I was faced with a decision that most people make much earlier in life. Should I go back to college or stay at Winn Dixie and accept the fact that my opportunities were limited?

I am a conservative person. When I left Winn Dixie and accepted a lesser role to focus

on my education, I was out of my wheelhouse. The decision was not easy but I knew I did not have a choice. Although I had a secure job in an industry, I knew I had to go back to school. It was both frightening and exhilarating at the same time.

The result? I earned my BBA from Faulkner and then my MBA from the University of Alabama. Around that time, the Tribe's gaming facilities were beginning to take off. I took a job as CFO in 2003 and have been working for

the Tribe ever since. I have been fortunate enough to work in our gaming operations as both CFO, GM and now Vice President of Business Development. I also worked as CFO for our CIE, our economic development arm, for three years.

I have served as a Tribal Council Member for the past twelve years. I served as Treasurer for the first four years. I have served on various committees and boards such as Housing, Education, CIE, TERO, Health, Budget, and Wellness.

Serving on these committees has given me insight into Tribal operations I would have never gained otherwise. As you can see, that decision I made 15 years ago was one of the best decisions I could have made.

It has been my honor to serve our Tribe. We have and will continue to grow together. Thank you and please remember to vote.

GARVIS SELLS INCUMBENT

I, Garvis Sells, do hereby declare my candidacy for re-election to the Tribal Council of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians. I am the son of the late Roberta (McGhee) and Eugene Sells. I have been happily married to Catherine Sells for 54 years and we have two children, April and the late Alton Eugene Sells. I currently attend the Poarch Community Church. I still continue to support the expansion and growth of the Tribe and this includes projects on the economic and government sides. Here at home, I have always been a strong advocate for the development of the Child and Youth Development



As is the case here in the Poarch community, I have always supported the ever expanding role of the Tribe in other areas of development.

It is often humbling to think about the progress that our Tribe has seen over the past several

years. However, even with that expansion and growth, I believe that there is work still to be done. This is why I am wholeheartedly seeking reelection for the At-Large position.

As always, I will continue to serve my constituents to the best of my ability. This includes having an open door policy to all Tribal Members. I will always put the Tribal Member first and will assist them in any way possible. Along these lines, I will continue to be a proponent for both our Tribal elders and youth on a daily basis. Once again, I thank you in advance for your vote and consideration.

Garvis Sells

RANDY ADAMS

I, Randy Adams declare my candidacy for the "At Large" position for the 2017 Poarch Creek Tribal Council Election.

I was born in Bay Minette, Al. and grew up in the Bay Minette, Atmore and Poarch area. Currently I reside in the Chickasaw, Al. Community.

I am the son of Jeanette and William "Duck" Adams. I am the grandson of Pearle and Sham Adams. My great grandparents were Lizzie Mcghee and William "Bud" Adams. My grandmother Pearle died at a young age, this left the children to be raised by Hettie "Big Mama" Colbert Mcghee.

EDUCATION:

- Baldwin County High
- Faulkner State- Business Administration
- Central Carolina-Technical Diploma
- Reid State- Diploma in Nursing
- Jefferson Davis-Degree in Nursing



EXPERIENCE:

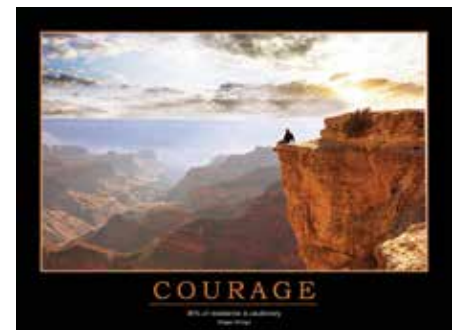
- Management in Oil Company-8 years
- Registered Nurse-18 years; Retired
- Served on Corporate Board-3 years
- Owned and Operated my own Business-3 years
- Presently work for Poarch Creek Indians in Transportation Department

LEADERSHIP:

I feel I would be a valuable asset to the Tribal Council and Tribal Members in the At Large position because of my educational background, work experience and knowledge of business. Since I've been working with the Transportation Department at the Poarch Creek Indian Reservation I found great pleasure in becoming acquainted with our elders and assisting them in their endeavors to seek medical treatment. It is an honor to listen to their stories of "days gone by" or I remember when.... and find myself envying their wisdom. I can see pride in their heritage, revealed by the sparkle in their eyes and strength of their voice. Additionally, I volunteered to be a chaperon for our Tribal children attending Camp Alamisco. These children are our future leaders and protectors of tradition. By encouraging and educating them to make healthy choices, we are preserving our Tribal Prosperity and Sovereignty.

