

CREEK CORNER

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TRIBAL LEADERS

The mission of the Poarch Creek Indians is to protect our inherent rights as a sovereign American Indian Tribe, promote our culture and beliefs, to help our Tribal Members achieve their highest potential, maintain good relations with other Indian tribes and units of government, acquire, develop and conserve resources to achieve economic and social self-sufficiency, and ensure that our people live in peace and harmony among themselves and with others.

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.



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Hello all,

Happy New Year from the Boys & Girls Club. We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas despite the COVID-19 pandemic. This past year has been full of trials and tribulations as we've been trying to get through this pandemic and get things back to normal. Hopefully the new year will bring positive changes and less restrictions so we can all get together again for BGC events and our Youth Leadership Programs. Until then, to keep the children's spirits up, we have been hosting smaller events at the Boys & Girls Club.

October was a busy month for the BGC. We started the month out by decorating pumpkins. The Family Services Department provided pumpkins and decorations for the children, so they could have fun decorating and take their pumpkins home with them. We also celebrated "Team Day." The BGC staff decorated the halls to support their favorite team. The Youth Counselors and their classes decorated their rooms. The staff passed out shaker sticks, food, and snacks, and spent the afternoon outside playing flag football. The kids had a blast! For Halloween the children in the 3K and 4K Education Programs dressed up to go "trick-or-treating" throughout the PCCC. The staff dressed up as well and hosting Halloween celebrations with the kids after school.

BGC UPDATE



November was just as busy. During the first week of November, the Recreation and Cultural departments teamed up to celebrate NB3FIT Week and Native American Heritage Month. We spent all week playing stickball in the afternoons and enjoyed a healthy snack afterwards to promote healthy living. They enjoyed it so much, we hope to continue playing stickball on a regular bases. For Thanksgiving break, we were able to take all of our kids to OWA for a fieldtrip. We had so much fun and it was great to get out and about!

We would like to thank the Tribal Council, and all the Departments at the Tribe for all they do for us and the Boys and Girls Club. We hope that 2022 brings great things and many blessings for all.

Submitted by Donna Koehrsen



RECREATION

It's been a busy few months at the Recreation Department! The wellness team has been working to get people of all ages moving!

During the week of Halloween, we promoted wellness and took fitness to a whole new level of F.U.N. Some of our furry friends came by to visit and see if people were out and moving. We even had a few visits from some friendly reptiles! Each participant was given a wellness "happy" for getting out and moving during their breaks.

The first week of November was NB3FIT week, so the Wellness Team partnered with the Cultural Department and the Boys and Girls Club in a few fun games of stickball! NB3FIT is an event put on during the first week of November each year to raise awareness of Native American Nutrition and fitness through the Notah Begay 3 Foundation and N7.

Submitted by Megan Argueta



A decorative border surrounds the text, featuring various autumn-themed elements: a large acorn, a pinecone, several types of leaves in shades of orange, red, and brown, clusters of red berries, and a pinecone surrounded by leaves. The background is a light beige color with a subtle, circular, watercolor-like wash in shades of pink and gold behind the text.

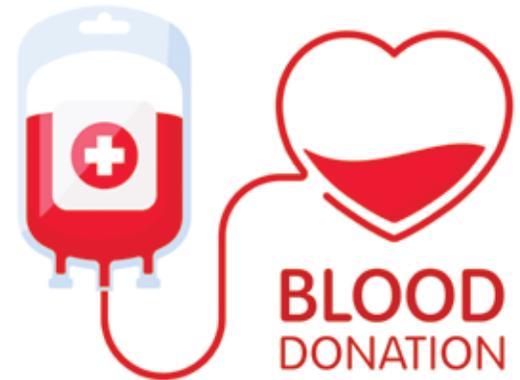
Cultural Department

announces

Tribal Member rental of the
Old Fred L Building (ONLY) is
available

Call ext. 2656 or 2293 or email
eventsstaff@pci-nsn.gov.

Reservations are on
a first come first
serve basis!



