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Life is made of many beautiful, unique moments and these past several months have been overflowing with them.

This year, our Tribe hosted the NAYO tournament July 20th through July 23rd. We had a total of 77 teams that competed in the tournament – an outstanding turnout! This was a really well-organized event and a special thank you goes out to everyone who assisted, especially the Recreation Department staff.

On July 21st, OWA officially opened its gates to the public. I can tell you from experience that OWA has a family-friendly, relaxed environment that will entice you to keep coming back. Perhaps the most memorable experience for me was riding the Rollin' Thunder... twice! This investment into a world-class destination is due to the visionary leadership of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians. And, it would have never come to fruition without the incredible teamwork of the staff at CIEDA, OWA, and all the construction crews. Thank you so much for your hard work and dedication to this project.

The Tribe held its annual State of the Tribe on Saturday, July 29th. There were nearly eighty attendees at the event and many others who joined us via livestream. The State of the Tribe is a great opportunity to not only reflect on the Tribe's financial

endeavors from the previous year, but to also stay informed about the current and upcoming financial initiatives. Our staff and members of leadership have received many positive comments about this most recent State of the Tribe, and we look forward to making this event even better next year.

Our youth have had an outstanding summer, especially if they spent it at the Boys & Girls Club (BGC). This summer, the BGC had record attendance! In July alone, the BGC averaged 170 children daily and served over 3600 meals (breakfast, lunch, and snack)!

Not only have the children's lives been enriched by the staff members at the BGC, but they have also interacted with the wonderful staff members at the Education, Recreation, and Cultural departments. The programming found at the BGC is a prime example of how the greatest benefit is achieved when everyone works together as a team. The kids had the opportunity to participate in a range of field trips and classes such as etiquette class, Creek language, date smart, archery, and cultural. Further, the BGC does a fantastic job of exposing our kids to new and different experiences such as the basketball game with the Mobile Patriots (page 21).

The kids and staff at the BGC have had an amazing summer...



Stephanie A. Bryan, Tribal Chair

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and the fun doesn't stop there! This school year, the BGC will provide transportation from eleven different schools. I cannot commend this department enough for their dedication to our kids. They have worked extremely hard this summer, and I am incredibly proud of all they have accomplished. Mvto!

In closing, I hope everyone takes the time to savor life's moments both big and small. Whether it's enjoying a peaceful cup of coffee, taking your baby to their first day of school, or watching your big baby graduate from college (I'm so proud of you, Niki!), take the time to live in the present and relish the moment.

In love,
Stephanie A. Bryan
Tribal Chair

REQUEST FORM

This report is available to Tribal Members only.



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Address

Phone Number



Tribal Chair's Report to General Council

Many different tribes in the United States have a Tribal Chair's Report to General Council. This report is a summary of the Tribal Chair's report to the General Council.

If you would like a hard copy of the Tribal Chair's Report to General Council (published July 2017), please complete this form and e-mail it to: myoung@pci-nsn.gov. Or, you may mail it:

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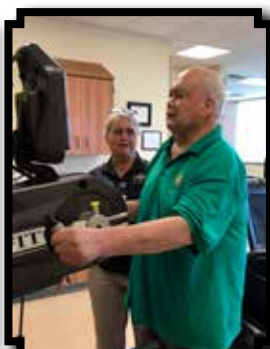
After reviewing the report, please take a few moments to complete the follow-up survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/201707chairsreport>

Please note, this survey closes **September 29, 2017.**



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

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- **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 Andre 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.
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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.*
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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.
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Submit information by the last business day of the month immediately following the engagement/wedding.
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Corrections will occur only if error/misprint is made by *Poarch Creek News*.

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

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

WORD LIMITS

Birthdays	40 words or less
Anniversary	50 words or less
Engagement	50 words or less
Reunions	50 words or less
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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/

[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.

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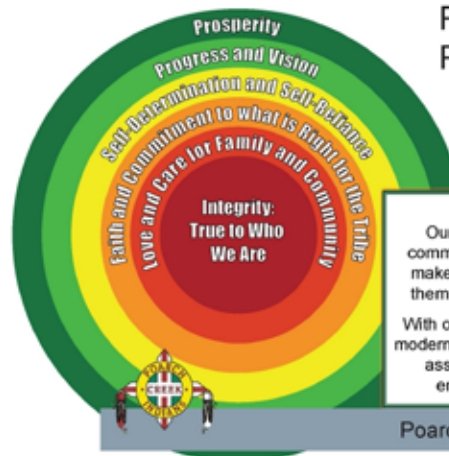
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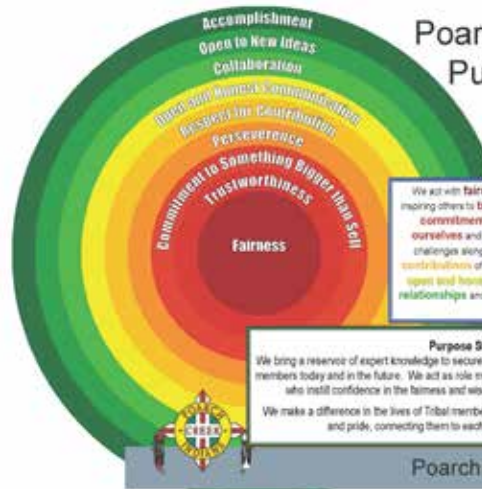


Poarch Council Purpose & Values

Purpose Statement

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

Poarch Band of Creek Indians



Poarch Government Purpose & Values

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

Purpose Statement

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

Poarch Band of Creek Indians

THE PARK

AT OWA

NOW OPEN

IT'S FOR YOU

TRIBAL MEMBER DAY
OCTOBER 7TH
6PM TO 10PM

In an effort to deliver a five-star experience to Tribal Members, we are working through a soft opening that started in July. All Tribal Members, 18 years and older, will receive a total of four complimentary admission vouchers to attend Tribal Member Day on October 7th from 6pm to 10pm. If a Tribal Member is unable to attend the October 7th event we will honor admission vouchers on the following day, October 8th during normal business hours of 10am to 10pm. In addition to your complimentary vouchers to visit in October, The Park at OWA will be extending an admission discount of 20% off your daily or annual admission purchase with valid Tribal ID.

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Hello Tribal Members. I wanted to take a few minutes to update you on our 2017-2018 PCI Hunting Club rule changes that were voted on and passed by the membership on July 15, 2017.

This year we will allow spouses of Tribal Members to hunt without their Tribal Member spouse present. The permit will be in the Tribal Member's name and their spouse will have to have the permit with them at all times while hunting on Tribal lands.

The appropriate staff will verify through the Enrollment Department that the spouse resides in the same home as the Tribal Member. No divorced spouses will be allowed; again, the spouse must reside with the Tribal Member to be eligible to hunt on PCI lands.

We will try this new program for one (1) year on a trial basis.



Keith Martin, At-Large
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Everyone's safety is our top priority. Tribal Officers will be on the property to ensure the safety of those participating. We will accept membership dues September 1, 2017 through December 1, 2017; no one will be allowed to join before or after the established dates.

Each member of the Hunting club will be required to participate in at least 3 workdays or pay a fine of \$100 per workday missed. You can attend a workday, or have someone attend on your behalf, even if you haven't paid your membership dues by the date of the workday. The first workday is scheduled for Saturday, August 26, 2017; workdays will continue every Saturday after that until Saturday, October 14, 2017.

Tribal Members may sign up at the Accounting window in Building 600. Anyone with questions may reach me at 251-253-8150; if I don't answer leave a message and I will return your call.

I look forward to seeing you out on our Tribal lands enjoying one of our Tribe's many blessings. I pray that the good Lord continues to bless our Tribe!

Thank you, Keith Martin.



We open every hunt, workday, and event with prayer.



Ready to hunt!



Daughter outdoes Dad!



**TUESDAY
SEPTEMBER 26, 2017**

**LOCATION: NEW SAIL CENTER
BEHIND ASSITED LIVING**

**TIME: 8:00AM-10:00AM
COFFEE WITH A COP**

A small background of Coffee with a Cop

Community policing is a huge part of our Police Department. Coffee with a Cop events have been hosted in all 50 states and is one of the most successful community oriented policing programs across the country. The program has also expanded to outside the United States to Canada, Europe, Australia, and Africa.

The key to Coffee with a Cop's growing success is that it opens the door between the Community and Police for positive interactions outside of a crisis situation.

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No Agendas

**Events are relaxed,
informal and open
for discussions
about the issues
community
residents feel are
important**

No Distractions

**Radios and cell
phones are off for
the duration of the
event so community
members can have
stress-free
conversations with
police officers.**

No Barriers

**One-on-one
conversations
between citizens
and their police
officers are the best
way to build trust
and mutual goals for
communities.**

A CLOSER LOOK AT

FEEDBACK



A snapshot of the responses received at feedback@pci-nsn.gov

42

TOTAL RESPONSES

From March 2, 2017 to August 1, 2017, a total of 42 responses have been received.



MOST POPULAR

The most popular responses were about: OWA, health insurance, a Tribal town hall meeting, and a discussion forum on the TMOP.

4

AUGUST

4 responses have been received so far in August.

15

DEPARTMENTS

A total of 15 departments are impacted by the responses, and received the feedback.



BY THE MONTH

March - 7 responses
April - 11 responses
May - 7 responses
June - 3 responses
July - 10 responses

23

RESPONDENTS

To date, there have been a total of 23 respondents.



Please keep your ideas & feedback coming! It may be submitted to:

feedback@pci-nsn.gov

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SNIPPETS OF FEEDBACK

Traditional arts classes are amazing!

Discussion board on TMOP

TM only gatherings during other community/public events

Reinstate health care coverage for TMs

Tribal liaison appointed to hold meetings, visit with TMs, & report back to TC

Tribal Town Hall that is livestreamed

More transparency, less secrecy. What are you planning?

Open rolls to those who are 1/4 but missed the deadline

Expand 1st generation education funding to include private schools

Make strides towards a private tribal school

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NEW! Anonymous feedback may be submitted at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PCIAnonymousFeedback>

COMMEMORATIVE EDITION PCI BOOK



We Need Your Help!

We are actively seeking pictures, stories, interviews, and other interesting information* to include in our book about the Poarch Band of Creek Indians. Do you have something you'd like to see included? Please share it with us! We can't wait to hear from you!

*Information submitted will be included at the discretion of the Committee.



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Physical Therapy - Your Perfect Partner In Health

Your Physical Therapy staff left to right are Ashley Edwards, Physical Therapy Assistant; Brittany Martin, Physical Therapist; and Connie Lambeth Patient Registration Specialist-Physical Therapy.

Think back....When was the last time you felt no pain, even when sitting at your desk or watching TV? For many people, everyday pain has become a way of life. Those who have turned to physical therapists for freedom from pain and immobility have found their quality of life greatly improved. Having a physical therapist as part of your health regimen can make the difference between living with pain and living without it.

Physical therapists are your perfect partners in health. We are experts in the way the body moves. As highly educated health care professionals, physical therapists help you maintain mobility and quality of life

without surgery or prescription medication, in many cases.

Our goal at Poarch Physical Therapy is to get you moving and enjoying life again, using scientifically-based treatment techniques that focus on restoring function, reducing pain, and preventing injury.

The treatment plan may consist of therapeutic exercises and activities, massage, joint mobilizations, patient education, and applications such as heat, ice, and electrical stimulation or ultrasound to decrease pain. The therapist will also give you a home exercise program designed to assist your areas of need.

Our physical therapists, in collaboration with you and your physician, will work to help you achieve a healthy, active lifestyle and can help you manage your health over the long term.

We understand that the road to recovery is personal, so you will always receive a treatment plan tailored to your individual needs. You are the most important member of your own health care team!

88% of physical therapy patients say the care they received was beneficial in helping them return to normal activity, increasing their range of motion, and relieving their pain.

