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They say a picture is worth a thousand words, and I really believe that to be true. Since my mother's passing, I have spent a lot of time looking through old pictures, reminiscing about times past, and thinking about where life takes us.

One of the pictures I came across was one of Venus McGhee Prince and me. It was snapped in a moment that came and went quite a few years ago. But, it is a lasting reminder of an incredible opportunity -- a special time in my life that I would not trade for anything. And as I look at it today, many things come to my mind.

First is the culture and tradition of the Princess pageant. I am proud to know that this is a tradition that continues even today. I see the love that I felt for Venus as a teenager -- and that is still strong today --- as I was presenting her with the trophy and sash. I also see other girls, who are now grown women and positive

role models for future generations. In other parts of the picture, I see a story of change. The PowWow Grounds looked different then. So many thousands of words in that one moment are captured on film.

Life can be captured in a minute, and life can change in a minute. Here at the Tribe, we recently observed the National Day of Prayer. During this time, many of us shared concerns about our children and about the addiction issues plaguing so many of our Tribal Members.

Like you, I am deeply saddened to see how drugs and alcohol have hurt people we love. By making the wrong decision, lives have been lost -- sometimes in an instant -- and the scourge of addiction is now a terrible plight on our entire nation.

It is a big problem, and there must be bold steps taken to solve it. I promise, as your Tribal Chair, that I am committed to helping our Tribal

Members who are struggling with addictions themselves, or that of their loved one. And, I want each of us to believe that we can personally be part of a solution. I think the first step starts with a recognition that a picture paints a thousand words.

If someone took a picture of our life, what would it show? It is a question that really, we should ask ourselves every day. Because no matter your occupation, gender, or age, you can be the difference between a young person choosing sobriety over addiction. Your life can be an example that paints a picture for others.

The solution to the addiction problem lies within each of us. We can make the conscious decision to love and truly care instead of judging. I challenge each of you to "picture your life" and be an example to our future generations as well as to those who may be watching you from afar.

And I hope that years from now, when you go back and look at old photos, you will not only see treasured moments recorded in an instant, but the lives you have made better along the way.

In love,

Stephanie A. Bryan
Tribal Chair/CEO

TRIBAL COUNCIL ANNOUNCES BOARD VACANCIES

The Tribal Council has announced vacancies on the Ethics Board.

The Tribal Council will be taking applications for these vacancies through 5:00 p.m. (CST) Friday, June 30, 2017.

Ethics Board vacancies:

Board Member	3 vacancies
Alternate	1 vacancy

If you are interested in applying for any of these positions, an application is available on the Tribal Council page of the Tribe's official web site, www.pci-nsn.gov; the application may be completed and submitted directly from the web site.

You may also pick up an application at the Tribal Chair's Office in the Lavan Martin Assisted Living Facility located at the Tribal Complex, 5811 Jack Springs Road, Atmore AL or contact Kelli Ramer, Tribal Council Office Director, at (251) 368-9136 x 2110.

All applications, and resumes if applicable, should be returned to the Tribal Chair's Office by close of business Friday, June 30, 2017. Applications may be submitted via online submission, U.S. Mail, hand delivery, or email to boards-committees@pci-nsn.gov.

Once the June 30, 2017 deadline has passed, a list of all applicants will be published for your review. Please review to ensure that your name is listed if you applied for any of these vacancies. If your name is not listed, please contact the Tribal Chair's office immediately at (251) 368-9136 x 2110.

For your convenience, the list will be posted on the outside bulletin board at the main entrance to the Tribal campus, the Receptionist/Front Desk in the Lavan Martin Assisted Living Facility, the Buford L. Rolin Health Clinic, and the Tribal Council page of the web site, www.pci-nsn.gov.

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A Moment With The Tribal Chair



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In Memory

Poarch Creek News, keeping the family and friends of Poarch informed

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*On the cover:
Selina Chee, Chief Pharmacist*

The *Poarch Creek News* is the official newsletter of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians and is published by the Government Relations Department at the direction/discretion of the Tribal Council.

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

The Poarch Creek News reserves the right to edit or refuse any item submitted for publication.

Submission Criteria

Tribal Member submissions for publication in the *Poarch Creek News* are limited to Tribal Members & spouse, first generation, and those living in Tribal Member households unless an exception is noted. When submitting information, please identify the person featured as a Tribal Member, Tribal Member spouse, first generation descendant, or individual living in a Tribal Member household.

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One per article submission; photos will be cropped to fit available space. High resolution .jpg or PDF format. **Head shots are preferred.** Individuals in the photos are to be appropriately dressed; for example, men must wear a shirt, no swim suits except for swim team photos, no photos with cigarettes or alcohol, etc. We will do our best to publish submitted photos, but we cannot fix blurred or distorted photos.

Birthday Wishes

Birthday Wishes will be accepted for the month before, the month of, or the month after the birthday. However, Birthday Wishes will no longer be published in the newsletter. A list of Tribal Member birthdays will be obtained from Tribal Enrollment each month; these birthdays will be posted on the Tribe's web site at pci-nsn.gov/birthdays and accessible via link on the Community Page. Birthday Wishes will also be posted on the Tribe's official social media pages.

Tribal Members may continue to submit individual birthday wishes as in the past for Tribal Members and spouses, First Generation Descendants, and those living in a Tribal Household. These wishes will also be posted on the web site and social media.

Anniversary Wishes:

May be published the month before, the month of, or the month after the anniversary.

Obituaries:

Tribal Members are asked to add *Poarch Creek News* contact information to the media list when completing the appropriate paperwork or planning the funeral of a loved one. The obituary will be published in the next issue of the newsletter after it has been received from the funeral home. Contact information: Poarch Creek News, 5811 Jack Springs Road, Atmore, AL 36502 or via email to gjohnson@pci-nsn.gov.

Tribal Members may continue to submit obituaries/thanks, and other applicable submissions by the last business day of the second month immediately following the death. *Photos will be cropped to reflect deceased only.*

In Memory:

Can be published the month before, the month of, or the month after the birthday of the deceased or the anniversary of the death of the deceased. *Photos will be cropped to reflect deceased only.* In Memory submissions are limited to one submission per deceased individual per issue.

Birth Announcements:

Submit information by the last business day of the month immediately following the birth. A Tribal Member may submit the birth announcement of their grandchild, even if the child is not first generation.

Engagement/Wedding Announcements:

Submit information by the last business day of the month immediately following the engagement/wedding.

Corrections:

Corrections will occur only if error/misprint is made by *Poarch Creek News*.

SUBMISSION DEADLINES

The *Poarch Creek News* is generated one month prior to the month of publication.

Submission Deadline: 5:00 p.m. (CST) the first business day of the month prior to the month of publication.

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.

WORD LIMITS

Birthdays	40 words or less
Anniversary	50 words or less
Engagement	50 words or less
Reunions	50 words or less
TM Submissions	300 words or less
Birth/Weddings	300 words or less
Graduation	300 words or less
Achievements	300 words or less
In Memory	300 words or less
Obituary	300 words or less
News Article	400 words or less

The *Tribal Members Only Portal (TMOP)*, for Tribal Members age 18 and above, is located on the left sidebar of the website's home page, www.pci-nsn.gov. Information such as Tribal Council Minutes, Tribal surveys, proposed ordinances, and other confidential information will be posted in this area that is accessible to Tribal Members only.

The TMOP is not an automated site; it will be up to individual users to resolve

issues they have if they are unable to login to the TMOP. We are unable to provide assistance beyond confirming that you have the correct username and password to access this area of our website. Confirmation of correct username and password may take up to 24 hours.

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

[PoarchCreek;](https://www.instagram.com/poarchbandofcreekindians/) and www.instagram.com/poarchbandofcreekindians/.

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

Please contact Kim Philyaw, Social Media Manager, at (251) 368-9136 x 2169 or kphilyaw@pci-nsn.gov if you have any questions or concerns.

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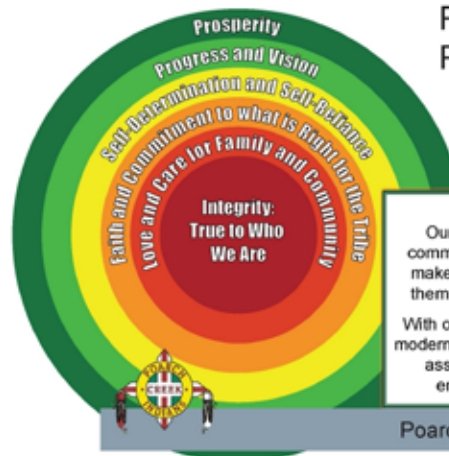
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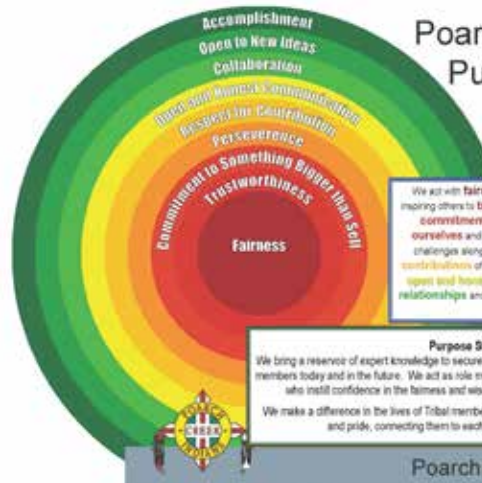


Poarch Council Purpose & Values

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.

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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

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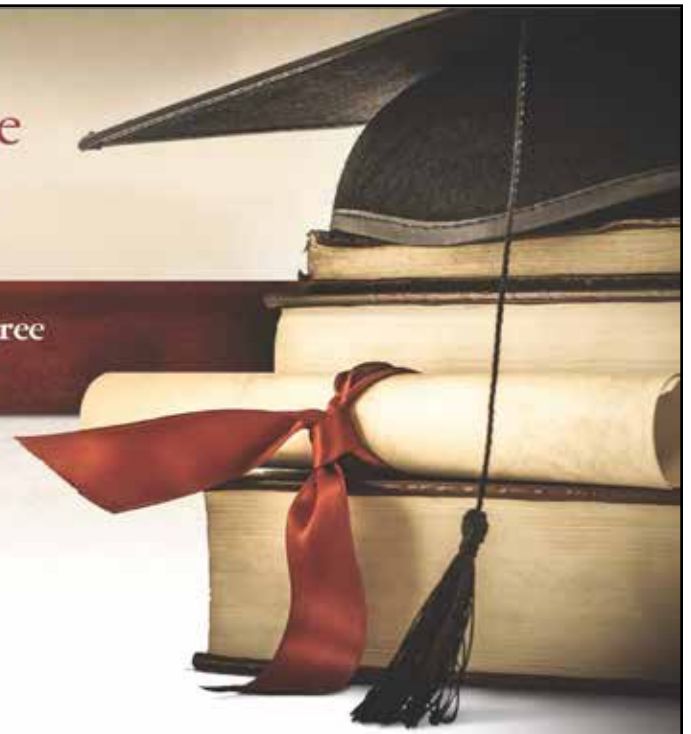
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Today, we join our neighbors' effort to help improve quality of life for all.