You may not always have a comfortable life and you will not always be able to solve all of the world's problems at once but don't ever underestimate the importance you can have because history has shown us that courage can be contagious and hope can take on a life of its own.

Michelle Obama



CLAYTON COON

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

I have been married to my wife, Debra Rolin Coon, for 26 years. We have four children: Kaweta Jack Coon, a Tribal Police Officer with the Poarch Band of Creeks; Cedo Calvin Coon, employed



with Slaughter Construction; Noah John Coon, a student at the University of Alabama majoring in Political Science; and Emerie Grace Coon, a junior at Atmore

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

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

I would greatly appreciate the opportunity to work for you the General Council; there is so much we can accomplish together for the future of our children and grandchildren. I thank each and every Tribal Member for your vote and support.

RODNEY EXUM

I, Rodney L. Exum, do hereby declare my candidacy for the At-large seat on the Tribal Council of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians.

My parents are Helen McGhee Hallman and the late Espy L. Exum. My grandparents are the late Levi & Treacy McGhee and Thomas & Minnie Exum.

After graduating from Cottonwood High School I served our Country in the United States Navy. I made two tours in the Mediterranean during my stint. After serving my four years in



the service I moved to the Poarch area and have been living here ever since. With the exception of living in Wetumpka for three years while working at our Casinos in Wetumpka and Montgomery. My

work experience within the Tribe includes:

1. Tribal Government:
Computer Programming
and Wellness & Activities
Director
2. Creek Indian Enterprises:
Muscogee Metalworks in
Shipping/Receiving
3. PCI gaming: Ambassador &
Executive Host

I served six years on the Recreation Board including serving on the NAYO & NASA Board (Vice Chairman on the NASA Board for two years). I was honored to serve as a Tribal Council member for three years. I gained a wealth

of knowledge about our Tribe during serving on our Boards & Council and hopefully I may earn your support to serve each of our 3009 Tribal Members again.

In closing, the only PROMISE I will make is...if elected, I will listen to all your concerns and I will be YOUR voice at the Tribal Council Table.

Please vote on June 3rd, 2017 for ...Rodney L. Exum

GLORIA KRAFKA

I, Gloria "Sells" Krafka, do hereby declare my candidacy for an At-Large position in the upcoming Poarch Band of Creek Indians Tribal Council Election. I am a mother, career business woman, grandmother, fighter, sister, cousin, Christian and a leader. I hold a degree in common sense and a lifetime of experience in overcoming obstacles through self-determination.

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

I have always been aware of the commitment, my mother and so many others made to this Tribe when seeking our federal recognition. I was equally aware we were an impoverished community, but a community filled with a spirit of love and bonding. I can remember the deplorable conditions and challenges; under performing schools, poor housing and health conditions; limited jobs were the norm for Indian



people; those who had too little to eat were outnumbered by those who had plenty. I have also seen the strength of Indian people pull together and overcome all of the injustices they were dealt.

In 1983, I was elected to serve a term on the Tribal Council, with NO salary or benefits. Over the years, our tribe has prospered immensely- We need tribal members elected to protect and serve our people and proven talented executives to lead our businesses. I will bring a strong element of compassion and servitude to the Council table.