AVOID SURGERY

In many cases, physical therapists can help patients avoid costly and often painful surgery.

For instance, studies reveal that patients receiving physical therapy for neck pain were less likely to seek additional medical care.

ELIMINATE PAIN WITHOUT MEDICATION

In many cases, your physical therapist will find a way to make life easier for you without the need for pain medication. For instance, the American Heart Association (AHA) urged doctors to change their approach to prescribing pain relievers for patients at risk of heart disease and to begin with physical therapy and other non-pharmacological treatments.

At Poarch Physical Therapy we treat a wide variety of patient ages and diagnoses, including orthopedics, neurological/stroke, balance/walking difficulties, and pediatrics.

MOVE forward with your physical therapist!





'People Are Dying Here': Federal Hospitals Fail Tribes

Indian Health Service facilities sanctioned for dangerous, faulty care, leaving often-impoorished patients on remote reservations without services required by law

Oliver Semans, a member of the Rosebud Sioux tribal health board, at a cemetery on the South Dakota reservation. KRISTINA BARKER

By Dan Frosch and Christopher Weaver

At the Indian Health Service hospital in Pine Ridge, S.D., a 57-year-old man was sent home with a bronchitis diagnosis—only to die five hours later of heart failure. When a patient at the federal agency's Winnebago, Neb., facility stopped breathing, nurses responding to the “code blue” found the emergency supply cart was empty, and the man died. In Sisseton, S.D., a high school prom queen was coughing up blood. An IHS doctor gave her cough syrup and antianxiety medication; within days she died of a blood clot in her lung.

In some of the nation's poorest places, the government health service charged with treating Native Americans failed to meet minimum U.S. standards for medical facilities, turned away gravely ill patients and caused unnecessary deaths, according to federal regulators, agency documents and interviews.

The IHS, a unit of the Department of Health and Human Services, operates a network of hospitals and clinics, much like the Veterans Health Administration. Under U.S. treaties that date back generations, the service is legally responsible for providing medical care to about 2.2 million tribal members.

But that system has collapsed in the often-remote corners of Indian Country, where patients live hours from other medical providers, often have no insurance and depend on the federal service.

“We’ve lost faith in the IHS, but we have no alternatives to go anywhere else,” said Lisa White Pipe, a tribal council member for the Rosebud Sioux, whose father died last year after a delay in cancer treatment that she blames on the agency. Read more about his and other cases, and see the regulator’s reports.

The problems have come to a head in recent months after IHS hospitals repeatedly failed

inspections, shut down services or lost access to crucial federal funds. Such failures have prompted new calls for broader oversight of the IHS by Congress. The Rosebud tribe, whose reservation stretches across a rural swath of South Dakota, is also now suing the agency in federal court, alleging that the IHS has failed to fulfill its treaty responsibility to care for tribal members.

“People are dying here as a result of the care they are not receiving, or the care they are receiving,” said U.S. Sen. John Barrasso, (R., Wyo.), who until January chaired Congress’s Indian Affairs Committee, in an interview.

The latest crisis has arisen after the IHS and the Health Department failed to address a chorus of warnings over many years about neglect at the agency’s facilities. The warnings came from lawmakers in both parties, internal whistleblowers and the families of patients who died. Over and over, they reported that IHS hospitals were plagued by inadequate supplies, poor training, overwhelmed staff and critical positions left unfilled.

The agency has lacked a permanent director since 2015. People familiar with the matter said they expect a nominee for that post to be announced soon.

Rear Adm. Michael D. Weahkee, the agency’s current acting director, said in a statement after this article was published online, “IHS is committed to improving patient safety and the quality of health care across the agency. We are faced with many challenges, but that is no excuse for substandard care.” He said the agency is “holding all employees fully accountable and working to improve the systems that recruit, retain, and support those employees to meet standards.”

Adm. Weahkee, a member of the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps, which provides medical staff to federal agencies, was appointed to temporarily lead IHS in June.

Back in 2010, a commission chaired by then-Sen. Byron Dorgan, (D., N.D.), found improperly credentialed medical staff were treating patients at some remote hospitals and employees accused of misconduct—even crimes, including stealing drugs from hospital pharmacies—weren’t disciplined.

The agency promised changes, but the situation has only disintegrated since, according to interviews with tribal officials, civil and criminal court records, and a raft of federal inspection reports.

Wilmer Spotted Wood hobbled into the IHS hospital in Winnebago but was sent home without treatment despite medical

staff documenting his severe back pain—10 on a scale of 10—and ashen skin color, according to one of those reports.

Hours later, a nurse read a test result that showed his kidneys were shutting down. The finding would normally lead to hospitalization, doctors say. Instead, the nurse left a phone message telling Mr. Spotted Wood to avoid calcium products like the antacid Tums and come back in two days, a federal inspection report said.

One of his sisters, Betsy Spotted Wood, herself an IHS nurse who was at the hospital that day, said “his skin coloring was way off. You could tell something was seriously wrong.”

Mr. Spotted Wood didn’t make it to his follow-up appointment. He died in his bed of kidney failure on Jan. 1, 2015, the day he had planned to return to the hospital.

An IHS spokeswoman, Jennifer Buschick, provided a statement saying the agency wouldn’t comment on specific medical cases, lawsuits or regulatory findings. Officials at the IHS’s Maryland headquarters fielded queries from The Wall Street Journal related to the agency’s individual hospitals and clinics.

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Following Mr. Spotted Wood's death, U.S. hospital regulators found the Winnebago facility failed to meet basic standards in 11 of 30 random cases they reviewed, including his case, during a routine inspection.

Winnebago is one of seven IHS hospitals that the regulator, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, said had put patients in danger since 2010—more than a quarter of the 26 hospitals the IHS manages around the country.

The IHS and tribal health advocates say Congress underfunds the agency, and the Trump administration's 2018 budget proposes cutting about \$300 million, a roughly 6% decrease from its 2017 level.

The IHS spent \$3,688 on care for the average patient in 2015, according to an agency document. The Veterans Health Administration, for comparison, spent an average of \$11,056 on medical services for each veteran receiving VA health care in 2015, that agency's records show. The two agencies count the users of their services differently, and their populations vary.

Obesity and diabetes on the Rosebud and Pine Ridge reservations are more than 40% higher than nationwide, according to a Journal analysis of data from the University of Wisconsin.

At least 50% of residents of those two reservations, as well as a third of those served by the Winnebago hospital, earned less than the federal poverty line, 2015 data show.

Such factors, coupled with remoteness—Rosebud is more than 100 miles from the nearest Wal-Mart—make recruitment difficult. The IHS said vacancy rates for medical staff at its Great Plains facilities run as high as 37%. By contrast, the Massachusetts Health and Hospital Association reported only about 6% of nursing jobs vacant in 2015.

Earlier this year, a longtime Pine Ridge pediatrician was indicted for allegedly sexually assaulting his patients. The doctor, Stanley Patrick Weber, who resigned last spring from the agency, pleaded not guilty. His lawyers didn't respond to a request for comment.

The top medical officer at Winnebago was indicted late last year on allegations he defrauded Tennessee's Medicaid program before joining the IHS, court records show. The doctor, Scott McLain, had been brought on in a shake-up the IHS said showed commitment to high-quality care.

Dr. McLain entered a plea of not guilty and has asked a judge to dismiss the case, his lawyer said. He said Dr. McLain had resigned from the IHS.

In its written statement, the IHS declined to comment on the indictments. It said the agency has revamped staff credentialing procedures, overhauled management of many hospitals and brought in outside contractors to fill vacancies.

The agency's seven sanctioned hospitals—in Pine Ridge, Rosebud and Rapid City, S.D.; Cass Lake, Minn.; Crow Agency, Mont.; Acoma, N.M.; and the Winnebago facility that treated Mr. Spotted Wood—all put patients in "immediate jeopardy" of harm and failed to meet hospital requirements, according to federal regulators.

At least 50% of residents of the Rosebud, above, and Pine Ridge reservations, as well as a third of those served by the Winnebago hospital, earned less than the federal poverty line.

The South Dakota and Nebraska facilities have each been cited for putting patients in danger multiple times. Since 2011, regulators reviewing cases at those four IHS hospitals said inadequate care contributed to at least 11 deaths, documents show.

In a second statement after this article was published online, the IHS said it complies with widely accepted "death review processes" and reviews adverse events at the regional level, but doesn't report nationwide tallies of such incidents.

The agency said, “Any deficiency in service to patients receiving care at any IHS facility is unacceptable and does not reflect the organization’s commitment to delivering a high quality of care to its patients. Upon learning of these survey results IHS immediately began instituting improvements at each hospital.”

In many cases, the hospitals haven’t fixed their problems, according to regulatory documents. In April, inspectors cited ongoing failures at the Rosebud hospital for at least the third time in a row; in 2015 and 2016, its emergency room was closed for seven months. In May, inspectors found the Pine Ridge facility had failed U.S. hospital requirements for the second time in five months. The Winnebago hospital has been barred since 2015 from billing Medicare because it failed to meet requirements for hospitals participating in federal programs, a punishment given to just five general hospitals in the U.S. that year, federal data show.

In its initial written statement, the agency cited data showing many non-IHS hospitals in North and South Dakota and Nebraska also failed to meet requirements. It is less common though for regulators to cite hospitals for putting patients in danger in connection with such failures. Regulatory data show half of the eight facilities run by the IHS in the three states were found to have put patients in danger from 2011 to 2015. The

data show the proportion for all non-IHS general hospitals with a patient-harm finding in those states was 7%.

Some of the families of patients who died unexpectedly under the IHS’s care said the toll extends beyond the hospitals that have been sanctioned. Among them, is Wakanda Gonsalves, a high school senior and prom queen, who went to an IHS clinic in Sisseton, S.D., on May 4, 2012, because she was coughing up blood. She was sent home that same day, with cough syrup, an inhaler and antianxiety medication. Two nights later, her parents woke to Ms. Gonsalves’s screams, her mother, Lisa, recalled. They found her convulsing in bed before she went limp.

“My husband kept doing CPR and chest compressions. Over and over,” Lisa Gonsalves said. “But she had no pulse.”

An autopsy showed Ms. Gonsalves suffered a blood clot in her lung. The IHS-contracted doctor who treated her said in a court deposition he didn’t review an X-ray showing a lung abnormality, or follow up after an irregular blood test. The staffing agency that employed the doctor settled a lawsuit with Ms. Gonsalves’s family for an undisclosed sum in 2015.

In court filings, both the doctor and the contractor denied any wrongdoing. Lawyers for both

didn’t respond to requests for comment.

When confronted with regulatory failures, top IHS officials prioritized other matters, and Health Department leadership brushed aside warnings, records and interviews show.

After a 2010 Senate hearing on Sen. Dorgan’s probe outlining serious deficiencies in care and training, then-IHS director Yvette Roubideaux emailed agency employees, acknowledging problems and saying fixes “cannot happen overnight.” She asked staff to, among other things, “put a story in the local newspaper about all the good things you are doing,” according to a 2010 email reviewed by the Journal.

In 2014, despite complaints of understaffing, Dr. Roubideaux dispatched 21 IHS medical staffers to West Africa to aid the U.S. response to the Ebola outbreak, over protests of tribal health officials.

“If the federal government is going to send public health officials anywhere it should be sending them to Indian Country,” a tribal health committee wrote to Dr. Roubideaux.

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Dr. Roubideaux argued the outbreak was an unprecedented epidemic. The agency statement to the Journal said the staff was needed to help prevent a potential U.S. outbreak.

Dr. Roubideaux, a Rosebud tribal member and Harvard-trained doctor who left the agency in 2015, referred inquiries from the Journal to the IHS about what she called “longstanding” problems.

