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The United South and Eastern Tribes (USET) Semi-Annual Meeting was recently held in Nashville, TN. Several Tribal Council members were able to attend, and of particular interest to me was the discussion pertaining to opioid abuse. I was able to express our Tribe's concerns and approaches to these types of issues as well as listen to other leaders. This exchange of ideas and experiences amongst fellow leaders allows your Tribal Council to learn from others and positions us to better plan for the future of the Tribe.

Many of you have expressed your worries about loved ones who have battled and continue to battle with drug addictions, and this is an ongoing area of utmost concern to me and your leaders as well. Personally, my vision is that we would one day build a substance abuse center that would assist our loved ones with aftercare and transitioning their lives into a daily routine that is healthy and productive.

Thinking back on this most recent USET meeting, as well as past USET meetings, there is one face that has seemed to be an almost permanent presence there: our Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO) Mr. Robert Thrower. On July 4, 2017, Robert was in a tragic car accident which ultimately took

his life. We are deeply saddened, and he will be greatly missed.

Robert Thrower had a deep and abiding love for his Tribe and a true commitment to preserving our history and our culture. He followed in the footsteps of his mother, Gail Thrower, our first tribal historian, and began officially working for PCI on July 9, 1991. While with the Tribe, Robert served in various roles including Education Director, Environmental Director, and Cultural and Museum Director. Of course, Robert is perhaps best known for his vital role at Poarch as the THPO, and his impact will no doubt be felt for years to come.

He was well respected throughout Indian Country and the State for his knowledge of Indian culture, history, and religious tradition. The breadth of his networks spanned across many organizations and included the Alabama Historical Commission, University of South Alabama, National Park Service, and many others. Further, Robert served on USET's Culture and Heritage Committee from 2004-2008, and then went on to serve as Chairman of that committee from 2008-2017.

Additionally, he loved to present his beloved Creek culture to a variety of audiences and had actually reenacted the notable William



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Weatherford and was slated to reenact Lorenzo Dow, a circuit rider traveling preacher.

Robert was not only our THPO, but he was also an outstanding teacher, loyal friend, and passionate historian. He accomplished many notable things during his lifetime, made an unknown number of friends and acquaintances, and lived his life fully. Our love and prayers go out to his family and all who knew and cared for this accomplished Tribal Member who gave so much to our Poarch community.

Robert Thrower taught us all so much, myself included. Perhaps one of his most memorable lessons is about a coin. In explaining situations, he would often refer to the physical attributes of a simple coin. He would say, "A coin has two sides...and then, it has an edge. You

see, there are never just two sides to a story – there’s always an edge.” To me, this memory illustrates one of the many reasons Robert was so endearing to us all – he challenged us in a way that made us explore new possibilities and alternate ways of thinking.

Robert marks the 27th Tribal Member that we’ve lost this year, and I ask that you remember to pray for all the families and friends who have endured these losses.

In closing, may we continue to be challenged, push ourselves beyond our comfort levels, and seek to thrive in the ways of our ancestors.

In love,

Stephanie A. Bryan  
Tribal Chair/CEO

## TRIBE MOURNS LOSS OF ROBERT THROWER

It is with great sadness that we share the tragic news of the death of Robert Thrower, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO), on Tuesday afternoon, July 4, 2017. He was killed in a single-vehicle accident on Highway 29 near his home in the Dixie Community.

Robert had a deep and abiding love for his Tribe and a true commitment to preserving Poarch Creek history and culture. He began working officially for the Poarch Creek Indians on July 9, 1991.

He followed in the footsteps of his mother, Gail Thrower, Poarch Creek’s first Tribal historian, and was respected throughout Indian Country for his historic knowledge of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians.

Not only was he proud to represent the Poarch Band of Creek Indians, but he considered it an honor to serve on the United South and Eastern Tribes (USET) Culture



*Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Robert Thrower doing what he loved best, telling others about Poarch Creek and native culture and traditions.*

and Heritage Committee. He served on the committee from 2004-2008 and as Chairman of the USET Committee from 2008-2017.

“Robert Thrower served a vital role at Poarch as the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, and he will be sorely missed. Our love and prayers go out to his family and all who knew

and cared for this accomplished member of our Tribe who gave so much to our Poarch community, the State and Indian Country,” commented Stephanie A. Bryan, Tribal Chair.

*Adaptation of Tribal Statement by  
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July 5, 2017*



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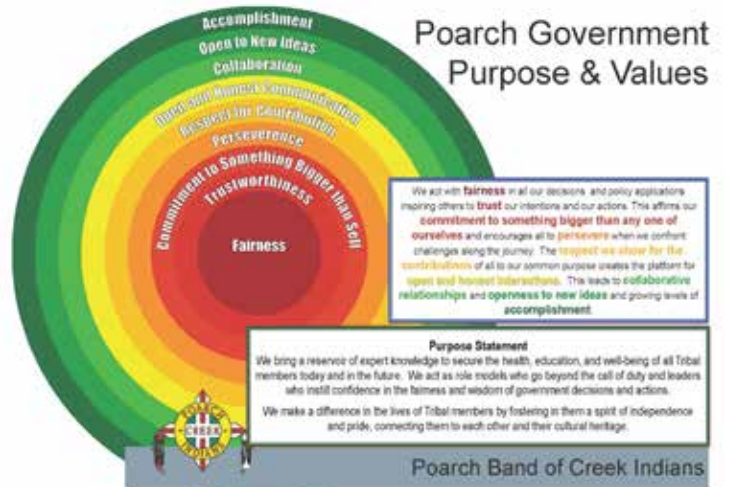
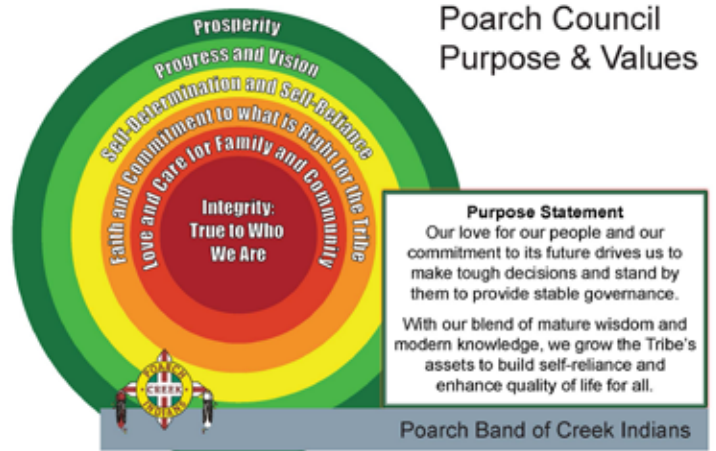
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## Community Health Services Has A Lot To Offer!

*Community Health staff shown left to right are Jaime Martin, CHR/LPN; Terri Davis, CHR/LPN, Sandra Day, RN, BSN, Community Health Director; Jill Lee, Nutrition Specialist/WIC Coordinator; and Jessica Dortch, Community Health Clerk. Other team members not shown are Kay Thomas, Health Educator; and Wynell Bell, Good Health & Wellness In Indian Country Grant Administrator.*

*The Poarch Creek Community Health/WIC & Education department has a lot to offer. Our team consists of:*

**Community Health Director:** Sandra Day. Sandra is a Registered Nurse and also serves as the Immunization Coordinator.

**CHR/LPN, Community Health Representatives /Licensed Practical Nurses:** Terri Davis and Jaime Martin.

**Nutrition Specialist:** Jill Lee. Jill also serves as the Coordinator of the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program.

**Community Health Clerk:** Jessica Dortch.

**Health Educator:** Kay Thomas.

**Good Health & Wellness in Indian Country Grant Administrator:** Wynell Bell.

Services provided include the following:

- Home visits for assessment including vital signs, blood sugar, medication management, (placing meds in trays), Diabetes assessment and teaching, examination of the diabetic foot with simple nail care, assessing the patient's home for safety issues, hospital visits and follow-ups after discharge from hospital, rehabilitation, etc. (Does not include 24-hour Home Health Nursing.)

Patients needing Home Health Care or Hospice are referred to the agency of their choice.

- Communication with the Primary Care physician
- Referrals to Family Services, Housing, Tribal Member Benefits, etc. as needed.
- Immunizations for children and adults. Alabama and Florida immunization certificates are available for school age children.
- Screening clinics including communicable disease investigation and follow up
- Employee health for Health Department staff

- Health education on a variety of topics
- Tobacco cessation program with nicotine replacement patches, gum and lozenges available. Chantix and Wellbutrin are available with a doctor's prescription.
- Health Camp for Tribal children, adolescents, and teens
- Annual Health Fair
- Car Seat Program
- Continuing Education for nurses
- Community Lunch and Learns
- The WIC program in conjunction with the Alabama Department of Public Health is a federally funded supplemental food program through the state of Alabama. The program services pregnant women, post-partum women, breast feeding and lactating women, and infants and children up to the age of five years.
- The Good Health & Wellness in Indian Country Grant, which includes a community health assessment, focus groups, key informant interviews with both

online and print surveys, has aided in the identification of the top 3 of 7 health indicators that need to be addressed in the community. The ultimate goal is to increase the health status of Tribal Members and the community.

Anyone can refer patients to the Community Health/WIC & Education program. We are here to serve our Tribal Members and 1<sup>st</sup> generation descendants.

