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Tribal Leaders being Interviewed for the Trail of
Tears Film

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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

HAPPY 15TH ANNIVERSARY TO THE MOST LOVING,
BEAUTIFUL WIFE AND MOTHER ANYONE COULD ASK FOR.
DR. RACHEL RACKARD YOU ARE ONE OF A KIND AND
PEYTON AND I LOVE YOU VERY MUCH. LOVE, JONATHAN.

THANK YOU SO MUCH

During this pandemic the ALF staff have went above and beyond for our Elders. I want to let each one of them know how much we appreciate all their hard work. I want to give special recognition to those who have been providing senior lunches during this time. You all are doing a great job and the food is always excellent!

Lathaniel McGhee



REMEMBERING

Mabron Williams

1925 - 2021



Mabron Edward Williams, age 96, was born on July 11, 1925 in Uria, Alabama and passed away on August 23, 2021 in Fairhope, Alabama. At age 6, his family moved from Monroe County to Bay Minette, Alabama. Mabron served active duty in the United States Navy from his enlistment in 1942 until August of 1962; he remained in the Fleet Reserve until 1972 for a total of 30 years. He retired at the rank of Chief Petty Officer. Mabron participated in seven invasions in the South Pacific during World War II and served on staff for four different Admirals. In 1961, he was serving aboard the USS Cavalier (APA-31) when it was hit by Typhoon Nancy with 175-knot winds and 65-foot seas. During his military service, he received numerous medals and ribbons as well as a Presidential Citation from President Harry Truman for his service during World War II. Looking back on his life, Mabron once said, "I feel it was an honor and privilege to serve God and my country in war and peace times."

After his retirement from the Navy, Mabron and his family moved home to Bay Minette. Mabron worked for 20 years at Kaiser Aluminum in Bay Minette, where he retired in 1984. While there, Mabron was a lead man in maintenance for the corporation. After retirement, Mabron enjoyed a daily walk along the streets of his neighborhood in his beloved hometown. Mabron could also be found at the "Coffee Club" around 9:00 AM chatting with his friends. Mabron was chosen to be Grand Marshal of the Veterans Day Celebration in Bay Minette in 2016. He also participated in the first Honor Flight South Alabama to visit the WWII Memorial in Washington, DC. In January 2019, Mabron moved to The Brenny at Fairhope Senior Living to be closer to his daughters and their families in Fairhope.

Mabron was preceded in death by his wife Vencile Boone Williams, his son Jerold (Sarah) Williams, his mother Bertie Phillips Williams, his father Otis Williams, his sister Sadie Jones, and his brother Thomas Williams. He is survived by his two daughters Mary Anne (Richard) Roh and Martha (Stephen) Montgomery and his three grandchildren Malia Bishop, Olivia (Matthew) Weller, and William (Sara) Roh.

Funeral services were held Friday, August 27 at 11:00 at First Baptist Church in Bay Minette, Alabama. Visitation will be held prior to the funeral services at 9:30. Although the family will accept flowers, they suggest memorial contributions be made to Community Hospice 1450 N. McKenzie St., Foley, AL 36535 or any organization that serves to benefit veterans.

In Loving Memory

Willie Mae Bray	January 12, 1925 - July 14, 2021
Aubrey Malone	August 24, 1935 - July 15, 2021
Gordon McGhee	August 21, 1953 - July 18, 2021
Gregory Gibson	June 15, 1980 - August 11, 2021
Gary Wolfe	February 1, 1958 - August 14, 2021

July - August 2021

In Loving Memory

Linda Burt	January 19, 1949 - August 18, 2021
Hazel Albritton	December 10, 1946 - August 21, 2021
Mabron Williams	July 11, 1925 - August 23, 2021
Vernie Gehman	July 11, 1938 - August 27, 2021
Milton Sells	December 1, 1957 - August 30, 2021

July - August 2021

Safety Plan for

Victims of Domestic Violence

A safety plan is a personalized, practical plan to improve your safety while experiencing abuse, preparing to leave an abusive situation, or after you leave.