At a meeting of regional IHS heads in 2013 called by agency leadership, “we were basically told, ‘these are your problems, you deal with it,’” said Anna Whiting Sorrell, who formerly ran the IHS’s Billings, Mont.-based region, where a hospital was sanctioned for dangerous care in 2014.

The agency told the Journal that the IHS’s regional chief medical officers have “primary responsibility for clinical issues.”

One doctor, Alida Asencio, said she was ridiculed at staff meetings after telling the Winnebago medical director about problems in 2014. Dr. Asencio later raised a concern about a death at the hospital with regulators, who, documents show, concluded it was avoidable.

She later complained to top agency officials that her supervisor pressured her to take paid leave ahead of an inspection to keep her

from raising further concerns, an email viewed by the Journal shows.

The agency said its “leadership maintains a culture where employees are encouraged and expected to report any reasonable suspicion of wrongdoing, misconduct, waste, or abuse, particularly when it involves the safety and wellbeing of patients or employees.” It said such disclosures can “save lives.”

Then-U.S. Sen. Mark Begich, an Alaska Democrat, said he met with former Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius in 2012 to discuss IHS concerns. He said it was clear from the conversation that implementing the Affordable Care Act “eclipsed things.”

Ms. Sebelius said in an interview “it’s totally appropriate for him to say, ‘they just didn’t do enough,’” referring to her own department. She said she took the IHS’s failures seriously and tried to address them by seeking more funds and improving communication with tribes.

The current Health Department secretary, Tom Price, said during his confirmation hearing in January he was committed to turning the IHS around.

Some people who rely on the troubled hospitals said they are afraid to seek treatment there.

Among them is the family of Tonya Drapeau, a 39-year-old mother of five from the Omaha reservation, who died suddenly in March 2016 after a visit to the Winnebago hospital. Days later, a government doctor wrote in a letter to an IHS official that Ms. Drapeau’s treatment “was below the standard of care.”

Her family filed a legal claim alleging negligence in February with the Health Department, their lawyer said, the first step in filing a lawsuit against the U.S. government.

Medical records show Ms. Drapeau went to Winnebago because she was having trouble breathing.

The agency’s records of her past care, which medical staff reviewed that morning, showed she had diabetes and a history of respiratory complications. A doctor didn’t check her blood sugar and sent her home later that day with antianxiety pills.

Hours later, Ms. Drapeau’s teenage son found her unconscious. The records show she died, after being airlifted to a private hospital, of diabetic shock.

Appeared in the July 8, 2017, Wall Street Journal print edition as ‘Federal Care Fails Tribes.’



TRIBAL MEMBERS RECEIVE NATIONAL IHS DIRECTOR'S AWARD

Pictured is Edie Jackson, Poarch Creek Health & Elder Services Division Director; RADM Mike Weahkee, Acting Director of Indian Health Service, and Tammy King, Financial Management Specialist, Bemidji Area IHS.

Edie Jackson was honored by being chosen to receive an IHS National Director's Award for 2016.

This award recognizes service significantly advancing the IHS mission and goals through enhancements supporting IHS priorities; these include renewing and strengthening Tribal partnerships;

bringing reform to IHS; improving quality and access to care for IHS patients; and ensuring transparency, accountability, fairness, and inclusion.

An award's ceremony was held at Indian Health Service Headquarters' in Rockville, Maryland on July 28, 2017.

Also present and receiving an IHS National Director's Award was Tribal Member Tammy King, who works in the Bemidji area for Indian Health Service.

Congratulations Edie and Tammy!

Submitted by Edie Jackson



TRIBAL YOUTH COUNCIL ATTENDS ANNUAL UNITY CONFERENCE

Blake Crook, Robert "Scottie" Miller, Tashoni Morales, Teran Villa, Joshua Iron Shell, Joseph Davis, Jacob Hugs, Mary Bush, William Mosely, Sophie Tiger, Hamilton Seymour, and Brittany McKane.

On July 5-10, 2017, the Poarch Creek Tribal Youth Council traveled to Denver, Colorado to attend the 41st United National Indian Tribal Youth Conference (UNITY). The UNITY Conference is attended by native youth from all across the country.

The PCI Tribal Youth Council members were able to participate in team building workshops and panels dealing with Native American issues. One panel included the Standing Rock issue where Standing Rock's own Chairman David Archambault talked on the issues they faced with

the pipeline and the strength of their youth. He stated that their stand brought awareness to their issue from across the nation and the world.

The participants attended area caucus meetings, these meetings included tribal youth councils from the Southeastern tribes such as Coushatta, Eastern Band of Cherokee, Chitimacha, Lumbee, and Poarch Creek.

Each year representatives are elected to serve on the UNITY Council. The council includes ten members, one from each region and a Male

and Female Co-Chair. This council works toward putting together what will be another successful UNITY Conference scheduled for next July in San Diego, California. The elected members will also work with Tribal Youth Councils in their respective Regions to help them grow throughout the year. Poarch Creek's Blake Crook was elected to the 2017 -2018 National Unity Council Executive Committee as a Southeastern representative.

Submitted by Joey Selzer

Applications are now being accepted for the 2017 – 2018 Tribal Youth Council. You can pick-up applications at the Museum or from the Hwy 21 office until September 15, 2017. For more information contact Mindy Jackson, Cultural Director, at 251-368-9136 x 2293 or email mjackson@pci-nsn.gov or Joey Selzer, Cultural Educator, at 251-368-9136 x 2541 or email wselzer@pci-nsn.gov.



IMPORTANT LESSONS & GOOD TIMES

MOBILE PATRIOTS VISIT THE POARCH BAND OF CREEK INDIANS

The Mobile Patriots are a basketball team with a unique quality – they play basketball from a wheelchair. The Tribe sponsored the team and, in return, the Mobile Patriots wanted to give back to PCI for its generosity. So, a game was scheduled in which they played against a team made up of various Tribal Government employees. The catch? ALL players were in a wheelchair.

Community Services Division Director Karla Martin remarked, “This was a great opportunity we were able to share with our Boys and Girls Club kids. I’m really proud of all the departments who worked together to make this event possible. And, I’m especially proud of everyone who was willing to be on the team – it’s not easy to put yourself out there for a whole gym-full of people to watch!”

The event took place at the PCI Recreation Center with an audience primarily made up of children from the PCI Boys & Girls Club. Poarch’s players, though inexperienced in a wheelchair, made up for their new challenge with lots of spirit and heart. Amidst wheelchairs crashing into each other, Councilman Dewitt Carter falling out of his wheelchair, and Boys & Girls Club Field Supervisor Kevin Miller crashing into the wall, the children and adults alike witnessed firsthand inspiration in action.

“The Tribe is such a generous neighbor and this was a great opportunity to show our children how our generosity helps others who have needs we may have never thought about,” commented Boys & Girls Club Director Stephanie Agerton. She explained, “Not only

did this event keep these young ones entertained, but it also broadened their perspectives. I’m very grateful to the Tribe for all they do for our children.”

Tribal Chair Stephanie Bryan stated, “None of these individuals imagined that they would experience what has happened to them – that they would be hurt in an act of war or in an accident. But it happened and it could happen to any of us...No matter what happens in your life, if you give 100% and you set your mind to it - no matter what - you can do it.”

Time spent with the Mobile Patriots is an experience I believe all attendees will cherish not only because of the important lessons learned, but also because of the good times shared.

*Submitted by Megan L. Young,
Tribal Chair’s Office*



CULINARY MEDICINE - HEALTHY EATING CLASSES

From left to right: Nancy Brumfield, Registered Dietitian, USA Mitchell Institute; Katie Presley; Voncille Peters; Mary Jane Tullis; Ruth Bailey; Tammy Graham; Kay Archer; Cindy Martin; Marsha Fendley, Registered Dietitian, Poarch Health Clinic; Myra King; and Cathy Langley.

The Health & Elder Division has partnered with University of South Alabama Mitchell Cancer Institute to offer the seniors a four week cooking class on healthy eating and preparation of foods. The program focuses on the Mediterranean Diet which uses a lot of fresh fruits and vegetables.

There are currently 16 participants enrolled and classes are held at the Wind Creek Casino Cooking Studio. Registered Dietitian, Nancy Brumfield from USA and Chef Brandon Thrash from Wind Creek are teaching the classes. So far the students have thoroughly enjoyed their cooking experiences.

The focus of the classes are on healthy eating for Tribal Members and their families.

The classes consist of an education component, hands on cooking experience, and sharing the meals they have prepared. Plans are to continue to offer these types of classes in the future.

Submitted by Carrie Martin



Carrie Martin, Kay Archer, and Cathy Langley



Ruth Bailey



Tammy Graham, Michelle Shiver, Myra King, and Christine Ward.



CULTURAL EXCHANGE - DESTINATION BELIZE!

Left to right front row: Justin Sturgill, and Magen Weaver. Middle row: Tyler Carbo, Kamryn McGinty, Sierra Williams, Shania Plemons, Ashley Simmons, Mallory Gibson, and Jude Parham. Back row: Dakota Rolin, Bryan Fayard, Xavier Brooks, Hunter Peadon, Mallory Martin, Quin Liddy, Ronald Rolin, Karla Martin, Dr. Phillip Carr, from the University of South Alabama, and Kevin Baggett.

In June, 2017, a group of 12 Tribal Member and First Generation graduating high school seniors were selected to travel on the second annual Poarch Creek Cultural Exchange. The students traveled to Belize to visit the Mayan, Mestizo, Creole, and Garifuna people.

During their stay, the students visited Mayan temples, hiked through limestone caves and jungles, canoed down the Sibun River, and zip lined through the jungle. They also attended a Mayan ballgame, a game

which hadn't been played in over a hundred years. They learned about medicinal plants, made chocolate & tortillas, went snorkeling, and hiked to a waterfall.

Some of their favorite parts of the trip were meeting the Mayan people and playing soccer with them.

The trip opened our students eyes to things they take for granted here in their daily lives. They are forever grateful to have fresh water, ice, air conditioning, and electricity.

The students would like to thank the Tribal Council for funding the trip and allowing them to go to Belize. Without their support the trip would not have been possible.

Our students also encourage the Tribal Council to fund this trip each year and encourages more students to participate.

Submitted by Mallory Martin

Hold on to what is good,
Even if it's a handful of earth.

Hold on to what you believe,
Even if it's a tree that stands by itself.

Hold on to what you must do,
Even if it's a long way from here.

Hold on to your life,
Even if it's easier to let go.

Hold on to my hand,
Even if someday I'll be gone away
from you.

Pueblo Prayer



*William H. McGhee
E5 Sergeant
United States Marine Corp*

Our veteran this month is William Harold McGhee of Brewton, Alabama. Harold is the son of Carl and the late Atreb Dees "Bootie" McGhee of Walnut Hill, Florida. He was born on July 22, 1949 in Atmore.

Harold has five older brothers; Gilbert, Carl Jr., Robert, Glenn, and Larry; and one younger sister Sandra.

Harold attended Ernest Ward School and graduated in 1967. After graduation Harold went to work with Southern Bell Telephone Company in Brewton, Alabama as a lineman in January 1968.

He enlisted in the United States Marine Corps on January 6, 1969 for three years. He received basic training at Paris Island and Infantry training at Camp Lejeune. His assigned MOS was in supply administration and schooling was at Camp Lejeune. His first duty station was at Cherry Point, N.C.; he made the rank of Sergeant E5 while there.

His next duty station was at Camp Schwab in Okinawa; he then returned to Camp Pennington and was honorably discharged on December, 14, 1971.

Harold returned to work with Southern Bell in Brewton in December 1971. He worked as a lineman, cable splicer, cable repairer, and digital tech. He

retired after 44 ½ years with AT&T, Bell South, South Central Bell, and Southern Bell.

Throughout the years Harold attended Jefferson Davis Junior College, Faulkner State, and Troy State Extension at night.

Harold married Lynna Ford of Bear Creek, Alabama on December 14, 1975. Lynna is the sister to his brother Glenn's wife, Billie Jo.