As a young woman, I taught in the public school system (Head Start)

working directly with Indian children with disabilities. The majority of my career involved work on various government contracts all over the United States. I attended various conferences and served on committees for Native American issues including the Alabama State Conference on Native American Affairs, the Native American graves and rebuttal committee, attendance at various USET functions and others. I have also served on the board of directors for timber and transportation contracting companies dedicated to federal contracting. I was blessed to have a career which kept me connected to my native roots and also gave me vast experience in leadership, budgeting, federal processes, personnel and business compliance. One thing that always remained a consistent truth- never forget your most valuable asset, your PEOPLE. As a business woman, I strived to hire tribal members first and I made sure each and every one under my watch was treated fairly.

I do promise to listen to my people and support the decisions of the

majority of the tribal members, through elections, census, and surveys, regardless of my personal beliefs.

"There is nothing noble in being superior to your fellow man; true nobility is being superior to your former self'- If you believe this to be true, I humbly ask for your support in the 2017 election as

a new At-Large Member of the Poarch Creek Tribal Council. Please contact me at 251-253-7041 or email me at gkafka@yahoo.com.

STEVEN LEDKINS

I, Steven Ledkins declare my candidacy for the Tribal Council At-Large seat in the 2017 Tribal election.

I am the proud son of Joe and Kathy Ledkins. I am the grandson of Verlie McGhee Bailey and the great grandson of Lawrence McGhee and Mammie Rolin. I have been married to my lovely wife Jackie for over 24 years and we have two amazing daughters, Kelsey (23) and Victoria (17).

After graduating from Excel High School in 1992, I enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. Following graduation from Marine Corps Basic training as honor graduate, I was stationed in Cherry Point, North Carolina for the remainder of my enlistment where I received numerous awards and citations. The honor of serving my country and forming a brotherhood with men and women all around our great nation helped to reinforce the sense of pride and integrity that was instilled in me by family at a very young age.



Following my honorable discharge from the United States Marine Corps, I was blessed with a job at Alabama River Newsprint, where I was employed for the next 13 years. After the closure of the newsprint mill my next employer was ThyssenKrupp Steel in Calvert, Alabama. I was employed with TK for almost seven years before coming back home and working for our Tribe. I am currently serving our Tribe as the TERO Business Compliance Officer.

As the TERO compliance officer I see many issues facing our Tribe and I also see the many

accomplishments that our Tribe has made. I have seen our fellow Tribal members grow and prosper in businesses where their skills were honed helping others around our Tribal community. I am one of your fellow Tribal members that came to work for our Tribe in order to give back. I was blessed to attend college through our tuition assistance program where I obtained my Bachelors in Business Administration (BBA) followed by my Masters of Business Administration (MBA) in 2016.

Even though I was raised 30 miles north of Poarch, Poarch has always felt like home. Visiting my grandmother every weekend and spending my summers with my aunts, uncles and cousins, helped me realize the bond between so many different families living in one small community. What I remember most about my younger years in Poarch is how everyone would gather and fellowship to help their neighbors who might be having a hard time. Bringing our Tribe back to its roots while serving and empowering other

Tribal members is what I am most passionate about, and my current job as TERO compliance officer helps me do just that.

If I'm blessed to be elected, I promise to lead with integrity and

honor to secure a better future for all Tribal members and to listen to all of your voices. I humbly ask for your vote and support in the upcoming June 3, 2017 election.

You can contact me @ 251-593-9720 or via email at stevenledkins@gmail.com.

Thank you and God bless!

WESLEY MANNING

I, Wesley Manning, would like to announce my candidacy for At-Large Council Member. I am the son of Clark and Marsha Manning. I am the grandson of Evelyn McGhee Manning and Floyd Manning, and the great grandson of David McGhee and Maggie Rolin. My wife Angela and I have been married for nearly six years and have one son, Jacob and one daughter, Gracelyn.

I have very fond memories of my grandmother, Evelyn McGhee. Every time I went to visit her, she would always make me feel at home. She was by far the sweetest woman in the world. She would always offer me more food than I could eat and she would make her world famous banana pudding just for me. As time passed, I realized she didn't have much, but she always put others first. This attribute has resonated with me as an adult, and I continue to strive to be as good of a person as she was. My values didn't stop there. My parents raised me to work hard, be fair, and display



integrity in everything I do. My parents also taught me to be unselfish. I have watched them give to others their whole life and never expect anything in return.