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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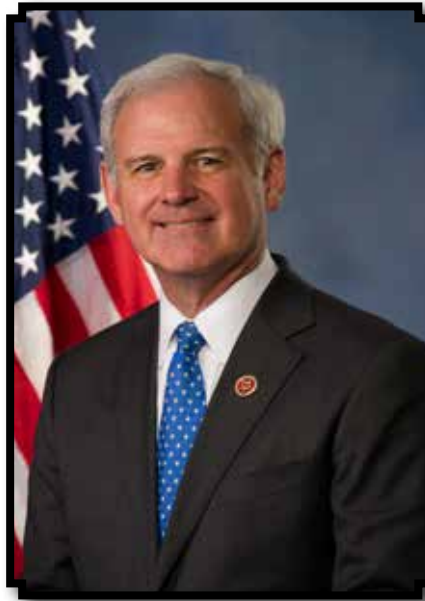
Listening to You

When the House is out of session that does not mean I head out on vacation. Instead, I use these District Work Periods to travel across Southwest Alabama and hear directly from the people I represent.

One of my favorite things to do during these weeks is to hold town hall meetings. In fact, I have held over 87 town hall meetings since being elected to Congress, which ranks me in the top twenty of all Members of Congress. For me, town hall meetings are all about listening. I do not give a speech. Instead, I open the floor up for questions and comments from those in attendance.

Back in April, I held eleven town hall meetings in just four days. This included a stop at the Poarch Creek Reservation, where I answered questions on topics ranging from health care to North Korea to banking regulations.

I was especially excited that our



Representative Bradley Byrne
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town hall meetings garnered national attention. CBS News sent their Chief Congressional Correspondent down to our area to observe a day of my town hall meetings. They put together a great recap for CBS This Morning that showcased the wonderful people who call Southwest Alabama home.

The District Work Periods are also a great time to visit local businesses to talk with the owners and employees. We have such a wide range of businesses in our area, so it helps to see firsthand how their operations

works and to hear about the different challenges they face.

For example, in Escambia County, I have visited everything from Masland Carpets to Muskogee Technologies to the Gulf Coast Cancer Center in Brewton. I always learn something new at these visits, and I take that information with me back to Washington to better inform my decisions.

Another top priority for my time in the district is to visit with students. I always love stopping by our local schools to speak to the students and teachers about my job in Washington and how it applies to them. Education has always been a passion of mine, so I really enjoy being in the classroom.

The best part about time in the district is being able to listen directly to you – the people I represent. I do not represent anyone in Washington, so it is critically important I spend time traveling all across our district to hear from you.

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

NATIVE AMERICAN INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

The Innovation Group has officially begun implementation of its Native American/First Nations Internship Program. TIG has proudly served the Native American community for more than 25 years, always seeking new ways to support tribes in reaching their broader development goals. Tribal members seeking professional careers in gaming are invited to participate in comprehensive studies being undertaken by their tribe – involving expansion feasibility, economic development and database analysis – as paid interns side by side with the TIG project team. In addition to offering interns valuable insights to bring back to their careers and operations, the program will also invigorate TIG's work adding direct Tribal client perspective.

How does it work?

The Innovation Group engages in studies with Native American Indian Tribes and First Nations on a regular basis. Upon engagement in any project work, the following steps can be undertaken to qualify:

- Tribal Leadership (Tribal Council or designated Manager or Economic Development Authority) must submit the name of the internship candidate to The Innovation Group.
- Candidates must be Tribal members and should either be in undergraduate or graduate college or university programs in finance, business or a related field; be former graduates of such programs; or currently be serving as staff members in Tribal government or property operations.
- Interns will work with The Innovation Group staff, remotely or on-site at a property or in our offices as needed. Project work will be approximately half-time, or 20 hours per week, and will entail background research, demand model building, economic impact analysis, customer database analysis and operational assessments. Current Tribal employees may continue to work half-time in their normal jobs.
- Interns will be compensated at the base hourly intern rate at The Innovation Group and technically considered as sub-contractors on project work. Typically, one intern will be approved per project, although on large-scale or long-term initiatives, more than one intern may be appropriate.

What happens when the project and internship are complete?

There may be several outcomes from the Native American Internship Program. When a project and the associated internship are complete, the following may occur:

- Interns should be in a great position to continue to communicate research findings to Tribal Leaders and Members, and track implementation measures for projects in which they were involved.
- If the intern is a student or is not currently employed, a relevant position within Tribal property operations or government may become a viable opportunity depending on the needs of the Tribe.
- Current employees of Tribes are expected to return to their full-time duties with the new experience they achieved through their internship.

Ultimately, it is The Innovation Group's intention that its Native American Internship Program will foster self-sufficiency in many areas of Planning and Analysis at the property level and on behalf of Tribal Government. We hope to have meaningful ongoing relationships with former interns and their Tribes, and interested interns may be welcomed back into The Innovation Group as Analysts when relevant positions become available.

For more information about The Innovation Group's Native American Internship Program, please contact company President Michael Soll, or TIG Native American Division Director Chris Irwin.

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This month we are highlighting the Pharmacy Team from the Tribal Health Department. Our Pharmacy Team consists of Selina Chee, Chief Pharmacist; two Staff Pharmacists, Susan Hayes and Jimmy Lynn; four Pharmacy Technicians, Lori Johnson, Deidra Bratcher, Kate Sanders, and Ashley Williams; and one Pharmacy Clerk, Peyton Findley.

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This summer, the Pharmacy will be moving into the Buford L. Rolin Health Clinic building. We will be located on the second floor but will continue to have a drive thru lane for your convenience.

PLANES, TRAINS & AUTOMOBILES! TRAVELING THIS SUMMER? TRAVEL SAFELY WITH YOUR MEDICATIONS

Boats, cars, planes, trains, bikes, hikes.....traveling can be exciting. For many of us, summer means vacation, and vacation means travelling and trips. Our pharmacy wants you to have a safe and healthy vacation with your family and friends with a few tips on traveling with medications.

1. Be proactive! Think about your health before your trip. If you have a chronic problem, make sure you get a check-up with your doctor to ensure you are able to travel and discover any destination specific health risks. Make sure you have packed your medications, any over the counter medications, and medical devices such as blood glucose meters in your carry-on bag. Some destinations may require you to keep your medication in properly labeled containers, not pill boxes.

If you need extra prescription labels and containers, please call the pharmacy and we will print them for you. Remember to pack a freezer pack to keep your refrigerated medications, such as insulin, cool. If you are flying, please show your medications and medical supplies at security. Also, get vaccinations if you are going to an area that requires them.

2. If you are changing time zones, plan out in advance when you will be taking your medicine during the days you are there.

3. If you are going to be somewhere with hot and humid weather, be sure to keep your medications in a cool, dry place. It is important to keep your medications out of the sun and hot vehicles. Bring a small cooler with an ice pack if needed.

4. Pack a first aid kit. Remember band-aids, aloe vera, hydrocortisone cream, anti-inflammatory drug such as ibuprofen, anti-diarrhea drug, motion sickness medication. If you wear glasses, bring a spare pair if available. And don't forget the bug repellent and sunblock.

5. Preparing for long car rides or long flights. To prevent a blood clot from forming, get up and walk around once per hour if you can. Bend and straighten your legs, flex your feet, and squeeze your toes every 30 minutes. Wear compression stockings or socks. To avoid dehydration, drink plenty of water.

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Tribe Hosts Town Hall Meeting With U.S. Congressman Bradley Byrne

Congressman Bradley Byrne speaks to a crowd of concerned citizens.

The Tribe hosted a town hall on April 18, 2017 for U.S. Representative Bradley Byrne, who represents the 1st Congressional District of Alabama. Representative Byrne makes an effort to listen to the comments and concerns of the people he represents, including the Poarch Band of Creek Indians.

According to a recent article on al.com, Representative Byrne ranks in the top 20 of Congressional leaders (Congress

and Senate) for holding town hall meetings. After a warm and friendly introduction from Tribal Chair Stephanie Bryan, he opened the meeting to questions. Representative Byrne made it clear to the audience that he only has one rule in his town hall meetings—respect each other.

A majority of the audience's questions focused on the state of health care and the Affordable Care Act, with some expressing concerns on the rising costs

of and access to health care. Representative Byrne stated that ending health insurance companies' protection under anti-trust laws would require them to compete across state lines. This competition would help drive down the ever-increasing cost of health insurance. He also conveyed his support of a government "pool" of money, which would be used to offset the cost to insurance companies in insuring those with pre-existing conditions. Representative Byrne believes

this will lower insurance premiums. He went on to assure the Tribe that he would continue to work and make sure that the new health care plan contains provisions that benefit Native American tribes. Representative Byrne also expressed his support of a penalty for letting health insurance lapse for 6 months or longer. He believes this would be an incentive for people to keep their insurance active rather than only purchasing it during times of need, which helps insurance companies keep premiums lower.

A few of the audience's questions deviated from the controversial health care topic. One member of the audience asked what Representative Byrne's thoughts were on the growing tensions in North Korea. He answered by telling the audience about his recent trip to South Korea and the need to prioritize defense spending because of the political tension between North and South Korea. When an audience member questioned increasing defense spending at the cost of decreasing spending on social services, he reminded

the audience of the United States' treaty obligation to protect South Korea and stated "The most important thing we can do is to defend you."

Although the town hall did get a little heated, Representative Byrne kept his composure throughout the meeting by answering every question he could politely and in detail. He ended the town hall by saying, "You know what they don't get to do in North Korea? This."

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Monday and Thursday





Brenda Steeley Johnson

I, Brenda Steeley Johnson, declare my candidacy for the position of Tribal Council At-Large.

I am the oldest daughter of Ruth McCray Steeley and the late Woodrow Wilson Steeley. My paternal grandparents were Leslie Steeley and Nellie Taylor Steeley. My great paternal grandparents were Percy Taylor and Mary David Taylor. I am a descendant of the Sizemore/Colbert/David/Bryars Native American families. I became a proud PCI roll member in 2007.