## August Is Breastfeeding Awareness Month

The Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program is a supplemental nutrition program for pregnant women, breastfeeding women, women who have had a baby within the last six months, and infants and children under the age of five. One must meet income requirements and have a nutritional risk that proper nutrition could help to improve. WIC provides nutritious foods to supplement your diet, nutrition education, referrals for health care, and breastfeeding support.

August is National Breastfeeding Month and even though WIC provides infant formulas, breastfeeding promotion is a high priority. There are several reasons for this.

- Breastmilk is the best for babies
- No formula can compare to breastmilk. Some things in breastmilk haven't even been discovered yet.

- Breastmilk contains nutrients and antibodies that help protect your baby from infections, Diabetes, Asthma, Obesity, and Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS).
- Breastmilk helps mothers burn calories to help them lose weight after pregnancy and reduce the risk of breast and ovarian cancer.

The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that babies receive only breastmilk for about the first 6 months of life and continue to receive breastmilk with other foods until at least 1 year of age.

Next year, the Alabama Department of Public Health WIC program will move from a paper delivery system to Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT), otherwise known as e-WIC. Instead of patients using paper checks at the store they will have an e-WIC card to purchase WIC foods.



## Environmental Department Hosts Environmental Camp and Fishing Rodeo

*Participants of Fishing Rodeo*

The Poarch Band of Creek Indians Environmental Department hosted a 3-Day Environmental Camp and Fishing Rodeo May 31-June 2, 2017 for all K-12 youth enrolled in the Boys & Girls Club summer program.

The purpose of the Environmental Camp and Fishing Rodeo was to create environmental awareness, build a connection to the environment, and change the perceptions youth have on the environment.

The Fishing Rodeo provided the participants from the Boys & Girls Club with a safe fishing experience in a controlled environment. The Fishing Rodeo also taught basic angling skills, which may foster a future interest in fishing and create future environmental stewards.

The Environmental Camp was a one-day event held at the Gymnasium due to weather on May 31, 2017. The Environmental Camp consisted of eight environmental education sessions: Protection

of Pollinators, Water Quality Testing, Effects of Non-Point Source Pollution and Stormwater, Recycling, Sun Safety, Fish Identification, Casting, and Hook Tying.

The Fishing Rodeo was held at Magnolia Branch Wildlife Reserve June 1-2, 2017. The pond was stocked with approximately 3,000 catfish prior to the event.

The 180 participants were divided into groups each day. Various departments volunteered their time to help with baiting

hooks, catching, and releasing during the two-day fishing event.

The Wind Creek Casino food truck provided boxed lunches each day of the event.

Each participant was provided with a rod and reel set and a fishing bag filled with environmental education materials.

This event could not have been successful without the help of the following departments and external sources: Environmental, Education, 4-H, Tribal Police Department, Magnolia Branch, Facilities, Boys & Girls Club, Cultural, Tribal Fire Department, Environmental Protection Agency, and engineering contractor Goodwyn, Mills and Caywood.

Submitted By: Kristi Weatherford, Environmental Director





## Tribe Launches Company In Huntsville To Serve U.S. Military

*The Poarch Band of Creek Indians held a ribbon cutting April 19, 2017, for its new subsidiary PCI Aviation in Huntsville. (Lucy Berry | lberry@al.com)*

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The only federally recognized Indian Tribe in Alabama unveiled an office this morning for its new aviation company in Huntsville.

The Poarch Band of Creek Indians held a ribbon cutting ceremony on 7067 Old Madison Pike for PCI Aviation, a subsidiary that will focus on cable and wiring harness fabrication before moving to system integration, kitting, hangar operations, ground support equipment and logistics support services for the U.S. military.

Former Muskogee Technology President Mal McGhee is heading

up PCI Aviation, which was founded last summer.

"We're already meeting with other tribal nations, other businesses to do joint ventures and partnerships as we go forward," McGhee said. "I've got a lot of relationships already in the Huntsville area and we want to expand on that."

With the launch of the new office, the Small Business Administration certified 8(a) minority-owned company will eventually perform maintenance upgrades and modifications on all types of military aircraft as they age and require technology improvements.

McGhee said they're seeking aircraft mechanics, cable makers and other employees to make PCI a successful

leader in the aviation industry. He hopes the company will employ at least 100 workers by 2018.

The open house was the second big event this week for the Poarch Creek Indians, which held a grand opening for TownePlace Suites by Marriott on Tuesday in Huntsville. Creek Indian Enterprises Development Authority, the economic development arm of the Poarch Creek Indians, partnered with Yedla Management Company on the project at Redstone Gateway.

The Poarch Creek Indians donated \$1 million in January 2016 to relieve traffic problems at Gate 9 in Huntsville. Sen. Arthur Orr, R-Decatur, brought the issue to the Tribe's attention because the gate

was a safety threat to thousands of drivers each day.

"PCI Aviation will leverage that tribal impact in the backing to grow this business," McGhee said.

Officials gathered this afternoon at the Chamber of Commerce in downtown Huntsville to announce a new development for Redstone Gateway involving the Poarch Band of Creek Indians, Federal Building Authority and other leaders.

The Poarch Creek Indians live on a reservation eight miles northwest of Atmore in rural Escambia County under their own system of government and bylaws. The Tribe manages three Alabama gaming facilities, including the Wind Creek Casino & Hotel in Atmore,

Wind Creek Casino in Wetumpka, and Wind Creek Casino in Montgomery.

Poarch Tribal Chairwoman Stephanie Bryan said they use their revenues to diversify the economy to provide education, healthcare, elder care and other services to constituents of the Poarch Creek Indians.

"We continually strive for investments where we can get a return on that investment but we can also be good neighbors by job creation and by creating stronger, safer communities," she said.

Darrell Harrison and Don Bullock, who have more than 70 years of combined experience in the defense and aviation marketplace, are

joining McGhee at PCI Aviation. The Army Aviation Association of America (AAAA) is also partnering with PCI.

EJ Sinclair, president of AAAA and CEO of Science and Engineering Services in Huntsville, said they have previously worked with Muskogee Technology, a manufacturing subsidiary of the Poarch Creek Indians.

"There's no doubt in my mind in the future they will continue to provide the best quality, safe products for our soldiers as they go on the battlefield," he said.

*Submitted by Mal McGhee, PCI Aviation*

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## Incumbents Sworn In At Tribal Council Meeting

*Judge Joe Brogden administers Oath of Office to Tribal Chair/CEO Stephanie A. Bryan (left) and At-Large Council Member Arthur Mothershed (right.)  
Newly re-elected At-Large Council Member Garvis Sells was unable to attend and will be sworn in at a later date.*

On Tribal Election Day, Saturday, June 3, 2017, it was announced that incumbents Stephanie A. Bryan, Arthur Mothershed, and Garvis Sells had been re-elected to the Tribal Council.

During the June 15<sup>th</sup> Tribal Council meeting, Tribal Judge Joe Brogden administered the Oath of Office to Stephanie A. Bryan, Tribal Chair/CEO. This will be Stephanie's fifth term on the Council, and her second term as Tribal Chair. Stephanie was first elected to the Tribal Council in 2006; she was elected by the Tribal Council to serve as Vice Chair, becoming the first Tribal female to serve as Vice Chair. She was elected

by the General Council to serve as Vice Chair in 2009 and 2012. In 2014 she was elected to serve as Tribal Chair. With this election, she continues her trend of 'first' by being the first female to serve as Tribal Chair for the Poarch Creek Indians as well as the first Tribal female to be directly elected to an executive position on the Council.

Judge Brogden also administered the Oath of Office to At-Large Tribal Council Member Arthur Mothershed. This will be Arthur's fifth term on the Council as well; he was first elected to the Tribal Council in 2005. After being elected by the General Council in 2005,

he was elected by the Council to serve as Treasurer. He served as Treasurer until 2011 when he was elected to an At-Large position; he has retained his At-Large position on the Council since that time.

Newly re-elected At-Large Tribal Council Member Garvis Sells was unable to attend the Tribal Council meeting but will take the Oath of Office in the near future. This is Garvis' fourth term; he was first elected to the Tribal Council in 2008 and has served in an At-Large position continuously.

*Gayle Johnson, Editor*



## Annual Graduation Banquet Held

*Tribal Chair/CEO Stephanie Bryan, center, is shown with recent high school graduates recognized at the Graduation Banquet.*

During her opening comments at the annual Graduation Banquet, Tribal Chair/CEO Stephanie Bryan shared the following thought: "During this time of year, I am often reminded of one of my very favorite books by Dr. Seuss, 'Oh the Places You'll Go!.'" This book is actually the text of a speech he was invited to give at a graduation ceremony, and while the wisdom contained in its pages is especially meaningful to graduates, Dr. Seuss' words ring true no matter your age or circumstances. "Oh, the Places You'll Go!" speaks to the importance of the decisions you make and the unknown that is

ahead -- how sometimes, 'you will come to a place where the streets are not marked.'"

Such began an evening filled with encouragement to the graduates being honored. Keynote speaker DJ Eagle Bear Vanas also encouraged those present, regardless of the stage of life they were in. "Don't let your circumstances identify who you are" he said as he shared a story of a trip to Alaska that involved watching a marathon of scary movies and the effect that had on his state of mind when getting dressed the next day.

Although they were not all present, forty-seven high school graduates were honored at the banquet along with one GED recipient, one certification recipient, seven Associate's Degree recipients, fifteen Bachelor's Degree recipients, and eight Master's Degree recipients.

We extend our congratulations to each of these graduates. It is truly encouraging to see the number of Tribal Members and First Generation Descendants who have utilized the Tribe's tuition assistance programs to further their education.