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

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

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

I have been humbled and honored to be able to serve our great Tribe in the capacities that I have been afforded thus far, and I will continue to serve with fairness, integrity, and commitment with the betterment of our Tribe in the

forefront of my mind at all times.

I would love the opportunity to serve you for the next 3 years so please vote "Manning" for At-Large Council Member this June.

God Bless you,

Wesley Manning

"Actions speak Louder than words"

CARRIE MARTIN

I, Carrie Martin declare my candidacy for Tribal Council At Large. My paternal grandparents were: Chief Calvin & Joyce McGhee, maternal grandparents Jack & Nora Daughtry. I am married to Randy (A.D. & Willie Lee) Martin. I have three children by a previous marriage: Amber Holland, Crystal Sanchez, and Courtney Jackson. If elected I will be as full time tribal council member.

I have lived here in the Poarch community basically all of my life, other than eight years I spent in Corpus Christi, Texas during my school years, due to my father's work transfer. I feel that in order to be an effective tribal council member, knowing the community, cultural and inner workings of how our organization works is a must.

I have a bachelor science degree in nursing and am currently employed with the Poarch Health Department as Quality Assurance Coordinator. My work history



is extensive and encompasses so many areas of health along with numerous managerial roles. My current position has enabled me to view a much deeper depth of the inner working of our organization.

I am an individual who stands for what is right and fairness for all. Many times people will say to me, why are you worried about that, it does not affect you? My response is and always will be "That's not who I am" When something does not seem right or unfair, I feel that I must voice my concerns. I get this from my grandfather, Chief Calvin, who also worked tirelessly

for not just his family, but all tribal families. My father, Curtis McGhee was the same way. I am passionate about our tribe and want to see all tribal members have a voice, even if they are not able to speak for themselves.

I served five years on the ethics board with the tribe (four as the chair). One of the most important things that I have acquired over many years of being part of committees is that there must be a willingness to listen to what all parties have to say and maintain an open mind to new ideas.

I will promise that I will be a tribal council member for all tribal members near and far. We are all one family and I believe in treating families with respect and fairness. I am a firm believer in helping yourself before helping others.

I humbly and respectfully ask for your vote on June 3rd. If you would like to discuss any issues or concerns with me; please call 251-294-2028 or email at carrie2@frontiernet.net.

EIALEASHA ELIZABETH MARTIN

Hello Tribal Families,

My name is Eialeasha Elizabeth Martin, better known by everyone as "Leasha Martin". I am the daughter of Douglas Martin and Dorothy Nelson Martin. I am granddaughter of Elsie Martin-Holland and Willis McKinley McGhee Sr.

I work as the Library Clerk and Receptionist at the Poarch Band of Creek Indians

Education Department. My job has given me much pleasure over the years. I have met and been able to interact with all generations of Tribal and 1st generation

members of our Tribe. For the past 5 yrs. I have had the privilege to visit twice a month with the Elders of our Tribe. Every second and fourth Thursday of each month we have a Senior Reading Class.



Holding these classes has been a true honor. I have gotten to know many of our Elder families and know what our Elders want and need. What they like and dislike. I did hear you, I did listen to you when you spoke and I will continue to listen to you if I am given the honor of being one of your Councilmen.

This year we have seen so many changes. I want to take us back to good ole fashion break down vocabulary.

We are a Tribal band of people, but we do not all have the same needs.

Believe me as a Tribal member with two young children, I worry about our future as a Tribe too. Our future is based on our Elders speaking up for what they want, our families sticking together and having their voices heard.

I would appreciate your vote on June 3rd 2017. Please feel free to call me at 251-359-2470 or 251-359-6106.

If you are passing by 1208 Medical Park Drive, and see my little gray car just stop by, I have an open door policy and we can have some tea or coffee on the front porch like family, because we are.

All you need is the plan, the road map, and the courage to press on to your destination.