I have two sisters, Deborah Steeley Sharp and Nellie Steeley Braggs.

I have been married for 27 years to Kevin Alton Johnson. We have two children, Audrey Johnson Gallup (24), and Luke A. Johnson (19). I have two beautiful grandchildren, Carter (3) and Ella (1).

I live in Northwest Louisiana, in the rural town of Haughton located in E. Bossier Parish. I am one of the 1,132 tribal members that live outside of the 5-county service area.

I graduated from C.E. Byrd High School in 1982. I graduated with my Associates of Science in Healthcare Administration from Bossier Parish Community College in Dec. 2012. I graduated with my Bachelors of Science in Business Administration from Liberty University in 2016. I am currently enrolled at Southeastern Oklahoma State University in the Masters of Native American Leadership Degree program.

I am employed as a Billing Specialist for the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Department at the Louisiana State University Health and Science Center located in Shreveport, Louisiana. I started volunteering at one of our local hospitals at the age of 15. My 36 years of work experience in the healthcare field has taught me to communicate effectively to others, become a problem solver, understand and advocate for the rights of others, and provided me the opportunity to be fiscally responsible and accountable to the people I have worked with and the patients I have helped.

My parents instilled in me a strong work ethic, Christian values, and principles. They taught me to be honest, resourceful, and work hard at whatever task I am given. God bestowed me with a servant's heart, the integrity and empathy of a leader, and the gift of discernment to know right from wrong. My Native American heritage requires me to fight for justice and equality for all.

Losing my father and paternal grandparents at an early age, I understand how precious our time is with them and how important it is to know your heritage.

I am very thankful for my tribal roll number, Native American heritage, my tribal family, and friends. **I understand, appreciate, and respect our tribal sovereignty and will fight to protect it.**

I hope that you will give me the opportunity to serve each of you as a Full-Time Tribal Council At-Large member. I hope that each of our tribal members that reside inside **and** outside of the 5-county service area will allow me the opportunity to be a voice for them.



Fred L. McGhee Early Learning Center Participates In Native American Youth Language Fair

Pictured left to right on top row are Fran Southard, Lukas Faircloth, Carter Rayborn, Bella Walker, Keleigh Jackson, Hunter Gibson, Ryan Gookin, Mary Boyte, and Alex Alvarez. Shown on the middle row left to right are Brylynn McGhee, Raelyn Fretwell, Yanasa Alvarez, Paisley Tucker, and Kalli Ikner. Sitting on bottom row left to right are Blakelynn Bowman, Aric Rolin, Emmee Hayes, and Isabella Sanchez.

The Fred L. McGhee Early Learning Center students, parents, and staff traveled to Norman, Oklahoma to perform in the 2017 Native American Youth Language Fair at the Sam Noble Museum on April 3, 2017.

The children sang “Jesus Purke Likan” in Mvskoke Language and placed 2nd in the Traditional Song Category. They also placed 2nd in the Spoken Language Category

in which they performed a skit called “Hompvks-ci” in Mvskoke Language.

The staff and students of the Fred L. McGhee Early Learning Center would like to thank Mr. Alex Alvarez for volunteering to help the children with their spoken language. Also, we want to thank everyone who helped to get us prepared to go and have a safe and fun trip.



*Aubrey "Buddy" Smith
Sergeant
United States Army*

Our veteran this month is the late Aubrey "Buddy" Smith. Buddy was born July 16, 1932; he passed away on June 8, 2016.

Buddy is the son of Arthur A. and Nunie McGhee Smith. Buddy has seven brothers and sisters, three half sisters, and one half brother.

Buddy turned 18 on July 16, 1952, he join the U.S. Army on July 28, 1950. Buddy served with the 82nd Airborn at Ft. Bragg, NC.

Buddy had 35 jumps on his record and received the Parachute Badge Par 24. He was honorably discharged on July 29, 1953.

Buddy married Dorothy Louise Davis on January 19, 1962. They had two children, Aubrey Gene Vest and Richard Chasez. They has four grandsons, Brandon Vest and Greg, Alex, and Zackery Chasez.

After serving his country Buddy, being a welder by trade, traveled many years working construction, mostly with Chicago Bridge & Iron (CB&I). He eventually settled in Cocoa Beach Florida where he became a pilot boat captain at Port Canaveral escorting ships into the harbor.

After his retirement, he and his wife moved to Pensacola, Florida. Not long after moving to Pensacola, Buddy's wife passed away and he moved to the Lavan Martin Assisted Living Facility where he lived out his final days.

Buddy had a 'green thumb' for growing flowers and vegetables. He loved the outdoors and was

an avid fisherman; he could really throw a mullet net! Buddy had a kind personality and loved to talked to people; he never met a stranger.

Aubrey "Buddy" Smith, just one of many Tribal Members who have proudly served for their family, their Tribe, and their country. Because of his service and sacrifices, we can enjoy the freedoms we have today.

*Submitted by Billy Smith
Edited by Gayle Johnson*



U. S. Army Slogan Through The Years

WWI	<i>I want YOU for US Army</i>	1980-2001	<i>Be All You Can Be</i>
1950-71	<i>Look Sharp, Be Sharp, Go Army!</i>	2001-2006	<i>Army of One</i>
1971-1980	<i>Today's Army Wants to Join You</i>	2006 - Present	<i>Army Strong</i>

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.

WHO'S CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY?

Birthday Wishes are no longer published in the newsletter. They are now posted on the Tribal web site at <http://pci-nsn.gov/birthdays> 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.



Introducing

ELIJAH ALEXANDER LUKE

February 20, 2017 🌟 6 lbs 13 oz. 🌟 21 1/2 inches

Elijah Alexander Luke was born February 20, 2017 at 10:30 pm. He weighed 6 lbs. 13 oz and was 21 1/2 inches long.

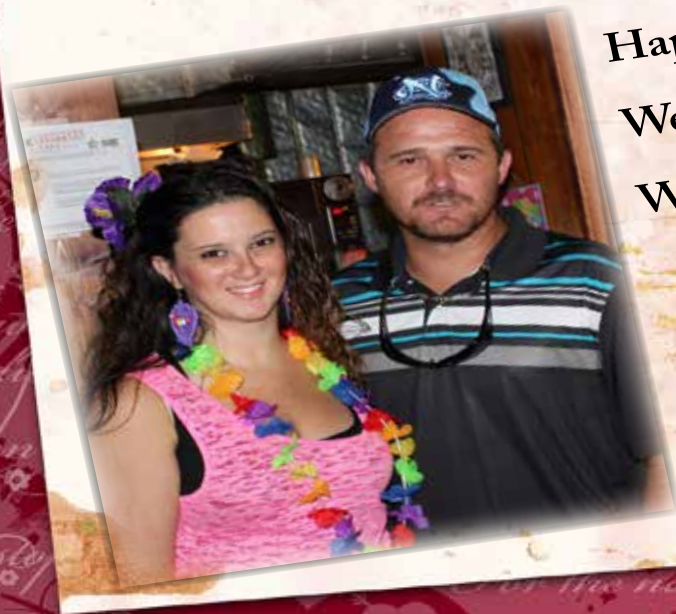
He is the son of Dalton Luke & Sierra Doggette, grandson of Candice Hutto, great-grandson of Brenda & Gary Pruitt, great-great-grandson of Glenda Ellis, and great-great-great-grandson of Thelma McGhee Henson & the late Glenn Henson.

Welcomed with love by **Dad & Mom. Dalton Luke & Sierra Doggette.**

This Birth Announcement was erroneously omitted from the May issue of the newsletter. We apologize for this error and any confusion it may have caused.

For the non stop love in the life, I am, and I will be.
But the problem is, I am not the only one.

Celebrating an Anniversary
GARY & MICHELLE PRUITT
APRIL 7, 2017



Happy 10th anniversary!
We love you!
With all our love, your family.



This Anniversary Wish was published in the May 2017 issue of the Poarch Creek News with the wrong anniversary date. We apologize for this error and any confusion it may have caused.

For the non stop love in the life, I am, and I will be.
But the problem is, I am not the only one.

Celebrating an Anniversary
DANIEL & ELAINE SHEETS
JUNE 6, 2017



Happy 19th anniversary Daniel!
I love you!
With all my love, Lana.



IN LOVING MEMORY OF JOHN ARTHUR HAYLES

JUNE 1, 1944 - MARCH 26, 2017



John Arthur Hayles, a resident of Dothan, passed away on Sunday, March 26, 2017 at a local hospital. He was 72.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, March 30, 2017 at Denton Road United Methodist Church with Brother Paul McVay officiating. Burial followed in Sunset Memorial Park with Robert Byrd directing.

John was preceded in death by his parents and 1 brother. Survivors include his wife, Vera Hayles; his children, Craig (Charla) Hayles, Goodway, AL, Jeff (Michelle) Hayles, Monroeville, AL, and Kim (Scott) Cornett, Demopolis, AL; his stepsons, Gary (Kay) Mattox, Headland, AL and Greg Mattox, Headland, AL; his 6 grandchildren; his 4 great-grandchildren; and his 4 sisters, Estelle, Ruby, Sarah, and Barbara; and three brothers, Joe, Jack, and Larry.

John was born on June 1, 1944 in Eliska, Alabama and lived there the early years of his life.

John was a proud veteran. He graduated from J.U. Blacksher in Uriah, AL in 1962 and joined the U.S. Army in 1963. He served in the US Army for 3 years, the Army Reserves for 3 years, and the Alabama National Guard for 17 years.

He was employed with Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) where he worked for 35 years, going from working on bridge maintenance to serving as a Highway Superintendent.

John loved fishing & Amaryllis; Alabama football; boating and being around water, gardening, planting fruit trees, frying and eating fish, sharing his money and surplus fruits and vegetables with those less fortunate, and driving the bus for "Keen-Agers".

He had a lovable personality and was a true giver from the heart.

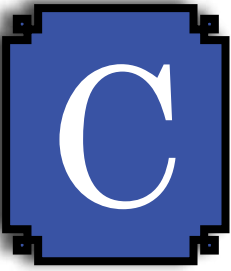
John was a Tribal Member of Poarch Creek Indians and a member of the Denton Road United Methodist Church in Dothan, AL.

Never stop doing little things for others. Sometimes those little things occupy the biggest part of their hearts.

Ritu Ghatourey

As you grow older, you'll discover that you have two hands: one for helping yourself, the second for helping others.

Ritu Ghatourey



IN LOVING MEMORY OF JACK COLBERT

JUNE 20, 1929 - APRIL 2, 2017

Jack Colbert, age 87, died peacefully at home in Ocklawaha, Florida on April 2, 2017 surrounded by his wife, family, and friends.