January is National Blood Donor Month. There are a few ways you can donate blood: whole blood donation, power red donation, platelet donation, AB elite plasma donation. The most common of these is whole blood donation.

“Whole blood” is simply the blood that flows through your veins. It contains red cells, white cells, and platelets, suspended in plasma. Whole blood is the most flexible type of donation. It can be transfused in its original form, or used to help multiple people when separated into its specific components of red cells, plasma and platelets. Every day, whole blood donations help save the lives of children and adults fighting to survive cancer, blood disorders, traumatic injuries and more.

The actual donation can be very quick, but you should plan on being with us for about an hour. You can donate whole blood as often as every 56 days. In most states, you must be 17 or older to donate whole blood. In states where 16 year olds are eligible to donate, we require a signed parental consent form.

You must weigh at least 110 lbs.* and be in good health — that means you feel well and can perform normal activities. If you have a chronic condition such as diabetes and you want to donate blood, it’s important that you are being treated and the condition is under control. If you’re not feeling well on the day of your donation, please contact us to reschedule.

Additional eligibility criteria apply, including certain medications, medical conditions, travel to certain countries, and personal history. You can browse the most common reasons people may not be able to give blood, or view our complete eligibility requirements.

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/donate-blood/how-to-donate/types-of-blood-donations/whole-blood-donation.html>

“If we can ever get the people to accept us in our area as Creek Indians, that will be a big step for us,” said Billy Smith as he stood amidst the Pow Wow dancers. He was speaking to Alabama A&M University Producers Jim Robison and Elizabeth Sloan Ragland in 1978. In the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, through the Poarch Creek News, our Team at the Office of Archives and Records Management began the 2021 year sharing with readers the links to the “Trail of Tears” film which featured Billy Smith’s recorded interview that had been lost for over forty-two years. The film links also showed interviews of Tribal leaders, but without the sound recordings which have not yet been found.

The pandemic caused our Office to be closed to walk-in visitors in 2021, but despite this, our Team engaged the Tribal community to build our acquisitions, and to document photographs in their personal collections. We held a four-month contest series from February to May, overseen by Digital Archivist, Mr. Chad Parker. The contests featured Pictures with Animal Friends, Best Recipes, Best Pictures of Architecture, and 4-H Club Photos.

2021 IN REVIEW:

The contests brought in never-before-seen pictures. “With all the amazing photographs, choosing only one was extremely difficult,” Mr. Parker said. He reported achieving our objective in building our acquisitions with 164 new photographs.

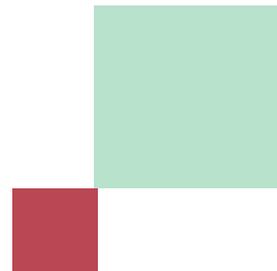
Despite being closed to walk-ins, our Team did behind-the-scenes work on managing and preserving Tribal records. We shared with readers our delight to be recognized by the National Association of Government Archives & Records Administrators as the distinguished recipient of the prestigious READI Award on July 14, virtually. The premier authority on Records Management, the organization selected the Office of Archives and Records Management for advancements made in Race, Equity, Accessibility, Diversity, and Inclusion—READI.

We have made “diligent efforts to share our unique culture and history with others,” Tribal Chair Stephanie A. Bryan said in her letter of support. We were awarded an élite silver clock with our name engraved on the pedestal—an enduring representation of our timeless archives. In autumn of 2021, our Team generated community engagement by asking readers to help identify the names of unknown people in published images so we could document the subjects.

In November, we announced the names of interviewees who were recorded by our Team and the University of Florida in 2017 and 2018, soon to be posted on their website. We ended our year by reporting to readers that staff virtually attended the Society of Alabama Archivists Annual Meeting. Along with Alabama A&M University Archivist, Ms. Veronica Henderson, staff shared steps in our successful journey of rediscovery of the “Trail of Tears” film which could be a model for others to follow.

We have looked at 2021 in review. What will 2022 bring? Perhaps the “Trail of Tears” sound recordings will be rediscovered in 2022. Mvto.