*Gayle Johnson, Editor*



## USET Semi-Annual Meeting Held in Nashville

*PHOTO Left to right: Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Tribal council members Bill Taylor, Travis Smith, BIA's Johnna Blackhair listen on to Poarch Band of Creek Indians Chairwoman Stephanie Bryan (at the mic) during roundtable discussion on the opioid abuse crisis that is facing Indian Country.*

*Photo by Brandon Stephens*

The United South and Eastern Tribes, Incorporated's (USET) 2017 Semi-Annual Meeting was recently held in Nashville, Tennessee, the hometown of the organization's headquarters. Music City (aka Nashville) is also home to the Indian Health Service Nashville Area Office (IHS-NAO) and the Bureau of Indian Affairs Eastern Region Office (BIA-ERO). This week's USET Semi-Annual Meeting utilized a collaboration and partnership approach to develop strategies for how the three organizations can work together to support and serve their shared membership of Tribal Nations.

For more than 20 years, USET, the Indian Health Service and the Bureau of Indian Affairs have conducted business within a five-

mile radius of one another in Nashville. Each organization is dedicated to providing value-add to the Tribal Nations the organizations collectively serve through supportive services and advocacy. The goal for the USET 2017 Semi-Annual Meeting was to initiate a new culture rooted in the partnership and collaboration between these three powerful organizations in order to achieve greater impact across the communities we share in common.

The USET Board of Directors, along with its IHS-NAO and BIA-ERO federal partners, worked on visioning ideas, building strategies, and advancing solutions for the three organizations to work together with the shared goal of advancing the sovereignty of the federally recognized Tribal Nations within

this region. Leadership from these three organizations have recognized their opportunity to make a stronger and more positive impact within the Tribal Nations served by providing greater coordination of supportive services via a stronger and more meaningful partnership.

"I want our work this week to give us a strong, aggressive, and realistic plan for addressing some of our greatest challenges and for pursuing opportunities to strengthen the overall well-being and economic strength of our Tribal Nations. I know these three organizations (USET, IHS-NAO, and BIA-ERO) have the capacity and desire to further advance their partnership and collaborative efforts. Further, the efforts taking place within our region can serve as a model for others and

I am confident that our work together will make lasting and positive impacts for our Tribal Nations,” states USET President Kirk Francis. Some of the issues that were addressed at this year’s USET 2017 Semi-Annual Meeting include:

- Opioid and substance abuse: Rates for abuse and deaths from overdose have increased exponentially for Native communities during the past year.
- Infrastructure: As the United States plans for upgrades and expansion to its national physical infrastructure, what opportunities will exist for Tribal

Nations to benefit and how can we best advocate to ensure that our interests are represented and considered in the national dialogue?

- Federal Reorganization: White House Executive Orders are directing some immediate and future changes to streamline government operations. We are working to ensure that the reorganization effort advances the fulfillment of federal trust responsibilities and obligations to Indian Country.

*Submitted by Brandon Stephens/USET*

## USET ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION ON THE OPIOID ABUSE CRISIS

USET held a roundtable discussion on the opioid abuse crisis that is facing Indian Country. Tribal leaders from the USET member Tribal Nations, Indian Health Service, Bureau of Indian Affairs, and National Congress of American Indians were a part of the discussion. Many Tribal Nations are facing extreme challenges of drug abuse ranging from citizens who overdose, material and family health, and public safety. Tribal leaders are working on finding solutions on how these organizations can develop new resources and find innovative solutions to this issue.

“We have a drug court, we have a jail, and we have drug treatment. To stop drug use, overdose, and overall drug crime, we are not going to arrest our way out of this. We have to build our Tribal economies and communities so our people have greater opportunities to be successful and they choose health and wellness over being high. But, changing that culture takes a lot of work from all

of us,” Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Tribal Council Member Travis Smith shared with the USET Opioid Round Table discussion.

Penobscot Indian Nation Police Chief Bob Bryant concurred with Smith saying, “This is the single biggest problem in Indian Country. No it’s the biggest problem in our country. We have to obviously get more funding to address the immediate issues. But, we need funding to build the resources needed to make positive changes in our Tribes.”

“One area we need to explore to building the resources we need are the companies and corporations we do business with through our gaming and other enterprises. I am committed to seeking contributions and fundraising to help make build the resources we need to fight this crisis,” Poarch Band of Creek Indians Chairwoman Stephanie Bryan added to the discussion.

Some of the questions USET is posing to the leadership are:

- How do we reverse this crisis?
- Who are our partners?
- What are the barriers to making changes?
- What are some suggestions for policy and practice change?
- What types of resources do Tribal Nations need to address the crisis?

USET is taking the responses to these questions to develop an immediate and long-term action plan to assist Tribal Nations and build their capacity to act on the opioid crisis, as well as address policy and legislative opportunities.

*Submitted by Brandon Stephens/USET*



## We Opened The Book That Rozelle Had Begun To Write

*Miscellaneous crowd shot at unidentified event; Hugh Rozelle is standing on the left with jacket open and hand in pocket. Photo From Hugh Rozelle Collection.*

“The Poarch Band of Creek Indians was founded on prayer. There were a lot of sacrifices made. In our families there is power in prayer,” Tribal Chair Stephanie A. Bryan said to the audience of over 150 guests who listened intently to her touching words at the Evening with the Elders on June 13.

The Office of Archives and Records Management hosted the event at Wind Creek Atmore which featured our Tribal Council and the audiocassette recordings of Attorney Hugh Rozelle, Sr., who was writing a book on the Creeks, but never finished it.

The evening began with a display of more than 700 pictures in the archival slideshow featuring our current Tribal Council members and their families. The images conjured up memories and conversations about the past amidst an elaborate southern dinner of fried chicken and prime rib.

Opening remarks were made by Community Services Division Director Dr. Karla Martin, who made everyone feel welcome. The Poarch Band of Creek Indians' Tribal Princesses sang a beautiful Muscogee hymn, the young and elder harmonizing together. Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Robert

Thrower offered a prayer thanking the Creator for the bounty that has been bestowed upon our Tribe.

After dinner, stomp dancers from Hvsossv Tallvhassee Ceremonial Grounds provided a demonstration in their vividly arrayed colors and beckoning turtle shell shakers, inviting audience members to join in the dances. The men, interlaced with women, sang ancient songs in Muscogee language offering thanksgiving to the Creator in the same voices that our ancestors spoke. They told of how stomp dancing is part of the traditions and culture of the Tribe.

Tribal Council Treasurer Eddie

L. Tullis made a special point to thank the stomp dancers for their dances. “We need to recognize the importance of these dances,” he emphasized to the audience.

Dr. Paul Ortiz, Director of the Samuel Proctor Oral History Program at the University of Florida, and his Team of seven were onsite to help the Office of Archives and Records Management conduct Oral History Program interviews with Tribal Members from June 12 to 15. Dr. Ortiz shared memories with our guests of Dr. J. Anthony Paredes who also conducted interviews with Tribal Members when he used to work at the University in the 1970s.

It is through the University that the audiocassette recordings of Rozelle were digitized and prepared for this event. They are digitizing 500 audiocassette tapes per year from over 3,500 tapes donated to the Tribe by Rozelle’s son. The elder of their Team, Ms. Deborah Hendrix, described her meticulous work by showing an insightful video on the Rozelle Digitization Project. Director/Tribal Archivist Dr. Deidra Suwanee Dees asked Ms. Hendrix and Ms. Ellen O’Barr to stand so the audience could recognize their long years of service. “I think Ms. Hendrix is the Ellen O’Barr of their department!” Dr. Dees said with laughter, as the audience applauded these two remarkable elders.

Dr. Dees shared a presentation of Rozelle’s audiocassette tapes with historic images of Tribal leaders and a media compilation by Mr. Scotty White at PCI Gaming. Astonished at the enormous obstacles Tribal leaders had overcome, Rozelle exclaimed to former Chairman Buford L. Rolin on one of the tapes, “You done blew my mind!”

Vice Chair Robbie McGhee said, “I actually had the opportunity to work with Hugh Rozelle when I first graduated and came back to the Tribe. It was just a momentous occasion because all he could talk about was the Tribe!”

In listening to the audiocassette recordings, we were able to open the book that Rozelle had begun to write. On reflection, Mr. Tullis said, “A lot of my teaching moments came from discussing politics with Hugh Rozelle. We need to be sure we thank people like Hugh Rozelle.” Rozelle’s family members were invited to the event, and some of them were able to attend.

Tribal Council Secretary Charlotte Meckel said, “I remember coming to the Evening with the Elders and it seems like, each time we come, it just gets better and better! The staff has done such an awesome job letting us relive some of the stories from the past.”

Tribal Councilman Arthur Mothershed said, “You know that these Evening with the Elders are pretty amazing—to be able to sit and listen. What’s special about these for me is that they ground me; they show us where we came from. I remember the one that they had with my granddaddy and granny and that was very touching to hear those voices again. In my job I get to show people our reservation. When I take people around, they’re amazed at what we have. I’m very appreciative.”

Tribal Councilman Keith Martin said, “That \$112 was more than we had ever seen in one pile in our lives! We thought we were rich—well, we are rich. But money don’t make you rich. They asked us from the community to give the checks back and 99% of us did, and I still remember that. Coming from that homestead makes me realize how blessed we truly are.”

Sandy Hollinger said, “This has been a great-amazing night and I’m so thankful for Dr. Dees and the staff, and everyone that put a lot of time and effort into this evening. Thank you very much.”

