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.

Top Row (left to right):
Stephanie Bryan (Tribal Chair), Robert McGhee (Vice Chair), Charlotte Meckel (Secretary), Amy Bryan (Treasurer)

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I think we can all agree that the last two years have been trying times, but we are optimistic that 2022 will be a good year for everyone. To start this New Year off right, we would like to share some exciting news with our Tribal Members and our community. A fantastic new facility is coming to the Tribal Government campus in the spring of 2022: the Sober Living Facility. This facility will be part of the new Drug Prevention/Aftercare Program for Tribal Members and First Generation Descendants. The Sober Living Facility does not have an “official” name at this time, so we are asking for your help. We have sent out a survey to get your name suggestions, and we encourage everyone to participate. The survey will close March 1st.

The facility and program has been in the making for several years, and it was the complete vision of Wes Hayles, the Tribe’s Addiction Counselor for thirteen years, who passed away on April 12, 2021. It is also something that Tribal Members have been requesting as an aid to help their friends and loved ones who are on the path to success of overcoming drug addiction.
The new facility will be located in Building 400 on the Poarch Creek Tribal Government campus which is now being retro fitted to accommodate participants. The program will accommodate a limited number of participants and will last a maximum of one year. Each participant will need to meet certain criteria to be eligible to participate in the program. The program will teach various life and work skills that will help them acclimate back into a normal routine. Be on the lookout for more information soon.

Written by Sharon Delmar
I had the good fortune of meeting with Beatrice Presley in her home late one afternoon this past fall. We were joined by her son, daughter Brooke and granddaughter Willie B., who is named after Ms. Presley. I got to spend time with this extraordinary Tribal family to learn how Ms. Presley had quite the health scare on Wednesday, October 13th, and how Willie B. helped to save her grandmother’s life!

Wednesday started off as a normal day at the Beatrice Presley house in Poarch, AL on October 13, 2021, and ended with a seven year old Willie B. calling emergency 911 for her grandmother Ms. Presley. You see Ms. Presley has Type 2 Diabetes and her blood sugar (glucose) level had been running high, but then it dropped to a dangerously low level of 59 when she laid down to rest (Ms. Presley’s blood sugar level dropped even further, the lowest that the family knows it dropped to is 22). Brooke checked on her mom and knew something wasn’t right, when Willie B. came in the room and saw her grandmother she immediately went to the phone and called 911. Ms. Presley had taught Willie B. about her diabetes, what to look for, and how her sugar could drop to a dangerously low level. She taught her how to call 911 in an emergency, and made sure she memorized her phone number.
and address (Willie B. was also taught to call 911 during an emergency in school). Willie B. remembered this and told the 911 operator that her grandmother was going into a diabetic coma. The Poarch Creek Fire Department and local ambulance responded to the call, and after they arrived and assessed the situation, Ms. Presley was transported to the hospital where she coded three times. Ms. Presley was treated and released from the hospital and is back at home recuperating, with her family keeping a close watch over her.

As I was leaving the Presley home after my visit with Ms. Presley and her family, I found myself humming the Crosby, Stills, and Nash song, “Teach Your Children Well.” That’s exactly what Ms. Presley has done.

Written by Sharon Delmar

More information on teaching your child how and when to call 911:
https://www.parents.com/toddlers-preschoolers/safety/when-should-i-teach-my-child-to-call-911/
https://www.verizon.com/support/teach-kids-how-to-dial-911/
Celebrate your Valentine with us—from great gift ideas in Downtown OWA to a memorable meal at Paula Deen’s Family Kitchen and a special appearance by the “Hug Me Coke Machine” on 2/12-13! Reserve your tickets to the Mardi Gras Murder Mystery Dinner Show at Brandon Styles Theater, 2/23-25—then join in the revelry with our Mardi Gras parade and party on 2/27! The fun keeps going, with performances of Brandon Styles’ Trip Down Memory Lane every Tues. & Sat., and sweet specials every Thirsty Thursday from 4-9 in Downtown OWA! Plan your celebrations at VisitOWA.com!
The human heart is responsible for pumping blood throughout our body, supplying oxygen and nutrients and removing toxins and waste. Weighing between 8 and 12 ounces, the heart is a mighty organ divided into four chambers that work together to pump blood in and out. The heart gets oxygenated blood from the lungs and pumps it throughout the rest of the body. It does this by contracting at a rhythmic pace, about 60-80 times per minute, thanks to electrical cells called “pacemakers.” When the heart ceases to perform its regular function, a medical device also called a pacemaker can be implanted to assist the heart.