WHA





WHAT WILL 2022 BRING?

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NEW YEAR'S DAY



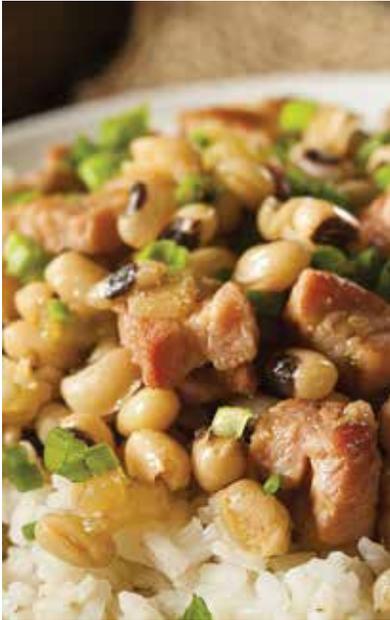
TRADITIONS AROUND THE WORLD

We could all use a little more luck in 2022. So, no matter how you choose to celebrate New Year's Eve, be it with a lavish New Year's Eve dinner that spans two years, a quiet quarantine New Year's Eve at home, a cozy night watching New Year's movies or a plan for an achievable resolution, see if you can take some time to squeeze in one of these New Year's good-luck traditions as well.

Every culture has its own ways to ring in a lucky new year. In some countries, what you're wearing when the clock strikes midnight is so important, it'll affect your luck, wealth, health and love life for the next 12 months, so plan that outfit wisely. In other cultures, it's not what you're wearing, but what you're doing when the clock strikes midnight that's matters—get ready to jump off a chair, break some crockery or hit the waves.

And, of course, food traditions are always a favorite. Whether you like beans, pomegranates, fish or grapes, there are ways to incorporate these and other good-luck foods into your December 31. Hopefully, these all mean that there are plenty of good things in store!

<https://www.goodhousekeeping.com/life/parenting/g25360543/new-year-traditions/>



It's said that anyone who makes this dish of black-eyed peas, pork and rice on January 1 will experience luck and peace for the rest of the year. And maybe prosperity, too: According to History.com, "Hoppin' John was, and still is, often eaten with collard greens, which can resemble paper money, and 'golden' cornbread. The peas themselves represent coins. Some families boost the potential of their Hoppin' John by placing a penny underneath the dishes—or adding extra pork, which is thought to bring more luck."



Don't like pork? Fish is considered another good New Year's entrée, since fish only swim in one direction—forward, like the movement of time. (If you're not a fan of ham or fish, there are plenty of other good-luck New Year's foods, too.)

Brazil makes it easier too choose your New Year's Eve outfit—everyone wears white for good luck and peace. Plus, matching outfits make for good photos!



In upstate New York, they sell special peppermint pigs all throughout the holiday season. Everyone gets to take a turn hitting it with a special candy-size hammer and eating a piece for good fortune in the coming year. The peppermint is very strong, so only take a small piece—but at least you'll start the year with fresh breath!



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WHAT'S NEW AT OWA

The new year is here, and we are welcoming 2022 at OWA with a host of fabulous and fun events for your family to enjoy. Keep reading to learn about what's happening this month at your favorite Southern family-friendly destination. Come celebrate the new year with us and let's have some fun!

First up, Brandon Styles Live is back with his successful Trip Down Memory Lane dinner show. Enjoy a delectable plated dinner followed by an up-close and personal show, perfect for date night or a TRIP DOWN MEMORY LANE! Brandon will run through a fast-paced lineup of 40+ impressions, ranging from 1950-1970, featuring the sights and sounds of classic entertainers like Frank Sinatra, Tony Bennett, Neil Diamond, and Louis Armstrong. This show runs every Tuesday and Saturday at 5:30pm in January and February, but grab tickets today, because this show sells out fast!