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



*David S. McGhee  
E4 Corporal  
United States Marine Corp*

Our veteran this month is David S. McGhee. David is the son of Mickey and Joyce McGhee. He is the brother of Doug, Vance, and Timmy McGhee; and Mandy McGhee Welch and Mickey Sue McGhee.

David served in the United States Marine Corps from February 1989 until March 1993 as a Military Occupation Specialist on the Aircraft Firefighter & Rescue Team.

David is married to Sheilah A. McGhee. They have five children: Cobie, Dustin, Chance, Garrett, and Hannah-Rose. He is currently employed as a Technician with Austin Fire Systems.

David is an active member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church and enjoys hunting and fishing, but most especially any activities that includes his family.

David S. McGhee, 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.



*David and Sheilah McGhee.*

*Submitted by David S. McGhee  
Edited by Gayle Johnson*

## Medals and Awards Received

- Sea Service Deployment
- National Defense Medal
- Meritorious Unit Citation
- Kuwait Liberation Medal
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## KING PROMOTED TO LIEUTENANT COLONEL

Tribal Member Tammy King was recently promoted to Lieutenant Colonel in the North Dakota Air National Guard.

Tammy is the daughter of Joyce Kuhn and the granddaughter of Dorothy and JB Rolin.

She would like to thank her family from North Dakota, who were able to attend the ceremony.

To her mom, sisters, and brother, she would like to thank you for all the support and encouragement you have given her throughout the years; along with all the sacrifices you have endured during her time of service. "I love you all very much!"



Tammy is shown above with her son Zachary, left; her boyfriend Shane Jordahl, center; and her son Nathaniel, right. They were able to pin her new rank on her. Tammy is shown holding a picture of her middle son, Jonathan, who is currently stationed in North Carolina with the US Marine Corp.

*Submitted by Tammy King*

### William Hosea Presley

#### Family Reunion

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## STUDENTS ATTEND ALABAMA MATH & SCIENCE CAMP

Logan Brown, Aron Chavira, McKenna Pettis, and Brionna Slate were awarded a scholarship to attend the Alabama School of Math and Science 2017 Summer Camp in Mobile, Alabama.

While at the camp the students studied a variety of topics ranging from Robotics to Marine Biology.

Thank you to the PCI Education Department for making this experience possible for these kids.



Shown left to right are Logan Brown, Aron Chavira, McKenna Pettis, and Brionna Slate.

*Submitted by Shelly Chavira*

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR VOTE



Dear Tribal Members,

I just wanted to take some time to extend my gratitude to everyone that participated in this past year's election. I sincerely appreciate the trust that you all have placed within me for the next several years.

As the Poarch Band of Creek Indians continues to experience growth and prosperity, we must continue to meet the daily challenges that threatens our sovereignty as a Tribe. These daily challenges often come in many forms. From the death of a Tribal Member to fighting for a piece of legislation at the state or federal level, each day presents a

new challenge that must be met head on.

While the challenges of tomorrow may be uncertain, it is with great pride that I am reassured that the resilience and resolve of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians will always endure.

Once again, thank you for your support and I am looking forward to a productive, progressive, and prosperous next three years.

Garvis Sells

## 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.

### McGHEE RECEIVES NUMEROUS AWARDS

At the end of the 2016-2017 school year Meredith McGhee received awards and recognition for A Honor Roll, Highest Academic Average for 8th Grade Science, Honor Society Award, President's Award for Outstanding Academic Excellence, Most Outstanding Digital Info Tech, FFA Treasurer, selected to serve as Historian for the FFA for her 9th grade year, and First Place in the Ernest Ward Middle School Science Fair for her project entitled "Are Essential Oils as Effective as Triple Antibiotic?"

Meredith also received awards from Escambia County District competitions; She received the following awards at the Escambia County District History Fair: Second Place for the Junior Individual Exhibit entitled "AIM Takes a Stand in 1973 at Wounded Knee", Second Place presented by the Santa Rosa Creek Indian Tribe, and Best of Show presented by the University of West Florida Historic Trust.



She reached the State Finals in the Junior Exhibit Category for her entry, "AIM Takes a Stand in 1973 at Wounded Knee." There Meredith received the Native American History Award sponsored by the National Park Service. This prize is given in recognition of demonstrated excellence in the study of Native American history, and was presented by Trampas Alderman Curator of Education.

Meredith is pictured above with Malcolm Thomas, Superintendent of Escambia County Schools.

Meredith is the daughter of Willis "Kent" McGhee Jr. and Tracy Bottjer-McGhee. She is the granddaughter of the late Willis and Arentha McGhee, and John and the late Dottie Colbert Padgett.

*Submitted by Tracy Bottjer*

## MARTIN GRADUATES IN TOP TEN OF GRADUATING CLASS!

Hannah Annette Martin graduated "top 10" of the 2017 Escambia County High School graduating class on May 25, 2017.

We are very proud of all of Hannah's accomplishments and can't wait to see what the future holds for her.



Hannah will be attending Costal Community College in the fall to obtain a Degree in Business.

We are beyond proud of our daughter and love her very much.

Love, Mom, Dad, Noah, and Isaiah.

*Submitted by Haley Martin*

## PRESLEY GRADUATES FROM UNIVERSITY OF WEST FLORIDA

Rachel Presley recently graduated from the University of West Florida with a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology. She will continue her studies toward a Master's degree.

Rachel is the daughter of Tebyl and Stoney Presley. She is the granddaughter of Leroy and Ruth Tullis and the late Linda and Larry Presley.

Congratulations Rachel, we are so proud of you and all you have done!



*Submitted by Tebyl Presley*

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

PK-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade division winner - Arieya Stevens, left; 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade division winner - Isaiah Madison, center; and Teen Center division winner - Riley Baggett, right. These youth were nominated for their outstanding demonstration of good behaviors and leadership. Congratulations Arieya, Isaiah, and Riley!

## ARCHERY TEAM ATTENDS ALABAMA STATE GAMES



The PCI Boys and Girls Club Archery Team, coached by Blakelee Hendrix and Paige Findley, attended the Alabama State Games in Dothan, Alabama, June 9-11, 2017. The Alabama State Games is a program of the Alabama Sports Festival (ASF) Foundation, Inc.. The ASF Foundation, a non-profit 501(c)3 organization, was founded in 1982 at the request of the United States Olympic Committee. The ASF Foundation serves as a statewide mentor organization for teaching youth & adults the importance of academics, athletics, healthy lifestyles, and good citizenship.

During the opening ceremonies archery team member, Cobie Wiggins, was selected by a raffle drawing to receive a \$1,000 scholarship to the college of his choice.

Medalists shown above are:

Left to right on back row are Bronze Medalists Dylan Baggett, Cub Male Division; Tucker Spence, Cadet Male Division; Riley Baggett, Bowmen Male Division; and Caitlyn Lambeth, Cub Female Division.

Left to right on front row are Silver Medalists Ryder Spence, Bowmen Male Division; Lauren Jordan, Cub Female Division; and Ashkia Weaver, Bowmen Female Division.

We are so proud of the archery team and all of their hard work and dedication. Every child that competed did well and we look forward to everything they will accomplish in the future.

*Submitted by Blakelee Hendrix*

# 47<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL POARCH CREEK INDIAN THANKSGIVING POW WOW

## Golden Age 55+

Men's (Northern Traditional / Straight / Fancy / Grass)  
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Women's (Northern Traditional / Southern Cloth / Southern Buckskin/  
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## Junior Adult Ages 18-34

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Women's (Northern Traditional / Southern Cloth / Southern Buckskin/  
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1st \$700 2nd \$500 3rd \$300 4th \$200

## Teen Ages 13-17

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## Junior Ages 7-12

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### Men's Grass

Contemporary vs Original  
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2nd place: \$500

### Women's Jingle

Contemporary vs Original.  
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2nd place: \$500