- 1** Living with an abusive partner can make it especially hard to identify or create opportunities to leave. Identify your partner's use and level of force so you can assess the risk of physical danger to yourself and others before it occurs.
- 2** Identify safe areas in your residence with pathways to the exit, away from any weapons. If arguments occur try to move to these areas before they escalate.
- 3** If it is safe, have a phone accessible at all times. Know what numbers to call for help including friends and family, the HOTLINE at 8007997233 (SAFE), and your local shelter. Know where the nearest public phone is.
- 4** Let trusted friends and neighbors know about your situation. Develop a plan and visual signal for when you might need their help. Talk to others living in the residence – how to get help, including roommates and children. Instruct them not to get involved and establish a mutual sign for when they should leave the house and/or get help.
- 5** Create several plausible reasons for leaving the house at different times of day or night. Multiple trips to the grocery store, spending time with friends, working late, or find unnecessary errands to complete. If possible practice how to get out safely, include others who may be living in the residence.
- 6** Plan for what to do if your partner finds out about your plan. If possible, keep weapons locked away and store as inaccessibly as possible. If you're concerned about your safety please reach out to an advocate.
- 7** Be mindful of how clothing or jewelry could be used to physically harm you. If your partner has their hands around your neck, scarves or necklaces could be used to harm you further.
- 8** If violence is unavoidable, make yourself as physically small as possible. Move to a corner and curl into a ball with your face protected and arms around each side of your head, fingers entwined.

<https://www.thehotline.org/resources/safety-planning-while-living-with-an-abusive-partner/>

Have you ever noticed a friend, family member, or even coworker suddenly start wearing long sleeves during summer and becoming more and more withdrawn and broken down? You have a good idea of what's going on, but you don't think it's your place to get involved. So you ignore it, and think to yourself, "If they need help, they'll ask for it." Maybe months or even years go by, and nothing changes. They're still trying their best to cover the bruises and hide the nightmare they're going through on a daily basis. But you still notice, and this time you don't want to ignore it; you want to help.

Don't ever let your fear of saying the wrong thing keep you from reaching out to someone who needs it – especially if you suspect someone is a victim of domestic violence. We become so obsessed with waiting for the perfect moment or for just the right words to come to us, that we end up missing the opportunity to help someone get out of a horrific situation. Victims of abuse often feel so isolated and alone – simply reaching out and letting them know you're there gives them a sense of relief that



they're not alone anymore.

Make the time to talk to them and just start a simple conversation. Let them know they can trust you with the information they decide to share, and don't press them for more. They have to open up at their own pace. Most importantly, listen and don't judge. They don't need to hear, "I can't believe you stay in that situation" or "Why don't



you just leave?" These are things they have most likely already thought to themselves and they don't need to hear it from you. They just need someone to really hear them and what they're going through.

If they do decide to open up to you, believe them. A lot of times, abusers only show that dark, violent side of themselves to their victims. To everyone else, they are an upstanding citizen. They could be a great coworker, volunteer in the community, or even sing in the church choir. This is part of their abuse. They play the "good person" in public, so if their victims reach out for help, no one believes them. The victim looks like a crazy person or someone making up lies for attention. Don't ignore someone's pleas for help, just because you don't think someone you know "could ever commit that kind of violence." Abusers come in all shapes and sizes and so do their victims.

So, if you see something, say something. Don't ignore it, but don't push for too much. Listen to their story and believe them. Please visit <https://www.verywellmind.com/how-to-help-a-victim-of-domestic-violence-66533> for more information on how to help a victim of domestic violence.

Resources:

Thehotline.org

1800-SAFE (7233)

Text START to 88788

Written by Katie Mothershed



281,550 NEW CASES OF INVASIVE BREAST CANCER

*are expected to be diagnosed in
women in the U.S. in 2021*

GET TESTED TODAY

at your nearest clinic!

Let's keep fighting the good fight.



LEARN MORE

www.breastcancer.org

CHOOSING THE RIGHT TREATMENT TEAM

After a breast cancer diagnosis, one of the most important decisions you'll make is choosing your treatment team. Here are 5 things to consider when deciding which doctor to go with.

- **Do they communicate well?**

It's essential that your doctor explains things in a way you can understand, listens to you and takes your concerns seriously.

Bring a trusted friend or family member along to one of your appointments to help you form and impression of the doctor. When you're anxious or upset, it's hard to catch everything the doctor is saying and to judge the interaction. It may take more than one appointment to get a feel for whether you communicate well with your doctor.

- **Do they have the right expertise?**

Choose a surgeon and oncologist who specializes in breast cancer rather than in treating several kinds of cancer. Ask questions during your appointment to see if your doctor is knowledgeable about the latest research advances and treatment approaches that are relevant to your situation.