Jack was born on June 20, 1929 in Huxford, Alabama to Leroy & Stella Colbert. He married his wife, Helen Ward of Pensacola, Florida, on December 18, 1947 in Andalusia, Alabama.

Jack joined the U.S. Army Air Corps, which became the U.S. Air Force, shortly thereafter. He served in (3) wars. Most of his military career he served as a flight engineer on C124 bombers.

Jack was proud of his family, his military accomplishments, and his Native American heritage.

Jack is preceded in death by his parents Leroy and Stella, daughters Linda Diane and Jackie Elizabeth Colbert, and brother Eugene Colbert.

Jack is survived by his wife of 69 years, Helen Ward Colbert; children Elaine (Terry) Hoffman of Waco, TX; Sheila (Tommy) Berthelot of LaPlace, LA; Danny (Mary) Colbert of Ocklawaha, FL; Patricia Colbert of Ocala, FL; Jack D (Noreen) Colbert of Orlando, FL; and his sister Letty Jane Stalvey of Orlando, FL; plus 20 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, and 6 great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Thursday April 6, 2017 at Roberts Funeral Home Downtown Chapel, Ocala, FL with burial at Poplar Springs Cemetery in Uriah, AL. He rests next to his mother in the family plot.



The family thanks everyone for the kind thoughts, prayers, and expressions of sympathy extended to the family.

Dearest Dad, we are only separated from you on Earth by death, you will always remain in our hearts with love. We miss you Dad!

Your Children



Oh, to catch the Winds of Flight and soar where eagles go, to leave the woes of troubled souls behind me far below. I'd listen to the song of birds and sail in endless flight, then chase the sun through cloudy paths and play with stars at night. The boundless heavens for my home, the breeze to lift me high to rise above my mortal bounds and never have to die. Knowing I had the way to trails where Angels trod, and when my wings could fly no more I'd take the hand of God!

REMEMBERING JULIA ANN

As Julia Ann Stacey passed by her home on PowWow Drive for the last time, I thought of seeing her sitting in her rocking chair on the front porch as people would pass by and the laughter, stories, tears and love that very porch has witnessed throughout the years.

Then as she began to make her way by the Pow Wow Grounds, I thought of how she, along with many others, gathered on those very grounds and celebrated family coming home for Thanksgiving and celebrations, cooking to raise money to send Chief Calvin to Washington, and her dancing.

As she began to pass the old school house, which is now the Boys and Girls Club, sweet little faces were lined up along the fence to pay their respects to her. It was so fitting because she had a hand in shaping



many little minds throughout her life. From raising her family, teaching Sunday school, working with Head Start, and loving the many kids that always gathered around her.

Even though a lot of those kids have grown up now, her home has always been filled with children laughing, and playing, and always open to sweet little faces just like the ones lined up along the fence to say goodbye.

Then she made her way into Judson Cemetery, her final resting place. I thought of how when she took her last breath on earth that Friday she was also greeted by sweet faces of family and friends that had already passed on and were waiting to welcome her with loving arms, just like she always welcomed every one with.

Her legacy will live on in the lives she touched, the minds she helped shape, the mouths she has fed, and the foundation our Tribe stands on that she along with many others helped build.

A life like hers lives on forever, and the love she shared will always be felt. We love you.

Submitted by Breiah Adams



TRIBAL FAMILY ATTENDS WHITE HOUSE EASTER EGG ROLL

During a recent trip to Washington D.C., Shannon Peavy and his family attended the White House Easter Egg Roll and visited Congressman Bradley Byrne's office.

Shown left to right, with the White House in the background, is Shannon Peavy with his wife Memori and niece Bristol Talmage.

Submitted by Shannon & Memori Peavy

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.

CASTLEBERRY PLACES IN STATEWIDE ART COMPETITION

Savannah Castleberry is a 9th grade student at Grace Community School in Tyler, Texas. Her artwork recently placed at a statewide Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools (TAPPS) competition held April 3-4, 2017 in Waco, Texas. There were 23 high schools participating in the competition.

Savannah's Mixed Media self-portrait took 7th place and her pencil drawing of a glass bowl took 6th place in the 30-minute on-site see-and-sketch competition.

Places are awarded 1st - 9th with 10th place getting Honorable Mention.



Savannah is the daughter of the Sara Weis and the late Cameron Castleberry. She is the granddaughter of Tom and Rhonda Howard, and the late John Castleberry and Glenn and Mozella Dundas.

Congratulations Savannah, we are so proud of you!

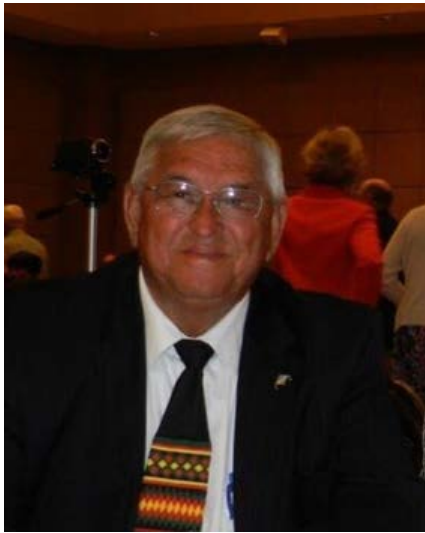
Submitted by Sara Weis

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



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 251-368-2685. Thank you.

Eddie L. Tullis

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.

Join us to hear our Tribal Council and the voices of their families who were interviewed by former Tribal Attorney Hugh Rozelle. Hear their voices which were digitized by the Samuel Proctor Oral History Program at the University of Florida whose Team will be on site to help us conduct family interviews. Call us for an appointment to record your family legacy. Mvto.

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

Tribal Elite Archery Team Member Places 4th At National Competition



Tanner Jackson

Boys and Girls Club Elite Archery Team member Tanner Jackson traveled the weekend of April 7, 2017 to Paris, Texas to compete in the National Easton Southwest Shootout ASA Pro/Am.

Tanner was not only able to accomplish his goal of a new personal best score, but also ranked 4th in this national competition.

Congratulations Tanner! This is an awesome accomplishment!

Tribal Elite & Rookie Archery Team Members Rank in Panhandle Bow Hunters of Alabama Tournament



Team photo left to right: back row -Cade White; middle row- Paige Findley, Brodie Rolin, Tucker Spence, Sydney Snow, Lauren Jordan, and Blakelee Hendrix; front row- Nathan Case, Cheveyo Bingham, Caseano Oliver, Cory Kinsey, and Braeden McGhee.

Several of the Boys and Girls Club Elite and Rookie Archery Team members ranked in the top three in their division at the local Panhandle Bow Hunters of Alabama Tournament held on Saturday, April 15, 2017.

1 st Place Elementary Pins	Ryder Spence
1 st Place Elementary (Rookie)	Brodie Rolin
2 nd Place Elementary Pins	Cheveyo Bingham
2 nd Place Elementary Pins (Rookie)	Alli Flowers
3 rd Place Elementary (Rookie)	Nathan Case
2 nd Place Middle Pins	Lauren Jordan

We are so proud of these students and look forward to more accomplishments throughout the year!

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
11:00 am-1:30 pm.

Location of service:
444 Lynn McGhee Drive
Atmore, AL.

Contact Genia Boutwell at (251)
368-9136 X 2242 for additional
information.



Congratulations to the Boys & Girls Club May Youth of the Month winners!

PK-2nd Grade division winner - Seth Hammonds, left; 3rd-6th Grade division winner - Cheveyo Bingham, center; and Teen Center division winner - Tucker Spence, right. These youth were nominated for their outstanding demonstration of good behaviors and leadership. Congratulations Seth, Cheveyo, and Tucker!

POARCH CREEK INDIANS

Tribal Princess Contest Application

MUST BE A TRIBAL MEMBER, & MUST BE APPROPRIATE AGE FOR YOUR
APPLIED DIVISION BY NOVEMBER 22, 2017

Contestant's Full Name:

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

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

Parent(s)/Guardian(s): _____

School Attending/Attended: _____

Division: (You must be appropriate age for applied division by November 22, 2017)

☐ Little Miss (Ages 4-7) ☐ Elementary (Ages 8-12) ☐ Junior (Ages 13-16)
☐ Senior (Ages 17-22) ☐ Elder (Ages 55 & up)

Signature of Participant

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian

The deadline for all contestants to apply is **July 28th, 2017 at 5PM**

There will be a mandatory meeting/orientation on **August 1, 2017** (additional information TBA at a later date).

Required Traditional Arts Classes are now **offered during the summer**; please check for availability.



Submit your completed application (please verify that it has been received):

- by email: Mindy Jackson (mjackson@pci-nsn.gov) or Mallory Rolin (mrolin@pci-nsn.gov)
- by mail: PCI, ATTN: Mindy Jackson or Mallory Rolin, 5811 Jack Springs Road, Atmore, AL 36502
- Drop off at Kerretv Cuko- PCI Museum Front Desk
- Drop off at PCI Cultural Department on Hwy 21

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:

MINDY JACKSON (MJACKSON@PCI-NSN.GOV) (251)368-9136 EXT. 2293
OR MALLORY ROLIN (MCROLIN@PCI-NSN.GOV) (251)368-9136 EXT. 2538

AGE REQUIREMENTS:

- Little Miss: Ages 4-7
- Elementary: Ages 8-12
- Junior: Ages 13-16
- Senior: Ages 17-22
- Elder: Ages 55 & up

APPLY NOW:

- Kerretv Cuko - PCI Museum Front Desk
- Cultural Office on Hwy 21
- www.pci-nsn.gov

HELPFUL INFORMATION:

- Required Traditional Arts Classes now offered during the summer; check for availability
- Must be a Tribal Member



CONTACT:

- **Mindy Jackson**
(mjackson@pci-nsn.gov)
(251)368-9136 ext. 2293
- **Mallory Rolin**
(mcrolin@pci-nsn.gov)
(251)368-9136 ext. 2538

MANDATORY MEETING:

- August 1, 2017
(additional info TBA at a later date)

2017 PRINCESS CONTEST

APPLY BY JULY 28, 2017 AT 5PM

2017 CALVIN MCGHEE MEMORIAL

SATURDAY, JUNE 3, 2017



10:00 a.m. - Graveside Service - New Home Cemetery

11:00 a.m. - Memorial Festival Begins - Pow Wow Grounds

12:00 noon - Lunch - Pow Wow Grounds

*****This event is only for Tribal Members and their immediate families! *****

Festival Activities Include:

- *Gospel Singing *Bounce Houses *Powwow Club Performance
- *Water Slides *Kiddie Train Ride *Pony Rides *Midway Fair Rides
- *Announcement of Tribal Council Election Results!