Heart disease occurs when the arteries leading to the heart become clogged. Although heart disease has been around for thousands of years, we do know that many aspects of modern life exacerbate risk factors and make people more prone to heart disease and heart failure. Today, one in four deaths in the U.S. is attributable to heart disease. Heart disease can affect everyone, but taking stock of your prior health risks, activities and diet can help you reduce your risk.

Although we’ve learned a lot about how the heart works, there are still many unanswered questions about heart health and the cardiovascular system. As far as we know, the best way to protect your heart is to stay active, eat a healthy and balanced diet, and reduce your daily stress. To celebrate American Heart Month, take some time to learn about heart health risks, find your favorite heart-healthy activities, and cook some healthy meals with your family.

https://nationaltoday.com/american-heart-month/
The Office of Archives and Records Management announces the 2022 Photo Contest of pictures of elders in your family, age fifty-five and older, living or deceased. We are building our collection of photographs of elders in our community, old or new photographs, color or black and white, in digital or paper formats. Your picture could be the exciting winner!

Our Team ran a photo contest series last year that was so successful, we are running it again. The winner will receive a professionally framed image of their photograph that will capture a lifetime of memories. It could become a keepsake to pass down for generations. It will be published in the Poarch Creek News. All photographs submitted will become part of the permanent photograph collection.

**Submissions:** Please do not bring your photographs to our Office because of COVID-19. There are three safe ways to submit your photographs. You could e-mail the digital photograph to Mr. Chad Parker who is overseeing our contest series at cparker@pci-nsn.gov as an attachment, or you could text it to (251) 253-9181. You could mail a paper copy in the U.S. mail to our below address. Please do not mail originals which could become lost in the mail.

Mr. Chad Parker  
Office of Archives and Records Management  
100 Brookwood Drive  
Atmore, AL 36502

**PHOTO CONTEST:**

**Criteria:** Photographs will be judged on four criteria. The photograph on the facing page of Ms. Roberta McGhee Sells is a good example that meets the criteria:

1. Adherence/Appropriateness to Theme
2. Uniqueness of Concept – captivating subject(s), exceptional location, or attention-getting props
3. Clarity of Expression – good, clear lighting
4. Composition – arrangement of subject(s), angle of shot, or eye-pleasing focus

**Rules:** The deadline is February 18, 2022 at 5 p.m. All Tribal Member and Tribal employee households are eligible. Submit a photograph of an elder in your family with their name (must identify names), date of photograph (if you know it), and tell us how they are related to you (grandmother, cousin, aunt). Your photograph could depict a single elder or a group of people. Include your name (person submitting photograph), mailing address, e-mail address, and telephone number so we can contact you. Enter as many photographs as you want. Participants under 18 should obtain their parents’ permission. For questions, call Mr. Chad Parker at (251) 446-4965. We look forward to seeing pictures of the elders in your family. Mvto. ☺
This 2001 photograph, taken by Dr. Deidra Suwanee Dees, depicts her cousin, Ms. Roberta McGhee Sells, sitting in her rocking chair on her front porch. She served as Tribal Council Secretary from 1950 to 1977. Her granddaughter, Ms. Amy Gantt, followed in her footsteps and serves as our Tribal Council Treasurer.
DATE NIGHT IDEAS

It can be easy to put pressure on yourself to make Valentine’s Day extra-special with a grand gesture or big present, but we’re here to remind you that the most important Valentine’s Day gift is time spent together. No matter how you choose to celebrate, we’ve rounded up a list of some of the absolute best things to do with your spouse, boyfriend, or girlfriend for a memorable Valentine’s Day 2022.

PLAY A GAME

When was the last time you played a game with just the two of you? Pick a favorite from the closet, or try a new couple’s themed game, like Talk, Flirt, Dare or Our Moments.

TAKE A HIKE

Even if it’s cold where you live, taking a scenic hike is a great way to unplug and unwind this Valentine’s Day. Maybe there’s a favorite spot where you live, or you might want to try one of the best hikes in the U.S. Either way, you’re bound to have a fun time because you’re in great company.
PLAY HOOKY

Take the day off from work and enjoy some R&R. Have breakfast in bed, do a crossword together, and binge-watch your favorite shows. Reminisce about how and why you two first fell in love.

COOK DINNER TOGETHER

A special home-cooked meal can be so much more romantic than going out to eat at a super busy restaurant. Even if one of you doesn’t have chef-worthy skills, you can still make a memorable dinner you’ll both enjoy.

MAKE A BUCKET LIST

Spend the day coming up with a bucket list of everything you’d like to do together—from romantic vacations to take to new activities to try to concerts you want to see—then spend Valentine’s Day making plans to start checking things off.

HAVE A ROMANTIC MOVIE MARATHON

Grab the popcorn and settle in on the couch for an evening filled with your favorite rom-coms or your favorite Valentine’s Day movies.