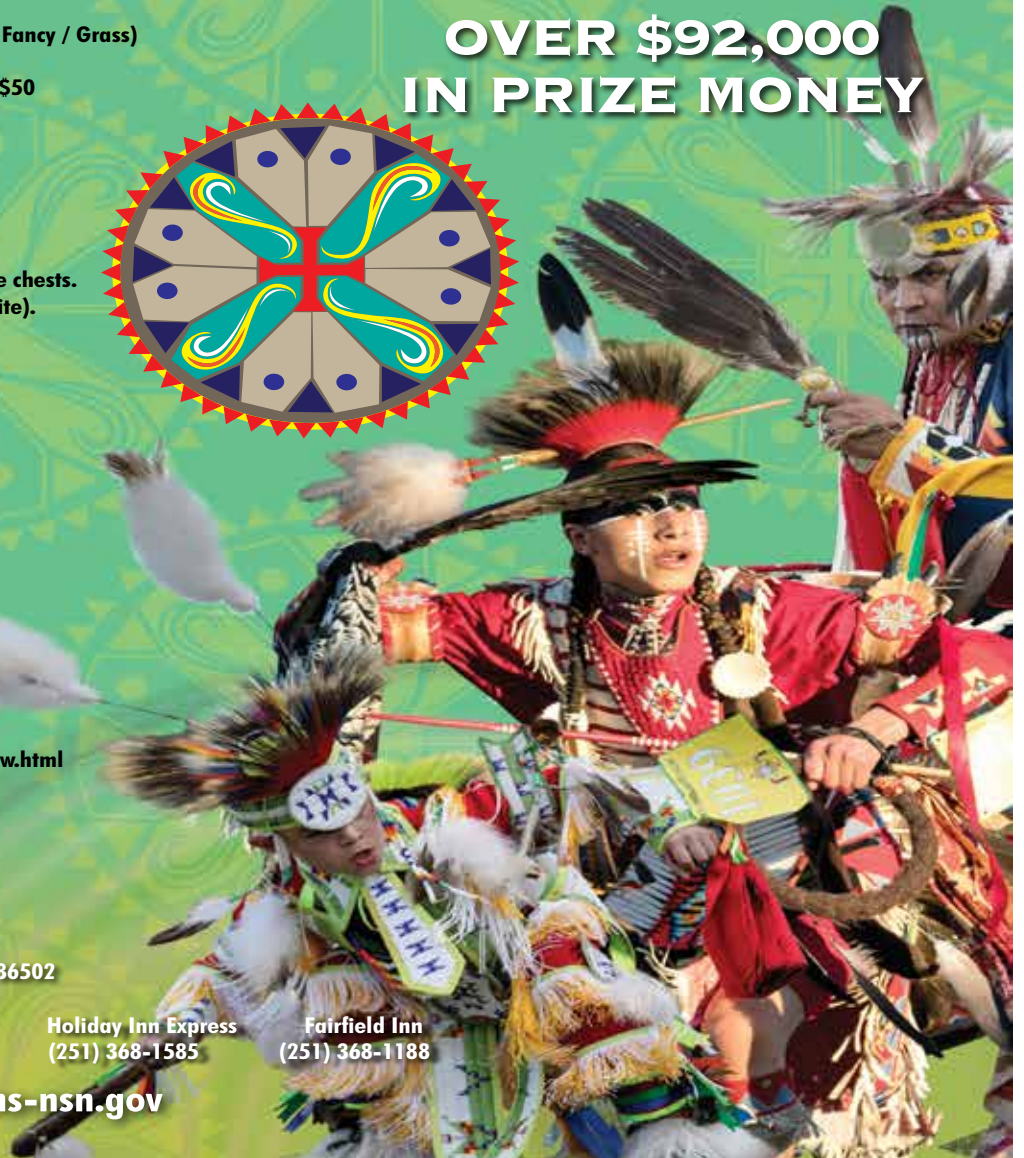
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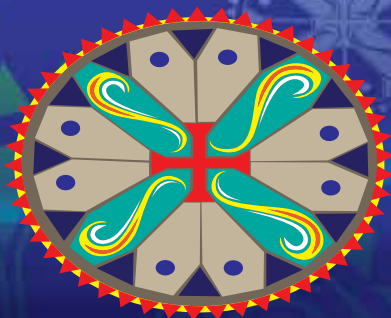
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First Generation: \$250

A flyer with complete details and restrictions was published in the July issue of newsletter and is posted on the Tribal web site, [www.pci-nsn.gov](http://www.pci-nsn.gov). Applications are available in the Education Department or on Education's page of the web site.

Applications and supporting documents can be submitted to Kim McGhee at [ksmcghee@pci-nsn.gov](mailto:ksmcghee@pci-nsn.gov) or PCI Education Department, 5811 Jack Springs Road, Atmore, AL 36502.

Contact Kim at (251) 368-9136 x 2662 for more information.

# Extracurricular Reimbursement Program

(August 1, 2017- June 1, 2018)

**Tribal Member Students and First Generation Students in K4-12<sup>th</sup> Grade** are eligible to be receive up to \$700.00 **REIMBURSEMENT** for fees or costs of participation in athletic or other extracurricular activities. Student must be 4 years old by September 1, 2017. Activities must be **school-based and/or Tribal-based**. Including band, cheerleading, ball, etc. and/or fees for labs, driver's education, or other school-based charges which are required for student participation. This includes rental of cap and gown for high school graduation. This program requires original receipts that must be submitted by the deadline. **The deadline to submit applications and original receipts is June 1, 2018!**

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

## **Documents Required**

- ◇ Completed Application **(Each activity will require a new application)**
- ◇ **Original Receipts** for expenses (Fees, Uniform, and Equipment are acceptable) **Receipts prior to Aug. 1, 2017 will not be accepted.**
- ◇ Indian Descent Letter if applicable. (This letter can be obtained by contacting the Tribal Enrollment Office at (251) 368-9136 ext. 2281)

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

**Faxed applications will not be accepted.**

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

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

Email: mweaver@pci-nsn.gov



# Poarch Creek Indians Extracurricular Reimbursement Program August 1, 2017- June 1, 2018

Student Information		
Student's Full Name:		
Please indicate child's Tribal Affiliation:	<input type="checkbox"/> Tribal Member Roll #: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> First Generation
Name of school attending:		
Date of Birth:	Age:	Grade:

Guardian Information		
<b>Tribal Member</b>		Tribal Member
Parent Name:		Parent Roll #:
<b>Primary</b>		
Custodial Parent:		Date:
Mailing Address:		
City:	State:	Zip Code:
Phone:	Email:	

Extracurricular Activity Information
Please list the name of the activity and its expenses below. <b>Original receipts are required and must be dated between August 1, 2017 and June 1, 2018.</b> Please label each receipt with the child's full name. Failure to provide supporting documents such as receipts and additional information will result in delay of reimbursement. Tribal Member children and First Generation children can be reimbursed up to \$700.00 each school year. This program is for extracurricular activities that are operated by the School, Tribe, Community, and/or Public but additional information may be requested for any/all programs. Reimbursement will be mailed to the address on the application. It is recommended to save a copy of each receipt for your record. <b>The Education Department reserve the right to refuse reimbursement for any purchase deemed inappropriate for this program. If in doubt, please call the Education Department prior to making the purchase.</b>
Name of Activity:
Total cost to participate in activity:
Is the activity operated by the? <input type="checkbox"/> School <input type="checkbox"/> Tribe <input type="checkbox"/> Community <input type="checkbox"/> Private Company/Individual

The following must be submitted with each application:

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

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 any monetary amount that I received to the Tribe. I understand that this program is a benefit to me and my child and I will not misuse this program.

Signature of Primary Legal Guardian of child listed on application	Date
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Completed applications can be submitted to: Email: mweaver@pci-nsn.gov Address: 5811 Jack Springs Road, Atmore, AL 36502  
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Tradition inspires us to keep our history alive.  
We are a resilient people who helped each other out  
through trying times to become the only federally  
recognized Tribe in Alabama.  
Today, we join our neighbors' effort to help improve  
quality of life for all.

## Poarch Values

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

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## Family Services Community Child Care Program Updates

### Attention: Program Participants in the CCDF and Tribal Child Care Program

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

Child Care Renewals are DUE by September 15, 2017. The Family Services Department will begin taking applications on September 1, 2017 for families who are currently participating in CCDF or in the Tribal Child Care program, or who are families needing assistance with daycare services. The new fiscal year and certification period will begin on October 1, 2017 and end September 30, 2018.

Current participants and new applicants must:

- Schedule an appointment with the Community Services Child Care Coordinator and complete a new current application. Please call (251)-368-9136, ext. 2600 to set up your appointment time.
- BOTH parents must be able to provide documentation verifying they are both working a minimum of 20 hours per week or that they are attending at least 20 hours in an educational training program or a job training program.
- Parent(s) must be **attending** fulltime or be a part-time student of an institution of higher education. Child care payment is determined on part-time or full-time status.
- Provide documents to verify all the household income.
- Provide copies of Social Security cards for all household members.
- Provide copies of Tribal I.D. for Tribal Members or Letters of Indian Descent for First Generation Children.
- Provide verification from the daycare or afterschool care provider to confirm that your child is enrolled in the program and the weekly rate of their program.

### **MUST ALSO HAVE A COPY OF THE DAYCARE LICENSE AND W-9 FORM.**

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

\*\* Renewal must be completed by September 15, 2017 or child care payments will be terminated as of October 1, 2017.

## 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.

## TIPS FOR THE PHARMACY DRIVE-THRU WINDOW

1. The pharmacy drive-thru window is for drop off and pick up of prescription orders.
2. When picking up medications, please give the pharmacy staff member the name and date of birth of the person for whom you are picking up medications. This is for verification purposes.
3. Please refrain from using cell phones while at the drive-thru window.
4. Please turn off windshield wipers and radio while at the drive-thru window.
5. You may be asked to park your vehicle and come inside the pharmacy to receive personalized assistance for special circumstances such as the following:
  - a. You are requesting a pharmacy staff member to review your chart for medication lists and items for refill
  - b. If you have questions regarding your medications
  - c. If your provider has prescribed new medications and private counseling is required
  - d. Immunization services

Please pardon the progress in existing clinic areas as renovations are taking place to relocate the Pharmacy in-house. Pharmacy relocation is tentatively scheduled for mid-August with an Open House scheduled for August 25, 2017.

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



### Health & Elder Services Purpose

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

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

**Poarch Band of Creek Indians**

## AUGUST IS IMMUNIZATION AWARENESS MONTH!



Diseases can quickly spread among groups of children who aren't vaccinated. Whether it's a baby starting at a new child care facility, a toddler heading to preschool, a student going back to elementary, middle, or high school—or even a college freshman—parents should check their child's vaccination records.

Child care facilities, preschool programs, schools, and colleges are prone to outbreaks of infectious diseases. Children in these settings can easily spread illnesses to one another due to poor hand washing, not covering their coughs, and other factors such as interacting in crowded environments.