They have five children William Jr., Julie, Charlie, Amanda, and Timothy. Julie is a pediatrician, Amanda is the Optometrist at Poarch, and Timothy is a RN and works weekends at UAB Hospital.

They have seven grandchildren: Aiden, Mattlyn, Henley, Huntly, Emma, Abby, and Tinsley.

Lynna still works in Brewton as a rural carrier for the U.S. Postal Service. Harold has recently purchased 8 acres of land at the corner of Jack Springs Rd. and Booneville Rd. in the

Medals and Awards Received

- National Defense Service Medal
- Meritorious Mast
- Good Conduct Medal
- Attended NCO School
- Rifle Expert Badge



Flags honoring family, Tribe, and military service.



Children and grandchildren of Harold and Lynna McGhee

McCullough area and will be building a house there. He has erected flag poles on his property to fly flags that represent the McGhee family, the Tribe, and his family's military service.

American	All
Poarch	Tribal Member
U.S. Marine Corps	Carl (Dad) and Harold
National Guard	Gilbert
U.S. Air Force	Robert
U.S. Army	Glenn

Harold also flies a Florida Gators flag because he and his son Charlie are Florida Gators fans.

The University of Alabama flag flies for Lynna, an Alabama graduate, and four of their five children also graduated from University of Alabama.

Harold enjoys woodworking and spending time with his family.

William H. McGhee is 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.

Semper Fi!

*Submitted by William H. McGhee
Edited by Gayle Johnson*



Honoring Our Veterans

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

Please be sure to include return address and contact information.



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She is a precious gift and is loved by all her family.

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Dad & Mom. Aubrey Lee and Caleb Powell.

Celebrating an Anniversary MICHAEL & DONNA MCGEE SEPTEMBER 18, 2017



Michael and Donna McGee will celebrate their 25th anniversary on September 18, 2017.

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Love you, Donna.



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MCGHEE GRADUATES FROM COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON

Erin McGhee has earned a Bachelor's of Finance Degree from the College of Charleston.

Erin is the daughter of John & Susan McGhee. She is the granddaughter of Julius Frank & Betty Jo McGhee and the great granddaughter of Chief Calvin & Joyce McGhee.

Congratulations Erin, we are so proud of you.

Submitted by John M. McGhee



SMITH GRADUATES FROM ASHFORD UNIVERSITY

Elma Smith graduated from Ashford University on June 19, 2017 with a Bachelor's Degree.

Elma would like to extend her thanks to the Tribe and the Education Department for their assistance.

"I would like to thank the Tribe and the Education Department for allowing me to participate in the McGhee-Tullis Tuition Assistance Program. Your help will always be remembered. I graduated with a B- major in Social & Criminal Justice. Thanks to those who believed in me...Shelia Fisher, Sandra Hiebert, Clara Jones, Billie McGhee, and the late Robert Thrower.

God bless, and again thank you all. I could not have made it without you!"

Submitted by Elma Smith





IN LOVING MEMORY OF
JAMES B. HOWELL
AUGUST 30, 1943- JUNE 10, 2017



Jim was a proud Tribal Member of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians of Atmore, Alabama.

Jim was a loving husband, father, and Papa. He will be greatly missed.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents, Bob and Mildred; sisters, Dawn Davis and Phyllis Miller; and granddaughter, Kristen Kay Zubrick.

Visitation was held Wednesday, June 14, 2017, at Burns Funeral Home, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point, IN. The funeral was held on Thursday, June 15, 2017, at Burns Funeral Home. Interment followed at Graceland Cemetery, Kouts.

Submitted by Judi McElhaney


James B. Howell, age 73 of Hebron, Indiana, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on June 10, 2017.

He was an Army veteran and worked at Roadway Express for 38 years.

He is survived by his loving wife of 55 years, Deloris; daughters, Wanda (Bob) Zubrick and Teresa (Lonny) Dyer; grandbabies, Lauren Zubrick, Lucas and Lily Dyer; siblings, Judi (James) McElhaney, Ronald Howell; and several nieces and nephews.

Perhaps they are not the stars, but rather openings in Heaven where the love of our lost ones pours through and shines down upon us to let us know they are happy.

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HEARTFELT THANKS & APPRECIATION

I know that the newsletter does not publish information from non-Tribal Members, but it is my hope that you will allow me a one time exception to share my mother with you.

Gayle Johnson

Jeanette Odom, age 83, passed away at home on July 13, 2017 surrounded by her children and grandchildren. She had 15 children, 32 grandchildren, 43 great grandchildren, and 4 great-great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Jim Odom, and one son, Joe Odom.

Jeanette is the mother of *Poarch Creek News* Editor, Gayle Johnson. She is the mother-in-law of Sheila Odom and grandmother of Holly Carnley, Jeremy Odom, and Chad

Odom, all of whom are employed with Tribal Government in different capacities.

"Momma was not a Tribal Member, but she knew and loved many in the Poarch community; just as many in the Poarch community knew and loved our Momma.

Our family would like to thank the Tribe, Wind Creek Hospitality, Creek Travel Plaza, and the Poarch community for the love and support that embraced us during our last hours with Momma and our time of mourning after her passing.

Words can never fully express our thanks and gratitude. Each gesture, each condolence, each prayer, each floral arrangement, each shared

memory...we could go on and on... was truly appreciated and welcomed. You brought tears to our eyes, smiles to our faces, and laughter to our lips. Laughter that was so desperately needed. The love that embraced us will never be forgotten."

Claude Odom

Gayle Johnson

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Jackey & Sheila Odom

Johnny & Sandra Odom

Carolyn & Gary Posey

Donald & Charlene Odom

Arthur Odom

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Jerry & Tangie Odom

Joyce & Debbie Fisher

Jenny Hutto

Linda Odom

Oral History Program and the University of Florida

"The oral history interviews are so important because our future generations will be able to hear how we overcame obstacles," Tribal Council Secretary Charlotte Meckel said to Intern Krista Jeter about our Oral History Program. "They will know how we planned for the Tribe to continue to grow and prosper," she added.



Ms. Meckel, Tribal Records Committee Chair, explained the significance of the Samuel Proctor Oral History Program at the University of Florida whose seven-member Team came onsite from June 12-15 to help the Office of Archives and Records Management conduct interviews. This is the same Team that is digitizing audiocassette interviews of Tribal Members by former Tribal Attorney Hugh Rozelle.

Program Director Dr. Paul Ortiz said, "We learned so much about the rich history of the Tribe. We conducted fantastic oral history interviews with the Elders!"

Records Coordinator Ms. Ellen O'Barr said these recordings enabled us to preserve our history for the long term. "The number of interviews we were able to do in such a short period could not have been accomplished by our Team alone." They recorded fifty-eight interviews in only four days!

UF Student Patrick Daglaris said, "The opportunity to interview people like Eddie Tullis and Tony Sells really gave us personal insight into the hardships and perseverance they had." He said that Mr. Tullis "was previously interviewed by Dr. Paredes in 1974 and by Mr. Rozelle in the 1980s," and that he felt like they were continuing the legacy of documentation that they had begun.

Mr. Tullis stated to Administrative Assistant Ms. Wendy Martin-Cox, "I am so thankful that the Tribe has come to realize the importance of capturing this information and supports the funding for this Program." He said he regretted this Program was not started a long time ago because there are Elders who have passed on that did not get the recognition they deserve.

Student Anupa Kotipoyina said this event "highlighted how important Elders are in the community as sources of history and wisdom. We

even did group and intergenerational interviews, capturing the close-knit relationships between community members. We left knowing about the foods, community events, grandchildren, experiences in war, memories of poverty, sacrifices, and victories that shaped the lives of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians."

Student Austyn Szempruch said the most intriguing part of it was the "collective memory of everyone" that ranged from "helping to raise money to send Chief Calvin McGhee to Washington, to the struggles they faced living in impoverished conditions. It was fascinating listening to Tribal Members weave aural tapestry of what life was like when they were younger."

Mr. Tullis said he hopes others will come in and participate in the Tribe's Oral History Program to make a record of their family legacy.

*Submitted by Director/Tribal Archivist,
Deidra Suwanee Dees, Ed.D.*

KIM FLURNOY WORKS TO PERFECT B&G CLUB SCHOOL ROUTES



Kim Flurnoy, Transportation Specialist

As our fun-filled summer program comes to an end here at the Poarch Band of Creek Indians Boys and Girls Club, our 2017-2018 school year preparations are in full swing.

Our Transportation Specialist, Kim Flurnoy, has been working vigorously to perfect our school route schedule for the upcoming 2017-2018 school year.

Kim has been with the Poarch Band of Creek Indians Boys and Girls Club for the past six years. Kim's dedication to the Boys and Girls Club has allowed us to expand our transportation services. Her compassion and care for your children is evident in her hard work every day.

We currently provide service to 17 different area schools and approximately 420 children. Through her scheduling efforts, we now provide transportation for approximately 262 children from over 14 different schools in our area.

Although the transportation registration for 2017 is closed, your child may be eligible to register in January 2018. Be looking for our 2018-2019 registration packets to come out soon.



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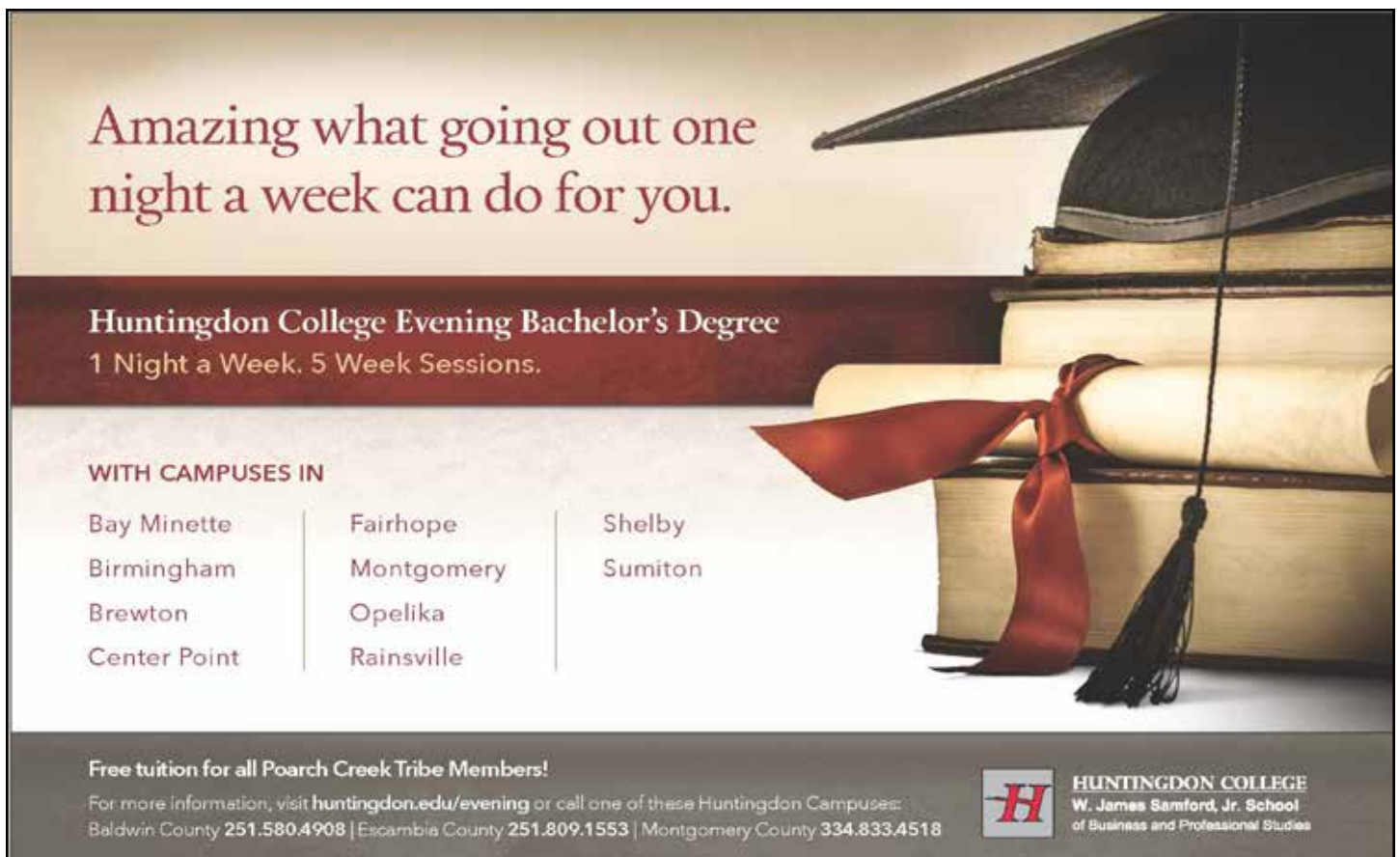
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"Shoot For A Cure" T-shirts will be sold by the Boys & Girls Club to help raise money. All proceeds will be donated to St. Jude's Research Hospital.