TAKE A TRIP

Take a day or an entire weekend and venture to a destination neither of you have been before on a romantic getaway. You’ll get out of your comfort zone and have a fun time doing it!
Your family fun begins now.

Whether it’s a big competition at Strikes Bowling Alley, a hit movie night at Cinema or a memorable dinner at FIRE Steakhouse, we’ve got excitement for all ages. So grab the whole family or plan a date night, and make it unforgettable at Wind Creek Atmore.

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Love, laughter, and good times are always on the agenda for OWA, even more so this February, as we get ready to celebrate Valentine’s Day and Mardi Gras all in one month!

February 12 and 13, the Hug Me Coca-Cola Machine will be parked outside of The Park at OWA front gates. Want a Coke? Just hug the machine for a free iced-cold beverage! Like magic, Coca-Cola and OWA are sharing the love for Valentine’s Day weekend. Enjoy a Coke and then enjoy a ride on the Rollin’ Thunder!

While you’re here, why not make it a date and add on dinner and some shopping in Downtown OWA? Guests can enjoy a delicious Southern meal at Paula Deen’s Family Kitchen, followed by seeing the newest show at Legends in Concert at OWA Theater. This special offer is a fan-favorite at OWA! We also recommend buying your sweetheart a glass of wine with a cheese board from C’est Le Vin, or some heart-shaped candy from Sweet Tooth. Looking for something unique that your love can treasure forever? Stop by Native Treasures to support indigenous makers.

Some other fun date night ideas:

- Thirsty Thursdays will also continue throughout Downtown OWA in February from 4-9pm. Participating restaurants will have seasonal cocktails and specialty-priced nibbles.
- If you’re looking for another great deal, Fridays after 4pm in February, amusement park tickets are on sale for $19.99!
- The Trip Down Memory Lane dinner show will also continue showing every Tuesday and Saturday (5:30pm) at the Brandon Styles Theater.
If you like dinner shows, another special event coming up is the Mardi Gras Murder Mystery Dinner Show, February 23-25 (6:30pm). Get ready to solve a mystery as you work with the detective to figure out “who dunnit” and prove, surely it wasn’t you! There is no dress code, but you’re encouraged to have fun and dress for the occasion. We recommend wearing your Fat Tuesday best! The Improbable Cause Mystery Theater Group dinner shows hosted at the Brandon Styles Theater frequently sell out well in advance of the show, so we recommend booking early.

All this fun leads up to one of our favorite events of the year! For 2022, the OWA Mardi Gras Party and Krewe Du Cirque Parade will take place on February 27, which is Joe Cain Day. Get here early and get ready to let the good times roll! Music, throws, entertainment and more will fill the bill at this free event. Make sure to join us and shout out “throw me something, mister” as this lagniappe of an event brings back fun for 2022.

We will keep adding more good times to the schedule of events, so be sure to follow along with our social media channels @VisitOWA on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter, and as always, check out our website for a complete breakdown of what’s happening and when.
2022 ARBOR DAY
TREE GIVEAWAY!

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25
8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

One day only! Pick up your trees around back of Environmental Department building, located at:

957 MARTIN RD

- 2 trees per person (first come, first served)
- For Tribal Members/Spouses and Tribal Employees only
- Bring note if picking up for someone else
- Trees will be pawpaw, sawtooth gobbler oaks, mayhaw, buttonbush, red maple, catalpa, dogwood, and red mulberry

For more info, contact Sehoy Thrower:
(251) 368-9136 ext. 2398  sthrower@pci-nsn.gov
ENVIRONMENTAL DEPARTMENT
SPAY/NEUTER EVENT

The Environmental Department will be giving out spay/neuter vouchers for cats and dogs beginning:

January 10, 2022 - April 1, 2022 or until funding is depleted.
Vouchers will expire on July 29, 2022.

Only one voucher per Tribal Member will be allowed. These are available on a first-come first-serve basis for Tribal members only. Tribal members must present their Tribal ID to receive spay/neuter voucher and at Veterinary Office to receive services.

Vouchers will be given out from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday:

PCI Environmental
957 Martin Road
Atmore, AL 36502
*Down the road from PCCC

The veterinary clinics accepting these vouchers include the following:
Atmore Animal Hospital 804 E Nashville Ave, Atmore, AL 251-368-9103
Bay Minette Animal Clinic 1900 Hand Ave, Bay Minette, AL 251-937-7540
Brewton Animal Hospital 102 E. Granberry St. Brewton, AL 251-867-4355
The Brentwood Animal Hospital 5101 N. Palafox St. Pensacola, Fl 850-434-2646

If you have any questions, please call
(251) 368-9136 Ext. 2387

Submitted By: Kristi Weatherford, Environmental Director
“Brandi is a true asset in whatever she applies herself to.”
“She always seeks ways to improve her department and herself to make things run smoothly.”
“She is a guru in Medical Records and has many years of experience.”
“Brandi is a team player and always helps others out. She is an energetic self-starter who looks for ways to enhance services to Tribal Members.”
“She is very dedicated and loyal to her job.”