When children are not vaccinated, they are at increased risk for disease and can spread disease to others in their play groups, child care centers, classrooms and communities—including babies who are too young to be fully vaccinated and people with weakened immune systems due to cancer and other health conditions.

Additionally, states may require children who are entering child care or school to be vaccinated against certain diseases. Colleges and universities may have their own requirements, especially for students living in residence halls. Parents should check with their child's doctor, school or the local health department to learn about the requirements in their state or county.

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## PREMIER FAMILY EYE CLINIC HAS RELOCATED TO THE BUFORD L. ROLIN HEALTH CLINIC

Premier Family Eye Care (PFEC) has relocated to its new location in the Buford L. Rolin Health Clinic.

PFEC is conveniently located on the first floor of the Health Clinic and can be accessed through the first window on the left as you enter the facility.

We apologize for any inconvenience and look forward to serving your vision needs.

As always, we provide eye care to the community and surrounding area.

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

## OPEN HOUSE

### PREMIER FAMILY EYE CARE & PCI PHARMACY

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25, 2017

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

BUFORD L. ROLIN HEALTH CLINIC

The Health Department is proud to announce that all health services are now located under one roof with the relocation of Premier Family Eye Care and PCI Pharmacy inside the Health Clinic.

## HEALTH CLINIC ESTABLISHES DRESS CODE

Per the Dress Code Policy established June 29, 2017, all individuals who enter the Poarch Creek Indian Health Department will wear appropriate attire to ensure safety, as well as respect, for other visitors and patients.

All visitors or patients who enter the Poarch Creek Indian Health Department must be dressed appropriately and wearing the following items of clothing:

- Tops that cover their chest area.
- Dress, skirt, pants, shorts that do not reveal their buttocks.
- No saggy pants that reveal underwear.
- Shoes

If an individual comes to the Poarch

Creek Indian Health Department without the appropriate dress, they will be asked to leave the clinic until such time as they are appropriately dressed.

If an individual is asked to return home and change clothes before they can be seen, they will be asked to reschedule their appointment unless they can return within 15 minutes of their appointment time.

# Don't Violate The Dress Code!



*Applications accepted for rental units in Senior subdivision, Moniac Townhouses, and Low-Income Single Family Units, such as Walker Subdivision in Pensacola, FL.*

## PCI Rental Housing Program Now Accepting Applications

The Poarch Band of Creek Indians Housing Department is currently taking applications for:

### SENIOR UNITS:

- Two (2) bedroom

### LOW-INCOME SINGLE FAMILY UNITS

- Two (2) bedrooms
- Three (3) bedrooms
- Four (4) bedrooms
- Five (5) bedrooms

### MONIAC TOWNHOUSES:

- Two (2) bedrooms

In order to apply for the rental program, you must be at least nineteen (19) years of age and complete an application which includes:

- Proof of household income
- Tribal identification
- Social security cards
- Marriage certificate
- Divorce decree
- Child custody information if applicable
- All other documentation requested by the Housing Department's staff.

If the applicant is married, his/her spouse's information must be included, and the spouse must also sign the application.

All adults eighteen (18) years of age and above listed on an application as a resident must successfully pass a criminal background check through the Tribal Police Department before occupancy.

Applications are available on the Tribal Web site.

If you are interested in rental housing or have questions, you may call 251-368-9136 ext. 2251.



Lance Presley

Waylon Langford

Levi Presley

Ashleigha Smith

Ava Davis

### HOUSING DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES AMERIND POSTER CONTEST WINNERS

The Housing Department would like to acknowledge the following winners of the 2017 Safety Poster Contest.

The first place winners were also judged at the Regional level. We are pleased to announce that Ava Davis and Lance Presley won Region 1 and will now be judged at the National level during AMERIND Risk Convention and Tradeshow.

Congratulations again to all our winners.

#### K-3rd Grade

1<sup>st</sup> Place Lance Presley

#### 4th-6th Grade

1<sup>st</sup> Place Waylon Langford

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#### 7th-8th Grade

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The Poarch Creek Swim Team (PCST) recently attended the 2017 Alabama Olympic State Games in Dothan, Alabama on June 9-10. The state holds this Olympic style competition every year with over 30 sports that athletes can compete in.

The PCST competed as a team in the short course swimming event. The team was represented by Kamryn Langham, Kylee Langham, Kadence Bailey, Aviya Labue, Sydney Gregson, Shane Gregson, Claire Johnson, Hannah Johnson, Tiffany Gookin, Maci McGhee, Marlie McGhee, and Mary-Ashlynn Williams.

The PCST girls 9-10 200 freestyle relay team placed 3rd overall. The relay team included Kamryn Langham, Kadence Bailey, Aviya Labue, and Mary-Ashlynn Williams.

Kamryn Langham and Kylee Langham also placed in the top three in every individual event that they competed in.

Athletes who placed in the top three in any event were awarded Olympic style medals for gold, silver and/or bronze, and qualify to participate in the 2017 State Games of America in Grand Rapids, Michigan on August 3-7, which is held every two years in different states.

"As the head coach I could not be any more proud than I already am. Our swimmers worked hard to achieve their goals at this meet and I always remind them to have fun with anything they are doing," Head Coach Sarah Allen.

*Submitted by Sarah Allen, Head Coach*

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## GATHER TOGETHER IN HEALTH



## Pep in Your Step

**BY SPENCER TATUM**

*Advantage Training Director of Training*

**Warm weather is here, and you may be walking more to take advantage of being outside. Why not ramp up your routine with bursts of fast-paced walking?**

The technique, known as interval walking, is a great way to get the most exercise bang for your buck. Let's take a closer look:

### **Interval Walking**

Interval walking is a form of interval training, which describes any form of exercise in which you purposely speed up or slow down at regular intervals throughout the session. The benefits of

interval training in athletes and people in cardiac rehabilitation are well studied. Interval walking hasn't been examined as much, but we believe the same benefits apply. Something about strenuous exercise is good for the body. It improves endurance, reduces blood pressure, and helps with weight loss.

Interval training may also burn more calories, and help you get fit faster. For example, a small observational

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study published last year in PLOS ONE suggested that three 20-second sprints during a 10-minute cycling workout produced benefits close to a 45-minute cycling workout.

## Getting Started

Before attempting interval walking, first make sure that your doctor approves, especially if you have heart disease or joint pain.

Strongly suggest: walk with a partner, for safety and motivation, and bring a cellphone in case you need to call for help.

Remember to dedicate five minutes each to warm-up and cool-down as part of the walking routine. This can simply involve walking at a comfortable pace.

## Keep Progress Steady

When you're ready to include interval walking to your routine, start slowly. Introduce one or two segments of fast-paced walking into your 30-minute walk. Each segment should last a minute or two. Try that during each walking workout for a few weeks.

How much should you pick up the pace during an interval? Walk as fast as you can, at a pace you can do briefly, but can't do forever. You don't have to worry about trying to reach a set heart rate, unless your doctor directs you to do so.

Gradually add more intervals into your routine, with the goal of walking 50% of the time at the higher intensity. There's flexibility in how that can be done — one minute on, one minute off, or two minutes on, two minutes off. Play around with it, and see what's best for your body.

## Get On The Right Path

Look for smooth terrain in public areas. Neighborhoods, busy parks, and shopping malls are all good candidates for walking routes. Soft surfaces like dirt or grass are easier on the joints than asphalt or concrete.

You may also choose to do interval walking on a treadmill. Just crank up the speed or the incline for a minute or two to get your heart, lungs, and muscles working harder.

## The Best Program is the Consistent Program

I tell this to my clients all the time. A consistent routine will get better results. Just like brushing your teeth - it's not something you can do every so often. It needs to be done daily. Interval walking is a great way to keep your workouts consistent. And adding a little intensity to your walking routine spices it up. The benefits will be seen in your improved health and felt in your increased energy.

Get out there and go for a walk! If you have any questions, I'm here along with the Poarch Recreation staff to support you.

*Spencer*



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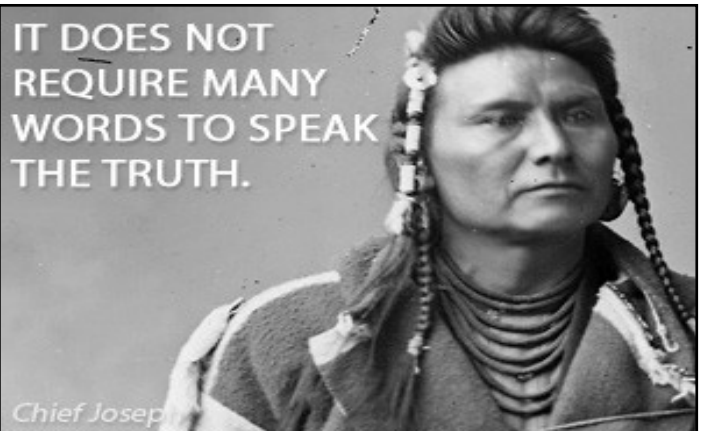


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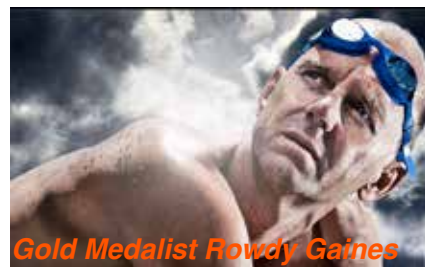
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### LIVING IN BALANCE

SECOND & FOURTH MONDAY

5:00 PM

TRIBAL COURT LOBBY

Meetings are open to the public

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THIS PROGRAM IS DESIGNED FOR  
PEOPLE WHO ARE DEPENDENT ON  
ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS.