- **Is their office staff responsive?**

Pay attention to whether the doctor's office staff is helpful, accessible and returns your calls. If setting up appointments and getting your questions answered is too frustrating, that might be a deal breaker.

- **Could you stick with them over the long-term?**

Your doctor might be working with you extra closely for a number of years – particularly if you have metastatic breast cancer, are taking hormonal therapy on a long-term basis, or if you have an inherited gene mutation that increases your risk of breast cancer.

For this reason, it's best to choose a doctor who is going to be in practice for a long time and isn't close to retirement.

- **Do you want to keep looking for another doctor?**

Ultimately, your goal should be to get the best care – that provides the greatest benefit with the least side effects – right from the beginning of your treatment or moving forward from wherever you are now in your treatment.

In some cases, it might be worth switching doctors early on so you can feel comfortable with your care. You may choose to switch later one because your needs change over time.

<https://www.breastcancer.org/treatment/planning/finding-doctors>



FACTS YOU MAY NOT KNOW ABOUT HALLOWEEN

CANDY CORN WAS ORIGINALLY CALLED CHICKEN FEED.

Created in the 1880's by George Renniger, it was sold to the masses by Goelitz Confectionary Company (now Jelly Belly Candy Company) at the turn of the century. Because corn is what was used to feed chickens, the creation was called "chicken feed" and the box was marked with a colorful rooster.



DES MOINES HAS A TRADITION CALLED BEGGAR'S NIGHT.

The night before Halloween, young children in Des Moines hit the streets for Beggar's night. The event began in 1938 as a way to prevent vandalism and give younger children a safer way to enjoy Halloween. It's similar to trick or treating, except kids are required to tell a joke, poem, or perform a "trick" for their treat.

THERE'S A \$1,000 FINE FOR USING OR SELLING SILLY STRING IN HOLLYWOOD.

The prank product has been banned since 2004 after thousands of bored people would buy it on the streets of Hollywood from illegal vendors and vandalize the streets. The ban is effective from 12:01 am October 31st through 12:00 pm November 1st.



JACK-O-LANTERNS WERE ORIGINALLY CARVED INTO TURNIPS.

In a traditional Celtic story, a man named Jack tricked the devil. After Jack died, the devil made him roam the night with only a burning coal to light his way. He put the coal in a carved out turnip (a common vegetable in Ireland) and became known as Jack of the Lantern. Irish and Scottish people would carve their own versions of Jack's lantern and place them near windows or doors to frighten away evil spirits, including Jack.



THE HISTORY OF HALLOWEEN INCLUDES A LOT OF ROMANCE.

Scottish girls would throw hazelnuts named after suitors into fireplaces. If a nut burned instead of exploding, it represented their future husband. In colonial America, young women would peel an apple in one strip and throw it over their shoulder. The strip was supposed to land in the shape of the 1st letter of their future husband's name.

<https://www.10best.com/interests/festivals-events/10-fun-facts-you-didnt-know-about-halloween/>

<https://www.businessinsider.com/13-facts-you-never-knew-about-halloween-2013-10>

<https://www.parents.com/holiday/halloween/traditions/fun-facts-about-the-history-of-halloween/>



5 TIPS FOR A

FUN & SAFE HALLOWEEN

Keep toxins out of costumes! Use natural and non-toxic face paint.

Plan your night ahead of time! Make sure your kids get a nap well before sunset, so they won't be tired and cranky by the end of the night.

Wear bright colors and/or add reflective tape to costumes!

Accompany small children all the way to the door.

Always check the candy before eating it. Be careful that everything is sealed and safe.

<https://www.honest.com/blog/lifestyle/family/top-5-tips-for-an-honestly-safe-halloween/2032.html>

October is Audiology Awareness Month—a perfect time to remind Tribal Members of their hearing aid benefit and the importance of treating hearing loss. We've asked Elizabeth Pickett, an audiologist at **Premier Medical Group's** East office, to answer a few common hearing loss questions and remind Poarch Creek Tribal Members how to take advantage of their amazing hearing benefit.

Is hearing loss a common thing?

Hearing loss is more common than people realize. More than 48 million Americans have a measurable hearing loss. Approximately one in three people in the United States between the ages of 65 and 74 have hearing loss, and nearly half of those older than 75 have difficulty hearing.

How do I know if I have hearing loss?