Looking for some delicious deals? Thirsty Thursdays are back! Head to your favorite restaurant in Downtown OWA to sip on specialty priced beer, wine, and cocktails. Thirsty Thursdays will run every Thursday from 4-9pm through March at participating restaurants. Take your pick of delightful drink specials and seasonal flavors and try something tasty in Downtown OWA. *Please enjoy responsibly. Must be 21+ to consume alcohol.

Ladies, this one is for you! We're thrilled to welcome back Menopause the Musical® to the OWA Theater, Jan. 25-30. This Broadway show sold out in 2019, and tickets are going fast, so don't say we didn't warn you! So what's Menopause the Musical® all about? Four women at a lingerie sale have nothing in common but a black lace bra AND memory loss, hot flashes, night sweats, not enough sex, too much sex and more! This hilarious musical parody set to classic tunes from the '60s, '70s and '80s will have you cheering and dancing in the aisles! See what more than 15 million women and fans worldwide have been laughing about for 18 years! It's the Hilarious Celebration of Women and The Change!® Join their sisterhood and snag your tickets today at VisitOWA.com!



*Submitted by:
Loren Powell
Social Media Coordinator*





And finally, the OWA Arts & Crafts Festival is back for a second year! This outdoor marketplace event will take place on Jan. 29 throughout the Southern streetscapes of Downtown OWA. Immerse yourself in the sights and sounds of local art, music, and handcrafted goods. This is a family-friendly event that is completely free to attend and enjoy. Stroll the pedestrian-only streets of Downtown OWA and experience a wide variety of local arts and crafts for sale. Are you a vendor? Let's talk! Please submit your application on our website by January 15, 2022. We'd love to have you join us.

One more thing! The amusement park will remain open in January, so check out our calendar and spend the day with us! There's always so much to do at OWA, so check out our website at VisitOWA.com and be sure to follow us on social media at [@VisitOWA](https://www.instagram.com/VisitOWA).



Cody Williamson, PCI Federal Services, President/CEO commented, "We are proud of these new contract awards across our family of professional LLCs. We are excited that through our business' efforts, our Tribe supports these critical federal agencies and DoD programs."

PCI Aviation LLC (PCIA):

Aerospace engineering, logistics, program support and manufacturing services.



- PCIA (Atmore office) was awarded a prime contract from Eglin Air Force Base - Aerospace Ground Equipment (AGE) Support Services (Flight Line Operations)
- PCIA (San Antonio office) was awarded a prime three-year Task Order contract from the Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division Lakehurst, NJ to provide Contractor Logistic Support and Foreign Object Debris (FOD) Mitigation Equipment for the Joint Strike Fighter (JSF) F-35 program at four U.S. Marine Corps Air Stations (MCAS).

PCI Support Services LLC (PCISS)

Construction, facilities support, and modular facilities design, installation, and leasing services.



- PCISS was awarded a prime contract from the Department of the Interior (DOI) to build a modular hospital facility for the Indian Health Service in Gallup, NM.
- PCISS received new Task Order contracts supporting the Norfolk Naval Shipyard, Portsmouth, VA. Support includes ashore and afloat temporary modular production facilities and associated maintenance services in support of the USS Eisenhower Aircraft Carrier (CVN-69) Overhaul Cycle.
- PCISS was awarded multiple construction (design/build & renovations) contract awards from the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Services (USFWS) which includes Design/Build for a new visitor center at the Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) located in Folkston, Georgia

Media Fusion LLC (MF):

Program and administrative management, multimedia production and strategic communications services.



MF was awarded a prime contract award for USFWS for discovery, analysis, and user-centered design for a new USFWS App. Additionally they received a prime contract for the National Park Service (NPS) to design, develop, and implement a framework and pilot various types of augmented reality within the Agency's existing App. The NPS App was recently named Apple's "App of the Week".

PCI Productions LLC (PCI-P):

Communications support, media production, web and graphic design, events and exhibits, and human capital support services.



PCI-P was awarded a prime contract from DoD Diversity Management Operations Center (DMOC) for Virtual Meeting Events and Diversity/Equity/Inclusion (DEI) Outreach.