If you have any questions or need more information

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### SMART RECOVERY FAMILY & FRIENDS

FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY THE  
ADDICTIVE BEHAVIOR OF A LOVED ONE

FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH

6:00 PM

TRIBAL COURT LOBBY

The meetings have two goals:

1. Providing self-management and life-skills tools to those struggling with the challenges of living with, and caring about, a loved one who has an addiction;
2. Supporting family & friends in their goal of interacting with their loved ones in ways that would maximize the possibility that their loved ones would choose recovery.

If you have questions, please call 251-368-9136 ext. 2660.

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## Alabama SAF-T-net Free Weather App



The safety of Tribal Members and those in our surrounding communities is very important to us! If you are in the market for a great weather app, you may download Alabama SAF-T-net. This is a free app that you may find in the Google Play Store or on iTunes.

Just simply search for the app “Alabama SAF-T-net” and download! This app provides local weather updates and will also let you know when storms are approaching your area.

# Grilling Safety

There's nothing like outdoor grilling. It's one of the most popular ways to cook food. But, a grill placed too close to anything that can burn is a fire hazard. They can be very hot, causing burn injuries. Follow these simple tips and you will be on the way to safe grilling.

## SAFETY TIPS

- » Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.
- » The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- » Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area.
- » Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
- » Never leave your grill unattended.
- » Always make sure your gas grill lid is open before lighting it.

## CHARCOAL GRILLS

- » There are several ways to get the charcoal ready to use. Charcoal chimney starters allow you to start the charcoal using newspaper as a fuel.
- » If you use a starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire.
- » Keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources.
- » There are also electric charcoal starters, which do not use fire. Be sure to use an extension cord for outdoor use.
- » When you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing in a metal container.



**Your Source for SAFETY Information**

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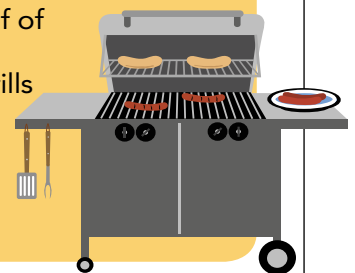
## PROPANE Grills

Check the gas tank hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year. Apply a light soap and water solution to the hose. A propane leak will release bubbles. If your grill has a gas leak, by smell or the soapy bubble test, and there is no flame, turn off both the gas tank and the grill. If the leak stops, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again. If the leak does not stop, call the fire department. **If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department.** Do not move the grill.

If the flame **goes out**, turn the grill and gas off and wait at least **5 minutes** before re-lighting it.

## FACTS

- ❗ July is the peak month for grill fires.
- ❗ Roughly half of the injuries involving grills are thermal burns.



Name of Organization Goes Here

Contact Information Goes Here



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## THE TRIBAL GRIEVANCE BOARD IS HERE TO SERVE YOU

The Tribal Grievance Board was established with Resolution 2015-027 to provide an objective avenue for all applicants who decide to request an appeal regarding a negative program policy decision made by a Tribal Government Department. Applicants must follow the Chain of Command to adequately complete the grievance process before requesting an appeal with the Tribal Grievance Board.

The Tribal Grievance Board is comprised of seven (7) members and two (2) alternate members; meetings are conducted monthly.

For more information about this process, please contact the Regulatory Affairs Division at (251)368-9136, extension 2286.

Board Members left to right:

Cornelia Miller, Chair

Lonell Peacock, Vice Chair

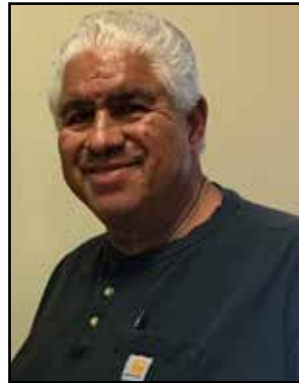
Sue Dortch, Secretary/Treasurer



Andrea McGhee-Bowen, Member

Randy Martin, Member

Shawn Rolin, Member



Kathy Ward, Member

Kim Bragg, Alternate

John Kelley, Alternate



### UPDATING TRIBAL ARTISAN INFORMATION

The Tribal Historic Preservation Office is in the process of updating information on each certified Tribal Artisan, both Member and Non Member. Those who wish to have an ID badge issued should complete a new application (follow instructions below), along with a picture of you, (above the shoulders head shot).

An application for those who wish to be considered for certification may be accessed through our website, picked up at the Regulatory Affairs Division Office (Building 500), or by contacting Candace Fayard at cfayard@pci-nsn.gov.



*Quilt top made by Tribal Artist, Cornelia Miller*



### **Tribal Member Benefits**



**will be re-locating to a  
modular building next to the  
Lavan Martin Assisted Living Facility.**

***349 Buford L. Rolin Dr.***

**Phone: 251-368-9136 ext. 2209**

**Fax: 251-368-0490**

**Email: [tmb@pci-nsn.gov](mailto:tmb@pci-nsn.gov)**

Relocation date is not known at this time. Please watch the newsletter, web site, and social media for more information as it becomes available. Please contact TMB at the number above if you have any questions.

All good things must come to an end. Summer flew by us and that means school is, or will soon be, back in session. We pray that each of your students from kindergarten to high school seniors has a safe and wonderful school year.

**Projects:**

- The bids were opened and awarded on July 18 for the Sanitary Sewer Structure Lining Project. New coated linings in the most deteriorated man holes will extend the life and minimize inflow and infiltration (I&I) in to the waste water system.
- The Drinking Water Infrastructure Grant Project (Admin. Bldg.) has been completed and Utilities staff has moved into the new building.

PCI Utility customers please remember that bills are due on the 1st of each month. A late charge is applied to your account on the 16th of each month if you fail to make your payment by the 15th. If your payment has not been received by close of business day on the 20th of each month, services may be shut off and locked out and a 35.00 reconnection fee added to your account.

Please contact our office between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday should you need assistance or have questions at (251) 446-1617. Contact us after hours at (251) 446-4920 for any utility related emergencies.

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**EMPLOYEE STANDOUTS:**



We are proud to announce that James Ramer (left) and Nathan Dortch (right) have successfully completed and passed their Water Certification Test. Please join us in congratulating our team members on a job well done.

# Winning Moments Last a Lifetime

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

“Find your winning moment.” It’s a phrase many Alabamians and passers-by are familiar with. It’s seen on billboards hugging the I-65 corridor, or heard in radio ads and television commercials throughout the Panhandle. It stops people in their tracks and begs the question, “What is a winning moment and where can I find it?” The answer is, of course, Wind Creek.

The great thing is, that’s not just a marketing tactic. It’s a fact. Winning moments are abundant at every Wind Creek property and they come in more forms than most people think about. Sure, when the Electric Slide starts to play when someone hits a jackpot - that’s a winning moment! But it’s also a winning moment when a Tribal Member has a place at home to start a career. Or when a nonprofit can make a difference because Wind Creek donated time and money to a good cause.



*Pictured above: (left to right) Valerie Young (WCM), Jake Carlton (WCM), Felicia Williams (WCM), Stefanie Glass (ACS)*

One such group is American Cancer Society (ACS). Each October, Montgomery’s ACS hosts Real Men Wear Pink. Local men participate in fundraisers to benefit breast cancer month and compete to be “Montgomery’s Man in Pink”. Wind Creek Montgomery (WCM) property manager Jake Carlton participated along with his entire WCM team. In total, WCM raised \$20,000 for the campaign, making Carlton’s team one of the top in the country. ACS spokeswoman Stefanie Glass said the campaign more than doubled its \$53,000 goal by raising over \$108,000! “[WCM] had a HUGE part in the success of the campaign.. Everything about this is a winning moment,” Glass shared, “specifically every opportunity to remind women of the risk of breast cancer and to have their mammogram... [and] seeing all the men.. bettering the women in their lives as well as the community.”



*Pictured left: Dave Kinman and part of his IT Operations team (left to right) Josh King, Darren McGhee, Logan Colbert, David Kinman, John Gonzalez*

For David Kinman, winning moments happen every day. Dave works at Wind Creek Atmore as IT Operations Manager. He grew up in Atmore and moved to Tuscaloosa for college. While many choose to leave small towns for a career, Dave moved back home to work in the newly built Wind Creek Atmore. The move has been good for his career and his family. “To have that family support system and the opportunities for growth in a job you can actually make a living at here in small Atmore, Alabama... how my kids go to [Huxford] the same school I went to... those things mean a lot to me. That in itself is a winning moment.”

Any good story has a happy ending and this is no exception. But winning a million-dollar jackpot is not just a happy ending, it’s a happy beginning for a Wetumpka man and his family. In a letter to Wind Creek Wetumpka (WCW) he shared how he found his winning moment. “A week prior to my March 23 visit to Wetumpka I had gone to Mississippi which turned out to be a total bust. Frustrated with my Mississippi visit, I decided I’d give Wind Creek Wetumpka a try.”

He continued, “I was optimistic and kept saying to myself all the way to Wetumpka, ‘I am not going home broke.’” He sat down at the game called Million Degree and, to his surprise, the elaborate lights began dancing to the rhythm of the jackpot song; it was for him. At first, he thought the jackpot was for about \$8,000, but he quickly realized his fortune with a progressive jackpot of \$1,093,000! It’s one of the best things that’s happened to his family. “I kept thinking, we never have to worry about our finances again. One of my children is in college and can now concentrate totally on his studies. I also thought about how I could be a blessing to others. It all seemed like a dream, but it wasn’t. Thanks to the [WCW] staff for making me feel like a rock star on the night I hit the jackpot.”