*****Special concert featuring The Bowling Family at 5:30 p.m. *****

Cake/Pie Contest

1st (\$100), 2nd (\$75), 3rd (\$50) place prizes will be awarded for each category. One entry per person per category. Entries must be received by 1:00 p.m.

CMCD is not responsible for refrigeration.

The Kerretv Cuko

(Building of Learning)

Poarch Band of Creek Indians Museum and Museum Gift Shop will be open

1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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

RE-ELECT

STEPHANIE A. BRYAN

TRIBAL CHAIR



ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER
THAN WORDS

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

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: _____

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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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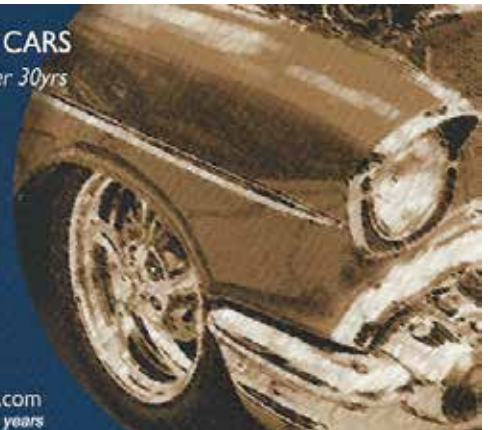
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2017-2018 School Supply Reimbursement Program

School Uniform and Supplies:

- \$300.00 Reimbursement Per Child (Receipts are not required)
- Must be Tribal Member Student or First Generation Student who is entering 4K-12th Grade in the 2017-2018 school year.

Computer Reimbursement

- Households with a Tribal Member Student or First Generation Student who is entering 4K-12th Grade is eligible to be reimbursed up to \$600 for a computer device every 4 years (receipt and bank form is required)
- Computer Reimbursements will be electronically transferred into your account in 45 days or less

- Program will start July 1, 2017 and end on September 30, 2017
- Must be a Tribal Member Student or First Generation Student in 4K-12th Grade
- Proof of school enrollment is required for each student. Example: Current school bill, letter from the school, copy of child's report card from school year 2016-2017.
- Applications can be faxed, emailed, mailed, or dropped off at the Education Department. If you have any questions please call the Education Department at (251) 368-9136 Extension 2021.
- If custody is an issue please furnish current documentation. Award of benefit will be determined on a case by case basis.

Applications and supporting documents can be submitted to Magen Weaver via the following methods:

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



Poarch Creek Indians
Student Support Program
VISA GIFT CARD
PreK-12th Grade Students
July 1- Sept 30

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

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

The Student Services Program objective is to help provide the basic school needs of enrolled Tribal Member children and First Generation descendants of Tribal Members from Prekindergarten (4 years old) thru 12th grade. Child must be four years old by September 1, 2017. Failure to provide supporting documents will result in application being returned. This program operates July 1st through September 30th. All applications for the new school year must be submitted by the deadline. A \$300.00 visa card will be issued for the purchase of school clothing, school supplies and/or school fees.

The following must be submitted with each application:

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

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

Signature of Primary Legal Guardian of child listed on application

Date

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

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

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Poarch Creek Indians
Student Support Program

COMPUTER REIMBURSEMENT

PreK-12th Grade Students
July 1- Sept 30

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

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

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

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

Signature of Primary Legal Guardian of child listed on application

Date

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

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

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Poarch Creek Indians
Student Support Program
COMPUTER REIMBURSEMENT
PreK-12th Grade Students
July 1- Sept 30

Tribal Member

Tribal Roll

Parent Name: _____

Number: _____

Name of Account Holder: _____

Direct Deposit Agreement Form

Authorization Agreement

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

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

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

Account Information

Name of Financial Institution: _____

Address of Financial Institution: _____

Routing Number: _____

Money Market ☐

Account Number: _____

Checking ☐

Savings ☐

Notarized Signature

Authorized Signature (Primary): _____ Date: _____

Authorized Signature (Joint): _____ Date: _____

Signed before me on this _____ day of _____, _____.

Notary

My Commission Expires _____

PLEASE ATTACH VOIDED CHECK!

SUMMER CAMP REIMBURSEMENT

MAY 1- SEPT. 29

Tribal members and First Generation students in PreK thru 12th Grade are eligible to attend up to 2 summer camps per summer!

Tribal Member students are eligible for \$500.00
First Generation students are eligible for \$250.00

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

Applications and receipts can only be submitted and processed after the student has attended the camp.
The deadline to submit applications for this year is September 29, 2017.

For questions and inquiries call Kim McGhee at (251) 368-9136 ext. 2662.

Applications can be obtained from the Tribe's website: www.pci-nsn.gov or from the Education Department.

Applications can be submitted to the following locations:

Fax: (251) 368-0809

Email: ksmcghee@pci-nsn.gov

Mail: Kim McGhee, 5811 Jack Springs Road, Atmore, AL 36502



2017 Summer Camp Application

May 1, 2017 – Sept. 29, 2017

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

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

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

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

Information and Signature

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

Parent/Guardian

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Complete Applications consist of:

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

Applications can be submitted to the following locations:

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

For questions and inquiries call **Kim McGhee** at (251) 368-9136 Ext. 2662

2017 Summer Camp Program Guidelines

The Summer Camp Program is being enacted to allow tribal students in PreK through 12th grade the opportunity to attend up to TWO (2) summer camps of their choice per year. Tribal member students are allotted up to \$500.00 and first generation students up to \$250.00. The type of camp attended is at the discretion of the parent and child. This program begins in May and ends in September. In order to take part in this program, the attached application should be completed by the parent and received by the Education Department by September 29th. Applications should only be submitted after camp has taken place. If application is submitted prior to camp, the application will be mailed back to the address on the application.

Information to consider:

The total allowable cost for this program is \$500.00 for Tribal members, and \$250.00 for first generation Indian descent. This program is on a reimbursement basis only. All receipts must be received in order for a reimbursement to be issued to the parent.

If the child does not attend the camp for any reason, any refund of fees must be returned to the Tribe or that amount will be withheld from the per capita check of the parent.

This program is operated on reimbursement basis only. The amounts available include travel costs, but all receipts must be submitted with application including mileage from mapquest.com. If the student must fly or take other public transportation, a receipt for the total fare will be required. Those traveling by personal vehicle can be reimbursed at the government per diem rate (currently .56 per mile) to the camp from their residence to drop off the child, and back again to pick up the child. No Tribal employee will be responsible for transporting children. Departmental transportation is only offered when the Education Department is the sponsor of the event.

A student may use these funds to attend up to two (2) camps per year.

We will not purchase or reimburse for clothing or special equipment.

The parent is responsible for making all arrangements and completing all necessary paperwork. The Education Department will only be responsible for reimbursing the parent.

Applications can be picked up from the Education Department or from the Tribe's website at www.pci-nsn.gov.

Please send the completed application to:

Poarch Creek Indians
Kim McGhee
5811 Jack Springs Road
Atmore, AL 36502
Phone: (251) 368-9136 Ext. 2662
Fax: (251) 368-0809
Email: ksmcghee@pci-nsn.gov

Education Department Hosts Bank\$tock 2017

April was National Financial Literacy Month. As part of National Financial Literacy Month the Education Department hosted Bank\$tock 2017.

Bank\$tock 2017 was an interactive event with rock-star bankers instead of groovy hipsters. Remember Woodstock? If you're too young to remember, Woodstock was a huge concert held in New York back in 1969. Bank\$tock was similar to Woodstock, except there were bankers in lieu of rock groups.

The Education Department invited the most clever financial minds in our area to come share their expertise with Tribal employees on Wednesday, April 12, 2017. They hope to offer Bank\$tock on a larger scale to Tribal Members in the future.

The financial agencies participating in the event included Gulf Winds/ Raymond James, First National

Bank & Trust, United Bank, Regions Bank, and Edward Jones.

On April 6, 2017, the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) and First Nations Development Institute published the nation's most comprehensive analysis of the financial capability of American Indians, including the financial behavior, attitudes and knowledge of Native peoples.

The report shows that Native Americans – even more so than other minority populations – face difficult financial circumstances and experience high levels of financial fragility. Sixty-three percent of Native Americans surveyed indicated that it was difficult or very difficult to make ends meet. Only a quarter of Native Americans could come up with \$2,000 in 30 days in the event of a financial emergency.

Another important finding is that, on average, Native American people are less likely than other ethnic groups to use traditional financial products. Only 64 percent of Native Americans have a savings account, money market fund or CD.

In addition, 37 percent of Native American households use alternative financial services, which include high-cost forms of borrowing such as pawn shops, payday loans, rent-to-own stores and auto-title loans.

The ultimate goal of Bank\$tock 2017 is to see that the Poarch Creek Indians don't fall prey to these dismal financial statistics.

There was a great turnout and Tribal employees enjoyed a great lunch, won door prizes, and learned how to be more financially stable, all in one place!

Submitted by Bryan Fayard



Brittany Linam: Creating More Success Stories Through Education

Tribal Member Brittany Linam is currently a 5th grade teacher at Escambia County Middle School. She is the daughter of Todd and Rhonda Linam.

With the help of the McGhee-Tullis Tuition Assistance Program, she was able to attend Judson College, a small private, all women's college located in Marion, Alabama, where she earned her degree in Elementary Education.

"I have been teaching for the past 9 years. I have taught Pre-K, 1st grade, and 3rd grade; I am currently teaching 5th grade. My goal has always been to continue my education and never stop learning!" Brittany said.

Along with teaching, she is the 5th grade level chair and a mentor for first year teachers. She is the supervising teacher for students studying education curriculum. Brittany helped Escambia County Middle School receive a \$10,000 healthy schools grant for 2016-2017.

Brittany also participates in the Middle School's Afterschool Program where she is the nutrition and physical education teacher. Brittany also coaches the girls' volleyball team and serves as the school's cheerleading coach.



Brittany Linam

Brittany was awarded Teacher Of The Month at Escambia County Middle School for the month of May, 2016. What she likes best about teaching is inspiring the leaders of tomorrow. "I love when my students are excited and engaged in learning. I hope to instill a love of learning that will continue with our students."

Brittany faced a few struggles during her early years at Judson. "Being away from home was one of my initial challenges. Being away from home and on my own was a huge learning experience for me," commented Brittany.

With the support of her family, she was able to make it through her four years at Judson. Her family was and is her biggest support system.