There will be a 10 target archery tournament with awards, yummy treats, awesome raffle items such as sporting goods accessories, gift certificates, and much more!

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Golden Age 55+

Men's (Northern Traditional / Straight / Fancy / Grass)
Women's (Northern Traditional / Southern Traditional / Jingle / Fancy)
1st \$700 2nd \$500 3rd \$300 4th \$200

Senior Adult Ages 35-54

Men's (Northern Traditional / Straight / Fancy / Grass / Chicken)
Women's (Northern Traditional / Southern Cloth / Southern Buckskin/
Jingle / Fancy)
1st \$700 2nd \$500 3rd \$300 4th \$200

Junior Adult Ages 18-34

Men's (Northern Traditional / Straight / Fancy / Grass / Chicken)
Women's (Northern Traditional / Southern Cloth / Southern Buckskin/
Jingle / Fancy)
1st \$700 2nd \$500 3rd \$300 4th \$200

Teen Ages 13-17

Boy's (Northern Traditional / Straight / Fancy / Grass)
Girl's (Southern Cloth / Buckskin / Jingle / Fancy)
1st \$400 2nd \$300 3rd \$200 4th \$100

Junior Ages 7-12

Boy's (Northern Traditional / Straight / Fancy / Grass)
Girl's (Traditional / Jingle / Fancy)
1st \$200 2nd \$100 3rd \$75 4th \$50

Tiny Tots Ages 0-6

General Admission

Adults ages 11 & up are \$5.
Children ages 10 & under are free.
Gates open at 10:00 am.
No pets, drugs, alcohol, weapons, or ice chests.
Vendor Spacing is available (see web site).

Grand Entry

November 23rd 1:00 pm
November 24th 12:00 pm
Dancers & Singers must pay on
Thursday; General Admission is
your registration fee.

Head Staff

Emcee- Juakin Hamilton
Arena Director- Dude Blalock
Head Drum Judge- Alex Alvarez
Head Dance Judge- Thomas Rolin

Online registration available for
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www.pci-nsn.gov/westminster/pow_wow.html



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SPECIALS FOR 2017

Men's Traditional

Contemporary vs Original
1st place: \$1,000
2nd place: \$500

Women's Fancy Shawl

Contemporary vs Original
1st place: \$1,000
2nd place: \$500

Men's Grass

Contemporary vs Original
1st place: \$1,000
2nd place: \$500

Women's Jingle

Contemporary vs Original.
1st place: \$1,000
2nd place: \$500

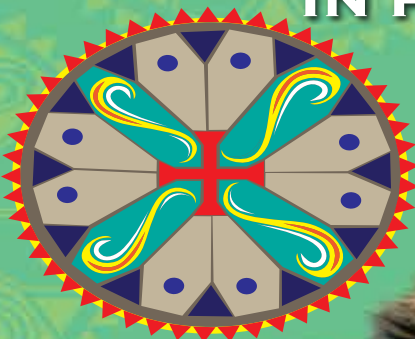
DRUM CONTEST 8 SINGER MINIMUM

Northern & Southern Combined
1st \$12,000 2nd \$8,000 3rd \$6,000 4th \$4,000 5th \$2,000

HAND DRUM CONTEST 5 SINGER MINIMUM

1st \$800 2nd \$500 3rd \$300

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47TH ANNUAL POARCH CREEK INDIAN THANKSGIVING POW WOW

ACTIVITIES ON THE MOUND

Activities will start at 10:00 am and continue until Grand Entry

The Poarch Creek Princess Contest
will start at approximately 11:30 am

General Admission

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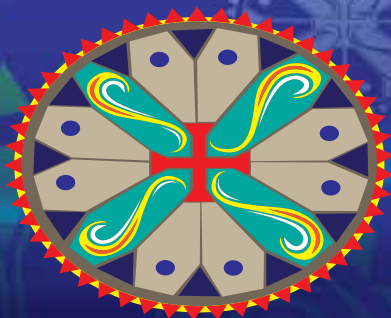
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Thanksgiving Day



*Apply Today for the
2017-2018
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Open to all Tribal Members and First Generation Indian Descendants

Grades 7th – 12th

Must be in the 7th through 12th grades this year.

All applications must be submitted with the following:

- Written or Typed Open-Ended Questions
- Two Letters of Reference
- Indian Verification
- Report Card
- Open to Drug testing

Applications that are incomplete or missing required information will not be considered.

You may pick up and return your completed application to the Museum or Hwy 21 office or fax it to

251-368-2293, email it to wselzer@pci-nsn.gov or mail it to:

Poarch Creek Indians, Attn: Joey Selzer 5811 Jack Springs Road Atmore, AL 36502

Deadline for applications will be Friday, September 15th at 5pm.

For more information, contact Mindy Jackson at 251-368-9136 ext. 2293 or mjackson@pci-nsn.gov or

Joey Selzer at 251-368-9136 ext. 2541 or wselzer@pci-nsn.gov

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UP TO \$700.00

August 1, 2017 - June 1, 2018

Tribal Member, First Generation

K4-12th Grade

REIMBURSEMENT ONLY
MUST BE SCHOOL OR
TRIBAL BASED

EACH ACTIVITY WILL REQUIRE A
NEW APPLICATION

A flyer with complete details and restrictions was published in the August issue of the newsletter and is posted on the Tribal web site, 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 PCI Education Department, 5811 Jack Springs Road, Atmore, AL 36502.

Contact Magen Weaver at (251) 368-9136 x 2021 or mweaver@pci-nsn.gov for more information.

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WHEN MULTIPLIED BY
MILLIONS OF PEOPLE,
CAN TRANSFORM
THE WORLD.**

-Howard Zinn

2017-2018 SCHOOL SUPPLY REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM

July 1, 2017 - September 30, 2017

School uniforms & Supplies

\$300 Reimbursement Per Child
Tribal Member, First Generation
K4-12th Grade

Computer Reimbursement
\$600 per household with qualifying
student every 4 years

A flyer with complete details and restrictions was published in the July issue of the newsletter and is posted on the Tribal web site, 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 Magen Weaver at mweaver@pci-nsn.gov or PCI Education Department, 5811 Jack Springs Road, Atmore, AL 36502.

Contact Magen at (251) 368-9136 x 2021 for more information.

SUMMER CAMP REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM

May 1, 2017 - September 29, 2017

Tribal Member, First Generation
K4-12th Grade

REIMBURSEMENT ONLY

Tribal Members: \$500
First Generation: \$250

A flyer with complete details and restrictions was published in the July issue of the newsletter and is posted on the Tribal web site, 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 or PCI Education Department, 5811 Jack Springs Road, Atmore, AL 36502.

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



ATTENTION

Tribal Members, 1st Generation and Students In Tribal Households

Homework Club

Grades K-12th

**Supervised by
Tutors and
Education staff to
help support your
students learning.**

Beyond The Bell!

Need help with homework?

Just want your student to do homework in a quiet, friendly place?

**Homework Club is held in the Children's Library area of the PCI
Education Department, Monday-Thursday @ 5:00-7:30pm.**

Homework Club will begin on August 9th.

Any eligible student may join at any time!

For more information please contact:

Kimberly McGhee, Youth Services Coordinator

(251)368-9136, ext. 2662

ksmcghee@pci-nsn.gov

AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING

Do you watch your student struggle in school?

Would you do whatever it takes to prepare your student for a life of success?

Do what is best for your student and **ENROLL** them in After School Tutoring!

Eligible: Tribal Member & 1st Generation Students with a "C" average or below.

Applications available September 2017!

Tutoring will begin on Monday, September 18, 2017 from 3:30-5:00pm @ the Education Department in building 300.

For more information contact
Kimberly S. McGhee
Youth Services Coordinator
(251)368-9136, ext. 2662
ksmcghee@psj-nsn.gov



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Early Childhood Literacy Fun Event



Date: Friday, September 8, 2017



Highlights

- Fun and Games
- Free Book
- Story Time
- Group Activities
- Lunch Provided



Ages: 3 to 5 Years

Time: 9:30 am until 11:30 am

Hosted by: The Early Childhood Directions (GRCMA),
The Mobile Museum of Art, and
The Poarch Creek Indians Education and Family Services Departments.

Date: Friday, September 8, 2017 Time: 9:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.

Location: Building 500 Auditorium,

Register by Friday September 1, 2017 for the event. Complete the registration information below and return it to the Family Services Department....Parents are welcomed to attend!

_____ Yes, we will be attending! _____ # attending including parent or authorized caretaker

Child's Name: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____
(Parent / Guardian Signature)

Name of authorized caretaker if the parent is not attending: _____

Address: _____

Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

****Please complete the Photographic Release on the back!**

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PHOTOGRAPHIC and VIDEO CONSENT FORM

As required for the Early Childhood Literacy Program

See reverse side for more information

The undersigned hereby gives his or her consent for the undersigned and his or her child(ren) to be photographed by the appointed staff of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians. The undersigned signature authorizes the Poarch Band of Creek Indians to use and reproduce photographs, slides and/or videos of the undersigned taken for the Poarch Band of Creek Indians in any publication, multimedia production, display, advertisement, or world-wide web publication. The undersigned agrees that the Poarch Band of Creek Indians may use name, likeness, or biographical information supplied by the undersigned. I will make no monetary or other claim against PBCI for the use of the photograph(s), slide(s) and/or video(s).

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Name: (print) _____ Signature: _____
(Parent or Guardian)

Date: _____



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.

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HEALTH CLINIC ESTABLISHES DRESS CODE

Per the Dress Code Policy established June 29, 2017, all individuals who enter the Buford L. Rolin Health Clinic (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 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 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.


DIABETIC TUESDAY WILL BE DIABETES EVERYDAY STARTING IN SEPTEMBER.

Donna Johnson, RN/Diabetes Case Manager and Marsha Fendley, Registered Dietician will work with our providers on a daily basis and our clinic will schedule your diabetic appointments.

If you have not had your yearly checkup please call us at 368-9136 x 2306 and schedule today.

Our doctor ask that you always bring your meters...So IMPORTANT!!

**PREMIER FAMILY EYE CLINIC AND
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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



MEDICARE?...**HELP!!**

When?

How?

Who do I contact?

Where do I go?

It all just seems
complicated....I am SO
confused!