Common symptoms include difficulty understanding and talking with others, frequently needing things repeated, regularly turning up the volume on TVs or radios, straining to hear sound over distance, being unable to hear conversations when there's substantial background noise and experiencing a ringing in the ears. And now, in the pandemic era, difficulty hearing through masks is an additional warning sign.

If I think I might have hearing loss, what is the harm in waiting to get it checked?

The longer you delay in treating hearing loss, the more at-risk you are for associated health problems, ranging from social isolation and depression to more serious issues such as cognitive decline. By treating your hearing loss with solutions such as hearing devices, you help the brain work less on deciphering speech and more on improving your quality of life. Hearing loss often sets in gradually over time, so noticing the signs can often be harder than it sounds. Annual hearing exams are recommended for anyone over 55.



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610 Providence Park Dr., Bldg. 2, Suite 203, Mobile, AL 36609

www.hearingaidsmobile.com

What are some surprising benefits of better hearing?

Apart from the obvious benefit, which is hearing better in general, many surprising improvements in everyday life are associated with better hearing, including:

- Improved Mental Health
- Improved Cognitive Health
- Improved Balance
- Improved Social Interactions

How can I cover the cost of hearing treatment?

Fortunately, all Poarch Creek Tribal Members have a significant hearing benefit and can receive hearing aids and follow-up care up to the value of \$5000.

Is there any payment out of pocket?

The hearing aid benefit will be paid directly to the hearing care provider; you **do not** need to pay anything

When does the hearing benefit renew?

It renews every five years provided there has been a change in the patient's hearing.

How do I claim the hearing benefit?

To receive the benefit, you will need a hearing test and a quote for hearing aids from a hearing care professional. Nioma Till is the case manager for Tribal Members' hearing benefits. Contact Nioma at 251-368-9136, Ext. 2386.

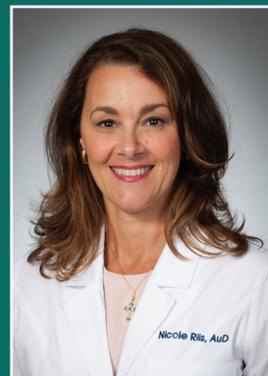
I think I may have hearing loss. Where do I begin?

Contact us today at 251-272-8975 to learn more about hearing health care or make an appointment with Elizabeth and her team of experienced audiologists. Additionally, join us once a month at Wellness Wednesday, where an audiologist from Premier Medical Group East will be there to answer any questions or concerns about your hearing.

Contact us today at 251-272-8975



Elizabeth Pickett, Au.D., CCC-A



Nicole Riis, Au.D., CCC-A, FAAA

HAPPY HALLOWEEN FROM THE NEW LEAF WELLNESS TEAM

The New Leaf Wellness Team would like to extend a big HAPPY HALLOWEEN TO YOU!

Sometime in the midst of the the candy, sweet treats, and goodies we can lose sight of our goals of trying to cut down on sugar. Halloween doesn't seem like Halloween without some spooky treats along the way, right? Here are some ideas for some Halloween treats that won't bust your calorie count for the day.

Submitted by Megan Argueta

Pumpkin Pretzels

Ingredients

- 1/2 cup white chocolate
- 1 tsp. pumpkin pie spice
- 2 drops orange food coloring (optional)
- 2.5 cups pretzel twists
- Orange sprinkles (optional)



Directions

- ▶ Line three large baking trays with parchment paper or silicone baking mats.
- ▶ Melt white chocolate in a double boiler or microwave. If using the microwave, make sure to stop and stir chocolate every 15 seconds to avoid scorching.
- ▶ Once melted, stir pumpkin pie spice and orange food coloring into chocolate. Dip pretzel three quarters the way into the warm chocolate, remove, and shake to allow excess chocolate to drip off pretzel onto prepared baking tray and let chocolate set. Repeat with remaining pretzels.
- ▶ Melt remaining white chocolate and drizzle over pretzels. Top pretzels with sprinkles. Allow chocolate to completely set in the refrigerator before serving.