Earl Nightingale

KEVIN MCGHEE

I, Kevin McGhee, declare my candidacy for the at large seat in the 2017 Tribal Election. I am the son of Shirley Von and Eldnar (McGhee) McGhee, both of Poarch. I am the grandson of the late Shirley McGhee, of Poarch, the late A.D. and Willie Lee (McGhee) Martin, both of Poarch, and the late Levi and Tracey (Walker) McGhee, both of Poarch. I am married to Tawana (McDuffie) McGhee. We have three children Stacey, Courtney, and Kennedy; three grandchildren Kaiden, Avery, and Easton. I live in the Poarch Community.

I have within the past year completed my Master's Degree in Business Administration from Faulkner University. I have worked in the Business/Accounting field for the past twenty-one (21) years. I am



currently employed with Wind Creek Atmore as Entertainment Center Director. I severed on Tribal Council from 2013-2016; through this experience and opportunity I gained a wealth of knowledge on the legal aspects that our Tribe faces daily within the Tribe, as well as the federal, state and local governments. The experience has been an eye opener for me, but I extremely enjoyed every minute, and would

love the opportunity to serve you THE PEOPLE again.

I believe in Honesty, Loyalty, and Fairness. If elected to the position of At Large on the Tribal Council this year I promise to bring forth these characteristics to the best of my ability. These characteristics are the foundation of me as a person in my personal and work life. We have been growing at a fast pace these past few years, such things as new developments, organizational changes, and new services provided. These are all great aspects for what our tribe has become, but we always need to remember where we originated from and what it took to get here. I would greatly appreciate your support by voting for me on June 3, 2017.

Thanks in Advance
Kevin McGhee

ANITA MCGHEE TUEL

I, Anita McGhee Tuel, hereby declare my candidacy for the At Large seat on the Tribal Council.

I am the daughter of Kathleen and the late Leo McGhee (born and raised in Poach (Hog Fork) My grandparents were Levi and Treacy Walker McGhee, Nealy Rolin McGhee and Leroy and Kate Maulden.

I was born and raised in Atmore



and Frostproof FL. My life and family roots have been in the past and continue to be deeply planted in Poarch. I never lost sight of where I came from nor did I lose touch with our roots and we made it a priority to always come back to visit family and friends.

My parents instilled an impeccable work ethic in me that has served me well throughout my entire life. Growing up I knew the benefit of hard work and I still believe

thankful to have been able to learn about many of our members and their families through the Facebook group that I started over two years ago. It has helped me to be able to be engaged with so many of you that I would have never had the opportunity to get to know. I appreciate every one of you and your contributions to my life. I hope to be able to serve you on the Council and bring all of your ideas and concerns to the table.

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We are a resilient people who helped each other out
through trying times to become the only federally
recognized Tribe in Alabama.
Today, we join our neighbors' effort to help improve
quality of life for all.

Poarch Values

Love & Commitment to Family
Self-Determination & Self Reliance
Faith & Commitment to do what is right for the Tribe
Respect for Elders
Integrity: Being true to who we are
Prosperity

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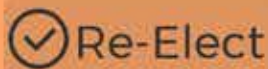
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A PROVEN, EXPERIENCED LEADER

The past 10 years have been the **MOST** prosperous years for the Tribe, and I am so grateful to have been part of the decisions that have brought this prosperity to the Tribal Members. I thank you, the General Council, for giving me the opportunity to serve you all for the past 11 years as an at large Tribal Council Member, Vice-Chair, and now as Tribal Chair. My record proves that I am consistently supportive of benefits that will improve Tribal Members' quality of life, and this is something of which I am very proud. *I have always advocated for increased benefits for the People, and I always will.*



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As your Tribal Chair, I have championed and supported the following initiatives:

- The utility card program prior to the General Welfare Assistance (GWA) program;
- The GWA program, which creates additional income in the household because of the tax exempt status of the program;
- Expansion of services at the health clinic such as: physical therapy, orthodontist, pediatrics, x-ray, women's health, and cardiology;
- Expansion of cultural education: basket weaving, finger weaving, beadwork, quilting classes, and many more;
- New facility for the Boy's and Girl's Club, education, and cultural departments. This ensures a safer environment for our children;
- Tax exempt elder benefits;
- Increased benefits year after year;
- Revamped organizational structure that better serves our 3000+ members;
- Quality care for residents at the Assisted Living Facility; and
- Respite care/in home health care benefit for elders and disabled members.