Get the answers



For more information
contact:

Kay Gattis

Alternate Resource Navigator
Specialist

251-368-9136 ext. 2387

kgattis@pci-nsn.gov

ATTENTION:

Tribal Member 64 *years or Older*

*Are you approaching 65 years of age
and have questions about health care
coverage, or questions about available
Medicare Benefits?*

James Roberson, MHA

Regional SHIP* Coordinator

with the South Alabama Regional Planning
Commission/ Area Agency on Aging will be in the

PCI SAIL Center Cafeteria
Monday, September 11, 2017
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To discuss Medicare benefits and
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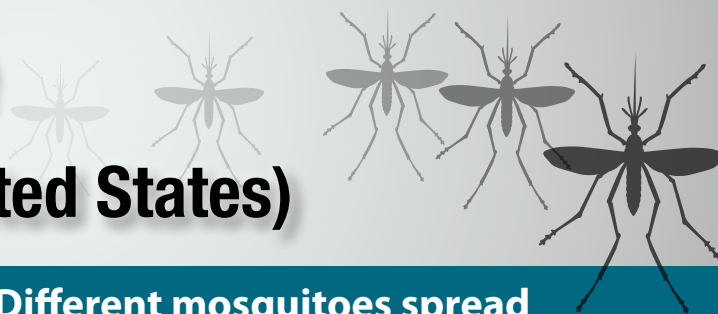
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Mosquito Bite Prevention (United States)



Not all mosquitoes are the same. Different mosquitoes spread different viruses and bite at different times of the day.

Type of Mosquito	Viruses spread	Biting habits
 <i>Aedes aegypti</i> , <i>Aedes albopictus</i>	Chikungunya, Dengue, Zika	Primarily daytime, but can also bite at night
 <i>Culex</i> species	West Nile	Evening to morning

Protect yourself and your family from mosquito bites

Use insect repellent

Use an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)-registered insect repellent with one of the following active ingredients. When used as directed, EPA-registered insect repellents are proven safe and effective, even for pregnant and breastfeeding women.

Active ingredient

Higher percentages of active ingredient provide longer protection

DEET

Picaridin (known as KBR 3023 and icaridin outside the US)

IR3535

Oil of lemon eucalyptus (OLE) or para-menthane-diol (PMD)

2-undecanone



Find the insect repellent that's right for you by using **EPA's search tool***.

* The EPA's search tool is available at: www.epa.gov/insect-repellents/find-insect-repellent-right-you



U.S. Department of
Health and Human Services
Centers for Disease
Control and Prevention

CS258143 October 13, 2016

Protect yourself and your family from mosquito bites *(continued)*



- ◆ Always follow the product label instructions.
- ◆ Reapply insect repellent every few hours, depending on which product and strength you choose.
 - » Do not spray repellent on the skin under clothing.
 - » If you are also using sunscreen, apply sunscreen first and insect repellent second.

Natural insect repellents (repellents not registered with EPA)

- ◆ The effectiveness of non-EPA registered insect repellents, including some natural repellents, is not known.
- ◆ To protect yourself against diseases like chikungunya, dengue, and Zika, CDC and EPA recommend using an EPA-registered insect repellent.
- ◆ When used as directed, EPA-registered insect repellents are proven safe and effective. For more information: www2.epa.gov/insect-repellents

If you have a baby or child



- ◆ Always follow instructions when applying insect repellent to children.
- ◆ Do not use insect repellent on babies younger than 2 months of age.
- ◆ Dress your child in clothing that covers arms and legs, or
 - ◆ Cover crib, stroller, and baby carrier with mosquito netting.
- ◆ Do not apply insect repellent onto a child's hands, eyes, mouth, and cut or irritated skin.
 - » Adults: Spray insect repellent onto your hands and then apply to a child's face.
- ◆ Do not use products containing oil of lemon eucalyptus (OLE) or para-menthane-diol (PMD) on children under 3 years of age.

Treat clothing and gear



- ◆ Treat items such as boots, pants, socks, and tents with permethrin or purchase permethrin-treated clothing and gear.
 - » Permethrin-treated clothing will protect you after multiple washings. See product information to find out how long the protection will last.
 - » If treating items yourself, follow the product instructions.
 - » Do not use permethrin products directly on skin.

Mosquito-proof your home



- ◆ Use screens on windows and doors. Repair holes in screens to keep mosquitoes outside.
- ◆ Use air conditioning when available.
- ◆ Keep mosquitoes from laying eggs in and near standing water.
 - » Once a week, empty and scrub, turn over, cover, or throw out items that hold water, such as tires, buckets, planters, toys, pools, birdbaths, flowerpots, or trash containers. Check inside and outside your home.

www.cdc.gov/features/StopMosquitoes

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.

Housing Fair Scheduled for Tuesday, September 26, 2017 Building 500 Auditorium 5:30 pm

Come out and find out what is offered within the Housing Department.

- Renovation Loan Program
- Senior Emergency Program

- A/C Loan
- Rental Program
- TAHO Program
- Rehabilitation Program

PRESENTERS (Subject to change)

- AMERIND Risk Management (Content Insurance)
- Sears (Government Rates for Tribal Members)
- United Bank (Section 184)





IT'S TIME TO UPDATE FOR THE TAHO PROGRAM

Tribal Members 21 years of age or older, interested in a new house, must come into the PCI Housing Department and submit a new application even if you already have an application on file.

Listed are some of the items you will need to provide:

- Copy of 2016 tax returns
- Social Security Card(s) of all persons listed on the application
- Tribal ID card(s)
- Letter of First Generation Indian Descendant, if applicable
- Custody verification, if applicable
- Homeless verification, if applicable
- Substandard living verification, if applicable
- Credit score of 550 or higher
- Must live in the Tribe's service area
- Must not have participated in any Homeownership Program in the last five (5) years
- Must qualify for very low income, low income, or over income;
- Must not have withdrawn for the TAHO Program or been declined in the past twelve (12) months
- Other required documents

WE WILL START ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS ON OCTOBER 2, 2017 AND THE LAST DAY TO UPDATE WILL BE FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2017.



Attention

Youth ages 9-18 of the Poarch community:
Come join the

Poarch Creek 4~H Club!



Where: Perdido River Farms

When: The 2nd Wednesday of each month at 3:30 p.m.

What: Come learn-by-doing, work with animals, & participate in contests, fieldtrips, camping, fishing, kayaking, etc.!

For more information, contact Tanya Kent at (251)368-9136 ext. 2056 or tkent@pci-nsn.gov

SUICIDE PREVENTION AND AWARENESS

1-800-273-8255

To Talk To Someone NOW



SEPTEMBER IS SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH

Many times, the effects of war are not just physical. Just as there are numerous support networks for the conflict wounds worn on the outside, it is crucial that there be programs and outlets for military service members and their families that are working through emotional damage. Not all issues will escalate into full blown problems, especially if preventative measures are taken. Have you noticed a loved one withdrawing from family and friends or taking on new and dangerous hobbies? These could be signs that bigger issues are brewing.

Although awareness efforts will continue throughout the year, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has named September National Suicide Prevention Month. Family members, friends, and surrounding community members are encouraged to get involved, learn more, and help spread the word to promote mental health and prevent Veteran suicide.

Education comes first. The VA stresses the importance of individuals and organizations learning the warning signs of depression or the sudden presence of risky behavior. But what of the people that show no classic warning signs, and are hesitant to reach out because of the stigma behind asking for help?

The [Military Crisis Line](#) provides free, confidential support to Veterans and their families from qualified professionals—many of them veterans themselves. Since its launch in 2007, they have answered more

than 640,000 calls and made more than 23,000 life-saving rescues. The Veterans Crisis Line is open around the clock, seven days a week, and veterans can connect via phone, anonymous online chat, and text message. [Click here to learn about the signs of crisis.](#)

[AfterDeployment.org](#) provides interactive videos, resources, assessments and more information focusing on PTSD, anger, depression, and other topics.

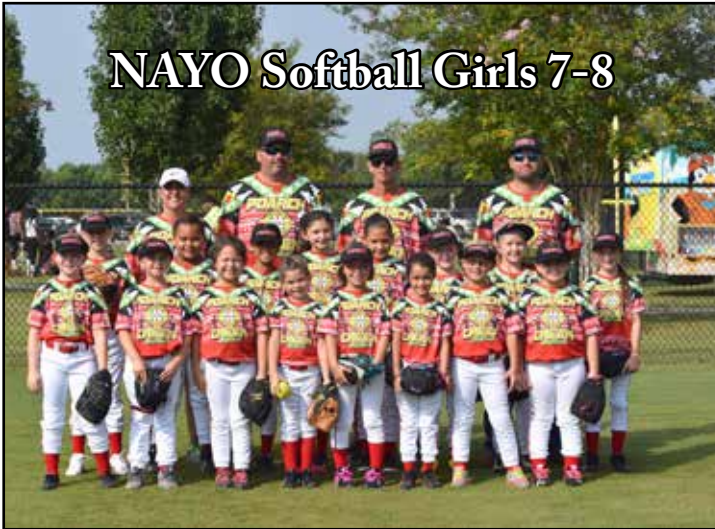
[Military Mental Health](#) provides anonymous mental health and alcohol self-assessments, along with additional resources for family members and loved ones.

The [National Center for Telehealth and Technology](#) has put together a list of mobile applications and healthcare provider resources for service members, veterans, and their families. View or download these apps at www.t2health.org/mobile-apps.

Suicide is preventable. During Suicide Prevention Month, show support to those in need and their loved ones by spreading the word about these and other confidential resources that are right at their fingertips.