PCI Government Services (PCI-GS):

Acquisition/contract management, program/project management, financial and budget support, and professional services.



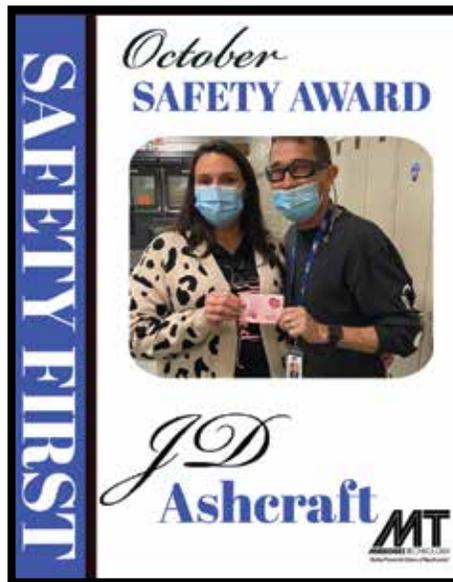
PCI-GS was awarded a prime 5-year contract with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Mobile District to provide technical training, support simulation, and exercise material development to the Directorate of Contingency Operations (DCO) Readiness Support Center (RSC).

PCI Manufacturing LLC (PCI-M):

CNC precision machining, heavy and small metal fabrication, service work, welding, prototyping, sheet metal forming, kitting, assembly, and warehousing.



PCI-M was awarded their first DoD (U.S. Navy) prime manufacturing contract.



“Randi is an exceptional and caring nurse. She shows compassion to her patients, even when the patients are demanding and emotionally draining.”

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“Her attitude and work ethic are what every manager wants in their employees.”

“Randi goes above and beyond consistently.”

NOVEMBER EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH RANDI BLACK



IN LOVING MEMORY NOVEMBER 2021

MICHAEL WEEKS

JANUARY 9, 1975 - NOVEMBER 8, 2021

DONALD OVERSTREET

MAY 20, 1944 - NOVEMBER 14, 2021

TOP PERFORMER

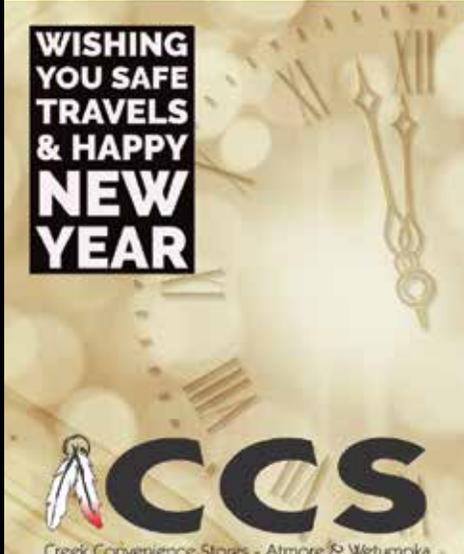
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AN EASY ONE STEP BUDGET

Arrrgggghhh that dreaded “B” word. But if you’re spending without a budget, it’s like driving around with your gas gauge not working – how do you know how much gas is left? There are numerous budget methods out there like the 50-20-30 rule or the envelope system. The 50-20-30 rule divides your paycheck into 50% for the essentials, 20% for savings and 30% for everything else while the envelope system has you separating your money into 3-5 envelopes labeled “groceries & dining”, “monthly bills”, “clothing”, etc.

Let me suggest one of my favorite budgeting techniques it’s also the easiest. It’s the PYF method or Pay Yourself First. With this method, you simply save first then spend the rest as you desire. For years I would spend throughout the month and save all that was left at the end of the month. Guess how much I saved each month? With the PYF system you shift your thinking to place saving as your top priority. This method has worked for me 100% of the time.

How much should you save? Most financial experts recommend saving at least 10% of your gross income. Strive to save even more but I realize you have to live too so save as much as you can but be sure to PYF.