Without them, she would not have made it through this journey. She credits her Dad with saying, "People can take anything they want from you, but they can never take your education." Brittany was able to graduate, having accumulated only a small amount of debt throughout her 4 years at Judson by utilizing available Tribal funding. With assistance from the McGhee-Tullis Tuition Assistance Program she is now able to go to graduate school without the worry and stress of knowing how to afford the expense.

Brittany is pursuing a graduate degree in Curriculum and Instruction K-8, with a focus in reading. She hopes to be a reading specialist one day. She will begin her Masters of Education studies this summer and hopes to eventually obtain a Doctorate Degree. "Without the Tribe's help, I would not be able to do this," said Brittany.

Congratulations, Brittany, on your educational success and your drive to teach our youth! We are all proud of you and the difference you are making in the lives of our youth.

Submitted by Annie Nowak



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
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Contact Kim McGhee to register your child!
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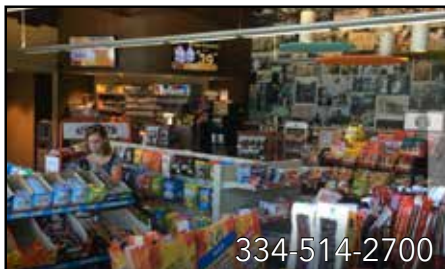


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Tribe Participates In ATR's One Million Pounds Challenge

The Tribe's Environmental Department hosted the first Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day for 2017 on Saturday, April 22, 2017. The event was open to the public from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. As usual, there was a line of vehicles when the event opened.

It was a busy 4 hours, 11,522 pounds of electronics were collected. 101 vehicles came through with electronics and household hazardous waste. That averages about 25 vehicles an hour! Comparing the poundage from 2016 to 2017, it is evident that 2017 will greatly exceed total recycling over last year. In 2016, 137 people participated in the two recycling collection dates. A total of 15,594 pounds (7.8 tons) of electronics were collected; 17,954 pounds (8.98 tons) of household

hazardous waste were collected. It was a good year for recycling in 2016, but it looks like 2017 will be better!

This year the Tribe participated in Advance Technology Recycling's (ATR) One Million Pound Challenge. The challenge was to collect one million pounds of electronics recycling nationwide in one day at either a single site or collectively.

Electronics recycling collection sites were active all across the country on Earth Day, April 22, 2017 in an attempt to break the Guinness World Record for the most electronics recycling collected in one day. Unfortunately, the old record still stands, ATR did not reach one million pounds of recycling in one day at any single site but total

poundage is still being calculated.

In addition to staff from the Tribe's Environmental Department, representatives from ATR were on site to unload and process the electronic recyclables, Stericycle was on hand to handle the household hazardous waste, and EPA 319 Project Officer Sharon Brown was on site to help with the processing paperwork and distribute the ever popular goody bags filled with lots of information on recycling and the environment.

The Environmental Department hosts this event twice a year, the next collection date will be in the last quarter of the year.



***** 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 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.

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If 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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Poarch Band of Creek Indians

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.

Please 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

In our every deliberation, we must consider the impact of our decisions on the next seven generations.

- Iroquois Maxim (circa 1700-1800)




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	EVERY 2 YEARS	40-49
	EVERY 1 YEAR	50+
BLOOD PRESSURE	EVERY 1 YEAR	ALL AGES
BLOOD TESTS AND URINALYSIS	EVERY 3 YEARS	20-39
	EVERY 2 YEARS	40-49
	EVERY 1 YEAR	50+
EKG FOR HEART ABNORMALITIES	BASELINE	AT AGE 30
	EVERY 2 YEARS	40-49
	EVERY 1 YEAR	50+
TETATUS IMMUNIZATION	EVERY 10 YEARS	ALL AGES
RECTAL EXAM	EVERY 1 YEAR	ALL AGES
PROSTATE SPECIFIC ANTIGEN (PSA)	EVERY 1 YEAR	40-49 IF AT RISK
	EVERY 1 YEAR	50+
HEMOCCULT STOOL	EVERY 1 YEAR	40-49
SCREEN FOR POLYPS OR COLON CANCER	EVERY 1 YEAR	50+
COLORECTAL HEALTH BY SCOPE	EVERY 3-4 YEARS	50+
CHEST XRAY	DISCUSS WITH PHYSICIAN	ALL AGES
BONE HEALTH	DISCUSS WITH PHYSICIAN	ALL AGES
SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES	DISCUSS WITH PHYSICIAN	ALL AGES
SELF EXAMS	MONTHLY BY SELF	ALL AGES

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR WANT TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT
PLEASE CONTACT PRIMARY CARE AT (251) 368-9136 X 2306 OR 2355.

OPIOIDS

Due to the increase in opioid abuse and death, insurance companies are now requiring physicians to limit the amount of opioids, which a patient can receive from any and all physicians.

Therefore, before an opioid prescription can be prescribed, a national database search must be done

to ensure that the patient is not receiving opioids from another provider and that the amount prescribed does not exceed the morphine equivalent dose (MED).

The Health Department asks for your understanding and cooperation in this matter.

Opioids are a class of drugs used to reduce pain. Common types are:

- Oxycodone(OxyContin),
- Hydrocodone (Vicodin),
- Morphine
- Methadone

Fentanyl is a synthetic opioid. It is many times more powerful than other opioids and mostly used to treat advanced cancer.



Heroin is an illegal opioid. Heroin use has increased across the U.S. among men and women, most age groups, and all income levels.

The number of drug overdose deaths has never been higher, and the majority of these deaths (more than six out of ten in 2015) involved opioids. It is important to reduce exposure to opioids and prevent abuse, while also providing treatment and preventing.

If you have any questions about your prescriptions, please contact your primary care physicians.

If you have a complaint regarding not getting the opioids, contact Carrie Martin at (251) 368-8630.





ANOTHER FIRST TIME TRIBAL HOMEOWNER!

Tribal Member Hillary Rolin and family moved into their new TAHO home in Daphne, Alabama on April 25, 2017. Congratulations Hillary and family.

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20 Cheap and Effective Tricks to Keep Your Home Safe

1. Install some real or dummy surveillance cameras.
2. Always remember to remove flyers from your doorstep. Never let flyers or menus build up on your doorstep—you risk appearing like you're on vacation. And if you are on vacation, have your neighbor or family member pick them up for you. Burglars sometimes case a home by planting a flyer and checking to see if someone picks it up.
3. Put bumper stickers on your car. Anything that makes your car more easily identifiable is a good deterrent. And remember to keep it messy if you can.
4. Keep your landscaping neat and trimmed. Eliminate potential places for burglars and intruders to lurk. Be sure to keep large bushes and shrubs away from windows.
5. Buy light timers for your indoor and outdoor lights. Use fluorescent bulbs to keep energy costs down.
6. Pretend like you're saying good-bye to someone inside when you leave your home.
7. Don't leave your electronics boxes out on the curb. Drive them to the recycling plant yourself, or cut them up into smaller pieces and conceal them in your recycling or trash bins.
8. Don't leave a ladder just hanging out in your backyard. Most burglars don't BYOL. So don't make their jobs easier by supplying them with an easy way to get into your bedroom.
9. Make sure that your mirrors don't reflect your home alarm. Burglars might be able to see if your alarm is unarmed, so make sure you examine your mirrors from all outside angles.
10. Mow your lawn. People will wonder if you've gone on vacation if you let your grass grow too high.
11. Don't leave status updates on social media broadcasting that you're away.
12. Fake a TV glow. There is an item that is called FakeTV and it uses the same energy as a night light, works on a timer system, and makes it look like someone's home.
13. Buy some fake alarm system decals if you can't afford a real one. eBay has got plenty of these.
14. When loading a car with suitcases, keep it quick and hidden if possible. Load your car in the garage with door closed. If you have to do it in public, do it as quickly and efficiently as possible.
15. Reinforce door jambs if you have weak door frames.
16. Cancel your newspaper subscriptions and ask the post office to hold your mail while you're out of town. An obvious build-up of materials will let everyone know no one's home.
17. Use a wooden dowel or metal bar for sliding doors and windows so they can be pried open. Cut a wooden dowel so that it fits into your tracks when it's closed.
18. Invest in double glazed or toughened glass windows. Double-glazed window as well as toughened glass is harder to smash through. Not the cheapest option, but you get added benefits. In the case of double-glazed window, you'll save money from increased heat insulation and they'll block out more noise, which could increase your property value if you happen to live on a loud, busy street.
19. Get a motion-sensor home security system that lets you monitor your home with your smartphone.
20. Build a secret hiding place for your valuables.

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. Be sure to bring all required documentation to your 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.

2017 Football & Cheerleading Registration

Registration Dates
May 1, 2017 - July 1, 2017

Ages 5-12
(Must be 5 before August 1, 2017)
Registration Fee: \$50.00

To register for football you must bring:
Birth Certificate
Proof of Residence or School Enrollment

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.pcinsn.gov.

Recreation Offers Water Aerobics Classes

Water Aerobics classes are open to :

- Tribal Members & spouses
- First Generation Descendants & spouses
- Tribal Government employees
- Tribal Gaming Commission employees
- Creek Indian Enterprises Development Authority (CIEDA) employees

Class Time And Day

Monday & Friday
10:00 a.m.

Tuesday & Thursday
9:30 a.m

No registration required!

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

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Poarch Swim Team On-Air!



Left to right are Phil Allen, Kamyryn Langham, Kylee Lanagham, and Mary-Ashlynn Williams.

The Poarch Creek Swim Team was invited to speak on the radio, on March 24, 2017, in Monroeville, Alabama on 99.3 FM. they've met, and what awards and accomplishments they have achieved.

Our swimmers gave a brief background on how long they have been swimming, what Olympic swimmers Each swimmer was grateful for the opportunity to be on the radio to tell the listeners about their story.

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

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

Summer Lessons Session I - Fee \$20

Lessons June 5-20, 2017

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday

Parent/Child Swim Lessons 5:30 pm - 6:00 pm

Pres-School Swim Lessons 5:00 pm - 5:30 pm
5:30 pm - 6:00 pm

Youth Swim Lessons 6:00 pm - 6:30 pm

Adult Swim Lessons 6:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Summer Lessons Session II - Fee \$20

Registration April 24, 2017 - June 23, 2017

Lessons June 26, 2017 - July 13, 2017

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday

Parent/Child Swim Lessons 5:30 pm - 6:00 pm

Pres-School Swim Lessons 5:00 pm - 5:30 pm
5:30 pm - 6:00 pm

Youth Swim Lessons 6:00 pm - 6:30 pm

Adult Swim Lessons 6:30 pm - 7:00 pm

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.