<https://www.delish.com/uk/cooking/recipes/a29352088/pumpkin-spice-pretzels-recipe>

Warm Apple Cider

Ingredients

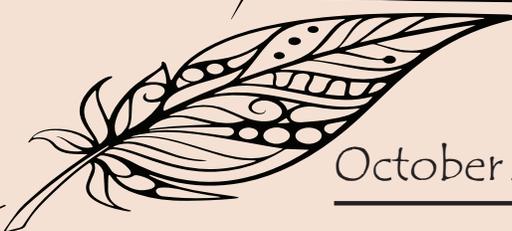
10 apples I used a mix of gala, honey crisp and Granny Smith
1 orange sliced and peel removed
½ tablespoon whole cloves
1 whole nutmeg
½ teaspoon pimento seeds/whole all spice
3 cinnamon sticks
10 cups of filtered water
½ cup Wholesome Organic Honey depending on the sweetness level you enjoy OR Agave Nectar- ¾ cup

Preparation

- ▶ Roughly chop the apples, and cut the orange (peel removed) into quarters. Add to your slow cooker along with all the spices and the filtered water. Stir to combine and turn your slow cooker on for 7-8 hours on low heat or 4 hours on high heat.
- ▶ One hour before your spiced apple cider is ready, using a potato masher, mash all of the fruits. They should be very soft and easy to mash. Mash until all the fruits are mashed. Add the Wholesome Organic Honey at this point. If you like it barely sweet, you can add the ½ cup. If you like it on the sweeter side, but not overly sweet, you can add ¾ cup. You can always add more later.
- ▶ Allow the cider to cook for the last hour, and then strain. We like to double strain it (strain once, then repeat the process) using a fine meshed sieve, and you can also use a cheesecloth for added precision.
- ▶ Serve warm and enjoy! You can freeze this recipe for several months to enjoy all winter long

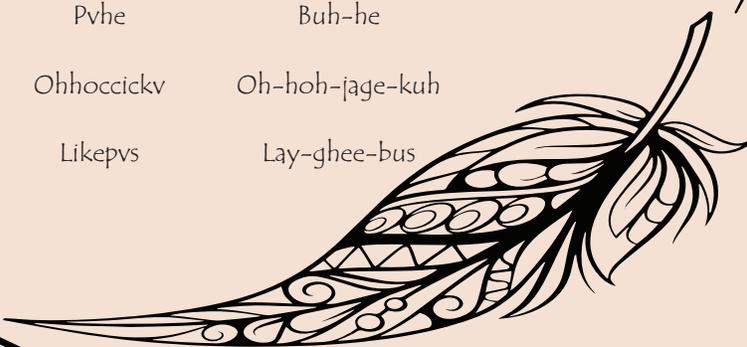
<https://jessicainthekitchen.com/warm-spiced-apple-cider/>





October 2021 Mvskoke Words

ENGLISH	MVSKOKE	PRONUNCIATION
Teacher	Mvhayv	Muh-hah-yuh
Grass	Pvhe	Buh-he
Desk	Ohhoccickv	Oh-hoh-jage-kuh
Have a seat	Likepvs	Lay-ghee-bus



September 1 - November 1
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**The PCI Education Department is proud to
announce
THE ADVANCED CAREER DEVELOPMENT
PROGRAM!**



This program was created to provide opportunities for Tribal Member and First Generation Descendants to acquire the necessary experience and skills that align with their career goals by providing on-the-job training.

Primary Eligibility Requirements

- ✓ Tribal Member or First Generation Descent
- ✓ Graduated college within one year of applying to the program
----OR----
- ✓ Has completed at least 60 credit hours at an accredited college or university
- ✓ If still enrolled in school, a 2.5 GPA is required and must be maintained while in this program

Applications will be available in October. Selected applicants should expect to begin work in JANUARY, 2022

Please call Sandra Hiebert, Education Director at 251-358-9136, ext 2020 or email Sandra at shiebert@pci-nsn.gov for more information



NATIONAL BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH - EARLY DETECTION SAVES LIVES.

As part of our Radiology services, we also offer on-site digital mammography three times a year, in April, October, and December. These services are provided by West Florida Hospital's mobile Mammography unit. West Florida's Mammography department is an American College of Radiology Accredited Breast Imaging Center of Excellence. A mammogram is the main test recommended by the American Cancer Society to find breast cancer early. A mammogram can help find breast cancer early when it's easier to treat.

estimated that over 246,660 women in the United States will be diagnosed with breast cancer and more than 40,000 will die.

Although breast cancer in men is rare, an estimated 2,600 men will be diagnosed with breast cancer and approximately 440 will die each year.

The good news is that many people survive breast cancer if it's found and treated early. Over 2.8 million breast cancer survivors are alive in the United States today.

If you're over 40 or at a high risk for the disease, you should also have an annual mammogram and an annual physical exam by a health professional. The earlier breast cancer is found and diagnosed, the better your chances of beating it.