Bryan Fayard,
Financial Education Counselor

ESTABLISH YOUR EMERGENCY FUND

I can't predict specifically what your emergency will be but I can foretell that each of us will have some kind of emergency in 2022. It might be medical, mechanical or job related but either way, money will be involved; sometimes a lot of money. If you don't have an emergency fund, one emergency becomes two, so be proactive and build your emergency fund early in 2022.

Some of us are fortunate in that we'll receive our GWA next month—a good strategy would be to use a portion of your GWA to establish your emergency fund. You'll then be set, financially, for 2022.

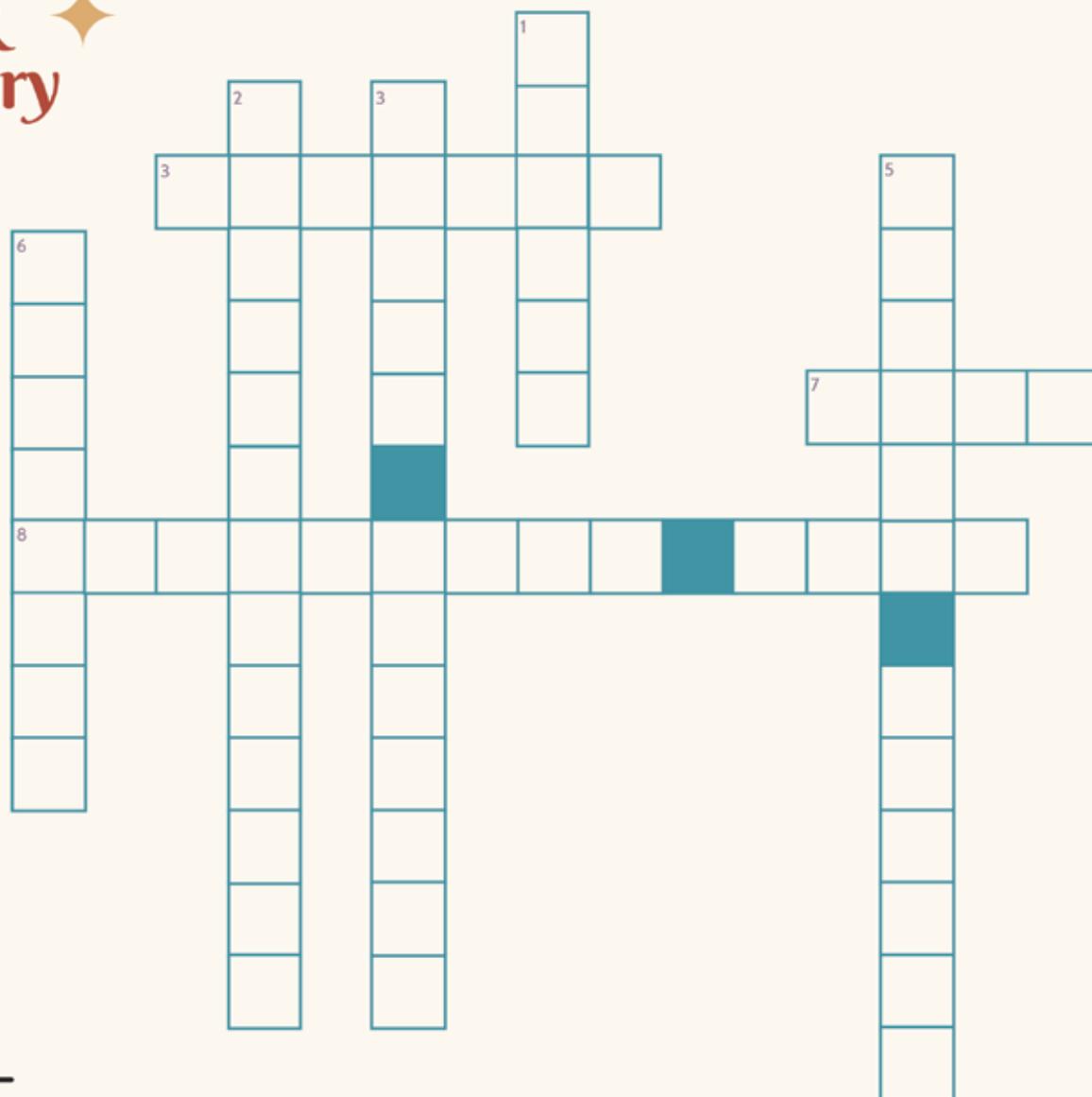
Your emergency fund should have a balance of 3 to 6 times the amount of your monthly expenses so the amount will be different for everyone.