National Military Family Association
www.militaryfamily.org

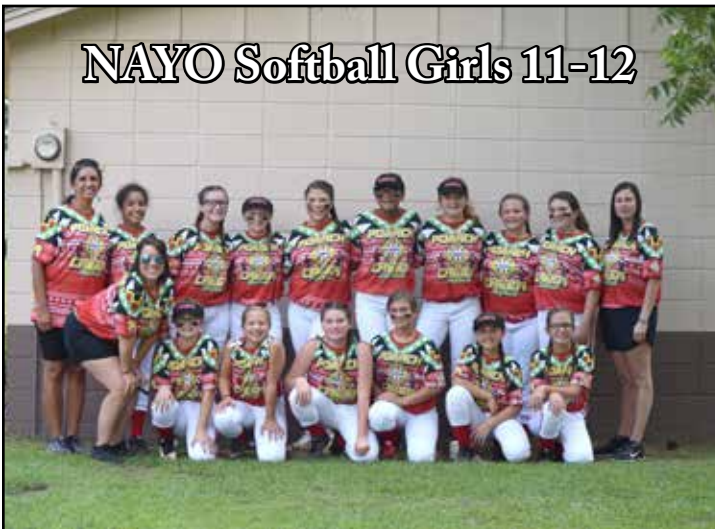
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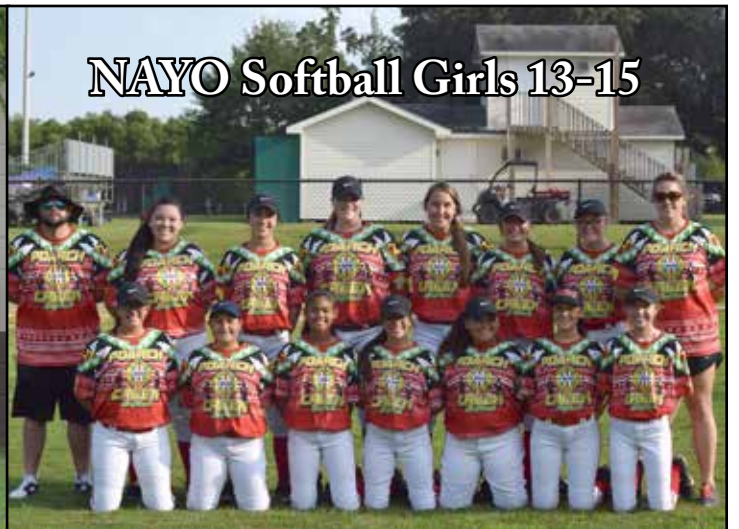
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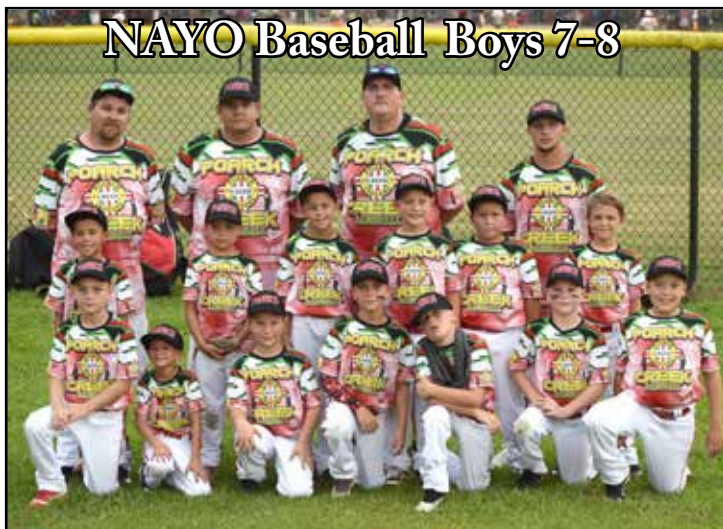
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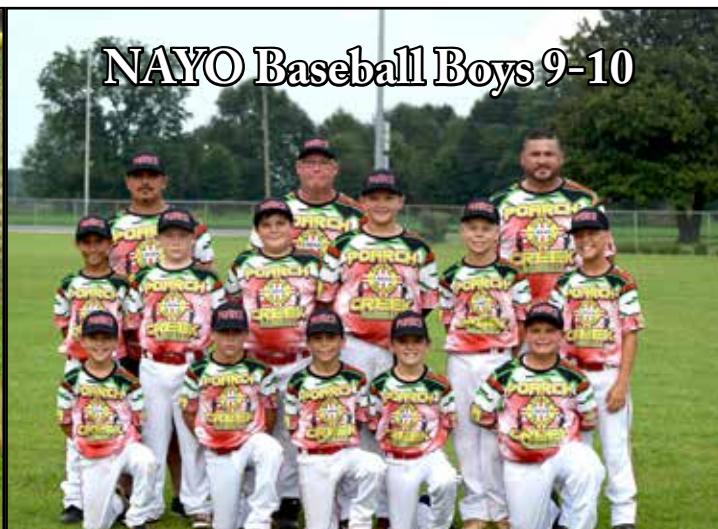
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	Second	MBCI Diamonds (Choctaw)
Girls 9-10	First	MS Sparks (Choctaw)
	Second	NC Elite 06 (Choctaw)
Girls 11-12	First	Xtreme (Choctaw)
	Second	EBCI (Cherokee)
Girls 13-15	First	MS Sparks (Choctaw)
	Second	Lady Seminoles (Seminole)
Girls 16-18	First	Native Pride (Choctaw)
	Second	Native Elite (Choctaw)

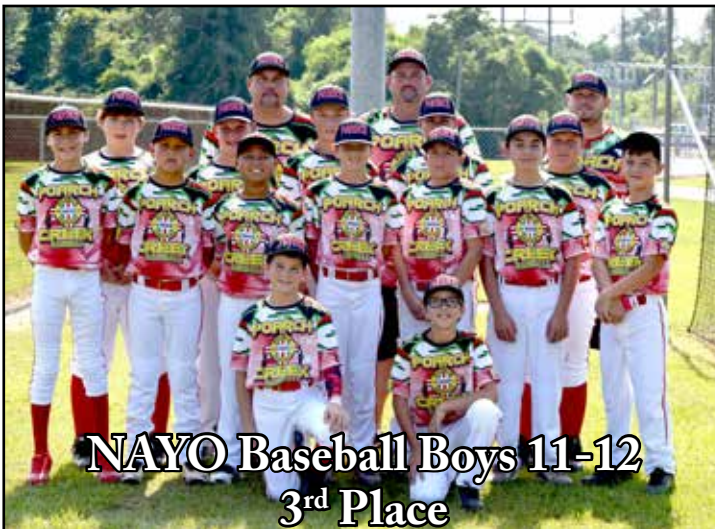
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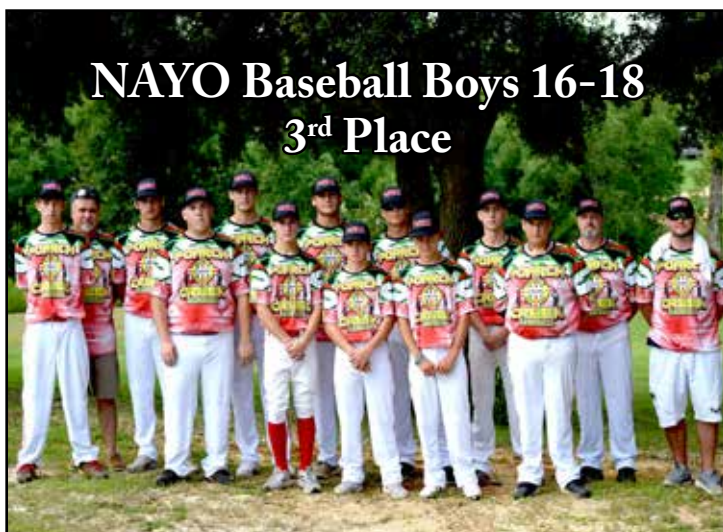
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Champion & Runner Up

Boys 7-8	First	Code Red (Choctaw)
	Second	Indians (Choctaw)
Boys 9-10	First	Choctaw Storm (Choctaw)
	Second	Code Red (Choctaw)
Boys 11-12	First	Prodigy (Choctaw)
	Second	EBCI (Cherokee)
Boys 13-15	First	7 Clans (Cherokee)
	Second	Seminole (Seminole)
Boys 16-18	First	Road Warriors (Choctaw)
	Second	CC Warriors (Choctaw)

NAYO Baseball Boys 16-18
3rd Place



Your Health Matters

GATHER TOGETHER IN HEALTH



Tips to Reading Food Labels

BY Ashley McFate
Nutritionist

Food and nutrition choices can feel overwhelming. There's so much information to sift through and we are trying to make good choices for our health and our meals.

Once you get the hang of reading food labels food choices will be a lot less confusing. Here is an easy guide to see if a certain food is right for you.

Start with the Serving Size

Look here for both the serving size (the amount people typically eat at one time) and the number of servings in the package. Compare your portion size (the amount you eat) to the serving size listed on the

panel. If the serving size is one cup and you eat two cups, you are getting twice the calories, fat and other nutrients listed on the label.

Check Out the Total Calories

Find out how many calories are in a single serving. It's smart to cut back on calories if you are watching your weight.

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Eating less saturated fat, added sugars and sodium may help reduce your risk for chronic disease. Saturated fat and trans fat are linked to an increased risk of heart disease.

Let the Percent Daily Values Be Your Guide

Use percent Daily Values to help evaluate how certain foods fit into your daily meal plan. Daily Values are average levels of nutrients for a person eating 2,000 calories a day. A food item with a 5 percent daily value of fat provides 5 percent of the total fat that a person consuming 2,000 calories a day should eat. Percent daily values are for the entire day, not just one meal or snack. You may need more than or less than 2,000 calories per day.

The High and Low of Daily Values

Low is 5 percent or less. Aim low in saturated fat, trans fat, cholesterol and sodium. High is 20 percent or more. Aim high in vitamins, minerals and fiber.

Limit Saturated Fat, Added Sugars and Sodium

Eating less saturated fat, added sugars and sodium may help reduce your risk for chronic disease. Saturated fat and trans fat are linked to an increased risk of heart disease. Eating too much added sugar makes it difficult to meet nutrient needs within your calorie requirement. High levels of sodium can add up to high blood pressure. Remember to aim for low percentage DV of these nutrients.

Get Enough Vitamins, Minerals and Fiber

Eat more fiber, potassium, vitamin D, calcium and iron to maintain good health and help reduce your risk of certain health problems such as osteoporosis and anemia. Choose more fruits and vegetables to get more of these nutrients. Remember to aim high for percentage DV of these nutrients.

Additional Nutrients

You know about calories, but it is important to also know the additional nutrients on the Nutrition Facts Label.

• Protein

A percentage Daily Value for protein is not required on the label. Eat moderate portions of lean meat, poultry, fish, eggs, low-fat milk, yogurt and cheese, plus beans and peas, peanut butter, seeds and soy products.

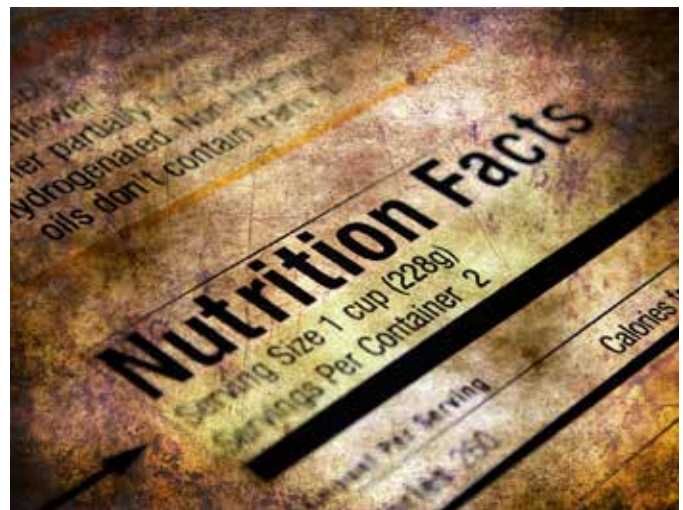
• Carbohydrates

There are three types of carbohydrates: sugars, starches and fiber. Eat whole-grain breads, cereals, rice and pasta plus fruits and vegetables.

• Sugars

Simple carbohydrates, or sugars, occur naturally in foods such as fruit juice (fructose) and milk (lactose) or come from refined sources such as table sugar (sucrose) or corn syrup. Added sugars will be included on the Nutrition Facts Label in 2018. The 2015-2020 Dietary Guidelines for Americans recommends consuming no more than 10 percent of daily calories from added sugars.

Learning these easy tips will take the guess work out of food choices allowing you to really take charge of your health and wellness. If there is anything I can help with please reach out.



SMALL DECISIONS MAKE BIG THINGS HAPPEN

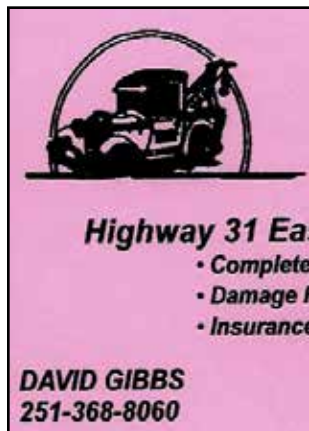


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Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
www.samhsa.gov

Tribal Government Office Closures

Tribal Government Offices will be closed on Monday, September 4, 2017 in observance of Labor Day. Regular hours will resume on Tuesday, September 5, 2017.

Tribal Government Offices will be closed on Friday, September 22, 2017 in observance of American Indian Day. Regular hours will resume Monday, September 25, 2017.

Please keep these office closures in mind when planing your trip to the Reservation.

LIVING IN BALANCE

SECOND & FOURTH MONDAY
5:00 PM
TRIBAL COURT LOBBY

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

Meetings are open to the public

Call 251 368-9136 x 2657

If you have any questions or need more information

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

Questions?
Call 251-368-9136 ext. 2660.

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.





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Notice to Bidders

Sealed bids will be taken on several used items/equipment. Bids will be taken one day only:

Friday, October 6, 2017 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Bid Process open to Tribal Members only

Bids will be opened by the Tribal Chief Financial Officer on Monday, October 9, 2017.