Additional Resources

<https://www.cancer.org/>

<https://www.nationalbreastcancer.org/>

Breast cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer in women and is the second leading cause of cancer death among women. Each year it is

Submitted by Melissa Boatwright and Malori Dean



Breast cancer symptoms include:

- a change in how your nipple looks
- a change in the size or shape of your breast
- a lump or area of thickened tissue in your breast
- a lump or swelling in your armpit
- a rash on or around your nipple
- dimpling on the skin of your breast
- discharge from your nipple

Between screening tests talk to your doctor straight away if you notice any symptoms of breast cancer. If cancer is diagnosed at an early stage, it can usually be treated more successfully.

*These symptoms can apply for both male and female breast cancer



Ways to Reduce Your Risk for Breast Cancer



Keeping a **healthy weight.**



Exercising regularly.



Getting **enough sleep.**



Limiting alcohol intake.



Breastfeeding your babies.



BRING YOUR
brave.

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

The Buford L. Rolin Radiology department offers some of the most advanced medical imaging equipment in the area. Our x-ray system allows the technologist to produce x-ray images at the lowest possible diagnostic radiation dose. The system provides an adjustable table for help with injured, pediatric and geriatric patients. The Radiology department performs diagnostic x-ray, routine and vascular ultrasound procedures, as well as bone mineral density screening.

X-ray and Ultrasound are used to diagnose and monitor broken bones as well as various disease processes. Our Radiology equipment produces digital images that can be instantly reviewed by our on-site medical providers. All Radiology studies are also read by our Board Certified Radiologist, Dr. Mark Goddard.

The Radiology department is staffed by Melissa Wall, Malori Dean, and Mindy Flores. Melissa and Malori are University of South Alabama alumnae and Mindy is a graduate of Broward College and Pensacola State College. Our Radiology staff are all credentialed by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists. Melissa and Mindy are also registered with the American Registry of Diagnostic Medical Sonographers.

Submitted by Melissa Boatwright and Malori Dean



PCI HOUSING DEPARTMENT

TAHO PROGRAM

It's time to update your application!



TRIBAL MEMBERS 21 YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER

You must complete a new application, even if you already have one on file.

Required Documents for all persons listed on application:

- Copy of 2020 Tax Returns
- Social Security Card(s)
- Tribal ID Card and/or Letter of 1st Gen Descent
- Drivers License
- Custody, Homeless, and/or Substandard Living Verification
- Other documents as requested by the Housing Department

Other Requirements:

- Credit score of 550 or higher
 - Lives in Tribal Services Area
 - Haven't participated in any homeownership program in the last 5 years
 - Qualifies for Low, Very Low, or Over Income
 - Haven't withdrawn from or declined TAHO program in the last 12 months
-

TRAIL OF TEARS FILM: HELP US IDENTIFY THE LEADERS



Tribal leaders were interviewed for the Trail of Tears film

Media outlets were abuzz about something unique—a documentary on the Trail of Tears reenacted by Creeks in our community. In 1978, our Tribal Council developed a distinctive partnership with Alabama A&M University to bring about this special film documenting the tragic history of the Trail of Tears, but also documenting the resilience of Indigenous people.

Media sources reported on the documentary including Alabama A&M University's *The Normal Index*. The author said they were "producing a sixty-minute documentary on Creek Nation East of the Mississippi. This film deals with the historical and contemporary aspects of Creek descendants in South Alabama. The film will serve as a pilot for a series on these native Alabamians."

Another media source, *The Atmore Advance*, reported, "The first movie ever filmed about the Creek Indians is now in production and will star many Atmore area residents when it is completed."

Everyone seemed excited about this important new film, but was it ever completed? Was it ever televised? Our Team at the Office of Archives and Records Management still does not know the answers. However, in 2020, after over forty-two years of being lost, we finally acquired the film. It was rediscovered in the attic above the theatrical stage at Alabama A&M University.

Notwithstanding the pandemic, our Team digitized the film and held three virtual film screenings to safely share this unique film with the Tribal community. Viewers saw Tribal leaders including Eddie Tullis, Buford Rolin, Roberta McGhee Sells, and Ernestine Daughtry in action.

On June 14, 2021, at the Native American and Indigenous Studies Association virtual conference, our Team of panelists presented a roundtable session on the film's rediscovery, digitization, film clips, and dissemination. This gave the film an extended lifespan with new audiences. Panelists included Tribal Council Secretary Ms. Charlotte McGhee Meckel, Ms. Carolyn White, Dr. Deidra Suwanee Dees, and Mr. Jon Dean.