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 - 7:45 pm

Tuesdays - Fridays: 10:00 am - 7:45 pm

Saturdays: 10:00 am - 3:45 pm

Sundays: CLOSED

PAVILION & PLAYGROUND

LOCATED BESIDE NEW BASEBALL FIELD

The Pavilion is open to all First Come First Serve

No Reservation Needed No Set Time for Usage

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

2017 NAYO & Softball Registration

Registration

April 5, 2017 - June 3, 2017

Coaches Deadline

May 27, 2017

Tournament Dates

July 20-22, 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



Wellness Workouts

BY ASHLEY MCFATE
Nutritionist

Getting relief from stress and anxiety will help you feel better - in the moment. It's unrealistic to banish negative emotions altogether. How can we give ourselves the help we need when bad days happen?

Psychology is generally focused on how to relieve depression, anger and worry. Sustained well-being is not about removing negative emotions though. We all know that's simply not possible. What makes life worth living, is much more than the absence of the negative.

Well-being certainly includes feeling happy (an emotion that can be fleeting) but more so it's

experiencing a sense of contentment from knowing that your life is thriving and has meaning beyond your own needs or pleasure.

To build a foundation for consistent and lasting well-being, which include engagement, good relationships, accomplishment and purpose, try these three wellness workouts.

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My PCI WELLNESS

Set aside 10 minutes before you go to bed each night to write down three things that made you feel good that day. Next to each event answer the question, "Why did this good thing happen?"

Wellness Workout 1: Identify Your Strengths

Think of a time when you were at your best. It doesn't need to be a life-changing event but should have a clear beginning, middle and end. Write it down so your images are vivid. Reread it every day for a week, and each time ask yourself: *"What personal strengths did I display when I was at my best?"* Did you show a lot of creativity? Good judgment? Kind? Loyal? Brave? Passionate? Forgiving? Honest?

Writing down your answers puts you in touch with what you're good at. The next step is to think about how to use these strengths more often, intentionally organizing and structuring your life around them.

In a study by Dr. Martin E.P. Seligman and colleagues published in *American Psychologist*, participants looked for an opportunity to deploy one of their signature strengths "in a new and different way" every day for one week.

"A week later, a month later, six months later, people had on average lower rates of depression and higher life satisfaction," Dr. Seligman said. He reasons that it "could be more positive emotions. People like you more, relationships go better, life goes better."

Wellness Workout 2: Find the Good

Set aside 10 minutes before you go to bed each night to write down three things that made you feel good that day. Next to each event answer the question, "Why did this good thing happen?"

Instead of focusing on life's lows, which can increase the likelihood of depression, this exercise "turns your

attention to the good things in life, so it changes what you attend to," Dr. Seligman said. "Consciousness is like your tongue: It swirls around in the mouth looking for a cavity, and when it finds it, you focus on it. Imagine if your tongue went looking for a beautiful, healthy beautiful tooth?" Train your mind to polish the healthy tooth. Focus on the positive aspects of life, what's working.

Wellness Workout 3: Spread Your Sunshine

Think of someone who has been especially kind to you but maybe you have not properly thanked. Write a letter describing what he or she did and how it affected your life, and how you often recall what they did for you. Then arrange a meeting and read the letter aloud, in person.

"It's common that when people do the gratitude visit both people weep out of joy," Dr. Seligman said. Why is the experience so powerful? "It puts you in better touch with other people, with your place in the world."

Try these wellness workouts to build a strong and lasting foundation for happiness. Experience your friendships deepen. Take note of the improvements in your mood when something upsetting happens. Now that you know these habits, you can continue building your own "happily ever after".



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 (251) 368-9136 x 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.

Kitchen Safety Tips – Recipes for Safer Cooking

Whether stirring up a quick dinner or creating a masterpiece four-course meal on those summer nights with friends and family, here's a recipe for safer cooking you need to use daily. Follow these tips to protect you and your family when in the kitchen.

To prevent a cooking fire in your kitchen:

- ~ Keep an eye on your cooking and stay in the kitchen. Unattended cooking is the #1 cause of cooking fires.
- ~ Wear short or close-fitting sleeves. Loose clothing can catch fire.
- ~ Watch children closely. When they're old enough, teach your children to cook safely.
- ~ Clean cooking surfaces to prevent food and grease build-up.
- ~ Keep curtains, towels and pot holders away from hot surfaces, and store solvents and flammable cleaners away from heat sources. Never keep gasoline in the house!
- ~ Turn pan handles inward to prevent food spills.

To put out a cooking fire in your kitchen:

- ~ Call the fire department immediately! Poarch Creek Fire Department can be reached by calling Tribal dispatch at 251-368-5011. In many cases, dialing 911 will give you Emergency Services.
- ~ Slide a pan lid over flames to smother a grease or oil fire, then turn off the heat and leave the lid in place until the pan cools. Never carry the pan outside.
- ~ Extinguish other food fires with baking soda. Never use water or flour on cooking fires.
- ~ Keep the oven door shut and turn off the heat to smother an oven or broiler fire.
- ~ Keep a fire extinguisher in the kitchen. Make sure you know how to operate your extinguisher.
- ~ Keep a working smoke detector in your home and test it monthly.



Our mission is to promote the overall well-being of our Tribal Members through services provided by the Tribal Council.

To ensure optimal services are delivered, Tribal Members should notify Tribal Member Benefits of any changes such as: address, family structure, health insurance, phone contact, etc.

Please contact Tribal member Benefits Department at (251) 368-9136 x2 209 or email us at TMB@pci-nsn.gov for any additional questions or concerns regarding your benefits or the GWA Program.



Tribal Member Benefits Staff left to right are Carolyn Rackard, Nikole Higdon, Elaine Sheets, Anna Wilson, Gwen Manning, Tabatha Davis, Marlene McNarin, Taylor Wiggins, and Denise Young.

REMINDERS:

- Maintain active Health Insurance coverage at all times
- Continue to utilize the Utility Card until all monies are exhausted
- Retain all eligible General Welfare Assistance (GWA) expense receipts in the event of an audit
- Access the Tribal Member Online Portal (TMOP) for all up-to-date changes or new information on benefits.



2017 Rollover Spending Plan Distribution

Distribution of benefits packets is not an automated process, it takes long hours, patience, dedication, and hard work.

Say thanks to these ladies next time you see them!

Dispatchers Recognized



Sitting: Chassidy Shoumake & Cory Chavers. Standing: Susan Rolin, Melinda McCurdy, Amanda Ashcraft, Melissa Kendrick & Police Chief Mike Reynolds.



Standing left to right: Cade Langham, Dylan Byrd, Melinda McCurdy, Cory Chavers, Susan Rolin, April Sells, Chris McGhee, Paul Garner, Robbie Johnson & Kevin Baggett.

April 9-15, 2017 was National Public Safety Telecommunicators (NPST) Week. Telecommunicators (Dispatchers) have always been the voice on the end of the line; the voice that remains calm, regardless of the situation; the voice that gives guidance and information in times of crisis.

The Tribal Police treated our devoted Tribal Dispatchers to lunch during the NPST Week.

The Fire Department also honored Tribal Dispatchers with lunch during NPST Week.

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)

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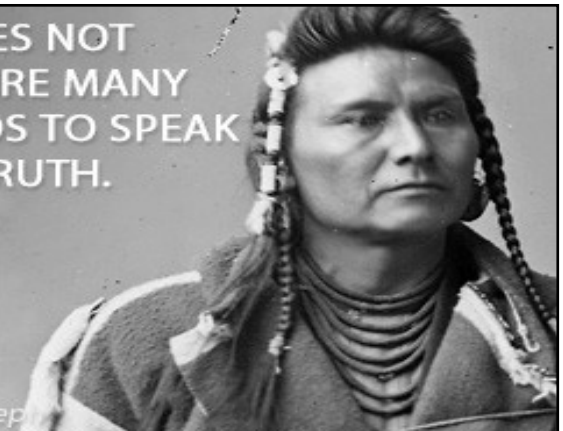
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Tribal Regulatory Commissioners pictured sitting left to right are Patricia Tew and Sherell Hendrickson, Secretary; standing left to right are Patrick Strickland, Linda Brooks, Cornelia Miller, Chair, and Joseph "Joey" Selzer. Not pictured is Wayne Colbert, Vice Chair.

The Tribal Regulatory Commission Meets On A Monthly Basis

The purpose of the Tribal Regulatory Commission is to monitor, regulate and enforce matters which were formerly handled by multiple boards or commissions which were dissolved under the 2015 restructuring of Tribal Government, specifically: monitor and regulate the environment on Tribal lands, employment rights issues, the historic and cultural resources of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians, and

sporting events conducted on the Reservation for commercial gain.

The seven (7) appointed Commissioners meet monthly to execute a variety of regulatory functions for the Tribe under Title 51 (Tribal Regulatory Commission) of the Tribal Code.

Submitted by Carolyn White

Great minds discuss ideas; average minds discuss events; small minds discuss people.

Eleanor Roosevelt

For those of you who wished your winter months away on warmer days, your long hot southern summer days are here. For those of you who relished the cold and loved your jacket and boots, we hope you find a swimming hole nearby to cool off in!

In May we touched on the topic of faucets and showerheads. This month our discussion will continue with leak detection but our focus will be on our outdoor fixtures and irrigations systems.

Spigot, garden hose, and irrigation systems:

- An irrigation system that has a leak 1/32nd of an inch in diameter (about the thickness of a dime) can waste about 6,300 gallons of water per month.
- A dripping spigot consumes 15 gallons of water per day. That's 450 gallons per month!!!

Leak Detection and easy fixes:

- An irrigation system should be checked each Spring before use to make sure it was not damaged by frost or freezing.
- If you are unsure you have a leak or not consult with an irrigation professional, to ensure that your in-ground irrigation system is working properly.
- Check your garden hose for leaks at its connection to the spigot. If it leaks while you run your hose, replace the nylon or rubber hose washer and ensure a tight connection to the spigot using pipe tape and a wrench.
- When you turn your spigot all the way off and it is still dripping water, it's time to replace it.

PROJECT UPDATES:

The exterior of the prefabricated metal building for the Safe Drinking Water Revolving Fund Project has been completely dried in. The interior walls have been sheetrocked and finish work is underway. We are looking forward to the completion of this project in the very near future.

The completion of the Canoe Water Improvements Project has allowed Utilities to jump back into changing out old meters and backflow prevention devices to the new radio read meters in the Canoe community.

Upgrading meters to radio read will improve reading turnaround times and minimize errors from manual readings. We are pleased to say that over 90% of all Canoe meters have been upgraded!