Additionally, while serving as Tribal Chair, my team and I effectively:

- Saved \$8 million by efficient operation of Tribal Government which allowed the Tribe to put more funding into benefits and services
- Implemented a better plan for wiser use of our Tribal lands for infrastructure and roads; and
- Provided more transparency through the Tribal Member portal, live stream, and Tribal social media outlets.



LEADING WITH A BOLD, PROGRESSIVE VISION

My vision for the future of the Tribe includes:

- Working tirelessly on a plan to provide quality healthcare to Tribal Members and their families;
- Expanding coverage to first generation descendants over the age of 18 at the health department;
- Expanding housing benefits to include ALL Tribal Member regardless of their location;
- Developing a plan to assist Tribal Members who are interested in becoming entrepreneurs;
- Continuing to support diversification so we can increase per capita and GWA to Tribal Members;
- Implementing a financial management course for all Tribal Members interested in more wisely investing for their future;
- Supporting a grocery store or farmer's market so Tribal Members can obtain household groceries at a discount;
- Creating home ownership program specifically for elders and disabled Members;
- Providing training to all departments and entities for better customer service so every Tribal Member's experience is a great one;
- Creating more opportunities for open dialogue with Tribal Members to listen to their voice and needs; and
- Creating an aggressive diabetes initiative which focuses on educating youth about the importance of healthy habits.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY (Kē-Hvse) 2017

Monday, May 1, 2017
5:00 pm (CST)

Deadline to submit information for publication in June, 2017 issue of Poarch Creek News

Thursday, May 4, 2017 Last day to submit Candidate Fee and Letter of Candidacy For Tribal Council to be a Write-In Candidate on Ballot Walk-In Voting 9:00 am - 6:00 pm May 22, 2017- June 2, 2017 (Except for May 28-29, 2017) Community Recourse Building/Old SAIL Center	Tuesday, May 23, 2017 Last day to Request an Absentee Ballot be mailed out Friday, June 2, 2017 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:00 pm Deadline to receive Absentee Ballot 6:00 pm Walk-In Voting ends 	Saturday, June 3, 2017 Tribal Election Day Polls open 8:00 - 7:00 pm Community Resource Building/Old SAIL Center Results announced at Pow Wow Grounds
May 1 & 2, 2017 Monday & Tuesday Museum gift shop closed for monthly inventory Monday, May 1, 2017 Deadline to submit Tribal Transportation Improvement Program (TTIP) comments	Tribal Council Meetings Thursday, May 4 th & 18 th 4:00 pm Building 500 Auditorium Tribal Court Sessions Monday, May 1 st & 15 th 9:00 am Tribal Courtroom	Tribal Grievance Board Tuesday, May 9 th 1:00 pm Building 500 Auditorium Tribal Regulatory Commission Meetings Tuesday, May 9 th & 23 rd Building 500 Auditorium 8:00 am
Registration for Swimming Lessons Spring: April 10, 2017 - May 10, 2017 Summer I: April 24, 2017 - May 26, 2017 Summer II: April 24, 2017- June 23, 2017 Friday, May 12, 2017 Last day to register for Education's Summer Internship Program Wednesday, May 17, 2017 CPR Class 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm Gym/Wellness Center Friday May 19, 2017 Deadline to RSVP for Graduation Banquet and Summer Leadership Program	Education Advisory Committee Monday, May 8 th 3:00 pm Family Services Conference Room Buford L. Rolin Health Clinic CMCAC Monday, May 8 th 4:00 pm Cultural Offices /Highway 21 4H Club Meeting 5:30 pm Monday, May 8 th & 22 nd Education Department	Utilities Authority Board Meeting Thursday, May 18 th 1:00 pm Utilities Office Thursday, June 1, 2017 5:00 pm (CST) Deadline to submit information for publication in July, 2017 issue of Poarch Creek News Saturday, June 3, 2017 Health Fair 8:00 am - 12 Noon Wellness Center

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