DECEMBER
EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH
BRANDI RUTHERFORD
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**NOVEMBER—DECEMBER 2021**

**LEONARD JOYCE**
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**ERNEST ROLIN**
**FEBRUARY 28, 1949—DECEMBER 18, 2021**

**VERNON SPENCE**
**APRIL 16, 1942—DECEMBER 6, 2021**

**ELLEN O’BARR**
**AUGUST 22, 1950—DECEMBER 28, 2021**

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**November SAFETY AWARD**

**SAFETY FIRST**

**Diney**

**NEW YEARS RESOLUTION EATS**

**Love the Ride**

**TOP PERFORMER**

**Lisa Hudson**

**Cobb Salad**

**Next to Wind Creek**

**4740 Jack Spring Rd. Atmore**
INFLATION IS HEATING UP

Pull into a gas station or go grocery shopping and you’ll agree, Inflation is soaring. The Consumer Price Index (CPI) increased 6.2% over the past 12 months. Remember, the CPI measures price changes in a basket of goods which includes basic food and beverages, housing costs, furniture, clothes, gas, medical care costs, recreational expenses, and toys. Also included are education, communication expenses and other random items such as tobacco, haircuts, and funerals.

From the year 2000 through 2020, the CPI averaged only 2.11% annually. Price increases at this level typically slide by undetected, especially if you’re fortunate and get a cost of living wage increase from your employer.

But what can you do about this now? You don’t have to sit idly by and let inflation eat away at your purchasing power. Fortunately there are investments out there that are tied to inflation. One such investment is Series I Savings Bonds, currently yielding 7.12%. These must be purchased through treasurydirect.gov and there’s a limit of $10,000 per person. Another investment tied to inflation is TIPS, or Treasury Inflation Protected Securities. TIPS are available at treasurydirect.gov and brokerage dealers plus TIPS are sold in secondary markets.

So, do your research and go buy some Series I Savings Bonds or TIPS and stand up to this inflation surge.
**Bryan Fayard,**
Financial Education Counselor

**HOW YOU DOING?**

Financially speaking, sometimes the answer to this question isn’t easy. Many of us habitually put money into our retirement plans each payday, and while this is a great financial habit to practice, we should occasionally check the performance of our investments to ensure we’re on track for future financial success. Checking daily is a bit obsessive but checking in on your investment’s performance quarterly should become one of your financial habits.

Most retirement/investment plans feature a tab that shows your investment’s year-to-date performance, i.e., how it’s doing this year.

These plans also typically show the investment’s past year, 3 year, and 5 year performances in average annual percentage form. Take note of these measurements and be aware of how other investment classes are performing.

By periodically checking in on your investment’s performance, you won’t be surprised when you near retirement. Also, by monitoring your investments along with other assets, you might decide to take on a bit more risk by investing in stocks or perhaps mitigate your risk by investing more in bonds.

Remember, in general, the greater your desired investment return, the more risk you have to take. Also, when investing, it’s best to take a long-term view such as 10, 20 or 30 years. So, how YOU doing?  
ACROSS

4  Historically, ____ or 'The little brother of war' was a way that disputes were settled amongst tribes.
5  Who was the last Creek to hold his original land reservation?
6  In the 17th century, Southeastern tribes settled along what river?
7  What started as a fundraiser to send tribal leaders to Washington DC to lobby for federal recognition of our tribe?
9  Which Creek leader met with President John F Kennedy?

DOWN

1  What are Creek baskets made of?
2  How many acres of Creek land were seized in the Treaty of Fort Jackson?
3  Who was the first Native American to graduate from West Point?
8  The Poarch Creek Indians are also known as the people of ____.

Last Month's Answers

ACROSS

4  Fishing
7  MVTO
8  Horseshoe Bend

DOWN

1  Tensaw
2  Mississippian
3  Three Sisters
5  Calvin McGhee
6  Oklahoma
If you’ve been missing out on important moments and conversations with family and friends, it’s time for a fresh start.

Come see our Beltone Hearing Aid Specialist at the Buford L. Rolin Health Clinic on Friday, February 18, 2022 (Please note: Back to 3rd Fridays) from 8:00am - 4:00pm for all your hearing needs. Please call us TOLL FREE for an appointment at (888) 593-4327.

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Questions regarding your Poarch Creek hearing aid benefit?
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