The EPA Sanitary Sewer Structure Lining Project is in the design phase. Identifying and assessing the man holes with the most significant inflow and infiltration is complete and the specifications for the bid package is being prepared. Utilities and IHS hope to begin the construction phase this month with a target date for completion by the end of July

2017.

Summer is time for: warm nights, watermelon, bare feet, barbeques, sweet corn, sunflowers, ripe tomatoes, picnics, campfires, lemonade, and lighting storms.

The PCI Utilities Authority hopes your summer days are filled with family, friends, laughter, and sweet memories!!

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

We Are The Best!



Pictured Left to right: Dave Drobiak (Assistant Director of Wastewater), Shaun Livermore (PCIUA Operations Manager), Josh Thomas (PCIUA Executive Director), Larry Bailey Jr. (PCIUA Operations Technician), Bo Slate (PCIUA Maintenance Technician), Carissa Castillo (USET Technical Assistant Specialist), Marta Reczko (USET Technical Assistant Specialist)

We are very proud to announce that Poarch Creek Utilities recently sent a team of 4 staff members to the annual Tribal Utility Summit sponsored by USET, EPA, and IHS.

While attending the training to obtain water and waste water CEU's for continued professional certifications, PCIUA's team competed and won the Waste Water Knowledge Challenge and the Best Tasting Drinking Water out of all

the participants in Indian Country from EPA's Region 4.

The 4 member team consisted of Josh Thomas (Executive Director), Shaun Livermore (Operations Manager), Larry Bailey Jr. (Operations Technician), and Bo Slate (Maintenance Technician), however, all staff played a vital role in Poarch Creek receiving these accolades.

Heritage on Display at Wind Creek

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

For guests who visit a Wind Creek property, there is more to expect than gaming or entertainment. For many, it's an experience with Native American history and people. Wind Creek properties are a gateway for others to learn, perhaps for the first time, about the Poarch Band of Creek Indians (PCI). The teaching is done through ways as subtle as interior design and as interactive as a cultural kiosk.

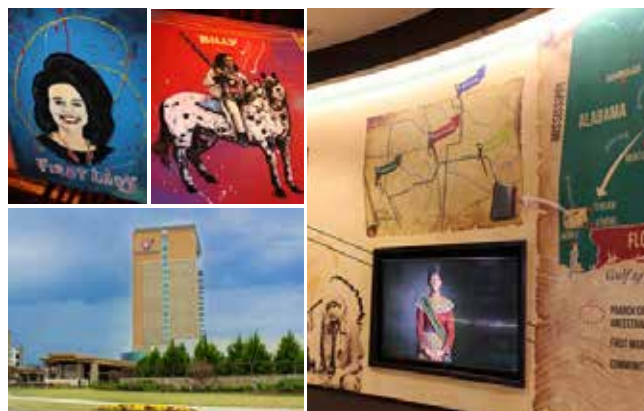
With recent renovations, the properties now boast several fantastic representations of Tribal heritage. One well-known example is the cultural kiosk at Wind Creek Atmore (WCA). The kiosk serves as a mercantile for authentic, hand-made Tribal goods such as beadwork. It also features rotating history exhibits and screens playing video interviews that explain who PCI is and what PCI stands for. Walls surrounding the kiosk are lined with photos of families and leaders in the Poarch Community.

“Wind Creek properties are a gateway for others to learn, perhaps for the first time, about the Poarch Band of Creek Indians...”



Pictured above: (left to right) Jessie Knott, Kaci Martin, Carolyn Beno, Logan Smith

The walls were so popular that WCH New-Hire Trainer, Carolyn Beno asked to create similar walls in the orientation building. “I feel that it is extremely important that new hires understand and know who they work for and where the tribe came from,” Beno said. The project was completed with the help of Jessie Knott, the graphic designer also responsible for the kiosk wall. Logan Smith and Kaci Martin, Tribal Members who work at WCA, also assisted the project.



Pictured in photos above: Top-left are tables from BB King's Blues Club at WCM; Bottom-left is the renovated wall surrounding the mound in front of WCM; Right is WCA's cultural kiosk

Wind Creek Montgomery (WCM) follows a different approach for recognizing Tribal heritage on property. The popular B.B. King's Blues Club pays tribute to something that connects all people – the power of music. Inside the restaurant, favorite Jazz, Blues and Mo-Town music plays; tables are hand-painted with depictions of music's greatest artists. The most coveted seats in the house, however, are around one of the three tables painted to honor PCI. The table of the First Lady sits to the right of the stage. It features a colorful portrait of Tribal Chairwoman, Stephanie Bryan. To the left of the stage are two other tables of interest – one featuring the PCI logo and the other a portrait of beloved Billy Smith riding a horse. The paintings are small, but in a space often filled with new guests, the tables draw attention to the big force behind Montgomery's hometown casino – the Poarch Band of Creek Indians.

At Wind Creek Wetumpka, the most notable centerpiece of Creek history is the mound in front of the property. The mound is kept private out of respect. A beautiful stone wall was recently constructed around the area to help maintain and preserve the site.

Another way Wind Creek properties display Tribal heritage is through architecture and interior design. A well-known feature of the hotel towers is a distinct curve at the top of the buildings. This represents the curves in a current of water or a gust of wind – hence the name Wind Creek. Inside the buildings, light fixtures, stone walls and other décor call attention to the natural resources that are so vital to Native American communities.

These subtle features help carry out WCH's mission to “... give guests an escape from their ordinary world.” That escape is not just into a weekend of entertainment; it's an escape into the history of the Tribe. For regular and new guests alike, each visit to Wind Creek is a chance to learn more about who Poarch Creek is and why the Tribe is such a great Alabama Neighbor.



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.

Leroy Tullis Retires



After 32 years of service to the Tribe, Leroy Tullis has retired and has stated he is looking forward to spending more time with his family and doing a lot more fishing. Leroy worked as a maintenance technician at CIEDA, where his efforts focused on maintaining the Muskogee Inn.

"I have worked with Leroy since the hotel was known as the Best Western. He has always been a crucial part of our team here," Rochel Martin Muskogee Inn General Manager, said.



"We will certainly miss Leroy, and the Muskogee Inn just won't be the same without him," Angel Carraway, Assistant Manager, added.



Mr. Tullis has held various positions throughout the years including maintenance supervisor and chief engineer positions. Both the CIEDA and Muskogee Inn staff and management and staff wish Leroy the very best in his retirement.

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**— Tammy Smith
General Manager, Creek Travel Plaza**



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KEEP YOUR INFORMATION UPDATED

In order for annual Tribal Member distributions and benefits to be processed accurately, Tribal Member Benefits must be informed of any changes you may have to your address, phone number, banking information, and/or other personal information. Contact Tribal Member Benefits at (251) 368-9136 x 2209 to update your information.

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Better quality of life for elders through development of programs and benefits for their care during their golden years
- Diversification of portfolio for sustainability of Tribe
- Relationship building with officials on all level of government to secure the Tribe's well-being
- Expanded health services at PCI Health Clinic (X-Ray, Women's Health, etc.)
- Tax exempt General Welfare Assistance Program
- Better communication via the Tribal Member's Only Portal, Tribal Social Media: Facebook, Instagram, & Twitter, livestreaming of meetings, & feedback@pci-nsn.gov email
- Increased educational benefits for Tribal Members and 1st Generation Descendants
- Respite care
- Development of Poarch Creek Community Center (which will house the Boys & Girls Club, Cultural, & Education Departments
- Farmer's Market
- Expansion of cultural education

TOP PRIORITIES

- Resolve the healthcare & health insurance issues in a manner that is practical and fair for all Tribal Members
- Work closely with the new Presidential appointees to secure the Tribe's sovereignty and ensure continued benefits to Tribal Members
- I have always responsibly advocated for increased benefits, and I always will
- Development of PCI Mobile Application ("Smartphone App")
- Sharing highlights of Tribal Council workshops on the TMOP
- Saturday Tribal Council meetings held quarterly
- Revamp housing program to create fair housing options for all Tribal Members
- Creating an aggressive diabetes initiative which focuses on educating youth about the importance of healthy habits
- Creating more opportunities for open dialogue with Tribal Members to listen to their voice and needs
- Expanding coverage to first generation descendants over the age of 18 at the health department
- Explore better solutions for drug rehab and after care programs

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE (Kvco-Hvse) 2017

Thursday, June 1, 2017

5:00 pm (CST)

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

Thursday, June 1, 2017

B&G Club Summer Feeding Program Begins
Feeding program open to public

Friday, June 2, 2017

- **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 am - 7:00 pm**
- **Community Resource Building/Old SAIL Center**
- **Results announced at Pow Wow Grounds**

2017 SLIHEAP

Ongoing Through July 31, 2017

B&G Fishing Rodeo

May 31, 2017 - June 2, 2017

Friday, June 2, 2017 Graduation Banquet

Wind Creek Ballroom 6:00 pm

Saturday, June 3, 2017 Health Fair

Wellness Center/Gym

8:00 am - 12:00 noon

Saturday, June 3, 2017

Calvin McGhee Memorial

10:30 Graveside Service

11:00 Festival Begins @ Pow Wow Grounds

12:00 Lunch Served

Saturday, June 3, 2017

Last day to sign up for Senior Trip

Last day to pay fee is June 13, 2017

Saturday, June 3, 2017

Last day to sign up for NAYO

June 5 & 6, 2017

Museum Gift Shop Closed

Monday & Tuesday

Museum gift shop closed for monthly inventory

Tuesday, June 13, 2017

Evening With The Elders

WCH Ballroom 6:00 pm

Friday, June 23, 2017

Last day to register for Summer II

Swimming Lessons

Tribal Council Meetings

Thursday, June 1st & 15th 4:00 pm

Building 500 Auditorium

Tribal Court Sessions

Monday, June 5th & 19th 9:00 am

Tribal Courtroom

Education Advisory Committee

Monday, June 12th 3:00 pm

Family Services Conference Room

Buford L. Rolin Health Clinic

CMCAC

Monday, June 12th 4:00 pm

Cultural Offices / Highway 21

4H Club Meeting

3:30 - 5:00 pm

Wednesday, June 14, 2017

Perdido River Farms

Please note this is a date and location change

Tribal Grievance Board

Tuesday, June 13th 1:00 pm

Building 500 Auditorium

Tribal Regulatory Commission Meetings

Tuesday, June 13th & 27th

Building 500 Auditorium 8:00 am

Utilities Authority Board Meeting

Thursday, June 15th 1:00 pm

Utilities Office

Monday, July 3, 2017 5:00 pm (CST)

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