These three stories only begin to shine a light on the varied ways guests and communities win with Wind Creek. Whether it’s entertainment, fine dining, giving back or starting a career - Wind Creek offers experiences that bring people together. It’s more than just a place to win jackpots. It’s a place to find winning moments of all kinds that are guaranteed to last a lifetime.



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.

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# 2016 Boeing Excellence Award

Muskogee Technology has received the 2016 Boeing Silver Award. The Boeing Co. issues the award annually to recognize suppliers who have achieved superior performance. Muskogee Technology maintained a Silver composite performance rating for each month of the 12-month performance period, from Oct. 1, 2015, to Sept. 30, 2016. The awards are presented to companies the following year.

“Based on this outstanding achievement, Muskogee Technology also has earned recognition as a Boeing Performance Excellence Award recipient,” a spokesman for Boeing said.

This year, Boeing recognized 480 suppliers who achieved either a Gold or Silver level Boeing Performance Excellence Award. Muskogee Technology is one of only 402 suppliers to receive the Silver level of recognition.

Muskogee Technology is owned and operated by the Poarch Band of Creek Indians. Creek Indian Enterprises Development Authority oversees the day-to-day operations of the Tribe’s diversified portfolio.

“We are honored to once again be recognized by Boeing, and we are dedicated to providing quality service to each of our clients,” Muskogee Technology President and CEO Westly L. Woodruff said.



By CIEDA Marketing Department

# Muskogee Technology's New President/ CEO



Sometimes to take an award winning team like Muskogee Technology to the next level you have to change the quarterback, and that's exactly what they did when they brought on Westly L. Woodruff as their new President/ CEO.

"We are confident that his many years of manufacturing experience will prove an asset to Muskogee Technology's continued success," said James T. Martin, CIEDA President/CEO.

This is the second time Woodruff has worked for Muskogee Technology. He worked as a welder over 21

years ago when the company was called Muskogee Metalworks.

"I think we had about nine employees back then, and Westinghouse in Pensacola was our primary customer," said Woodruff. "It's truly a pleasure to return to CIEDA and pursue business opportunities for the advancement of Muskogee Technology. What we do

here is great, and I am confident that through teamwork we can develop Muskogee Technology into a world-class manufacturing facility and industry leader in minority suppliers."

Woodruff has an extensive background working in manufacturing, having worked ten years at Huhtamaki Retail Business Unit Chinnet Division and five years in the steel fabrication and manufacturing industry before returning home to work for the Tribe. He is no stranger to facilitating and developing cohesive and highly functioning teams.

He has previously served as the Procurement Officer, managing all facilities and internal construction needs for CIEDA operations. Most recently Woodruff served as the Facilities Division Director at Tribal Government, overseeing the departments of Facilities, Natural Resources, and Public Works.

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## The Island Newcomer

The second phase of hotel development in Ft. Walton Beach is wrapped up, and the Hilton Garden Inn is now open for business just in time to capitalize on the 2017 vacation season. The hotel sits Gulf front on Okaloosa Island and features 178 rooms, a lazy river, a dune walkover to the beach, an indoor pool, an onsite restaurant, and over 5,000 square feet of flexible

meeting space.

The property's General Manager, Jeremy Skinner, states, "Our focus is to provide guests with the intuitive, heartfelt service they deserve and expect from the Hilton Garden brand." As a participant hotel in the Hilton Honors guest loyalty program, Honors members who book directly can receive special pricing,

free Wi-Fi, flexible payment options and Gold and Diamond Honors Members receive premium Wi-Fi and space available upgrades to the hotel's exclusive Hilton HHonors floor.

This hotel is CIEDA's third hotel development project with Innisfree Hotels and the second built on Air Force land within the U.S. Air Force Enhanced Use Lease Program, where a percentage of the hotel revenues will be provided to nearby Eglin AFB to support initiatives benefiting service members. The first hotel development the Holiday Inn sits next door and features a military radio signal receiver on the roof which Eglin AFB uses to monitor planes and missiles tested over the Gulf of Mexico.

**CIEDA President and CEO James T. Martin said:**

*"We expect the Hilton Garden Inn to experience the same success as we have seen with the Holiday Inn next door, maybe even better since this hotel is one of the few among the worldwide brand to be located in a beachfront community."*



# Feeling the LOVE

Recently Muskogee Inn was awarded a “Loved By Guests” certificate from Hotels.com. This certificate honors businesses that earn top ratings from Hotel.com guests.

“With a rating of 4.1 out of 5.0, Muskogee Inn deserves a place among the best,” a spokesperson for Hotels.com said. Muskogee Inn received this distinction from Hotels.com for the first time this year.

“We view Hotels.com as a great partner and are honored to be recognized by the online travel site.

Our appreciation goes out to all of our guests who took the time to review us,” said Rochel Martin, General Manager.



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*Muskogee Inn  
receives award from  
Hotels.com*

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## DRUG TESTING POLICY FOR TRIBALLY SPONSORED PROGRAMS

Effective ***August 1, 2017***, the Community Services Division will implement a new drug testing policy which will impact participation in the following Tribally Sponsored Programs:

### YOUTH PROGRAMS:

- Summer Leadership
- Tribal Youth Council
- Close – Up
- Princess Contest
- 4-H (*Steer, Swine, and Chick Chain*)
- Pow Wow Club
- Summer Internship
- Cultural Exchange
- Co-Op Program
- Swim Team
- Archery Teams
- NAYO
- Health Camp
- PCI Tribal Explorers

### ADULTS PROGRAMS:

- NASA
- Adult Pow Wow Club
- Princess Contest

All perspective participants age 12 and up will be required to pass an initial drug test in order to enter these programs, and will also be subject to random and reasonable suspicion drug tests at any time.

Failure to pass a drug test or to submit to a drug test will disqualify the participant from all Tribally Sponsored Programs for a period of up to one (1) year.

### ***HELP US IMPROVE WE WANT YOUR FEEDBACK!***

Do you have an idea that you would like to share with Tribal Government?

Do you have a suggestion to help us improve?  
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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR Hvyo-Rakko (August) 2017

<b>NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION DEADLINES</b>	<b>Tuesday, August 1, 2017</b>	<b>5:00 pm (CST)</b>	<b>September 2017 Issue</b>
	<b>Friday, September 1, 2017</b>	<b>5:00 pm (CST)</b>	<b>October 2017 Issue</b>

<b>ONGOING PROGRAMS</b>	<b>Museum Gift Shop</b>	<b>Closed for inventory</b>	<b>August 7 &amp; 8, 2017</b>
	<b>Summer Camp Reimbursement</b>	<b>Ongoing</b>	<b>Ends Sept. 29, 2017</b>
	<b>School Supply Reimbursement</b>	<b>Ongoing</b>	<b>Ends Sept. 30, 2017</b>

**Notice To Tribal Members:** The 2017 Health Department Patient Survey is now available in Health Department. Please pick up a copy of the 2017 Health Department Patient Survey the next time you visit the Clinic. The surveys will be available with the Patient Registration Specialist at the windows.

## REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS

**SMART Recovery**  
Tuesday, August 1<sup>st</sup> 6:00 pm  
Tribal Court Lobby

**Tribal Council Meetings**  
Thursday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> 4:00 pm  
Building 500 Auditorium

**Living In Balance**  
Monday, August 7<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> 5:00 pm  
Tribal Court Lobby

**Tribal Court Sessions**  
Monday, August 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> 9:00 am  
Tribal Courtroom

**Education Advisory Committee**  
Monday, August 14<sup>th</sup> 3:00 pm  
Family Services Conference Room  
Buford L. Rolin Health Clinic

**CMCAC**  
Monday, August 14<sup>th</sup> 4:00 pm  
Cultural Offices /Highway 21

**4H Club Meeting**  
Wednesday, August 9<sup>th</sup> 3:30 - 5:00 pm  
Perdido River Farms  
Please note this is a date and location change

**Tribal Grievance Board**  
Tuesday, August 8<sup>th</sup> 1:00 pm  
Building 500 Auditorium

**Tribal Regulatory Commission Meetings**  
Tuesday, August 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> 8:00 am  
Building 500 Auditorium

**Utilities Authority Board Meeting**  
Thursday, August 17<sup>th</sup> 1:00 pm  
Utilities Office

## MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES SCHEDULED FOR THIS MONTH

Tuesday, August 1, 2017  
Drug Testing Policy For  
Tribally Sponsored Programs  
Effective this date

NASA Tournament  
August 10-12, 2017  
Arrowhead Park

Monday, August 14, 2017  
Last Day To Register for  
Breakout Swim Clinic

Saturday, August 19, 2017  
Farmer's Market  
Pow Wow Grounds  
7:30 am - 11:00 am

Saturday, August 19, 2017  
Breakout Swim Clinic  
9:00 am - 2:00 pm  
Wellness Center/Gym

Child Care Program Renewal  
September 1-15, 2017  
Holiday Office Closures/September  
Monday, September 4, 2017  
Friday, September 22, 2017

Saturday, October 7, 2017  
Community Meeting  
Wellness Center/Gym  
9:00 am - 11:00 am

Annual Celebration  
Magnolia Branch  
12:00 noon - 4:00 pm  
Tribal Member Day @ OWA  
6:00 pm - 10:00 pm  
OWA/ Foley Beach Express

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Poarch Creek News

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