Lot #	Item Description	Serial #	Minimum Bid
#1	2007 Rayco C140 Track Mulcher	510307	\$ 30,000.00
#2	1994 611-E Hydro Ax Cutter	NA	\$ 9,000.00
#3	Army Surplus/Hanson 5 Ton Crane	H4461-40	\$ 1,800.00
#4	1980 John Deere 570A Motor Grader	NA	\$ 4,000.00
#5	Komatsu Off Road Truck	HM300-2	\$ 50,000.00
#6	Komatsu Off Road Truck	HM300-2	\$ 50,000.00
#7	2000 Ford Explorer XLS V-6	1FMZU6ZX6YB59603	\$ 200.00
#8	2004 Ford Crown victoria VI	2FAFP71W34X1000642	\$ 200.00
#9	Ford MiniVan	2FMZA5143XBA12103	\$ 200.00
#10	John Deere 552 Zero Turn Mower	NA	\$ 50.00
#11	52" Bush Hog Zero Turn Mower (Red)	03-00347	\$ 50.00
#12	2006 Chevrolet Silverado Truck	3GCEK14X86G249003	\$ 200.00
#13	2008 Chevrolet Colorado Truck	1GCCS149588104647	\$ 200.00
#14	2002 Dodge 2500 Truck	3B7KF2361M207404	\$ 200.00
#15	2001 Ford F250 Red Truck	1FBBF2010LED20613	\$ 200.00
#16	New Holland Mower with Conditioner	1411	\$ 500.00
#17	New Holland Square Bailer	NA	\$ 1,000.00
#18	New Holland Feed Grinder	NA	\$ 500.00
#19	1987 MC102-3 Coach Bus	NA	\$ 2,500.00
#20	Vintage 1210A Mil 74936 Roller Packer	NA	\$ 2,500.00

Items/equipment will be available for viewing at the Public Works Department on Green Road.

Contact James Agerton (251) 368-9136 x 2457 to view items/equipment.

For general information, contact Betty Caraway, Property Control Coordinator, at (251) 368-9136 x 2654.

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 (251) 368-9136 x 2286 or cfayard@pci-nsn.gov.



Quilt top made by Tribal Artist, Cornelia Miller



Tribal Member *Benefits*



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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.

PROJECTS:

- Sanitary Sewer Structure Lining (Manhole Lining)

Bids were opened on July 18, 2017 at approximately 3pm. The project was awarded the following week and is underway. This project will allow us to line 12 to 15 man holes to reduce inflow and infiltration into the sanitary sewer system. Completion and closeout of this project is expected to be in November, 2017.

- Industrial Standards Development (Chillers Assessment)

The scope of this project is to assess and identify discharge conditions and requirements of industrial connections into the sanitary sewer system for treatment capabilities. Data has been collected and analyzed to better assess the waste water treatment plant's biological treatment abilities. Standards are being set for discharge conditions, permitting considerations, and pretreatment requirements where applicable. Project completion is anticipated for October, 2017.

UTILITY BILLS DUE 1ST OF EACH MONTH

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. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday should you need assistance or have questions at (251) 446-1617.

UTILITIES OFFICE CLOSED FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2017 IN OBSERVANCE OF AMERICAN INDIAN DAY

Although we will have staff working on this meaningful holiday, as we do every day, our normal Utilities office will be closed on Friday, September 22, 2017 in observance of American Indian Day. Should you have a utility related emergency please call (251) 446-4920.

Bingo Beginnings

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

Saturday night – the first one of the month. It was the big night. Tickets were all pre-sold and seats at the long stationary tables were quickly claimed by newcomers and familiar faces. Marathon night at Creek Bingo Palace had a way of bringing people together. The smell of ink daubers was hard to escape, but the fruit-scented ones in bright colors made it all exciting somehow. A \$10,000 jackpot was on the line and each number called out meant someone in the crowd was a step closer to winning. Anticipation and nervous laughter filled the space until the final call ... “BINGO”!

It was a game of luck and a game of new beginnings for the Poarch Band of Creek Indians (PCI). On August 11, 1984 the Tribe was granted federal recognition by the United States government. Only eight months later Creek Bingo Palace opened its doors in Atmore, Alabama. The short turnaround from recognition to gaming is an indicator of how economically valuable Tribal leaders believed gaming would be for the PCI.



Pictured above: Creek Bingo Palace in Atmore, Alabama

Eddie Tullis who served as Tribal Chairman during that time explained why the Tribe chose to pursue gaming. “Because it made money! We didn’t have much other income besides grant money at that time. The Seminoles had already been playing high stakes bingo. I visited there and saw lines of people waiting to get in to play bingo and it impressed me the first time I saw it. So we realized it was something we could do.”

And that’s exactly what the tribe did. With the help of an investor out of Texas, the tribe was able to purchase land along Highway 21 near I-65. The investor financed the purchase and construction in exchange for a contract to manage the facility once it opened. With the purchased land and the connected Tribal trust land, PCI had enough room to begin construction of Creek Bingo Palace.

After months of planning and construction, the facility opened its doors on Saturday, April 13, 1985. The opening drew patrons from throughout the Gulf region and provided jobs for around 100 Tribal



Pictured left: Veteran team members of WCH and Creek Bingo Palace. (front) Sandra Johnson, Monica Green, Kay Reymundo, Tracy Simpson, Debra Felder, Jan Killam (back) Brenda White, Glenn English, Dave Stephens, Jeremie Sharpe, Kevin McGhee, Kathy McDuffie

and non-Tribal employees. Kay Reymundo is one such individual who answered the call to the Bingo Palace. Reymundo now serves as Payroll Manager for Wind Creek Hospitality but she remembers starting out as a secretary, bookkeeper and payroll clerk at the Bingo Palace.

“At the time I was full-time at the Kmart in town. I wanted the job just to supplement income for my family,” Reymundo shared. The job became more than a side gig and after a few years Reymundo climbed the ranks, serving five years as general manager from 2001-2006. The memories of that time are vivid for Reymundo and other veterans of the Bingo Palace who still work for PCI Gaming.

“The Bingo Palace was not flashy, but was functional and clean. It was like a mad house when the doors opened and customers would run to find a seat,” Reymundo explained. “On Marathon nights everyone worked hard whether it was in your department or another. We did whatever it took to make the night a success.... We didn’t have a restaurant, but we had a deli that sold a lot of good foods. In 1991 we added three gaming machines. People would line up to play them.”

Eventually, Creek Bingo Palace added a separate room with many machines. It was a shift for players who enjoyed the paper Bingo, but the change allowed the Tribe’s gaming to expand, laying groundwork for the electronic bingo gaming Wind Creek Hospitality now offers at 5 locations around the world. It’s a growth that still shocks many who witnessed the beginnings of Bingo for the Tribe.

“When I left Kmart in 1985 I was so afraid that I had made the wrong decision,” Reymundo shared. “I couldn’t even imagine how bingo would last in this small rural town but we held on and kept our doors open. Now look at the reward of what is now Wind Creek - it’s amazing. I hope we continue to be successful and that we keep adding new ventures that are just as profitable.”

** This Bingo Beginnings story will continue in next month’s Tribal Newsletter. If you would like to share photos or information related to this topic, email PRteam@windcreekhospitality.com.*



CIEDA

SMALL BUSINESS

Loan Program

If you are a Tribal Member who owns a business or is considering starting a business and are interested in obtaining a small business loan, you may request additional information or schedule an appointment by calling the CIEDA offices at 251-368-0819. Please ask for Ed Powell, Business Development Analyst (epowell@pcicie.com) or Chad Klinck, CIEDA CFO (cklinck@pcicie.com).

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

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

- Yourself
- Your business
- Your financial needs

The lending limit may extend up to \$100,000 in aggregate to any Tribal Member.

All loans exceeding \$50,000 must be approved by the CIEDA Board of Directors. Additional credit criteria, as well as loan collateralization requirements, apply.

Lending Guidelines

Are you or have you...

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

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

Will I have to disclose personal information?

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

How do the rates compare to banks and financial institutions?

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

How successful is the CIEDA loan program?

To date this program has a 95 percent success rate.

DRUG TESTING POLICY FOR TRIBALLY SPONSORED PROGRAMS

The Community Services Division directors and staff work with a variety of programs and community members both locally and internationally. One of the problems we see across the nation and throughout Indian Country is drug use and addiction. Some of the goals of our programs are to promote and support healthy habits; create a positive and healthy atmosphere for all of those participating in our programs; and have positive representatives of the Tribe. Together we created the Tribally Sponsored Drug Testing Policy as one way to help support the goals of our programs and the Tribe. Effective August 1, 2017, the Community Services Division implemented 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
- Pow Wow Club
- Summer Internship
- Cultural Exchange
- Co-Op Program
- Swim Team
- Archery Teams
- NAYO

- Health Camp
- PCI Tribal Explorers
- 4-H (*Steer, Swine, and Chick Chain*)

ADULTS PROGRAMS:

- NASA
- Adult Pow Wow Club
- Princess Contest

All 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.

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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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Tribal Members whose newsletters have been returned by the Post Office two times will be removed from variable data mailing list until address has been update.

The following newsletters have been returned by the Post Office for two consecutive months; their address has been removed from variable data. Please update your information.

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Jimmy Rollin
Katelyn Rondeau
Jarrad Tew
Ralph Turner

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR OTVWOSKUCE (SEPTEMBER) 2017

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION DEADLINES	Friday, September 1, 2017	5:00 pm (CST)	October 2017 Issue
	Monday, October 2, 2017	5:00 pm (CST)	November 2017 Issue

ONGOING PROGRAMS	Museum Gift Shop	Closed for inventory	September 5-6, 2017
	Summer Camp Reimbursement	Ongoing	Ends Sept. 29, 2017
	School Supply Reimbursement	Ongoing	Ends Sept. 30, 2017
	Extracurricular Reimbursement	Ongoing	Ends June 1, 2018
	Homework Club	Ongoing	Monday - Thursday
	Housing Rental Program	Ongoing	Accepting Applications

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS

SMART Recovery

Tuesday, September 5th 6:00 pm
Tribal Court Lobby

Tribal Council Meetings

Thursday, September 7th & 23rd 4:00 pm
Building 500 Auditorium

Living In Balance

Monday, September 25th 5:00 pm
Tribal Court Lobby

Tribal Court Sessions

Monday, September 11th & 25th 9:00 am
Tribal Courtroom

Education Advisory Committee

Monday, September 11th 3:00 pm
Family Services Conference Room
Buford L. Rolin Health Clinic

CMCAC

Monday, September 11th 4:00 pm
Cultural Offices /Highway 21

4H Club Meeting

Wednesday, September 13th 3:30 - 5:00 pm
Perdido River Farms
Please note this is a date and location change

Tribal Grievance Board

Tuesday, September 12th 1:00 pm
Building 500 Auditorium

Tribal Regulatory Commission Meetings

Tuesday, September 12th & 26th 8:00 am
Building 500 Auditorium

Utilities Authority Board Meeting

Thursday, September 21st 1:00 pm
Utilities Office

MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES SCHEDULED FOR THIS MONTH

September 1-15, 2017

Child Care Program Renewal

Monday, September 4, 2017

Tribal Offices Closed

In Observance of Labor Day

Friday, September 8, 2017

Early Childhood Literacy

Fun Event

Monday, September 11, 2017

Medicare Questions?

SAIL Center @ 1:00 pm

Friday, September 15, 2017

Last day to accept applications

2017-2018 Tribal Youth Council

Saturday, September 16, 2017

Farmers Market 7:30 - 11:00

Pow Wow Grounds

Saturday, September 16, 2017

Coastal Cleanup

4-H Club

Monday, September 18, 2017

After School Tutoring begins

Education Department

3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Friday, September 22, 2017

Tribal Offices Closed

In Observance of American Indian Day

Tuesday, September 26, 2017

Coffee With A Cop

SAIL Center

8:00 am - 10:00 am

Tuesday, September 29, 2017

Last day to complete Tribal Chair's

Report To General Council Survey

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

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