Most of the film is silent because the audio has not yet been found, but you can still access the film at the below links.

There are Tribal leaders whom we need help identifying in this still frame image taken from the film. Can you help us identify these leaders? Please contact us at ddees@pci-nsn.gov or at (251) 446-4940. Mvto.

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Help us welcome the crisp air of fall as we celebrate October events at OWA. Before we say hello to the spooky season, we invite you to our Oktoberfest event on Saturday, October 2nd. Grab your friends and make your plans to enjoy beer, games, live music and more!

Fall fun wouldn't be complete without a little ghoulishness, a little foolishness, to whip up some whimsy in the air. Head to OWA's amusement park for all the thrills – beyond the one's rollercoasters will give you. It's no longer a "No Boo" in The Park. This year, things are getting a little hairy, and a little scary...if you know what we mean. Grab a ticket to brave our four haunted scare zones, now located inside The Park at OWA, weekends starting October 15th.



And that's not all! Downtown OWA will be decked out with delightfully fun, kid-friendly options like trick-or-treating, arts and crafts and our annual Monster Bash costume contest. Go all out on your costume, because we offer cash prizes and you will want to win! We'll also have the cutest custom trophies and medals for you to display all year long. Before you head home, enjoy the lights of our fountain show dancing along to a Halloween mashup of your favorite seasonal hits.

Speaking of dressing up, the divas have descended at Legends In Concert. Catch tributes to Tina Turner, Cyndi Lauper, Celine Dion and Whitney Houston at the OWA

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OWA's socially-distanced Island Movie Nights events will also return for fall featuring four different showings in October. You'll want to bring your pup to the first one because before our showing of Frankenweenie on October 9th, we'll also have a dog costume contest! And why not dress up yourself? It's a great excuse to get into trick-or-treat mode and practice your Halloween look.

Other showings for Island Movie Nights include Beetlejuice on October 16th, Casper on October 23rd, and finally, Hocus Pocus on October 30th. Spread out on the lawn during these outdoor events. You're welcome to pack a blanket or lawn chair and get comfy. All Downtown OWA events are dog-friendly, so bring the whole family to enjoy the cooler weather!

We hope you can join us as we welcome the eccentric— and even the alarming – this fall. Whether it's a trick or a treat you're looking for, the gangs all here at OWA weekends in October. Be sure to check out details of all these hip happenings on our website at VisitOWA.com/events and follow us on social media @VisitOWA as we release more information.

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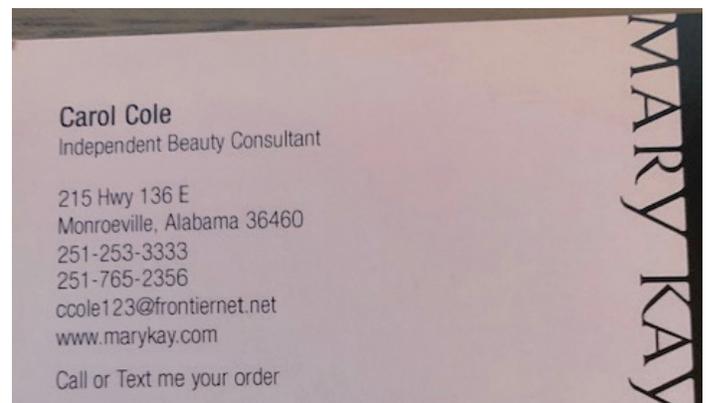
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6/1/2021 - 11/1/2021	PCI Pool Open	Monday - Friday	2:00 - 6:00 pm
10/1/2021	Newsletter Deadline	November Issue	5:00 pm
10/4/2021 - 10/8/2021	Annual Celebration Gift Pickup	Pow Wow Grounds	9:00 am - 5:00 pm
10/7/2021	Tribal Council Meeting	PCCC	4:00 pm
10/9/2021	Annual Celebration Gift Pickup	Pow Wow Grounds	9:00 am - 3:00 pm
10/21/2021	Tribal Council Meeting	PCCC	4:00 pm
11/1/2021	Newsletter Deadline	December Issue	5:00 pm
11/4/2021	Tribal Council Meeting	PCCC	4:00 pm
11/18/2021	Tribal Council Meeting	PCCC	4:00 pm
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