By establishing your emergency fund, you're financially preparing to continue uninterrupted, allowing time to think while you recover. We generally make better decisions when we have time to plan and consider alternatives.

It's a good idea to keep your emergency fund separate from your regular checking and savings accounts. Make sure it's in a safe, FDIC insured, liquid account that you can access quickly. Remember, this fund is for emergencies only—you don't want this money invested in anything risky where it could lose value.



Creek History ✨



ACROSS

- 4 EARLY CREEKS HAD AN ECONOMY BASED ON FARMING, HUNTING, AND ____
- 7 CREEK WORD FOR "THANK YOU"
- 8 WHERE DID THE FINAL BATTLE OF THE CREEK WAR TAKE PLACE?

DOWN

- 1 DESPITE THE REMOVAL EFFORT, SEVERAL CREEK FAMILIES IN THE ____ COMMUNITY WERE ABLE TO ESCAPE EXPULSION.
- 2 CREEK INDIANS ARE DESCENDED FROM THE PEOPLES OF THE ____ PERIOD
- 3 CREEKS REFERRED TO MAIZE, BEANS, AND SQUASH AS ____
- 5 WHO WAS THE FIRST FORMAL LEADER/HEAD OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE "CREEK NATION EAST OF THE MISSISSIPPI."
- 6 WHERE WERE THE CREEKS FORCED TO RELOCATE AFTER THE INDIAN REMOVAL ACT OF 1830?

Muskoke Language

Match the Muskoke word on the left side to its English translation on the right side.

Rvfo

Firecracker

Estvpoceckv

Black-eyed Peas

Hakkuce

Winter

Tvlak-lvstecv

Spoon

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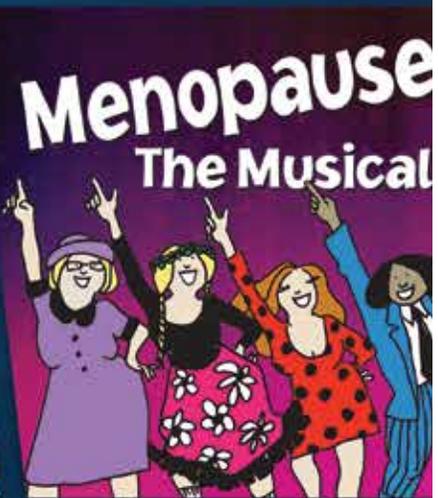


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Kick off **2022 WITH A
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Start the new year off right at OWA! Follow Brandon Styles through your favorite hits at his "Trip Down Memory Lane" show with dates in Jan-Feb. Every Thursday night, stroll through Downtown OWA's drink specials—Thirsty Thursdays, 4 - 9 pm! Get your tickets for the blockbuster laughs of Menopause the Musical, Jan. 25-30, and join us Jan. 29th for the OWA Arts & Crafts Festival! Get all the details online at VisitOWA.com!

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CALENDAR

1/3/2022	Newsletter Deadline	February Issue	5:00 pm
1/3/2022 - 1/4/2022	Museum Gift Shop Closed	Inventory	
1/6/2022	Tribal Council Meeting	Livestream	4:00 pm
1/20/2022	Tribal Council Meeting	Livestream	4:00 pm
2/1/2022	Newsletter Deadline	March Issue	5:00 pm
2/3/2022	Tribal Council Meeting	Livestream	4:00 pm

